Example Session for Supervised Classification

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This document shows an example session for using supervised classification in the package `RecordLinkage` for deduplication of a single data set. Conducting linkage of two data sets differs only in the step of generating record pairs.

See also the vignette on Fellegi-Sunter deduplication for some general information on using the package.

1 Generating comparison patterns

In this session, a training set with 50 matches and 250 non-matches is generated from the included data set `RLData10000`. Record pairs from the set `RLData500` are used to calibrate and subsequently evaluate the classifiers.

```r
data(RLdata500)
data(RLdata10000)
train_pairs=compare.dedup(RLdata10000, identity=identity.RLdata10000,
                        n_match=500, n_non_match=500)
eval_pairs=compare.dedup(RLdata500, identity=identity.RLdata500)
```

2 Training

`trainSupv` handles calibration of supervised classifiers which are selected through the argument `method`. In the following, a single decision tree (rpart), a bootstrap aggregation of decision trees (bagging) and a support vector machine are calibrated (svm).

```r
model_rpart=trainSupv(train_pairs, method="rpart")
model_bagging=trainSupv(train_pairs, method="bagging")
model_svm=trainSupv(train_pairs, method="svm")
```

3 Classification

`classifySupv` handles classification for all supervised classifiers, taking as arguments the structure returned by `trainSupv` which contains the classification model and the set of record pairs which to classify.
4 Results

4.1 Rpart
alpha error 0.000000
beta error 0.012358
accuracy 0.987647

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4.2 Bagging
alpha error 0.020000
beta error 0.003352
accuracy 0.996641

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4.3 SVM
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beta error 0.003593
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