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Description

Model-based clustering with variable selection and estimation of the number of clusters. Data to analyze can be continuous, categorical, integer or mixed. Moreover, missing values can occur and do not necessitate any pre-processing. Shiny application permits an easy interpretation of the results.

Details

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The main function to use is VarSelCluster. Function VarSelCluster carries out the model selection (according to AIC, BIC or MICL) and maximum likelihood estimation.

Function VarSelShiny runs a shiny application which permits an easy interpretation of the clustering results.

Function VarSelImputation permits the imputation of missing values by using the model parameters.

Standard tool methods (e.g., summary, print, plot, coef, fitted, predict...) are available for facilitating the interpretation.

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References


Examples

```r
## Not run:
# Package loading
require(VarSelLCM)

# Data loading:
# x contains the observed variables
# z the known status (i.e. 1: absence and 2: presence of heart disease)
data(heart)
```
ztrue <- heart[, "Class"]
x <- heart[, -13]

# Cluster analysis without variable selection
res_without <- VarSelCluster(x, 2, vbleSel = FALSE, crit.varsel = "BIC")

# Cluster analysis with variable selection (with parallelisation)
res_with <- VarSelCluster(x, 2, nbcores = 2, initModel=40, crit.varsel = "BIC")

# Comparison of the BIC for both models:
# variable selection permits to improve the BIC
BIC(res_without)
BIC(res_with)

# Comparison of the partition accuracy.
# ARI is computed between the true partition (ztrue) and its estimators
# ARI is an index between 0 (partitions are independent) and 1 (partitions are equals)
# variable selection permits to improve the ARI
# Note that ARI cannot be used for model selection in clustering, because there is no true partition
ARI(ztrue, fitted(res_without))
ARI(ztrue, fitted(res_with))

# Estimated partition
fitted(res_with)

# Estimated probabilities of classification
head(fitted(res_with, type="probability"))

# Summary of the probabilities of misclassification
plot(res_with, type="probs-class")

# Confusion matrices and ARI (only possible because the "true" partition is known).
# ARI is computed between the true partition (ztrue) and its estimators
# ARI is an index between 0 (partitions are independent) and 1 (partitions are equals)
# variable selection permits to improve the ARI
# Note that ARI cannot be used for model selection in clustering, because there is no true partition
# variable selection decreases the misclassification error rate
table(ztrue, fitted(res_without))
table(ztrue, fitted(res_with))
ARI(ztrue, fitted(res_without))
ARI(ztrue, fitted(res_with))

# Summary of the best model
summary(res_with)

# Discriminative power of the variables (here, the most discriminative variable is MaxHeartRate)
plot(res_with)

# More detailed output
print(res_with)

# Print model parameter
coef(res_with)
# Boxplot for the continuous variable MaxHeartRate
plot(x=res_with, y="MaxHeartRate")

# Empirical and theoretical distributions of the most discriminative variable
# (to check that the distribution is well-fitted)
plot(res_with, y="MaxHeartRate", type="cdf")

# Summary of categorical variable
plot(res_with, y="Sex")

# Probabilities of classification for new observations
predict(res_with, newdata = x[1:3,])

# Imputation by posterior mean for the first observation
not.imputed <- x[1,]
imputed <- VarSelImputation(res_with, x[1,], method = "sampling")
rrbind(not.imputed, imputed)

# Opening Shiny application to easily see the results
VarSelShiny(res_with)

## End(Not run)

### AIC

**AIC**

**Description**

This function gives the AIC criterion of an instance of `VSLCMresults`. AIC is computed according to the formula

\[
AIC = log - \text{likelihood} - \nu
\]

where \(\nu\) denotes the number of parameters in the fitted model.

**Usage**

```r
## S4 method for signature 'VSLCMresults'
AIC(object)
```

**Arguments**

- **object** instance of `VSLCMresults`.

**References**

Examples

```r
# Data loading:
data(heart)

# Cluster analysis without variable selection
res <- VarSelCluster(heart[, -13], 2, vbleSelec = FALSE)

# Get the AIC value
AIC(res)
```

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**ARI**

*Adjusted Rand Index*

**Description**

This function computes the Adjusted Rand Index.

**Usage**

```r
ARI(x, y)
```

**Arguments**

- `x`: vector defining a partition.
- `y`: vector defining a partition of whose length is equal to the length of `x`.

**Value**

numeric

**References**


**Examples**

```r
x <- sample(1:2, 20, replace=TRUE)
y <- x
y[1:5] <- sample(1:2, 5, replace=TRUE)
ARI(x, y)
```
**BIC**

_BIC criterion._

**Description**

This function gives the BIC criterion of an instance of _VSLCMresults_. BIC is computed according to the formula

\[
BIC = \log - \text{likelihood} - 0.5 * \nu * \log(n)
\]

where \(\nu\) denotes the number of parameters in the fitted model and \(n\) represents the sample size.

**Usage**

```r
## S4 method for signature 'VSLCMresults'
BIC(object)
```

**Arguments**

- `object` instance of _VSLCMresults_.

**References**


**Examples**

```r
# Data loading:
data(heart)

# Cluster analysis without variable selection (number of clusters between 1 and 3)
res<- VarSelCluster(heart[,-13], 2, vbleSelec = FALSE)

# Get the BIC value
BIC(res)
```

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**coef**

_Extract the parameters_

**Description**

This function returns an instance of class _VSLCParam_ which contains the model parameters.

**Usage**

```r
## S4 method for signature 'VSLCMresults'
coef(object)
```
Arguments

object instance of \texttt{VSLCMresults}.

Examples

# Data loading:
data(heart)

# Cluster analysis without variable selection (number of clusters between 1 and 3)
res <- VarSelCluster(heart[, -13], 1:3, vbleSel = FALSE)

# Get the ICL value
coeff(res)

\begin{verbatim}
coefficients Extract the parameters
\end{verbatim}

Description

This function returns an instance of class \texttt{VSLCMparam} which contains the model parameters.

Usage

\begin{verbatim}
\# S4 method for signature 'VSLCMresults'
coefficients(object)
\end{verbatim}

Arguments

object instance of \texttt{VSLCMresults}.

Examples

# Data loading:
data(heart)

# Cluster analysis without variable selection (number of clusters between 1 and 3)
res <- VarSelCluster(heart[, -13], 1:3, vbleSel = FALSE)

# Get the ICL value
coefficients(res)
fitted

Extract the partition or the probabilities of classification

Description
This function returns the probabilities of classification or the partition among the observations of an instance of `VSLCMresults`.

Usage
```
## S4 method for signature 'VSLCMresults'
fitted(object, type = "partition")
```

Arguments
- **object**: instance of `VSLCMresults`.
- **type**: the type of prediction: probability of classification (probability) or the partition (partition).

Examples
```
# Data loading:
data(heart)

# Cluster analysis without variable selection (number of clusters between 1 and 3)
res <- VarSelCluster(heart[,-13], 2, vbleSelec = FALSE)

# Get the ICL value
fitted(res)
```

fitted.values

Extract the partition or the probabilities of classification

Description
This function returns the probabilities of classification or the partition among the observations of an instance of `VSLCMresults`.

Usage
```
## S4 method for signature 'VSLCMresults'
fitted.values(object, type = "partition")
```

Arguments
- **object**: instance of `VSLCMresults`.
- **type**: the type of prediction: probability of classification (probability) or the partition (partition).

Examples
```
# Data loading:
data(heart)

# Cluster analysis without variable selection (number of clusters between 1 and 3)
res <- VarSelCluster(heart[,-13], 2, vbleSelec = FALSE)

# Get the ICL value
fitted(values(res)
```
Arguments

object instance of `VSLCMresults`.
type the type of prediction: probability of classification (probability) or the partition (partition)

Examples

# Data loading:
data(heart)

# Cluster analysis without variable selection (number of clusters between 1 and 3)
res <- VarSelCluster(heart[, -13], 2, vbleSelec = FALSE)

# Get the ICL value
fitted.values(res)

heart

Statlog (Heart) Data Set

Description

This dataset is a heart disease database similar to a database already present in the repository (Heart Disease databases) but in a slightly different form.

Details

12 variables are used to cluster the observations

- age (integer)
- sex (binary)
- chest pain type (categorical with 4 levels)
- resting blood pressure (continuous)
- serum cholestoral in mg/dl (continuous)
- fasting blood sugar > 120 mg/dl (binary)
- resting electrocardiographic results (categorical with 3 levels)
- maximum heart rate achieved (continuous)
- exercise induced angina (binary)
- the slope of the peak exercise ST segment (categorical with 3 levels)
- number of major vessels colored by flourosopy (categorical with 4 levels)
- thal: 3 = normal; 6 = fixed defect; 7 = reversible defect (categorical with 3 levels)

1 variable define a "true" partition: Absence (1) or presence (2) of heart disease
ICL

References


Examples

data(heart)

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Description

This function gives the ICL criterion for an instance of VSLCMresults.

Usage

ICL(object)

Arguments

object VSLCMresults

References


Examples

# Data loading:
data(heart)

# Cluster analysis without variable selection
res <- VarSelCluster(heart[,,-13], 2, vbleSelec = FALSE)

# Get the ICL value
ICL(res)
MICL

MICL criterion

Description
This function gives the MICL criterion for an instance of VSLCMresults.

Usage
MICL(object)

Arguments

object VSLCMresults

References

Examples
## Not run:
# Data loading:
data("heart")

# Cluster analysis with variable selection
object <- VarSelCluster(heart[, -13], 2, vbleSelec = TRUE, crit.varsel = "MICL")

# Get the MICL value
MICL(object)
## End(Not run)

plot
Plots of an instance of VSLCMresults

Description
This function proposes different plots of an instance of VSLCMresults. It permits to visualize:

- the discriminative power of the variables (type="bar" or type="pie"). The larger is the discriminative power of a variable, the more explained are the clusters by this variable.
- the probabilities of misclassification (type="probs-overall" or type="probs-class").
- the distribution of a single variable (y is the name of the variable and type="boxplot" or type="cdf").
Usage

## S4 method for signature 'VSLCMresults,character'
plot(x, y, type = "boxplot", ylim = c(1, x@data@d))

Arguments

x  
instance of VSLCMresults.

y  
character. The name of the variable to plotted (only used if type="boxplot" or type="cdf").

type  
character. The type of plot ("bar": barplot of the discriminative power, "pie": pie of the discriminative power, "probs-overall": histogram of the probabilities of misclassification, "probs-class": histogram of the probabilities of misclassification per cluster, "boxplot": boxplot of a single variable per cluster, "cdf": distribution of a single variable per cluster).

ylim  
numeric. Define the range of the most discriminative variables to considered (only use if type="pie" or type="bar")

Examples

## Not run:
require(VarSelLCM)

# Data loading:
# x contains the observed variables
# z the known statu (i.e. 1: absence and 2: presence of heart disease)
data(heart)
ztrue <- heart[,"Class"]
x <- heart[,13]

# Cluster analysis with variable selection (with parallelisation)
res_with <- VarSelCluster(x, 2, nbcores = 2, initModel=40)

# Summary of the probabilities of missclassification
plot(res_with, type="probs-class")

# Discriminative power of the variables (here, the most discriminative variable is MaxHeartRate)
plot(res_with)

# Boxplot for the continuous variable MaxHeartRate
plot(res_with, y="MaxHeartRate")

# Empirical and theoretical distributions (to check that the distribution is well-fitted)
plot(res_with, y="MaxHeartRate", type="cdf")

# Summary of categorical variable
plot(res_with, y="Sex")

## End(Not run)
### predict

**Prediction of the cluster memberships**

Description

This function gives the probabilities of classification for new observations by using the mixture model fit with the function `VarSelCluster`.

Usage

```r
## S4 method for signature 'VSLCMresults'
predict(object, newdata, type = "probability")
```

Arguments

- `object`: instance of `VSLCMresults`.
- `newdata`: data.frame of the observations to classify.
- `type`: the type of prediction: probability of classification (probability) or the partition (partition).

Value

Returns a matrix of the probabilities of classification.

### print

**Print function.**

Description

This function gives the print of an instance of `VSLCMresults`.

Usage

```r
## S4 method for signature 'VSLCMresults'
print(x)
```

Arguments

- `x`: instance of `VSLCMresults`.  

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predict(object, newdata, type = "probability")
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Summary

Summary function.

Description

This function gives the summary of an instance of \texttt{VSLCMresults}.

Usage

```r
## S4 method for signature 'VSLCMresults'
summary(object)
```

Arguments

- \texttt{object} instance of \texttt{VSLCMresults}.

VarSelCluster

Variable selection and clustering.

Description

This function performs the model selection and the maximum likelihood estimation. It can be used for clustering only (i.e., all the variables are assumed to be discriminative). In this case, you must specify the data to cluster (arg. \texttt{x}), the number of clusters (arg. \texttt{g}) and the option \texttt{vbleSelec} must be \texttt{FALSE}. This function can also be used for variable selection in clustering. In this case, you must specify the data to analyse (arg. \texttt{x}), the number of clusters (arg. \texttt{g}) and the option \texttt{vbleSelec} must be \texttt{TRUE}. Variable selection can be done with BIC, MICL or AIC.

Usage

```r
VarSelCluster(x, gvals, vbleSelec = TRUE, crit.varsel = "BIC", 
initModel = 50, nbcores = 1, discrim = rep(1, ncol(x)), nbSmall = 250, 
iterSmall = 20, nbKeep = 50, iterKeep = 1000, tolKeep = 10^(-6))
```

Arguments

- \texttt{x} data.frame/matrix. Rows correspond to observations and columns correspond to variables. Continuous variables must be "numeric", count variables must be "integer" and categorical variables must be "factor"
- \texttt{gvals} numeric. It defines number of components to consider.
- \texttt{vbleSelec} logical. It indicates if a variable selection is done
- \texttt{crit.varsel} character. It defines the information criterion used for model selection. Without variable selection, you can use one of the three criteria: "AIC", "BIC" and "ICL". With variable selection, you can use "AIC", "BIC" and "MICL".
initModel numeric. It gives the number of initializations of the alternated algorithm maximizing the MICL criterion (only used if crit.varsel="MICL")
nbcores numeric. It defines the number of cores used by the algorithm
discrim numeric. It indicates if each variable is discriminative (1) or irrelevant (0) (only used if vbleSelec=0)
nbSmall numeric. It indicates the number of SmallEM algorithms performed for the ML inference
iterSmall numeric. It indicates the number of iterations for each SmallEM algorithm
nbKeep numeric. It indicates the number of chains used for the final EM algorithm
iterKeep numeric. It indicates the maximal number of iterations for each EM algorithm
tolKeep numeric. It indicates the maximal gap between two successive iterations of EM algorithm which stops the algorithm

Value

Returns an instance of VSLCMresults.

References


Examples

```r
## Not run:
# Package loading
require(VarSelLCM)

# Data loading:
# x contains the observed variables
# z the known statu (i.e. 1: absence and 2: presence of heart disease)
data(heart)
ztrue <- heart[,"Class"]
x <- heart[,13]

# Cluster analysis without variable selection
res_without <- VarSelCluster(x, 2, vbleSelec = FALSE, crit.varsel = "BIC")

# Cluster analysis with variable selection (with parallelisation)
res_with <- VarSelCluster(x, 2, nbcores = 2, initModel=40, crit.varsel = "BIC")

# Comparison of the BIC for both models:
# variable selection permits to improve the BIC
BIC(res_without)
BIC(res_with)

# Confusion matrices and ARI (only possible because the "true" partition is known).
```
# ARI is computed between the true partition (ztrue) and its estimators
# ARI is an index between 0 (partitions are independent) and 1 (partitions are equals)
# variable selection permits to improve the ARI
# Note that ARI cannot be used for model selection in clustering, because there is no true partition
# variable selection decreases the misclassification error rate

```
table(ztrue, fitted(res_without))
table(ztrue, fitted(res_with))
ARI(ztrue, fitted(res_without))
ARI(ztrue, fitted(res_with))
```

# Estimated partition
fitted(res_with)

# Estimated probabilities of classification
head(fitted(res_with, type="probability"))

# Summary of the probabilities of misclassification
plot(res_with, type="probs-class")

# Summary of the best model
summary(res_with)

# Discriminative power of the variables (here, the most discriminative variable is MaxHeartRate)
plot(res_with)

# More detailed output
print(res_with)

# Print model parameter
coef(res_with)

# Boxplot for the continuous variable MaxHeartRate
plot(x=res_with, y="MaxHeartRate")

# Empirical and theoretical distributions of the most discriminative variable
# (to check that the distribution is well-fitted)
plot(res_with, y="MaxHeartRate", type="cdf")

# Summary of categorical variable
plot(res_with, y="Sex")

# Probabilities of classification for new observations
predict(res_with, newdata = x[1:3,])

# Imputation by posterior mean for the first observation
not.imputed <- x[1,]
imputed <- VarSelImputation(res_with, x[1,], method = "sampling")
rbind(not.imputed, imputed)

# Opening Shiny application to easily see the results
VarSelShiny(res_with)
## End(Not run)

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**VarSelImputation**

**Imputation of missing values**

**Description**

This function permits imputation of missing values in a dataset by using mixture model. Two methods can be used for imputation:

- posterior mean (method="postmean")
- sampling from the full conditionnal distribution (method="sampling")

**Usage**

```
VarSelImputation(obj, newdata, method = "postmean")
```

**Arguments**

- `obj` an instance of `VSLCMresults` which defines the model used for imputation.
- `newdata` data.frame Dataset containing the missing values to impute.
- `method` character defining the method of imputation: "postmean" or "sampling"

**Examples**

```
# Data loading
data("heart")

# Clustering en 2 classes
results <- VarSelCluster(heart[,-13], 2)

# Data where missing values will be imputed
newdata <- heart[1:2,-13]
newdata[1,1] <- NA
newdata[2,2] <- NA

# Imputation
VarSelImputation(results, newdata)
```
**VarSelShiny**

*Shiny app for analyzing results from VarSelCluster*

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**Description**

Shiny app for analyzing results from VarSelCluster

**Usage**

VarSelShiny(X)

**Arguments**

X an instance of VSLCMresults returned by function VarSelCluster.

**Examples**

```r
## Not run:
# Data loading
data("heart")
# Clustering en 2 classes
results <- VarSelCluster(heart[,-13], 2)
# Opening Shiny application to easily see the results
VarSelShiny(results)
## End(Not run)
```

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**VSLCMcriteria-class**

*Constructor of VSLCMcriteria class*

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**Description**

- **loglikelihood** numeric. Log-likelihood
- **AIC** numeric. Value of the AIC criterion.
- **BIC** numeric. Value of the BIC criterion.
- **ICL** numeric. Value of the ICL criterion.
- **MICL** numeric. Value of the MICL criterion.
- **nbparam** integer. Number of parameters.
- **cvrate** numeric. Rate of convergence of the alternated algorithm for optimizing the MICL criterion.
- **degeneracyrate** numeric. Rate of degeneracy for the selected model.
- **discrim** numeric. Discriminative power of each variable.

**Examples**

```r
getSlots("VSLCMcriteria")
```
VSLCMdata-class  Constructor of VSLCMdata class

Description

- **n**  number of observations
- **d**  number of variables
- **withContinuous**  logical indicating if some variables are continuous
- **withInteger**  logical indicating if some variables are integer
- **withCategorica**  logical indicating if some variables are categorical
- **dataContinuous**  instance of VSLCMdataContinuous containing the continuous data
- **dataInteger**  instance of VSLCMdataContinuous containing the integer data
- **dataCategorical**  instance of VSLCMdataContinuous containing the categorical data
- **var.names**  labels of the variables

Examples

getSlots("VSLCMdata")

VSLCMmodel-class  Constructor of VSLCMmodel class

Description

- **g**  numeric. Number of components.
- **omega**  logical. Vector indicating if each variable is irrelevant (1) or not (0) to the clustering.
- **names.relevant**  character. Names of the relevant variables.
- **names.irrelevant**  character. Names of the irrelevant variables.

Examples

getSlots("VSLCMmodel")
VSLCMparam-class

Constructor of VSLCMparam class

Description

- **pi** numeric. Proportions of the mixture components.
- **paramContinuous** VSLCMparamContinuous. Parameters of the continuous variables.
- **paramInteger** VSLCMparamInteger. Parameters of the integer variables.
- **paramCategorical** VSLCMparamCategorical. Parameters of the categorical variables.

Examples

```r
getSlots("VSLCMparam")
```

VSLCMparamCategorical-class

Constructor of VSLCMparamCategorical class

Description

- **pi** numeric. Proportions of the mixture components.
- **alpha** list. Parameters of the multinomial distributions.

Examples

```r
getSlots("VSLCMparamCategorical")
```

VSLCMparamContinuous-class

Constructor of VSLCMparamContinuous class

Description

- **pi** numeric. Proportions of the mixture components.
- **mu** matrix. Mean for each component (column) and each variable (row).
- **sd** matrix. Standard deviation for each component (column) and each variable (row).

Examples

```r
getSlots("VSLCMparamContinuous")
```
VSLCMparamInteger-class  

Constructor of VSLCMparamInteger class

Description

- pi numeric. Proportions of the mixture components.
- lambda matrix. Mean for each component (column) and each variable (row).

Examples

getSlots("VSLCMparamInteger")

VSLCMpartitions-class  Constructor of VSLCMpartitions class

Description

- zMAP numeric. A vector indicating the class membership of each individual by using the MAP rule computed for the best model with its maximum likelihood estimates.
- zOPT numeric. Partition maximizing the integrated complete-data likelihood of the selected model.
- tik numeric. Fuzzy partition computed for the best model with its maximum likelihood estimates.

Examples

getSlots("VSLCMpartitions")

VSLCMresults-class  Constructor of VSLCMresults class

Description

- data VSLCMdata. Results relied to the data.
- criteria VSLCMcriteria. Results relied to the information criteria.
- partitions VSLCMpartitions. Results relied to the partitions.
- model VSLCMmodel. Results relied to the selected model.
- strategy VSLCMstrategy. Results relied to the tune parameters.
- param VSLCMparam. Results relied to the parameters.

Examples

getSlots("VSLCMresults")
VSLCMstrategy-class  Constructor of VSLCMstrategy class

Description

- **initModel** numeric. Number of initialisations for the model selection algorithm.
- **vbleSelect** logical. It indicates if the selection of the variables is performed.
- **paramEstim** logical. It indicates if the parameter estimation is performed.
- **parallel** logical. It indicates if a parallelisation is done.
- **nbSmall** numeric. It indicates the number of small EM.
- **iterSmall** numeric. It indicates the number of iteration for the small EM
- **nbKeep** numeric. It indicates the number of chains kept for the EM.
- **iterKeep** numeric. It indicates the maximum number of iteration for the EM.
- **tolKeep** numeric. It indicates the value of the difference between successive iterations of EM stopping the EM.

Examples

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getSlots("VSLCMstrategy")
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