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Useful links:

- `https://mlr3tuning.mlr-org.com`
- `https://github.com/mlr-org/mlr3tuning`
- Report bugs at `https://github.com/mlr-org/mlr3tuning/issues`

ArchiveTuning — *Class for Logging Evaluated Hyperparameter Configurations*

Description

The ArchiveTuning stores all evaluated hyperparameter configurations and performance scores.

Details

The ArchiveTuning is a container around a `data.table::data.table()`. Each row corresponds to a single evaluation of a hyperparameter configuration. See the section on Data Structure for more information. The archive stores additionally a mlr3::BenchmarkResult (`$benchmark_result`) that records the resampling experiments. Each experiment corresponds to to a single evaluation of a hyperparameter configuration. The table (`$data`) and the benchmark result (`$benchmark_result`) are linked by the `uhash` column. If the archive is passed to `as.data.table()`, both are joined automatically.

Data Structure

The table (`$data`) has the following columns:

- One column for each hyperparameter of the search space (`$search_space`).
- One column for each performance measure (`$codomain`).
- `x_domain` (`list()`)
  Lists of (transformed) hyperparameter values that are passed to the learner.
- `runtime_learners` (`numeric(1)`)
  Sum of training and predict times logged in learners per mlr3::ResampleResult / evaluation. This does not include potential overhead time.
- `timestamp` (`POSIXct`)
  Time stamp when the evaluation was logged into the archive.
- `batch_nr` (`integer(1)`)
  Hyperparameters are evaluated in batches. Each batch has a unique batch number.
- `uhash` (`character(1)`)
  Connects each hyperparameter configuration to the resampling experiment stored in the mlr3::BenchmarkResult.

Analysis

For analyzing the tuning results, it is recommended to pass the ArchiveTuning to `as.data.table()`. The returned data table is joined with the benchmark result which adds the mlr3::ResampleResult for each hyperparameter evaluation.

The archive provides various getters (e.g. `$learners()`) to ease the access. All getters extract by position (`i`) or unique hash (`uhash`). For a complete list of all getters see the methods section.

The benchmark result (`$benchmark_result`) allows to score the hyperparameter configurations again on a different measure. Alternatively, measures can be supplied to `as.data.table()`.

The **mlr3viz** package provides visualizations for tuning results.

S3 Methods

- `as.data.table.ArchiveTuning(x, unnest = "x_domain", exclude_columns = "uhash", measures = NULL)`
  Returns a tabular view of all evaluated hyperparameter configurations.
  ArchiveTuning -> `data.table::data.table()`
  - `x` (ArchiveTuning)
  - `unnest` (`character()`)
    Transforms list columns to separate columns. Set to `NULL` if no column should be unnested.
  - `exclude_columns` (`character()`)
    Exclude columns from table. Set to `NULL` if no column should be excluded.
  - `measures` (List of mlr3::Measure)
    Score hyperparameter configurations on additional measures.

Super class

`bbotk::Archive` -> `ArchiveTuning`

Public fields

`benchmark_result` (mlr3::BenchmarkResult)
    Benchmark result.

Methods

Public methods:

- `ArchiveTuning$new()`
- `ArchiveTuning$learner()`
- `ArchiveTuning$learners()`
- `ArchiveTuning$learner_param_vals()`
- `ArchiveTuning$predictions()`
- `ArchiveTuning$resample_result()`
- `ArchiveTuning$print()`
- `ArchiveTuning$clone()`

Method `new()`**:** Creates a new instance of this R6 class.

Usage:

```
ArchiveTuning$new(search_space, codomain, check_values = TRUE)
```

Arguments:

`search_space` (paradox::ParamSet)
    Hyperparameter search space. If `NULL` (default), the search space is constructed from the TuneToken of the learner's parameter set (learner$param_set).

`codomain` (bbotk::Codomain)
    Specifies codomain of objective function i.e. a set of performance measures. Internally created from provided mlr3::Measures.

`check_values` (`logical(1)`)
    If `TRUE` (default), hyperparameter configurations are check for validity.

Method `learner()`**:** Retrieve mlr3::Learner of the i-th evaluation, by position or by unique hash `uhash`. `i` and `uhash` are mutually exclusive. Learner does not contain a model. Use `$learners()` to get learners with models.

Usage:

```
ArchiveTuning$learner(i = NULL, uhash = NULL)
```

Arguments:

`i` (`integer(1)`)
    The iteration value to filter for.

`uhash` (`logical(1)`)
    The `uhash` value to filter for.

Method `learners()`**:** Retrieve list of trained mlr3::Learner objects of the i-th evaluation, by position or by unique hash `uhash`. `i` and `uhash` are mutually exclusive.

Usage:

```
ArchiveTuning$learners(i = NULL, uhash = NULL)
```

Arguments:

`i` (`integer(1)`)
The iteration value to filter for.

`uhash` (`logical(1)`)
The uhash value to filter for.

Method `learner_param_vals():` Retrieve param values of the i-th evaluation, by position or by unique hash `uhash`. `i` and `uhash` are mutually exclusive.

Usage:

```
ArchiveTuning$learner_param_vals(i = NULL, uhash = NULL)
```

Arguments:

`i` (`integer(1)`)
The iteration value to filter for.

`uhash` (`logical(1)`)
The uhash value to filter for.

Method `predictions():` Retrieve list of mlr3::Prediction objects of the i-th evaluation, by position or by unique hash `uhash`. `i` and `uhash` are mutually exclusive.

Usage:

```
ArchiveTuning$predictions(i = NULL, uhash = NULL)
```

Arguments:

`i` (`integer(1)`)
The iteration value to filter for.

`uhash` (`logical(1)`)
The uhash value to filter for.

Method `resample_result():` Retrieve mlr3::ResampleResult of the i-th evaluation, by position or by unique hash `uhash`. `i` and `uhash` are mutually exclusive.

Usage:

```
ArchiveTuning$resample_result(i = NULL, uhash = NULL)
```

Arguments:

`i` (`integer(1)`)
The iteration value to filter for.

`uhash` (`logical(1)`)
The uhash value to filter for.

Method `print():` Printer.

Usage:

```
ArchiveTuning$print()
```

Arguments:

`...` (ignored).

Method `clone():` The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

Usage:

```
ArchiveTuning$clone(deep = FALSE)
```

Arguments:

`deep` Whether to make a deep clone.

`as_search_space` *Convert to a Search Space*

Description

Convert object to a search space.

Usage

```
as_search_space(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'Learner'
as_search_space(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'ParamSet'
as_search_space(x, ...)
```

Arguments

`x`	(any) Object to convert to search space.
`...`	(any) Additional arguments.

Value

paradox::ParamSet.

`AutoTuner` *Class for Automatic Tuning*

Description

The AutoTuner wraps a mlr3::Learner and augments it with an automatic tuning process for a given set of hyperparameters. The `auto_tuner()` function creates an AutoTuner object.

Details

The AutoTuner is a mlr3::Learner which wraps another mlr3::Learner and performs the following steps during `$train()`:

1. The hyperparameters of the wrapped (inner) learner are trained on the training data via resampling. The tuning can be specified by providing a Tuner, a bbotk::Terminator, a search space as paradox::ParamSet, a mlr3::Resampling and a mlr3::Measure.
2. The best found hyperparameter configuration is set as hyperparameters for the wrapped (inner) learner stored in `at$learner`. Access the tuned hyperparameters via `at$tuning_result`.

3. A final model is fit on the complete training data using the now parametrized wrapped learner. The respective model is available via field `at$learner$model`.

During `$predict()` the `AutoTuner` just calls the predict method of the wrapped (inner) learner. A set timeout is disabled while fitting the final model.

Resources

- book chapter on automatic tuning.
- book chapter on nested resampling.
- gallery post on tuning and nested resampling.

Nested Resampling

Nested resampling is performed by passing an AutoTuner to `mlr3::resample()` or `mlr3::benchmark()`. To access the inner resampling results, set `store_tuning_instance = TRUE` and execute `mlr3::resample()` or `mlr3::benchmark()` with `store_models = TRUE` (see examples). The mlr3::Resampling passed to the AutoTuner is meant to be the inner resampling, operating on the training set of an arbitrary outer resampling. For this reason, the inner resampling should be not instantiated. If an instantiated resampling is passed, the AutoTuner fails when a row id of the inner resampling is not present in the training set of the outer resampling.

Super class

`mlr3::Learner` -> `AutoTuner`

Public fields

`instance_args` (`list()`)
: All arguments from construction to create the TuningInstanceSingleCrit.

`tuner` (Tuner)
: Optimization algorithm.

Active bindings

`archive` ArchiveTuning
: Archive of the TuningInstanceSingleCrit.

`learner` (mlr3::Learner)
: Trained learner

`tuning_instance` (TuningInstanceSingleCrit)
: Internally created tuning instance with all intermediate results.

`tuning_result` (data.table::data.table)
: Short-cut to `result` from TuningInstanceSingleCrit.

`predict_type` (`character(1)`)
: Stores the currently active predict type, e.g. `"response"`. Must be an element of `$predict_types`.

`hash` (`character(1)`)
: Hash (unique identifier) for this object.

Methods

Public methods:

- AutoTuner$new()
- AutoTuner$base_learner()
- AutoTuner$importance()
- AutoTuner$selected_features()
- AutoTuner$oob_error()
- AutoTuner$loglik()
- AutoTuner$print()
- AutoTuner$clone()

Method `new()`**:** Creates a new instance of this R6 class.

Usage:

```
AutoTuner$new(
  learner,
  resampling,
  measure = NULL,
  terminator,
  tuner,
  search_space = NULL,
  store_tuning_instance = TRUE,
  store_benchmark_result = TRUE,
  store_models = FALSE,
  check_values = FALSE,
  callbacks = list()
)
```

Arguments:

`learner` (mlr3::Learner)
: Learner to tune.

`resampling` (mlr3::Resampling)
: Resampling that is used to evaluate the performance of the hyperparameter configurations. Uninstantiated resamplings are instantiated during construction so that all configurations are evaluated on the same data splits. Already instantiated resamplings are kept unchanged. Specialized Tuner change the resampling e.g. to evaluate a hyperparameter configuration on different data splits. This field, however, always returns the resampling passed in construction.

`measure` (mlr3::Measure)
: Measure to optimize. If `NULL`, default measure is used.

`terminator` (Terminator)
: Stop criterion of the tuning process.

`tuner` (Tuner)
: Optimization algorithm.

`search_space` (paradox::ParamSet)
: Hyperparameter search space. If `NULL` (default), the search space is constructed from the TuneToken of the learner's parameter set (learner$param_set).

`store_tuning_instance` (`logical(1)`)
: If `TRUE` (default), stores the internally created TuningInstanceSingleCrit with all intermediate results in slot `$tuning_instance`.

`store_benchmark_result` (`logical(1)`)
: If `TRUE` (default), store resample result of evaluated hyperparameter configurations in archive as mlr3::BenchmarkResult.

`store_models` (`logical(1)`)
: If `TRUE`, fitted models are stored in the benchmark result (`archive$benchmark_result`). If `store_benchmark_result = FALSE`, models are only stored temporarily and not accessible after the tuning. This combination is needed for measures that require a model.

`check_values` (`logical(1)`)
: If `TRUE`, hyperparameter values are checked before evaluation and performance scores after. If `FALSE` (default), values are unchecked but computational overhead is reduced.

`callbacks` (list of CallbackTuning)
: List of callbacks.

Method `base_learner()`**:** Extracts the base learner from nested learner objects like `GraphLearner` in **mlr3pipelines**. If `recursive = 0`, the (tuned) learner is returned.

Usage:

```
AutoTuner$base_learner(recursive = Inf)
```

Arguments:

`recursive` (`integer(1)`)
: Depth of recursion for multiple nested objects.

Returns: Learner.

Method `importance()`**:** The importance scores of the final model.

Usage:

```
AutoTuner$importance()
```

Returns: Named `numeric()`.

Method `selected_features()`**:** The selected features of the final model.

Usage:

```
AutoTuner$selected_features()
```

Returns: `character()`.

Method `oob_error()`**:** The out-of-bag error of the final model.

Usage:

```
AutoTuner$oob_error()
```

Returns: `numeric(1)`.

Method `loglik()`**:** The log-likelihood of the final model.

Usage:

```
AutoTuner$loglik()
```

Returns: `logLik`. Printer.

Method `print()`**:**

Usage:

`AutoTuner$print()`

Arguments:

`...` (ignored).

Method `clone()`**:** The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

Usage:

`AutoTuner$clone(deep = FALSE)`

Arguments:

`deep` Whether to make a deep clone.

Examples

```
# Automatic Tuning

# split to train and external set
task = tsk("penguins")
split = partition(task, ratio = 0.8)

# load learner and set search space
learner = lrn("classif.rpart",
  cp = to_tune(1e-04, 1e-1, logscale = TRUE)
)

# create auto tuner
at = auto_tuner(
  method = tnr("random_search"),
  learner = learner,
  resampling = rsmp ("holdout"),
  measure = msr("classif.ce"),
  term_evals = 4)

# tune hyperparameters and fit final model
at$train(task, row_ids = split$train)

# predict with final model
at$predict(task, row_ids = split$test)

# show tuning result
at$tuning_result

# model slot contains trained learner and tuning instance
at$model

# shortcut trained learner
at$learner

# shortcut tuning instance
at$tuning_instance
```

```
# Nested Resampling

at = auto_tuner(
  method = tnr("random_search"),
  learner = learner,
  resampling = rsmp ("holdout"),
  measure = msr("classif.ce"),
  term_evals = 4)

resampling_outer = rsmp("cv", folds = 3)
rr = resample(task, at, resampling_outer, store_models = TRUE)

# retrieve inner tuning results.
extract_inner_tuning_results(rr)

# performance scores estimated on the outer resampling
rr$score()

# unbiased performance of the final model trained on the full data set
rr$aggregate()
```

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auto_tuner *Function for Automatic Tuning*

Description

The AutoTuner wraps a mlr3::Learner and augments it with an automatic tuning process for a given set of hyperparameters. The `auto_tuner()` function creates an AutoTuner object.

Usage

```
auto_tuner(
  method,
  learner,
  resampling,
  measure = NULL,
  term_evals = NULL,
  term_time = NULL,
  terminator = NULL,
  search_space = NULL,
  store_tuning_instance = TRUE,
  store_benchmark_result = TRUE,
  store_models = FALSE,
  check_values = FALSE,
  callbacks = list(),
  ...
)
```

Arguments

`method` (`character(1)` | Tuner)
Key to retrieve tuner from mlr_tuners dictionary or Tuner object.

`learner` (mlr3::Learner)
Learner to tune.

`resampling` (mlr3::Resampling)
Resampling that is used to evaluate the performance of the hyperparameter configurations. Uninstantiated resamplings are instantiated during construction so that all configurations are evaluated on the same data splits. Already instantiated resamplings are kept unchanged. Specialized Tuner change the resampling e.g. to evaluate a hyperparameter configuration on different data splits. This field, however, always returns the resampling passed in construction.

`measure` (mlr3::Measure)
Measure to optimize. If `NULL`, default measure is used.

`term_evals` (`integer(1)`)
Number of allowed evaluations.

`term_time` (`integer(1)`)
Maximum allowed time in seconds.

`terminator` (Terminator)
Stop criterion of the tuning process.

`search_space` (paradox::ParamSet)
Hyperparameter search space. If `NULL` (default), the search space is constructed from the TuneToken of the learner's parameter set (learner$param_set).

`store_tuning_instance` (`logical(1)`)
If `TRUE` (default), stores the internally created TuningInstanceSingleCrit with all intermediate results in slot `$tuning_instance`.

`store_benchmark_result` (`logical(1)`)
If `TRUE` (default), store resample result of evaluated hyperparameter configurations in archive as mlr3::BenchmarkResult.

`store_models` (`logical(1)`)
If `TRUE`, fitted models are stored in the benchmark result (`archive$benchmark_result`). If `store_benchmark_result = FALSE`, models are only stored temporarily and not accessible after the tuning. This combination is needed for measures that require a model.

`check_values` (`logical(1)`)
If `TRUE`, hyperparameter values are checked before evaluation and performance scores after. If `FALSE` (default), values are unchecked but computational overhead is reduced.

`callbacks` (list of CallbackTuning)
List of callbacks.

`...` (named `list()`)
Named arguments to be set as parameters of the tuner.

Details

The AutoTuner is a mlr3::Learner which wraps another mlr3::Learner and performs the following steps during `$train()`:

1. The hyperparameters of the wrapped (inner) learner are trained on the training data via resampling. The tuning can be specified by providing a Tuner, a bbotk::Terminator, a search space as paradox::ParamSet, a mlr3::Resampling and a mlr3::Measure.
2. The best found hyperparameter configuration is set as hyperparameters for the wrapped (inner) learner stored in `at$learner`. Access the tuned hyperparameters via `at$tuning_result`.
3. A final model is fit on the complete training data using the now parametrized wrapped learner. The respective model is available via field `at$learner$model`.

During `$predict()` the `AutoTuner` just calls the predict method of the wrapped (inner) learner. A set timeout is disabled while fitting the final model.

Value

AutoTuner.

Resources

- book chapter on automatic tuning.
- book chapter on nested resampling.
- gallery post on tuning and nested resampling.

Nested Resampling

Nested resampling is performed by passing an AutoTuner to `mlr3::resample()` or `mlr3::benchmark()`. To access the inner resampling results, set `store_tuning_instance = TRUE` and execute `mlr3::resample()` or `mlr3::benchmark()` with `store_models = TRUE` (see examples). The mlr3::Resampling passed to the AutoTuner is meant to be the inner resampling, operating on the training set of an arbitrary outer resampling. For this reason, the inner resampling should be not instantiated. If an instantiated resampling is passed, the AutoTuner fails when a row id of the inner resampling is not present in the training set of the outer resampling.

Examples

```
at = auto_tuner(
  method = tnr("random_search"),
  learner = lrn("classif.rpart", cp = to_tune(1e-04, 1e-1, logscale = TRUE)),
  resampling = rsmp ("holdout"),
  measure = msr("classif.ce"),
  term_evals = 4)

at$train(tsk("pima"))
```

CallbackTuning *Create Tuning Callback*

Description

Specialized bbotk::CallbackOptimization for tuning. Callbacks allow to customize the behavior of processes in mlr3tuning. The `callback_tuning()` function creates a CallbackTuning. Predefined callbacks are stored in the dictionary mlr_callbacks and can be retrieved with `clbk()`. For more information on tuning callbacks see `callback_tuning()`.

Super classes

`mlr3misc::Callback` -> `bbotk::CallbackOptimization` -> `CallbackTuning`

Public fields

`on_eval_after_design` (`function()`)
: Stage called after design is created. Called in `ObjectiveTuning$eval_many()`.

`on_eval_after_benchmark` (`function()`)
: Stage called after hyperparameter configurations are evaluated. Called in `ObjectiveTuning$eval_many()`.

`on_eval_before_archive` (`function()`)
: Stage called before performance values are written to the archive. Called in `ObjectiveTuning$eval_many()`.

Methods

Public methods:

- `CallbackTuning$clone()`

Method `clone()`**:** The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

Usage:

`CallbackTuning$clone(deep = FALSE)`

Arguments:

`deep` Whether to make a deep clone.

Examples

```
# write archive to disk
callback_tuning("mlr3tuning.backup",
  on_optimization_end = function(callback, context) {
    saveRDS(context$instance$archive, "archive.rds")
  }
)
```

`callback_tuning` *Create Tuning Callback*

Description

Function to create a CallbackTuning. Predefined callbacks are stored in the dictionary mlr_callbacks and can be retrieved with `clbk()`.

Tuning callbacks can be called from different stages of tuning process. The stages are prefixed with `on_*`.

```
Start Tuning
     - on_optimization_begin
    Start Tuner Batch
         - on_optimizer_before_eval
        Start Evaluation
             - on_eval_after_design
             - on_eval_after_benchmark
             - on_eval_before_archive
        End Evaluation
         - on_optimizer_after_eval
    End Tuner Batch
     - on_result
     - on_optimization_end
End Tuning
```

See also the section on parameters for more information on the stages. A tuning callback works with bbotk::ContextOptimization and ContextEval.

Usage

```
callback_tuning(
  id,
  label = NA_character_,
  man = NA_character_,
  on_optimization_begin = NULL,
  on_optimizer_before_eval = NULL,
  on_eval_after_design = NULL,
  on_eval_after_benchmark = NULL,
  on_eval_before_archive = NULL,
  on_optimizer_after_eval = NULL,
  on_result = NULL,
  on_optimization_end = NULL
)
```

Arguments

`id` (`character(1)`)
Identifier for the new instance.

`label` (`character(1)`)
Label for the new instance.

`man` (`character(1)`)
String in the format `[pkg]::[topic]` pointing to a manual page for this object. The referenced help package can be opened via method `$help()`.

`on_optimization_begin`
(`function()`)
Stage called at the beginning of the optimization. Called in `Optimizer$optimize()`. The context available is bbotk::ContextOptimization.

`on_optimizer_before_eval`
(`function()`)
Stage called after the optimizer proposes points. Called in `OptimInstance$eval_batch()`. The context available is bbotk::ContextOptimization.

`on_eval_after_design`
(`function()`)
Stage called after design is created. Called in `ObjectiveTuning$eval_many()`. The context available is ContextEval.

`on_eval_after_benchmark`
(`function()`)
Stage called after hyperparameter configurations are evaluated. Called in `ObjectiveTuning$eval_many(`
The context available is ContextEval.

`on_eval_before_archive`
(`function()`)
Stage called before performance values are written to the archive. Called in `ObjectiveTuning$eval_many()`. The context available is ContextEval.

`on_optimizer_after_eval`
(`function()`)
Stage called after points are evaluated. Called in `OptimInstance$eval_batch()`. The context available is bbotk::ContextOptimization.

`on_result` (`function()`)
Stage called after result are written. Called in `OptimInstance$assign_result()`. The context available is bbotk::ContextOptimization.

`on_optimization_end`
(`function()`)
Stage called at the end of the optimization. Called in `Optimizer$optimize()`. The context available is bbotk::ContextOptimization.

Details

When implementing a callback, each functions must have two arguments named `callback` and `context`.

A callback can write data to the state (`$state`), e.g. settings that affect the callback itself. Avoid writing large data the state. This can slow down the tuning process when the evaluation of configurations is parallelized.

Tuning callbacks access two different contexts depending on the stage. The stages `on_eval_after_design`, `on_eval_after_benchmark`, `on_eval_before_archive` access ContextEval. This context can be used to customize the evaluation of a batch of hyperparameter configurations. Changes to the state of callback are lost after the evaluation of a batch and changes to the tuning instance or the tuner are not possible. Persistent data should be written to the archive via `$aggregated_performance` (see ContextEval). The other stages access ContextOptimization. This context can be used to modify the tuning instance, archive, tuner and final result. There are two different contexts because the evaluation can be parallelized i.e. multiple instances of ContextEval exists on different workers at the same time.

Examples

```
# write archive to disk
callback_tuning("mlr3tuning.backup",
  on_optimization_end = function(callback, context) {
    saveRDS(context$instance$archive, "archive.rds")
  }
)
```

`ContextEval` *Evaluation Context*

Description

The ContextEval allows CallbackTunings to access and modify data while a batch of hyperparameter configurations is evaluated. See section on active bindings for a list of modifiable objects. See `callback_tuning()` for a list of stages which access ContextEval.

Details

This context is re-created each time a new batch of hyperparameter configurations is evaluated. Changes to `$objective_tuning`, `$design` `$benchmark_result` are discarded after the function is finished. Modification on the data table in `$aggregated_performance` are written to the archive. Any number of columns can be added.

Super class

`mlr3misc::Context` -> `ContextEval`

Public fields

`objective_tuning` ObjectiveTuning.

Active bindings

`xss` (list())
: The hyperparameter configurations of the latest batch. Contains the values on the learner scale i.e. transformations are applied. See `$xdt` in bbotk::ContextOptimization for the untransformed values.

`design` (data.table::data.table)
: The benchmark design of the latest batch.

`benchmark_result` (mlr3::BenchmarkResult)
: The benchmark result of the latest batch.

`aggregated_performance` (data.table::data.table)
: Aggregated performance scores and training time of the latest batch. This data table is passed to the archive. A callback can add additional columns which are also written to the archive.

Methods

Public methods:

- `ContextEval$new()`
- `ContextEval$clone()`

Method `new()`**:** Creates a new instance of this R6 class.

Usage:

```
ContextEval$new(objective_tuning)
```

Arguments:

`objective_tuning` ObjectiveTuning.

`id` (`character(1)`)
: Identifier for the new callback.

Method `clone()`**:** The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

Usage:

```
ContextEval$clone(deep = FALSE)
```

Arguments:

`deep` Whether to make a deep clone.

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extract_inner_tuning_archives

Extract Inner Tuning Archives

Description

Extract inner tuning archives of nested resampling. Implemented for mlr3::ResampleResult and mlr3::BenchmarkResult. The function iterates over the AutoTuner objects and binds the tuning archives to a `data.table::data.table()`. AutoTuner must be initialized with `store_tuning_instance = TRUE` and `mlr3::resample()` or `mlr3::benchmark()` must be called with `store_models = TRUE`.

Usage

```
extract_inner_tuning_archives(
  x,
  unnest = "x_domain",
  exclude_columns = "uhash"
)
```

Arguments

x (mlr3::ResampleResult | mlr3::BenchmarkResult).

unnest (character())
Transforms list columns to separate columns. By default, x_domain is unnested. Set to NULL if no column should be unnested.

exclude_columns (character())
Exclude columns from result table. Set to NULL if no column should be excluded.

Value

data.table::data.table().

Data structure

The returned data table has the following columns:

- experiment (integer(1))
  Index, giving the according row number in the original benchmark grid.
- iteration (integer(1))
  Iteration of the outer resampling.
- One column for each hyperparameter of the search spaces.
- One column for each performance measure.
- runtime_learners (numeric(1))
  Sum of training and predict times logged in learners per mlr3::ResampleResult / evaluation. This does not include potential overhead time.
- timestamp (POSIXct)
  Time stamp when the evaluation was logged into the archive.
- batch_nr (integer(1))
  Hyperparameters are evaluated in batches. Each batch has a unique batch number.
- x_domain (list())
  List of transformed hyperparameter values. By default this column is unnested.
- x_domain_* (any)
  Separate column for each transformed hyperparameter.
- resample_result (mlr3::ResampleResult)
  Resample result of the inner resampling.
- task_id (character(1)).
- learner_id (character(1)).
- resampling_id (character(1)).

Examples

```
# Nested Resampling on Palmer Penguins Data Set

learner = lrn("classif.rpart",
  cp = to_tune(1e-04, 1e-1, logscale = TRUE))

# create auto tuner
at = auto_tuner(
  method = tnr("random_search"),
  learner = learner,
  resampling = rsmp ("holdout"),
  measure = msr("classif.ce"),
  term_evals = 4)

resampling_outer = rsmp("cv", folds = 2)
rr = resample(tsk("iris"), at, resampling_outer, store_models = TRUE)

# extract inner archives
extract_inner_tuning_archives(rr)
```

---

extract_inner_tuning_results *Extract Inner Tuning Results*

Description

Extract inner tuning results of nested resampling. Implemented for mlr3::ResampleResult and mlr3::BenchmarkResult.

Usage

```
extract_inner_tuning_results(x, tuning_instance, ...)

## S3 method for class 'ResampleResult'
extract_inner_tuning_results(x, tuning_instance = FALSE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'BenchmarkResult'
extract_inner_tuning_results(x, tuning_instance = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

`x`	(mlr3::ResampleResult | mlr3::BenchmarkResult).
`tuning_instance`	(`logical(1)`) If `TRUE`, tuning instances are added to the table.
`...`	(any) Additional arguments.

Details

The function iterates over the AutoTuner objects and binds the tuning results to a `data.table::data.table()`. The AutoTuner must be initialized with `store_tuning_instance = TRUE` and `mlr3::resample()` or `mlr3::benchmark()` must be called with `store_models = TRUE`. Optionally, the tuning instance can be added for each iteration.

Value

`data.table::data.table()`.

Data structure

The returned data table has the following columns:

- `experiment` (integer(1))
  Index, giving the according row number in the original benchmark grid.
- `iteration` (integer(1))
  Iteration of the outer resampling.
- One column for each hyperparameter of the search spaces.
- One column for each performance measure.
- `learner_param_vals` (`list()`)
  Hyperparameter values used by the learner. Includes fixed and proposed hyperparameter values.
- `x_domain` (`list()`)
  List of transformed hyperparameter values.
- `tuning_instance` (TuningInstanceSingleCrit | TuningInstanceMultiCrit)
  Optionally, tuning instances.
- `task_id` (`character(1)`).
- `learner_id` (`character(1)`).
- `resampling_id` (`character(1)`).

Examples

```
# Nested Resampling on Palmer Penguins Data Set

learner = lrn("classif.rpart",
  cp = to_tune(1e-04, 1e-1, logscale = TRUE))

# create auto tuner
at = auto_tuner(
  method = tnr("random_search"),
  learner = learner,
  resampling = rsmp ("holdout"),
  measure = msr("classif.ce"),
  term_evals = 4)

resampling_outer = rsmp("cv", folds = 2)
```

```
rr = resample(tsk("iris"), at, resampling_outer, store_models = TRUE)

# extract inner results
extract_inner_tuning_results(rr)
```

mlr3tuning.backup *Backup Benchmark Result Callback*

Description

This CallbackTuning writes the mlr3::BenchmarkResult after each batch to disk.

Examples

```
clbk("mlr3tuning.backup", path = "backup.rds")

# tune classification tree on the pima data set
instance = tune(
  method = tnr("random_search"),
  task = tsk("pima"),
  learner = lrn("classif.rpart", cp = to_tune(1e-04, 1e-1, logscale = TRUE)),
  resampling = rsmp("cv", folds = 3),
  measures = msr("classif.ce"),
  term_evals = 4,
  batch_size = 2,
  callbacks = clbk("mlr3tuning.backup", path = tempfile(fileext = ".rds"))
)
```

mlr3tuning.early_stopping *Early Stopping Callback*

Description

This CallbackTuning integrates early stopping into the hyperparameter tuning of an XGBoost learner. Early stopping estimates the optimal number of trees (`nrounds`) for a given hyperparameter configuration. Since early stopping is performed in each resampling iteration, there are several optimal `nrounds` values. The callback writes the maximum value to the archive in the `max_nrounds` column. In the best hyperparameter configuration (`instance$result_learner_param_vals`), the value of `nrounds` is replaced by `max_nrounds` and early stopping is deactivated.

Details

Currently, the callback does not work with `GraphLearners` from the package **mlr3pipelines**. The callback is compatible with the AutoTuner. The final model is fitted with the best hyperparameter configuration and `max_nrounds` i.e. early stopping is not performed.

Resources

- gallery post on early stopping with XGBoost.

Examples

```
clbk("mlr3tuning.early_stopping")

if (requireNamespace("mlr3learners") && requireNamespace("xgboost") ) {
  library(mlr3learners)

  # activate early stopping on the test set and set search space
  learner = lrn("classif.xgboost",
    eta = to_tune(1e-02, 1e-1, logscale = TRUE),
    early_stopping_rounds = 5,
    nrounds = 100,
    early_stopping_set = "test")

  # tune xgboost on the pima data set
  instance = tune(
    method = tnr("random_search"),
    task = tsk("pima"),
    learner = learner,
    resampling = rsmp("cv", folds = 3),
    measures = msr("classif.ce"),
    term_evals = 10,
    callbacks = clbk("mlr3tuning.early_stopping")
  )
}
```

`mlr_tuners` *Dictionary of Tuners*

Description

A simple mlr3misc::Dictionary storing objects of class Tuner. Each tuner has an associated help page, see `mlr_tuners_[id]`.

This dictionary can get populated with additional tuners by add-on packages.

For a more convenient way to retrieve and construct tuner, see `tnr()`/`tnrs()`.

Format

R6::R6Class object inheriting from mlr3misc::Dictionary.

Methods

See mlr3misc::Dictionary.

S3 methods

- `as.data.table(dict, ..., objects = FALSE)`
  mlr3misc::Dictionary -> `data.table::data.table()`
  Returns a `data.table::data.table()` with fields "key", "label", "param_classes", "properties" and "packages" as columns. If `objects` is set to `TRUE`, the constructed objects are returned in the list column named `object`.

See Also

Sugar functions: `tnr()`, `tnrs()`

Other Tuner: `mlr_tuners_cmaes`, `mlr_tuners_design_points`, `mlr_tuners_gensa`, `mlr_tuners_grid_search`, `mlr_tuners_irace`, `mlr_tuners_nloptr`, `mlr_tuners_random_search`

Examples

```
as.data.table(mlr_tuners)
mlr_tuners$get("random_search")
tnr("random_search")
```

`mlr_tuners_cmaes` *Hyperparameter Tuning with Covariance Matrix Adaptation Evolution Strategy*

Description

Subclass for Covariance Matrix Adaptation Evolution Strategy (CMA-ES). Calls `adagio::pureCMAES()` from package **adagio**.

Dictionary

This Tuner can be instantiated with the associated sugar function `tnr()`:

```
tnr("cmaes")
```

Control Parameters

`start_values` `character(1)`
: Create `random` start values or based on `center` of search space? In the latter case, it is the center of the parameters before a trafo is applied.

For the meaning of the control parameters, see `adagio::pureCMAES()`. Note that we have removed all control parameters which refer to the termination of the algorithm and where our terminators allow to obtain the same behavior.

Progress Bars

`$optimize()` supports progress bars via the package **progressr** combined with a Terminator. Simply wrap the function in `progressr::with_progress()` to enable them. We recommend to use package **progress** as backend; enable with `progressr::handlers("progress")`.

Logging

All Tuners use a logger (as implemented in **lgr**) from package **bbotk**. Use `lgr::get_logger("bbotk")` to access and control the logger.

Optimizer

This Tuner is based on bbotk::OptimizerCmaes which can be applied on any black box optimization problem. See also the documentation of bbotk.

Resources

- book section on tuners.
- mlr3hyperband extension package for the Hyperband algorithm.

Super classes

`mlr3tuning::Tuner` -> `mlr3tuning::TunerFromOptimizer` -> `TunerCmaes`

Methods

Public methods:

- `TunerCmaes$new()`
- `TunerCmaes$clone()`

Method `new()`**:** Creates a new instance of this R6 class.

Usage:

```
TunerCmaes$new()
```

Method `clone()`**:** The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

Usage:

```
TunerCmaes$clone(deep = FALSE)
```

Arguments:

`deep` Whether to make a deep clone.

Source

Hansen N (2016). “The CMA Evolution Strategy: A Tutorial.” 1604.00772.

See Also

Other Tuner: `mlr_tuners_design_points`, `mlr_tuners_gensa`, `mlr_tuners_grid_search`, `mlr_tuners_irace`, `mlr_tuners_nloptr`, `mlr_tuners_random_search`, `mlr_tuners`

Examples

```
# Hyperparameter Optimization

# load learner and set search space
learner = lrn("classif.rpart",
  cp = to_tune(1e-04, 1e-1, logscale = TRUE),
  minsplit = to_tune(p_dbl(2, 128, trafo = as.integer)),
  minbucket = to_tune(p_dbl(1, 64, trafo = as.integer))
)

# run hyperparameter tuning on the Palmer Penguins data set
instance = tune(
  method = tnr("cmaes"),
  task = tsk("penguins"),
  learner = learner,
  resampling = rsmp("holdout"),
  measure = msr("classif.ce"),
  term_evals = 10)

# best performing hyperparameter configuration
instance$result

# all evaluated hyperparameter configuration
as.data.table(instance$archive)

# fit final model on complete data set
learner$param_set$values = instance$result_learner_param_vals
learner$train(tsk("penguins"))
```

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mlr_tuners_design_points

Hyperparameter Tuning with Design Points

Description

Subclass for tuning w.r.t. fixed design points.

We simply search over a set of points fully specified by the user. The points in the design are evaluated in order as given.

Dictionary

This Tuner can be instantiated with the associated sugar function `tnr()`:

```
tnr("design_points")
```

Parallelization

In order to support general termination criteria and parallelization, we evaluate points in a batch-fashion of size `batch_size`. Larger batches mean we can parallelize more, smaller batches imply a more fine-grained checking of termination criteria. A batch contains of `batch_size` times `resampling$iters` jobs. E.g., if you set a batch size of 10 points and do a 5-fold cross validation, you can utilize up to 50 cores.

Parallelization is supported via package **future** (see `mlr3::benchmark()`'s section on parallelization for more details).

Logging

All Tuners use a logger (as implemented in **lgr**) from package **bbotk**. Use `lgr::get_logger("bbotk")` to access and control the logger.

Optimizer

This Tuner is based on bbotk::OptimizerDesignPoints which can be applied on any black box optimization problem. See also the documentation of bbotk.

Parameters

`batch_size` `integer(1)`
: Maximum number of configurations to try in a batch.

`design` data.table::data.table
: Design points to try in search, one per row.

Resources

- book section on tuners.
- mlr3hyperband extension package for the Hyperband algorithm.

Progress Bars

`$optimize()` supports progress bars via the package **progressr** combined with a Terminator. Simply wrap the function in `progressr::with_progress()` to enable them. We recommend to use package **progress** as backend; enable with `progressr::handlers("progress")`.

Super classes

`mlr3tuning::Tuner` -> `mlr3tuning::TunerFromOptimizer` -> `TunerDesignPoints`

Methods

Public methods:

- `TunerDesignPoints$new()`
- `TunerDesignPoints$clone()`

Method `new()`**:** Creates a new instance of this R6 class.

Usage:

```
TunerDesignPoints$new()
```

Method `clone()`**:** The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

Usage:

```
TunerDesignPoints$clone(deep = FALSE)
```

Arguments:

deep Whether to make a deep clone.

See Also

Package **mlr3hyperband** for hyperband tuning.

Other Tuner: `mlr_tuners_cmaes`, `mlr_tuners_gensa`, `mlr_tuners_grid_search`, `mlr_tuners_irace`, `mlr_tuners_nloptr`, `mlr_tuners_random_search`, `mlr_tuners`

Examples

```
# Hyperparameter Optimization

# load learner and set search space
learner = lrn("classif.rpart",
  cp = to_tune(1e-04, 1e-1),
  minsplit = to_tune(2, 128),
  minbucket = to_tune(1, 64)
)

# create design
design = mlr3misc::rowwise_table(
  ~cp,   ~minsplit,  ~minbucket,
  0.1,   2,          64,
  0.01,  64,         32,
  0.001, 128,        1
)

# run hyperparameter tuning on the Palmer Penguins data set
instance = tune(
  method = tnr("design_points", design = design),
  task = tsk("penguins"),
  learner = learner,
  resampling = rsmp("holdout"),
  measure = msr("classif.ce")
)

# best performing hyperparameter configuration
instance$result

# all evaluated hyperparameter configuration
as.data.table(instance$archive)

# fit final model on complete data set
```

```
learner$param_set$values = instance$result_learner_param_vals
learner$train(tsk("penguins"))
```

`mlr_tuners_gensa` *Hyperparameter Tuning with Generalized Simulated Annealing*

Description

Subclass for generalized simulated annealing tuning. Calls `GenSA::GenSA()` from package **GenSA**.

Details

In contrast to the `GenSA::GenSA()` defaults, we set `smooth = FALSE` as a default.

Dictionary

This Tuner can be instantiated with the associated sugar function `tnr()`:

```
tnr("gensa")
```

Parallelization

In order to support general termination criteria and parallelization, we evaluate points in a batch-fashion of size `batch_size`. Larger batches mean we can parallelize more, smaller batches imply a more fine-grained checking of termination criteria. A batch contains of `batch_size` times `resampling$iters` jobs. E.g., if you set a batch size of 10 points and do a 5-fold cross validation, you can utilize up to 50 cores.

Parallelization is supported via package **future** (see `mlr3::benchmark()`'s section on parallelization for more details).

Logging

All Tuners use a logger (as implemented in **lgr**) from package **bbotk**. Use `lgr::get_logger("bbotk")` to access and control the logger.

Optimizer

This Tuner is based on bbotk::OptimizerGenSA which can be applied on any black box optimization problem. See also the documentation of bbotk.

Parameters

`smooth` `logical(1)`

`temperature` `numeric(1)`

`acceptance.param` `numeric(1)`

`verbose` `logical(1)`

`trace.mat` `logical(1)`

For the meaning of the control parameters, see `GenSA::GenSA()`. Note that we have removed all control parameters which refer to the termination of the algorithm and where our terminators allow to obtain the same behavior.

In contrast to the `GenSA::GenSA()` defaults, we set `trace.mat = FALSE`. Note that `GenSA::GenSA()` uses `smooth = TRUE` as a default. In the case of using this optimizer for Hyperparameter Optimization you may want to set `smooth = FALSE`.

Resources

- book section on tuners.
- mlr3hyperband extension package for the Hyperband algorithm.

Progress Bars

`$optimize()` supports progress bars via the package **progressr** combined with a Terminator. Simply wrap the function in `progressr::with_progress()` to enable them. We recommend to use package **progress** as backend; enable with `progressr::handlers("progress")`.

Super classes

`mlr3tuning::Tuner` -> `mlr3tuning::TunerFromOptimizer` -> `TunerGenSA`

Methods

Public methods:

- `TunerGenSA$new()`
- `TunerGenSA$clone()`

Method `new()`: Creates a new instance of this R6 class.

Usage:

```
TunerGenSA$new()
```

Method `clone()`: The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

Usage:

```
TunerGenSA$clone(deep = FALSE)
```

Arguments:

`deep` Whether to make a deep clone.

Source

Tsallis C, Stariolo DA (1996). “Generalized simulated annealing.” *Physica A: Statistical Mechanics and its Applications*, **233**(1-2), 395–406. doi:10.1016/s03784371(96)002713.

Xiang Y, Gubian S, Suomela B, Hoeng J (2013). “Generalized Simulated Annealing for Global Optimization: The GenSA Package.” *The R Journal*, **5**(1), 13. doi:10.32614/rj2013002.

See Also

Other Tuner: `mlr_tuners_cmaes`, `mlr_tuners_design_points`, `mlr_tuners_grid_search`, `mlr_tuners_irace`, `mlr_tuners_nloptr`, `mlr_tuners_random_search`, `mlr_tuners`

Examples

```
# Hyperparameter Optimization

# load learner and set search space
learner = lrn("classif.rpart",
  cp = to_tune(1e-04, 1e-1, logscale = TRUE)
)

# run hyperparameter tuning on the Palmer Penguins data set
instance = tune(
  method = "gensa",
  task = tsk("penguins"),
  learner = learner,
  resampling = rsmp("holdout"),
  measure = msr("classif.ce"),
  term_evals = 10
)

# best performing hyperparameter configuration
instance$result

# all evaluated hyperparameter configuration
as.data.table(instance$archive)

# fit final model on complete data set
learner$param_set$values = instance$result_learner_param_vals
learner$train(tsk("penguins"))
```

`mlr_tuners_grid_search` *Hyperparameter Tuning with Grid Search*

Description

Subclass for grid search tuning.

Details

The grid is constructed as a Cartesian product over discretized values per parameter, see `paradox::generate_design_grid(`
If the learner supports hotstarting, the grid is sorted by the hotstart parameter (see also mlr3::HotstartStack).
If not, the points of the grid are evaluated in a random order.

Dictionary

This Tuner can be instantiated with the associated sugar function `tnr()`:

```
tnr("grid_search")
```

Control Parameters

`resolution` `integer(1)`
Resolution of the grid, see `paradox::generate_design_grid()`.

`param_resolutions` named `integer()`
Resolution per parameter, named by parameter ID, see `paradox::generate_design_grid()`.

`batch_size` `integer(1)`
Maximum number of points to try in a batch.

Progress Bars

`$optimize()` supports progress bars via the package **progressr** combined with a Terminator. Simply wrap the function in `progressr::with_progress()` to enable them. We recommend to use package **progress** as backend; enable with `progressr::handlers("progress")`.

Parallelization

In order to support general termination criteria and parallelization, we evaluate points in a batch-fashion of size `batch_size`. Larger batches mean we can parallelize more, smaller batches imply a more fine-grained checking of termination criteria. A batch contains of `batch_size` times `resampling$iters` jobs. E.g., if you set a batch size of 10 points and do a 5-fold cross validation, you can utilize up to 50 cores.

Parallelization is supported via package **future** (see `mlr3::benchmark()`'s section on parallelization for more details).

Logging

All Tuners use a logger (as implemented in **lgr**) from package **bbotk**. Use `lgr::get_logger("bbotk")` to access and control the logger.

Optimizer

This Tuner is based on bbotk::OptimizerGridSearch which can be applied on any black box optimization problem. See also the documentation of bbotk.

Resources

- book section on tuners.
- mlr3hyperband extension package for the Hyperband algorithm.

Super class

`mlr3tuning::Tuner` -> `TunerGridSearch`

Methods

Public methods:

- `TunerGridSearch$new()`
- `TunerGridSearch$clone()`

Method `new()`**:** Creates a new instance of this R6 class.

Usage:

```
TunerGridSearch$new()
```

Method `clone()`**:** The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

Usage:

```
TunerGridSearch$clone(deep = FALSE)
```

Arguments:

`deep` Whether to make a deep clone.

See Also

Other Tuner: `mlr_tuners_cmaes`, `mlr_tuners_design_points`, `mlr_tuners_gensa`, `mlr_tuners_irace`, `mlr_tuners_nloptr`, `mlr_tuners_random_search`, `mlr_tuners`

Examples

```
# Hyperparameter Optimization

# load learner and set search space
learner = lrn("classif.rpart",
  cp = to_tune(1e-04, 1e-1, logscale = TRUE)
)

# run hyperparameter tuning on the Palmer Penguins data set
instance = tune(
  method = "grid_search",
  task = tsk("penguins"),
  learner = learner,
  resampling = rsmp("holdout"),
  measure = msr("classif.ce"),
  term_evals = 10
)

# best performing hyperparameter configuration
instance$result

# all evaluated hyperparameter configuration
as.data.table(instance$archive)

# fit final model on complete data set
learner$param_set$values = instance$result_learner_param_vals
learner$train(tsk("penguins"))
```

mlr_tuners_irace — *Hyperparameter Tuning with Iterated Racing.*

Description

Subclass for iterated racing. Calls `irace::irace()` from package **irace**.

Dictionary

This Tuner can be instantiated with the associated sugar function `tnr()`:

```
tnr("irace")
```

Control Parameters

`n_instances` `integer(1)`
Number of resampling instances.

For the meaning of all other parameters, see `irace::defaultScenario()`. Note that we have removed all control parameters which refer to the termination of the algorithm. Use TerminatorEvals instead. Other terminators do not work with `TunerIrace`.

Archive

The ArchiveTuning holds the following additional columns:

- `"race"` (`integer(1)`)
  Race iteration.
- `"step"` (`integer(1)`)
  Step number of race.
- `"instance"` (`integer(1)`)
  Identifies resampling instances across races and steps.
- `"configuration"` (`integer(1)`)
  Identifies configurations across races and steps.

Result

The tuning result (`instance$result`) is the best performing elite of the final race. The reported performance is the average performance estimated on all used instances.

Progress Bars

`$optimize()` supports progress bars via the package **progressr** combined with a Terminator. Simply wrap the function in `progressr::with_progress()` to enable them. We recommend to use package **progress** as backend; enable with `progressr::handlers("progress")`.

Logging

All Tuners use a logger (as implemented in **lgr**) from package **bbotk**. Use `lgr::get_logger("bbotk")` to access and control the logger.

Optimizer

This Tuner is based on bbotk::OptimizerIrace which can be applied on any black box optimization problem. See also the documentation of bbotk.

Resources

- book section on tuners.
- mlr3hyperband extension package for the Hyperband algorithm.

Super classes

`mlr3tuning::Tuner` -> `mlr3tuning::TunerFromOptimizer` -> `TunerIrace`

Methods

Public methods:

- `TunerIrace$new()`
- `TunerIrace$optimize()`
- `TunerIrace$clone()`

Method `new()`**:** Creates a new instance of this R6 class.

Usage:

```
TunerIrace$new()
```

Method `optimize()`**:** Performs the tuning on a TuningInstanceSingleCrit until termination. The single evaluations and the final results will be written into the ArchiveTuning that resides in the TuningInstanceSingleCrit. The final result is returned.

Usage:

```
TunerIrace$optimize(inst)
```

Arguments:

`inst` (TuningInstanceSingleCrit).

Returns: data.table::data.table.

Method `clone()`**:** The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

Usage:

```
TunerIrace$clone(deep = FALSE)
```

Arguments:

`deep` Whether to make a deep clone.

Source

Lopez-Ibanez M, Dubois-Lacoste J, Caceres LP, Birattari M, Stuetzle T (2016). "The irace package: Iterated racing for automatic algorithm configuration." *Operations Research Perspectives*, **3**, 43–58. doi:10.1016/j.orp.2016.09.002.

See Also

Other Tuner: `mlr_tuners_cmaes`, `mlr_tuners_design_points`, `mlr_tuners_gensa`, `mlr_tuners_grid_search`, `mlr_tuners_nloptr`, `mlr_tuners_random_search`, `mlr_tuners`

Examples

```
# retrieve task
task = tsk("pima")

# load learner and set search space
learner = lrn("classif.rpart", cp = to_tune(1e-04, 1e-1, logscale = TRUE))

# hyperparameter tuning on the pima indians diabetes data set
instance = tune(
  method = "irace",
  task = task,
  learner = learner,
  resampling = rsmp("holdout"),
  measure = msr("classif.ce"),
  term_evals = 42
)

# best performing hyperparameter configuration
instance$result

# all evaluated hyperparameter configuration
as.data.table(instance$archive)

# fit final model on complete data set
learner$param_set$values = instance$result_learner_param_vals
learner$train(task)
```

`mlr_tuners_nloptr` *Hyperparameter Tuning with Non-linear Optimization*

Description

Subclass for non-linear optimization (NLopt). Calls nloptr::nloptr from package **nloptr**.

Details

The termination conditions `stopval`, `maxtime` and `maxeval` of `nloptr::nloptr()` are deactivated and replaced by the bbotk::Terminator subclasses. The x and function value tolerance termination conditions (`xtol_rel = 10^-4`, `xtol_abs = rep(0.0, length(x0))`, `ftol_rel = 0.0` and `ftol_abs = 0.0`) are still available and implemented with their package defaults. To deactivate these conditions, set them to `-1`.

Dictionary

This Tuner can be instantiated with the associated sugar function `tnr()`:

```
tnr("nloptr")
```

Logging

All Tuners use a logger (as implemented in **lgr**) from package **bbotk**. Use `lgr::get_logger("bbotk")` to access and control the logger.

Optimizer

This Tuner is based on bbotk::OptimizerNLoptr which can be applied on any black box optimization problem. See also the documentation of bbotk.

Parameters

`algorithm` `character(1)`

`eval_g_ineq` `function()`

`xtol_rel` `numeric(1)`

`xtol_abs` `numeric(1)`

`ftol_rel` `numeric(1)`

`ftol_abs` `numeric(1)`

`start_values` `character(1)`
Create `random` start values or based on `center` of search space? In the latter case, it is the center of the parameters before a trafo is applied.

For the meaning of the control parameters, see `nloptr::nloptr()` and `nloptr::nloptr.print.options()`.

The termination conditions `stopval`, `maxtime` and `maxeval` of `nloptr::nloptr()` are deactivated and replaced by the Terminator subclasses. The x and function value tolerance termination conditions (`xtol_rel = 10^-4`, `xtol_abs = rep(0.0, length(x0))`, `ftol_rel = 0.0` and `ftol_abs = 0.0`) are still available and implemented with their package defaults. To deactivate these conditions, set them to `-1`.

Resources

- book section on tuners.
- mlr3hyperband extension package for the Hyperband algorithm.

Progress Bars

`$optimize()` supports progress bars via the package **progressr** combined with a Terminator. Simply wrap the function in `progressr::with_progress()` to enable them. We recommend to use package **progress** as backend; enable with `progressr::handlers("progress")`.

Super classes

`mlr3tuning::Tuner` -> `mlr3tuning::TunerFromOptimizer` -> `TunerNLoptr`

Methods

Public methods:

- `TunerNLoptr$new()`
- `TunerNLoptr$clone()`

Method `new()`**:** Creates a new instance of this R6 class.

Usage:

```
TunerNLoptr$new()
```

Method `clone()`**:** The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

Usage:

```
TunerNLoptr$clone(deep = FALSE)
```

Arguments:

`deep` Whether to make a deep clone.

Source

Johnson, G S (2020). "The NLopt nonlinear-optimization package." https://github.com/stevengj/nlopt.

See Also

Other Tuner: `mlr_tuners_cmaes`, `mlr_tuners_design_points`, `mlr_tuners_gensa`, `mlr_tuners_grid_search`, `mlr_tuners_irace`, `mlr_tuners_random_search`, `mlr_tuners`

Examples

```
# Hyperparameter Optimization


# load learner and set search space
learner = lrn("classif.rpart",
  cp = to_tune(1e-04, 1e-1, logscale = TRUE)
)

# run hyperparameter tuning on the Palmer Penguins data set
instance = tune(
  method = tnr("nloptr", algorithm = "NLOPT_LN_BOBYQA"),
  task = tsk("penguins"),
```

```
  learner = learner,
  resampling = rsmp("holdout"),
  measure = msr("classif.ce")
)

# best performing hyperparameter configuration
instance$result

# all evaluated hyperparameter configuration
as.data.table(instance$archive)

# fit final model on complete data set
learner$param_set$values = instance$result_learner_param_vals
learner$train(tsk("penguins"))
```

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mlr_tuners_random_search *Hyperparameter Tuning with Random Search*

Description

Subclass for random search tuning.

Details

The random points are sampled by `paradox::generate_design_random()`.

Dictionary

This Tuner can be instantiated with the associated sugar function `tnr()`:

```
tnr("random_search")
```

Parallelization

In order to support general termination criteria and parallelization, we evaluate points in a batch-fashion of size `batch_size`. Larger batches mean we can parallelize more, smaller batches imply a more fine-grained checking of termination criteria. A batch contains of `batch_size` times `resampling$iters` jobs. E.g., if you set a batch size of 10 points and do a 5-fold cross validation, you can utilize up to 50 cores.

Parallelization is supported via package **future** (see `mlr3::benchmark()`'s section on parallelization for more details).

Logging

All Tuners use a logger (as implemented in **lgr**) from package **bbotk**. Use `lgr::get_logger("bbotk")` to access and control the logger.

Optimizer

This Tuner is based on bbotk::OptimizerRandomSearch which can be applied on any black box optimization problem. See also the documentation of bbotk.

Parameters

`batch_size` `integer(1)`
    Maximum number of points to try in a batch.

Resources

- book section on tuners.
- mlr3hyperband extension package for the Hyperband algorithm.

Progress Bars

`$optimize()` supports progress bars via the package **progressr** combined with a Terminator. Simply wrap the function in `progressr::with_progress()` to enable them. We recommend to use package **progress** as backend; enable with `progressr::handlers("progress")`.

Super classes

`mlr3tuning::Tuner` -> `mlr3tuning::TunerFromOptimizer` -> `TunerRandomSearch`

Methods

Public methods:

- `TunerRandomSearch$new()`
- `TunerRandomSearch$clone()`

Method `new()`**:** Creates a new instance of this R6 class.

Usage:

```
TunerRandomSearch$new()
```

Method `clone()`**:** The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

Usage:

```
TunerRandomSearch$clone(deep = FALSE)
```

Arguments:

`deep` Whether to make a deep clone.

Source

Bergstra J, Bengio Y (2012). “Random Search for Hyper-Parameter Optimization.” *Journal of Machine Learning Research*, **13**(10), 281–305. https://jmlr.csail.mit.edu/papers/v13/bergstra12a.html.

See Also

Package **mlr3hyperband** for hyperband tuning.

Other Tuner: `mlr_tuners_cmaes`, `mlr_tuners_design_points`, `mlr_tuners_gensa`, `mlr_tuners_grid_search`, `mlr_tuners_irace`, `mlr_tuners_nloptr`, `mlr_tuners`

Examples

```
# Hyperparameter Optimization

# load learner and set search space
learner = lrn("classif.rpart",
  cp = to_tune(1e-04, 1e-1, logscale = TRUE)
)

# run hyperparameter tuning on the Palmer Penguins data set
instance = tune(
  method = "random_search",
  task = tsk("penguins"),
  learner = learner,
  resampling = rsmp("holdout"),
  measure = msr("classif.ce"),
  term_evals = 10
)

# best performing hyperparameter configuration
instance$result

# all evaluated hyperparameter configuration
as.data.table(instance$archive)

# fit final model on complete data set
learner$param_set$values = instance$result_learner_param_vals
learner$train(tsk("penguins"))
```

`ObjectiveTuning` *Class for Tuning Objective*

Description

Stores the objective function that estimates the performance of hyperparameter configurations. This class is usually constructed internally by the TuningInstanceSingleCrit or TuningInstanceMultiCrit.

Super class

`bbotk::Objective` -> `ObjectiveTuning`

Public fields

`task` (mlr3::Task).

`learner` (mlr3::Learner).

`resampling` (mlr3::Resampling).

`measures` (list of mlr3::Measure).

`store_models` (`logical(1)`).

`store_benchmark_result` (`logical(1)`).

`archive` (ArchiveTuning).

`hotstart_stack` (mlr3::HotstartStack).

`allow_hotstart` (`logical(1)`).

`keep_hotstart_stack` (`logical(1)`).

`callbacks` (List of CallbackTunings).

Methods

Public methods:

- `ObjectiveTuning$new()`
- `ObjectiveTuning$clone()`

Method `new()`**:** Creates a new instance of this R6 class.

Usage:

```
ObjectiveTuning$new(
  task,
  learner,
  resampling,
  measures,
  store_benchmark_result = TRUE,
  store_models = FALSE,
  check_values = TRUE,
  allow_hotstart = FALSE,
  keep_hotstart_stack = FALSE,
  archive = NULL,
  callbacks = list()
)
```

Arguments:

`task` (mlr3::Task)
Task to operate on.

`learner` (mlr3::Learner)
Learner to tune.

`resampling` (mlr3::Resampling)
Resampling that is used to evaluate the performance of the hyperparameter configurations. Uninstantiated resamplings are instantiated during construction so that all configurations are evaluated on the same data splits. Already instantiated resamplings are kept unchanged.

Specialized Tuner change the resampling e.g. to evaluate a hyperparameter configuration on different data splits. This field, however, always returns the resampling passed in construction.

`measures` (list of mlr3::Measure)
: Measures to optimize.

`store_benchmark_result` (`logical(1)`)
: If `TRUE` (default), store resample result of evaluated hyperparameter configurations in archive as mlr3::BenchmarkResult.

`store_models` (`logical(1)`)
: If `TRUE`, fitted models are stored in the benchmark result (`archive$benchmark_result`). If `store_benchmark_result = FALSE`, models are only stored temporarily and not accessible after the tuning. This combination is needed for measures that require a model.

`check_values` (`logical(1)`)
: If `TRUE`, hyperparameter values are checked before evaluation and performance scores after. If `FALSE` (default), values are unchecked but computational overhead is reduced.

`allow_hotstart` (`logical(1)`)
: Allow to hotstart learners with previously fitted models. See also mlr3::HotstartStack. The learner must support hotstarting. Sets `store_models = TRUE`.

`keep_hotstart_stack` (`logical(1)`)
: If `TRUE`, mlr3::HotstartStack is kept in `$objective$hotstart_stack` after tuning.

`archive` (ArchiveTuning)
: Reference to archive of TuningInstanceSingleCrit | TuningInstanceMultiCrit. If `NULL` (default), benchmark result and models cannot be stored.

`callbacks` (list of CallbackTuning)
: List of callbacks.

Method `clone()`**:** The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

Usage:

```
ObjectiveTuning$clone(deep = FALSE)
```

Arguments:

`deep` Whether to make a deep clone.

`ti` *Syntactic Sugar for Tuning Instance Construction*

Description

Function to construct a TuningInstanceSingleCrit or TuningInstanceMultiCrit.

Usage

```
ti(
  task,
  learner,
  resampling,
```

```
  measures = NULL,
  terminator,
  search_space = NULL,
  store_benchmark_result = TRUE,
  store_models = FALSE,
  check_values = FALSE,
  allow_hotstart = FALSE,
  keep_hotstart_stack = FALSE,
  evaluate_default = FALSE,
  callbacks = list()
)
```

Arguments

`task` (mlr3::Task)
Task to operate on.

`learner` (mlr3::Learner)
Learner to tune.

`resampling` (mlr3::Resampling)
Resampling that is used to evaluate the performance of the hyperparameter configurations. Uninstantiated resamplings are instantiated during construction so that all configurations are evaluated on the same data splits. Already instantiated resamplings are kept unchanged. Specialized Tuner change the resampling e.g. to evaluate a hyperparameter configuration on different data splits. This field, however, always returns the resampling passed in construction.

`measures` (mlr3::Measure or list of mlr3::Measure)
A single measure creates a TuningInstanceSingleCrit and multiple measures a TuningInstanceMultiCrit. If `NULL`, default measure is used.

`terminator` (Terminator)
Stop criterion of the tuning process.

`search_space` (paradox::ParamSet)
Hyperparameter search space. If `NULL` (default), the search space is constructed from the TuneToken of the learner's parameter set (learner$param_set).

`store_benchmark_result` (`logical(1)`)
If `TRUE` (default), store resample result of evaluated hyperparameter configurations in archive as mlr3::BenchmarkResult.

`store_models` (`logical(1)`)
If `TRUE`, fitted models are stored in the benchmark result (`archive$benchmark_result`). If `store_benchmark_result = FALSE`, models are only stored temporarily and not accessible after the tuning. This combination is needed for measures that require a model.

`check_values` (`logical(1)`)
If `TRUE`, hyperparameter values are checked before evaluation and performance scores after. If `FALSE` (default), values are unchecked but computational overhead is reduced.

`allow_hotstart` (`logical(1)`)
Allow to hotstart learners with previously fitted models. See also mlr3::HotstartStack. The learner must support hotstarting. Sets `store_models = TRUE`.

`keep_hotstart_stack`
(`logical(1)`)
If `TRUE`, mlr3::HotstartStack is kept in `$objective$hotstart_stack` after tuning.

`evaluate_default`
(`logical(1)`)
If `TRUE`, learner is evaluated with hyperparameters set to their default values at the start of the optimization.

`callbacks` (list of CallbackTuning)
List of callbacks.

Resources

- book chapter on hyperparameter optimization.
- book chapter on tuning spaces.
- gallery post on tuning an svm.
- mlr3tuningspaces extension package.

Examples

```
# Hyperparameter optimization on the Palmer Penguins data set
task = tsk("penguins")

# Load learner and set search space
learner = lrn("classif.rpart",
  cp = to_tune(1e-04, 1e-1, logscale = TRUE)
)

# Construct tuning instance
instance = ti(
  task = task,
  learner = learner,
  resampling = rsmp("cv", folds = 3),
  measures = msr("classif.ce"),
  terminator = trm("evals", n_evals = 4)
)

# Choose optimization algorithm
tuner = tnr("random_search", batch_size = 2)

# Run tuning
tuner$optimize(instance)

# Set optimal hyperparameter configuration to learner
learner$param_set$values = instance$result_learner_param_vals

# Train the learner on the full data set
```

```
learner$train(task)

# Inspect all evaluated configurations
as.data.table(instance$archive)
```

---

tnr *Syntactic Sugar for Tuning Objects Construction*

Description

Functions to retrieve objects, set parameters and assign to fields in one go. Relies on `mlr3misc::dictionary_sugar_get()` to extract objects from the respective mlr3misc::Dictionary:

- `tnr()` for a Tuner from mlr_tuners.
- `tnrs()` for a list of Tuners from mlr_tuners.
- `trm()` for a Terminator from mlr_terminators.
- `trms()` for a list of Terminators from mlr_terminators.

Usage

```
tnr(.key, ...)

tnrs(.keys, ...)
```

Arguments

`.key`	(`character(1)`) Key passed to the respective dictionary to retrieve the object.
`...`	(named `list()`) Named arguments passed to the constructor, to be set as parameters in the paradox::ParamSet, or to be set as public field. See `mlr3misc::dictionary_sugar_get()` for more details.
`.keys`	(`character()`) Keys passed to the respective dictionary to retrieve multiple objects.

Value

R6::R6Class object of the respective type, or a list of R6::R6Class objects for the plural versions.

Examples

```
# random search tuner with batch size of 5
tnr("random_search", batch_size = 5)

# run time terminator with 20 seconds
trm("run_time", secs = 20)
```

tune *Function for Tuning a Learner*

Description

Function to tune a mlr3::Learner. The function internally creates a TuningInstanceSingleCrit or TuningInstanceMultiCrit which describe the tuning problem. It executes the tuning with the Tuner (`method`) and returns the result with the tuning instance (`$result`). The ArchiveTuning (`$archive`) stores all evaluated hyperparameter configurations and performance scores.

Usage

```
tune(
  method,
  task,
  learner,
  resampling,
  measures = NULL,
  term_evals = NULL,
  term_time = NULL,
  terminator = NULL,
  search_space = NULL,
  store_benchmark_result = TRUE,
  store_models = FALSE,
  check_values = FALSE,
  allow_hotstart = FALSE,
  keep_hotstart_stack = FALSE,
  evaluate_default = FALSE,
  callbacks = list(),
  ...
)
```

Arguments

`method` (`character(1)` | Tuner)
Key to retrieve tuner from mlr_tuners dictionary or Tuner object.

`task` (mlr3::Task)
Task to operate on.

`learner` (mlr3::Learner)
Learner to tune.

`resampling` (mlr3::Resampling)
Resampling that is used to evaluate the performance of the hyperparameter configurations. Uninstantiated resamplings are instantiated during construction so that all configurations are evaluated on the same data splits. Already instantiated resamplings are kept unchanged. Specialized Tuner change the resampling e.g. to evaluate a hyperparameter configuration on different data splits. This field, however, always returns the resampling passed in construction.

`measures` (mlr3::Measure or list of mlr3::Measure)
A single measure creates a TuningInstanceSingleCrit and multiple measures a TuningInstanceMultiCrit. If `NULL`, default measure is used.

`term_evals` (`integer(1)`)
Number of allowed evaluations.

`term_time` (`integer(1)`)
Maximum allowed time in seconds.

`terminator` (Terminator)
Stop criterion of the tuning process.

`search_space` (paradox::ParamSet)
Hyperparameter search space. If `NULL` (default), the search space is constructed from the TuneToken of the learner's parameter set (learner$param_set).

`store_benchmark_result`
(`logical(1)`)
If `TRUE` (default), store resample result of evaluated hyperparameter configurations in archive as mlr3::BenchmarkResult.

`store_models` (`logical(1)`)
If `TRUE`, fitted models are stored in the benchmark result (`archive$benchmark_result`). If `store_benchmark_result = FALSE`, models are only stored temporarily and not accessible after the tuning. This combination is needed for measures that require a model.

`check_values` (`logical(1)`)
If `TRUE`, hyperparameter values are checked before evaluation and performance scores after. If `FALSE` (default), values are unchecked but computational overhead is reduced.

`allow_hotstart` (`logical(1)`)
Allow to hotstart learners with previously fitted models. See also mlr3::HotstartStack. The learner must support hotstarting. Sets `store_models = TRUE`.

`keep_hotstart_stack`
(`logical(1)`)
If `TRUE`, mlr3::HotstartStack is kept in `$objective$hotstart_stack` after tuning.

`evaluate_default`
(`logical(1)`)
If `TRUE`, learner is evaluated with hyperparameters set to their default values at the start of the optimization.

`callbacks` (list of CallbackTuning)
List of callbacks.

`...` (named `list()`)
Named arguments to be set as parameters of the tuner.

Details

The mlr3::Task, mlr3::Learner, mlr3::Resampling, mlr3::Measure and Terminator are used to construct a TuningInstanceSingleCrit. If multiple performance Measures are supplied, a TuningInstanceMultiCrit is created. The parameter `term_evals` and `term_time` are shortcuts to create a

Terminator. If both parameters are passed, a TerminatorCombo is constructed. For other Terminators, pass one with `terminator`. If no termination criterion is needed, set `term_evals`, `term_time` and `terminator` to `NULL`. The search space is created from paradox::TuneToken or is supplied by `search_space`.

Value

TuningInstanceSingleCrit | TuningInstanceMultiCrit

Resources

- book chapter on hyperparameter optimization.
- book chapter on tuning spaces.
- gallery post on tuning an svm.
- mlr3tuningspaces extension package.

Analysis

For analyzing the tuning results, it is recommended to pass the ArchiveTuning to `as.data.table()`. The returned data table is joined with the benchmark result which adds the mlr3::ResampleResult for each hyperparameter evaluation.

The archive provides various getters (e.g. `$learners()`) to ease the access. All getters extract by position (`i`) or unique hash (`uhash`). For a complete list of all getters see the methods section.

The benchmark result (`$benchmark_result`) allows to score the hyperparameter configurations again on a different measure. Alternatively, measures can be supplied to `as.data.table()`.

The **mlr3viz** package provides visualizations for tuning results.

Examples

```
# Hyperparameter optimization on the Palmer Penguins data set
task = tsk("pima")

# Load learner and set search space
learner = lrn("classif.rpart",
  cp = to_tune(1e-04, 1e-1, logscale = TRUE)
)

# Run tuning
instance = tune(
  method = tnr("random_search", batch_size = 2),
  task = tsk("pima"),
  learner = learner,
  resampling = rsmp ("holdout"),
  measures = msr("classif.ce"),
  terminator = trm("evals", n_evals = 4)
)

# Set optimal hyperparameter configuration to learner
learner$param_set$values = instance$result_learner_param_vals
```

```
# Train the learner on the full data set
learner$train(task)

# Inspect all evaluated configurations
as.data.table(instance$archive)
```

Tuner *Class for Tuning Algorithms*

Description

The Tuner implements the optimization algorithm.

Details

Tuner is a abstract base class that implements the base functionality each tuner must provide. A subclass is implemented in the following way:

- Inherit from Tuner.
- Specify the private abstract method `$.optimize()` and use it to call into your optimizer.
- You need to call `instance$eval_batch()` to evaluate design points.
- The batch evaluation is requested at the TuningInstanceSingleCrit/TuningInstanceMultiCrit object `instance`, so each batch is possibly executed in parallel via `mlr3::benchmark()`, and all evaluations are stored inside of `instance$archive`.
- Before the batch evaluation, the bbotk::Terminator is checked, and if it is positive, an exception of class `"terminated_error"` is generated. In the later case the current batch of evaluations is still stored in `instance`, but the numeric scores are not sent back to the handling optimizer as it has lost execution control.
- After such an exception was caught we select the best configuration from `instance$archive` and return it.
- Note that therefore more points than specified by the bbotk::Terminator may be evaluated, as the Terminator is only checked before a batch evaluation, and not in-between evaluation in a batch. How many more depends on the setting of the batch size.
- Overwrite the private super-method `.assign_result()` if you want to decide yourself how to estimate the final configuration in the instance and its estimated performance. The default behavior is: We pick the best resample-experiment, regarding the given measure, then assign its configuration and aggregated performance to the instance.

Private Methods

- `.optimize(instance)` -> NULL
  Abstract base method. Implement to specify tuning of your subclass. See details sections.
- `.assign_result(instance)` -> NULL
  Abstract base method. Implement to specify how the final configuration is selected. See details sections.

Resources

- book section on tuners.
- mlr3hyperband extension package for the Hyperband algorithm.

Public fields

`id` (`character(1)`)
: Identifier of the object. Used in tables, plot and text output.

Active bindings

`param_set` (paradox::ParamSet)
: Set of control parameters.

`param_classes` (`character()`)
: Supported parameter classes for learner hyperparameters that the tuner can optimize. Subclasses of paradox::Param.

`properties` (`character()`)
: Set of properties of the tuner. Must be a subset of `mlr_reflections$tuner_properties`.

`packages` (`character()`)
: Set of required packages. Note that these packages will be loaded via `requireNamespace()`, and are not attached.

`label` (`character(1)`)
: Label for this object. Can be used in tables, plot and text output instead of the ID.

`man` (`character(1)`)
: String in the format `[pkg]::[topic]` pointing to a manual page for this object. The referenced help package can be opened via method `$help()`.

Methods

Public methods:

- `Tuner$new()`
- `Tuner$format()`
- `Tuner$print()`
- `Tuner$help()`
- `Tuner$optimize()`
- `Tuner$clone()`

Method `new()`**:** Creates a new instance of this R6 class.

Usage:

```
Tuner$new(
  id = "tuner",
  param_set,
  param_classes,
  properties,
  packages = character(),
```

```
  label = NA_character_,
  man = NA_character_
)
```

Arguments:

`id` (`character(1)`)
: Identifier for the new instance.

`param_set` (paradox::ParamSet)
: Set of control parameters.

`param_classes` (`character()`)
: Supported parameter classes for learner hyperparameters that the tuner can optimize. Subclasses of paradox::Param.

`properties` (`character()`)
: Set of properties of the tuner. Must be a subset of `mlr_reflections$tuner_properties`.

`packages` (`character()`)
: Set of required packages. Note that these packages will be loaded via `requireNamespace()`, and are not attached.

`label` (`character(1)`)
: Label for this object. Can be used in tables, plot and text output instead of the ID.

`man` (`character(1)`)
: String in the format `[pkg]::[topic]` pointing to a manual page for this object. The referenced help package can be opened via method `$help()`.

Method `format()`**:** Helper for print outputs.

Usage:

```
Tuner$format(...)
```

Arguments:

`...` (ignored).

Returns: (`character()`).

Method `print()`**:** Print method.

Usage:

```
Tuner$print()
```

Returns: (`character()`).

Method `help()`**:** Opens the corresponding help page referenced by field `$man`.

Usage:

```
Tuner$help()
```

Method `optimize()`**:** Performs the tuning on a TuningInstanceSingleCrit or TuningInstanceMultiCrit until termination. The single evaluations will be written into the ArchiveTuning that resides in the TuningInstanceSingleCrit/TuningInstanceMultiCrit. The result will be written into the instance object.

Usage:

```
Tuner$optimize(inst)
```

Arguments:

`inst` (TuningInstanceSingleCrit | TuningInstanceMultiCrit).

Returns: `data.table::data.table()`

Method `clone()`**:** The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

Usage:

```
Tuner$clone(deep = FALSE)
```

Arguments:

`deep` Whether to make a deep clone.

`tune_nested` *Function for Nested Resampling*

Description

Function to conduct nested resampling.

Usage

```
tune_nested(
  method,
  task,
  learner,
  inner_resampling,
  outer_resampling,
  measure = NULL,
  term_evals = NULL,
  term_time = NULL,
  search_space = NULL,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

`method` (`character(1)`)
Key to retrieve tuner from mlr_tuners dictionary.

`task` (mlr3::Task)
Task to operate on.

`learner` (mlr3::Learner)
Learner to tune.

`inner_resampling` (mlr3::Resampling)
Resampling used for the inner loop.

`outer_resampling` mlr3::Resampling)
Resampling used for the outer loop.

`measure`	(mlr3::Measure) Measure to optimize. If `NULL`, default measure is used.
`term_evals`	(`integer(1)`) Number of allowed evaluations.
`term_time`	(`integer(1)`) Maximum allowed time in seconds.
`search_space`	(paradox::ParamSet) Hyperparameter search space. If `NULL` (default), the search space is constructed from the TuneToken of the learner's parameter set (learner$param_set).
`...`	(named `list()`) Named arguments to be set as parameters of the tuner.

Value

mlr3::ResampleResult

Examples

```
# Nested resampling on Palmer Penguins data set
rr = tune_nested(
  method = "random_search",
  task = tsk("penguins"),
  learner = lrn("classif.rpart", cp = to_tune(1e-04, 1e-1, logscale = TRUE)),
  inner_resampling = rsmp ("holdout"),
  outer_resampling = rsmp("cv", folds = 2),
  measure = msr("classif.ce"),
  term_evals = 2,
  batch_size = 2)

# Performance scores estimated on the outer resampling
rr$score()

# Unbiased performance of the final model trained on the full data set
rr$aggregate()
```

`TuningInstanceMultiCrit` *Class for Multi Criteria Tuning*

Description

The TuningInstanceMultiCrit specifies a tuning problem for Tuners. The function `ti()` creates a TuningInstanceMultiCrit and the function `tune()` creates an instance internally.

Details

The instance contains an ObjectiveTuning object that encodes the black box objective function a Tuner has to optimize. The instance allows the basic operations of querying the objective at design points (`$eval_batch()`). This operation is usually done by the Tuner. Evaluations of hyperparameter configurations are performed in batches by calling `mlr3::benchmark()` internally. The evaluated hyperparameter configurations are stored in the Archive (`$archive`). Before a batch is evaluated, the bbotk::Terminator is queried for the remaining budget. If the available budget is exhausted, an exception is raised, and no further evaluations can be performed from this point on. The tuner is also supposed to store its final result, consisting of a selected hyperparameter configuration and associated estimated performance values, by calling the method `instance$assign_result`.

Resources

- book chapter on hyperparameter optimization.
- book chapter on tuning spaces.
- gallery post on tuning an svm.
- mlr3tuningspaces extension package.

Analysis

For analyzing the tuning results, it is recommended to pass the ArchiveTuning to `as.data.table()`. The returned data table is joined with the benchmark result which adds the mlr3::ResampleResult for each hyperparameter evaluation.

The archive provides various getters (e.g. `$learners()`) to ease the access. All getters extract by position (`i`) or unique hash (`uhash`). For a complete list of all getters see the methods section.

The benchmark result (`$benchmark_result`) allows to score the hyperparameter configurations again on a different measure. Alternatively, measures can be supplied to `as.data.table()`.

The **mlr3viz** package provides visualizations for tuning results.

Super classes

`bbotk::OptimInstance` -> `bbotk::OptimInstanceMultiCrit` -> `TuningInstanceMultiCrit`

Active bindings

`result_learner_param_vals` (`list()`)
List of param values for the optimal learner call.

Methods

Public methods:

- `TuningInstanceMultiCrit$new()`
- `TuningInstanceMultiCrit$assign_result()`
- `TuningInstanceMultiCrit$clone()`

Method `new()`**:** Creates a new instance of this R6 class.

Usage:

```
TuningInstanceMultiCrit$new(
  task,
  learner,
  resampling,
  measures,
  terminator,
  search_space = NULL,
  store_benchmark_result = TRUE,
  store_models = FALSE,
  check_values = FALSE,
  allow_hotstart = FALSE,
  keep_hotstart_stack = FALSE,
  evaluate_default = FALSE,
  callbacks = list()
)
```

Arguments:

`task` (mlr3::Task)
: Task to operate on.

`learner` (mlr3::Learner)
: Learner to tune.

`resampling` (mlr3::Resampling)
: Resampling that is used to evaluate the performance of the hyperparameter configurations. Uninstantiated resamplings are instantiated during construction so that all configurations are evaluated on the same data splits. Already instantiated resamplings are kept unchanged. Specialized Tuner change the resampling e.g. to evaluate a hyperparameter configuration on different data splits. This field, however, always returns the resampling passed in construction.

`measures` (list of mlr3::Measure)
: Measures to optimize.

`terminator` (Terminator)
: Stop criterion of the tuning process.

`search_space` (paradox::ParamSet)
: Hyperparameter search space. If `NULL` (default), the search space is constructed from the TuneToken of the learner's parameter set (learner$param_set).

`store_benchmark_result` (`logical(1)`)
: If `TRUE` (default), store resample result of evaluated hyperparameter configurations in archive as mlr3::BenchmarkResult.

`store_models` (`logical(1)`)
: If `TRUE`, fitted models are stored in the benchmark result (`archive$benchmark_result`). If `store_benchmark_result = FALSE`, models are only stored temporarily and not accessible after the tuning. This combination is needed for measures that require a model.

`check_values` (`logical(1)`)
: If `TRUE`, hyperparameter values are checked before evaluation and performance scores after. If `FALSE` (default), values are unchecked but computational overhead is reduced.

`allow_hotstart` (`logical(1)`)
: Allow to hotstart learners with previously fitted models. See also mlr3::HotstartStack. The learner must support hotstarting. Sets `store_models = TRUE`.

`keep_hotstart_stack` (`logical(1)`)
 If `TRUE`, mlr3::HotstartStack is kept in `$objective$hotstart_stack` after tuning.

`evaluate_default` (`logical(1)`)
 If `TRUE`, learner is evaluated with hyperparameters set to their default values at the start of the optimization.

`callbacks` (list of CallbackTuning)
 List of callbacks.

Method `assign_result()`**:** The Tuner object writes the best found points and estimated performance values here. For internal use.

Usage:

```
TuningInstanceMultiCrit$assign_result(xdt, ydt, learner_param_vals = NULL)
```

Arguments:

`xdt` (`data.table::data.table()`)
 Hyperparameter values as `data.table::data.table()`. Each row is one configuration. Contains values in the search space. Can contain additional columns for extra information.

`ydt` (`data.table::data.table()`)
 Optimal outcomes, e.g. the Pareto front.

`learner_param_vals` (List of named `list()`s)
 Fixed parameter values of the learner that are neither part of the

Method `clone()`**:** The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

Usage:

```
TuningInstanceMultiCrit$clone(deep = FALSE)
```

Arguments:

`deep` Whether to make a deep clone.

Examples

```
# Hyperparameter optimization on the Palmer Penguins data set
task = tsk("penguins")

# Load learner and set search space
learner = lrn("classif.rpart",
  cp = to_tune(1e-04, 1e-1, logscale = TRUE)
)

# Construct tuning instance
instance = ti(
  task = task,
  learner = learner,
  resampling = rsmp("cv", folds = 3),
  measures = msrs(c("classif.ce", "time_train")),
  terminator = trm("evals", n_evals = 4)
)

# Choose optimization algorithm
tuner = tnr("random_search", batch_size = 2)
```

```
# Run tuning
tuner$optimize(instance)

# Optimal hyperparameter configurations
instance$result

# Inspect all evaluated configurations
as.data.table(instance$archive)
```

TuningInstanceSingleCrit *Class for Single Criterion Tuning*

Description

The TuningInstanceSingleCrit specifies a tuning problem for Tuners. The function `ti()` creates a TuningInstanceSingleCrit and the function `tune()` creates an instance internally.

Details

The instance contains an ObjectiveTuning object that encodes the black box objective function a Tuner has to optimize. The instance allows the basic operations of querying the objective at design points (`$eval_batch()`). This operation is usually done by the Tuner. Evaluations of hyperparameter configurations are performed in batches by calling `mlr3::benchmark()` internally. The evaluated hyperparameter configurations are stored in the Archive (`$archive`). Before a batch is evaluated, the bbotk::Terminator is queried for the remaining budget. If the available budget is exhausted, an exception is raised, and no further evaluations can be performed from this point on. The tuner is also supposed to store its final result, consisting of a selected hyperparameter configuration and associated estimated performance values, by calling the method `instance$assign_result`.

Resources

- book chapter on hyperparameter optimization.
- book chapter on tuning spaces.
- gallery post on tuning an svm.
- mlr3tuningspaces extension package.

Analysis

For analyzing the tuning results, it is recommended to pass the ArchiveTuning to `as.data.table()`. The returned data table is joined with the benchmark result which adds the mlr3::ResampleResult for each hyperparameter evaluation.

The archive provides various getters (e.g. `$learners()`) to ease the access. All getters extract by position (`i`) or unique hash (`uhash`). For a complete list of all getters see the methods section.

The benchmark result (`$benchmark_result`) allows to score the hyperparameter configurations again on a different measure. Alternatively, measures can be supplied to `as.data.table()`.

The **mlr3viz** package provides visualizations for tuning results.

Super classes

bbotk::OptimInstance -> bbotk::OptimInstanceSingleCrit -> TuningInstanceSingleCrit

Active bindings

`result_learner_param_vals` (list())
: Param values for the optimal learner call.

Methods

Public methods:

- TuningInstanceSingleCrit$new()
- TuningInstanceSingleCrit$assign_result()
- TuningInstanceSingleCrit$clone()

Method `new()`**:** Creates a new instance of this R6 class.

Usage:

```
TuningInstanceSingleCrit$new(
  task,
  learner,
  resampling,
  measure = NULL,
  terminator,
  search_space = NULL,
  store_benchmark_result = TRUE,
  store_models = FALSE,
  check_values = FALSE,
  allow_hotstart = FALSE,
  keep_hotstart_stack = FALSE,
  evaluate_default = FALSE,
  callbacks = list()
)
```

Arguments:

`task` (mlr3::Task)
: Task to operate on.

`learner` (mlr3::Learner)
: Learner to tune.

`resampling` (mlr3::Resampling)
: Resampling that is used to evaluate the performance of the hyperparameter configurations. Uninstantiated resamplings are instantiated during construction so that all configurations are evaluated on the same data splits. Already instantiated resamplings are kept unchanged. Specialized Tuner change the resampling e.g. to evaluate a hyperparameter configuration on different data splits. This field, however, always returns the resampling passed in construction.

`measure` (mlr3::Measure)
: Measure to optimize. If `NULL`, default measure is used.

`terminator` (Terminator)
Stop criterion of the tuning process.

`search_space` (paradox::ParamSet)
Hyperparameter search space. If `NULL` (default), the search space is constructed from the TuneToken of the learner's parameter set (learner$param_set).

`store_benchmark_result` (`logical(1)`)
If `TRUE` (default), store resample result of evaluated hyperparameter configurations in archive as mlr3::BenchmarkResult.

`store_models` (`logical(1)`)
If `TRUE`, fitted models are stored in the benchmark result (`archive$benchmark_result`). If `store_benchmark_result = FALSE`, models are only stored temporarily and not accessible after the tuning. This combination is needed for measures that require a model.

`check_values` (`logical(1)`)
If `TRUE`, hyperparameter values are checked before evaluation and performance scores after. If `FALSE` (default), values are unchecked but computational overhead is reduced.

`allow_hotstart` (`logical(1)`)
Allow to hotstart learners with previously fitted models. See also mlr3::HotstartStack. The learner must support hotstarting. Sets `store_models = TRUE`.

`keep_hotstart_stack` (`logical(1)`)
If `TRUE`, mlr3::HotstartStack is kept in `$objective$hotstart_stack` after tuning.

`evaluate_default` (`logical(1)`)
If `TRUE`, learner is evaluated with hyperparameters set to their default values at the start of the optimization.

`callbacks` (list of CallbackTuning)
List of callbacks.

Method `assign_result()`**:** The Tuner object writes the best found point and estimated performance value here. For internal use.

Usage:

```
TuningInstanceSingleCrit$assign_result(xdt, y, learner_param_vals = NULL)
```

Arguments:

`xdt` (`data.table::data.table()`)
Hyperparameter values as `data.table::data.table()`. Each row is one configuration. Contains values in the search space. Can contain additional columns for extra information.

`y` (`numeric(1)`)
Optimal outcome.

`learner_param_vals` (List of named `list()`s)
Fixed parameter values of the learner that are neither part of the

Method `clone()`**:** The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

Usage:

```
TuningInstanceSingleCrit$clone(deep = FALSE)
```

Arguments:

`deep` Whether to make a deep clone.

Examples

```
# Hyperparameter optimization on the Palmer Penguins data set
task = tsk("penguins")

# Load learner and set search space
learner = lrn("classif.rpart",
  cp = to_tune(1e-04, 1e-1, logscale = TRUE)
)

# Construct tuning instance
instance = ti(
  task = task,
  learner = learner,
  resampling = rsmp("cv", folds = 3),
  measures = msr("classif.ce"),
  terminator = trm("evals", n_evals = 4)
)

# Choose optimization algorithm
tuner = tnr("random_search", batch_size = 2)

# Run tuning
tuner$optimize(instance)

# Set optimal hyperparameter configuration to learner
learner$param_set$values = instance$result_learner_param_vals

# Train the learner on the full data set
learner$train(task)

# Inspect all evaluated configurations
as.data.table(instance$archive)
```

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