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Classifiers

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Description

This function is used to evaluate a test set for a pre-trained GEV classifier. It can be used to perform open set classification based on the generalized Pareto distribution.

Usage

```
gevcTest(train, test, pre, prob = TRUE, alpha)
```

Arguments

train	a data matrix containing the train data. Class labels should not be included.
test	a data matrix containing the test data.
pre	a numeric vector of parameters obtained with the function [gevcTrain]().
prob	logical indicating whether p-values should be returned.
alpha	threshold to be used if prob is equal to FALSE. It must be between 0 and 1.

Details

For details on the method and parameters see Vignotto and Engelke (2018).

Value

If prob is equal to TRUE, a vector containing the p-values for each point is returned. A high p-value results in the classification of the corresponding test data as a known point, since this hypothesis cannot be rejected. If the p-value is small, the corresponding test data is classified as an unknown point. If prob is equal to TRUE, a vector of predicted values is returned.

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References

Vignotto, E., & Engelke, S. (2018). Extreme Value Theory for Open Set Classification-GPD and GEV Classifiers. *arXiv preprint arXiv:1808.09902*.

See Also

[gevcTrain]()

Examples

```
trainset <- LETTER[1:15000,]
testset <- LETTER[-(1:15000), -1]
knowns <- trainset[trainset$class==1, -1]
gevClassifier <- gevcTrain(train = knowns)
predicted <- gevcTest(train = knowns, test = testset, pre = gevClassifier)
```

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gevcTrain   *GEV Classifier - training*

Description

This function is used to train a GEV classifier. It can be used to perform open set classification based on the generalized extreme value distribution.

Usage

```
gevcTrain(train)
```

Arguments

train   a data matrix containing the train data. Class labels should not be included.

Details

For details on the method and parameters see Vignotto and Engelke (2018).

Value

A numeric vector of two elements containing the estimated parameters of the fitted reversed Weibull.

Note

Data are not scaled internally; any preprocessing has to be done externally.

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References

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See Also

[gevcTest](#)

Examples

```
trainset <- LETTER[1:15000,]
knowns <- trainset[trainset$class==1, -1]
gevClassifier <- gevcTrain(train = knowns)
```

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gpdcTest   *GPD Classifier - testing*

Description

This function is used to evaluate a test set for a pre-trained GPD classifier. It can be used to perform open set classification based on the generalized Pareto distribution.

Usage

```
gpdcTest(train, test, pre, prob = TRUE, alpha = 0.01)
```

Arguments

train	data matrix containing the train data. Class labels should not be included.
test	a data matrix containing the test data.
pre	a list obtained with the function gpdcTrain.
prob	logical indicating whether p-values should be returned.
alpha	threshold to be used if prob is equal to FALSE. It must be between 0 and 1.

Details

For details on the method and parameters see Vignotto and Engelke (2018).

Value

If prob is equal to TRUE, a vector containing the p-values for each point is returned. A high p-value results in the classification of the corresponding test data as a known point, since this hypothesis cannot be rejected. If the p-value is small, the corresponding test data is classified as an unknown point. If prob is equal to TRUE, a vector of predicted values is returned.

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See Also

gpdcTrain

Examples

```
trainset <- LETTER[1:15000,]
testset <- LETTER[-(1:15000), -1]
knowns <- trainset[trainset$class==1, -1]
gpdClassifier <- gpdcTrain(train = knowns, k = 10)
predicted <- gpdcTest(train = knowns, test = testset, pre = gpdClassifier)
```

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gpdcTrain   *GPD Classifier - training*

Description

This function is used to train a GPD classifier. It can be used to perform open set classification based on the generalized Pareto distribution.

Usage

```
gpdcTrain(train, k)
```

Arguments

train	a data matrix containing the train data. Class labels should not be included.
k	the number of upper order statistics to be used.

Details

For details on the method and parameters see Vignotto and Engelke (2018).

Value

A list of three elements.

pshapes	the estimated rescaled shape parameters for each point in the training dataset.
balls	the estimated radius for each point in the training dataset.
k	the number of upper order statistics used.

Note

Data are not scaled internally; any preprocessing has to be done externally.

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See Also

gpdcTest

Examples

```
trainset <- LETTER[1:15000,]
knowns <- trainset[trainset$class==1, -1]
gpdClassifier <- gpdcTrain(train = knowns, k = 10)
```

LETTER   *Database of character image features.*

Description

A dataset containing 16 features extracted from 20000 handwritten characters.

Usage

```
LETTER
```

Format

A data frame with 20000 rows and 17 variables:

class class labels
V1 first extracted feature
V2 second extracted feature
V3 third extracted feature
V4 4th extracted feature
V5 5th extracted feature
V6 6th extracted feature
V7 7th extracted feature
V8 8th extracted feature
V9 9th extracted feature
V10 10th extracted feature
V11 11th extracted feature
V12 12th extracted feature
V13 13th extracted feature
V14 14th extracted feature
V15 15th extracted feature
V16 16th extracted feature

Source

https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets/letter+recognition/

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