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TeachNet-package      *Fit neural networks with up to 2 hidden layers and one output neuron*

**Description**

Can fit neural networks with up to two hidden layers and two different error functions. But just able to compute one output neuron. Also able to handle a weight decay.

**Details**

Package: TeachNet  
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The function TeachNet trains the neural network and also does some testing at the end. It's also possible to get the final weights returned. In the beginning the weights are initialized with a standard normal distribution. But this package is due to its very slow code just to understand the backpropagation algorithm. A good package for real training of neural networks is for example 'nnet'.

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**References**

Predicting credit default using neural networks, Georg Steinbuss 2013

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accuracy.me	<i>Computes accuracy</i>
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**Description**

For a given observation and prediction this function computes the accuracy of the prediction.

**Usage**

```
accuracy.me(obs, predict, thres = 0.5)
```

**Arguments**

obs	The observations
predict	The predictions for the observations
thres	A threshold up to which a prediction is class 0 or 1. A value from 0 to 1.

**Value**

Returns a 1 x 3 matrix with the percentage of observations with class zero, with class one and last the accuracy of the prediction.

**Author(s)**

Georg Steinbuss

**See Also**

[confusion](#)

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computeGrad1	<i>Computes a gradient</i>
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**Description**

This function computes the gradient for a one hidden layer network.

**Usage**

```
computeGrad1(x, y, I, H, weights, f, f_d, m_f)
```

**Arguments**

x	properties of observation
y	characteristic of observation (zero or one)
I	numbers of input neurons
H	numbers of hidden neurons
weights	the weights with that the gradient should be computed
f	the activation function of the neural network
f_d	the derivative of the activation function
m_f	the function for the interim value m. It is two times the output of the network minus the observed characteristic.

**Value**

A Weights class with the gradient parts

**Author(s)**

Georg Steinbuss

**See Also**

[Weights-class computeGrad2](#)

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computeGrad2	<i>Computes a gradient</i>
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**Description**

This function computes the gradient for a two hidden layer network.

**Usage**

```
computeGrad2(x, y, I, M, H, weights, f, f_d, m_f)
```

**Arguments**

x	properties of observation
y	characteristic of observation (zero or one)
I	numbers of input neurons
M	number of neurons in first hidden layer
H	number of neurons in second hidden layer
weights	the weights with that the gradient should be computed
f	the activation function of the neural network
f_d	the derivative of the activation function
m_f	the function for the interim value m. It is two times the output of the network minus the observed characteristic.

**Value**

A Weights2 class with the gradient parts

**Author(s)**

Georg Steinbuss

**See Also**

[Weights-class computeGrad2](#)

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computeOutput1	<i>Computes output</i>
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**Description**

Computes output (prediction) for a one hidden layer network for one observation

**Usage**

```
computeOutput1(x, weights)
```

**Arguments**

x	properties of observation
weights	weights of the neural network

**Value**

Returns a single numeric value.

**Author(s)**

Georg Steinbuss

computeOutput2      *Computes output*

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**Description**

Computes output (prediction) for a two hidden layers network for one observation

**Usage**

```
computeOutput2(x, weights)
```

**Arguments**

x	properties of observation
weights	weights of the neural network

**Value**

Returns a single numeric value.

**Author(s)**

Georg Steinbuss

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confusion      *Computes confusion matrix*

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**Description**

Computes confusion matrix for a specific threshold

**Usage**

```
confusion(pred, obs, threshold = 0.5)
```

**Arguments**

pred	the prediction
obs	the observation
threshold	A threshold up to which a prediction is class 0 or 1. A value from 0 to 1

**Value**

Returns a confusion matrix

**Author(s)**

Georg Steinbuss

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createWeights1      *Creates random weights*

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**Description**

Creates random weights for a single hidden layer network

**Usage**

```
createWeights1(I, H)
```

**Arguments**

I	number of input neurons
H	number of hidden neurons

**Value**

Returns a S4 class object Weights

**Author(s)**

Georg Steinbuss

**See Also**

[Weights-class](#)

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createWeights2      *Creates random weights*

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**Description**

Creates random weights for a two hidden layers network

**Usage**

```
createWeights2(I, H)
```

**Arguments**

I	number of input neurons
H	vector with first element the number of hidden neurons in the first hidden layer second element for the second hidden layer

**Value**

Returns a S4 class object `Weights2`

**Author(s)**

Georg Steinbuss

**See Also**

[Weights2-class](#)

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crossEntropy

*Cross entropy*

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**Description**

The error function cross entropy

**Usage**

```
crossEntropy(x, y)
```

**Arguments**

x	properties of observation
y	characteristic of observation (zero or one)

**Value**

returns a single numeric value

**Author(s)**

Georg Steinbuss

**See Also**

`linksquaredError`



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find.Threshold	<i>Finds best threshold</i>
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**Description**

Finds the best threshold to transform probabilities in classes

**Usage**

```
find.Threshold(obs, stepsize = 0.1, predict)
```

**Arguments**

obs	class of observation
stepsize	in which step size the threshold is raised
predict	prediction of network

**Author(s)**

Georg Steinbuss

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fitTeachNet1	<i>One step in backpropagation</i>
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**Description**

One step in the backpropagation algorithm for a one hidden layer network

**Usage**

```
fitTeachNet1(data, weights, hidden.structure, learning.rate, f, f_d, decay, m_f, er)
```

**Arguments**

data	the data set
weights	current weights
hidden.structure	the number of neurons in the hidden layer
learning.rate	rate by which factor for backpropagation gets smaller
f	activation function
f_d	derivative of activation function
decay	value of weight decay
m_f	interim value m
er	error function

**Value**

returns new the weight after gradient update

**Author(s)**

Georg Steinbuss

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fitTeachNet2

*One step in backpropagation*

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**Description**

One step in the backpropagation algorithm for a two hidden layers network

**Usage**

```
fitTeachNet2(data, weights, hidden.structure, learning.rate, f, f_d, decay, m_f, er)
```

**Arguments**

data	the data set
weights	current weights
hidden.structure	vector with first element the number of hidden neurons in the first hidden layer second element for the second hidden layer
learning.rate	rate by which factor for backpropagation gets smaller
f	activation function
f_d	derivative of activation function
decay	value of weight decay
m_f	interim value m
er	error function

**Value**

returns the new weight after gradient update

**Author(s)**

Georg Steinbuss

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logistic	<i>Logistic function</i>
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**Description**

Computes the value of the logistic function

**Usage**

```
logistic(x)
```

**Arguments**

x	Input for logistic function
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**Author(s)**

Georg Steinbuss

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logistic.differential	<i>Differential of logistic function</i>
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**Description**

Computes value for the differential of the logistic function

**Usage**

```
logistic.differential(x)
```

**Arguments**

x	Input for differential of logistic function
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**Author(s)**

Georg Steinbuss

predict.Weights      *Computes prediction*

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**Description**

This function computes for a given data set and weights of a one hidden layer network, a prediction from a TeachNet neural network.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'Weights'  
predict(object, newdata, delete.firstColumn=TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	The Weights object TeachNet returned after training.
newdata	The data set you which to predict. Has to have the same variables as the used training data set (except for the class variable) and has to be scaled (Z-Scores)!
delete.firstColumn	When class variable is first column, set to TRUE
...	additional arguments affecting the predictions produced

**Value**

returns a vector with the predictions of TeachNet

**Author(s)**

Georg Steinbuss

**See Also**

[predict.Weights2](#), [Weights-class](#), [Weights2-class](#)

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predict.Weights2      *Computes prediction*

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**Description**

This function computes for a given data set and weights of a two hidden layer network, a prediction from a TeachNet neural network.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'Weights2'  
predict(object, newdata, delete.firstColumn=TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	The Weights2 object TeachNet returned after training.
newdata	The data set you which to predict. Has to have the same variables as the used training data set (except for the class variable) and has to be scaled (Z-Scores)!
delete.firstColumn	When class variable is first column, set to TRUE
...	additional arguments affecting the predictions produced

**Value**

returns a vector with the predictions of TeachNet

**Author(s)**

Georg Steinbuss

**See Also**

[predict.Weights](#), [Weights-class](#), [Weights2-class](#)

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squaredError	<i>Computes squared error</i>
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**Description**

Computes squared difference between two values

**Usage**

```
squaredError(x, y)
```

**Arguments**

x	value 1
y	value 2

**Author(s)**

Georg Steinbuss

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sumCrossEntropy	<i>Sums up cross entropy</i>
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**Description**

Computes the full value of the cross entropy for TeachNet

**Usage**

```
sumCrossEntropy(weights, data, h2)
```

**Arguments**

weights	current weights
data	data frame
h2	number of neurons in second hidden layer

**Author(s)**

Georg Steinbuss

**See Also**

[squaredError](#)

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sumSquaredError	<i>Sums up squared error</i>
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**Description**

Computes the full value of the squared error for TeachNet

**Usage**

```
sumSquaredError(weights, data, h2)
```

**Arguments**

weights	current weights
data	data frame
h2	number of neurons in second hidden layer

**Author(s)**

Georg Steinbuss

**See Also**

[crossEntropy](#)

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TeachNet	<i>Fits the neural network</i>
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**Description**

The function TeachNet trains the neural network for a two class classification and also does some testing at the end. The class attribute is assumed to be the first column and coded as 1. Data gets scaled with Z-scores before training. It's also possible to get the final weights returned.

**Usage**

```
TeachNet(data, hidden.structure = -1, threshold.TotalError = 0.1, stepMax = 100,
learning.rate = 0.9, acc.fct = "logistic", err.fct = "sse", startWeights = NULL,
decay = 0, sameSample = FALSE, sampleLength = 0.7, all = FALSE, eval = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

data	A data frame. The first column must be the class (0,1), the others the input variables (just numerical).
hidden.structure	The number of hidden neurons. A vector for two hidden layers. Default, -1 means that the automatic rule is applied (number of hidden neurons = number of variables divided by two, one hidden layer).
threshold.TotalError	Algorithm stops if total error falls below this threshold
stepMax	The maximum steps the algorithm does. One step is equal to one update of the weights (one cycle through the training set) for that he has to calculate the gradient of the total error.
learning.rate	Multiplicative factor by which the actual learning rate is iteratively reduced until the new error is smaller than the old one
acc.fct	The activation function that is used. In this version only "logistic" possible.
err.fct	The error function that is used. You can choose "sse" for sum squared error, or "ce" for cross entropy.
startWeights	This is where you can give TeachNet weights to start with.
decay	The factor for the weight decay.
sameSample	If TRUE the training and test data will be a data set with nearly same number of class 0 and 1. Randomly chosen out of the data.
sampleLength	Ratio that implies rows of the training data set depending on the full data set. Should be a number greater than 0 and less than 1. Test data set has size (1 - sampleLength).
all	If TRUE training data is the whole dataset (test data is training data).
eval	If TRUE evaluation is computed.

### Details

In the beginning the weights are initialized with a standard normal distribution. But this package is due to its very slow code just to understand the backpropagation algorithm. A good package for real training of neural networks is for example 'nnet'.

### Value

TeachNet returns a S4 class object Weights for one hidden layer or Weights2 for two hidden layer. In addition if 'all' is FALSE, it prints an Evaluation. First part is the best found Threshold and V (V=True Positive - False Positive) for the prediction on the test Dataset. Then a confusion matrix and the accuracy of the model compared to the percentage of observation with class zero and one.

### Author(s)

Georg Steinbuss

### See Also

[Weights-class](#), [Weights2-class](#), [predict.Weights](#) [predict.Weights2](#)

### Examples

```
df <- sample(c(rep(1,20),rep(0,20)))
income <- c(rnorm(40,mean=1000,sd=10))
debt <- rnorm(40,mean=0.5,sd=0.1)
data <- data.frame(df, income, debt)

weights <- TeachNet(data,sameSample=TRUE,sampleLength=0.9,stepMax=2)
```

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transformPrediction    *Transforms prediction*

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### Description

Transforms prediction from prediction to class

### Usage

```
transformPrediction(pred, threshold)
```

### Arguments

pred	Prediction
threshold	A threshold up to which a prediction is class 0 or 1. A value from 0 to 1

### Author(s)

Georg Steinbuss



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Weights-class

*Weights objects*

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### Description

Contains the weights for a one hidden layer neural network in TeachNet the here cold "Arguments" are the slots in the S4 class Weights

### Arguments

alpha	Intercept from output layer
alpha_h	Intercept from hidden layer
w_h	Weights from hidden layer to output layer
w_ih	Weights from input layer to hidden layer

### Author(s)

Georg Steinbuss

### See Also

[Weights2-class](#)

### Examples

```
H <- 3 # number of neurons in hidden layer
I <- 6 # number of inputs

random_weights <- new("Weights", alpha = rnorm(1), alpha_h = rnorm(H), w_h = rnorm(H),
                      w_ih = matrix(nrow=I,ncol=H, data=rnorm(I*H)))
```

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Weights2-class

*Weights2 objects*

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### Description

Contains the weights for a two hidden layer neural network in TeachNet the here cold "Arguments" are the slots in the S4 class Weights2

**Arguments**

alpha	Intercept from output layer
alpha_1m	Intercept from hidden layer
alpha_2h	Intercept from second hidden layer
w_h	Weights from second hidden layer to output layer
q_mh	Weights from first hidden layer to second hidden layer
w_im	Weights from input layer to first hidden layer

**Author(s)**

Georg Steinbuss

**See Also**

[Weights-class](#)

**Examples**

```
M <- 3 # number of neurons in first hidden layer
H <- 3 # number of neurons in second hidden layer
I <- 6 # number of inputs

random_weights <- new("Weights2", alpha = rnorm(1), alpha_1m = rnorm(M), alpha_2h = rnorm(H),
  w_h = rnorm(H), q_mh = matrix(nrow=M,ncol=H, data=rnorm(M*H)),
  w_im = matrix(nrow=I,ncol=M, data=rnorm(I*M)))
```

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