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### distrTEst-package

`distrTEst` – *Estimation and Testing Classes Based on Package distr*

### Description

`distrTEst` provides (S4)-classes for evaluating procedures (estimators/tests) at data/simulation in a unified way based on package `distr`. This is achieved by means of the S4 class `Evaluation`. The package is based on our packages `distr` and `distrSim`, hence uses distribution classes and simulation classes as introduced there to capture the situation from which the simulations stem.

### Details

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- **Depends:** R(>= 2.6.0), methods, graphics, setRNG(>= 2006.2-1), distrSim(>= 2.2)
- **Imports:** startupmsg, utils
- **Suggests:** distrEx(>= 2.2)
- **LazyLoad:** yes
- **License:** LGPL-3
- **URL:** http://distr.r-forge.r-project.org/
- **SVNRevision:** 1186
Classes

"Evaluation"
  slots: [<name> (<class>)]
  name (character), filename (character), call.ev (call),
  Data (Dataclass), result (Dataframe or NULL),
  estimator (OptionalFunction)
"EvaluationList"
  slots: [<name> (<class>)]
  name (character), Elist (list)

Objects of class "Evaluation" are generated by a call to evaluate.

Methods

plot             plot method for "Evaluation" and for "EvaluationList"
print, show      print/show method for "Evaluation" and for "EvaluationList"
summary          summary method for "Evaluation" and for "EvaluationList"
Data             accessor method for "Evaluation", and, for "EvaluationList"
                 returns common Data

Slot accessors / -replacement functions

All slots are inspected / modified by corresponding accessors / -replacement functions, e.g. call.ev(X)
or filename(X)<="myevaluation.sav" for an object of class "Evaluation".

Start-up-Banner

You may suppress the start-up banner/message completely by setting options("StartupBanner"="off")
somewhere before loading this package by library or require in your R-code / R-session.

If option "StartupBanner" is not defined (default) or setting options("StartupBanner"=NULL) or
options("StartupBanner"="complete") the complete start-up banner is displayed.

For any other value of option "StartupBanner" (i.e., not in c(NULL,"off","complete")) only
the version information is displayed.

The same can be achieved by wrapping the library or require call into either suppressStartupMessages() or
onlytypeStartupMessages(.,atypes="version").

As for general packageStartupMessage’s, you may also suppress all the start-up banner by wrapping
the library or require call into suppressPackageStartupMessages() from startupmsg-
version 0.5 on.

Package versions

Note: The first two numbers of package versions do not necessarily reflect package-individual
development, but rather are chosen for the distrXXX family as a whole in order to ease updating
"depends" information.

Note

Global options controlling the plots and summaries of EvaluationList objects may be inspected / set
by distrTEstoptions() and getdistrTEstOption().
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References

A vignette for packages distr, distrSim, distrTEst, and distrEx is included into the mere documentation package distrDoc and may be called by require("distrDoc");vignette("distr"). A homepage to this package is available under http://distr.r-forge.r-project.org/

See Also
distr-package, distrSim-package, setRNG

call.ev-methods  Methods for Function call.ev in Package 'distrTEst'

Description
call.ev-methods

Methods
call.ev signature(object = "Evaluation"): returns the call which created the object

Data-methods  Methods for Function Data in Package 'distrTEst'

Description
Data-methods

Methods
Data signature(object = "Evaluation"): returns the Data slot
Data signature(object = "EvaluationList"): returns the common Data slot of the respective list elements
distrTestoptions functions to change the global variables of the package 'distrTest'

Description

With distrTestoptions and getdistrTestOption you may inspect and change the global variables used by package distrTest.

Usage

distrTestoptions(...)  
getdistrTestOption(x)

Arguments

... any options can be defined, using name = value or by passing a list of such tagged values.

x a character string holding an option name.

Details

Invoking distrTestoptions() with no arguments returns a list with the current values of the options. To access the value of a single option, one should use getdistrTestOption("MaxNumberofSummarizedEvaluations") e.g., rather than distrTestoptions("MaxNumberofSummarizedEvaluations") which is a list of length one.

Value

distrTestoptions() returns a list of the global options of distrTest.  
distrTestoptions("MaxNumberofSummarizedEvaluations") returns the global option MaxNumberofSummarizedEvaluations as a list of length 1.  
distrTestoptions("MaxNumberofSummarizedEvaluations" = 3) sets the value of the global option MaxNumberofSummarizedEvaluations to 3.  
getdistrTestOption("MaxNumberofSummarizedEvaluations") the current value set for option MaxNumberofSummarizedEvaluations.

Currently available options

MaxNumberOfPlottedEvaluations maximal number of evaluations plotted; defaults to 6
MaxNumberOfPlottedEvaluationDims maximal number of evaluation dimensions plotted in parallel; defaults to 6
MaxNumberOfSummarizedEvaluations maximal number of evaluations summarized in parallel; defaults to 15
MaxNumberOfPrintedEvaluations maximal number of evaluations printed in parallel; defaults to 15
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See Also

options,getOption,distroptions,getdistrOption

Examples

distrTestoptions()
distrTestoptions("MaxNumberOfPlottedEvaluationDims")
distrTestoptions("MaxNumberOfPlottedEvaluationDims" = 5)
# or
getdistrTestOption("MaxNumberOfPlottedEvaluationDims")

estimator-methods  Methods for Function estimator in Package 'distrTEst'

Description

estimator-methods

Methods

estimator  signature(object = "Evaluation"): returns the estimator

evaluate-methods  Methods for Function evaluate in Package 'distrTEst'

Description

evaluate-methods to produce objects of class "Evaluation"

Arguments

object  the data set / simulation on which the evaluation takes place
estimator  the estimation function used; should be able to deal with data in matrix form
            samplesize x obsDim, and, should return either a univariate result or a vector
            (with named coordinates, if possible).
resname  (a vector of) character(s); the name for the univariate results or, in the case
            of multivariate results, and if the coordinates of the results have not yet been
            named, the basic name for them which is pasted to the coordinate number for
            each coordinate.
name  character; the name for the Evaluation object; by default the (R-)name of the
      Data set object.
filename  character; the filename for the Evaluation object (where it is to be saved to); by
         default the filename of the Data set object which is concatenated with the name
         of the estimator in savedata.
**Evaluation-class**

**Details**

besides the arguments determining the method dispatch, we have:

```r
evaluate(object, estimator, ..., resname = "res",
         name = as.character(substitute(object)),
         filename = filename(object))
```

**Methods**

- `evaluate` signature(object = "Dataclass", estimator = "function"): creates an object of class "Evaluation", see there for further information
- `evaluate` signature(object = "Contsimulation", estimator = "function"): creates an object of class "Evaluation", see there for further information

**See Also**

`Evaluation-class`

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**Evaluation-class**

*Class "Evaluation"*

**Description**

When an estimator is used to data of the type "Dataclass" with the method evaluate, the result is an object of class "Evaluation".

**Objects from the Class**

Objects could be created by calls of the form `new("Evaluation", Data, estimator, [result, name, filename, call].` It does not seem to be very useful to generate a new object this way, however. It is to be preferred to use "evaluate" with a Dataclass object!

**Slots**

- `call.ev` Object of class "call": the call which created the object, e.g.; "evaluate(Dataclassobject,mean)"
- `Data` Object of class "Dataclass": the data set / simulation on which the evaluation takes place.
- `estimator` Object of class "OptionalFunction": estimation function used; this estimation function should be able to deal with data in matrix form samplesize x obsDim and should return either a univariate result or a vector (with named coordinates, if possible).
- `filename` Object of class "character": the filename of the evaluation; by default the filename of the Dataclass object, which was called by evaluate
- `name` Object of class "character": the name of the evaluation; by default the name of the Dataclass object, which was called by evaluate
- `result` Object of class "DataframeorNULL": the result of the evaluation of the estimation on data
Accessors/Replacement functions

- `call.ev` no replacement possible
- `estimator` no replacement possible
- `filename` replacement possible
- `name` replacement possible
- `result` no replacement possible

Methods

- `initialize` signature (.Object = "Evaluation"): initialize method
- `plot` signature (object = "Evaluation"): returns a boxplot of the result
- `print` signature (object = "Evaluation"): returns the name of the data object, its filename, the estimator used and the result
- `savedata` signature (object = "Evaluation"): saves the object in two files in the directory of R - one with data, one without as comment file (see example)
- `summary` signature (object = "Evaluation"): returns the name of the data object, its filename, the estimator used and a statistical summary of the result

Note

The saved "evaluation" can be loaded with the usual load-command, the saved comment with the function `cload`.

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See Also

- `Dataclass-class`
- `Simulation-class`
- `Contsimulation-class`
- `load`
- `cload`
- `savedata-methods`
- `plot-methods`
- `simulate-methods`
- `summary-methods`

Examples

```r
N <- Norm() # N is a standard normal distribution.
C <- Cauchy() # C is a Cauchy distribution
cs <- Contsimulation(filename = "csim",
  runs = 5,
  samplesize=5000,
  seed=setRNG(),
  distribution.id = N,
  distribution.c = C,
  rate = 0.1)
simulate(cs)
```
Each of the 25000 random numbers is ideal (N-distributed) with
probability 0.9 and contaminated (C-distributed) with probability = 0.1

summary(cS)
evl <- evaluate(cS, mean, resname="mean") # estimates the data with mean
evl # bad results
ev2 <- evaluate(cS, median, resname="median") # estimates the data with median
ev2 # better results because median is robust

savedata(evl)
# saves the evaluation with result as "csim.mean" and without result as
# "csim.mean.comment" in the working directory # of R - "csim" is the
# filename of the Contsimulation object, mean the name of the estimator
rm(evl)
cload("csim.mean")
# loads the evaluation without result - the object is called ev1.comment
ev1.comment
load("csim.mean") # loads the evaluation with result
ev1
plot(evl)
#
# another function to be evaluated:
severalThings<- function(x) {list("mean"=mean(x), "sd"=sd(as.vector(x)), "mad"=mad(x))
ev3 <- evaluate(cS, severalThings, resname="several")
plot(ev3)
plot(ev3, ylim=c(0,10), col=c("blue","green", "red"))

Description

Several objects of class "Evaluation" may be gathered in a list of class "EvaluationList", if they all
have the same result-format and also share the same data-set.

Objects from the Class

Objects may be created by the generating function EvaluationList, i.e.: EvaluationList(..., name0 = "a list of \"Ev
where all arguments passed through ... have to be objects of class "Evaluation", the corresponding
result-slots have to contain data.frames of identical dimension; the corresponding calls have to have
identical object-arguments (for the data set), and the corresponding Data-slots have to be identical.

Slots

name: Object of class "character": the name of the EvaluationList object

eList: Object of class "list": the list of Evaluation objects

Accesor/Replacement methods

EList signature(object = "EvaluationList"): returns the list with the Evaluation objects

name signature(object = "EvaluationList"): returns/modifies the name of the Evaluation-
List object
EvaluationList-class

Methods

Data signature(object = "EvaluationList"): returns the common Data-slot of one of the Evaluation objects

plot signature(object = "EvaluationList"): returns grouped boxplots of the results

print signature(object = "EvaluationList"): for each list element returns the name of the data object, its filename, the estimator used and the result

show signature(object = "EvaluationList"): as print

summary signature(object = "EvaluationList"): returns the name of the data object, its filename, the estimator used and a statistical summary of the result

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See Also

dataclass-class Simulation-class Contsimulation-class Evaluation-class print-methods plot-methods simulate-methods summary-methods

Examples

N <- Norm() # N is a standard normal distribution.
C <- Cauchy() # C is a Cauchy distribution
cs <- Contsimulation(filename = "csim",
                     runs = 15,
                     samplesize=500,
                     seed=setRNG(),
                     distribution.id = N,
                     distribution.c = C,
                     rate = 0.1)
simulate(cs)
# Each of the 25000 random numbers is ideal (N-distributed) with
# probability 0.9 and contaminated (C-distributed) with probability = 0.1
summary(cs)
ev1 <- evaluate(cs, mean) # estimates the data with mean
ev1 # bad results
ev2 <- evaluate(cs, median) # estimates the data with median
ev2 # better results because median is robust
savedata(ev1)
# saves the EvaluationList with result as "csim.mean" and without result as
# "csim.mean.comment" in the working directory # of R - "csim" is the
# filename of the Contsimulation object, mean the name of the estimator
rm(ev1)
cload("csim.mean")
# loads the EvaluationList without result - the object is called ev1.comment
ev1.comment
load("csim.mean") # loads the EvaluationList with result
Methods for Function filename in Package 'distrTEst'

Description
filename-methods

Methods
filename signature(object = "Evaluation"): returns the filename of the evaluated object

Methods for Function name in Package 'distrTEst'

Description
name-methods

Methods
name signature(object = "Evaluation"): returns the slot name of data object
name<- signature(.Object = "Evaluation"): modifies the slot name of data object

Classes "numericorNULL", "CallorNULL", and "DataframeorNULL"

Classes
auxiliary classes; may contain either a numeric vector or NULL [or a call / data.frame or NULL, respectively].

Objects from the Class
A virtual Class: No objects may be created from it.
Methods

No methods defined with class "numericorNULL", "CallorNULL", and "DataframeorNULL" in the signature.

Note

From version 1.8, the result slot of an object of class evaluation is of type "DataframeorNULL"

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See Also

Evaluation-class

plot-methods

Methods for Function plot in Package ‘distrTEst’

Description

plot-methods

Methods

plot signature(x = "Evaluation", y="missing"): returns a boxplot of the result

plot signature(x = "EvaluationList", y="missing"): regroups the list according to the different columns/coordinates of the result of the evaluation; for each such coordinate a boxplot is generated containing possibly several procedures and if evaluated at a Contsimulation object also grouped into evaluations on ideal and real data. The plot-arguments main and ylim may be transmitted coordinatewise (i.e.: a vector of length (result-dimension), respectively a 2 x (result-dimension) matrix) or globally, using the usual recycling rules.
**print-methods**

Methods for Functions `print` and `show` in Package 'distrTEst'

### Description

print/show-methods

### Methods

**print** signature(x = "Evaluation"): returns the name of the data object, its filename, the estimator used and the result; optional arguments:
- **runs0**: the indices of runs to be summarized;
- **dims0**: the indices of result dimensions to be summarized;

**internal argument:**
- **inList**: decides if name of Dataobject and Datafile are printed out (which is done if inLIST==FALSE); defaults to FALSE but is TRUE when summary is called from summary-method for signature(object = "EvaluationList");

**print** signature(x = "EvaluationList"): after printing the name of the list, for each member of the list print is executed; optional arguments:
- **eval0**: the indices of evaluations to be summarized; — of this vector eval0 maximally MaxNumberOfSummarizedEvaluations evaluations are summarized where MaxNumberOfPrintedEvaluations is a global option, see **distrTestoptions**
- **runs0**: the indices of runs to be summarized;
- **dims0**: the indices of observation dimensions to be summarized;

**show** signature(x = "Evaluation"): the same as print (without optional arguments)

**show** signature(x = "EvaluationList"): the same as print (without optional arguments)

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**result-methods**

Methods for Function `result` in Package 'distrTEst'

### Description

result-methods

### Methods

**result** signature(object = "Evaluation"): returns the result of an evaluation
Methods

**savedata**

signature(object = "Evaluation"): saves the object in two files in the directory of R - one with data - filename = <filename>—, one without as comment file — filename = <filename>.comment—(see example); <filename> the filename can be specified in the optional argument fileN; by default it is concatenated from the filename of the Dataclass object and the estimatorname, which you may either pass as argument estimatorName or it is taken as the R-name of the corresponding R-function.

**Note**

For an example, see Simulation-class and Contsimulation-class

**See Also**

Dataclass-class Simulation-class Contsimulation-class Evaluation-class

Methods

**summary**

signature(object = "Evaluation"): returns the name of the data object, its filename, the estimator used and a statistical summary of the result; optional arguments:

- *runs0* the indices of runs to be summarized;
- *dims0* the indices of result dimensions to be summarized;

internal argument:

- *inList* decides if name of Dataobject and Datafile are printed out (which is done if inLIST==FALSE);
  
defaults to FALSE but is TRUE when summary is called from summary-method for signature(object = "EvaluationList").

**summary** signature(object = "EvaluationList"): returns, for each member of the list a summary of the corresponding Evaluation object; optional arguments:
**eval0**  the indices of evaluations to be summarized; — of this vector `eval0` maximally `MaxNumberOfSummarizedEvaluations` evaluations are summarized where `MaxNumberOfSummarizedEvaluations` is a global option, see `distrTestOptions`.

**runs0**  the indices of runs to be summarized;

**dims0**  the indices of observation dimensions to be summarized;
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