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mlr3filters-package *mlr3filters: Filter Based Feature Selection for 'mlr3'*

Description

Extends 'mlr3' with filter methods for feature selection. Besides standalone filter methods built-in methods of any machine-learning algorithm are supported. Partial scoring of multivariate filter methods is supported.

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- <https://mlr3filters.mlr-org.com>
- <https://github.com/mlr-org/mlr3filters>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/mlr-org/mlr3filters/issues>

Filter

*Filter Base Class***Description**

Base class for filters. Predefined filters are stored in the [dictionary `mlr_filters`](#). A Filter calculates a score for each feature of a task. Important features get a large value and unimportant features get a small value. Note that filter scores may also be negative.

Format

[R6::R6Class](#) object.

Construction

```
f = Filter$new(id, task_type, param_set, feature_types, packages)
```

- `id` :: `character(1)`
Identifier for the filter.
- `task_type` :: `character()`
Types of the task the filter can operator on. E.g., "classif" or "regr".
- `param_set` :: [paradox::ParamSet](#)
Set of hyperparameters.
- `feature_types` :: `character()`
Feature types the filter operates on. Must be a subset of `mlr_reflections$task_feature_types`.
- `task_properties` :: `character()`
Required task properties, see [mlr3::Task](#). Must be a subset of `mlr_reflections$task_properties`.
- `packages` :: `character()`
Set of required packages. Note that these packages will be loaded via [requireNamespace\(\)](#), and are not attached.

Fields

All arguments passed to the constructor are available as fields, and additionally:

- `scores` :: `named numeric()`
Stores the calculated filter score values as named numeric vector. The vector is sorted in decreasing order with possible NA values last. Tied values (this includes NA values) appear in a random, non-deterministic order.

Methods

- `calculate(task, nfeat = NULL)`
([mlr3::Task](#), `integer(1)`) -> `self`
Calculates the filter score values for the provided [mlr3::Task](#) and stores them in field `scores`. `nfeat` determines the minimum number of features to score (see "Partial Scoring"), and defaults to the number of features in `task`. Loads required packages and then calls `$calculate_internal()`. If the task has no rows, each feature gets the score NA.

- `calculate_internal(task, nfeat)`
(`mlr3::Task`, `integer(1)`) -> `named numeric()`
Internal worker function. Each child class must implement this method. Takes a task and the minimum number of features to score, and must return a named numeric with scores. The higher the score, the more important the feature. The calling function (`calculate()`) ensures that the returned vector gets sorted and that missing feature scores get a score value of NA.

Partial Scoring

Some features support partial scoring of the feature set: If `nfeat` is not NULL, only the best `nfeat` features are guaranteed to get a score. Additional features may be ignored for computational reasons, and then get a score value of NA.

See Also

Other Filter: [FilterAUC](#), [FilterAnova](#), [FilterCMIM](#), [FilterCarScore](#), [FilterCorrelation](#), [FilterDISR](#), [FilterImportance](#), [FilterInformationGain](#), [FilterJMIM](#), [FilterJMI](#), [FilterKruskalTest](#), [FilterMIM](#), [FilterMRMR](#), [FilterNJMIM](#), [FilterPerformance](#), [FilterVariance](#), [mlr_filters](#)

FilterAnova

ANOVA F-Test Filter

Description

ANOVA F-Test filter calling `stats::aov()`. Note that this is equivalent to a *t*-test for binary classification.

The filter value is $-\log_{10}(p)$ where *p* is the *p*-value. This transformation is necessary to ensure numerical stability for very small *p*-values.

Format

`R6::R6Class` inheriting from [Filter](#).

Construction

```
FilterAnova$new()
mlr_filters$get("anova")
flt("anova")
```

See Also

Dictionary of Filters: [mlr_filters](#)

Other Filter: [FilterAUC](#), [FilterCMIM](#), [FilterCarScore](#), [FilterCorrelation](#), [FilterDISR](#), [FilterImportance](#), [FilterInformationGain](#), [FilterJMIM](#), [FilterJMI](#), [FilterKruskalTest](#), [FilterMIM](#), [FilterMRMR](#), [FilterNJMIM](#), [FilterPerformance](#), [FilterVariance](#), [Filter](#), [mlr_filters](#)

Examples

```
task = mlr3::tsk("iris")
filter = flt("anova")
filter$calculate(task)
head(as.data.table(filter), 3)

# transform to p-value
10^(-filter$scores)
```

FilterAUC

AUC Filter

Description

Area under the (ROC) Curve filter, analogously to `mlr3measures::auc()` from **mlr3measures**. Missing values of the features are removed before calculating the AUC. If the AUC is undefined for the input, it is set to 0.5 (random classifier). The absolute value of the difference between the AUC and 0.5 is used as final filter value.

Format

[R6::R6Class](#) inheriting from [Filter](#).

Construction

```
FilterAUC$new()
mlr_filters$get("auc")
flt("auc")
```

See Also

[Dictionary](#) of Filters: [mlr_filters](#)

Other Filter: [FilterAnova](#), [FilterCMIM](#), [FilterCarScore](#), [FilterCorrelation](#), [FilterDISR](#), [FilterImportance](#), [FilterInformationGain](#), [FilterJMIM](#), [FilterJMI](#), [FilterKruskalTest](#), [FilterMIM](#), [FilterMRMR](#), [FilterNJMIM](#), [FilterPerformance](#), [FilterVariance](#), [Filter](#), [mlr_filters](#)

Examples

```
task = mlr3::tsk("pima")
filter = flt("auc")
filter$calculate(task)
head(as.data.table(filter), 3)
```

Description

Calculates the Correlation-Adjusted (marginal) coRelation scores (short CAR scores) implemented in `care::carscore()` in package `care`. The CAR scores for a set of features are defined as the correlations between the target and the decorrelated features. The filter returns the absolute value of the calculated scores.

Argument `verbose` defaults to `FALSE`.

Format

`R6::R6Class` inheriting from `Filter`.

Construction

```
FilterCarScore$new()  
mlr_filters$get("carscore")  
flt("carscore")
```

See Also

Dictionary of Filters: [mlr_filters](#)

Other Filter: [FilterAUC](#), [FilterAnova](#), [FilterCMIM](#), [FilterCorrelation](#), [FilterDISR](#), [FilterImportance](#), [FilterInformationGain](#), [FilterJMIM](#), [FilterJMI](#), [FilterKruskalTest](#), [FilterMIM](#), [FilterMRMR](#), [FilterNJMIM](#), [FilterPerformance](#), [FilterVariance](#), [Filter](#), [mlr_filters](#)

Examples

```
task = mlr3::tsk("mtcars")  
filter = flt("carscore")  
filter$calculate(task)  
head(as.data.table(filter), 3)  
  
## changing filter settings  
filter = flt("carscore")  
filter$param_set$values = list("diagonal" = TRUE)  
filter$calculate(task)  
head(as.data.table(filter), 3)
```

FilterCMIM	<i>Minimal Conditional Mutual Information Filter</i>
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Description

Minimal conditional mutual information maximisation filter calling `praznik::CMIM()` from package **praznik**.

This filter supports partial scoring (see [Filter](#)).

Format

[R6::R6Class](#) inheriting from [Filter](#).

Construction

```
FilterCMIM$new()  
mlr_filters$get("cmim")  
flt("cmim")
```

See Also

Dictionary of Filters: [mlr_filters](#)

Other Filter: [FilterAUC](#), [FilterAnova](#), [FilterCarScore](#), [FilterCorrelation](#), [FilterDISR](#), [FilterImportance](#), [FilterInformationGain](#), [FilterJMIM](#), [FilterJMI](#), [FilterKruskalTest](#), [FilterMIM](#), [FilterMRMR](#), [FilterNJMIM](#), [FilterPerformance](#), [FilterVariance](#), [Filter](#), [mlr_filters](#)

Examples

```
task = mlr3::tsk("iris")  
filter = flt("cmim")  
filter$calculate(task, nfeat = 2)  
as.data.table(filter)
```

FilterCorrelation	<i>Correlation Filter</i>
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Description

Simple correlation filter calling `stats::cor()`. The filter score is the absolute value of the correlation.

Format

[R6::R6Class](#) inheriting from [Filter](#).

Construction

```
FilterCorrelation$new()  
mlr_filters$get("correlation")  
flt("correlation")
```

See Also

Dictionary of Filters: [mlr_filters](#)

Other Filter: [FilterAUC](#), [FilterAnova](#), [FilterCMIM](#), [FilterCarScore](#), [FilterDISR](#), [FilterImportance](#), [FilterInformationGain](#), [FilterJMIM](#), [FilterJMI](#), [FilterKruskalTest](#), [FilterMIM](#), [FilterMRMR](#), [FilterNJMIM](#), [FilterPerformance](#), [FilterVariance](#), [Filter](#), [mlr_filters](#)

Examples

```
## Pearson (default)  
task = mlr3::tsk("mtcars")  
filter = flt("correlation")  
filter$calculate(task)  
as.data.table(filter)  
  
## Spearman  
filter = FilterCorrelation$new()  
filter$param_set$values = list("method" = "spearman")  
filter$calculate(task)  
as.data.table(filter)
```

FilterDISR

Double Input Symmetrical Relevance Filter

Description

Double input symmetrical relevance filter calling [praznik::DISR\(\)](#) from package **praznik**.

This filter supports partial scoring (see [Filter](#)).

Format

[R6::R6Class](#) inheriting from [Filter](#).

Construction

```
FilterDISR$new()  
mlr_filters$get("disc")  
flt("disc")
```


See Also

Dictionary of Filters: [mlr_filters](#)

Other Filter: [FilterAUC](#), [FilterAnova](#), [FilterCMIM](#), [FilterCarScore](#), [FilterCorrelation](#), [FilterImportance](#), [FilterInformationGain](#), [FilterJMIM](#), [FilterJMI](#), [FilterKruskalTest](#), [FilterMIM](#), [FilterMRMR](#), [FilterNJMIM](#), [FilterPerformance](#), [FilterVariance](#), [Filter](#), [mlr_filters](#)

Examples

```
task = mlr3::tsk("iris")
filter = flt("disr")
filter$calculate(task, nfeat = 2)
as.data.table(filter)
```

 FilterImportance

Filter for Embedded Feature Selection via Variable Importance

Description

Variable Importance filter using embedded feature selection of machine learning algorithms. Takes a [mlr3::Learner](#) which is capable of extracting the variable importance (property "importance"), fits the model and extracts the importance values to use as filter scores.

Format

[R6::R6Class](#) inheriting from [Filter](#).

Construction

```
FilterImportance$new(learner = mlr3::lrn("classif.rpart"))
mlr_filters$get("importance")
flt("importance")
```

- learner :: [mlr3::Learner](#)
Learner to extract the importance values from.

See Also

Dictionary of Filters: [mlr_filters](#)

Other Filter: [FilterAUC](#), [FilterAnova](#), [FilterCMIM](#), [FilterCarScore](#), [FilterCorrelation](#), [FilterDISR](#), [FilterInformationGain](#), [FilterJMIM](#), [FilterJMI](#), [FilterKruskalTest](#), [FilterMIM](#), [FilterMRMR](#), [FilterNJMIM](#), [FilterPerformance](#), [FilterVariance](#), [Filter](#), [mlr_filters](#)

Examples

```
task = mlr3::tsk("iris")
learner = mlr3::lrn("classif.rpart")
filter = flt("importance", learner = learner)
filter$calculate(task)
as.data.table(filter)
```

FilterInformationGain *Information Gain Filter*

Description

Information gain filter calling `FSelectorRcpp::information_gain()` in package **FSelectorRepp**. Set parameter "type" to "gainratio" to calculate the gain ratio, or set to "symuncert" to calculate the symmetrical uncertainty (see `FSelectorRcpp::information_gain()`). Default is "infogain".

Argument equal defaults to FALSE for classification tasks, and to TRUE for regression tasks.

Format

`R6::R6Class` inheriting from `Filter`.

Construction

```
FilterInformationGain$new()  
mlr_filters$get("information_gain")  
flt("information_gain")
```

See Also

Dictionary of Filters: [mlr_filters](#)

Other Filter: [FilterAUC](#), [FilterAnova](#), [FilterCMIM](#), [FilterCarScore](#), [FilterCorrelation](#), [FilterDISR](#), [FilterImportance](#), [FilterJMIM](#), [FilterJMI](#), [FilterKruskalTest](#), [FilterMIM](#), [FilterMRMR](#), [FilterNJMIM](#), [FilterPerformance](#), [FilterVariance](#), [Filter](#), [mlr_filters](#)

Examples

```
## InfoGain (default)  
task = mlr3::tsk("pima")  
filter = flt("information_gain")  
filter$calculate(task)  
head(filter$scores, 3)  
as.data.table(filter)  
  
## GainRatio  
  
filterGR = flt("information_gain")  
filterGR$param_set$values = list("type" = "gainratio")  
filterGR$calculate(task)  
head(as.data.table(filterGR), 3)
```

FilterJMI	<i>Joint Mutual Information Filter</i>
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Description

Joint mutual information filter calling `praznik::JMI()` in package **praznik**.
This filter supports partial scoring (see [Filter](#)).

Format

`R6::R6Class` inheriting from [Filter](#).

Construction

```
FilterJMI$new()  
mlr_filters$get("jmi")  
flt("jmi")
```

See Also

Dictionary of Filters: [mlr_filters](#)

Other Filter: [FilterAUC](#), [FilterAnova](#), [FilterCMIM](#), [FilterCarScore](#), [FilterCorrelation](#), [FilterDISR](#), [FilterImportance](#), [FilterInformationGain](#), [FilterJMIM](#), [FilterKruskalTest](#), [FilterMIM](#), [FilterMRMR](#), [FilterNJMIM](#), [FilterPerformance](#), [FilterVariance](#), [Filter](#), [mlr_filters](#)

Examples

```
task = mlr3::tsk("iris")  
filter = flt("jmi")  
filter$calculate(task, nfeat = 2)  
as.data.table(filter)
```

FilterJMIM	<i>Minimal Joint Mutual Information Maximisation Filter</i>
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Description

Minimal joint mutual information maximisation filter calling `praznik::JMIM()` in package **praznik**.
This filter supports partial scoring (see [Filter](#)).

Format

`R6::R6Class` inheriting from [Filter](#).

Construction

```
FilterJMIM$new()
mlr_filters$get("jmim")
flt("jmim")
```

See Also

[Dictionary of Filters: mlr_filters](#)

Other Filter: [FilterAUC](#), [FilterAnova](#), [FilterCMIM](#), [FilterCarScore](#), [FilterCorrelation](#), [FilterDISR](#), [FilterImportance](#), [FilterInformationGain](#), [FilterJMI](#), [FilterKruskalTest](#), [FilterMIM](#), [FilterMRMR](#), [FilterNJMIM](#), [FilterPerformance](#), [FilterVariance](#), [Filter](#), [mlr_filters](#)

Examples

```
task = mlr3::tsk("iris")
filter = flt("jmim")
filter$calculate(task, nfeat = 2)
as.data.table(filter)
```

FilterKruskalTest	<i>Kruskal-Wallis Test Filter</i>
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Description

Kruskal-Wallis rank sum test filter calling `stats::kruskal.test()`.

The filter value is $-\log_{10}(p)$ where p is the p -value. This transformation is necessary to ensure numerical stability for very small p -values.

Format

`R6::R6Class` inheriting from [Filter](#).

Construction

```
FilterKruskalTest$new()
mlr_filters$get("kruskal_test")
flt("kruskal_test")
```

See Also

[Dictionary of Filters: mlr_filters](#)

Other Filter: [FilterAUC](#), [FilterAnova](#), [FilterCMIM](#), [FilterCarScore](#), [FilterCorrelation](#), [FilterDISR](#), [FilterImportance](#), [FilterInformationGain](#), [FilterJMIM](#), [FilterJMI](#), [FilterMIM](#), [FilterMRMR](#), [FilterNJMIM](#), [FilterPerformance](#), [FilterVariance](#), [Filter](#), [mlr_filters](#)

Examples

```
task = mlr3::tsk("iris")
filter = flt("kruskal_test")
filter$calculate(task)
as.data.table(filter)

# transform to p-value
10^(-filter$scores)
```

FilterMIM

Conditional Mutual Information Based Feature Selection Filter

Description

Conditional mutual information based feature selection filter calling `praznik::MIM()` in package **praznik**.

This filter supports partial scoring (see [Filter](#)).

Format

`R6::R6Class` inheriting from [Filter](#).

Construction

```
FilterMIM$new()
mlr_filters$get("mim")
flt("mim")
```

See Also

Dictionary of Filters: [mlr_filters](#)

Other Filter: [FilterAUC](#), [FilterAnova](#), [FilterCMIM](#), [FilterCarScore](#), [FilterCorrelation](#), [FilterDISR](#), [FilterImportance](#), [FilterInformationGain](#), [FilterJMIM](#), [FilterJMI](#), [FilterKruskalTest](#), [FilterMRMR](#), [FilterNJMIM](#), [FilterPerformance](#), [FilterVariance](#), [Filter](#), [mlr_filters](#)

Examples

```
task = mlr3::tsk("iris")
filter = flt("mim")
filter$calculate(task, nfeat = 2)
as.data.table(filter)
```

FilterMRMR	<i>Minimum redundancy maximal relevancy filter</i>
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Description

Minimum redundancy maximal relevancy filter calling `praznik::MRMR()` in package **praznik**.
 This filter supports partial scoring (see [Filter](#)).

Format

`R6::R6Class` inheriting from [Filter](#).

Construction

```
FilterMRMR$new()
mlr_filters$get("mrmr")
flt("mrmr")
```

See Also

Dictionary of Filters: [mlr_filters](#)

Other Filter: [FilterAUC](#), [FilterAnova](#), [FilterCMIM](#), [FilterCarScore](#), [FilterCorrelation](#), [FilterDISR](#), [FilterImportance](#), [FilterInformationGain](#), [FilterJMIM](#), [FilterJMI](#), [FilterKruskalTest](#), [FilterMIM](#), [FilterNJMIM](#), [FilterPerformance](#), [FilterVariance](#), [Filter](#), [mlr_filters](#)

Examples

```
task = mlr3::tsk("iris")
filter = flt("mrmr")
filter$calculate(task, nfeat = 2)
as.data.table(filter)
```

FilterNJMIM	<i>Minimal Normalised Joint Mutual Information Maximisation Filter</i>
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Description

Minimal normalised joint mutual information maximisation filter calling `praznik::NJMIM()` from package **praznik**.

This filter supports partial scoring (see [Filter](#)).

Format

`R6::R6Class` inheriting from [Filter](#).

Construction

```
FilterNJMIM$new()
mlr_filters$get("njmim")
flt("njmim")
```

See Also

Dictionary of Filters: [mlr_filters](#)

Other Filter: [FilterAUC](#), [FilterAnova](#), [FilterCMIM](#), [FilterCarScore](#), [FilterCorrelation](#), [FilterDISR](#), [FilterImportance](#), [FilterInformationGain](#), [FilterJMIM](#), [FilterJMI](#), [FilterKruskalTest](#), [FilterMIM](#), [FilterMRMR](#), [FilterPerformance](#), [FilterVariance](#), [Filter](#), [mlr_filters](#)

Examples

```
task = mlr3::tsk("iris")
filter = flt("njmim")
filter$calculate(task, nfeat = 2)
as.data.table(filter)
```

FilterPerformance *Predictive Performance Filter*

Description

Filter which uses the predictive performance of a [mlr3::Learner](#) as filter score. Performs a [mlr3::resample\(\)](#) for each feature separately. The filter score is the aggregated performance of the [mlr3::Measure](#), or the negated aggregated performance if the measure has to be minimized.

Format

[R6::R6Class](#) inheriting from [Filter](#).

Construction

```
FilterPerformance$new(learner = mlr3::lrn("classif.rpart"),
  resampling = mlr3::rsmp("holdout"), measure = mlr3::msr("classif.ce"))
mlr_filters$get("performance")
flt("performance")
```

- learner :: [mlr3::Learner](#).
- resampling :: [mlr3::Resampling](#).
- measure :: [mlr3::Measure](#).

See Also

Dictionary of Filters: [mlr_filters](#)

Other Filter: [FilterAUC](#), [FilterAnova](#), [FilterCMIM](#), [FilterCarScore](#), [FilterCorrelation](#), [FilterDISR](#), [FilterImportance](#), [FilterInformationGain](#), [FilterJMIM](#), [FilterJMI](#), [FilterKruskalTest](#), [FilterMIM](#), [FilterMRMR](#), [FilterNJMIM](#), [FilterVariance](#), [Filter](#), [mlr_filters](#)

Examples

```
task = mlr3::tsk("iris")
learner = mlr3::lrn("classif.rpart")
filter = flt("performance", learner = learner)
filter$calculate(task)
as.data.table(filter)
```

FilterVariance

Variance Filter

Description

Variance filter calling `stats::var()`.

Argument `na.rm` defaults to TRUE here.

Format

`R6::R6Class` inheriting from [Filter](#).

Construction

```
FilterVariance$new()
mlr_filters$get("variance")
flt("variance")
```

See Also

Dictionary of Filters: [mlr_filters](#)

Other Filter: [FilterAUC](#), [FilterAnova](#), [FilterCMIM](#), [FilterCarScore](#), [FilterCorrelation](#), [FilterDISR](#), [FilterImportance](#), [FilterInformationGain](#), [FilterJMIM](#), [FilterJMI](#), [FilterKruskalTest](#), [FilterMIM](#), [FilterMRMR](#), [FilterNJMIM](#), [FilterPerformance](#), [Filter](#), [mlr_filters](#)

Examples

```
task = mlr3::tsk("mtcars")
filter = flt("variance")
filter$calculate(task)
head(filter$scores, 3)
as.data.table(filter)
```

<code>flt</code>	<i>Syntactic Sugar for Filter Construction</i>
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Description

This function complements [mlr_filters](#) with a function in the spirit of [mlr3::mlr_sugar](#).

Usage

```
flt(.key, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>.key</code>	<code>:: character(1)</code>	Key passed to the respective mlr3misc::Dictionary to retrieve the object.
<code>...</code>	<code>:: named list()</code>	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.

Value

[Filter](#).

Examples

```
flt("correlation", method = "kendall")
```

<code>mlr_filters</code>	<i>Dictionary of Filters</i>
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Description

A simple [Dictionary](#) storing objects of class [Filter](#). Each Filter has an associated help page, see `mlr_filters_[id]`.

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

For a more convenient way to retrieve and construct filters, see [flt\(\)](#).

Usage

```
mlr_filters
```

Format

[R6Class](#) object

Usage

See [Dictionary](#).

See Also

Other Filter: [FilterAUC](#), [FilterAnova](#), [FilterCMIM](#), [FilterCarScore](#), [FilterCorrelation](#), [FilterDISR](#), [FilterImportance](#), [FilterInformationGain](#), [FilterJMIM](#), [FilterJMI](#), [FilterKruskalTest](#), [FilterMIM](#), [FilterMRMR](#), [FilterNJMIM](#), [FilterPerformance](#), [FilterVariance](#), [Filter](#)

Examples

```
mlr_filters$keys()
as.data.table(mlr_filters)
mlr_filters$get("mim")
flt("anova")
```

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