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filter_train

**filter_train**: Identify variables of interest

**Description**

Wrapper function to train a filter model to determine variables associated with the outcome and/or treatment. Options include elastic net (glmnet) and random forest based variable importance (ranger). Used directly in PRISM.

**Usage**

```r
filter_train( Y, A, X, family = "gaussian", filter = "glmnet", hyper = NULL, ... )
```

**Arguments**

- **Y**
  The outcome variable. Must be numeric or survival (ex: Surv(time,cens) )

- **A**
  Treatment variable. (Default supports binary treatment, either numeric or factor). "ple_train" accommodates >2 along with binary treatments.

- **X**
  Covariate space.
filter_train

```
family  Outcome type. Options include "gaussian" (default), "binomial", and "survival".
filter  Filter model to determine variables that are likely associated with the outcome
and/or treatment. Outputs a potential reduce list of varia where X.star has po-
tentially less variables than X. Default is "glmnet" (elastic net). Other options
include "ranger" (random forest based variable importance with p-values). See
filter_train for more details. "None" uses no filter.
hyper  Hyper-parameters for the filter model (must be list). Default is NULL. See de-
tails below.
... Any additional parameters, not currently passed through.
```

Details

filter_train currently fits elastic net or random forest to find a reduced set of variables which are
likely associated with the outcome (Y) and/or treatment (A). Current options include:

1. **glmnet**: Wrapper function for the function "glmnet" from the glmnet package. Here, variables
   with estimated elastic net coefficients of 0 are filtered. Uses LM/GLM/cox elastic net for fam-
   ily="gaussian", "binomial", "survival" respectively. Default is to regress Y~ENET(X) with hyper-
   parameters:
   ```
   hyper = list(lambda="lambda.min", family="gaussian",interaction=FALSE))
   ```
   If interaction=TRUE, then Y~ENET(X,A,X*A), and variables with estimated coefficients of zero in
   both the main effects (X) and treatment-interactions (X*A) are filtered. This aims to find variables
   that are prognostic and/or predictive.

2. **ranger**: Wrapper function for the function "ranger" (ranger R package) to calculate random
   forest based variable importance (VI) p-values. Here, for the test of VI>0, variables are filtered
   if their one-sided p-value>=0.10. P-values are obtained through subsampling based T-statistics
   (T=VI_j/SE(VE_j)) for feature j through the delete-d jackknife), as described in Ishwaran and Lu
   2017. Used for continuous, binary, or survival outcomes. Default hyper-parameters are:
   ```
   hyper=list(b=0.66, K=200, DF2=FALSE, FDR=FALSE, pval.thres=0.10)
   ```
   where b=(% of total data to sample; default=66%), K=# of subsamples, FDR (FDR based mul-
   tiplicity correction for p-values), pval.thres=0.10 (adjust to change filtering threshold). DF2 fits
   Y~ranger(X, A, XA) and calculates the VI_2DF = VI_X+VI_XA, which is the variable importance
   of the main effect + the interaction effect (joint test). Var(VI_2DF) = Var(VI_X)+Var(VI_AX)+2cov(VI_X,
   VI_AX) where each component is calculated using the subsampling approach described above.

Value

Trained filter model and vector of variable names that pass the filter.

- mod - trained model
- filter.vars - Variables that remain after filtering (could be all)

References

Friedman, J., Hastie, T. and Tibshirani, R. (2008) Regularization Paths for Generalized Linear Mod-


See Also

PRISM

Examples

```r
library(StratifiedMedicine)
## Continuous ##
dat_ctns = generate_subgrp_data(family="gaussian")
Y = dat_ctns$Y
X = dat_ctns$X
A = dat_ctns$A

# Fit ple_ranger directly (treatment-specific ranger models) #
mod1 = filter_train(Y, A, X, filter="filter_glmnet")
mod1$filter.vars
mod2 = filter_train(Y, A, X, filter="filter_glmnet", hyper=list(interaction=TRUE))
mod2$filter.vars
mod3 = filter_train(Y, A, X, filter="filter_ranger")
mod3$filter.vars
```

generate_subgrp_data  Generate Subgroup Data-sets

Description

Simulation/real data-sets; useful for testing new models and PRISM configurations.

Usage

generate_subgrp_data(n = 800, seed = 513413, family, null = FALSE, ...)

Arguments

n sample size (default=800)
seed seed number (default=513413)
param_combine

family  Outcome type ("gaussian", "binomial", "survival")
null  Simulate null hypothesis of no treatment effect and no subgroups. Default is FALSE.
...

Value

Simulation data set (Y=outcome, A=treatment, X=covariates)

param_combine  Overall Population Estimate: Aggregating Subgroup-Specific Parameter Estimates

Description

Function that combines subgroup-specific estimates to obtain an overall population estimate. Options including sample size weighting and adaptive weighting (default; as described in Marceau-West and Mehrotra (to appear)).

Usage

param_combine(param.dat, combine = "SS", alpha_ovrl = 0.05, ...)

Arguments

param.dat  Parameter data-set with subgroup-specific point estimates, SEs, and sample sizes.
combine  Method to combine subgroup-specific estimates. Default is "adaptive". combine="SS" uses sample size weighting.
alpha_ovrl  Two-sided alpha level for overall population. Default=0.05
...

Value

Data-frame with overall population point estimate, SE, and CI
param_est

Parameter Estimation: Across Subgroups

Description

For each identified subgroup, obtain point-estimates and variability metrics (est, SE, CI). Fit separate linear regression models. Point-estimates and variability metrics in the overall population are obtained by aggregating subgroup specific results (adaptive weighting or sample size weighting).

Usage

param_est(
  Y, A, X, param, mu_hat = NULL, Subgrps, alpha_ovrl = 0.05, alpha_s = 0.05, combine = "SS",
  ...
)

Arguments

Y  The outcome variable. Must be numeric or survival (ex: Surv(time,cens) )
A  Treatment variable. (Default supports binary treatment, either numeric or factor). "ple_train" accommodates >2 along with binary treatments.
X  Covariate space.
param Parameter estimation and inference function. Based on the discovered subgroups, estimate parameter estimates and correspond variability metrics. Options include "lm" (unadjusted linear regression), "dr" (doubly-robust estimator), "ple" (G-computation, average the patient-level estimates), "cox" (cox regression), and "rmst" (RMST based estimates as in survRMST package). Default for "gaussian", "binomial" is "dr", while default for "survival" is "cox". Currently only available for binary treatments or A=NULL.
mu_hat Patient-level estimates (see ple_train)
Subgrps Identified subgroups. Can be pre-specified, or determined adaptively (see submod_train).
alpha_ovrl Two-sided alpha level for overall population
alpha_s Two-sided alpha level at subgroup
combine Given identified subgroups and correspond point-estimates/SEs/sample sizes, combine="SS" will use sample size weighting for estimates at the overall level. Not applicable for param="dr","ple".
... Any additional parameters, not currently passed through.
Value

Data-set with parameter estimates and corresponding variability metrics, for overall and subgroups. 
Subgrps="ovrl" corresponds to the overall population by default.

- param.dat - Parameter estimates and variability metrics (est, SE, LCL/UCL = lower/upper confidence limits, pval = p-value).

References


See Also

param_combine

Examples

library(StratifiedMedicine)

## Continuous ##
dat_ctns = generate_subgrp_data(family="gaussian")
Y = dat_ctns$Y
X = dat_ctns$X
A = dat_ctns$A

## Identify Subgroups: MOB (lmtree) ##
res_lmtree = submod_train(Y, A, X, submod="lmtree")

## Parameter-estimation ##
param.dat = param_est(Y, A, X, param="lm", Subgrps = res_lmtree$Subgrps.train)
param.dat
Usage

```r
default_train(
    Y,
    A,
    X,
    Xtest = NULL,
    family = "gaussian",
    propensity = FALSE,
    ple = "ranger",
    meta = ifelse(family == "survival", "T-learner", "X-learner"),
    hyper = NULL,
    tau = NULL,
    ...
)
```

Arguments

- `Y`: The outcome variable. Must be numeric or survival (ex: Surv(time,cens) )
- `A`: Treatment variable. (Default supports binary treatment, either numeric or factor). "ple_train" accommodates >2 along with binary treatments.
- `X`: Covariate space.
- `Xtest`: Test set. Default is NULL which uses X (training set). Variable types should match X.
- `family`: Outcome type. Options include "gaussian" (default), "binomial", and "survival".
- `propensity`: Propensity score estimation, P(A=a|X). Default=FALSE which use the marginal estimates, P(A=a) (applicable for RCT data). If TRUE, will use "ple" base learner.
- `ple`: Base-learner used to estimate patient-level quantities, such as the individual treatment effect. Default is ranger based. "None" uses no ple. See below for details on estimating the treatment contrasts.
- `meta`: Using the ple model as a base learner, meta-learners can be used for estimating patient-level treatment differences. Options include "T-learner" (treatment specific models), "S-learner" (single model), and "X-learner". For family="gaussian" & "binomial", the default is "X-learner", which uses a two-stage regression approach (See Kunzel et al 2019). For "survival", the default is "T-learner". "X-learner" is currently not supported for survival outcomes.
- `hyper`: Hyper-parameters for the ple model (must be list). Default is NULL.
- `tau`: Maximum follow-up time for RMST based estimates (family="survival"). Default=NULL, which takes min(max(time[a])), for a=1,...,A.
- `...`: Any additional parameters, not currently passed through.

Details

ple_train uses base-learners along with a meta-learner to obtain patient-level estimates under different treatment exposures (see Kunzel et al). For family="gaussian" or "binomial", output estimates
\[ \mu(a, x) = E(Y|x, a) \] and treatment differences (average treatment effect or risk difference). For survival, either logHR based estimates or RMST based estimates can be obtained. Current base-learner ("ple") options include:

1. **linear**: Uses either linear regression (family="gaussian"), logistic regression (family="binomial"), or cox regression (family="survival"). No hyper-parameters.

2. **ranger**: Uses random forest ("ranger" R package). The default hyper-parameters are: hyper = list(mtry=NULL, min.node.pct=0.10)

where mtry is number of randomly selected variables (default=NULL; sqrt(dim(X))) and min.node.pct is the minimum node size as a function of the total data size (ex: min.node.pct=10% requires at least 10

3. **glmnet**: Uses elastic net ("glmnet" R package). The default hyper-parameters are: hyper = list(lambda="lambda.min")

where lambda controls the penalty parameter for predictions. lambda="lambda.1se" will likely result in a less complex model.

4. **bart**: Uses bayesian additive regression trees (Chipman et al 2010; BART R package). Default hyper-parameters are: hyper = list(sparse=FALSE)

where sparse controls whether to perform variable selection based on a sparse Dirichlet prior rather than simply uniform.

**Value**

Trained ple models and patient-level estimates for train/test sets.

- mod - trained model(s)
- mu_train - Patient-level estimates (training set)
- mu_test - Patient-level estimates (test set)

**References**


**See Also**

PRISM
Examples

library(StratifiedMedicine)
## Continuous ##
dat_ctns = generate_subgrp_data(family="gaussian")
Y = dat_ctns$Y
X = dat_ctns$X
A = dat_ctns$A

# X-Learner (With ranger based learners)
mod1 = ple_train(Y=Y, A=A, X=X, Xtest=X, ple="ranger", method="X-learner")
summary(mod1$mu_train)

# T-Learner (Treatment specific)
mod2 = ple_train(Y=Y, A=A, X=X, Xtest=X, ple="ranger", method="T-learner")
summary(mod2$mu_train)

mod3 = ple_train(Y=Y, A=A, X=X, Xtest=X, ple="bart", method="X-learner")
summary(mod3$mu_train)

plot.PRISM

Description
Plots PRISM results. Options include "tree", "forest", "resample", and "PLE:waterfall".

Usage
## S3 method for class 'PRISM'
plot(
x, 
type = "tree",
    target = NULL,
    grid.data = NULL,
    grid.thres = ">0",
    tree.thres = NULL,
    est.resamp = TRUE,
    tree.plots = "outcome",
    nudge_out = 0.1,
    width_out = 0.5,
    nudge_dens = ifelse(tree.plots == "both", 0.3, 0.1),
    width_dens = 0.5,
    ...
)
plot.PRISM

Arguments

x  PRISM object

type  Type of plot (default="tree", ggparty based plot with parameter estimates, along with options for including outcome or probability based plots). Other options include "forest" (forest plot for overall and subgroups), "PLE:waterfall" (waterfall plot of PLEs), "PLE:density" (density plot of PLEs), "resample" (resampling distribution of parameter estimates for overall and subgroups), and "heatmap" (heatmap of ple estimates/probabilities). For "tree" and "forest", CIs are based on the observed data unless resampling is used. For bootstrap resampling, if calibrate=TRUE, then calibrated CIs are shown, otherwise CIs based on the percentile method are shown.

target  For "resample" plot only, must be specify which estimand to visualize. Default=NULL.

grid.data  Input grid of values for 2-3 covariates (if 3, last variable cannot be continuous). This is required for type="heatmap". Default=NULL.

grid.thres  Threshold for PLE, ex: P(PLE>thres). Used to estimate P(PLE>thres) for type="heatmap". Default is ">0". Direction can be reversed and can include equality sign (ex: ">=0").

tree.thres  Probability threshold, ex: P(Mean(A=1 vs A=0)>c. Default=NULL, which defaults to using ">0", unless param="cox", which "P(HR(A=1 vs A=0)<1". If a density plot is included, setting tree.thres=">c" will use green colors for values above c, and red colors for values below c. If tree.thres="<c", the reverse color scheme is used.

est.resamp  Should plot present resampling based estimates? Default=TRUE if bootstrap or CV based resampling is used. Only applicable for type="submod". If bootstrap calibration is used, calibrated CIs are presented. If no calibration, then percentile CIs are presented with the smoothed bootstrap point-estimates.

tree.plots  Type of plots to include in each node of the "tree" plot. Default="outcome". For non-survival data, if the fitted PRISM object (x) does not include patient-level estimates (ple="None"), or if param="lm", this will plot the observed outcomes (Y) by the treatment assignment (A). If the fitted PRISM object includes patient-level estimates (ex: ple="ranger"), this includes box-plots of the model-based (if param="ple") or double-robust based (if param="dr") counter-factual estimates of E(Y|X,A=a) for continuous outcomes or Prob(Y=1|X,A=a) for binary outcomes (truncated to 0,1). For survival data, Kaplan-Meier based survival estimates are plotted by treatment group. For "density", the estimated probability density of the treatment effects is shown (normal approximation, unless resampling is used). "both" include the "outcome" and "density" plots. If tree.plots = "none", then only the tree structure is shown.

nudge_out  Nudge tree outcome plot (see ggparty for details)

width_out  Width of tree outcome plot (see ggparty for details)

nudge_dens  Nudge tree density plot

width_dens  Width of density tree outcome plot

...  Additional arguments (currently ignored).
**plot_dependence**

**Value**

Plot (ggplot2) object

**See Also**

PRISM

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| **plot_dependence** | Partial dependence plots: Single Variable (marginal effect) or heat map (2 to 3 variables). |

**Description**

Partial dependence plots: Single Variable (marginal effect) or heat map (2 to 3 variables).

**Usage**

```
plot_dependence(object, X = NULL, target = NULL, vars, grid.data = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

- `object` Fitted `ple_train` or PRISM object
- `X` input covariate space. Default=NULL.
- `target` Which patient-level estimate to target for PDP based plots. Default=NULL, which uses the estimated treatment difference.
- `vars` Variables to visualize (ex: c("var1", "var2", "var3")). If no grid.data provided, defaults to using seq(min(var), max(var)) for each continuous variables. For categorical, uses all categories.
- `grid.data` Input grid of values for 2-3 covariates (if 3, last variable cannot be continuous). This is required for type="heatmap". Default=NULL.
- `...` Additional arguments (currently ignored).

**Value**

Plot (ggplot2) object

**References**

plot_importance

Examples

library(StratifiedMedicine)
## Continuous ##
dat_ctns = generate_subgrp_data(family="gaussian")
Y = dat_ctns$Y
X = dat_ctns$X
A = dat_ctns$A

# Fit through ple_train wrapper#
mod = ple_train(Y=Y, A=A, X=X, Xtest=X, ple="ranger", meta="X-learner")
plot_dependence(mod, X=X, vars="X1")

plot_importance

Importance Plot: Visualize relative importance of variables

Description

Importance is currently based on the PRISM filter model. For elastic net (filter_glmnet). variables with non-zero coefficients are shown. For random forest variable importance (filter_ranger), variables are sorted by their p-values, and "top_n" will show only the "top_n" most importance variables (based on p-values).

Usage

plot_importance(object, top_n = NULL, ...)

Arguments

object PRISM object

arguments

top_n Show top_n variables only, default=NULL (show all)

... Additional arguments (currently ignored).

Value

Plot (ggplot2) object

Examples

library(StratifiedMedicine)
## Continuous ##
dat_ctns = generate_subgrp_data(family="gaussian")
Y = dat_ctns$Y
X = dat_ctns$X
A = dat_ctns$A
plot_ple

**Patient-Level Estimate Plot (plot_ple): Visualize distribution of estimates**

**Description**

Plots based on Patient-level estimate (see ple_train) model results. Options include "waterfall" and "density". Target controls which column of "mu_train" (from ple_train object) is shown on the plot.

**Usage**

```r
plot_ple(object, target = NULL, type = "waterfall", ...)
```

**Arguments**

- `object`: ple_train object
- `target`: Which patient-level estimate to visualize. Default=NULL, which uses the estimated treatment difference.
- `type`: Type of plot. Default="waterfall"; type="density" shows density plot.
- `...`: Additional arguments (currently ignored).

**Value**

Plot (ggplot2) object

**Examples**

```r
library(StratifiedMedicine)
## Continuous ##
dat_ctns = generate_subgrp_data(family="gaussian")
Y = dat_ctns$Y
X = dat_ctns$X
A = dat_ctns$A

mod1 = ple_train(Y=Y, A=A, X=X, Xtest=X, ple="ranger", meta="X-learner")
plot_ple(mod1)
```
predict.ple_train

Patient-level Estimates Model: Prediction

Description
Prediction function for the trained patient-level estimate (ple) model.

Usage

```r
## S3 method for class 'ple_train'
predict(object, newdata = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

- `object`: Trained ple model.
- `newdata`: Data-set to make predictions at (Default=NULL, predictions correspond to training data).
- `...`: Any additional parameters, not currently passed through.

Value
Data-frame with predictions (depends on trained ple model).

See Also
PRISM

Examples

```r
library(StratifiedMedicine)
## Continuous ##
dat_ctns = generate_subgrp_data(family="gaussian")
Y = dat_ctns$Y
X = dat_ctns$X
A = dat_ctns$A

mod1 = ple_train(Y=Y, A=A, X=X, Xtest=X, ple="ranger", meta="X-learner")
summary(mod1$mu_train)

res1 = predict(mod1, newdata=X)
summary(res1)
```
Description

Predictions for PRISM algorithm. Given the training set (Y,A,X) or new test set (Xtest), output ple predictions and identified subgroups with correspond parameter estimates.

Usage

## S3 method for class 'PRISM'
predict(object, newdata = NULL, type = "all", ...)

Arguments

- **object**: Trained PRISM model.
- **newdata**: Data-set to make predictions at (Default=NULL, predictions correspond to training data).
- **type**: Type of prediction. Default is "all" (ple, submod, and param predictions). Other options include "ple" (ple predictions), "submod" (submod predictions with associated parameter estimates).
- **...**: Any additional parameters, not currently passed through.

Value

Data-frame with predictions (ple, submod, or both).

Examples

```r
## Load library ##
library(StratifiedMedicine)

##### Examples: Continuous Outcome #######

dat_ctns = generate_subgrp_data(family="gaussian")
Y = dat_ctns$Y
X = dat_ctns$X
A = dat_ctns$A

# Run Default: filter_glmnet, ple_ranger, lmtree, param_ple#
res0 = PRISM(Y=Y, A=A, X=X)
summary(predict(res0, X)) # all #
summary(predict(res0, X, type="ple"))
summary(predict(res0, X, type="submod"))
```
predict.submod_train  

**Subgroup Identification: Train Model (Predictions)**

**Description**
Prediction function for the trained subgroup identification model (submod).

**Usage**
```r
## S3 method for class 'submod_train'
predict(object, newdata = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**
- `object`  
  Trained submod model.
- `newdata`  
  Data-set to make predictions at (Default=NULL, predictions correspond to training data).
- `...`  
  Any additional parameters, not currently passed through.

**Value**
Identified subgroups with subgroup-specific predictions (depends on subgroup model)

- Subgrps - Identified subgroups
- pred - Predictions, depends on subgroup model

**Examples**
```r
library(StratifiedMedicine)
## Continuous ##
dat_ctns = generate_subgrp_data(family="gaussian")
Y = dat_ctns$Y
X = dat_ctns$X
A = dat_ctns$A

# Fit through submod_train wrapper #
mod1 = submod_train(Y=Y, A=A, X=X, Xtest=X, submod="submod_lmtree")
out1 = predict(mod1)
table(mod1$Subgrps.train)
table(out1$Subgrps)
```
Description

PRISM algorithm. Given a data-set of \((Y, A, X)\) (Outcome, treatment, covariates), the PRISM identifies potential subgroups along with point-estimate and variability metrics; with and without resampling (bootstrap or cross-validation based). This four step procedure (filter, ple, submod, param) is flexible and accepts user-inputs at each step.

Usage

```r
PRISM(
  Y,
  A = NULL,
  X,
  Xtest = NULL,
  family = "gaussian",
  filter = "glmnet",
  ple = "ranger",
  submod = NULL,
  param = NULL,
  meta = ifelse(family == "survival", "T-learner", "X-learner"),
  pool = "no",
  delta = ">0",
  propensity = FALSE,
  alpha_ovrl = 0.05,
  alpha_s = 0.05,
  filter.hyper = NULL,
  ple.hyper = NULL,
  submod.hyper = NULL,
  param.hyper = NULL,
  bayes = NULL,
  prefilter_resamp = FALSE,
  resample = NULL,
  stratify = TRUE,
  R = NULL,
  calibrate = FALSE,
  alpha.mat = NULL,
  filter.resamp = NULL,
  ple.resamp = NULL,
  submod.resamp = NULL,
  verbose = TRUE,
  verbose.resamp = FALSE,
  seed = 777
)
```
Arguments

Y
The outcome variable. Must be numeric or survival (ex; Surv(time,cens) )

A
Treatment variable. (Default supports binary treatment, either numeric or factor). "ple_train" accommodates >2 along with binary treatments.

X
Covariate space.

Xtest
Test set. Default is NULL which uses X (training set). Variable types should match X.

family
Outcome type. Options include "gaussian" (default), "binomial", and "survival".

filter
Filter model to determine variables that are likely associated with the outcome and/or treatment. Outputs a potential reduce list of varia where X.star has potentially less variables than X. Default is "glmnet" (elastic net). Other options include "ranger" (random forest based variable importance with p-values). See filter_train for more details. "None" uses no filter.

ple
Base-learner used to estimate patient-level quantities, such as the individual treatment effect. Default is random based based through "ranger". "None" uses no ple. See below for details on estimating the treatment contrasts.

submod
Subgroup identification model function. Maps the observed data and/or PLEs to subgroups. Default for family="gaussian" is "lmtree" (MOB with OLS loss). For "binomial" the default is "glmmtree" (MOB with binomial loss). Default for "survival" is "mob_weib" (MOB with weibull loss). "None" uses no submod. Currently only available for binary treatments or A=NULL.

param
Parameter estimation and inference function. Based on the discovered subgroups, estimate parameter estimates and correspond variability metrics. Options include "lm" (unadjusted linear regression), "dr" (doubly-robust estimator), "ple" (G-computation, average the patient-level estimates), "cox" (cox regression), and "rmst" (RMST based estimates as in survRMST package). Default for "gaussian", "binomial" is "dr", while default for "survival" is "cox". Currently only available for binary treatments or A=NULL.

meta
Using the ple model as a base learner, meta-learners can be used for estimating patient-level treatment differences. Options include "T-learner" (treatment specific models), "S-learner" (single model), and "X-learner". For family="gaussian" & "binomial", the default is "X-learner", which uses a two-stage regression approach (See Kunzel et al 2019). For "survival", the default is "T-learner". "X-learner" is currently not supported for survival outcomes.

pool
Whether to pool discovered subgroups. Default is "no" (no pooling). Other options include "otr:logistic", which uses an optimal treatment regime approach, where a weighted logistic regression is fit with I(mu_1-mu_0>delta) as the outcome, the candidate subgroups as covariates, and weights=abs(PLE). Lastly, the youden index is used to assign optimal treatments across the discovered subgroups.

delta
Threshold for defining benefit vs non-benefitting patients. Only applicable for submod="otr", and pool="otr:logistic" or "otr:rf"; Default=">0".

propensity
Propensity score estimation, P(A=a|X). Default=FALSE which use the marginal estimates, P(A=a) (applicable for RCT data). If TRUE, will use "ple" base learner.
alpha_ovrl  Two-sided alpha level for overall population. Default=0.05
alpha_s  Two-sided alpha level at subgroup level. Default=0.05
filter.hyper  Hyper-parameters for the filter function (must be list). Default is NULL.
ple.hyper  Hyper-parameters for the PLE function (must be list). Default is NULL.
submod.hyper  Hyper-parameters for the submod function (must be list). Default is NULL.
param.hyper  Hyper-parameters for the param function (must be list). Default is NULL.
bayes  Based on input point estimates/SEs, this uses a bayesian based approach to obtain ests, SEs, CIs, and posterior probabilities. Currently includes "norm_norm" (normal prior at overall estimate with large uninformative variance; normal posterior). Default=NULL.

prefilter_resamp  Option to filter the covariate space (based on filter model) prior to resampling. Default=FALSE.
resample  Resampling method for resample-based estimates and variability metrics. Options include "Bootstrap", "Permutation", and "CV" (cross-validation). Default=NULL (No resampling).
stratify  Stratified resampling (Default=TRUE)
R  Number of resamples (default=NULL; R=100 for Permutation/Bootstrap and R=5 for CV)
calibrate  Bootstrap calibration for nominal alpha (Loh et al 2016). Default=FALSE. For TRUE, outputs the calibrated alpha level and calibrated CIs for the overall population and subgroups. Not applicable for permutation/CV resampling.
alpha.mat  Grid of alpha values for calibration. Default=NULL, which uses seq(alpha/1000,alpha,by=0.005) for alpha_ovrl/alpha_s.
filter.resamp  Filter function during resampling, default=NULL (use filter)
ple.resamp  PLE function during resampling, default=NULL (use ple)
submod.resamp  submod function for resampling, default=NULL (use submod)
verbose  Detail progress of PRISM? Default=TRUE
verbose.resamp  Output iterations during resampling? Default=FALSE
seed  Seed for PRISM run (Default=777)

Details

PRISM is a general framework with five key steps:

0. Estimand: Determine the question of interest (ex: mean treatment difference)
1. Filter (filter): Reduce covariate space by removing noise covariates. Options include elastic net ("glmnet") and random forest variable importance ("ranger").
2. Patient-Level Estimates (ple): Estimate counterfactual patient-level quantities, for example, the individual treatment effect, \(E(Y|A=1)-E(Y|A=0)\). This calls the "ple_train" function, and follows the framework of Kunzel et al 2019. Base-learners include random forest ("ranger"), BART ("bart"), elastic net ("glmnet"), and linear models (LM, GLM, or Cox regression). Meta-learners include the "S-Learner" (single model), "T-learner" (treatment specific models), and "X-learner" (2-stage approach).
3. Subgroup Model (submod): Currently uses tree-based methods to identify predictive and/or prognostic subgroups. Options include MOB OLS ("lmtree"), MOB GLM ("glmtree"), optimal treatment regimes ("otr") conditional inference trees ("ctree"), and recursive partitioning and regression trees ("rpart").

4. Parameter Estimation (param): For the overall population and the discovered subgroups (if any), obtain point-estimates and variability metrics. Options include: cox regression ("cox"), double robust estimator ("dr"), linear regression ("lm"), average of patient-level estimates ("ple"), and restricted mean survival time ("rmst").

Steps 1-4 also support user-specific models. If treatment is provided (A!=NULL), the default settings are as follows:

- Y is continuous (family="gaussian"): Elastic Net Filter ==> X-learner with random forest ==> MOB (OLS) ==> Double Robust estimator
- Y is binary (family="binomial"): Elastic Net Filter ==> X-learner with random forest ==> MOB (GLM) ==> Double Robust estimator
- Y is right-censored (family="survival"): Elastic Net Filter ==> T-learner with random forest ==> MOB (Weibull) ==> Cox regression

If treatment is not provided (A=NULL), the default settings are as follows:

- Y is continuous (family="gaussian"): Elastic Net Filter ==> Random Forest ==> ctree ==> linear regression
- Y is binary (family="binomial"): Elastic Net Filter ==> Random Forest ==> ctree ==> linear regression
- Y is right-censored (family="survival"): Elastic Net Filter ==> Survival Random Forest ==> ctree ==> RMST

Value

Trained PRISM object. Includes filter, ple, submod, and param outputs.

- filter.mod - Filter model
- filter.vars - Variables remaining after filtering
- ple.fit - Fitted ple model (model fit, other fit outputs)
- mu_train - Patient-level estimates (train)
- mu_test - Patient-level estimates (test)
- submod.fit - Fitted submod model (model fit, other fit outputs)
- out.train - Training data-set with identified subgroups
- out.test - Test data-set with identified subgroups
- Rules - Subgroup rules / definitions
- param.dat - Parameter estimates and variability metrics (depends on param)
- resamp.dist - Resampling distributions (NULL if no resampling is done)
- bayes.fun - Function to simulate posterior distribution (NULL if no bayes)
References


Examples

```r
## Load library ##
library(StratifiedMedicine)

## Examples: Continuous Outcome ##

dat_ctns = generate_subgrp_data(family="gaussian")
Y = dat_ctns$Y
X = dat_ctns$X
A = dat_ctns$A

# Run Default: filter_glmnet, ple_ranger, lmtree, param_ple #
res0 = PRISM(Y=Y, A=A, X=X)
summary(res0)
plot(res0)

# Without filtering #
res1 = PRISM(Y=Y, A=A, X=X, filter="None")
summary(res1)
plot(res1)

# Search for Prognostic Only (omit A from function) #
res3 = PRISM(Y=Y, X=X)
summary(res3)
plot(res3)

## With bootstrap (No filtering) ##
library(ggplot2)
res_boot = PRISM(Y=Y, A=A, X=X, resample = "Bootstrap", R=50, verbose.resamp = TRUE)
# Plot of distributions and P(est>0) #
```

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Examples

```r
## Load library ##
library(StratifiedMedicine)

## Examples: Continuous Outcome ##

dat_ctns = generate_subgrp_data(family="gaussian")
Y = dat_ctns$Y
X = dat_ctns$X
A = dat_ctns$A

# Run Default: filter_glmnet, ple_ranger, lmtree, param_ple #
res0 = PRISM(Y=Y, A=A, X=X)
summary(res0)
plot(res0)

# Without filtering #
res1 = PRISM(Y=Y, A=A, X=X, filter="None")
summary(res1)
plot(res1)

# Search for Prognostic Only (omit A from function) #
res3 = PRISM(Y=Y, X=X)
summary(res3)
plot(res3)

## With bootstrap (No filtering) ##
library(ggplot2)
res_boot = PRISM(Y=Y, A=A, X=X, resample = "Bootstrap", R=50, verbose.resamp = TRUE)
# Plot of distributions and P(est>0) #
```
plot(res_boot, type="resample", estimand = "E(Y|A=1)-E(Y|A=0)"
+ geom_vline(xintercept = 0)
aggregate(I(est>0)-Subgrps, data=res_boot$resamp.dist, FUN="mean")

## Examples: Binary Outcome ##

dat_bin = generate_subgrp_data(family="binomial")
Y = dat_bin$Y
X = dat_bin$X
A = dat_bin$A

# Run Default: glmnet, ranger, glmtree, dr #
res0 = PRISM(Y=Y, A=A, X=X)
plot(res0)

## Survival Data ##

library(survival)
library(ggplot2)
require(TH.data); require(coin)
data("GBSG2", package = "TH.data")
surv.dat = GBSG2

# Design Matrices ###
Y = with(surv.dat, Surv(time, cens))
X = surv.dat[,!(colnames(surv.dat) %in% c("time", "cens")]
set.seed(513)
A = rbinom( n = dim(X)[1], size=1, prob=0.5 )

# PRISM: glmnet ==> Random Forest to estimate Treatment-Specific RMST
# ==> MOB (Weibull) ==> Cox for HRs#
res_weib = PRISM(Y=Y, A=A, X=X)
plot(res_weib, type="PLE:waterfall")
plot(res_weib)

# PRISM: glmnet ==> Random Forest to estimate Treatment-Specific RMST
# ==> OTR (CTREE, uses RMST estimates as input) ==> Cox for HRs #
res_otr = PRISM(Y=Y, A=A, X=X)
plot(res_otr)

# PRISM: ENET ==> CTREE ==> Cox; with bootstrap #
res_ctree1 = PRISM(Y=Y, A=A, X=X, ple="None", submod = "ctree",
    resample="Bootstrap", R=50, verbose.resamp = TRUE)
plot(res_ctree1)
plot(res_ctree1, type="resample", estimand="HR(A=1 vs A=0)"
+ geom_vline(xintercept = 1)
aggregate(I(est<0)-Subgrps, data=res_ctree1$resamp.dist, FUN="mean")
submod_train

Subgroup Identification: Train Model

Description

Wrapper function to train a subgroup model (submod). Outputs subgroup assignments and fitted model.

Usage

submod_train(
  Y,
  A,
  X,
  Xtest = NULL,
  mu_train = NULL,
  family = "gaussian",
  submod,
  hyper = NULL,
  pool = "no",
  delta = ">0",
  ...
)

Arguments

Y The outcome variable. Must be numeric or survival (ex; Surv(time,cens) )
A Treatment variable. (Default supports binary treatment, either numeric or factor). "ple_train" accomodates >2 along with binary treatments.
X Covariate space.
Xtest Test set. Default is NULL which uses X (training set). Variable types should match X.
mu_train Patient-level estimates in training set (see ple_train). Default=NULL
family Outcome type. Options include "gaussian" (default), "binomial", and "survival".
submod Subgroup identification model function. Maps the observed data and/or PLEs to subgroups. Default for family="gaussian" is "lm.tree" (MOB with OLS loss). For "binomial" the default is "glm.tree" (MOB with binomial loss). Default for "survival" is "mob_weib" (MOB with weibull loss). "None" uses no submod. Currently only available for binary treatments or A=NULL.
hyper Hyper-parameters for submod (must be list). Default is NULL.
pool Whether to pool discovered subgroups. Default is "no" (no pooling). Other options include "otr:logistic", which uses an optimal treatment regime approach, where a weighted logistic regression is fit with I(mu_1-mu_0>delta) as the outcome, the candidate subgroups as covariates, and weights=abs(PLE). Lastly, the youden index is used to assign optimal treatments across the discovered subgroups.
submod_train

**delta**

Threshold for defining benefit vs non-benefitting patients. Only applicable for submod="otr", and pool="otr:logistic" or "otr:rf"; Default=">0".

... Any additional parameters, not currently passed through.

**Details**

submod_train currently fits a number of tree-based subgroup models, most of which aim to find subgroups with varying treatment effects (i.e. predictive variables). Current options include:

1. lmtree: Wrapper function for the function "lmtree" from the partykit package. Here, model-based partitioning (MOB) with an OLS loss function, $Y \sim MOB_LM(A,X)$, is used to identify prognostic and/or predictive variables.

   Default hyper-parameters are: hyper = list(alpha=0.05, maxdepth=4, parm=NULL, msize=floor(dim(X)[1]*0.10)).

2. glmtree: Wrapper function for the function "glmtree" from the partykit package. Here, model-based partitioning (MOB) with GLM binomial + identity link loss function, $(Y \sim MOB_GLM(A,X))$, is used to identify prognostic and/or predictive variables.

   Default hyper-parameters are: hyper = list(link="identity", alpha=0.05, maxdepth=4, parm=NULL, msize=floor(dim(X)[1]*0.10)).

3. ctree: Wrapper function for the function "ctree" from the partykit package. Here, conditional inference trees are used to identify either prognostic, $Y \sim CTREE(X)$, or predictive variables, $PLE \sim CTREE(X)$ (outcome_PLE=TRUE; requires mu_train data).

   Default hyper-parameters are: hyper=list(alpha=0.10, minbucket = floor(dim(X)[1]*0.10), maxdepth = 4, outcome_PLE=FALSE).

4. otr: Optimal treatment regime approach using "ctree". Based on patient-level treatment effect estimates, fit $PLE \sim CTREE(X)$ with weights=abs(PLE).

   Default hyper-parameters are: hyper=list(alpha=0.10, minbucket = floor(dim(X)[1]*0.10), maxdepth = 4, thres=">0").

4. mob_weib: Wrapper function for the function "mob" with weibull loss function using the partykit package. Here, model-based partitioning (MOB) with weibull loss (survival), $(Y \sim MOB_WEIB(A,X))$, is used to identify prognostic and/or predictive variables.

   Default hyper-parameters are: hyper = list(alpha=0.10, maxdepth=4, parm=NULL, msize=floor(dim(X)[1]*0.10)).

5. rpart: Recursive partitioning through the "rpart" R package. Here, recursive partitioning and regression trees are used to identify either prognostic, $Y \sim rpart(X)$, or predictive variables, $PLE \sim rpart(X)$ (outcome_PLE=TRUE; requires mu_train data).

**Value**

Trained subgroup model and subgroup predictions/estimates for train/test sets.

- mod - trained subgroup model
- Subgrps.train - Identified subgroups (training set)
- Subgrps.test - Identified subgroups (test set)
- pred.train - Predictions (training set)
- pred.test - Predictions (test set)
- Rules - Definitions for subgroups, if provided in fitted submod output.
References


See Also

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Examples

```r
library(StratifiedMedicine)
## Continuous ##
dat_ctns = generate_subgrp_data(family="gaussian")
Y = dat_ctns$Y
X = dat_ctns$X
A = dat_ctns$A

# Fit through submod_train wrapper #
mod1 = submod_train(Y=Y, A=A, X=X, Xtest=X, submod="submod_lmtree")
table(mod1$Subgrps.train)
plot(mod1$fit$mod)
```

Description

Predictions for PRISM algorithm. Given the training set (Y,A,X) or new test set (Xtest), output ple predictions and identified subgroups with correspond parameter estimates.

Usage

```r
## S3 method for class 'PRISM'
summary(object, ...)"
Arguments

object: Trained PRISM model.
...
...: Any additional parameters, not currently passed through.

Value

List of key PRISM outputs: (1) Configuration, (2) Variables that pass filter (if filter is used), (3) Number of Identified Subgroups, and (4) Parameter Estimates, SEs, and CIs for each subgroup/estimand.
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