Package ‘FeatureImpCluster’

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Title Feature Importance for Partitional Clustering

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Description Implements a novel approach for measuring feature importance in k-means clustering. Importance of a feature is measured by the misclassification rate relative to the baseline cluster assignment due to a random permutation of feature values. An explanation of permutation feature importance in general can be found here: <https://christophm.github.io/interpretable-ml-book/feature-importance.html>.

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create_random_data  Create random data set with 4 clusters

Description
Create random data set with 4 clusters in a 2 dimensional subspace of a nr_other_vars+2 dimensional space

Usage
create_random_data(n = 10000, nr_other_vars = 4)

Arguments
- **n**: number of points
- **nr_other_vars**: number of other variables / "noise" dimensions

Value
- list containing the random data table and a vector with the true underlying cluster assignments

Examples
create_random_data(n=1e3)

FeatureImpCluster  Feature importance for k-means clustering

Description
This function loops through PermMisClassRate for each variable of the data. The mean misclassification rate over all iterations is interpreted as variable importance.

Usage
FeatureImpCluster(
  clusterObj,
data,
  basePred = NULL,
  predFUN = NULL,
  sub = 1,
  biter = 10
)
Arguments

- **clusterObj**: a "typical" cluster object. The only requirement is that there must be a prediction function which maps the data to an integer.
- **data**: data.table with the same features as the data set used for clustering (or the simply the same data).
- **basePred**: should be equal to results of predFUN(clusterObj,newdata=data); this option saves time when data is a very large data set.
- **predFUN**: predFUN(clusterObj,newdata=data) should provide the cluster assignment as a numeric vector; typically this is a wrapper around a build-in prediction function.
- **sub**: integer between 0 and 1 (=default), indicates that only a subset of the data should be used if <1.
- **biter**: the permutation is iterated biter(=5, default) times.

Value

A list of

- **misClassRate**: A matrix of the permutation misclassification rate for each variable and each iteration.
- **featureImp**: For each row of complete_data, the associated cluster.

Examples

```r
set.seed(123)
dat <- create_random_data(n=1e3)$data  # random data

library(flexclust)
res <- kcca(dat,k=4)
f <- FeatureImpCluster(res,dat)
plot(f)
```

Description

Answers the following question: Using the current partition as a baseline, what is the misclassification rate if a given feature is permuted?
Usage

PermMisClassRate(
  clusterObj,  
  data,  
  varName,  
  basePred = NULL,  
  predFUN = NULL,  
  sub = 1,  
  biter = 5,  
  seed = 123
)

Arguments

clusterObj  a "typical" cluster object. The only requirement is that there must be a prediction function which maps the data to an integer
data  data.table with the same features as the data set used for clustering (or the simply the same data)
varName  character; variable name
basePred  should be equal to results of predFUN(clusterObj,newdata=data); this option saves time when data is a very large data set
predFUN  predFUN(clusterObj,newdata=data) should provide the cluster assignment as a numeric vector; typically this is a wrapper around a build-in prediction function
sub  integer between 0 and 1(=default), indicates that only a subset of the data should be used if <1
biter  the permutation is iterated biter(=5, default) times
seed  value for random seed

Value

vector of length biter with the misclassification rate

Examples

set.seed(123)
dat <- create_random_data(n=1e3)$data # random data

library(flexclust)
res <- kcca(dat,k=4)
PermMisClassRate(res,dat,varName="x")
plot.featImpCluster Feature importance box plot

Description

Feature importance box plot

Usage

```r
## S3 method for class 'featImpCluster'
plot(x, dat = NULL, color = "none", showPoints = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

- `x`: an object returned from FeatureImpCluster
- `dat`: same data as used for the computation of the feature importance (only relevant for colored plots)
- `color`: If set to "type", the plot will show different variable types with a different color.
- `showPoints`: Show points (default is False)
- `...`: arguments to be passed to base plot method

Value

Returns a ggplot2 object
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