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Description

Calculates the weighted cross entropy / log-loss for a vector of observations and predicted probabilities (weighted by class proportions)

Usage

cross.en(pred, obs, sdpred=NULL, weighted=T)

Arguments

- `pred`: a numeric vector, the predicted probabilities of the reference class
- `obs`: the vector of observations, a categorical variable with 2-4 levels
- `sdpred`: either NULL or a vector containing the standard deviations of every estimate
- `weighted`: a boolean, if FALSE, the unweighted logloss is calculated. By default, the weighted cross entropy is calculated.

Details

If `sdpred` contains the standard deviations for each estimated probability, then a lower bound of the log loss is returned.

Value

A numeric value: cross entropy / log loss for comparison of classifiers. The smaller, the better.

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Examples

#observations
obs<-as.factor(c("A","A","B"))
#correct prediction
pred1<-c(1,1,0)
#wrong prediction
pred2<-c(0,0,1)

cross.en(pred=pred1, obs=obs) #small
cross.en(pred=pred2, obs=obs) #large

#prediction of only majority class
pred3<-c(1,1,1)
#prediction of only minority class
pred4<-c(0,0,0)

cross.en(pred=pred3, obs=obs, weighted=TRUE)
cross.en(pred=pred4, obs=obs, weighted=TRUE)
#both equal (as weighted)

cross.en(pred=pred3, obs=obs, weighted=FALSE)
cross.en(pred=pred4, obs=obs, weighted=FALSE)
#unweighted, majority class is favored

Description

density approximative discretization. Significant peaks in the density are determined and used as
starting points for k-means based discretization. If only one peak is present, distribution quartiles
are used for binning.

Usage

discretize.dens(data, graph=F, title="Density-approxmative Discretization", rename.level=F, return.all=T, cluster=F, seed=NULL)

Arguments

data a vector containing the data that may be discretized
graph a boolean value, if TRUE, the density and the determined binning are plotted
title a title for the plot
rename.level a boolean value, if TRUE, factor levels are replaced by integers 1:n
return.all a boolean value, if FALSE, only the discretized data are returned.
cluster a boolean value, if data is a cluster variable and may already be discrete or not
seed a random seed number
Value

| discretized | the discretized data |
| levels      | the factor levels    |
| optima      | the x and y coordinates of the determined peaks |

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Examples

testdata = c(rnorm(100,-3,1), rnorm(100,3,1))
d<-discretize.dens(testdata, graph=TRUE)
summary(d$discretized)

Description

creates groupbn object (determines an initial clustering based on a hierarchy with target variable and 'separated' variables separated, learns a Bayesian network from grouped data and saves discretization and pca parameters)

Usage

groupbn(hierarchy, k, target, separate=NULL, separate.as.roots=FALSE, X.quanti=NULL, X.quali=NULL, struct.alg="hc", boot=TRUE, discretize=TRUE, arc.thresh=NULL, debug=FALSE, R=100, seed=NULL)

Arguments

hierarchy    a cluster object from ClustOfVar.
k            a positive integer number, the number of initial clusters.
target       a string, the name of the target variable.
separate     a vector of strings, names of variables that should be separated from the groups, such as age, sex,...
separate.as.roots
            a boolean; if TRUE separated variables are used as roots in the network. Can be ignored if separate is empty.
X.quanti     a numeric matrix of data, or an object that can be coerced to such a matrix (such as a numeric vector or a data frame with all numeric columns).
X.quali      a categorical matrix of data, or an object that can be coerced to such a matrix (such as a character vector, a factor or a data frame with all factor columns).
groupbn

- **struct.alg**: structure learning algorithm according to bnlearn
- **arc.thresh**: threshold for bootstrap arcs
- **discretize**: a boolean, if a network variables should be discretized before network learning
- **boot**: boolean, if TRUE, a bootstrap based network averaging approach is used
- **debug**: a boolean, if TRUE, debugging messages are printed
- **R**: number of bootstrap replicates for model averaging, default is 100
- **seed**: a random seed number

**Value**

- an object of class groupbn

  - **bn**: a Bayesian Network structure of bn class from bnlearn.
  - **fit**: a Bayesian Network with fitted parameters of bn.fit class from bnlearn.
  - **X.quanti**: a data.frame containing only the quantitative variables.
  - **X.quali**: a data.frame containing only the qualitative variables.
  - **grouping**: a vector of positive integers, giving the cluster assignment.
  - **k**: the number of clusters.
  - **group.data**: a data.frame containing the cluster representants.
  - **target**: a string, the name of the target variable.
  - **separate**: a vector of strings, names of variables that should be separated from the groups.
  - **pca.param**: the PCAmix used to determine the cluster representants.
  - **disc.param**: the cutpoints used to discretize the cluster representants.
  - **score**: Different prediction scores for the target variable using the fitted network.

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**References**


**See Also**

- [groupbn_refinement](#)
Examples

```r
# load example data
data(wine)
wine.test<-wine[wine$Soil%in%c("Reference", "Env1"),1:29]
wine.test$Soil<-factor(wine.test$Soil)
levels(wine.test$Soil)<-c("0", "1")

# cluster data
hierarchy<-hclustvar(X.quanti=wine.test[,3:29], X.quali=wine.test[,1:2])

# Learn group network among 5 clusters with "Soil" as target variable
wine.groupbn<-groupbn(hierarchy, k=5, target="Soil", separate=NULL,
                      X.quanti=wine.test[,3:29], X.quali=wine.test[,1:2], seed=321)

# Plot network
plot(wine.groupbn)
```

Description

Create an output table with clusters and included variables with similarity scores

Usage

```r
groupbn.output.table(res, with.scores=TRUE)
```

Arguments

- `res`: gn object
- `with.scores`: if TRUE, similarity scores of every cluster member to the cluster center are added to the table

Value

A table with one column per group, similarity scores to cluster centers are calculated for each variable

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See Also

`groupbn`, `groupbn_refinement`
Examples

```r
data("wine.groupbn.refined")
df<-groupbn.output.table(wine.groupbn.refined)
```

Description

Create an interactive html network object with visNet (displaying similarity scores and number of variables in a score)

Usage

```r
groupbn.vis.html.plot(res, df=NULL, save.file=TRUE, save.name=NULL, hierarchical=FALSE, nodecolor.all="#E0F3F8", nodecolor.special="cornflowerblue", main=NULL)
```

Arguments

- `res`: a groupbn object
- `df`: output from output.table if already calculated, otherwise the same table is calculated internally
- `save.file`: boolean; if TRUE a html file is produced
- `save.name`: name for saving html object, date is additionally used
- `hierarchical`: boolean; if TRUE the network is plotted with a hierarchical layout
- `nodecolor.all`: a color for "normal" nodes
- `nodecolor.special`: a color for the target variable and all separated nodes, if any.
- `main`: optionally a title for the plot

Details

Plots an interactive network plot using visNetwork package

Value

an html widget of class visNetwork

Author(s)

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See Also

- `groupbn`  
- `groupbn_refinement`
Examples

```r
data("wine.groupbn.refined")
groupbn.vis.html.plot(wine.groupbn.refined, hierarchical=TRUE, save.file=FALSE)
```

Description

Adaptive Refinement of a group Bayesian Network using hierarchical Clustering

Usage

```r
groupbn_refinement(res, hierarchy, refinement.part="mb", restart=0, perturb=1, max.step=10, max.min=Inf, R=100, return.all=FALSE, arc.thresh=NULL, debug=FALSE, seed=NULL)
```

Arguments

- `res`: an object of class groupbn
- `hierarchy`: a cluster object from ClustOfVar
- `refinement.part`: "mb", "mb2", "arc.confid" or "all", selects if the refinement steps should be done only within the markov blanket of the target variable (mb), within the second-order markov blanket (mb2), in all clusters with an arcconfidence to target >0 (arc.confid) or within all clusters (all). Default: "mb"
- `restart`: a positive integer number, the number of restarts
- `perturb`: a positive integer number, the number of perturbations (splits) in each restart
- `max.step`: a positive integer number, the maximal number of refinement steps, default is 10
- `max.min`: a positive integer number, the maximal run time in minutes, default is unlimited
- `R`: number of bootstrap replicates for model averaging, default is 100
- `return.all`: a boolean, if TRUE, the output is a whole list of group models, if FALSE, the output is only the best-scoring model.
- `arc.thresh`: threshold for bootstrap arcs
- `debug`: a boolean, if TRUE, debugging messages are printed
- `seed`: a random seed number

Details

Based on a variable grouping, data are aggregated and a Bayesian network is learned. The target variable is kept separated during this procedure, so that the resulting network model can be used for risk prediction and classification. Starting from a coarse group network, groups are iteratively refined to smaller groups. The heuristic refinement happens downwards along the dendrogram, and stops, if it no longer improves the predictive performance of the model. The refinement part is implemented using a hill-climbing procedure.
Value

returns an object of class groupbn

Author(s)

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References


See Also

groupbn groupbn.output.table

Examples

# load example data
data(wine)
wine.test<-wine[wine$Soil%in%c("Reference", "Env1"),1:29]
wine.test$Soil<-factor(wine.test$Soil)
levels(wine.test$Soil)<-c("0", "1")

# cluster data
hierarchy<-hclustvar(X.quanti=wine.test[,3:29], X.quali=wine.test[,1:2])

# Learn group network among 5 clusters with "Soil" as target variable
wine.groupbn<-groupbn(hierarchy, k=5, target="Soil", separate=NULL,
X.quanti=wine.test[,3:29], X.quali=wine.test[,1:2], seed=321)

# Do one refinement step
# Set max.step higher to optimize completely
wine.groupbn.refined<-groupbn_refinement(wine.groupbn, hierarchy,
refinement.part="mb", max.step = 1, seed=321)

# Plot refined network
plot(wine.groupbn.refined)

Description

Based on a GroupBN, a cluster can be selected manually, that is split and the refined model is learned.
Usage

groupbn_refine_manually(res, hierarchy, refine, arc.thresh=NULL, R=100, debug=FALSE, seed=NULL)

Arguments

res an object of class groupbn
hierarchy a cluster object from ClustOfVar
refine name of group to be refined
arc.thresh threshold for bootstrap arcs
R number of bootstrap replicates for model averaging, default is 100
debug a boolean, if TRUE, debugging messages are printed
seed a random seed number

Value

returns an object of class groupbn

Author(s)

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Examples

#load example data
data(wine)
wine.test<-wine[wine$Soil%in%c("Reference", "Env1"),1:29]
wine.test$Soil<factor(wine.test$Soil)
levels(wine.test$Soil)<c("0", "1")

#cluster data
hierarchy<-hclustvar(X.quanti=wine.test[,3:29], X.quali=wine.test[,1:2])

#Learn group network among 5 clusters with "Soil" as target variable
wine.groupbn<groupbn(hierarchy, k=5, target="Soil", separate=NULL, X.quanti=wine.test[,3:29], X.quali=wine.test[,1:2], seed=321)

#Refine cluster 2
wine.groupbn.refined<groupbn_refine_manually(wine.groupbn, hierarchy, refine = "cl2", seed=321)

#Plot refined network
plot(wine.groupbn.refined)
Description

Generic function for groupbn objects

Usage

is.groupbn(x)

Arguments

x an object of class groupbn

Value

A boolean; TRUE if x is of class groupbn, FALSE otherwise.

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See Also

groupbn

Examples

data("wine.groupbn.refined")
is.groupbn(wine.groupbn.refined)

Description

generic plot function for class groupbn

Usage

## S3 method for class 'groupbn'
plot(x, ...)

predict.groupbn

Arguments

- `x`: an object of class `groupbn`
- `...`: further arguments

Details

Plot the group bayesian network structure

Value

No return value, called for plotting

Author(s)

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See Also

groupbn

Examples

data("wine.groupbn.refined")
plot(wine.groupbn.refined)

Description

Predict the target variable from a group Bayesian network

Usage

```r
# S3 method for class 'groupbn'
predict(object, X.quanti, X.quali, rename.level=FALSE, return.data=FALSE,
        new.fit=FALSE, debug=FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

- `object`: An object of class `groupbn` generated by the functions `groupbn` or `groupbn_refinement`
- `X.quanti`: quantitative variables
- `X.quali`: qualitative variables
- `rename.level`: a boolean; if TRUE, all levels of categorical variables are renamed by integers. Default is FALSE.
- `return.data`: a boolean; if TRUE, a list with predictions and group.data is returned instead of only predictions. Default is FALSE.
print.groupbn

- `new.fit` - a boolean; if TRUE, the parameters are newly fit using the test data.
- `debug` - a boolean, if TRUE, debugging messages are printed
- `...` - further arguments

**Value**

Returns a dataframe with a column of predictions and a column of the target data. If the target is discrete, class probabilities are returned. Otherwise continuous scores are returned. If `return.data` is TRUE, additionally the transformed group data are returned.

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```r
# load example data
data(wine)
wine.test<-wine[wine$Soil%in%c("Reference", "Env1"),1:29]
wine.test$Soil<-factor(wine.test$Soil)
levels(wine.test$Soil)<-c("0", "1")
data(wine.groupbn.refined)
predict(wine.groupbn.refined, X.quanti=wine.test[,3:29], X.quali=wine.test[,1:2])
```

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**Description**

This is a method for the function `print` for objects of the class `groupbn`.

**Usage**

```r
## S3 method for class 'groupbn'
print(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

- `x` - An object of class `groupbn` generated by the functions `groupbn` or `groupbn_refinement`
- `...` - further arguments

**Value**

No return value, prints a description of the object

**Author(s)**

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See Also

groupbn

Examples

data("wine.groupbn.refined")
print(wine.groupbn.refined)

Description

A refined group Bayesian network with 8 groups learned from dataset 'wine'.

Usage

data("wine.groupbn.refined")

Format

group Bayesian network (class 'groupbn')

name of target variable: Soil number of groups: 8 achieved scoring: F1: 0.92; Precision: 1; Recall: 0.86; AUC-PR: 1; AUC-ROC: 1; cross-entr.: 1.43; BIC (netw.): -77.21

name description "$bn" "Bayesian network structure" "$fit" "fitted Bayesian network (multinomial)" "$arc.confid" "arc confidence" "$X.quali" "qualitative variables in a data.frame" "$X.quanti" "quantitative variables in a data.frame" "$grouping" "group memberships" "$k" "number of groups of initial grouping" "$group.data" "group representatives used for network inference" "$target" "name of target variable" "$separate" "name of any other separated variables" "$pca.param" "pca parameters of each group" "$disc.param" "discretization intervals of each group" "$score" "cross entropy and additional scoring information"

Examples

data(wine.groupbn.refined)
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