# Package 'priorityelasticnet'

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## **Description**

Priority-ElasticNet extends the Priority-LASSO method (Klau et al. (2018) <doi:10.1186/s12859-018-2344-6>) by incorporating the ElasticNet penalty, allowing for both L1 and L2 regularization. This approach fits successive ElasticNet models for several blocks of (omics) data with different priorities, using the predicted values from each block as an offset for the subsequent block. It also offers robust options to handle block-wise missingness in multi-omics data, improving the flexibility and applicability of the model in the presence of incomplete datasets.

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calculate\_offsets

Calculates the offsets for the current block

## **Description**

Calculates the offsets for the current block

## Usage

```
calculate_offsets(
   current_missings,
   current_observations,
   mcontrol,
   current_block,
   pred,
   liste,
   X,
   blocks,
   current_intercept
)
```

## Arguments

```
current_missings
index vector (indices) of current missing observations
current_observations
index vector (indices) of current used observations
mcontrol control for missing data handling
current_block index of current block
pred predictions of current block
liste list with offsets
X original data
```

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```
blocks information which variable belongs to which block current_intercept the intercept estimated for the current block
```

#### Value

List with offsets, used imputation model and the blocks used for the imputation model (if applicable)

```
coef.priorityelasticnet
```

Extract coefficients from a priority elasticnet object

## **Description**

Extract coefficients from a priority elasticnet object

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'priorityelasticnet'
coef(object, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

object model of type priorityelasticnet

... additional arguments, currently not used

#### Value

List with the coefficients and the intercepts

compare\_boolean

Compare the rows of a matrix with a pattern

## **Description**

Compare the rows of a matrix with a pattern

## Usage

```
compare_boolean(object, pattern)
```

## Arguments

object matrix

pattern which is compared against the rows of the matrix

## Value

logical vector if the pattern matches the rows

```
cvm_priorityelasticnet
```

priorityelasticnet with several block specifications

## Description

Runs priorityelasticnet for a list of block specifications and gives the best results in terms of cv error.

## Usage

```
cvm_priorityelasticnet(
 Χ,
 Υ,
 weights,
  family,
  type.measure,
  blocks.list,
 max.coef.list = NULL,
 block1.penalization = TRUE,
  lambda.type = "lambda.min",
  standardize = TRUE,
  nfolds = 10,
  foldid,
 cvoffset = FALSE,
  cvoffsetnfolds = 10,
  alpha = 1,
)
```

## **Arguments**

Х	A numeric matrix of predictors.
Υ	A response vector. For family = "multinomial", Y should be a factor with more than two levels.
weights	Optional observation weights. Default is NULL.
family	A character string specifying the model type. Options are "gaussian", "binomial", "cox", and "multinomial". Default is "gaussian".
type.measure	Loss function for cross-validation. Options are "mse", "deviance", "class", "auc". Default depends on the family.
blocks.list	list of the format list(list(bp1=,bp2=,), list(bp1=,,bp2=,),). For the specification of the entries, see priorityelasticnet.

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max.coef.list list of max.coef vectors. The first entries are omitted if block1.penalization = FALSE. Default is NULL.

block1.penalization

Logical. If FALSE, the first block will not be penalized. Default is TRUE.

lambda.type Type of lambda to select. Options are "lambda.min" or "lambda.1se". Default is

"lambda.min".

standardize Logical flag for variable standardization, prior to fitting the model. Default is

TRUE.

nfolds Number of folds for cross-validation. Default is 10.

foldid Optional vector of values between 1 and nfolds identifying what fold each

observation is in. Default is NULL.

cvoffset Logical. If TRUE, a cross-validated offset is used. Default is FALSE. cvoffsetnfolds Number of folds for cross-validation of the offset. Default is 10. alpha Elastic net mixing parameter. The elastic net penalty is defined as

 $(1-\alpha)/2||\beta||_2^2 + \alpha||\beta||_1$ 

Defaults to 1 (lasso penalty).

... other arguments that can be passed to the function priorityelasticnet.

#### Value

object of class cvm\_priorityelasticnet with the following elements. If these elements are lists, they contain the results for each penalized block of the best result.

lambda.ind list with indices of lambda for lambda.type.

lambda.type type of lambda which is used for the predictions.

lambda.min list with values of lambda for lambda.type.

min.cvm list with the mean cross-validated errors for lambda.type.

nzero list with numbers of non-zero coefficients for lambda.type.

glmnet.fit list of fitted glmnet objects.

name a text string indicating type of measure.

block1unpen if block1.penalization = FALSE, the results of either the fitted glm or coxph object.

best.blocks character vector with the indices of the best block specification.

best.blocks.indices list with the indices of the best block specification ordered by best to worst.

best.max.coef vector with the number of maximal coefficients corresponding to best.blocks.

best.model complete priorityelasticnet model of the best solution.

coefficients coefficients according to the results obtained with best.blocks.

call the function call.

#### Note

The function description and the first example are based on the R package ipflasso.

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missing.control

Construct control structures for handling of missing data for priorityelasticnet

## **Description**

Construct control structures for handling of missing data for priorityelasticnet

#### Usage

```
missing.control(
  handle.missingdata = c("none", "ignore", "impute.offset"),
  offset.firstblock = c("zero", "intercept"),
  impute.offset.cases = c("complete.cases", "available.cases"),
  nfolds.imputation = 10,
  lambda.imputation = c("lambda.min", "lambda.1se"),
  perc.comp.cases.warning = 0.3,
  threshold.available.cases = 30,
  select.available.cases = c("maximise.blocks", "max")
)
```

#### **Arguments**

handle.missingdata

how blockwise missing data should be treated. Default is none which does nothing, ignore ignores the observations with missing data for the current block, impute.offset imputes the offset for the missing values.

offset.firstblock

determines if the offset of the first block for missing observations is zero or the intercept of the observed values for handle.missingdata = ignore

impute.offset.cases

which cases/observations should be used for the imputation model to impute missing offsets. Supported are complete cases (additional constraint is that every observation can only contain one missing block) and all available observations which have an overlap with the current block.

nfolds.imputation

nfolds for the glmnet of the imputation model

lambda.imputation

which lambda-value should be used for predicting the imputed offsets in cv.glmnet perc.comp.cases.warning

percentage of complete cases when a warning is issued of too few cases for the imputation model

threshold.available.cases

if the number of available cases for impute.offset.cases = available.cases is below this threshold, priorityelasticnet tries to reduce the number of blocks taken into account for the imputation model to increase the number of observations used for the imputation model.

select.available.cases

determines how the blocks which are used for the imputation model are selected when impute.offset.cases = available.cases. max selects the blocks that maximise the number of observations, maximise.blocks tries to include as many blocks as possible, starting with the blocks with the hightes priority

#### Value

list with control parameters

Pen\_Data

Simulated Patient Data for Binary Classification

## **Description**

This dataset contains simulated data for a binary classification problem, representing patient data with clinical, proteomics, and RNA variables. The data is organized into three blocks of variables: clinical variables, proteomics variables, and RNA variables. The outcome is a binary variable generated based on a logistic function.

#### Usage

Pen\_Data

#### Format

A data frame with 406 rows and 325 columns:

Clinical\_Var1 Numeric variable representing age.

**Clinical Var2** Binary variable representing gender (0 = male, 1 = female).

Clinical\_Var3 Categorical variable representing race (values 0, 1, 2, or 3).

**Clinical\_Var4** Binary variable representing ethnicity (0 or 1).

**Clinical\_Var5** Binary variable representing radiation therapy status (0 or 1).

Proteomic\_Var1 Continuous variable representing a proteomic measurement.

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**Pen\_out** Binary outcome variable generated using a logistic function applied to a linear predictor based on the combined variables.

predict.priorityelasticnet

Predictions from priorityelasticnet

## **Description**

Makes predictions for a priorityelasticnet object. It can be chosen between linear predictors or fitted values.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'priorityelasticnet'
predict(
  object,
  newdata = NULL,
  type = c("link", "response"),
  handle.missingtestdata = c("none", "omit.prediction", "set.zero", "impute.block"),
  include.allintercepts = FALSE,
  use.blocks = "all",
  alpha = 1,
  ...
)
```

predict.priorityelasticnet

#### **Arguments**

object An object of class priorityelasticnet.

newdata (nnew x p) matrix or data frame with new values.

type Specifies the type of predictions. link gives the linear predictors for all types of

response and response gives the fitted values.

handle.missingtestdata

Specifies how to deal with missing data in the test data; possibilities are none,

omit.prediction, set.zero and impute.block

include.allintercepts

should the intercepts from all blocks included in the prediction? If FALSE, only

the intercept from the first block is included (default in the past).

use.blocks determines which blocks are used for the prediction, the default is all. Otherwise

one can specify the number of blocks which are used in a vector

alpha Elastic net mixing parameter used in the model fitting.

... Further arguments passed to or from other methods.

#### **Details**

handle.missingtestdata specifies how to deal with missing data. The default none cannot handle missing data, omit.prediction does not make a prediction for observations with missing values and return NA. set.zero ignores the missing data for the calculation of the prediction (the missing value is set to zero). impute.block uses an imputation model to impute the offset of a missing block. This only works if the priorityelasticnet object was fitted with handle.missingdata = "impute.offset". If impute.offset.cases = "complete.cases" was used, then every observation can have only one missing block. For observations with more than one missing block, NA is returned. If impute.offset.cases = "available.cases" was used, the missingness pattern in the test data has to be the same as in the train data. For observations with an unknown missingness pattern, NA is returned.

#### Value

Predictions that depend on type.

#### **Examples**

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Priority Elastic Net for High-Dimensional Data

## **Description**

This function performs penalized regression analysis using the elastic net method, tailored for highdimensional data with a known group structure. It also includes an optional feature to launch a Shiny application for model evaluation with weighted threshold optimization.

#### Usage

```
priorityelasticnet(
 Χ,
 Υ,
 weights = NULL,
  family = c("gaussian", "binomial", "cox", "multinomial"),
  alpha = 0.5,
  type.measure,
  blocks,
 max.coef = NULL,
 block1.penalization = TRUE,
  lambda.type = "lambda.min",
  standardize = TRUE,
 nfolds = 10,
  foldid = NULL,
  cvoffset = FALSE,
  cvoffsetnfolds = 10,
 mcontrol = missing.control(),
  scale.y = FALSE,
  return.x = TRUE,
  adaptive = FALSE,
  initial_global_weight = TRUE,
  verbose = FALSE,
)
```

## **Arguments**

Χ	A numeric matrix of predictors.
Υ	A response vector. For family = "multinomial", Y should be a factor with more than two levels.
weights	Optional observation weights. Default is NULL.
family	A character string specifying the model type. Options are "gaussian", "binomial", "cox", and "multinomial". Default is "gaussian".
alpha	The elastic net mixing parameter, with $0 \le \alpha \le 1$ . The penalty is defined as $(1 - \alpha)/2  \beta  _2^2 + \alpha  \beta  _1$ . Default is 1.

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type.measure Loss function for cross-validation. Options are "mse", "deviance", "class", "auc".

Default depends on the family.

blocks A list where each element is a vector of indices indicating the predictors in that

block.

max.coef A numeric vector specifying the maximum number of non-zero coefficients al-

lowed in each block. Default is NULL, meaning no limit.

block1.penalization

Logical. If FALSE, the first block will not be penalized. Default is TRUE.

lambda.type Type of lambda to select. Options are "lambda.min" or "lambda.1se". Default is

"lambda.min".

standardize Logical flag for variable standardization, prior to fitting the model. Default is

TRUE.

nfolds Number of folds for cross-validation. Default is 10.

foldid Optional vector of values between 1 and nfolds identifying what fold each

observation is in. Default is NULL.

cvoffset Logical. If TRUE, a cross-validated offset is used. Default is FALSE.

cvoffsetnfolds Number of folds for cross-validation of the offset. Default is 10.

mcontrol Control parameters for handling missing data. Default is missing.control().

scale.y Logical. If TRUE, the response variable Y is scaled. Default is FALSE.

return.x Logical. If TRUE, the function returns the input matrix X. Default is TRUE.

adaptive Logical. If TRUE, the adaptive elastic net is used, where penalties are adjusted

based on the importance of the coefficients from an initial model fit. Default is

FALSE.

initial\_global\_weight

Logical. If TRUE (the default), global initial weights will be calculated based on all predictors. If FALSE, initial weights will be calculated separately for each

block.

verbose Logical. If TRUE prints detailed logs of the process. Default is FALSE.

... Additional arguments to be passed to cv.glmnet.

#### Value

A list with the following components:

lambda.ind Indices of the selected lambda values.

min.cvm Cross-validated mean squared error for each block.

nzero Number of non-zero coefficients for each block.

glmnet.fit Fitted glmnet objects for each block.

name Name of the model.

block1unpen Fitted model for the unpenalized first block, if applicable.

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coefficients Coefficients of the fitted models.

call The function call.

X The input matrix X, if return.x is TRUE.

missing.data Logical vector indicating missing data.

imputation.models

Imputation models used, if applicable.

blocks.used.for.imputation

Blocks used for imputation, if applicable.

missingness.pattern

Pattern of missing data, if applicable.

y.scale.param Parameters for scaling Y, if applicable.

blocks The input blocks.

mcontrol Control parameters for handling missing data.

family The model family.

dim.x Dimensions of the input matrix X.

#### Note

Ensure that glmnet version  $\geq$  2.0.13 is installed. The function does not support single missing values within a block.

#### **Examples**

```
# Simulation of multinomial data:
set.seed(123)
n <- 100
p <- 50
k <- 3
x \leftarrow matrix(rnorm(n * p), n, p)
y <- sample(1:k, n, replace = TRUE)
y <- factor(y)</pre>
blocks <- list(bp1 = 1:10, bp2 = 11:30, bp3 = 31:50)
# Run priorityelasticnet:
fit <- priorityelasticnet(x, y, family = "multinomial", alpha = 0.5,</pre>
                    type.measure = "class", blocks = blocks,
                    block1.penalization = TRUE, lambda.type = "lambda.min",
                    standardize = TRUE, nfolds = 5,
                    adaptive = FALSE)
 fit$coefficients
```

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#### **Description**

This function starts a Shiny application that enables users to interactively adjust the threshold for binary classification and view related metrics, the confusion matrix, ROC curve, and PR curve. The app also includes a feature for calculating the optimal threshold using a weighted version of Youden's J-statistic.

#### Usage

```
weightedThreshold(object, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

object A result from priority elastic net function with binomial model family.

Additional arguments

#### **Details**

To calculate the optimal threshold, a weighted version of Youden's J-statistic (Youden, 1950) is used. The optimal cutoff is the threshold that maximizes the distance from the identity (diagonal) line. The function optimizes the metric (w \* sensitivity + (1 - w) \* specificity), where 'w' is the weight parameter adjusted using the second slider. After selecting the desired value on the optimal threshold slider, the user must press the "Set" button to update the threshold slider with the calculated optimal value. Metrics will then be automatically recalculated based on the user's selection. This function adapted from 'Monahov, A. (2021). Model Evaluation with Weighted Threshold Optimization (and the "mewto" R package). Available at SSRN 3805911.'

#### Value

No return value. This function is used for side effects only, specifically to launch a Shiny application for model evaluation with weighted threshold optimization. The Shiny app provides an interactive interface to visualize model performance metrics and optimize thresholds for classification models based on user-defined criteria.

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