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**Description** A Non-Metric Space Library ('NM-SLIB' <<https://github.com/nmslib/nmslib>>) wrapper, which according to the authors ``is an efficient cross-platform similarity search library and a toolkit for evaluation of similarity search methods. The goal of the 'NMSLIB' <<https://github.com/nmslib/nmslib>> Library is to create an effective and comprehensive toolkit for searching in generic non-metric spaces. Being comprehensive is important, because no single method is likely to be sufficient in all cases. Also note that exact solutions are hardly efficient in high dimensions and/or non-metric spaces. Hence, the main focus is on approximate methods''. The wrapper also includes Approximate Kernel k-Nearest-Neighbor functions based on the 'NM-SLIB' <<https://github.com/nmslib/nmslib>> 'Python' Library.

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python3-pip: apt-get install -y python3-pip (deb), numpy: pip3  
install numpy (deb), scipy: pip3 install scipy (deb), nmslib:  
pip3 install --no-binary :all: nmslib (deb)

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KernelKnnCV_nmslib	<i>Approximate Kernel k nearest neighbors (cross-validated) using the nmslib library</i>
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## Description

Approximate Kernel k nearest neighbors (cross-validated) using the nmslib library

## Usage

```
KernelKnnCV_nmslib(
  data,
  y,
  k = 5,
  folds = 5,
  h = 1,
  weights_function = NULL,
  Levels = NULL,
  Index_Params = NULL,
  Time_Params = NULL,
  space = "l1",
  space_params = NULL,
  method = "hns",
  data_type = "DENSE_VECTOR",
  dtype = "FLOAT",
  index_filepath = NULL,
```

```

    print_progress = FALSE,
    num_threads = 1,
    seed_num = 1
)

```

## Arguments

<code>data</code>	a numeric matrix
<code>y</code>	a numeric vector specifying the response variable (in classification the labels must be numeric from 1:Inf). The length of <code>y</code> must equal the rows of the <code>data</code> parameter
<code>k</code>	an integer. The number of neighbours to return
<code>folds</code>	the number of cross validation folds (must be greater than 1)
<code>h</code>	the bandwidth (applicable if the <code>weights_function</code> is not NULL, defaults to 1.0)
<code>weights_function</code>	there are various ways of specifying the kernel function. See the details section.
<code>Levels</code>	a numeric vector. In case of classification the unique levels of the response variable are necessary
<code>Index_Params</code>	a list of (optional) parameters to use in indexing (when creating the index)
<code>Time_Params</code>	a list of parameters to use in querying. Setting <code>Time_Params</code> to NULL will reset
<code>space</code>	a character string (optional). The metric space to create for this index. Page 31 of the manual (see <i>references</i> ) explains all available inputs
<code>space_params</code>	a list of (optional) parameters for configuring the space. See the <i>references</i> manual for more details.
<code>method</code>	a character string specifying the index method to use
<code>data_type</code>	a character string. One of 'DENSE_UINT8_VECTOR', 'DENSE_VECTOR', 'OBJECT_AS_STRING' or 'SPARSE_VECTOR'
<code>dtype</code>	a character string. Either 'FLOAT' or 'INT'
<code>index_filepath</code>	a character string specifying the path to a file, where an existing index is saved
<code>print_progress</code>	a boolean (either TRUE or FALSE). Whether or not to display progress bar
<code>num_threads</code>	an integer. The number of threads to use
<code>seed_num</code>	a numeric value specifying the seed of the random number generator

## Details

There are three possible ways to specify the *weights function*, 1st option : if the `weights_function` is NULL then a simple k-nearest-neighbor is performed. 2nd option : the `weights_function` is one of 'uniform', 'triangular', 'epanechnikov', 'biweight', 'triweight', 'tricube', 'gaussian', 'cosine', 'logistic', 'gaussianSimple', 'silverman', 'inverse', 'exponential'. The 2nd option can be extended by combining kernels from the existing ones (adding or multiplying). For instance, I can multiply the tricube with the gaussian kernel by giving 'tricube\_gaussian\_MULT' or I can add the previously mentioned kernels by giving 'tricube\_gaussian\_ADD'. 3rd option : a user defined kernel function

**Examples**

```
## Not run:

x = matrix(runif(1000), nrow = 100, ncol = 10)

y = runif(100)

out = KernelKnnCV_nmslib(x, y, k = 5, folds = 5)

## End(Not run)
```

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KernelKnn\_nmslib

*Approximate Kernel k nearest neighbors using the nmslib library*


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**Description**

Approximate Kernel k nearest neighbors using the nmslib library

**Usage**

```
KernelKnn_nmslib(
  data,
  TEST_data = NULL,
  y,
  k = 5,
  h = 1,
  weights_function = NULL,
  Levels = NULL,
  Index_Params = NULL,
  Time_Params = NULL,
  space = "l1",
  space_params = NULL,
  method = "hns",
  data_type = "DENSE_VECTOR",
  dtype = "FLOAT",
  index_filepath = NULL,
  print_progress = FALSE,
  num_threads = 1
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>data</code>	either a matrix or a scipy sparse matrix
<code>TEST_data</code>	a test dataset (in case of a matrix the <i>TEST_data</i> should have equal number of columns with the <i>data</i> ). It is assumed that the <i>TEST_data</i> is an unlabeled dataset

y	a numeric vector specifying the response variable (in classification the labels must be numeric from 1:Inf). The length of y must equal the rows of the <i>data</i> parameter
k	an integer. The number of neighbours to return
h	the bandwidth (applicable if the weights_function is not NULL, defaults to 1.0)
weights_function	there are various ways of specifying the kernel function. See the details section.
Levels	a numeric vector. In case of classification the unique levels of the response variable are necessary
Index_Params	a list of (optional) parameters to use in indexing (when creating the index)
Time_Params	a list of parameters to use in querying. Setting <i>Time_Params</i> to NULL will reset
space	a character string (optional). The metric space to create for this index. Page 31 of the manual (see <i>references</i> ) explains all available inputs
space_params	a list of (optional) parameters for configuring the space. See the <i>references</i> manual for more details.
method	a character string specifying the index method to use
data_type	a character string. One of 'DENSE_UINT8_VECTOR', 'DENSE_VECTOR', 'OBJECT_AS_STRING' or 'SPARSE_VECTOR'
dtype	a character string. Either 'FLOAT' or 'INT'
index_filepath	a character string specifying the path to a file, where an existing index is saved
print_progress	a boolean (either TRUE or FALSE). Whether or not to display progress bar
num_threads	an integer. The number of threads to use

## Details

There are three possible ways to specify the *weights function*, 1st option : if the weights\_function is NULL then a simple k-nearest-neighbor is performed. 2nd option : the weights\_function is one of 'uniform', 'triangular', 'epanechnikov', 'biweight', 'triweight', 'tricube', 'gaussian', 'cosine', 'logistic', 'gaussianSimple', 'silverman', 'inverse', 'exponential'. The 2nd option can be extended by combining kernels from the existing ones (adding or multiplying). For instance, I can multiply the tricube with the gaussian kernel by giving 'tricube\_gaussian\_MULT' or I can add the previously mentioned kernels by giving 'tricube\_gaussian\_ADD'. 3rd option : a user defined kernel function

## Examples

```
try({
  if (reticulate::py_available(initialize = FALSE)) {
    if (reticulate::py_module_available("nmslib")) {

      library(nmslibR)

      x = matrix(runif(1000), nrow = 100, ncol = 10)

      y = runif(100)
```

```
      out = KernelKnn_nmslib(data = x, y = y, k = 5)
    }
  }
}, silent=TRUE)
```

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mat\_2scipy\_sparse      *conversion of an R matrix to a scipy sparse matrix*

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### Description

conversion of an R matrix to a scipy sparse matrix

### Usage

```
mat_2scipy_sparse(x, format = "sparse_row_matrix")
```

### Arguments

x                    a data matrix  
format                a character string. Either *"sparse\_row\_matrix"* or *"sparse\_column\_matrix"*

### Details

This function allows the user to convert an R matrix to a scipy sparse matrix. This is useful because the *nmslibR* package accepts only *python* sparse matrices as input.

### References

<https://docs.scipy.org/doc/scipy/reference/sparse.html>

### Examples

```
try({
  if (reticulate::py_available(initialize = FALSE)) {
    if (reticulate::py_module_available("scipy")) {

      library(nmslibR)

      set.seed(1)

      x = matrix(runif(1000), nrow = 100, ncol = 10)

      res = mat_2scipy_sparse(x)

      print(dim(x))

      print(res$shape)
    }
  }
}, silent=TRUE)
```

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NMSlib *Non metric space library*

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## Description

Non metric space library

Non metric space library

## Usage

```
# init <- NMSlib$new(input_data, Index_Params = NULL, Time_Params = NULL,
#                   space='l1', space_params = NULL, method = 'hsw',
#                   data_type = 'DENSE_VECTOR', dtype = 'FLOAT',
#                   index_filepath = NULL, print_progress = FALSE)
```

## Details

*input\_data* parameter : In case of numeric data the *input\_data* parameter should be either an R matrix object or a scipy sparse matrix. Additionally, the *input\_data* parameter can be a list including more than one matrices / sparse-matrices having the same number of columns ( this is ideal for instance if the user wants to include both a train and a test dataset in the created index )

the *Knn\_Query* function finds the approximate K nearest neighbours of a vector in the index

the *knn\_Query\_Batch* Performs multiple queries on the index, distributing the work over a thread pool

the *save\_Index* function saves the index to disk

If the *index\_filepath* parameter is not NULL then an existing index will be loaded

## Methods

```
NMSlib$new(input_data, Index_Params = NULL, Time_Params = NULL, space='l1', space_params = NULL, method =
```

```
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```

```
Knn_Query(query_data_row, k = 5)
```

```
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```

```
knn_Query_Batch(query_data, k = 5, num_threads = 1)
```

```
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```

```
save_Index(filename)
```

## Methods

### Public methods:

- [NMSlib\\$new\(\)](#)
- [NMSlib\\$Knn\\_Query\(\)](#)

- `NMSlib$knn_Query_Batch()`
- `NMSlib$save_Index()`
- `NMSlib$clone()`

**Method** `new()`:

*Usage:*

```
NMSlib$new(
  input_data,
  Index_Params = NULL,
  Time_Params = NULL,
  space = "l1",
  space_params = NULL,
  method = "hsw",
  data_type = "DENSE_VECTOR",
  dtype = "FLOAT",
  index_filepath = NULL,
  print_progress = FALSE
)
```

*Arguments:*

`input_data` the input data. See *details* for more information

`Index_Params` a list of (optional) parameters to use in indexing (when creating the index)

`Time_Params` a list of parameters to use in querying. Setting `Time_Params` to NULL will reset

`space` a character string (optional). The metric space to create for this index. Page 31 of the manual (see *references*) explains all available inputs

`space_params` a list of (optional) parameters for configuring the space. See the *references* manual for more details.

`method` a character string specifying the index method to use

`data_type` a character string. One of 'DENSE\_UINT8\_VECTOR', 'DENSE\_VECTOR', 'OBJECT\_AS\_STRING' or 'SPARSE\_VECTOR'

`dtype` a character string. Either 'FLOAT' or 'INT'

`index_filepath` a character string specifying the path to a file, where an existing index is saved

`print_progress` a boolean (either TRUE or FALSE). Whether or not to display progress bar

**Method** `Knn_Query()`:

*Usage:*

```
NMSlib$Knn_Query(query_data_row, k = 5)
```

*Arguments:*

`query_data_row` a vector to query for

`k` an integer. The number of neighbours to return

**Method** `knn_Query_Batch()`:

*Usage:*

```
NMSlib$knn_Query_Batch(query_data, k = 5, num_threads = 1)
```



*Arguments:*

`query_data` the `query_data` parameter should be of the same type with the `input_data` parameter. Queries to query for

`k` an integer. The number of neighbours to return

`num_threads` an integer. The number of threads to use

**Method** `save_Index()`:*Usage:*

```
NMSlib$save_Index(filename)
```

*Arguments:*

`filename` a character string specifying the path. The filename to save ( in case of the `save_Index` method ) or the filename to load ( in case of the `load_Index` method )

**Method** `clone()`: The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.*Usage:*

```
NMSlib$clone(deep = FALSE)
```

*Arguments:*

`deep` Whether to make a deep clone.

**References**

<https://github.com/nmslib/nmslib/blob/master/manual/latex/manual.pdf>

**Examples**

```
try({
  if (reticulate::py_available(initialize = FALSE)) {
    if (reticulate::py_module_available("nmslib")) {

      library(nmslibR)

      set.seed(1)
      x = matrix(runif(1000), nrow = 100, ncol = 10)

      init_nms = NMSlib$new(input_data = x)

      # returns a 1-dimensional vector (index, distance)
      #-----

      init_nms$Knn_Query(query_data_row = x[1, ], k = 5)

      # returns knn's for all data
      #-----

      all_dat = init_nms$Knn_Query_Batch(x, k = 5, num_threads = 1)
    }
  }
})
```

```

    }
  }, silent=TRUE)

```

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TO_scipy_sparse	<i>conversion of an R sparse matrix to a scipy sparse matrix</i>
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## Description

conversion of an R sparse matrix to a scipy sparse matrix

## Usage

```
TO_scipy_sparse(R_sparse_matrix)
```

## Arguments

`R_sparse_matrix`  
 an R sparse matrix. Acceptable input objects are either a *dgCMatrix* or a *dgRMatrix*.

## Details

This function allows the user to convert either an R *dgCMatrix* or a *dgRMatrix* to a scipy sparse matrix (*scipy.sparse.csc\_matrix* or *scipy.sparse.csr\_matrix*). This is useful because the *nmslibR* package accepts besides an R dense matrix also python sparse matrices as input.

The *dgCMatrix* class is a class of sparse numeric matrices in the compressed, sparse, *column-oriented format*. The *dgRMatrix* class is a class of sparse numeric matrices in the compressed, sparse, *column-oriented format*.

## References

<https://stat.ethz.ch/R-manual/R-devel/library/Matrix/html/dgCMatrix-class.html>, <https://stat.ethz.ch/R-manual/R-devel/library/Matrix/html/dgRMatrix-class.html>, <https://docs.scipy.org/doc/scipy/reference/generated/scipy.sparse>

## Examples

```

try({
  if (reticulate::py_available(initialize = FALSE)) {
    if (reticulate::py_module_available("scipy")) {

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

        library(nmslibR)

        # 'dgCMatrix' sparse matrix
        #-----

```

```
data = c(1, 0, 2, 0, 0, 3, 4, 5, 6)
dgcM = Matrix::Matrix(data = data, nrow = 3,
                      ncol = 3, byrow = TRUE,
                      sparse = TRUE)

print(dim(dgcM))
res = TO_scipy_sparse(dgcM)
print(res$shape)

# 'dgRMatrix' sparse matrix
#-----

dgrM = as(dgcM, "RsparseMatrix")
print(dim(dgrM))
res_dgr = TO_scipy_sparse(dgrM)
print(res_dgr$shape)
}
}
}
}, silent=TRUE)
```

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