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AUC	<i>Area Under Curve</i>
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## Description

The AUC function calculates the numeric value of area under the ROC curve (AUC) with the trapezoidal rule and optionally plots the ROC curve

## Usage

```
AUC(prob, outcome, cutoff = 1, ROC.plot = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

prob	A numeric vector of predicted probability
outcome	A numeric vector of observed binary outcome
cutoff	Number between 0 and 1 to specify where threshold of ROC curve should be truncated. The default value is 1 (no truncation)
ROC.plot	Logical. Whether or not to plot ROC curve

## Details

The ROC curve is created by plotting the true positive rate (TPR) against the false positive rate (FPR) at different threshold settings.

By default the total area under the curve is computed, but a truncated AUC statistics can be specified with the cutoff argument. It specifies the bounds of FPR. The common choice of cutoff can be 1 (i.e. no truncate) or 0.2 (i.e. specificity > 0.8)

## Value

The value of the area under the curve.

**Examples**

```

set.seed(1)
# simulate predictors
x1 <- rnorm(200)
x2 <- rnorm(200)
# simulate outcome
pr <- 1/(1+exp(-(3 * x1 + 2 * x2 + 1)))
y <- rbinom(200, 1, pr)
df <- data.frame(y = y,x1 = x1, x2 = x2)
# fit logistic regression model on the first 100 observation
lg.model <- glm(y ~ x1 + x2, data = df[1 : 100, ], family="binomial")
# predict outcome for the last 100 observation
prob <- predict(lg.model, df[101:200, c("x1", "x2")], type = "response")
# calculate AUC and plot thr ROC Curve
AUC(prob, y[101:200], ROC=TRUE)
# calculate AUC and plot thr ROC Curve with cutoff
AUC(prob, y[101:200], cutoff=0.2, ROC=TRUE)

```

cv.MTPS

*Evaluation using Cross-Validation***Description**

Use cross-validation to evaluate model performance.

**Usage**

```

cv.MTPS(xmat, ymat, family, nfolds = 5,
        cv = FALSE, residual = TRUE,
        cv.stacking.nfold = 5, method.step1, method.step2,
        resid.type=c("deviance", "pearson", "raw"),
        resid.std=FALSE)

```

**Arguments**

xmat	Predictor matrix, each row is an observation vector
ymat	Responses matrix. Quantitative for family = "gaussian" and a factor of two levels for family = "binomial"
family	Response type for each response. If all response variable are within the same family it can be "gaussian" or "binomial", otherwise it is a vector with elements "gaussian" and "binomial" to indicate each response family
nfolds	Integer, number of folds for Cross-Validation to evaluate the performance of stacking algorithms.
cv	Logical, indicate if use Cross-Validation Stacking algorithm
residual	Logical, indicate if use Residual Stacking algorithm

<code>cv.stacking.nfold</code>	Integer, number of folds for Cross-Validation Stacking algorithm. The default value is 5
<code>method.step1</code>	Base Learners for fitting models in Step 1 of Stacking Algorithm. It can be one base learner function for all outcomes or a list of base learner functions for each outcome. The list of all base learners can be obtained by <code>list.learners()</code>
<code>method.step2</code>	Base Learners for fitting models in Step 2 of Stacking Algorithm. (see above)
<code>resid.type</code>	The residual type for Residual Stacking
<code>resid.std</code>	Logical, whether or not use standardized residual

### Value

It returns the mean squared error of continuous outcomes. AUC, accuracy, recall and precision for binary outcomes of predictions using cross-validation.

### Examples

```
data("HIV")
cv.MTPS(xmat=XX, ymat=YY, family="gaussian", nfold=2,
        method.step1=rpart1, method.step2=lm1)
```

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HIV

*HIV Drug Resistance Database*

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### Description

The data from HIV Drug Resistance Database used for demonstration. After processing, YY contains 5 response variables variable for 1246 observations and XX are 228 predictors of those 1246 observations.

### Format

Data objects used for demonstration

### Details

In the HIV database, the resistance of five Nucleoside RT Inhibitor (NRTI) drugs were used as multivariate outcomes, including Lamivudine (3TC), Abacavir(ABC), Zidovudine (AZT), Stavudine (D4T), Didanosine (DDI). The mutation variables are used as the predictors. Some mutation variables were removed as they do not contain enough variation. The final outcome data is a matrix of size  $1246 \times 5$ , and the predictor data is a matrix of  $1246 \times 228$  values, which is provided in the package called "HIV". In the example data in the package, "YY" refers the outcome data and "XX" refers the predictor data.

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## Examples

```
data(HIV)
```

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Internal\_data

*Internal Data Object*

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## Description

The data is for internal use, and is not meant for users.

## Format

Data objects used for demonstration

## Details

For speeding up vignette build purpose.

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list.learners	<i>List Available Base Learners</i>
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**Description**

This function lists all base learners provided in the package.

**Usage**

```
list.learners()
```

**Details**

lm1: linear regression

glm1: generalized linear models

glmnet1: Does k-fold cross-validation to chose best alpha and lambda for generalized linear models via penalized maximum likelihood.

glmnet.lasso: LASSO, lambda is chose by k-fold cross-validation for glmnet

glmnet.ridge: Ridge regression, lambda is chose by k-fold cross-validation for glmnet

rpart1: regression tree

lda1: linear discriminant analysis

qda1: quadratic discriminant analysis

KNN1: k-nearest neighbour classification, k is chose by cross-validation

svm1: support vector machine

**Value**

The name of all base learners provided in the package

**Examples**

```
list.learners()
```

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modify.parameter      *Modify Default Parameters For Base Learner*

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### Description

Modify default parameters for methods provided in the package.

### Usage

```
modify.parameter(FUN, ...)
```

### Arguments

FUN	Method
...	Modified arguments

### Value

It returns a new function with modified parameters.

### Examples

```
glmnet.lasso <- modify.parameter(glmnet1, alpha=1)  
glmnet.ridge <- modify.parameter(glmnet1, alpha=0)
```

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MTPS

*Fit Models using Revised Stacking Algorithm*

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### Description

Fit a model using standard stacking algorithm or revised stacking algorithms to simultaneous predicted multiple outcomes

### Usage

```
MTPS(xmat, ymat, family,  
      cv = FALSE, residual = TRUE, nfold = 5,  
      method.step1, method.step2,  
      resid.type = c("deviance", "pearson", "raw"), resid.std = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

xmat	Predictor matrix, each row is an observation vector
ymat	Responses matrix. Quantitative for family = "gaussian" and a factor of two levels for family = "binomial"
family	Response type for each response. If all response variable are within the same family it can be "gaussian" or "binomial", otherwise it is a vector with elements "gaussian" and "binomial" to indicate each response family
cv	Logical, indicate if use Cross-Validation Stacking algorithm
residual	Logical, indicate if use Residual Stacking algorithm
nfold	Integer, number of folds for Cross-Validation Stacking algorithm. The default value is 5
method.step1	Base Learners for fitting models in Step 1 of Stacking Algorithm. It can be one base learner function for all outcomes or a list of base learner functions for each outcome. The list of all base learners can be obtained by <code>list.learners()</code>
method.step2	Base Learners for fitting models in Step 2 of Stacking Algorithm. (see above)
resid.type	The residual type for Residual Stacking
resid.std	Logical, whether or not use standardized residual

**Value**

It returns a MTPS object. It is a list of 4 parameters containing information about step 1 and step 2 models and the revised stacking algorithm method.

**Examples**

```

data("HIV")
set.seed(1)
xmat <- as.matrix(XX)
ymat <- as.matrix(YY)
id <- createFolds(rowMeans(XX), k=5, list=FALSE)
training.id <- id != 1
y.train <- ymat[training.id, ]
y.test <- ymat[!training.id, ]
x.train <- xmat[training.id, ]
x.test <- xmat[!training.id, ]

# Residual Stacking
fit.rs <- MTPS(xmat = x.train, ymat = y.train,
  family = "gaussian", cv = FALSE, residual = TRUE,
  method.step1 = rpart1, method.step2 = lm1)
predict(fit.rs, x.test)

# using different base learners for different outcomes
fit.mixOut <- MTPS(xmat=x.train, ymat=y.train,
  family="gaussian", cv = FALSE, residual = TRUE,
  method.step1 = c(rpart1, glmnet.ridge, rpart1, lm1, lm1),
  method.step2 = c(rpart1, lm1, lm1, lm1, glmnet.ridge))
predict(fit.mixOut, x.test)

```



multiFit

*Fit models on multiple outcomes***Description**

This function fit individual models to predict each outcome separately.

**Usage**

```
multiFit(xmat, ymat, method, family)
```

**Arguments**

xmat	Matrix of predictors, each row is an observation vector
ymat	Matrix of outcomes. Quantitative for family = "gaussian" and a factor of two levels for family = "binomial"
method	Method for fitting models. It can be one base learner function for all outcomes or a list of base learner functions for each outcome. The list of all base learners can be obtained by <code>list.learners()</code> .
family	Response type for each response. If all response variable are within the same family it can be "gaussian" or "binomial", otherwise it is a vector of "gaussian" or "binomial" to indicate each response family

**Value**

It returns a multiFit object. It is a list of 5 parameters containing information about the fitted models and fitted values for each outcome.

**Examples**

```
data("HIV")
set.seed(1)
xmat <- as.matrix(XX)
ymat <- as.matrix(YY)
id <- createFolds(rowMeans(XX), k=5, list=FALSE)
training.id <- id != 1
y.train <- ymat[training.id, ]
y.test <- ymat[!training.id, ]
x.train <- xmat[training.id, ]
x.test <- xmat[!training.id, ]
fit <- multiFit(xmat = x.train, ymat = y.train,
               method = rpart1, family = "gaussian")
predict(fit, x.test)

# using different base learners for different outcomes
fit.mixOut <- multiFit(xmat = x.train, ymat = y.train,
                     method = c(rpart1, rpart1, glmnet.ridge, lm1, lm1),
                     family = "gaussian")
predict(fit.mixOut, x.test)
```

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predict.MTPS	<i>Make predictions from a "MTPS" model</i>
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## Description

This function makes predictions from a revised stacking model.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'MTPS'  
predict(object, newdata, ...)
```

## Arguments

object	A fitted object from "MTPS"
newdata	Matrix of new predictors at which predictions are to be made
...	additional arguments affecting the predictions produced

## Value

The predicted value from new predictors.

## Examples

```
data("HIV")  
set.seed(1)  
xmat <- as.matrix(XX)  
ymat <- as.matrix(YY)  
id <- createFolds(rowMeans(XX), k=5, list=FALSE)  
training.id <- id != 1  
y.train <- ymat[training.id, ]  
y.test <- ymat[!training.id, ]  
x.train <- xmat[training.id, ]  
x.test <- xmat[!training.id, ]  
# Cross-Validation Residual Stacking  
fit.rs <- MTPS(xmat = x.train, ymat = y.train,  
  family = "gaussian", cv = FALSE, residual = TRUE,  
  method.step1 = rpart1, method.step2 = lm1)  
pred.rs <- predict(fit.rs, x.test)
```

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predict.multiFit	<i>Make predictions for multiple outcomes</i>
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**Description**

This function makes predictions from a multiFit object.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'multiFit'  
predict(object, newdata, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	A fitted object from "multiFit"
newdata	Matrix of new predictors at which predictions are to be made
...	additional arguments affecting the predictions produced

**Value**

The predicted value from new predictors.

**Examples**

```
data("HIV")  
set.seed(1)  
xmat <- as.matrix(XX)  
ymat <- as.matrix(YY)  
id <- createFolds(rowMeans(XX), k=5, list=FALSE)  
training.id <- id != 1  
y.train <- ymat[training.id, ]  
y.test <- ymat[!training.id, ]  
x.train <- xmat[training.id, ]  
x.test <- xmat[!training.id, ]  
fit <- multiFit(xmat = x.train, ymat = y.train,  
               method = rpart1, family = "gaussian")  
predict(fit, x.test)
```

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