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Description

This R package introduces Weighted Mean SHapley Additive exPlanations (WMSHAP), an innovative method for calculating SHAP values for a grid of fine-tuned base-learner machine learning models as well as stacked ensembles, a method not previously available due to the common reliance on single best-performing models. By integrating the weighted mean SHAP values from individual base-learners comprising the ensemble or individual base-learners in a tuning grid search, the package weights SHAP contributions according to each model's performance, assessed by multiple either R squared (for both regression and classification models). alternatively, this software also offers weighting SHAP values based on the area under the precision-recall curve (AUCPR), the area under the curve (AUC), and F2 measures for binary classifiers. It further extends this framework to implement weighted confidence intervals for weighted mean SHAP values, offering a more comprehensive and robust feature importance evaluation over a grid of machine learning models, instead of solely computing SHAP values for the best model. This methodology is particularly beneficial for addressing the severe class imbalance (class rarity) problem by providing a transparent, generalized measure of feature importance that mitigates the risk of reporting SHAP values for an overfitted or biased model and maintains robustness under severe class imbalance, where there is no universal criteria of identifying the absolute best model. Furthermore, the package implements hypothesis testing to ascertain the statistical significance of SHAP values for individual features, as well as comparative significance testing of SHAP contributions between features. Additionally, it tackles a critical gap in feature selection literature by presenting criteria for the automatic feature selection of the most important features across a grid of models or stacked ensembles, eliminating the need for arbitrary determination of the number of top features to be extracted. This utility is invaluable for researchers analyzing feature significance, particularly within severely imbalanced outcomes where conventional methods fall short. Moreover, it is also expected to report democratic feature importance across a grid of models, resulting in a more comprehensive and generalizable feature selection. The package further implements a novel method for visualizing SHAP values both at subject level and feature level as well as a plot for feature selection based on the weighted mean SHAP ratios.

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on the specified criteria

Description

This function specifies the top features and prepares the data for plotting SHAP contributions for each row, or summary of absolute SHAP contributions for each feature.

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Usage

```
feature.selection(
  shapley,
  method = "mean",
  cutoff = 0,
  top_n_features = NULL,
  features = NULL
)
```

Arguments

shapley shapley object
method Character. The column name in summaryShaps used for feature selection. De-

fault is "mean", which selects important features which have weighted mean shap ratio (WMSHAP) higher than the specified cutoff. Other alternative is "lowerCI", which selects features which their lower bound of confidence inter-

val is higher than the cutoff.

cutoff numeric, specifying the cutoff for the method used for selecting the top features.

the default is zero, which means that all features with the "method" criteria above

zero will be selected.

top_n_features integer. if specified, the top n features with the highest weighted SHAP values

will be selected, overrullung the 'cutoff' and 'method' arguments.

features character vector, specifying the feature to be plotted.

Value

normalized numeric vector

Author(s)

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Weighted Permutation Test for Difference of Means

Description

This function performs a weighted permutation test to determine if there is a significant difference between the means of two weighted numeric vectors. It tests the null hypothesis that the difference in means is zero against the alternative that it is not zero.

Usage

```
feature.test(var1, var2, weights, n = 2000)
```

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Arguments

var1 A numeric vector.

var2 A numeric vector of the same length as var1.

weights A numeric vector of weights, assumed to be the same for both var1 and var2.

n The number of permutations to perform (default is 2000).

Value

A list containing the observed difference in means and the p-value of the test.

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Description

extracts the model IDs from H2O AutoML object or H2O grid

Usage

```
h2o.get_ids(automl)
```

Arguments

automl a h2o "AutoML" grid object

Value

a character vector of trained models' names (IDs)

Author(s)

E. F. Haghish

```
## Not run:
library(h2o)
h2o.init(ignore_config = TRUE, nthreads = 2, bind_to_localhost = FALSE, insecure = TRUE)
prostate_path <- system.file("extdata", "prostate.csv", package = "h2o")
prostate <- h2o.importFile(path = prostate_path, header = TRUE)
y <- "CAPSULE"
prostate[,y] <- as.factor(prostate[,y]) #convert to factor for classification
aml <- h2o.automl(y = y, training_frame = prostate, max_runtime_secs = 30)
# get the model IDs
ids <- h2o.ids(aml)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

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Normalize a vector based on specified minimum and maximum values

Description

This function normalizes a vector based on specified minimum and maximum values. If the minimum and maximum values are not specified, the function will use the minimum and maximum values of the vector.

Usage

```
normalize(x, min = NULL, max = NULL)
```

Arguments

x numeric vector
min minimum value
max maximum value

Value

normalized numeric vector

Author(s)

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Weighted Mean SHAP Ratio and Confidence Interval for a ML Grid of Fine-Tuned Models or Base-Learners of a Stacked Ensemble Model

Description

Calculates weighted mean SHAP ratios and confidence intervals to assess feature importance across a collection of models (e.g., a grid of fine-tuned models or base-learners in a stacked ensemble). Rather than reporting relative SHAP contributions for only a single model, this function accounts for variability in feature importance across multiple models. Each model's performance metric is used as a weight. The function also provides a plot of weighted SHAP values with confidence intervals. Currently, only models trained by the h2o machine learning platform, autoEnsemble, and the HMDA R packages are supported.

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Usage

```
shapley(
 models,
 newdata,
 plot = TRUE,
 performance_metric = "r2",
  standardize_performance_metric = FALSE,
  performance_type = "xval",
 minimum_performance = 0,
 method = "mean",
  cutoff = 0.01,
  top_n_features = NULL,
 n_{models} = 10,
  sample_size = nrow(newdata)
)
```

Arguments

models h2o search grid, autoML grid, or a character vector of H2O model IDs.

An h2o frame (or data.frame) already uploaded to the h2o server. This data newdata

will be used for computing SHAP contributions for each model, alongside model's

performance weights.

plot logical. if TRUE, the weighted mean and confidence intervals of the SHAP

values are plotted. The default is TRUE.

performance_metric

Character specifying which performance metric to use as weights. The default is "r2", which can be used for both regression and classification. For binary classification, other options include: "aucpr" (area under the precision-recall curve), "auc" (area under the ROC curve), and "f2" (F2 score).

standardize_performance_metric

Logical, indicating whether to standardize the performance metric used as weights so their sum equals the number of models. The default is FALSE.

performance_type

Character. Specify which performance metric should be reported: "train" for training data, "valid" for validation, or "xval" for cross-validation (default).

minimum_performance

Numeric. Specify the minimum performance metric for a model to be included in calculating weighted mean SHAP ratio Models below this threshold receive zero weight. The default is 0.

method

Character. Specify the method for selecting important features based on their weighted mean SHAP ratios. The default is "mean", which selects features whose weighted mean shap ratio (WMSHAP) exceeds the cutoff. The alternative is "lowerCI", which selects features whose lower bound of confidence interval exceeds the cutoff.

cutoff numeric, specifying the cutoff for the method used for selecting the top features.

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top_n_features integer. if specified, the top n features with the highest weighted SHAP values

will be selected, overrullung the 'cutoff' and 'method' arguments. specifying top_n_feature is also a way to reduce computation time, if many features are present in the data set. The default is NULL, which means the shap values will

be computed for all features.

n_models minimum number of models that should meet the 'minimum_performance' cri-

terion in order to compute WMSHAP and CI. If the intention is to compute global summary SHAP values (at feature level) for a single model, set n_models

to 1. The default is 10.

sample_size integer. number of rows in the newdata that should be used for SHAP assess-

ment. By default, all rows are used, which is the recommended procedure for scientific analyses. However, SHAP analysis is time consuming and in the process of code development, lower values can be used for quicker shapley analy-

ses.

Details

The function works as follows:

- SHAP contributions are computed at the individual level (row) for each model for the given "newdata".
- 2. Each model's feature-level SHAP ratios (i.e., share of total SHAP) are computed.
- 3. The performance metrics of the models are used as weights.
- 4. Using the weights vector and shap ratio of features for each model, the weighted mean SHAP ratios and their confidence intervals are computed.

Value

a list including the GGPLOT2 object, the data frame of SHAP values, and performance metric of all models, as well as the model IDs.

Author(s)

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```
set.seed(10)
### H2O provides 2 types of grid search for tuning the models, which are
### AutoML and Grid. Below, I demonstrate how weighted mean shapley values
### can be computed for both types.
### PREPARE AutoML Grid (takes a couple of minutes)
# run AutoML to tune various models (GBM) for 60 seconds
y <- "CAPSULE"
prostate[,y] <- as.factor(prostate[,y]) #convert to factor for classification</pre>
aml <- h2o.automl(y = y, training_frame = prostate, max_runtime_secs = 120,
              include_algos=c("GBM"),
            # this setting ensures the models are comparable for building a meta learner
              seed = 2023, nfolds = 10,
              keep_cross_validation_predictions = TRUE)
### call 'shapley' function to compute the weighted mean and weighted confidence intervals
### of SHAP values across all trained models.
### Note that the 'newdata' should be the testing dataset!
result <- shapley(models = aml, newdata = prostate, performance_metric = "aucpr", plot = TRUE)
### PREPARE H2O Grid (takes a couple of minutes)
# make sure equal number of "nfolds" is specified for different grids
grid <- h2o.grid(algorithm = "gbm", y = y, training_frame = prostate,</pre>
              hyper_params = list(ntrees = seq(1,50,1)),
              grid_id = "ensemble_grid",
            # this setting ensures the models are comparable for building a meta learner
              seed = 2023, fold_assignment = "Modulo", nfolds = 10,
              keep_cross_validation_predictions = TRUE)
result2 <- shapley(models = grid, newdata = prostate, performance_metric = "aucpr", plot = TRUE)
### PREPARE autoEnsemble STACKED ENSEMBLE MODEL
### get the models' IDs from the AutoML and grid searches.
### this is all that is needed before building the ensemble,
### i.e., to specify the model IDs that should be evaluated.
library(autoEnsemble)
     <- c(h2o.get_ids(aml), h2o.get_ids(grid))</pre>
autoSearch <- ensemble(models = ids, training_frame = prostate, strategy = "search")
result3 <- shapley(models = autoSearch, newdata = prostate,
                performance_metric = "aucpr", plot = TRUE)
```

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```
## End(Not run)
```

shapley.domain

compute and plot weighted mean SHAP contributions at group level (factors or domains)

Description

This function applies different criteria to visualize SHAP contributions

Usage

```
shapley.domain(
   shapley,
   domains,
   plot = "bar",
   legendstyle = "continuous",
   scale_colour_gradient = NULL,
   print = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

shapley object of class 'shapley', as returned by the 'shapley' function

domains character list, specifying the domains for grouping the features' contributions.

Domains are clusters of features' names, that can be used to compute WMSHAP at higher level, along with their 95 better understand how a cluster of features influence the outcome. Note that either of 'features' or 'domains' arguments can

be specified at the time.

plot character, specifying the type of the plot, which can be either 'bar', 'waffle', or

'shap'. The default is 'bar'.

legendstyle character, specifying the style of the plot legend, which can be either 'contin-

uous' (default) or 'discrete'. the continuous legend is only applicable to 'shap'

plots and other plots only use 'discrete' legend.

scale_colour_gradient

character vector for specifying the color gradients for the plot.

print logical. if TRUE, the WMSHAP summary table for the given row is printed

Value

ggplot object

Author(s)

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```
# load the required libraries for building the base-learners and the ensemble models
                    #shapley supports h2o models
library(h2o)
library(shapley)
# initiate the h2o server
h2o.init(ignore_config = TRUE, nthreads = 2, bind_to_localhost = FALSE, insecure = TRUE)
# upload data to h2o cloud
prostate_path <- system.file("extdata", "prostate.csv", package = "h2o")</pre>
prostate <- h2o.importFile(path = prostate_path, header = TRUE)</pre>
### H2O provides 2 types of grid search for tuning the models, which are
### AutoML and Grid. Below, I demonstrate how weighted mean shapley values
### can be computed for both types.
set.seed(10)
### PREPARE AutoML Grid (takes a couple of minutes)
# run AutoML to tune various models (GBM) for 60 seconds
y <- "CAPSULE"
prostate[,y] <- as.factor(prostate[,y]) #convert to factor for classification</pre>
aml <- h2o.automl(y = y, training_frame = prostate, max_runtime_secs = 120,</pre>
              include_algos=c("GBM"),
           # this setting ensures the models are comparable for building a meta learner
              seed = 2023, nfolds = 10,
              keep_cross_validation_predictions = TRUE)
### call 'shapley' function to compute the weighted mean and weighted confidence intervals
### of SHAP values across all trained models.
### Note that the 'newdata' should be the testing dataset!
result <- shapley(models = aml, newdata = prostate, plot = TRUE)
### PLOT THE WEIGHTED MEAN SHAP VALUES
shapley.plot(result, plot = "bar")
shapley.plot(result, plot = "waffle")
### DEFINE DOMAINS (GROUPS OF FEATURES OR FACTORS)
shapley.domain(shapley = shapley, plot = "bar",
             domains = list(Demographic = c("RACE", "AGE"),
                         Cancer = c("VOL", "PSA", "GLEASON"),
                         Tests = c("DPROS", "DCAPS")),
                         print = TRUE
```

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```
## End(Not run)
```

shapley.feature.test Normalize a vector based on specified minimum and maximum values

Description

This function normalizes a vector based on specified minimum and maximum values. If the minimum and maximum values are not specified, the function will use the minimum and maximum values of the vector.

Usage

```
shapley.feature.test(shapley, features, n = 5000)
```

Arguments

shapley object of class 'shapley', as returned by the 'shapley' function

features character, name of two features to be compared with permutation test

integer, number of permutations

Value

normalized numeric vector

Author(s)

E. F. Haghish

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```
set.seed(10)
### PREPARE AutoML Grid (takes a couple of minutes)
# run AutoML to tune various models (GBM) for 60 seconds
y <- "CAPSULE"
prostate[,y] <- as.factor(prostate[,y]) #convert to factor for classification</pre>
aml <- h2o.automl(y = y, training_frame = prostate, max_runtime_secs = 120,</pre>
             include_algos=c("GBM"),
           # this setting ensures the models are comparable for building a meta learner
             seed = 2023, nfolds = 10,
             keep_cross_validation_predictions = TRUE)
### call 'shapley' function to compute the weighted mean and weighted confidence intervals
### of SHAP values across all trained models.
### Note that the 'newdata' should be the testing dataset!
result <- shapley(models = aml, newdata = prostate, plot = TRUE)</pre>
### Significance testing of contributions of two features
shapley.test(result, features = c("GLEASON", "PSA"), n=5000)
## End(Not run)
```

shapley.plot

Plot weighted SHAP contributions

Description

This function applies different criteria to visualize SHAP contributions

Usage

```
shapley.plot(
   shapley,
   plot = "bar",
   method = "mean",
   cutoff = 0.01,
   top_n_features = NULL,
   features = NULL,
   legendstyle = "continuous",
   scale_colour_gradient = NULL)
```

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Arguments

shapley object of class 'shapley', as returned by the 'shapley' function

plot character, specifying the type of the plot, which can be either 'bar', 'waffle', or

'shap'. The default is 'bar'.

method Character. The column name in summaryShaps used for feature selection. De-

fault is "mean", which selects important features which have weighted mean shap ratio (WMSHAP) higher than the specified cutoff. Other alternative is "lowerCI", which selects features which their lower bound of confidence inter-

val is higher than the cutoff.

cutoff numeric, specifying the cutoff for the method used for selecting the top features.

top_n_features Integer. If specified, the top n features with the highest weighted SHAP values

will be selected, overrullung the 'cutoff' and 'method' arguments.

features character vector, specifying the feature to be plotted.

legendstyle character, specifying the style of the plot legend, which can be either 'contin-

uous' (default) or 'discrete'. the continuous legend is only applicable to 'shap'

plots and other plots only use 'discrete' legend.

scale_colour_gradient

character vector for specifying the color gradients for the plot.

Value

ggplot object

Author(s)

E. F. Haghish

Examples

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```
### PREPARE AutoML Grid (takes a couple of minutes)
# run AutoML to tune various models (GBM) for 60 seconds
y <- "CAPSULE"
prostate[,y] <- as.factor(prostate[,y]) #convert to factor for classification</pre>
aml <- h2o.automl(y = y, training_frame = prostate, max_runtime_secs = 120,</pre>
              include_algos=c("GBM"),
            # this setting ensures the models are comparable for building a meta learner
              seed = 2023, nfolds = 10,
              keep_cross_validation_predictions = TRUE)
### call 'shapley' function to compute the weighted mean and weighted confidence intervals
### of SHAP values across all trained models.
### Note that the 'newdata' should be the testing dataset!
result <- shapley(models = aml, newdata = prostate, plot = TRUE)</pre>
### PLOT THE WEIGHTED MEAN SHAP VALUES
shapley.plot(result, plot = "bar")
shapley.plot(result, plot = "waffle")
## End(Not run)
```

shapley.row.plot

Weighted mean SHAP values computed at subject level

Description

Weighted mean of SHAP values and weighted SHAP confidence intervals provide a measure of feature importance for a grid of fine-tuned models or base-learners of a stacked ensemble model at subject level, showing that how each feature influences the prediction made for a row in the dataset and to what extend different models agree on that effect. If the 95 vertical line at 0.00, then it can be concluded that the feature does not significantly influences the subject, when variability across models is taken into consideration.

Usage

```
shapley.row.plot(
   shapley,
   row_index,
   features = NULL,
   plot = TRUE,
   print = FALSE
)
```

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Arguments

shapley object of class 'shapley', as returned by the 'shapley' function row_index subject or row number in a wide-format dataset to be visualized

features character vector, specifying the feature to be plotted.

plot logical. if TRUE, the plot is visualized.

print logical. if TRUE, the WMSHAP summary table for the given row is printed

Value

a list including the GGPLOT2 object, the data frame of SHAP values, and performance metric of all models, as well as the model IDs.

Author(s)

E. F. Haghish

Examples

```
# load the required libraries for building the base-learners and the ensemble models
library(h2o)
                      #shapley supports h2o models
library(shapley)
# initiate the h2o server
h2o.init(ignore_config = TRUE, nthreads = 2, bind_to_localhost = FALSE,
        insecure = TRUE)
# upload data to h2o cloud
prostate_path <- system.file("extdata", "prostate.csv", package = "h2o")</pre>
prostate <- h2o.importFile(path = prostate_path, header = TRUE)</pre>
set.seed(10)
### H2O provides 2 types of grid search for tuning the models, which are
### AutoML and Grid. Below, I demonstrate how weighted mean shapley values
### can be computed for both types.
### PREPARE AutoML Grid (takes a couple of minutes)
# run AutoML to tune various models (GBM) for 60 seconds
y <- "CAPSULE"
prostate[,y] <- as.factor(prostate[,y]) #convert to factor for classification</pre>
aml <- h2o.automl(y = y, training_frame = prostate, max_runtime_secs = 120,</pre>
               include_algos=c("GBM"),
               seed = 2023, nfolds = 10,
               keep_cross_validation_predictions = TRUE)
```

call 'shapley' function to compute the weighted mean and weighted confidence intervals

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```
### of SHAP values across all trained models.
### Note that the 'newdata' should be the testing dataset!
result <- shapley(models = aml, newdata = prostate,</pre>
                performance_metric = "aucpr", plot = TRUE)
### PREPARE H20 Grid (takes a couple of minutes)
# make sure equal number of "nfolds" is specified for different grids
grid <- h2o.grid(algorithm = "gbm", y = y, training_frame = prostate,</pre>
               hyper_params = list(ntrees = seq(1,50,1)),
               grid_id = "ensemble_grid",
            # this setting ensures the models are comparable for building a meta learner
               seed = 2023, fold_assignment = "Modulo", nfolds = 10,
               keep_cross_validation_predictions = TRUE)
result2 <- shapley(models = grid, newdata = prostate,</pre>
                 performance_metric = "aucpr", plot = TRUE)
### PREPARE autoEnsemble STACKED ENSEMBLE MODEL
### get the models' IDs from the AutoML and grid searches.
### this is all that is needed before building the ensemble,
### i.e., to specify the model IDs that should be evaluated.
library(autoEnsemble)
     <- c(h2o.get_ids(aml), h2o.get_ids(grid))</pre>
autoSearch <- ensemble(models = ids, training_frame = prostate, strategy = "search")
result3 <- shapley(models = autoSearch, newdata = prostate,</pre>
                 performance_metric = "aucpr", plot = TRUE)
#plot all important features
shapley.row.plot(shapley, row_index = 11)
#plot only the given features
shapPlot <- shapley.row.plot(shapley, row_index = 11, features = c("PSA", "AGE"))</pre>
# inspect the computed data for the row 11
ptint(shapPlot$rowSummarySHAP)
## End(Not run)
```

shapley.table

Create SHAP Summary Table Based on the Given Criterion

Description

Generates a summary table of weighted mean SHAP (WMSHAP) values and confidence intervals for each feature based on a weighted SHAP analysis. The function filters the SHAP summary table

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(from a wmshap object) by selecting features that meet or exceed a specified cutoff using a selection method (default "mean", which is weighted mean shap ratio). It then sorts the table by the mean SHAP value, formats the SHAP values along with their 95% confidence intervals into a single string, and optionally adds human-readable feature descriptions from a provided dictionary. The output is returned as a markdown table using the **pander** package, or as a data frame if requested.

Usage

```
shapley.table(
  wmshap,
  method = "mean",
  cutoff = 0.01,
  round = 3,
  exclude_features = NULL,
  dict = NULL,
  markdown.table = TRUE,
  split.tables = 120,
  split.cells = 50
)
```

Arguments

wmshap A wmshap object, returned by the shapley function containing a data frame

summaryShaps.

method Character. The column name in summaryShaps used for feature selection. De-

fault is "mean", which selects important features which have weighted mean shap ratio (WMSHAP) higher than the specified cutoff. Other alternative is "lowerCI", which selects features which their lower bound of confidence inter-

val is higher than the cutoff.

cutoff Numeric. The threshold cutoff for the selection method; only features with a

value in the method column greater than or equal to this value are retained.

Default is 0.01.

round Integer. The number of decimal places to round the SHAP mean and confidence

interval values. Default is 3.

exclude_features

Character vector. A vector of feature names to be excluded from the summary

table. Default is NULL.

dict A data frame containing at least two columns named "name" and "description".

If provided, the function uses this dictionary to add human-readable feature de-

scriptions. Default is NULL.

markdown.table Logical. If TRUE, the output is formatted as a markdown table using the pander

package; otherwise, a data frame is returned. Default is TRUE.

split.tables Integer. Controls table splitting in pander(). Default is 120.

split.cells Integer. Controls cell splitting in pander(). Default is 50.

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Value

If markdown.table = TRUE, returns a markdown table (invisibly) showing two columns: "Description" and "WMSHAP". If markdown.table = FALSE, returns a data frame with these columns.

Author(s)

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```
## Not run:
# load the required libraries for building the base-learners and the ensemble models
library(h2o)
                     #shapley supports h2o models
library(shapley)
# initiate the h2o server
h2o.init(ignore_config = TRUE, nthreads = 2, bind_to_localhost = FALSE, insecure = TRUE)
# upload data to h2o cloud
prostate_path <- system.file("extdata", "prostate.csv", package = "h2o")</pre>
prostate <- h2o.importFile(path = prostate_path, header = TRUE)</pre>
set.seed(10)
### H2O provides 2 types of grid search for tuning the models, which are
### AutoML and Grid. Below, I demonstrate how weighted mean shapley values
### can be computed for both types.
### PREPARE AutoML Grid (takes a couple of minutes)
# run AutoML to tune various models (GBM) for 60 seconds
v <- "CAPSULE"
prostate[,y] <- as.factor(prostate[,y]) #convert to factor for classification</pre>
aml <- h2o.automl(y = y, training_frame = prostate, max_runtime_secs = 120,
               include_algos=c("GBM"),
            # this setting ensures the models are comparable for building a meta learner
               seed = 2023, nfolds = 10,
               keep_cross_validation_predictions = TRUE)
### call 'shapley' function to compute the weighted mean and weighted confidence intervals
### of SHAP values across all trained models.
### Note that the 'newdata' should be the testing dataset!
result <- shapley(models = aml, newdata = prostate, performance_metric = "aucpr", plot = TRUE)
### PREPARE H20 Grid (takes a couple of minutes)
# make sure equal number of "nfolds" is specified for different grids
grid <- h2o.grid(algorithm = "gbm", y = y, training_frame = prostate,</pre>
               hyper_params = list(ntrees = seq(1,50,1)),
```

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Select top features in a model

Description

This function applies different criteria simultaniously to identify the most important features in a model. The criteria include: 1) minimum limit of lower weighted confidence intervals of SHAP values relative to the feature with highest SHAP value. 2) minimum limit of percentage of weighted mean SHAP values relative to over all SHAP values of all features. These are specified with two different cutoff values.

Usage

```
shapley.top(shapley, mean = 0.01, lowerCI = 0.01)
```

Arguments

shapley object of class 'shapley', as returned by the 'shapley' function

mean Numeric. specifying the cutoff of weighted mean SHAP ratio (WMSHAP). The

default is 0.01. Lower values will be more generous in defining "importance", while higher values are more restrictive. However, these default values are not

generalizable to all situations and algorithms.

lowerCI numeric. Specifying the limit of lower bound of 95% WMSHAP The default

is 0.01. Lower values will be more generous in defining "importance", while higher values are more restrictive. However, these default values are not gener-

alizable to all situations and algorithms.

Value

data.frame of selected features

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```
## Not run:
# load the required libraries for building the base-learners and the ensemble models
                     #shapley supports h2o models
library(h2o)
library(shapley)
# initiate the h2o server
h2o.init(ignore_config = TRUE, nthreads = 2, bind_to_localhost = FALSE, insecure = TRUE)
# upload data to h2o cloud
prostate_path <- system.file("extdata", "prostate.csv", package = "h2o")</pre>
prostate <- h2o.importFile(path = prostate_path, header = TRUE)</pre>
### H2O provides 2 types of grid search for tuning the models, which are
### AutoML and Grid. Below, I demonstrate how weighted mean shapley values
### can be computed for both types.
set.seed(10)
### PREPARE AutoML Grid (takes a couple of minutes)
# run AutoML to tune various models (GBM) for 60 seconds
y <- "CAPSULE"
prostate[,y] <- as.factor(prostate[,y]) #convert to factor for classification</pre>
aml <- h2o.automl(y = y, training_frame = prostate, max_runtime_secs = 120,</pre>
               include_algos=c("GBM"),
            # this setting ensures the models are comparable for building a meta learner
               seed = 2023, nfolds = 10,
               keep_cross_validation_predictions = TRUE)
### call 'shapley' function to compute the weighted mean and weighted confidence intervals
### of SHAP values across all trained models.
### Note that the 'newdata' should be the testing dataset!
result <- shapley(models = aml, newdata = prostate, plot = TRUE)</pre>
### Significance testing of contributions of two features
shapley.top(result, mean = 0.005, lowerCI = 0.01)
## End(Not run)
```

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