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mlearning: machine learning algorithms with a common UI and confusion matrices

Description

This package provides wrappers around several existing machine learning algorithms in R, under a unified user interface. Confusion matrices can also be calculated and viewed as tables or plots.

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mlearning, confusion

confusion  

Construct and analyze confusion matrices

Description

Confusion matrices compare two classifications (usually one done automatically using a machine learning algorithm versus the true classification represented by a manual classification by a specialist... but one can also compare two automatic or two manual classifications against each other).
Usage

confusion(x, ...)  
## Default S3 method:  
confusion(x, y = NULL, vars = c("Actual", "Predicted"),  
  labels = vars, merge.by = "Id", useNA = "ifany", prior, ...)  
## S3 method for class 'mlearning'  
confusion(x, y = response(x),  
  labels = c("Actual", "Predicted"), useNA = "ifany", prior, ...)  
## S3 method for class 'confusion'  
print(x, sums = TRUE, error.col = sums, digits = 0,  
  sort = "ward", ...)  
## S3 method for class 'confusion'  
summary(object, type = "all", sort.by = "Fscore",  
  decreasing = TRUE, ...)  
## S3 method for class 'summary.confusion'  
print(x, ...)  
## S3 method for class 'confusion'  
plot(x, y = NULL, type = c("image", "barplot", "stars",  
  "dendrogram"), stat1 = "Recall", stat2 = "Precision", names, ...)  
confusionImage(x, y = NULL, labels = names(dimnames(x)), sort = "ward",  
  numbers = TRUE, digits = 0, mar = c(3.1, 10.1, 3.1, 3.1), cex = 1, asp = 1,  
  colfun, ncols = 41, col0 = FALSE, grid.col = "gray", ...)  
confusionBarplot(x, y = NULL, col = c("PeachPuff2", "green3", "lemonChiffon2"),  
  mar = c(1.1, 8.1, 4.1, 2.1), cex = 1, cex.axis = cex, cex.legend = cex,  
  main = "F-score (precision versus recall)", numbers = TRUE, min.width = 17,  
  ...)  
confusionStars(x, y = NULL, stat1 = "Recall", stat2 = "Precision", names, main,  
  col = c("green2", "blue2", "green4", "blue4"), ...)  
confusionDendrogram(x, y = NULL, labels = rownames(x), sort = "ward",  
  main = "Groups clustering", ...)  

prior(object, ...)  
## S3 method for class 'confusion'  
prior(object, ...)  
prior(object, ...) <= value  
## S3 replacement method for class 'confusion'  
prior(object, ...) <= value

Arguments

x  
an object.  
y  
a another object, from which to extract the second classification, or NULL if not used.  
vars  
the variables of interest in the first and second classification in the case the objects are lists or data frames. Otherwise, this argument is ignored and x and y must be factors with same length and same levels.
confusion

labels labels to use for the two classifications. By default, it is the same as vars or the one in the confusion matrix.

merge.by a character string with the name of variables to use to merge the two data frames, or NULL.

useNA do we keep NAs as a separate category? The default "if any" creates this category only if there are missing values. Other possibilities are "no", or "always".

prior class frequencies to use for first classifier that is tabulated in the rows of the confusion matrix. For its value, see here under, the value argument.

sums is the confusion matrix printed with rows and columns sums?

error.col is a column with class error for first classifier added (equivalent to false negative rate of FNR)?

digits the number of digits after the decimal point to print in the confusion matrix. The default or zero leads to most compact presentation and is suitable for frequencies, but not for relative frequencies.

sort are rows and columns of the confusion matrix sorted so that classes with larger confusion are closer together? Sorting is done using a hierarchical clustering with hclust(). The clustering method is provided is the one provides ("ward", by default, but see the hclust() help for other options). If FALSE or NULL, no sorting is done.

object a 'confusion' object.

sort.by the statistics to use to sort the table (by default, Fmeasure, the F1 score for each class = 2 * recall * precision / (recall + precision)).

decreasing do we sort in increasing or decreasing order?

type the type of graph to plot (only "stars" if two confusion matrices are to be compared).

stat1 first statistic to compare in the stars plot.

stat2 second statistic to compare in the stars plot.

... further arguments passed to the function. In particular for plot(), it can be all arguments for the corresponding plot.

numbers are actual numbers indicated in the confusion matrix image?

mar graph margins.

cex text magnification factor.

cex.axis idem for axes. If NULL, the axis is not drawn.

cex.legend idem for legend text. If NULL, no legend is added.

asp graph aspect ratio. There is little reasons to change the default value of 1.

col color(s) to use for the graph.

colfun a function that calculates a series of colors, like e.g., cm.colors() and that accepts one argument being the number of colors to be generated.

ncols the number of colors to generate. It should preferably be 2 * number of levels + 1, where levels is the number of frequencies you want to evidence in the plot. Default to 41.
confusion

col0 should null values be colored or not (no, by default)?
grid.col color to use for grid lines, or NULL for not drawing grid lines.
names names of the two classifiers to compare.
main main title of the graph.
min.width minimum bar width required to add numbers.
value a single positive numeric to set all class frequencies to this value (use 1 for relative frequencies and 100 for relative freqs in percent), or a vector of positive numbers of the same length as the levels in the object. If the vector is named, names must match levels. Alternatively, providing NULL or an object of null length resets row class frequencies into their initial values.

Value

A confusion matrix in a 'confusion' object. prior() returns the current class frequencies associated with first classification tabulated, i.e., for rows in the confusion matrix.

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See Also

mlearning, hclust, cm.colors

Examples

data("Glass", package = "mlbench")
## Use a little bit more informative labels for Type
Glass$Type <- as.factor(paste("Glass", Glass$Type))

## Use learning vector quantization to classify the glass types
## (using default parameters)
summary(glassLvq <- mLLvq(Type ~ ., data = Glass))

## Calculate cross-validated confusion matrix and plot it in different ways
(glassConf <- confusion(cvpredict(glassLvq), Glass$Type))
## Raw confusion matrix: no sort and no margins
print(glassConf, sums = FALSE, sort = FALSE)
## Graphs
plot(glassConf) # Image by default
plot(glassConf, sort = FALSE) # No sorting
plot(glassConf, type = "barplot")
plot(glassConf, type = "stars")
plot(glassConf, type = "dendrogram")

summary(glassConf)
summary(glassConf, type = "Fscore")

## Build another classifier and make a comparison
summary(glassNaiveBayes <- mlnaiveBayes(Type ~ ., data = Glass))
(glassConf2 <- confusion(cvpredict(glassNaiveBayes), Glass$Type))

## Comparison plot for two classifiers
plot(glassConf, glassConf2)

## When the probabilities in each class do not match the proportions in the
## training set, all these calculations are useless. Having an idea of
## the real proportions (so-called, priors), one should first reweight the
## confusion matrix before calculating statistics, for instance:
prior1 <- c(10, 10, 10, 100, 100, 100) # Glass types 1-3 are rare
prior(glassConf) <- prior1
glassConf
summary(glassConf, type = c("Fscore", "Recall", "Precision"))
plot(glassConf)

## This is very different than if glass types 1-3 are abundants!
prior2 <- c(100, 100, 100, 10, 10, 10) # Glass types 1-3 are abundants
prior(glassConf) <- prior2
glassConf
summary(glassConf, type = c("Fscore", "Recall", "Precision"))
plot(glassConf)

## Weight can also be used to construct a matrix of relative frequencies
## In this case, all rows sum to one
prior(glassConf) <- 1
print(glassConf, digits = 2)
## However, it is easier to work with relative frequencies in percent
## and one gets a more compact presentation
prior(glassConf) <- 100
glassConf

## To reset row class frequencies to original proportions, just assign NULL
prior(glassConf) <- NULL
glassConf
prior(glassConf)

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mlearning

Alternate interface to various machine learning algorithms

Description

In order to provide a unified (formula-based) interface to various machine learning algorithms, these
function wrap a common UI around a couple of existing code.

Usage

mlearning(formula, data, method, model.args, call = match.call(), ...,
  subset, na.action = na.fail)
## S3 method for class 'mlearning'
print(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'mlearning'
summary(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'summary.mlearning'
print(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'mlearning'
plot(x, y, ...)
## S3 method for class 'mlearning'
predict(object, newdata, type = c("class", "membership", "both"),
  method = c("direct", "cv"), na.action = na.exclude, ...)

cvpredict(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'mlearning'
cvpredict(object, type = c("class", "membership", "both"),
  cv.k = 10, cv.strat = TRUE, ...)

mlLda(...)
## Default S3 method:
mlLda(train, response, ...)
## S3 method for class 'formula'
mlLda(formula, data, ..., subset, na.action)
## S3 method for class 'mlLda'
predict(object, newdata, type = c("class", "membership", "both",
  "projection"), prior = object$prior, dimension,
  method = c("plug-in", "predictive", "debiased", "cv"), ...)

mlQda(...)
## Default S3 method:
mlQda(train, response, ...)
## S3 method for class 'formula'
mlQda(formula, data, ..., subset, na.action)
## S3 method for class 'mlQda'
predict(object, newdata, type = c("class", "membership", "both"),
  prior = object$prior, method = c("plug-in", "predictive", "debiased",
  "looCV", "cv"), ...)

mlRforest(...)
## Default S3 method:
mlRforest(train, response, ntree = 500, mtry, replace = TRUE, classwt = NULL, ...)
## S3 method for class 'formula'
mlRforest(formula, data, ntree = 500, mtry, replace = TRUE, classwt = NULL, ..., subet, na.action)
## S3 method for class 'mlRforest'
predict(object, newdata, type = c("class", "membership", "both",
  "vote"), method = c("direct", "oob", "cv"), ...)

mlNnet(...)
## Default S3 method:
mlNnet(train, response, size = NULL, rang = NULL, decay = 0, maxit = 1000, ...)
Arguments

formula a formula with left term being the factor variable to predict (for supervised classification), a vector of numbers (for regression) or nothing (for unsupervised classification) and the right term with the list of independent, predictive variables, separated with a plus sign. If the data frame provided contains only the dependent and independent variables, one can use the class ~ . short version
Variables with minus sign are eliminated and calculations on variables are possible according to usual formula convention (possibly protected by \( I() \)).

**data**

A data.frame to use as a training set.

**method**

A machine learning method to use. For `predict()`, it is the prediction method. According to `predict.lda` in package MASS: determines how the parameter estimation is handled. With "plug-in" (the default) the usual unbiased parameter estimates are used and assumed to be correct. With "debiased" an unbiased estimator of the log posterior probabilities is used, and with "predictive" the parameter estimates are integrated out using a vague prior. With "looCV" the leave-one-out cross-validation fits to the original dataset are computed and returned. If you indicate `method = "cv"` then `cvpredict()` is used and you cannot provide `newdata` in that case.

**model.args**

Arguments for formula modeling with substituted data and subset... Not to be used by the end-user.

**call**

The function call. Not to be used by the end-user.

**...**

Further arguments passed to the machine learning algorithm or the `predict()` method. See original algorithm.

**subset**

Index vector with the cases to define the training set in use (this argument must be named, if provided).

**na.action**

Function to specify the action to be taken if NAs are found `na.fail`, by default. Another option is `na.omit`, and cases with missing values on any required variable are dropped (this argument must be named, if provided). The default, and most suitable option for `predict()` methods is `na.exclude` and rows with NAs in `newdata` are then, excluded from prediction, but reinjected in final results.

**cv.k**

K for k-fold cross validation, cf `errorest()`.

**cv.strat**

Is the subsampling stratified or not in cross validation, cf `errorest()`.

**x**

A `mlearning` object.

**y**

Another object (depending on the machine learning algorithm, but it is usually not used).

**object**

One of the `mlearning` objects.

**newdata**

A data.frame with same variables as `data` to use for new predictions.

**type**

The type of result to get. Usually, "class", which is the default. Depending on the algorithm, other types are also available: membership and both are almost always available too. membership corresponds to posterior probability, raw results, normalized votes, etc., depending on the machine learning algorithm. With both, class and membership are both returned at once in a list. For `mlSvm()`, it is the type of algorithm to use (see `?svm`).

**train**

A matrix or data frame with predictors.

**response**

A vector of factor (classification) or numeric (regression), or NULL (unsupervised classification).

**prior**

Prior probabilities of the classes (the proportions in the training set are used by default). For `mlLqv()`, probabilities to represent classes in the codebook (default values are the proportions in the training set).
dimension  the dimension of the space to be used for prediction.
nmtree  the number of trees to generate (use a value large enough to get at least a few predictions for each input row).
mtry  number of variables randomly sampled as candidates at each split.
replace  sample cases with or without replacement?
classwt  priors of the classes. Need not add up to one.
size  number of units in the hidden layer for mlNnet(). Can be zero if there are skip-layer units. If NULL, a reasonable default is computed. For mlLvq(), the size of the codebook. Defaults to \( \min(\text{round}(0.4\times ng\times(ng-1 + p/2),0), n) \) where \( ng \) is the number of classes.
rang  initial random weights on \([-\text{rang}, \text{rang}]\). Value about 0.5 unless the inputs are large, in which case it should be chosen so that \( \text{rang}\times \max(|x|) \) is about 1. If NULL, a reasonable default is computed.
decay  parameter for weight decay. Default 0.
maxit  maximum number of iterations. Default 1000.
k.nn  \( k \) used for k-NN test of correct classification. Default is 5.
algorithm  an algorithm among 'olvq1' (default, the optimized lvq1), 'lvq1', 'lvq2', or 'lvq3'.
scale  are all the variables scaled? If a vector is provided, it is applied to variables with recycling.
kernel  the kernel used by svm, see ?svm. Can be "radial", "linear", "polynomial" or "sigmoid".
laplace  positive double controlling Laplace smoothing for the naive Bayes classifier. The default (0) disables Laplace smoothing.

Details

TODO: explain here the mechanism used to provide a common interface on top of various existing algorithms, and how one can add new items.

Value

A machine learning object where the predict() method can be applied to classify new items.

For response() and train(), the respective resmonse vector and training matrix (the matrix with all predicting terms).

Author(s)

All these functions are just wrapper around existing R code written by Philippe Grosjean <Philippe.Grosjean@umons.ac.be> in order to get similar interface and objects. All credits to original authors (click here under).

See Also

confusion, errorest, lda, qda, randomForest, olvq1, nnet, naiveBayes, svm
Examples

## Prepare data: split into training set (2/3) and test set (1/3)
data("iris", package = "datasets")
train <- c(1:34, 51:83, 101:133)
irisTrain <- iris[train, ]
irisTest <- iris[-train, ]
## One case with missing data in train set, and another case in test set
irisTrain[1, 1] <- NA
irisTest[25, 2] <- NA
data("HouseVotes84", package = "mlbench")
data("airquality", package = "datasets")

## Supervised classification using linear discriminant analysis
irlDa <- mlLda(Species ~ ., data = irisTrain)
summary(irlDa)
plot(irlDa, col = as.numeric(response(irlDa)) + 1)
predict(irlDa, newdata = irisTest) # class (default type)
predict(irlDa, type = "membership") # posterior probability
predict(irlDa, type = "both") # both class and membership in a list
## Sometimes, other types are allowed, like for lda:
predict(irlDa, type = "projection") # Projection on the LD axes
## Add test set items to the previous plot
points(predict(irlDa, newdata = irisTest, type = "projection"),
       col = as.numeric(predict(irlDa, newdata = irisTest)) + 1, pch = 19)

## predict() and confusion() should be used on a separate test set
## for unbiased estimation (or using cross-validation, bootstrap, ...)
confusion(irlDa) # Wrong, cf. biased estimation (so-called, self-consistency)
## Estimation using a separate test set
confusion(predict(irlDa, newdata = irisTest), irisTest$Species)

## Another dataset (binary predictor... not optimal for lda, just for test)
summary(res <- mlLda(Class ~ ., data = HouseVotes84, na.action = na.omit))
confusion(res) # Self-consistency
print(confusion(res), error.col = FALSE) # Without error column

## More complex formulas
summary(mlLda(Species ~ . - Sepal.Width, data = iris)) # Exclude variable
summary(mlLda(Species ~ log(Petal.Length) + log(Petal.Width) +
             I(Petal.Length/Sepal.Length), data = iris)) # With calculations

## Factor levels with missing items are allowed
ir2 <- iris[-(51:100), ] # No Iris versicolor in the training set
summary(res <- mlLda(Species ~ ., data = ir2)) # virginica is NOT there
## Missing levels are reinjected in class or membership by predict()
predict(res, type = "both")
## ... but, of course, the classifier is wrong for Iris versicolor
confusion(predict(res, newdata = iris), iris$Species)
## Simpler interface, but more memory-effective

```r
summary(mlLda(train = iris[, -5], response = iris$Species))
```

## Supervised classification using quadratic discriminant analysis

```r
summary(res <- mlQda(Species ~ ., data = irisTrain))

confusion(res) # Self-consistency

confusion(predict(res, newdata = irisTest), irisTest$Species) # Performances
```

## Another dataset (binary predictor... not optimal for qda, just for test)

```r
summary(res <- mlQda(Class ~ ., data = HouseVotes84, na.action = na.omit))

confusion(res) # Self-consistency
```

## Supervised classification using random forest

```r
summary(res <- mlRforest(Species ~ ., data = irisTrain))

plot(res)

# For such a relatively simple case, 50 trees are enough

summary(res <- mlRforest(Species ~ ., data = irisTrain, ntree = 50))

predict(res) # Default type is class

predict(res, type = "membership")

predict(res, type = "both")

predict(res, type = "vote")

# Out-of-bag prediction

predict(res, method = "oob")

confusion(res) # Self-consistency

confusion(res, method = "oob") # Out-of-bag performances

# Cross-validation prediction is a good choice when there is no test set:

predict(res, method = "cv") # Idem: cvpredict(res)

confusion(res, method = "cv") # Cross-validation for performances estimation

# Evaluation of performances using a separate test set

confusion(predict(res, newdata = irisTest), irisTest$Species) # Test set perfs

## Regression using random forest (from ?randomForest)

```r
set.seed(131)

summary(ozone.rf <- mlRforest(Ozone ~ ., data = airquality, mtry = 3,
    importance = TRUE, na.action = na.omit))

# Show "importance" of variables: higher value mean more important:

round(randomForest::importance(ozone.rf), 2)

plot(na.omit(airquality)$Ozone, predict(ozone.rf))

abline(a = 0, b = 1)
```

## Unsupervised classification using random forest (from ?randomForest)

```r
set.seed(17)

summary(iris.urf <- mlRforest(~ ., iris[, -5]))

randomForest::MDScatplot(iris.urf, iris$Species)

plot(hclust(as.dist(1 - iris.urf$proximity), method = "average"),
    labels = iris$Species)
```

## Supervised classification using neural network

```r
set.seed(689)

summary(res <- mlNnet(Species ~ ., data = irisTrain))
```
predict(res) # Default type is class
predict(res, type = "membership")
predict(res, type = "both")
confusion(res) # Self-consistency
confusion(predict(res, newdata = irisTest), irisTest$Species) # Test set perfs

## Idem, but two classes prediction using factor predictors
set.seed(325)
summary(res <- mLNnet(Class ~ ., data = HouseVotes84, na.action = na.omit))
confusion(res) # Self-consistency

## Regression using neural network
set.seed(34)
summary(ozone.nnet <- mLNnet(Ozone ~ ., data = airquality, na.action = na.omit,
   skip = TRUE, decay = 1e-3, size = 20, linout = TRUE))
plot(na.omit(airquality)$Ozone, predict(ozone.nnet))
abline(a = 0, b = 1)

## Supervised classification using learning vector quantization
summary(res <- mLVq(Species ~ ., data = irisTrain))
predict(res) # This object only returns class
confusion(res) # Self-consistency
confusion(predict(res, newdata = irisTest), irisTest$Species) # Test set perfs

## Supervised classification using support vector machine
summary(res <- mLSvm(Species ~ ., data = irisTrain))
predict(res) # Default type is class
predict(res, type = "membership")
predict(res, type = "both")
confusion(res) # Self-consistency
confusion(predict(res, newdata = irisTest), irisTest$Species) # Test set perfs

## Another dataset
summary(res <- mLSvm(Class ~ ., data = HouseVotes84, na.action = na.omit))
confusion(res) # Self-consistency

## Regression using support vector machine
summary(ozone.svm <- mLSvm(Ozone ~ ., data = airquality, na.action = na.omit))
plot(na.omit(airquality)$Ozone, predict(ozone.svm))
abline(a = 0, b = 1)

## Supervised classification using naive Bayes
summary(res <- mLNaiveBayes(Species ~ ., data = irisTrain))
predict(res) # Default type is class
predict(res, type = "membership")
predict(res, type = "both")
confusion(res) # Self-consistency
confusion(predict(res, newdata = irisTest), irisTest$Species) # Test set perfs

## Another dataset
summary(res <- mlNaiveBayes(Class ~ ., data = HouseVotes84, na.action = na.omit))
confusion(res) # Self-consistency
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