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Description A wrapper around the LIBLINEAR C/C++ library for
LIBLINEAR is a simple library for solving large-scale regularized linear
classification and regression. It currently supports L2-regularized
classification (such as logistic regression, L2-loss linear SVM and L1-loss
linear SVM) as well as L1-regularized classification (such as L2-loss linear
SVM and logistic regression) and L2-regularized support vector regression
(with L1- or L2-loss). The main features of LiblineaR include multi-class
classification (one-vs-the rest, and Crammer & Singer method), cross
validation for model selection, probability estimates (logistic regression
only) or weights for unbalanced data. The estimation of the models is
particularly fast as compared to other libraries.
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*Fast Heuristics For The Estimation Of the C Constant Of A Support Vector Machine.*

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**Description**

`heuristicC` implements a heuristic proposed by Thorsten Joachims in order to make fast estimates of a convenient value for the C constant used by support vector machines. This implementation only works for linear support vector machines.

**Usage**

`heuristicC(data)`

**Arguments**

data  
a nxp data matrix. Each row stands for an example (sample, point) and each column stands for a dimension (feature, variable)

**Value**

A value for the C constant is returned, computed as follows:

$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sqrt{G[i,i]}$  

where $G = \text{data}^{\%*\%t}(\text{data})$

**Note**

Classification models usually perform better if each dimension of the data is first centered and scaled. If data are scaled, it is better to compute the heuristics on the scaled data as well.

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**References**

- T. Joachims  
  *SVM light* (2002)  
  [http://svmlight.joachims.org](http://svmlight.joachims.org)

**See Also**

LiblineaR
Examples

data(iris)

x=iris[,1:4]
y=factor(iris[,5])
train=sample(1:dim(iris)[1],100)

xTrain=x[train,]
xTest=x[-train,]
yTrain=y[train]
yTest=y[-train]

# Center and scale data
s=scale(xTrain,center=TRUE,scale=TRUE)

# Sparse Logistic Regression
t=6
co=heuristicC(s)
m=LiblineaR(data=s,labels=yTrain,type=t,cost=co,bias=TRUE,verbose=FALSE)

# Scale the test data
s2=scale(xTest,attr(s,"scaled:center"),attr(s,"scaled:scale"))

# Make prediction
p=predict(m,s2)

# Display confusion matrix
res=table(p$predictions,yTest)
print(res)

# Compute Balanced Classification Rate
BCR=mean(c(res[1,1]/sum(res[,1]),res[2,2]/sum(res[,2]),res[3,3]/sum(res[,3])))
print(BCR)

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LiblineaR is a linear predictive models estimation based on the LIBLINEAR C/C++ Library.

Description

LiblineaR allows the estimation of predictive linear models for classification and regression, such as L1- or L2-regularized logistic regression, L1- or L2-regularized L2-loss support vector classification, L2-regularized L1-loss support vector classification and multi-class support vector classification. It also supports L2-regularized support vector regression (with L1- or L2-loss). The estimation of the models is particularly fast as compared to other libraries. The implementation is based on the LIBLINEAR C/C++ library for machine learning.
Usage

LiblineaR(data, target, type = 0, cost = 1, epsilon = 0.01, 
svr_eps = NULL, bias = TRUE, wi = NULL, cross = 0, verbose = FALSE, 
...)

Arguments

data a nxp data matrix. Each row stands for an example (sample, point) and each column stands for a dimension (feature, variable). A sparse matrix (from SparseM package) will also work.

target a response vector for prediction tasks with one value for each of the n rows of data. For classification, the values correspond to class labels and can be a 1xn matrix, a simple vector or a factor. For regression, the values correspond to the values to predict, and can be a 1xn matrix or a simple vector.

type LiblineaR can produce 10 types of (generalized) linear models, by combining several types of loss functions and regularization schemes. The regularization can be L1 or L2, and the losses can be the regular L2-loss for SVM (hinge loss), L1-loss for SVM, or the logistic loss for logistic regression. The default value for type is 0. See details below. Valid options are:

- for multi-class classification
  - 0 – L2-regularized logistic regression (primal)
  - 1 – L2-regularized L2-loss support vector classification (dual)
  - 2 – L2-regularized L2-loss support vector classification (primal)
  - 3 – L2-regularized L1-loss support vector classification (dual)
  - 4 – support vector classification by Crammer and Singer
  - 5 – L1-regularized L2-loss support vector classification
  - 6 – L1-regularized logistic regression
  - 7 – L2-regularized logistic regression (dual)

- for regression
  - 11 – L2-regularized L2-loss support vector regression (primal)
  - 12 – L2-regularized L2-loss support vector regression (dual)
  - 13 – L2-regularized L1-loss support vector regression (dual)

cost cost of constraints violation (default: 1). Rules the trade-off between regularization and correct classification on data. It can be seen as the inverse of a regularization constant. See information on the 'C' constant in details below. A usually good baseline heuristics to tune this constant is provided by the heuristicC function of this package.

epsilon set tolerance of termination criterion for optimization. If NULL, the LIBLINEAR defaults are used, which are:

  - if type is 0, 2, 5 or 6 epsilon=0.01
  - if type is 1, 3, 4, 7, 12 or 13 epsilon=0.1

The meaning of epsilon is as follows:

  - if type is 0 or 2: $|f'(w)|_2 \leq \epsilon \times \min(pos, neg) / l \times |f'(w_0)|_2$, where
    
    $f$ is the primal function and pos/neg are # of positive/negative data (default 0.01)
if type is 11: $|f'(w)|_2 \leq \epsilon \times |f'(w_0)|_2$, where $f$ is the primal function (default $0.001$)
if type is 1, 3, 4 or 7: Dual maximal violation $\leq \epsilon$ (default $0.1$)
if type is 5 or 6: $|f'(w)|_\infty \leq \epsilon \times \min(pos, neg)/l |f'(w_0)|_\infty$, where $f$ is the primal function (default $0.01$)
if type is 12 or 13: $|f'(\alpha)|_1 \leq \epsilon \times |f'(\alpha_0)|_1$, where $f$ is the dual function (default $0.1$)

svr_eps set tolerance margin ($\epsilon$) in regression loss function of SVR. Not used for classification methods.
bias if bias is TRUE (default), instances of data becomes [data; 1].
wi a named vector of weights for the different classes, used for asymmetric class sizes. Not all factor levels have to be supplied (default weight: 1). All components have to be named according to the corresponding class label. Not used in regression mode.
cross if an integer value $k>0$ is specified, a $k$-fold cross validation on data is performed to assess the quality of the model via a measure of the accuracy. Note that this metric might not be appropriate if classes are largely unbalanced. Default is 0.
verbose if TRUE, information are printed. Default is FALSE.

For details for the implementation of LIBLINEAR, see the README file of the original c/c++ LIBLINEAR library at http://www.csie.ntu.edu.tw/~cjlin/liblinear.

If cross $>0$, the average accuracy (classification) or mean square error (regression) computed over cross runs of cross-validation is returned.

Otherwise, an object of class "LiblineaR" containing the fitted model is returned, including:

TypeDetail A string describing the type of model fitted, as determined by type.
Type An integer corresponding to type.
W A matrix with the model weights. If bias is TRUE, $W$ contains $p+1$ columns, the last being the bias term. The columns are named according to the names of data, if provided, or "W$x" where "$x" ranges from 1 to the number of dimensions. The bias term is named "Bias". If the number of classes is 2, or if in regression mode rather than classification, the matrix only has one row. If the number of classes is $k>2$ (classification), it has $k$ rows. Each row $i$ corresponds then to a linear model discriminating between class $i$ and all the other classes. If there are more than 2 classes, rows are named according to the class $i$ which is opposed to the other classes.
Bias  TRUE or FALSE, according to the value of bias

ClassNames  A vector containing the class names. This entry is not returned in case of regression models.

Note
Classification models usually perform better if each dimension of the data is first centered and scaled.

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References
- For more information on LIBLINEAR itself, refer to:
  LIBLINEAR: A Library for Large Linear Classification, 
  http://www.csie.ntu.edu.tw/~cjlin/liblinear

See Also
predict.Liblinear, heuristicC

Examples

data(iris)
attach(iris)

x=iris[,1:4]
y= factor(iris[,5])
train=sample(1:dim(iris)[1],100)

xTrain=x[train,]
xTest=x[-train,]
yTrain=y[train]
yTest=y[-train]

# Center and scale data
s=scale(xTrain,center=TRUE,scale=TRUE)

# Find the best model with the best cost parameter via 10-fold cross-validations
tryTypes=c(0:7)
tryCosts=c(1000,1,0.001)
bestCost=NA
bestAcc=0
bestType=NA
for(ty in tryTypes){
  for(co in tryCosts){
    acc=liblinear(data=s,target=yTrain,type=ty,cost=co,bias=TRUE,cross=5,verbose=FALSE)
    cat("Results for C","",co," : ",acc," accuracy.\n",sep="")
    if(acc>bestAcc){
      bestCost=co
      bestAcc=acc
      bestType=ty
    }
  }
}

  cat("Best model type is:",bestType,"n")
  cat("Best cost is:",bestCost,"n")
  cat("Best accuracy is:",bestAcc,"n")

# Re-train best model with best cost value.
m=liblinear(data=s,target=yTrain,type=bestType,cost=bestCost,bias=TRUE,verbose=FALSE)

# Scale the test data
s2=scale(xTest,attr(s,"scaled:center"),attr(s,"scaled:scale"))

# Make prediction
pr=FALSE
if(bestType==0 || bestType==7) pr=TRUE

p=predict(m,s2,proba=pr,decisionValues=TRUE)

# Display confusion matrix
res=table(p$predictions,yTest)
print(res)

# Compute Balanced Classification Rate
BCR=mean(c(res[1,1]/sum(res[1,]),res[2,2]/sum(res[2,]),res[3,3]/sum(res[3,])))
print(BCR)

# Example of the use of a sparse matrix:

if(require(SparseM)){

  # Sparsifying the iris dataset:
iS=apply(iris[,1:4],2,function(a){a[a<quantile(a,probs=c(0.25))]=0;return(a)})
  irisSparse=as.matrix.csr(iS)

  # Applying a similar methodology as above:
xTrain=irisSparse[train,]
xTest=irisSparse[-train,]

  # Re-train best model with best cost value.
m=liblinear(data=xTrain,target=yTrain,type=bestType,cost=bestCost,bias=TRUE,verbose=FALSE)
# Make prediction
p = predict(m, xTest, proba = pr, decisionValues = TRUE)

# Display confusion matrix
res = table(p$predictions, yTest)
print(res)
}

# Try regression instead, to predict sepal length on the basis of sepal width and petal width:

xTrain = iris[c(1:25,51:75,101:125),2:3]
yTrain = iris[c(1:25,51:75,101:125),1]
xTest = iris[c(26:50,76:100,126:150),2:3]
yTest = iris[c(26:50,76:100,126:150),1]

# Center and scale data
s = scale(xTrain, center = TRUE, scale = TRUE)

# Estimate MSE in cross-validation on a train set
MSECross = LiblineaR(data = s, target = yTrain, type = 13, cross = 10, svr_eps = .01)

# Build the model
m = LiblineaR(data = s, target = yTrain, type = 13, cross = 0, svr_eps = .01)

# Test it, after test data scaling:
s2 = scale(xTest, attr(s, "scaled:center"), attr(s, "scaled:scale"))
pred = predict(m, s2)$predictions
MSETest = mean((yTest - pred)^2)

# Was MSE well estimated?
print(MSETest - MSECross)

# Distribution of errors
print(summary(yTest - pred))

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The function applies a model (classification or regression) produced by the `LiblineaR` function to every row of a data matrix and returns the model predictions.

## Usage

```r
## S3 method for class 'LiblineaR'
predict(object, newx, proba = FALSE,
        decisionValues = FALSE, ...)
```
Arguments

object    Object of class "LiblineaR", created by LiblineaR.
newx    An n x p matrix containing the new input data. A vector will be transformed to
a n x 1 matrix. A sparse matrix (from SparseM package) will also work.
proba    Logical indicating whether class probabilities should be computed and returned.
Only possible if the model was fitted with type=0, type=6 or type=7, i.e. a
Logistic Regression. Default is FALSE.
decisionValues    Logical indicating whether model decision values should be computed and re-
turned. Only possible for classification models (type<10). Default is FALSE.

Value

By default, the returned value is a list with a single entry:
predictions    A vector of predicted labels (or values for regression).

If proba is set to TRUE, and the model is a logistic regression, an additional entry is returned:

probabilities    An n x k matrix (k number of classes) of the class probabilities. The columns of
this matrix are named after class labels.

If decisionValues is set to TRUE, and the model is not a regression model, an additional entry is
returned:

decisionValues    An n x k matrix (k number of classes) of the model decision values. The columns
of this matrix are named after class labels.

Note

If the data on which the model has been fitted have been centered and/or scaled, it is very important
to apply the same process on the newx data as well, with the scale and center values of the training
data.

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