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MuMIn-package

Description

The package MuMIn contains functions to streamline information-theoretic model selection and carry out model averaging based on the information criteria.

Details

The collection of functions includes:

- **dredge** performs automated model selection with subsets of the supplied ‘global’ model, and optional choices of other model properties (such as different link functions). The set of models may be generated either with ‘all possible’ combinations, or tailored according to the conditions specified.

- **pdredge** does the same, but can parallelize model fitting process using a cluster.

- **model.sel** creates a model selection table from hand-picked models.

- **model.avg** calculates model averaged parameters, with standard errors and confidence intervals.
AICc calculates second-order Akaike information criterion. Some other criterions are provided, see below.

stdize, stdizeFit, std.coef, partial.sd can be used for standardization of data and model coefficients by Standard Deviation or Partial Standard Deviation.

For a complete list of functions, use library(help = "MuMIn").

By default, AICc is used to rank the models and to obtain model weights, though any other information criterion can be utilised. At least the following ones are currently implemented in R: AIC and BIC in package stats, and QAIC, QAICc, ICOMP, CAICF, and Mallows’ Cp in MuMIn. There is also DIC extractor for MCMC models, and QIC for GEE.

Most of R’s common modelling functions are supported, for a full inventory see list of supported models.

Apart from the “regular” information criteria, model averaging can be performed using various types of model weighting algorithms: Bates-Granger, bootstrapped, cos-squared, jackknife, stacking, or ARM. These weighting functions apply mostly to glms.

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References


See Also

AIC, step or stepAIC for stepwise model selection by AIC.

Examples

options(na.action = "na.fail") # change the default "na.omit" to prevent models # from being fitted to different datasets in # case of missing values.

fm1 <- lm(y ~ ., data = Cement)
ms1 <- dredge(fm1)
# Visualize the model selection table:
par(mar = c(3,5,6,4))
plot(ms1, labAsExpr = TRUE)
model.avg(ms1, subset = delta < 4)
confset.95p <- get.models(ms1, cumsum(weight) <= .95)
avgmod.95p <- model.avg(confset.95p)
summary(avgmod.95p)
confint(avgmod.95p)
AICc

Second-order Akaike Information Criterion

Description

Calculate Second-order Akaike Information Criterion for one or several fitted model objects (AICc, AIC for small samples).

Usage

AICc(object, ..., k = 2, REML = NULL)

Arguments

object a fitted model object for which there exists a logLik method, or a "logLik" object.
... optionally more fitted model objects.
k the ‘penalty’ per parameter to be used; the default k = 2 is the classical AIC.
REML optional logical value, passed to the logLik method indicating whether the restricted log-likelihood or log-likelihood should be used. The default is to use the method used for model estimation.

Value

If just one object is provided, returns a numeric value with the corresponding AICc; if more than one object are provided, returns a data.frame with rows corresponding to the objects and columns representing the number of parameters in the model (df) and AICc.

Note

AICc should be used instead AIC when sample size is small in comparison to the number of estimated parameters (Burnham & Anderson 2002 recommend its use when \( n/K < 40 \)).

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References


See Also

Akaike’s An Information Criterion: AIC

Other implementations: AICc in package AICcmodavg, AICc in package bbmle and aicc in package glmulti
Examples

```r
# Model-averaging mixed models
options(na.action = "na.fail")
data(Orthodont, package = "nlme")

# Fit model by REML
fm2 <- lme(distance ~ Sex*age, data = Orthodont,
  random = ~ 1|Subject / Sex, method = "REML")

# Model selection: ranking by AICc using ML
ms2 <- dredge(fm2, trace = TRUE, rank = "AICc", REML = FALSE)

(attr(ms2, "rank.call"))

# Get the models (fitted by REML, as in the global model)
fmList <- get.models(ms2, 1:4)

# Because the models originate from 'dredge(..., rank = AICc, REML = FALSE)',
# the default weights in 'model.avg' are ML based:
summary(model.avg(fmList))

## Not run:
# the same result:
model.avg(fmList, rank = "AICc", rank.args = list(REML = FALSE))

## End(Not run)
```

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**arm.glm**  
*Adaptive Regression by Mixing*

**Description**

Combine all-subsets GLMs using the ARM algorithm. Calculate ARM weights for a set of models.

**Usage**

```r
arm.glm(object, R = 250, weight.by = c("aic", "loglik"), trace = FALSE)
armWeights(object, ..., data, weight.by = c("aic", "loglik"), R = 1000)
```

**Arguments**

- `object` for `arm.glm`, a fitted "global" glm object. For `armWeights`, a fitted glm object, or a list of such, or an "averaging" object.
- `...` more fitted model objects.
- `R` number of permutations.
- `weight.by` indicates whether model weights should be calculated with AIC or log-likelihood.
- `trace` if TRUE, information is printed during the running of `arm.glm`.
- `data` a data frame in which to look for variables for use with `prediction`. If omitted, the fitted linear predictors are used.
Details

For each of all-subsets of the “global” model, parameters are estimated using randomly sampled half of the data. Log-likelihood given the remaining half of the data is used to calculate AIC weights. This is repeated $R$ times and mean of the weights is used to average all-subsets parameters estimated using complete data.

Value

`arm.glm` returns an object of class “averaging” containing only “full” averaged coefficients. See `model.avg` for object description.

`armWeights` returns a numeric vector of model weights.

Note

Number of parameters is limited to `floor(nobs(object) / 2) - 1`. All-subsets respect marginality constraints.

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References


See Also

`model.avg`, `par.avg`

Weights for assigning new model weights to an “averaging” object.

Other implementation of ARM algorithm: arms in (archived) package MMIX.

Other kinds of model weights: `BGWeights`, `bootWeights`, `cos2Weights`, `jackknifeWeights`, `stackingWeights`.

Examples

```r
fm <- glm(y ~ X1 + X2 + X3 + X4, data = Cement)
summary(am1 <- arm.glm(fm, R = 15))
mst <- dredge(fm)
am2 <- model.avg(mst, fit = TRUE)
Weights(am2) <- armWeights(am2, data = Cement, R = 15)
# differences are due to small R:
coef(am1, full = TRUE)
coef(am2, full = TRUE)
```
Flour beetle mortality data

Description

Mortality of flour beetles (*Tribolium confusum*) due to exposure to gaseous carbon disulfide CS$_2$, from Bliss (1935).

Usage

Beetle

Format

Beetle is a data frame with 5 elements.

- **Prop**: a matrix with two columns named `nkilled` and `nsurvived`
- **mortality**: observed mortality rate
- **dose**: the dose of CS$_2$ in mg/L
- **n.tested**: number of beetles tested
- **n.killed**: number of beetles killed.

Source


References


Examples

```r
# "Logistic regression example"
# from Burnham & Anderson (2002) chapter 4.11
# Fit a global model with all the considered variables

globmod <- glm(Prop ~ dose + I(dose^2) + log(dose) + I(log(dose)^2),
               data = Beetle, family = binomial, na.action = na.fail)

# A logical expression defining the subset of models to use:
# * either log(dose) or dose
# * the quadratic terms can appear only together with linear terms
msubset <- expression(xor(dose, ~lVar(log(dose)) &
                         dc(dose, `I(dose^2)`) &
                         dc(`log(dose)`, `I(log(dose)^2)`))

# Table 4.6
# Use 'varying' argument to fit models with different link functions
# Note the use of 'alist' rather than 'list' in order to keep the
# 'family' objects unevaluated
```
varying.link <- list(family = alist(
  logit = binomial("logit"),
  probit = binomial("probit"),
  cloglog = binomial("cloglog")
))

(ms12 <- dredge(globmod, subset = msubset, varying = varying.link, 
  rank = AIC))

# Table 4.7 "models justifiable a priori"
(ms3 <- subset(ms12, has(dose, "!I(dose^2)")))
# The same result, but would fit the models again:
# ms3 <- update(ms12, update(globmod, . ~ dose), subset =, 
#   fixed = ~dose)
mod3 <- get.models(ms3, 1:3)
# Table 4.8. Predicted mortality probability at dose 40.
# calculate confidence intervals on logit scale
logit.ci <- function(p, se, quantile = 2) {
  C. <- exp(quantile * se / (p * (1 - p)))
  p /(p + (1 - p) * c(C., 1/C.))
}

mavg3 <- model.avg(mod3, revised.var = FALSE)
# get predictions both from component and averaged models
pred <- lapply(c(component = mod3, list(averaged = mavg3)), predict, 
  newdata = list(dose = 40), type = "response", se.fit = TRUE)
# reshape predicted values
pred <- t(sapply(pred, function(x) unlist(x)[1:2]))
colnames(pred) <- c("fit", "se.fit")
# build the table
tab <- cbind( 
  c(Weights(ms3), NA),
  pred,
  matrix(logit.ci(pred[,"fit"], pred[,"se.fit"],
    quantile = c(rep(1.96, 3), 2)), ncol = 2)
)
colnames(tab) <- c("Akaike weight", "Predicted(40)", "SE", "Lower CI", 
  "Upper CI")
rownames(tab) <- c(as.character(ms3$family), "model averaged")
print(tab, digits = 3, na.print = "")

# Figure 4.3
newdata <- list(dose = seq(min(Beetle$dose), max(Beetle$dose), length.out = 25))
# add model-averaged prediction with CI, using the same method as above
avpred <- predict(mavg3, newdata, se.fit = TRUE, type = "response")
avci <- matrix(logit.ci(avpred$fit, avpred$se.fit, quantile = 2), ncol = 2)
matplot(newdata$dose, sapply(mod3, predict, newdata, type = "response"),
  type = "l", xlab = quote(list("Dose of" ~ CS[2],(mg/L))),
  ylab = "Mortality", col = 2:4, lty = 3, lwd = 1)
matplot(newdata$dose, cbind(avpred$fit, avci), type = "l", add = TRUE,
  lwd = 1, lty = c(1, 2, 2), col = 1)
BGWeights

Bates-Granger model weights

Description
Computes empirical weights based on out of sample forecast variances, following Bates and Granger (1969).

Usage
BGWeights(object, ..., data, force.update = FALSE)

Arguments
- object, ...: two or more fitted glm objects, or a list of such, or an "averaging" object.
- data: a data frame containing the variables in the model.
- force.update: if TRUE, the much less efficient method of updating glm function will be used rather than directly via glm.fit. This only applies to glms, in case of other model types update is always used.

Details
Bates-Granger model weights are calculated using prediction covariance. To get the estimate of prediction covariance, the models are fitted to randomly selected half of data and prediction is done on the remaining half. These predictions are then used to compute the variance-covariance between models, $\Sigma$. Model weights are then calculated as $w_{BG} = (1'\Sigma^{-1}1)^{-1}1\Sigma^{-1}$, where 1 a vector of 1-s.

Bates-Granger model weights may be outside of the [0, 1] range, which may cause the averaged variances to be negative. Apparently this method works best when data is large.

Value
The function returns a numeric vector of model weights.

Note
For matrix inversion, ginv from package MASS is more stable near singularities than solve. It will be used as a fallback if solve fails and MASS is available.

Author(s)
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References
**See Also**

Weights, model.avg

Other model.weights: bootWeights, cos2Weights, jackknifeWeights, stackingWeights

**Examples**

```r
fm <- glm(Prop ~ mortality + dose, family = binomial, Beetle, na.action = na.fail)
models <- lapply(dredge(fm, evaluate = FALSE), eval)
ma <- model.avg(models)

# this produces warnings because of negative variances:
set.seed(78)
Weights(ma) <- BGWeights(ma, data = Beetle)
coefTable(ma, full = TRUE)

# SE for prediction is not reliable if some or none of coefficient's SE
# are available
predict(ma, data = test.data, se.fit = TRUE)
coefTable(ma, full = TRUE)
```

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### bootWeights

**Bootstrap model weights**

**Description**

Computes model weights using bootstrap.

**Usage**

```r
bootWeights(object, ..., R, rank = c("AICc", "AIC", "BIC"))
```

**Arguments**

- `object, ...` two or more fitted glm objects, or a list of such, or an "averaging" object.
- `R` the number of replicates.
- `rank` a character string, specifying the information criterion to use for model ranking. Defaults to AICc.

**Details**

The models are fitted repeatedly to a resampled data set and ranked using AIC-type criterion. The model weights represent the proportion of replicates when a model has the lowest IC value.

**Value**

The function returns a numeric vector of model weights.

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Cement hardening data

Description
Cement hardening data from Woods et al (1932).

Usage
Cement

Format
Cement is a data frame with 5 variables. x1-x4 are four predictor variables expressed as a percentage of weight.

y calories of heat evolved per gram of cement after 180 days of hardening
X1 calcium aluminate
X2 tricalcium silicate
X3 tetracalcium alumino ferrite
X4 dicalcium silicate.

Source

References
cos2Weights  

Cos-squared model weights

Description
Calculates cos-squared model weights, following the algorithm outlined in the appendix of Garthwaite & Mubwandarikwa (2010).

Usage

```r
cos2Weights(object, ..., data, eps = 1e-06, maxit = 100,
predict.args = list())
```

Arguments

- `object, ...`  
  two or more fitted `glm` objects, or a list of such, or an "averaging" object. Currently only `lm` and `glm` objects are accepted.
- `data`  
  a test data frame in which to look for variables for use with `prediction`. If omitted, the fitted linear predictors are used.
- `eps`  
  tolerance for determining convergence.
- `maxit`  
  maximum number of iterations.
- `predict.args`  
  optionally, a list of additional arguments to be passed to `predict`.

Value
The function returns a numeric vector of model weights.

Author(s)
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References
Dormann, C. et al. (*in prep.*) Model averaging in ecology.

See Also
- `Weights`, `model.avg`

Other model.weights: `BGWeights`, `bootWeights`, `jackknifeWeights`, `stackingWeights`

Examples

```r
fm <- lm(y ~ X1 + X2 + X3 + X4, Cement, na.action = na.fail)
# most efficient way to produce a list of all-subsets models
models <- lapply(dredge(fm, evaluate = FALSE), eval)
ma <- model.avg(models)

test.data <- Cement
```
Weights(ma) <- cos2Weights(models, data = test.data)
predict(ma, data = test.data)

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dredge

### Automated model selection

#### Description
Generate a set of models with combinations (subsets) of fixed effect terms in the global model, with optional rules for model inclusion.

#### Usage
```r
dredge(global.model, beta = c("none", "sd", "partial.sd"), evaluate = TRUE,
rank = "AICc", fixed = NULL, m.lim = NULL, m.min, m.max, subset,
trace = FALSE, varying, extra, ct.args = NULL, ...)
```

#### Arguments
- `global.model`: a fitted ‘global’ model object. See ‘Details’ for a list of supported types.
- `beta`: indicates whether and how the coefficients estimates should be standardized, and must be one of “none”, “sd” or “partial.sd”. You can specify just the initial letter. “none” corresponds to unstandardized coefficients, “sd” and “partial.sd” to coefficients standardized by SD and Partial SD, respectively. For backwards compatibility, logical value is also accepted, TRUE is equivalent to “sd” and FALSE to “none”. See `std.coef`.
- `evaluate`: whether to evaluate and rank the models. If FALSE, a list of unevaluated calls is returned.
- `rank`: optional custom rank function (returning an information criterion) to be used instead AICc, e.g. AIC, QAIC or BIC. See ‘Details’.
- `fixed`: optional, either a single sided formula or a character vector giving names of terms to be included in all models. See ‘Subsetting’.
- `m.lim`, `m.max`, `m.min`: optionally, the limits `c(lower, upper)` for number of terms in a single model (excluding the intercept). An NA means no limit. See ‘Subsetting’. Specifying limits as `m.min` and `m.max` is allowed for backward compatibility.
- `subset`: logical expression describing models to keep in the resulting set. See ‘Subsetting’.
- `trace`: if TRUE or 1, all calls to the fitting function are printed before actual fitting takes place. If trace > 1, a progress bar is displayed.
- `varying`: optionally, a named list describing the additional arguments to vary between the generated models. Item names correspond to the arguments, and each item provides a list of choices (i.e. list(arg1 = list(choice1, choice2, ...), ...)). Complex elements in the choice list (such as family objects) should be either named (uniquely) or quoted (unevaluated, e.g. using `alist`, see `quote`), otherwise the result may be visually unpleasant. See example in Beetle.

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```r
## S3 method for class 'model.selection'
print(x, abbrev.names = TRUE, warnings = getOption("warn") != -1L, ...)
```
extra optional additional statistics to include in the result, provided as functions, function names or a list of such (best if named or quoted). Similarly as in rank argument, each function must accept fitted model object as an argument and return (a value coercible to) a numeric vector. These can be e.g. additional information criterions or goodness-of-fit statistics. The character strings "$R^2$" and "$\text{adj}R^2$" are treated in a special way, and will add a likelihood-ratio based $R^2$ and modified-$R^2$ respectively to the result (this is more efficient than using \texttt{r.squaredLR} directly).

x a model.selection object, returned by \texttt{dredge}.

abbrev.names should printed term names be abbreviated? (useful with complex models).

warnings if \texttt{TRUE}, errors and warnings issued during the model fitting are printed below the table (only with \texttt{pddredge}). To permanently remove the warnings, set the object's attribute "warnings" to \texttt{NULL}.

c\_args optional list of arguments to be passed to \texttt{coefTable} (e.g. dispersion parameter for glm affecting standard errors used in subsequent model averaging).

... optional arguments for the rank function. Any can be an unevaluated expression, in which case any x within it will be substituted with a current model.

Details

Models are fitted through repeated evaluation of modified call extracted from the \texttt{global.model} (in a similar fashion as with \texttt{update}). This approach, while robust in that it can be applied to most model types, is inefficient because of its considerable computational overhead.

Note that the number of combinations grows exponentially with number of predictors ($2^N$, less when interactions are present, see below).

The fitted model objects are not stored in the result. To get (possibly a subset of) the models, use \texttt{get.models} on the object returned by \texttt{dredge}. Another way of getting all the models is to run \texttt{lapply(dredge(..., evaluate = FALSE), eval)}, which avoids fitting the models twice.

For a list of model types that can be used as a \texttt{global.model} see list of supported models. Modelling functions not storing call in their result should be evaluated via the wrapper function created by \texttt{updateable}.

Information criterion: \texttt{rank} is found by a call to \texttt{match.fun} and may be specified as a function or a symbol or a character string specifying a function to be searched for from the environment of the call to \texttt{dredge}. The function \texttt{rank} must accept model object as its first argument and always return a scalar.

Interactions: By default, marginality constraints are respected, so “all possible combinations” include only those containing interactions with their respective main effects and all lower order terms. However, if \texttt{global.model} makes an exception to this principle (e.g. due to a nested design such as $a / (b + d)$), this will be reflected in the subset models.

Subsetting: There are three ways to constrain the resulting set of models: setting limits to the number of terms in a model with \texttt{m.lim}, binding term(s) to all models with \texttt{fixed}, and more complex rules can be applied using argument \texttt{subset}. To be included in the selection table, the model formulation must satisfy all these conditions.

subset can take either a form of an expression or a matrix. The latter should be a lower triangular matrix with logical values, where columns and rows correspond to \texttt{global.model} terms. Value ~subset["a", "b"] == FALSE will exclude any model containing both terms a and b. \texttt{demo(dredge.subset)} has examples of using the \texttt{subset} matrix in conjunction with correlation matrices to exclude models containing collinear predictors.
In the form of expression, the argument subset acts in a similar fashion to that in the function subset for data.frames: model terms can be referred to by name as variables in the expression, with the difference being that are interpreted as logical values (i.e. equal to TRUE if the term exists in the model).

There is also \( .(x) \) and \( .(+x) \) notation indicating, respectively, any and all interactions including a term \( x \). It is only useful with marginality exceptions.

The expression can contain any of the global.model terms (getAllTerms(global.model) lists them), as well as names of the varying argument items. Names of global.model terms take precedence when identical to names of varying, so to avoid ambiguity varying variables in subset expression should be enclosed in \( V() \) (e.g. \( \text{subset} = V(\text{family}) == \text{"Gamma"} \) assuming that varying is something like \( \text{list(family = c(..., \text{"Gamma"})}) \)).

If item names in varying are missing, the items themselves are coerced to names. Call and symbol elements are represented as character values (via `deparse`), and everything except numeric, logical, character and NULL values is replaced by item numbers (e.g. \( \text{varying} = \text{list(family = list(..., Gamma))} \) should be referred to as \( \text{subset} = V(\text{family}) == 2 \). This can quickly become confusing, therefore it is recommended to use named lists. `demo(dredge.varying)` provides examples.

The subset expression can also contain variable `\`nvar\` (backtick-quoted), equal to number of terms in the model (not the number of estimated parameters).

To make inclusion of a model term conditional on presence of another model term, the function `dc("dependency chain")` can be used in the subset expression. `dc` takes any number of term names as arguments, and allows a term to be included only if all preceding ones are also present (e.g. \( \text{subset} = \text{dc(a, b, c)} \) allows for models \( a \), \( a+b \) and \( a+b+c \) but not \( b \), \( c \), \( b+c \) or \( a+c \)).

subset expression can have a form of an unevaluated call, expression object, or a one sided formula. See ‘Examples’.

Compound model terms (such as interactions, ‘as-is’ expressions within `I()` or smooths in `gam`) should be enclosed within curly brackets (e.g. \( \{s(x, k=2)\} \)) or backticks (like non-syntactic names, e.g. `\(s(x, k = 2)\)`). Backticks-quoted names must match exactly (including whitespace) the term names as given by `getAllTerms`.

subset expression syntax summary:
- \( a \ & \ b \) indicates that model terms \( a \) and \( b \) must be present (see Logical Operators)
- \( \{\log(x, 2)\} \) or `\(\log(x, 2)\)` represent a complex model term \( \log(x, 2) \)
- `\(V(x)\)` represents a varying variable \( x \)
- `\(.(x)\)` indicates at least one term containing the term \( x \) must be present
- `\(.(+x)\)` indicates that all the terms containing the term \( x \) must be present
- \(\text{dc(a, b, c,...)}\) ‘dependency chain’: \( b \) is allowed only if \( a \) is present, and \( c \) only if both \( a \) and \( b \) are present, etc.
- `\`nvar\`' number of terms.

To simply keep certain terms in all models, use of argument `fixed` is much more efficient. The fixed formula is interpreted in the same manner as model formula and so the terms need not to be quoted.

Missing values: Use of `na.action = "na.omit"` (R’s default) or "na.exclude" in `global.model` must be avoided, as it results with sub-models fitted to different data sets, if there are missing values. Error is thrown if it is detected.

It is a common mistake to give `na.action` as an argument in the call to `dredge` (typically resulting in an error from the `rank` function to which the argument is passed through ‘...’), while the correct way is either to pass `na.action` in the call to the global model or to set it as a `global option`.

Methods: There are `subset` and `plot` methods, the latter creates a graphical representation of model weights and variable relative importance. Coefficients can be extracted with `coef` or `coefTable`.
Value

An object of class c("model.selection", "data.frame"), being a data.frame, where each row represents one model. See model.selection.object for its structure.

Note

Users should keep in mind the hazards that a “thoughtless approach” of evaluating all possible models poses. Although this procedure is in certain cases useful and justified, it may result in selecting a spurious “best” model, due to the model selection bias. “Let the computer find out” is a poor strategy and usually reflects the fact that the researcher did not bother to think clearly about the problem of interest and its scientific setting (Burnham and Anderson, 2002).

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See Also

dredge is a parallelized version of this function (uses a cluster).
get.models, model.avg, model.sel for manual model selection tables.
Possible alternatives: gmulti in package glmulti and bestglm (bestglm). regsubsets in package leaps also performs all-subsets regression.
Lasso variable selection provided by various packages, e.g. glmnet, lars or glmmLasso.

Examples

# Example from Burnham and Anderson (2002), page 100:

# prevent fitting sub-models to different datasets
options(na.action = "na.fail")

fm1 <- lm(y ~ ., data = Cement)
dd <- dredge(fm1)
subset(dd, delta < 4)

# Visualize the model selection table:

par(mar = c(3,5,6,4))
plot(dd, labAsExpr = TRUE)

# Model average models with delta AICc < 4
model.avg(dd, subset = delta < 4)

# or as a 95% confidence set:
model.avg(dd, subset = cumsum(weight) <= .95) # get averaged coefficients

#'Best' model
summary(get.models(dd, 1)[[1]])

## Not run:
# Examples of using 'subset':

## Not run:
# keep only models containing X3
dredge(fm1, subset = ~ X3)  # subset as a formula
dredge(fm1, subset = expression(X3))  # subset as expression object

# the same, but more effective:
dredge(fm1, fixed = "X3")

# exclude models containing both X1 and X2 at the same time
dredge(fm1, subset = !(X1 && X2))

# Fit only models containing either X3 or X4 (but not both);
# include X3 only if X2 is present, and X2 only if X1 is present.
dredge(fm1, subset = dc(X1, X2, X3) && xor(X3, X4))

# the same as above, without "dc"
dredge(fm1, subset = (X1 | !X2) && (X2 | !X3) && xor(X3, X4))

# Include only models with up to 2 terms (and intercept)
dredge(fm1, m.lim = c(0, 2))

## End(Not run)

# Add R^2 and F-statistics, use the 'extra' argument
dredge(fm1, m.lim = c(NA, 1), extra = c("R^2", F = function(x)
    summary(x)$fstatistic[[1]])))

# with summary statistics:
dredge(fm1, m.lim = c(NA, 1), extra = list(
    "R^2", "*" = function(x) {
        s <- summary(x)
        c(Rsq = s$r.squared, adjRsq = s$adj.r.squared,
          F = s$fstatistic[[1]])
    })
)

# Add other information criterions (but rank with AICc):
dredge(fm1, m.lim = c(NA, 1), extra = alist(AIC, BIC, ICOMP, Cp))

### exprApply

#### Apply a function to calls inside an expression

**Description**

Apply function FUN to each occurrence of a call to what() (or a symbol what) in an unevaluated expression. It can be used for advanced manipulation of expressions. Intended primarily for internal use.

**Usage**

exprApply(expr, what, FUN, ..., symbols = FALSE)

**Arguments**

- **expr**: an unevaluated expression.
- **what**: character string giving the name of a function. Each call to what inside expr will be passed to FUN. what can be also a character representation of an operator or parenthesis (including curly and square brackets) as these are primitive functions in R. Set what to NA to match all names.
exprApply

FUN

a function to be applied.

symbols

logical value controlling whether FUN should be applied to symbols as well as calls.

...

optional arguments to FUN.

Details

FUN is found by a call to match.fun and can be either a function or a symbol (e.g., a backquoted name) or a character string specifying a function to be searched for from the environment of the call to exprApply.

Value

A (modified) expression.

Note

If expr has a source reference information ("srcref" attribute), modifications done by exprApply will not be visible when printed unless srcref is removed. However, exprApply does remove source reference from any function expression inside expr.

Author(s)

Kamil Bartoń

See Also

Expression-related functions: substitute, expression, quote and bquote.

Similar function walkCode exists in package codetools.

Functions useful inside FUN: as.name, as.call, call, match.call etc.

Examples

### simple usage:

# print all Y(...) terms in a formula (note that symbol "Y" is omitted):
exprApply(~ X(1) + Y(2 + Y(4)) + N(Y + Y(3)), "Y", print)

# replace X() with log(X, base = n)
exprApply(expression(A() + B() + C()), c("A", "B", "C"), function(expr, base) {
  expr[[2]] <- expr[[1]]
  expr[[1]] <- as.name("log")
  expr$base <- base
  expr
}, base = 10)

###

# TASK: fit lm with two poly terms, varying the degree from 1 to 3 in each.  
# lm(y ~ poly(X1, degree = a) + poly(X2, degree = b), data = Cement)  
# for a = {1,2,3} and b = {1,2,3}

# First we create a wrapper function for lm. Within it, use "exprApply" to add  
# "degree" argument to all occurrences of "poly()" having "X1" or "X2" as the  
# first argument. Values for "degree" are taken from arguments "d1" and "d2"
Formula manipulation

Manipulate model formulas

Description

simplify.formula rewrites a formula using shorthand notation. Currently only the factor crossing operator * is applied, so that expanded expression such as a+b+a:b becomes a*b. expand.formula does the opposite, additionally expanding other expressions, i.e. all nesting (/), grouping and ^.

Usage

simplify.formula(x)
expand.formula(x)

Arguments

x

a formula or an object from which it can be extracted (such as a fitted model object).
Author(s)
Kamil Bartoń

See Also
formula, delete.response, drop.terms, and reformulate

Examples

simplify.formula(y ~ a + b + a:b + (c + b)^2)
simplify.formula(y ~ a + b + a:b + 0)
expand.formula(~ a * b)

get.models Retrieve models from selection table

Description
Generate or extract a list of fitted model objects from a "model.selection" table, optionally using parallel computation in a cluster.

Usage
get.models(object, subset, cluster = NA, ...)

Arguments
object object returned by dredge.
subset subset of models, an expression evaluated within the model selection table (see 'Details').
cluster optionally, a "cluster" object. If it is a valid cluster, models are evaluated using parallel computation.
... additional arguments to update the models. For example, in lme one may want to use method = "REML" while using "ML" for model selection.

Details
The argument subset must be explicitly provided. This is to assure that a potentially long list of models is not fitted unintentionally. To evaluate all models, set subset to NA or TRUE.

If subset is a character vector, it is interpreted as names of rows to be selected.

Value
list of fitted model objects.
Note

Alternatively, `getCall` and `eval` can be used to compute a model out of the "model.selection" table (e.g. `eval(getCall(<model.selection>, i))`, where `i` is the model index or name).

Using `get.models` following `dredge` is not efficient as the requested models have to be fitted again. If the number of generated models is reasonable, consider using `lapply(dredge(..., evaluate = FALSE), eval)`, which generates a list of all model calls and evaluates them into a list of model objects. This avoids fitting the models twice.

`pget.models` is still available, but is deprecated.

Author(s)

Kamil Bartoń

See Also

dredge and pdredge, model.avg
makeCluster in packages parallel and snow

Examples

# Mixed models:

```r
fm2 <- lme(distance ~ age + Sex, data = Orthodont,
           random = ~ 1 | Subject, method = "ML")
ms2 <- dredge(fm2)

# Get top-most models, but fitted by REML:
(confset.d4 <- get.models(ms2, subset = delta < 4, method = "REML"))

## Not run:
# Get the top model:
get.models(ms2, subset = 1)[[1]]

## End(Not run)
```

GPA

Grade Point Average data

Description

First-year college Grade Point Average (GPA) from Graybill and Iyer (1994).

Usage

GPA
importance

Format
GPA is a data frame with 5 variables. \( y \) is the first-year college Grade Point Average (GPA) and \( x_1 \)-\( x_4 \) are four predictor variables from standardized tests (SAT) administered before matriculation.

\[ y \text{ GPA} \]
\[ x_1 \text{ math score on the SAT} \]
\[ x_2 \text{ verbal score on the SAT} \]
\[ x_3 \text{ high school math} \]
\[ x_4 \text{ high school English} \]

Source

References

importance

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Description
Sum of 'Akaike weights' over all models including the explanatory variable.

Usage
importance(x)

Arguments
\( x \) either a list of fitted model objects, or a "model.selection" or "averaging" object.

Value
a numeric vector of so called relative importance values, named as the predictor variables.

Author(s)
Kamil Bartoń

See Also
Weights
dredge, model.avg, model.sel
Information criteria

Examples

```r
# Generate some models
fm1 <- lm(y ~ ., data = Cement, na.action = na.fail)
ms1 <- dredge(fm1)

# Importance can be calculated/extracted from various objects:
importance(ms1)
## Not run:
importance(subset(model.sel(ms1), delta <= 4))
importance(model.avg(ms1, subset = delta <= 4))
importance(subset(ms1, delta <= 4))
importance(get.models(ms1, delta <= 4))
## End(Not run)

# Re-evaluate the importances according to BIC
# note that re-ranking involves fitting the models again

# 'nobs' is not used here for backwards compatibility
lognobs <- log(length(resid(fm1)))

importance(subset(model.sel(ms1, rank = AIC, rank.args = list(k = lognobs)),
                   cumsum(weight) <= .95))

# This gives a different result than previous command, because 'subset' is
# applied to the original selection table that is ranked with 'AICc'
importance(model.avg(ms1, rank = AIC, rank.args = list(k = lognobs),
             subset = cumsum(weight) <= .95))
```

Information criteria

Various information criteria

Description

Calculate Mallows’ $C_p$ and Bozdogan’s ICOMP and CAIFC information criteria.

Extract or calculate Deviance Information Criterion from `MCMCglmm` and `merMod` object.

Usage

```r
Cp(object, ..., dispersion = NULL)
ICOMP(object, ..., REML = NULL)
CAICF(object, ..., REML = NULL)
DIC(object, ...)
```

Arguments

- `object`: a fitted model object (in case of ICOMP and CAICF, `logLik` and `vcov` methods must exist for the object). For DIC, an object of class "MCMCglmm" or "merMod".
- `...`: optionally more fitted model objects.
- `dispersion`: the dispersion parameter. If NULL, it is inferred from object.
REML

optional logical value, passed to the logLik method indicating whether the restricted log-likelihood or log-likelihood should be used. The default is to use the method used for model estimation.

Details

Mallows’ Cp statistic is the residual deviance plus twice the estimate of $\sigma^2$ times the residual degrees of freedom. It is closely related to AIC (and a multiple of it if the dispersion is known).

ICOMP (I for informational and COMP for complexity) penalizes the covariance complexity of the model, rather than the number of parameters directly.

CAICF (C is for ‘consistent’ and F denotes the use of the Fisher information matrix) includes with penalty the natural logarithm of the determinant of the estimated Fisher information matrix.

Value

If just one object is provided, the functions return a numeric value with the corresponding IC; otherwise a data.frame with rows corresponding to the objects is returned.

References


See Also

AIC and BIC in stats, AICc, QIC for GEE model selection. extractDIC in package arm, on which the (non-visible) method extractDIC.merMod used by DIC is based.

Description

Computes model weights optimized for jackknifed model fits.

Usage

jackknifeWeights(object, ..., data, type = c("loglik", "rmse"), family = NULL, weights = NULL, optim.method = "BFGS", maxit = 1000, optim.args = list(), start = NULL, force.update = FALSE, py.matrix = FALSE)
jackknifeWeights

Arguments

- **object, ...** two or more fitted glm objects, or a list of such, or an "averaging" object.
- **data** a data frame containing the variables in the model. It is optional if all models are glm.
- **type** a character string specifying the function to minimize. Either "rmse" or "loglik".
- **family** used only if type = "loglik", a family object to be used for likelihood calculation. Not needed if all models share the same family and link function.
- **weights** an optional vector of 'prior weights' to be used in the model fitting process. Should be NULL or a numeric vector.
- **optim.method** optional, optimisation method, passed to optim.
- **maxit** optional, the maximum number of iterations, passed to optim.
- **optim.args** optional list of other arguments passed to optim.
- **start** starting values for model weights. Numeric of length equal the number of models.
- **force.update** for glm, the glm.fit function is used for fitting models to the train data, which is much more efficient. Set to TRUE to use update instead.
- **py.matrix** either a boolean value, then if TRUE a jackknifed prediction matrix is returned and if FALSE a vector of jackknifed model weights, or a N×M matrix (number of cases × number of models) that is interpreted as a jackknifed prediction matrix and it is used for optimisation (i.e. the jackknife procedure is skipped).

Details

Model weights are chosen (using optim) to minimise RMSE or log-likelihood of the prediction for data point \( i \), of a model fitted omitting that data point \( i \). The jackknife procedure is therefore run for all provided models and for all data points.

Value

The function returns a numeric vector of model weights.

Note

This procedure can give variable results depending on the optimisation method and starting values. It is therefore advisable to make several replicates using different optim.methods. See optim for possible values for this argument.

Author(s)

Kamil Bartoń. Carsten Dormann

References


See Also

Weights, model.avg

Other model.weights: BGWeights, bootWeights, cos2Weights, stackingWeights
Examples

```r
fm <- glm(Prop ~ mortality * dose, binomial(), Beetle, na.action = na.fail)
fits <- lapply(dredge(fm, eval = FALSE), eval)
amJk <- amAICc <- model.avg(fits)
set.seed(666)
Weights(amJk) <- jackknifeWeights(fits, data = Beetle)

coef(amJk)
coef(amAICc)
```

### loo

#### Leave-one-out cross-validation

**Description**

Computes the RMSE/log-likelihood based on leave-one-out cross-validation.

**Usage**

```r
loo(object, type = c("loglik", "rmse"), ...)
```

**Arguments**

- `object`: a fitted object model, currently only `lm/glm` is accepted.
- `type`: the criterion to use, given as a character string, either "rmse" for Root-Mean-Square Error or "loglik" for log-likelihood.
- `...`: other arguments are currently ignored.

**Details**

Leave-one-out cross validation is a $K$-fold cross validation, with $K$ equal to the number of data points in the set $N$. For all $i$ from 1 to $N$, the model is fitted to all the data except for $i$-th row and a prediction is made for that value. The average error is computed and used to evaluate the model.

**Value**

`loo` returns a single numeric value of RMSE or mean log-likelihood.

**Author(s)**

Kamil Bartoń, based on code by Carsten Dormann

**References**

Dormann, C. et al. (in prep.) Model averaging in ecology.
Examples

```r
fm <- lm(y ~ X1 + X2 + X3 + X4, Cement)
loo(fm, type = "l")
loo(fm, type = "r")

## Compare LOO_RMSE and AIC/c
options(na.action = na.fail)
dd <- dredge(fm, rank = loo, extra = list(AIC, AICc), type = "rmse")
plot(loo ~ AIC, dd, ylab = expression(LOO[RMSE]), xlab = "AIC/c")
points(loo ~ AICc, data = dd, pch = 19)
legend("topleft", legend = c("AIC", "AICc"), pch = c(1, 19))
```

merge.model.selection  Combine model selection tables

Description

Combine two or more model selection tables.

Usage

```r
## S3 method for class 'model.selection'
merge(x, y, suffixes = c(".x", ".y"), ...)

## S3 method for class 'model.selection'
rbind(..., deparse.level = 1, make.row.names = TRUE)
```

Arguments

- `x, y, ...`: model.selection objects to be combined. (...ignored in merge)
- `suffixes`: a character vector with two elements that are appended respectively to row names of the combined tables.
- `make.row.names`: logical indicating if unique and valid row names should be constructed from the arguments.
- `deparse.level`: ignored.

Value

A "model.selection" object containing models from all provided tables.

Note

Both $\Delta IC$ values and Akaike weights are recalculated in the resulting tables.

Models in the combined model selection tables must be comparable, i.e. fitted to the same data, however only very basic checking is done to verify that. The models must also be ranked by the same information criterion.

Unlike the merge method for data.frame, this method appends second table to the first (similarly to rbind).
Model utilities

Author(s)

Kamil Bartoń

See Also

dredge, model.sel, merge, rbind.

Examples

## Not run:
require(mgcv)
ms1 <- dredge(glm(Prop ~ dose + I(dose^2) + log(dose) + I(log(dose)^2),
               data = Beetle, family = binomial, na.action = na.fail))
fm2 <- gam(Prop ~ s(dose, k = 3), data = Beetle, family = binomial)
merge(ms1, model.sel(fm2))
## End(Not run)

Model utilities

Model utility functions

Description

These functions extract or calculate various values from provided fitted model objects(s). They are
mainly meant for internal use.
coeffs extracts model coefficients;
getAllTerms extracts independent variable names from a model object;
coefTable extracts a table of coefficients, standard errors and associated degrees of freedom when
possible;
get.response extracts response variable from fitted model object;
model.names generates shorthand (alpha)numeric names for one or several fitted models.

Usage

coeffs(model)

getAllTerms(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'terms'
getAllTerms(x, intercept = FALSE, offset = TRUE, ...)

coefTable(model, ...)
## S3 method for class 'averaging'
coefTable(model, full = FALSE, adjust.se = TRUE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'lme'
coefTable(model, adjustSigma, ...)
## S3 method for class 'gee'
coefTable(model, ..., type = c("naive", "robust"))
Model utilities

get.response(x, data = NULL, ...)

model.names(object, ..., labels = NULL, use.letters = FALSE)

Arguments

- **model**: a fitted model object.
- **object**: a fitted model object or a list of such objects.
- **x**: a fitted model object or a formula.
- **offset**: should ‘offset’ terms be included?
- **intercept**: should terms names include the intercept?
- **full, adjust.se**: logical, apply to “averaging” objects. If full is TRUE, the full model averaged coefficients are returned, and subset-averaged ones otherwise. If adjust.se is TRUE, inflated standard errors are returned. See ‘Details’ in par.avg.
- **adjustSigma**: See summary.lme.
- **type**: for GEE models, the type of covariance estimator to calculate returned standard errors on. Either "naive" or "robust" ("sandwich").
- **labels**: optionally, a character vector with names of all the terms, e.g. from a global model. model.names enumerates the model terms in order of their appearance in the list and in the models. Therefore changing the order of the models leads to different names. Providing labels prevents that.
- **...**: in model.names, more fitted model objects. In coefTable arguments that are passed to appropriate vcov or summary method (e.g. dispersion parameter for glm may be used here). In get.response, if data is given, arguments to be passed to model.frame. In other functions may be silently ignored.
- **data**: a data.frame, list or environment (or object coercible to a data.frame), containing the variables in x. Required only if x is a formula, otherwise it can be used to get the response variable for a different data set.
- **use.letters**: logical, whether letters should be used instead of numeric codes.

Details

The functions coeffs, getAllTerms and coefTable provide interface between the model object and model.avg (and dredge). Custom methods can be written to provide support for additional classes of models.

Note

coeffs’s value is in most cases identical to that returned by coef, the only difference being it returns fixed effects’ coefficients for mixed models, and the value is always a named numeric vector.

Use of tTable is deprecated in favour of coefTable.

Author(s)

Kamil Bartoń
model.avg

Model averaging

Description

Model averaging based on an information criterion.

Usage

model.avg(object, ..., revised.var = TRUE)

## Default S3 method:
model.avg(object, ..., beta = c("none", "sd", "partial.sd"),
rank = NULL, rank.args = NULL, revised.var = TRUE,
dispersion = NULL, ct.args = NULL)

## S3 method for class 'model.selection'
model.avg(object, subset, fit = FALSE, ..., revised.var = TRUE)

Arguments

object       a fitted model object or a list of such objects, or a "model.selection" object. See 'Details'.
...          for default method, more fitted model objects. Otherwise, arguments that are passed to the default method.
beta         indicates whether and how the component models' coefficients should be standardized. See the argument's description in dredge.
rank          optionally, a rank function (returning an information criterion) to use instead of AICc, e.g. BIC or QAIC, may be omitted if object is a model list returned by get.models or a "model.selection" object. See 'Details'.
rank.args     optional list of arguments for the rank function. If one is an expression, an x within it is substituted with a current model.
revised.var   logical, indicating whether to use revised formula for standard errors. See par.avg.
dispersion    the dispersion parameter for the family used. See summary.glm. This is used currently only with glm, is silently ignored otherwise.
ct.args       optional list of arguments to be passed to coefTable (besides dispersion).
subset        see subset method for "model.selection" object.
fit           if TRUE, the component models are fitted using get.models. See 'Details'.

Details

model.avg may be used either with a list of models, or directly with a model.selection object (e.g. returned by dredge). In the latter case, the models from the model selection table are not evaluated unless the argument fit is set to TRUE or some additional arguments are present (such as rank or dispersion). This results in much faster calculation, but has certain drawbacks, because
the fitted component model objects are not stored, and some methods (e.g. predict, fitted, model.matrix or vcov) would not be available with the returned object. Otherwise, get.models is called prior to averaging, and ... are passed to it.

For a list of model types that are accepted see list of supported models.

rank is found by a call to match.fun and typically is specified as a function or a symbol or a character string specifying a function to be searched for from the environment of the call to lapply. rank must be a function able to accept model as a first argument and must always return a numeric scalar.

Several standard methods for fitted model objects exist for class averaging, including summary, predict, coef, confint, formula, and vcov.

coro, vcov, confint and coroTable accept argument full that if set to TRUE, the full model-averaged coefficients are returned, rather than subset-averaged ones (when full = FALSE, being the default).

logLik returns a list of logLik objects for the component models.

**Value**

An object of class "averaging" is a list with components:

- **msTable**: a data.frame with log-likelihood, IC, ∆IC and "Akaike weights" for the component models. Its attribute "term.codes" is a named vector with numerical representation of the terms in the row names of msTable.
- **coefficients**: a matrix of model-averaged coefficients. “full” coefficients in first row, “subset” coefficients in second row. See ‘Note’
- **coefArray**: a 3-dimensional array of component models’ coefficients, their standard errors and degrees of freedom.
- **importance**: object of class importance containing relative importance values of each term (including interactions), calculated as a sum of the Akaike weights over all of the models in which the term appears.
- **formula**: a formula corresponding to the one that would be used in a single model. The formula contains only the averaged (fixed) coefficients.
- **call**: the matched call.

The object has following attributes:

- **rank**: the rank function used.
- **modelList**: optionally, a list of all component model objects. Only if the object was created with model objects (and not model selection table).
- **beta**: Corresponds to the function argument.
- **nobs**: number of observations.
- **revised.var**: Corresponds to the function argument.

**Note**

The ‘subset’ (or ‘conditional’) average only averages over the models where the parameter appears. An alternative, the ‘full’ average assumes that a variable is included in every model, but in some models the corresponding coefficient (and its respective variance) is set to zero. Unlike the ‘subset average’, it does not have a tendency of biasing the value away from zero. The ‘full’ average is a type of shrinkage estimator and for variables with a weak relationship to the response they are smaller than ‘subset’ estimators.
Averaging models with different contrasts for the same factor would yield nonsense results, currently no checking for contrast consistency is done.

print method provides a concise output (similarly as for lm). To print more details use summary function, and confint to get confidence intervals.

Author(s)
Kamil Bartoń

References

See Also
See par.avg for more details of model averaged parameter calculation.
dredge, get.models
AICc has examples of averaging models fitted by REML.
modavg in package AICcmodavg, and coef.glmulti in package glmulti also perform model averaging.

Examples

# Example from Burnham and Anderson (2002), page 100:
fm1 <- lm(y ~ ., data = Cement, na.action = na.fail)
(ms1 <- dredge(fm1))

#models with delta.aicc < 4
summary(model.avg(ms1, subset = delta < 4))

# or as a 95% confidence set:
avgmod.95p <- model.avg(ms1, cumsum(weight) <= .95)
confint(avgmod.95p)

## Not run:
# The same result, but re-fitting the models via 'get.models'
confset.95p <- get.models(ms1, cumsum(weight) <= .95)
model.avg(confset.95p)

## Not run:
# using BIC (Schwarz's Bayesian criterion) to rank the models
BIC <- function(x) AIC(x, k = log(length(residuals(x))))
model.avg(confset.95p, rank = BIC)
# the same result, using AIC directly, with argument k
# 'x' in a quoted 'rank' argument is substituted with a model object
# (in this case it does not make much sense as the number of observations is
# common to all models)
model.avg(confset.95p, rank = AIC, rank.args = alist(k = log(length(residuals(x)))))

## End(Not run)

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model.sel  

### model selection table

**Description**

Build a model selection table.

**Usage**

```r
model.sel(object, ...)  
```

## Default S3 method:

```r
model.sel(object, ..., rank = NULL, rank.args = NULL,  
       beta = c("none", "sd", "partial.sd"), extra)  
```

## S3 method for class 'model.selection'

```r
model.sel(object, rank = NULL, rank.args = NULL, fit = NA,  
       ..., beta = c("none", "sd", "partial.sd"), extra)  
```

**Arguments**

- `object` a fitted model object, a list of such objects, or a "model.selection" object.
- `...` more fitted model objects.
- `rank` optional, custom rank function (returning an information criterion) to use instead of the default `AICc`, e.g. `QAIC` or `BIC`, may be omitted if `object` is a model list returned by `get.models`.
- `rank.args` optional list of arguments for the `rank` function. If one is an expression, an `x` within it is substituted with a current model.
- `fit` logical, stating whether the model objects should be re-fitted if they are not stored in the "model.selection" object. Set to `NA` to re-fit the models only if this is needed. See 'Details'.
- `beta` indicates whether and how the component models' coefficients should be standardized. See the argument's description in `dredge`.
- `extra` optional additional statistics to include in the result, provided as functions, function names or a list of such (best if named or quoted). See `dredge` for details.

**Details**

`model.sel` used with "model.selection" object will re-fit model objects, unless they are stored in `object` (in attribute "modellist"), if argument `extra` is provided, or the requested `beta` is different than object's "beta" attribute, or the new `rank` function cannot be applied directly to `logLik` objects, or new `rank.args` are given (unless argument `fit = FALSE`).
Value

An object of class `c("model.selection", "data.frame")`, being a `data.frame`, where each row represents one model and columns contain useful information about each model: the coefficients, $df$, log-likelihood, the value of the information criterion used, $\Delta IC$ and ‘Akaike weight’. If any arguments differ between the modelling function calls, the result will include additional columns showing them (except for formulas and some other arguments).

See `model.selection.object` for its structure.

Author(s)

Kamil Bartoń

See Also

dredge, AICc, list of supported models.

Possible alternatives: ICTab (in package bbmle), or aictab (AICcmodavg).

Examples

```r
cement$X1 <- cut(cement$X1, 3)
cement$X2 <- cut(cement$X2, 2)

fm1 <- glm(formula = y ~ X1 + X2 * X3, data = cement)
fm2 <- update(fm1, . ~ . - X1 - X2)
fm3 <- update(fm1, . ~ . - X2 - X3)

## ranked with AICc by default
(msAICc <- model.sel(fm1, fm2, fm3))

## ranked with BIC
model.sel(fm1, fm2, fm3, rank = AIC, rank.args = alist(k = log(nobs(x))))
# or
# model.sel(msAICc, rank = AIC, rank.args = alist(k = log(nobs(x))))
# or
# update(msAICc, rank = AIC, rank.args = alist(k = log(nobs(x))))
```

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model.selection.object

Description of Model Selection Objects

Description

An object of class "model.selection" holds a table of model coefficients and ranking statistics. It is a produced by `dredge` or `model.sel`. 
The object is a data.frame with additional attributes. Each row represents one model. The models are ordered by the information criterion value specified by rank (lowest on top).

**Data frame columns:**

- **model terms**: For numeric covariates these columns hold coeficient value, for factors their presence in the model. If the term is not present in a model, value is NA.
- **'varying' arguments**: optional. If any arguments differ between the modelling function calls (except for formulas and some other arguments), these will be held in additional columns (of class "factor").
- **"df"**: Number of model parameters
- **"logLik"**: Log-likelihood (or quasi-likelihood for GEE)
- **rank**: Information criterion value
- **"delta"**: \( \Delta IC \)
- **"weight"**: 'Akaike weights'.

**Attributes:**

- **model.calls**: A list containing model calls (arranged in the same order as in the table). A model call can be retrieved with getCall(*, i) where i is a vector of model index or name (if given as character string).
- **global**: The global.model object
- **global.call**: Call to the global.model
- **terms**: A character string holding all term names. Attribute "interceptLabel" gives the name of intercept term.
- **rank**: The rank function used
- **beta**: A character string, representing the coefficient standardizing method used. Either "none", "sd" or "partial.sd"
- **coefTables**: List of matrices of class "coefTable" containing each model's coefficients with std. errors and associated df/s
- **nobs**: Number of observations
- **warnings**: optional (pdredge only). A list of errors and warnings issued by the modelling function during the fitting, with model number appended to each.

Most attributes does not need (and should not) be accessed directly, use of extractor functions is preferred. These functions include getCall for retrieving model calls, coefTable and coef for coefficients, and nobs. logLik extracts list of model log-likelihoods (as "logLik" objects), and Weights extracts 'Akaike weights'.

The object has class c("model.selection", "data.frame").

**See Also**

`dredge, model.sel`
MuMIn-models

List of supported models

Description

List of model classes accepted by `model.avg`, `model.sel`, and `dredge`.

Details

Fitted model objects that can be used with model selection and model averaging functions include those produced by:

- `lm`, `glm` (package `stats`);
- `rlm`, `glm.nb` and `polr` (MASS);
- `multinom` (nnet);
- `lme`, `gls` (nlme);
- `lmer`, `glmer` (lme4);
- `cpglm`, `cpglmm` (cplm);
- `gam`, `gamm` (mgcv);
- `gamm4` (gamm4);
- `glmmML` (glmmML);
- `glmmadmb` (glmmADMB from R-Forge);
- `glmmTMB` (glmmTMB);
- `MCMCglmm` (MCMCglmm);
- `asreml` (non-free commercial package asreml; allows only for REML comparisons);
- `hurdle`, `zeroinfl` (pscl);
- `negbin`, `betabin` (class "glimML"), package `aod`;
- `aodml`, `aodql` (aods3);
- `betareg` (betareg);
- `brglm` (brglm);
- *sarlm* models, `spautolm` (spdep);
- `spml`* (if fitted by ML, `splm`);
- `coxph`, `survreg` (survival);
- `coxme`, `lmekin` (coxme);
- `rq` (quantreg);
- `clm` and `clmm` (ordinal);
- `logistf` (logistf);
- `crunch`*, `pqls` (caper);
- `maxlike` (maxlike);
- functions from package `unmarked` (within the class "unmarkedFit");
- `mark` and related functions (class mark from package `RMark`). Currently `dredge` can only manipulate formula element of the argument `model.parameters`, keeping its other elements intact.
Generalized Estimation Equation model implementations: `geeglm` from package `geepack`, `gee` from `gee`, `geem` from `geeM`, and `yags` from `yags` (from R-Forge) can be used with `QIC` as the selection criterion.

Other classes are also likely to be supported, in particular if they inherit from one of the above classes. In general, the models averaged with `model.avg` may belong to different types (e.g. `glm` and `gam`), provided they use the same data and response, and if it is valid to do so. This applies also to constructing model selection tables with `model.sel`.

**Note**

* In order to use `gamm`, `gamm4`, `spml (> 1.0.0)`, `crunch` or `MCMCglmm` with `dredge`, an `updateable` wrapper for these functions should be created.

**See Also**

`model.avg`, `model.sel` and `dredge`.

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### `nested` Identify nested models

**Description**

Find models that are ‘nested’ within each model in the model selection table.

**Usage**

`nested(x, indices = c("none", "numeric", "rownames"), rank = NULL)`

**Arguments**

- `x`: a “model.selection” object (result of `dredge` or `model.sel`).
- `indices`: if omitted or "none" then the function checks if, for each model, there are any higher ranked models nested within it. If "numeric" or "rownames", indices or names of all nested models are returned. See “Value”.
- `rank`: the name of the column with the ranking values (defaults to the one before "delta"). Only used if `indices` is "none".

**Details**

In model comparison, a model is said to be “nested” within another model if it contains a subset of parameters of the latter model, but does not include other parameters (e.g. model ‘A+B’ is nested within ‘A+B+C’ but not ‘A+C+D’).

This function can be useful in a model selection approach suggested by Richards (2008), in which more complex variants of any model with a lower IC value are excluded from the candidate set.
Value

A vector of length equal to the number of models (table rows).

If indices = "none" (the default), it is a vector of logical values where \( i \)-th element is TRUE if any model(s) higher up in the table are nested within it (i.e. if simpler models have lower IC pointed by rank).

For indices other than "none", the function returns a list of vectors of numeric indices or names of models nested within each \( i \)-th model.

Note

This function determines nesting based only on fixed model terms, within groups of models sharing the same ‘varying’ parameters (see dredge and example in Beetle).

Author(s)

Kamil Bartoń

References


See Also

dredge, model.sel

Examples

```r
fm <- lm(y ~ X1 + X2 + X3 + X4, data = Cement, na.action = na.fail)
ms <- dredge(fm)

# filter out overly complex models according to the
# "nesting selection rule":
subset(ms, !nested(.)) # dot represents the ms table object

# print model "4" and all models nested within it
nst <- nested(ms, indices = "row")
ms[c("4", nst[["4"]])]

ms$nested <- sapply(nst, paste, collapse = ",")
ms
```
Parameter averaging

Description

Average a coefficient with standard errors based on provided weights. This function is intended chiefly for internal use.

Usage

par.avg(x, se, weight, df = NULL, level = 1 - alpha, alpha = 0.05, revised.var = TRUE, adjusted = TRUE)

Arguments

x vector of parameters.
se vector of standard errors.
weight vector of weights.
df optional vector of degrees of freedom.
alpha, level significance level for calculating confidence intervals.
revised.var logical, should the revised formula for standard errors be used? See ‘Details’.
adjusted logical, should the inflated standard errors be calculated? See ‘Details’.

Details

Unconditional standard errors are square root of the variance estimator, calculated either according to the original equation in Burnham and Anderson (2002, equation 4.7), or a newer, revised formula from Burnham and Anderson (2004, equation 4) (if revised.var = TRUE, this is the default). If adjusted = TRUE (the default) and degrees of freedom are given, the adjusted standard error estimator and confidence intervals with improved coverage are returned (see Burnham and Anderson 2002, section 4.3.3).

Value

par.avg returns a vector with named elements:

Coefficient model coefficients
SE unconditional standard error
Adjusted SE adjusted standard error
Lower CI, Upper CI unconditional confidence intervals.

Author(s)

Kamil Bartoń
References


See Also

`model.avg` for model averaging.

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pdredge

*Automated model selection using parallel computation*

**Description**

Parallelized version of `dredge`.

**Usage**

```r
pdredge(global.model, cluster = NA, 
  beta = c("none", "sd", "partial.sd"), evaluate = TRUE, rank = "AICc", 
  fixed = NULL, m.lim = NULL, m.min, m.max, subset, trace = FALSE, 
  varying, extra, ct.args = NULL, check = FALSE, ...) 
```

**Arguments**

- `global.model`: see `dredge`.
- `beta`: see `dredge`.
- `evaluate`: see `dredge`.
- `rank`: see `dredge`.
- `fixed`, `m.lim`, `m.max`, `m.min`, `subset`, `varying`, `extra`, `ct.args`, ... see `dredge`.
- `trace`:
  - displays the generated calls, but may not work as expected since the models are evaluated in batches rather than one by one.
- `cluster`:
  - either a valid "cluster" object, or NA for a single threaded execution.
- `check`:
  - either integer or logical value controlling how much checking for existence and correctness of dependencies is done on the cluster nodes. See ‘Details’.

**Details**

All the dependencies for fitting the `global.model`, including the data and any objects the modelling function will use must be exported into the cluster worker nodes (e.g. `via clusterExport`). The required packages must be also loaded thereinto (e.g. `via clusterEvalQ(...)`, `library(package)`), before the cluster is used by `pdredge`.

If `check` is `TRUE` or positive, `pdredge` tries to check whether all the variables and functions used in the call to `global.model` are present in the cluster nodes’ `.GlobalEnv` before proceeding further. This causes false errors if some arguments of the model call (other than `subset`) would be evaluated in data environment. In that case using `check = FALSE` (the default) is desirable.

If `check` is `TRUE` or greater than one, `pdredge` will compare the `global.model` updated at the cluster nodes with the one given as argument.
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**Value**

See *dredge*.

**Author(s)**

Kamil Bartoń

**See Also**

`makeCluster` and other cluster related functions in packages `parallel` or `snow`.

**Examples**

```r
# One of these packages is required:
## Not run: require(parallel) || require(snow)

# From example(Buttle)
Beetle100 <- Beetle[sample(nrow(Beetle), 100, replace = TRUE),]

fm1 <- glm(Prop ~ dose + I(dose^2) + log(dose) + I(log(dose)^2),
  data = Beetle100, family = binomial, na.action = na.fail)

msubset <- expression(xor(dose, 'log(dose)') & (dose | !'I(dose^2)'
  & ('log(dose)' | !'I(log(dose)^2)'))
varying.link <- list(family = alist(logit = binomial("logit"),
  probit = binomial("probit"), cloglog = binomial("cloglog")))

# Set up the cluster
clusterType <- if(length(find.package("snow", quiet = TRUE))) "SOCK" else "PSOCK"
clust <- try(makeCluster(getOption("cl.cores", 2), type = clusterType))

clusterExport(clust, "Beetle100")

# noticeable gain only when data has about 3000 rows (Windows 2-core machine)
print(system.time(dredge(fm1, subset = msubset, varying = varying.link)))
print(system.time(pdredge(fm1, cluster = FALSE, subset = msubset,
varying = varying.link)))
print(system.time(pdd <- pdredge(fm1, cluster = clust, subset = msubset,
varying = varying.link)))

print(pdd)

## Not run:
# Time consuming example with 'unmarked' model, based on example(pcount).
# Having enough patience you can run this with 'demo(pdredge.pcount)'.
library(unmarked)
data(mallard)
mallardUMF <- unmarkedFramePCount(mallard.y, siteCovs = mallard.site,
  obsCovs = mallard.obs)

(ufm.mallard <- pcount(~ ivel + date + I(date^2) ~ length + elev + forest,
  mallardUMF, K = 30))

clusterEvalQ(clust, library(unmarked))
```
clusterExport(clust, "mallardUMF")

# 'stats4' is needed for AIC to work with unmarkedFit objects but is not
# loaded automatically with 'unmarked'.
require(stats4)
invisible(clusterCall(clust, "library", "stats4", character.only = TRUE))

#system.time(print(pdd1 <- pdredge(ufm.mallard,
# subset = \code{p(date)} \mid \neg \code{p(I(date^2))}, rank = AIC)))

system.time(print(pdd2 <- pdredge(ufm.mallard, clust,
subsets = \code{p(date)} \mid \neg \code{p(I(date^2))}, rank = AIC, extra = \"adjR^2\")))

# best models and null model
subset(pdd2, delta < 2 | df == min(df))

# Compare with the model selection table from unmarked
# the statistics should be identical:
models <- get.models(pdd2, delta < 2 | df == min(df), cluster = clust)
modSel(fitList(fits = structure(models, names = model.names(models,
labels = getAllTerms(ufm.mallard))), nullmod = \"(Null)\")

## End(Not run)
stopCluster(clust)

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**plot.model.selection**  
Visualize model selection table

### Description

Produces a graphical representation of model weights and relative variable importance.

### Usage

```r
## S3 method for class 'model.selection'
plot(x, ylab = NULL, xlab = NULL,
labels = attr(x, "terms"), labAsExpr = FALSE,
col = c("SlateGray", "SlateGray2"), col2 = "white", border = par("col"),
par.lab = NULL, par.vlab = NULL,
aves = TRUE, ann = TRUE, ...)
```

### Arguments

- `x` a "model.selection" object.
- `xlab`, `ylab` labels for the x and y axis.
- `labels` optional, a character vector or an expression containing model term labels (to appear on top side of the plot). Its length must be equal to number of model terms in the table. Defaults to model term names.
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labAsExpr a logical indicating whether the character labels should be interpreted (parsed) as R expressions.

col, col2 vector of colors for columns (if more than one col is given, columns will be filled with alternating colors). If col2 is specified cells will be filled with gradient from col to col2. Set col2 to NA for no gradient.

border border color for cells and axes.

par.lab, par.vlab optional lists or parameters for term labels (top axis) and model names (right axis), respectively.

axes, ann logical values indicating whether the axis and annotation should appear on the plot.

... further graphical parameters to be set for the plot (see par).

Author(s)

Kamil Bartoń

See Also

plot.default, par

For examples, see ‘MuMIn-package’

predict.averaging Predict method for averaged models

Description

Model-averaged predictions, optionally with standard errors.

Usage

## S3 method for class 'averaging'
predict(object, newdata = NULL, se.fit = FALSE, 
         interval = NULL, type = NA, backtransform = FALSE, full = TRUE, ...)

Arguments

object an object returned by model.avg.

newdata optional data.frame in which to look for variables with which to predict. If omitted, the fitted values are used.

se.fit logical, indicates if standard errors should be returned. This has any effect only if the predict methods for each of the component models support it.

interval currently not used.

type the type of predictions to return (see documentation for predict appropriate for the class of used component models). If omitted, the default type is used. See ‘Details’.
backtransform  if TRUE, the averaged predictions are back-transformed from link scale to response scale. This makes sense provided that all component models use the same family, and the prediction from each of the component models is calculated on the link scale (as specified by type. For glm, use type = "link"). See ‘Details’.

full  if TRUE, the full model averaged coefficients are used (only if se.fit = FALSE and the component objects are a result of lm).

...  arguments to be passed to respective predict method (e.g. level for lme model).

Details

predicting is possible only with averaging objects with "modellist" attribute, i.e. those created via model.avg from a model list, or from model.selection object with argument fit = TRUE (which will recreate the model objects, see model.avg).

If all the component models are ordinary linear models, the prediction can be made either with the full averaged coefficients (the argument full = TRUE this is the default) or subset-averaged coefficients. Otherwise the prediction is obtained by calling predict on each component model and weighted averaging the results, which corresponds to the assumption that all predictors are present in all models, but those not estimated are equal zero (see ‘Note’ in model.avg). Predictions from component models with standard errors are passed to par.avg and averaged in the same way as the coefficients are.

Predictions on the response scale from generalized models can be calculated by averaging predictions of each model on the link scale, followed by inverse transformation (this is achieved with type = "link" and backtransform = TRUE). This is only possible if all component models use the same family and link function. Alternatively, predictions from each model on response scale may be averaged (with type = "response" and backtransform = FALSE). Note that this leads to results differing from those calculated with the former method. See also predict.glm.

Value

If se.fit = FALSE, a vector of predictions, otherwise a list with components: fit containing the predictions, and se.fit with the estimated standard errors.

Note

This method relies on availability of the predict methods for the component model classes (except when all component models are of class lm).

The package MuMIn includes predict methods for lme, gls and lmer (lme4), all of which can calculate standard errors of the predictions (with se.fit = TRUE). The former two enhance the original predict methods from package nlme, and with se.fit = FALSE they return identical result. MuMIn’s versions are always used in averaged model predictions (so it is possible to predict with standard errors), but from within global environment they will be found only if MuMIn is before nlme on the search list (or directly extracted from namespace as MuMIn:::predict.lme).

predict method for mer models currently can only calculate values on the outermost level (equivalent to level = 0 in predict.lme).

Author(s)

Kamil Bartoń
See Also

`model.avg` and `par.avg` for details of model-averaged parameter calculation.

`predict.lme`, `predict.gls`

Examples

```r
# Example from Burnham and Anderson (2002), page 100:
fml <- lm(y ~ X1 + X2 + X3 + X4, data = Cement)
ms1 <- dredge(fml)
confset.95p <- get.models(ms1, subset = cumsum(weight) <= .95)
avgm <- model.avg(confset.95p)

nseq <- function(x, len = length(x)) seq(min(x, na.rm = TRUE),
    max(x, na.rm=TRUE), length = len)

# New predictors: X1 along the range of original data, other
# variables held constant at their means
newdata <- as.data.frame(lapply(lapply(Cement[, -1], mean), rep, 25))
newdata$X1 <- nseq(Cement$X1, nrow(newdata))

n <- length(confset.95p)

# Predictions from each of the models in a set, and with averaged coefficients
pred <- data.frame(
    model = sapply(confset.95p, predict, newdata = newdata),
    averaged.subset = predict(avgm, newdata, full = FALSE),
    averaged.full = predict(avgm, newdata, full = TRUE)
)

opal <- palette(c(topo.colors(n), "black", "red", "orange"))
matplot(newdata$X1, pred, type = "l",
    lwd = c(rep(2,n),3), lty = 1,
    xlab = "X1", ylab = "y", col=1:7)

# For comparison, prediction obtained by averaging predictions of the component
# models
pred.se <- predict(avgm, newdata, se.fit = TRUE)
y <- pred.se$fit
ci <- pred.se$se.fit * 2
matplot(newdata$X1, cbind(y, y - ci, y + ci), add = TRUE, type="l",
    lty = 2, col = n + 3, lwd = 3)

legend("topleft",
    legend=c(lapply(confset.95p, formula),
        paste(c("subset", "full"), "averaged"), "averaged predictions + CI"),
    lty = 1, lwd = c(rep(2,n),3), cex = .75, col=1:8)

palette(opal)
```
Description

Calculate a modification of Akaike’s Information Criterion for overdispersed count data (or its version corrected for small sample, “quasi-AICc”), for one or several fitted model objects.

Usage

QAIC(object, ..., chat, k = 2, REML = NULL)
QAICc(object, ..., chat, k = 2, REML = NULL)

Arguments

object a fitted model object.
... optionally, more fitted model objects.
chat \( \hat{c} \), the variance inflation factor.
k the ‘penalty’ per parameter.
REML optional logical value, passed to the logLik method indicating whether the restricted log-likelihood or log-likelihood should be used. The default is to use the method used for model estimation.

Value

If only one object is provided, returns a numeric value with the corresponding QAIC or QAICc; otherwise returns a data.frame with rows corresponding to the objects.

Note

\( \hat{c} \) is the dispersion parameter estimated from the global model, and can be calculated by dividing model’s deviance by the number of residual degrees of freedom.

In calculation of QAIC, the number of model parameters is increased by 1 to account for estimating the overdispersion parameter. Without overdispersion, \( \hat{c} = 1 \) and QAIC is equal to AIC.

Note that glm does not compute maximum-likelihood estimates in models within the quasi-family. In case it is justified, it can be worked around by ‘borrowing’ the aic element from the corresponding ‘non-quasi’ family (see ‘Example’).

Author(s)

Kamil Bartoń

See Also

AICc, quasi family used for models with over-dispersion
Examples

```r
options(na.action = "na.fail")

# Based on "example(predict.glm)", with one number changed to create
# overdispersion
budworm <- data.frame(
  ldose = rep(0:5, 2), sex = factor(rep(c("M", "F"), c(6, 6))),
  numdead = c(10, 4, 9, 12, 18, 20, 0, 2, 6, 10, 12, 16))
budworm$SF = cbind(numdead = budworm$numdead,
                    numalive = 20 - budworm$numdead)

budworm.lg <- glm(SF ~ sex*ldose, data = budworm, family = binomial)
(chat <- deviance(budworm.lg) / df.residual(budworm.lg))
dredge(budworm.lg, rank = "QAIC", chat = chat)
dredge(budworm.lg, rank = "AIC")

## Not run:
# A 'hacked' constructor for quasibinomial family object that allows for
# ML estimation
hacked.quasibinomial <- function(...) {
  res <- quasibinomial(...)
  res$aic <- binomial(...)$aic
  res
}
QAIC(update(budworm.lg, family = hacked.quasibinomial), chat = chat)

## End(Not run)
```

QIC

**QIC and quasi-Likelihood for GEE**

Description

Calculate quasi-likelihood under the independence model criterion (QIC) for Generalized Estimating Equations.

Usage

```r
QIC(object, ..., typeR = FALSE)
QICu(object, ..., typeR = FALSE)
quasiLik(object, ...)
```

Arguments

- **object**
  - a fitted model object of class "gee", "geepack", "geem" or "yags".
- **...**
  - for QIC and QICu, optionally more fitted model objects.
- **typeR**
  - logical, whether to calculate QIC(R). QIC(R) is based on quasi-likelihood of a working correlation \( R \) model. Defaults to FALSE, and QIC(I) based on independence model is returned.
Value

If just one object is provided, returns a numeric value with the corresponding QIC; if more than one object are provided, returns a data.frame with rows corresponding to the objects and one column representing QIC or QICu.

Note

This implementation is based partly on (revised) code from packages yags (R-Forge) and ape.

Author(s)

Kamil Bartoń

References


See Also

Methods exist for gee (package gee), geeglm (geepack), geem (geeM), and yags (yags on R-Forge). yags and compar.gee from package ape both provide QIC values.

Examples

data(ohio)
fm1 <- geeglm(resp ~ age * smoke, id = id, data = ohio, family = binomial, corstr = "exchangeable", scale.fix = TRUE)
m2 <- update(fm1, corstr = "ar1")
m3 <- update(fm1, corstr = "unstructured")
model.sel(fm1, m2, m3, rank = QIC)

## Not run:
# same result:
dredge(fm1, m.lim = c(3, NA), rank = QIC, varying = list(
corstr = list("exchangeable", "unstructured", "ar1")
))

## End(Not run)
r.squaredGLMM

Description

Calculate conditional and marginal coefficient of determination for Generalized mixed-effect models ($R^2_{GLMM}$).

Usage

r.squaredGLMM(x)

Arguments

x a fitted linear model object.

Details

For mixed-effects models, $R^2$ can be categorized into two types. Marginal $R^2_{GLMM}$ represents the variance explained by fixed factors, and is defined as:

Conditional $R^2_{GLMM}$ is interpreted as variance explained by both fixed and random factors (i.e. the entire model), and is calculated according to the equation:

$$R^2_{GLMM(c)} = \frac{\sigma_f^2 + \sum_{l=1}^u \sigma_l^2}{\sigma_f^2 + \sum_{l=1}^u \sigma_l^2 + \sigma_e^2 + \sigma_d^2}$$

where $\sigma_f^2$ is the variance of the fixed effect components, and $\sum \sigma_l^2$ is the sum of all $u$ variance components (group, individual, etc.), $\sigma_e^2$ is the variance due to additive dispersion and $\sigma_d^2$ is the distribution-specific variance.

Value

r.squaredGLMM returns a numeric vector with two values for marginal and conditional $R^2_{GLMM}$.

Note

$R^2_{GLMM}$ can be calculated also for fixed-effect models. In the simpliest case of OLS it reduces to $\text{var(fitted)} / (\text{var(fitted)} + \text{deviance} / 2)$. Unlike likelihood-ratio based $R^2$ for OLS, value of this statistic differs from that of the classical $R^2$.

Currently methods exist for classes: mer(Mod), lme, glmmML and (g)lm.

See note in r.squaredLR help page for comment on using $R^2$ in model selection.

Author(s)

This implementation is based on R code from ‘Supporting Information’ for Nakagawa & Schielzeth (2012), and its extension by Paul Johnson.
References


See Also

`summary.lm, r.squaredLR`

Examples

data(Orthodont, package = "nlme")

fm1 <- lme(distance ~ Sex * age, ~ 1 | Subject, data = Orthodont)

r.squaredGLMM(fm1)

r.squaredLR(fm1)

r.squaredLR(fm1, null.RE = TRUE)

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**r.squaredLR**

Likelihood-ratio based pseudo-$R$-squared

Description

Calculate a coefficient of determination based on the likelihood-ratio test ($R^2_{LR}$).

Usage

```r
r.squaredLR(x, null = NULL, null.RE = FALSE)
null.fit(x, evaluate = FALSE, RE.keep = FALSE, envir = NULL)
```

Arguments

- `x` a fitted model object.
- `null` a fitted null model. If not provided, null.fit will be used to construct it. null.fit’s capabilities are limited to only a few model classes, for others the null model has to be specified manually.
- `null.RE` logical, should the null model contain random factors? Only used if no null model is given, otherwise omitted, with a warning.
- `evaluate` if TRUE evaluate the fitted model object else return the call.
- `RE.keep` if TRUE, the random effects of the original model are included.
- `envir` the environment in which the null model is to be evaluated, defaults to the environment of the original model’s formula.
Details

This statistic is one of the several proposed pseudo-$R^2$'s for nonlinear regression models. It is based on an improvement from null (intercept only) model to the fitted model, and calculated as

$$R^2_{LR} = 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{2}{n}(\log \mathcal{L}(x) - \log \mathcal{L}(0))\right)$$

where $\log \mathcal{L}(x)$ and $\log \mathcal{L}(0)$ are the log-likelihoods of the fitted and the null model respectively. ML estimates are used if models have been fitted by REstricted ML (by calling logLik with argument REML = FALSE). Note that the null model can include the random factors of the original model, in which case the statistic represents the ‘variance explained’ by fixed effects.

For OLS models the value is consistent with classical $R^2$. In some cases (e.g. in logistic regression), the maximum $R^2_{LR}$ is less than one. The modification proposed by Nagelkerke (1991) adjusts the $R^2_{LR}$ to achieve 1 at its maximum: $\bar{R}^2 = \frac{R^2_{LR}}{\max(R^2_{LR})}$ where $\max(R^2_{LR}) = 1 - \exp\left(\frac{2}{n} \log \mathcal{L}(0)\right)$.

null.fit tries to guess the null model call, given the provided fitted model object. This would be usually a glm. The function will give an error for an unrecognized class.

Value

r.squaredLR returns a value of $R^2_{LR}$, and the attribute "adj.r.squared" gives the Nagelkerke’s modified statistic. Note that this is not the same as nor equivalent to the classical ‘adjusted R squared’.

null.fit returns the fitted null model object (if evaluate = TRUE) or an unevaluated call to fit a null model.

Note

$R^2$ is a useful goodness-of-fit measure as it has the interpretation of the proportion of the variance ‘explained’, but it performs poorly in model selection, and is not suitable for use in the same way as the information criterions.

References


See Also

summary.lm, r.squaredGLMM
stackingWeights  

**Stacking model weights**

**Description**

Computes model weights based on a cross-validation-like procedure.

**Usage**

\[ \text{stackingWeights}(\text{object, ..., data, } R, p = 0.5) \]

**Arguments**

- `object, ...`: two or more fitted `glm` objects, or a list of such, or an "averaging" object.
- `data`: a data frame containing the variables in the model, used for fitting and prediction.
- `R`: the number of replicates.
- `p`: the proportion of the data to be used as training set. Defaults to 0.5.

**Details**

Each model in a set is fitted to the training data: a subset of \( p \times N \) observations in `data`. From these models a prediction is produced on the remaining part of `data` (the test or hold-out data). These hold-out predictions are fitted to the hold-out observations, by optimising the weights by which the models are combined. This process is repeated \( R \) times, yielding a distribution of weights for each model (which Smyth & Wolpert (1998) referred to as an 'empirical Bayesian estimate of posterior model probability'). A mean or median of model weights for each model is taken and re-scaled to sum to one.

**Value**

`stackingWeights` returns a matrix with two rows, holding model weights calculated using mean and median.

**Note**

This approach requires a sample size of at least \( 2 \times \) the number of models.

**Author(s)**

Carsten Dormann, Kamil Bartoń

**References**


See Also
Weights, model.avg
Other model.weights: BGWeights, bootWeights, cos2Weights, jackknifeWeights

Examples

# global model fitted to training data:
fm <- glm(y ~ X1 + X2 + X3 + X4, data = Cement, na.action = na.fail)
# generate a list of *some* subsets of the global model
models <- lapply(dredge(fm, evaluate = FALSE, fixed = "X1", m.lim = c(1, 3)), eval)

wts <- stackingWeights(models, data = Cement, R = 10)

ma <- model.avg(models)
Weights(ma) <- wts["mean", ]
predict(ma)

---

### std.coef

**Standardized model coefficients**

#### Description

Standardize model coefficients by Standard Deviation or Partial Standard Deviation.

#### Usage

`std.coef(x, partial.sd, ...)`

- `x, model`: a fitted model object.
- `partial.sd`: logical, if set to TRUE, model coefficients are multiplied by partial SD, otherwise they are multiplied by the ratio of the standard deviations of the independent variable and dependent variable.
- `...`: additional arguments passed to `coefTable`, e.g. dispersion.

#### Arguments

- `x, model` - a fitted model object.
- `partial.sd` - logical, if set to TRUE, model coefficients are multiplied by partial SD, otherwise they are multiplied by the ratio of the standard deviations of the independent variable and dependent variable.
- `...` - additional arguments passed to `coefTable`, e.g. dispersion.

#### Details

Standardizing model coefficients has the same effect as centring and scaling the input variables. “Classical” standardized coefficients are calculated as

\[ \hat{\beta}_i = \beta_i \frac{s_X}{s_y} \]

where \( \hat{\beta}_i \) is the unstandardized coefficient, \( s_X \) is the standard deviation of associated dependent variable \( X_i \) and \( s_y \) is SD of the response variable.
If the variables are intercorrelated, the standard deviation of \( X_i \) used in computing the standardized coefficients \( \beta_i^* \) should be replaced by a partial standard deviation of \( X_i \) which is adjusted for the multiple correlation of \( X_i \) with the other \( X \) variables included in the regression equation. The partial standard deviation is calculated as 
\[
 s_{X_i}^* = s_{X_i} \frac{VIF(X_i)^{-0.5}(n-1)}{(n-p)^{0.5}},
\]
where \( VIF \) is the variance inflation factor, \( n \) is the number of observations and \( p \) number of predictors in the model. Coefficient is then transformed as 
\[
 \beta_i^* = \beta_i s_{X_i}^*.
\]

**Value**

A matrix with at least two columns for standardized coefficient estimate and its standard error. Optionally, third column holds degrees of freedom associated with the coefficients.

**Author(s)**

Kamil Bartoń. Variance inflation factors calculation is based on function `vif` from package `car` written by Henric Nilsson and John Fox.

**References**


**See Also**

`partial.sd` can be used with `stdize`, `coef` or `coeffs` and `coefTable` for unstandardized coefficients.

**Examples**

```r
# Fit model to original data:
fm <- lm(y ~ x1 + x2 + x3 + x4, data = GPA)

# Partial SD for the default formula: y ~ x1 + x2 + x3 + x4
psd <- partial.sd(lm(data = GPA))[,-1] # remove first element for intercept

# Standardize data:
zGPA <- stdize(GPA, scale = c(NA, psd), center = TRUE)
# Note: first element of 'scale' is set to NA to ignore the first column 'y'

# Coefficients of a model fitted to standardized data:
zapsmall(coefTable(stdizeFit(fm, data = zGPA)))
# Standardized coefficients of a model fitted to original data:
zapsmall(std.coef(fm, partial = TRUE))

# Standardizing nonlinear models:
fam <- Gamma("inverse")
fmg <- glm(log(y) ~ x1 + x2 + x3 + x4, data = GPA, family = fam)

psdg <- partial.sd(fmg)
zGPA <- stdize(GPA, scale = c(NA, psdg[-1]), center = FALSE)
fmgz <- glm(log(y) ~ z.x1 + z.x2 + z.x3 + z.x4, zGPA, family = fam)
```

stdize


# Coefficients using standardized data:
coef(fmgz) # (intercept is unchanged because the variables haven't been
# centred)
# Standardized coefficients:
coef(fmg) * psdg

stdize

Standardize data

Description

stdize standardizes variables by centring and scaling.
stdizeFit modifies a model call or existing model to use standardized variables.

Usage

## Default S3 method:
stdize(x, center = TRUE, scale = TRUE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'logical'
stdize(x, binary = c("center", "scale", "binary", "half", "omit"),
   center = TRUE, scale = FALSE, ...)

## also for two-level factors

## S3 method for class 'data.frame'
stdize(x, binary = c("center", "scale", "binary", "half", "omit"),
   center = TRUE, scale = TRUE, omit.cols = NULL, source = NULL,
   prefix = TRUE, append = FALSE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'formula'
stdize(x, data = NULL, response = FALSE,
   binary = c("center", "scale", "binary", "half", "omit"),
   center = TRUE, scale = TRUE, omit.cols = NULL, prefix = TRUE,
   append = FALSE, ...)

stdizeFit(object, data, which = c("formula", "subset", "offset", "weights"),
   evaluate = TRUE, quote = NA)

Arguments

x

a numeric or logical vector, factor, numeric matrix, data.frame or a formula.

center, scale

either a logical value, or a logical or numeric vector of length equal to the number
of columns of x (see 'Details'). scale can be also a function to use for scaling.

binary

specifies how binary variables (logical or two-level factors) are scaled. Default
is to "center" by subtracting the mean assuming levels are equal to 0 and 1;
use "scale" to both centre and scale by SD, "binary" to centre to 0/1, "half"
to centre to -0.5 / 0.5, and "omit" to leave binary variables unmodified. This
argument has precedence over center and scale, unless it is set to NA (in which
case binary variables are treated like numeric variables).
source

a reference data.frame, being a result of previous stdize, from which scale and center values are taken. Column names are matched. This can be used for scaling new data using statistics of another data.

omit.cols
column names or numeric indices of columns that should be left unaltered.

prefix
either a logical value specifying whether the names of transformed columns should be prefixed, or a two-element character vector giving the prefixes. The prefixes default to “z.” for scaled and “c.” for centred variables.

append
logical, if TRUE, modified columns are appended to the original data frame.

response
logical, stating whether the response be standardized. By default only variables on the right-hand side of formula are standardized.

data
an object coercible to data.frame, containing the variables in formula. Passed to, and used by model.frame.

For stdizeFit, a stdized data.frame to use.

... for the formula method, additional arguments passed to model.frame. For other methods it is silently ignored.

object
a fitted model object or an expression being a call to the modelling function.

which
a character string naming arguments which should be modified. This should be all arguments which are evaluated in the data environment. Can be also TRUE to modify the expression as a whole. The data argument is additionally replaced with that passed to stdizeFit.

evaluate
if TRUE, the modified call is evaluated and the fitted model object is returned.

quote
if TRUE, avoids evaluating object. Equivalent to stdizeFit(quote(expr), ...). Defaults to NA in which case object being a call to non-primitive function is quoted.

Details

stdize resembles scale, but uses special rules for factors, similarly to standardize in package arm.

stdize differs from standardize in that it is used on data rather than on the fitted model object. The scaled data should afterwards be passed to the modelling function, instead of the original data. Unlike standardize, it applies special ‘binary’ scaling only to two-level factors and logical variables, rather than to any variable with two unique values.

Variables of only one unique value are unchanged.

By default, stdize scales by dividing by standard deviation rather than twice the SD as standardize does. Scaling by SD is used also on uncentred values, which is different from scale where root-mean-square is used.

If center or scale are logical scalars or vectors of length equal to the number of columns of x, the centring is done by subtracting the mean (if center corresponding to the column is TRUE), and scaling is done by dividing the (centred) value by standard deviation (if corresponding scale is TRUE). If center or scale are numeric vectors with length equal to the number of columns of x (or numeric scalars for vector methods), then these are used instead. Any NAs in the numeric vector result in no centering or scaling on the corresponding column.

Note that scale = 0 is equivalent to no scaling (i.e. scale = 1).

Binary variables, logical or factors with two levels, are converted to numeric variables and transformed according to the argument binary, unless center or scale are explicitly given.
**stdize**

**Value**

stdize returns a vector or object of the same dimensions as x, where the values are centred and/or scaled. Transformation is carried out column-wise in data.frames and matrices.

The returned value is compatible with that of scale in that the numeric centring and scalings used are stored in attributes attributes "scaled:center" and "scaled:scale" (these can be NA if no centring or scaling has been done).

stdizeFit returns a modified, unevaluated call where the variable names are replaced to point the transformed variables, or if evaluate is TRUE, a fitted model object.

**Author(s)**

Kamil Bartoń

**References**


**See Also**

Compare with scale and standardize or rescale (the latter two in package arm).

For typical standardizing, model coefficients transformation may be easier, see std.coef.

apply and sweep for arbitrary transformations of columns in a data.frame.

**Examples**

# compare "stdize" and "scale"

nmat <- matrix(rnif(15, 0, 10), ncol = 3)

stdize(nmat)

scale(nmat)

rootmeansq <- function(v) {
  v <- v[!is.na(v)]
  sqrt(sum(v^2) / max(1, length(v) - 1L))
}

scale(nmat, center = FALSE)

stdize(nmat, center = FALSE, scale = rootmeansq)

if(require(lme4)) {
  # define scale function as twice the SD to reproduce "arm::standardize"
  twosd <- function(v) 2 * sd(v, na.rm = TRUE)

  # standardize data (scaled variables are prefixed with "z.")
  z.CO2 <- stdize(uptake ~ conc + Plant, data = CO2, omit = "Plant", scale = twosd)
  summary(z.CO2)

  fmz <- stdizeFit(lmer(uptake ~ conc + I(conc^2) + (1 | Plant)), data = z.CO2)
  # produces:
  # lmer(uptake ~ z.conc + I(z.conc^2) + (1 | Plant), data = z.CO2)
## standardize using scale and center from "z.CO2", keeping the original data:

```r
z.CO2a <- stdize(CO2, source = z.CO2, append = TRUE)
```

# Here, the "subset" expression uses untransformed variable, so we modify only # "formula" argument, keeping "subset" as-is. For that reason we needed the # untransformed variables in "data".

```r
stdizeFit(lmer(uptake ~ conc + I(conc^2) + (1 | Plant),
              subset = conc > 100),
              data = z.CO2a, which = "formula", evaluate = FALSE)
```

# create new data as a sequence along "conc"
```r
newdata <- data.frame(conc = seq(min(CO2$conc), max(CO2$conc), length = 10))
```

# scale new data using scale and center of the original scaled data:
```r
z.newdata <- stdize(newdata, source = z.CO2)
```

# plot predictions against "conc" on real scale:
```r
plot(newdata$conc, predict(fmz, z.newdata, re.form = NA))
```

# compare with "arm::standardize"

```r
## Not run:
library(arm)
fms <- standardize(lmer(uptake ~ conc + I(conc^2) + (1 | Plant), data = CO2))
plot(newdata$conc, predict(fms, z.newdata, re.form = NA))
## End(Not run)
```

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### subset.model.selection

**Subsetting model selection table**

#### Description

Extract subset of a model selection table.

#### Usage

```r
## S3 method for class 'model.selection'
subset(x, subset, select, recalc.weights = TRUE, recalc.delta = FALSE, ...)
```

```r
## S3 method for class 'model.selection'
x[i, j, recalc.weights = TRUE, recalc.delta = FALSE, ...]
```

```r
## S3 method for class 'model.selection'
x[... , exact = TRUE]
```

#### Arguments

- **x**
  - a model.selection object to be subsetted.
- **subset, select**
  - logical expressions indicating columns and rows to keep. See subset.
indices specifying elements to extract.

recalc.weights logical value specifying whether Akaike weights should be normalized across
the new set of models to sum to one.

recalc.delta logical value specifying whether $\Delta I_C$ should be calculated for the new set of
models (not done by default).

exact logical, see [.]

... further arguments passed to [.data.frame (drop).

Details

Unlike the method for data.frame, single bracket extraction with only one index x[i] selects rows
(models) rather than columns.

To select rows according to presence or absence of the variables (rather than their value), a pseudo-
function has may be used with subset, e.g. subset(x, has(a, !b)) will select rows with a and
without b (this is equivalent to !is.na(a) & is.na(b)). has can take any number of arguments.

Complex model terms need to be enclosed within curly brackets (e.g {s(a,k=2)}), except for
within has. Backticks-quoting is also possible, but then the name must match exactly (including
whitespace) the term name as returned by getAllTerms.

Enclosing in I prevents a name from being interpreted as column name.

To select rows where one variable can be present conditional on the presence of other variable(s),
the function dc (dependency chain) can be used. dc takes any number of variables as arguments,
and allows a variable to be included only if all the preceding arguments are also included (e.g.
subset = dc(a, b, c) allows for models of form a, a+b and a+b+c but not b, c, b+c or a+c).

Value

A model.selection object containing only the selected models (rows). If columns are selected
(via argument select or the second index x[, j]) and not all essential columns (i.e. all except
"varying" and "extra") are present in the result, a plain data.frame is returned. Similarly, modifying
values in the essential columns with [<-, [[<- or $<- produces a regular data frame.

Author(s)

Kamil Bartoń

See Also

dredge, subset and [.data.frame for subsetting and extracting from data.frames.

Examples

```
fm1 <- lm(formula = y ~ X1 + X2 + X3 + X4, data = Cement, na.action = na.fail)

# generate models where each variable is included only if the previous
# are included too, e.g. X2 only if X1 is there, and X3 only if X2 and X1
dredge(fm1, subset = dc(X1, X2, X3, X4))

# which is equivalent to
# dredge(fm1, subset = (!X2 | X1) & (!X3 | X2) & (!X4 | X3))

# alternatively, generate "all possible" combinations
ms0 <- dredge(fm1)
```

# ...and afterwards select the subset of models
subset(ms0, dc(X1, X2, X3, X4))
# which is equivalent to
# subset(ms0, (has(!X2) | has(X1)) & (has(!X3) | has(X2)) & (has(!X4) | has(X3)))

# Different ways of finding a confidence set of models:
# delta(AIC) cutoff
subset(ms0, delta <= 4, recalc.weights = FALSE)
# cumulative sum of Akaike weights
subset(ms0, cumsum(weight) <= .95, recalc.weights = FALSE)
# relative likelihood
subset(ms0, (weight / weight[1]) > (1/8), recalc.weights = FALSE)

updateable

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updateable  

Make a function return updateable result

**Description**

Creates a function wrapper that stores a call in the object returned by its argument `FUN`.

**Usage**

```r
updateable(FUN, eval.args = NULL, Class)
get_call(x)
```

**Arguments**

- `FUN`: function to be modified, found via `match.fun`.
- `eval.args`: optionally a character vector of function arguments’ names to be evaluated in the stored call. See ‘Details’.
- `Class`: optional character vector naming class(es) to be set onto the result of `FUN` (not possible with formal S4 objects).
- `x`: an object from which the call should be extracted.
- `formula`, `random`, `...`: arguments to be passed to `gam` or `gamm4`.
- `lme4`: if `TRUE`, `gamm4` is called, `gamm` otherwise.

**Details**

Most model fitting functions in R return an object that can be updated or re-fitted via `update`. This is thanks to the call stored in the object, which can be used (possibly modified) later on. It is also utilised by `dredge` to generate sub-models. Some functions (such as `gam` or `MCMCglmm`) do not provide their result with the call element. To work that around, `updateable` can be used on that function to store the call. The resulting “wrapper” should be used in exactly the same way as the original function.

Argument `eval.args` specifies names of function arguments that should be evaluated in the stored call. This is useful when, for example, the model object does not have `formula` element. The
default formula method tries to retrieve formula from the stored call, which works unless the formula has been given as a variable and value of that variable changed since the model was fitted (the last 'example' demonstrates this).

**Value**

updateable returns a function with the same arguments as FUN, wrapping a call to FUN and adding an element named call to its result if possible, otherwise an attribute "call" (if the returned value is atomic or a formal S4 object).

**Note**

get_call is similar to getCall (defined in package stats), but it can also extract the call when it is an attribute (and not an element of the object). Because the default getCall method cannot do that, the default update method will not work with atomic or S4 objects resulting from updateable wrappers.

uGamm sets also an appropriate class onto the result ("gamm4" and/or "gamm"), which is needed for some generics defined in MuMIn to work (note that unlike the functions created by updateable it has no formal arguments of the original function). As of version 1.9.2, MuMIn::gamm is no longer available.

**Author(s)**

Kamil Bartoń

**See Also**

update, getCall, getElement, attributes
gamm, gamm4

**Examples**

```
# Simple example with cor.test:
# From example(cor.test)
x <- c(44.4, 45.9, 41.9, 53.3, 44.7, 44.1, 50.7, 45.2, 60.1)
y <- c( 2.6,  3.1,  2.5,  5.0,  3.6,  4.0,  5.2,  2.8,  3.8)
ct1 <- cor.test(x, y, method = "kendall", alternative = "greater")

uCor.test <- updateable(cor.test)

ct2 <- uCor.test(x, y, method = "kendall", alternative = "greater")

call <- getCall(ct1) # --> NULL
call <- getCall(ct2)

#update(ct1, method = "pearson") --> Error
update(ct2, method = "pearson")
update(ct2, alternative = "two.sided")

## predefined wrapper for 'gamm':
```
Weights

Akaike weights

Description

Calculate, extract or set normalized model likelihoods ('Akaike weights').
Weights

Usage

Weights(x)
Weights(x) <- value

Arguments

x          a numeric vector of information criterion values such as AIC, or objects returned by functions like AIC. There are also methods for extracting 'Akaike weights' from "model.selection" or "averaging" objects.
value      numeric, the new weights for the "averaging" object or NULL to reset the weights based on the original IC used.

Details

The replacement function can assign new weights to an "averaging" object, affecting coefficient values and order of component models.

Value

For the extractor, a numeric vector of normalized likelihoods.

Note

On assigning new weights, the model order changes accordingly, so assigning the same weights again will cause incorrect re-calculation of averaged coefficients. To avoid that, either re-set model weights by assigning NULL, or use ordered weights.

Author(s)

Kamil Bartoń

See Also

importance, weighted.mean
armWeights, bootWeights, BGWeights, cos2Weights, jackknifeWeights and stackingWeights can be used to produce model weights.
weights, which extracts fitting weights from model objects.

Examples

fm1 <- glm(Prop ~ dose, data = Beetle, family = binomial)
fm2 <- update(fm1, . ~ . + I(dose^2))
fm3 <- update(fm1, . ~ log(dose))
fm4 <- update(fm3, . ~ . + I(log(dose)^2))

round(Weights(AICc(fm1, fm2, fm3, fm4)), 3)

am <- model.avg(fm1, fm2, fm3, fm4, rank = AICc)
coef(am)

# Assign equal weights to all models:
Weights(am) <- rep(1, 4) # assigned weights are rescaled to sum to 1
Weights(am)
coef(am)

# Assign dummy weights:
wts <- c(2,1,4,3)
Weights(am) <- wts
coef(am)
# Component models are now sorted according to the new weights.
# The same weights assigned again produce incorrect results!
Weights(am) <- wts
coef(am) # wrong!
#
Weights(am) <- NULL # reset to original model weights
Weights(am) <- wts
coef(am) # correct
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