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**ciaScores**

*Cell Phones per Country with Predictions*

**Description**

This data set gives the number of cell phones per person for 194 countries, courtesy of the CIA World Factbook. The data are mostly for 2008. It also gives predicted values of this variable from 5 different methods (OLS, Lasso, Regression Tree, Random Forest, and Additive Model). Finally, there is an indicator for each country indicating whether the country was used in the model development sample or not.

**Usage**

`cia.scores`

**Format**

A data frame containing 194 rows and 8 columns.

- `CellPhonesPP`: Number of cell phones per person, from the CIA Factbook.
- `PredOLS`: Predicted response from an OLS regression.
- `PredLasso`: Predicted response from a LASSO regression.
- `PredTree`: Predicted response from a regression tree.
- `PredRF`: Predicted response from a Random Forest.
- `PredSM`: Predicted response from an additive model.
- `PredGLM`: Predicted probability (from a logistic regression) that the country has more cell phones than people.
- `train`: Indicator, =1 if the country was among the set used to make the predictions, =0 if the country was in the validation set (not used to make predictions).

**Source**

Description

Takes a vector of actual responses and a vector of predictions and constructs a gains table to evaluate the predictions.

Usage

\[
gains(actual, predicted, groups=10, 
\text{ties.method}=c("max","min","first","average","random"), 
\text{conf}=c("none","normal","t","boot"), \text{boot.reps}=1000, \text{conf.level}=0.95, 
\text{optimal}=FALSE, \text{percents}=FALSE)
\]

Arguments

- **actual**: a numeric vector of actual response values
- **predicted**: a numeric vector of predicted response values. This vector must have the same length as actual, and the ith value of this vector needs to be the model score for the subject with the ith value of the actual vector as its actual response.
- **groups**: an integer containing the number of rows in the gains table. The default value is 10.
- **ties.method**: method of breaking ties. See the ties.method argument of the rank procedure.
- **conf**: method to construct confidence intervals for the mean response in each row of the table. If "none", then no confidence intervals are constructed. If "normal", then critical values from the normal distribution are used. If "t", then critical values from the t distribution are used. If "boot", then 1000 bootstrap samples are drawn from each row, and the upper and lower \text{conf.level}/2 values of the distribution are used as the confidence interval endpoints.
- **boot.reps**: the number of bootstrap replications to use for bootstrap confidence intervals. The default value is 1000.
- **conf.level**: the 1 - alpha level of the confidence interval. The default value is 0.95.
- **optimal**: a logical indicated whether the user wants optimal lift indices to be computed. Optimal lift indices represent the results that would be achieved from an optimal ranking of subjects.
- **percents**: a logical that indicates whether to print the mean responses and predicted responses in percent form.

Value

gains returns an S3 object of class gains. The function print.gains can be used to print the results. The function plot.gains can be used to plot the mean response and cumulative mean response for each group. An object of class gains is a list containing the following components:
depth cumulative percentage of file covered by each row of the gains table (e.g. 10,20,30,...,100).
obs number of observations in each row.
cume.obs cumulative number of observations in each row.
mean.resp mean response in each row.
cume.mean.resp cumulative mean response in each row.
cume.pct.of.total cumulative percent of total response.
lift lift index. The lift index is 100 times the mean.resp for the row divided by the cume.mean.resp for the last row.
cume.lift cumulative lift index. It is 100 times the cume.mean.resp for the row divided by the cume.mean.resp for the last row.
mean.prediction mean predicted response in each row.
min.prediction minimum predicted response in each row. min.prediction and max.prediction can be used to construct decision rules for applying the model.
max.prediction maximum predicted response in each row.
conf the argument given for conf.
optimal the argument given for optimal.
num.groups the number of rows in the gains table. This will equal groups unless there are fewer distinct predicted values than groups.
percents the argument given for percents.
conf.lower lower confidence limit for each row. Only included if confidence intervals are requested in the gains table.
conf.upper upper confidence limit for each row. Only included if confidence intervals are requested in the gains table.
opt.lift optimal lift index. The lift index achieved by an optimal ranking of subjects in the file. Only included if optimal lift is requested in the gains table.
opt.cume.lift optimal cumulative lift index. The cumulative lift by an optimal ranking. Only included if optimal lift is requested in the gains table.

See Also

print.gains for printing the table in a nice way. plot.gains for drawing a graph representing the output. (This graph is sometimes called a lift chart.)

Examples

data(ciaScores)
with(subset(ciaScores, train==0),
    gains(actual=CellPhonesPP, predicted=PredOLS, optimal=TRUE))
**Description**

This data set contains information about purchases from an apparel company during a two-week response window. It is based on a dataset used for an analytics challenge on the MineThatData blog in 2008. Predictions from two different binary response models and two different spend models, conditional on response, are included. Finally, there is an indicator for each customer indicating whether the customer was used in the training sample for the models.

**Usage**

MineThatData

**Format**

a data frame containing 64000 rows and 7 columns.

- conversion: 0/1 indicator of whether the customer purchased merchandise in the two-week response window.
- spend: Amount spent in dollars during the two-week response window.
- train: 0/1 indicator of whether the observation was used to construct the predictive models.
- logistic.score: Estimated response probability from a logistic regression.
- svm.score: Estimated response probability from a support vector machine.
- linear.score: Estimated "spend", conditional on purchase, from the linear regression.
- rf.score: Estimated "spend", conditional on purchase, from the random forest.

**Source**

The MineThatData E-Mail Analytics and Data Mining Challenge [http://blog.minethatdata.com/2008/03/minethatdata-e-mail-analytics-and-data.html](http://blog.minethatdata.com/2008/03/minethatdata-e-mail-analytics-and-data.html)

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**plot.gains**

*Plotting Gains Table Objects*

**Description**

Plot method for objects of class gains. These plots are sometimes called lift charts.
Usage

```r
## S3 method for class 'gains'
plot(x, y=NULL, xlab="Depth of File", ylab="Mean Response",
    type="b", col=c("red3","bisque4","blue4"), pch=c(1,1,1), lty=c(1,1,1),
    legend=c("Mean Response","Cumulative Mean Response","Mean Predicted Response"),
    ylim=c(min(c(x$mean.resp,x$mean.prediction)),
           max(c(x$mean.resp,x$mean.prediction))), main="Gains Table Plot", ...)
```

Arguments

- `x` an object of class `gains`.
- `y` included for compatibility with the `plot` generic but is not used.
- `xlab` a title for the x axis. See `title`.
- `ylab` a title for the y axis. See `title`.
- `type` what type of plot should be drawn. The default is "b" for points and lines.
- `col` vector of length 3 specifying the colors for the series of mean response rates, cumulative mean response rates, and mean predicted response rates, respectively.
- `pch` vector of length 3 specifying the plotting characters for the series of mean response rates, cumulative mean response rates, and mean predicted response rates, respectively.
- `lty` vector of length 3 specifying the line types for the series of mean response rates, cumulative mean response rates, and mean predicted response rates, respectively.
- `legend` character or expression vector of length 3 specifying the legend descriptions for the series of mean response rates, cumulative mean response rates, and mean predicted response rates, respectively.
- `ylim` the y limits of the plot. See `plot.window`.
- `main` an overall title for the plot. See `title`.
- `...` additional arguments to `plot`.

See Also

gains, plot.

Examples

data(ciaScores)
## Not run: plot(with(subset(ciaScores,train==0),
   gains(actual=CellPhonesPP, predicted=PredOLS, optimal=TRUE)),
   main="Test Gains Table Plot")
## End(Not run)
**Description**

Print method for objects of class `gains`.

**Usage**

```r
## S3 method for class 'gains'
print(x, digits=2, ...)
```

**Arguments**

- `x`  
  an object of class `gains`.

- `digits`  
  minimum number of significant digits to print. See `print.default`.

- `...`  
  additional arguments to `print`.

**See Also**

`gains`, `print`.

**Examples**

```r
data(ciaScores)
print(with(subset(ciaScores, train==0),
        gains(actual=CellPhonesPP, predicted=PredOLS, optimal=TRUE)), digits=2)
```
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