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Description

Enhanced Anomaly Detection for Historical, Relational, and Tail Cellwise Outlier

Details

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The presence of outliers in a dataset can substantially bias the results of statistical analyses. To correct for outliers, micro edits are manually performed on all records. A set of constraints and decision rules is typically used to aid the editing process. However, straightforward decision rules might overlook anomalies arising from disruption of linear relationships. This package provides a computationally efficient method to identify historical, tail, and relational anomalies at the data-entry level. A score statistic is developed for each anomaly type, using a distribution-free approach motivated by the Bienaymé-Chebyshev's inequality, and fuzzy logic is used to detect cellwise outliers resulting from different types of anomalies. Each data entry is individually scored and individual scores are combined into a final score to determine anomalous entries. The HRTnomaly package has proven to be a powerful tool for identifying outliers that are not easily detectable using other traditional methods.

For a complete list of exported functions, use `library(help = "HRTnomaly")`.

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Examples

```
# Load the package
library(HRTnomaly)
set.seed(2025L)
# Load the 'toy' data
data(toy)
# Detect cellwise outliers using robust regression
res_c <- cellwise(toy[sample.int(33), ], epochs = 10L)
# Detect cellwise outliers using Bayesian testing
res_g <- bayesHRT(toy[sample.int(33), ], prior = 0.5)

# Detect record level outliers using Deep Isolation Forests
res_t <- dif(iris)
```

bayesHRT

Calculate Cellwise Flags for Anomaly Detection Using Bayesian Testing

Description

The function uses the predictive posterior distribution based on empirical likelihoods to determine if a data entry is an outlier or not. The function takes a long-format data.frame object as input and returns it with two appended vectors. The first vector contains the posterior probabilities as numbers between zero and one, and the second vector provides a set of logical values indicating whether the data entry is an outlier (TRUE) or not (FALSE).

Usage

```
bayesHRT(a, prior = NULL)
```

Arguments

- | | |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>a</code> | A long-format <code>data.frame</code> object with survey data. For details see information on the data format. |
| <code>prior</code> | A numerical value or vector of cell-level prior probabilities of observing an outlier. It is <code>NULL</code> by default. If <code>false</code> , the function searches for a column named "prior" within the dataset. If such column is not provided in the dataset, a 0.5 non-informative value is used for all cells. |

Details

The argument `a` is provided as an object of class `data.frame`. This object is considered as a long-format `data.frame`, and it must have at least five columns with the following names:

"strata" a character or factor column containing the information on the stratification.

"unit_id" a character or factor column containing the ID of the statistical unit in the survey sample(`x`, `size`, `replace = FALSE`, `prob = NULL`).

"master_varname" a character column containing the name of the observed variable.

"current_value_num" a numeric the observed value, i.e., a data entry

"pred_value" a numeric a value observed on a previous survey for the same variable if available. If not available, the value can be set to `NA` or `NaN`. When working with longitudinal data, the value can be set to a time-series forecast or a filtered value.

"prior" a numeric a value of prior probabilities of observing an outlier for the cell. If this column is omitted in the dataset provided, the function will use the values provided through the argument `prior`.

The `data.frame` object in input can have more columns, but the extra columns would be ignored in the analyses. However, these extra columns would be preserved in the system memory and returned along with the results from the cellwise outlier-detection analysis.

The use of the R-packages `dplyr`, `purrr`, and `tidyr` is highly recommended to simplify the conversion of datasets between long and wide formats.

Value

The long-format `data.frame` is provided as input data and contains extra columns i.e., anomaly flags and outlier posterior predictive distribution.

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Examples

```
# Load the package
library(HRTnomaly)
set.seed(2025L)
# Load the 'toy' data
data(toy)
# Detect cellwise outliers
res <- bayesHRT(toy[sample.int(100), ], prior = 0.5)
```

 bayeswise

Calculate Cellwise Flags for Anomaly Detection Using Robust Bayesian Methods

Description

The function uses a Bayesian approach to determine if a data entry is an outlier or not. The function takes a long-format `data.frame` object as input and returns it with two appended vectors. The first vector contains the posterior probabilities for a cell to be anomalous, and the second vector provides a set of logical values indicating whether the data entry is an outlier (TRUE) or not (FALSE).

Usage

```
bayeswise(a, prior = NULL, epochs = 1000L)
```

Arguments

<code>a</code>	A long-format <code>data.frame</code> object with survey data. For details see information on the data format.
<code>prior</code>	A numerical value or vector of cell-level prior probabilities of observing an outlier. It is NULL by default. If false, the function searches for a column named "prior" within the dataset. If such column is not provided in the dataset, a 0.5 non-informative value is used for all cells.
<code>epochs</code>	Number of epochs used to train a nontrivial robust linear model via the lion algorithm. By default, the algorithm will run 1000 iterations.

Details

The argument `a` is provided as an object of class `data.frame`. This object is considered as a long-format `data.frame`, and it must have at least five columns with the following names:

"strata" a character or factor column containing the information on the stratification.

"unit_id" a character or factor column containing the ID of the statistical unit in the survey
`sample(x, size, replace = FALSE, prob = NULL)`.

"master_varname" a character column containing the name of the observed variable.

"current_value_num" a numeric the observed value, i.e., a data entry

"pred_value" a numeric a value observed on a previous survey for the same variable if available. If not available, the value can be set to NA or NaN. When working with longitudinal data, the value can be set to a time-series forecast or a filtered value.

"prior" a numeric a value of prior probabilities of observign an outlier for the cell. If this column is omitted in the dataset provided, the function will use the values provided through the argument prior.

The data.frame object in input can have more columns, but the extra columns would be ignored in the analyses. However, these extra columns would be preserved in the system memory and returned along with the results from the cellwise outlier-detection analysis.

The use of the R-packages dplyr, purrr, and tidyr is highly recommended to simplify the conversion of datasets between long and wide formats.

Value

The long-format data.frame is provided as input data and contains extra columns i.e., anomaly flags and outlier indicators columns.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
# Load the package
library(HRTnomaly)
set.seed(2025L)
# Load the 'toy' data
data(toy)
# Detect cellwise outliers using Bayesian Analysis
res <- bayeswise(toy[sample.int(100), ], 0.5, 10L)
```

bootHRT

Calculate Cellwise Flags for Anomaly Detection Using Bayesian Bootstrap

Description

The function uses Bayesian bootstrap to determine if a data entry is an outlier on not. The function takes a long-format data.frame object as input and returns it with two appended vectors. The first vector contains the anomaly scores as numbers between zero and one, and the second vector provides a set of logical values indicating whether the data entry is an outlier (TRUE) or not (FALSE).

Usage

```
bootHRT(a, contamination = 0.08, boot_max_it = 1000L)
```

Arguments

<code>a</code>	A long-format <code>data.frame</code> object with survey data. For details see information on the data format.
<code>contamination</code>	A number between zero and one used as a threshold when identifying outliers from the fuzzy scores. By default, the algorithm will identify approximately 8% of the data entries as anomalies.
<code>boot_max_it</code>	An integer number determining the iterations performed by Bayesian bootstrap algorithm. It is set to 1000 by default.

Details

The argument `a` is provided as an object of class `data.frame`. This object is considered as a long-format `data.frame`, and it must have at least five columns with the following names:

`"strata"` a character or factor column containing the information on the stratification.

`"unit_id"` a character or factor column containing the ID of the statistical unit in the survey sample(`x`, `size`, `replace = FALSE`, `prob = NULL`).

`"master_varname"` a character column containing the name of the observed variable.

`"current_value_num"` a numeric the observed value, i.e., a data entry

`"pred_value"` a numeric a value observed on a previous survey for the same variable if available.

If not available, the value can be set to `NA` or `NaN`. When working with longitudinal data, the value can be set to a time-series forecast or a filtered value.

The `data.frame` object in input can have more columns, but the extra columns would be ignored in the analyses. However, these extra columns would be preserved in the system memory and returned along with the results from the cellwise outlier-detection analysis.

The use of the R-packages `dplyr`, `purrr`, and `tidyr` is highly recommended to simplify the conversion of datasets between long and wide formats.

Value

The long-format `data.frame` is provided as input data and contains extra columns i.e., anomaly flags and outlier indicators columns. The samples from the posterior distribution of the contamination threshold are attached as an attribute vector of length `B` named `"thresholds"`.

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Examples

```
# Load the package
library(HRTnomaly)
set.seed(2025L)
# Load the 'toy' data
data(toy)
# Detect cellwise outliers
res <- bootHRT(toy, boot_max_it = 10)
```

 cellwise

Calculate Cellwise Flags for Anomaly Detection

Description

The function uses fuzzy logic to determine if a data entry is an outlier or not. The function takes a long-format `data.frame` object as input and returns it with two appended vectors. The first vector contains the anomaly scores as numbers between zero and one, and the second vector provides a set of logical values indicating whether the data entry is an outlier (TRUE) or not (FALSE).

Usage

```
cellwise(a, contamination = 0.08, epochs = 1000L)
```

Arguments

<code>a</code>	A long-format <code>data.frame</code> object with survey data. For details see information on the data format.
<code>contamination</code>	A number between zero and one used as a threshold when identifying outliers from the fuzzy scores. By default, the algorithm will identify 8% of the records as anomalies.
<code>epochs</code>	Number of epochs used to train a nontrivial robust linear model via the lion algorithm. By default, the algorithm will run 1000 iterations.

Details

The argument `a` is provided as an object of class `data.frame`. This object is considered as a long-format `data.frame`, and it must have at least five columns with the following names:

"strata" a character or factor column containing the information on the stratification.

"unit_id" a character or factor column containing the ID of the statistical unit in the survey `sample(x, size, replace = FALSE, prob = NULL)`.

"master_varname" a character column containing the name of the observed variable.

"current_value_num" a numeric the observed value, i.e., a data entry

"pred_value" a numeric a value observed on a previous survey for the same variable if available. If not available, the value can be set to NA or NaN. When working with longitudinal data, the value can be set to a time-series forecast or a filtered value.

The `data.frame` object in input can have more columns, but the extra columns would be ignored in the analyses. However, these extra columns would be preserved in the system memory and returned along with the results from the cellwise outlier-detection analysis.

The use of the R-packages `dplyr`, `purrr`, and `tidyr` is highly recommended to simplify the conversion of datasets between long and wide formats.

Value

The long-format data.frame is provided as input data and contains extra columns i.e., anomaly flags and outlier indicators columns.

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Examples

```
# Load the package
library(HRTnomaly)
set.seed(2025L)
# Load the 'toy' data
data(toy)
# Detect cellwise outliers
res <- cellwise(toy[sample.int(100), ], 0.05, 10L)
```

class_check

Evaluate the Accuracy of Outlier Classification Results

Description

The function computes the confusion matrix between the logical output of an outlier detection algorithm and a reference (ground-truth) logical vector. The function also calculates the overall accuracy of the results from the confusion matrix, including recall, precision, and F1-scores for the two classes (regular, versus outlier).

Usage

```
class_check(pred, truth)
```

Arguments

pred	A logical vector with the classification output from an anomaly detection algorithm.
truth	A logical vector with the observed classification as a reference (or ground truth).

Details

The function computes the confusion matrix using the function table. True positive and false negative are successively evaluated to compute overall accuracy, recall, precision, and F1-scores.

Value

An S3 class named `checkwise` with the confusion matrix, and other accuracy metrics appended as attributes.

`attr(, "overall")` A numeric value between zero and one with the overall accuracy.

`attr(, "recall")` A numeric vector of values between zero and one with the recall index for regular and outlier cells.

`attr(, "precision")` A numeric vector of values between zero and one with the precision index for regular and outlier cells.

`attr(, "f1-score")` A numeric vector of values between zero and one with the F1-scores for regular and outlier cells.

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Examples

```
# Load the package
library(HRTnomaly)
set.seed(2025L)
# Load the 'toy' data
data(toy)
# Detect cellwise outliers using Bayesian Analysis
res <- cellwise(toy[sample.int(100), ], 0.5, 10L)
class_check(res$outlier, res$anomaly_flag != "")
```

dif

Deep Isolation Forest

Description

The function builds a deep isolation forest that uses fuzzy logic to determine if a record is anomalous or not. The function takes a wide-format `data.frame` object as input and returns it with two appended vectors. The first vector contains the anomaly scores as numbers between zero and one, and the second vector provides a set of logical values indicating whether the records are outliers (TRUE) or not (FALSE).

Usage

```
dif(dta, nt = 100L, nss = NULL, threshold = 0.95)
```

Arguments

<code>dta</code>	A wide-format <code>data.frame</code> object with records (stored by row).
<code>nt</code>	Number of deep isolation trees to build to form the forest. By default, it is set to 100.
<code>nss</code>	Number of subsamples used to build a single deep isolation tree. If set (by default) to <code>NULL</code> , the program will randomly select 25% of the records provided to the <code>dta</code> argument.
<code>threshold</code>	A number between zero and one used as a threshold when identifying outliers from the anomaly scores. By default, this argument is set to 0.95, so that 5% of the records is going to be classified as anomalous.

Details

The argument `dta` is provided as an object of class `data.frame`. This object is considered as a wide-format `data.frame`. The use of the R-packages `dplyr`, `purrr`, and `tidyr` is highly recommended to simplify the conversion of datasets between long and wide formats.

Value

The wide-format `data.frame` is provided as input data and contains extra columns, i.e., for both anomaly scores and the outlier flags.

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Examples

```
# Load the package
library(HRTnomaly)
set.seed(2025L)
# Detect outliers in the `iris` dataset
res <- dif(iris)
```

fuzzyHRT

Calculate Cellwise Flags for Anomaly Detection

Description

The function uses fuzzy logic to determine if a data entry is an outlier or not. The function takes a long-format `data.frame` object as input and returns it with two appended vectors. The first vector contains the anomaly scores as numbers between zero and one, and the second vector provides a set of logical values indicating whether the data entry is an outlier (`TRUE`) or not (`FALSE`).

Usage

```
fuzzyHRT(a, contamination = 0.08)
```

Arguments

- `a` A long-format `data.frame` object with survey data. For details see information on the data format.
- `contamination` A number between zero and one used as a threshold when identifying outliers from the fuzzy scores. By default, the algorithm will identify 8% of the records as anomalies.

Details

The argument `a` is provided as an object of class `data.frame`. This object is considered as a long-format `data.frame`, and it must have at least five columns with the following names:

`"strata"` a character or factor column containing the information on the stratification.

`"unit_id"` a character or factor column containing the ID of the statistical unit in the survey `sample(x, size, replace = FALSE, prob = NULL)`.

`"master_varname"` a character column containing the name of the observed variable.

`"current_value_num"` a numeric the observed value, i.e., a data entry

`"pred_value"` a numeric a value observed on a previous survey for the same variable if available. If not available, the value can be set to NA or NaN. When working with longitudinal data, the value can be set to a time-series forecast or a filtered value.

The `data.frame` object in input can have more columns, but the extra columns would be ignored in the analyses. However, these extra columns would be preserved in the system memory and returned along with the results from the cellwise outlier-detection analysis.

The use of the R-packages `dplyr`, `purrr`, and `tidyr` is highly recommended to simplify the conversion of datasets between long and wide formats.

Value

The long-format `data.frame` is provided as input data and contains extra columns i.e., anomaly flags and outlier indicators columns.

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Examples

```
# Load the package
library(HRTnomaly)
set.seed(2025L)
# Load the 'toy' data
data(toy)
# Detect cellwise outliers
res <- fuzzyHRT(toy[sample.int(100), ])
```

`gif`*Generalized Isolation Forest*

Description

The function builds a generalized isolation forest that uses fuzzy logic to determine if a record is anomalous or not. The function takes a wide-format `data.frame` object as input and returns it with two appended vectors. The first vector contains the anomaly scores as numbers between zero and one, and the second vector provides a set of logical values indicating whether the records are outliers (TRUE) or not (FALSE).

Usage

```
gif(dta, nt = 100L, nss = NULL, threshold = 0.95)
```

Arguments

<code>dta</code>	A wide-format <code>data.frame</code> object with records (stored by row).
<code>nt</code>	Number of generalized isolation trees to build to form the forest. By default, it is set to 100.
<code>nss</code>	Number of subsamples used to build a single generalized isolation tree. If set (by default) to NULL, the program will randomly select 25% of the records provided to the <code>dta</code> argument.
<code>threshold</code>	A number between zero and one used as a threshold when identifying outliers from the anomaly scores. By default, this argument is set to 0.95, so that 5% of the records is going to be classified as anomalous.

Details

The argument `dta` is provided as an object of class `data.frame`. This object is considered as a wide-format `data.frame`. The use of the R-packages `dplyr`, `purrr`, and `tidyr` is highly recommended to simplify the conversion of datasets between long and wide formats.

Value

The wide-format `data.frame` is provided as input data and contains extra columns, i.e., for both anomaly scores and the outlier flags.

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Examples

```
# Load the package
library(HRTnomaly)
set.seed(2025L)
# Detect outliers in the `iris` dataset
res <- gif(iris)
```

print.checkwise *A Method to Print the Accuracy of Outlier Classification Results*

Description

The function print the confusion matrix and accuracy results previously computed with the function class_check.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'checkwise'
print(x, confusion = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

x	An S3 object of the class checkwise, typically computed with the function class_check.
confusion	A logical value, which is FALSE by default. If TRUE, the confusion matrix is printed after showing all accuracy metrics.
...	Additional arguments to pass to the function cat.

Details

The function computes the confusion matrix using the function table. True positive and false negative are successively evaluated to compute overall accuracy, recall, precision, and F1-scores.

Value

An S3 class named checkwise with the confusion matrix, and other accuracy metrics appended as attributes.

attr(, "overall") A numeric value between zero and one with the overall accuracy.

attr(, "recall") A numeric vector of values between zero and one with the recall index for regular and outlier cells.

attr(, "precision") A numeric vector of values between zero and one with the precision index for regular and outlier cells.

attr(, "f1-score") A numeric vector of values between zero and one with the F1-scores for regular and outlier cells.

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Examples

```
# Load the package
library(HRTnomaly)
set.seed(2025L)
# Load the 'toy' data
data(toy)
# Detect cellwise outliers using Bayesian Analysis
res <- cellwise(toy[sample.int(100), ], 0.5, 10L)
class_check(res$outlier, res$anomaly_flag != "")
```

setCores

Set the number of CPU cores for HPC

Description

The function set the number of CPU cores for parallel computation by the use of OpenMP library (<https://www.openmp.org/>). If the package was not compiled with the library OpenMP (≥ 3.0), this function is disabled.

Usage

```
setCores(n)
```

Arguments

n an integer value denoting the number of CPU cores to use; if it exceeds the total number of cores, all of them will be used. If missing, the number of CPU cores in use will be displayed.

Details

When the package is loaded, only one CPU core is used.

Value

The total number of CPU cores in use will be returned and a message will be displayed. If the package was not compiled with the library OpenMP (≥ 3.0), the value one will be returned.

Author(s)

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References

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Examples

```
#Display the number of CPU cores in use
setCores()

#Set 2 CPU cores for parallel computation
setCores(2)

#Set 1 CPU core for serial computation
setCores(1)
```

toy	<i>Toy dataset</i>
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Description

Synthetically produced data are provided to test the FuzzyHRT algorithm.

Usage

```
data(toy)
```

Format

The toy data is a `data.frame` object consisting of 9265 synthetic records and 5 variables:

`strata` a numeric value of the strata
`unit_id` a character string with the record ID
`master_varname` a character string with the names of the variables
`current_value_num` a numeric value with the current synthetic observation
`pred_value` a numeric value with the previously synthetic observation

Examples

```
# Load the package
library(HRTnomaly)
set.seed(2025L)
# Load the toy dataset
data(toy)
# Detect cellwise outliers
res <- fuzzyHRT(toy)
```

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