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Description Miscellaneous set of functions I use in my teaching either at the University of Western Ontario or the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program in Quantitative Methods. Broadly, the functions help with presentation and interpretation of LMs and GLMs, but also implement some new tools like Alternating Least Squares Optimal Scaling for dependent variables, a Bayesian analog to the ALSOS algorithm. There are also tools to help understand interactions in both LMs and binary GLMs.

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DAMisc-package

*Dave Armstrong's Miscellaneous Functions***Description**

Functions to aid in the presentation of linear model results

Details

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These are functions that help present linear model results. Largely, they represent alternatives in presentation to other R packages. For example, the `factorplot` function offers an alternative to David Firth's `qvcalc` package. This function calculates and presents exact variances of all simple contrasts. Both `DAintfun` and `DAintfun2` are alternative ways of presenting interactions between two continuous variables. `DAintfun2` gives results in line with the suggestions in Brambor, Clark and Golder (2006).

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References

Armstrong, D.A. (2013) `factorplot`: Improving Presentation of Simple Contrasts in GLMs. *The R Journal*. 5, 4-15. Brambor, T., W.R. Clark and M. Golder. (2006) Understanding Interaction Models: Improving Empirical Analyses. *Political Analysis* 14, 63-82.
 Berryman, W., M. Golder and D. Milton. (2012) Improving Tests of Theories Positing Interaction. *Journal of Politics* 74, 653-671.

aclp

Example data for `btscs` function

Description

A subset of data from Alvarez et. al. (1996).

Format

A data frame with 4126 observations on the following 7 variables.

cname Country name
country Numeric country identifier
year Year of observation
reg A dichotomous variable coded 1 for dictatorship, 0 for democracy
gdpw GDP/worker, 1985 prices
popg Population growth
democ A dichotomous variable coded 1 for democracy, 0 for dictatorship, (1-reg)

References

Alvarez, M., J.A. Cheibub, F. Limongi and A. Przeworski. 1996. Classifying political regimes. *Studies in Comparative International Development* 31 (Summer): 1-37.

alsos

Alternating Least Squares Optimal Scaling

Description

Estimates the Alternating Least Squares Optimal Scaling (ALSOS) solution for qualitative variables.

Usage

```
alsos(
  os_form,
  raw_form = ~1,
  data,
  scale_dv = FALSE,
  maxit = 30,
  level = 2,
  process = 1,
  starts = NULL,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

<code>os_form</code>	A two-sided formula including the independent variables to be scaled on the left-hand side. Optionally, the dependent variable can also be scaled.
<code>raw_form</code>	A right-sided formula with covariates that will not be scaled.
<code>data</code>	A data frame.
<code>scale_dv</code>	Logical indicating whether the dependent variable should be optimally scaled.
<code>maxit</code>	Maximum number of iterations of the optimal scaling algorithm.
<code>level</code>	Measurement level of the dependent variable 1=Nominal, 2=Ordinal
<code>process</code>	Nature of the measurement process: 1=discrete, 2=continuous. Basically identifies whether tied observations will continue to be tied in the optimally scaled variable (1) or whether the algorithm can untie the points (2) subject to the overall measurement constraints in the model.
<code>starts</code>	Optional starting values for the optimal scaling algorithm.
<code>...</code>	Other arguments to be passed down to <code>lm</code> .

Value

A list with the following elements:

result	The result of the optimal scaling process
data	The original data frame with additional columns adding the optimally scaled DV
iterations	The iteration history of the algorithm
form	Original formula

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong and Bill Jacoby

References

- Jacoby, William G. 1999. 'Levels of Measurement and Political Research: An Optimistic View' American Journal of Political Science 43(1): 271-301.
- Young, Forrest. 1981. 'Quantitative Analysis of Qualitative Data' Psychometrika, 46: 357-388.
- Young, Forrest, Jan de Leeuw and Yoshio Takane. 1976. 'Regression with Qualitative and Quantitative Variables: An Alternating Least Squares Method with Optimal Scaling Features' Psychometrika, 41:502-529.

alsosDV

Alternating Least Squares Optimal Scaling

Description

This is a wrapper for the newer alsos function which allows optimal scaling of both dependent and independent variables. I retain the old operationalization of alsosDV for backward compatibility purposes.

Usage

```
alsosDV(form, data, maxit = 30, level = 2, process = 1, starts = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

form	A formula for a linear model where the dependent variable will be optimally scaled relative to the model.
data	A data frame.
maxit	Maximum number of iterations of the optimal scaling algorithm.
level	Measurement level of the dependent variable 1=Nominal, 2=Ordinal
process	Nature of the measurement process: 1=discrete, 2=continuous. Basically identifies whether tied observations will continue to be tied in the optimally scaled variable (1) or whether the algorithm can untie the points (2) subject to the overall measurement constraints in the model.
starts	Optional starting values for the optimal scaling algorithm.
...	Other arguments to be passed down to lm.

Value

A list with the following elements:

result	The result of the optimal scaling process
data	The original data frame with additional columns adding the optimally scaled DV
iterations	The iteration history of the algorithm
form	Original formula

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong and Bill Jacoby

References

- Jacoby, William G. 1999. 'Levels of Measurement and Political Research: An Optimistic View' *American Journal of Political Science* 43(1): 271-301.
- Young, Forrest. 1981. 'Quantitative Analysis of Qualitative Data' *Psychometrika*, 46: 357-388.
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aveEffPlot

Average Effect Plot for Generalized Linear Models

Description

For objects of class `glm`, it calculates the change the average predicted probability (like the one calculated by `glmChange2`) for a hypothetical candidate set of values of a covariate.

Usage

```
aveEffPlot(  
  obj,  
  varname,  
  data,  
  R = 1500,  
  nvals = 25,  
  plot = TRUE,  
  returnSim = FALSE,  
  ...  
)
```

Arguments

obj	A model object of class glm.
varname	Character string giving the variable name for which average effects are to be calculated.
data	Data frame used to fit object.
R	Number of simulations to perform.
nvals	Number of evaluation points at which the average probability will be calculated.
plot	Logical indicating whether plot should be returned, or just data (if FALSE).
returnSim	Logical indicating whether simulated predicted probabilities should be returned.
...	Other arguments to be passed down to xyplot.

Details

The function plots the average effect of a model covariate, for objects of class glm. The function does not work with poly unless the coefficients are provided as arguments to the command in the model (see example below).

Value

A plot or a data frame

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

Examples

```
data(france)
p <- poly(france$lrsel, 2)
left.mod <- glm(voteleft ~ male + age + retnat +
poly(lrsel, 2, coefs=attr(p, "coefs")), data=france, family=binomial)
aveEffPlot(left.mod, "age", data=france, plot=FALSE)
```

Description

Estimates a Bayesian analog to the the Alternating Least Squares Optimal Scaling (ALSOS) solution for qualitative dependent variables.

Usage

```
balsos(
  formula,
  data,
  iter = 2500,
  chains = 1,
  alg = c("NUTS", "HMC", "Fixed_param"),
  ...
)
```

Arguments

formula	A formula with a dependent variable that will be optimally scaled
data	A data frame.
iter	Number of samples for the MCMC sampler.
chains	Number of parallel chains to be run.
alg	Algorithm used to do sampling. See stan for more details.
...	Other arguments to be passed down to <code>stanfit</code> .

Details

`balsos` estimates a Bayesian analog to the Alternating Least Squares Optimal Scaling solution on the dependent variable. This permits testing linearity assumptions on the original scale of the dependent variable.

Value

A list with the following elements:

fit	The fitted stan output
y	The dependent variable values used in the regression.
X	The design matrix for the regression

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

References

Jacoby, William G. 1999. 'Levels of Measurement and Political Research: An Optimistic View' *American Journal of Political Science* 43(1): 271-301.

Young, Forrest. 1981. 'Quantitative Analysis of Qualitative Data' *Psychometrika*, 46: 357-388.

Young, Forrest, Jan de Leeuw and Yoshio Takane. 1976. 'Regression with Qualitative and Quantitative Variables: An Alternating Least Squares Method with Optimal Scaling Features' *Psychometrika*, 41:502-529.

BGMtest

Tests the five Berry, Golder and Milton (2012) Interactive Hypothesis

Description

This function tests the five hypotheses that Berry, Golder and Milton identify as important when two quantitative variables are interacted in a linear model.

Usage

```
BGMtest(obj, vars, digits = 3, level = 0.05, two.sided = TRUE)
```

Arguments

<code>obj</code>	An object of class <code>lm</code> .
<code>vars</code>	A vector of two variable names giving the two quantitative variables involved in the interaction. These variables must be involved in one, and only one, interaction.
<code>digits</code>	Number of digits to be printed in the summary.
<code>level</code>	Type I error rate for the tests.
<code>two.sided</code>	Logical indicating whether the tests should be two-sided (if <code>TRUE</code> , the default) or one-sided (if <code>FALSE</code>).

Value

A matrix giving five t-tests.

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

Examples

```
data(Duncan, package="carData")
mod <- lm(prestige ~ income*education + type, data=Duncan)
BGMtest(mod, c("income", "education"))
```

Description

Calculates scalar measures of fit for models with binary dependent variables along the lines described in Long (1997) and Long and Freese (2005).

Usage

```
binfit(mod)
```

Arguments

mod A model of class glm with family=binomial.

Details

binfit calculates scalar measures of fit (many of which are pseudo-R-squared measures) to describe how well a model fits data with a binary dependent variable.

Value

A named vector of scalar measures of fit

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

References

Long, J.S. 1997. Regression Models for Categorical and Limited Dependent Variables. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Long, J.S. and J. Freese. 2005. Regression Models for Categorical Outcomes Using Stata, 2nd ed. College Station, TX: Stata Press.

Examples

```
data(france)
left.mod <- glm(voteleft ~ male + age + retnat +
poly(lrself, 2), data=france, family=binomial)
binfit(left.mod)
```

binVar

*Bin a Variable***Description**

Bins a continuous variable into a categorical variable

Usage

```
binVar(
  x,
  bins = 4,
  method = c("intervals", "proportions"),
  labels = FALSE,
  include.lowest = TRUE,
  right = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	Continuous variable to be binned
<code>bins</code>	Number of groups in new variable
<code>method</code>	Method for generating "intervals" for fixed-width intervals and "proportions" for cut-points based on quantiles of the distribution.
<code>labels</code>	An optional vector of labels to apply to the groups
<code>include.lowest</code>	Logical indicating whether a value equal to the lowest (if <code>right=TRUE</code>) or highest (if <code>right=FALSE</code>) should be included.
<code>right</code>	Logical indicating Whether the intervals should be closed on the right and open on the left (if <code>TRUE</code>) or vice versa (if <code>FALSE</code>). Open intervals are those that do not include the end-point of the range and closed intervals do.
<code>...</code>	Other arguments to be passed down to <code>cut</code>

Function adapted from `binVariable` from the **RcmdrMisc** package.

Value

A factor

Author(s)

John Fox

boot.alsos	<i>Bootstrapping function for the ALSOS algorithm</i>
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Description

Executes a non-parametric bootstrap for the alsos algorithm to get uncertainty estimates for the optimally scaled values of the variables.

Usage

```
boot.alsos(
  os_form,
  raw_form = ~1,
  data,
  scale_dv = TRUE,
  maxit = 30,
  level = 1,
  process = 1,
  starts = NULL,
  R = 50,
  conf.level = 0.95,
  return = c("data", "boot.obj", "both"),
  ...
)
```

Arguments

os_form	A two-sided formula including the independent variables to be scaled on the left-hand side. Optionally, the dependent variable can also be scaled.
raw_form	A right-sided formula with covariates that will not be scaled.
data	A data frame.
scale_dv	Logical indicating whether the dependent variable should be optimally scaled.
maxit	Maximum number of iterations of the optimal scaling algorithm.
level	Measurement level of the dependent variable 1=Nominal, 2=Ordinal
process	Nature of the measurement process: 1=discrete, 2=continuous. Basically identifies whether tied observations will continue to be tied in the optimally scaled variable (1) or whether the algorithm can untie the points (2) subject to the overall measurement constraints in the model.
starts	Optional starting values for the optimal scaling algorithm.
R	Number of bootstrap samples to be calculated
conf.level	Level of confidence for the confidence intervals.
return	Whether the aggregated result with percentile confidence intervals, the bootstrap object or both should be returned.
...	Other arguments to be passed down to lm.

Value

A list with either data and/or boot.obj entries.

 btscs

Generate Spells for Binary Variables

Description

Beck et. al. (1998) identified that binary time-series cross-section data are discrete-time duration data and time dependence can be modeled in a logistic regression by including a flexible function (e.g., cubic spline) of time since the last event as a covariate. This function creates the variable identifying time since last event.

Usage

```
btscs(data, event, tvar, csunit, pad.ts = FALSE)
```

Arguments

data	A data frame.
event	Character string giving the name of the dichotomous variable identifying the event (where an event is coded 1 and the absence of an event is coded 0).
tvar	Character string giving the name of the time variable.
csunit	Character string giving the name of the cross-sectional unit.
pad.ts	Logical indicating whether the time-series should be filled in, when panels are unbalanced.

Value

The original data frame with one additional variable. The `spell` variable identifies the number of observed periods since the last event.

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

References

Alvarez, M., J.A. Cheibub, F. Limongi and A. Przeworski. 1996. Classifying political regimes. *Studies in Comparative International Development* 31 (Summer): 1-37.

Beck, N., J. Katz and R. Tucker. 1998. Beyond Ordinary Logit: Taking Time Seriously in Binary-Time-Series-Cross-Section Models. *American Journal of Political Science* 42(4): 1260-1288.

Examples

```
library(splines)
## Data from Alvarez et. al. (1996)
data(aclp)
newdat <- btscs(aclp, "democ", "year", "country")

# Estimate Model with and without spell
full.mod <- glm(democ ~ log(gdpw) + popg + bs(spell, df=4), data=newdat, family=binomial)

restricted.mod <- glm(democ ~ log(gdpw) + popg, data=newdat, family=binomial)

# Incremental F-test of time dependence
anova(restricted.mod, full.mod, test='Chisq')
```

cat2Table

Fitted Values and CIs for 2-Categorical Interactions

Description

This function makes a table of fitted values and confidence intervals for all of the combinations of two categorical variables in an interaction.

Usage

```
cat2Table(eff.obj, digits = 2, rownames = NULL, colnames = NULL)
```

Arguments

eff.obj	An object generated by effect from the effects package where the effect is calculated for two factors involved in an interaction.
digits	Number of digits of the fitted values and confidence intervals to print.
rownames	An optional vector of row names for the table, if NULL, the levels of the factor will be used
colnames	An optional vector of column names for the table, if NULL, the levels of the factor will be used

Value

A matrix of fitted values and confidence intervals

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

Examples

```
library(effects)
data(Duncan, package="carData")
Duncan$inc.cat <- cut(Duncan$income, 3)
mod <- lm(prestige ~ inc.cat*type + income, data=Duncan)
e1 <- effect("inc.cat*type", mod)
cat2Table(e1)
```

changeSig

Regions of Statistical Significance in Interactions

Description

Calculates the regions of statistical significance in interaction and identifies the points at which the statistical significance of conditional coefficients changes.

Usage

```
changeSig(obj, vars, alpha = 0.05)
```

Arguments

obj	A model of class glm or class lm.
vars	A character vector of the names of the two variables involved in the interaction.
alpha	Critical p-value of the test.

Value

Printed output that identifies the change-points in statistical significance.

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

combTest	<i>Test for Combining Categories in Multinomial Logistic Regression Models.</i>
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Description

Tests the null hypothesis that categories can be combined in Multinomial Logistic Regression Models

Usage

```
combTest(obj)
```

Arguments

obj An object of class multinom.

Value

A matrix of test statistics and p-values.

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

Examples

```
library(nnet)
data(france)
mnl.mod <- multinom(vote ~ age + male + retnat + lrself, data=france)
combTest(mnl.mod)
```

crSpanTest	<i>Test of Span Parameter in linearity for Component + Residual Plots</i>
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Description

This function performs crTest for a user-defined range of span parameters, optionally allowing for multiple testing corrections in the p-values.

Usage

```
crSpanTest(
  model,
  spfromto,
  n = 10,
  adjust.method = "none",
  adjust.type = c("none", "across", "within", "both")
)
```

Arguments

model	A model object of class <code>lm</code>
spfromto	A vector of two values across which a range of <code>n</code> span values will be generated and tested.
n	Number of span parameters to test.
adjust.method	Adjustment method for multiple-testing procedure, using <code>p.adjust</code> from <code>stats</code> .
adjust.type	String giving the values over which the multiple testing correction will be performed. Here, 'both' refers to a multiple testing correction done over all span parameters and all variables in the model. 'within' means the multiple testing correction should be done within each model, but not across the span parameters and 'across' means that the multiple testing correction should be for each variable across the various span parameters, but not across variables within the same model. 'none' refers to a pass-through option of no multiple testing procedure.

Value

A list with two elements:

x	Sequence of span values used in testing
y	p-values for each variable for each span parameter

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

Examples

```
data(Prestige, package="carData")
mod <- lm(prestige ~ income + education + women, data=Prestige)
tmp <- crSpanTest(mod, c(.1, .9), adjust.method="holm",
  adjust.type="both")
matplot(tmp$x, tmp$y, type="l")
```

crTest	<i>Test of linearity for Component + Residual Plots</i>
--------	---

Description

This function estimates a linear model and a loess model on the component-plus-residual plot (i.e., a partial residual plot) for each quantitative variable in the model. The residual sums of squares for each are used to calculate an F-test for each quantitative variable.

Usage

```
crTest(
  model,
  adjust.method = "none",
  cat = 5,
  var = NULL,
  span.as = TRUE,
  span = 0.75,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

model	A model object of class <code>lm</code>
adjust.method	Adjustment method for multiple-testing procedure, using <code>p.adjust</code> from <code>stats</code> .
cat	Number of unique values below which numeric variables are considered categorical for the purposes of the smooth.
var	Character string indicating the term desired for testing. If left <code>NULL</code> , the default value, all numeric variables will be tested.
span.as	Logical indicating whether the span should be automatically selected through AICC or GCV
span	Span to be passed down to the <code>loess</code> function if <code>span.as=FALSE</code> .
...	Other arguments to be passed down to the call to <code>loess</code> .

Value

A matrix with the following columns for each variable:

RSSp	Residual sum-of-squares for the parametric (linear) model.
RSSnp	Residual sum-of-squares for the non-parametric (loess) model.
DFnum	Numerator degrees of freedom for the F-test: $\text{tr}(S)-(k+1)$.
DFdenom	Denominator degrees of freedom for the F-test: $n-\text{tr}(S)$
F	F-statistic
p	p-value, potentially adjusted for multiple comparisons.

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

Examples

```
data(Prestige, package="carData")
mod <- lm(prestige ~ income + education + women, data=Prestige)
crTest(mod)
```

cv.lo2

Cross-validating Loess curve

Description

Function provides the cross-validation error for the loess curve in a manner that is amenable to optimization of the span.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'lo2'
cv(
  span,
  form,
  data,
  cost = function(y, yhat) mean((y - yhat)^2, na.rm = TRUE),
  K = n,
  numiter = 100,
  which = c("corrected", "raw")
)
```

Arguments

span	The span of the loess smoother.
form	The formula that identifies the model
data	A data frame containing the required variables.
cost	Cost function to be passed down to loess.
K	Number of folds for the cross-validation
numiter	Number of times over which the cv error will be aggregated
which	Return raw or corrected cv error

Value

The cross-validation error from the loess curve.

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

DAintfun

*Surface Plots for Two-Way Interactions***Description**

Makes surface plots to display interactions between two continuous variables

Usage

```
DAintfun(
  obj,
  varnames,
  theta = 45,
  phi = 10,
  xlab = NULL,
  ylab = NULL,
  zlab = NULL,
  hcols = NULL,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

obj	A model object of class <code>lm</code>
varnames	A two-element character vector where each element is the name of a variable involved in a two-way interaction.
theta	Angle defining the azimuthal viewing direction to be passed to <code>persp</code>
phi	Angle defining the colatitude viewing direction to be passed to <code>persp</code>
xlab	Optional label to put on the x-axis, otherwise if <code>NULL</code> , it will take the first element of <code>varnames</code>
ylab	Optional label to put on the y-axis, otherwise if <code>NULL</code> , it will take the second element of <code>varnames</code>
zlab	Optional label to put on the z-axis, otherwise if <code>NULL</code> , it will be 'Predictions'
hcols	Vector of four colors to color increasingly high density areas
...	Other arguments to be passed down to the initial call to <code>persp</code>

Details

This function makes a surface plot of an interaction between two continuous covariates. If the model is

$$y_i = b_0 + b_1x_{i1} + b_2x_{i2} + b_3x_{i1} \times x_{i2} + \dots + e_i,$$

this function plots $b_1x_{i1} + b_2x_{i2} + b_3x_{i1} \times x_{i2}$ for values over the range of X_1 and X_2 . The highest 75%, 50% and 25% of the bivariate density of X_1 and X_2 (as calculated by `sm.density` from the `sm` package) are colored in with colors of increasing gray-scale.

Value

x1	Values of the first element of varnames used to make predictions.
x2	Values of the second element of varnames used to make predictions.
pred	The predictions based on the values x1 and x2.
graph	A graph is produced, but no other information is returned.

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

Examples

```
data(InteractionEx)
mod <- lm(y ~ x1*x2 + z, data=InteractionEx)
DAintfun(mod, c("x1", "x2"))
```

DAintfun2

Conditional Effects Plots for Interactions in Linear Models

Description

Generates two conditional effects plots for two interacted continuous covariates in linear models.

Usage

```
DAintfun2(
  obj,
  varnames,
  varcov = NULL,
  rug = TRUE,
  ticksize = -0.03,
  hist = FALSE,
  level = 0.95,
```

```

    hist.col = "gray75",
    nclass = c(10, 10),
    scale.hist = 0.5,
    border = NA,
    name.stem = "cond_eff",
    xlab = NULL,
    ylab = NULL,
    plot.type = "screen"
  )

```

Arguments

<code>obj</code>	A model object of class <code>lm</code>
<code>varnames</code>	A two-element character vector where each element is the name of a variable involved in a two-way interaction.
<code>varcov</code>	A variance-covariance matrix with which to calculate the conditional standard errors. If <code>NULL</code> , it is calculated with <code>vcov(obj)</code> .
<code>rug</code>	Logical indicating whether a rug plot should be included.
<code>ticksize</code>	A scalar indicating the size of ticks in the rug plot (if included) positive values put the rug inside the plotting region and negative values put it outside the plotting region.
<code>hist</code>	Logical indicating whether a histogram of the x-variable should be included in the plotting region.
<code>level</code>	Level for the confidence bounds.
<code>hist.col</code>	Argument to be passed to <code>polygon</code> indicating the color of the histogram bins.
<code>nclass</code>	vector of two integers indicating the number of bins in the two histograms, which will be passed to <code>hist</code> .
<code>scale.hist</code>	A scalar in the range (0,1] indicating how much vertical space in the plotting region the histogram should take up.
<code>border</code>	Argument passed to <code>polygon</code> indicating how the border of the histogram bins should be printed (<code>NA</code> for no border).
<code>name.stem</code>	A character string giving filename to which the appropriate extension will be appended
<code>xlab</code>	Optional vector of length two giving the x-labels for the two plots that are generated. The first element of the vector corresponds to the figure plotting the conditional effect of the first variable in <code>varnames</code> given the second and the second element of the vector corresponds to the figure plotting the conditional effect of the second variable in <code>varnames</code> conditional on the first.
<code>ylab</code>	Optional vector of length two giving the y-labels for the two plots that are generated. The first element of the vector corresponds to the figure plotting the conditional effect of the first variable in <code>varnames</code> given the second and the second element of the vector corresponds to the figure plotting the conditional effect of the second variable in <code>varnames</code> conditional on the first.
<code>plot.type</code>	One of 'pdf', 'png', 'eps' or 'screen', where the one of the first three will produce two graphs starting with <code>name.stem</code> written to the appropriate file type and the third will produce graphical output on the screen.

Details

This function produces graphs along the lines suggested by Brambor, Clark and Golder (2006) and Berry, Golder and Milton (2012), that show the conditional effect of one variable in an interaction given the values of the conditioning variable. This is an alternative to the methods proposed by John Fox in his `effects` package, upon which this function depends heavily.

Specifically, if the model is

$$y_i = b_0 + b_1x_{i1} + b_2x_{i2} + b_3x_{i1} \times x_{i2} + \dots + e_i,$$

this function plots calculates the conditional effect of X_1 given X_2

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial X_1} = b_1 + b_3X_2$$

and the variances of the conditional effects

$$V(b_1 + b_3X_2) = V(b_1 + X_2^2V(b_3) + 2(1)(X_2)V(b_1, b_3))$$

for different values of X_2 and then switches the places of X_1 and X_2 , calculating the conditional effect of X_2 given a range of values of X_1 . 95% confidence bounds are then calculated and plotted for each conditional effects along with a horizontal reference line at 0.

Value

`graphs` Either a single graph is printed on the screen (using `par(mfrow=c(1, 2))`) or two figures starting with `name.stem` are produced where each gives the conditional effect of one variable based on the values of another.

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

References

Brambor, T., W.R. Clark and M. Golder. (2006) Understanding Interaction Models: Improving Empirical Analyses. *Political Analysis* 14, 63-82.
 Berry, W., M. Golder and D. Milton. (2012) Improving Tests of Theories Positing Interactions. *Journal of Politics*.

Examples

```
data(InteractionEx)
mod <- lm(y ~ x1*x2 + z, data=InteractionEx)
DAintfun2(mod, c("x1", "x2"), hist=TRUE, scale.hist=.3)
```


Description

Generates two conditional effects plots for two interacted continuous covariates in linear models.

Usage

```
DAintfun3(
  obj,
  varnames,
  varcov = NULL,
  name.stem = "cond_eff",
  xlab = NULL,
  ylab = NULL,
  plot.type = "screen"
)
```

Arguments

<code>obj</code>	A model object of class <code>lm</code>
<code>varnames</code>	A two-element character vector where each element is the name of a variable involved in a two-way interaction.
<code>varcov</code>	A variance-covariance matrix with which to calculate the conditional standard errors. If <code>NULL</code> , it is calculated with <code>vcov(obj)</code> .
<code>name.stem</code>	A character string giving filename to which the appropriate extension will be appended
<code>xlab</code>	Optional vector of length two giving the x-labels for the two plots that are generated. The first element of the vector corresponds to the figure plotting the conditional effect of the first variable in <code>varnames</code> given the second and the second element of the vector corresponds to the figure plotting the conditional effect of the second variable in <code>varnames</code> conditional on the first.
<code>ylab</code>	Optional vector of length two giving the y-labels for the two plots that are generated. The first element of the vector corresponds to the figure plotting the conditional effect of the first variable in <code>varnames</code> given the second and the second element of the vector corresponds to the figure plotting the conditional effect of the second variable in <code>varnames</code> conditional on the first.
<code>plot.type</code>	One of 'pdf', 'png', 'eps' or 'screen', where the one of the first three will produce two graphs starting with <code>name.stem</code> written to the appropriate file type and the third will produce graphical output on the screen.

Details

This function does the same thing as [DAintfun2](#), but presents effects only at the mean of the conditioning variable and the mean ± 1 standard deviation.

Value

graphs Either a single graph is printed on the screen (using `par(mfrow=c(1, 2))`) or two figures starting with name `.stem` are produced where each gives the conditional effect of one variable based on the values of another.

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

References

Brambor, T., W.R. Clark and M. Golder. (2006) Understanding Interaction Models: Improving Empirical Analyses. *Political Analysis* 14, 63-82.
Berry, W., M. Golder and D. Milton. (2012) Improving Tests of Theories Positing Interactions. *Journal of Politics*.

Examples

```
data(InteractionEx)
mod <- lm(y ~ x1*x2 + z, data=InteractionEx)
DAintfun3(mod, c("x1", "x2"))
```

describe_data

Interactive List of Variables

Description

Makes an interactive list of variables and their descriptive labels. Uses the **DT** package to generate the table.

Usage

```
describe_data(data)
```

Arguments

data A dataset to be described.

effect_logistf	<i>Plot Effects from Firth Logit</i>
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Description

Plots the effect of a variable in a model estimated with Firth Logit.

Usage

```
effect_logistf(var, obj, data, ...)
```

Arguments

var	A character string giving the name of the variable whose effect is to be generated.
obj	An object of class <code>logistf</code> .
data	A data frame.
...	Other arguments to be passed down to the Effect function.

Details

The `effect_logistf` function calculates the effect (predicted probabilities) of a variable in a Firth logit model estimated with the `logistf` function. The function estimates the analogous glm. It then replaces the coefficient vector in that model object with the Firth logit coefficients. It also puts the variance-covariance matrix from the Firth logit in the model object and uses a custom extractor function in the `Effect` function to extract that variance-covariance matrix rather than the one usually extracted with `vcov`. Note that variability and confidence intervals for the effects will not be calculated using profile likelihood as they are in the Firth logit, but will be calculated using the appropriate variance-covariance matrix.

Value

An object of class `eff` that can be used with other functions from the `effects` package.

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

france *Example data for factorplot function*

Description

A subset of data from the 1994 Eurobarometer for France

Format

A data frame with 542 observations on the following 5 variables.

lrself respondent's left-right self-placement on a 1(left)-10(right) scale

male a dummy variable coded 1 for males and 0 for females

age respondent's age

vote a factor indicating vote choice with levels PCF, PS, Green, RPR and UDF

retnat a factor indicating the respondent's retrospective national economic evaluation with levels Better, Same and Worse

votefleft a dichotomous variable where 1 indicates a vote for a left party, 0 otherwise

References

Reif, Karlheinz and Eric Marlier. 1997. *Euro-barometer 42.0: The First Year of the New European Union, November-December 1994*. Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) [distributor].

ggpie *Pie Charts with ggplot2*

Description

This function produces pie charts with ggplot2.

Usage

```
ggpie(data, variable, addPct = c("pie", "none", "legend"))
```

Arguments

data	A data frame to pass to the ggplot function
variable	A variable to be plotted.
addPct	Where labels should be added - "none" gives no labels, "legend" adds percentages to the color legend, "pie" adds the legends to the pie pieces.

Value

a ggplot

 glmChange

Maximal First Differences for Generalized Linear Models

Description

For objects of class `glm`, it calculates the change in predicted responses, for maximal discrete changes in all covariates holding all other variables constant at typical values.

Usage

```
glmChange(
  obj,
  data,
  typical.dat = NULL,
  diffchange = c("range", "sd", "unit"),
  sim = FALSE,
  R = 1000
)
```

Arguments

<code>obj</code>	A model object of class <code>glm</code> .
<code>data</code>	Data frame used to fit object.
<code>typical.dat</code>	Data frame with a single row containing values at which to hold variables constant when calculating first differences. These values will be passed to <code>predict</code> , so factors must take on a single value, but have all possible levels as their levels attribute.
<code>diffchange</code>	A string indicating the difference in predictor values to calculate the discrete change. <code>range</code> gives the difference between the minimum and maximum, <code>sd</code> gives plus and minus one-half standard deviation change around the median and <code>unit</code> gives a plus and minus one-half unit change around the median.
<code>sim</code>	Logical indicating whether simulated confidence bounds on the difference should be calculated and presented.
<code>R</code>	Number of simulations to perform if <code>sim</code> is TRUE

Details

The function calculates the changes in predicted responses for maximal discrete changes in the covariates, for objects of class `glm`. This function works with polynomials specified with the `poly` function. It also works with multiplicative interactions of the covariates by virtue of the fact that it holds all other variables at typical values. By default, typical values are the median for quantitative variables and the mode for factors. The way the function works with factors is a bit different. The function identifies the two most different levels of the factor and calculates the change in predictions for a change from the level with the smallest prediction to the level with the largest prediction.

Value

A list with the following elements:

diffs	A matrix of calculated first differences
minmax	A matrix of values that were used to calculate the predicted changes

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

Examples

```
data(france)
left.mod <- glm(voteleft ~ male + age + retnat +
poly(lrself, 2), data=france, family=binomial)
typical.france <- data.frame(
  retnat = factor(1, levels=1:3, labels=levels(france$retnat)),
  age = 35, stringsAsFactors=TRUE
)
glmChange(left.mod, data=france, typical.dat=typical.france)
```

 glmChange2

Maximal First Differences for Generalized Linear Models

Description

For objects of class `glm`, it calculates the change in predicted responses, for discrete changes in a covariate holding all other variables at their observed values.

Usage

```
glmChange2(obj, varname, data, change = c("unit", "sd"), R = 1500)
```

Arguments

obj	A model object of class <code>glm</code> .
varname	Character string giving the variable name for which average effects are to be calculated.
data	Data frame used to fit object.
change	A string indicating the difference in predictor values to calculate the discrete change. <code>sd</code> gives plus and minus one-half standard deviation change around the median and <code>unit</code> gives a plus and minus one-half unit change around the median.
R	Number of simulations to perform.

Details

The function calculates the average change in predicted probability for a discrete change in a single covariate with all other variables at their observed values, for objects of class `glm`. This function works with polynomials specified with the `poly` function.

Value

<code>res</code>	A vector of values giving the average and 95 percent confidence bounds
<code>ames</code>	The average change in predicted probability (across all N observations) for each of the R simulations.
<code>avesamp</code>	The average change in predicted probability for each of the N observation (across all of the R simulations).

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

Examples

```
data(france)
left.mod <- glm(voteleft ~ male + age + retnat +
poly(lrself, 2), data=france, family=binomial)
glmChange2(left.mod, "age", data=france, "sd")
```

impCoef

Plot Variable Importance.

Description

Builds a plot of importance based on Silber, Rosenbaum and Ross's (1995) idea of importance as the variance of the predicted model terms.

Usage

```
impCoef(obj, pct = FALSE, names = NULL, orderSize = TRUE)
```

Arguments

<code>obj</code>	Any object that permits prediction of model terms using the <code>predict(obj, type="terms")</code> syntax.
<code>pct</code>	Logical indicating whether the entries should be percentagized by the total sum of squares in the predictions.
<code>names</code>	An optional vector of names for the coefficients.
<code>orderSize</code>	Logical indicating whether the terms are ordered by importance in the graph.

Value

Returns an initialized ggplot, but geometries need to be added to produce meaningful output (see examples).

References

Silber, JH, PR Rosenbaum and RN Ross (1995) Comparing the Contributions of Groups of Predictors: Which Outcomes Vary with Hospital Rather than Patient Characteristics? JASS 90, 7-18.

Examples

```
data(ac1p)
library(ggplot2)
mod <- glm(democ ~ log(gdpw) + popg + year, data=ac1p, family=binomial)
impCoef(mod, pct=TRUE, names=c("GDP", "Population", "Year")) +
geom_point(size=2) +
labs(x="Importance", y="")
```

 inspect

Inspect a Variable in a Data Frame

Description

Shows the variable label, factor levels (i.e., value labels) and frequency distribution for the specified variable.

Usage

```
inspect(data, x, includeLabels = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

data	A data frame of class <code>data.frame</code> or <code>tbl_df</code> .
x	A string identifying the name of the variable to be inspected.
includeLabels	Logical indicating whether value labels should also be included.
...	Other arguments to be passed down, currently unimplemented.

Value

A list with a variable label (if present), factor levels/value labels (if present) and a frequency distribution

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

Examples

```
data(france)
inspect(france, "vote")
```

intEff	<i>Functions for Estimating Interaction Effects in Logit and Probit Models</i>
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Description

Norton and Ai (2003) and Norton, Wang and Ai (2004) discuss methods for calculating the appropriate marginal effects for interactions in binary logit/probit models. These functions are direct translations of the Norton, Wang and Ai (2004) Stata code.

Usage

```
intEff(obj, vars, data)
```

Arguments

obj	A binary logit or probit model estimated with glm.
vars	A vector of the two variables involved in the interaction.
data	A data frame used in the call to obj.

Value

A list is returned with two elements - byobs and atment. The byobs result gives the interaction effect evaluated at each observation. The atmean element has the marginal effect evaluated at the mean. Each element contains an element int which is a data frame with the following variable:

int_eff	The correctly calculated marginal effect.
linear	The incorrectly calculated marginal effect following the linear model analogy.
phat	Predicted $\Pr(Y=1 X)$.
se_int_eff	Standard error of int_eff.
zstat	The interaction effect divided by its standard error

The X element of each returned result is the X-matrix used to generate the result.

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

References

Norton, Edward C., Hua Wang and Chunrong Ai. 2004. Computing Interaction Effects and Standard Errors in Logit and Probit Models. *The Stata Journal* 4(2): 154-167.

Ai, Chunrong and Edward C. Norton. 2003. Interaction Terms in Logit and Probit Models. *Economics Letters* 80(1): 123-129.

Norton, Edward C., Hua Wang and Chunrong Ai. 2004. `inteff`: Computing Interaction Effects and Standard Errors in Logit and Probit Models, Stata Code.

Examples

```
data(france)
mod <- glm(voteleft ~ age*lrself + retnat + male, data=france, family=binomial)
out <- intEff(obj=mod, vars=c("age", "lrself"), data=france)
out <- out$byobs$int
plot(out$phat, out$int_eff, xlab="Predicted Pr(Y=1|X)",
      ylab = "Interaction Effect")
ag <- aggregate(out$linear, list(out$phat), mean)
lines(ag[,1], ag[,2], lty=2, col="red", lwd=2)
legend("topright", c("Correct Marginal Effect", "Linear Marginal Effect"),
      pch=c(1, NA), lty=c(NA, 2), col=c("black", "red"), lwd=c(NA, 2), inset=.01)
```

InteractionEx

Example Data for DAintfun

Description

Data to execute example code for DAintfun

Format

A data frame with 500 observations on the following 4 variables.

y a numeric vector

x1 a numeric vector

x2 a numeric vector

z a numeric vector

Details

These are randomly generated data to highlight the functionality of DAintfun

Description

This function works on linear models with a single interaction between a continuous (numeric) variable and a factor. The output is a data frame that gives the predicted effect of moving from each category to each other category of the factor over the range of values of the continuous conditioning variable.

Usage

```
intQualQuant(
  obj,
  vars,
  level = 0.95,
  varcov = NULL,
  labs = NULL,
  n = 10,
  onlySig = FALSE,
  type = c("facs", "slopes"),
  plot = TRUE,
  vals = NULL,
  rug = TRUE,
  ci = TRUE,
  digits = 3,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

obj	An object of class <code>lm</code> .
vars	A vector of two variable names giving the two quantitative variables involved in the interaction. These variables must be involved in one, and only one, interaction.
level	Confidence level desired for lower and upper bounds of confidence interval.
varcov	A potentially clustered or robust variance-covariance matrix of parameters used to calculate standard errors. If <code>NULL</code> , the <code>vcov</code> function will be used.
labs	An optional vector of labels that will be used to identify the effects, if <code>NULL</code> , the factor levels will be used.
n	Number of values of the conditioning variable to use.
onlySig	Logical indicating whether only contrasts with significant differences should be returned. Significance is determined to exist if the largest lower bound is greater than zero or the smallest upper bound is smaller than zero.

type	String indicating whether the conditional partial effect of the factors is plotted (if 'facs'), or the conditional partial effect of the quantitative variable (if 'slopes') is produced.
plot	Logical indicating whether graphical results (if TRUE) or numerical results (if FALSE) are produced.
vals	A vector of values at which the continuous variable will be held constant. If NULL, a sequence of length n across the variable's range will be used.
rug	Logical indicating whether rug plots should be plotted in the panels.
ci	Logical indicating whether confidence bounds should be drawn.
digits	Number indicating how many decimal places to round the numeric output.
...	Other arguments to be passed down to effect if plot.type = 'slopes'.

Value

For type = 'facs' and plot = FALSE, a data frame with the following values:

fit	The expected difference between the two factor levels at the specified value of the conditioning variable.
se.fit	The standard error of the expected differences.
x	The value of the continuous conditioning variable
contrast	A factor giving the two values of the factor being evaluated.
lower	The lower 95% confidence interval for fit
upper	The upper 95% confidence interval for fit

For type = 'facs' and plot = TRUE, a lattice display is returned For type = 'slopes' and plot = FALSE, A character matrix with the following columns:

B	The conditional effect of the quantitative variable for each level of the factor.
SE(B)	The standard error of the conditional effect.
t-stat	The t-statistic of the conditional effect.
Pr(> t)	The two-sided p-value.

For type = 'slopes' and plot = TRUE, a lattice display is returned

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

Examples

```
data(Prestige, package="carData")
Prestige$income <- Prestige$income/1000
mod <- lm(prestige ~ income * type + education, data=Prestige)
intQualQuant(mod, c("income", "type"), n=10,
plot.type="none")
intQualQuant(mod, c("income", "type"), n=10,
```

```
plot.type="facs")
intQualQuant(mod, c("income", "type"), n=10,
plot.type="slopes")
```

loessDeriv

Estimate Derivatives of LOESS Curve.

Description

Estimates the first derivatives of the LOESS curve.

Usage

```
loessDeriv(obj, delta = 1e-05)
```

Arguments

obj An object of class loess.
delta Small change to be induced to estimate derivative.

Value

A vector of first derivative values evaluated at each original x-value.

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

logit_cc

Functions for Estimating Interaction Effects in Logit and Probit Models

Description

Norton and Ai (2003) and Norton, Wang and Ai (2004) discuss methods for calculating the appropriate marginal effects for interactions in binary logit/probit models. These functions are direct translations of the Norton, Wang and Ai (2004) Stata code. These functions are not intended to be called by the user directly, rather they are called as needed by intEff.

Usage

```
logit_cc(obj = obj, int.var = int.var, vars = vars, b = b, X = X)
```

Arguments

obj	A binary logit or probit model estimated with glm.
int.var	The name of the interaction variable.
vars	A vector of the two variables involved in the interaction.
b	Coefficients from the glm object.
X	Model matrix from the glm object.

Value

A data frame with the following variable:

int_eff	The correctly calculated marginal effect.
linear	The incorrectly calculated marginal effect following the linear model analogy.
phat	Predicted $\Pr(Y=1 X)$.
se_int_eff	Standard error of int_eff.
zstat	The interaction effect divided by its standard error

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

References

Norton, Edward C., Hua Wang and Chunrong Ai. 2004. Computing Interaction Effects and Standard Errors in Logit and Probit Models. *The Stata Journal* 4(2): 154-167.

Ai, Chunrong and Edward C. Norton. 2003. Interaction Terms in Logit and Probit Models. *Economics Letters* 80(1): 123-129.

Norton, Edward C., Hua Wang and Chunrong Ai. 2004. inteff: Computing Interaction Effects and Standard Errors in Logit and Probit Models, Stata Code.

makeHypSurv

Make Hypothetical Predictions for Survey Data

Description

Calculates survival probabilities for hypothetical data.

Usage

makeHypSurv(l, obj, ...)

Arguments

l	A named list where variable names are the names and values of the variables are the values. Combinations will be made with <code>expand.grid</code> .
obj	A model object estimated with <code>survreg</code> .
...	currently not implemented.

Value

A data frame.

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

make_assoc_stats	<i>Make Categorical Association Statistics</i>
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Description

Makes several common measures of association for contingency tables. The p-values are obtained through simulation.

Usage

```
make_assoc_stats(
  x,
  y,
  chisq = FALSE,
  phi = FALSE,
  cramersV = TRUE,
  lambda = FALSE,
  gamma = TRUE,
  d = FALSE,
  taub = TRUE,
  n = 1000,
  weight = NULL
)
```

Arguments

x	The row-variable in a contingency table
y	The column-variable in a contingency table
chisq	Logical indicating whether the chi-squared statistic should be produced.
phi	Logical indicating whether the phi statistic should be produced.
cramersV	Logical indicating whether the Cramer's V statistic should be produced.

lambda	Logical indicating whether the lambda statistic should be produced.
gamma	Logical indicating whether the gamma statistic for ordinal data should be produced.
d	Logical indicating whether Somer's D for ordinal data should be produced.
taub	Logical indicating whether Kendall's Tau-b statistic should be produced.
n	Number of iterations in the simulation.
weight	Vector of weights used to generate the table.

Value

A matrix of statistics and p-values.

mnlAveEffPlot	<i>Average Effects Plot for Multinomial Logistic Regression</i>
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Description

Produces a plot of average effects for one variable while holding the others constant at observed values.

Usage

```
mnlAveEffPlot(obj, varname, data, R = 1500, nvals = 25, plot = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

obj	An object of class multinom.
varname	A string indicating the variable for which the plot is desired.
data	The data used to estimate obj.
R	Number of simulations used to generate confidence bounds.
nvals	Number of evaluation points for the predicted probabilities.
plot	Logical indicating whether a plot should be produced (if TRUE) or numerical results should be returned (if FALSE).
...	Other arguments to be passed down to xyplot.

Value

Either a plot or a data frame with variables

mean	The average effect (i.e., predicted probability)
lower	The lower 95% confidence bound
upper	The upper 95% confidence bound
y	The values of the dependent variable being predicted
x	The values of the independent variable being manipulated

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

References

Hanmer, M.J. and K.O. Kalkan. 2013. 'Behind the Curve: Clarifying the Best Approach to Calculating Predicted Probabilities and Marginal Effects from Limited Dependent Variable Models'. *American Journal of Political Science*. 57(1): 263-277.

Examples

```
library(nnet)
data(france)
mnl.mod <- multinom(vote ~ age + male + retnat + lrself, data=france)
## Not run: mnlAveEffPlot(mnl.mod, "lrself", data=france)
```

mnlChange

Maximal First Differences for Multinomial Logistic Regression Models

Description

For objects of class `multinom`, it calculates the change in predicted probabilities, for maximal discrete changes in all covariates holding all other variables constant at typical values.

Usage

```
mnlChange(
  obj,
  data,
  typical.dat = NULL,
  diffchange = c("range", "sd", "unit"),
  sim = TRUE,
  R = 1500
)
```

Arguments

<code>obj</code>	A model object of class <code>multinom</code> .
<code>data</code>	Data frame used to fit object.
<code>typical.dat</code>	Data frame with a single row containing values at which to hold variables constant when calculating first differences. These values will be passed to <code>predict</code> , so factors must take on a single value, but have all possible levels as their levels attribute.

diffchange	A string indicating the difference in predictor values to calculate the discrete change. <code>range</code> gives the difference between the minimum and maximum, <code>sd</code> gives plus and minus one-half standard deviation change around the median and <code>unit</code> gives a plus and minus one-half unit change around the median.
sim	Logical indicating whether simulated confidence bounds should be produced.
R	Number of simulations to perform if <code>sim = TRUE</code>

Details

The function calculates the changes in predicted probabilities for maximal discrete changes in the covariates for objects of class `multinom`. This function works with polynomials specified with the `poly` function. It also works with multiplicative interactions of the covariates by virtue of the fact that it holds all other variables at typical values. By default, typical values are the median for quantitative variables and the mode for factors. The way the function works with factors is a bit different. The function identifies the two most different levels of the factor and calculates the change in predictions for a change from the level with the smallest prediction to the level with the largest prediction.

Value

A list with the following elements:

<code>diffs</code>	A matrix of calculated first differences
<code>minmax</code>	A matrix of values that were used to calculate the predicted changes
<code>minPred</code>	A matrix of predicted probabilities when each variable is held at its minimum value, in turn.
<code>maxPred</code>	A matrix of predicted probabilities when each variable is held at its maximum value, in turn.

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

Examples

```
library(nnet)
data(france)
mnl.mod <- multinom(vote ~ age + male + retnat + lrself, data=france)
typical.france <- data.frame(
  age = 35,
  retnat = factor(1, levels=1:3, labels=levels(france$retnat)),
  stringsAsFactors=TRUE)
mnlChange(mnl.mod, data=france, typical.dat=typical.france)
```

Description

Calculates average effects of a variable in multinomial logistic regression holding all other variables at observed values.

Usage

```
mnlChange2(obj, varnames, data, diffchange = c("unit", "sd"), R = 1500)
```

Arguments

obj	An object of class multinom
varnames	A string identifying the variable to be manipulated.
data	Data frame used to fit object.
diffchange	A string indicating the difference in predictor values to calculate the discrete change. sd gives plus and minus one-half standard deviation change around the median and unit gives a plus and minus one-half unit change around the median.
R	Number of simulations.

Value

A list with elements:

mean	Average effect of the variable for each category of the dependent variable.
lower	Lower 95 percent confidence bound
upper	Upper 95 percent confidence bound

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

Examples

```
library(nnet)
data(france)
mnl.mod <- multinom(vote ~ age + male + retnat + lrself, data=france)
mnlChange2(mnl.mod, "lrself", data=france, )
```

mnlfit	<i>Fit Statistics and Specification Test for Multinomial Logistic Regression</i>
--------	--

Description

Provides fit statistics (pseudo R-squared values) and the Fagerland, Hosmer and Bonfi (2008) specification test for Multinomial Logistic Regression models.

Usage

```
mnlfit(obj, permute = FALSE)
```

Arguments

obj	An object of class multinom
permute	Logical indicating whether to check all base categories for the Fagerland et. al. specification test.

Value

A list with elements:

result	Fit statistics.
permres	The results of the base category permutation exercise.

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

References

Fagerland M. W., D. W. Hosmer and A. M. Bonfi. 2008. 'Multinomial goodness-of-fit tests for logistic regression models.' *Statistics in Medicine*. 27(21): 4238-4253.

Examples

```
library(nnet)
data(france)
mnl.mod <- multinom(vote ~ age + male + retnat + lrself, data=france)
mnlfit(mnl.mod)
```

mnlSig	<i>Print Statistically Significant MNL Coefficients</i>
--------	---

Description

By default, the summary for objects of class `multinom` is not particularly helpful. It still requires a lot of work on the part of the user to figure out which coefficients are significantly different from zero and which ones are not. `mnlSig` solves this problem by either flagging significant coefficients with an asterisk or only printing significant coefficients, leaving insignificant ones blank.

Usage

```
mnlSig(
  obj,
  pval = 0.05,
  two.sided = TRUE,
  flag.sig = TRUE,
  insig.blank = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

<code>obj</code>	A model object of class <code>multinom</code> .
<code>pval</code>	The desired Type I error rate to identify coefficients as statistically significant.
<code>two.sided</code>	Logical indicating whether calculated p-values should be two-sided (if TRUE) or one-sided (if FALSE).
<code>flag.sig</code>	Logical indicating whether an asterisk should be placed beside coefficients which are significant at the <code>pval</code> level.
<code>insig.blank</code>	Logical indicating whether coefficients which are not significant at the <code>pval</code> level should be blank in the output.

Value

A data frame suitable for printing with the (optionally significance-flagged) coefficients from a multinomial logit model.

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

Examples

```
library(nnet)
data(france)
mnl.mod <- multinom(vote ~ retnat + male + retnat + lrself, data=france)
mnlSig(mnl.mod)
```

Description

Calculates AIC and BIC for the selection of knots in a spline over values (potentially including polynomials) up to a user-defined maximum.

Usage

```
NKnots(
  form,
  var,
  data,
  degree = 3,
  min.knots = 1,
  max.knots = 10,
  includePoly = FALSE,
  plot = FALSE,
  criterion = c("AIC", "BIC", "CV"),
  cvk = 10,
  cviter = 10
)
```

Arguments

form	A formula detailing the model for which smoothing is to be evaluated.
var	A character string identifying the variable for which smoothing is to be evaluated.
data	Data frame providing values of all variables in form.
degree	Degree of polynomial in B-spline basis functions.
min.knots	Minimum number of internal B-spline knots to be evaluated.
max.knots	Maximum number of internal B-spline knots to be evaluated.
includePoly	Include linear and polynomial models up to, and including degree-th order polynomials.
plot	Logical indicating whether a plot should be returned.
criterion	Statistical criterion to minimize in order to find the best number of knots - AIC, BIC or Cross-validation.
cvk	Number of groups for cross-validation
cviter	Number of iterations of cross-validation to average over. 10 is the default but in real-world applications, this should be somewhere around 200.

Value

A plot, if `plot=TRUE`, otherwise a data frame with the degrees of freedom and corresponding fit measure.

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

Examples

```
data(Prestige, package="carData")
NKnots(prestige ~ education + type, var="income", data=na.omit(Prestige), plot=FALSE)
```

NKnotsTest

Test of functional form assumption using B-splines

Description

Estimate hypothesis test of lower- and higher-order non-linear relationships against an assumed target relationship.

Usage

```
NKnotsTest(
  form,
  var,
  data,
  targetdf = 1,
  degree = 3,
  min.knots = 1,
  max.knots = 10,
  adjust = "none"
)
```

Arguments

<code>form</code>	A formula detailing the model for which smoothing is to be evaluated.
<code>var</code>	A character string identifying the variable for which smoothing is to be evaluated.
<code>data</code>	Data frame providing values of all variables in <code>form</code> .
<code>targetdf</code>	The assumed degrees of freedom against which the tests will be conducted.
<code>degree</code>	Degree of polynomial in B-spline basis functions.
<code>min.knots</code>	Minimum number of internal B-spline knots to be evaluated.
<code>max.knots</code>	Maximum number of internal B-spline knots to be evaluated.
<code>adjust</code>	Method by which p-values will be adjusted (see p.adjust)

Value

A matrix with the following columns:

F	F statistics of test of candidate models against target model
DF1	Numerator DF from F-test
DF2	Denominator DF from F-test
p(F)	p-value from the F-test
Clarke	Test statistic from the Clarke test
Pr(Better)	The Clarke statistic divided by the number of observations
p(Clarke)	p-value from the Clarke test. (T) means that the significant p-value is in favor of the Target model and (C) means the significant p-value is in favor of the candidate (alternative) model.
Delta_AIC	AIC(candidate model) - AIC(target model)
Delta_AICc	AICc(candidate model) - AICc(target model)
Delta_BIC	BIC(candidate model) - BIC(target model)

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

Examples

```
data(Prestige, package="carData")
NKnotsTest(prestige ~ education + type, var="income", data=na.omit(Prestige), targetdf=3)
```

oc2plot

Plot First Differences from Ordinal DV Model

Description

Takes the output from [ordChange](#) and turns it into a plot.

Usage

```
oc2plot(ordc, plot = TRUE)
```

Arguments

ordc	The output from ordChange.
plot	Logical indicating whether a plot (if TRUE) or data (if FALSE) should be returned.

Value

Either a `lattice` plot or a `data.frame` depending on the specification of the `plot` argument.

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

Examples

```
library(MASS)
data(france)
polr.mod <- polr(vote ~ age + male + retnat + lrself, data=france)
typical.france <- data.frame(
  age = 35,
  retnat = factor(1, levels=1:3, labels=levels(france$retnat)),
  stringsAsFactors=TRUE)
oc.res <- ordChange(polr.mod, data=france, typical.dat=typical.france, sim=TRUE)
oc2plot(oc.res)
```

ordAveEffPlot	<i>Plot Average Effects of Variables in Proportional Odds Logistic Regression</i>
---------------	---

Description

For objects of class `polr` the function plots the average effect of a single variable holding all other variables at their observed values.

Usage

```
ordAveEffPlot(
  obj,
  varname,
  data,
  R = 1500,
  nvals = 25,
  plot = TRUE,
  returnInd = FALSE,
  returnMprob = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

<code>obj</code>	An object of class <code>polr</code>
<code>varname</code>	A string providing the name of the variable for which you want the plot to be drawn.
<code>data</code>	Data used to estimate <code>obj</code> .
<code>R</code>	Number of simulations to generate confidence intervals.
<code>nvals</code>	Number of evaluation points of the function

plot	Logical indicating whether or not the result should be plotted (if TRUE) or returned to the console (if FALSE).
returnInd	Logical indicating whether average individual probabilities should be returned.
returnMprob	Logical indicating whether marginal probabilities, averaged over individuals, should be returned.
...	Arguments passed down to the call to xyplot

Details

Following the advice of Hanmer and Kalkan (2013) the function calculates the average effect of a variable holding all other variables at observed values and then plots the result.

Value

Either a plot or a list with a data frame containing the variables

mean	The average effect (i.e., predicted probability)
lower	The lower 95% confidence bound
upper	The upper 95% confidence bound
y	The values of the dependent variable being predicted
x	The values of the independent variable being manipulated

and the elements Ind or Mprob, as requested.

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

References

Hanmer, M.J. and K.O. Kalkan. 2013. 'Behind the Curve: Clarifying the Best Approach to Calculating Predicted Probabilities and Marginal Effects from Limited Dependent Variable Models'. *American Journal of Political Science*. 57(1): 263-277.

Examples

```
library(MASS)
data(france)
polr.mod <- polr(vote ~ age + male + retnat + lrself, data=france)
## Not run: ordAveEffPlot(polr.mod, "lrself", data=france)
```

ordChange	<i>Maximal First Differences for Proportional Odds Logistic Regression Models</i>
-----------	---

Description

For objects of class `polr`, it calculates the change in predicted probabilities, for maximal discrete changes in all covariates holding all other variables constant at typical values.

Usage

```
ordChange(
  obj,
  data,
  typical.dat = NULL,
  diffchange = c("range", "sd", "unit"),
  sim = TRUE,
  R = 1500
)
```

Arguments

<code>obj</code>	A model object of class <code>polr</code> .
<code>data</code>	Data frame used to fit object.
<code>typical.dat</code>	Data frame with a single row containing values at which to hold variables constant when calculating first differences. These values will be passed to <code>predict</code> , so factors must take on a single value, but have all possible levels as their levels attribute.
<code>diffchange</code>	A string indicating the difference in predictor values to calculate the discrete change. <code>range</code> gives the difference between the minimum and maximum, <code>sd</code> gives plus and minus one-half standard deviation change around the median and <code>unit</code> gives a plus and minus one-half unit change around the median.
<code>sim</code>	Logical indicating whether or not simulations should be done to generate confidence intervals for the difference.
<code>R</code>	Number of simulations.

Details

The function calculates the changes in predicted probabilities for maximal discrete changes in the covariates for objects of class `polr`. This function works with polynomials specified with the `poly` function. It also works with multiplicative interactions of the covariates by virtue of the fact that it holds all other variables at typical values. By default, typical values are the median for quantitative variables and the mode for factors. The way the function works with factors is a bit different. The function identifies the two most different levels of the factor and calculates the change in predictions for a change from the level with the smallest prediction to the level with the largest prediction.

Value

A list with the following elements:

diffs	A matrix of calculated first differences
minmax	A matrix of values that were used to calculate the predicted changes
minPred	A matrix of predicted probabilities when each variable is held at its minimum value, in turn.
maxPred	A matrix of predicted probabilities when each variable is held at its maximum value, in turn.

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

Examples

```
library(MASS)
data(france)
polr.mod <- polr(vote ~ age + male + retnat + lrself, data=france)
typical.france <- data.frame(
  age = 35,
  retnat = factor(1, levels=1:3, labels=levels(france$retnat)),
  stringsAsFactors=TRUE)
ordChange(polr.mod, data=france, typical.dat=typical.france, sim=FALSE)
```

ordChange2

Average Effects for Proportional Odds Logistic Regression Models

Description

For objects of class `polr`, it calculates the average change in predicted probabilities, for discrete changes in a covariate holding all other variables at their observed values.

Usage

```
ordChange2(obj, varnames, data, diffchange = c("sd", "unit"), R = 1500)
```

Arguments

obj	A model object of class <code>polr</code> .
varnames	A vector of strings identifying the variable to be manipulated.
data	Data frame used to fit object.
diffchange	A string indicating the difference in predictor values to calculate the discrete change. <code>sd</code> gives plus and minus one-half standard deviation change around the median and <code>unit</code> gives a plus and minus one-half unit change around the median.
R	Number of simulations.

Details

The function calculates the changes in predicted probabilities for maximal discrete changes in the covariates for objects of class `polr`. This function works with polynomials specified with the `poly` function. It also works with multiplicative interactions of the covariates by virtue of the fact that it holds all other variables at typical values. By default, typical values are the median for quantitative variables and the mode for factors. The way the function works with factors is a bit different. The function identifies the two most different levels of the factor and calculates the change in predictions for a change from the level with the smallest prediction to the level with the largest prediction.

Value

A list with the following elements:

<code>diffs</code>	A matrix of calculated first differences
<code>minmax</code>	A matrix of values that were used to calculate the predicted changes
<code>minPred</code>	A matrix of predicted probabilities when each variable is held at its minimum value, in turn.
<code>maxPred</code>	A matrix of predicted probabilities when each variable is held at its maximum value, in turn.

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

Examples

```
library(MASS)
data(france)
polr.mod <- polr(vote ~ age + male + retnat + lrself, data=france)
typical.france <- data.frame(
  age = 35,
  retnat = factor(1, levels=1:3, labels=levels(france$retnat)),
  stringsAsFactors=TRUE)
ordChange2(polr.mod, "age", data=france, diffchange="sd")
```

Description

For objects of class `polr`, it calculates a number of fit statistics and specification tests.

Usage

```
ordfit(obj)
```

Arguments

obj A model object of class polr.

Value

An object of class ordfit which is a matrix containing statistics and specification tests.

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

References

Lipsitz, S. R., Fitzmaurice, G. M. and Mohlenberghs, G. 1996. Goodness-of-fit Tests for Ordinal Response Regression Models. *Applied Statistics*, 45: 175-190.
Pulkstenis, E. and Robinson, T. J. 2004. Goodness-of-fit Test for Ordinal Response Regression Models. *Statistics in Medicine*, 23: 999-1014.
Fagerland, M. W. and Hosmer, D. W. 2013. A Goodness-of-fit Test for the Proportional Odds Regression Model. *Statistics in Medicine* 32(13): 2235-2249.

Examples

```
library(MASS)
data(france)
polr.mod <- polr(vote ~ age + male + retnat + lrself, data=france)
ordfit(polr.mod)
```

outEff

Plot Effects of Removing Outliers

Description

Plots the effect of a variable sequentially removing outlying observations.

Usage

```
outEff(
  obj,
  var,
  data,
  stat = c("cooksD", "hat", "deviance", "pearson"),
  nOut = 10,
  whichOut = NULL,
  cumulative = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

obj	An object of class <code>glm</code> that will be used to plot the outlier removed lines.
var	A character string giving the name of the variable to be used.
data	A data frame.
stat	Which statistic to use to evaluate ‘outlyingness’.
nOut	Number of outliers to be removed.
whichOut	If not <code>NULL</code> , a vector of observation numbers to be removed manually, rather than using <code>stat</code> .
cumulative	Logical indicating whether the outliers should be removed cumulatively, or each one in turn, replacing the other outlying observations.

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

outXT *Create LaTeX or CSV versions of an Object Produced by CrossTable*

Description

outXT takes the output from `CrossTable` in the `gmodels` package and produces either LaTeX code or CSV file that can be imported into word processing software.

Usage

```
outXT(
  obj,
  count = TRUE,
  prop.r = TRUE,
  prop.c = TRUE,
  prop.t = TRUE,
  col.marg = TRUE,
  row.marg = TRUE,
  digits = 3,
  type = "word",
  file = NULL
)
```

Arguments

obj	A list returned by <code>CrossTable</code> from the <code>gmodels</code> package.
count	Logical indicating whether the cell frequencies should be returned.
prop.r	Logical indicating whether the row proportions should be returned.
prop.c	Logical indicating whether the column proportions should be returned.

prop.t	Logical indicating whether the cell proportions should be returned.
col.marg	Logical indicating whether the column marginals should be printed.
row.marg	Logical indicating whether the row marginals should be printed.
digits	Number of digits to use in printing the proportions.
type	String where word indicates a CSV file will be produced and latex indicates LaTeX code will be generated.
file	Connection where the file will be written, if NULL the output will only be written to the console

Value

A file containing LaTeX Code or CSV data to make a table

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

panel.2cat

Lattice panel function for confidence intervals with capped bars

Description

This panel function is defined to plot confidence intervals in a multi-panel lattice display where the x-variable is categorical. Note, both lower and upper must be passed directly to xyp1ot as they will be passed down to the panel function.

Usage

```
panel.2cat(x, y, subscripts, lower, upper, length = 0.2)
```

Arguments

x, y	Data from the call to xyp1ot.
subscripts	Variable used to created the juxtaposed panels.
lower, upper	95% lower and upper bounds of y.
length	Length of the arrow head lines.

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

Examples

```
library(lattice)
library(effects)
data(Duncan, package="carData")
Duncan$inc.cat <- cut(Duncan$income, 3)
mod <- lm(prestige~ inc.cat * type + education,
          data=Duncan)
e1 <- effect("inc.cat*type", mod)
update(plot(e1), panel=panel.2cat)
```

panel.ci

Lattice panel function for confidence intervals

Description

This panel function is defined to plot confidence intervals in a multi-panel lattice display. Note, both lower and upper must be passed directly to xyplot as they will be passed down to the prepanel function.

Usage

```
panel.ci(x, y, subscripts, lower, upper, z1)
```

Arguments

x, y	Data from the call to xyplot.
subscripts	Variable used to created the juxtaposed panels.
lower, upper	95% lower and upper bounds of y.
z1	Logical indicating whether or not a horizontal dotted line at zero is desired.

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

panel.doublerug *Lattice panel function for two rug plots*

Description

This panel function is defined to plot two rugs, one on top of the other in a multi-panel lattice display.

Usage

```
panel.doublerug(  
  xa = NULL,  
  xb = NULL,  
  regular = TRUE,  
  start = if (regular) 0 else 0.97,  
  end = if (regular) 0.03 else 1,  
  x.units = rep("npc", 2),  
  lty = 1,  
  lwd = 1  
)
```

Arguments

xa, xb	Numeric vectors to be plotted.
regular	Logical flag indicating whether rug is to be drawn on the usual side (bottom/left) as opposed to the other side (top/right).
start, end	Start and end points for the rug ticks on the y-axis.
x.units	Character vectors, replicated to be of length two. Specifies the (grid) units associated with start and end above. x.units are for the rug on the x-axis and y-axis respectively (and thus are associated with start and end values on the y and x scales respectively). See panel.rug for more details.
lty, lwd	Line type and width arguments (see par for more details).

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

panel.transci *Lattice panel function for translucent confidence intervals*

Description

This panel function is defined to plot translucent confidence intervals in a single-panel, grouped (i.e., superposed) lattice display. Note, both lower and upper must be passed directly to xyp1ot as they will be passed down to the panel function.

Usage

```
panel.transci(x, y, groups, lower, upper, ca = 0.25, ...)
```

Arguments

x, y	Data from the call to xyp1ot.
groups	Variable used to created the superposed panels.
lower, upper	95% lower and upper bounds of y.
ca	Value of the alpha channel in [0,1]
...	Other arguments to be passed down to the plotting functions.

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

pgumbel *PDF of the Gumbel Distribution*

Description

Returns the PDF of the Gumbel distribution.

Usage

```
pgumbel(q, location = 0, scale = 1, lower.tail = TRUE, log.p = FALSE)
```

Arguments

q	Vector of quantiles
location	The location parameter, <i>mu</i> . This is not the mean of the Gumbel distribution.
scale	The scale parameter <i>sigma</i> .
lower.tail	Logical, whether lower, if TRUE or upper, if FALSE, tail probabilities should be returned.
log.p	Logical, if TRUE probabilities are given in their log.

Details

This code and the details of the help file were taken from the VGAM package.

The Gumbel distribution is a special case of the *generalized extreme value* (GEV) distribution where the shape parameter $\xi = 0$. The latter has 3 parameters, so the Gumbel distribution has two. The Gumbel distribution function is

$$G(y) = \exp\left(-\exp\left[-\frac{y-\mu}{\sigma}\right]\right)$$

where $-\infty < y < \infty$, $-\infty < \mu < \infty$ and $\sigma > 0$. Its mean is

$$\mu - \sigma * \gamma$$

and its variance is

$$\sigma^2 * \pi^2 / 6$$

where γ is Euler's constant (which can be obtained as `-digamma(1)`).

Value

A vector of probabilities

Author(s)

Thomas Yee

plot.alsos

Plotting method for ALSOS object

Description

Makes a plot or optionally returns data for user-generated plots from an alsos object

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'alsos'
plot(x, which_var = NULL, return_data = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

x	An object of class alsos.
which_var	The name of a raw variable that was scaled in the alsos procedure for which a measurement function should be returned.
return_data	Logical indicating whether the data should be returned (if TRUE) or a plot generated (if FALSE)
...	arguments to be passed in, currently not implemented.

Value

A plot.

plot.balsos

Plot Results from BALSOS

Description

Plots the optimally scaled points with posterior 95% credible intervals.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'balsos'
plot(x, ..., freq = TRUE, offset = 0.1, plot = TRUE)
```

Arguments

x	Object of class balsos.
...	Other arguments to be passed down, currently not implement and may conflict with the lattice figure. To change the figure the best advice would be to save the plot as an object and use the update function to change its features.
freq	Logical indicating whether you want the frequentist result plotted alongside the Bayesian result.
offset	If freq=T, the Bayesian points will be plotted at x-offset and the frequentist points will be plotted at x+offset.
plot	Logical indicating whether the plot should be returned or just the data.

Value

A lattice graph produce by a call to xyplot.

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

plot.loess

Plot LOESS curve.

Description

Plots the loess curve of the fitted values against a focal x-variable. .

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'loess'
plot(
  x,
  ...,
  ci = TRUE,
  level = 0.95,
  linear = FALSE,
  addPoints = FALSE,
  col.alpha = 0.5
)
```

Arguments

x	An object of class loess.
...	Other arguments to be passed down to xyplot.
ci	Logical indicating whether point-wise confidence intervals should be included around the fitted curve.
level	The confidence level of the confidence intervals
linear	Logical indicating whether the OLS line should also be included.
addPoints	Logical indicating whether or not points should be added to the figure identifying the position of individual observations.
col.alpha	Value for alpha channel of the RGB color palette.

Details

Plots the fitted loess curve potentially with point-wise confidence bounds.

Value

A plot.

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

plot.secdiff

Plotting Method for Second Difference Objects

Description

Plots the results of the secondDiff function.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'secdiff'  
plot(x, level = 0.95, ...)
```

Arguments

x	An object of class <code>secdiff</code>
level	The confidence level of the confidence interval(s)
...	Other arguments to be passed down, currently not implemented.

`poisfit`*Scalar Measures of Fit for Poisson GLMs Models*

Description

Calculates scalar measures of fit for models with count dependent variables along the lines described in Long (1997) and Long and Freese (2005).

Usage

```
poisfit(obj)
```

Arguments

obj	A model of class <code>glm</code> with <code>family=poisson</code> .
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Details

`poisfit` calculates scalar measures of fit (many of which are pseudo-R-squared measures) to describe how well a model fits data with a count dependent variable.

Value

A named vector of scalar measures of fit

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

References

Long, J.S. 1997. *Regression Models for Categorical and Limited Dependent Variables*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Long, J.S. and J. Freese. 2005. *Regression Models for Categorical Outcomes Using Stata*, 2nd ed. College Station, TX: Stata Press.

poisGOF

Deviance and Chi-squared Goodness-of-Fit Test for Poisson Models

Description

Deviance and Chi-squared goodness-of-fit test of the null hypothesis that poisson variance is appropriate to model the conditional dispersion of the data, given a particular model.

Usage

```
poisGOF(obj)
```

Arguments

`obj` A model object of class `glm` (with `family=poisson`).

Value

A 2x2 data frame with rows representing the different types of statistics (Deviance and Chi-squared) and columns representing the test statistic and p-value.

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

References

Dobson, A. J. (1990) An Introduction to Generalized Linear Models. London: Chapman and Hall.

Examples

```
## Example taken from MASS help file for glm, identified to be
## Dobson (1990) Page 93: Randomized Controlled Trial :
counts <- c(18,17,15,20,10,20,25,13,12)
outcome <- gl(3,1,9)
treatment <- gl(3,3)
print(d.AD <- data.frame(treatment, outcome, counts, stringsAsFactors=TRUE))
glm.D93 <- glm(counts ~ outcome + treatment, family=poisson())
poisGOF(glm.D93)
```

powerTrans *Power Transformation Function*

Description

Power transformation function that treats everything with absolute power transform < .01 as the log transform.

Usage

```
powerTrans(x, transPower)
```

Arguments

x Vector of values to be transformed
transPower The power of the transformation

Value

A vector of transformed values

pre *Proportional and Expected Proportional Reductions in Error*

Description

Calculates proportional reduction in error (PRE) and expected proportional reduction in error (epre) from Herron (1999).

Usage

```
pre(mod1, mod2 = NULL, sim = FALSE, R = 2500)
```

Arguments

mod1 A model of class glm (with family binomial), polr or multinom for which (e)PRE will be calculated.
mod2 A model of the same class as mod1 against which proportional reduction in error will be measured. If NULL, the null model will be used.
sim A logical argument indicating whether a parametric bootstrap should be used to calculate confidence bounds for (e)PRE. See Details for more information.
R Number of bootstrap samples to be drawn if sim=TRUE.

Details

Proportional reduction in error is calculated as a function of correct and incorrect predictions (and the probabilities of correct and incorrect predictions for ePRE). When `sim=TRUE`, a parametric bootstrap will be used that draws from the multivariate normal distribution centered at the coefficient estimates from the model and using the estimated variance-covariance matrix of the estimators as `Sigma`. This matrix is used to form `R` versions of `XB` and predictions are made for each of the `R` different versions of `XB`. Confidence intervals can then be created from the bootstrap sampled (e)PRE values.

Value

An object of class `pre`, which is a list with the following elements:

<code>pre</code>	The proportional reduction in error
<code>epre</code>	The expected proportional reduction in error
<code>m1form</code>	The formula for model 1
<code>m2form</code>	The formula for model 2
<code>pcp</code>	The percent correctly predicted by model 1
<code>pmc</code>	The percent correctly predicted by model 2
<code>epcp</code>	The expected percent correctly predicted by model 1
<code>epmc</code>	The expected percent correctly predicted by model 2
<code>pre.sim</code>	A vector of bootstrapped PRE values if <code>sim=TRUE</code>
<code>epre.sim</code>	A vector of bootstrapped ePRE values if <code>sim=TRUE</code>

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

References

Herron, M. 1999. Postestimation Uncertainty in Limited Dependent Variable Models. *Political Analysis* 8(1): 83–98.

Examples

```
data(france)
left.mod <- glm(voteleft ~ male + age + retnat +
poly(lrself, 2), data=france, family=binomial)
pre(left.mod)
```

```
prepanel.ci
```

Lattice prepanel function for confidence intervals

Description

This prepanel function is defined so as to allow room for all confidence intervals plotted in a lattice display. Note, both lower and upper must be passed directly to xyplot as they will be passed down to the prepanel function.

Usage

```
prepanel.ci(x, y, subscripts, lower, upper)
```

Arguments

x, y	Data from the call to xyplot.
subscripts	Variable used to created the juxtaposed panels.
lower, upper	95% lower and upper bounds of y.

Value

A list giving the ranges and differences in ranges of x and the lower and upper bounds of y.

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

```
print.diffci
```

Print Confidence Intervals for Predicted Probabilities and Their Differences

Description

Print method for output from the probci function.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'diffci'
print(x, ..., digits = 4, filter = NULL, const = NULL, onlySig = FALSE)
```

Arguments

x	A object of class diffci produced by <code>probc</code> .
...	Other arguments to be passed down to print, currently unimplemented.
digits	How many digits to round output.
filter	A named list of values where the names indicate the variable to be filtered and the values in the vector indicate the values to include for the filtering variable.
const	A string identifying the name of the variable to be held constant across comparisons.
onlySig	Logical indicating whether all differes should be displayed or only those significant at the 95% two-tailed level.

Value

An data frame with the following variables:

variables	The variables and the values at which they are held constant. For example, tmp1 would be the first value of tmp used in the probability calculation and tmp2 would be the second value of tmp used in the probability calculation.
pred_prob	The difference in predicted probability given the following change in X: tmp2-tmp1.
lower, upper	The lower and upper 95% confidence bounds.

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

Examples

```
data(france)
left.mod <- glm(voteleft ~ male + age + retnat +
poly(lrself, 2, raw=TRUE), data=france, family=binomial)
out <- probci(left.mod, france, numQuantVals=3,
changeX=c("retnat", "lrself"))
print(out, filter=list(retnat=c("Better", "Worse")))
print(out, filter=list(retnat=c("Better", "Worse")),
const="lrself")
print(out, const="retnat")
```

print.glmc2	<i>Print method for glmChange objects</i>
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Description

Print method for object of class glmc2.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'glm2'  
print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x	Object of class glmc2
...	Currently unimplemented.

print.iqq	<i>Print method for intQualQuant objects.</i>
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Description

Print method for objects of class iqq calculated with the intQualQuant function.

Usage

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

Arguments

x	Object of class iqq
...	Currently unimplmeneted

```
print.ordChange      Print method for ordChange objects
```

Description

Print methods for objects of class ordChange

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'ordChange'
print(x, ..., digits = 3)
```

Arguments

x	Object of class ordChange
...	Other arguments to be passed down to the function
digits	Number of digits to print

```
print.pre            Print method for objects of class pre
```

Description

Prints the output from an object of class pre. The function prints all components of the calculation and optionally simulated confidence bounds.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'pre'
print(x, ..., sim.ci = 0.95)
```

Arguments

x	An object of class pre.
...	Other arguments passed to print, currently not implemented
sim.ci	Coverage for the simulated confidence interval, if sim=TRUE in the call to pre.

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

See Also

pre

Description

Calculates predicted probabilities for any combination of x-variable values holding all other variables constant at either typical values (average case approach) or at observed values (average effect approach).

Usage

```
probc(
  obj,
  data,
  .b = NULL,
  .vcov = NULL,
  changeX = NULL,
  numQuantVals = 5,
  xvals = NULL,
  type = c("aveEff", "aveCase"),
  returnProbs = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

obj	A model of class <code>glm</code> , particularly those with binomial family.
data	Data frame used to estimate obj.
.b	A vector of coefficients to be passed down to the simulation. If <code>NULL</code> , <code>coef()</code> will be used to obtain coefficients from obj.
.vcov	A parameter variance covariance matrix to be passed to the simulation. If <code>NULL</code> , <code>vcov()</code> will be used to obtain the variance-covariance matrix of the parameters.
changeX	A vector of strings giving the names of variables for which changes are desired.
numQuantVals	For quantitative variables, if no x-values are specified in <code>xvals</code> , then <code>numQuantVals</code> gives the number of values used across the range of the variable.
xvals	A named list of values used to make the predictions. The names in the list should correspond with the variable names specified in <code>changeX</code> .
type	Type of effect to be generated. <code>aveEff</code> produces the average first difference across all observed values of X, while <code>aveCase</code> gives the first difference holding all other variables constant at typical values.
returnProbs	Whether or not the vecot/matrix of predicted probabilities should be returned as well.

Details

Calculates predicted probabilities for any combination of x-variable values holding all other variables constant at either typical values (average case approach) or at observed values (average effect approach). The function uses a parametric bootstrap to provide generate confidence bounds for predicted probabilities and their differences. The confidence intervals produced are raw percentile intervals (at the 5% level).

Value

An data frame with the following variables:

variables	The variables and the values at which they are held constant. For example, tmp1 would be the first value of tmp used in the probability calculation and tmp2 would be the second value of tmp used in the probability calculation.
pred_prob	The difference in predicted probability given the following change in X: tmp2-tmp1.
lower, upper	The lower and upper 95% confidence bounds.

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

Examples

```
data(france)
left.mod <- glm(voteleft ~ male + age + retnat +
poly(lrself, 2, raw=TRUE), data=france, family=binomial)
out <- probci(left.mod, france, changeX="retnat")
out
out2 <- probci(left.mod, france, changeX="lrself",
xvals = list(lrself = c(1,10)))
out2
out3 <- probci(left.mod, france, changeX=c("lrself", "retnat"),
xvals = list(lrself = c(1,10)))
out3
```

probgroup

Plog Probabilities by Group

Description

Plots predicted probabilities by value of the dependent variable for proportional odds logistic regression and multinomial logistic regression models

Usage

```
probgroup(obj, ...)
```


Arguments

obj Object of class `polr` or `multinom` where appropriate.
 ... Currently not implemented.

Details

Plots the predicted probabilities by value of the dependent variable. Each panel only includes the observations that had the identified value of the dependent variable.

Value

A plot.

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

pwCorrMat

Pairwise Correlation Matrix

Description

Prints pairwise correlation matrix flagging statistically significant correlations using one of a few different methods.

Usage

```
pwCorrMat(
  formula,
  data,
  method = c("z", "t", "sim"),
  weight = NULL,
  alpha = 0.05,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

formula A right-sided formula giving the variables to be correlated separated by pluses.
 data A data frame where the variables in the formula can be found.
 method A method for calculating the significance of the of the correlation - one of "z", "t" or "sim". When correlations are calculated with weights, a bootstrap is used to generate p-values regardless of the method specified. See details for more.
 weight A vector of weightings as long as there are rows in data.
 alpha Cutoff for identifying significant correlations.
 ... Other arguments to be passed down to `sig.cor`.

Details

The significance is found through one of three ways. For correlation r , the z-transformation is $.5 \cdot \log((1+r)/(1-r))$, the p-value for which is found using the standard normal distribution. The t-transformation is $r \cdot \sqrt{(n-2)/(1-r^2)}$, the p-value for which is found using a t-distribution with $n-2$ degrees of freedom. The "sim" method uses a permutation test to build the sampling distribution of the correlation under the null hypothesis and then calculates a p-value from that distribution.

Value

An object of class pwc, which is a list with elements rSig which is a lower-triangular correlation matrix where only significant correlations are printed, r which is the raw-data pairwise correlation matrix and p which gives the p-values of all of the correlations.

scaleDataFrame	<i>Standardize quantitative variables in a data frame</i>
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Description

This function standardizes quantitative variables in a data frame while leaving the others untouched. This leaves not only factors, but also binary variables (those with values 0, 1, or NA).

Usage

```
scaleDataFrame(data)
```

Arguments

data A data frame.

Value

A data frame with standardized quantitative variables

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

searchVarLabels	<i>Search Variable Labels Attribute</i>
-----------------	---

Description

Data imported from SPSS or Stata comes with the variable labels set (if they were set in the original dataset) as one of the dataframe's attributes. This allows you to search the variable labels and returns the variable column number, name and label for all variables that have partially match the search term either in their labels or names.

Usage

```
searchVarLabels(dat, str)
```

Arguments

dat	a data frame whose variable labels you want to search.
str	string used to search variable labels.

Details

For an imported Stata dataset, variable labels are in the `var.labels` attribute of the dataset and in an SPSS dataset, they are in the `variable.labels` attribute. These are searched, ignoring case, for the desired string

Value

matrix	A matrix of dimensions <code>n-matches x 2</code> is returned, where the first column is the column number of the matching variable and the second column is the variable label. The row names of the matrix are the variable names.
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Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

secondDiff	<i>Calculate Cross-Derivative and its Variability</i>
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Description

Calculates the cross-derivative required to evaluate interactions in logistic/probit regression models.

Usage

```
secondDiff(
  obj,
  vars,
  data,
  method = c("AME", "MER"),
  vals = NULL,
  typical = NULL
)
```

Arguments

obj	An object of class <code>glm</code> that will be used to find the cross-derivative.
vars	A vector of two variables to be used in calculating the derivative.
data	A data frame.
method	Indicate whether you want to use average marginal effects (AME) or marginal effects at representative values (MER).
vals	A named list of length 2 where each element gives the minimum and maximum values used in the calculation.
typical	A named vector of values at which to hold variables constant.

Details

The function calculates the second difference as $(\Pr(Y=1|x_1=\max, x_2=\max) - \Pr(Y=1|x_1=\min, x_2=\max)) - (\Pr(Y=1|x_1=\max, x_2=\min) - \Pr(Y=1|x_1=\min, x_2=\min))$. The function uses a parametric bootstrap to calculate the sampling distribution of the second difference.

Value

A list with two elements:

ave	The average second difference in each iteration of the bootstrap.
ind	If <code>type == 'AME'</code> , <code>ind</code> is returned with the second difference and measures of uncertainty for each individual observation in the original dataset
probs	If <code>type == 'MER'</code> , <code>probs</code> is returned with the full matrix of simulated predicted probabilities for the four conditions.

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

simPredpolr	<i>Calculate Predictions for Proportional Odds Logistic Regression</i>
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Description

Calculates predicted probabilities from models of class polr from a model object and a vector of coefficient values. This is an auxiliary function used in pre if sim=TRUE.

Usage

```
simPredpolr(object, coefs, n.coef)
```

Arguments

object	An object of class polr.
coefs	A vector of coefficients where elements 1 to n.coef give model coefficients and elements n.coef+1 to k have intercepts.
n.coef	Number of coefficients (minus intercepts) for the polr model.

Value

An n x m-category matrix of predicted probabilities

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

summary.balsos	<i>Summry method for Bayesian ALSOS</i>
----------------	---

Description

summary method for objects of class balsos

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'balsos'
summary(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object	Object of class balsos
...	Other arguments, currently unimplemented

summary.secdiff *Summary for Second Difference Objects*

Description

Summary method for objects of class secdiff.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'secdiff'  
summary(object, ..., level = 0.95, digits = 3)
```

Arguments

object	An object of class secdiff
...	Other arguments to be passed down to summary.
level	Confidence level for the confidence intervals
digits	Number of digits to print

sumStats *Summary Statistics*

Description

Provides summary statistics (mean, sd, quartiles, IQR, missing n, valid n) for the variables in a data frame.

Usage

```
sumStats(  
  data,  
  vars,  
  byvar = NULL,  
  convertFactors = TRUE,  
  weight = NULL,  
  digits = 3  
)
```

Arguments

data	A data frame from which variables will be extracted.
vars	A character vector of variable names.
byvar	A character string giving a variable name of a stratifying variable. The summaries of the vars will be provided for each level of byvar.
convertFactors	Logical indicating whether factors should be converted to numeric first and then summarised.
weight	If using a data frame (rather than a survey design object), specifying the name of a weighting variable will for the function to create a survey design with probability weights equal to the weight variable and then use the survey design object to make the summary.
digits	Number of digits to print in the output.

Value

a vector of summary statistics for each variable or variable-group combination.

test.balsos	<i>Testing Measurement Level Assumptions.</i>
-------------	---

Description

Uses the algorithm discussed in Armstrong and Jacoby 2018) to test the intervality of a variable scaled by the Bayesian ALSOS method.

Usage

```
test.balsos(obj, cor.type = c("pearson", "spearman"))
```

Arguments

obj	An object of class balsos.
cor.type	Type of correlation to be used in the p-value calculation.

Value

Printed output giving the Bayesian p-value evaluating the null that there is no interesting difference between the original values and the optimally scaled values.

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

testGAMint

*Simulated F-test for Linear Interactions***Description**

Simulates the sampling distribution of the F statistic when comparing a linear interaction model to a generalized additive model with a smooth over the two variables in the interaction.

Usage

```
testGAMint(m1, m2, data, R = 1000, ranCoef = FALSE)
```

Arguments

m1	An object of class <code>gam</code> estimated with the <code>mgcv</code> package. This model should be linear in the interaction of the two x-variables of interest.
m2	An object of class <code>gam</code> estimated with the <code>mgcv</code> package. This model should contain a smooth interaction. For two continuous variables, this should be done with <code>te()</code> unless the variables are measured in the same units (e.g., spatial coordinates) in which case the usual thin-plate regression spline will work. For categorical moderators, you should use the <code>s(x, by=D0)</code> and <code>s(x, by=D)</code> (for a dummy variable moderator, D, where $D0=1$ when $D=0$. Remember to include D as a parametric term in the model as well to account for the intercept difference between the two smooth terms.)
data	Data frame used to estimate both models
R	Number of simulated F values to create.
ranCoef	Logical indicating whether the coefficients should be treated as fixed or whether they should be drawn from their implied sampling distribution for each iteration of the simulation.

Details

In simple simulations, an F-test of a linear interaction relative to a smooth interaction with a GAM using a nominal .05 type I error rate, has an actual type I error rate of more than double the nominal rate (this tended to be in the low teens). This function tries to build the F-distribution using simulation. First, it uses the coefficients from the linear interaction model, multiplies them by the coefficients from the linear interaction model and for each iteration of the simulation, it creates the simulated dependent variable by adding a random error to the linear predictor with the same standard deviation as the residual standard deviation from the linear interaction model. All of that is to say that this model has all of the same features as the linear interaction model, except that we are certain that this is the right model. The algorithm then estimates both the linear interaction model and the GAM with a smooth interaction on the original X variables and the new simulated y variable. The F-test is performed and the F-statistic saved for each iteration. The algorithm then calculates the probability of being to the right of the observed F-statistic in the simulated F-distribution.

Value

obsF	The observed F-statistic from the test on the original models.
Fdist	The R different F-statistics calculated at each iteration of the simulation.

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

testLoess	<i>Significance Test for Loess vs. LM</i>
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Description

Calculates an F test to evaluate significant differences between a LOESS model and a parametric alternative estimated with lm

Usage

```
testLoess(lmobj, loessobj, alpha = 0.05)
```

Arguments

lmobj	An object of class lm.
loessobj	An object of class loess.
alpha	Desired Type I error rate of test.

Value

Printed output describing the results of the test.

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

Examples

```
data(Prestige, package="carData")
linmod <- lm(prestige ~ income, data=Prestige)
lomod <- loess(prestige ~ income, data=Prestige)
testLoess(linmod, lomod)
```

testNL

Test Transformations and Polynomials in Non-linear Models

Description

Tests for model improvements for non-linear transformations and polynomials with Clarke's (2007) distribution-free test for non-nested models.

Usage

```
testNL(obj, var, transPower, polyOrder, plot = FALSE, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'glm'
```

```
testNL(obj, var, transPower, polyOrder, plot = FALSE, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'lm'
```

```
testNL(obj, var, transPower, polyOrder, plot = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

obj	Object of a supported class in which non-linear functional forms will be tested.
var	String giving name of variable to be tested.
transPower	The power used in the transformation. For transformations in the range (-0.01, 0.01), the log transformation is used.
polyOrder	The order of the polynomial to be used.
plot	Logical indicating whether the effects should be plotted
...	Currently not implemented.

Details

Three hypotheses are tested with this function. The first is whether the original specification is preferred to the power transformation. The second is whether the original specification is preferred to the polynomial model. The third is whether the power transformation is preferred to the polynomial model. All tests are done with the Clarke test.

Value

A plot or a data frame giving the results of the tests identified above.

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

References

Kevin Clarke. 2007. "A Simple Distribution-Free Test for Nonnested Hypotheses." *Political Analysis* 15(3): 347–363.

tscslag	<i>Lag a time-series cross-sectional variables</i>
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Description

Lags (or leads) a variable in a time-series corss-sectional dataset.

Usage

```
tscslag(dat, x, id, time, lagLength = 1)
```

Arguments

dat	A data frame.
x	A string identifying variable to be lagged.
id	A string identifying the name of the cross-sectional identifier.
time	A string identifying the name of the time variable.
lagLength	The length of the lag, use negative values for leading variables.

Value

A vector giving the lagged values of x.

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

tTest	<i>t-Test function</i>
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Description

This function is a wrapper to the `t.test` function but produces more information in the output.

Usage

```
tTest(x, y, data, ...)
```

Arguments

x	The dichotmous variable for the test.
y	The interval/ratio variable for the test.
data	A data frame where x and y can be found.
...	Other arguments to be passed down to <code>t.test</code> .

Value

an object of class `tTest`

<code>xt</code>	<i>Cross-Tabulation of Weighted or Unweighted Data</i>
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Description

Cross-Tabulation of Weighted or Unweighted Data

Usage

```
xt(data, var, byvar = NULL, controlvar = NULL, weight = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>data</code>	Either a data frame or a survey design object.
<code>var</code>	Row variable for the cross-tabular.
<code>byvar</code>	Optional column variable for the cross-tabulation. If <code>NULL</code> , a frequency and relative frequency distribution of <code>var</code> will be produced.
<code>controlvar</code>	The name of a categorical control variable.
<code>weight</code>	A vector of weights to be applied to the table.
<code>...</code>	Other arguments to be passed down to <code>make_assoc_stats</code> . You can use this to calculate different statistics. By default, you get Chi-squared, Cramer's V, Gamma and Kendall's Tau-b. Produces a cross-tabulation and Chi-square statistic for weighted or unweighted data.

Value

A list with two elements - table of class `tabyl` and the returned results from `svychisq`.

<code>yeo.johnson</code>	<i>Yeo-Johnson Transformation</i>
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Description

Computes the normalizing Yeo-Johnson transformation. #' This code and the details of the help file were taken from the VGAM package.

Usage

```
yeo.johnson(  
  y,  
  lambda,  
  derivative = 0,  
  epsilon = sqrt(.Machine$double.eps),  
  inverse = FALSE  
)
```

Arguments

y	Numeric, a vector or matrix.
lambda	Numeric. It is recycled to the same length as y if necessary.
derivative	Non-negative integer. The default is the ordinary function evaluation, otherwise the derivative with respect to lambda.
epsilon	Numeric and positive value. The tolerance given to values of lambda when comparing it to 0 or 2.
inverse	Logical. Return the inverse transformation?

Details

The Yeo-Johnson transformation can be thought of as an extension of the Box-Cox transformation. It handles both positive and negative values, whereas the Box-Cox transformation only handles positive values. Both can be used to transform the data so as to improve normality. They can be used to perform LMS quantile regression.

Value

A vector of transformed values.

Author(s)

Thomas Yee

yj_trans

Optimizing Yeo-Johnson Transformation

Description

Uses `nlm` to find the optimal Yeo-Johnson transformation parameters conditional on a parametric model specification.

Usage

```
yj_trans(form, data, trans.vars, round.digits = 3, ...)
```

Arguments

form	A formula with a dependent variable that will be optimally scaled
data	A data frame.
trans.vars	A character string identifying the variables that should be transformed
round.digits	Number of digits to round the transformation parameters.
...	Other arguments to be passed down to lm.

Value

A linear model object that was estimated on the optimally transformed variables.

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

 ziChange

Maximal First Differences for Zero-Inflated Models

Description

Calculates the change in predicted counts or optionally the predicted probability of being in the zero-count group, for maximal discrete changes in all covariates holding all other variables constant at typical values.

Usage

```
ziChange(obj, data, typical.dat = NULL, type = "count")
```

Arguments

obj	A model object of class zeroinfl.
data	Data frame used to fit object.
typical.dat	Data frame with a single row containing values at which to hold variables constant when calculating first differences. These values will be passed to predict, so factors must take on a single value, but have all possible levels as their levels attribute.
type	Character string of either 'count' (to obtain changes in predicted counts) or 'zero' (to obtain changes in the predicted probability of membership in the zero group).

Details

The function calculates the changes in predicted counts, or optionally the predicted probability of being in the zero group, for maximal discrete changes in the covariates. This function works with polynomials specified with the `poly` function. It also works with multiplicative interactions of the covariates by virtue of the fact that it holds all other variables at typical values. By default, typical values are the median for quantitative variables and the mode for factors. The way the function works with factors is a bit different. The function identifies the two most different levels of the factor and calculates the change in predictions for a change from the level with the smallest prediction to the level with the largest prediction.

Value

A list with the following elements:

<code>diffs</code>	A matrix of calculated first differences
<code>minmax</code>	A matrix of values that were used to calculate the predicted changes

Author(s)

Dave Armstrong

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