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Description

Implements methods for post-hoc analysis and visualisation of benchmark experiments, for 'mlr3' and beyond.

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- https://mlr3benchmark.mlr-org.com
- https://github.com/mlr-org/mlr3benchmark
- Report bugs at https://github.com/mlr-org/mlr3benchmark/issues

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`as.BenchmarkAggr` *Coercions to BenchmarkAggr*

Description

This function is deprecated, use `as_benchmark_aggr()` instead.

Coercion methods to BenchmarkAggr. For mlr3::BenchmarkResult this is a simple wrapper around the BenchmarkAggr constructor called with mlr3::BenchmarkResult`$aggregate()`.

Usage

```
as.BenchmarkAggr(
  obj,
  task_id = "task_id",
  learner_id = "learner_id",
  independent = TRUE,
  strip_prefix = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

obj	(mlr3::BenchmarkResult|matrix(1)) Passed to BenchmarkAggr$new().
task_id, learner_id, independent, strip_prefix	See BenchmarkAggr$initialize().
...	ANY Passed to mlr3::BenchmarkResult$aggregate().

Examples

```
df = data.frame(tasks = factor(rep(c("A", "B"), each = 5),
                               levels = c("A", "B")),
                learners = factor(paste0("L", 1:5)),
                RMSE = runif(10), MAE = runif(10))

as_benchmark_aggr(df, task_id = "tasks", learner_id = "learners")


if (requireNamespaces(c("mlr3", "rpart"))) {
  library(mlr3)
  task = tsks(c("boston_housing", "mtcars"))
  learns = lrns(c("regr.featureless", "regr.rpart"))
  bm = benchmark(benchmark_grid(task, learns, rsmp("cv", folds = 2)))

  # default measure
  as_benchmark_aggr(bm)

  # change measure
  as_benchmark_aggr(bm, measures = msr("regr.rmse"))
}
```

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as_benchmark_aggr *Coercions to BenchmarkAggr*

Description

Coercion methods to BenchmarkAggr. For mlr3::BenchmarkResult this is a simple wrapper around the BenchmarkAggr constructor called with mlr3::BenchmarkResult$aggregate().

Usage

```
as_benchmark_aggr(
  obj,
  task_id = "task_id",
  learner_id = "learner_id",
  independent = TRUE,
  strip_prefix = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

obj	(mlr3::BenchmarkResult|matrix(1)) Passed to BenchmarkAggr$new().
task_id, learner_id, independent, strip_prefix	See BenchmarkAggr$initialize().
...	ANY Passed to mlr3::BenchmarkResult$aggregate().

Examples

```
df = data.frame(tasks = factor(rep(c("A", "B"), each = 5),
                               levels = c("A", "B")),
                learners = factor(paste0("L", 1:5)),
                RMSE = runif(10), MAE = runif(10))

as_benchmark_aggr(df, task_id = "tasks", learner_id = "learners")


if (requireNamespaces(c("mlr3", "rpart"))) {
  library(mlr3)
  task = tsks(c("boston_housing", "mtcars"))
  learns = lrns(c("regr.featureless", "regr.rpart"))
  bm = benchmark(benchmark_grid(task, learns, rsmp("cv", folds = 2)))

  # default measure
  as_benchmark_aggr(bm)

  # change measure
  as_benchmark_aggr(bm, measures = msr("regr.rmse"))
}
```

`autoplot.BenchmarkAggr` *Plots for BenchmarkAggr*

Description

Generates plots for BenchmarkAggr, all assume that there are multiple, independent, tasks. Choices depending on the argument `type`:

- `"mean"` (default): Assumes there are at least two independent tasks. Plots the sample mean of the measure for all learners with error bars computed with the standard error of the mean.
- `"box"`: Boxplots for each learner calculated over all tasks for a given measure.
- `"fn"`: Plots post-hoc Friedman-Nemenyi by first calling BenchmarkAggr`$friedman_posthoc` and plotting significant pairs in coloured squares and leaving non-significant pairs blank, useful for simply visualising pair-wise comparisons.
- `"cd"`: Critical difference plots (Demsar, 2006). Learners are drawn on the x-axis according to their average rank with the best performing on the left and decreasing performance going right. Any learners not connected by a horizontal bar are significantly different in performance. Critical differences are calculated as:

$$CD = q_\alpha \sqrt{\left(\frac{k(k+1)}{6N}\right)}$$

Where q_α is based on the studentized range statistic. See references for further details. It's recommended to crop white space using external tools, or function `image_trim()` from package **magick**.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'BenchmarkAggr'
autoplot(
  object,
  type = c("mean", "box", "fn", "cd"),
  meas = NULL,
  level = 0.95,
  p.value = 0.05,
  minimize = TRUE,
  test = "nem",
  baseline = NULL,
  style = 1L,
  ratio = 1/7,
  col = "red",
  friedman_global = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

object	(BenchmarkAggr) The benchmark aggregation object.
type	(character(1)) Type of plot, see description.
meas	(character(1)) Measure to plot, should be in obj$measures, can be NULL if only one measure is in obj.
level	(numeric(1)) Confidence level for error bars for type = "mean"
p.value	(numeric(1)) What value should be considered significant for type = "cd" and type = "fn".
minimize	(logical(1)) For type = "cd", indicates if the measure is optimally minimized. Default is TRUE.
test	(character(1))) For type = "cd", critical differences are either computed between all learners (test = "nemenyi"), or to a baseline (test = "bd"). Bonferroni-Dunn usually yields higher power than Nemenyi as it only compares algorithms to one baseline. Default is "nemenyi".
baseline	(character(1)) For type = "cd" and test = "bd" a baseline learner to compare the other learners to, should be in $learners, if NULL then differences are compared to the best performing learner.
style	(integer(1)) For type = "cd" two ggplot styles are shipped with the package (style = 1 or style = 2), otherwise the data can be accessed via the returned ggplot.
ratio	(numeric(1)) For type = "cd" and style = 1, passed to ggplot2::coord_fixed(), useful for quickly specifying the aspect ratio of the plot, best used with ggsave().
col	(character(1)) For type = "fn", specifies color to fill significant tiles, default is "red".
friedman_global	(logical(1)) Should a friedman global test be performed fortype = "cd" and type = "fn"? If FALSE, a warning is issued in case the corresponding friedman posthoc test fails instead of an error. Default is TRUE (raises an error if global test fails).
...	ANY Additional arguments, currently unused.

Value

The generated plot.

References

Demšar J (2006). "Statistical Comparisons of Classifiers over Multiple Data Sets." *Journal of Machine Learning Research*, **7**(1), 1-30. https://jmlr.org/papers/v7/demsar06a.html.

Examples

```
if (requireNamespaces(c("mlr3learners", "mlr3", "rpart", "xgboost"))) {
library(mlr3)
library(mlr3learners)
library(ggplot2)

set.seed(1)
task = tsks(c("iris", "sonar", "wine", "zoo"))
learns = lrns(c("classif.featureless", "classif.rpart", "classif.xgboost"))
bm = benchmark(benchmark_grid(task, learns, rsmp("cv", folds = 3)))
obj = as_benchmark_aggr(bm)

# mean and error bars
autoplot(obj, type = "mean", level = 0.95)

if (requireNamespace("PMCMRplus", quietly = TRUE)) {
  # critical differences
  autoplot(obj, type = "cd",style = 1)
  autoplot(obj, type = "cd",style = 2)

  # post-hoc friedman-nemenyi
  autoplot(obj, type = "fn")
}

}
```

BenchmarkAggr *Aggregated Benchmark Result Object*

Description

An R6 class for aggregated benchmark results.

Details

This class is used to easily carry out and guide analysis of models after aggregating the results after resampling. This can either be constructed using **mlr3** objects, for example the result of mlr3::BenchmarkResult`$aggregate` or via as_benchmark_aggr, or by passing in a custom dataset of results. Custom datasets must include at the very least, a character column for learner ids, a character column for task ids, and numeric columns for one or more measures.

Currently supported for multiple independent datasets only.

Active bindings

`data` (data.table::data.table)
: Aggregated data.

`learners` (`character()`)
: Unique learner names.

`tasks` (`character()`)
: Unique task names.

`measures` (`character()`)
: Unique measure names.

`nlrns` (`integer()`)
: Number of learners.

`ntasks` (`integer()`)
: Number of tasks.

`nmeas` (`integer()`)
: Number of measures.

`nrow` (`integer()`)
: Number of rows.

`col_roles` (`character()`)
: Column roles, currently cannot be changed after construction.

Methods

Public methods:

- `BenchmarkAggr$new()`
- `BenchmarkAggr$print()`
- `BenchmarkAggr$summary()`
- `BenchmarkAggr$rank_data()`
- `BenchmarkAggr$friedman_test()`
- `BenchmarkAggr$friedman_posthoc()`
- `BenchmarkAggr$subset()`
- `BenchmarkAggr$clone()`

Method `new()`**:** Creates a new instance of this R6 class.

Usage:

```
BenchmarkAggr$new(
  dt,
  task_id = "task_id",
  learner_id = "learner_id",
  independent = TRUE,
  strip_prefix = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

Arguments:

`dt (matrix(1))`
' `matrix` like object coercable to data.table::data.table, should include column names "task_id" and "learner_id", and at least one measure (numeric). If ids are not already factors then coerced internally.

`task_id (character(1))`
String specifying name of task id column.

`learner_id (character(1))`
String specifying name of learner id column.

`independent (logical(1))`
Are tasks independent of one another? Affects which tests can be used for analysis.

`strip_prefix (logical(1))`
If `TRUE` (default) then mlr prefixes, e.g. `regr.`, `classif.`, are automatically stripped from the `learner_id`.

`... ANY`
Additional arguments, currently unused.

Method `print()`**:** Prints the internal data via data.table::print.data.table.

Usage:

```
BenchmarkAggr$print(...)
```

Arguments:

`... ANY`
Passed to data.table::print.data.table.

Method `summary()`**:** Prints the internal data via data.table::print.data.table.

Usage:

```
BenchmarkAggr$summary(...)
```

Arguments:

`... ANY`
Passed to data.table::print.data.table.

Method `rank_data()`**:** Ranks the aggregated data given some measure.

Usage:

```
BenchmarkAggr$rank_data(meas = NULL, minimize = TRUE, task = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments:

`meas (character(1))`
Measure to rank the data against, should be in `$measures`. Can be `NULL` if only one measure in data.

`minimize (logical(1))`
Should the measure be minimized? Default is `TRUE`.

`task (character(1))`
If `NULL` then returns a matrix of ranks where columns are tasks and rows are learners, otherwise returns a one-column matrix of a specified task, should be in `$tasks`.

`... ANY ANY`
Passed to `data.table::frank()`.

Method `friedman_test()`**:** Computes Friedman test over all tasks, assumes datasets are independent.

Usage:

```
BenchmarkAggr$friedman_test(meas = NULL, p.adjust.method = NULL)
```

Arguments:

`meas (character(1))`
: Measure to rank the data against, should be in `$measures`. If no measure is provided then returns a matrix of tests for all measures.

`p.adjust.method (character(1))`
: Passed to p.adjust if `meas = NULL` for multiple testing correction. If `NULL` then no correction applied.

Method `friedman_posthoc()`**:** Posthoc Friedman Nemenyi tests. Computed with PMCMRplus::frdAllPairsNemenyiTest. If global `$friedman_test` is non-significant then this is returned and no post-hocs computed. Also returns critical difference

Usage:

```
BenchmarkAggr$friedman_posthoc(
  meas = NULL,
  p.value = 0.05,
  friedman_global = TRUE
)
```

Arguments:

`meas (character(1))`
: Measure to rank the data against, should be in `$measures`. Can be `NULL` if only one measure in data.

`p.value (numeric(1))`
: p.value for which the global test will be considered significant.

`friedman_global (logical(1))`
: Should a friedman global test be performed before conducting the posthoc test? If `FALSE`, a warning is issued in case the corresponding friedman global test fails instead of an error. Default is `TRUE` (raises an error if global test fails).

Method `subset()`**:** Subsets the data by given tasks or learners. Returns data as data.table::data.table.

Usage:

```
BenchmarkAggr$subset(task = NULL, learner = NULL)
```

Arguments:

`task (character())`
: Task(s) to subset the data by.

`learner (character())`
: Learner(s) to subset the data by.

Method `clone()`**:** The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

Usage:

```
BenchmarkAggr$clone(deep = FALSE)
```

Arguments:

`deep` Whether to make a deep clone.

References

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Examples

```
# Not restricted to mlr3 objects
df = data.frame(tasks = factor(rep(c("A", "B"), each = 5),
                               levels = c("A", "B")),
                learners = factor(paste0("L", 1:5)),
                RMSE = runif(10), MAE = runif(10))
as_benchmark_aggr(df, task_id = "tasks", learner_id = "learners")

if (requireNamespaces(c("mlr3", "rpart"))) {
  library(mlr3)
  task = tsks(c("boston_housing", "mtcars"))
  learns = lrns(c("regr.featureless", "regr.rpart"))
  bm = benchmark(benchmark_grid(task, learns, rsmp("cv", folds = 2)))

  # coercion
  as_benchmark_aggr(bm)
}
```

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requireNamespaces *Helper Vectorizing requireNamespace*

Description

Internal helper function for documentation.

Usage

```
requireNamespaces(x)
```

Arguments

x	Packages to check.

Value

A `logical(1)`, indicating wether all required packages are available.

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