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`etel` *Exponentially tilted empirical likelihood*

Description

Computes exponentially tilted empirical likelihood.

Usage

```
etel(fn, x, par, opts = NULL)
```

Arguments

`fn`	An estimating function that takes the data `x` and parameter value `par` as its arguments, returning a numeric matrix. Each row is the return value from the corresponding row in `x`.
`x`	A numeric matrix, or an object that can be coerced to a numeric matrix. Each row corresponds to an observation. The number of rows must be greater than the number of columns.
`par`	A numeric vector of parameter values to be tested.
`opts`	An optional list with optimization options for `nloptr::nloptr()`. Defaults to `NULL`.

Value

A single numeric value representing the log-likelihood ratio. It contains the optimization results as the attribute `optim`.

References

Schennach, SM (2005). "Bayesian Exponentially Tilted Empirical Likelihood." *Biometrika*, 92, 31–46.

Examples

```
# Generate data
set.seed(63456)
x <- rnorm(100)

# Define an estimating function (ex. mean)
fn <- function(x, par) {
  x - par
}

# Set parameter value
par <- 0

# Call the etel function
etel(fn, x, par)
```

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income *Median Income for 4-Person Families in the USA*

Description

A dataset of median income for 4-person families by state.

Usage

```
data("income")
```

Format

A data frame with 51 rows and 6 columns:

state States, including the District of Columbia.

mi_1979 Estimated median income for 4-person families in 1979 (standardized).

mi_1989 Estimated median income for 4-person families in 1989 (standardized).

pci_1979 Per capita income in 1979.

pci_1989 Per capita income in 1989.

ami Census median income in 1979, adjusted for per capita income (standardized).

Source

https://www.census.gov/data/tables/time-series/demo/income-poverty/4-person.html

Examples

```
data("income")
income
```

`retel` *Regularized exponentially tilted empirical likelihood*

Description

Computes regularized exponentially tilted empirical likelihood.

Usage

```
retel(fn, x, par, mu, Sigma, tau, type = "full", opts = NULL)
```

Arguments

`fn`	An estimating function that takes the data `x` and parameter value `par` as its arguments, returning a numeric matrix. Each row is the return value from the corresponding row in `x`.
`x`	A numeric matrix, or an object that can be coerced to a numeric matrix. Each row corresponds to an observation. The number of rows must be greater than the number of columns.
`par`	A numeric vector of parameter values to be tested.
`mu`	A numeric vector of parameters for regularization. See 'Details' for more information.
`Sigma`	A numeric matrix, or an object that can be coerced to a numeric matrix, of parameters for regularization. See 'Details' for more information.
`tau`	A single numeric parameter for regularization. See 'Details' for more information.
`type`	A single character indicating the type of regularized exponentially tilted empirical likelihood. It must be either `"full"` or `"reduced"`. Defaults to `"full"`. See 'Details' for more information.
`opts`	An optional list with optimization options for `nloptr::nloptr()`. Defaults to `NULL`.

Details

Let $\{\boldsymbol{X}_i\}_{i=1}^n$ denote independent d_x-dimensional observations from a complete probability space $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{F}, P)$ satisfying the moment condition:

$$\mathrm{E}_P[\boldsymbol{g}(\boldsymbol{X}_i, \boldsymbol{\theta})] = \mathbf{0},$$

where $\boldsymbol{g} : \mathbb{R}^{d_x} \times \Theta \mapsto \mathbb{R}^p$ is an estimating function with the true parameter value $\boldsymbol{\theta}_0 \in \Theta \subset \mathbb{R}^p$.

For a given parameter value $\boldsymbol{\theta}$, regularized exponentially tilted empirical likelihood solves the following optimization problem:

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{\lambda} \in \mathbb{R}^p} \left\{ d_n\left(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}\right) + p_n\left(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}\right) \right\},$$

where

$$d_n(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}) = \frac{1}{n+\tau_n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \exp\left(\boldsymbol{\lambda}^\top \boldsymbol{g}(\boldsymbol{X}_i, \boldsymbol{\theta})\right)$$

and

$$p_n(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}) = \frac{\tau_n}{n+\tau_n} \exp\left(\boldsymbol{\lambda}^\top \boldsymbol{\mu}_{n,\boldsymbol{\theta}} + \frac{1}{2}\boldsymbol{\lambda}^\top \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{n,\boldsymbol{\theta}} \boldsymbol{\lambda}\right).$$

Here, $\tau_n > 0$, $\boldsymbol{\mu}_{n,\boldsymbol{\theta}}$, $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{n,\boldsymbol{\theta}}$ are all tuning parameters that control the strength of $p_n(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\lambda})$ as a penalty. Once we have determined the solution $\boldsymbol{\lambda}_{RET}$, we define the likelihood ratio function as follows:

$$R_{RET}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \left(\frac{n+\tau_n}{\tau_n} p_c(\boldsymbol{\theta})\right) \prod_{i=1}^{n} (n+\tau_n)\, p_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}),$$

where

$$p_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{\exp\left({\boldsymbol{\lambda}_{RET}}^\top \boldsymbol{g}(\boldsymbol{X}_i, \boldsymbol{\theta})\right)}{c_n(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{RET})} \quad (i = 1, \ldots, n), \quad p_c(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{p_n(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{RET})}{c_n(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{RET})},$$

and $c_n(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{RET}) = d_n(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{RET}) + p_n(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{RET})$. The reduced version of the likelihood ratio function is defined as:

$$\widetilde{R}_{RET}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} (n+\tau_n)\, p_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}).$$

See the references below for more details on derivation, interpretation, and properties.

Value

A single numeric value representing the log-likelihood ratio. It contains the optimization results as the attribute `optim`.

References

Kim E, MacEachern SN, Peruggia M (2023). "Regularized Exponentially Tilted Empirical Likelihood for Bayesian Inference." doi:10.48550/arXiv.2312.17015.

Examples

```
# Generate data
set.seed(63456)
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# Define an estimating function (ex. mean)
fn <- function(x, par) {
  x - par
}

# Set parameter value
par <- 0

# Set regularization parameters
```

```
mu <- 0
Sigma <- 1
tau <- 1

# Call the retel function
retel(fn, x, par, mu, Sigma, tau)
```

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