

# Package ‘gnn’

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catch	<i>Catching Results, Warnings and Errors Simultaneously</i>
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## Description

Catches results, warnings and errors.

## Usage

```
catch(expr)
```

## Arguments

expr                    expression to be evaluated, typically a function call.

## Details

This function is particularly useful for large(r) simulation studies to not fail until finished.

## Value

[list](#) with components:

value	value of expr or NULL in case of an error.
warning	warning message (see <a href="#">simpleWarning</a> or <a href="#">warning()</a> ) or NULL in case of no warning.
error	error message (see <a href="#">simpleError</a> or <a href="#">stop()</a> ) or NULL in case of no error.

## Author(s)

Marius Hofert (based on `doCallWE()` and `tryCatch.W.E()` in the R package **simsalapar**).

**Examples**

```
library(gnn) # for being standalone

catch(log(2))
catch(log(-1))
catch(log("a"))
```

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ffGNN

*Feedforward for Generative Neural Networks*

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**Description**

Feedforward method for objects of [S3](#) class "gnn\_GNN".

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'gnn_GNN'
ffGNN(x, data)
```

**Arguments**

**x** object of [S3](#) class "gnn\_GNN".  
**data** [matrix](#) to be fed forward through x.

**Value**

The output [matrix](#) of x when fed with data.

**Author(s)**

Marius Hofert

**Examples**

```
if(TensorFlow_available()) { # rather restrictive (due to R-Forge, winbuilder)
library(gnn) # for being standalone

## Define dummy model
d <- 2 # bivariate case
GMMN <- FNN(c(d, 300, d)) # Feedforward NN with MMD loss (a GMMN; random weights)

## Feedforward
n <- 3
set.seed(271)
X <- ffGNN(GMMN, data = matrix(runif(n * d), ncol = d))
stopifnot(dim(X) == c(n, d))

}
```

**Description**

Functions and methods for training generative neural networks.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'gnn_GNN'
fitGNN(x, data, batch.size = nrow(data), n.epoch = 100,
       prior = NULL, max.n.prior = 5000, verbose = 2, ...)
## S3 method for class 'gnn_GNN'
fitGNNonce(x, data, batch.size = nrow(data), n.epoch = 100,
           prior = NULL, verbose = 2, file = NULL, name = NULL, ...)
## S3 method for class 'gnn_GNN'
is.trained(x)
## S3 method for class 'list'
is.trained(x)
```

**Arguments**

x	<b>fitGNN()</b> , <b>fitGNNonce()</b> , <b>is.trained.gnn_GNN()</b> object of class "gnn_GNN" to be trained.
data	<b>is.trained.gnn_GNN()</b> object of class "gnn_GNN" to be trained or a list of such. $(n, d)$ -matrix containing the $n$ $d$ -dimensional observations of the training data.
batch.size	number of samples used per stochastic gradient step.
n.epoch	number of epochs (one epoch equals one pass through the complete training dataset while updating the GNN's parameters through stochastic gradient steps).
prior	$(n, d)$ -matrix of prior samples; see also <a href="#">rPrior()</a> . If prior = NULL a sample of independent $N(0,1)$ random variates is generated.
max.n.prior	maximum number of prior samples stored in x after training.
verbose	<a href="#">integer</a> verbose level. Choices are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 silent (no output).</li> <li>1 progress bar (via <a href="#">txtProgressBar()</a>).</li> <li>2 output after each block of epochs (block size is <math>\text{ceiling}(n.\text{epoch}/10)</math> if <math>n.\text{epoch} \leq 100</math> and <math>\text{ceiling}(\text{sqrt}(n.\text{epoch}))</math> if <math>n.\text{epoch} &gt; 100</math>).</li> <li>3 output after each epoch.</li> </ol>
file	NULL or a <a href="#">character</a> string specifying the file in which the trained GNN(s) is (are) saved. If file is provided and the specified file exists, it is loaded and returned via <a href="#">loadGNN()</a> .
name	<a href="#">character</a> string giving the name under which the fitted x is saved (if NULL the fitted x is saved under the name "x").
...	additional arguments passed to the underlying <a href="#">fit()</a> (which is <code>keras:::fit.keras.engine.training.</code>

**Value**

**fitGNN()** the trained `x`.

**fitGNNonce()** object of class as `x` with the trained GNN.

**is.trained.gnn\_GNN()** `logical` indicating whether `x` is trained.

**is.trained.list()** `logical` of length `length(x)` indicating, for each component, whether it is trained.

**Author(s)**

Marius Hofert

**See Also**

[FNN\(\)](#), [saveGNN\(\)](#), [loadGNN\(\)](#).

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 FNN

*Generative Moment Matching Network*


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**Description**

Constructor for a generative feedforward neural network (FNN) model, an object of [S3](#) class "gnn\_FNN".

**Usage**

```
FNN(dim = c(2, 2), activation = c(rep("relu", length(dim) - 2), "sigmoid"),
    batch.norm = FALSE, dropout.rate = 0, loss.fun = "MMD", n.GPU = 0, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>dim</code>	<code>integer</code> vector of length at least two, giving the dimensions of the input layer, the hidden layer(s) (if any) and the output layer (in this order).
<code>activation</code>	<code>character</code> vector of length <code>length(dim) - 1</code> specifying the activation functions for all hidden layers and the output layer (in this order); note that the input layer does not have an activation function.
<code>loss.fun</code>	loss function specified as <code>character</code> or <code>function</code> .
<code>batch.norm</code>	<code>logical</code> indicating whether batch normalization layers are to be added after each hidden layer.
<code>dropout.rate</code>	<code>numeric</code> value in <code>[0,1]</code> specifying the fraction of input to be dropped; see the rate parameter of <a href="#">layer_dropout()</a> . Note that only if positive, dropout layers are added after each hidden layer.
<code>n.GPU</code>	non-negative <code>integer</code> specifying the number of GPUs available if the GPU version of TensorFlow is installed. If positive, a (special) multiple GPU model for data parallelism is instantiated. Note that for multi-layer perceptrons on a few GPUs, this model does not yet yield any scale-up computational factor (in fact, currently very slightly negative scale-ups are likely due to overhead costs).
<code>...</code>	additional arguments passed to <a href="#">loss()</a> .

## Details

The S3 class "gnn\_FNN" is a subclass of the S3 class "gnn\_GNN" which in turn is a subclass of "gnn\_Model".

## Value

FNN() returns an object of S3 class "gnn\_FNN" with components

model FNN model (a **keras** object inheriting from the R6 classes "keras.engine.training.Model", "keras.engine.network.Network", "keras.engine.base\_layer.Layer" and "python.builtin.object", or a **raw** object).

type **character** string indicating the type of model.

dim see above.

activation see above.

batch.norm see above.

dropout.rate see above.

n.param number of trainable, non-trainable and total number of parameters.

loss.type type of loss function (**character**).

n.train number of training samples (**NA\_integer\_** unless trained).

batch.size batch size (**NA\_integer\_** unless trained).

n.epoch number of epochs (**NA\_integer\_** unless trained).

loss **numeric**(n.epoch) containing the loss function values per epoch.

time object of S3 class "proc\_time" containing the training time (if trained).

prior **matrix** containing a (sub-)sample of the prior (if trained).

## Author(s)

Marius Hofert and Avinash Prasad

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**Examples**

```

if(TensorFlow_available()) { # rather restrictive (due to R-Forge, winbuilder)
library(gnn) # for being standalone

## Training data
d <- 2 # bivariate case
P <- matrix(0.9, nrow = d, ncol = d); diag(P) <- 1 # correlation matrix
ntrn <- 60000 # training data sample size
set.seed(271)
library(nvmix)
X <- rNorm(ntrn, scale = P) # N(0,P) samples
X. <- abs(X) # |X|

## Plot a subsample
m <- 2000 # subsample size for plots
opar <- par(pty = "s")
plot(X.[1:m,], xlab = expression(X[1]), ylab = expression(X[2])) # plot |X|
U <- apply(X., 2, rank) / (ntrn + 1) # pseudo-observations of |X|
plot(U[1:m,], xlab = expression(U[1]), ylab = expression(U[2])) # visual check

## Model 1: A basic feedforward neural network (FNN) with MSE loss function
fnn <- FNN(c(d, 300, d), loss.fun = "MSE") # define the FNN
fnn <- fitGNN(fnn, data = U, n.epoch = 40) # train with batch optimization
plot(fnn, plot.type = "loss") # plot the loss after each epoch

## Model 2: A GMMN (FNN with MMD loss function)
gmmn <- FNN(c(d, 300, d)) # define the GMMN (initialized with random weights)
## For training we need to use a mini-batch optimization (batch size < nrow(U)).
## For a fair comparison (same number of gradient steps) to NN, we use 500
## samples (25% = 4 gradient steps/epoch) for 10 epochs for GMMN.
library(keras) # for callback_early_stopping()
## We monitor the loss function and stop earlier if the loss function
## over the last patience-many epochs has changed by less than min_delta
## in absolute value. Then we keep the weights that led to the smallest
## loss seen throughout training.
gmmn <- fitGNN(gmmn, data = U, batch.size = 500, n.epoch = 10,
               callbacks = callback_early_stopping(monitor = "loss",
                                                  min_delta = 1e-3, patience = 3,
                                                  restore_best_weights = TRUE))
plot(gmmn, plot.type = "loss") # plot the loss after each epoch
## Note:
## - Obviously, in a real-world application, batch.size and n.epoch
##   should be (much) larger (e.g., batch.size = 5000, n.epoch = 300).
## - Training is not reproducible (due to keras).

## Model 3: A FNN with CvM loss function
fnnCvM <- FNN(c(d, 300, d), loss.fun = "CvM")
fnnCvM <- fitGNN(fnnCvM, data = U, batch.size = 500, n.epoch = 10,
                 callbacks = callback_early_stopping(monitor = "loss",
                                                    min_delta = 1e-3, patience = 3,
                                                    restore_best_weights = TRUE))
plot(fnnCvM, plot.type = "loss") # plot the loss after each epoch

```

```

## Sample from the different models
set.seed(271)
V.fnn <- rGNN(fnn, size = m)
set.seed(271)
V.gmmn <- rGNN(gmmn, size = m)
set.seed(271)
V.fnnCvM <- rGNN(fnnCvM, size = m)

## Joint plot of training subsample with GMMN PRNs. Clearly, the MSE
## cannot be used to learn the distribution correctly.
layout(matrix(1:4, ncol = 2, byrow = TRUE))
plot(U[1:m,], xlab = expression(U[1]), ylab = expression(U[2]), cex = 0.2)
mtext("Training subsample", side = 4, line = 0.4, adj = 0)
plot(V.fnn, xlab = expression(V[1]), ylab = expression(V[2]), cex = 0.2)
mtext("Trained NN with MSE loss", side = 4, line = 0.4, adj = 0)
plot(V.gmmn, xlab = expression(V[1]), ylab = expression(V[2]), cex = 0.2)
mtext("Trained NN with MMD loss", side = 4, line = 0.4, adj = 0)
plot(V.fnnCvM, xlab = expression(V[1]), ylab = expression(V[2]), cex = 0.2)
mtext("Trained NN with CvM loss", side = 4, line = 0.4, adj = 0)

## Joint plot of training subsample with GMMN QRNs
library(qrng) # for sobol()
V.fnn. <- rGNN(fnn, size = m, method = "sobol", randomize = "Owen")
V.gmmn. <- rGNN(gmmn, size = m, method = "sobol", randomize = "Owen")
V.fnnCvM. <- rGNN(fnnCvM, size = m, method = "sobol", randomize = "Owen")
plot(U[1:m,], xlab = expression(U[1]), ylab = expression(U[2]), cex = 0.2)
mtext("Training subsample", side = 4, line = 0.4, adj = 0)
plot(V.fnn., xlab = expression(V[1]), ylab = expression(V[2]), cex = 0.2)
mtext("Trained NN with MSE loss", side = 4, line = 0.4, adj = 0)
plot(V.gmmn., xlab = expression(V[1]), ylab = expression(V[2]), cex = 0.2)
mtext("Trained NN with MMD loss", side = 4, line = 0.4, adj = 0)
plot(V.fnnCvM., xlab = expression(V[1]), ylab = expression(V[2]), cex = 0.2)
mtext("Trained NN with CvM loss", side = 4, line = 0.4, adj = 0)
layout(1)
par(opar)
}

```

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## Description

Basic functions and methods for objects of [S3](#) class "gnn\_GNN".

## Usage

```

## S3 method for class 'gnn_GNN'
print(x, ...)

```



```
## S3 method for class 'gnn_GNN'
str(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'gnn_GNN'
summary(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'gnn_GNN'
dim(x)
## S3 method for class 'gnn_GNN'
is.GNN(x)
## S3 method for class 'list'
is.GNN(x)
```

### Arguments

x	<b>print()</b> , <b>dim()</b> object of <a href="#">S3</a> class "gnn_GNN". <b>is.GNN()</b> object of <a href="#">S3</a> class "gnn_GNN" or a list of such.
object	object of <a href="#">S3</a> class "gnn_GNN".
...	currently not used.

### Value

**print()** return value of the [print\(\)](#) method for objects of class "[list](#)".

**str()** nothing, as [str\(\)](#) returns nothing when applied to objects of class "[list](#)".

**summary()** return value of the [summary\(\)](#) method for objects of class "[list](#)".

**dim()** slot dim of x, so a vector of dimensions of input, hidden and output layers.

**is.GNN()** [logical](#) of length equal to the length of x indicating, for each component, whether it is an object of class "gnn\_GNN".

### Author(s)

Marius Hofert

### Examples

```
if(TensorFlow_available()) { # rather restrictive (due to R-Forge, winbuilder)
  library(gnn) # for being standalone

  d <- 2
  dim <- c(d, 300, d) # dimensions of the input, hidden and output layers
  GMMN <- FNN(dim) # define the GMMN model
  stopifnot(is.GNN(GMMN)) # check for being a GNN
  GMMN # print() method
  str(GMMN) # str() method
  summary(GMMN) # summary() method
  stopifnot(dim(GMMN) == c(d, 300, d)) # dim() method
}
```

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loss *Loss Function*

---

**Description**

Implementation of various loss functions to measure statistical discrepancy between two datasets.

**Usage**

```
loss(x, y, type = c("MMD", "CvM", "MSE", "BCE"), ...)
```

```
MMD(x, y, ...)
```

```
CvM(x, y)
```

**Arguments**

x	2d-tensor or $(n, d)$ -matrix (during training, $n$ is the batch size and $d$ is the dimension of the input dataset).
y	2d-tensor or $(m, d)$ -matrix (during training, $m$ is the batch size (and typically equal to $n$ ) and $d$ is the dimension of the input dataset).
type	<a href="#">character</a> string indicating the type of loss used. Currently available are the (kernel) maximum mean discrepancy ("MMD", calling <code>MMD()</code> ), the Cramer-von Mises statistic ("CvM", calling <code>CvM()</code> ) of Rémillard and Scaillet (2009), the mean squared error ("MSE") and the binary cross entropy ("BCE").
...	additional arguments passed to the underlying functions, most notably bandwidth (a number or numeric vector of bandwidths for the radial basis function kernels) in case <code>type = "MMD"</code> .

**Value**

`loss()` returns a 0d tensor containing the loss.

`MMD()` and `CvM()` return a 0d tensor (if `x` and `y` are tensors) or `numeric(1)` (if `x` or `y` are `R` matrices).

**Author(s)**

Marius Hofert and Avinash Prasad

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**See Also**

[FNN\(\)](#) where `loss()` is used.

**Description**

Functions for plotting.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'gnn_GNN'  
plot(x, plot.type = c("scatter", "loss"), max.n.samples = NULL,  
      type = NULL, xlab = NULL, ylab = NULL,  
      y2lab = NULL, labels = "X", pair = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	trained object of class "gnn_GNN" whose loss function (loss per epoch of training) is to be plotted.
plot.type	<a href="#">character()</a> indicating the type of plot.
max.n.samples	maximal number of samples to be plotted.
type	line type; see <a href="#">plot()</a> .
xlab	x-axis label; see <a href="#">plot()</a> .
ylab	y-axis label; see <a href="#">plot()</a> .
y2lab	secondary y-axis label.
labels	<a href="#">character()</a> vector indicating the labels to be used; if of length 1, then the base label to be used.
pair	<a href="#">numeric(2)</a> containing the indices of the pair to be plotted.
...	additional arguments passed to the underlying <a href="#">plot()</a> .

**Value**

Plot by side-effect.

**Author(s)**

Marius Hofert

**See Also**

[fitGNN\(\)](#).

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`raw_keras`*Convert GNN model Slots to raw or keras Objects*

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**Description**

Keras objects cannot be saved like other R objects. The methods `as.raw()` and `as.keras()` can be used to convert the model slots of objects of S3 class "gnn\_GNN" to "raw" objects (which can be saved) or "keras.engine.training.Model" objects (which can be trained).

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'gnn_GNN'  
as.raw(x)  
## S3 method for class 'gnn_GNN'  
as.keras(x)
```

**Arguments**

`x` object of S3 class "gnn\_GNN".

**Value**

object of S3 class "gnn\_GNN" with slot method converted by the respective method if necessary.

**Author(s)**

Marius Hofert

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`rGNN`*Sampling from a Generative Neural Network*

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**Description**

Sampling method for objects of S3 class "gnn\_GNN".

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'gnn_GNN'  
rGNN(x, size, prior = NULL, pobs = FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	object of S3 class "gnn_GNN".
size	sample size, a positive <i>integer</i> . Ignored if prior is a <i>matrix</i> .
prior	one of NULL the default, generates independent $N(0,1)$ realizations as prior sample. <i>matrix</i> passes the given sample through the GNN x. Such a matrix is internally (if prior = NULL) and typically obtained via <code>rPrior()</code> .
pobs	<i>logical</i> indicating whether the pseudo-observations of the generated samples should be returned.
...	additional arguments passed to the underlying <code>rPrior()</code> if prior = NULL.

**Value**

(size,dim(x)[1])-*matrix* of samples.

**Author(s)**

Marius Hofert

**Examples**

```

if(TensorFlow_available()) { # rather restrictive (due to R-Forge, winbuilder)
library(gnn) # for being standalone

## Define dummy model
d <- 2 # bivariate case
GMMN <- FNN(c(d, 300, d)) # Feedforward NN with MMD loss (a GMMN; random weights)

## Sampling
n <- 3
(X1 <- rGNN(GMMN, size = n)) # default (independent  $N(0,1)$  samples as prior)
(X2 <- rGNN(GMMN, size = n, # passing additional arguments to rPrior()
           qmargins = qexp, method = "sobol", seed = 271))
(X3 <- rGNN(GMMN, prior = matrix(rexp(n * d), ncol = d))) # providing 'prior'
stopifnot(dim(X1) == c(n, d), dim(X2) == c(n, d), dim(X3) == c(n, d))

}

```

---

 rm\_ext

*Remove a File Extension*


---

**Description**

Fixes the removal of file extensions of `file_path_sans_ext()` in the case where file names contain digits after the last dot (which is often used to incorporate numeric numbers into file names).

**Usage**

```
rm_ext(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    file name(s) with extension(s) to be stripped off.

**Value**

The file name without its extension (if the file name had an extension).

**Author(s)**

Marius Hofert

**Examples**

```
library(gnn) # for being standalone

myfilepath1 <- "/myusername/my_filename_with_dots_0.25_0.50_0.75.rda"
myfilepath2 <- "/myusername/my_filename_with_dots_0.25_0.50_0.75"
myfilepath3 <- "/myusername/my_filename_with_dots_0.25_0.50_0.75."
myfilepath4 <- "/myusername/my_filename_with_dots_0.25_0.50_0.75._"
myfilepath5 <- "/myusername/my_filename_with_dots_0.25_0.50_0.75.*.rda"
library(tools)
file_path_sans_ext(myfilepath2) # fails (only case)

stopifnot(rm_ext(myfilepath1) == file_path_sans_ext(myfilepath1))
stopifnot(rm_ext(myfilepath2) == myfilepath2)
stopifnot(rm_ext(myfilepath3) == file_path_sans_ext(myfilepath3))
stopifnot(rm_ext(myfilepath4) == file_path_sans_ext(myfilepath4))
stopifnot(rm_ext(myfilepath5) == file_path_sans_ext(myfilepath5))
```

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rPrior

*Sampling from a Prior Distribution*

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**Description**

Sampling from a prior distribution.

**Usage**

```
rPrior(n, copula, qmargins = qnorm, method = c("pseudo", "sobol"), ...)
```

**Arguments**

n	sample size, a positive <a href="#">integer</a> .
copula	object of <a href="#">S4</a> class "Copula" for which the method <code>rCopula()</code> is available; see the R package <b>copula</b> .
qmargins	marginal quantile <a href="#">function</a> or a <a href="#">list</a> of length <code>dim(x)[1]</code> of such.
method	<a href="#">character</a> string indicating the sampling method. If "sobol", then randomization "digital.shift" is used (pass seed via ... for reproducibility; see the R package <b>qrng</b> ).
...	additional arguments passed to method.

**Value**

`(n, dim(copula))`-[matrix](#) of samples.

**Author(s)**

Marius Hofert

**Examples**

```
library(gnn) # for being standalone

n <- 5
d <- 3
library(copula)
cop <- claytonCopula(2, dim = d)
X1 <- rPrior(n, copula = cop) # Clayton copula and N(0,1) margins
X2 <- rPrior(n, copula = cop, qmargins = qexp) # Exp(1) margins
X3 <- rPrior(n, copula = cop, qmargins = qexp, method = "sobol", seed = 271)
stopifnot(dim(X1) == c(n, d), dim(X2) == c(n, d), dim(X3) == c(n, d))
```

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 save\_load\_rda

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*Save and Load .rda Files with Conversion to Raw and Keras Models*


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**Description**

Save and load .rda files with conversion to objects of class `raw` (for `saveGNN()`) or `"keras.engine.training.Model"` (for `loadGNN()`).

**Usage**

```
saveGNN(..., file, name = NULL)
loadGNN(file)
```

## Arguments

... objects to be saved in file (under the provided names if name was provided). Those objects which are of class "gnn\_GNN" are converted with `as.raw()` before they are saved.

file file name; see the underlying `save()` and `load()`.

name **character** (vector) of name(s) under which the objects in ... are to be saved in file. If `NULL`, the names of the objects provided by ... are taken as name.

## Value

`saveGNN()` nothing (generates an .rda by side-effect).

`loadGNN()` the loaded object(s). Those of class "gnn\_GNN" are converted with `as.keras()` before they are returned; this also applies to a component of a loaded object of class `list`.

## Author(s)

Marius Hofert

## See Also

See the underlying functions `load()` and `save()` (among others).

## Examples

```
if(TensorFlow_available()) { # rather restrictive (due to R-Forge, winbuilder)
library(gnn) # for being standalone

file <- tempfile("foo", fileext = ".rda")
GMMN1 <- FNN()
saveGNN(GMMN1, file = file) # converts GMMN via as.raw()
GMMN2 <- loadGNN(file) # converts loaded object via as.keras()
stopifnot(is.GNN(GMMN2), inherits(GMMN2[["model"]], "keras.engine.training.Model"))
rm(GMMN1, GMMN2) # clean-up
stopifnot(file.remove(file))

}
```

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TensorFlow\_available *A Simple Check whether TensorFlow is Available*

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## Description

A simple (and restrictive) check whether TensorFlow is available.

## Usage

```
TensorFlow_available()
```



**Details**

Essentially calls "pip list | grep tensorflow" via `system()`. Only available on non-Windows operating systems; returns `FALSE` on Windows.

**Value**

`logical` indicating whether TensorFlow was found.

**Author(s)**

Marius Hofert

**Examples**

```
library(gnn) # for being standalone

TensorFlow_available()
```

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time	<i>Human-Readable Time Measurement</i>
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**Description**

Functions and methods for extracting and printing timings in human-readable format.

**Usage**

```
as.human(x, fmt = "%.2f")
human.time(expr, print = TRUE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'gnn_GNN'
time(x, human = FALSE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'gnn_proc_time'
print(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	<b>as.human()</b> object of class "proc_time" as returned by <code>system.time()</code> . <b>time.gnn_GNN()</b> object of class "gnn_GNN". <b>print.gnn_proc_time()</b> object of class "gnn_proc_time" as returned by <code>time()</code> .
fmt	format string as required by <code>sprintf()</code> .
expr	see <code>system.time()</code> .
print	<code>logical</code> indicating whether to print the result; either way, it is returned (invisibly if <code>print = TRUE</code> ).
human	<code>logical</code> indicating whether the result is to be returned in human-readable format.
...	for <code>human.time()</code> and <code>time.gnn_GNN()</code> additional arguments passed to the underlying <code>as.human()</code> ; unused for <code>print.gnn_proc_time()</code> .

**Value**

**as.human()**, **human.time()** named `character` (3) providing user, system and elapsed time in human-readable format.

**time.gnn\_GNN()** object of class "gnn\_proc\_time".

**print.gnn\_proc\_time()**  $\times$  (invisibly).

**Author(s)**

Marius Hofert

**Examples**

```
if(TensorFlow_available()) { # rather restrictive (due to R-Forge, winbuilder)
  library(gnn) # for being standalone

  human.time(Sys.sleep(0.1)) # print human-readable time
  (proc.obj <- human.time(Sys.sleep(0.1), print = FALSE)) # save the timing (character(3))
  fnn <- FNN()
  time(fnn) # default print method for objects of class "gnn_proc_time"
  time(fnn, human = TRUE) # human-readable print method for such objects
}
```

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trafos\_dimreduction    *Dimension-Reduction Transformations for Training or Sampling*

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**Description**

Dimension-reduction transformations applied to an input data matrix. Currently on the principal component transformation and its inverse.

**Usage**

```
PCA_trafo(x, mu, Gamma, inverse = FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	$(n, d)$ -matrix of data (typically before training or after sampling). If <code>inverse = FALSE</code> , then, conceptually, an $(n, d)$ -matrix with $1 \leq k \leq d$ , where $d$ is the dimension of the original data whose dimension was reduced to $k$ .
<code>mu</code>	if <code>inverse = TRUE</code> , a $d$ -vector of centers, where $d$ is the dimension to transform <code>x</code> to.
<code>Gamma</code>	if <code>inverse = TRUE</code> , a $(d, k)$ -matrix with $k$ at least as large as <code>ncol(x)</code> containing the $k$ orthonormal eigenvectors of a covariance matrix sorted in decreasing order of their eigenvalues; in other words, the columns of <code>Gamma</code> contain principal axes or loadings. If a matrix with $k$ greater than <code>ncol(x)</code> is provided, only the first $k$ -many are considered.

inverse      **logical** indicating whether the inverse transformation of the principal component transformation is applied.

...            additional arguments passed to the underlying `prcomp()`.

### Details

Conceptually, the principal component transformation transforms a vector  $\mathbf{X}$  to a vector  $\mathbf{Y}$  where  $\mathbf{Y} = \Gamma^T(\mathbf{X} - \boldsymbol{\mu})$ , where  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  is the mean vector of  $\mathbf{X}$  and  $\Gamma$  is the  $(d, d)$ -matrix whose columns contains the orthonormal eigenvectors of  $\text{cov}(\mathbf{X})$ .

The corresponding (conceptual) inverse transformation is  $\mathbf{X} = \boldsymbol{\mu} + \Gamma\mathbf{Y}$ .

See McNeil et al. (2015, Section 6.4.5).

### Value

If `inverse = TRUE`, the transformed data whose rows contain  $\mathbf{X} = \boldsymbol{\mu} + \Gamma\mathbf{Y}$ , where  $Y$  is one row of  $\mathbf{x}$ . See the details below for the notation.

If `inverse = FALSE`, a **list** containing:

**PCs:**  $(n, d)$ -matrix of principal components.

**cumvar:** cumulative variances; the  $j$ th entry provides the fraction of the explained variance of the first  $j$  principal components.

**sd:** sample standard deviations of the transformed data.

**lambda:** eigenvalues of  $\text{cov}(\mathbf{x})$ .

**mu:**  $d$ -vector of centers of  $\mathbf{x}$  (see also above) typically provided to `PCA_trafo(, inverse = TRUE)`.

**Gamma:**  $(d, d)$ -matrix of principal axes (see also above) typically provided to `PCA_trafo(, inverse = TRUE)`.

### Author(s)

Marius Hofert

### References

McNeil, A. J., Frey, R., and Embrechts, P. (2015). *Quantitative Risk Management: Concepts, Techniques, Tools*. Princeton University Press.

### Examples

```
library(gnn) # for being standalone

## Generate data
library(copula)
set.seed(271)
X <- qt(rCopula(1000, gumbelCopula(2, dim = 10)), df = 3.5)
pairs(X, gap = 0, pch = ".")

## Principal component transformation
PCA <- PCA_trafo(X)
```

```

Y <- PCA$PCs
PCA$cumvar[3] # fraction of variance explained by the first 3 principal components
which.max(PCA$cumvar > 0.9) # number of principal components it takes to explain 90%

## Biplot (plot of the first two principal components = data transformed with
## the first two principal axes)
plot(Y[,1:2])

## Transform back and compare
X. <- PCA_trafo(Y, mu = PCA$mu, Gamma = PCA$Gamma, inverse = TRUE)
stopifnot(all.equal(X., X))

## Note: One typically transforms back with only some of the principal axes
X. <- PCA_trafo(Y[,1:3], mu = PCA$mu, # mu determines the dimension to transform to
               Gamma = PCA$Gamma, # must be of dim. (length(mu), k) for k >= ncol(x)
               inverse = TRUE)
stopifnot(dim(X.) == c(1000, 10))
## Note: We (typically) transform back to the original dimension.
pairs(X., gap = 0, pch = ".") # pairs of back-transformed first three PCs

```

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trafos\_margins

*Data Transformations for Training or Sampling*


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## Description

Transformations applied to each marginal component sample to map given data to a different range.

## Usage

```

range_trafo(x, lower, upper, inverse = FALSE)
logis_trafo(x, mean = 0, sd = 1, slope = 1, intercept = 0, inverse = FALSE)

```

## Arguments

x	$(n, d)$ -matrix of data (typically before training or after sampling).
lower	value or $d$ -vector typically containing the smallest value of each column of $x$ .
upper	value or $d$ -vector typically containing the largest value of each column of $x$ .
mean	value or $d$ -vector.
sd	value or $d$ -vector.
slope	value or $d$ -vector of slopes of the linear transformations applied after applying <code>plogis()</code> (before applying <code>qlogis()</code> if <code>inverse = TRUE</code> ).
intercept	value or $d$ -vector of intercepts of the linear transformations applied after applying <code>plogis()</code> (before applying <code>qlogis()</code> if <code>inverse = TRUE</code> ).
inverse	<code>logical</code> indicating whether the inverses of the respective transformations are to be computed (typically used after generating data from a neural network trained on data transformed with the respective transformation and <code>inverse = FALSE</code> ).

**Value**

An object as `x` containing the componentwise transformed data.

**Author(s)**

Marius Hofert

**Examples**

```
library(gnn) # for being standalone

## Generate data
n <- 100
set.seed(271)
x <- cbind(rnorm(n), (1-runif(n))^(1/2)-1) # normal and Pareto(2) margins
plot(x)

## Range transformation
ran <- apply(x, 2, range) # column j = range of the jth column of x
x.ran <- range_trafo(x, lower = ran[1,], upper = ran[2,]) # marginally transform to [0,1]
plot(x.ran) # => now range [0,1] but points a bit clustered around small y-values
x. <- range_trafo(x.ran, lower = ran[1,], upper = ran[2,], inverse = TRUE) # transform back
stopifnot(all.equal(x., x)) # check

## Logistic transformation
x.logis <- logis_trafo(x) # marginally transform to [0,1] via plogis()
plot(x.logis) # => y-range is [1/2, 1] which can be harder to train
x. <- logis_trafo(x.logis, inverse = TRUE) # transform back
stopifnot(all.equal(x., x)) # check

## Logistic transformation with scaling to all of [0,1] in the second coordinate
x.logis.scale <- logis_trafo(x, slope = 2, intercept = -1)
plot(x.logis.scale) # => now y-range is scaled to [0,1]
x. <- logis_trafo(x.logis.scale, slope = 2, intercept = -1, inverse = TRUE) # transform back
stopifnot(all.equal(x., x)) # check

## Logistic transformation with sample mean and standard deviation and then
## transforming the range to [0,1] with a range transformation (note that
## slope = 2, intercept = -1 would not help here as the y-range is not [1/2, 1])
mu <- colMeans(x)
sig <- apply(x, 2, sd)
x.logis.fit <- logis_trafo(x, mean = mu, sd = sig) # marginally plogis(, location, scale)
plot(x.logis.fit) # => y-range is not [1/2, 1] => use range transformation
ran <- apply(x.logis.fit, 2, range)
x.logis.fit.ran <- range_trafo(x.logis.fit, lower = ran[1,], upper = ran[2,])
plot(x.logis.fit.ran) # => now y-range is [1/2, 1]
x. <- logis_trafo(range_trafo(x.logis.fit.ran, lower = ran[1,], upper = ran[2,],
                           inverse = TRUE),
                 mean = mu, sd = sig, inverse = TRUE) # transform back
stopifnot(all.equal(x., x)) # check

## Note that for heavy-tailed data, plogis() can fail to stay inside (0,1)
```

```

## even with adapting to sample mean and standard deviation. We now present
## a case where we see that using a fitted logistic distribution function
## is *just* good enough to numerically keep the data inside (0,1).
set.seed(271)
x <- cbind(rnorm(n), (1-runif(n))^-2)-1) # normal and Pareto(1/2) margins
plot(x) # => heavy-tailed in y-coordinate
## Transforming with standard logistic distribution function
x.logis <- logis_trafo(x)
stopifnot(any(x.logis[,2] == 1))
## => There is value numerically indistinguishable from 1 to which applying
## the inverse transform will lead to Inf
stopifnot(any(is.infinite(logis_trafo(x.logis, inverse = TRUE))))
## Now adapt the logistic distribution to share the mean and standard deviation
## with the data
mu <- colMeans(x)
sig <- apply(x, 2, sd)
x.logis.scale <- logis_trafo(x, mean = mu, sd = sig)
stopifnot(all(x.logis.scale[,2] != 1)) # => no values equal to 1 anymore

## Alternatively, log() the data first, thus working with a log-logistic
## distribution as transformation
lx <- cbind(x[,1], log(x[,2])) # 2nd coordinate only
lmu <- c(mu[1], mean(lx[,2]))
lsig <- c(sig[1], sd(lx[,2]))
x.llogis <- logis_trafo(lx, mean = lmu, sd = lsig)
x. <- logis_trafo(x.llogis, mean = lmu, sd = lsig, inverse = TRUE)
x.. <- cbind(x.[,1], exp(x.[,2])) # undo log()
stopifnot(all.equal(x., x))

```

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