Package 'flexmixNL'

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Description The fitting of mixtures of generalized nonlinear models is implemented as an extension of the existing package 'flexmix'.

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flexmixNL-package   *Mixtures of Generalized Nonlinear Models*

Description

Extension of package `flexmix` for fitting mixtures of Generalized Nonlinear Models.

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Details

The package `flexmixNL` implements an extension for the package `flexmix` for fitting mixtures of Generalized Nonlinear Models (GNMs). The package provides a specified M-step for the EM-algorithm within the FlexMix framework (see also `flexmix`) for fitting GNMs for the normal and gamma distribution. The mixture model is specified by the function `FLXMRnlm`.

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See Also

See also `flexmix` for finite mixtures of regression models and `gnm` for the fitting of Generalized Nonlinear Models (GNMs) for further information.

Examples

```
# example 1.
data("NReg", package = "flexmixNL")
# mixture of two nonlinear regression models (normal distribution).
start1 <- list(a = 170, b = 5)
start2 <- list(a = 130, b = 5)
model <- flexmix(yn ~ x, k = 2, data = NReg,
                    model = list(FLXMRnlm(formula = yn ~ a*x / (b+x),
                                             family = "gaussian",
                                             start = list(start1, start2))))
# final cluster assignments.
plot(yn ~ x, col = clusters(model), data = NReg)

# example 2.
data("GReg", package = "flexmixNL")
# mixture of two nonlinear regression models (gamma distribution).
exp.1 = function(x,predictors){
  list(predictors = list(a = 1, b = 1),
       variables = list(substitute(x)),
       term = function(predictors, variables){
         sprintf("exp( %s + %s * %s)",
         predictors[1], predictors[2], variables)
       })
}
class(exp.1) = "nonlin"

start1 <- list(a = -0.4, b = 0.3)
start2 <- list(a = -0.1, b = 0.4)
model2 <- flexmix(yg ~ x, k = 2, data = GReg,
                    model = list(FLXMRnlm(formula = yg ~ -1 + exp.1(x),
                                             family = "Gamma",
                                             start = list(start1, start2))))
# final cluster assignments.
plot(yg ~ x, col = clusters(model2), data = GReg)
```

FLXMRnlm   *flexmixNL Interface for Generalized Nonlinear Models*

Description

This is the main driver for `flexmixNL` interfacing the family of Generalized Nonlinear Models.

Usage

```
FLXMRnlm(formula = . ~ .,
         family = c("gaussian", "Gamma"),
         start = list(),
         offset = NULL)
```

Arguments

formula	A model `formula` decribing the nonlinear predictor and including variables and regression parameters.
family	A character string naming a family function (`family="gaussian"` or `family="Gamma"` available).
start	A list of starting values for the regression parameters.
offset	Specification of an *a priori* known component to be included in the nonlinear predictor during fitting.

Details

Models for `FLXMRnlm` are specified by a model formula (`formula` argument) relating the response to a nonlinear predictor. When fitting normal mixture models (`family="gaussian"`) the nonlinear predictor is explicitely formulated (see also `nls`). When fitting gamma mixture models (`family="Gamma"`) the nonlinear predictor is specified by a symbolic description (see also `gnm`).

Variables not included in the data frame (see also `flexmix`) are identified as the regression parameters. Starting values are required for every regression parameter.

See `flexmixNL` for examples.

Value

Returns an object of class `FLXMRnlm`.

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See Also

`flexmixNL`, `formula`, `gnm`, `nls`

GReg   *Artificial Example for Gamma Regression*

Description

A simple artificial regression example containing 200 data points with two latent classes. The data set includes one independent variable (uniform on $[0, 10]$) and one dependent variable with gamma distribution.

Usage

```
data("GReg")
```

Format

This data frame contains the following columns:

x a numeric vector giving the independent variable.

yg a numeric vector giving the dependent variable with gamma distribution.

class a numeric vector indicating the labeling of the data points to two distinct classes.

Examples

```
data("GReg", package = "flexmixNL")
plot(yg ~ x, col = class, data = GReg)
```

NReg   *Artificial Example for Normal Regression*

Description

A simple artificial regression example containing 200 data points with two latent classes. The data set includes one independent variable (uniform on $[0, 10]$) and one dependent variable with normal distribution.

Usage

```
data("NReg")
```

Format

This data frame contains the following columns:

x a numeric vector giving the independent variable.

yn a numeric vector giving the dependent variable with normal distribution.

class a numeric vector indicating the labeling of the data points to distinct classes.

Examples

```
data("NReg", package = "flexmixNL")
plot(yn ~ x, col = class, data = NReg)
```