Package 'bnnSurvival'

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Title Bagged k-Nearest Neighbors Survival Prediction

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Description Implements a bootstrap aggregated (bagged) version of the k-nearest neighbors survival probability prediction method (Lowsky et al. 2013). In addition to the bootstrapping of training samples, the features can be subsampled in each baselearner to break the correlation between them. The Rcpp package is used to speed up the computation.

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Contents

`bnnSurvival` *Bagged k-nearest neighbors survival prediction*

Description

Bootstrap aggregated (bagged) version of the k-nearest neighbors survival probability prediction method (Lowsky et al. 2013). In addition to the bootstrapping of training samples, the features can be subsampled in each base learner.

Usage

```
bnnSurvival(formula, data, k = max(1, nrow(data)/10),
  num_base_learners = 50, num_features_per_base_learner = NULL,
  metric = "mahalanobis", weighting_function = function(x) {     x * 0 + 1
  }, replace = TRUE, sample_fraction = NULL)
```

Arguments

`formula`	Object of class formula or character describing the model to fit.
`data`	Training data of class data.frame.
`k`	Number nearest neighbors to use. If a vector is given, the optimal k of these values is found using 5-fold cross validation.
`num_base_learners`	Number of base learners to use for bootstrapping.
`num_features_per_base_learner`	Number of features randomly selected in each base learner. Default: all.
`metric`	Metric d(x,y) used to measure the distance between observations. Currently only "mahalanobis".
`weighting_function`	Weighting function w(d(,x,y)) used to weight the observations based on their distance.
`replace`	Sample with or without replacement.
`sample_fraction`	Fraction of observations to sample in [0,1]. Default is 1 for `replace=TRUE`, and 0.6321 for `replace=FALSE`.

Details

For a description of the k-nearest neighbors survival probability prediction method see (Lowsky et al. 2013). Please note, that parallel processing, as currently implemented, does not work on Microsoft Windows platforms.

The weighting function needs to be defined for all distances >= 0. The default function is constant 1, a possible alternative is w(x) = 1/(1+x).

To use the non-bagged version as in Lowsky et al. 2013, use `num_base_learners=1`, `replace=FALSE` and `sample_fraction=1`.

Value

bnnSurvivalEnsemble object. Use predict() with a new data set to predict survival probabilites.

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References

Lowsky, D.J. et al. (2013). A K-nearest neighbors survival probability prediction method. Stat Med, 32(12), 2062-2069.

See Also

predict

Examples

```
require(bnnSurvival)

## Use only 1 core
options(mc.cores = 1)

## Load a dataset and split in training and test data
require(survival)
n <- nrow(veteran)
idx <- sample(n, 2/3*n)
train_data <- veteran[idx, ]
test_data <- veteran[-idx, ]

## Create model with training data and predict for test data
model <- bnnSurvival(Surv(time, status) ~ trt + karno + diagtime + age + prior, train_data,
                     k = 20, num_base_learners = 10, num_features_per_base_learner = 3)
result <- predict(model, test_data)

## Plot survival curve for the first observations
plot(timepoints(result), predictions(result)[1, ])
```

get_best_k *Get optimal number of neighbors*

Description

Get optimal number of neighbors for bnnSurvival by cross validation

Usage

```
get_best_k(formula, data, k, ...)
```

Arguments

formula	Formula
data	Data
k	Number of neighbors
...	Further arguments passed to bnnSurvival

Value

Optimal k

predict,bnnSurvivalBaseLearner-method *Compute prediction for all samples.*

Description

Compute prediction for all samples.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'bnnSurvivalBaseLearner'
predict(object, train_data, test_data,
  timepoints, metric, weighting_function, k)
```

Arguments

object	bnnSurvivalBaseLearner object
train_data	Training data (with response)
test_data	Test data (without response)
timepoints	Timepoint to predict at
metric	Metric used
weighting_function	Weighting function used
k	Number of nearest neighbors

predict,bnnSurvivalEnsemble-method

Predict survival probabilities with bagged k-nearest neighbors survival prediction.

Description

Predict survival probabilities with bagged k-nearest neighbors survival prediction.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'bnnSurvivalEnsemble'
predict(object, test_data)
```

Arguments

object	Object of class bnnSurvivalEnsemble, created with bnnSurvival().
test_data	Data set containing data to predict survival.

predictions *Get Predictions*

Description

Get Predictions

Usage

```
predictions(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object	Object to extract predictions from
...	further arguments passed to or from other methods.

predictions,bnnSurvivalResult-method *Get Predictions*

Description

Get Predictions

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'bnnSurvivalResult'
predictions(object)
```

Arguments

object	bnnSurvivalResult object to extract predictions from

predictSurvProb.bnnSurvivalEnsemble *Function to extract survival probability predictions from bnnSurvivalEnsemble. Use with* pec *package.*

Description

Function to extract survival probability predictions from bnnSurvivalEnsemble. Use with pec package.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'bnnSurvivalEnsemble'
predictSurvProb(object, newdata, times, ...)
```

Arguments

object	bnnSurvivalEnsemble object.
newdata	Data used for prediction.
times	Not used.
...	Not used.

Value

survival probability predictions

print,bnnSurvivalEnsemble-method *Generic print method for bnnSurvivalEnsemble*

Description

Generic print method for bnnSurvivalEnsemble

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'bnnSurvivalEnsemble'
print(x)
```

Arguments

x	bnnSurvivalEnsemble object to print

print,bnnSurvivalResult-method *Generic print method for bnnSurvivalResult*

Description

Generic print method for bnnSurvivalResult

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'bnnSurvivalResult'
print(x)
```

Arguments

x	bnnSurvivalResult object to print

`show,bnnSurvivalEnsemble-method`
Generic show method for bnnSurvivalEnsemble

Description

Generic show method for bnnSurvivalEnsemble

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'bnnSurvivalEnsemble'
show(object)
```

Arguments

`object`	bnnSurvivalEnsemble object to show

`show,bnnSurvivalResult-method`
Generic show method for bnnSurvivalResult

Description

Generic show method for bnnSurvivalResult

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'bnnSurvivalResult'
show(object)
```

Arguments

`object`	bnnSurvivalResult object to show

`timepoints` *Get Timepoints*

Description

Get Timepoints

Usage

```
timepoints(object, ...)
```

Arguments

`object`	Object to extract timepoints from
`...`	further arguments passed to or from other methods.

`timepoints,bnnSurvivalResult-method` *Get timepoints*

Description

Get timepoints

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'bnnSurvivalResult'
timepoints(object)
```

Arguments

`object`	bnnSurvivalResult object to extract timepoints from

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