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as.kernelMatrix	<i>Assing kernelMatrix class to matrix objects</i>
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Description

as.kernelMatrix in package **KERE** can be used to coerce the kernelMatrix class to matrix objects representing a kernel matrix. These matrices can then be used with the kernelMatrix interfaces which most of the functions in **KERE** support.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'matrix'
as.kernelMatrix(x, center = FALSE)
```

Arguments

x	matrix to be assigned the kernelMatrix class
center	center the kernel matrix in feature space (default: FALSE)

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See Also

[kernelMatrix](#), [dots](#)

Examples

```
## Create toy data
x <- rbind(matrix(rnorm(10),,2),matrix(rnorm(10,mean=3),,2))
y <- matrix(c(rep(1,5),rep(-1,5)))

### Use as.kernelMatrix to label the cov. matrix as a kernel matrix
### which is eq. to using a linear kernel

K <- as.kernelMatrix(crossprod(t(x)))
```

K

 dat *A demo dataset*

Description

A simulated dataset with covariate matrix x of size 30 x 5 and an outcome vector y of length 30.

Usage

data(dat)

Format

A list with 2 items:

x Covariate matrix

y Outcome vector

Details

x is generated from standard normal distribution. y is generated from Tweedie distribution with mean equal to $\exp(\sin(x))$ (6, -4, 0, 0, 0). Only the first two variables are associated with the outcome.

 dots *Kernel Functions*

Description

The kernel generating functions provided in KERE.

The Gaussian RBF kernel $k(x, x') = \exp(-\sigma \|x - x'\|^2)$

The Polynomial kernel $k(x, x') = (\text{scale} \langle x, x' \rangle + \text{offset})^{\text{degree}}$

The Linear kernel $k(x, x') = \langle x, x' \rangle$

The Hyperbolic tangent kernel $k(x, x') = \tanh(\text{scale} \langle x, x' \rangle + \text{offset})$

The Laplacian kernel $k(x, x') = \exp(-\sigma \|x - x'\|)$

The Bessel kernel $k(x, x') = (-\text{Bessel}_{(\nu+1)}^n \sigma \|x - x'\|^2)$

The ANOVA RBF kernel $k(x, x') = \sum_{1 \leq i_1 \dots < i_D \leq N} \prod_{d=1}^D k(x_{i_d}, x'_{i_d})$ where $k(x, x')$ is a Gaussian RBF kernel.

The Spline kernel $\prod_{d=1}^D 1 + x_i x_j + x_i x_j \min(x_i, x_j) - \frac{x_i + x_j}{2} \min(x_i, x_j)^2 + \frac{\min(x_i, x_j)^3}{3}$

Usage

```
rbfdot(sigma = 1)

polydot(degree = 1, scale = 1, offset = 1)

tanhdot(scale = 1, offset = 1)

vanilladot()

laplacedot(sigma = 1)

besseldot(sigma = 1, order = 1, degree = 1)

anovadot(sigma = 1, degree = 1)

splinedot()
```

Arguments

sigma	The inverse kernel width used by the Gaussian the Laplacian, the Bessel and the ANOVA kernel
degree	The degree of the polynomial, bessel or ANOVA kernel function. This has to be an positive integer.
scale	The scaling parameter of the polynomial and tangent kernel is a convenient way of normalizing patterns without the need to modify the data itself
offset	The offset used in a polynomial or hyperbolic tangent kernel
order	The order of the Bessel function to be used as a kernel

Details

The kernel generating functions are used to initialize a kernel function which calculates the dot (inner) product between two feature vectors in a Hilbert Space. These functions can be passed as a kernel argument on almost all functions in **KERE**(e.g., `ksvm`, `kpca` etc).

Although using one of the existing kernel functions as a kernel argument in various functions in **KERE** has the advantage that optimized code is used to calculate various kernel expressions, any other function implementing a dot product of class `kernel` can also be used as a kernel argument. This allows the user to use, test and develop special kernels for a given data set or algorithm.

Value

Return an S4 object of class `kernel` which extends the function class. The resulting function implements the given kernel calculating the inner (dot) product between two vectors.

`kpar` a list containing the kernel parameters (hyperparameters) used.

The kernel parameters can be accessed by the `kpar` function.

Note

If the offset in the Polynomial kernel is set to 0, we obtain homogeneous polynomial kernels, for positive values, we have inhomogeneous kernels. Note that for negative values the kernel does not satisfy Mercer's condition and thus the optimizers may fail.

In the Hyperbolic tangent kernel if the offset is negative the likelihood of obtaining a kernel matrix that is not positive definite is much higher (since then even some diagonal elements may be negative), hence if this kernel has to be used, the offset should always be positive. Note, however, that this is no guarantee that the kernel will be positive.

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See Also

[kernelMatrix](#), [kernelMult](#), [kernelPol](#)

Examples

```
rbfkernel <- rbfdot(sigma = 0.1)
rbfkernel

kpar(rbfkernel)

## create two vectors
x <- rnorm(10)
y <- rnorm(10)

## calculate dot product
rbfkernel(x,y)
```

kernel-class

Class "kernel" "rbfkernel" "polykernel", "tanhkernel", "vanillakernel"

Description

The built-in kernel classes in **KERE**

Objects from the Class

Objects can be created by calls of the form `new("rbfkernel")`, `new{"polykernel"}`, `new{"tanhkernel"}`, `new{"vanillakernel"}`, `new{"anovakernel"}`, `new{"besselkernel"}`, `new{"laplacekernel"}`, `new{"splinekernel"}` or by calling the `rbfdot`, `polydot`, `tanhdot`, `vanilladot`, `anovadot`, `besseldot`, `laplacedot`, `splinedot` functions etc..

Slots

.Data: Object of class "function" containing the kernel function
 kpar: Object of class "list" containing the kernel parameters

Extends

Class "kernel", directly. Class "function", by class "kernel".

Methods

kernelMatrix signature(kernel = "rbfkernel", x = "matrix"): computes the kernel matrix

kernelMult signature(kernel = "rbfkernel", x = "matrix"): computes the quadratic kernel expression

kernelPol signature(kernel = "rbfkernel", x = "matrix"): computes the kernel expansion

kernelFast signature(kernel = "rbfkernel", x = "matrix"), ,a: computes parts or the full kernel matrix, mainly used in kernel algorithms where columns of the kernel matrix are computed per invocation

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See Also

[dots](#)

Examples

```
rbfkernel <- rbfdot(sigma = 0.1)
rbfkernel
is(rbfkernel)
kpar(rbfkernel)
```

 kernelMatrix

Kernel Matrix functions

Description

kernelMatrix calculates the kernel matrix $K_{ij} = k(x_i, x_j)$ or $K_{ij} = k(x_i, y_j)$.

kernelPol computes the quadratic kernel expression $H = z_i z_j k(x_i, x_j)$, $H = z_i k_j k(x_i, y_j)$.

kernelMult calculates the kernel expansion $f(x_i) = \sum_{i=1}^m z_i k(x_i, x_j)$

kernelFast computes the kernel matrix, identical to kernelMatrix, except that it also requires the squared norm of the first argument as additional input, useful in iterative kernel matrix calculations.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'kernel'
kernelMatrix(kernel, x, y = NULL)

## S4 method for signature 'kernel'
kernelPol(kernel, x, y = NULL, z, k = NULL)

## S4 method for signature 'kernel'
kernelMult(kernel, x, y = NULL, z, blocksize = 256)

## S4 method for signature 'kernel'
kernelFast(kernel, x, y, a)
```

Arguments

kernel	the kernel function to be used to calculate the kernel matrix. This has to be a function of class kernel, i.e. which can be generated either one of the build in kernel generating functions (e.g., rbfdot etc.) or a user defined function of class kernel taking two vector arguments and returning a scalar.
x	a data matrix to be used to calculate the kernel matrix.
y	second data matrix to calculate the kernel matrix.
z	a suitable vector or matrix
k	a suitable vector or matrix
a	the squared norm of x, e.g., rowSums(x^2)
blocksize	the kernel expansion computations are done block wise to avoid storing the kernel matrix into memory. blocksize defines the size of the computational blocks.

Details

Common functions used during kernel based computations.

The kernel parameter can be set to any function, of class kernel, which computes the inner product in feature space between two vector arguments. **KERE** provides the most popular kernel functions which can be initialized by using the following functions:

- rbfdot Radial Basis kernel function
- polydot Polynomial kernel function
- vanilladot Linear kernel function
- tanhdot Hyperbolic tangent kernel function
- laplacedot Laplacian kernel function
- besseldot Bessel kernel function
- anovadot ANOVA RBF kernel function
- splinedot the Spline kernel

(see example.)

kernelFast is mainly used in situations where columns of the kernel matrix are computed per invocation. In these cases, evaluating the norm of each row-entry over and over again would cause significant computational overhead.

Value

kernelMatrix returns a symmetric diagonal semi-definite matrix.

kernelPol returns a matrix.

kernelMult usually returns a one-column matrix.

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See Also

[rbfdot](#), [polydot](#), [tanhdot](#), [vanilladot](#)

Examples

```
## use the spam data
x <- matrix(rnorm(10*10),10,10)

## initialize kernel function
rbf <- rbfdot(sigma = 0.05)
rbf

## calculate kernel matrix
kernelMatrix(rbf, x)

y <- matrix(rnorm(10*1),10,1)

## calculate the quadratic kernel expression
kernelPol(rbf, x, ,y)

## calculate the kernel expansion
kernelMult(rbf, x, ,y)
```

ktd_cv

Cross validation for tuning the regularization coefficient in the kernel Tweedie model

Description

ktd_cv() performs cross-validation to determine the optimal regularization coefficient of the ktweedie model.

Usage

```
ktd_cv(x, y, kern, lambda, nfolds = 5, rho = 1.5, loss = "LL", ...)
```

Arguments

x	Covariate matrix.
y	Outcome vector (e.g. insurance cost).
kern	Choice of kernel. See dots for details on supported kernel functions.
lambda	A vector of candidate regularization coefficients used in cross-validation.
nfolds	Number of folds in cross-validation. Default is 5.
rho	The power parameter of the Tweedie model. Default is 1.5 and can take any real value between 1 and 2.
loss	Criterion used in cross-validation. "LL" for log likelihood, "RMSE" for root mean squared error, "MAD" for mean absolute difference. Default is "LL".
...	Optional arguments to be passed to ktd_estimate() .

Details

`ktd_cv()` is a built-in wrapper for cross-validation for the choice of regularization coefficient.

Value

A list of two items.

1. LL or RMSE or MAD: a vector of validation error based on the user-specified loss, named by the corresponding lambda values;
2. Best_lambda: the lambda value in the pair that generates the best loss;

See Also

[ktd_cv2d](#), [ktd_estimate](#), [ktd_predict](#)

Examples

```
# Provide a sequence of candidate values to the argument lambda.
# ktd_cv() will perform cross-validation to determine which is the best.
( cv1d <- ktd_cv(x = dat$x, y = dat$y,
  kern = rbfdot(sigma = 1e-8),
  lambda = 10^(-8:-1),
  nfolds = 5) )
```

ktd_cv2d	<i>Cross validation for jointly tuning the regularization coefficient and kernel parameter in the Kernel Tweedie Model</i>
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Description

ktd_cv2d() performs 2-dimensional random search from user-specified ranges to determine the optimal pair of regularization coefficient and kernel parameter of the ktweedie model.

Usage

```
ktd_cv2d(
  x,
  y,
  kernfunc,
  lambda,
  sigma,
  ncoefs,
  nfolds = 5,
  rho = 1.5,
  loss = "LL",
  ...
)
```

Arguments

x	Covariate matrix.
y	Outcome vector (e.g. insurance cost).
kernfunc	Choice of kernel function. See dots for details on supported kernel functions.
lambda	A vector of length two indicating the lower and upper bound from which candidate regularization coefficient values are sampled uniformly on the log scale.
sigma	A vector of length two indicating the lower and upper bound from which candidate kernel parameter values are sampled uniformly on the log scale.
ncoefs	The number of candidate lambda and sigma pairs to be evaluated.
nfolds	Number of folds in cross-validation. Default is 5.
rho	The power parameter of the Tweedie model. Default is 1.5 and can take any real value between 1 and 2.
loss	Criterion used in cross-validation. "LL" for log likelihood, "RMSE" for root mean squared error, "MAD" for mean absolute difference. Default is "LL".
...	Optional arguments to be passed to ktd_estimate().

Details

ktd_cv2d() is a built-in wrapper for 2D random search for the regularization coefficient and kernel parameter. For kernel functions with greater than one parameters, ktd_cv2d() supports the tuning of the first one.

Value

A list of three items.

1. LL or RMSE or MAD: a vector of validation error based on the user-specified loss, named by the corresponding lambda and sigma values;
2. Best_lambda: the lambda value in the pair that generates the best loss;
3. Best_sigma: the sigma value in the pair that generates the best loss.

See Also

[ktd_cv](#), [ktd_estimate](#), [ktd_predict](#)

Examples

```
### Cross-validation
# Provide the kernel function name (e.g. rbfdot) to the argument kernfunc,
# NOT the kernel function object, e.g. rbfdot(sigma = 1).
# Provide ranges where the candidate lambdas and sigmas are drawn from
# to the arguments lambda and sigma.
# The number of pairs of candidates to select from is specified by ncoefs.
( cv2d <- ktd_cv2d(x = dat$x, y = dat$y,
                 kernfunc = rbfdot,
                 lambda = c(1e-3, 1e0),
                 sigma = c(1e-3, 1e0),
                 ncoefs = 10) )

### Followed by fitting
fit <- ktd_estimate(x = dat$x, y = dat$y,
                  kern = rbfdot(sigma = cv2d$Best_sigma),
                  lam1 = cv2d$Best_lambda)
```

ktd_estimate

Estimate kernel Tweedie model coefficients

Description

ktd_estimate() estimates the coefficients of the kernel Tweedie model ktweedie and the sparse kernel Tweedie model sktweedie. The log of the expected Tweedie mean is modeled by a function in the reproducing kernel Hilbert space. The sktweedie has an integrated feature selection component that induces sparsity by applying weights on the features and penalizing the weights.

Usage

```
ktd_estimate(
  x,
  y,
  kern,
  lam1,
  rho = 1.5,
```

```

ftol = 1e-08,
partol = 1e-08,
abstol = 0,
maxit = 1e+06,
sparsity = FALSE,
lam2 = 0,
innerpartol = 1e-06,
innermaxit = 1e+06,
verbose = FALSE
)

```

Arguments

x	Covariate matrix.
y	Outcome vector (e.g. insurance cost).
kern	Choice of kernel. See dots for details on supported kernel functions.
lam1	A vector of regularization coefficients.
rho	The power parameter of the Tweedie model. Default is 1.5 and can take any real value between 1 and 2.
ftol	Stopping criterion based on objective function value. Default is 1e-8. See Details.
partol	Stopping criterion based on the coefficient values. Default is 1e-8. See Details.
abstol	Stopping criterion based on absolute value of the objective function. Default is 0.
maxit	Maximum number of iterations.
sparsity	Logical If true, the sktweedie model with variable selection will be used. Default is false, for the ktweedie model.
lam2	Regularization coefficient for the sparsity-inducing penalty in the sktweedie model.
innerpartol	Stopping criterion for the inner loops that update kernel parameters and weights based on the coefficient values. See Details.
innermaxit	Maximum number of iterations for the inner loops that update kernel parameters and variable weights. See Details.
verbose	Logical indicating whether to show details of each update.

Details

ktd_estimate() stops when the absolute difference between the objective function values of the last two updates is smaller than `ftol`, or the sum of absolute differences between the coefficients of the last two updates is smaller than `partol`, or the objective function values is below `abstol`, before `maxit` is reached. For the sktweedie model, there are inner loops for the update of kernel regression coefficients and regularization weights. The `innerpartol` and `innermaxit` arguments are the counterparts of `partol` and `maxit` for the inner loops.

Value

A list of three items.

1. estimates: a list containing the final objective function values and kernel Tweedie regression coefficients for each lam1.
2. data: stores the inputs, including the predictor matrix, the kernel function used in the fitting and lam1.
3. sparsity: a logical variable indicating whether the ktweedie or sktweedie is fitted.

See Also

[ktd_cv](#), [ktd_cv2d](#), [ktd_predict](#), [rbfdot](#)

Examples

```
##### ktweedie #####
# Provide a sequence of candidate values to the argument lam1.
# Provide a kernel object to the argument kern.
lam1.seq <- c(1e-5, 1e-4, 1e-3, 1e-2, 1e-1, 1e0, 1e1)
fit.ktd <- ktd_estimate(x = dat$x, y = dat$y,
                      kern = rbfdot(sigma = 1e-8),
                      lam1 = lam1.seq)

##### sktweedie #####
# Set sparsity to TRUE and a lam2 to control the level of sparsity
# Decrease lam2 if "WARNING: All weights are zero..."
fit.sktd <- ktd_estimate(x = dat$x,
                        y = dat$y,
                        kern = rbfdot(sigma = 0.1),
                        lam1 = 5,
                        sparsity = TRUE,
                        lam2 = 1)
# variables with fitted weight equal to 0 are not selected
```

ktd_predict

Predict outcome using fitted kernel Tweedie model

Description

ktd_predict() predicts the outcome with fitted ktweedie or sktweedie model at the user supplied new data.

Usage

```
ktd_predict(model, newdata, which.lam1 = 1, type = "link")
```

Arguments

model	Fitted model from ktd_estimate
newdata	New x matrix for the prediction. If not provided, it will be the x matrix used to fit model.
which.lam1	The index of the lam1 in model used in the prediction. Default is 1.
type	The type of prediction to be made - "link" for the linear predictor and "response" for the predicted outcome. Default is "link".

Details

ktd_predict() uses the fitted model from [ktd_estimate](#) to estimate the mean outcome for new data points.

Value

A list named prediction containing the vector of predicted outcomes.

See Also

[ktd_estimate](#), [ktd_cv](#), [ktd_cv2d](#)

Examples

```
# Fit a ktweedie model
fit <- ktd_estimate(x = dat$x, y = dat$y,
                  kern = rbfdot(sigma = 1e-6),
                  lam1 = 10^(-5:1))
# Generate newx at which predictions are to be made.
# The newdata should have the same dimension as the original training data.
newx <- matrix(rnorm(10 * ncol(dat$x)), nrow = 10)
pred <- ktd_predict(model = fit, newdata = newx,
                   which.lam1 = 3, type = "link")
```

 ktweedie

ktweedie Package

Description

Kernel-based Tweedie compound Poisson gamma model using high-dimensional covariates for the analyses of zero-inflated response variables. The package features built-in estimation, prediction and cross-validation tools and supports choice of different kernel functions.

Details

The ktweedie package includes functions [ktd_estimate](#), [ktd_cv](#), [ktd_cv2d](#) and [ktd_predict](#).

Functions

[ktd_estimate](#) Estimation of Tweedie model coefficients.

[ktd_cv](#) Wrapper for cross-validation for regularization parameter tuning.

[ktd_cv2d](#) Wrapper for cross-validation for simultaneous regularization and kernel parameter tuning.

[ktd_predict](#) Prediction of Tweedie model outcomes.

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