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mice.impute.midastouch

Predictive Mean Matching with distance aided selection of donors

Description

Imputes univariate missing data using predictive mean matching

Usage

mice.impute.midastouch(y, ry, x, ridge = 1e-05, midas.kappa = NULL, outout = TRUE, neff = NULL, debug = NULL, ...)

Arguments

y               Numeric vector with incomplete data
ry              Response pattern of y (TRUE=observed, FALSE=missing)
x               Design matrix with length(y) rows and p columns containing complete covariates.
ridge           The ridge penalty applied to prevent problems with multicollinearity. The default is ridge = 1e-05, which means that 0.001 percent of the diagonal is added to the cross-product. Larger ridges may result in more biased estimates. For highly noisy data (e.g. many junk variables), set ridge = 1e-06 or even lower to reduce bias. For highly collinear data, set ridge = 1e-04 or higher.
midas.kappa     Scalar. If NULL (default) then the optimal kappa gets selected automatically. Alternatively, the user may specify a scalar. Siddique and Belin 2008 find midas.kappa = 3 to be sensible.
outout          Logical. If TRUE (default) one model is estimated for each donor (leave-one-out principle). For speedup choose outout = FALSE, which estimates one model for all observations leading to in-sample predictions for the donors and out-of-sample predictions for the recipients. Mind the inappropriateness, though.
neff            FOR EXPERTS. Null or character string. The name of an existing environment in which the effective sample size of the donors for each loop (CE iterations times multiple imputations) is supposed to be written. The effective sample size is necessary to compute the correction for the total variance as originally suggested by Parzen, Lipsitz and Fitzmaurice 2005. The objectname is midastouch.neff.
debug          FOR EXPERTS. Null or character string. The name of an existing environment in which the input is supposed to be written. The objectname is midastouch.inputlist.
...             Other named arguments.
**Details**

Imputation of \( y \) by predictive mean matching, based on Rubin (1987, p. 168, formulas a and b) and Siddique and Belin 2008. The procedure is as follows:

1. Draw a bootstrap sample from the donor pool.
2. Estimate a beta matrix on the bootstrap sample by the leave one out principle.
3. Compute type II predicted values for \( y_{obs} \) (nobs x 1) and \( y_{mis} \) (nmis x nobs).
4. Calculate the distance between all \( y_{obs} \) and the corresponding \( y_{mis} \).
5. Convert the distances in drawing probabilities.
6. For each recipient draw a donor from the entire pool while considering the probabilities from the model.
7. Take its observed value in \( y \) as the imputation.

**Value**

Numeric vector of length \( \text{sum}(!\text{ry}) \) with imputations

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**References**


**Examples**

```r
## from R:: mice, slightly adapted ##

# do default multiple imputation on a numeric matrix
library(midastouch)
library(mice)
```
imp <- mice(nhanes, method = 'midastouch')
imp

# list the actual imputations for BMI
imp$imp$bmi

# first completed data matrix
complete(imp)

# imputation on mixed data with a different method per column
mice(nhanes2, method = c('sample', 'midastouch', 'logreg', 'norm'))
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