

# Package: stackgbm (via r-universe)

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catboost_load_pool	<i>Create a dataset</i>
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### Description

Create a dataset

### Usage

```
catboost_load_pool(data, label = NULL, ...)
```

### Arguments

data	Predictors.
label	Labels.
...	Additional parameters.

### Value

A `catboost.Pool` object.

## Examples

```
sim_data <- msaenet::msaenet.sim.binomial(  
  n = 100,  
  p = 10,  
  rho = 0.6,  
  coef = rnorm(5, mean = 0, sd = 10),  
  snr = 1,  
  p.train = 0.8,  
  seed = 42  
)  
  
catboost_load_pool(data = sim_data$x.tr, label = sim_data$y.tr)  
catboost_load_pool(data = sim_data$x.tr, label = NULL)  
catboost_load_pool(data = sim_data$x.te, label = NULL)
```

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catboost_predict	<i>Predict based on the model</i>
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## Description

Predict based on the model

## Usage

```
catboost_predict(model, pool, prediction_type = "Probability", ...)
```

## Arguments

model	The trained model.
pool	The dataset to predict on.
prediction_type	Prediction type.
...	Additional parameters.

## Value

Predicted values.

## Examples

```
sim_data <- msaenet::msaenet.sim.binomial(  
  n = 100,  
  p = 10,  
  rho = 0.6,  
  coef = rnorm(5, mean = 0, sd = 10),  
  snr = 1,  
  p.train = 0.8,
```

```
    seed = 42
  )

  x_train <- catboost_load_pool(data = sim_data$x.tr, label = sim_data$y.tr)
  x_test  <- catboost_load_pool(data = sim_data$x.te, label = NULL)

  fit <- catboost_train(
    x_train,
    NULL,
    params = list(
      loss_function = "Logloss",
      iterations = 100,
      depth = 3,
      logging_level = "Silent"
    )
  )

  catboost_predict(fit, x_test)
```

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catboost_train	<i>Train the model</i>
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## Description

Train the model

## Usage

```
catboost_train(learn_pool, test_pool = NULL, params = list())
```

## Arguments

learn_pool	Training dataset.
test_pool	Testing dataset.
params	A list of training parameters.

## Value

A model object.

## Examples

```
sim_data <- msaenet::msaenet.sim.binomial(
  n = 100,
  p = 10,
  rho = 0.6,
  coef = rnorm(5, mean = 0, sd = 10),
  snr = 1,
```

```
p.train = 0.8,
seed = 42
)

x_train <- catboost_load_pool(data = sim_data$x.tr, label = sim_data$y.tr)

fit <- catboost_train(
  x_train,
  NULL,
  params = list(
    loss_function = "Logloss",
    iterations = 100,
    depth = 3,
    logging_level = "Silent"
  )
)

fit
```

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cv_catboost	<i>catboost - parameter tuning and model selection with k-fold cross-validation and grid search</i>
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## Description

catboost - parameter tuning and model selection with k-fold cross-validation and grid search

## Usage

```
cv_catboost(
  x,
  y,
  params = cv_param_grid(),
  n_folds = 5,
  n_threads = 1,
  seed = 42,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

## Arguments

x	Predictor matrix.
y	Response vector.
params	Parameter grid generated by <a href="#">cv_param_grid()</a> .
n_folds	Number of folds. Default is 5.

n_threads	The number of parallel threads. For optimal speed, match this to the number of physical CPU cores, not threads. See respective model documentation for more details. Default is 1.
seed	Random seed for reproducibility.
verbose	Show progress?

### Value

A data frame containing the complete tuning grid and the AUC values, with the best parameter combination and the highest AUC value.

### Examples

```
sim_data <- msaenet::msaenet.sim.binomial(
  n = 100,
  p = 10,
  rho = 0.6,
  coef = rnorm(5, mean = 0, sd = 10),
  snr = 1,
  p.train = 0.8,
  seed = 42
)

params <- cv_catboost(
  sim_data$x.tr,
  sim_data$y.tr,
  params = cv_param_grid(
    n_iterations = c(100, 200),
    max_depth = c(3, 5),
    learning_rate = c(0.1, 0.5)
  ),
  n_folds = 5,
  n_threads = 1,
  seed = 42,
  verbose = FALSE
)

params$df
```

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cv\_lightgbm

*lightgbm - parameter tuning and model selection with k-fold cross-validation and grid search*

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### Description

lightgbm - parameter tuning and model selection with k-fold cross-validation and grid search

**Usage**

```
cv_lightgbm(  
  x,  
  y,  
  params = cv_param_grid(),  
  n_folds = 5,  
  n_threads = 1,  
  seed = 42,  
  verbose = TRUE  
)
```

**Arguments**

x	Predictor matrix.
y	Response vector.
params	Parameter grid generated by <code>cv_param_grid()</code> .
n_folds	Number of folds. Default is 5.
n_threads	The number of parallel threads. For optimal speed, match this to the number of physical CPU cores, not threads. See respective model documentation for more details. Default is 1.
seed	Random seed for reproducibility.
verbose	Show progress?

**Value**

A data frame containing the complete tuning grid and the AUC values, with the best parameter combination and the highest AUC value.

**Examples**

```
sim_data <- msaenet::msaenet.sim.binomial(  
  n = 100,  
  p = 10,  
  rho = 0.6,  
  coef = rnorm(5, mean = 0, sd = 10),  
  snr = 1,  
  p.train = 0.8,  
  seed = 42  
)
```

```
params <- suppressWarnings(  
  cv_lightgbm(  
    sim_data$x.tr,  
    sim_data$y.tr,  
    params = cv_param_grid(  
      n_iterations = c(100, 200),  
      max_depth = c(3, 5),  
      learning_rate = c(0.1, 0.5)
```

```

    ),
    n_folds = 5,
    n_threads = 1,
    seed = 42,
    verbose = FALSE
  )
)

params$df

```

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 cv\_param\_grid

*Generate a parameter grid for cross-validation*


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## Description

This function generates a parameter grid to be used in the cross-validation of gradient boosting decision tree (GBDT) models.

## Usage

```

cv_param_grid(
  n_iterations = c(100, 200, 500, 1000),
  max_depth = c(3, 5, 7, 9),
  learning_rate = c(0.01, 0.05, 0.1, 0.2)
)

```

## Arguments

n_iterations	A numeric vector of the number of iterations (trees) for the GBDT model. This is equivalent to nrounds in XGBoost, num_iterations in LightGBM, and iterations in CatBoost.
max_depth	A numeric vector of the maximum tree depths. This parameter is equivalent to max_depth in XGBoost and LightGBM, and depth in CatBoost.
learning_rate	A numeric vector of learning rates for the GBDT model. This parameter is equivalent to eta in XGBoost, learning_rate in LightGBM, and ignored in CatBoost.

## Value

A list where the names are the parameter names and the values are vectors of possible values for those parameters.



## Examples

```
params <- cv_param_grid(  
  n_iterations = c(10, 100),  
  max_depth = c(3, 5),  
  learning_rate = c(0.01, 0.1)  
)
```

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cv_xgboost	<i>xgboost - parameter tuning and model selection with k-fold cross-validation and grid search</i>
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## Description

xgboost - parameter tuning and model selection with k-fold cross-validation and grid search

## Usage

```
cv_xgboost(  
  x,  
  y,  
  params = cv_param_grid(),  
  n_folds = 5,  
  n_threads = 1,  
  seed = 42,  
  verbose = TRUE  
)
```

## Arguments

x	Predictor matrix.
y	Response vector.
params	Parameter grid generated by <a href="#">cv_param_grid()</a> .
n_folds	Number of folds. Default is 5.
n_threads	The number of parallel threads. For optimal speed, match this to the number of physical CPU cores, not threads. See respective model documentation for more details. Default is 1.
seed	Random seed for reproducibility.
verbose	Show progress?

## Value

A data frame containing the complete tuning grid and the AUC values, with the best parameter combination and the highest AUC value.

**Examples**

```
sim_data <- msaenet::msaenet.sim.binomial(  
  n = 100,  
  p = 10,  
  rho = 0.6,  
  coef = rnorm(5, mean = 0, sd = 10),  
  snr = 1,  
  p.train = 0.8,  
  seed = 42  
)  
  
params <- cv_xgboost(  
  sim_data$x.tr,  
  sim_data$y.tr,  
  params = cv_param_grid(  
    n_iterations = c(100, 200),  
    max_depth = c(3, 5),  
    learning_rate = c(0.1, 0.5)  
  ),  
  n_folds = 5,  
  n_threads = 1,  
  seed = 42,  
  verbose = FALSE  
)  
  
params$df
```

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is\_installed\_catboost *Is catboost installed?*

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**Description**

Is catboost installed?

**Usage**

```
is_installed_catboost()
```

**Value**

TRUE if installed, FALSE if not.

**Examples**

```
is_installed_catboost()
```

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`is_installed_lightgbm` *Is lightgbm installed?*

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**Description**

Is lightgbm installed?

**Usage**

```
is_installed_lightgbm()
```

**Value**

TRUE if installed, FALSE if not.

**Examples**

```
is_installed_lightgbm()
```

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`is_installed_xgboost` *Is xgboost installed?*

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**Description**

Is xgboost installed?

**Usage**

```
is_installed_xgboost()
```

**Value**

TRUE if installed, FALSE if not.

**Examples**

```
is_installed_xgboost()
```

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lightgbm_train	<i>Train lightgbm model</i>
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## Description

Train lightgbm model

## Usage

```
lightgbm_train(data, label, params, ...)
```

## Arguments

data	Training data.
label	Labels.
params	A list of parameters.
...	Additional parameters.

## Value

A model object.

## Examples

```
sim_data <- msaenet::msaenet.sim.binomial(  
  n = 100,  
  p = 10,  
  rho = 0.6,  
  coef = rnorm(5, mean = 0, sd = 10),  
  snr = 1,  
  p.train = 0.8,  
  seed = 42  
)  
  
fit <- suppressWarnings(  
  lightgbm_train(  
    data = sim_data$x.tr,  
    label = sim_data$y.tr,  
    params = list(  
      objective = "binary",  
      learning_rate = 0.1,  
      num_iterations = 100,  
      max_depth = 3,  
      num_leaves = 2^3 - 1,  
      num_threads = 1  
    ),  
    verbose = -1  
  )  
)
```

```
)
fit
```

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```
predict.stackgbm      Make predictions from a stackgbm model object
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### Description

Make predictions from a stackgbm model object

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'stackgbm'
predict(object, newx, threshold = 0.5, classes = c(1L, 0L), ...)
```

### Arguments

object	A stackgbm model object.
newx	New predictor matrix.
threshold	Decision threshold. Default is 0.5.
classes	The class encoding vector of the predicted outcome. The naming and order will be respected.
...	Unused.

### Value

A list of two vectors presenting the predicted classification probabilities and predicted response.

### Examples

```
sim_data <- msaenet::msaenet.sim.binomial(
  n = 1000,
  p = 50,
  rho = 0.6,
  coef = rnorm(25, mean = 0, sd = 10),
  snr = 1,
  p.train = 0.8,
  seed = 42
)

params_xgboost <- structure(
  list("nrounds" = 200, "eta" = 0.05, "max_depth" = 3),
  class = c("cv_params", "cv_xgboost")
)

params_lightgbm <- structure(
  list("num_iterations" = 200, "max_depth" = 3, "learning_rate" = 0.05),
```

```

  class = c("cv_params", "cv_lightgbm")
)
params_catboost <- structure(
  list("iterations" = 100, "depth" = 3),
  class = c("cv_params", "cv_catboost")
)

fit <- stackgbm(
  sim_data$x.tr,
  sim_data$y.tr,
  params = list(
    params_xgboost,
    params_lightgbm,
    params_catboost
  )
)

predict(fit, newx = sim_data$x.te)

```

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stackgbm

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*Model stacking for boosted trees*


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## Description

Model stacking with a two-layer architecture: first layer being boosted tree models fitted by xgboost, lightgbm, and catboost; second layer being a logistic regression model.

## Usage

```
stackgbm(x, y, params, n_folds = 5L, seed = 42, verbose = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

x	Predictor matrix.
y	Response vector.
params	A list of optimal parameter objects for boosted tree models derived from <a href="#">cv_xgboost()</a> , <a href="#">cv_lightgbm()</a> , and <a href="#">cv_catboost()</a> . The order does not matter.
n_folds	Number of folds. Default is 5.
seed	Random seed for reproducibility.
verbose	Show progress?

## Value

Fitted boosted tree models and stacked tree model.

**Examples**

```
sim_data <- msaenet::msaenet.sim.binomial(
  n = 1000,
  p = 50,
  rho = 0.6,
  coef = rnorm(25, mean = 0, sd = 10),
  snr = 1,
  p.train = 0.8,
  seed = 42
)

params_xgboost <- structure(
  list("nrounds" = 200, "eta" = 0.05, "max_depth" = 3),
  class = c("cv_params", "cv_xgboost")
)

params_lightgbm <- structure(
  list("num_iterations" = 200, "max_depth" = 3, "learning_rate" = 0.05),
  class = c("cv_params", "cv_lightgbm")
)

params_catboost <- structure(
  list("iterations" = 100, "depth" = 3),
  class = c("cv_params", "cv_catboost")
)

fit <- stackgbm(
  sim_data$x.tr,
  sim_data$y.tr,
  params = list(
    params_xgboost,
    params_lightgbm,
    params_catboost
  )
)

predict(fit, newx = sim_data$x.te)
```

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`xgboost_dmatrix`*Create xgb.DMatrix object*

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**Description**

Create xgb.DMatrix object

**Usage**`xgboost_dmatrix(data, label = NULL, ...)`

**Arguments**

data	Matrix or file.
label	Labels (optional).
...	Additional parameters.

**Value**

An xgb.DMatrix object.

**Examples**

```

sim_data <- msaenet::msaenet.sim.binomial(
  n = 100,
  p = 10,
  rho = 0.6,
  coef = rnorm(5, mean = 0, sd = 10),
  snr = 1,
  p.train = 0.8,
  seed = 42
)

xgboost_dmatrix(sim_data$x.tr, label = sim_data$y.tr)
xgboost_dmatrix(sim_data$x.te)

```

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xgboost_train	<i>Train xgboost model</i>
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**Description**

Train xgboost model

**Usage**

```
xgboost_train(params, data, nrounds, ...)
```

**Arguments**

params	A list of parameters.
data	Training data.
nrounds	The Maximum number of boosting iterations.
...	Additional parameters.

**Value**

A model object.



**Examples**

```
sim_data <- msaenet::msaenet.sim.binomial(  
  n = 100,  
  p = 10,  
  rho = 0.6,  
  coef = rnorm(5, mean = 0, sd = 10),  
  snr = 1,  
  p.train = 0.8,  
  seed = 42  
)  
  
x_train <- xgboost_dmatrix(sim_data$x.tr, label = sim_data$y.tr)  
  
fit <- xgboost_train(  
  params = list(  
    objective = "binary:logistic",  
    eval_metric = "auc",  
    max_depth = 3,  
    eta = 0.1  
  ),  
  data = x_train,  
  nrounds = 100,  
  nthread = 1  
)  
  
fit
```

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