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acfft	<i>Spatial autocorrelation diagnostics</i>
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Description

A function for calculating spatial autocorrelation using Moran's I.

Usage

```
acfft(coord, f, lim1 = 1, lim2 = 2, dmax = 10)
```

Arguments

coord	A matrix of two columns with corresponding cartesian coordinates. Currently only supports integer coordinates.
f	A vector which is the same length as x and y
lim1	Lower bound for first bin. Default is 1
lim2	Upper bound for first bin. Default is 2
dmax	Number of distance bins to examine. Bins are formed by annuli of gradually increasing radii. Default is 10.

Value

A vector of Moran's I values for each distance bin.

Author(s)

Gudrun Carl

Examples

```
data(musdata)
coords <- musdata[,4:5]
mglm <- glm(musculus ~ pollution + exposure, "poisson", musdata)

ac <- acfft(coords, resid(mglm, type = "pearson"), lim1 = 0, lim2 = 1)
ac
```

adjusted.actuals	<i>Adjusted actual values</i>
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Description

Adjusts actual presence/absence data based on the autocorrelation in the predictions of a model. The function will optionally plot results of model predictions, un-modified actual presence/absence, and adjusted values.

Usage

```
adjusted.actuals(data, coord, plot.maps = FALSE, color.maps = FALSE)
```

Arguments

data	a dataframe or matrix containing actual presence/absence (binary, 0 or 1) values in 1st column and predicted values (numeric between 0 and 1) in 2nd column.
coord	a matrix of two columns of the same length providing integer, consecutively numbered coordinates for each occurrence and prediction in data.
plot.maps	A logical indicating whether maps should be plotted. Default is FALSE.
color.maps	A logical value. If TRUE, produces colorful maps. If FALSE, produces grayscale maps. Default is grayscale. NOW DEPRECATED, color maps will not be produced in future versions.

Value

A vector of adjusted actual values.

Author(s)

Gudrun Carl

Examples

```
data(hook)
data <- hook[ ,1:2]
coord <- hook[ ,3:4]
aa <- adjusted.actuals(data, coord, plot.maps = TRUE)
```

aic.calc

Akaike Information Criterion with correction for sample size

Description

Calculates AIC and AICc

Usage

```
aic.calc(formula, family, data, mu, n.eff = NULL)
```

Arguments

formula	A model formula
family	Family used to fit the model. gaussian, binomial, or poisson are supported
data	A data frame
mu	Fitted values from a model
n.eff	Effective number of observations. Default is NULL

Value

A list with the following components

loglik Log likelihood of the model

df Degrees of freedom

AIC AIC score for the specified model

AICc AIC score corrected for small sample sizes

Author(s)

Gudrun Carl, Sam Levin

Examples

```
data(musdata)
coords <- musdata[ ,4:5]
mglm <- glm(musculus ~ pollution + exposure, "poisson", musdata)

aic <- aic.calc(musculus ~ pollution + exposure, "poisson", musdata,
               mglm$fitted)
aic$AIC
```

carlinadata	<i>Carlina data set</i>
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Description

A data frame containing simulated count data for the thistle, *Carlina horrida*.

Usage

```
carlinadata
```

Format

A data frame with 961 rows and 5 columns

carlina.horrida integer - Simulated count data

aridity numeric - Simulated aridity index values. This variable has high spatial autocorrelation values.

land.use numeric - Simulated land use intensity. This variable has no spatial autocorrelation.

x integer - x-coordinates for each grid cell

y integer - y-coordinates for each grid cell

covar.plot	<i>Plot wavelet variance/covariance</i>
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Description

Plots the wavelet variance or covariance for the specified formula. The scale-dependent results are graphically displayed.

Usage

```
covar.plot(  
  formula,  
  data,  
  coord,  
  wavelet = "haar",  
  wtrafo = "dwt",  
  plot = "covar",  
  customize_plot = NULL  
)
```

Arguments

formula	With specified notation according to names in data frame.
data	Data frame.
coord	A matrix of 2 columns with corresponding x,y-coordinates which have to be integer.
wavelet	Type of wavelet: haar, d4, or la8.
wtrafo	Type of wavelet transform: dwt or modwt.
plot	Either var for wavelet variance analysis or covar for wavelet covariance analysis.
customize_plot	Additional plotting parameters passed to ggplot. NOW DEPRECATED

Details

Each variable or pair of variables in formula is passed to wavevar or wavecovar internally, and the result is plotted as a function of level.

Value

A list containing

1. result = a vector of results.
2. plot = a ggplot object

Author(s)

Gudrun Carl

See Also

[wavevar](#), [wavecovar](#)

Examples

```
data(carlinadata)
coords <- carlinadata[,4:5]

covariance <- covar.plot(carlina.horrada ~ aridity + land.use - 1,
  data = carlinadata,
  coord = coords,
  wavelet = "d4",
  wtrafo = 'modwt',
  plot = 'covar')

covariance$plot
covariance$result

variance <- covar.plot(carlina.horrada ~ aridity + land.use - 1,
  data = carlinadata,
  coord = coords,
```

```

                                wavelet = "d4",
                                wtrafo = 'modwt',
                                plot = 'var')

variance$plot
variance$result

```

GEE

GEE (Generalized Estimating Equations)

Description

GEE provides GEE-based methods from the packages **gee** and **geepack** to account for spatial auto-correlation in multiple linear regressions

Usage

```

GEE(
  formula,
  family,
  data,
  coord,
  constr = "fixed",
  cluster = 3,
  moran.params = list(),
  plot = FALSE,
  scale.fix = FALSE,
  customize_plot = NULL
)

## S3 method for class 'GEE'
plot(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'GEE'
predict(object, newdata, ...)

## S3 method for class 'GEE'
summary(object, ..., printAutoCorPars = TRUE)

```

Arguments

formula	Model formula. Variable names must match variables in data.
family	gaussian, binomial, or poisson are supported. Called using a quoted character string (i.e. family = "gaussian").
data	A data frame with variable names that match the variables specified in formula.

<code>coord</code>	A matrix of two columns with corresponding cartesian coordinates. Currently only supports integer coordinates.
<code>corstr</code>	Expected autocorrelation structure: independence, fixed, exchangeable, and quadratic are possible. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • independence - This is the same as a GLM, i.e. correlation matrix = identity matrix. • fixed - Uses an adapted isotropic power function specifying all correlation coefficients. • exchangeable and quadratic for clustering, i.e. the correlation matrix has a block diagonal form: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – exchangeable - All intra-block correlation coefficients are equal. – quadratic - Intra-block correlation coefficients for different distances can be different.
<code>cluster</code>	Cluster size for cluster models exchangeable and quadratic. Values of 2, 3, and 4 are allowed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 - a 2*2 cluster • 3 - a 3*3 cluster • 4 - a 4*4 cluster
<code>moran.params</code>	A list of parameters for calculating Moran's I. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <code>lim1</code> Lower limit for first bin. Default is 0. • <code>increment</code> Step size for calculating I. Default is 1.
<code>plot</code>	A logical value indicating whether autocorrelation of residuals should be plotted. NOW DEPRECATED in favor of <code>plot.GEE</code> method.
<code>scale.fix</code>	A logical indicating whether or not the scale parameter should be fixed. The default is FALSE. Use TRUE when planning to use stepwise model selection procedures in <code>step.spind</code> .
<code>customize_plot</code>	Additional plotting parameters passed to <code>ggplot</code> . NOW DEPRECATED in favor of <code>plot.GEE</code> method.
<code>x</code>	An object of class GEE or WRM
<code>...</code>	Not used.
<code>object</code>	An object of class GEE.
<code>newdata</code>	A data frame containing variables to base the predictions on.
<code>printAutoCorPars</code>	A logical indicating whether to print the working autocorrelation parameters

Details

GEE can be used to fit linear models for response variables with different distributions: gaussian, binomial, or poisson. As a spatial model, it is a generalized linear model in which the residuals may be autocorrelated. It accounts for spatial (2-dimensional) autocorrelation of the residuals in cases of regular gridded datasets and returns corrected parameter estimates. The grid cells are assumed to be square. Furthermore, this function requires that **all predictor variables be continuous**.

Value

An object of class GEE. This consists of a list with the following elements:

`call` Call
`formula` Model formula
`family` Family
`coord` Coordinates used for the model
`corstr` User-selected correlation structure
`b` Estimate of regression parameters
`s.e.` Standard errors of the estimates
`z` Depending on the family, either a *z* or *t* value
`p` *p*-values for each parameter estimate
`scale` Scale parameter (dispersion parameter) of the distribution's variance
`scale.fix` Logical indicating whether scale has fixed value
`cluster` User-specified cluster size for clustered models
`fitted` Fitted values from the model
`resid` Normalized Pearson residuals
`w.ac` Working autocorrelation parameters
`Mat.ac` Working autocorrelation matrix
`QIC` Quasi Information Criterion. See [qic.calc](#) for further details
`QLik` Quasi-likelihood. See [qic.calc](#) for further details
`plot` Logical value indicating whether autocorrelation should be plotted
`moran.params` Parameters for calculating Moran's I
`v2` Parameter variance of the GEE model
`var.naive` Parameter variance of the independence model
`ac.glm` Autocorrelation of GLM residuals
`ac.gee` Autocorrelation of GEE residuals
`plot` An object of class `ggplot` containing information on the autocorrelation of residuals from the fitted GEE and a GLM

Elements can be viewed using the [summary.GEE](#) methods included in the package.

Note

When using `corstr = "fixed"` on large data sets, the function may return an error, as the resulting variance-covariance matrix is too large for R to handle. If this happens, one will have to use one of the cluster models (i.e. `quadratic`, `exchangeable`).

Author(s)

Gudrun Carl, Sam Levin

References

- Carl G & Kuehn I, 2007. Analyzing Spatial Autocorrelation in Species Distributions using Gaussian and Logit Models, *Ecol. Model.* 207, 159 - 170
- Carey, V. J., 2006. Ported to R by Thomas Lumley (versions 3.13, 4.4, version 4.13),. B. R. gee: Generalized Estimation Equation solver. R package version 4.13-11.
- Yan, J., 2004. geepack: Generalized Estimating Equation Package. R package version 0.2.10.

See Also

[qic.calc](#), [summary.GEE](#), [gee](#)

Examples

```
data(musdata)
coords<- musdata[,4:5]

## Not run:
mgee <- GEE(musculus ~ pollution + exposure,
            family = "poisson",
            data = musdata,
            coord = coords,
            corstr = "fixed",
            scale.fix = FALSE)

summary(mgee, printAutoCorPars = TRUE)

pred <- predict(mgee, newdata = musdata)

library(ggplot2)

plot(mgee)

my_gee_plot <- mgee$plot

# move the legend to a new position
print(my_gee_plot + ggplot2::theme(legend.position = 'top'))

## End(Not run)
```

hook

Hook data set

Description

A data frame containing actual presence absence data and predicted probability of occurrence values.

Usage

```
hook
```

Format

A data frame with 100 rows and 4 columns

actuals integer - Presence/absence records

predictions numeric - predicted probabilities of occurrence

x integer - x-coordinates for each grid cell

y integer - y-coordinates for each grid cell

 mmiGEE

Multi-model inference for GEE models

Description

mmiGEE is a multimodel inference approach evaluating the relative importance of predictors used in [GEE](#).

@details It performs automatically generated model selection and creates a model selection table according to the approach of multi-model inference (Burnham & Anderson, 2002). QIC is used to obtain model selection weights and to rank the models. Moreover, mmiGEE calculates relative variable importance of a given model. Finally, this function requires that **all predictor variables be continuous**.

Usage

```
mmiGEE(object, data, trace = FALSE)
```

Arguments

object	A model of class GEE.
data	A data frame or set of vectors of equal length.
trace	A logical indicating whether or not to print results to console.

Details

Calculates the relative importance of each variable using multi-model inference methods in a Generalized Estimating Equations framework implemented in GEE.

Value

mmiGEE returns a list containing the following elements

result A matrix containing slopes, degrees of freedom, quasilikelihood, QIC, delta, and weight values for the set of candidate models. The models are ranked by QIC.

rvi A vector containing the relative importance of each variable in the regression.

Author(s)

Gudrun Carl, Sam Levin

References

Burnham, K.P. & Anderson, D.R. (2002) Model selection and multimodel inference. Springer, New York.

Carl G & Kuehn I, 2007. Analyzing Spatial Autocorrelation in Species Distributions using Gaussian and Logit Models, Ecol. Model. 207, 159 - 170

See Also

[GEE](#), [qic.calc](#), [MuMIn](#)

Examples

```
# data (for demonstration only)
library(MASS)
data(birthwt)

# impose an artificial (not fully appropriate) grid structure

x <- rep(1:14, 14)
y <- as.integer(gl(14, 14))
coords <- cbind(x[-(190:196)], y[-(190:196)])

## Not run:

formula <- formula(low ~ race + smoke + bwt)

mgee <- GEE(formula,
            family = "gaussian",
            data = birthwt,
            coord = coords,
            corstr = "fixed",
            scale.fix = TRUE)

mmi <- mmiGEE(mgee, birthwt)

## End(Not run)
```

Description

mmiWMRR is a multimodel inference approach evaluating the relative importance of predictors used in [scaleWMRR](#).

Usage

```
mmiWMRR(object, data, scale, detail = TRUE, trace = FALSE)
```

Arguments

object	A model of class WRM.
data	Data frame.
scale	0 or higher integers possible (limit depends on sample size). scale=1 is equivalent to WRM with level=1.
detail	Remove smooth wavelets? If TRUE, only detail components are analyzed. If set to FALSE, smooth and detail components are analyzed. Default is TRUE.
trace	Logical value indicating whether to print results to console.

Details

It performs automatically generated model selection and creates a model selection table according to the approach of multi-model inference (Burnham & Anderson, 2002). The analysis is carried out for scale-specific regressions (i.e. where [scaleWMRR](#) can be used). AIC is used to obtain model selection weights and to rank the models. Furthermore, this function requires that **all predictor variables be continuous**.

Value

mmiWMRR returns a list containing the following elements

result A matrix containing slopes, degrees of freedom, likelihood, AIC, delta, and weight values for the set of candidate models. The models are ranked by AIC.

level An integer corresponding to scale

Author(s)

Gudrun Carl

References

Burnham, K.P. & Anderson, D.R. (2002) Model selection and multimodel inference. Springer, New York.

Carl G, Doktor D, Schweiger O, Kuehn I (2016) Assessing relative variable importance across different spatial scales: a two-dimensional wavelet analysis. *Journal of Biogeography* 43: 2502-2512.

See Also

[aic.calc](#), [rvi.plot](#), [MuMIn](#), [WRM](#)

Examples

```
data(carlinadata)
coords <- carlinadata[,4:5]

## Not run:

wrm <- WRM(carlina.horrída ~ aridity + land.use,
           family = "poisson",
           data = carlinadata,
           coord = coords,
           level = 1,
           wavelet = "d4")

mml <- mmiWMRR(wrm,
              data = carlinadata,
              scale = 3,
              detail = TRUE,
              trace = FALSE)

## End(Not run)
```

musdata

Mus musculus data set

Description

A data frame containing simulated count data of a house mouse.

Usage

musdata

Format

A data frame with 400 rows and 5 columns

musculus integer - Simulated count data for *Mus musculus*

pollution numeric - Simulated variable that describes degree of pollution in corresponding grid cell

exposure numeric - Simulated variable that describes degree of exposure for each grid cell

x integer - x-coordinates for each grid cell

y integer - y-coordinates for each grid cell

`qic.calc`*Quasi-Information Criterion for Generalized Estimating Equations*

Description

A function for calculating quasi-likelihood and Quasi-Information Criterion values based on the method of Hardin & Hilbe (2003).

Usage

```
qic.calc(formula, family, data, mu, var.robust, var.indep.naive)
```

Arguments

<code>formula</code>	a model formula
<code>family</code>	gaussian, binomial, or poisson
<code>data</code>	a data frame
<code>mu</code>	fitted values from a model
<code>var.robust</code>	variance of model parameters
<code>var.indep.naive</code>	naive variance of model parameters under the independence model

Value

A list with the following components:

`QIC` quasi-information criterion

`loglik` quasi-likelihood

References

Hardin, J.W. & Hilbe, J.M. (2003) *Generalized Estimating Equations*. Chapman and Hall, New York.

Barnett et al. *Methods in Ecology & Evolution* 2010, 1, 15-24.

rvi.plot

*Relative Variable Importance***Description**

Creates model selection tables, calculates and plots relative variable importance based on the scale level of a given model.

Usage

```
rvi.plot(
  formula,
  family,
  data,
  coord,
  maxlevel,
  detail = TRUE,
  wavelet = "haar",
  wtrafo = "dwt",
  n.eff = NULL,
  trace = FALSE,
  customize_plot = NULL
)
```

Arguments

formula	A model formula
family	gaussian, binomial, and poisson are supported.
data	A data frame or set of vectors of equal length.
coord	X,Y coordinates for each observation. Coordinates should be consecutive integers.
maxlevel	An integer for maximum scale level
detail	Remove smooth wavelets? If TRUE, only detail components are analyzed. If set to FALSE, smooth and detail components are analyzed. Default is TRUE.
wavelet	Type of wavelet: haar, d4, or la8
wtrafo	Type of wavelet transform: dwt or modwt
n.eff	A numeric value of effective sample size
trace	Should R print progress updates to the console? Default is FALSE
customize_plot	Additional plotting parameters passed to ggplot. NOW DEPRECATED.

Details

Calculates the relative importance of each variable using multi-model inference methods in a wavelet multi-resolution regression framework implemented in `mmiWMRR`. The scale level dependent results are then graphically displayed.

Value

A list containing

1. A matrix containing the relative importance of each variable in the regression at each value of the scale level.
2. A ggplot object containing a plot of the relative variable importance

Examples

```
data(carlinadata)
coords<- carlinadata[,4:5]

## Not run:

wrm <- WRM(carlina.horrida ~ aridity + land.use,
            family = "poisson",
            data = carlinadata,
            coord = coords,
            level = 1,
            wavelet = "d4")

mmi <- mmiWMRR(wrm, data = carlinadata, scale = 3, detail = TRUE)

# Plot scale-dependent relative variable importance
rvi <- rvi.plot(carlina.horrida ~ aridity + land.use,
               family = "poisson",
               data = carlinadata,
               coord = coords,
               maxlevel = 4,
               detail = TRUE,
               wavelet = "d4")

rvi$plot
rvi$rvi

## End(Not run)
```

scaleWMRR

Scaling by wavelet multiresolution regression (WMRR)

Description

scaleWMRR performs a scale-specific regression based on a wavelet multiresolution analysis.

Usage

```

scaleWMRR(
  formula,
  family,
  data,
  coord,
  scale = 1,
  detail = TRUE,
  wavelet = "haar",
  wtrafo = "dwt",
  b.ini = NULL,
  pad = list(),
  control = list(),
  moran.params = list(),
  trace = FALSE
)

```

Arguments

formula	With specified notation according to names in data frame.
family	gaussian, binomial, or poisson.
data	Data frame.
coord	Corresponding coordinates which have to be integer.
scale	0 (which is equivalent to GLM) or higher integers possible (limit depends on sample size).
detail	Remove smooth wavelets? If TRUE, only detail components are analyzed. If set to FALSE, smooth and detail components are analyzed. Default is TRUE.
wavelet	Type of wavelet: haar or d4 or la8
wtrafo	Type of wavelet transform: dwt or modwt.
b.ini	Initial parameter values. Default is NULL.
pad	A list of parameters for padding wavelet coefficients. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • padform - 0, 1, and 2 are possible. padform is automatically set to 0 when either level=0 or the formula includes an intercept and has a non-gaussian family. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 0 - Padding with 0s. – 1 - Padding with mean values. – 2 - Padding with mirror values. • padzone - Factor for expanding the padding zone
control	A list of parameters for controlling the fitting process. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • eps - Positive convergence tolerance. Smaller values of eps provide better parameter estimates, but also reduce the probability of the iterations converging. In case of issues with convergence, test larger values of eps. Default is 10⁻⁵. • denom. eps - Default is 10⁻²⁰.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <code>itmax</code> - Integer giving the maximum number of iterations. Default is 200.
<code>moran.params</code>	A list of parameters for calculating Moran's I. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <code>lim1</code> - Lower limit for first bin. Default is 0. • <code>increment</code> - Step size for calculating Moran's I. Default is 1.
<code>trace</code>	A logical value indicating whether to print parameter estimates to the console

Details

This function fits generalized linear models while taking the two-dimensional grid structure of datasets into account. The following error distributions (in conjunction with appropriate link functions) are allowed: `gaussian`, `binomial`, or `poisson`. The model provides scale-specific results for data sampled on a contiguous geographical area. The dataset is assumed to be regular gridded and the grid cells are assumed to be square. A function from the package 'waveslim' is used for the wavelet transformations (Whitcher, 2005). Furthermore, this function requires that **all predictor variables be continuous**.

Value

`scaleWMRR` returns a list containing the following elements

`call` Model call

`b` Estimates of regression parameters

`s.e.` Standard errors of the parameter estimates

`z` Z values (or corresponding values for statistics)

`p` p-values for each parameter estimate

`df` Degrees of freedom

`fitted` Fitted values

`resid` Pearson residuals

`converged` Logical value whether the procedure converged

`trace` Logical. If TRUE:

- `ac.glm` Autocorrelation of `glm.residuals`
- `ac` Autocorrelation of `wavelet.residuals`

Author(s)

Gudrun Carl

References

Carl G, Doktor D, Schweiger O, Kuehn I (2016) Assessing relative variable importance across different spatial scales: a two-dimensional wavelet analysis. *Journal of Biogeography* 43: 2502-2512.

Whitcher, B. (2005) Waveslim: basic wavelet routines for one-, two- and three-dimensional signal processing. R package version 1.5.

See Also

[waveslim,mra.2d](#)

Examples

```
data(carlinadata)
coords <- carlinadata[,4:5]

## Not run:

# scaleWMRR at scale = 0 is equivalent to GLM

ms0 <- scaleWMRR(carlina.horrída ~ aridity + land.use,
                 family = "poisson",
                 data = carlinadata,
                 coord = coords,
                 scale = 0,
                 trace = TRUE)

# scale-specific regressions for detail components
ms1 <- scaleWMRR(carlina.horrída ~ aridity + land.use,
                 family = "poisson",
                 data = carlinadata,
                 coord = coords,
                 scale = 1,
                 trace = TRUE)

ms2 <- scaleWMRR(carlina.horrída ~ aridity + land.use,
                 family = "poisson",
                 data = carlinadata,
                 coord = coords,
                 scale = 2,
                 trace = TRUE)

ms3 <- scaleWMRR(carlina.horrída ~ aridity + land.use,
                 family = "poisson",
                 data = carlinadata,
                 coord = coords,
                 scale = 3,
                 trace = TRUE)

## End(Not run)
```

Description

The `spind` package provides convenient implementation of Generalized estimating equations (GEEs) and Wavelet-revised models (WRMs) in the context of spatial models. It also provides tools for multi-model inference, stepwise model selection, and spatially corrected model diagnostics. This help section provides brief descriptions of each function and is organized by the type of model they apply to or the scenarios in which you might use them. Of course, these are recommendations - feel free to use them as you see fit. For a more detailed description of the package and its functions, please see the vignette *Intro to spind* (`browseVignettes('spind')`).

GEEs

The `GEE` function fits spatial models using a generalized estimating equation and a set of gridded data. The package also includes S3 methods for `summary` and `predict` so you can interact with these models in the same way you might interact with a `glm` or `lm`.

WRMs

The `WRM` function fits spatial models using a wavelet-revised model and a set of gridded data. The package also includes S3 methods for `summary` and `predict` so you can interact with these models in the same way you might interact with a `glm` or `lm`. There are also a number of helper functions that help you fine tune the fitting process that are specific to WRMs. Please see the documentation for `WRM` for more details on those.

`WRM` also has a few other features specific to it. For example, if you are interested in viewing the variance or covariance of your variables as a function of `level`, `covar.plot` is useful. `upscale` will plot your matrices as a function of `level` so you can examine the effect of cluster resolution on your results.

Multi-model inference and stepwise model selection

`spind` includes a couple of functions to help you find the best fit for your data. The first two are multimodel inference tools specific to GEEs and WRMs and are called `mmiGEE` and `mmiWMRR`. These generate outputs very similar to those from the `MuMIn` package. If you would like to see how variable importance changes as a function of the scale of the `WMRR`, you can call `rvi.plot`. This will generate a model selection table for each degree of `level` (from 1 to `maxlevel`) and then plot the weight of each variable as a function of `level`.

`spind` also includes a function for stepwise model selection that is loosely based on `step` and `stepAIC`. `step.spind` differs from these in that it is specific to classes `WRM` and `GEE`. It performs model selection using `AIC` or `AICc` for WRMs and `QIC` for GEEs.

Spatial indices of goodness of fit

Finally, `spind` has a number of functions that provide spatially corrected goodness of fit diagnostics for any type of model (i.e. they are not specific to classes `WRM` or `GEE`). These first appeared in `spind v1.0` and have not been updated in this release. The first two are divided into whether or not they are threshold dependent or not. Threshold dependent metrics can be calculated using `th.dep` and threshold independent metrics can be calculated using `th.indep`.

acfft calculates spatial autocorrelation of residuals from a model using *Moran's I*. You can set the number of distance bins you'd like to examine using `dmax` argument and the size of those bins using `lim1` and `lim2`.

Conclusion

The vignette titled *Intro to spind* provides more information on these functions and some example workflows that will demonstrate them in greater depth than this document. Of course, if you have suggestions on how to improve this document or any of the other ones in here, please don't hesitate to contact us.

step.spind

Stepwise model selection for GEEs and WRMs

Description

Stepwise model selection by AIC or AICc for WRMS and QIC for GEEs

Usage

```
step.spind(object, data, steps = NULL, trace = TRUE, AICc = FALSE)
```

Arguments

object	A model of class WRM or GEE.
data	The data used to fit that model.
steps	Number of iterations the procedure should go through before concluding. The default is to use the number of variables as the number of iterations.
trace	Should R print progress updates and the final, best model found to the console? Default is TRUE.
AICc	Logical. In the case of model selection with WRMs, should AICc be used to determine which model is best rather than AIC? This argument is ignored for GEEs. Default is FALSE.

Details

This function performs stepwise variable elimination for model comparison. Each iteration will try to find the best combination of predictors for a given number of variables based on AIC, AICc, or QIC, and then use that as the base model for the next iteration until there are no more variables to eliminate. Alternatively, it will terminate when reducing the number of variables while respecting the model hierarchy no longer produces lower information criterion values.

Value

A list with components `model` and `table`. `model` is always formula for the best model found by the procedure. `table` is always a data frame, but the content varies for each type of model. For WRM's, the columns returned are

- Deleted.Vars Variables retained from the previous iteration which were tested in the current iteration.
- LogLik Log-likelihood of the model.
- AIC AIC score for the model.
- AICc AICc score for the model.

For GEEs:

- Deleted.Vars Variables retained from the previous iteration which were tested in the current iteration.
- QIC Quasi-information criterion of the model.
- Quasi.Lik Quasi-likelihood of the model.

Note

Currently, the function only supports backwards model selection (i.e. one must start with a full model and subtract variables). Forward and both directions options may be added later.

Author(s)

Sam Levin

References

Hardin, J.W. & Hilbe, J.M. (2003) Generalized Estimating Equations. Chapman and Hall, New York.

See Also

[qic.calc](#), [aic.calc](#), [add1](#), [step](#), [stepAIC](#)

Examples

```
# For demonstration only. We are artificially imposing a grid structure
# on data that is not actually spatial data

library(MASS)
data(birthwt)

x <- rep(1:14, 14)
y <- as.integer(gl(14, 14))
coords <- cbind(x[-(190:196)], y[-(190:196)])

## Not run:
formula <- formula(low ~ age + lwt + race + smoke + ftv + bwt)
```

```

mgee <- GEE(formula,
            family = "gaussian",
            data = birthwt,
            coord = coords,
            corstr = "fixed",
            scale.fix = TRUE)

ss <- step.spind(mgee, birthwt)

best.mgee <- GEE(ss$model,
                family = "gaussian",
                data = birthwt,
                coord = coords,
                corstr = "fixed",
                scale.fix = TRUE)

summary(best.mgee, printAutoCorPars = FALSE)

## End(Not run)

```

th.dep

Spatial threshold-dependent accuracy measures

Description

Calculates spatially corrected, threshold-dependent metrics for an observational data set and model predictions (Kappa and confusion matrix)

Usage

```
th.dep(data, coord, thresh = 0.5, spatial = TRUE)
```

Arguments

data	A data frame or matrix with two columns. The first column should contain actual presence/absence data (binary, 0 or 1) and the second column should contain model predictions of probability of occurrence (numeric, between 0 and 1).
coord	A data frame or matrix with two columns containing x,y coordinates for each actual and predicted value. Coordinates must be integer and consecutively numbered.
thresh	A cutoff value for classifying predictions as modeled presences or modeled absences. Default is 0.5.
spatial	A logical indicating whether spatially corrected indices (rather than classical indices) should be computed.

Value

A list with the following components:

kappa Kappa statistic

cm Confusion matrix

sensitivity Sensitivity

specificity Specificity

actuals Actual occurrence data or adjusted actual occurrence data

splitlevel.pred Level splitting of predicted values

splitlevel.act Level splitting of actuals or adjusted actuals

splitposition.pred Position splitting of predicted values

splitposition.act Position splitting of actuals or adjusted actuals

Author(s)

Gudrun Carl

References

Carl G, Kuehn I (2017) Spind: a package for computing spatially corrected accuracy measures. *Ecography* 40: 675-682. DOI: 10.1111/ecog.02593

See Also

[th.indep](#)

Examples

```
data(hook)
data <- hook[ ,1:2]
coord <- hook[ ,3:4]
si1 <- th.dep(data, coord, spatial = TRUE)
si1$kappa
si1$cm
```

th.indep

Spatial threshold-independent accuracy measures

Description

Calculates spatially corrected, threshold-independent metrics for an observational data set and model predictions (AUC, ROC, max-TSS)

Usage

```
th.indep(data, coord, spatial = TRUE, plot.ROC = FALSE, customize_plot = NULL)
```

Arguments

data	A data frame or matrix with two columns. The first column should contain actual presence/absence data (binary, 0 or 1) and the second column should contain model predictions of probability of occurrence (numeric, between 0 and 1).
coord	A data frame or matrix with two columns containing x,y coordinates for each actual and predicted value. Coordinates must be integer and consecutively numbered.
spatial	A logical value indicating whether spatial corrected indices (rather than classical indices) should be computed.
plot.ROC	A logical indicating whether the ROC should be plotted. NOW DEPRECATED.
customize_plot	Additional plotting parameters passed to ggplot. NOW DEPRECATED.

Value

A list with the following components:

AUC	Area under curve
opt.thresh	optimal threshold for maximum TSS value
TSS	Maximum TSS value
sensitivity	Sensitivity
Specificity	Specificity
AUC.plot	A ggplot object

Author(s)

Gudrun Carl

References

Carl G, Kuehn I (2017) Spind: a package for computing spatially corrected accuracy measures. *Ecography* 40: 675-682. DOI: 10.1111/ecog.02593

See Also

[th.dep](#)

Examples

```
data(hook)
data <- hook[ ,1:2]
coord <- hook[ ,3:4]
si2 <- th.indep(data, coord, spatial = TRUE)
si2$AUC
```

```

si2$TSS
si2$opt.thresh
si2$plot

```

upscale

Upscaling of smooth components

Description

The analysis is based a wavelet multiresolution analysis using only smooth wavelet components. It is a 2D analysis taking the grid structure and provides scale-specific results for data sampled on a contiguous geographical area. The dataset is assumed to be regular gridded and the grid cells are assumed to be square. The scale-dependent results are graphically displayed.

Usage

```

upscale(
  f,
  coord,
  wavelet = "haar",
  wtrafo = "dwt",
  pad = mean(f),
  color.maps = FALSE
)

```

Arguments

f	A vector.
coord	A matrix of two columns with corresponding cartesian coordinates. Currently only supports integer coordinates.
wavelet	Name of wavelet family. haar, d4, and la8. are possible. haar is the default.
wtrafo	Type of wavelet transform. Either dwt or modwt. dwt is the default.
pad	A numeric value for padding the matrix into a bigger square. Default is set to mean(f).
color.maps	A logical value. If TRUE, produces colorful maps. If FALSE, produces grayscale maps. Default is grayscale. NOW DEPRECATED, color maps will not be produced in future versions.

Value

A set of plots showing the matrix image at each value for level1.

Author(s)

Gudrun Carl

Examples

```
data(carlinadata)
coords <- carlinadata[,4:5]

# Upscaling of smooth components
upscale(carlinadata$land.use, coord = coords)
```

wavecovar

Wavelet covariance analysis

Description

Calculates the wavelet covariance based on a wavelet multiresolution analysis.

Usage

```
wavecovar(f1, f2, coord, wavelet = "haar", wtrafo = "dwt")
```

Arguments

f1	A vector of length n .
f2	A vector of length n .
coord	A matrix of two columns with corresponding cartesian coordinates. Currently only supports integer coordinates.
wavelet	Name of wavelet family. haar, d4, and la8. are possible. haar is the default.
wtrafo	Type of wavelet transform. Either dwt or modwt. dwt is the default.

Value

Wavelet covariance for f1 and f2.

Author(s)

Gudrun Carl

See Also

[waveslim](#), [WRM](#), [covar.plot](#), [scaleWMRR](#)

Examples

```

data(carlinadata)

coords <- carlinadata[,4:5]
pc <- covar.plot(carlina.horrída ~ aridity + land.use,
                 data = carlinadata,
                 coord = coords,
                 wavelet = 'd4',
                 wtrafo = 'modwt',
                 plot = 'covar')

pc$plot

```

wavevar

Wavelet variance analysis

Description

Calculates the wavelet variance based on a wavelet multiresolution analysis.

Usage

```
wavevar(f, coord, wavelet = "haar", wtrafo = "dwt")
```

Arguments

f	A vector
coord	A matrix of two columns with corresponding cartesian coordinates. Currently only supports integer coordinates.
wavelet	Name of wavelet family. haar, d4, and la8. are possible. haar is the default.
wtrafo	Type of wavelet transform. Either dwt or modwt. dwt is the default.

Value

Wavelet variance for f.

Author(s)

Gudrun Carl

See Also

[waveslim](#), [WRM](#), [covar.plot](#), [scaleWMRR](#)

Examples

```

data(carlinadata)

coords <- carlinadata[,4:5]
pv <- covar.plot(carlina.horrada ~ aridity + land.use,
                 data = carlinadata,
                 coord = coords,
                 wavelet = 'd4',
                 wtrafo = 'modwt',
                 plot = 'var')

pv$plot

```

WRM

Wavelet-revised models (WRMs)

Description

A wavelet-based method to remove spatial autocorrelation in multiple linear regressions. Wavelet transforms are implemented using **waveslim** (Whitcher, 2005).

Usage

```

WRM(
  formula,
  family,
  data,
  coord,
  level = 1,
  wavelet = "haar",
  wtrafo = "dwt",
  b.ini = NULL,
  pad = list(),
  control = list(),
  moran.params = list(),
  plot = FALSE,
  customize_plot = NULL
)

## S3 method for class 'WRM'
plot(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'WRM'
summary(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'WRM'
predict(object, newdata, sm = FALSE, newcoord = NA, ...)

```

Arguments

formula	Model formula. Variable names must match variables in data.
family	gaussian, binomial, or poisson are supported.
data	A data frame with variable names that match the variables specified in formula.
coord	A matrix of two columns with corresponding cartesian coordinates. Currently only supports integer coordinates.
level	An integer specifying the degree of wavelet decomposition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 - Without autocorrelation removal (equivalent to a GLM) • 1 - For best autocorrelation removal • ... - Higher integers possible. The limit depends on sample size
wavelet	Name of wavelet family. haar, d4, and la8. are possible. haar is the default.
wtrafo	Type of wavelet transform. Either dwt or modwt. dwt is the default.
b.ini	Initial parameter values. Default is NULL.
pad	A list of parameters for padding wavelet coefficients. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • padform - 0, 1, and 2 are possible. padform is automatically set to 0 when either level=0 or a formula including an intercept and a non-gaussian family <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 0 - Padding with 0s. - 1 - Padding with mean values. - 2 - Padding with mirror values. • padzone - Factor for expanding the padding zone
control	a list of parameters for controlling the fitting process. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • eps - Positive convergence tolerance. Smaller values of eps provide better parameter estimates, but also reduce the probability of the iterations converging. In case of issues with convergence, test larger values of eps. Default is 10⁻⁵. • denom.eps - Default is 10⁻²⁰. • itmax - Integer giving the maximum number of iterations. Default is 200.
moran.params	A list of parameters for calculating Moran's I. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lim1 - Lower limit for first bin. Default is 0. • increment - Step size for calculating Moran's I. Default is 1.
plot	A logical value indicating whether to plot autocorrelation of residuals by distance bin. NOW DEPRECATED in favor of plot.WRM method.
customize_plot	Additional plotting parameters passed to ggplot. NOW DEPRECATED in favor of plot.WRM method.
x	An object of class GEE or WRM
...	Not used
object	An object of class WRM
newdata	A data frame containing variables used to make predictions.
sm	Logical. Should part of smooth components be included?
newcoord	New coordinates corresponding to observations in newdata.

Details

WRM can be used to fit linear models for response vectors of different distributions: gaussian, binomial, or poisson. As a spatial model, it is a generalized linear model in which the residuals may be autocorrelated. It corrects for 2-dimensional residual autocorrelation for regular gridded data sets using the wavelet decomposition technique. The grid cells are assumed to be square. Furthermore, this function requires that **all predictor variables be continuous**.

Value

An object of class WRM. This consists of a list with the following elements:

call Call
 formula Model formula
 family Family
 coord Coordinates used in the model
 b Estimate of regression parameters
 s.e. Standard errors
 z Depending on the family, either a z or t value
 p p -values
 fitted Fitted values from the model
 resid Pearson residuals
 b.sm Parameter estimates of neglected smooth part
 fitted.sm Fitted values of neglected smooth part
 level Selected level of wavelet decomposition
 wavelet Selected wavelet
 wtrafo Selected wavelet transformation
 padzone Selected padding zone expansion factor
 padform Selected matrix padding type
 n.eff Effective number of observations
 AIC Akaike information criterion
 AICc AIC score corrected for small sample sizes
 LogLik Log likelihood of the model
 ac.glm Autocorrelation of GLM residuals
 ac.wrm Autocorrelation of WRM residuals
 b.ini Initial parameter values
 control Control parameters for the fitting process
 moran.params Parameters for calculating Moran's I
 pad List of parameters for padding wavelet coefficients
 plot An object of class `ggplot` containing information on the autocorrelation of residuals from the fitted WRM and a GLM

Note

For those interested in multimodel inference approaches, WRM with `level = 1` is identical to `mmiWMRR` with `scale = 1`.

Author(s)

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References

Carl, G., Kuehn, I. (2010): A wavelet-based extension of generalized linear models to remove the effect of spatial autocorrelation. *Geographical Analysis* 42 (3), 323 - 337

Whitcher, B. (2005) *Waveslim*: basic wavelet routines for one-, two- and three-dimensional signal processing. R package version 1.5.

See Also

[mmiWMRR](#), [predict.WRM](#), [summary.WRM](#), [aic.calc](#)

Examples

```
data(musdata)
coords <- musdata[,4:5]

## Not run:
mwrn <- WRM(musculus ~ pollution + exposure,
            family = "poisson",
            data = musdata,
            coord = coords,
            level = 1)

pred <- predict(mwrn, newdata = musdata)

summary(mwrn)

plot(mwrn)

library(ggplot2)

my_wrn_plot <- mwrn$plot

# increase axis text size
print(my_wrn_plot + ggplot2::theme(axis.text = element_text(size = 15)))

## End(Not run)
```

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