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fscaret-package	Automated feature selection caret (fscaret)
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Description

This package provide fast and automated feature selection based on caret package modeling methods. The main advantage of this extension is that it requires minimum user involvement. Also the variety of used methods in combination with the scaling according to RMSE or MSE obtained from models profit the user. The idea is based on the assumption that the variety of models will balance the roughness of calculations (default model settings are applied). On Windows OS the time limiting function is off, multicore functionalaity is enabled via parLapply() function of package 'parallel'. Acknowledgments:
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See Also

[train](#), [trainControl](#), [rfeControl](#) by Max Kuhn <Max.Kuhn at pfizer.com> and [predict](#) base utilities

classVarImp

classVarImp

Description

The function uses the caret package advantage to perform fitting of numerous classification models.

Usage

```
classVarImp(model, xTrain, yTrain, xTest,
  fitControl, myTimeLimit, no.cores,
  lk_col, supress.output)
```

Arguments

model	Chosed models as called from function fscaret(), argument Used.funcClassPred.
xTrain	Training data set, data frame of input vector
yTrain	Training data set, vector of observed outputs, must be in binary form 0/1.
xTest	Testing data set, data frame of input vector
fitControl	Fitting controls passed to caret function
myTimeLimit	Time limit in seconds for single model fitting
no.cores	Number of used cores for calculations
lk_col	Number of columns for whole data set (inputs + output)
supress.output	If TRUE output of models are suppressed.

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dataPreprocess	<i>dataPreprocess</i>
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Description

The functionality is realized in two main steps:

1. Check for near zero variance predictors and flag as near zero if:
 - (a) the percentage of unique values is less than 20
 - (b) the ratio of the most frequent to the second most frequent value is greater than 20,
2. Check for susceptibility to multicollinearity
 - (a) Calculate correlation matrix
 - (b) Find variables with correlation 0.9 or more and delete them

Usage

```
dataPreprocess(trainMatryca_nr, testMatryca_nr, labelsFrame, lk_col, lk_row, with.labels)
```

Arguments

trainMatryca_nr	Input training data matrix
testMatryca_nr	Input testing data matrix
labelsFrame	Transposed data frame of column names
lk_col	Number of columns
lk_row	Number of rows
with.labels	If with.labels=TRUE, additional data frame with preprocessed inputs corresponding to original data set column numbers as output is generated

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References

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Examples

```
library(fscaret)

# Create data sets and labels data frame
trainMatrix <- matrix(rnorm(150*120,mean=10,sd=1), 150, 120)
```

```

# Adding some near-zero variance attributes

temp1 <- matrix(runif(150,0.0001,0.0005), 150, 12)

# Adding some highly correlated attributes

sampleColIndex <- sample(ncol(trainMatrix), size=10)

temp2 <- matrix(trainMatrix[,sampleColIndex]*2, 150, 10)

# Output variable

output <- matrix(rnorm(150,mean=10,sd=1), 150, 1)

trainMatrix <- cbind(trainMatrix,temp1,temp2, output)

colnames(trainMatrix) <- paste("X",c(1:ncol(trainMatrix)),sep="")

# Subset test data set

testMatrix <- trainMatrix[sample(round(0.1*nrow(trainMatrix))),]

labelsDF <- data.frame("Labels"=paste("X",c(1:(ncol(trainMatrix)-1)),sep=""))

lk_col <- ncol(trainMatrix)
lk_row <- nrow(trainMatrix)

with.labels = TRUE

testRes <- dataPreprocess(trainMatrix, testMatrix,
  labelsDF, lk_col, lk_row, with.labels)

summary(testRes)

# Selected attributes after data set preprocessing
testRes$labelsDF

# Training and testing data sets after preprocessing
testRes$trainMatryca
testRes$testMatryca

```

dataset.test

*Example testing data set***Description**

The data set after preprocessing, which resulted in 29 inputs. Original data set was obtained in literature survey with 298 inputs. Input: chemical descriptors and characteristics of 8 PLGA microparticles formulation. Output: mean particle size of PLGA microparticles Number of attributes 29, single output.

Usage

```
data(dataset.test)
```

Format

```
data.frame
```

Details

Literature survey yielded 68 formulations of PLGA microspheres with protein as active pharmaceutical ingredient. In vitro release profiles as well as formulation characteristics and composition were derived from articles. Chemical descriptors were obtained using Marvin ChemAxon software (cxcalc plugin). The final data base consisted of 298 inputs and single output mean particle size.

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dataset.train

Example training data set

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Usage

```
data(dataset.train)
```

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```
data.frame
```

Details

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fscaret

feature selection caret

Description

Main function for fast feature selection. It utilizes other functions as regPredImp or impCalc to obtain results in a list of data frames.

Usage

```
fscaret(trainDF, testDF, installReqPckg = FALSE, preprocessData = FALSE,
with.labels = TRUE, classPred = FALSE, regPred = TRUE, skel_outfile = NULL,
impCalcMet = "RMSE&MSE", myTimeLimit = 24 * 60 * 60, Used.funcRegPred = NULL,
Used.funcClassPred = NULL, no.cores = NULL, method = "boot", returnResamp = "all",
missData=NULL, supress.output=FALSE, saveModel=FALSE, lvlScale=FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

trainDF	Data frame of training data set, MISO (multiple input single output) type
testDF	Data frame of testing data set, MISO (multiple input single output) type
installReqPckg	If TRUE prior to calculations it installs all required packages, please be advised to be logged as root (admin) user
preprocessData	If TRUE data preprocessing is performed prior to modeling
with.labels	If TRUE header of the input files are read
classPred	If TRUE classification models are applied. Please be advised that importance is scaled according to F-measure regardless impCalcMet settings.
regPred	If TRUE regression models are applied
skel_outfile	Skeleton output file, e.g. skel_outfile=c("_myoutput_")
impCalcMet	Variable importance calculation scaling according to RMSE and MSE, for both please enter impCalcMet="RMSE&MSE"
myTimeLimit	Time limit in seconds for single model development
Used.funcRegPred	Vector of regression models to be used, for all available models please enter Used.funcRegPred="all"
Used.funcClassPred	Vector of classification models to be used, for all available models please enter Used.funcClassPred="all"
no.cores	Number of cores to be used for modeling, if NULL all available cores are used, should be numeric type or NULL
method	Method passed to fitControl of caret package
returnResamp	Returned resampling method passed to fitControl of caret package
missData	Handling of missing data values. Possible values: "delRow" - delete observations with missing values, "delCol" - delete attributes with missing values, "meanCol" - replace missing values with column mean.
supress.output	If TRUE output of modeling phase by caret functions are suppressed. Only info which model is currently calculated and resulting variable importance.
saveModel	Logical value [TRUE/FALSE] if trained model should be embedded in final model.
lvlScale	Logical value [TRUE/FALSE] if additional scaling should be applied. For more information please refer to impCalc().
...	Additional arguments, preferably passed to fitControl of caret package

Value

\$ModelPred	List of outputs from caret model fitting
\$VarImp	Data frames of variable importance and corresponding trained models
\$PPLabels	Data frame of resulting preprocessed data set with original input numbers and names
\$PPTrainDF	Training data set after preprocessing
\$PPTestDF	Testing data set after preprocessing
\$VarImp\$model	Trained models

Note

Be advised when using fscaret function as it requires hard disk operations for saving fitted models and data frames. Files are written in R temp session folder, for more details see tempdir(), getwd() and setwd()

Author(s)

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References

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Examples

```
if((Sys.info()['sysname'])!="SunOS"){

library(fscaret)

# Load data sets
data(dataset.train)
data(dataset.test)

requiredPackages <- c("R.utils", "gsubfn", "ipred", "caret", "parallel", "MASS")

if(.Platform$OS.type=="windows"){

myFirstRES <- fscaret(dataset.train, dataset.test, installReqPckg=FALSE,
                      preprocessData=FALSE, with.labels=TRUE, classPred=FALSE,
                      regPred=TRUE, skel_outfile=NULL,
                      impCalcMet="RMSE&MSE", myTimeLimit=4,
                      Used.funcRegPred=c("lm"), Used.funcClassPred=NULL,
                      no.cores=1, method="boot", returnResamp="all",
                      supress.output=TRUE, saveModel=FALSE)

} else {

myCores <- 2
```

```
myFirstRES <- fscaret(dataset.train, dataset.test, installReqPckg=FALSE,
  preprocessData=FALSE, with.labels=TRUE, classPred=FALSE,
  regPred=TRUE, skel_outfile=NULL,
  impCalcMet="RMSE&MSE", myTimeLimit=4,
  Used.funcRegPred=c("lm", "ppr"), Used.funcClassPred=NULL,
  no.cores=myCores, method="boot", returnResamp="all",
  supress.output=TRUE, saveModel=FALSE)

}

# Results
myFirstRES

}
```

funcClass.all	<i>Classification methods used.</i>
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Description

Vector of all classification methods used in solving problems by caret

Usage

```
data(funcClassPred)
```

Format

vector

funcReg.all	<i>All regression methods used</i>
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Description

Vector of all regression methods used in solving problems by caret

Usage

```
data(funcRegPred)
```

Format

vector

impCalc

impCalc

Description

impCalc function is designed to scale variable importance according to MSE and RMSE calculations. It also stores the raw MSE, RMSE, F-measure and developed models if saveModel=TRUE. impCalc is low-level function, it shouldn't be used alone unless user has trained models from caret package stored in RData files.

Usage

```
impCalc(skel_outfile, xTest, yTest, lk_col,
        labelsFrame, with.labels, regPred, classPred, saveModel, lvlScale)
```

Arguments

skel_outfile	Skeleton name of output file
xTest	Input vector of testing data set
yTest	Output vector of testing data set
lk_col	Number of columns of whole data set
labelsFrame	Labels to sort variable importance
with.labels	Pass with.labels argument. It is advised to ALWAYS use labels as in some cases VarImp returns importance in descending values. If you insist turning with.labels FALSE, then make sure data base contains pure data and you read it (read.csv) to data.frame with option header=FALSE.
regPred	Indicating if regression predictions are computed. Logical value [TRUE/FALSE]. If regPred is set TRUE, then classPred should be set FALSE.
classPred	Indicating if classification predictions are computed. Possible values TRUE/FALSE. If classPred is set TRUE, then regPred should be set FALSE. Please be advised that importance is scaled according to F-measure.
saveModel	Logical value [TRUE/FALSE] if trained model should be embedded in final model.
lvlScale	Indicating if use additional scaling. The option is especially usefull when large number of features are getting NA's or are not included in feature ranking. It levels the scores of the features taking the overall number of features. Default value is FALSE. Logical value [TRUE/FALSE].

Details

impCalc function lists RData files in working directory assuming there are only models derived by caret. In a loop function loads models and tries to get the variable importance.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
## Not run:
#
# Hashed to comply with new CRAN check
#
library(fscaret)

# Load dataset
data(dataset.train)
data(dataset.test)

# Make objects
trainDF <- dataset.train
testDF <- dataset.test
model <- c("lm", "Cubist")
fitControl <- trainControl(method = "boot", returnResamp = "all")
myTimeLimit <- 5
no.cores <- 2
supress.output <- TRUE
skel_outfile <- paste("_default_", sep="")
mySystem <- .Platform$OS.type
with.labels <- TRUE
redPred <- TRUE
classPred <- FALSE
saveModel <- FALSE
lvlScale <- FALSE

if(mySystem=="windows"){
  no.cores <- 1
}

# Scan dimensions of trainDF [lk_row x lk_col]
lk_col = ncol(trainDF)
lk_row = nrow(trainDF)

# Read labels of trainDF
labelsFrame <- as.data.frame(colnames(trainDF))
labelsFrame <- cbind(c(1:ncol(trainDF)), labelsFrame)
# Create a train data set matrix
trainMatryca_nr <- matrix(data=NA, nrow=lk_row, ncol=lk_col)

row=0
col=0

for(col in 1:(lk_col)) {
  for(row in 1:(lk_row)) {
    trainMatryca_nr[row,col] <- (as.numeric(trainDF[row,col]))
  }
}
```

```

}

# Pointing standard data set train
xTrain <- data.frame(trainMatryca_nr[, -lk_col])
yTrain <- as.vector(trainMatryca_nr[, lk_col])

#-----Scan dimensions of trainDataFrame1 [lk_row x lk_col]
lk_col_test = ncol(testDF)
lk_row_test = nrow(testDF)

testMatryca_nr <- matrix(data=NA, nrow=lk_row_test, ncol=lk_col_test)

row=0
col=0

for(col in 1:(lk_col_test)) {
  for(row in 1:(lk_row_test)) {
    testMatryca_nr[row,col] <- (as.numeric(testDF[row,col]))
  }
}

# Pointing standard data set test
xTest <- data.frame(testMatryca_nr[, -lk_col])
yTest <- as.vector(testMatryca_nr[, lk_col])

# Calling low-level function to create models to calculate on
myVarImp <- regVarImp(model, xTrain, yTrain, xTest,
  fitControl, myTimeLimit, no.cores, lk_col,
  suppress.output, mySystem)

myImpCalc <- impCalc(skel_outfile, xTest, yTest,
  lk_col, labelsFrame, with.labels, redPred, classPred, saveModel, lvlScale)

## End(Not run)

```

imputeMean

imputeMean

Description

Secondary function imputes the mean to columns with NA data.

Usage

```
impute.mean(x)
```

Arguments

x a vector to calculate mean

Author(s)

Jakub Szlek and Aleksander Mendyk

Examples

```
library(fscaret)

# Make sample matrix
testData <- matrix(data=rep(1:5),ncol=10,nrow=15)

# Replace random values with NA's
n <- 15
replace <- TRUE
set.seed(1)

rand.sample <- sample(length(testData), n, replace=replace)
testData[rand.sample] <- NA

# Print out input matrix
testData

# Record cols with missing values
missing.colsTestMatrix <- which(colSums(is.na(testData))>0)

for(i in 1:length(missing.colsTestMatrix)){

  rowToReplace <- missing.colsTestMatrix[i]
  testData[,rowToReplace] <- impute.mean(testData[,rowToReplace])

}

# Print out matrix with replaced NA's by column mean
testData
```

installPckg

installPckg

Description

Function installs the packages that are listed in data(requiredPackages). The function is called within fscaret function. If argument "installReqPckg = TRUE" the function installs required packages.

Usage

```
installPkg(requiredPackages)
```

Arguments

`requiredPackages`
Vector of packages to be installed

Details

Be advised setting "installReqPkg = TRUE" installs packages in your home directory (.R). To install packages for all users please login as root (admin).

Author(s)

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MSE

MSE

Description

Function calculates mean squared error as predicted vs. observed

Usage

```
MSE(vect1, vect2, rows_no)
```

Arguments

<code>vect1</code>	Numeric vector of predicted values
<code>vect2</code>	Numeric vector of observed values
<code>rows_no</code>	Number of observations

Author(s)

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regVarImp

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Description

The function uses the caret package advantage to perform fitting of numerous regression models.

Usage

```
regVarImp(model, xTrain, yTrain, xTest,
  fitControl, myTimeLimit, no.cores,
  lk_col, supress.output)
```

Arguments

model	Chosed models as called from function fscaret(), argument Used.funcRegPred.
xTrain	Training data set, data frame of input vector
yTrain	Training data set, vector of observed outputs
xTest	Testing data set, data frame of input vector
fitControl	Fitting controls passed to caret function
myTimeLimit	Time limit in seconds for single model fitting
no.cores	Number of used cores for calculations
lk_col	Number of columns for whole data set (inputs + output)
supress.output	If TRUE output of models are supressed.

Author(s)

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References

Kuhn M. (2008) Building Predictive Models in R Using the caret Package *Journal of Statistical Software* **28(5)** <http://www.jstatsoft.org/>.

requiredPackages	<i>requiredPackages</i>
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Description

Character vector of names of required packages to fully take advantage of fscaret

Usage

```
data(requiredPackages)
```

Format

vector

Examples

```
data(requiredPackages)
```

RMSE	<i>RMSE</i>
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Description

Function calculates root mean squared error.

Usage

```
RMSE(vect1, vect2, rows_no)
```

Arguments

vect1	Numeric vector of predicted values
vect2	Numeric vector of observed values
rows_no	Number of observations

Author(s)

Aleksander Mendyk

timeout	<i>timeout</i>
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Description

This function limits elapsed time spent on single model development. It uses low-level functions of parallel package and sets the fork process with time limit. If the result is not returned within set time, it kills fork. Function shouldn't be called from R console. The function is not used under Windows OS. Only Unix-like systems have fork functionality.

Usage

```
timeout(..., seconds)
```

Arguments

...	Expression to be time limited
seconds	Number of seconds

Author(s)

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