Package ‘miceFast’

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A single evaluation of a quantitative model for the multiple imputations is another major enhancement.

Moreover there are offered a few functions built to work with popular R packages such as ‘data.table’ or ‘dplyr’.

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miceFast-package

miceFast package for fast multiple imputations.

Description

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Details

read vignette for additional information

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References

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See Also

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Examples

### Not run:

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### End(Not run)
Description

airquality dataset with additional variables.

Usage

air_miss

Format

A data frame and data table with 154 observations on 11 variables.

Ozone numeric Ozone (ppb) - Mean ozone in parts per billion from 1300 to 1500 hours at Roosevelt Island

Solar.R numeric Solar R (lang) - Solar radiation in Langleys in the frequency band 4000–7700 Angstroms from 0800 to 1200 hours at Central Park

Wind numeric Wind (mph) - Average wind speed in miles per hour at 0700 and 1000 hours at LaGuardia Airport.

Temp numeric Temperature (degrees F) - Maximum daily temperature in degrees Fahrenheit at La Guardia Airport.

Day numeric Day of month (1–31)

Intercept numeric a constant

index numeric id

weights numeric positive values weights

groups factor Month (1–12)

x_character character discrete version of Solar.R (5-levels)

Ozone_chac character discrete version of Ozone (7-levels)

Details

Daily readings of the following air quality values for May 1, 1973 (a Tuesday) to September 30, 1973.

Source

The data were obtained from the New York State Department of Conservation (ozone data) and the National Weather Service (meteorological data).

References

Examples

```r
## Not run:
library(data.table)
data(airquality)
data = cbind(as.matrix(airquality[, -5]), Intercept = 1, index = 1:nrow(airquality),
    # a numeric vector - positive values
    weights = rnorm(nrow(airquality), 1, 0.01),
    # months as groups
    groups = airquality[, 5])

# data.table
air_miss = data.table(data)
air_miss$groups = factor(air_miss$groups)

# Distribution of Ozone - close to log-normal
# hist(air_miss$Ozone)

# Additional vars
# Make a character variable to show package capabilities
air_miss$x_character = as.character(cut(air_miss$Solar.R, seq(0, 350, 70)))
# Discrete version of dependent variable
air_miss$Ozone_chac = as.character(cut(air_miss$Ozone, seq(0, 160, 20)))

## End(Not run)
```

fill_NA function for the imputations purpose.

Description

Regular imputations to fill the missing data. Non missing independent variables are used to approximate a missing observations for a dependent variable. Quantitative models were built under Rcpp packages and the C++ library Armadillo.

Usage

```r
fill_NA(x, model, posit_y, posit_x, w = NULL, logreg = FALSE)
```

Arguments

- `x` a numeric matrix or data.frame/data.table (factor/character/numeric) - variables
- `model` a character - possible options ("lda","lm_pred","lm_bayes","lm_noise")
- `posit_y` an integer/character - a position/name of dependent variable
- `posit_x` an integer/character vector - positions/names of independent variables
- `w` a numeric vector - a weighting variable - only positive values, Default: NULL
- `logreg` a boolean - if dependent variable has log-normal distribution (numeric). If TRUE log-regression is evaluated and then returned exponential of results., Default: FALSE
Value

load imputations in a numeric/character/factor (similar to the input type) vector format

Note

There is assumed that users add the intercept by their own. The miceFast module provides the most efficient environment, the second recommended option is to use data.table and the numeric matrix data type. The lda model is assessed only if there are more than 15 complete observations and for the lms models if number of independent variables is smaller than number of observations.

See Also

fill_NA_N VIF

Examples

## Not run:
# install.packages('pacman')
pacman:::p_load(miceFast, data.table, magrittr, dplyr)
### Data
# airquality dataset with additional variables
data(air_miss)
### Intro: data.table
# IMPUTATIONS
# Imputations with a grouping option (models are separately assessed for each group)
# taking into account provided weights
air_miss[, Solar_R_imp := fill_NA_N(x=.SD,
  model="lm_bayes",
  posit_y='Solar.R',
  posit_x=c('Wind','Temp','Intercept'),
  w=.SD[['weights']],
  times=100),by=(groups)] %>%
# Imputations - discrete variable
  .[,x_character_imp := fill_NA(x=.SD,
    model="lda",
    posit_y='x_character',
    posit_x=c('Wind','Temp','groups'))] %>
# logreg was used because almost log-normal distribution of Ozone
# imputations around mean
  .[,Ozone_imp1 := fill_NA(x=.SD,
    model="lm_bayes",
    posit_y='Ozone',
    posit_x=c('Intercept'),
    logreg=TRUE)] %>
# imputations using positions - Intercept, Temp
  .[,Ozone_imp2 := fill_NA(x=.SD,
    model="lm_bayes",
    posit_y=1,
    posit_x=c(4,6),
    logreg=TRUE)] %>
# model with a factor independent variable
# multiple imputations (average of x30 imputations)
# with a factor independent variable, weights and logreg options
.

[,Ozone_imp3 := fill_NA_N(x=.SD,
model="lm_noise",
posit_y='Ozone',
posit_x=c('Intercept', 'x_character_imp', 'Wind', 'Temp'),
w=.SD[['weights']],
logreg=TRUE,
times=30])

[,Ozone_imp4 := fill_NA_N(x=.SD,
model="lm_bayes",
posit_y='Ozone',
posit_x=c('Intercept', 'x_character_imp', 'Wind', 'Temp'),
w=.SD[['weights']],
logreg=TRUE,
times=30)]

[,Ozone_imp5 := fill_NA(x=.SD,
model="lm_pred",
posit_y='Ozone',
posit_x=c('Intercept', 'x_character_imp', 'Wind', 'Temp'),
w=.SD[['weights']],
logreg=TRUE),.(groups)]

# Average of a few methods
.

[,Ozone_imp_mix := apply(.SD,1,mean),.SDcols=Ozone_imp1:Ozone_imp5]

# Protecting against collinearity or low number of observations - across small groups
# Be carful when using a data.table grouping option
# because of lack of protection against collinearity or low number of observations.
# There could be used a tryCatch(fill_NA(...),error=function(e) return(...))
.

[,Ozone_chac_imp := tryCatch(fill_NA(x=.SD,
model="lda",
posit_y='Ozone_chac',
posit_x=c('Intercept', 'Month', 'Day', 'Temp', 'x_character_imp'),
w=.SD[['weights']],
error=function(e) .SD[['Ozone_chac']]),.(groups)]

# Sample of results
air_miss[which(is.na(air_miss[,1]))[1:5],]

### Intro: dplyr

# IMPUTATIONS
air_miss = air_miss %>%
# Imputations with a grouping option (models are separately assessed for each group)
# taking into account provided weights
group_by(groups) %>%
do(mutate(.,Solar_R_imp = fill_NA(x=.,
model="lm_pred",)
 posit_y='Solar.R',
 posit_x=c('Wind','Temp','Intercept'),
 w=.[['weights']]]) %>%
 ungroup() %>%
# Imputations - discrete variable
mutate(x_character_imp = fill_NA(x=.,
 model="lda",
 posit_y='x_character',
 posit_x=c('Wind','Temp'))) %>%
# logreg was used because almost log-normal distribution of Ozone
# imputations around mean
mutate(Ozone_imp1 = fill_NA(x=.,
 model="lm_bayes",
 posit_y='Ozone',
 posit_x=c('Intercept'),
 logreg=TRUE)) %>%
# imputations using positions - Intercept, Temp
mutate(Ozone_imp2 = fill_NA(x=.,
 model="lm_bayes",
 posit_y=1,
 posit_x=c(4,6),
 logreg=TRUE)) %>%
# multiple imputations (average of x30 imputations)
# with a factor independent variable, weights and logreg options
mutate(Ozone_imp3 = fill_NA_N(x=.,
 model="lm_noise",
 posit_y='Ozone',
 posit_x=c('Intercept','x_character_imp','Wind','Temp'),
 w=.[['weights']],
 logreg=TRUE,
 times=30)) %>%
 mutate(Ozone_imp4 = fill_NA_N(x=.,
 model="lm_bayes",
 posit_y='Ozone',
 posit_x=c('Intercept','x_character_imp','Wind','Temp'),
 w=.[['weights']],
 logreg=TRUE,
 times=30)) %>%
 group_by(groups) %>%
do(mutate(.,Ozone_imp5 = fill_NA(x=.,
 model="lm_pred",
 posit_y='Ozone',
 posit_x=c('Intercept','x_character_imp','Wind','Temp'),
 w=.[['weights']],
 logreg=TRUE))) %>%
 ungroup() %>%
# Average of a few methods
mutate(Ozone_imp_mix = rowMeans(select(.,starts_with("Ozone_imp")))) %>%
# Protecting against collinearity or low number of observations - across small groups
# Be careful when using a data.table grouping option
# because of lack of protection against collinearity or low number of observations.
# There could be used a tryCatch(fill_NA(...),error=function(e) return(...))
group_by(groups) %>%
do(mutate(., Ozone_chac_imp = tryCatch(fill_NA(x=.,
model="lda",
posit_y='Ozone_chac',
posit_x=c('Intercept',
'Month',
'Day',
'Temp',
'x_character_imp'),
w=[[weights]],
error=function(e) [[[Ozone_chac]]]))) %>%
ungroup()

# Sample of results
air_miss[which(is.na(air_miss[,1]))[1:5],]

## End(Not run)

fill_NA_N function for the multiple imputations purpose.

Description
Multiple imputations to fill the missing data. Non missing independent variables are used to approximate a missing observations for a dependent variable. Quantitative models were built under Rcpp packages and the C++ library Armadillo.

Usage

fill_NA_N(x, model, posit_y, posit_x, w = NULL, logreg = FALSE,
times = 10)

Arguments

- **x**: a numeric matrix or data.frame/data.table (factor/character/numeric) - variables
- **model**: a character - possible options ("lm_bayes","lm_noise")
- **posit_y**: an integer/character - a position/name of dependent variable
- **posit_x**: an integer/character vector - positions/names of independent variables
- **w**: a numeric vector - a weighting variable - only positive values, Default: NULL
- **logreg**: a boolean - if dependent variable has log-normal distribution (numeric). If TRUE log-regression is evaluated and then returned exponential of results, Default: FALSE
- **times**: an integer - a number of multiple imputations, Default:10

Value
load imputations in a numeric/character/factor (similar to the input type) vector format
**Note**

There is assumed that users add the intercept by their own. The miceFast module provides the most efficient environment, the second recommended option is to use data.table and the numeric matrix data type. The lda model is assessed only if there are more than 15 complete observations and for the lms models if number of variables is smaller than number of observations.

**See Also**

*fill_NA VIF*

**Examples**

```r
## Not run:
# install.packages('pacman')
pacman::p_load(miceFast, data.table, magrittr, dplyr)
### Data
# airquality dataset with additional variables
data(air_miss)

### Intro: data.table
# IMPUTATIONS
# Imputations with a grouping option (models are separately assessed for each group)
# taking into account provided weights
air_miss[, Solar_R_imp := fill_NA_N(x=.SD,
    model="lm_bayes",
    posit_y='Solar.R',
    posit_x=c('Wind','Temp','Intercept'),
    w=.SD[['weights']],
    times=100), by=(groups)] %>%

# Imputations - discrete variable

.[, x_character_imp := fill_NA(x=.SD,
    model="lda",
    posit_y='x_character',
    posit_x=c('Wind','Temp','groups'))] %>

# logreg was used because almost log-normal distribution of Ozone
# imputations around mean
.
.[, Ozone_imp1 := fill_NA(x=.SD,
    model="lm_bayes",
    posit_y='Ozone',
    posit_x=c('Intercept'),
    logreg=TRUE)] %>

# imputations using positions - Intercept, Temp
.
.[, Ozone_imp2 := fill_NA(x=.SD,
    model="lm_bayes",
    posit_y=1,
    posit_x=c(4,6),
    logreg=TRUE)] %>

# model with a factor independent variable
# multiple imputations (average of x30 imputations)
# with a factor independent variable, weights and logreg options
.
.[, Ozone_imp3 := fill_NA_N(x=.SD,
    model="lm_noise",
    logreg=TRUE)] %>
```
posit_y='Ozone',
posit_x=c('Intercept','x_character_imp','Wind','Temp'),
w=.SD[[['weights']],
logreg=TRUE,
times=30)]

.[,Ozone_imp4 := fill_NA_N(x=.SD,
model="lm_bayes",
posit_y='Ozone',
posit_x=c('Intercept','x_character_imp','Wind','Temp'),
w=.SD[[['weights']],
logreg=TRUE,
times=30)]

.[,Ozone_imp5 := fill_NA(x=.SD,
model="lm_pred",
posit_y='Ozone',
posit_x=c('Intercept','x_character_imp','Wind','Temp'),
w=.SD[[['weights']],
logreg=TRUE),.(groups)]

# Average of a few methods
.[,Ozone_imp_mix := apply(.SD,1,mean),.SDcols=Ozone_imp1:Ozone_imp5]

# Protecting against collinearity or low number of observations - across small groups
# Be careful when using a data.table grouping option
# because of lack of protection against collinearity or low number of observations.
# There could be used a tryCatch(fill_NA(...),error=function(e) return(...))

.[,Ozone_chac_imp := tryCatch(fill_NA(x=.SD,
model="lda",
posit_y='Ozone_chac',
posit_x=c('Intercept','Month','Day','Temp','x_character_imp'),
w=.SD[[['weights']],
error=function(e) .SD[[['Ozone_chac']]],.(groups)]

# Sample of results
air_miss[which(is.na(air_miss[,1]))[1:5],

### Intro: dplyr

# IMPUTATIONS
air_miss = air_miss

# Imputations with a grouping option (models are separately assessed for each group)
# taking into account provided weights
group_by(groups)
do(mutate(,Solar_R_imp = fill_NA(x=.,
model="lm_pred",
posit_y='Solar_R',
posit_x=c('Wind','Temp','Intercept'),
w=.[[['weights']]])

ungroup()
# Imputations - discrete variable
mutate(x_character_imp = fill_NA(x=.,
    model="lda",
    posit_y='x_character',
    posit_x=c('Wind','Temp'))) %>%
# logreg was used because almost log-normal distribution of Ozone
# imputations around mean
mutate(Ozone_imp1 = fill_NA(x=.,
    model="lm_bayes",
    posit_y='Ozone',
    posit_x=c('Intercept'),
    logreg=TRUE)) %>%
# imputations using positions - Intercept, Temp
mutate(Ozone_imp2 = fill_NA(x=.,
    model="lm_bayes",
    posit_y=1,
    posit_x=c(4,6),
    logreg=TRUE)) %>%
# multiple imputations (average of x30 imputations)
# with a factor independent variable, weights and logreg options
mutate(Ozone_imp3 = fill_NA_N(x=.,
    model="lm_noise",
    posit_y='Ozone',
    posit_x=c('Intercept','x_character_imp','Wind','Temp'),
    w=.[[ 'weights' ]],
    logreg=TRUE,
    times=30)) %>%
mute(Ozone_imp4 = fill_NA_N(x=.,
    model="lm_bayes",
    posit_y='Ozone',
    posit_x=c('Intercept','x_character_imp','Wind','Temp'),
    w=.[[ 'weights' ]],
    logreg=TRUE,
    times=30)) %>%
group_by(groups) %>%
do(mutate(.,Ozone_imp5 = fill_NA(x=.,
    model="lm_pred",
    posit_y='Ozone',
    posit_x=c('Intercept','x_character_imp','Wind','Temp'),
    w=.[[ 'weights' ]],
    logreg=TRUE))) %>%
ungroup() %>%
# Average of a few methods
mutate(Ozone_imp_mix = rowMeans(select(.,starts_with("Ozone_imp")))) %>%
# Protecting against collinearity or low number of observations - across small groups
# Be careful when using a data.table grouping option
# because of lack of protection against collinearity or low number of observations.
# There could be used a tryCatch(fill_NA(...),error=function(e) return(...))
group_by(groups) %>%
do(mutate(.,Ozone_chac_imp = tryCatch(fill_NA(x=.,
    model="lda",
    posit_y='Ozone_chac',
    w=.[[ 'weights' ]],
    logreg=TRUE))) %>%
**Rcpp_corrData-class**

Class "Rcpp_corrData"

**Description**

This C++ class could be used to build a corrData object by invoking `new(corrData, ...)` function.

**Extends**

Class "C++Object", directly.

All reference classes extend and inherit methods from "envRefClass".

**Methods**

- `initialize(...)`: ~~
- `finalize()`: ~~
- `fill(...)`: generating data

**Note**

This is only frame for building C++ object which could be used to implement certain methods. Check the vignette for more details of implementing methods.

**References**

See the documentation for RcppArmadillo and Rcpp for more details of how this class was built.

**Examples**

```r
#showClass("Rcpp_corrData")
show(corrData)
```
Rcpp_miceFast-class

Class "Rcpp_miceFast"

Description
This C++ class could be used to build a miceFast objects by invoking new(miceFast) function.

Extends
Class "C+Object", directly.
All reference classes extend and inherit methods from "envRefClass".

Methods
set_data(...): providing data by a reference - a numeric matrix
set_g(...): providing a grouping variable by a reference - a numeric vector - positive values
set_w(...): providing a weighting variable by a reference - a numeric vector - positive values
get_data(...): retrieving the data
get_w(...): retrieving the weighting variable
get_g(...): retrieving the grouping variable
get_index(...): getting the index
impute(...) : impute data under characteristics from the object like a optional grouping or weighting variable
impute_N(...): multiple imputations - impute data under characteristics from the object like a optional grouping or weighting variable
update_var(...): permanently update the variable at the object and data. Use it only if you are sure about model parameters
get_models(...): get possible quantitative models for a certain type of dependent variable
get_model(...): get a recommended quantitative model for a certain type of dependent variable
which_updated(...): which variables at the object was modified by update_var
sort_byg(...): sort data by the grouping variable
is_sorted_byg(...): check if data is sorted by the grouping variable
vifs(...): Variance inflation factors (VIF) - helps to check when the predictor variables are not linearly related
initialize(...): ...
finalize(): ...

Note
This is only frame for building C++ object which could be used to implement certain methods. Check the vignette for more details of implementing these methods.
Vignette: https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=miceFast
References

See the documentation for RcppArmadillo and Rcpp for more details of how this class was built.

Examples

    #showClass("Rcpp_miceFast")
    show(miceFast)
    new(miceFast)

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VIF

**VIF function for assessing VIF.**

Description

VIF measure how much the variance of the estimated regression coefficients are inflated. It helps to identify when the predictor variables are linearly related. You have to decide which variable should be delete. Values higher than 10 signal a potential collinearity problem.

Usage

```
VIF(x, posit_y, posit_x, correct = FALSE)

## S3 method for class 'data.frame'
VIF(x, posit_y, posit_x, correct = FALSE)

## S3 method for class 'matrix'
VIF(x, posit_y, posit_x, correct = FALSE)
```

Arguments

- **x**: a numeric matrix or data.frame/data.table (factor/character/numeric) - variables
- **posit_y**: an integer/character - a position/name of dependent variable
- **posit_x**: an integer/character vector - positions/names of independent variables
- **correct**: a boolean - basic or corrected - Default: FALSE

Value

load a numeric vector with VIF for all variables provided by posit_x

Methods (by class)

- data.frame:
- matrix:

Note

```
vif_corrected = vif_basic^(1/(2*df))
```
See Also

fill_NA fill_NA_N

Examples

## Not run:
library(miceFast)
library(data.table)

airquality2 = airquality
airquality2$Temp2 = airquality2$Temp**2
#install.packages("car")
#car::vif(lm(Ozone ~ ., data=airquality2))

data_DT = data.table(airquality2)
data_DT[,.(vifs=VIF(x=.SD,
  posit_y="Ozone",
  posit_x=c("Solar.R","Wind","Temp","Month","Day","Temp2"),
  correct=FALSE))]

data_DT[,.(vifs=VIF(x=.SD,
  posit_y=1,
  posit_x=c(2,3,4,5,6,7),
  correct=TRUE))]

## End(Not run)
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