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banter-package	<i>BioAcoustic EveNT ClassifiER</i>
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Description

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References

Rankin, S. , Archer, F. , Keating, J. L., Oswald, J. N., Oswald, M. , Curtis, A. and Barlow, J. (2017), Acoustic classification of dolphins in the California Current using whistles, echolocation clicks, and burst pulses. *Marine Mammal Science* 33:520-540. doi:10.1111/mms.12381

addBanterDetector	<i>Add a BANTER Detector Model</i>
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Description

Add a detector model to a BANTER classifier.

Usage

```
addBanterDetector(
  x,
  data,
  name,
  ntree,
  sampsize = 1,
  importance = FALSE,
```

```

    num.cores = 1
  )

removeBanterDetector(x, name)

```

Arguments

x	a banter_model object.
data	detector data.frame or named list of detector data.frames. If a data.frame, then name must be provided.
name	detector name.
ntree	number of trees.
sampsize	number or fraction of samples to use in each tree. If < 1, then it will be used to select this fraction of the smallest sample size.
importance	retain importance scores in model? Defaults to FALSE and will be ignored if num.cores > 1.
num.cores	number of cores to use for Random Forest model. Set to NULL to use the maximum number detected on your system - 1.

Value

a [banter_model](#) object with the detector model added or removed.

Author(s)

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References

Rankin, S., Archer, F., Keating, J. L., Oswald, J. N., Oswald, M. , Curtis, A. and Barlow, J. (2017), Acoustic classification of dolphins in the California Current using whistles, echolocation clicks, and burst pulses. *Marine Mammal Science* 33:520-540. doi:10.1111/mms.12381

Examples

```

data(train.data)
# initialize BANTER model with event data
bant.mdl <- initBanterModel(train.data$events)
# add the 'bp' (burst pulse) detector model
bant.mdl <- addBanterDetector(
  x = bant.mdl,
  data = train.data$detectors$bp,
  name = "bp",
  ntree = 50, sampsize = 1, num.cores = 1
)
bant.mdl

# remove the 'bp' detector model
bant.mdl <- removeBanterDetector(bant.mdl, "bp")

```

bant.mdl

banterGuide

BANTER Guide

Description

Open a browser window displaying "BANTER: A User's Guide to Acoustic Classification".

Usage

banterGuide()

Author(s)

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References

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getBanterModel

Extract Random Forest Model

Description

Extract BANTER event or detector Random Forest model.

Usage

getBanterModel(x, model = "event")

Arguments

x a [banter_model](#) object.
 model name of model to extract. Default is "event" to extract the event-level model.
 Can also be the name of a detector.

Value

a [randomForest](#) model object.

Author(s)

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References

Rankin, S. , Archer, F. , Keating, J. L., Oswald, J. N., Oswald, M. , Curtis, A. and Barlow, J. (2017), Acoustic classification of dolphins in the California Current using whistles, echolocation clicks, and burst pulses. *Marine Mammal Science* 33:520-540. doi:10.1111/mms.12381

Examples

```
data(train.data)
# initialize BANTER model with event data
bant.mdl <- initBanterModel(train.data$events)
# add all detector models
bant.mdl <- addBanterDetector(
  bant.mdl, train.data$detectors,
  ntree = 50, sampsize = 1, num.cores = 1
)
# run BANTER event model
bant.mdl <- runBanterModel(bant.mdl, ntree = 1000, sampsize = 1)

# extract the event randomForest model
event.rf <- getBanterModel(bant.mdl)
event.rf

# extract the burst pulse (bp) detector model
bp.rf <- getBanterModel(bant.mdl, "bp")
bp.rf
```

getBanterModelData *Extract Random Forest Model Data*

Description

Extract BANTER event data used for the Random Forest model.

Usage

```
getBanterModelData(x)
```

Arguments

x a `banter_model` object.

Value

the event data frame used to build the input model x.

Author(s)

Eric Archer <eric.archer@noaa.gov>

References

Rankin, S. , Archer, F. , Keating, J. L., Oswald, J. N., Oswald, M. , Curtis, A. and Barlow, J. (2017), Acoustic classification of dolphins in the California Current using whistles, echolocation clicks, and burst pulses. *Marine Mammal Science* 33:520-540. doi:10.1111/mms.12381

Examples

```
data(train.data)
# initialize BANTER model with event data
bant.mdl <- initBanterModel(train.data$events)
# add all detector models
bant.mdl <- addBanterDetector(
  bant.mdl, train.data$detectors,
  ntree = 50, sampsize = 1, num.cores = 1
)
# run BANTER event model
bant.mdl <- runBanterModel(bant.mdl, ntree = 1000, sampsize = 1)

event.df <- getBanterModelData(bant.mdl)
head(event.df)
```

getDetectorNames	<i>Detector Names</i>
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Description

Return names of detectors loaded in BANTER model.

Usage

```
getDetectorNames(x)
```

Arguments

x a `banter_model` object.

Value

a vector of names.

Author(s)

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References

Rankin, S. , Archer, F. , Keating, J. L., Oswald, J. N., Oswald, M. , Curtis, A. and Barlow, J. (2017), Acoustic classification of dolphins in the California Current using whistles, echolocation clicks, and burst pulses. *Marine Mammal Science* 33:520-540. doi:10.1111/mms.12381

Examples

```
data(train.data)
# initialize BANTER model with event data
bant.mdl <- initBanterModel(train.data$events)
# add all detector models
bant.mdl <- addBanterDetector(
  bant.mdl, train.data$detectors,
  ntree = 50, sampsize = 1, num.cores = 1
)
getDetectorNames(bant.mdl)
```

getSampSize

Sample Size

Description

Return sample sizes used for a BANTER model.

Usage

```
getSampSize(x, model = "event")
```

Arguments

x a `banter_model` object.

model name of model to extract. Default is "event" to return values for the event-level model. Can also be name of a detector.

Value

a vector of sample sizes.

Author(s)

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References

Rankin, S. , Archer, F. , Keating, J. L., Oswald, J. N., Oswald, M. , Curtis, A. and Barlow, J. (2017), Acoustic classification of dolphins in the California Current using whistles, echolocation clicks, and burst pulses. *Marine Mammal Science* 33:520-540. doi:10.1111/mms.12381

Examples

```
data(train.data)
# initialize BANTER model with event data
bant.mdl <- initBanterModel(train.data$events)
# add all detector models
bant.mdl <- addBanterDetector(
  bant.mdl, train.data$detectors,
  ntree = 50, sampsize = 2, num.cores = 1
)
# run BANTER event model
bant.mdl <- runBanterModel(bant.mdl, ntree = 1000, sampsize = 1)

# sample size for the event model
getSampSize(bant.mdl)

# sample size for the burst pulse (bp) detector model
getSampSize(bant.mdl, "bp")
```

initBanterModel	<i>Initialize BANTER model</i>
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Description

Initialize a BANTER model with event data.

Usage

```
initBanterModel(x)
```

Arguments

x a data.frame of events. Every row is a unique event. Must have columns named `event.id` and `species`. All other columns will be used as predictor variables for the BANTER event classifier model.

Value

a `banter_model` object without any detector models.

Note

Values in the column `species` are passed through the `make.names` function on creation to ensure they don't include invalid characters.

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References

Rankin, S. , Archer, F. , Keating, J. L., Oswald, J. N., Oswald, M. , Curtis, A. and Barlow, J. (2017), Acoustic classification of dolphins in the California Current using whistles, echolocation clicks, and burst pulses. *Marine Mammal Science* 33:520-540. doi:10.1111/mms.12381

Examples

```
data(train.data)
# initialize BANTER model with event data
bant.mdl <- initBanterModel(train.data$events)
bant.mdl
```

modelPctCorrect	<i>Model Percent Correct</i>
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Description

Extract percent correctly classified by species for detector and event models.

Usage

```
modelPctCorrect(x)
```

Arguments

x a [banter_model](#) object.

Value

a data.frame with the percent correctly classified for each model in x.

Author(s)

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References

Rankin, S. , Archer, F. , Keating, J. L., Oswald, J. N., Oswald, M. , Curtis, A. and Barlow, J. (2017), Acoustic classification of dolphins in the California Current using whistles, echolocation clicks, and burst pulses. *Marine Mammal Science* 33:520-540. doi:10.1111/mms.12381

Examples

```
data(train.data)
# initialize BANTER model with event data
bant.mdl <- initBanterModel(train.data$events)
# add all detector models
bant.mdl <- addBanterDetector(
  bant.mdl, train.data$detectors,
  ntree = 50, sampsize = 1, num.cores = 1
)
# run BANTER event model
bant.mdl <- runBanterModel(bant.mdl, ntree = 1000, sampsize = 1)
modelPctCorrect(bant.mdl)
```

numCalls

Number and Proportion of Calls

Description

Return the number and proportion of calls in BANTER detector models.

Usage

```
numCalls(x, by = c("species", "event"))
```

```
propCalls(x, by = c("species", "event"))
```

Arguments

x a [banter_model](#) object.

by return summary by "species" or "event".

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References

Rankin, S. , Archer, F. , Keating, J. L., Oswald, J. N., Oswald, M. , Curtis, A. and Barlow, J. (2017), Acoustic classification of dolphins in the California Current using whistles, echolocation clicks, and burst pulses. *Marine Mammal Science* 33:520-540. doi:10.1111/mms.12381

Examples

```
data(train.data)
# initialize BANTER model with event data
bant.mdl <- initBanterModel(train.data$events)
# add all detector models
bant.mdl <- addBanterDetector(
  bant.mdl, train.data$detectors,
  ntree = 50, sampsize = 1, num.cores = 1
)
# run BANTER event model
bant.mdl <- runBanterModel(bant.mdl, ntree = 1000, sampsize = 1)

# number of calls by species and event
numCalls(bant.mdl, "species")
numCalls(bant.mdl, "event")

# proportion of calls by species and event
propCalls(bant.mdl, "species")
propCalls(bant.mdl, "event")
```

numEvents	<i>Number of Events</i>
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Description

Return the number of events in a BANTER model by species.

Usage

```
numEvents(x, model = "event")
```

Arguments

x	a banter_model object.
model	name of model to extract. Default is "event" to summarize the event-level model. Can also be name of a detector.

Value

a data.frame giving the number of events available for each species.

Author(s)

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References

Rankin, S. , Archer, F. , Keating, J. L., Oswald, J. N., Oswald, M. , Curtis, A. and Barlow, J. (2017), Acoustic classification of dolphins in the California Current using whistles, echolocation clicks, and burst pulses. *Marine Mammal Science* 33:520-540. doi:10.1111/mms.12381

Examples

```
data(train.data)
# initialize BANTER model with event data
bant.mdl <- initBanterModel(train.data$events)
# add all detector models
bant.mdl <- addBanterDetector(
  bant.mdl, train.data$detectors,
  ntree = 50, sampsize = 1, num.cores = 1
)
# run BANTER event model
bant.mdl <- runBanterModel(bant.mdl, ntree = 1000, sampsize = 1)

# number of events in event model
numEvents(bant.mdl)

# number of events in burst pulse (bp) detector model
numEvents(bant.mdl, "bp")
```

plotDetectorTrace *Plot BANTER Detector Traces*

Description

Plot traces of OOB error rates for detector Random Forest models.

Usage

```
plotDetectorTrace(x, detector = NULL)
```

Arguments

x a `banter_model` object.
 detector names of models to plot. If set to NULL, traces for all models will be shown.

Author(s)

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References

Rankin, S. , Archer, F. , Keating, J. L., Oswald, J. N., Oswald, M. , Curtis, A. and Barlow, J. (2017), Acoustic classification of dolphins in the California Current using whistles, echolocation clicks, and burst pulses. *Marine Mammal Science* 33:520-540. doi:10.1111/mms.12381

See Also[plotTrace](#)**Examples**

```

data(train.data)
# initialize BANTER model with event data
bant.mdl <- initBanterModel(train.data$events)
# add all detector models
bant.mdl <- addBanterDetector(
  bant.mdl, train.data$detectors,
  ntree = 50, sampsize = 1, num.cores = 1
)

plotDetectorTrace(bant.mdl)

```

predict

Predict BANTER events

Description

Predict species of events for novel data from a BANTER model.

Usage

```

predict(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'banter_model'
predict(object, new.data, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'banter_model'
predict(object, new.data, ...)

```

Arguments

object	a banter_model object.
...	unused.
new.data	a list of event and detector data that has the same predictors as in the <code>banter_model</code> . It must contain elements called <code>events</code> and <code>detectors</code> . The <code>events</code> element must be a data.frame that has a column called <code>event.id</code> and the same predictor columns as the event data used to initialize the banter model (see initBanterModel). The <code>detectors</code> element must be a named list with the same detectors used to build the model (see addBanterDetector).

Value

A list with the following elements:

events the data frame used in the event model for predictions.

predict.df data.frame of predicted species and assignment probabilities for each event.

detector.freq data.frame giving the number of events available for each detector.

validation.matrix if `species` is a column in `new.data`, a table giving the classification rate for each event

Note

At least one detector in the model must be present in `new.data`. Any detectors in the training model that are absent will have all species proportions and the the detector propoprion set to 0. If a column called `species` is in `new.data`, columns for the original species designation and if that matches predicted (correct) will be added to the `predict.df` data.frame of the output.

Author(s)

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References

Rankin, S. , Archer, F. , Keating, J. L., Oswald, J. N., Oswald, M. , Curtis, A. and Barlow, J. (2017), Acoustic classification of dolphins in the California Current using whistles, echolocation clicks, and burst pulses. *Marine Mammal Science* 33:520-540. doi:10.1111/mms.12381

Examples

```
data(train.data)
# initialize BANTER model with event data
bant.mdl <- initBanterModel(train.data$events)
# add all detector models
bant.mdl <- addBanterDetector(
  bant.mdl, train.data$detectors,
  ntree = 50, sampsize = 2, num.cores = 1
)
# run BANTER event model
bant.mdl <- runBanterModel(bant.mdl, ntree = 1000, sampsize = 1)

# predict test data
data(test.data)
test.pred <- predict(bant.mdl, test.data)
test.pred
```

runBanterModel	<i>Run BANTER Model</i>
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Description

Build full event classifier model

Usage

```
runBanterModel(x, ntree, sampsize = 1)
```

Arguments

x	a banter_model object.
ntree	number of trees.
sampsize	number or fraction of samples to use in each tree.

Value

a [banter_model](#) object with the complete BANTER model.

Author(s)

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References

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Examples

```
data(train.data)
# initialize BANTER model with event data
bant.mdl <- initBanterModel(train.data$events)
# add all detector models
bant.mdl <- addBanterDetector(
  bant.mdl, train.data$detectors,
  ntree = 50, sampsize = 1, num.cores = 1
)
# run BANTER event model
bant.mdl <- runBanterModel(bant.mdl, ntree = 1000, sampsize = 1)
summary(bant.mdl)
```

subsampleDetections *Subsample Detections*

Description

Extract a random subsample of detections for each event and detector.

Usage

```
subsampleDetections(data, n)
```

Arguments

data	a detector data.frame or list of detector data.frames.
n	a value giving the number ($n \geq 1$) or fraction (n between 0 and 1) of detections per event per detector to select. Detections are randomly selected without replacement. If n is greater than the number of detections in an event, all detections for that event will be retained.

Value

a detector data.frame or list of detector data.frames with no more than n detections per event per detector.

Author(s)

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References

Rankin, S., Archer, F., Keating, J. L., Oswald, J. N., Oswald, M. , Curtis, A. and Barlow, J. (2017), Acoustic classification of dolphins in the California Current using whistles, echolocation clicks, and burst pulses. *Marine Mammal Science* 33:520-540. doi:10.1111/mms.12381

Examples

```
data(train.data)

# initial number of detections per event per detector
sapply(train.data$detectors, function(x) table(x$event.id))

# select half of all detectors
detect.half <- subsampleDetections(train.data$detectors, 0.5)
sapply(detect.half, function(x) table(x$event.id))

# select 20 detections
detect.20 <- subsampleDetections(train.data$detectors, 20)
sapply(detect.20, function(x) table(x$event.id))
```

```
# select 10 detections fro 'ec' detector
ec.10 <- subsampleDetections(train.data$detectors$ec, 10)
table(ec.10$event.id)
```

summary

BANTER Classifier Model Summary

Description

Display summaries for event and detector models

Usage

```
summary(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'banter_model'
summary(object, model = "event", n = 0.5, bins = 20, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'banter_model'
summary(object, model = "event", n = 0.5, bins = 20, ...)
```

Arguments

object	a banter_model object.
...	ignored.
model	name of model to summarize. Default is "event" to summarize the event-level model. Can also be name of a detector.
n	number of final iterations to summarize OOB error rate for. If between 0 and 1 is taken as a proportion of chain.
bins	number of bins in inbag histogram.

Value

In the plot that is created, the upper panel shows the trace of the Random Forest model OOB rate across sequential trees in the forest. The lower plot shows a frequency histogram of the number of times each sample was inbag (used as training data in a tree in the forest). The vertical red lines indicate the expected inbag rate for samples of each species.

Author(s)

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References

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Examples

```
data(train.data)
# initialize BANTER model with event data
bant.mdl <- initBanterModel(train.data$events)
# add all detector models
bant.mdl <- addBanterDetector(
  bant.mdl, train.data$detectors,
  ntree = 50, sampsize = 1, num.cores = 1
)
# run BANTER event model
bant.mdl <- runBanterModel(bant.mdl, ntree = 1000, sampsize = 1)
summary(bant.mdl)
```

test.data	<i>Testing events and detectors</i>
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Description

A list of events and call data from detectors for testing BANTER model

Usage

```
data(test.data)
```

Format

list

train.data	<i>Training events and detectors</i>
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Description

A list of events and call data from detectors for training BANTER model

Usage

```
data(train.data)
```

Format

list

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