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## References

Yaliang Zhang and Yunro Chung, Estimating individualized diagnostics rules via linear grid search with applications to subgroup-specific biomarker discovery (in progress)

**lin.persDx**

*Estimating linear personalized diagnostic rules.*

## Description

Estimate personalized diagnostics rule that recommends biomarker (or test) A versus B by maximizing area under the receiver operating (ROC) curve (AUC) based on linear combinatino of predictors.

## Usage

```
lin.persDx(D, YA, YB, X, dirA, dirB, eps, PLOT)
```

## Arguments

D	Binary outcome with D=1 for disease (or case) and D=0 for non-diseased (or control) (n X 1 vector).
YA	Biomarker A, measured on a continuous or ordinal scale (n X 1 vector).
YB	Biomarker B, measured on a continuous or ordinal scale (n X 1 vector).
X	Predictors (n x p matrix).
dirA	Direction of YA to D, where dirA="<" (or dirA=">") indicates higher (or lower) YA is assoiated with Pr(D=1)). Default is dirA="<".
dirB	Direction of YB to D, where dirB="<" (or dirB=">") indicates higher (or lower) YB is assoiated with Pr(D=1)). Default is dirB="<".
eps	Tuning parameter for predictor selections. Default is eps=0.01.
PLOT	TRUE or FALSE for showing plot.

## Details

The lin.persDx function estimates the personalized diagnostics rule  $\tau(X)$ , where  $\tau(X)=A$  recommends YA if  $\theta_0 + \theta_1X_1 + \dots + \theta_pX_p > 0$  or  $\tau(X)=B$  recommends YB otherwise by maximizing AUC. It guarantees to increase AUC compared to the one-size-fits all strategy. That is, AUC is always greater than maximum of AUC.A and AUC.B, where AUC.A is an empirical AUC value using (D,YA), AUC.B is an empirical AUC value using (D,YB), AUC is an empirical AUC value using (D,YC), where YC=YA if  $\tau(X)=A$  and YC=YB if  $\tau(X)=B$ . Since the empirical AUC is not a continuous function on  $(\theta_0, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_p)$ , a grid-based search algorithm is used. Specifically, for a univariate predictor  $X = X_1$ , a grid search algorithm is used to estimate  $(\theta_0, \theta_1)$ , and for multiple predictors  $X = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p)$ , a forward selection algorithm is further implemented that sequentially adds each of the predictors to  $\tau(X)$  that increases the AUC most. The stopping criteria is AUC increase  $\leq \text{eps}$ . It allows  $\text{eps}=0$ , which searches all  $X$ , while some of  $\theta$  can be estimated to zeros when corresponding predictors have no contribution to increase the AUC.

## Value

A list of class lin.persDx:

df	Data frame with YA, YB, X, and estimated subgroup (A or B).
AUC.A	AUC for YA.
AUC.B	AUC for YB.
AUC	AUC for YA or YB based on $\tau(X)$ .
theta	$\theta_0, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_p$ .

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## References

Estimation of linear decision rules for personalized diagnostics using area under the receiver operating characteristics curve (in progress)

## Examples

```
set.seed(1)
n1=n0=100
n=n1+n0
D=c(rep(1,n1),rep(0,n0))
X1=runif(n,0,1)
X2=runif(n,0,1)
X3=runif(n,0,1)
X=data.frame(X1,X2,X3)
muA=2
muB=1
mu0=0
sigma=1

tau=rep("B",n)
```

```
tau[X1+X2>=1]="A"  
  
YA=D*(rnorm(n,muA,sigma)*(tau=="A")+rnorm(n,mu0,sigma)*(tau=="B"))+(1-D)*rnorm(n,mu0,sigma)  
YB=D*(rnorm(n,muB,sigma)*(tau=="B")+rnorm(n,mu0,sigma)*(tau=="A"))+(1-D)*rnorm(n,mu0,sigma)  
  
fit=lin.persDx(D, YA, YB, X)  
fit
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