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 bm25

Best Matching(BM25) - Deprecated

Description

Computer BM25 distance between sentences/documents.

Details

BM25 stands for Best Matching 25. It is widely using for ranking documents and a preferred method than TF*IDF scores. It is used to find the similar documents from a corpus, given a new document. It is popularly used in information retrieval systems. This implementation uses multiple cores for faster and parallel computation.

Public fields

corpus a list containing sentences

use_parallel enables parallel computation, defaults to FALSE

Methods

Public methods:

- `bm25$new()`
- `bm25$most_similar()`
- `bm25$clone()`

Method `new()`:

Usage:

```
bm25$new(corpus, use_parallel)
```

Arguments:

`corpus` list, a list containing sentences

`use_parallel` logical, enables parallel computation, defaults to FALSE. if TRUE uses `n - 1` cores.

Details: Create a new 'bm25' object.

Returns: A 'bm25' object.

```
example <- c('white audi 2.5 car','black shoes from office', 'new mobile iphone 7','audi tyres  
audi a3', 'nice audi bmw toyota corolla') obj <- bm25$new(example, use_parallel=FALSE)
```

Method `most_similar()`:

Usage:

```
bm25$most_similar(document, topn = 1)
```

Arguments:

`document` character, for this value we find most similar sentences.

`topn` integer, top n sentences to retrieve

Details: Returns a list of the most similar sentence

Returns: a vector of most similar documents

```
example <- c('white audi 2.5 car','black shoes from office', 'new mobile iphone 7','audi tyres  
audi a3', 'nice audi bmw toyota corolla') get_bm <- bm25$new(example, use_parallel=FALSE)  
input_document <- c('white toyota corolla') get_bm$most_similar(document = input_document,  
topn = 2)
```

Method `clone()`: The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

Usage:

```
bm25$clone(deep = FALSE)
```

Arguments:

`deep` Whether to make a deep clone.

`bm_25`*BM25 Matching*

Description

BM25 stands for Best Matching 25. It is widely used for ranking documents and a preferred method than TF*IDF scores. It is used to find the similar documents from a corpus, given a new document. It is popularly used in information retrieval systems. This implementation is based on c++ functions hence quite optimised as well.

Usage

```
bm_25(document, corpus, top_n)
```

Arguments

<code>document</code>	a string for which to find similar documents
<code>corpus</code>	a vector of strings against which document is to be matched
<code>top_n</code>	top n similar documents to find

Value

a vector containing similar documents and their scores

Examples

```
docs <- c("chimpanzees are found in jungle",
         "chimps are jungle animals",
         "Mercedes automobiles are best",
         "merc is made in germany",
         "chimps are intelligent animals")

sentence <- "automobiles are"
s <- bm_25(document=sentence, corpus=docs, top_n=2)
```

`cla_train`*cla_train*

Description

Training Dataset used for classification examples. This is classic titanic dataset used to predict if a passenger will survive or not in titanic ship disaster.

Usage

```
cla_train
```

Format

An object of class `data.table` (inherits from `data.frame`) with 891 rows and 12 columns.

Source

<https://www.kaggle.com/c/titanic/data>

Counter

Calculate count of values in a list or vector

Description

Handy function to calculate count of values given in a list or vector

Usage

```
Counter(data, sort = TRUE, decreasing = FALSE)
```

Arguments

`data` should be a vector or list of input values
`sort` a logical value, to sort the result or not
`decreasing` a logical value, the order of sorting to be followed

Value

count of values in a list

Examples

```
d <- list(c('i', 'am', 'bad'), c('you', 'are', 'also', 'bad'))
counts <- Counter(d, sort=TRUE, decreasing=TRUE)
```

CountVectorizer

Count Vectorizer

Description

Creates CountVectorizer Model.

Details

Given a list of text, it generates a bag of words model and returns a sparse matrix consisting of token counts.

Public fields

`sentences` a list containing sentences

`max_df` When building the vocabulary ignore terms that have a document frequency strictly higher than the given threshold, value lies between 0 and 1.

`min_df` When building the vocabulary ignore terms that have a document frequency strictly lower than the given threshold, value lies between 0 and 1.

`max_features` Build a vocabulary that only consider the top `max_features` ordered by term frequency across the corpus.

`ngram_range` The lower and upper boundary of the range of n-values for different word n-grams or char n-grams to be extracted. All values of n such such that `min_n <= n <= max_n` will be used. For example an `ngram_range` of `c(1, 1)` means only unigrams, `c(1, 2)` means unigrams and bigrams, and `c(2, 2)` means only bigrams.

`split` splitting criteria for strings, default: " "

`lowercase` convert all characters to lowercase before tokenizing

`regex` regex expression to use for text cleaning.

`remove_stopwords` a list of stopwords to use, by default it uses its inbuilt list of standard stopwords

`model` internal attribute which stores the count model

Methods**Public methods:**

- `CountVectorizer$new()`
- `CountVectorizer$fit()`
- `CountVectorizer$fit_transform()`
- `CountVectorizer$transform()`
- `CountVectorizer$clone()`

Method new():

Usage:

```
CountVectorizer$new(
  min_df,
  max_df,
  max_features,
  ngram_range,
  regex,
  remove_stopwords,
  split,
  lowercase
)
```

Arguments:

`min_df` numeric, When building the vocabulary ignore terms that have a document frequency strictly lower than the given threshold, value lies between 0 and 1.

`max_df` numeric, When building the vocabulary ignore terms that have a document frequency strictly higher than the given threshold, value lies between 0 and 1.

`max_features` integer, Build a vocabulary that only consider the top `max_features` ordered by term frequency across the corpus.

`ngram_range` vector, The lower and upper boundary of the range of n-values for different word n-grams or char n-grams to be extracted. All values of n such such that $\min_n \leq n \leq \max_n$ will be used. For example an `ngram_range` of `c(1, 1)` means only unigrams, `c(1, 2)` means unigrams and bigrams, and `c(2, 2)` means only bigrams.

`regex` character, regex expression to use for text cleaning.

`remove_stopwords` list, a list of stopwords to use, by default it uses its inbuilt list of standard english stopwords

`split` character, splitting criteria for strings, default: " "

`lowercase` logical, convert all characters to lowercase before tokenizing, default: TRUE

Details: Create a new 'CountVectorizer' object.

Returns: A 'CountVectorizer' object.

Examples:

```
cv = CountVectorizer$new(min_df=0.1)
```

Method `fit()`:

Usage:

```
CountVectorizer$fit(sentences)
```

Arguments:

`sentences` a list of text sentences

Details: Fits the countvectorizer model on sentences

Returns: NULL

Examples:

```
sents = c('i am alone in dark.', 'mother_mary a lot',
          'alone in the dark?', 'many mothers in the lot...')
cv = CountVectorizer$new(min_df=0.1)
cv$fit(sents)
```

Method `fit_transform()`:

Usage:

```
CountVectorizer$fit_transform(sentences)
```

Arguments:

`sentences` a list of text sentences

Details: Fits the countvectorizer model and returns a sparse matrix of count of tokens

Returns: a sparse matrix containing count of tokens in each given sentence

Examples:

```
sents = c('i am alone in dark.', 'mother_mary a lot',
          'alone in the dark?', 'many mothers in the lot...')
cv <- CountVectorizer$new(min_df=0.1)
cv_count_matrix <- cv$fit_transform(sents)
```

Method transform():*Usage:*

CountVectorizer\$transform(sentences)

Arguments:

sentences a list of new text sentences

Details: Returns a matrix of count of tokens*Returns:* a sparse matrix containing count of tokens in each given sentence*Examples:*

```
sents = c('i am alone in dark.', 'mother_mary a lot',
          'alone in the dark?', 'many mothers in the lot...')
new_sents <- c("dark at night", 'mothers day')
cv = CountVectorizer$new(min_df=0.1)
cv$fit(sents)
cv_count_matrix <- cv$transform(new_sents)
```

Method clone(): The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.*Usage:*

CountVectorizer\$clone(deep = FALSE)

Arguments:

deep Whether to make a deep clone.

Examples

```
## -----
## Method `CountVectorizer$new`
## -----

cv = CountVectorizer$new(min_df=0.1)

## -----
## Method `CountVectorizer$fit`
## -----

sents = c('i am alone in dark.', 'mother_mary a lot',
          'alone in the dark?', 'many mothers in the lot...')
cv = CountVectorizer$new(min_df=0.1)
cv$fit(sents)

## -----
## Method `CountVectorizer$fit_transform`
## -----

sents = c('i am alone in dark.', 'mother_mary a lot',
          'alone in the dark?', 'many mothers in the lot...')
cv <- CountVectorizer$new(min_df=0.1)
cv_count_matrix <- cv$fit_transform(sents)
```



```
## -----  
## Method `CountVectorizer$transform`  
## -----  
  
sents = c('i am alone in dark.', 'mother_mary a lot',  
          'alone in the dark?', 'many mothers in the lot...')  
new_sents <- c("dark at night", 'mothers day')  
cv = CountVectorizer$new(min_df=0.1)  
cv$fit(sents)  
cv_count_matrix <- cv$transform(new_sents)
```

dot

Dot product similarity in vectors

Description

Computes the dot product between two given vectors.

Usage

```
dot(a, b, norm = TRUE)
```

Arguments

a	numeric vector
b	numeric vector
norm	logical, compute normalised dot product, default=True

Value

numeric vector containing sdot product score

Examples

```
a <- runif(5)  
b <- runif(5)  
s <- dot(a, b)
```

dotmat	<i>Dot product similarity between a vector and matrix</i>
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Description

Computes the dot product between a vector and a given matrix. The vector returned has a dot product similarity value for each row in the matrix.

Usage

```
dotmat(a, b, norm = TRUE)
```

Arguments

a	numeric vector
b	numeric matrix
norm	logical, compute normalised dot product, default=True

Value

numeric vector containing dot product scores

GridSearchCV	<i>Grid Search CV</i>
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Description

Runs grid search cross validation scheme to find best model training parameters.

Details

Grid search CV is used to train a machine learning model with multiple combinations of training hyper parameters and finds the best combination of parameters which optimizes the evaluation metric. It creates an exhaustive set of hyperparameter combinations and train model on each combination.

Public fields

trainer	superml trainer object, could be either XGBTrainer, RFTrainer, NBTrainer etc.
parameters	a list of parameters to tune
n_folds	number of folds to use to split the train data
scoring	scoring metric used to evaluate the best model, multiple values can be provided. currently supports: auc, accuracy, mse, rmse, logloss, mae, f1, precision, recall
evaluation_scores	parameter for internal use

Methods**Public methods:**

- `GridSearchCV$new()`
- `GridSearchCV$fit()`
- `GridSearchCV$best_iteration()`
- `GridSearchCV$clone()`

Method new():*Usage:*

```
GridSearchCV$new(trainer = NA, parameters = NA, n_folds = NA, scoring = NA)
```

Arguments:

`trainer` superml trainer object, could be either XGBTrainer, RFTrainer, NBTrainer etc.

`parameters` list, a list of parameters to tune

`n_folds` integer, number of folds to use to split the train data

`scoring` character, scoring metric used to evaluate the best model, multiple values can be provided. currently supports: auc, accuracy, mse, rmse, logloss, mae, f1, precision, recall

Details: Create a new 'GridSearchCV' object.*Returns:* A 'GridSearchCV' object.*Examples:*

```
rf <- RFTrainer$new()
gst <- GridSearchCV$new(trainer = rf,
                       parameters = list(n_estimators = c(100),
                                         max_depth = c(5,2,10)),
                       n_folds = 3,
                       scoring = c('accuracy', 'auc'))
```

Method fit():*Usage:*

```
GridSearchCV$fit(X, y)
```

Arguments:

`X` data.frame or data.table

`y` character, name of target variable

Details: Trains the model using grid search*Returns:* NULL*Examples:*

```
rf <- RFTrainer$new()
gst <- GridSearchCV$new(trainer = rf,
                       parameters = list(n_estimators = c(100),
                                         max_depth = c(5,2,10)),
                       n_folds = 3,
                       scoring = c('accuracy', 'auc'))

data("iris")
gst$fit(iris, "Species")
```

Method `best_iteration()`:*Usage:*`GridSearchCV$best_iteration(metric = NULL)`*Arguments:*`metric` character, which metric to use for evaluation*Details:* Returns the best parameters*Returns:* a list of best parameters*Examples:*

```
rf <- RFTrainer$new()
gst <- GridSearchCV$new(trainer = rf,
                       parameters = list(n_estimators = c(100),
                                         max_depth = c(5,2,10)),
                                         n_folds = 3,
                                         scoring = c('accuracy', 'auc'))

data("iris")
gst$fit(iris, "Species")
gst$best_iteration()
```

Method `clone()`: The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.*Usage:*`GridSearchCV$clone(deep = FALSE)`*Arguments:*`deep` Whether to make a deep clone.**Examples**

```
## -----
## Method `GridSearchCV$new`
## -----

rf <- RFTrainer$new()
gst <- GridSearchCV$new(trainer = rf,
                       parameters = list(n_estimators = c(100),
                                         max_depth = c(5,2,10)),
                                         n_folds = 3,
                                         scoring = c('accuracy', 'auc'))

## -----
## Method `GridSearchCV$fit`
## -----

rf <- RFTrainer$new()
gst <- GridSearchCV$new(trainer = rf,
                       parameters = list(n_estimators = c(100),
                                         max_depth = c(5,2,10)),
                                         n_folds = 3,
```

```

scoring = c('accuracy', 'auc'))

data("iris")
gst$fit(iris, "Species")

## -----
## Method `GridSearchCV$best_iteration`
## -----

rf <- RFTrainer$new()
gst <- GridSearchCV$new(trainer = rf,
                        parameters = list(n_estimators = c(100),
                                          max_depth = c(5,2,10)),
                        n_folds = 3,
                        scoring = c('accuracy', 'auc'))

data("iris")
gst$fit(iris, "Species")
gst$best_iteration()

```

kFoldMean

kFoldMean Calculator

Description

Calculates out-of-fold mean features (also known as target encoding) for train and test data. This strategy is widely used to avoid overfitting or causing leakage while creating features using the target variable. This method is experimental. If the results you get are unexpected, please report them in github issues.

Usage

```
kFoldMean(train_df, test_df, colname, target, n_fold = 5, seed = 42)
```

Arguments

train_df	train dataset
test_df	test dataset
colname	name of categorical column
target	the target or dependent variable, should be a string.
n_fold	the number of folds to use for doing kfold computation, default=5
seed	the seed value, to ensure reproducibility, it could be any positive value, default=42

Value

a train and test data table with out-of-fold mean value of the target for the given categorical variable

Examples

```

train <- data.frame(region=c('del', 'csk', 'rcb', 'del', 'csk', 'pune', 'guj', 'del'),
                    win = c(0,1,1,0,0,0,0,1))
test <- data.frame(region=c('rcb', 'csk', 'rcb', 'del', 'guj', 'pune', 'csk', 'kol'))
train_result <- kFoldMean(train_df = train,
                          test_df = test,
                          colname = 'region',
                          target = 'win',
                          seed = 1220)$train

test_result <- kFoldMean(train_df = train,
                          test_df = test,
                          colname = 'region',
                          target = 'win',
                          seed = 1220)$test

```

KMeansTrainer

K-Means Trainer

Description

Trains a k-means machine learning model in R

Details

Trains a unsupervised K-Means clustering algorithm. It borrows mini-batch k-means function from ClusterR package written in c++, hence it is quite fast.

Public fields

`clusters` the number of clusters

`batch_size` the size of the mini batches

`num_init` number of times the algorithm will be run with different centroid seeds

`max_iters` the maximum number of clustering iterations

`init_fraction` percentage of data to use for the initialization centroids (applies if initializer is `kmeans++` or `optimal_init`). Should be a float number between 0.0 and 1.0.

`initializer` the method of initialization. One of, `optimal_init`, `quantile_init`, `kmeans++` and `random`.

`early_stop_iter` continue that many iterations after calculation of the best within-cluster-sum-ofsquared-error

`verbose` either TRUE or FALSE, indicating whether progress is printed during clustering

`centroids` a matrix of initial cluster centroids. The rows of the CENTROIDS matrix should be equal to the number of clusters and the columns should be equal to the columns of the data

`tol` a float number. If, in case of an iteration (`iteration > 1` and `iteration < max_iters`) "`tol`" is greater than the squared norm of the centroids, then `kmeans` has converged

`tol_optimal_init` tolerance value for the 'optimal_init' initializer. The higher this value is, the far apart from each other the centroids are.

`seed` integer value for random number generator (RNG)

`model` use for internal purpose

`max_clusters` either a numeric value, a contiguous or non-contiguous numeric vector specifying the cluster search space

Methods

Public methods:

- [KMeansTrainer\\$new\(\)](#)
- [KMeansTrainer\\$fit\(\)](#)
- [KMeansTrainer\\$predict\(\)](#)
- [KMeansTrainer\\$clone\(\)](#)

Method `new()`:

Usage:

```
KMeansTrainer$new(
  clusters,
  batch_size = 10,
  num_init = 1,
  max_iters = 100,
  init_fraction = 1,
  initializer = "kmeans++",
  early_stop_iter = 10,
  verbose = FALSE,
  centroids = NULL,
  tol = 1e-04,
  tol_optimal_init = 0.3,
  seed = 1,
  max_clusters = NA
)
```

Arguments:

`clusters` numeric, When building the vocabulary ignore terms that have a document frequency strictly lower than the given threshold, value lies between 0 and 1.

`batch_size` numeric, When building the vocabulary ignore terms that have a document frequency strictly higher than the given threshold, value lies between 0 and 1.

`num_init` integer, use top features sorted by count to be used in bag of words matrix.

`max_iters` character, regex expression to use for text cleaning.

`init_fraction` list, a list of stopwords to use, by default it uses its inbuilt list of standard stopwords

`initializer` character, splitting criteria for strings, default: " "

`early_stop_iter` continue that many iterations after calculation of the best within-cluster-sum-of-squared-error

`verbose` either TRUE or FALSE, indicating whether progress is printed during clustering

centroids a matrix of initial cluster centroids. The rows of the CENTROIDS matrix should be equal to the number of clusters and the columns should be equal to the columns of the data

tol a float number. If, in case of an iteration (iteration > 1 and iteration < max_iters) "tol" is greater than the squared norm of the centroids, then kmeans has converged

tol_optimal_init tolerance value for the 'optimal_init' initializer. The higher this value is, the far apart from each other the centroids are.

seed integer value for random number generator (RNG)

max_clusters either a numeric value, a contiguous or non-contiguous numeric vector specifying the cluster search space

Details: Create a new 'KMeansTrainer' object.

Returns: A 'KMeansTrainer' object.

Examples:

```
data <- rbind(replicate(20, rnorm(1e4, 2)),
             replicate(20, rnorm(1e4, -1)),
             replicate(20, rnorm(1e4, 5)))
km_model <- KMeansTrainer$new(clusters=2, batch_size=30, max_clusters=6)
```

Method fit():

Usage:

```
KMeansTrainer$fit(X, y = NULL, find_optimal = FALSE)
```

Arguments:

X data.frame or matrix containing features

y NULL only kept here for superml's standard way

find_optimal logical, to find the optimal clusters automatically

Details: Trains the KMeansTrainer model

Returns: NULL

Examples:

```
data <- rbind(replicate(20, rnorm(1e4, 2)),
             replicate(20, rnorm(1e4, -1)),
             replicate(20, rnorm(1e4, 5)))
km_model <- KMeansTrainer$new(clusters=2, batch_size=30, max_clusters=6)
km_model$fit(data, find_optimal = FALSE)
```

Method predict():

Usage:

```
KMeansTrainer$predict(X)
```

Arguments:

X data.frame or matrix

Details: Returns the prediction on test data

Returns: a vector of predictions

Examples:


```

data <- rbind(replicate(20, rnorm(1e4, 2)),
              replicate(20, rnorm(1e4, -1)),
              replicate(20, rnorm(1e4, 5)))
km_model <- KMeansTrainer$new(clusters=2, batch_size=30, max_clusters=6)
km_model$fit(data, find_optimal = FALSE)
predictions <- km_model$predict(data)

```

Method `clone()`: The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

Usage:

```
KMeansTrainer$clone(deep = FALSE)
```

Arguments:

`deep` Whether to make a deep clone.

Examples

```

## -----
## Method `KMeansTrainer$new`
## -----

data <- rbind(replicate(20, rnorm(1e4, 2)),
              replicate(20, rnorm(1e4, -1)),
              replicate(20, rnorm(1e4, 5)))
km_model <- KMeansTrainer$new(clusters=2, batch_size=30, max_clusters=6)

## -----
## Method `KMeansTrainer$fit`
## -----

data <- rbind(replicate(20, rnorm(1e4, 2)),
              replicate(20, rnorm(1e4, -1)),
              replicate(20, rnorm(1e4, 5)))
km_model <- KMeansTrainer$new(clusters=2, batch_size=30, max_clusters=6)
km_model$fit(data, find_optimal = FALSE)

## -----
## Method `KMeansTrainer$predict`
## -----

data <- rbind(replicate(20, rnorm(1e4, 2)),
              replicate(20, rnorm(1e4, -1)),
              replicate(20, rnorm(1e4, 5)))
km_model <- KMeansTrainer$new(clusters=2, batch_size=30, max_clusters=6)
km_model$fit(data, find_optimal = FALSE)
predictions <- km_model$predict(data)

```

KNNTrainer

K Nearest Neighbours Trainer

Description

Trains a k nearest neighbour model using fast search algorithms. KNN is a supervised learning algorithm which is used for both regression and classification problems.

Format

R6Class object.

Usage

For usage details see **Methods, Arguments and Examples** sections.

```
bst = KNNTrainer$new(k=1, prob=FALSE, algorithm=NULL, type="class")
bst$fit(X_train, X_test, "target")
bst$predict(type)
```

Methods

`$new()` Initialise the instance of the trainer

`$fit()` trains the knn model and stores the test prediction

`$predict()` returns predictions

Arguments

k number of neighbours to predict

prob if probability should be computed, default=FALSE

algorithm algorithm used to train the model, possible values are 'kd_tree', 'cover_tree', 'brute'

type type of problem to solve i.e. regression or classification, possible values are 'reg' or 'class'

Public fields

`k` number of neighbours to predict

`prob` if probability should be computed, default=FALSE

`algorithm` algorithm used to train the model, possible values are 'kd_tree', 'cover_tree', 'brute'

`type` type of problem to solve i.e. regression or classification, possible values are 'reg' or 'class'

`model` for internal use

Methods**Public methods:**

- `KNNTrainer$new()`
- `KNNTrainer$fit()`
- `KNNTrainer$predict()`
- `KNNTrainer$clone()`

Method new():

Usage:

```
KNNTrainer$new(k, prob, algorithm, type)
```

Arguments:

`k` k number of neighbours to predict

`prob` if probability should be computed, default=FALSE

`algorithm` algorithm used to train the model, possible values are 'kd_tree', 'cover_tree', 'brute'

`type` type of problem to solve i.e. regression or classification, possible values are 'reg' or 'class'

Details: Create a new 'KNNTrainer' object.

Returns: A 'KNNTrainer' object.

Examples:

```
data("iris")
```

```
iris$Species <- as.integer(as.factor(iris$Species))
```

```
xtrain <- iris[1:100,]
```

```
xtest <- iris[101:150,]
```

```
bst <- KNNTrainer$new(k=3, prob=TRUE, type="class")
```

```
bst$fit(xtrain, xtest, 'Species')
```

```
pred <- bst$predict(type="raw")
```

Method fit():

Usage:

```
KNNTrainer$fit(train, test, y)
```

Arguments:

`train` data.frame or matrix

`test` data.frame or matrix

`y` character, name of target variable

Details: Trains the KNNTrainer model

Returns: NULL

Examples:

```

data("iris")

iris$Species <- as.integer(as.factor(iris$Species))

xtrain <- iris[1:100,]
xtest <- iris[101:150,]

bst <- KNNTrainer$new(k=3, prob=TRUE, type="class")
bst$fit(xtrain, xtest, 'Species')

```

Method predict():*Usage:*

```
KNNTrainer$predict(type = "raw")
```

Arguments:

type character, 'raw' for labels else 'prob'

Details: Predicts the nearest neighbours for test data*Returns:* a list of predicted neighbours*Examples:*

```

data("iris")

iris$Species <- as.integer(as.factor(iris$Species))

xtrain <- iris[1:100,]
xtest <- iris[101:150,]

bst <- KNNTrainer$new(k=3, prob=TRUE, type="class")
bst$fit(xtrain, xtest, 'Species')
pred <- bst$predict(type="raw")

```

Method clone(): The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.*Usage:*

```
KNNTrainer$clone(deep = FALSE)
```

Arguments:

deep Whether to make a deep clone.

Examples

```

data("iris")

iris$Species <- as.integer(as.factor(iris$Species))

xtrain <- iris[1:100,]
xtest <- iris[101:150,]

bst <- KNNTrainer$new(k=3, prob=TRUE, type="class")
bst$fit(xtrain, xtest, 'Species')

```

```

pred <- bst$predict(type="raw")

## -----
## Method `KNNTrainer$new`
## -----

data("iris")

iris$Species <- as.integer(as.factor(iris$Species))

xtrain <- iris[1:100,]
xtest <- iris[101:150,]

bst <- KNNTrainer$new(k=3, prob=TRUE, type="class")
bst$fit(xtrain, xtest, 'Species')
pred <- bst$predict(type="raw")

## -----
## Method `KNNTrainer$fit`
## -----

data("iris")

iris$Species <- as.integer(as.factor(iris$Species))

xtrain <- iris[1:100,]
xtest <- iris[101:150,]

bst <- KNNTrainer$new(k=3, prob=TRUE, type="class")
bst$fit(xtrain, xtest, 'Species')

## -----
## Method `KNNTrainer$predict`
## -----

data("iris")

iris$Species <- as.integer(as.factor(iris$Species))

xtrain <- iris[1:100,]
xtest <- iris[101:150,]

bst <- KNNTrainer$new(k=3, prob=TRUE, type="class")
bst$fit(xtrain, xtest, 'Species')
pred <- bst$predict(type="raw")

```

Description

Encodes and decodes categorical variables into integer values and vice versa. This is a commonly performed task in data preparation during model training, because all machine learning models require the data to be encoded into numerical format. It takes a vector of character or factor values and encodes them into numeric.

Format

[R6Class](#) object.

Usage

For usage details see **Methods, Arguments and Examples** sections.

```
lbl = LabelEncoder$new()  
lbl$fit(x)  
lbl$fit_transform(x)  
lbl$transform(x)
```

Methods

`$new()` Initialise the instance of the encoder

`$fit()` creates a memory of encodings but doesn't return anything

`$transform()` based on encodings learned in `fit` method is applies the transformation

`$fit_transform()` encodes the data and keep a memory of encodings simultaneously

`$inverse_transform()` encodes the data and keep a memory of encodings simultaneously

Arguments

data a vector or list containing the character / factor values

Public fields

`input_data` internal use

`encodings` internal use

`decodings` internal use

`fit_model` internal use

Methods**Public methods:**

- [LabelEncoder\\$fit\(\)](#)
- [LabelEncoder\\$fit_transform\(\)](#)
- [LabelEncoder\\$transform\(\)](#)
- [LabelEncoder\\$inverse_transform\(\)](#)
- [LabelEncoder\\$clone\(\)](#)

Method fit():

Usage:

```
LabelEncoder$fit(data_col)
```

Arguments:

data_col a vector containing non-null values

Details: Fits the labelencoder model on given data

Returns: NULL, calculates the encoding and save in memory

Examples:

```
data_ex <- data.frame(Score = c(10,20,30,4), Name=c('Ao', 'Bo', 'Bo', 'Co'))
lbl <- LabelEncoder$new()
lbl$fit(data_ex$Name)
data_ex$Name <- lbl$fit_transform(data_ex$Name)
decode_names <- lbl$inverse_transform(data_ex$Name)
```

Method fit_transform():

Usage:

```
LabelEncoder$fit_transform(data_col)
```

Arguments:

data_col a vector containing non-null values

Details: Fits and returns the encoding

Returns: encoding values for the given input data

Examples:

```
data_ex <- data.frame(Score = c(10,20,30,4), Name=c('Ao', 'Bo', 'Bo', 'Co'))
lbl <- LabelEncoder$new()
lbl$fit(data_ex$Name)
data_ex$Name <- lbl$fit_transform(data_ex$Name)
```

Method transform():

Usage:

```
LabelEncoder$transform(data_col)
```

Arguments:

data_col a vector containing non-null values

Details: Returns the encodings from the fitted model

Returns: encoding values for the given input data

Examples:

```
data_ex <- data.frame(Score = c(10,20,30,4), Name=c('Ao', 'Bo', 'Bo', 'Co'))
lbl <- LabelEncoder$new()
lbl$fit(data_ex$Name)
data_ex$Name <- lbl$transform(data_ex$Name)
```

Method inverse_transform():

Usage:

```
LabelEncoder$inverse_transform(coded_col)
```

Arguments:

`coded_col` a vector containing label encoded values

Details: Gives back the original values from a encoded values

Returns: original values from the label encoded data

Examples:

```
data_ex <- data.frame(Score = c(10,20,30,4), Name=c('Ao','Bo','Bo','Co'))
lbl <- LabelEncoder$new()
lbl$fit(data_ex$Name)
data_ex$Name <- lbl$fit_transform(data_ex$Name)
decode_names <- lbl$inverse_transform(data_ex$Name)
```

Method `clone()`: The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

Usage:

```
LabelEncoder$clone(deep = FALSE)
```

Arguments:

`deep` Whether to make a deep clone.

Examples

```
data_ex <- data.frame(Score = c(10,20,30,4), Name=c('Ao','Bo','Bo','Co'))
lbl <- LabelEncoder$new()
data_ex$Name <- lbl$fit_transform(data_ex$Name)
decode_names <- lbl$inverse_transform(data_ex$Name)

## -----
## Method `LabelEncoder$fit`
## -----

data_ex <- data.frame(Score = c(10,20,30,4), Name=c('Ao','Bo','Bo','Co'))
lbl <- LabelEncoder$new()
lbl$fit(data_ex$Name)
data_ex$Name <- lbl$fit_transform(data_ex$Name)
decode_names <- lbl$inverse_transform(data_ex$Name)

## -----
## Method `LabelEncoder$fit_transform`
## -----

data_ex <- data.frame(Score = c(10,20,30,4), Name=c('Ao','Bo','Bo','Co'))
lbl <- LabelEncoder$new()
lbl$fit(data_ex$Name)
data_ex$Name <- lbl$fit_transform(data_ex$Name)

## -----
## Method `LabelEncoder$transform`
## -----
```



```

data_ex <- data.frame(Score = c(10,20,30,4), Name=c('Ao', 'Bo', 'Bo', 'Co'))
lbl <- LabelEncoder$new()
lbl$fit(data_ex$Name)
data_ex$Name <- lbl$transform(data_ex$Name)

## -----
## Method `LabelEncoder$inverse_transform`
## -----

data_ex <- data.frame(Score = c(10,20,30,4), Name=c('Ao', 'Bo', 'Bo', 'Co'))
lbl <- LabelEncoder$new()
lbl$fit(data_ex$Name)
data_ex$Name <- lbl$fit_transform(data_ex$Name)
decode_names <- lbl$inverse_transform(data_ex$Name)

```

LMTrainer

Linear Models Trainer

Description

Trains regression, lasso, ridge model in R

Details

Trains linear models such as Logistic, Lasso or Ridge regression model. It is built on glmnet R package. This class provides fit, predict, cross validation functions.

Public fields

family type of regression to perform, values can be "gaussian", "binomial", "multinomial", "mgaussian"

weights observation weights. Can be total counts if responses are proportion matrices. Default is 1 for each observation

alpha The elasticnet mixing parameter, alpha=1 is the lasso penalty, alpha=0 the ridge penalty, alpha=NULL is simple regression

lambda the number of lambda values - default is 100

standardize normalise the features in the given data

standardize.response normalise the dependent variable between 0 and 1, default = FALSE

model internal use

cvmodel internal use

Flag internal use

is_lasso internal use

iid_names internal use

Methods

Public methods:

- `LMTrainer$new()`
- `LMTrainer$fit()`
- `LMTrainer$predict()`
- `LMTrainer$cv_model()`
- `LMTrainer$cv_predict()`
- `LMTrainer$get_importance()`
- `LMTrainer$clone()`

Method `new()`:

Usage:

```
LMTrainer$new(family, weights, alpha, lambda, standardize.response)
```

Arguments:

`family` character, type of regression to perform, values can be "gaussian", "binomial", "multinomial", "mgaussian"

`weights` numeric, observation weights. Can be total counts if responses are proportion matrices. Default is 1 for each observation

`alpha` integer, The elasticnet mixing parameter, alpha=1 is the lasso penalty, alpha=0 the ridge penalty, alpha=NULL is simple regression

`lambda` integer, the number of lambda values - default is 100

`standardize.response` logical, normalise the dependent variable between 0 and 1, default = FALSE

Details: Create a new 'LMTrainer' object.

Returns: A 'LMTrainer' object.

Examples:

```
\donttest{
LINK <- "http://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/machine-learning-databases/housing/housing.data"
housing <- read.table(LINK)
names <- c("CRIM", "ZN", "INDUS", "CHAS", "NOX", "RM", "AGE", "DIS",
          "RAD", "TAX", "PTRATIO", "B", "LSTAT", "MEDV")
names(housing) <- names
lf <- LMTrainer$new(family = 'gaussian', alpha=1)
}
```

Method `fit()`:

Usage:

```
LMTrainer$fit(X, y)
```

Arguments:

`X` data.frame containing train features

`y` character, name of target variable

Details: Fits the LMTrainer model on given data

Returns: NULL, train the model and saves internally

Examples:

```
\donttest{
LINK <- "http://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/machine-learning-databases/housing/housing.data"
housing <- read.table(LINK)
names <- c("CRIM","ZN","INDUS","CHAS","NOX","RM","AGE","DIS",
          "RAD","TAX","PTRATIO","B","LSTAT","MEDV")
names(housing) <- names
lf <- LMTrainer$new(family = 'gaussian', alpha=1)
lf$fit(X = housing, y = 'MEDV')
}
```

Method predict():

Usage:

```
LMTrainer$predict(df, lambda = NULL)
```

Arguments:

df data.frame containing test features

lambda integer, the number of lambda values - default is 100. By default it picks the best value from the model.

Details: Returns predictions for test data

Returns: vector, a vector containing predictions

Examples:

```
\donttest{
LINK <- "http://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/machine-learning-databases/housing/housing.data"
housing <- read.table(LINK)
names <- c("CRIM","ZN","INDUS","CHAS","NOX","RM","AGE","DIS",
          "RAD","TAX","PTRATIO","B","LSTAT","MEDV")
names(housing) <- names
lf <- LMTrainer$new(family = 'gaussian', alpha=1)
lf$fit(X = housing, y = 'MEDV')
predictions <- lf$cv_predict(df = housing)
}
```

Method cv_model():

Usage:

```
LMTrainer$cv_model(X, y, nfolds, parallel, type.measure = "deviance")
```

Arguments:

X data.frame containing test features

y character, name of target variable

nfolds integer, number of folds

parallel logical, if do parallel computation. Default=FALSE

type.measure character, evaluation metric type. Default = deviance

Details: Train regression model using cross validation

Returns: NULL, trains the model and saves it in memory

Examples:

```
\donttest{
LINK <- "http://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/machine-learning-databases/housing/housing.data"
housing <- read.table(LINK)
names <- c("CRIM","ZN","INDUS","CHAS","NOX","RM","AGE","DIS",
           "RAD","TAX","PTRATIO","B","LSTAT","MEDV")
names(housing) <- names
lf <- LMTrainer$new(family = 'gaussian', alpha=1)
lf$cv_model(X = housing, y = 'MEDV', nfolds = 5, parallel = FALSE)
}
```

Method `cv_predict()`:

Usage:

```
LMTrainer$cv_predict(df, lambda = NULL)
```

Arguments:

`df` data.frame containing test features

`lambda` integer, the number of lambda values - default is 100. By default it picks the best value from the model.

Details: Get predictions from the cross validated regression model

Returns: vector a vector containing predicted values

Examples:

```
\donttest{
LINK <- "http://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/machine-learning-databases/housing/housing.data"
housing <- read.table(LINK)
names <- c("CRIM","ZN","INDUS","CHAS","NOX","RM","AGE","DIS",
           "RAD","TAX","PTRATIO","B","LSTAT","MEDV")
names(housing) <- names
lf <- LMTrainer$new(family = 'gaussian', alpha=1)
lf$cv_model(X = housing, y = 'MEDV', nfolds = 5, parallel = FALSE)
predictions <- lf$cv_predict(df = housing)
}
```

Method `get_importance()`:

Usage:

```
LMTrainer$get_importance()
```

Details: Get feature importance using model coefficients

Returns: a matrix containing feature coefficients

Examples:

```
\donttest{
LINK <- "http://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/machine-learning-databases/housing/housing.data"
housing <- read.table(LINK)
names <- c("CRIM","ZN","INDUS","CHAS","NOX","RM","AGE","DIS",
           "RAD","TAX","PTRATIO","B","LSTAT","MEDV")
```

```

names(housing) <- names
lf <- LMTrainer$new(family = 'gaussian', alpha=1)
lf$cv_model(X = housing, y = 'MEDV', nfold = 5, parallel = FALSE)
predictions <- lf$cv_predict(df = housing)
coefs <- lf$get_importance()
}

```

Method `clone()`: The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

Usage:

```
LMTrainer$clone(deep = FALSE)
```

Arguments:

`deep` Whether to make a deep clone.

Examples

```

## -----
## Method `LMTrainer$new`
## -----

LINK <- "http://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/machine-learning-databases/housing/housing.data"
housing <- read.table(LINK)
names <- c("CRIM", "ZN", "INDUS", "CHAS", "NOX", "RM", "AGE", "DIS",
          "RAD", "TAX", "PTRATIO", "B", "LSTAT", "MEDV")
names(housing) <- names
lf <- LMTrainer$new(family = 'gaussian', alpha=1)

## -----
## Method `LMTrainer$fit`
## -----

LINK <- "http://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/machine-learning-databases/housing/housing.data"
housing <- read.table(LINK)
names <- c("CRIM", "ZN", "INDUS", "CHAS", "NOX", "RM", "AGE", "DIS",
          "RAD", "TAX", "PTRATIO", "B", "LSTAT", "MEDV")
names(housing) <- names
lf <- LMTrainer$new(family = 'gaussian', alpha=1)
lf$fit(X = housing, y = 'MEDV')

## -----
## Method `LMTrainer$predict`
## -----

LINK <- "http://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/machine-learning-databases/housing/housing.data"
housing <- read.table(LINK)
names <- c("CRIM", "ZN", "INDUS", "CHAS", "NOX", "RM", "AGE", "DIS",

```

```

        "RAD", "TAX", "PTRATIO", "B", "LSTAT", "MEDV")
names(housing) <- names
lf <- LMTrainer$new(family = 'gaussian', alpha=1)
lf$fit(X = housing, y = 'MEDV')
predictions <- lf$cv_predict(df = housing)

## -----
## Method `LMTrainer$cv_model`
## -----

LINK <- "http://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/machine-learning-databases/housing/housing.data"
housing <- read.table(LINK)
names <- c("CRIM", "ZN", "INDUS", "CHAS", "NOX", "RM", "AGE", "DIS",
          "RAD", "TAX", "PTRATIO", "B", "LSTAT", "MEDV")
names(housing) <- names
lf <- LMTrainer$new(family = 'gaussian', alpha=1)
lf$cv_model(X = housing, y = 'MEDV', nfolds = 5, parallel = FALSE)

## -----
## Method `LMTrainer$cv_predict`
## -----

LINK <- "http://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/machine-learning-databases/housing/housing.data"
housing <- read.table(LINK)
names <- c("CRIM", "ZN", "INDUS", "CHAS", "NOX", "RM", "AGE", "DIS",
          "RAD", "TAX", "PTRATIO", "B", "LSTAT", "MEDV")
names(housing) <- names
lf <- LMTrainer$new(family = 'gaussian', alpha=1)
lf$cv_model(X = housing, y = 'MEDV', nfolds = 5, parallel = FALSE)
predictions <- lf$cv_predict(df = housing)

## -----
## Method `LMTrainer$get_importance`
## -----

LINK <- "http://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/machine-learning-databases/housing/housing.data"
housing <- read.table(LINK)
names <- c("CRIM", "ZN", "INDUS", "CHAS", "NOX", "RM", "AGE", "DIS",
          "RAD", "TAX", "PTRATIO", "B", "LSTAT", "MEDV")
names(housing) <- names
lf <- LMTrainer$new(family = 'gaussian', alpha=1)
lf$cv_model(X = housing, y = 'MEDV', nfolds = 5, parallel = FALSE)
predictions <- lf$cv_predict(df = housing)
coefs <- lf$get_importance()

```

 NBTrainer

Naive Bayes Trainer

Description

Trains a probabilistic naive bayes model

Details

Trains a naive bayes model. It is built on top high performance naivebayes R package.

Public fields

`prior` numeric vector with prior probabilities. `vector` vector with prior probabilities of the classes. If unspecified, the class proportions for the training set are used. If present, the probabilities should be specified in the order of the factor levels.

`laplace` value used for Laplace smoothing. Defaults to 0 (no Laplace smoothing)

`usekernel` if TRUE, density is used to estimate the densities of metric predictors

`model` for internal use

Methods**Public methods:**

- [NBTrainer\\$new\(\)](#)
- [NBTrainer\\$fit\(\)](#)
- [NBTrainer\\$predict\(\)](#)
- [NBTrainer\\$clone\(\)](#)

Method new():

Usage:

```
NBTrainer$new(prior, laplace, usekernel)
```

Arguments:

`prior` numeric, prior numeric vector with prior probabilities. `vector` vector with prior probabilities of the classes. If unspecified, the class proportions for the training set are used. If present, the probabilities should be specified in the order of the factor levels.

`laplace` numeric, value used for Laplace smoothing. Defaults to 0 (no Laplace smoothing)

`usekernel` logical, if TRUE, density is used to estimate the densities of metric predictors

Details: Create a new 'NBTrainer' object.

Returns: A 'NBTrainer' object.

Examples:

```
data(iris)
nb <- NBTrainer$new()
```

Method fit():*Usage:*

NBTrainer\$fit(X, y)

Arguments:

X data.frame containing train features

y character, name of target variable

Details: Fits the naive bayes model*Returns:* NULL, trains and saves the model in memory*Examples:*

```
data(iris)
nb <- NBTrainer$new()
nb$fit(iris, 'Species')
```

Method predict():*Usage:*

NBTrainer\$predict(X, type = "class")

Arguments:

X data.frame containing test features

type character, if the predictions should be labels or probability

Details: Returns predictions from the model*Returns:* NULL, trains and saves the model in memory*Examples:*

```
data(iris)
nb <- NBTrainer$new()
nb$fit(iris, 'Species')
y <- nb$predict(iris)
```

Method clone(): The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.*Usage:*

NBTrainer\$clone(deep = FALSE)

Arguments:

deep Whether to make a deep clone.

Examples

```
## -----
## Method `NBTrainer$new`
## -----

data(iris)
nb <- NBTrainer$new()

## -----
```



```
## Method `NBTrainer$fit`  
## -----  
  
data(iris)  
nb <- NBTrainer$new()  
nb$fit(iris, 'Species')  
  
## -----  
## Method `NBTrainer$predict`  
## -----  
  
data(iris)  
nb <- NBTrainer$new()  
nb$fit(iris, 'Species')  
y <- nb$predict(iris)
```

normalise1d

normalise1d

Description

Normalises a 1 dimensional vector towards unit p norm. By default, $p = 2$ is used. For a given vector, eg: $c(1,2,3)$, norm value is calculated as $x / |x|$ where $|x|$ is calculated as the square root of sum of square of values in the given vector.

Usage

```
normalise1d(vec, pnorm = 2L)
```

Arguments

vec	vector containing integers or numeric values.
pnorm	integer, default: 2

Value

a vector containing normalised values

Examples

```
val <- c(1,10,5,3,8)  
norm_val <- normalise1d(val)
```

 normalise2d

normalise2d

Description

Normalises a matrix towards unit p norm row wise or column wise. By default, p = 2 is used. To normalise row wise, use axis=0. To normalise column wise, use axis=1. as the square root of sum of square of values in the given vector.

Usage

```
normalise2d(mat, pnorm = 2L, axis = 0L)
```

Arguments

mat	numeric matrix
pnorm	integer value, default value=2
axis	integer (0 or 1), row wise = 0, column wise = 1

Value

normalised numeric matrix

Examples

```
mat <- matrix(runif(12), 3, 4)

## normalise matrix row wise
r <- normalise2d(mat, axis=0)

## normalise matrix column wise
r <- normalise2d(mat, axis=1)
```

 RandomSearchCV

Random Search CV

Description

Hyperparameter tuning using random search scheme.

Details

Given a set of hyper parameters, random search trainer provides a faster way of hyper parameter tuning. Here, the number of models to be trained can be defined by the user.

Super class

`superml::GridSearchCV` -> `RandomSearchTrainer`

Public fields

`n_iter` number of models to be trained

Methods**Public methods:**

- `RandomSearchCV$new()`
- `RandomSearchCV$fit()`
- `RandomSearchCV$clone()`

Method new():

Usage:

```
RandomSearchCV$new(
  trainer = NA,
  parameters = NA,
  n_folds = NA,
  scoring = NA,
  n_iter = NA
)
```

Arguments:

`trainer` superml trainer object, must be either `XGBTrainer`, `LMTrainer`, `RFTrainer`, `NBTrainer`

`parameters` list, list containing parameters

`n_folds` integer, number of folds to use to split the train data

`scoring` character, scoring metric used to evaluate the best model, multiple values can be provided. currently supports: `auc`, `accuracy`, `mse`, `rmse`, `logloss`, `mae`, `f1`, `precision`, `recall`

`n_iter` integer, number of models to be trained

Details: Create a new 'RandomSearchTrainer' object.

Returns: A 'RandomSearchTrainer' object.

Examples:

```
rf <- RFTrainer$new()
rst <- RandomSearchCV$new(trainer = rf,
  parameters = list(n_estimators = c(100,500),
    max_depth = c(5,2,10,14)),
  n_folds = 3,
  scoring = c('accuracy', 'auc'),
  n_iter = 4)
```

Method fit():

Usage:

```
RandomSearchCV$fit(X, y)
```



```
                                n_iter = 4)
data("iris")
rst$fit(iris, "Species")
rst$best_iteration()
```

reg_train

reg_train

Description

Training Dataset used for regression examples. In this data set, we have to predict the sale price of the houses.

Usage

```
reg_train
```

Format

An object of class `data.table` (inherits from `data.frame`) with 1460 rows and 81 columns.

Source

<https://www.kaggle.com/c/house-prices-advanced-regression-techniques/data>

RFTTrainer

Random Forest Trainer

Description

Trains a random forest model.

Details

Trains a Random Forest model. A random forest is a meta estimator that fits a number of decision tree classifiers on various sub-samples of the dataset and use averaging to improve the predictive accuracy and control over-fitting. This implementation uses ranger R package which provides faster model training.

Public fields

`n_estimators` the number of trees in the forest, default= 100

`max_features` the number of features to consider when looking for the best split. Possible values are `auto` (default) takes `sqrt(num_of_features)`, `sqrt` same as `auto`, `log` takes `log(num_of_features)`, `none` takes all features

`max_depth` the maximum depth of each tree

`min_node_size` the minimum number of samples required to split an internal node

`criterion` the function to measure the quality of split. For classification, `gini` is used which is a measure of gini index. For regression, the variance of responses is used.

`classification` whether to train for classification (1) or regression (0)

`verbose` show computation status and estimated runtime

`seed` seed value

`class_weights` weights associated with the classes for sampling of training observation

`always_split` vector of feature names to be always used for splitting

`importance` Variable importance mode, one of 'none', 'impurity', 'impurity_corrected', 'permutation'. The 'impurity' measure is the Gini index for classification, the variance of the responses for regression. Defaults to "impurity"

Methods**Public methods:**

- [RFTrainer\\$new\(\)](#)
- [RFTrainer\\$fit\(\)](#)
- [RFTrainer\\$predict\(\)](#)
- [RFTrainer\\$get_importance\(\)](#)
- [RFTrainer\\$clone\(\)](#)

Method new():

Usage:

```
RFTrainer$new(
  n_estimators,
  max_depth,
  max_features,
  min_node_size,
  classification,
  class_weights,
  always_split,
  verbose,
  save_model,
  seed,
  importance
)
```

Arguments:

n_estimators integer, the number of trees in the forest, default= 100
max_depth integer, the maximum depth of each tree
max_features integer, the number of features to consider when looking for the best split. Possible values are auto(default) takes sqrt(num_of_features), sqrt same as auto, log takes log(num_of_features), none takes all features
min_node_size integer, the minimum number of samples required to split an internal node
classification integer, whether to train for classification (1) or regression (0)
class_weights weights associated with the classes for sampling of training observation
always_split vector of feature names to be always used for splitting
verbose logical, show computation status and estimated runtime
save_model logical, whether to save model
seed integer, seed value
importance Variable importance mode, one of 'none', 'impurity', 'impurity_corrected', 'permutation'. The 'impurity' measure is the Gini index for classification, the variance of the responses for regression. Defaults to "impurity"

Details: Create a new 'RFTrainer' object.

Returns: A 'RFTrainer' object.

Examples:

```

data("iris")
bst <- RFTrainer$new(n_estimators=10,
                    max_depth=4,
                    classification=1,
                    seed=42,
                    verbose=TRUE)
  
```

Method fit():

Usage:

```
RFTrainer$fit(X, y)
```

Arguments:

X data.frame containing train features
y character, name of the target variable

Details: Trains the random forest model

Returns: NULL, trains and saves the model in memory

Examples:

```

data("iris")
bst <- RFTrainer$new(n_estimators=10,
                    max_depth=4,
                    classification=1,
                    seed=42,
                    verbose=TRUE)
bst$fit(iris, 'Species')
  
```

Method predict():

Usage:

```
RFTrainer$predict(df)
```

Arguments:

df data.frame containing test features

Details: Return predictions from random forest model

Returns: a vector containing predictions

Examples:

```
data("iris")
bst <- RFTrainer$new(n_estimators=10,
                    max_depth=4,
                    classification=1,
                    seed=42,
                    verbose=TRUE)
bst$fit(iris, 'Species')
predictions <- bst$predict(iris)
```

Method get_importance():*Usage:*

```
RFTrainer$get_importance()
```

Details: Returns feature importance from the model

Returns: a data frame containing feature predictions

Examples:

```
data("iris")
bst <- RFTrainer$new(n_estimators=50,
                    max_depth=4,
                    classification=1,
                    seed=42,
                    verbose=TRUE)
bst$fit(iris, 'Species')
predictions <- bst$predict(iris)
bst$get_importance()
```

Method clone(): The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

Usage:

```
RFTrainer$clone(deep = FALSE)
```

Arguments:

deep Whether to make a deep clone.

Examples

```
## -----
## Method `RFTrainer$new`
## -----
```



```

data("iris")
bst <- RFTrainer$new(n_estimators=10,
                    max_depth=4,
                    classification=1,
                    seed=42,
                    verbose=TRUE)

## -----
## Method `RFTrainer$fit`
## -----

data("iris")
bst <- RFTrainer$new(n_estimators=10,
                    max_depth=4,
                    classification=1,
                    seed=42,
                    verbose=TRUE)
bst$fit(iris, 'Species')

## -----
## Method `RFTrainer$predict`
## -----

data("iris")
bst <- RFTrainer$new(n_estimators=10,
                    max_depth=4,
                    classification=1,
                    seed=42,
                    verbose=TRUE)
bst$fit(iris, 'Species')
predictions <- bst$predict(iris)

## -----
## Method `RFTrainer$get_importance`
## -----

data("iris")
bst <- RFTrainer$new(n_estimators=50,
                    max_depth=4,
                    classification=1,
                    seed=42,
                    verbose=TRUE)
bst$fit(iris, 'Species')
predictions <- bst$predict(iris)
bst$get_importance()

```

Description

Calculates target encodings using a smoothing parameter and count of categorical variables. This approach is more robust to possibility of leakage and avoid overfitting.

Usage

```
smoothMean(  
  train_df,  
  test_df,  
  colname,  
  target,  
  min_samples_leaf = 1,  
  smoothing = 1,  
  noise_level = 0  
)
```

Arguments

train_df	train dataset
test_df	test dataset
colname	name of categorical column
target	name of target column
min_samples_leaf	minimum samples to take category average into account
smoothing	smoothing effect to balance categorical average vs prior
noise_level	random noise to add, optional

Value

a train and test data table with mean encodings of the target for the given categorical variable

Examples

```
train <- data.frame(region=c('del','csk','rcb','del','csk','pune','guj','del'),  
                    win = c(0,1,1,0,0,1,0,1))  
test <- data.frame(region=c('rcb','csk','rcb','del','guj','pune','csk','kol'))  
  
# calculate encodings  
all_means <- smoothMean(train_df = train,  
                        test_df = test,  
                        colname = 'region',  
                        target = 'win')  
train_mean <- all_means$train  
test_mean <- all_means$test
```

sort_index	<i>sort_index</i>
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Description

For a given vector, return the indexes of the sorted array and not the sorted array itself.

Usage

```
sort_index(vec, ascending = TRUE)
```

Arguments

vec	numeric vector
ascending	logical, order to return (ascending or descending), default = True

Value

numeric vector containing sorted indexes

Examples

```
v <- c(10,3,1,4)
j <- sort_index(v)
```

TfidfVectorizer	<i>TfIDF(Term Frequency Inverse Document Frequency) Vectorizer</i>
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Description

Creates a tf-idf matrix

Details

Given a list of text, it creates a sparse matrix consisting of tf-idf score for tokens from the text.

Super class

[superml::CountVectorizer](#) -> TfidfVectorizer

Public fields

- `sentences` a list containing sentences
- `max_df` When building the vocabulary ignore terms that have a document frequency strictly higher than the given threshold, value lies between 0 and 1.
- `min_df` When building the vocabulary ignore terms that have a document frequency strictly lower than the given threshold, value lies between 0 and 1.
- `max_features` use top features sorted by count to be used in bag of words matrix.
- `ngram_range` The lower and upper boundary of the range of n-values for different word n-grams or char n-grams to be extracted. All values of n such such that $\text{min_n} \leq n \leq \text{max_n}$ will be used. For example an `ngram_range` of `c(1, 1)` means only unigrams, `c(1, 2)` means unigrams and bigrams, and `c(2, 2)` means only bigrams.
- `split` splitting criteria for strings, default: " "
- `lowercase` convert all characters to lowercase before tokenizing
- `regex` regex expression to use for text cleaning.
- `remove_stopwords` a list of stopwords to use, by default it uses its inbuilt list of standard stopwords
- `smooth_idf` logical, to prevent zero division, adds one to document frequencies, as if an extra document was seen containing every term in the collection exactly once
- `norm` logical, if TRUE, each output row will have unit norm 'l2': Sum of squares of vector elements is 1. if FALSE returns non-normalized vectors, default: TRUE

Methods**Public methods:**

- [TfIdfVectorizer\\$new\(\)](#)
- [TfIdfVectorizer\\$fit\(\)](#)
- [TfIdfVectorizer\\$fit_transform\(\)](#)
- [TfIdfVectorizer\\$transform\(\)](#)
- [TfIdfVectorizer\\$clone\(\)](#)

Method new():

Usage:

```
TfIdfVectorizer$new(
  min_df,
  max_df,
  max_features,
  ngram_range,
  regex,
  remove_stopwords,
  split,
  lowercase,
  smooth_idf,
  norm
)
```

Arguments:

`min_df` numeric, When building the vocabulary ignore terms that have a document frequency strictly lower than the given threshold, value lies between 0 and 1.

`max_df` numeric, When building the vocabulary ignore terms that have a document frequency strictly higher than the given threshold, value lies between 0 and 1.

`max_features` integer, Build a vocabulary that only consider the top `max_features` ordered by term frequency across the corpus.

`ngram_range` vector, The lower and upper boundary of the range of n-values for different word n-grams or char n-grams to be extracted. All values of n such such that $\min_n \leq n \leq \max_n$ will be used. For example an `ngram_range` of `c(1, 1)` means only unigrams, `c(1, 2)` means unigrams and bigrams, and `c(2, 2)` means only bigrams.

`regex` character, regex expression to use for text cleaning.

`remove_stopwords` list, a list of stopwords to use, by default it uses its inbuilt list of standard english stopwords

`split` character, splitting criteria for strings, default: " "

`lowercase` logical, convert all characters to lowercase before tokenizing, default: TRUE

`smooth_idf` logical, to prevent zero division, adds one to document frequencies, as if an extra document was seen containing every term in the collection exactly once

`norm` logical, if TRUE, each output row will have unit norm 'l2': Sum of squares of vector elements is 1. if FALSE returns non-normalized vectors, default: TRUE

`parallel` logical, speeds up ngrams computation using n-1 cores, defaults: TRUE

Details: Create a new 'TfIdfVectorizer' object.

Returns: A 'TfIdfVectorizer' object.

Examples:

```
TfIdfVectorizer$new()
```

Method fit():

Usage:

```
TfIdfVectorizer$fit(sentences)
```

Arguments:

`sentences` a list of text sentences

Details: Fits the TfIdfVectorizer model on sentences

Returns: NULL

Examples:

```
sents = c('i am alone in dark.', 'mother_mary a lot',
          'alone in the dark?', 'many mothers in the lot...')
tf = TfIdfVectorizer$new(smooth_idf = TRUE, min_df = 0.3)
tf$fit(sents)
```

Method fit_transform():

Usage:

```
TfIdfVectorizer$fit_transform(sentences)
```

Arguments:

sentences a list of text sentences

Details: Fits the TfIdfVectorizer model and returns a sparse matrix of count of tokens

Returns: a sparse matrix containing tf-idf score for tokens in each given sentence

Examples:

```
\donttest{
sents <- c('i am alone in dark.','mother_mary a lot',
          'alone in the dark?', 'many mothers in the lot...')
tf <- TfIdfVectorizer$new(smooth_idf = TRUE, min_df = 0.1)
tf_matrix <- tf$fit_transform(sents)
}
```

Method transform():

Usage:

```
TfIdfVectorizer$transform(sentences)
```

Arguments:

sentences a list of new text sentences

Details: Returns a matrix of tf-idf score of tokens

Returns: a sparse matrix containing tf-idf score for tokens in each given sentence

Examples:

```
\donttest{
sents = c('i am alone in dark.','mother_mary a lot',
          'alone in the dark?', 'many mothers in the lot...')
new_sents <- c("dark at night", 'mothers day')
tf = TfIdfVectorizer$new(min_df=0.1)
tf$fit(sents)
tf_matrix <- tf$transform(new_sents)
}
```

Method clone(): The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

Usage:

```
TfIdfVectorizer$clone(deep = FALSE)
```

Arguments:

deep Whether to make a deep clone.

Examples

```
## -----
## Method `TfIdfVectorizer$new`
## -----

TfIdfVectorizer$new()

## -----
## Method `TfIdfVectorizer$fit`
```

```
## -----
sents = c('i am alone in dark.', 'mother_mary a lot',
          'alone in the dark?', 'many mothers in the lot...')
tf = TfIdfVectorizer$new(smooth_idf = TRUE, min_df = 0.3)
tf$fit(sents)

## -----
## Method `TfIdfVectorizer$fit_transform`
## -----

sents <- c('i am alone in dark.', 'mother_mary a lot',
           'alone in the dark?', 'many mothers in the lot...')
tf <- TfIdfVectorizer$new(smooth_idf = TRUE, min_df = 0.1)
tf_matrix <- tf$fit_transform(sents)

## -----
## Method `TfIdfVectorizer$transform`
## -----

sents = c('i am alone in dark.', 'mother_mary a lot',
          'alone in the dark?', 'many mothers in the lot...')
new_sents <- c("dark at night", 'mothers day')
tf = TfIdfVectorizer$new(min_df=0.1)
tf$fit(sents)
tf_matrix <- tf$transform(new_sents)
```

XGBTrainer

Extreme Gradient Boosting Trainer

Description

Trains a XGBoost model in R

Details

Trains a Extreme Gradient Boosting Model. XGBoost belongs to a family of boosting algorithms that creates an ensemble of weak learner to learn about data. It is a wrapper for original xgboost R package, you can find the documentation here: <http://xgboost.readthedocs.io/en/latest/parameter.html>

Public fields

`booster` the trainer type, the values are `gbtree`(default), `gblinear`, `dart:gbtree`
`objective` specify the learning task. Check the link above for all possible values.

`nthread` number of parallel threads used to run, default is to run using all threads available

`silent` 0 means printing running messages, 1 means silent mode

`n_estimators` number of trees to grow, default = 100

`learning_rate` Step size shrinkage used in update to prevents overfitting. Lower the learning rate, more time it takes in training, value lies between between 0 and 1. Default = 0.3

`gamma` Minimum loss reduction required to make a further partition on a leaf node of the tree. The larger gamma is, the more conservative the algorithm will be. Value lies between 0 and infinity, Default = 0

`max_depth` the maximum depth of each tree, default = 6

`min_child_weight` Minimum sum of instance weight (hessian) needed in a child. If the tree partition step results in a leaf node with the sum of instance weight less than `min_child_weight`, then the building process will give up further partitioning. In linear regression task, this simply corresponds to minimum number of instances needed to be in each node. The larger `min_child_weight` is, the more conservative the algorithm will be. Value lies between 0 and infinity. Default = 1

`subsample` Subsample ratio of the training instances. Setting it to 0.5 means that XGBoost would randomly sample half of the training data prior to growing trees. and this will prevent overfitting. Subsampling will occur once in every boosting iteration. Value lies between 0 and 1. Default = 1

`colsample_bytree` Subsample ratio of columns when constructing each tree. Subsampling will occur once in every boosting iteration. Value lies between 0 and 1. Default = 1

`lambda` L2 regularization term on weights. Increasing this value will make model more conservative. Default = 1

`alpha` L1 regularization term on weights. Increasing this value will make model more conservative. Default = 0

`eval_metric` Evaluation metrics for validation data, a default metric will be assigned according to objective

`print_every` print training log after n iterations. Default = 50

`feval` custom evaluation function

`early_stopping` Used to prevent overfitting, stops model training after this number of iterations if there is no improvement seen

`maximize` If `feval` and `early_stopping_rounds` are set, then this parameter must be set as well. When it is TRUE, it means the larger the evaluation score the better.

`custom_objective` custom objective function

`save_period` when it is non-NULL, model is saved to disk after every `save_period` rounds, 0 means save at the end.

`save_name` the name or path for periodically saved model file.

`xgb_model` a previously built model to continue the training from. Could be either an object of class `xgb.Booster`, or its raw data, or the name of a file with a previously saved model.

`callbacks` a list of callback functions to perform various task during boosting. See `callbacks`. Some of the callbacks are automatically created depending on the parameters' values. User can provide either existing or their own callback methods in order to customize the training process.

`verbose` If 0, xgboost will stay silent. If 1, xgboost will print information of performance. If 2, xgboost will print some additional information. Setting `verbose > 0` automatically engages the `cb.evaluation.log` and `cb.print.evaluation` callback functions.

`watchlist` what information should be printed when `verbose=1` or `verbose=2`. Watchlist is used to specify validation set monitoring during training. For example user can specify `watchlist=list(validation1=mat1, validation2=mat2)` to watch the performance of each round's model on `mat1` and `mat2`

`num_class` set number of classes in case of multiclassification problem

`weight` a vector indicating the weight for each row of the input.

`na_missing` by default is set to NA, which means that NA values should be considered as 'missing' by the algorithm. Sometimes, 0 or other extreme value might be used to represent missing values. This parameter is only used when input is a dense matrix.

`feature_names` internal use, stores the feature names for model importance

`cv_model` internal use

Methods

Public methods:

- `XGBTrainer$new()`
- `XGBTrainer$cross_val()`
- `XGBTrainer$fit()`
- `XGBTrainer$predict()`
- `XGBTrainer$show_importance()`
- `XGBTrainer$clone()`

Method `new()`:

Usage:

```
XGBTrainer$new(
  booster,
  objective,
  nthread,
  silent,
  n_estimators,
  learning_rate,
  gamma,
  max_depth,
  min_child_weight,
  subsample,
  colsample_bytree,
  lambda,
  alpha,
  eval_metric,
  print_every,
  feval,
  early_stopping,
  maximize,
```

```

    custom_objective,
    save_period,
    save_name,
    xgb_model,
    callbacks,
    verbose,
    num_class,
    weight,
    na_missing
)

```

Arguments:

booster the trainer type, the values are `gbtree`(default), `gblinear`, `dart:gbtree`

objective specify the learning task. Check the link above for all possible values.

nthread number of parallel threads used to run, default is to run using all threads available

silent 0 means printing running messages, 1 means silent mode

n_estimators number of trees to grow, default = 100

learning_rate Step size shrinkage used in update to prevents overfitting. Lower the learning rate, more time it takes in training, value lies between between 0 and 1. Default = 0.3

gamma Minimum loss reduction required to make a further partition on a leaf node of the tree. The larger gamma is, the more conservative the algorithm will be. Value lies between 0 and infinity, Default = 0

max_depth the maximum depth of each tree, default = 6

min_child_weight Minimum sum of instance weight (hessian) needed in a child. If the tree partition step results in a leaf node with the sum of instance weight less than `min_child_weight`, then the building process will give up further partitioning. In linear regression task, this simply corresponds to minimum number of instances needed to be in each node. The larger `min_child_weight` is, the more conservative the algorithm will be. Value lies between 0 and infinity. Default = 1

subsample Subsample ratio of the training instances. Setting it to 0.5 means that XGBoost would randomly sample half of the training data prior to growing trees. and this will prevent overfitting. Subsampling will occur once in every boosting iteration. Value lies between 0 and 1. Default = 1

colsample_bytree Subsample ratio of columns when constructing each tree. Subsampling will occur once in every boosting iteration. Value lies between 0 and 1. Default = 1

lambda L2 regularization term on weights. Increasing this value will make model more conservative. Default = 1

alpha L1 regularization term on weights. Increasing this value will make model more conservative. Default = 0

eval_metric Evaluation metrics for validation data, a default metric will be assigned according to objective

print_every print training log after n iterations. Default = 50

feval custom evaluation function

early_stopping Used to prevent overfitting, stops model training after this number of iterations if there is no improvement seen

maximize If `feval` and `early_stopping_rounds` are set, then this parameter must be set as well. When it is `TRUE`, it means the larger the evaluation score the better.

`custom_objective` custom objective function

`save_period` when it is non-NULL, model is saved to disk after every `save_period` rounds, 0 means save at the end.

`save_name` the name or path for periodically saved model file.

`xgb_model` a previously built model to continue the training from. Could be either an object of class `xgb.Booster`, or its raw data, or the name of a file with a previously saved model.

`callbacks` a list of callback functions to perform various task during boosting. See `callbacks`. Some of the callbacks are automatically created depending on the parameters' values. User can provide either existing or their own callback methods in order to customize the training process.

`verbose` If 0, `xgboost` will stay silent. If 1, `xgboost` will print information of performance. If 2, `xgboost` will print some additional information. Setting `verbose > 0` automatically engages the `cb.evaluation.log` and `cb.print.evaluation` callback functions.

`num_class` set number of classes in case of multiclassification problem

`weight` a vector indicating the weight for each row of the input.

`na_missing` by default is set to NA, which means that NA values should be considered as 'missing' by the algorithm. Sometimes, 0 or other extreme value might be used to represent missing values. This parameter is only used when input is a dense matrix.

Details: Create a new 'XGBTrainer' object.

Returns: A 'XGBTrainer' object.

Examples:

```
library(data.table)
df <- copy(iris)

# convert characters/factors to numeric
df$Species <- as.numeric(as.factor(df$Species))-1

# initialise model
xgb <- XGBTrainer$new(objective = 'multi:softmax',
                      maximize = FALSE,
                      eval_metric = 'merror',
                      num_class=3,
                      n_estimators = 2)
```

Method `cross_val()`:

Usage:

```
XGBTrainer$cross_val(X, y, nfolds = 5, stratified = TRUE, folds = NULL)
```

Arguments:

`X` data.frame

`y` character, name of target variable

`nfolds` integer, number of folds

`stratified` logical, whether to use stratified sampling

`folds` the list of CV folds' indices - either those passed through the `folds` parameter or randomly generated.

Details: Trains the xgboost model using cross validation scheme

Returns: NULL, trains a model and saves it in memory

Examples:

```
library(data.table)
df <- copy(iris)

# convert characters/factors to numeric
df$Species <- as.numeric(as.factor(df$Species))-1

# initialise model
xgb <- XGBTrainer$new(objective = 'multi:softmax',
                      maximize = FALSE,
                      eval_metric = 'merror',
                      num_class=3,
                      n_estimators = 2)

# do cross validation to find optimal value for n_estimators
xgb$cross_val(X = df, y = 'Species',nfolds = 3, stratified = TRUE)
```

Method fit():

Usage:

```
XGBTrainer$fit(X, y, valid = NULL)
```

Arguments:

X data.frame, training data

y character, name of target variable

valid data.frame, validation data

Details: Fits the xgboost model on given data

Returns: NULL, trains a model and keeps it in memory

Examples:

```
library(data.table)
df <- copy(iris)

# convert characters/factors to numeric
df$Species <- as.numeric(as.factor(df$Species))-1

# initialise model
xgb <- XGBTrainer$new(objective = 'multi:softmax',
                      maximize = FALSE,
                      eval_metric = 'merror',
                      num_class=3,
                      n_estimators = 2)

xgb$fit(df, 'Species')
```

Method predict():

Usage:

```
XGBTrainer$predict(df)
Arguments:
df data.frame, test data set
Details: Returns predicted values for a given test data
Returns: xgboost predictions
Examples:
#' library(data.table)
df <- copy(iris)

# convert characters/factors to numeric
df$Species <- as.numeric(as.factor(df$Species))-1

# initialise model
xgb <- XGBTrainer$new(objective = 'multi:softmax',
                      maximize = FALSE,
                      eval_metric = 'merror',
                      num_class=3,
                      n_estimators = 2)
xgb$fit(df, 'Species')

# make predictions
preds <- xgb$predict(as.matrix(iris[,1:4]))
```

Method show_importance():

```
Usage:
XGBTrainer$show_importance(type = "plot", topn = 10)
Arguments:
type character, could be 'plot' or 'table'
topn integer, top n features to display
Details: Shows feature importance plot
Returns: a table or a plot of feature importance
Examples:
library(data.table)
df <- copy(iris)

# convert characters/factors to numeric
df$Species <- as.numeric(as.factor(df$Species))-1

# initialise model
xgb <- XGBTrainer$new(objective = 'multi:softmax',
                      maximize = FALSE,
                      eval_metric = 'merror',
                      num_class=3,
                      n_estimators = 2)
xgb$fit(df, 'Species')
xgb$show_importance()
```

Method `clone()`: The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

Usage:

```
XGBTrainer$clone(deep = FALSE)
```

Arguments:

`deep` Whether to make a deep clone.

Examples

```
## -----
## Method `XGBTrainer$new`
## -----

library(data.table)
df <- copy(iris)

# convert characters/factors to numeric
df$Species <- as.numeric(as.factor(df$Species))-1

# initialise model
xgb <- XGBTrainer$new(objective = 'multi:softmax',
                      maximize = FALSE,
                      eval_metric = 'merror',
                      num_class=3,
                      n_estimators = 2)

## -----
## Method `XGBTrainer$cross_val`
## -----

library(data.table)
df <- copy(iris)

# convert characters/factors to numeric
df$Species <- as.numeric(as.factor(df$Species))-1

# initialise model
xgb <- XGBTrainer$new(objective = 'multi:softmax',
                      maximize = FALSE,
                      eval_metric = 'merror',
                      num_class=3,
                      n_estimators = 2)

# do cross validation to find optimal value for n_estimators
xgb$cross_val(X = df, y = 'Species',nfolds = 3, stratified = TRUE)

## -----
## Method `XGBTrainer$fit`
## -----

library(data.table)
```

```

df <- copy(iris)

# convert characters/factors to numeric
df$Species <- as.numeric(as.factor(df$Species))-1

# initialise model
xgb <- XGBTrainer$new(objective = 'multi:softmax',
                      maximize = FALSE,
                      eval_metric = 'merror',
                      num_class=3,
                      n_estimators = 2)
xgb$fit(df, 'Species')

## -----
## Method `XGBTrainer$predict`
## -----

#' library(data.table)
df <- copy(iris)

# convert characters/factors to numeric
df$Species <- as.numeric(as.factor(df$Species))-1

# initialise model
xgb <- XGBTrainer$new(objective = 'multi:softmax',
                      maximize = FALSE,
                      eval_metric = 'merror',
                      num_class=3,
                      n_estimators = 2)
xgb$fit(df, 'Species')

# make predictions
preds <- xgb$predict(as.matrix(iris[,1:4]))

## -----
## Method `XGBTrainer$show_importance`
## -----

library(data.table)
df <- copy(iris)

# convert characters/factors to numeric
df$Species <- as.numeric(as.factor(df$Species))-1

# initialise model
xgb <- XGBTrainer$new(objective = 'multi:softmax',
                      maximize = FALSE,
                      eval_metric = 'merror',
                      num_class=3,
                      n_estimators = 2)
xgb$fit(df, 'Species')
xgb$show_importance()

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