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`adaptive_iptw`  
*Compute asymptotically linear IPTW estimators with super learning for the propensity score*

**Description**

Compute asymptotically linear IPTW estimators with super learning for the propensity score
adaptive_iptw

Usage

    adaptive_iptw(
      W,
      A,
      Y,
      DeltaY = as.numeric(!is.na(Y)),
      DeltaA = as.numeric(!is.na(A)),
      stratify = FALSE,
      family = if (all(Y %in% c(0, 1))) { stats::binomial() } else {
        stats::gaussian()
      },
      a_0 = unique(A[!is.na(A)]),
      SL_g = NULL,
      glm_g = NULL,
      SL_Qr = NULL,
      glm_Qr = NULL,
      returnModels = TRUE,
      verbose = FALSE,
      maxIter = 2,
      tolIC = 1/length(Y),
      tolg = 0.01,
      cvFolds = 1,
      parallel = FALSE,
      future_hpc = NULL,
      gn = NULL,
      ...
    )

Arguments

W
  A data.frame of named covariates
A
  A numeric vector of binary treatment assignment (assumed to be equal to 0 or 1)
Y
  A numeric numeric of continuous or binary outcomes.
DeltaY
  A numeric indicator of missing outcome (assumed to be equal to 0 if missing 1 if observed)
DeltaA
  A numeric indicator of missing treatment (assumed to be equal to 0 if missing 1 if observed)
stratify
  A logical indicating whether to estimate the missing outcome regression separately for observations with different levels of A (if TRUE) or to pool across A (if FALSE).
family
  A family object equal to either binomial() or gaussian(), to be passed to the SuperLearner or glm function.
a_0
  A vector of numeric treatment values at which to return marginal mean estimates.
SL_g
  A vector of characters describing the super learner library to be used for each of the propensity score regressions (DeltaA, A, and DeltaY). To use the same
library for each of the regressions (or if there is no missing data in \(A\) nor \(Y\)), a single library may be input. See \link{SuperLearner::SuperLearner} for details on how super learner libraries can be specified.

- **glm_g**
  A list of characters describing the formulas to be used for each of the propensity score regressions (\(\Delta A\), \(A\), and \(\Delta Y\)). To use the same formula for each of the regressions (or if there is no missing data in \(A\) nor \(Y\)), a single character formula may be input.

- **SL_Qr**
  A vector of characters or a list describing the Super Learner library to be used for the reduced-dimension outcome regression.

- **glm_Qr**
  A character describing a formula to be used in the call to \code{glm} for reduced-dimension outcome regression. Ignored if \code{SL_Qr}!=\code{NULL}. The formula should use the variable name 'gn'.

- **returnModels**
  A logical indicating whether to return model fits for the propensity score and reduced-dimension regressions.

- **verbose**
  A logical indicating whether to print status updates.

- **maxIter**
  A numeric that sets the maximum number of iterations the TMLE can perform in its fluctuation step.

- **tolIC**
  A numeric that defines the stopping criteria based on the empirical mean of the influence function.

- **tolg**
  A numeric indicating the minimum value for estimates of the propensity score.

- **cvFolds**
  A numeric equal to the number of folds to be used in cross-validated fitting of nuisance parameters. If \code{cvFolds} = 1, no cross-validation is used.

- **parallel**
  A logical indicating whether to use parallelization based on \code{future} to estimate nuisance parameters in parallel. Only useful if \code{cvFolds} > 1. By default, a multiprocess evaluation scheme is invoked, using forked R processes (if supported on the OS) and background R sessions otherwise. Users may also register their own backends using the \code{future.batchtools} package.

- **future_hpc**
  A character string identifying a high-performance computing backend to be used with parallelization. This should match exactly one of the options available from the \code{future.batchtools} package.

- **gn**
  An optional list of propensity score estimates. If specified, the function will ignore the nuisance parameter estimation specified by \code{SL_g} and \code{glm_g}. The entries in the list should correspond to the propensity for the observed values of \(W\), with order determined by the input to \code{a_0} (e.g., if \(a_0 = c(0,1)\) then \code{gn[[1]]} should be propensity of \(A = 0\) and \code{gn[[2]]} should be propensity of \(A = 1\)).

- **...**
  Other options (not currently used).

### Value

An object of class "adaptive_iptw".

- **iptw_tmle** A list of point estimates and covariance matrix for the IPTW estimator based on a targeted propensity score.

- **iptw_tmle_nuisance** A list of the final TMLE estimates of the propensity score (\$gnStar) and reduced-dimension regression (\$QrnStar) evaluated at the observed data values.
iptw_os A list of point estimates and covariance matrix for the one-step correct IPTW estimator.

iptw_os_nuisance A list of the initial estimates of the propensity score and reduced-dimension regression evaluated at the observed data values.

iptw A list of point estimates for the standard IPTW estimator. No estimate of the covariance matrix is provided because theory does not support asymptotic Normality of the IPTW estimator if super learning is used to estimate the propensity score.

gnMod The fitted object for the propensity score. Returns NULL if returnModels = FALSE.

QrnMod The fitted object for the reduced-dimension regression that guards against misspecification of the outcome regression. Returns NULL if returnModels = FALSE.

a_0 The treatment levels that were requested for computation of covariate-adjusted means.

call The call to adaptive_iptw.

Examples

# load super learner
library(SuperLearner)
# simulate data
set.seed(123456)
100
W <- data.frame(W1 = runif(n), W2 = rnorm(n))
A <- rbinom(n, 1, plogis(W$W1 - W$W2))
Y <- rbinom(n, 1, plogis(W$W1 * W$W2 * A))
# fit iptw with maxIter = 1 to run fast
fit1 <- adaptive_iptw(
  W = W, A = A, Y = Y, a_0 = c(1, 0),
  SL_g = c("SL.glm", "SL.mean", "SL.step"),
  maxIter = 1
)

---

ci

*Compute confidence intervals for drtmle and adaptive_iptw*

Description

Compute confidence intervals for drtmle and adaptive_iptw

Usage

`ci(...)`

Arguments

... Arguments to be passed to method
ci.adaptive_iptw  Confidence intervals for adaptive_iptw objects

Description

Estimate confidence intervals for objects of class "adaptive_iptw"

Usage

```r
## S3 method for class 'adaptive_iptw'

-ci(object, est = c("iptw_tmle"), level = 0.95, contrast = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

- `object`: An object of class "adaptive_iptw"
- `est`: A vector indicating for which estimators to return a confidence interval. Possible estimators include the TMLE IPTW ("iptw_tmle", recommended), the one-step IPTW ("iptw_os", not recommended), the standard IPTW ("iptw", recommended only for comparison to the other two estimators).
- `level`: The nominal coverage probability of the desired confidence interval (should be between 0 and 1). Default computes 95% confidence intervals.
- `contrast`: Specifies the parameter for which to return confidence intervals. If contrast=NULL, then confidence intervals for the marginal means are computed. If instead, contrast is a numeric vector of ones, negative ones, and zeros to define linear combinations of the various means (e.g., to estimate an average treatment effect, see example). Finally, contrast can be a list with named functions f, f_inv, h, and fh_grad. The first two functions should take as input argument eff. Respectively, these specify which transformation of the effect measure to compute the confidence interval for and the inverse transformation to put the confidence interval back on the original scale. The function h defines the contrast to be estimated and should take as input est, a vector of the same length as object$a_0$, and output the desired contrast. The function fh_grad is the gradient of the function h. See examples and vignette for more information.
- `...`: Other options (not currently used).

Value

An object of class "ci.adaptive_iptw" with point estimates and confidence intervals of the specified level.

Examples

```r
# load super learner
library(SuperLearner)
# fit adaptive_iptw
set.seed(123456)
```
n <- 200
W <- data.frame(W1 = runif(n), W2 = rnorm(n))
A <- rbinom(n, 1, plogis(W$W1 - W$W2))
Y <- rbinom(n, 1, plogis(W$W1 * W$W2 * A))

fit1 <- adaptive_iptw(
  W = W, A = A, Y = Y, a_0 = c(1, 0),
  SL_g = c("SL.glm", "SL.mean", "SL.step"),
  SL_Qr = "SL.glm"
)

# get confidence intervals for each mean
ci_mean <- ci(fit1)

# get confidence intervals for ATE
ci_ATE <- ci(fit1, contrast = c(1, -1))

# get confidence intervals for risk ratio
# by inputting own contrast function
# this computes CI on log scale and back transforms
myContrast <- list(
  f = function(eff) {
    log(eff)
  },
  f_inv = function(eff) {
    exp(eff)
  },
  h = function(est) {
  },
  fh_grad = function(est) {
    c(1 / est[1], -1 / est[2])
  }
)


### S3 method for class 'drtmle'

ci(object, est = c("drtmle"), level = 0.95, contrast = NULL, ...)

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**ci.drtmle**

Confidence intervals for drtmle objects

**Description**

Confidence intervals for drtmle objects

**Usage**

```r
## S3 method for class 'drtmle'
ci(object, est = c("drtmle"), level = 0.95, contrast = NULL, ...)
```
Arguments

object An object of class "drtmle"
est A vector indicating for which estimators to return a confidence interval. Possible estimators include the TMLE with doubly robust inference ("drtmle", recommended), the AIPTW with additional correction for misspecification ("aip tw_c", not recommended), the standard TMLE ("tmle", recommended only for comparison to "drtmle"), the standard AIPTW ("aip tw", recommended only for comparison to "drtmle"), and G-computation ("gcomp", not recommended).

level The nominal coverage probability of the desired confidence interval (should be between 0 and 1). Default computes 95% confidence intervals.

contrast Specifies the parameter for which to return confidence intervals. If contrast=NULL, then confidence intervals for the marginal means are computed. If instead, contrast is a numeric vector of ones, negative ones, and zeros to define linear combinations of the various means (e.g., to estimate an average treatment effect, see example). Finally, contrast can be a list with named functions f, f_inv, h, and fh_grad. The first two functions should take as input argument eff. Respectively, these specify which transformation of the effect measure to compute the confidence interval for and the inverse transformation to put the confidence interval back on the original scale. The function h defines the contrast to be estimated and should take as input est, a vector of the same length as object$a_0$, and output the desired contrast. The function fh_grad is the gradient of the function h. See examples and vignette for more information.

Value

An object of class "ci_drtmle" with point estimates and confidence intervals of the specified level.

Examples

# load super learner
library(SuperLearner)
# simulate data
set.seed(123456)
n <- 100
W <- data.frame(W1 = runif(n), W2 = rnorm(n))
A <- rbinom(n, 1, plogis(W$W1 - W$W2))
Y <- rbinom(n, 1, plogis(W$W1 * W$W2 * A))

# fit drtmle with maxIter = 1 to run fast
fit1 <- drtmle(
  W = W, A = A, Y = Y, a_0 = c(1, 0),
  family = binomial(),
  stratify = FALSE,
  SL_Q = c("SL.glm", "SL.mean"),
  SL_g = c("SL.glm", "SL.mean"),
  SL_Qr = "SL.npreg",
  SL_gr = "SL.npreg", maxIter = 1
)
# get confidence intervals for each mean
ci_mean <- ci(fit1)

# get confidence intervals for ATE
ci_ATE <- ci(fit1, contrast = c(1, -1))

# get confidence intervals for risk ratio by computing CI on log scale and back-transforming
myContrast <- list(
  f = function(eff) {
    log(eff)
  },
  f_inv = function(eff) {
    exp(eff)
  },
  h = function(est) {
  },
  fh_grad = function(est) {
    c(1 / est[1], -1 / est[2])
  }
)

# get confidence intervals for ATE using the custom contrast function
myContrast <- list(f = function(eff) log(eff),
    f_inv = function(eff) exp(eff),
    h = function(est) est[1] / est[2],
    fh_grad = function(est) c(1 / est[1], -1 / est[2]),
)

# get confidence intervals for risk ratio by computing CI on log scale and back-transforming

# get confidence intervals for each mean

# get confidence intervals for ATE

# get confidence intervals for risk ratio by computing CI on log scale and back-transforming

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**drtmle**

**TMLE estimate of the average treatment effect with doubly-robust inference**

**Description**

TMLE estimate of the average treatment effect with doubly-robust inference

**Usage**

drtmle(  
Y,  
A,  
W,  
DeltaA = as.numeric(!is.na(A)),  
DeltaY = as.numeric(!is.na(Y)),  
a_0 = unique(A[!is.na(A)]),  
family = if (all(Y %in% c(0, 1))) { stats::binomial() } else { stats::gaussian() },  
stratify = TRUE,  
SL_Q = NULL,  
SL_g = NULL,  
SL_Qr = NULL,  
)

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SL_gr = NULL,
n_SL = 1,
glm_Q = NULL,
glm_g = NULL,
glm_Qr = NULL,
glm_gr = NULL,
adapt_g = FALSE,
guard = c("Q", "g"),
reduction = "univariate",
returnModels = FALSE,
cvFolds = 1,
maxIter = 3,
tolIC = 1/length(Y),
tolg = 0.01,
verbose = FALSE,
Qsteps = 2,
parallel = FALSE,
future_hpc = NULL,
Qn = NULL,
qn = NULL,
use_future = TRUE,
...
)

Arguments

Y A numeric continuous or binary outcomes.
A A numeric vector of discrete-valued treatment assignment.
W A data.frame of named covariates.
DeltaA A numeric vector of missing treatment indicator (assumed to be equal to 0 if missing 1 if observed).
DeltaY A numeric vector of missing outcome indicator (assumed to be equal to 0 if missing 1 if observed).
a_0 A numeric vector of fixed treatment values at which to return marginal mean estimates.
family A family object equal to either binomial() or gaussian(), to be passed to the SuperLearner or glm function.
stratify A boolean indicating whether to estimate the outcome regression separately for different values of A (if TRUE) or to pool across A (if FALSE).
SL_Q A vector of characters or a list describing the Super Learner library to be used for the outcome regression. See SuperLearner for details.
SL_g A vector of characters describing the super learner library to be used for each of the propensity score regressions (DeltaA, A, and DeltaY). To use the same library for each of the regressions (or if there is no missing data in A nor Y), a single library may be input. See SuperLearner for details on how super learner libraries can be specified.
**Parameter descriptions**

- **SL_Qr**: A vector of characters or a list describing the Super Learner library to be used for the reduced-dimension outcome regression.
- **SL_gr**: A vector of characters or a list describing the Super Learner library to be used for the reduced-dimension propensity score.
- **n_SL**: Number of repeated Super Learners to run (default 1) for the each nuisance parameter. Repeat Super Learners more times to obtain more stable inference.
- **glm_Q**: A character describing a formula to be used in the call to glm for the outcome regression. Ignored if SL_Q!=NULL.
- **glm_g**: A list of characters describing the formulas to be used for each of the propensity score regressions (DeltaA, A, and DeltaY). To use the same formula for each of the regressions (or if there are no missing data in A nor Y), a single character formula may be input. In general the formulas can reference any variable in colnames(W), unless adapt_g = TRUE in which case the formulas should reference variables QaW where a takes values in a_0.
- **glm_Qr**: A character describing a formula to be used in the call to glm for reduced-dimension outcome regression. Ignored if SL_Qr!=NULL. The formula should use the variable name 'gn'.
- **glm_gr**: A character describing a formula to be used in the call to glm for the reduced-dimension propensity score. Ignored if SL_gr!=NULL. The formula should use the variable name 'Qn' and 'gn' if reduction='bivariate' and 'Qn' otherwise.
- **adapt_g**: A boolean indicating whether the propensity score should be outcome adaptive. If TRUE then the propensity score is estimated as the regression of A onto covariates QaW for a in each value contained in a_0. See vignette for more details.
- **guard**: A character vector indicating what pattern of misspecifications to guard against. If guard contains "Q", then the TMLE guards against misspecification of the outcome regression by estimating the reduced-dimension outcome regression specified by glm_Qr or SL_Qr. If guard contains "g" then the TMLE (additionally) guards against misspecification of the propensity score by estimating the reduced-dimension propensity score specified by glm_gr or SL_gr. If guard is set to NULL, then only standard TMLE and one-step estimators are computed.
- **reduction**: A character equal to "univariate" for a univariate misspecification correction (default) or "bivariate" for the bivariate version.
- **returnModels**: A boolean indicating whether to return model fits for the outcome regression, propensity score, and reduced-dimension regressions.
- **cvFolds**: A numeric equal to the number of folds to be used in cross-validated fitting of nuisance parameters. If cvFolds = 1, no cross-validation is used. Alternatively, cvFolds may be entered as a vector of fold assignments for observations, in which case its length should be the same length as Y.
- **maxIter**: A numeric that sets the maximum number of iterations the TMLE can perform in its fluctuation step.
- **tolIC**: A numeric that defines the stopping criteria based on the empirical mean of the influence function.
- **tolg**: A numeric indicating the minimum value for estimates of the propensity score.
verbose
A boolean indicating whether to print status updates.

Qsteps
A numeric equal to 1 or 2 indicating whether the fluctuation submodel for the outcome regression should be fit using a single minimization (Qsteps = 1) or a backfitting-type minimization (Qsteps=2). The latter was found to be more stable in simulations and is the default.

parallel
A boolean indicating whether to use parallelization based on future when estimating nuisance parameters. Only useful if cvFolds > 1. By default, a multiprocess evaluation scheme is invoked, using forked R processes (if supported on the OS) and background R sessions otherwise. Users may also register their own backends using the future.batchtools package.

future_hpc
A character string identifying a high-performance computing backend to be used with parallelization. This should match exactly one of the options available from the future.batchtools package.

Qn
An optional list of outcome regression estimates. If specified, the function will ignore the nuisance parameter estimation specified by $L_Q$ and $glm_Q$. The entries in the list should correspond to the outcome regression evaluated at $A$ and the observed values of $W$, with order determined by the input to $a_0$ (e.g., if $a_0 = c(0,1)$ then $Qn[1]$ should be outcome regression at $A = 0$ and $Qn[2]$ should be outcome regression at $A = 1$).

gn
An optional list of propensity score estimates. If specified, the function will ignore the nuisance parameter estimation specified by $L_g$ and $glm_g$. The entries in the list should correspond to the propensity for the observed values of $W$, with order determined by the input to $a_0$ (e.g., if $a_0 = c(0,1)$ then $gn[1]$ should be propensity of $A = 0$ and $gn[2]$ should be propensity of $A = 1$).

use_future
Boolean indicating whether to use future_lapply or instead to just use lapply. The latter can be easier to run down errors.

... Other options (not currently used).

Value
An object of class "drtmle".

drtmle
A list of doubly-robust point estimates and a doubly-robust covariance matrix

nuisance_drtmle
A list of the final TMLE estimates of the outcome regression ($QnStar$), propensity score ($gnStar$), and reduced-dimension regressions ($QrnStar$, $grnStar$) evaluated at the observed data values.

ic_drtmle
A list of the empirical mean of the efficient influence function ($eif$) and the extra pieces of the influence function resulting from misspecification. All should be smaller than toliC (unless maxIter was reached first). Also includes a matrix of the influence function values at the estimated nuisance parameters evaluated at the observed data.

aiptw_c
A list of doubly-robust point estimates and a non-doubly-robust covariance matrix. Theory does not guarantee performance of inference for these estimators, but simulation studies showed they often perform adequately.

nuisance_aiptw
A list of the initial estimates of the outcome regression, propensity score, and reduced-dimension regressions evaluated at the observed data values.
estimateG

tmle A list of doubly-robust point estimates and non-doubly-robust covariance for the standard TMLE estimator.
aiptw A list of doubly-robust point estimates and non-doubly-robust covariance matrix for the standard APTW estimator.
gcomp A list of non-doubly-robust point estimates and non-doubly-robust covariance matrix for the standard G-computation estimator. If super learner is used there is no guarantee of correct inference for this estimator.

QnMod The fitted object for the outcome regression. Returns NULL if returnModels = FALSE.

gnMod The fitted object for the propensity score. Returns NULL if returnModels = FALSE.

QrnMod The fitted object for the reduced-dimension regression that guards against misspecification of the outcome regression. Returns NULL if returnModels = FALSE.

grnMod The fitted object for the reduced-dimension regression that guards against misspecification of the propensity score. Returns NULL if returnModels = FALSE.
a_0 The treatment levels that were requested for computation of covariate-adjusted means.

Examples

# load super learner
library(SuperLearner)
# simulate data
set.seed(123456)
n <- 100
W <- data.frame(W1 = runif(n), W2 = rnorm(n))
A <- rbinom(n, 1, plogis(W$W1 - W$W2))
Y <- rbinom(n, 1, plogis(W$W1 * W$W2 * A))
# A quick example of drtmle:
# We note that more flexible super learner libraries are available, and that we recommend the user use more flexible libraries for SL_Qr and SL_gr for general use.
fit1 <- drtmle(
  W = W, A = A, Y = Y, a_0 = c(1, 0),
  family = binomial(),
  stratify = FALSE,
  SL_Q = c("SL.glm", "SL.mean", "SL.glm.interaction"),
  SL_g = c("SL.glm", "SL.mean", "SL.glm.interaction"),
  SL_Qr = "SL.glm",
  SL_gr = "SL.glm", maxIter = 1)
Usage

estimateG(
  A,
  W,
  DeltaY,
  DeltaA,
  SL_g,
  glm_g,
  a_0,
  tolg,
  stratify = FALSE,
  validRows = NULL,
  verbose = FALSE,
  returnModels = FALSE,
  Qn = NULL,
  adapt_g = FALSE
)

Arguments

A  A vector of binary treatment assignment (assumed to be equal to 0 or 1)
W  A data.frame of named covariates
DeltaY  Indicator of missing outcome (assumed to be equal to 0 if missing 1 if observed)
DeltaA  Indicator of missing treatment (assumed to be equal to 0 if missing 1 if observed)
SL_g  A vector of characters describing the super learner library to be used for each of
       the regression (DeltaA, A, and DeltaY). To use the same regression for each of
       the regressions (or if there is no missing data in A nor Y), a single library may be
       input.
glm_g  A character describing a formula to be used in the call to glm for the propensity
       score.
a_0  A vector of fixed treatment values at which to return marginal mean estimates.
tolg  A numeric indicating the minimum value for estimates of the propensity score.
stratify  A boolean indicating whether to estimate the missing outcome regression sepa-
          rately for observations with A equal to 0/1 (if TRUE) or to pool across A (if
          FALSE).
validRows  A list of length cvFolds containing the row indexes of observations to include
            in validation fold.
verbose  A boolean indicating whether to print status updates.
returnModels  A boolean indicating whether to return model fits for the outcome regression,
               propensity score, and reduced-dimension regressions.
Qn  A list of estimates of the outcome regression for each value in a_0. Only
    needed if adapt_g = TRUE.
adapt_g  A boolean indicating whether propensity score is adaptive to outcome regression.
Description

Estimates the reduced dimension regressions necessary for the additional fluctuations.

Usage

estimategrn(
  Y,
  A,
  W,
  DeltaA,
  DeltaY,
  Qn,
  gn,
  SL_gr,
  tolg,
  glm_gr,
  a_0,
  reduction,
  returnModels,
  validRows
)

Arguments

Y  A vector of continuous or binary outcomes.
A  A vector of binary treatment assignment (assumed to be equal to 0 or 1).
W  A data.frame of named covariates.
DeltaA  Indicator of missing treatment (assumed to be equal to 0 if missing 1 if observed).
DeltaY  Indicator of missing outcome (assumed to be equal to 0 if missing 1 if observed).
Qn  A list of outcome regression estimates evaluated on observed data.
gn  A list of propensity regression estimates evaluated on observed data.
SL_gr  A vector of characters or a list describing the Super Learner library to be used for the reduced-dimension propensity score.
tolg  A numeric indicating the minimum value for estimates of the propensity score.
glm_gr  A character describing a formula to be used in the call to glm for the second reduced-dimension regression. Ignored if SL_gr!=NULL.
a_0  A list of fixed treatment values.
reduction  A character equal to 'univariate' for a univariate misspecification correction or 'bivariate' for the bivariate version.
returnModels  A boolean indicating whether to return model fits for the outcome regression, propensity score, and reduced-dimension regressions.
validRows  A list of length cvFolds containing the row indexes of observations to include in validation fold.

estimateQ(  
  Y,  
  A,  
  W,  
  DeltaA,  
  DeltaY,  
  SL_Q,  
  glm_Q,  
  a_0,  
  stratify,  
  family,  
  verbose = FALSE,  
  returnModels = FALSE,  
  validRows = NULL,  
  ...
)

Arguments

Y  A vector of continuous or binary outcomes.
A  A vector of binary treatment assignment (assumed to be equal to 0 or 1).
W  A data.frame of named covariates.
DeltaA  Indicator of missing treatment (assumed to be equal to 0 if missing 1 if observed).
DeltaY  Indicator of missing outcome (assumed to be equal to 0 if missing 1 if observed).
SL_Q  A vector of characters or a list describing the Super Learner library to be used for the outcome regression.
glm_Q  A character describing a formula to be used in the call to glm for the outcome regression.
a_0  A list of fixed treatment values

Description

Function to estimate initial outcome regression

Usage

estimateQ(  
  Y,  
  A,  
  W,  
  DeltaA,  
  DeltaY,  
  SL_Q,  
  glm_Q,  
  a_0,  
  stratify,  
  family,  
  verbose = FALSE,  
  returnModels = FALSE,  
  validRows = NULL,  
  ...
)
estimateQrn

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**Description**

Estimates the reduced dimension regressions necessary for the fluctuations of g

**Usage**

```r
estimateQrn(Y, A, W, DeltaA, DeltaY, Qn, gn, glm_Qr, SL_Qr, family = stats::gaussian(), a_0, returnModels, validRows = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

- **Y**: A vector of continuous or binary outcomes.
- **A**: A vector of binary treatment assignment (assumed to be equal to 0 or 1)
- **W**: A data.frame of named covariates
- **DeltaA**: Indicator of missing treatment (assumed to be equal to 0 if missing 1 if observed)
- **DeltaY**: Indicator of missing outcome (assumed to be equal to 0 if missing 1 if observed)
- **Qn**: A list of outcome regression estimates evaluated on observed data. If NULL then 0 is used for all Qn (as is needed to estimate reduced dimension regression for adaptive_iptw)
eval_Diptw

**Description**

Evaluate usual influence function of IPTW

**Usage**

eval_Diptw(A, Y, DeltaA, DeltaY, gn, psi_n, a_0)

**Arguments**

- **A**
  - A vector of binary treatment assignment (assumed to be equal to 0 or 1)
- **Y**
  - A numeric of continuous or binary outcomes.
- **DeltaA**
  - Indicator of missing treatment (assumed to be equal to 0 if missing 1 if observed)
- **DeltaY**
  - Indicator of missing outcome (assumed to be equal to 0 if missing 1 if observed)
- **gn**
  - List of estimated propensity scores evaluated at observations
- **psi_n**
  - List of estimated ATEs
- **a_0**
  - Vector of values to return marginal mean
**eval_Diptw_g**

**Evaluate extra piece of the influence function for the IPTW**

**Description**

Evaluate extra piece of the influence function for the IPTW

**Usage**

```r
eval_Diptw_g(A, DeltaA, DeltaY, Qrn, gn, a_0)
```

**Arguments**

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**eval_Dstar**

**Evaluate usual efficient influence function**

**Description**

Evaluate usual efficient influence function

**Usage**

```r
eval_Dstar(A, Y, DeltaY, DeltaA, Qn, gn, psi_n, a_0)
```

**Arguments**

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**eval_Dstar_g**

*Evaluate extra piece of efficient influence function resulting from misspecification of outcome regression*

**Description**

Evaluate extra piece of efficient influence function resulting from misspecification of outcome regression

**Usage**

```r
eval_Dstar_g(A, DeltaY, DeltaA, Qrn, gn, a_0)
```

**Arguments**

- **A**
  A vector of binary treatment assignment (assumed to be equal to 0 or 1)
- **DeltaY**
  Indicator of missing outcome (assumed to be equal to 0 if missing 1 if observed)
- **DeltaA**
  Indicator of missing treatment (assumed to be equal to 0 if missing 1 if observed)
- **Qrn**
  List of estimated reduced-dimension outcome regression evaluated at observations
- **gn**
  List of estimated propensity scores evaluated at observations
- **a_0**
  Vector of values to return marginal mean

**eval_Dstar_Q**

*Evaluate extra piece of efficient influence function resulting from misspecification of propensity score*

**Description**

Evaluate extra piece of efficient influence function resulting from misspecification of propensity score

**Usage**

```r
eval_Dstar_Q(A, Y, DeltaY, DeltaA, Qn, gn, grn, a_0, reduction)
```

**Arguments**

- **A**
  A vector of binary treatment assignment (assumed to be equal to 0 or 1)
- **Y**
  A numeric of continuous or binary outcomes.
- **DeltaY**
  Indicator of missing outcome (assumed to be equal to 0 if missing 1 if observed)
- **DeltaA**
  Indicator of missing treatment (assumed to be equal to 0 if missing 1 if observed)
- **Qn**
  List of estimated outcome regression evaluated at observations
extract_models

- gn: List of estimated propensity scores evaluated at observations
- grn: List of estimated reduced-dimension propensity scores evaluated at observations
- a_0: Vector of values to return marginal mean
- reduction: A character equal to "univariate" for a univariate misspecification correction or "bivariate" for the bivariate version.

**Description**

Help function to extract models from fitted object

**Usage**

```r
extract_models(a_list)
```

**Arguments**

- `a_list`: Structured list of nuisance parameters

fluctuateG

**Description**

Function called internally by drtmle to perform the fluctuation of the initial estimator of g (i.e., solves the new estimating eqn that results from misspecification of Q)

**Usage**

```r
fluctuateG(Y, A, W, DeltaY, DeltaA, a_0, gn, Qrn, tolg, coefTol = 1000)
```

**Arguments**

- `Y`: The outcome
- `A`: The treatment
- `W`: The covariates
- `DeltaY`: Indicator of missing outcome (assumed to be equal to 0 if missing 1 if observed)
- `DeltaA`: Indicator of missing treatment (assumed to be equal to 0 if missing 1 if observed)
- `a_0`: A list of fixed treatment values
- `gn`: A list of propensity regression estimates evaluated on observed data
- `Qrn`: A list of reduced-dimension regression estimates evaluated on observed data
- `tolg`: The lower bound on propensity score estimates
- `coefTol`: A tolerance level on the magnitude of the coefficient that flags the result as potentially the result of numeric instability.
fluctuateQ

Description

Function called internally by drtmle to perform simultaneous fluctuation of the initial estimator of Q (i.e., solves both EIF estimating eqn and the new estimating eqn that results from misspecification of g)

Usage

```r
fluctuateQ(
  Y,
  A,
  W,
  DeltaY,
  DeltaA,
  Qn,
  gn,
  grn,
  a_0,
  reduction,
  coefTol = 1000
)
```

Arguments

- **Y**: The outcome
- **A**: The treatment
- **W**: The covariates
- **DeltaY**: Indicator of missing outcome (assumed to be equal to 0 if missing 1 if observed)
- **DeltaA**: Indicator of missing treatment (assumed to be equal to 0 if missing 1 if observed)
- **Qn**: A list of outcome regression estimates evaluated on observed data
- **gn**: A list of propensity regression estimates evaluated on observed data
- **grn**: A list of reduced-dimension regression estimates evaluated on observed data
- **a_0**: A list of fixed treatment values
- **reduction**: A character indicating what reduced dimension regression was used.
- **coefTol**: A tolerance level on the magnitude of the coefficient that flags the result as potentially the result of numeric instability.
Description

Function called internally by drtmle to perform the first fluctuation of the initial estimator of Q (i.e., solves the original EIF estimating eqn)

Usage

\[
\text{fluctuateQ1}(Y, A, W, \text{DeltaA}, \text{DeltaY}, Qn, gn, a_0, \text{coefTol} = 1000)
\]

Arguments

- \(Y\): The outcome
- \(A\): The treatment
- \(W\): The covariates
- \(\text{DeltaA}\): Indicator of missing treatment (assumed to be equal to 0 if missing 1 if observed)
- \(\text{DeltaY}\): Indicator of missing outcome (assumed to be equal to 0 if missing 1 if observed)
- \(Qn\): A list of outcome regression estimates evaluated on observed data
- \(gn\): A list of propensity regression estimates evaluated on observed data
- \(a_0\): A list of fixed treatment values
- \(\text{coefTol}\): A tolerance level on the magnitude of the coefficient that flags the result as potentially the result of numeric instability.

Description

Function called internally by drtmle to perform the second fluctuation of the initial estimator of Q (i.e., solves the new estimating eqn that results from misspecification of g)

Usage

\[
\text{fluctuateQ2}(Y, A, W, \text{DeltaA}, \text{DeltaY}, Qn, gn)
\]
Arguments

Y  The outcome
A  The treatment
W  The covariates
DeltaY  Indicator of missing outcome (assumed to be equal to 0 if missing 1 if observed)
DeltaA  Indicator of missing treatment (assumed to be equal to 0 if missing 1 if observed)
Qn  A list of outcome regression estimates evaluated on observed data
gn  A list of propensity regression estimates evaluated on observed data
grn  A list of reduced-dimension regression estimates evaluated on observed data
a_Ø  A list of fixed treatment values
reduction  A character indicating what reduced dimension regression was used.
coefTol  A tolerance level on the magnitude of the coefficient that flags the result as potentially the result of numeric instability.

make_validRows

Make list of rows in each validation fold.

Description

Make list of rows in each validation fold.

Usage

make_validRows(cvFolds, n, ...)

Arguments

cvFolds  Numeric number of cv folds
n  Number of observations
...  Other arguments
plot.drtmle

Plot reduced dimension regression fits

Description

Plot reduced dimension regression fits

Usage

## S3 method for class 'drtmle'
plot(x, nPoints = 500, ask = TRUE, a_0 = x$a_0[1], ...)

Arguments

x An object of class "drtmle"
nPoints Number of points to plot lines (increase for less bumpy plot, decrease for faster evaluation).
ask Boolean indicating whether R should ask to show each plot
a_0 For what value of a_0 should the plot be made for?
... More arguments passed to plot

Examples

# load super learner
library(SuperLearner)
# simulate data
set.seed(123456)
n <- 100
W <- data.frame(W1 = runif(n), W2 = rnorm(n))
A <- rbinom(n, 1, plogis(W$W1 - W$W2))
Y <- rbinom(n, 1, plogis(W$W1 * W$W2 * A))
# fit drtmle with maxIter = 1 to run fast
fit1 <- drtmle(
  W = W, A = A, Y = Y, a_0 = c(1, 0),
  family = binomial(),
  stratify = FALSE,
  SL_Q = c("SL.glm", "SL.mean", "SL.glm.interaction"),
  SL_g = c("SL.glm", "SL.mean", "SL.glm.interaction"),
  SL_Qr = "SL.npreg", SL_gr = "SL.npreg",
  maxIter = 1, returnModels = TRUE
)
# plot the reduced-dimension regression fits (not run)
plot(fit1)

#
**predict.SL.npreg**  
*Predict method for SL.npreg*

**Description**  
Method for predicting SL.npreg objects.

**Usage**

```r
## S3 method for class 'SL.npreg'
predict(object, newdata, ...)
```

**Arguments**

- `object`: An object of class "SL.npreg".
- `newdata`: The new data used to obtain predictions.
- `...`: Other arguments passed to predict.

**Examples**

```r
# simulate data
set.seed(1234)
n <- 100
X <- data.frame(X1 = rnorm(n))
Y <- X$X1 + rnorm(n)
# fit npreg
fit <- SL.npreg(Y = Y, X = X, newX = X)
# predict on fit
newX <- data.frame(X1 = c(-1, 0, 1))
pred <- predict(fit$fit, newdata = newX)
```

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**print.adaptive_iptw**  
*Print the output of a "adaptive_iptw" object.*

**Description**

Print the output of a "adaptive_iptw" object.

**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

- `x`: A "adaptive_iptw" object.
- `...`: Other arguments (not used)
Description
Print the output of ci.adaptive_iptw

Usage
## S3 method for class 'ci.adaptive_iptw'
print(x, digits = 3, ...)

Arguments
- x: An object of class ci.adaptive_iptw
- digits: Number of digits to round to
- ...: Other options (not currently used)

Description
Print the output of ci.drtmle

Usage
## S3 method for class 'ci.drtmle'
print(x, digits = 3, ...)

Arguments
- x: An object of class ci.drtmle
- digits: Number of digits to round to
- ...: Other options (not currently used)
print.drtmle

Print the output of a "drtmle" object.

Description

Print the output of a "drtmle" object.

Usage

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

Arguments

- `x` A "drtmle" object
- `...` Other arguments (not used)

print.wald_test.adaptive_iptw

Print the output of wald_test.adaptive_iptw

Description

Print the output of wald_test.adaptive_iptw

Usage

```r
## S3 method for class 'wald_test.adaptive_iptw'
print(x, digits = 3, ...)  
```

Arguments

- `x` An object of class wald_test.adaptive_iptw
- `digits` Number of digits to round to
- `...` Other options (not currently used)
print.wald_test.drtmle

Print the output of wald_test.drtmle

Description

Print the output of wald_test.drtmle

Usage

## S3 method for class 'wald_test.drtmle'
print(x, digits = 3, ...)

Arguments

x
An object of class wald_test.drtmle
digits
Number of digits to round to
...
Other options (not currently used)

reorder_list

Helper function to reorder lists according to cvFolds

Description

Helper function to reorder lists according to cvFolds

Usage

reorder_list(a_list, a_0, validRows, n_SL = 1, grn_ind = FALSE, n)

Arguments

a_list
Structured list of nuisance parameters
a_0
Treatment levels
validRows
List of rows of data in validation data for each split.
n_SL
Number of super learners. If >1, then predictions are averaged
grn_ind
Structure of grn call is slightly different
n
Sample size
SL.npreg

Super learner wrapper for kernel regression

Description


Usage

```
SL.npreg(
  Y,
  X,
  newX,
  family = gaussian(),
  obsWeights = rep(1, length(Y)),
  rangeThresh = 1e-07,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

- **Y**: A vector of outcomes.
- **X**: A matrix or data.frame of training data predictors.
- **newX**: A test set of predictors.
- **family**: Not used by the function directly, but ensures compatibility with SuperLearner.
- **obsWeights**: Not used by the function directly, but ensures compatibility with SuperLearner.
- **rangeThresh**: If the the range of the outcomes is smaller than this number, the method returns the empirical average of the outcomes. Used for computational expediency and stability.
- **...**: Other arguments (not currently used).

Examples

```
# simulate data
set.seed(1234)
n <- 100
X <- data.frame(X1 = rnorm(n))
Y <- X$X1 + rnorm(n)
# fit npreg
fit <- SL.npreg(Y = Y, X = X, newX = X)
```

**Description**

Temporary fix for convex combination method mean squared error Relative to existing implementation, we reduce the tolerance at which we declare predictions from a given algorithm the same as another.

**Usage**

```r
tmp_method.CC_LS()
```

**Description**

Temporary fix for convex combination method negative log-likelihood loss Relative to existing implementation, we reduce the tolerance at which we declare predictions from a given algorithm the same as another. Note that because of the way SuperLearner is structure, one needs to install the optimization software separately.

**Usage**

```r
tmp_method.CC_nloglik()
```

**Description**

Wald tests for drtmle and adaptive_iptw objects

**Usage**

```r
wald_test(...)
```

**Arguments**

...   Arguments to be passed to method
Wald tests for adaptive_iptw objects

Usage

## S3 method for class 'adaptive_iptw'
wald_test(object, est = c("iptw_tmle"), null = 0, contrast = NULL, ...)

Arguments

- **object**: An object of class "adaptive_iptw"
- **est**: A vector indicating for which estimators to return a confidence interval. Possible estimators include the TMLE IPTW ("iptw_tmle", recommended), the one-step IPTW ("iptw_os", not recommended), the standard IPTW ("iptw", recommended only for comparison to the other two estimators).
- **null**: The null hypothesis value(s).
- **contrast**: This option specifies what parameter to return confidence intervals for. If contrast=NULL, then test the null hypothesis that the covariate-adjusted marginal means equal the value(s) specified in null. contrast can also be a numeric vector of ones, negative ones, and zeros to define linear combinations of the various means (e.g., to estimate an average treatment effect, see examples). In this case, we test the null hypothesis that the linear combination of means equals the value specified in null. contrast can also be a list with named functions f, h, and fh_grad. The function f takes as input argument eff and specifies which transformation of the effect measure to test. The function h defines the contrast to be estimated and should take as input est, a vector of the same length as object$a_0$, and output the desired contrast. The function fh_grad is the gradient of the function h(f()). The function computes a test of the null hypothesis that h(f(object$est)) = null. See examples.
- **...**: Other options (not currently used).

Value

An object of class "ci.adaptive_iptw" with point estimates and confidence intervals of the specified level.

Examples

# load super learner
library(SuperLearner)
# fit adaptive_iptw
```r
set.seed(123456)
n <- 200
W <- data.frame(W1 = runif(n), W2 = rnorm(n))
A <- rbinom(n, 1, plogis(W$W1 - W$W2))
Y <- rbinom(n, 1, plogis(W$W1 * W$W2 * A))

fit1 <- adaptive_iptw(
  W = W, A = A, Y = Y, a_0 = c(1, 0),
  SL_g = c("SL.glm", "SL.mean", "SL.step"),
  SL_Qr = "SL.glm"
)

# get test that each mean = 0.5
test_mean <- wald_test(fit1, null = 0.5)

# get test that the ATE = 0
ci_ATE <- ci(fit1, contrast = c(1, -1), null = 0)

# get test for risk ratio = 1 on log scale
myContrast <- list(
  f = function(eff) {
    log(eff)
  },
  f_inv = function(eff) {
    exp(eff)
  }, # not necessary
  h = function(est) {
  },
  fh_grad = function(est) {
    c(1 / est[1], -1 / est[2])
  }
)
ci_RR <- ci(fit1, contrast = myContrast, null = 1)

wald_test.drtmle

wald tests for drtmle objects

Description

Wald tests for drtmle objects

Usage

```
Arguments

object  
An object of class "drtmle"

est  
A vector indicating for which estimators to return a confidence interval. Possible estimators include the TMLE with doubly robust inference ("drtmle", recommended), the AIPTW with additional correction for misspecification ("aiptw_c", not recommended), the standard TMLE ("tmle", recommended only for comparison to "drtmle"), the standard AIPTW ("aiptw", recommended only for comparison to "drtmle"), and G-computation ("gcomp", not recommended).

null  
The null hypothesis value.

contrast  
This option specifies what parameter to return confidence intervals for. If contrast=NULL, then test the null hypothesis that the covariate-adjusted marginal means equal the value(s) specified in null. contrast can also be a numeric vector of ones, negative ones, and zeros to define linear combinations of the various means (e.g., to estimate an average treatment effect, see examples). In this case, we test the null hypothesis that the linear combination of means equals the value specified in null. contrast can also be a list with named functions f, h, and fh_grad. The function f takes as input argument eff and specifies which transformation of the effect measure to test. The function h defines the contrast to be estimated and should take as input est, a vector of the same length as object$a_0, and output the desired contrast. The function fh_grad is the gradient of the function h(f()). The function computes a test of the null hypothesis that h(f(object$est)) = null. See examples.

...  
Other options (not currently used).

Value

An object of class "ci.drtmle" with point estimates and confidence intervals of the specified level.

Examples

# load super learner
library(SuperLearner)
# simulate data
set.seed(123456)
n <- 100
W <- data.frame(W1 = runif(n), W2 = rnorm(n))
A <- rbinom(n, 1, plogis(W$W1 - W$W2))
Y <- rbinom(n, 1, plogis(W$W1 * W$W2 * A))
# fit drtmle with maxIter = 1 so runs fast
fit1 <- drtmle(
  W = W, A = A, Y = Y, a_0 = c(1, 0),
  family = binomial(),
  stratify = FALSE,
  SL_Q = c("SL.glm", "SL.mean", "SL.glm.interaction"),
  SL_g = c("SL.glm", "SL.mean", "SL.glm.interaction"),
  SL_Qr = "SL.glm",
  SL_gr = "SL.glm", maxIter = 1)
# get hypothesis test that each mean = 0.5
test_mean <- wald_test(fit1, null = 0.5)

# get test that ATE = 0
test_ATE <- wald_test(fit1, null = 0, contrast = c(1, -1))

# get test that risk ratio = 1, computing test on log scale
myContrast <- list(
  f = function(eff) {
    log(eff)
  },
  f_inv = function(eff) {
    exp(eff)
  },
  h = function(est) {
  },
  fh_grad = function(est) {
    c(1 / est[1], -1 / est[2])
  }
)

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    exp(eff)
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  h = function(est) {
  },
  fh_grad = function(est) {
    c(1 / est[1], -1 / est[2])
  }
)

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  f = function(eff) {
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  },
  f_inv = function(eff) {
    exp(eff)
  },
  h = function(est) {
  },
  fh_grad = function(est) {
    c(1 / est[1], -1 / est[2])
  }
)
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