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**Description**

Allows for maximum likelihood fitting of cluster-weighted models, a class of mixtures of regression models with random covariates.

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cwm
Description

Maximum likelihood fitting of the cluster-weighted model by the EM algorithm.

Usage

cwm(formulaY = NULL, familyY = gaussian, data, Xnorm = NULL, Xbin = NULL, Xpois = NULL, Xmult = NULL, modelXnorm = NULL, Xbtrials = NULL, k = 1:3, initialization = c("random.soft", "random.hard", "kmeans", "mclust", "manual"), start.z = NULL, seed = NULL, maxR = 1, iter.max = 1000, threshold = 1.0e-04, eps = 1e-100, parallel = FALSE, pwarning = FALSE)

Arguments

formulaY an optional object of class "formula" (or one that can be coerced to that class): a symbolic description of the model to be fitted.

familyY a description of the error distribution and link function to be used for the conditional distribution of $Y$ in each mixture component. This can be a character string naming a family function, a family function or the result of a call to a family function. The following family functions are supported:

- `binomial(link = "logit")`
- `gaussian(link = "identity")`
- `Gamma(link = "log")`
- `inverse.gaussian(link = "1/mu^2")`
- `poisson(link = "log")`
- `student.t(link = "identity")`

Default value is `gaussian(link = "identity")`.

data an optional data.frame, list, or environment with the variables needed to use formulaY.

Xnorm, Xbin, Xpois, Xmult

an optional matrix containing variables to be used for marginalization having normal, binomial, Poisson and multinomial distributions.

modelXnorm an optional vector of character strings indicating the parsimonious models to be fitted for variables in Xnorm. The default is c("E", "Y") for a single continuous covariate, and c("EI", "EI", "EI", "VEI", "VVI", "EEE", "VEE", "EVE", "EEV", "VEV") for multivariate continuous covariates (see mixture: gpcm for details).

Xbtrials an optional vector containing the number of trials for each column in Xbin. If omitted, the maximum of each column in Xbin is used.

k an optional vector containing the numbers of mixture components to be tried. Default value is 1:3.
initialization: an optional character string. It sets the initialization strategy for the EM-algorithm. It can be:

- "random.soft"
- "random.hard"
- "kmeans"
- "mclust"
- "manual"

Default value is "random.soft".

start.z: matrix of soft or hard classification: it is used only if initialization = "manual". Only models with the same number of mixture components as the columns of this matrix will be fit.

seed: an optional scalar. It sets the seed for the random number generator, when random initializations are used; if NULL, current seed is not changed. Default value is NULL.

maxR: number of initializations to be tried. Default value is 1.

iter.max: an optional scalar. It sets the maximum number of iterations in the EM-algorithm. Default value is 200.

threshold: an optional scalar. It sets the threshold for the Aitken acceleration procedure. Default value is 1.0e-04.

eps: an optional scalar. It sets the smallest value for eigenvalues of covariance matrices for xnorm. Default value is 1e-100.

parallel: When TRUE, the package parallel is used for parallel computation. When several models are estimated, methods summary and print consider the best model according to the information criterion in criterion, among the estimated models having a number of components among those in k an error distribution among those in familyy and a parsimonious model among those in modelXnorm.

pwarning: When TRUE, warnings are printed.

Details

When familyy = binomial, the response variable must be a matrix with two columns, where the first column is the number of "successes" and the second column is the number of "failures". When several models have been estimated, methods summary and print consider the best model according to the information criterion in criterion, among the estimated models having a number of components among those in k an error distribution among those in familyy and a parsimonious model among those in modelXnorm.

Value

This function returns a class cwm object, which is a list of values related to the model selected. It contains:

call: an object of class call.

formulaY: an object of class formula containing a symbolic description of the model fitted.

familyY: the distribution used for the conditional distribution of Y in each mixture component.
data a `data.frame` with the variables needed to use `formulaY`.
concomitant a list containing `Xnorm`, `Xbin`, `Xpois`, `Xmult`.
Xbtrials number of trials used for `Xbin`.
models a list; each element is related to one of the models fitted. Each element is a list and contains:

- posterior posterior probabilities
- iter number of iterations performed in EM algorithm
- k number of (fitted) mixture components.
- size estimated size of the groups.
- cluster classification vector
- loglik final log-likelihood value
- df overall number of estimated parameters
- prior weights for the mixture components
- IC list containing values of the information criteria
- converged logical; TRUE if EM algorithm converged
- GLModels a list; each element is related to a mixture component and contains:
  - model a `"glm"` class object.
  - sigma estimated local scale parameters of the conditional distribution of Y, when familyY is `gaussian` or `student.t`
  - t_df estimated degrees of freedom of the t distribution, when familyY is `student.t`
  - nuY estimated shape parameter, when familyY is `Gamma`. The gamma distribution is parameterized according to McCullagh & Nelder (1989, p. 30)
- concomitant a list with estimated concomitant variables parameters for each mixture component
  - normal.d, multinomial.d, poisson.d, binomial.d marginal distribution of concomitant variables
  - normal.mu mixture component means for `Xnorm`
  - normal.Sigma mixture component covariance matrices for `Xnorm`
  - normal.model models fitted for `Xnorm`
  - multinomial.probs multinomial distribution probabilities for `Xmult`
  - poisson.lambda lambda parameters for `Xpois`
  - binomial.p binomial probabilities for `Xbin`

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References


See Also

`flexCWM-package`

Examples

```r
## an exemple with artificial data
data("ExCWM")
attach(ExCWM)
str(ExCWM)

# mixtures of binomial distributions
resXbin <- cwm(Xbin = Xbin, k = 1:2, initialization = "kmeans")
getParXbin(resXbin)

# Mixtures of Poisson distributions
resXpois <- cwm(Xpois = Xpois, k = 1:2, initialization = "kmeans")
getParXpois(resXpois)

# parsimonious mixtures of multivariate normal distributions
resXnorm <- cwm(Xnorm = cbind(Xnorm1,Xnorm2), k = 1:2, initialization = "kmeans")
getParXnorm(resXnorm)

## an exemple with real data
data("students")
attach(students)
str(students)

# CWM
fit2 <- cwm(WEIGHT ~ HEIGHT + HEIGHT.F, Xnorm = cbind(HEIGHT, HEIGHT.F),
             k = 2, initialization = "kmeans", modelXnorm = "EEE")
summary(fit2, concomitant = TRUE)
plot(fit2)
```
Description

An artificial data set, with 200 observations, generated by a CWM with 2 mixture components of different size, one binomial response variable, and four covariates with bivariate Gaussian, Poisson and Binomial distribution, respectively.

Usage

data(ExCWM)

Format

A dataset

See Also

`flexCWM-package`, `cwm`

Examples

data("ExCWM")
attach(ExCWM)
str(ExCWM)

# mixtures of binomial distributions
resXbin <- cwm(Xbin = Xbin, k = 1:2, initialization = "kmeans")
getParXbin(resXbin)

# Mixtures of Poisson distributions
resXpois <- cwm(Xpois = Xpois, k = 1:2, initialization = "kmeans")
getParXpois(resXpois)

# parsimonious mixtures of multivariate normal distributions
resXnorm <- cwm(Xnorm = cbind(Xnorm1,Xnorm2), k = 1:2, initialization = "kmeans")
getParXnorm(resXnorm)
Extractor functions

Extractors for \texttt{cwm} class objects.

Description

These functions extract values from \texttt{cwm} class objects.

Usage

\begin{verbatim}
getBestModel(object, criterion = "BIC", k = NULL, modelXnorm = NULL, familyY = NULL)
getPosterior(object, ...)
getSize(object, ...)
getCluster(object, ...)
getParGLM(object, ...)
getParConcomitant(object, name = NULL, ...)
getPar(object, ...)
getParPrior(object, ...)
getParXnorm(object, ...)
getParXbin(object, ...)
getParXpois(object, ...)
getParXmult(object, ...)
getIC(object, criteria)
whichBest(object, criteria = NULL, k = NULL, modelXnorm = NULL, familyY = NULL)

## S3 method for class 'cwm'
summary(object, criterion = "BIC", concomitant = FALSE,
             digits =getOption("digits")-2, ...)
## S3 method for class 'cwm'
print(x, ...)
\end{verbatim}

Arguments

- \texttt{object, x} a class \texttt{cwm} object.
- \texttt{criterion} a string with the information criterion to consider; supported values are: "AIC", "AICc", "AICu", "AIC3", Default value is "BIC".
- \texttt{criteria} a vector of strings with the names of information criteria to consider. If NULL all the supported information criteria are considered.
- \texttt{k} an optional vector containing the numbers of mixture components to consider. If not specified, all the estimated models are considered.
- \texttt{modelXnorm} an optional vector of character strings indicating the parsimonious models to consider for Xnorm. If not specified, all the estimated models are considered.
- \texttt{familyY} an optional vector of character strings indicating the conditional distribution of Y in each mixture component to consider. If not specified, all the estimated models are considered.
name: an optional vector of strings specifying the names of distribution families of concomitant variables; if NULL, parameters estimated for all concomitant variables are returned.

concomitant: When TRUE, concomitant variables parameters are displayed. Default is FALSE.

digits: integer used for number formatting. Default is 3.

... additional arguments to be passed to getBestModel (or to whichBest for the print method).

Details

When several models have been estimated, these functions consider the best model according to the information criterion in criterion, among the estimated models having a number of components among those in k and an error distribution among those in familyY and a parsimonious model among those in modelXnorm. getIC provides values for the information criteria in criteria.

The getBestModel method returns a cwm object containing the best model only, selected as described above.

Examples

```r
res <- cwm(Y=Y,Xcont=X,k=1:4,seed=1)
summary(res)
plot(res)
```

Description

Plot method for cwm class objects.

Usage

```r
## S3 method for class 'cwm'
plot(x, regr = TRUE, ctype = c("Xnorm","Xbin","Xpois","Xmult"), which = NULL, criterion = "BIC", k = NULL, modelXnorm = NULL, familyY = NULL,histargs=list(breaks=31),...)
```

Arguments

- `x`: An object of class cwm.
- `regr`: boolean, allows for bivariate regression plot.
- `ctype`: a vector with concomitant variables types to plot.
- `which`: a vector with columns number to plot, or "all" for all the columns
- `criterion`: a string with the information criterion to consider; supported values are:"AIC", "AICc", "AICu", "AIC3". Default value is "BIC".
k  an optional vector containing the numbers of mixture components to consider. If not specified, all the estimated models are considered.
modelXnorm  an optional vector of character strings indicating the parsimonious models to consider for Xnorm. If not specified, all the estimated models are considered.
familyY  an optional vector of character strings indicating the conditional distribution of Y in each mixture component to consider. If not specified, all the estimated models are considered.
histargs  an optional list with hist arguments to be used in plot for normal concomitant variables.
...  further arguments for plot.

Examples

data("students")
attach(students)
str(students)
fit2 <- cwm(WEIGHT ~ HEIGHT + HEIGHT.F, Xnorm = cbind(HEIGHT, HEIGHT.F), k = 2,
  initialization = "kmeans", modelXnorm = "EEE")
summary(fit2, concomitant = TRUE)
plot(fit2)

students  dataset students

Description

A dataframe with data from a survey of 270 students attending a statistics course at the Department of Economics and Business of the University of Catania in the academic year 2011/2012. It contains the following variables:

- GENDER gender of the respondent;
- HEIGHT height of the respondent, measured in centimeters;
- WEIGHT weight of the respondent, measured in kilograms;
- HEIGHT.F height of respondent’s father, measured in centimeters.

Usage

data(students)

Format

A dataset

Source

http://www.economia.unict.it/punzo/
References


See Also

`flexCWM-package, cwm`

Examples

```r
data("students")
attach(students)
str(students)
fit2 <- cwm(HEIGHT ~ HEIGHT + HEIGHT.F, Xnorm = cbind(HEIGHT, HEIGHT.F), k = 2,
             initialization = "kmeans", modelXnorm = "EEE")
summary(fit2, concomitant = TRUE)
plot(fit2)
```
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