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Suggests

Description 'globalboosttest' implements a permutation-based testing procedure to globally test the (additional) predictive value of a large set of predictors given that a small set of predictors is already available. Currently, 'globalboosttest' supports binary outcomes (via logistic regression) and survival outcomes (via Cox regression). It is based on boosting regression as implemented in the package 'mboost'.

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 globalboosttest

Testing the additional predictive value of high-dimensional data

Description

The function `globalboosttest` implements a permutation-based testing procedure to globally test the (additional) predictive value of a large set of predictors given that a small set of predictors is already available.

Usage

```
globalboosttest(X, Y, Z=NULL, nperm=1000, mstop=1000, mstopAIC=FALSE, pvalueonly=TRUE, plot=FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>X</code>	A $n \times p$ matrix or data frame with observations in rows and variables in columns, whose additional predictive value has to be tested.
<code>Y</code>	Either a n -vector of type factor (if the prediction outcome is binary), or a numeric vector of length n (if the prediction outcome is numeric and uncensored), or a <code>Surv</code> object (if the prediction outcome is a survival time).
<code>Z</code>	A $n \times q$ matrix or data frame with observations in rows and variables in columns, on which we want to condition. Note that q should be smaller than n . If <code>Z=NULL</code> , the function <code>globalboosttest</code> simply assesses the predictive value of <code>X</code> without conditioning.
<code>nperm</code>	The number of permutations used to derived the p-value.
<code>mstop</code>	A numeric vector giving the number(s) of boosting steps at which the p-value has to be calculated.
<code>mstopAIC</code>	If <code>TRUE</code> , the best number of boosting steps is determined based on AIC using the non-permuted data from the range $1 : \max(\text{mstop})$.
<code>pvalueonly</code>	Should the function return only the permutation p-value or also the risk for all numbers of boosting steps and all permutations?
<code>plot</code>	If <code>TRUE</code> , a plot representing the minimized criterion for real data (in black) and permuted data (in grey).
<code>...</code>	Further arguments to be passed to the <code>plot</code> function if <code>plot=TRUE</code> .

Details

See Boulesteix and Hothorn (2009) for details on the methodology. If `mstopAIC=TRUE`, the number of boosting steps is chosen from 1 to $\max(\text{mstop})$ independently of the specific values included in the vector `mstop`.

Value

A list with the following arguments

riskreal	A numeric vector of length $\max(\text{mstop})$ giving the risk computed from the original data set with mstop from 1 to $\max(\text{mstop})$ (if $\text{pvalueonly}=\text{FALSE}$).
riskperm	A $n_{\text{perm}} \times \max(\text{mstop})$ matrix giving the risk computed from the n_{perm} permuted data sets with mstop from 1 to $\max(\text{mstop})$ (if $\text{pvalueonly}=\text{FALSE}$).
mstopAIC	The number of boosting steps selected using the AIC-based procedure (if $\text{mstopAIC}=\text{TRUE}$).
pvalue	A numeric vector of length $\text{length}(\text{mstop})$ (if $\text{mstopAIC}=\text{FALSE}$) or $\text{length}(\text{mstop})+1$ (if $\text{mstopAIC}=\text{TRUE}$) giving the permutation-p-values obtained for each considered value of mstop

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References

A. L. Boulesteix and Torsten Hothorn (2010). Testing the additional predictive value of high-dimensional data. *BMC Bioinformatics* 10:78.

Examples

```
# load globalboosttest library
library(globalboosttest)

# load the simulated data with binary outcome
data(simdatabin)
attach(simdatabin)
# Test with 25 permutations
test<-globalboosttest(X=X,Y=Y,Z=Z,nperm=25,mstop=c(100,500,1000))

# load the simulated data with survival outcome
data(simdatasurv)
attach(simdatasurv)
# Test with 25 permutations
test<-globalboosttest(X=X,Y=Surv(time,status),Z=NULL,nperm=25,mstop=c(100,500,1000),mstopAIC=FALSE)
```

simdatabin

Simulated data with binary outcome

Description

Simulated data with binary outcome Y. The data X and Z are non-informative in the sense that they were randomly generated independently of Y.

Usage

```
data(simdatabin)
```

Details

Simulated data for demonstration purpose only.

Value

A list with the following arguments:

X	A 50 x 200 matrix (with observations in rows and variables in columns) whose additional predictive value has to be tested.
Y	A vector of length 50 and type factor
Z	A 50 x 5 matrix (with observations in rows and variables in columns) on which we want to condition.

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See Also

[simdatasurv](#)

Examples

```
# load globalboosttest library
library(globalboosttest)

# load the simulated data with binary outcome
data(simdatabin)
# Visualize the dimensions
dim(simdatabin$X)
dim(simdatabin$Z)
simdatabin$Y
```

`simdatasurv`*Simulated data with survival outcome*

Description

Simulated data with binary outcome Y. The data X and Z are non-informative in the sense that they were randomly generated independently of Y.

Usage

```
data(simdatasurv)
```

Details

Simulated data for demonstration purpose only.

Value

A list with the following arguments:

X	A 50 x 200 matrix (with observations in rows and variables in columns) whose additional predictive value has to be tested.
status	A numeric vector of length 50 giving the survival status with values 0 (alive) and 1 (dead).
time	A numeric vector of length 50 giving the observation time (which equals the survival time for subjects with status=1)
Z	A 50 x 5 matrix (with observations in rows and variables in columns) on which we want to condition.

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See Also

[simdatabin](#)

Examples

```
# load globalboosttest library
library(globalboosttest)

# load the simulated data with survival outcome
data(simdatasurv)
# Visualize the dimensions
dim(simdatasurv$X)
dim(simdatasurv$Z)
```

```
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