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Description Training and predict functions for SLFN (Single Hidden-layer Feedforward Neural Networks) using the ELM algorithm. ELM algorithm differs from the traditional gradient-based algorithms for very short training times (it doesn't need any iterative tuning, this makes learning time very fast) and there is no need to set any other parameters like learning rate, momentum, epochs, etc.

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elmNN-package

*Implementation of ELM (Extreme Learning Machine) algorithm for neural networks***Description**

ELM algorithm is an alternative training method for SLFN (Single Hidden Layer Feedforward Networks) which does not need any iterative tuning nor setting parameters such as learning rate, momentum, etc., which are current issues of the traditional gradient-based learning algorithms (like backpropagation).

Training of a SLFN with ELM is a three-step learning model:

Given a training set $P = \{(x_i, t_i) | x_i \in \mathbb{R}^n, t_i \in \mathbb{R}, i = 1, \dots, N\}$, hidden node output function $G(a, b, x)$, and the number of hidden nodes L

- 1) Assign randomly hidden node parameters (a_i, b_i) , $i = 1, \dots, L$. It means that the arc weights between the input layer and the hidden layer and the hidden layer bias are randomly generated.
- 2) Calculate the hidden layer output matrix H using one of the available activation functions.
- 3) Calculate the output weights B : $B = \text{ginv}(H) \%*\% T$ (matrix multiplication), where T is the target output of the training set.

$\text{ginv}(H)$ is the Moore-Penrose generalized inverse of hidden layer output matrix H . This is calculated by the MASS package function [ginv](#).

Once the SLFN has been trained, the output of a generic test set is simply $Y = H \%*\% B$ (matrix multiplication). Salient features:

- The learning speed of ELM is extremely fast.
- Unlike traditional gradient-based learning algorithms which only work for differentiable activation functions, ELM works for all bounded nonconstant piecewise continuous activation functions.
- Unlike traditional gradient-based learning algorithms facing several issues like local minima, improper learning rate and overfitting, etc, ELM tends to reach the solutions straightforward without such trivial issues.
- The ELM learning algorithm looks much simpler than other popular learning algorithms: neural networks and support vector machines.

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To fit a neural network, the function to use is `elmtrain` (default version is `elmtrain.formula`). To predict values, the function to use is `predict`. Other functions are used internally by the training and predict functions.

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See Also

[elmtrain.formula](#) to train a neural network, [predict.elmNN](#) to predict values from a trained neural network

Examples

```
set.seed(1234)
Var1 <- runif(50, 0, 100)
sqrt.data <- data.frame(Var1, Sqrt=sqrt(Var1))
model <- elmtrain(Sqrt~Var1, data=sqrt.data, nhid=10, actfun="sig")
new <- data.frame(Sqrt=0, Var1 = runif(50,0,100))
p <- predict(model,newdata=new)

Var2 <- runif(50, 0, 10)
quad.data <- data.frame(Var2, Quad=(Var2)^2)
model <- elmtrain(Quad~Var2, data=quad.data, nhid=10, actfun="sig")
new <- data.frame(Quad=0, Var2 = runif(50,0,10))
p <- predict(model,newdata=new)
```

elmtrain

Training of a SLFN (Single Hidden-layer Feedforward Neural Network)

Description

Training of a generic SLFN using ELM algorithm. First it generates input weights and hidden layer bias (both randomly chosen), then calculates the output from the hidden layer (given a particular activation function as a parameter) and at the end calculates output weights of the neural network. It returns an ELM model (an object of class `elmNN`) representing the trained neural network.

Usage

```
elmtrain(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'formula'
elmtrain(formula, data, nhid, actfun, ...)
## Default S3 method:
elmtrain(x, y, nhid, actfun, ...)
```

Arguments

| | |
|---------|---|
| formula | a symbolic description of the model to be fitted. |
| data | training data frame containing the variables specified in formula. |
| x | training dataset. |
| y | target output of the training dataset. |
| nhid | number of hidden neurons. Must be ≥ 1 . |
| actfun | type of activation function. Furthermore a list of the implemented activation functions. - sig: sigmoid - sin: sine - radbas: radial basis - hardlim: hard-limit - hardlims: symmetric hard-limit - satlins: satlins - tansig: tan-sigmoid - tribas: triangular basis - poslin: positive linear - purelin: linear |
| ... | not used. |

Details

Note: since part of ELM algorithm is random (setting of the input weights and hidden layer bias), output results of same activation function and same number of hidden neurons may change. To find the most accurate error rate for a fixed setting, it is convenient to make various test on the datasets (i.e. 20 times) using the same settings and calculate the mean error from these tests.

Value

returns the trained neural network, an object of class `elmNN`.

| | |
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| nhid | number of hidden neurons selected |
| actfun | activation function used |
| inpweight | matrix of input weights (randomly choosen) |
| biashid | vector of hidden layer bias (randomly choosen) |
| outweight | matrix of output weights (calculated by the algorithm) |

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Referencessee [elmNN-package](#) documentation.**See Also**[elmtrain.formula](#), [elmtrain.default](#), [predict.elmNN](#), [elmNN-package](#)**Examples**

```

set.seed(1234)
##'formula' version
Var1 <- runif(50, 0, 100)
sqrt.data <- data.frame(Var1, Sqrt=sqrt(Var1))
model <- elmtrain(Sqrt~Var1, data=sqrt.data, nhid=10, actfun="sig")
new <- data.frame(Sqrt=0, Var1 = runif(50,0,100))
p <- predict(model,newdata=new)

##Default version
Var2 <- runif(50, 0, 10)
quad.data <- data.frame(Var2, Quad=(Var2)^2)
model <- elmtrain(x=quad.data$Var2, y=quad.data$Quad, nhid=10, actfun="sig")
new <- data.frame(Quad=0, Var2 = runif(50,0,10))
p <- predict(model,newdata=new$Var2)

## The function is currently defined as
function (x, ...)
UseMethod("elmtrain")

```

predict.elmNN

Calculate the output of the ELM-trained neural network

Description

Calculate the output predictions from a neural network trained using `elmtrain`. It is possible to calculate output predictions from a new data set or returns the output predictions from the previous training data set (fitted data).

Usage

```

## S3 method for class 'elmNN'
predict(object, newdata = NULL, ...)

```

Arguments

| | |
|---------|--|
| object | an object of class elmNN (a trained neural network) |
| newdata | (optional) a new data set to calculate output from the model. If missing, predict returns the output prediction from the training set. |
| ... | not used. |

Value

returns a vector containing the output predictions.

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References

see [elmNN-package](#) documentation.

See Also

[elmtrain.default](#), [elmtrain.formula](#), [elmNN-package](#)

Examples

```
set.seed(1234)
Var1 <- runif(50, 0, 100)
sqrt.data <- data.frame(Var1, Sqrt=sqrt(Var1))
model <- elmtrain.formula(Sqrt~Var1, data=sqrt.data, nhid=10, actfun="sig")
new <- data.frame(Sqrt=0, Var1 = runif(50,0,100))
p <- predict(model,newdata=new)
```

```
## The function is currently defined as
function (object, newdata = NULL, ...)
{
```

```
  if (is.null(newdata))
    predictions <- fitted(object)
  else {
    if (!is.null(object$formula)) {
      x <- model.matrix(object$formula, newdata)
    }
    else {
      x <- newdata
    }
    inpweight <- object$inpweight
    biashid <- object$biashid
    outweight <- object$outweight
    actfun <- object$actfun
    nhid <- object$nhid
    TV.P <- t(x)
    tmpHTest = inpweight %*% TV.P
    biasMatrixTE <- matrix(rep(biashid, ncol(TV.P)), nrow = nhid,
```

```

        ncol = ncol(TV.P), byrow = F)
tmpHTest = tmpHTest + biasMatrixTE
if (actfun == "sig")
  HTest = 1/(1 + exp(-1 * tmpHTest))
else {
  if (actfun == "sin")
    HTest = sin(tmpHTest)
  else {
    if (actfun == "radbas")
      HTest = exp(-1 * (tmpHTest^2))
    else {
      if (actfun == "hardlim")
        HTest = hardlim(tmpHTest)
      else {
        if (actfun == "hardlims")
          HTest = hardlims(tmpHTest)
        else {
          if (actfun == "satlins")
            HTest = satlins(tmpHTest)
          else {
            if (actfun == "tansig")
              HTest = 2/(1 + exp(-2 * tmpHTest)) -
                1
            else {
              if (actfun == "tribas")
                HTest = tribas(tmpHTest)
              else {
                if (actfun == "poslin")
                  HTest = poslin(tmpHTest)
                else {
                  if (actfun == "purelin")
                    HTest = tmpHTest
                  else stop(paste("ERROR: ", actfun,
                    " is not a valid activation function.",
                    sep = ""))
                }
              }
            }
          }
        }
      }
    }
  }
}
TY = t(t(HTest) %*% outweight)
predictions <- t(TY)
}
predictions
}

```

Description

Print the attributes of a elmNN object.

Usage

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

Arguments

| | |
|-----|---------------------------|
| x | an object of class elmNN. |
| ... | not used. |

Value

Furthermore a list of the printed attributes.

| | |
|-----------|--|
| nhid | number of hidden neurons selected |
| actfun | activation function used |
| inpweight | head of the matrix of input weights (randomly calculated) |
| biashid | head of the vector of hidden layer bias (randomly calculated) |
| outweight | head of the matrix of output weights (calculated by the algorithm) |
| fitted(x) | head of the vector with the output prediction of the training set |

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References

see [elmNN-package](#) documentation.

See Also

[elmtrain.default](#), [elmtrain.formula](#), [predict.elmNN](#), [elmNN-package](#)

Examples

```
set.seed(1234)  
Var1 <- runif(50, 0, 100)  
sqrt.data <- data.frame(Var1, Sqrt=sqrt(Var1))  
model <- elmtrain.formula(Sqrt~Var1, data=sqrt.data, nhid=10, actfun="sig")  
print(model)  
  
## The function is currently defined as  
function (x, ...)  
{  
  cat("Call:\n")  
  cat(paste(x$call, "\n"))  
}
```



```
cat("Number of hidden neurons:\n")
cat(paste(x$nhid, "\n"))
cat("Activation function:\n")
cat(paste(x$actfun, "\n"))
cat("Input arc weights:\n")
cat(paste(head(x$inpweight), "... \n"))
cat("Bias of hidden neurons:\n")
cat(paste(head(x$biashid), "... \n"))
cat("Output arc weights:\n")
cat(paste(head(x$outweight), "... \n"))
cat("Predictions on training set:\n")
cat(paste(head(fitted(x)), "... \n"))
}
```

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