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## Description

This package provide fast and automated feature selection based on caret package modeling methods. The main advantage of this extension is that it requires minimum user involvement. Also the variety of used methods in combination with the scaling according to RMSE or MSE obtained from models profit the user. The idea is based on the assumption that the variety of models will balance the roughness of calculations (default model settings are applied). On Windows OS the time limiting function is off, multicore functionality is enabled via `parLapply()` function of package 'parallel'. Acknowledgments:

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## See Also

[train](#), [trainControl](#), [rfeControl](#) by Max Kuhn <Max.Kuhn at pfizer.com> and [predict](#) base utilities

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classVarImp

*classVarImp*

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## Description

The function uses the caret package advantage to perform fitting of numerous classification models.

## Usage

```
classVarImp(model, xTrain, yTrain, xTest,
            fitControl, myTimeLimit, no.cores,
            lk_col, suppress.output)
```

## Arguments

model	Chosed models as called from function fscaret(), argument Used.funcClassPred.
xTrain	Training data set, data frame of input vector
yTrain	Training data set, vector of observed outputs, must be in binary form 0/1.
xTest	Testing data set, data frame of input vector
fitControl	Fitting controls passed to caret function
myTimeLimit	Time limit in seconds for single model fitting
no.cores	Number of used cores for calculations
lk_col	Number of columns for whole data set (inputs + output)
suppress.output	If TRUE output of models are suppressed.

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dataPreprocess      *dataPreprocess*

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### Description

The functionality is realized in two main steps:

1. Check for near zero variance predictors and flag as near zero if:
  - (a) the percentage of unique values is less than 20
  - (b) the ratio of the most frequent to the second most frequent value is greater than 20,
2. Check for susceptibility to multicollinearity
  - (a) Calculate correlation matrix
  - (b) Find variables with correlation 0.9 or more and delete them

### Usage

```
dataPreprocess(trainMatryca_nr, testMatryca_nr, labelsFrame, lk_col, lk_row, with.labels)
```

### Arguments

trainMatryca_nr	Input training data matrix
testMatryca_nr	Input testing data matrix
labelsFrame	Transposed data frame of column names
lk_col	Number of columns
lk_row	Number of rows
with.labels	If with.labels=TRUE, additional data frame with preprocessed inputs corresponding to original data set column numbers as output is generated

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### References

Kuhn M. (2008) Building Predictive Models in R Using the caret Package *Journal of Statistical Software* **28(5)** <http://www.jstatsoft.org/>.

### Examples

```
library(fscaret)

# Create data sets and labels data frame
trainMatrix <- matrix(rnorm(150*120,mean=10,sd=1), 150, 120)
```

```

# Adding some near-zero variance attributes

temp1 <- matrix(runif(150,0.0001,0.0005), 150, 12)

# Adding some highly correlated attributes

sampleColIndex <- sample(ncol(trainMatrix), size=10)

temp2 <- matrix(trainMatrix[,sampleColIndex]*2, 150, 10)

# Output variable

output <- matrix(rnorm(150,mean=10,sd=1), 150, 1)

trainMatrix <- cbind(trainMatrix,temp1,temp2, output)

colnames(trainMatrix) <- paste("X",c(1:ncol(trainMatrix)),sep="")

# Subset test data set

testMatrix <- trainMatrix[sample(round(0.1*nrow(trainMatrix))),]

labelsDF <- data.frame("Labels"=paste("X",c(1:(ncol(trainMatrix)-1)),sep=""))

lk_col <- ncol(trainMatrix)
lk_row <- nrow(trainMatrix)

with.labels = TRUE

testRes <- dataPreprocess(trainMatrix, testMatrix,
  labelsDF, lk_col, lk_row, with.labels)

summary(testRes)

# Selected attributes after data set preprocessing
testRes$labelsDF

# Training and testing data sets after preprocessing
testRes$trainMatryca
testRes$testMatryca

```

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dataset.test

*Example testing data set*


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### Description

The data set after preprocessing, which resulted in 29 inputs. Original data set was obtained in literature survey with 298 inputs. Input: chemical descriptors and characteristics of 8 PLGA mi-

crosparticles formulation. Output: mean particle size of PLGA microparticles Number of attributes 29, single output.

### Usage

```
data(dataset.test)
```

### Format

```
data.frame
```

### Details

Literature survey yielded 68 formulations of PLGA microspheres with protein as active pharmaceutical ingredient. In vitro release profiles as well as formulation characteristics and composition were derived from articles. Chemical descriptors were obtained using Marvin ChemAxon software (cxcalc plugin). The final data base consisted of 298 inputs and single output mean particle size.

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dataset.train

*Example training data set*

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**Usage**

```
data(dataset.train)
```

**Format**

```
data.frame
```

**Details**

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fscaret

*feature selection caret*

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### **Description**

Main function for fast feature selection. It utilizes other functions as regPredImp or impCalc to obtain results in a list of data frames.

**Usage**

```
fscaret(trainDF, testDF, installReqPckg = FALSE, preprocessData = FALSE,
with.labels = TRUE, classPred = FALSE, regPred = TRUE, skel_outfile = NULL,
impCalcMet = "RMSE&MSE", myTimeLimit = 24 * 60 * 60, Used.funcRegPred = NULL,
Used.funcClassPred = NULL, no.cores = NULL, method = "boot", returnResamp = "all",
missData=NULL, supress.output=FALSE, saveModel=FALSE, lvlScale=FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>trainDF</code>	Data frame of training data set, MISO (multiple input single output) type
<code>testDF</code>	Data frame of testing data set, MISO (multiple input single output) type
<code>installReqPckg</code>	If TRUE prior to calculations it installs all required packages, please be advised to be logged as root (admin) user
<code>preprocessData</code>	If TRUE data preprocessing is performed prior to modeling
<code>with.labels</code>	If TRUE header of the input files are read
<code>classPred</code>	If TRUE classification models are applied. Please be advised that importance is scaled according to F-measure regardless <code>impCalcMet</code> settings.
<code>regPred</code>	If TRUE regression models are applied
<code>skel_outfile</code>	Skeleton output file, e.g. <code>skel_outfile=c("_myoutput_")</code>
<code>impCalcMet</code>	Variable importance calculation scaling according to RMSE and MSE, for both please enter <code>impCalcMet="RMSE&amp;MSE"</code>
<code>myTimeLimit</code>	Time limit in seconds for single model development
<code>Used.funcRegPred</code>	Vector of regression models to be used, for all available models please enter <code>Used.funcRegPred="all"</code>
<code>Used.funcClassPred</code>	Vector of classification models to be used, for all available models please enter <code>Used.funcClassPred="all"</code>
<code>no.cores</code>	Number of cores to be used for modeling, if NULL all available cores are used, should be numeric type or NULL
<code>method</code>	Method passed to <code>fitControl</code> of caret package
<code>returnResamp</code>	Returned resampling method passed to <code>fitControl</code> of caret package
<code>missData</code>	Handling of missing data values. Possible values: "delRow" - delete observations with missing values, "delCol" - delete attributes with missing values, "meanCol" - replace missing values with column mean.
<code>supress.output</code>	If TRUE output of modeling phase by caret functions are suppressed. Only info which model is currently calculated and resulting variable importance.
<code>saveModel</code>	Logical value [TRUE/FALSE] if trained model should be embedded in final model.
<code>lvlScale</code>	Logical value [TRUE/FALSE] if additional scaling should be applied. For more information please refer to <code>impCalc()</code> .
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments, preferably passed to <code>fitControl</code> of caret package

**Value**

\$ModelPred	List of outputs from caret model fitting
\$VarImp	Data frames of variable importance and corresponding trained models
\$PPLabels	Data frame of resulting preprocessed data set with original input numbers and names
\$PPTrainDF	Training data set after preprocessing
\$PPTestDF	Testing data set after preprocessing
\$VarImp\$model	Trained models

**Note**

Be advised when using fscaret function as it requires hard disk operations for saving fitted models and data frames. Files are written in R temp session folder, for more details see tempdir(), getwd() and setwd()

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Kuhn M. (2008) Building Predictive Models in R Using the caret Package *Journal of Statistical Software* **28(5)** <http://www.jstatsoft.org/>.

**Examples**

```
if((Sys.info()['sysname']!="SunOS"){

library(fscaret)

# Load data sets
data(dataset.train)
data(dataset.test)

requiredPackages <- c("R.utils", "gsubfn", "ipred", "caret", "parallel", "MASS")

if(.Platform$OS.type=="windows"){

myFirstRES <- fscaret(dataset.train, dataset.test, installReqPckg=FALSE,
  preprocessData=FALSE, with.labels=TRUE, classPred=FALSE,
  regPred=TRUE, skel_outfile=NULL,
  impCalcMet="RMSE&MSE", myTimeLimit=4,
  Used.funcRegPred=c("lm"), Used.funcClassPred=NULL,
  no.cores=1, method="boot", returnResamp="all",
  supress.output=TRUE, saveModel=FALSE)

} else {
```

```

myCores <- 2

myFirstRES <- fscaret(dataset.train, dataset.test, installReqPckg=FALSE,
  preprocessData=FALSE, with.labels=TRUE, classPred=FALSE,
  regPred=TRUE, skel_outfile=NULL,
  impCalcMet="RMSE&MSE", myTimeLimit=4,
  Used.funcRegPred=c("lm", "ppr"), Used.funcClassPred=NULL,
  no.cores=myCores, method="boot", returnResamp="all",
  suppress.output=TRUE, saveModel=FALSE)

}

# Results
myFirstRES

}

```

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funcClass.all	<i>Classification methods used.</i>
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**Description**

Vector of all classification methods used in solving problems by caret

**Usage**

```
data(funcClassPred)
```

**Format**

vector

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funcReg.all	<i>All regression methods used</i>
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**Description**

Vector of all regression methods used in solving problems by caret

**Usage**

```
data(funcRegPred)
```

**Format**

vector

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<code>impCalc</code>	<i>impCalc</i>
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### Description

`impCalc` function is designed to scale variable importance according to MSE and RMSE calculations. It also stores the raw MSE, RMSE, F-measure and developed models if `saveModel=TRUE`. `impCalc` is low-level function, it shouldn't be used alone unless user has trained models from `caret` package stored in RData files.

### Usage

```
impCalc(skel_outfile, xTest, yTest, lk_col,
        labelsFrame, with.labels, regPred, classPred, saveModel, lvlScale)
```

### Arguments

<code>skel_outfile</code>	Skeleton name of output file
<code>xTest</code>	Input vector of testing data set
<code>yTest</code>	Output vector of testing data set
<code>lk_col</code>	Number of columns of whole data set
<code>labelsFrame</code>	Labels to sort variable importance
<code>with.labels</code>	Pass <code>with.labels</code> argument. It is advised to ALWAYS use labels as in some cases <code>VarImp</code> returns importance in descending values. If you insist turning <code>with.labels FALSE</code> , then make sure data base contains pure data and you read it ( <code>read.csv</code> ) to <code>data.frame</code> with option <code>header=FALSE</code> .
<code>regPred</code>	Indicating if regression predictions are computed. Logical value [TRUE/FALSE]. If <code>regPred</code> is set TRUE, then <code>classPred</code> should be set FALSE.
<code>classPred</code>	Indicating if classification predictions are computed. Possible values TRUE/FALSE. If <code>classPred</code> is set TRUE, then <code>regPred</code> should be set FALSE. Please be advised that importance is scaled according to F-measure.
<code>saveModel</code>	Logical value [TRUE/FALSE] if trained model should be embedded in final model.
<code>lvlScale</code>	Indicating if use additional scaling. The option is especially usefull when large number of features are getting NA's or are not included in feature ranking. It levels the scores of the features taking the overall number of features. Default value is FALSE. Logical value [TRUE/FALSE].

### Details

`impCalc` function lists RData files in working directory assuming there are only models derived by `caret`. In a loop function loads models and tries to get the variable importance.

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**Examples**

```
## Not run:
#
# Hashed to comply with new CRAN check
#
library(fscaret)

# Load dataset
data(dataset.train)
data(dataset.test)

# Make objects
trainDF <- dataset.train
testDF <- dataset.test
model <- c("lm", "Cubist")
fitControl <- trainControl(method = "boot", returnResamp = "all")
myTimeLimit <- 5
no.cores <- 2
supress.output <- TRUE
skel_outfile <- paste("_default_", sep="")
mySystem <- .Platform$OS.type
with.labels <- TRUE
redPred <- TRUE
classPred <- FALSE
saveModel <- FALSE
lvlScale <- FALSE

if(mySystem=="windows"){
no.cores <- 1
}

# Scan dimensions of trainDF [lk_row x lk_col]
lk_col = ncol(trainDF)
lk_row = nrow(trainDF)

# Read labels of trainDF
labelsFrame <- as.data.frame(colnames(trainDF))
labelsFrame <- cbind(c(1:ncol(trainDF)), labelsFrame)
# Create a train data set matrix
trainMatryca_nr <- matrix(data=NA, nrow=lk_row, ncol=lk_col)

row=0
col=0

for(col in 1:(lk_col)) {
  for(row in 1:(lk_row)) {
    trainMatryca_nr[row,col] <- (as.numeric(trainDF[row,col]))
```

```

    }
  }

  # Pointing standard data set train
  xTrain <- data.frame(trainMatryca_nr[,-lk_col])
  yTrain <- as.vector(trainMatryca_nr[,lk_col])

  #-----Scan dimensions of trainDataFrame1 [lk_row x lk_col]
  lk_col_test = ncol(testDF)
  lk_row_test = nrow(testDF)

  testMatryca_nr <- matrix(data=NA,nrow=lk_row_test,ncol=lk_col_test)

  row=0
  col=0

  for(col in 1:(lk_col_test)) {
    for(row in 1:(lk_row_test)) {
      testMatryca_nr[row,col] <- (as.numeric(testDF[row,col]))
    }
  }

  # Pointing standard data set test
  xTest <- data.frame(testMatryca_nr[,-lk_col])
  yTest <- as.vector(testMatryca_nr[,lk_col])

  # Calling low-level function to create models to calculate on
  myVarImp <- regVarImp(model, xTrain, yTrain, xTest,
    fitControl, myTimeLimit, no.cores, lk_col,
    supress.output, mySystem)

  myImpCalc <- impCalc(skel_outfile, xTest, yTest,
    lk_col,labelsFrame,with.labels,redPred,classPred,saveModel,lvlScale)

  ## End(Not run)

```

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imputeMean

*imputeMean*


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### Description

Secondary function imputes the mean to columns with NA data.

### Usage

```
impute.mean(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    a vector to calculate mean

**Author(s)**

Jakub Szlek and Aleksander Mendyk

**Examples**

```
library(fscaret)

# Make sample matrix
testData <- matrix(data=rep(1:5),ncol=10,nrow=15)

# Replace random values with NA's
n <- 15
replace <- TRUE
set.seed(1)

rand.sample <- sample(length(testData), n, replace=replace)
testData[rand.sample] <- NA

# Print out input matrix
testData

# Record cols with missing values
missing.colsTestMatrix <- which(colSums(is.na(testData))>0)

for(i in 1:length(missing.colsTestMatrix)){

rowToReplace <- missing.colsTestMatrix[i]
testData[,rowToReplace] <- impute.mean(testData[,rowToReplace])

}

# Print out matrix with replaced NA's by column mean
testData
```

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installPckg

*installPckg*

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**Description**

Function installs the packages that are listed in `data(requiredPackages)`. The function is called within `fscaret` function. If argument `"installReqPckg = TRUE"` the function installs required packages.



**Usage**

```
installPkg(requiredPackages)
```

**Arguments**

```
requiredPackages  
Vector of packages to be installed
```

**Details**

Be advised setting "installReqPkg = TRUE" installs packages in your home directory (.R). To install packages for all users please login as root (admin).

**Author(s)**

Jakub Szlek and Aleksander Mendyk

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MSE

*MSE*

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**Description**

Function calculates mean squared error as predicted vs. observed

**Usage**

```
MSE(vect1, vect2, rows_no)
```

**Arguments**

```
vect1      Numeric vector of predicted values  
vect2      Numeric vector of observed values  
rows_no    Number of observations
```

**Author(s)**

Jakub Szlek and Aleksander Mendyk

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regVarImp	<i>regVarImp</i>
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### Description

The function uses the caret package advantage to perform fitting of numerous regression models.

### Usage

```
regVarImp(model, xTrain, yTrain, xTest,
          fitControl, myTimeLimit, no.cores,
          lk_col, suppress.output)
```

### Arguments

model	Chosed models as called from function fscaret(), argument Used.funcRegPred.
xTrain	Training data set, data frame of input vector
yTrain	Training data set, vector of observed outputs
xTest	Testing data set, data frame of input vector
fitControl	Fitting controls passed to caret function
myTimeLimit	Time limit in seconds for single model fitting
no.cores	Number of used cores for calculations
lk_col	Number of columns for whole data set (inputs + output)
suppress.output	If TRUE output of models are suppressed.

### Author(s)

Jakub Szlek and Aleksander Mendyk

### References

Kuhn M. (2008) Building Predictive Models in R Using the caret Package *Journal of Statistical Software* **28(5)** <http://www.jstatsoft.org/>.

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requiredPackages	<i>requiredPackages</i>
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**Description**

Character vector of names of required packages to fully take advantage of fscaret

**Usage**

```
data(requiredPackages)
```

**Format**

vector

**Examples**

```
data(requiredPackages)
```

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RMSE	<i>RMSE</i>
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**Description**

Function calculates root mean squared error.

**Usage**

```
RMSE(vect1, vect2, rows_no)
```

**Arguments**

vect1	Numeric vector of predicted values
vect2	Numeric vector of observed values
rows_no	Number of observations

**Author(s)**

Aleksander Mendyk

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<code>timeout</code>	<i>timeout</i>
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**Description**

This function limits elapsed time spent on single model development. It uses low-level functions of parallel package and sets the fork process with time limit. If the result is not returned within set time, it kills fork. Function shouldn't be called from R console. The function is not used under Windows OS. Only Unix-like systems have fork functionality.

**Usage**

```
timeout(..., seconds)
```

**Arguments**

<code>...</code>	Expression to be time limited
<code>seconds</code>	Number of seconds

**Author(s)**

Original code by Jeroen Ooms <jeroen.ooms at stat.ucla.edu> of OpenCPU package. Modifications by Jakub Szlek and Aleksander Mendyk.

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