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Fit a transfer learning generalized linear model (GLM) with elasticnet regularization.

Description

Fit a transfer learning generalized linear model through elastic net regularization with target data set and multiple source data sets. It also implements a transferable source detection algorithm, which helps avoid negative transfer in practice. Currently can deal with Gaussian, logistic and Poisson models.

Usage

```
glmtrans(
  target,
  source = NULL,
  family = c("gaussian", "binomial", "poisson"),
  transfer.source.id = "auto",
  alpha = 1,
  standardize = TRUE,
  intercept = TRUE,
  nfolds = 10,
  cores = 1,
 valid.proportion = NULL,
  valid.nfolds = 3,
 lambda = c(transfer = "lambda.1se", debias = "lambda.min", detection = "lambda.1se"),
  detection.info = TRUE,
  target.weights = NULL,
  source.weights = NULL,
 C0 = 2,
  . . .
)
```

Arguments

target	target data. Should be a list with elements x and y, where x indicates a predictor matrix with each row/column as a(n) observation/variable, and y indicates the response vector.
source	source data. Should be a list with some sublists, where each of the sublist is a source data set, having elements x and y with the same meaning as in target data.

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family	response type. Can be "gaussian", "binomial" or "poisson". Default = "gaussian".
	• "gaussian": Gaussian distribution.
	 "binomial": logistic distribution. When family = "binomial", the input response in both target and source should be 0/1.
	 "poisson": poisson distribution. When family = "poisson", the input re- sponse in both target and source should be non-negative.
transfer.source	e.id
	<pre>transferable source indices. Can be either a subset of {1,, length(source)}, "all" or "auto". Default = "auto".</pre>
	 a subset of {1,, length(source)}: only transfer sources with the specific indices. "all": transfer all sources
	 "auto": run transferable source detection algorithm to automatically detect which sources to transfer. For the algorithm, refer to the documentation of function source_detection.
alpha	the elastic net mixing parameter, with $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1.$ The penality is defined as
	$(1-\alpha)/2 \beta _2^2 + \alpha \beta _1$
	. $alpha = 1$ encodes the lasso penalty while $alpha = 0$ encodes the ridge penalty. Default = 1.
standardize	the logical flag for x variable standardization, prior to fitting the model sequence. The coefficients are always returned on the original scale. Default is TRUE.
intercept	the logical indicator of whether the intercept should be fitted or not. Default = TRUE.
nfolds	the number of folds. Used in the cross-validation for GLM elastic net fitting procedure. Default = 10. Smallest value allowable is nfolds = 3.
cores	the number of cores used for parallel computing. Default = 1.
valid.proportio	on
	the proportion of target data to be used as validation data when detecting trans- ferable sources. Useful only when transfer.source.id = "auto". Default = NULL, meaning that the cross-validation will be applied.
valid.nfolds	the number of folds used in cross-validation procedure when detecting transfer- able sources. Useful only when transfer.source.id = "auto" and valid.proportion = NULL. Default = 3.
lambda	a vector indicating the choice of lambdas in transferring, debiasing and detection steps. Should be a vector with names "transfer", "debias", and "detection", each component of which can be either "lambda.min" or "lambda.lse". Component transfer is the lambda (the penalty parameter) used in transferring step. Com- ponent debias is the lambda used in debiasing step. Component detection is the lambda used in the transferable source detection algorithm. Default choice of lambda.transfer and lambda.detection are "lambda.lse", while default lambda.debias = "lambda.min". If the user wants to change the default setting, input a vector with corresponding lambda.transfer/lambda.debias/lambda.detection

	names and corresponding values. Examples: lambda = list(transfer = "lambda.min", debias = "lambda.1se"); lambda = list(transfer = "lambda.min", detection = "lambda.min").
	 "lambda.min": value of lambda that gives minimum mean cross-validated error in the sequence of lambda. "lambda.1se": largest value of lambda such that error is within 1 standard error of the minimum.
detection.info	the logistic flag indicating whether to print detection information or not. Useful only when transfer.source.id = "auto". Default = TURE.
target.weights	weight vector for each target instance. Should be a vector with the same length of target response. Default = NULL, which makes all instances equal-weighted.
source.weights	a list of weight vectors for the instances from each source. Should be a list with the same length of the number of sources. Default = NULL, which makes all instances equal-weighted.
C0	the constant used in the transferable source detection algorithm. See Algorithm 2 in Tian, Y. and Feng, Y., 2021. Default = 2.
	additional arguments.

An object with S3 class "glmtrans".

beta the estimated coefficient vector.

family the response type.

transfer.source.id

the transferable souce index. If in the input, transfer.source.id = 1:length(source)
or transfer.source.id = "all", then the outputed transfer.source.id =
1:length(source). If the inputed transfer.source.id = "auto", only transferable source detected by the algorithm will be outputed.

fitting.list a list of other parameters of the fitted model.

- w_athe estimator obtained from the transferring step.
- delta_athe estimator obtained from the debiasing step.
- target.valid.lossthe validation (or cross-validation) loss on target data. Only available when transfer.source.id = "auto".
- source.lossthe loss on each source data. Only available when transfer.source.id = "auto".
- threshold the threshold to determine transferability. Only available when transfer.source.id
 = "auto".

References

Tian, Y. and Feng, Y., 2021. Transfer Learning under High-dimensional Generalized Linear Models. arXiv preprint arXiv:2105.14328.

Li, S., Cai, T.T. and Li, H., 2020. Transfer learning for high-dimensional linear regression: Prediction, estimation, and minimax optimality. arXiv preprint arXiv:2006.10593.

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Friedman, J., Hastie, T. and Tibshirani, R., 2010. *Regularization paths for generalized linear models via coordinate descent. Journal of statistical software*, 33(1), p.1.

Zou, H. and Hastie, T., 2005. *Regularization and variable selection via the elastic net. Journal of the royal statistical society: series B (statistical methodology)*, 67(2), pp.301-320.

Tibshirani, R., 1996. Regression shrinkage and selection via the lasso. Journal of the Royal Statistical Society: Series B (Methodological), 58(1), pp.267-288.

See Also

predict.glmtrans, source_detection, models, plot.glmtrans, cv.glmnet, glmnet.

Examples

```
set.seed(0, kind = "L'Ecuyer-CMRG")
```

```
# fit a linear regression model
D.training <- models("gaussian", type = "all", n.target = 100, K = 2, p = 500)
D.test <- models("gaussian", type = "target", n.target = 100, p = 500)</pre>
fit.gaussian <- glmtrans(D.training$target, D.training$source)</pre>
y.pred.glmtrans <- predict(fit.gaussian, D.test$target$x)</pre>
# compare the test MSE with classical Lasso fitted on target data
library(glmnet)
fit.lasso <- cv.glmnet(x = D.training$target$x, y = D.training$target$y)</pre>
y.pred.lasso <- predict(fit.lasso, D.test$target$x)</pre>
mean((y.pred.glmtrans - D.test$target$y)^2)
mean((y.pred.lasso - D.test$target$y)^2)
# fit a logistic regression model
D.training <- models("binomial", type = "all", n.target = 100, K = 2, p = 500)
D.test <- models("binomial", type = "target", n.target = 100, p = 500)</pre>
fit.binomial <- glmtrans(D.training$target, D.training$source, family = "binomial")</pre>
y.pred.glmtrans <- predict(fit.binomial, D.test$target$x, type = "class")</pre>
# compare the test error with classical Lasso fitted on target data
library(glmnet)
fit.lasso <- cv.glmnet(x = D.training$target$x, y = D.training$target$y, family = "binomial")</pre>
y.pred.lasso <- as.numeric(predict(fit.lasso, D.test$target$x, type = "class"))</pre>
mean(y.pred.glmtrans != D.test$target$y)
mean(y.pred.lasso != D.test$target$y)
# fit a Poisson regression model
D.training <- models("poisson", type = "all", n.target = 100, K = 2, p = 500)
D.test <- models("poisson", type = "target", n.target = 100, p = 500)</pre>
fit.poisson <- glmtrans(D.training$target, D.training$source, family = "poisson")</pre>
y.pred.glmtrans <- predict(fit.poisson, D.test$target$x, type = "response")</pre>
```

compare the test MSE with classical Lasso fitted on target data

```
fit.lasso <- cv.glmnet(x = D.training$target$x, y = D.training$target$y, family = "poisson")
y.pred.lasso <- as.numeric(predict(fit.lasso, D.test$target$x, type = "response"))
mean((y.pred.glmtrans - D.test$target$y)^2)
mean((y.pred.lasso - D.test$target$y)^2)</pre>
```

glmtrans_inf

Calculate asymptotic confidence intervals based on desparsified Lasso and two-step transfer learning method.

Description

Given the point esimate of the coefficient vector from glmtrans, calculate the asymptotic confidence interval of each component. The detailed inference algorithm can be found as Algorithm 3 in the latest version of Tian, Y. and Feng, Y., 2021. The algorithm is consructed based on a modified version of desparsified Lasso (Van de Geer, S. et al, 2014; Dezeure, R. et al, 2015).

Usage

```
glmtrans_inf(
  target,
  source = NULL,
  family = c("gaussian", "binomial", "poisson"),
  beta.hat = NULL,
  nodewise.transfer.source.id = "all",
  cores = 1,
  level = 0.95,
  intercept = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

target	target data. Should be a list with elements x and y, where x indicates a predictor matrix with each row/column as a(n) observation/variable, and y indicates the response vector.
source	source data. Should be a list with some sublists, where each of the sublist is a source data set, having elements x and y with the same meaning as in target data.
family	response type. Can be "gaussian", "binomial" or "poisson". Default = "gaussian".
	• "gaussian": Gaussian distribution.
	• "binomial": logistic distribution. When family = "binomial", the input response in both target and source should be 0/1.
	• "poisson": poisson distribution. When family = "poisson", the input re- sponse in both target and source should be non-negative.

beta.hat	initial estimate of the coefficient vector (the intercept should be the first component). Can be from the output of function glmtrans.
nodewise.transf	Ser.source.id
	transferable source indices in the infernce (the set A in Algorithm 3 of Tian, Y. and Feng, Y., 2021). Can be either a subset of {1,, length(source)}, "all" or NULL. Default = "all".
	• a subset of {1,, length(source)}: only transfer sources with the specific indices.
	• "all": transfer all sources.
	• NULL: don't transfer any sources and only use target data.
cores	the number of cores used for parallel computing. Default = 1.
level	the level of confidence interval. Default = 0.95 . Note that the level here refers to the asymptotic level of confidence interval of a single component rather than the multiple intervals.
intercept	whether the model includes the intercept or not. Default = TRUE. Should be set as TRUE if the intercept of beta.hat is not zero.
	additional arguments.

a list of output.	b.hat = b.hat, beta.hat = beta.hat, CI = CI, var.est = var.est
b.hat	the center of confidence intervals. A p-dimensional vector, where p is the num- ber of predictors.
beta.hat	the initial estimate of the coefficient vector (the same as input).
CI	confidence intervals (CIs) with the specific level. A p by 3 matrix, where three columns indicate the center, lower limit and upper limit of CIs, respectively. Each row represents a coefficient component.
var.est	the estimate of variances in the CLT (Theta transpose times Sigma times Theta, in section 2.5 of Tian, Y. and Feng, Y., 2021). A p-dimensional vector, where p is the number of predictors.

References

Tian, Y. and Feng, Y., 2021. Transfer Learning under High-dimensional Generalized Linear Models. arXiv preprint arXiv:2105.14328.

Van de Geer, S., Bühlmann, P., Ritov, Y.A. and Dezeure, R., 2014. On asymptotically optimal confidence regions and tests for high-dimensional models. The Annals of Statistics, 42(3), pp.1166-1202.

Dezeure, R., Bühlmann, P., Meier, L. and Meinshausen, N., 2015. *High-dimensional inference:* confidence intervals, p-values and R-software hdi. Statistical science, pp.533-558.

See Also

glmtrans.

Examples

```
## Not run:
set.seed(0, kind = "L'Ecuyer-CMRG")
# generate binomial data
D.training <- models("binomial", type = "all", K = 2, p = 200)
# fit a logistic regression model via two-step transfer learning method
fit.binomial <- glmtrans(D.training$target, D.training$source, family = "binomial")
# calculate the CI based on the point estimate from two-step transfer learning method
fit.inf <- glmtrans_inf(target = D.training$target, source = D.training$source,
family = "binomial", beta.hat = fit.binomial$beta, cores = 2)
## End(Not run)
```

```
models
```

Generate data from Gaussian, logistic and Poisson models.

Description

Generate data from Gaussian, logistic and Poisson models used in the simulation part of Tian, Y. and Feng, Y., 2021.

Usage

```
models(
   family = c("gaussian", "binomial", "poisson"),
   type = c("all", "source", "target"),
   cov.type = 1,
   h = 5,
   K = 5,
   n.target = 200,
   n.source = rep(100, K),
   s = 5,
   p = 500,
   Ka = K
)
```

Arguments

family response type. Can be "gaussian", "binomial" or "poisson". Default = "gaussian".

- "gaussian": Gaussian distribution.
- "binomial": logistic distribution. When family = "binomial", the input response in both target and source should be 0/1.

	• "poisson": poisson distribution. When family = "poisson", the input re- sponse in both target and source should be non-negative.
type	the type of generated data. Can be "all", "source" or "target".
cov.type	the type of covariates. Can be 1 or 2 (numerical). If it equals to 1, the predictors will be generated from the distribution used in Section 4.1.1 (Ah-Trans-GLM) in the latest version of Tian, Y. and Feng, Y., 2021. If it equals to 2, the predictors will be generated from the distribution used in Section 4.1.2 (When transferable sources are unknown).
	• "all": generate a list with a target data set of size n.target and K source data set of size n.source.
	• "source": generate a list with K source data set of size n.source.
	• "target": generate a list with a target data set of size n.target.
h	measures the deviation $(l_1$ -norm) of transferable source coefficient from the target coefficient.
К	the number of source data sets. Default = 5 .
n.target	the sample size of target data. Should be a positive integer. Default = 100.
n.source	the sample size of each source data. Should be a vector of length K. Default is a K-vector with all elements 150.
S	how many components in the target coefficient are non-zero, which controls the sparsity of target problem. Default = 15.
р	the dimension of data. Default = 1000 .
Ка	the number of transferable sources. Should be an integer between 0 and K. Default = K.

a list of data sets which depend on the value of type.

- type = "all": a list of two components named "target" and "source" storing the target and source data, respectively. Component source is a list containing K components with the first Ka ones h-transferable and the remaining ones h-nontransferable. The target data set and each source data set have components "x" and "y", as the predictors and responses, respectively.
- type = "source": a list with a signle component "source". This component contains a list of K components with the first Ka ones h-transferable and the remaining ones h-nontransferable. Each source data set has components "x" and "y", as the predictors and responses, respectively.
- type = "target": a list with a signle component "target". This component contains another list with components "x" and "y", as the predictors and responses of target data, respectively.

References

Tian, Y. and Feng, Y., 2021. Transfer Learning under High-dimensional Generalized Linear Models. arXiv preprint arXiv:2105.14328.

See Also

glmtrans.

Examples

```
set.seed(0, kind = "L'Ecuyer-CMRG")
D.all <- models("binomial", type = "all")
D.target <- models("binomial", type = "target")
D.source <- models("binomial", type = "source")</pre>
```

plot.glmtrans	Visualize the losses of different sources and the threshold to determine
	transferability.

Description

Plot the losses of different sources and the threshold to determine transferability for object with class "glmtrans" or "glmtrans_source_detection".

Usage

S3 method for class 'glmtrans'
plot(x, ...)

Arguments

х	an object from class "glmtrans" or "glmtrans_source_detection", which are the
	output of functions glmtrans and source_detection, respectively.
	additional arguments that can be passed to ggplot function.

Value

a "ggplot" visualization with the transferable threshold and losses of different sources.

References

Tian, Y. and Feng, Y., 2021. *Transfer learning with high-dimensional generalized linear models. Submitted.*

See Also

glmtrans, source_detection, ggplot.

predict.glmtrans

Examples

```
set.seed(1, kind = "L'Ecuyer-CMRG")
D.training <- models("gaussian", K = 2, p = 500, Ka = 1)
# plot for class "glmtrans"
fit.gaussian <- glmtrans(D.training$target, D.training$source)
plot(fit.gaussian)
# plot for class "glmtrans_source_detection"
detection.gaussian <- source_detection(D.training$target, D.training$source)</pre>
```

```
plot(detection.gaussian)
```

predict.glmtrans *Predict for new data from a "glmtrans" object.*

Description

Predict from a "glmtrans" object based on new observation data. There are various types of output available.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'glmtrans'
predict(
   object,
   newx,
   type = c("link", "response", "class", "integral response"),
   ...
)
```

Arguments

object	an object from class "glmtrans", which comes from the output of function glmtrans.
newx	the matrix of new values for predictors at which predictions are to be made. Should be in accordance with the data for training object.
type	the type of prediction. Default = "link".
	additional arguments.
	 "link"the linear predictors. When family = "gaussian", it is the same as the predicited responses.
	 "response" gives the predicited probabilities when family = "binomial", the predicited mean when family = "poisson", and the predicited responses when family = "gaussian".

- "class"the predicited 0/1 responses for lositic distribution. Applies only when family = "binomial".
- "integral response" the predicited integral response for Poisson distribution. Applies only when family = "poisson".

the predicted result on new data, which depends on type.

References

Tian, Y. and Feng, Y., 2021. *Transfer learning with high-dimensional generalized linear models. Submitted.*

See Also

glmtrans.

Examples

```
set.seed(1, kind = "L'Ecuyer-CMRG")
```

```
# fit a logistic model
D.training <- models("binomial", type = "all", K = 1, p = 500)
D.test <- models("binomial", type = "target", n.target = 10, p = 500)
fit.binomial <- glmtrans(D.training$target, D.training$source, family = "binomial")
predict(fit.binomial, D.test$target$x, type = "link")
predict(fit.binomial, D.test$target$x, type = "response")
predict(fit.binomial, D.test$target$x, type = "class")
# fit a Poisson model
D.training <- models("poisson", type = "all", K = 1, p = 500)
D.test <- models("poisson", type = "target", n.target = 10, p = 500)
fit.poisson <- glmtrans(D.training$target, D.training$source, family = "poisson")</pre>
```

```
predict(fit.poisson, D.test$target$x, type = "response")
predict(fit.poisson, D.test$target$x, type = "integral response")
```

print.glmtrans Print a fitted "glmtrans" object.

Description

Similar to the usual print methods, this function summarizes results from a fitted "glmtrans" object.

source_detection

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'glmtrans'
print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

х	fitted "glmtrans" model object.
•••	additional arguments.

Value

No value is returned.

See Also

glmtrans.

Examples

```
set.seed(1, kind = "L'Ecuyer-CMRG")
# fit a linear model
D.training <- models("gaussian", K = 2, p = 500)
fit.gaussian <- glmtrans(D.training$target, D.training$source)</pre>
```

```
fit.gaussian
```

source_detection Transferable source detection for GLM transfer learning algorithm.

Description

Detect transferable sources from multiple source data sets. Currently can deal with Gaussian, logistic and Poisson models.

Usage

```
source_detection(
  target,
  source = NULL,
  family = c("gaussian", "binomial", "poisson"),
  alpha = 1,
  standardize = TRUE,
  intercept = TRUE,
  nfolds = 10,
  cores = 1,
  valid.nfolds = 3,
```

```
lambda = "lambda.1se",
detection.info = TRUE,
target.weights = NULL,
source.weights = NULL,
C0 = 2,
....)
```

Arguments

target	target data. Should be a list with elements x and y, where x indicates a predictor matrix with each row/column as a(n) observation/variable, and y indicates the response vector.
source	source data. Should be a list with some sublists, where each of the sublist is a source data set, having elements x and y with the same meaning as in target data.
family	response type. Can be "gaussian", "binomial" or "poisson". Default = "gaussian".
	• "gaussian": Gaussian distribution.
	• "binomial": logistic distribution. When family = "binomial", the input response in both target and source should be 0/1.
	• "poisson": poisson distribution. When family = "poisson", the input response in both target and source should be non-negative.
alpha	the elastic net mixing parameter, with $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1.$ The penality is defined as
	$(1-\alpha)/2 \beta _2^2 + \alpha \beta _1$
	. alpha = 1 encodes the lasso penalty while alpha = 0 encodes the ridge penalty. Default = 1.
standardize	the logical flag for x variable standardization, prior to fitting the model sequence. The coefficients are always returned on the original scale. Default is TRUE.
intercept	the logical indicator of whether the intercept should be fitted or not. Default = TRUE.
nfolds	the number of folds. Used in the cross-validation for GLM elastic net fitting procedure. Default = 10 . Smallest value allowable is nfolds = 3 .
cores	the number of cores used for parallel computing. Default = 1 .
valid.nfolds	the number of folds used in cross-validation procedure when detecting transferable sources. Useful only when transfer.source.id = "auto". Default = 3 .
lambda	lambda (the penalty parameter) used in the transferable source detection algo- rithm. Can be either "lambda.min" or "lambda.1se". Default = "lambda.1se".
detection.info	the logistic flag indicating whether to print detection information or not. Useful only when transfer.source.id = "auto". Default = TURE.
target.weights	weight vector for each target instance. Should be a vector with the same length of target response. Default = NULL, which makes all instances equal-weighted.

source.weights	a list of weight vectors for the instances from each source. Should be a list with the same length of the number of sources. Default = $NULL$, which makes all instances equal-weighted.
C0	the constant used in the transferable source detection algorithm. See Algorithm 2 in Tian, Y. and Feng, Y., 2021. Default = 2.
	• "lambda.min": value of lambda that gives minimum mean cross-validated error in the sequence of lambda.
	• "lambda.1se": largest value of lambda such that error is within 1 standard error of the minimum.
	additional arguments.

An object with S3 class "glmtrans_source_detection".

target.valid.loss

	the validation (or cross-validation) loss on target data. Only available when transfer.source.id = "auto".
source.loss	the loss on each source data. Only available when transfer.source.id = "auto".
threshold	the threshold to determine transferability. Only available when transfer.source.id = "auto".

Note

source.loss and threshold outputed by source_detection can be visualized by function plot.glmtrans.

References

Tian, Y. and Feng, Y., 2021. Transfer Learning under High-dimensional Generalized Linear Models. arXiv preprint arXiv:2105.14328.

Li, S., Cai, T.T. and Li, H., 2020. Transfer learning for high-dimensional linear regression: Prediction, estimation, and minimax optimality. arXiv preprint arXiv:2006.10593.

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Tibshirani, R., 1996. Regression shrinkage and selection via the lasso. Journal of the Royal Statistical Society: Series B (Methodological), 58(1), pp.267-288.

See Also

glmtrans, predict.glmtrans, models, plot.glmtrans, cv.glmnet, glmnet.

Examples

```
set.seed(0, kind = "L'Ecuyer-CMRG")
```

```
# study the linear model
D.training <- models("gaussian", type = "all", K = 2, p = 500, Ka = 1, n.target = 100, cov.type = 2)
detection.gaussian <- source_detection(D.training$target, D.training$source)
detection.gaussian$transferable.source.id</pre>
```

```
# study the logistic model
D.training <- models("binomial", type = "all", K = 2, p = 500, Ka = 1, n.target = 100, cov.type = 2)
detection.binomial <- source_detection(D.training$target, D.training$source,
family = "binomial", cores = 2)
detection.binomial$transferable.source.id</pre>
```

```
# study Poisson model
D.training <- models("poisson", type = "all", K = 2, p = 500, Ka = 1, n.target = 100, cov.type = 2)
detection.poisson <- source_detection(D.training$target, D.training$source,
family = "poisson", cores = 2)
detection.poisson$transferable.source.id</pre>
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