Package 'rBayesianOptimization'

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Description

Bayesian Optimization of Hyperparameters.

Usage

```
BayesianOptimization(
  FUN,
  bounds,
  init_grid_dt = NULL,
  init_points = 0,
  n_iter,
  acq = "ucb",
  kappa = 2.576,
  eps = 0,
  kernel = list(type = "exponential", power = 2),
  verbose = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

FUN The function to be maximized. This Function should return a named list with

2 components. The first component "Score" should be the metrics to be maximized, and the second component "Pred" should be the validation/cross-validation

prediction for ensembling/stacking.

bounds A named list of lower and upper bounds for each hyperparameter. The names

of the list should be identical to the arguments of FUN. All the sample points in init_grid_dt should be in the range of bounds. Please use "L" suffix to indicate

integer hyperparameter.

init_grid_dt User specified points to sample the target function, should be a data.frame or

data.table with identical column names as bounds. User can add one "Value"

column at the end, if target function is pre-sampled.

init_points Number of randomly chosen points to sample the target function before Bayesian

Optimization fitting the Gaussian Process.

n_iter Total number of times the Bayesian Optimization is to repeated.

acq Acquisition function type to be used. Can be "ucb", "ei" or "poi".

- ucb GP Upper Confidence Bound
- ei Expected Improvement
- poi Probability of Improvement

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| kappa | tunable parameter kappa of GP Upper Confidence Bound, to balance exploitation against exploration, increasing kappa will make the optimized hyperparameters pursuing exploration. |
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| eps | tunable parameter epsilon of Expected Improvement and Probability of Improvement, to balance exploitation against exploration, increasing epsilon will make the optimized hyperparameters are more spread out across the whole range. |
| kernel | Kernel (aka correlation function) for the underlying Gaussian Process. This parameter should be a list that specifies the type of correlation function along with the smoothness parameter. Popular choices are square exponential (default) or matern 5/2 |
| verbose | Whether or not to print progress. |
| | Other arguments passed on to GP_fit. |

Value

a list of Bayesian Optimization result is returned:

- Best_Par a named vector of the best hyperparameter set found
- Best_Value the value of metrics achieved by the best hyperparameter set
- History a data. table of the bayesian optimization history
- Pred a data.table with validation/cross-validation prediction for each round of bayesian optimization history

References

Jasper Snoek, Hugo Larochelle, Ryan P. Adams (2012) Practical Bayesian Optimization of Machine Learning Algorithms

Examples

```
# Example 1: Optimization
## Set Pred = 0, as placeholder
Test_Fun <- function(x) {</pre>
  list(Score = \exp(-(x - 2)^2) + \exp(-(x - 6)^2/10) + 1/(x^2 + 1),
       Pred = 0)
}
## Set larger init_points and n_iter for better optimization result
OPT_Res <- BayesianOptimization(Test_Fun,</pre>
                                 bounds = list(x = c(1, 3)),
                                 init_points = 2, n_iter = 1,
                                 acq = "ucb", kappa = 2.576, eps = 0.0,
                                 verbose = TRUE)
## Not run:
# Example 2: Parameter Tuning
library(xgboost)
data(agaricus.train, package = "xgboost")
dtrain <- xgb.DMatrix(agaricus.train$data,</pre>
                      label = agaricus.train$label)
cv_folds <- KFold(agaricus.train$label, nfolds = 5,</pre>
```

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```
stratified = TRUE, seed = 0)
xgb_cv_bayes <- function(max_depth, min_child_weight, subsample) {</pre>
  cv <- xgb.cv(params = list(booster = "gbtree", eta = 0.01,</pre>
                             max_depth = max_depth,
                              min_child_weight = min_child_weight,
                              subsample = subsample, colsample_bytree = 0.3,
                              lambda = 1, alpha = 0,
                              objective = "binary:logistic",
                              eval_metric = "auc"),
               data = dtrain, nround = 100,
               folds = cv_folds, prediction = TRUE, showsd = TRUE,
               early_stopping_rounds = 5, maximize = TRUE, verbose = 0)
  list(Score = cv$evaluation_log$test_auc_mean[cv$best_iteration],
       Pred = cv$pred)
}
OPT_Res <- BayesianOptimization(xgb_cv_bayes,</pre>
                                 bounds = list(max_depth = c(2L, 6L),
                                               min_child_weight = c(1L, 10L),
                                               subsample = c(0.5, 0.8)),
                                 init_grid_dt = NULL, init_points = 10, n_iter = 20,
                                 acq = "ucb", kappa = 2.576, eps = 0.0,
                                 verbose = TRUE)
## End(Not run)
```

KFold

K-Folds cross validation index generator

Description

Generates a list of indices for K-Folds Cross-Validation.

Usage

```
KFold(target, nfolds = 10, stratified = FALSE, seed = 0)
```

Arguments

target Samples to split in K folds.

nfolds Number of folds.

stratified whether to apply Stratified KFold.

seed random seed to be used.

Value

a list of indices for K-Folds Cross-Validation

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See Also

Useful links:

- https://github.com/yanyachen/rBayesianOptimization
- Report bugs at https://github.com/yanyachen/rBayesianOptimization/issues

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