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csmf.nbc
```

Calculate predicted CSMFs from a NBC model

Description

Obtains the predicted Cause Specific Mortality Fraction (CSMF) from a result nbc object.

Usage

csmf.nbc(object)

Arguments

object The result nbc object.

Value

out A numeric vector of the predicted CSMFs in which the names are the corresponding causes.

See Also

Other wrapper functions: topCOD.nbc()

Examples

```
library(nbc4va)
data(nbc4vaData)
```

```
# Run naive bayes classifier on random train and test data
train <- nbc4vaData[1:50, ]
test <- nbc4vaData[51:100, ]
results <- nbc(train, test)</pre>
```

nbc

```
# Obtain the predicted CSMFs
predCSMF <- csmf.nbc(results)</pre>
```

nbc

Train a NBC model

Description

Performs supervised Naive Bayes Classification on verbal autopsy data.

Usage

nbc(train, test, known = TRUE)

Arguments

train	Dataframe of verbal autopsy train data (See Data documentation).
	 Columns (in order): ID, Cause, Symptom-1 to Symptom-n ID (vectorof char): unique case identifiers
	• Cause (vectorof char): observed causes for each case
	• Symptom-n (vectorsof (1 OR 0)): 1 for presence, 0 for absence, other values are treated as unknown
	• Unknown symptoms are imputed randomly from distributions of 1s and 0s per symptom column; if no 1s or 0s exist then the column is removed
	Example:
	ID Cause S1 S2 S3 "a1" "HIV" 1 0 0 "b2" "Stroke" 0 0 1 "c3" "HIV" 1 1 0
test	Dataframe of verbal autopsy test data in the same format as <i>train</i> except if causes are not known:
	• The 2nd column (Cause) can be omitted if <i>known</i> is FALSE
known	TRUE to indicate that the <i>test</i> causes are available in the 2nd column and FALSE to indicate that they are not known

Value

out The result nbc list object containing:

- \$prob.causes (vectorof double): the probabilities for each test case prediction by case id
- \$pred.causes (vectorof char): the predictions for each *test* case by case id

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- Additional values:
 - * indicates that the value is only available if *test* causes are known
 - \$train (dataframe): the input train data
 - \$train.ids (vectorof char): the ids of the train data
 - \$train.causes (vectorof char): the causes of the train data by case id
 - \$train.samples (double): the number of input train samples
 - \$test (dataframe): the input test data
 - \$test.ids (vectorof char): the ids of the test data
 - \$test.causes* (vectorof char): the causes of the test data by case id
 - \$test.samples (double): the number of input test samples
 - \$test.known (logical): whether the *test* causes are known
 - \$symptoms (vector of char): all unique symptoms in order
 - \$causes (vectorof char): all possible unique causes of death
 - \$causes.train (vectorof char): all unique causes of death in the train data
 - \$causes.test* (vectorof char): all unique causes of death in the test data
 - \$causes.pred (vectorof char): all unique causes of death in the predicted cases
 - \$causes.obs* (vectorof char): all unique causes of death in the observed cases
 - \$pred (dataframe): a table of predictions for each test case, sorted by probability
 - * Columns (in order): CaseID, TrueCause, Prediction-1 to Prediction-n...
 - * CaseID (vectorof char): case identifiers
 - * TrueCause* (vector of char): the observed causes of death
 - * Prediction-n.. (vectors of char): the predicted causes of death, where Prediction1 is the most probable cause, and Prediction-n is the least probable cause

Example:

CaseID	Prediction1	Prediction2
"a1"	"HIV"	"Stroke"
"b2"	"Stroke"	"HIV"
"c3"	"HIV"	"Stroke"

- \$obs* (dataframe): a table of observed causes matching \$pred for each test case
 - * Columns (in order): CaseID, TrueCause
 - * CaseID (vectorof char): case identifiers
 - * TrueCause (vector of char): the actual cause of death if applicable Example:

CaseID	TrueCause
"a1"	"HIV"
"b2"	"Stroke"
"c3"	"HIV"

- \$obs.causes* (vectorof char): all observed causes of death by case id
- \$prob (dataframe): a table of probabilities of each cause for each test case
 - * Columns (in order): CaseID, Cause-1 to Cause-n..

* CaseID (vectorof char): case identifiers

* Cause-n.. (vectorsof double): probabilies for each cause of death

Example:

CaseID	HIV	Stroke
"a1"	0.5	0.5
"b2"	0.3	0.7
"c3"	0.9	0.1

References

Miasnikof P, Giannakeas V, Gomes M, Aleksandrowicz L, Shestopaloff AY, Alam D, Tollman S, Samarikhalaj, Jha P. Naive Bayes classifiers for verbal autopsies: comparison to physician-based classification for 21,000 child and adult deaths. BMC Medicine. 2015;13:286. doi:10.1186/s12916-015-0521-2.

See Also

Other main functions: plot.nbc(), print.nbc_summary(), summary.nbc()

Examples

```
library(nbc4va)
data(nbc4vaData)
# Run naive bayes classifier on random train and test data
# Set "known" to indicate whether or not "test" causes are known
train <- nbc4vaData[1:50, ]
test <- nbc4vaData[51:100, ]
results <- nbc(train, test, known=TRUE)
# Obtain the probabilities and predictions
prob <- results$prob.causes
pred <- results$pred.causes</pre>
```

nbc4va

nbc4va: Bayes Classifier for Verbal Autopsy Data

Description

An implementation of the Naive Bayes Classifier (NBC) algorithm used for Verbal Autopsy (VA) built on code from Miasnikof et al (2015) <DOI:10.1186/s12916-015-0521-2>.

For documentation and help, please see:

https://rrwen.github.io/nbc4va/

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References

Use citation("nbc4va") to view citation information for the nbc4va package.

Miasnikof P, Giannakeas V, Gomes M, Aleksandrowicz L, Shestopaloff AY, Alam D, Tollman S, Samarikhalaj, Jha P. Naive Bayes classifiers for verbal autopsies: comparison to physician-based classification for 21,000 child and adult deaths. BMC Medicine. 2015;13:286. doi:10.1186/s12916-015-0521-2.

Examples

Not run: library(nbc4va)

Quick start
Follow the instructions in the web interface
nbc4vaGUI()

View user guides for the nbc4va package browseVignettes("nbc4va")

End(Not run)

nbc4vaData

Example of clean data in nbc4va

Description

A random generation of clean verbal autopsy synthetic data for use in demonstrating the nbc4va package.

Usage

nbc4vaData

nbc4vaDataRaw

Format

A dataframe with 100 rows and 102 columns:

- id (vectorof char): the case identifiers
- cause (vectorof char): the cause of death for each case
- symptom1..100 (vectors of (1 OR 0)): whether the symptom is recorded as present (1) or not (0) for each case (row)
- Example:

id	cause	symptom1	symptom2	symptom3
"a27"	"cause10"	1	0	0
"k37"	"cause2"	0	0	1
"e57"	"cause8"	1	0	0

Source

Random generation using the sample function with set. seed set to 1.

Examples

library(nbc4va)
data(nbc4vaData)

nbc4vaDataRaw Example of unclean data in nbc4va

Description

A random generation of unclean verbal autopsy synthetic data for use in demonstrating the nbc4va package.

Usage

nbc4vaDataRaw

Format

A dataframe with 100 rows and 102 columns:

- id (vectorof char): the case identifiers
- cause (vectorof char): the cause of death for each case
- symptom1..100 (vectorsof (1 OR 0 OR 99)): whether the symptom is recorded as present (1), absent (0), or unknown (99) for each case (row)

• Example:

id	cause	symptom1	symptom2	symptom3
"a27"	"cause10"	99	0	1
"k37"	"cause2"	0	99	1
"e57"	"cause8"	1	0	99

Details

Warning: This data may produce errors depending on how you use it in the package.

Source

Random generation using the sample function with set.seed set to 1.

Examples

library(nbc4va) data(nbc4vaDataRaw)

nbc4vaGUI

Web-based graphical user interface in nbc4va

Description

A Graphical User Interface (GUI) for the nbc4va package using shiny.

Upload Training File (.csv) Browse No file selected.	The traini • Colu	ng file ar umns (in	order): ID, Ca	¹ (.csv) must	0	
Ipload Testing File (.csv) Browse No file selected.	• Cau • Syn • Exa	ise (text) nptoms (: Known caus number) ^a : 1 1	e of death for	each row and 0 for abser	nce of symptom 1N
		HIV	1 symptom	o Symptomz	1	
	a2	Stroke	0	0	1	
	a3	Cancer	1	1	0	
				he testing file will be treated		d if testing causes are n

Usage

nbc4vaGUI()

nbc4vaIO

Details

This function requires the shiny package, which can be installed via:

install.packages("shiny")

Use esc in the R console to stop the GUI.

Please use a modern browser (e.g. latest firefox, chrome) for the best experience.

Value

Creates a GUI for running nbc4va in a web browser.

See Also

Other utility functions: nbc4vaI0()

Examples

```
## Not run:
library(nbc4va)
nbc4vaGUI()
```

End(Not run)

nbc4vaI0

Run nbc4va using file input and output

Description

Runs nbc and uses summary.nbc on input data files or dataframes to output result files or dataframes with data on predictions, probabilities, causes, and performance metrics in an easily accessible way.

Usage

```
nbc4vaIO(
   trainFile,
   testFile,
   known = TRUE,
   csmfaFile = NULL,
   saveFiles = TRUE,
   outDir = dirname(testFile),
   fileHeader = strsplit(basename(testFile), "\\.")[[1]][[1]],
   fileReader = read.csv,
   fileReaderIn = "file",
   fileReaderArgs = list(as.is = TRUE),
```

```
fileWriter = write.csv,
fileWriterIn = "x",
fileWriterOut = "file",
fileWriterArgs = list(row.names = FALSE),
outExt = "csv"
```

Arguments

trainFile	A character value of the path to the data to be used as the <i>train</i> argument for nbc or a dataframe of the <i>train</i> argument.
testFile	A character value of the path to the data to be used as the <i>test</i> argument for nbc or a dataframe of the <i>test</i> argument.
known	TRUE to indicate that the <i>test</i> causes are available in the 2nd column and FALSE to indicate that they are not known
csmfaFile	A character value of the path to the data to be used as the <i>csmfa.obs</i> argument for summary.nbc or a named vector of the <i>csmfa.obs</i> argument.
	• If (csmfaFile is char): the file must have only 1 column of the causes per case
saveFiles	Set to TRUE to save the return object as files or FALSE to return the actual object
outDir	A character value of the path to the directory to store the output results files.
fileHeader	A character value of the file header name to use for the output results files.
	• The default is to use the name of the <i>testFile</i>
fileReader	A function that is able to read the <i>trainFile</i> and the <i>testFile</i> .
	• The default is set to read csv files using read.csv
fileReaderIn	A character value of the <i>fileReader</i> argument name that accepts a file path for reading as an input.
fileReaderArgs	A list of the <i>fileReader</i> arguments to be called with do.call.
fileWriter	A function that is able to write data. frame objects to a file location.
	• The default is set to write csv files using write.csv
fileWriterIn	A character value of the <i>fileWriter</i> argument name that accepts a dataframe for writing.
fileWriterOut	A character value of the <i>fileWriter</i> argument name that accepts a file path for writing as an output.
fileWriterArgs	A list of arguments of the <i>fileWriter</i> arguments to be called with do.call.
outExt	A character value of the extension (without the period) to use for the result files.
	• The default is set to use the "csv" extension
	• The default is the directory of the <i>testFile</i>

Details

See Methods documentation for details on the methodology and implementation of the Naive Bayes Classifier algorithm. This function may also act as a wrapper for the main nbc4va package functions.

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Value

out Vector or list of respective paths or data from the naive bayes classifier:

- If (saveFiles is TRUE) return a named character vector of the following:
 - Names: dir, pred, prob, causes, summary
 - dir (char): the path to the directory of the output files
 - pred (char): the path to the prediction table file, where the columns of Pred1..PredN are
 ordered by the prediction probability with Pred1 being the most probable cause
 - prob (char): the path to the probability table file, where the columns excluding the CaseID are the cause and each cell has a probability value
 - causes (char): the path to the cause performance metrics table file, where each column is a metric and each row is a cause
 - metrics (char): the path to the overall performance metrics table file, where each column is a metric
- If (saveFiles is FALSE) return a list of the following:
 - Names: pred, prob, causes, summary
 - pred (dataframe): the prediction table, where the columns of Pred1..PredN are ordered by the prediction probability with Pred1 being the most probable cause
 - prob (dataframe): the probability table, where the columns excluding the CaseID are the cause and each cell has a probability value
 - causes (dataframe): the cause performance metrics table, where each column is a metric and each row is a cause
 - metrics (dataframe): the summary table, where each column is a performance metric
 - nbc (object): the returned nbc object
 - nbc_summary (object): the returned summary.nbc object

See Also

Other utility functions: nbc4vaGUI()

Examples

```
library(nbc4va)
data(nbc4vaData)
```

```
# Split data into train and test sets
train <- nbc4vaData[1:50, ]
test <- nbc4vaData[51:100, ]</pre>
```

```
# Save train and test data as csv in temp location
trainFile <- tempfile(fileext=".csv")
testFile <- tempfile(fileext=".csv")
write.csv(train, trainFile, row.names=FALSE)
write.csv(test, testFile, row.names=FALSE)
```

```
# Use nbc4vaIO via file input and output
# Set "known" to indicate whether test causes are known
```

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```
outFiles <- nbc4vaIO(trainFile, testFile, known=TRUE)
# Use nbc4vaIO as a wrapper
out <- nbc4vaIO(train, test, known=TRUE, saveFiles=FALSE)</pre>
```

```
ova2nbc
```

Translate open verbal autopsy arguments to train a NBC model

Description

A wrapper function for creating an nbc object with the parameters specified by the **openVA** package.

Usage

```
ova2nbc(symps.train, symps.test, causes.train, causes.table = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

symps.train	Dataframe of verbal autopsy train data.			
	• Columns (in order): ID, Cause, Symptom-1 to Symptom-n			
	• ID (vectorof char): case identifiers			
	• Cause (vectorof char): observed causes for each case			
	• Symptom-n (vectorsof char): "Y" for presence, "" for absence, "." for missing			
	Example:			
	ID Cause S1 S2 S3			
	"a1" "HIV" "Y" "" "."			
	"b2" "Stroke" "." "Y"			
	"c3" "HIV" "Y" "Y" "."			
symps.test	Dataframe of verbal autopsy test data in the same format as symps.train.			
	• If (<i>causes.train</i> is (vectorof char)): <i>symps.test</i> is assumed to not have a cause column			
causes.train	The train vector or column for the causes of death to use.			
	• If (vectorof char): cause of death values with number of values equal to nrow(<i>symps.train</i>); it is assumed that <i>symps.test</i> has no causes of death column			
	• If (char): name of cause of death column from symps.train			
causes.table	Character list of unique causes to learn.			
	• If (NULL): set to unique causes of death in symps.train			
	Additional arguments to be passed to avoid errors if necessary.			

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Value

nbc An nbc object with the following modifications:

- \$id (vectorof char): set to test data ids
- \$prob (matrix of numeric): set to a matrix of likelihood for each cause of death for the test cases
- \$CSMF (vectorof char): set to the predicted CSMFs with names for the corresponding causes

References

 Li Z, McCormick T, Clark S. openVA: Automated Method for Verbal Autopsy [Internet]. 2016. [cited 2016 Apr 29]. Available from: https://cran.r-project.org/package= openVA

Examples

```
## Not run:
library(openVA) # install.packages("openVA")
library(nbc4va)
# Obtain some openVA formatted data
data(RandomVA3) # cols: deathId, cause, symptoms..
train <- RandomVA3[1:100, ]
test <- RandomVA3[101:200, ]
# Run naive bayes classifier on openVA data
results <- ova2nbc(train, test, "cause")
# Obtain the probabilities and predictions
prob <- results$prob.causes
pred <- results$pred.causes
## End(Not run)
```

plot.nbc

Bar plot of top predicted causes from a NBC model

Description

Plots the results from a nbc object as a barplot for a number of causes based on predicted Cause Specific Mortality Fraction (CSMF).



Naive Bayes Classifier: Top 3 Causes by Predicted CSMF

```
Trained: 50 | Tested: 50 | Symptoms: 100 | Causes: 14 | CSMF Acc.: 0.224
```

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'nbc'
plot(
  х,
  top.plot = length(x$causes.pred),
 min.csmf = 0,
  csmfa.obs = NULL,
  footnote = TRUE,
  footnote.color = "gray48",
  footnote.size = 0.7,
 main = paste("Naive Bayes Classifier: Top ", top.plot, " Causes by Predicted CSMF",
    sep = ""),
 xlab = "Predicted CSMF",
 col = "dimgray",
 horiz = TRUE,
 border = NA,
 las = 1,
  . . .
)
```

Arguments

Х	A nbc object.
top.plot	A number that produces top k causes depending on a Cause Specific Mortality Fraction (CSMF) measure.
min.csmf	A number that represents the minimum CSMF measure for a cause to be included in the plot.
csmfa.obs	A character vector of the true causes for calculating the CSMF accuracy.

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footnote	A boolean indicating whether to include a footnote containing details about the nbc or not.
footnote.color	A character specifying the color of the footnote text.
footnote.size	A numeric value specifying the size of the footnote text.
main	A character value of the title to display.
xlab	A character value of the x axis title.
col	A character value of the color to use for the plot.
horiz	Set to TRUE to draw bars horizontally and FALSE to draw bars vertically.
border	A character value of the colors to use for the bar borders. Set to NA to disable.
las	An integer value to determine if labels should be parallel or perpendicular to axis.
	Additional arguments to be passed to barplot.

Details

See Methods documentation for details on CSMF and CSMF accuracy.

Value

Generates a bar plot the top predicted causes from the NBC model

See Also

barplot

Other main functions: nbc(), print.nbc_summary(), summary.nbc()

Examples

```
library(nbc4va)
data(nbc4vaData)
```

```
# Run naive bayes classifier on random train and test data
train <- nbc4vaData[1:50, ]
test <- nbc4vaData[51:100, ]
results <- nbc(train, test)</pre>
```

```
# Plot the top 3 causes by CSMF
plot(results, top.plot=3)
```

print.nbc_summary Print top predicted causes from a NBC model

Description

Prints a summary message from a summary.nbc object of the top causes by probability or predicted Cause Specific Mortality Fraction (CSMF).

```
Naive Bayes Classifier (NBC) fitted on 50 deaths
```

Top 3 causes by predicted CSMF:

Predicted.CSMF cause2 0.40

cause10	0.36
cause3	0.18

Usage

S3 method for class 'nbc_summary'
print(x, ...)

Arguments

Х	A summary.nbc object.
	Additional arguments to be passed if applicable.

Details

See Methods documentation for details on CSMF and probability from the Naive Bayes Classifier.

Value

Prints a summary of the top causes of death by probability for the NBC model.

See Also

Other main functions: nbc(), plot.nbc(), summary.nbc()

Examples

```
library(nbc4va)
data(nbc4vaData)
```

```
# Run naive bayes classifier on random train and test data
train <- nbc4vaData[1:50, ]</pre>
```

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```
test <- nbc4vaData[51:100, ]
results <- nbc(train, test)
# Print a summary of all the test data for the top 3 causes by predicted CSMF
brief <- summary(results, top=3)
print(brief)</pre>
```

summary.nbc

Summarize a NBC model with metrics

Description

Summarizes the results from a nbc object. The summary can be either for a particular case or for the entirety of cases.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'nbc'
summary(object, top = 5, id = NULL, csmfa.obs = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

object	The result nbc object.
top	A number that produces top causes depending on <i>id</i> :
	 If (<i>id</i> is char): provide the <i>top</i> causes of the case by probability If (<i>id</i> is NULL): provide the <i>top</i> causes by predicted Cause Specific Mortality Fractions (CSMF)
id	A character representing a case id in the test data.
csmfa.obs	A character vector of the true causes for calculating the CSMF accuracy.
	Additional arguments to be passed if applicable

Details

See Methods documentation for details on calculations and metrics.

Value

out A summary object built from a nbc object with modifications/additions:

- If (*id* is char):
 - Additions to a nbc object:
 - * \$id (char): the case *id* chosen by the user
 - * \$top (numeric): the input number of top causes for id
 - * \$top.prob (vectorof double): the top probabilities for id

- The following are modified from a nbc object to be *id* specific:

```
$test, $test.ids, $test.causes, $obs.causes, $prob, $prob.causes, $pred, $pred.causes
```

- If (id is NULL):
 - Additions to the nbc object:
 - * * indicates that the item is only available if *test* causes are known
 - * ** indicates that the item ignores * if csmfa.obs is given
 - * \$top.csmf.pred (vectorof double): the top predicted CSMFs by cause
 - * \$top.csmf.obs* (vectorof double): the top observed CSMFs by cause
 - * \$metrics.all** (vectorof double): a numeric vector of overall metrics.
 - · Names: TruePositives, TrueNegatives, FalsePositives, FalseNegatives, Accuracy, Sensitivity, PCCC, CSMFMaxError, CSMFaccuracy
 - · TruePositives* (double): total number of true positives
 - TrueNegatives* (double): total number of true negatives
 - · FalsePositives* (double): total number of false positives
 - · FalseNegatives* (double): total number of false negatives
 - Sensitivity* (double): the overall sensitivity
 - · PCCC* (double): the partial chance corrected concordance
 - CSMFMaxError** (double): the maximum Cause Specific Mortality Fraction Error
 - · CSMFaccuracy** (double): the Cause Specific Mortaliy Fraction accuracy
 - * \$metrics.causes (dataframe): a perfomance table of metrics by cause.
 - · Columns: Cause, Sensitivity, CSMFpredicted, CSMFobserved
 - · Cause (vector of char): The unique causes from both the obs and pred inputs
 - · Sensitivity* (vectorof double): the sensitivity for a cause
 - CSMFpredicted (vectorof double): the cause specific mortality fraction for a cause given the predicted deaths
 - CSMFobserved* (vectorof double): the cause specific mortality fraction for a cause given the observed deaths
 - $\cdot\,$ TruePositives (vector of double): The total number of true positives per cause
 - · TrueNegatives (vectorof double): The total number of true negatives per cause
 - · FalsePositives (vectorof double): The total number of false positives per cause
 - · FalseNegatives (vectorof double): The total number of false negatives per cause
 - · PredictedFrequency (vectorof double): The occurence of a cause in the pred input
 - $\cdot\,$ ObservedFrequency (vector of double): The occurence of a cause in the obs input
 - · Example:

Cause	Sensitivity	Metric-n
HIV	0.5	#
Stroke	0.5	#

See Also

Other main functions: nbc(), plot.nbc(), print.nbc_summary()

topCOD.nbc

Examples

```
library(nbc4va)
data(nbc4vaData)
# Run naive bayes classifier on random train and test data
train <- nbc4vaData[1:50, ]
test <- nbc4vaData[51:100, ]
results <- nbc(train, test)
# Obtain a summary for the results
brief <- summary(results, top=2) # top 2 causes by CSMF for all test data
briefID <- summary(results, id="v48") # top 5 causes by probability for case "v48"</pre>
```

topCOD.nbc

Cause of death predictions from a NBC model

Description

Obtains the top causes of deaths for each testing case from a result nbc object.

Usage

```
topCOD.nbc(object)
```

Arguments

object The result nbc object.

Value

out A dataframe of the top CODs:

- Columns: ID, COD
- ID (vectorof char): The ids for each testing case
- COD (vectorof char): The top prediction for each testing case

See Also

Other wrapper functions: csmf.nbc()

Examples

library(nbc4va)

```
data(nbc4vaData)
# Run naive bayes classifier on random train and test data
train <- nbc4vaData[1:50, ]
test <- nbc4vaData[51:100, ]
results <- nbc(train, test)</pre>
```

Obtain the top cause of death predictions for the test data topPreds <- topCOD.nbc(results)</pre>

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