Package ‘stacks’

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Title  Tidy Model Stacking

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Description  Model stacking is an ensemble technique that involves training a model to combine the outputs of many diverse statistical models, and has been shown to improve predictive performance in a variety of settings. ‘stacks’ implements a grammar for ‘tidymodels’-aligned model stacking.

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add_candidates

Description

add_candidates() collates the assessment set predictions and additional attributes from the supplied model definition (i.e. set of "candidates") to a data stack.

Behind the scenes, data stack objects are just tibble::tbl_dfs, where the first column gives the true response values, and the remaining columns give the assessment set predictions for each candidate. In the regression setting, there’s only one column per ensemble member. In classification settings, there are as many columns per candidate ensemble member as there are levels of the outcome variable.

To initialize a data stack, use the stacks() function. Model definitions are appended to a data stack iteratively using several calls to add_candidates(). Data stacks are evaluated using the blend_predictions() function.
add_candidates

Usage

add_candidates(
  data_stack,
  candidates,
  name = deparse(substitute(candidates)),
  ...
)

Arguments

data_stack    A data_stack object.
candidates    A (set of) model definition(s) defining candidate model stack members. Should inherit from tune_results or workflow_set.
  • tune_results: An object outputted from tune::tune_grid(), tune::tune_bayes(), or tune::fit_resamples().
  • workflow_set: An object outputted from workflowsets::workflow_map().

  This approach allows for supplying multiple sets of candidate members with only one call to add_candidates. See the "Stacking With Workflow Sets" article on the package website for example code!

  Regardless, these results must have been fitted with the control settings save_pred = TRUE, save_workflow = TRUE—see the control_stack_grid(), control_stack_bayes(), and control_stack_resamples() documentation for helper functions.

name    The label for the model definition—defaults to the name of the candidates object. Ignored if candidates inherits from workflow_set.

...    Additional arguments. Currently ignored.

Value

A data_stack object—see stacks() for more details!

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See ?example_data to learn more about these objects, as well as browse the source code that generated them.

See Also

Other core verbs: blend_predictions(), fit_members(), stacks()

Examples

# see the "Example Data" section above for
# clarification on the objects used in these examples!

# put together a data stack using
# tuning results for regression models
reg_st <-
  stacks() %>%
  add_candidates(reg_res_lr) %>%
  add_candidates(reg_res_svm) %>%
  add_candidates(reg_res_sp)

reg_st

# do the same with multinomial classification models
class_st <-
  stacks() %>%
  add_candidates(class_res_nn) %>%
  add_candidates(class_res_rf)

class_st

# ...or binomial classification models
log_st <-
  stacks() %>%
  add_candidates(log_res_nn) %>%
  add_candidates(log_res_rf)

log_st

# use custom names for each model:
```r
log_st2 <-
  stacks() %>%
  add_candidates(log_res_nn, name = "neural_network") %>%
  add_candidates(log_res_rf, name = "random_forest")

log_st2
```

# these objects would likely then be
# passed to blend_predictions():
log_st2 %>% blend_predictions

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### `augment.model_stack`  
**Augment a model stack**

**Description**

Augment a model stack

**Usage**

```r
## S3 method for class 'model_stack'
augment(x, new_data, ...)
```

**Arguments**

- `x`  
  A fitted model stack; see `fit_members()`.

- `new_data`  
  A rectangular data object, such as a data frame.

- `...`  
  Additional arguments passed to `predict.model_stack`. In particular, see `type` and `members`.

**See Also**

The `collect_parameters()` function is analogous to a `tidy()` method for model stacks.

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### `autoplot.linear_stack`  
**Plot results of a stacked ensemble model.**

**Description**

Plot results of a stacked ensemble model.

**Usage**

```r
## S3 method for class 'linear_stack'
autoplot(object, type = "performance", n = Inf, ...)
```
Arguments

- **object**: A linear_stack object outputted from `blend_predictions()` or `fit_members()`.
- **type**: A single character string for plot type with values "performance", "members", or "weights".
- **n**: An integer for how many members weights to plot when type = "weights". With multi-class data, this is the total number of weights across classes; otherwise this is equal to the number of members.
- **...**: Not currently used.

Details

A "performance" plot shows the relationship between the lasso penalty and the resampled performance metrics. The latter includes the average number of ensemble members. This plot can be helpful for understanding what penalty values are reasonable.

A "members" plot shows the relationship between the average number of ensemble members and the performance metrics. Each point is for a different penalty value.

Neither of the "performance" or "members" plots are helpful when a single penalty is used.

A "weights" plot shows the blending weights for the top ensemble members. The results are for the final penalty value used to fit the ensemble.

Value

A ggplot object.

Description

Axing a model_stack.

Remove the call.
Remove controls used for training.
Remove the training data.
Remove environments.
Remove fitted values.

Usage

```r
# S3 method for class 'model_stack'
axe_call(x, verbose = FALSE, ...)

# S3 method for class 'model_stack'
axe_ctrl(x, verbose = FALSE, ...)
```
## S3 method for class 'model_stack'
axe_data(x, verbose = FALSE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'model_stack'
axe_env(x, verbose = FALSE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'model_stack'
axe_fitted(x, verbose = FALSE, ...)

### Arguments

- **x**: A model object
- **verbose**: Print information each time an axe method is executed. Notes how much memory is released and what functions are disabled. Default is FALSE.
- **...**: Additional arguments. Currently ignored.

### Value

Axed model_stack object.

### Examples

```r
# build a regression model stack
st <-
  stacks() %>%
  add_candidates(reg_res_lr) %>%
  add_candidates(reg_res_sp) %>%
  blend_predictions() %>%
  fit_members()

# remove any of the "butcherable"
# elements individually
axe_call(st)
axe_ctrl(st)
axe_data(st)
axe_fitted(st)
axe_env(st)

# or do it all at once!
butchered_st <- butcher(st, verbose = TRUE)

format(object.size(st))
format(object.size(butchered_st))
```
**blend_predictions**  
*Determine stacking coefficients from a data stack*

**Description**

Evaluates a data stack by fitting a regularized model on the assessment predictions from each candidate member to predict the true outcome.

This process determines the "stacking coefficients" of the model stack. The stacking coefficients are used to weight the predictions from each candidate (represented by a unique column in the data stack), and are given by the betas of a LASSO model fitting the true outcome with the predictions given in the remaining columns of the data stack.

Candidates with non-zero stacking coefficients are model stack members, and need to be trained on the full training set (rather than just the assessment set) with `fit_members()`. This function is typically used after a number of calls to `add_candidates()`.

**Usage**

```r
blend_predictions(
  data_stack,
  penalty = 10^(-6:-1),
  mixture = 1,
  non_negative = TRUE,
  metric = NULL,
  control = tune::control_grid(),
  times = 25,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

- **data_stack**: A `data_stack` object
- **penalty**: A numeric vector of proposed values for total amount of regularization used in member weighting. Higher penalties will generally result in fewer members being included in the resulting model stack, and vice versa. The package will tune over a grid formed from the cross product of the `penalty` and `mixture` arguments.
- **mixture**: A number between zero and one (inclusive) giving the proportion of L1 regularization (i.e. lasso) in the model. `mixture = 1` indicates a pure lasso model, `mixture = 0` indicates ridge regression, and values in (0, 1) indicate an elastic net. The package will tune over a grid formed from the cross product of the `penalty` and `mixture` arguments.
- **non_negative**: A logical giving whether to restrict stacking coefficients to non-negative values. If `TRUE` (default), 0 is passed as the `lower.limits` argument to `glmnet::glmnet()` in fitting the model on the data stack. Otherwise, `-Inf`.

**blend_predictions**

**metric**
A call to `yardstick::metric_set()`. The metric(s) to use in tuning the lasso penalty on the stacking coefficients. Default values are determined by `tune::tune_grid()` from the outcome class.

**control**
An object inheriting from `control_grid` to be passed to the model determining stacking coefficients. See `tune::control_grid()` documentation for details on possible values. Note that any extract entry will be overwritten internally.

**times**
Number of bootstrap samples tuned over by the model that determines stacking coefficients. See `rsample::bootstraps()` to learn more.

... Additional arguments. Currently ignored.

**Details**
Note that a regularized linear model is one of many possible learning algorithms that could be used to fit a stacked ensemble model. For implementations of additional ensemble learning algorithms, see `h2o::h2o.stackedEnsemble()` and `SuperLearner::SuperLearner()`.

**Value**
A `model_stack` object—while `model_stacks` largely contain the same elements as `data_stacks`, the primary data objects shift from the assessment set predictions to the member models.

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See Also

Other core verbs: `add_candidates()`, `fit_members()`, `stacks()`

Examples

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reg_st

# evaluate the data stack
reg_st %>%
  blend_predictions()

# include fewer models by proposing higher penalties
reg_st %>%
  blend_predictions(penalty = c(.5, 1))

# allow for negative stacking coefficients
# with the non_negative argument
reg_st %>%
  blend_predictions(non_negative = FALSE)

# use a custom metric in tuning the lasso penalty
library(yardstick)
reg_st %>%
  blend_predictions(metric = metric_set(rmse))

# pass control options for stack blending
reg_st %>%
  blend_predictions(
    control = tune::control_grid(allow_par = TRUE)
  )

# to speed up the stacking process for preliminary results, bump down the "times" argument:
reg_st %>%
```
blend_predictions(times = 5)

# the process looks the same with
# multinomial classification models
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log_st

collect_parameters

Collect candidate parameters and stacking coefficients

Description
A function to help situate candidates within a stack. Takes in a data stack or model stack and candidate name and returns a tibble mapping the candidate/member names to their hyperparameters (and, if a model stack, to their stacking coefficients as well).

Usage
collect_parameters(stack, candidates, ...)

## Default S3 method:
collect_parameters(stack, candidates, ...)

## S3 method for class 'data_stack'
collect_parameters(stack, candidates, ...)

## S3 method for class 'model_stack'
collect_parameters(stack, candidates, ...)

Arguments
stack A data_stack or model_stack object.
candidates  
The name of the candidates to collect parameters on. This will either be the name argument supplied to `add_candidates()` or, if not supplied, the name of the object supplied to the candidates argument in `add_candidates()`.

...  
Additional arguments. Currently ignored.

Value  
A `tibble::tbl_df` with information on member names and hyperparameters.

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Examples  

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control_stack_grid

control_stack_grid

Description

Supply these light wrappers as the control argument in a `tune::tune_grid()`, `tune::tune_bayes()`, or `tune::fit_resamples()` call to return the needed elements for use in a data stack. These functions will return the appropriate control grid to ensure that assessment set predictions and information on model specifications and preprocessors, is supplied in the resampling results object!

To integrate stack settings with your existing control settings, note that these functions just call the appropriate `tune::control_*` function with the arguments `save_pred = TRUE`, `save_workflow = TRUE`.

Usage

control_stack_grid()

control_stack_resamples()

control_stack_bayes()

Value

A `tune::control_grid`, `tune::control_bayes`, or `tune::control_resamples` object.

See Also

See `example_data` for examples of these functions used in context.
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**Usage**

- `reg_res_svm`
- `reg_res_sp`
- `reg_res_lr`
- `reg_folds`
- `class_res_nn`
- `class_res_rf`
- `class_folds`
- `log_res_nn`
- `log_res_rf`

**Format**

An object of class `tune_results` (inherits from `tbl_df`, `tbl`, `data.frame`) with 5 rows and 5 columns.

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The source code for generating these objects is given below.

```r
# setup: packages, data, resample, basic recipe ------------------------
library(stacks)
library(tune)
library(rsample)
library(parsnip)
library(workflows)
library(recipes)
library(yardstick)
library(workflowsets)

set.seed(1)

ctrl_grid <-
  tune::control_grid(
```
```r
save_pred = TRUE,
  save_workflow = TRUE
)

ctrl_res <-
tune::control_resamples(
  save_pred = TRUE,
  save_workflow = TRUE
)

# for regression, predict latency to hatch (excluding NAs)
tree_frogs_reg <-
  tree_frogs %>%
    filter(!is.na(latency)) %>%
    select(-clutch, -hatched)

set.seed(1)
tree_frogs_reg_split <- rsample::initial_split(tree_frogs_reg)

set.seed(1)
tree_frogs_reg_train <- rsample::training(tree_frogs_reg_split)

set.seed(1)
tree_frogs_reg_test <- rsample::testing(tree_frogs_reg_split)

set.seed(1)
reg_folds <- rsample::vfold_cv(tree_frogs_reg_train, v = 5)

tree_frogs_reg_rec <-
  recipes::recipe(latency ~ ., data = tree_frogs_reg_train) %>%
  recipes::step_dummy(recipes::all_nominal()) %>%
  recipes::step_zv(recipes::all_predictors())

metric <- yardstick::metric_set(yardstick::rmse)

# linear regression ---------------------------------------
lin_reg_spec <-
  parsnip::linear_reg() %>%
  parsnip::set_engine("lm")

reg_wf_lr <-
  workflows::workflow() %>%
  workflows::add_model(lin_reg_spec) %>%
  workflows::add_recipe(tree_frogs_reg_rec)

set.seed(1)
reg_res_lr <-
  tune::fit_resamples(
```


```r
object = reg_wf_lr,
resamples = reg_folds,
metrics = metric,
control = ctrl_res
)

# SVM regression ----------------------------------
svm_spec <-
parsnip::svm_rbf(
  cost = tune::tune(),
  rbf_sigma = tune::tune()
) %>%
parsnip::set_engine("kernlab") %>%
parsnip::set_mode("regression")

reg_wf_svm <-
workflows::workflow() %>%
workflows::add_model(svm_spec) %>%
workflows::add_recipe(tree_frogs_reg_rec)

set.seed(1)
reg_res_svm <-
tune::tune_grid(
  object = reg_wf_svm,
  resamples = reg_folds,
  grid = 5,
  control = ctrl_grid
)

# spline regression ----------------------------------
spline_rec <-
tree_frogs_reg_rec %>%
recipes::step_ns(age, deg_free = tune::tune("age"))

reg_wf_sp <-
workflows::workflow() %>%
workflows::add_model(lin_reg_spec) %>%
workflows::add_recipe(spline_rec)

set.seed(1)
reg_res_sp <-
tune::tune_grid(
  object = reg_wf_sp,
  resamples = reg_folds,
  metrics = metric,
  control = ctrl_grid
)
```
# classification - preliminaries

tree_frogs_class <-
  tree_frogs %>%
  dplyr::select(-c(clutch, latency))

set.seed(1)
tree_frogs_class_split <- rsample::initial_split(tree_frogs_class)

set.seed(1)
tree_frogs_class_train <- rsample::training(tree_frogs_class_split)

set.seed(1)
tree_frogs_class_test <- rsample::testing(tree_frogs_class_split)

set.seed(1)
class_folds <- rsample::vfold_cv(tree_frogs_class_train, v = 5)

# random forest classification

tree_frogs_class_rec <-
  recipes::recipe(reflex ~ ., data = tree_frogs_class_train) %>%
  recipes::step_dummy(recipes::all_nominal(), -reflex) %>%
  recipes::step_zv(recipes::all_predictors()) %>%
  recipes::step_normalize(recipes::all_numeric())

rand_forest_spec <-
  parsnip::rand_forest(
    mtry = tune::tune(),
    trees = 500,
    min_n = tune::tune()
  ) %>%
  parsnip::set_mode("classification") %>%
  parsnip::set_engine("ranger")

class_wf_rf <-
  workflows::workflow() %>%
  workflows::add_recipe(tree_frogs_class_rec) %>%
  workflows::add_model(rand_forest_spec)

set.seed(1)
class_res_rf <-
  tune::tune_grid(
    object = class_wf_rf,
    resamples = class_folds,
    grid = 10,
    control = ctrl_grid
  )

# neural network classification

nnet_spec <-
  mlp(hidden_units = 5, penalty = 0.01, epochs = 100) %>%
  set_mode("classification") %>%
  set_engine("nnet")

class_wf_nn <-
  workflows::workflow() %>%
  workflows::add_recipe(tree_frogs_class_rec) %>%
  workflows::add_model(nnet_spec)

set.seed(1)
class_res_nn <-
  tune::fit_resamples(
    object = class_wf_nn,
    resamples = class_folds,
    control = ctrl_res
  )

# binary classification --------------------------------

set.seed(1)
tree_frogs_2_class_rec <-
  recipes::recipe(hatched ~ ., data = tree_frogs_class_train) %>%
  recipes::step_dummy(recipes::all_nominal(), -hatched) %>%
  recipes::step_zv(recipes::all_predictors()) %>%
  recipes::step_normalize(recipes::all_numeric())

set.seed(1)
rand_forest_spec_2 <-
  parsnip::rand_forest(
    mtry = tune(),
    trees = 500,
    min_n = tune()
  ) %>%
  parsnip::set_mode("classification") %>%
  parsnip::set_engine("ranger")

log_wf_rf <-
  workflows::workflow() %>%
  workflows::add_recipe(tree_frogs_2_class_rec) %>%
  workflows::add_model(rand_forest_spec_2)

set.seed(1)
log_res_rf <-
  tune::tune_grid(
    object = log_wf_rf,
    resamples = class_folds,
    grid = 10,
    control = ctrl_grid
  )
nnet_spec_2 <-
  parsnip::mlp(epochs = 100, hidden_units = 5, penalty = 0.1) %>%
  parsnip::set_mode("classification") %>%
  parsnip::set_engine("nnet", verbose = 0)

log_wf_nn <-
  workflows::workflow() %>%
  workflows::add_recipe(tree_frogs_2_class_rec) %>%
  workflows::add_model(nnet_spec_2)

set.seed(1)
log_res_nn <-
  tune::fit_resamples(
    object = log_wf_nn,
    resamples = class_folds,
    control = ctrl_res
  )

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**fit_members**

Fit model stack members with non-zero stacking coefficients

**Description**

After evaluating a data stack with `blend_predictions()`, some number of candidates will have nonzero stacking coefficients. Such candidates are referred to as "members." Since members’ predictions will ultimately inform the model stack’s predictions, members should be trained on the full training set using `fit_members()`.

**Usage**

`fit_members(model_stack, ...)`

**Arguments**

- `model_stack` A `model_stack` object outputted by `blend_predictions()`.
- `...` Additional arguments. Currently ignored.

**Details**

To fit members in parallel, please register a parallel backend function. See the documentation of `foreach::foreach()` for examples.
Value

A model_stack object with a subclass linear_stack—this fitted model contains the necessary components to predict on new data.

Example Data

This package provides some resampling objects and datasets for use in examples and vignettes derived from a study on 1212 red-eyed tree frog embryos!

Red-eyed tree frog (RETF) embryos can hatch earlier than their normal 7ish days if they detect potential predator threat. Researchers wanted to determine how, and when, these tree frog embryos were able to detect stimulus from their environment. To do so, they subjected the embryos at varying developmental stages to “predator stimulus” by jiggling the embryos with a blunt probe. Beforehand, though some of the embryos were treated with gentamicin, a compound that knocks out their lateral line (a sensory organ.) Researcher Julie Jung and her crew found that these factors inform whether an embryo hatches prematurely or not!

Note that the data included with the stacks package is not necessarily a representative or unbiased subset of the complete dataset, and is only for demonstrative purposes.

reg_folds and class_folds are rset cross-fold validation objects from rsample, splitting the training data into for the regression and classification model objects, respectively. tree_frogs_reg_test and tree_frogs_class_test are the analogous testing sets.

reg_res_lr, reg_res_svm, and reg_res_sp contain regression tuning results for a linear regression, support vector machine, and spline model, respectively, fitting latency (i.e. how long the embryos took to hatch in response to the jiggle) in the tree_frogs data, using most all of the other variables as predictors. Note that the data underlying these models is filtered to include data only from embryos that hatched in response to the stimulus.

class_res_rf and class_res_nn contain multiclass classification tuning results for a random forest and neural network classification model, respectively, fitting reflex (a measure of ear function) in the data using most all of the other variables as predictors.

log_res_rf and log_res_nn contain binary classification tuning results for a random forest and neural network classification model, respectively, fitting hatched (whether or not the embryos hatched in response to the stimulus) using most all of the other variables as predictors.

See ?example_data to learn more about these objects, as well as browse the source code that generated them.

See Also

Other core verbs: add_candidates(), blend_predictions(), stacks()

Examples

# see the "Example Data" section above for
# clarification on the objects used in these examples!

# put together a data stack
reg_st <-
reg_st

# evaluate the data stack and fit the member models
reg_st %>%
  blend_predictions() %>%
  fit_members()

reg_st

# do the same with multinomial classification models
class_st <-
  stacks() %>%
  add_candidates(class_res_nn) %>%
  add_candidates(class_res_rf) %>%
  blend_predictions() %>%
  fit_members()

class_st

# ...or binomial classification models
log_st <-
  stacks() %>%
  add_candidates(log_res_nn) %>%
  add_candidates(log_res_rf) %>%
  blend_predictions() %>%
  fit_members()

log_st

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get_expressions

**Obtain prediction equations for all possible values of type**

**Description**

Obtain prediction equations for all possible values of type

**Usage**

```r
get_expressions(x, ...)
```

```r
## S3 method for class `\_multnet`
get_expressions(x, ...)
```

```r
## S3 method for class `\_lognet`
```
predict.data_stack

get_expressions(x, ...)

## S3 method for class `elnet`
get_expressions(x, ...)

Arguments

x A parsnip model with the glmnet engine.
...
Not used

Value

A named list with prediction equations for each possible type.

predict.data_stack Predicting with a model stack

Description

The data stack must be evaluated with blend_predictions() and its member models fitted with fit_members() to predict on new data.

Usage

## S3 method for class 'data_stack'
predict(object, ...)

Arguments

object A data stack.
...
Additional arguments. Currently ignored.

predict.model_stack Predicting with a model stack

Description

Apply a model stack to create different types of predictions.

Usage

## S3 method for class 'model_stack'
predict(object, new_data, type = NULL, members = FALSE, opts = list(), ...)
Arguments

object
A model stack with fitted members outputted from `fit_members()`.

new_data
A rectangular data object, such as a data frame.

type
Format of returned predicted values—one of "numeric", "class", or "prob". When NULL, `predict()` will choose an appropriate value based on the model’s mode.

members
Logical. Whether or not to additionally return the predictions for each of the ensemble members.

opts
A list of optional arguments to the underlying predict function passed on to `parsnip::predict.model_fit` for each member.

... Additional arguments. Currently ignored.

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`reg_res_lr`, `reg_res_svm`, and `reg_res_sp` contain regression tuning results for a linear regression, support vector machine, and spline model, respectively, fitting latency (i.e. how long the embryos took to hatch in response to the jiggle) in the `tree_frogs` data, using most all of the other variables as predictors. Note that the data underlying these models is filtered to include data only from embryos that hatched in response to the stimulus.

`class_res_rf` and `class_res_nn` contain multiclass classification tuning results for a random forest and neural network classification model, respectively, fitting reflex (a measure of ear function) in the data using most all of the other variables as predictors.

`log_res_rf` and `log_res_nn`, contain binary classification tuning results for a random forest and neural network classification model, respectively, fitting hatched (whether or not the embryos hatched in response to the stimulus) using most all of the other variables as predictors.

See ?example_data to learn more about these objects, as well as browse the source code that generated them.

Examples
Initialize a Stack

```
# see the "Example Data" section above for
# clarification on the data and tuning results
# objects used in these examples!

data(tree_frogs_reg_test)
data(tree_frogs_class_test)

# build and fit a regression model stack
reg_st <-
  stacks() %>%
  add_candidates(reg_res_lr) %>%
  add_candidates(reg_res_sp) %>%
  blend_predictions() %>%
  fit_members()

reg_st

# predict on the tree frogs testing data
predict(reg_st, tree_frogs_reg_test)

# include the predictions from the members
predict(reg_st, tree_frogs_reg_test, members = TRUE)

# build and fit a classification model stack
class_st <-
  stacks() %>%
  add_candidates(class_res_nn) %>%
  add_candidates(class_res_rf) %>%
  blend_predictions() %>%
  fit_members()

class_st

# predict reflex, first as a class, then as
# class probabilities
predict(class_st, tree_frogs_class_test)
predict(class_st, tree_frogs_class_test, type = "prob")

# returning the member predictions as well
predict(
  class_st,
  tree_frogs_class_test,
  type = "prob",
  members = TRUE
)
```
Description

The `stacks()` function initializes a `data_stack` object. Principally, `data_stacks` are tibbles, where the first column gives the true outcome in the assessment set, and the remaining columns give the predictions from each candidate ensemble member. (When the outcome is numeric, there’s only one column per candidate member. For classification, there are as many columns per candidate member as there are levels in the outcome variable minus 1.) They also bring along a few extra attributes to keep track of model definitions, resamples, and training data.

See `?stacks_description` for more discussion of the package, generally, and the `basics` vignette for a detailed walk-through of functionality.

Usage

```r
stacks(...)  # Additional arguments. Currently ignored.
```

Value

A `data_stack` object.

See Also

Other core verbs: `add_candidates()`, `blend_predictions()`, `fit_members()`

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Description

Model stacking is an ensemble technique that involves training a model to combine the outputs of many diverse statistical models, and has been shown to improve predictive performance in a variety of settings. ‘stacks’ implements a grammar for ‘tidymodels’-aligned model stacking.

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Description

A dataset containing experimental results on hatching behavior of red-eyed tree frog embryos.

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Usage

tree_frogs

Format

A data frame with 1212 rows and 6 variables:

- **clutch**: RETFs lay their eggs in gelatinous "clutches" of 30-40 eggs. Eggs with the same clutch ID are siblings of each other! This variable is useful in mixed effects models. (Unordered factor.)
- **treatment**: The treatment group for the embryo. Either "gentamicin", a compound that knocks out the embryos' lateral line, or "control" for the negative control group (i.e. sensory organs intact). (Character.)
- **reflex**: A measure of ear function called the vestibulo-ocular reflex, categorized into bins. Ear function increases from factor levels "low", to "mid", to "full". (Ordered factor.)
- **age**: Age of the embryo, in seconds, at the time that the embryo was jiggled. (Numeric, in seconds.)
- **t_o_d**: The time of day that the stimulus (i.e. jiggle) was applied. "morning" is 5 a.m. to noon, "afternoon" is noon to 8 p.m., and "night" is 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. (Character.)
- **hatched**: Whether or not the embryo hatched in response to the jiggling! Either "yes" or "no". (Character.)
- **latency**: Time elapsed between the stimulus (i.e. jiggling) and hatching in response to the stimulus, in seconds. Missing values indicate that the embryo didn’t hatch in response to the stimulus. (Numeric, in seconds.)

See Also

Useful links:

- [https://stacks.tidymodels.org/](https://stacks.tidymodels.org/)
- [https://github.com/tidymodels/stacks](https://github.com/tidymodels/stacks)
- Report bugs at [https://github.com/tidymodels/stacks/issues](https://github.com/tidymodels/stacks/issues)
Details

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