

# Package ‘ONAM’

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Orthogonalization

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| decompose | <i>Get variance decomposition of orthogonal neural additive model</i> |
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**Description**

Get variance decomposition of orthogonal neural additive model

**Usage**

decompose(object, data = NULL)

**Arguments**

- object Either model of class onam as returned from [onam](#) or model evaluation outcome as returned from [predict.onam](#)
- data Data for which the model is to be evaluated. If NULL (DEFAULT), the data from model fitting is used. with which model was fitted.

**Value**

Returns a named vector of percentage of variance explained by each interaction order.

**Examples**

```
# Basic example for a simple ONAM-model
# Create training data
n <- 1000
x1 <- runif(n, -2, 2)
x2 <- runif(n, -2, 2)
y <- sin(x1) + ifelse(x2 > 0, pweibull(x2, shape = 3),
  pweibull(-x2, shape = 0.5)) +
  x1 * x2
data_train <- cbind(x1, x2, y)
# Define model
model_formula <- y ~ mod1(x1) + mod1(x2) +
  mod1(x1, x2)
mod1 <- function(inputs) {
  outputs <- inputs %>%
    layer_dense(units = 16, activation = "relu") %>%
    layer_dense(units = 8, activation = "linear",
      use_bias = TRUE) %>%
```

```
      layer_dense(units = 1, activation = "linear",
                  use_bias = TRUE)
    keras_model(inputs, outputs)
  }
  list_of_deep_models <- list(mod1 = mod1)
  # Fit model
  mod <- onam(model_formula, list_of_deep_models,
             data_train, n_ensemble = 1, epochs = 10)
  decompose(mod)
```

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| install_conda_env | <i>Set up conda environment for keras functionality</i> |
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### Description

Helper function to install Keras and packages necessary for package functionality into a conda environment. Use this function if `keras3::install_keras()` does not work, esp. on windows machines.

### Usage

```
install_conda_env(envname = "r-keras", python_version = "python=3.10")
```

### Arguments

`envname`                Name for the conda environment to be created.

`python_version`    Python version to be installed in the conda environment.

### Value

No return value, called for side effects

### See Also

`keras3::install_keras()`

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onam

*Fit orthogonal neural additive model*


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## Description

Fits an interpretable neural additive model with post hoc orthogonalization for a given network architecture and user-specified feature sets.

## Usage

```
onam(
  formula,
  list_of_deep_models,
  data,
  model = NULL,
  prediction_function = NULL,
  model_data = NULL,
  categorical_features = NULL,
  target = "continuous",
  n_ensemble = 10,
  epochs = 500,
  callback = NULL,
  progresstext = FALSE,
  verbose = 0
)
```

## Arguments

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| formula              | Formula for model fitting. Specify deep parts with the same name as <code>list_of_deep_models</code> .  |
| list_of_deep_models  | List of named models used in <code>model_formula</code> .   |
| data                 | Data to be fitted   |
| model                | Prediction model that is to be explained. Output of the model as returned from <code>prediction_function(model)</code> will be used as model output. If <code>NULL</code> (default), the outcome has to be present in <code>data</code> .                       |
| prediction_function  | Prediction function to be used to generate the outcome. Only used if <code>model</code> is specified. If <code>NULL</code> (default), S3-method based on the <code>model</code> argument is used.   |
| model_data           | Data used for generating predictions of <code>model</code> . Necessary for some models that require specific data formats, i.e. <code>xgboost</code> . If <code>NULL</code> (default), <code>data</code> is used. Only used if <code>model</code> is specified. |
| categorical_features | Vector of feature names of categorical features.  |

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| target       | Target of prediction task. Can be either "continuous" or "binary". For "continuous"(default), an additive model for the prediction of a continuous outcome is fitted. For "binary", a binary classification with sigmoid activation in the last layer is fitted. |
| n_ensemble   | Number of orthogonal neural additive model ensembles   |
| epochs       | Number of epochs to train the model. See <a href="#">fit</a> for details.  |
| callback     | Callback to be called during training. See <a href="#">fit</a> for details.  |
| progresstext | Show model fitting progress. If TRUE, shows current number of ensemble being fitted  |
| verbose      | Verbose argument for internal model fitting. used for debugging. See <a href="#">fit</a> for details.  |

### Value

Returns a model object of class `onam`, containing all ensemble members, ensemble weights, and main and interaction effect outputs.

### Examples

```
# Basic example for a simple ONAM-model
# Create training data
n <- 1000
x1 <- runif(n, -2, 2)
x2 <- runif(n, -2, 2)
y <- sin(x1) + ifelse(x2 > 0, pweibull(x2, shape = 3),
  pweibull(-x2, shape = 0.5)) +
  x1 * x2
data_train <- cbind(x1, x2, y)
# Define model
model_formula <- y ~ mod1(x1) + mod1(x2) +
  mod1(x1, x2)
mod1 <- function(inputs) {
  outputs <- inputs %>%
    layer_dense(units = 16, activation = "relu") %>%
    layer_dense(units = 8, activation = "linear",
      use_bias = TRUE) %>%
    layer_dense(units = 1, activation = "linear",
      use_bias = TRUE)
  keras_model(inputs, outputs)
}
list_of_deep_models <- list(mod1 = mod1)
# Fit model
mod <- onam(model_formula, list_of_deep_models,
  data_train, n_ensemble = 1, epochs = 10)
summary(mod)
```

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| plot_inter_effect | <i>Plot Interaction Effect</i> |
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## Description

Plot Interaction Effect

## Usage

```
plot_inter_effect(
  object,
  feature1,
  feature2,
  interpolate = FALSE,
  custom_colors = "spectral",
  n_interpolate = 200
)
```

## Arguments

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| object             | Either model of class <code>onam</code> as returned from <code>onam</code> or model evaluation outcome as returned from <code>predict.onam</code> |
| feature1, feature2 | Effects to be plotted.  |
| interpolate        | If TRUE, values will be interpolated for a smooth plot. If FALSE (default), only observations in the data will be plotted.                        |
| custom_colors      | color palette object for the interaction plot. Default is "spectral", returning a color palette based on the spectral theme.                      |
| n_interpolate      | number of values per coordinate axis to interpolate. Ignored if 'interpolate = FALSE'.  |

## Value

Returns a 'ggplot2' object of the specified effect interaction

## Examples

```
# Basic example for a simple ONAM-model
# Create training data
n <- 1000
x1 <- runif(n, -2, 2)
x2 <- runif(n, -2, 2)
y <- sin(x1) + ifelse(x2 > 0, pweibull(x2, shape = 3),
  pweibull(-x2, shape = 0.5)) +
  x1 * x2
data_train <- cbind(x1, x2, y)
# Define model
```

```

model_formula <- y ~ mod1(x1) + mod1(x2) +
  mod1(x1, x2)
mod1 <- function(inputs) {
  outputs <- inputs %>%
    layer_dense(units = 16, activation = "relu") %>%
    layer_dense(units = 8, activation = "linear",
      use_bias = TRUE) %>%
    layer_dense(units = 1, activation = "linear",
      use_bias = TRUE)
  keras_model(inputs, outputs)
}
list_of_deep_models <- list(mod1 = mod1)
# Fit model
mod <- onam(model_formula, list_of_deep_models,
  data_train, n_ensemble = 1, epochs = 10)
plot_inter_effect(mod, "x1", "x2")

```

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| plot_main_effect | <i>Plot Main Effect</i> |
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## Description

Plot Main Effect

## Usage

```
plot_main_effect(object, feature)
```

## Arguments

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| object  | Either model of class <code>onam</code> as returned from <a href="#">onam</a> or model evaluation outcome as returned from <a href="#">predict.onam</a> |
| feature | Feature for which the effect is to be plotted, must be present in the model formula. For interaction terms, use <code>plotInteractionEffect</code>      |

## Value

Returns a `ggplot2` object of the specified effect

## Examples

```

# Basic example for a simple ONAM-model
# Create training data
n <- 1000
x1 <- runif(n, -2, 2)
x2 <- runif(n, -2, 2)
y <- sin(x1) + ifelse(x2 > 0, pweibull(x2, shape = 3),
  pweibull(-x2, shape = 0.5)) +

```

```

x1 * x2
data_train <- cbind(x1, x2, y)
# Define model
model_formula <- y ~ mod1(x1) + mod1(x2) +
  mod1(x1, x2)
mod1 <- function(inputs) {
  outputs <- inputs %>%
    layer_dense(units = 16, activation = "relu") %>%
    layer_dense(units = 8, activation = "linear",
      use_bias = TRUE) %>%
    layer_dense(units = 1, activation = "linear",
      use_bias = TRUE)
  keras_model(inputs, outputs)
}
list_of_deep_models <- list(mod1 = mod1)
# Fit model
mod <- onam(model_formula, list_of_deep_models,
  data_train, n_ensemble = 1, epochs = 10)
plot_main_effect(mod, "x1")

```

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predict.onam

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*Evaluate orthogonal neural additive model*


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## Description

Evaluate orthogonal neural additive model

## Usage

```

## S3 method for class 'onam'
predict(object, ..., data = NULL)

```

## Arguments

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| object | model of class onam as returned from <a href="#">onam</a> to be evaluated                                 |
| ...    | some methods for this generic require additional arguments. None are used in this method.                 |
| data   | Data for which the model is to be evaluated. If NULL (default), data with which model was fitted is used. |

## Value

Returns a list containing data, model output for each observation in data and main and interaction effects obtained by the model



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| summary.onam | <i>Get summary of an onam object</i> |
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**Description**

generates a summary of a fitted onam object including information on ensembling strategy and performance metrics such as correlation and degree of interpretability

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'onam'
summary(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'summary.onam'
print(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| object | onam object of class onam as returned from <a href="#">onam</a> to be summarized |
| ...    | further arguments passed to or from other methods.                               |
| x      | object of class <a href="#">summary.onam</a> .                                   |

**Details**

For examples see [example\(onam\)](#)

**Value**

Gives summary of the onam object, including model inputs, number of ensembles, correlation of model output and original outcome variable, and interpretability metrics `i_1` and `i_2`

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