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Description Fit raw or grouped continuous data from a population with a smooth density on unit interval by an approximate Bernstein polynomial model which is a mixture of certain beta distributions and find maximum approximate Bernstein likelihood estimator of the unknown coefficients. Consequently, maximum likelihood estimates of the unknown density, distribution functions, and more can be obtained. If the support of the density is not the unit interval then transformation can be applied. This is an implementation of the methods proposed by the author this package published in the Journal of Nonparametric Statistics: Guan (2016) <doi:10.1080/10485252.2016.1163349> and Guan (2017) <doi:10.1080/10485252.2017.1374384>.

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Description

Fit raw or grouped data from a nonparametric density f on $[0, 1]$ by an approximate Bernstein polynomial model $f_m(x; p) = \sum_{i=0}^m p_i \beta_{mi}(x)$, where β_{mi} is the density of beta distribution with shapes $(i + 1, m - i + 1)$, $i = 0, \dots, m$, and find maximum approximate Bernstein likelihood estimator of $p = (p_0, \dots, p_m)$. If the support of f is $[a, b]$ then the data x_i are transformed to $(x_i - a)/(b - a)$.

Details

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Functions:

`bern.approx`: compute the Bernstein polynomial approximate of density or distribution function.
`mable`: fit raw data by the approximate Bernstein polynomial model with a given degree m .
`mable.optim`: choose an optimal model degree m and find the maximum approximate Bernstein likelihood estimator of p based on raw data.
`mable.optim.group`: choose an optimal model degree m and find the maximum approximate Bernstein likelihood estimator of p based on grouped data.
`plotmable`: plot the maximum approximate Bernstein likelihood estimate of density function f or distribution function F .

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References

Guan, Z. (2016) Efficient and robust density estimation using Bernstein type polynomials. *Journal of Nonparametric Statistics*, 28(2):250-271. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10485252.2016.1163349>

Guan, Z. (2017) Bernstein polynomial model for grouped continuous data. *Journal of Nonparametric Statistics*, 29(4):831-848. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10485252.2017.1374384>

Examples

```
# Beta distribution
```

```

n<-50; m0<-2; m1<-20
set.seed(1234567)
x<-rbeta(n,7,5)
res<-mable.optim(x, m0, m1)
op<-par(mfrow=c(2,2), mar=c(4,4,2,1))
plot(m0:m1, res$Llik, type="b", xlab="m", ylab="Loglikelihood l(m)")
segments(m<-res$opti.m, 0, m, res$Llik, lty=2, col=2)
plot((m0+1):m1, lr<-res$lr, type="b", xlab="m",
      ylab="LR for Change-Point: R(m)")
segments(m, 0, m, max(lr), lty=2, col=2)
plot(y<-seq(0,1,len=512), dbeta(y,7,5), type="l", xlab="x",
      ylab="f(x)", ylim=c(0, 3.1))
plotmable(res, lty=2, col=2)
lines(density(x, n=512, from=0, to=1), lty=4, col=4)
legend(0, 2.7, bty="n", cex=.8, lty=c(1,2,4),col=c(1,2,4),
      c("TRUE: f",expression(paste("MABLE:",hat(f))),
        expression(paste("KDE:",tilde(f)))))
plot(y, pbeta(y,7,5), type="l", xlab="x", ylab="F(x)",
      main="CDF of beta(7,5)")
plotmable(res, density=FALSE, lty=2,col=2)
lines(ecdf(x), do.points =FALSE, verticals = TRUE, lty=4, col=4)
legend(0, 1, bty="n", cex=.8, lty=c(1,2,4),col=c(1,2,4),
      c("TRUE: F", expression(paste("MABLE:",hat(F))),
        expression(paste("ECDF:",F[n]))))
par(op)

# Normal distribution
n<-30; m0<-2; m1<-30
set.seed(13579)
x<-rnorm(n); a<--4; b<-4
res<-mable.optim(x, m0, m1, a, b)
op<-par(mfrow=c(2,2), mar=c(4,4,2,1))
plot(m0:m1, res$Llik, type="b", xlab="m", ylab="Loglikelihood l(m)")
segments(m<-res$opti.m, 0, m, res$Llik, lty=2, col=2)
plot((m0+1):m1, lr<-res$lr, type="b", xlab="m",
      ylab="LR for Change-Point: R(m)")
segments(m, 0, m, max(lr), lty=2, col=2)
plot(y<-seq(a,b,len=512), dnorm(y), type="l", xlab="x", ylab="f(x)")
plotmable(res, lty=2, col=2)
lines(density(x, n=512, from=a, to=b), lty=4, col=4)
legend(-4, .4, bty="n", cex=.8, lty=c(1,2,4),col=c(1,2,4),
      c("TRUE: f", expression(paste("MABLE:",hat(f))),
        expression(paste("KDE:",tilde(f)))))
plot(y, pnorm(y), type="l", xlab="x", ylab="F(x)")
plotmable(res, density=FALSE, lty=2, col=2)
lines(ecdf(x), do.points =FALSE, verticals = TRUE, lty=4, col=4)
legend(-4, 1, bty="n", cex=.8, lty=c(1,2,4),col=c(1,2,4),
      c("TRUE: F", expression(paste("MABLE:",hat(F))),
        expression(paste("ECDF:",F[n]))))
par(op)

```

bern.approx

Bernstein Polynomial Approximation

Description

Returns Bernstein polynomial approximation $f_m(x; p)$ or $F_m(x; p)$

Usage

```
bern.approx(x, p, a=0, b=1, density = TRUE)
```

Arguments

x	a vector of values in [0,1] at which the Bernstein polynomial approximation f_m of F_m are evaluated.
p	the coefficients of the Bernstein polynomial approximation.
a	left endpoint of supporting interval
b	right endpoint of supporting interval
density	logical; whether a density or a distribution function to be calculated. Default is TRUE.

Details

The $m + 1$ components of p must be nonnegative.

Value

A vector of $f_m(x; p)$ or $F_m(x; p)$ values at x

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References

Guan, Z. (2016) Efficient and robust density estimation using Bernstein type polynomials. *Journal of Nonparametric Statistics*, 28(2): 250-271.

Guan, Z. (2017) Bernstein polynomial model for grouped continuous data. *Journal of Nonparametric Statistics*, 29(4): 831-848.

See Also

[mable.em](#)

Examples

```
# classical Bernstein polynomial
a<-4; b<-4; m<-200
x<-seq(a,b,len=512)
u<-(0:m)/m
p<-dnorm(a+(b-a)*u)
plot(x, dnorm(x), type="l")
lines(x, (b-a)*bern.approx(x, p, a, b)/(m+1), lty=2, col=2)
legend(a, dnorm(0), lty=1:2, col=1:2, c(expression(f(x)==phi(x)),
      expression(B^{f}*(x))))
```

chicken.embryo

Chicken Embryo Data

Description

The chicken embryo dataset which contains number of days and the corresponding frequencies.

Usage

```
data(chicken.embryo)
```

Format

The format is: List of 2 \$ day: int [1:21] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ... \$ nT : int [1:21] 6 5 11 2 2 3 0 0 0 0 ...

Source

Jassim, E. W., Grossman, M., Koops, W. J. And Luykx, R. A. J. (1996). Multi-phasic analysis of embryonic mortality in chickens. *Poultry Sci.* 75, 464-71.

References

Kuurman, W. W., Bailey, B. A., Koops, W. J. And Grossman, M. (2003). A model for failure of a chicken embryo to survive incubation. *Poultry Sci.* 82, 214-22.

Guan, Z. (2017) Bernstein polynomial model for grouped continuous data. *Journal of Nonparametric Statistics*, 29(4):831-848.

Examples

```
data(chicken.embryo)
```

mable.em	<i>Fit raw data with the Bernstein polynomial model with a given degree m</i>
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Description

It returns the MABLE of p and the log-likelihood.

Usage

```
mable.em(x, m, a = 0, b = 1, maxit = 50000, eps = 1e-09)
```

Arguments

x	raw sample data
m	a given model degree
a	left endpoint of supporting interval
b	right endpoint of supporting interval
maxit	maximum number of iterations
eps	convergence criterion for iteration

Details

It returns the MABLE of p and the log-likelihood. The MABLE of the coefficients p , the mixture proportions, are obtained using EM algorithm.

Value

phat	MABLE of p , the coefficients of Bernstein polynomial
llik	log-likelihood
support	supporting interval (a,b)

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References

Guan, Z. (2016) Efficient and robust density estimation using Bernstein type polynomials. *Journal of Nonparametric Statistics*, 28(2):250-271.

See Also

[mable.optim](#)

Examples

```
## Old Faithful Data
library(mixtools)
x<-faithful$eruptions
a<-0; b<-7
u<-seq(0,1,len=512); v<-(b-a)*u+a
mu<-c(2,4.5); sig<-c(1,1)
pmixem<-normalmixEM(x,.5,mu, sig)
y1<-pmixem$lambda[1]*dnorm(v,pmixem$mu[1], pmixem$sigma[1])
  +pmixem$lambda[2]*dnorm(v,pmixem$mu[2],pmixem$sigma[2])
mhat<-94 # preselected optimal degree m
res<-mable.em(x, m=mhat, a, b, maxit=2000, eps=1.0e-4)
hist(x, breaks=seq(0,7.5,len=20), xlim=c(0,7), ylim=c(0,.7),
     probability =TRUE, xlab="t", ylab="f(t)", col = "light grey",
     main="Histogram and Density of Duration of Old Faithful")
lines(density(x, bw = "nrd0", adjust = 1), lty=4, col = 4, lwd=2)
lines(v, bern.approx(u, p=res$phat)/(b-a), lty=1, col = 1, lwd=2)
lines(v, y1, lty=5, col=3, lwd=2)
legend(6,.4, lty=c(5,1,4), col=c(3,1,4), lwd=2, bty="n",
      c(expression(hat(f)[P](t)), expression(hat(f)[B](t)),
        expression(hat(f)[K](t))))
```

mable.em.group	<i>Fit grouped data with the Bernstein polynomial model with a given degree m</i>
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Description

It returns the MABLE of p and the log-likelihood.

Usage

```
mable.em.group(x, breaks, m, a=0, b=1, maxit = 50000,
              eps = 1.0e-9)
```

Arguments

x	vector of frequencies
breaks	end points of class intervals that partition $[0,1]$ after transformation
m	a given model degree m
a	left endpoint of supporting interval
b	right endpoint of supporting interval
maxit	maximum number of iterations
eps	convergence criterion for iteration

Details

The MABLE of the coefficients p , the mixture proportions, are obtained using EM algorithm.

Value

phat	MABLE of p , the coefficients of Bernstein polynomial
llik	log-likelihood
support	supporting interval (a,b)

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References

Guan, Z. (2017) Bernstein polynomial model for grouped continuous data. *Journal of Nonparametric Statistics*, 29(4):831-848.

Examples

```
# Chicken Embryo Data
data(chicken.embryo)
a<-0; b<-21
t<-((a:b)-a)/(b-a)
day<-chicken.embryo$day
nT<-chicken.embryo$nT
Day<-rep(day,nT)
res<-mable.em.group(x=nT, t, m=13)
phat<-res$phat; mhat<-13
xx<-seq(0,1,len=100)
fb<-bern.approx(x=xx, p=phat)/(b-a)
fk<-density(x=rep((0:20)+.5, nT), bw="sj", n=101, from=a, to=b)
hist(Day, breaks=seq(a,b, length=12), freq=FALSE,
     main="Histogram and Density Estimates")
lines(a+(b-a)*xx, fb, lty=2, col=2)
lines(fk, lty=3, col=3)
legend(14, .2, lty=1:3, c("Histogram", "MABLE", "Kernel"),
      bty="n", col=1:3)
```

mable.optim

Fit raw data with the Bernstein polynomial model with optimal degree m

Description

It also returns the MABLE of p and the log-likelihood.

Usage

```
mable.optim(x, m0, m1, a = 0, b = 1, maxit = 50000,
            eps = 1e-09, tini = 1e-04)
```

Arguments

x	raw sample data
m0	specify a starting point for choosing an optimal model degree
m1	specify an end point for choosing an optimal model degree
a	left endpoint of supporting interval
b	right endpoint of supporting interval
maxit	maximum number of iterations
eps	convergence criterion for iteration
tini	a tiny positive number to keep initial p in the interior of the simplex in each iteration

Details

An optimal model degree is selected as the change-point of the increments of log-likelihood, log likelihood ratios, for $m \in \{m_0, m_0 + 1, \dots, m_1\}$. For each m , the MABLE of the coefficients p , the mixture proportions, are obtained using EM algorithm.

Value

Llik	log-likelihoods evaluated at $m \in \{m_0, \dots, m_1\}$
phat	MABLE of p , the coefficients of Bernstein polynomial of the selected optimal degree m
llik	log-likelihood at optimal degree m
optim	the selected optimal degree m
lr	likelihood ratios for change-points evaluated at $m \in \{m_0, \dots, m_1\}$
support	supporting interval (a,b)

Note

Since the Bernstein polynomial model of degree m is nested in the model of degree $m + 1$, the maximum likelihood is increasing in m . The change-point method is used to choose an optimal degree m .

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References

Guan, Z. (2016) Efficient and robust density estimation using Bernstein type polynomials. *Journal of Nonparametric Statistics*, 28(2):250-271.

See Also[mable.em](#)**Examples**

```

# Vaal Rive Flow Data
data(Vaal.Flow)
x<-Vaal.Flow
a<-0
b<-3000
res<-mable.optim(x, m0=2, m1=40, a, b)
m<-res$optim
p<-res$phat
op<-par(mfrow=c(1,2))
layout(rbind(c(1, 2), c(3, 3)))
plot(2:40, Lk<-res$Llik, type="b", pch=20, xlab="m",
      ylab="Loglikelihood \u2113(m)")
segments(m,-10, m, Lk[m], lty=2, col=2)
text(m+5.3,45, expression(paste(hat(m)==19)),pos=4)
arrows(m+5, 44, m,41, length = .07, angle = 20, code = 2)
plot(3:40, lr<-res$lr, type="b", pch=20, xlab="m",
      ylab="LR for Change-Point: R(m)")
segments(m,-1, m, lr[m-2], lty=2, col=2)
text(m+5.1,3.5, expression(hat(m)==19),pos=4)
arrows(m+5, 3.0, m,-1, length = .07, angle = 20, code = 2)
op<-par(lwd=2)
hist(x, prob=TRUE, xlim=c(a,b), ylim=c(0,.0022), breaks=100*(0:30),
      main="Histogram and Densities of the Annual Flow of Vaal River",
      border="dark grey",lwd=1,xlab="x", ylab="f(x)", col = "light grey")
lines(density(x, bw = "nrd0", adjust = 1), lty=4, col = 4)
lines(y<-seq(a, b, length=100), dlnorm(y, mean(log(x)),
      sqrt(var(log(x))))), lty=2, col=2)
lines(y, bern.approx((y-a)/(b-a), p)/(b-a), col=1)
legend(1500, .0015, lty=c(1,2, 4), col=c(1,2, 4), bty="n",
      c(expression(paste("MABLE:",hat(f)[B](x))),
        expression(paste("Log-Normal:",hat(f)[P](x))),
        expression(paste("KDE:",hat(f)[K](x)))))
par(op)

## Not run:
# Old Faithful Data
library(mixtools)
x<-faithful$eruptions
a<-0; b<-7
u<-seq(0,1,len=512); v<-(b-a)*u+a
mu<-c(2,4.5); sig<-c(1,1)
pmixem<-normalmixEM(x,.5,mu, sig)
y1<-pmixem$lambda[1]*dnorm(v,pmixem$mu[1], pmixem$sigma[1])
  +pmixem$lambda[2]*dnorm(v,pmixem$mu[2],pmixem$sigma[2])
x0<-(x-a)/(b-a); m0<-2; m1<-300
res<-mable.optim(x0, m0, m1, maxit=2000, eps=1.0e-4)

```

```

m<-res$opti.m; p<-res$phat
op<-par(mfrow=c(1,2))
layout(rbind(c(1, 2), c(3, 3)))
plot(m0:m1, res$Llik, type="b", pch=20, xlab="m",
      ylab="Loglikelihood \u2113(m)")
segments(m,-10, m, res$Llik[m], lty=2, col=2)
text(m+20,100, expression(paste(hat(m)==94)),pos=4)
arrows(m+24, 95, m,70, length = .07, angle = 20, code = 2)
plot((m0+1):m1, res$lr, type="b", pch=20, xlab="m",
      ylab="Likelihood Ratio: R(m)")
segments(m-2,-10, m-2, res$lr[m-2], lty=2, col=2)
text(m+20,40, expression(hat(m)==94),pos=4)
arrows(m+20, 30, m,-7, length = .07, angle = 20, code = 2)
hist(x, breaks=seq(0,7.5,len=20), xlim=c(0,7), ylim=c(0,.7),
      prob =TRUE,xlab="t", ylab="f(t)", col ="light grey",
      main="Histogram and Density of
            Duration of Eruptions of Old Faithful")
lines(density(x, bw = "nrd0", adjust = 1), lty=4, col = 4, lwd=2)
lines(v, bern.approx(u, p)/(b-a), lty=1, col = 1, lwd=2)
lines(v, y1, lty=5, col=3, lwd=2)
legend(6,.4, lty=c(5,1,4), col=c(3,1,4), lwd=2, bty="n",
      c(expression(hat(f)[P](t)),expression(hat(f)[B](t)),
        expression(hat(f)[K](t))))
par(op)

## End(Not run)

```

mable.optim.group	<i>Fit grouped data with the Bernstein polynomial model with an optimal degree m</i>
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Description

It also returns the MABLE of p and the log-likelihood.

Usage

```

mable.optim.group(x, breaks, m0, m1, a=0, b=1,
                 maxit = 50000, eps = 1e-09)

```

Arguments

x	vector of frequencies
breaks	end points of class intervals that partition $[0,1]$ after transformation
m0	specify a starting point for choosing an optimal model degree
m1	specify an end point for choosing an optimal model degree
a	left endpoint of supporting interval
b	right endpoint of supporting interval

maxit	maximum number of iterations
eps	convergence criterion for iteration

Details

An optimal model degree is selected as the change-point of the increments of log-likelihood, log likelihood ratios, for $m \in \{m_0, m_0 + 1, \dots, m_1\}$. For each m , the MABLE of the coefficients p , the mixture proportions, are obtained using EM algorithm.

Value

Llik	log-likelihoods evaluated at $m \in \{m_0, \dots, m_1\}$
phat	MABLE of p , the coefficients of Bernstein polynomial of the selected optimal degree m
llik	log-likelihood at optimal degree m
opti.m	the selected optimal degree m
lr	likelihood ratios for change-points evaluated at $m \in \{m_0, \dots, m_1\}$
support	supporting interval (a,b)

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References

Guan, Z. (2017) Bernstein polynomial model for grouped continuous data. *Journal of Nonparametric Statistics*, 29(4):831-848.

Examples

```
# Chicken Embryo Data
data(chicken.embryo)
m0<-2; m1<-30; a<-0; b<-21
t<-((a:b)-a)/(b-a);
day<-chicken.embryo$day; nT<-chicken.embryo$nT;
Day<-rep(day,nT)
res<-mable.optim.group(x=nT, t, m0, m1)
p<-res$phat; m<-res$opti.m
op<-par(mfrow=c(1,2), lwd=2)
layout(rbind(c(1, 2), c(3, 3)))
plot(m0:m1, Lk<-res$Llik, type="b", xlab="m",
      ylab=expression(paste("Loglikelihood ", "\u2113", "(m)")))
segments(m,-130, m, Lk[m], lty=2, col=2)
text(m+5,-119, expression(paste(hat(m)==13)),pos=4, cex=1.5)
arrows(m+5.5, -119.5, m,-121.4, length=.07, angle=20, code=2)
plot((m0+1):m1, lr<-res$lr, type="b", xlab="m", ylim=c(0, max(lr)),
      ylab="Likelihood Ratio: R(m)")
segments(m,-10, m, lr[m-2], lty=2, col=2)
```

```

text(m+3,5, expression(hat(m)==13),pos=4, cex=1.5)
arrows(m+3.45, 4.3, m,-.7, length = .07, angle = 20, code = 2)
u<-seq(0,1,len=100); y<-a+(b-a)*u
fb<-bern.approx(u, p=res$phat)/(b-a)
fk<-density(x=rep((0:20)+.5, nT), bw="sj", n=101, from=a, to=b)
hist(Day, breaks=seq(a,b, length=12), freq=FALSE,
      main="Histogram and Density Estimates")
lines(y, fb, lty=2, col=2)
lines(fk, lty=3, col=3)
legend(14, .2, lty=1:3, c("Histogram", "MABLE", "Kernel"),
      bty="n", col=1:3)
par(op)

```

plotmable

Plot Maximum Approximate Bernstein Likelihood Estimates of f or F

Description

Takes an output of `mable.em()` or `mable.optim()` and returns various graphical output for the nonparametric estimate.

Usage

```
plotmable(mable.fit, density=TRUE, nx=512, add = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>mable.fit</code>	mable object containing \hat{p} and (a,b) of <code>mable.em()</code> or <code>mable.optim()</code> .
<code>density</code>	logical; whether a density or a distribution function to be calculated. Default is TRUE.
<code>nx</code>	number of points to plot.
<code>add</code>	logical; if TRUE only add to an existing plot. Default is TRUE.
<code>...</code>	other arguments of <code>plot()</code> .

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References

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See Also

[mable.em](#), [mable.optim](#), [mable.em.group](#), [mable.optim.group](#)

Examples

```
# standard normal
a<- -4; b<-4;
x<-rnorm(30)
bfit<-mable.em(x, m=20, a, b)
# density estimate
plot(xx<-seq(a,b,len=512), dnorm(xx), type="l", xlab="x", ylab="f(x)")
plotmable(bfit, lty=2,col=2)
# cdf estimate
plot(xx<-seq(a,b,len=512), pnorm(xx), type="l", xlab="x", ylab="F(x)")
plotmable(bfit, density=FALSE, lty=2,col=2)
```

Vaal.Flow

Vaal River Annual Flow Data

Description

The annual flow data of Vaal River at Standerton as given by Table 1.1 of Linhart and Zucchini (1986) give the flow in millions of cubic metres.

Usage

```
data(Vaal.Flow)
```

Format

The format is: int [1:65] 222 1094 452 1298 882 988 276 216 103 490 ...

References

Linhart, H., and Zucchini, W. (1986), *Model selection*, Wiley Series in Probability and Mathematical Statistics: Applied Probability and Statistics, New York: John Wiley & Sons Inc.

Examples

```
data(Vaal.Flow)
## maybe str(Vaal.Flow) ; plot(Vaal.Flow) ...
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