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ccboost

fit a predictive model with robust boosting algorithm

Description

Fit a predictive model with robust boosting algorithm. For loss functions in the CC-family (concave-convex), apply composite optimization by conjugation operator (COCO), where optimization is conducted by functional descent boosting algorithm. Models include the generalized linear models.

Usage

```
ccboost(
  x,
  y,
  weights,
  cfun = "ccave",
  s = 1,
  delta = 0.1,
  dfun = "gaussian",
  iter = 10,
  nrounds = 100,
  del = 1e-10,
  trace = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

x	input matrix, of dimension nobs x nvars; each row is an observation vector. Can accept dgCMatrix
y	response variable. Quantitative for family="gaussian", or family="poisson" (non-negative counts). For family="binomial" should be a factor with two levels
weights	vector of nobs with non-negative weights
cfun	concave component of CC-family, can be "hacve", "acave", "bcave", "ccave", "dcave", "ecave", "gcave", "hcave"
s	tuning parameter of cfun. $s > 0$ and can be equal to 0 for cfun="tcave". If s is too close to 0 for cfun="acave", "bcave", "ccave", the calculated weights can become 0 for all observations, thus crash the program
delta	a small positive number provided by user only if cfun="gcave" and $0 < s < 1$
dfun	type of convex component in the CC-family, can be "gaussian", "binomial", "poisson"
iter	number of iteration in the COCO algorithm
nrounds	boosting iterations

del convergency criteria in the COCO algorithm
trace if TRUE, fitting progress is reported
... other arguments passing to xgboost

Value

An object with S3 class `xgboost`.

`weight_update` weight in the last iteration of the COCO algorithm

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References

Wang, Zhu (2021), *Unified Robust Boosting*, arXiv eprint, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2101.07718>

Examples

```
x <- matrix(rnorm(100*2),100,2)
g2 <- sample(c(0,1),100,replace=TRUE)
fit1 <- ccboost(x, g2, cfun="acave",s=0.5, dfun="gaussian", trace=TRUE,
               verbose=0, max.depth=1, nrounds=50)
fit2 <- ccboost(x, g2, cfun="acave",s=0.5, dfun="binomial", trace=TRUE,
               verbose=0, max.depth=1, nrounds=50)
fit3 <- ccboost(x, g2, cfun="acave",s=0.5, dfun="poisson", trace=TRUE,
               verbose=0, max.depth=1, nrounds=50)
```

dataLS *generate random data for classification as in Long and Servedio (2010)*

Description

generate random data for classification as in Long and Servedio (2010)

Usage

```
dataLS(ntr, ntu = ntr, nte, percon)
```

Arguments

ntr	number of training data
ntu	number of tuning data, default is the same as ntr
nte	number of test data
percon	proportion of contamination, must between 0 and 1. If percon > 0, the labels of the corresponding percentage of response variable in the training and tuning data are flipped.

Value

a list with elements xtr, xtu, xte, ytr, ytu, yte for predictors of disjoint training, tuning and test data, and response variable -1/1 of training, tuning and test data.

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References

P. Long and R. Servedio (2010), *Random classification noise defeats all convex potential boosters*, *Machine Learning Journal*, 78(3), 287–304.

Examples

```
dat <- dataLS(ntr=100, nte=100, percon=0)
```

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