Package ‘bestNormalize’
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Description Estimate a suite of normalizing transformations, including
a new adaptation of a technique based on ranks which can guarantee
normally distributed transformed data if there are no ties: ordered
quantile normalization (ORQ). ORQ normalization combines a rank-mapping
approach with a shifted logit approximation that allows
the transformation to work on data outside the original domain. It is
also able to handle new data within the original domain via linear
interpolation. The package is built to estimate the best normalizing
transformation for a vector consistently and accurately. It implements
the Box-Cox transformation, the Yeo-Johnson transformation, three types
of Lambert WxF transformations, and the ordered quantile normalization
transformation. It also estimates the normalization efficacy of other
commonly used transformations, and finally it allows users to specify
custom transformations or normalization statistics.

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Description

The bestNormalize package provides several normalizing transformations, and introduces a new transformation based off of the order statistics, orderNorm. Perhaps the most useful function is bestNormalize, which attempts all of these transformations and picks the best one based off of a goodness of fit statistic.

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See Also

Useful links:

- https://github.com/petersonR/bestNormalize
arcsinh_x

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**Description**

Perform a arcsinh(x) transformation

**Usage**

```r
arcsinh_x(x, standardize = TRUE, ...)
```

```r
## S3 method for class 'arcsinh_x'
predict(object, newdata = NULL, inverse = FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

- `x` A vector to normalize with with x
- `standardize` If TRUE, the transformed values are also centered and scaled, such that the transformation attempts a standard normal
- `...` additional arguments
- `object` an object of class 'arcsinh_x'
- `newdata` a vector of data to be (potentially reverse) transformed
- `inverse` if TRUE, performs reverse transformation

**Details**

`arcsinh_x` performs an arcsinh transformation in the context of bestNormalize, such that it creates a transformation that can be estimated and applied to new data via the `predict` function.

The function is explicitly: \( \log(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1}) \)

**Value**

A list of class `arcsinh_x` with elements

- `x.t` transformed original data
- `x` original data
- `mean` mean after transformation but prior to standardization
- `sd` sd after transformation but prior to standardization
- `n` number of nonmissing observations
- `norm_stat` Pearson’s P / degrees of freedom
- `standardize` was the transformation standardized

The `predict` function returns the numeric value of the transformation performed on new data, and allows for the inverse transformation as well.
Examples

```r
x <- rgamma(100, 1, 1)
arcsinh_x_obj <- arcsinh_x(x)
arcsinh_x_obj
p <- predict(arcsinh_x_obj)
x2 <- predict(arcsinh_x_obj, newdata = p, inverse = TRUE)
all.equal(x2, x)
```

autotrader

**Prices of 6,283 cars listed on Autotrader**

Description

A dataset containing the prices and other attributes of over 6000 cars in the Minneapolis area.

Usage

autotrader

Format

A data frame with 6283 rows and 10 variables:

- **price**: price, in US dollars
- **Car_Info**: Raw description from website
- **Link**: hyperlink to listing (must be appended to https://www.autotrader.com/)
- **Make**: Car manufacturer
- **Year**: Year car manufactured
- **Location**: Location of listing
- **Radius**: Radius chosen for search
- **mileage**: mileage on vehicle
- **status**: used/new/certified
- **model**: make and model, separated by space

Source

https://www.autotrader.com/
bestNormalize

Calculate and perform best normalizing transformation

Description

Performs a suite of normalizing transformations, and selects the best one on the basis of the Pearson P test statistic for normality. The transformation that has the lowest P (calculated on the transformed data) is selected. See details for more information.

Usage

```r
bestNormalize(
  x,
  standardize = TRUE,
  allow_orderNorm = TRUE,
  allow_lambert_s = FALSE,
  allow_lambert_h = FALSE,
  allow_exp = TRUE,
  out_of_sample = TRUE,
  cluster = NULL,
  k = 10,
  r = 5,
  loo = FALSE,
  warn = FALSE,
  quiet = FALSE,
  tr_opts = list(),
  new_transforms = list(),
  norm_stat_fn = NULL,
  ...
)
```

## S3 method for class 'bestNormalize'

```r
predict(object, newdata = NULL, inverse = FALSE, ...)
```

## S3 method for class 'bestNormalize'

```r
print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

- `x` A vector to normalize
- `standardize` If TRUE, the transformed values are also centered and scaled, such that the transformation attempts a standard normal. This will not change the normality statistic.
- `allow_orderNorm` set to FALSE if orderNorm should not be applied
- `allow_lambert_s` Set to TRUE if the lambertW of type "s" should be applied (see details)
allow_lambert_h
Set to TRUE if the lambertW of type "h" should be applied (see details)
allow_exp
Set to TRUE if the exponential transformation should be applied (sometimes this will cause errors with heavy right skew)
out_of_sample
if FALSE, estimates quickly in-sample performance
cluster
name of cluster set using makeCluster
k
number of folds
r
number of repeats
loo
should leave-one-out CV be used instead of repeated CV? (see details)
warn
Should bestNormalize warn when a method doesn’t work?
quiet
Should a progress-bar not be displayed for cross-validation progress?
tr_opts
a list (of lists), specifying options to be passed to each transformation (see details)
new_transforms
a named list of new transformation functions and their predict methods (see details)
norm_stat_fn
if specified, a function to calculate to assess normality (default is the pearson chi-squared statistic divided by its d.f.)
... additional arguments.
object
an object of class 'bestNormalize'
newdata
a vector of data to be (reverse) transformed
inverse
if TRUE, performs reverse transformation

Details
bestNormalize estimates the optimal normalizing transformation. This transformation can be performed on new data, and inverted, via the predict function.
This function currently estimates the Yeo-Johnson transformation, the Box Cox transformation (if the data is positive), the log_10(x+a) transformation, the square-root (x+a) transformation, and the arcsinh transformation. a is set to max(0, -min(x) + eps) by default. If allow_orderNorm == TRUE and if out_of_sample == FALSE then the ordered quantile normalization technique will likely be chosen since it essentially forces the data to follow a normal distribution. More information on the orderNorm technique can be found in the package vignette, or using ?orderNorm.
Repeated cross-validation is used by default to estimate the out-of-sample performance of each transformation if out_of_sample = TRUE. While this can take some time, users can speed it up by creating a cluster via the parallel package’s makeCluster function, and passing the name of this cluster to bestNormalize via the cl argument. For best performance, we recommend the number of clusters to be set to the number of repeats r. Care should be taken to account for the number of observations per fold; too small a number and the estimated normality statistic could be inaccurate, or at least suffer from high variability.
As of version 1.3, users can use leave-one-out cross-validation as well for each method by setting loo to TRUE. This will take a lot of time for bigger vectors, but it will have the most accurate estimate of normalization efficacy. Note that if this method is selected, arguments k, r are ignored.
This method will still work in parallel with the cl argument.
NOTE: Only the Lambert technique of type = "s" (skew) ensures that the transformation is consistently 1-1, so it is the only method currently used in bestNormalize(). Use type = "h" or type = 'hh' at risk of not having this estimate 1-1 transform. These alternative types are effective when the data has exceptionally heavy tails, e.g. the Cauchy distribution. Additionally, as of v. 1.2.0, Lambert of type "s" is not used by default in bestNormalize() since it uses multiple threads on some Linux systems, which is not allowed on CRAN checks. Set allow_lambert_s = TRUE in order to test this transformation as well. Note that the Lambert of type "h" can also be done by setting allow_lambert_h = TRUE, however this can take significantly longer to run.

Use tr_opts in order to set options for each transformation. For instance, if you want to override the default a selection for log_x, set tr_opts$log_x = list(a = 1).

See the package’s vignette on how to use custom functions with bestNormalize. All it takes is to create an S3 class and predict method for the new transformation and load it into the environment, then the new custom function (and its predict method) can be passed to bestNormalize with new_transform.

Value
A list of class bestNormalize with elements

- x.t: transformed original data
- x: original data
- norm_stats: Pearson’s Pearson’s P / degrees of freedom
- method: out-of-sample or in-sample, number of folds + repeats
- chosen_transform: the chosen transformation (of appropriate class)
- other_transforms: the other transformations (of appropriate class)
- oos_preds: Out-of-sample predictions (if loo == TRUE) or normalization stats

The predict function returns the numeric value of the transformation performed on new data, and allows for the inverse transformation as well.

See Also
boxcox, orderNorm, yeojohnson

Examples

```r
x <- rgamma(100, 1, 1)

## Not run:
# With Repeated CV
BN_obj <- bestNormalize(x)
BN_obj
p <- predict(BN_obj)
x2 <- predict(BN_obj, newdata = p, inverse = TRUE)
```
all.equal(x2, x)
## End(Not run)

## Not run:
# With leave-one-out CV
BN_obj <- bestNormalize(x, loo = TRUE)
BN_obj
p <- predict(BN_obj)
x2 <- predict(BN_obj, newdata = p, inverse = TRUE)
all.equal(x2, x)
## End(Not run)

# Without CV
BN_obj <- bestNormalize(x, allow_orderNorm = FALSE, out_of_sample = FALSE)
BN_obj
p <- predict(BN_obj)
x2 <- predict(BN_obj, newdata = p, inverse = TRUE)
all.equal(x2, x)

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binarize  Binarize

Description

This function will perform a binarizing transformation, which could be used as a last resort if the data cannot be adequately normalized. This may be useful when accidentally attempting normalization of a binary vector (which could occur if implementing bestNormalize in an automated fashion). Note that the transformation is not one-to-one, in contrast to the other functions in this package.

Usage

binarize(x, location_measure = "median")

## S3 method for class 'binarize'
predict(object, newdata = NULL, inverse = FALSE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'binarize'
print(x, ...)
location_measure
which location measure should be used? can either be "median", "mean", "mode", a number, or a function.

object
an object of class ‘binarize’

newdata
a vector of data to be (reverse) transformed

inverse
if TRUE, performs reverse transformation

Value
A list of class binarize with elements

x.t  transformed original data
x  original data
method  location_measure used for original fitting
location  estimated location_measure
n  number of nonmissing observations
norm_stat  Pearson’s P / degrees of freedom

The predict function with inverse = FALSE returns the numeric value (0 or 1) of the transformation on newdata (which defaults to the original data).
If inverse = TRUE, since the transform is not 1-1, it will create and return a factor that indicates where the original data was cut.

Examples

```r
x <- rgamma(100, 1, 1)
binarize_obj <- binarize(x)
(p <- predict(binarize_obj))

predict(binarize_obj, newdata = p, inverse = TRUE)
```

boxcox  

Box-Cox Normalization

Description
Perform a Box-Cox transformation and center/scale a vector to attempt normalization

Usage

```r
boxcox(x, standardize = TRUE, ...)
```

```r
# S3 method for class 'boxcox'
predict(object, newdata = NULL, inverse = FALSE, ...)
```

```r
# S3 method for class 'boxcox'
print(x, ...)
```
Arguments

- **x**: A vector to normalize with Box-Cox
- **standardize**: If TRUE, the transformed values are also centered and scaled, such that the transformation attempts a standard normal
- **...**: Additional arguments that can be passed to the estimation of the lambda parameter (lower, upper, epsilon)
- **object**: an object of class ‘boxcox’
- **newdata**: a vector of data to be (reverse) transformed
- **inverse**: if TRUE, performs reverse transformation

Details

`boxcox` estimates the optimal value of lambda for the Box-Cox transformation. This transformation can be performed on new data, and inverted, via the `predict` function.

The function will return an error if a user attempt to transform nonpositive data.

Value

A list of class `boxcox` with elements

- **x.t**: transformed original data
- **x**: original data
- **mean**: mean after transformation but prior to standardization
- **sd**: sd after transformation but prior to standardization
- **lambda**: estimated lambda value for skew transformation
- **n**: number of nonmissing observations
- **norm_stat**: Pearson’s P / degrees of freedom
- **standardize**: was the transformation standardized

The `predict` function returns the numeric value of the transformation performed on new data, and allows for the inverse transformation as well.

References


See Also

`boxcox`
exp_x

Examples

```r
x <- rgamma(100, 1, 1)
bc_obj <- boxcox(x)
bc_obj
p <- predict(bc_obj)
x2 <- predict(bc_obj, newdata = p, inverse = TRUE)
all.equal(x2, x)
```

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Description

Perform a exp(x) transformation

Usage

```r
exp_x(x, standardize = TRUE, warn = TRUE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'exp_x'
predict(object, newdata = NULL, inverse = FALSE, ...)

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

Arguments

- **x**: A vector to normalize with with x
- **standardize**: If TRUE, the transformed values are also centered and scaled, such that the transformation attempts a standard normal
- **warn**: Should a warning result from infinite values?
- **...**: additional arguments
- **object**: an object of class 'exp_x'
- **newdata**: a vector of data to be (potentially reverse) transformed
- **inverse**: if TRUE, performs reverse transformation

Details

exp_x performs a simple exponential transformation in the context of bestNormalize, such that it creates a transformation that can be estimated and applied to new data via the predict function.
Value

A list of class exp_x with elements

- x.t: transformed original data
- x: original data
- mean: mean after transformation but prior to standardization
- sd: sd after transformation but prior to standardization
- n: number of nonmissing observations
- norm_stat: Pearson’s P / degrees of freedom
- standardize: was the transformation standardized

The predict function returns the numeric value of the transformation performed on new data, and allows for the inverse transformation as well.

Examples

```r
x <- rgamma(100, 1, 1)
exp_x_obj <- exp_x(x)
exp_x_obj
p <- predict(exp_x_obj)
x2 <- predict(exp_x_obj, newdata = p, inverse = TRUE)
all.equal(x2, x)
```

Description

Perform Lambert’s W x F transformation and center/scale a vector to attempt normalization via the LambertW package.

Usage

```r
lambert(x, type = "s", standardize = TRUE, ...)
```

## S3 method for class 'lambert'
predict(object, newdata = NULL, inverse = FALSE, ...)

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

lambert
Lambert W x F Normalization
Arguments

- **x**: A vector to normalize with Box-Cox
- **type**: a character indicating which transformation to perform (options are "s", "h", and "hh", see details)
- **standardize**: If TRUE, the transformed values are also centered and scaled, such that the transformation attempts a standard normal
- **object**: an object of class 'lambert'
- **newdata**: a vector of data to be (reverse) transformed
- **inverse**: if TRUE, performs reverse transformation

Details

`lambert` uses the LambertW package to estimate a normalizing (or "Gaussianizing") transformation. This transformation can be performed on new data, and inverted, via the `predict` function.

NOTE: The type = "s" argument is the only one that does the 1-1 transform consistently, and so it is the only method currently used in `bestNormalize()`. Use type = "h" or type = 'hh’ at risk of not having this estimate 1-1 transform. These alternative types are effective when the data has exceptionally heavy tails, e.g. the Cauchy distribution.

Additionally, sometimes (depending on the distribution) this method will be unable to extrapolate beyond the observed bounds. In these cases, NaN is returned.

Value

A list of class `lambert` with elements

- **x.t**: transformed original data
- **x**: original data
- **mean**: mean after transformation but prior to standardization
- **sd**: sd after transformation but prior to standardization
- **tau.mat**: estimated parameters of LambertW::Gaussianize
- **n**: number of nonmissing observations
- **norm_stat**: Pearson’s P / degrees of freedom
- **standardize**: was the transformation standardized

The `predict` function returns the numeric value of the transformation performed on new data, and allows for the inverse transformation as well.

References


See Also

Gaussianize

Examples

```r
## Not run:
x <- rgamma(100, 1, 1)

lambert_obj <- lambert(x)
lambert_obj
p <- predict(lambert_obj)
x2 <- predict(lambert_obj, newdata = p, inverse = TRUE)

all.equal(x2, x)

## End(Not run)
```

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**log_x**

*Log(x + a) Transformation*

Description

Perform a \( \log_b (x+a) \) normalization transformation

Usage

```r
log_x(x, a = NULL, b = 10, standardize = TRUE, eps = 0.001, warn = TRUE, ...)
```

## S3 method for class 'log_x'

```r
predict(object, newdata = NULL, inverse = FALSE, ...)
```

## S3 method for class 'log_x'

```r
print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

- **x**: A vector to normalize with
- **a**: The constant to add to x (defaults to max(0, -min(x) + eps))
- **b**: The base of the log (defaults to 10)
- **standardize**: If TRUE, the transformed values are also centered and scaled, such that the transformation attempts a standard normal
- **eps**: The allowed error in the expression for the selected a
- **warn**: Should a warning result from infinite values?
- **...**: additional arguments
- **object**: an object of class 'log_x'
- **newdata**: a vector of data to be (potentially reverse) transformed
- **inverse**: if TRUE, performs reverse transformation
Details

\texttt{log\_x} performs a simple log transformation in the context of bestNormalize, such that it creates a transformation that can be estimated and applied to new data via the \texttt{predict} function. The parameter \(a\) is essentially estimated by the training set by default (estimated as the minimum possible to some extent epsilon), while the base must be specified beforehand.

Value

A list of class \texttt{log\_x} with elements

\begin{itemize}
  \item \texttt{x.t} \quad \text{transformed original data}
  \item \texttt{x} \quad \text{original data}
  \item \texttt{mean} \quad \text{mean after transformation but prior to standardization}
  \item \texttt{sd} \quad \text{sd after transformation but prior to standardization}
  \item \texttt{a} \quad \text{estimated a value}
  \item \texttt{b} \quad \text{estimated base b value}
  \item \texttt{n} \quad \text{number of nonmissing observations}
  \item \texttt{norm.stat} \quad \text{Pearson’s P / degrees of freedom}
  \item \texttt{standardize} \quad \text{was the transformation standardized}
\end{itemize}

The \texttt{predict} function returns the numeric value of the transformation performed on new data, and allows for the inverse transformation as well.

Examples

\begin{verbatim}
x <- rgamma(100, 1, 1)

log_x_obj <- log_x(x)
log_x_obj
p <- predict(log_x_obj)
x2 <- predict(log_x_obj, newdata = p, inverse = TRUE)
all.equal(x2, x)
\end{verbatim}

Description

Perform an identity transformation. Admittedly it seems odd to have a dedicated function to essentially do \(I(x)\), but it makes sense to keep the same syntax as the other transformations so it plays nicely with them. As a benefit, the bestNormalize function will also show a comparable normalization statistic for the untransformed data.
Usage

no_transform(x, warn = TRUE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'no_transform'
predict(object, newdata = NULL, inverse = FALSE, ...)

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

Arguments

x  A vector
warn Should a warning result from infinite values?
... additional arguments
object an object of class 'no_transform'
newdata a vector of data to be (potentially reverse) transformed
inverse if TRUE, performs reverse transformation

Details

no_transform creates a identity transformation object that can be applied to new data via the predict function.

Value

A list of class no_transform with elements

x.t  transformed original data
x  original data
n  number of nonmissing observations
norm_stat  Pearson’s P / degrees of freedom

The predict function returns the numeric value of the transformation performed on new data, and allows for the inverse transformation as well.

Examples

x <- rgamma(100, 1, 1)

no_transform_obj <- no_transform(x)
no_transform_obj
p <- predict(no_transform_obj)
x2 <- predict(no_transform_obj, newdata = p, inverse = TRUE)

all.equal(x2, x)
**Description**

The Ordered Quantile (ORQ) normalization transformation, `orderNorm()`, is a rank-based procedure by which the values of a vector are mapped to their percentile, which is then mapped to the same percentile of the normal distribution. Without the presence of ties, this essentially guarantees that the transformation leads to a uniform distribution.

The transformation is:

\[ g(x) = \Phi^{-1}\left(\frac{\text{rank}(x) - 0.5}{\text{length}(x)}\right) \]

Where \( \Phi \) refers to the standard normal cdf, \( \text{rank}(x) \) refers to each observation’s rank, and \( \text{length}(x) \) refers to the number of observations.

By itself, this method is certainly not new; the earliest mention of it that I could find is in a 1947 paper by Bartlett (see references). This formula was outlined explicitly in Van der Waerden, and expounded upon in Beasley (2009). However there is a key difference to this version of it, as explained below.

Using linear interpolation between these percentiles, the ORQ normalization becomes a 1-1 transformation that can be applied to new data. However, outside of the observed domain of \( x \), it is unclear how to extrapolate the transformation. In the ORQ normalization procedure, a binomial glm with a logit link is used on the ranks in order to extrapolate beyond the bounds of the original domain of \( x \). The inverse normal CDF is then applied to these extrapolated predictions in order to extrapolate the transformation. This mitigates the influence of heavy-tailed distributions while preserving the 1-1 nature of the transformation. The extrapolation will provide a warning unless \( \text{warn} = \text{FALSE} \). However, we found that the extrapolation was able to perform very well even on data as heavy-tailed as a Cauchy distribution (paper to be published).

This transformation can be performed on new data and inverted via the `predict` function.

**Usage**

```r
orderNorm(x, ..., warn = TRUE)
```

```r
## S3 method for class 'orderNorm'
predict(object, newdata = NULL, inverse = FALSE, warn = TRUE, ...)
```

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

**Arguments**

- `x` A vector to normalize
- `...` additional arguments
- `warn` transforms outside observed range or ties will yield warning
- `object` an object of class 'orderNorm'
newdata   a vector of data to be (reverse) transformed
inverse   if TRUE, performs reverse transformation

Value

A list of class orderNorm with elements

- \(x.t\) transformed original data
- \(x\) original data
- \(n\) number of nonmissing observations
- \(ties\_status\) indicator if ties are present
- \(fit\) fit to be used for extrapolation, if needed
- \(norm\_stat\) Pearson’s P / degrees of freedom

The predict function returns the numeric value of the transformation performed on new data, and allows for the inverse transformation as well.

References


Ser A.

Beasley TM, Erickson S, Allison DB. Rank-based inverse normal transformations are increasingly used, but are they merited? Behav. Genet. 2009;39(5): 580-595. pmid:19526352

See Also

- boxcox, lambert, bestNormalize, yeojohnson

Examples

```r
x <- rgamma(100, 1, 1)
orderNorm_obj <- orderNorm(x)
orderNorm_obj
p <- predict(orderNorm_obj)
x2 <- predict(orderNorm_obj, newdata = p, inverse = TRUE)
all.equal(x2, x)
```
plot.bestNormalize  Transformation plotting

Description

Plots transformation functions for objects produced by the bestNormalize package.

Usage

```r
## S3 method for class \texttt{bestNormalize}
plot(x, 
inverse = FALSE, 
bounds = NULL, 
cols = NULL, 
methods = NULL, 
leg_loc = \texttt{"top"}, 
... 
)

## S3 method for class \texttt{orderNorm}
plot(x, inverse = FALSE, bounds = NULL, ...)

## S3 method for class \texttt{boxcox}
plot(x, inverse = FALSE, bounds = NULL, ...)

## S3 method for class \texttt{yeojohnson}
plot(x, inverse = FALSE, bounds = NULL, ...)

## S3 method for class \texttt{lambert}
plot(x, inverse = FALSE, bounds = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

- **x**: a fitted transformation
- **inverse**: if TRUE, plots the inverse transformation
- **bounds**: a vector of bounds to plot for the transformation
- **cols**: a vector of colors to use for the transforms (see details)
- **methods**: a vector of transformations to plot
- **leg_loc**: the location of the legend on the plot
- **...**: further parameters to be passed to `plot` and `lines`
Details

The plots produced by the individual transformations are simply plots of the original values by the newly transformed values, with a line denoting where transformations would take place for new data.

For the bestNormalize object, this plots each of the possible transformations run by the original call to bestNormalize. The first argument in the "cols" parameter refers to the color of the chosen transformation.

Description

Perform a sqrt (x+a) normalization transformation

Usage

```
sqrt_x(x, a = NULL, standardize = TRUE, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'sqrt_x'
predict(object, newdata = NULL, inverse = FALSE, ...)
```

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

Arguments

- **x**: A vector to normalize with with x
- **a**: The constant to add to x (defaults to max(0, -min(x)))
- **standardize**: If TRUE, the transformed values are also centered and scaled, such that the transformation attempts a standard normal
- **...**: additional arguments
- **object**: an object of class 'sqrt_x'
- **newdata**: a vector of data to be (potentially reverse) transformed
- **inverse**: if TRUE, performs reverse transformation

Details

$\sqrt{x}$ performs a simple square-root transformation in the context of bestNormalize, such that it creates a transformation that can be estimated and applied to new data via the predict function. The parameter $a$ is essentially estimated by the training set by default (estimated as the minimum possible), while the base must be specified beforehand.
Value

A list of class \texttt{sqrt\_x} with elements

- \texttt{x\_t} transformed original data
- \texttt{x} original data
- \texttt{mean} mean after transformation but prior to standardization
- \texttt{sd} sd after transformation but prior to standardization
- \texttt{n} number of nonmissing observations
- \texttt{norm\_stat} Pearson’s P / degrees of freedom
- \texttt{standardize} was the transformation standardized

The predict function returns the numeric value of the transformation performed on new data, and allows for the inverse transformation as well.

Examples

```r
x <- rgamma(100, 1, 1)

sqrt\_x\_obj <- sqrt\_x(x)
sqrt\_x\_obj
p <- predict(sqrt\_x\_obj)
x2 <- predict(sqrt\_x\_obj, newdata = p, inverse = TRUE)

all.equal(x2, x)
```

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**Description**

`step_bestNormalize` creates a specification of a recipe step (see ‘recipes’ package) that will transform data using the best of a suite of normalization transformations estimated (by default) using cross-validation.

**Usage**

```r
step_bestNormalize(  
  recipe,  
  ...,  
  role = NA,  
  trained = FALSE,  
  transform_info = NULL,  
  transform_options = list(),  
  num_unique = 5,  
  skip = FALSE,
```

```
step_bestNormalize

```r
id = rand_id("bestNormalize")
```

```r
## S3 method for class 'step_bestNormalize'
tidy(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

- `recipe` A formula or recipe
- `...` One or more selector functions to choose which variables are affected by the step. See `selections()` for more details. For the `tidy` method, these are not currently used.
- `role` Not used by this step since no new variables are created.
- `trained` For recipes functionality
- `transform_info` A numeric vector of transformation values. This (was transform_info) is ‘NULL’ until computed by `prep.recipe()`.
- `transform_options` options to be passed to `bestNormalize`
- `num_unique` An integer where data that have less possible values will not be evaluate for a transformation.
- `skip` For recipes functionality
- `id` For recipes functionality
- `x` A `step_bestNormalize` object.

**Details**

The bestnormalize transformation can be used to rescale a variable to be more similar to a normal distribution. See `?bestNormalize` for more information; `step_bestNormalize` is the implementation of `bestNormalize` in the `recipes` context.

**Value**

An updated version of `recipe` with the new step added to the sequence of existing steps (if any). For the `tidy` method, a tibble with columns ‘terms’ (the selectors or variables selected) and ‘value’ (the lambda estimate).

**See Also**

- `bestNormalize` `orderNorm`, `[recipe()]` `[prep.recipe()]` `[bake.recipe()]`

**Examples**

```r
library(recipes)
rec <- recipe(~ ., data = as.data.frame(iris))
bn_trans <- step_bestNormalize(rec, all_numeric())
```
bn_estimates <- prep(bn_trans, training = as.data.frame(iris))

bn_data <- bake(bn_estimates, as.data.frame(iris))

plot(density(iris[, "Petal.Length"], main = "before"))
plot(density(bn_data$Petal.Length), main = "after")
tidy(bn_trans, number = 1)
tidy(bn_estimates, number = 1)

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**step_orderNorm**

**ORQ normalization (orderNorm) for recipes implementation**

### Description

`step_orderNorm` creates a specification of a recipe step (see `recipes` package) that will transform data using the ORQ (orderNorm) transformation, which approximates the "true" normalizing transformation if one exists. This is considerably faster than `step_bestNormalize`.

### Usage

```r
step_orderNorm(
  recipe,
  ..., 
  role = NA,
  trained = FALSE,
  transform_info = NULL,
  transform_options = list(),
  num_unique = 5,
  skip = FALSE,
  id = rand_id("orderNorm")
)
```

```r
## S3 method for class 'step_orderNorm'
tidy(x, ...)
```

### Arguments

- **recipe**: A formula or recipe
- **...**: One or more selector functions to choose which variables are affected by the step. See `selections()` for more details. For the `tidy` method, these are not currently used.
- **role**: Not used by this step since no new variables are created.
- **trained**: For recipes functionality
transform_info  A numeric vector of transformation values. This (was transform_info) is ‘NULL’
                until computed by [prep.recipe()].
transform_options
                options to be passed to orderNorm
num_unique     An integer where data that have less possible values will not be evaluate for a
                transformation.
skip           For recipes functionality
id              For recipes functionality
x               A ‘step_orderNorm’ object.

Details
The orderNorm transformation can be used to rescale a variable to be more similar to a normal
distribution. See ‘?orderNorm’ for more information; ‘step_orderNorm’ is the implementation of
‘orderNorm’ in the ‘recipes’ context.

Value
An updated version of ‘recipe’ with the new step added to the sequence of existing steps (if any).
For the ‘tidy’ method, a tibble with columns ‘terms’ (the selectors or variables selected) and ‘value’
(the lambda estimate).

References
Ryan A. Peterson (2019). Ordered quantile normalization: a semiparametric transformation built

See Also
orderNorm, bestNormalize, [recipe()] [prep.recipe()] [bake.recipe()]

Examples
library(recipes)
rec <- recipe(~ ., data = as.data.frame(iris))
orq_trans <- step_orderNorm(rec, all_numeric())
orq_estimates <- prep(orq_trans, training = as.data.frame(iris))
orq_data <- bake(orq_estimates, as.data.frame(iris))
plot(density(iris[, "Petal.Length"], main = "before")
plot(density(orq_data$Petal.Length), main = "after")
tidy(orq_trans, number = 1)
tidy(orq_estimates, number = 1)
**Description**

Perform a Yeo-Johnson Transformation and center/scale a vector to attempt normalization

**Usage**

```r
yeojohnson(x, eps = 0.001, standardize = TRUE, ...)  
```

```r
## S3 method for class 'yeojohnson'
predict(object, newdata = NULL, inverse = FALSE, ...)
```

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

**Arguments**

- `x`: A vector to normalize with Yeo-Johnson
- `eps`: A value to compare lambda against to see if it is equal to zero
- `standardize`: If TRUE, the transformed values are also centered and scaled, such that the transformation attempts a standard normal
- `...`: Additional arguments that can be passed to the estimation of the lambda parameter (lower, upper)
- `object`: an object of class `yeojohnson`
- `newdata`: a vector of data to be (reverse) transformed
- `inverse`: if TRUE, performs reverse transformation

**Details**

`yeojohnson` estimates the optimal value of lambda for the Yeo-Johnson transformation. This transformation can be performed on new data, and inverted, via the `predict` function.

The Yeo-Johnson is similar to the Box-Cox method, however it allows for the transformation of nonpositive data as well. The `step_YeoJohnson` function in the `recipes` package is another useful resource (see references).

**Value**

A list of class `yeojohnson` with elements

- `x.t`: transformed original data
- `x`: original data
- `mean`: mean after transformation but prior to standardization
The `predict` function returns the numeric value of the transformation performed on new data, and allows for the inverse transformation as well.

**References**


**Examples**

```r
x <- rgamma(100, 1, 1)

yeojohnson_obj <- yeojohnson(x)
yeojohnson_obj
p <- predict(yeojohnson_obj)
x2 <- predict(yeojohnson_obj, newdata = p, inverse = TRUE)

all.equal(x2, x)
```
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