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GEV Conditional Density Estimation Network

#### **Description**

Parameters in a Generalized Extreme Value (GEV) distribution are specified as a function of covariates using a conditional density estimation network (CDN), which is a probabilistic variant of the multilayer perceptron neural network. If the covariate is time or is dependent on time, then the GEV CDN model can be used to perform nonlinear, nonstationary GEV analysis of hydrological or climatological time series. Owing to the flexibility of the neural network architecture, the model is capable of representing a wide range of nonstationary relationships, including those involving interactions between covariates. Model parameters are estimated by generalized maximum likelihood, an approach that is tailored to the estimation of GEV parameters from geophysical time series.

#### **Details**

Procedures for fitting GEV CDN models are provided by the functions <code>gevcdn.fit</code> and <code>gevcdn.bag</code>. Once a model has been developed, <code>gevcdn.evaluate</code> is used to evaluate the GEV distribution parameters as a function of covariates. Confidence intervals for GEV parameters and specified quantiles can be estimated using <code>gevcdn.bootstrap</code>. All other functions are used internally and should not normally need to be called directly by the user.

Note: the GEV distribution functions dgev, pgev, qgev, and rgev are from the archived VGAM 1.0-6 package. The convention for the sign of the shape parameter is opposite to that used in hydrology and thus differs from Cannon (2010).

#### References

Cannon, A.J., 2010. A flexible nonlinear modelling framework for nonstationary generalized extreme value analysis in hydroclimatology. Hydrological Processes, 24: 673-685. DOI: 10.1002/hyp.7506

Cannon, A.J., 2011. GEVcdn: an R package for nonstationary extreme value analysis by generalized extreme value conditional density estimation network, Computers & Geosciences, 37: 1532-1533. DOI: 10.1016/j.cageo.2011.03.005

Yee, T.W., 2018. VGAM: Vector Generalized Linear and Additive Models. R package version 1.0-6.

gev

Generalized extreme value distribution

#### Description

Generalized extreme value density, distribution, quantile, and random variate functions.

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#### **Usage**

```
dgev(x, location = 0, scale = 1, shape = 0, log = FALSE,
    tolshape0 = sqrt(.Machine$double.eps))
pgev(q, location = 0, scale = 1, shape = 0, lower.tail = TRUE,
    log.p = FALSE)
qgev(p, location = 0, scale = 1, shape = 0, lower.tail = TRUE,
    log.p = FALSE)
rgev(n, location = 0, scale = 1, shape = 0)

dgumbel(x, location = 0, scale = 1, log = FALSE)
pgumbel(q, location = 0, scale = 1, lower.tail = TRUE, log.p = FALSE)
qgumbel(p, location = 0, scale = 1, lower.tail = TRUE, log.p = FALSE)
rgumbel(n, location = 0, scale = 1)

is.Numeric(x, length.arg = Inf, integer.valued = FALSE,
    positive = FALSE)
```

#### **Arguments**

vector of quantiles. x, q vector of probabilities. р number of observations. location the location parameter mu. the (positive) scale parameter sigma. Must consist of positive values. scale shape the shape parameter xi. log Logical. lower.tail, log.p Logical. tolshape0 Positive numeric. Threshold/tolerance value for resting whether xi is zero. If the absolute value of the estimate of xi is less than this value then it will be assumed zero and a Gumbel distribution will be used. length.arg, integer.valued, positive

Arguments of internally called is. Numeric function.

gevcdn.bag

Fit an ensemble of GEV CDN models via bagging

#### Description

Used to fit an ensemble of GEV CDN models using bootstrap aggregation (bagging) and, optionally, early stopping.

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#### Usage

#### **Arguments**

Х	covariate matrix with number of rows equal to the number of samples and number of columns equal to the number of variables.
у	column matrix of target values with number of rows equal to the number of samples.
iter.max	maximum number of iterations of optimization algorithm.
iter.step	number of iterations between which the value of the cost function is calculated on the out-of-bootstrap samples; used during stopped training.
n.bootstrap	number of ensemble members trained during bootstrap aggregation (bagging).
n.hidden	number of hidden nodes in each GEV CDN ensemble member.
Th	hidden layer transfer function; defaults to gevcdn.logistic.
fixed	vector indicating GEV parameters to be held constant; elements chosen from c("location", "scale", "shape")
init.range	<pre>range for random weights on [min(init.range), max(init.range)]</pre>
scale.min	minimum allowable value for the GEV scale parameter.
beta.p	shape1 parameter for shifted beta distribution prior for GEV shape parameter
beta.q	shape2 parameter for shifted beta distribution prior for GEV shape parameter
sd.norm	sd parameter for normal distribution prior for the magnitude of input-hidden layer weights; equivalent to weight penalty regularization.
method	$optimization \ method \ for \ optim \ function; must be \ chosen \ from \ c ("BFGS", "Nelder-Mead").$
max.fails	maximum number of repeated exceptions allowed during optimization.
silent	logical value indicating whether or not cost function information should be reported every iter.step iterations.
	additional arguments passed to the control list of optim function.

#### **Details**

Bootstrap aggregation (bagging) (Breiman, 1996) is used as an alternative to gevcdn.fit for fitting an ensemble of nonstationary GEV CDN models (Cannon, 2010). Each ensemble member is trained on bootstrapped x and y sample pairs. As an added check on overfitting, early stopping, whereby training is stopped prior to convergence of the optimization algorithm, can be turned on. In this case, the "best" iteration for stopping optimization is chosen based on model performance on out-of-bag samples. Additional details on the bagging/early stopping procedure can be found in Cannon

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and Whitfield (2001, 2002). Unlike gevcdn.fit, where models of increasing complexity are fitted and the one that satisfies some model selection criterion is chosen for final use, model selection in gevcdn.bag is implicit. Ensemble averaging and, optionally, early stopping are used to limit model complexity. One need only set n.hidden to avoid underfitting.

Note: values of x and y need not be standardized or rescaled by the user. All variables are automatically scaled to range between 0 and 1 prior to fitting and parameters are automatically rescaled by gevcdn.evaluate.

#### Value

a list of length n. bootstrap with elements consisting of

W1 input-hidden layer weights
W2 hidden-output layer weights

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Attributes indicating the minimum/maximum values of x and y; the values of Th, fixed, scale.min; a logical value stopped.training indicating whether or not early stopping was used; and the minimum value of the cost function on the out-of-bag samples cost.valid are also returned.

#### References

Breiman, L., 1996. Bagging predictors. Machine Learning, 24(2): 123-140. DOI: 10.1007/BF00058655 Cannon, A.J., 2010. A flexible nonlinear modelling framework for nonstationary generalized extreme value analysis in hydroclimatology. Hydrological Processes, 24: 673-685. DOI: 10.1002/hyp.7506 Cannon, A.J. and P.H. Whitfield, 2001. Modeling transient pH depressions in coastal streams of British Columbia using neural networks, 37(1): 73-89. DOI: 10.1111/j.1752-1688.2001.tb05476.x Cannon, A.J. and P.H. Whitfield, 2002. Downscaling recent streamflow conditions in British Columbia,

Canada using ensemble neural network models. Journal of Hydrology, 259: 136-151. DOI:

#### See Also

gevcdn.cost, gevcdn.evaluate, gevcdn.fit, gevcdn.bootstrap, dgev, optim

#### **Examples**

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```
## Not run:
## Fit ensemble of models with early stopping turned on
weights.on <- gevcdn.bag(x = x, y = y, iter.max = 100,
                          iter.step = 10, n.bootstrap = 10,
                          n.hidden = 2)
parms.on <- lapply(weights.on, gevcdn.evaluate, x = x)
## 10th, 50th, and 90th percentiles
q.10.on \leftarrow q.50.on \leftarrow q.90.on \leftarrow matrix(NA, ncol=length(parms.on),
                                          nrow=nrow(x))
for(i in seq_along(parms.on)){
    q.10.on[,i] <- qgev(p = 0.1,
                         location = parms.on[[i]][,"location"],
                         scale = parms.on[[i]][,"scale"],
                         shape = parms.on[[i]][,"shape"])
    q.50.on[,i] \leftarrow qgev(p = 0.5,
                         location = parms.on[[i]][,"location"],
                         scale = parms.on[[i]][,"scale"],
                         shape = parms.on[[i]][,"shape"])
    q.90.on[,i] \leftarrow qgev(p = 0.9,
                         location = parms.on[[i]][,"location"],
                         scale = parms.on[[i]][,"scale"],
                         shape = parms.on[[i]][,"shape"])
}
## Plot data and quantiles
matplot(cbind(y, q, rowMeans(q.10.on), rowMeans(q.50.on),
        rowMeans(q.90.on)), type = c("b", rep("l", 6)),
        lty = c(1, rep(c(1, 2, 1), 2)),
        lwd = c(1, rep(c(3, 2, 3), 2)),
        col = c("red", rep("orange", 3), rep("blue", 3)),
        pch = 19, xlab = "x", ylab = "y",
        main = "gevcdn.bag (early stopping on)")
## End(Not run)
```

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Bootstrapped confidence intervals for GEV CDN parameters and quantiles

#### **Description**

Used to assist in the calculation of bootstrapped confidence intervals for GEV location, scale, and shape parameters, as well as for specified quantiles. Residual and parametric bootstrap estimates are supported.

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#### Usage

#### **Arguments**

n.bootstrap	number of bootstrap trials used to calculate confidence intervals.
х	covariate matrix with number of rows equal to the number of samples and number of columns equal to the number of variables.
у	column matrix of target values with number of rows equal to the number of samples.
iter.max	maximum number of iterations of optimization algorithm.
n.hidden	number of hidden nodes in each GEV CDN ensemble member.
Th	hidden layer transfer function; defaults to gevcdn.logistic.
fixed	vector indicating GEV parameters to be held constant; elements chosen from c("location", "scale", "shape")
init.range	<pre>range for random weights on [min(init.range), max(init.range)]</pre>
scale.min	minimum allowable value for the GEV scale parameter.
beta.p	shape1 parameter for shifted beta distribution prior for GEV shape parameter
beta.q	shape2 parameter for shifted beta distribution prior for GEV shape parameter
sd.norm	sd parameter for normal distribution prior for the magnitude of input-hidden layer weights; equivalent to weight penalty regularization.
n.trials	number of repeated trials used to avoid shallow local minima during optimization
method	optimization method for $optim$ function; must be chosen from $c("BFGS", "Nelder-Mead")$ .
boot.method	bootstrap method; must be chosen from c("residual", "parametric").
init.from.prev	logical value indicating whether or not optimization runs should be initialized from the final weights of the previous run.
max.fails	maximum number of repeated exceptions allowed during optimization
probs	vector of cumulative probabilities for which quantile confidence intervals are desired.
	additional arguments passed to the control list of optim function

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#### **Details**

Note: the boot package provides a more comprehensive suit of methods for estimating bootstrapbased confidence intervals.

#### Value

```
a list consisting of
weights.bootstrap
                  a list of length n. bootstrap consisting of weights following the format returned
                  by gevcdn.fit
parms.bootstrap
                  a list of length n. bootstrap consisting of GEV parameters following the format
                  returned by gevcdn.evaluate
location.bootstrap
                  a matrix of GEV location parameters with number of rows equal to that of x and
                  number of columns equal to n.bootstrap
scale.bootstrap
                  a matrix of GEV scale parameters with number of rows equal to that of x and
                  number of columns equal to n. bootstrap
shape.bootstrap
                  a matrix of GEV shape parameters with number of rows equal to that of x and
                  number of columns equal to n. bootstrap
quantiles.bootstrap
                  a list of length n.bootstrap with each consisting of a matrix with number of
```

References

Cannon, A.J., 2010. A flexible nonlinear modelling framework for nonstationary generalized extreme value analysis in hydroclimatology. Hydrological Processes, 24: 673-685. DOI: 10.1002/hyp.7506

rows equal to that of x and columns corresponding to probs

#### See Also

```
gevcdn.cost, gevcdn.evaluate, gevcdn.fit, gevcdn.bag, dgev, optim
```

#### **Examples**

```
## Generate synthetic data

x <- as.matrix(seq(0.1, 1, length = 50))

loc <- x^2
scl <- x/2
sch <- seq(-0.1, 0.3, length = length(x))

set.seed(100)
y <- as.matrix(rgev(length(x), location = loc, scale = scl, shape = shp))</pre>
```

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```
## Not run:
## Fit 30 bootstrapped models
CI \leftarrow gevcdn.bootstrap(n.bootstrap = 30, x = x, y = y,
                       iter.max = 100, n.hidden = 2,
                       Th = gevcdn.logistic, n.trials = 1,
                       boot.method = "residual",
                       probs = c(0.1, 0.5, 0.9)
## Plot data and percentile confidence intervals for GEV parameters
par(mfrow = c(2, 2))
matplot(x, y, type = "b", pch = 19, col = "red", xlab = "x",
        ylab = "y", main = "gevcdn.bootstrap")
matplot(x, cbind(loc, t(apply(CI$location.bootstrap, 1, quantile,
        p = c(0.025, 0.975))), type = c("1", "b", "b"), pch = 20,
        1wd = 3, col = c("black", rep("green", 2)), <math>xlab = "x",
        ylab = "location", main = "location CI")
matplot(x, cbind(scl, t(apply(CI$scale.bootstrap, 1, quantile,
        p = c(0.025, 0.975))), type = c("1", "b", "b"), pch = 20,
        1wd = 3, col = c("black", rep("orange", 2)), <math>xlab = "x",
        ylab = "scale", main = "scale CI")
matplot(x, cbind(shp, t(apply(CI$shape.bootstrap, 1, quantile,
        p = c(0.025, 0.975))), type = c("1", "b", "b"), pch = 20,
        lwd = 3, col = c("black", rep("brown", 2)), xlab = "x",
        ylab = "shape", main = "shape CI")
## End(Not run)
```

gevcdn.cost

Cost function for GEV CDN model fitting

### Description

The generalized maximum likelihood (GML) cost function used for GEV CDN model fitting (Martins and Stedinger, 2000). Calculates the negative of the logarithm of the GML, which includes a shifted beta distribution prior for the GEV shape parameter. A normal distribution prior can also be set for the magnitude of the input-hidden layer weights, thus leading to weight penalty regularization.

#### Usage

#### Arguments

weights

weight vector of length returned by gevcdn.initialize.

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Х	covariate matrix with number of rows equal to the number of samples and number of columns equal to the number of variables.
У	column matrix of target values with number of rows equal to the number of samples.
n.hidden	number of hidden nodes in the GEV CDN model.
Th	hidden layer transfer function; defaults to gevcdn.logistic.
fixed	vector indicating GEV parameters to be held constant; elements chosen from $c("location", "scale", "shape")$
scale.min	minimum allowable value for the GEV scale parameter.
beta.p	shape1 parameter for shifted beta distribution prior for GEV shape parameter.
beta.q	shape2 parameter for shifted beta distribution prior for GEV shape parameter.
sd.norm	sd parameter for normal distribution prior for the magnitude of input-hidden layer weights; equivalent to weight penalty regularization.

#### References

Martins, E.S. and J.R. Stedinger, 2000. Generalized maximum-likelihood generalized extremevalue quantile estimators for hydrologic data. Water Resources Research, 36: 737-744. DOI: 10.1029/1999WR900330

#### See Also

```
gevcdn.fit, gevcdn.bag, dgev, optim
```

gevcdn.evaluate	Evaluate parameters from trained GEV CDN model

#### Description

Evaluate a trained GEV CDN model, resulting in a matrix with columns corresponding to the location, scale, and shape parameters of the GEV distribution.

#### Usage

```
gevcdn.evaluate(x, weights)
```

#### Arguments

X	covariate matrix with number of rows equal to the number of samples and number of columns equal to the number of variables.
weights	list containing GEV CDN input-hidden and hidden-output layer weight matrices from gevcdn. fit or gevcdn. bag.

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#### Value

a matrix with number of rows equal to that of x and columns corresponding to the GEV location, scale, and shape parameters.

#### References

Cannon, A.J., 2010. A flexible nonlinear modelling framework for nonstationary generalized extreme value analysis in hydroclimatology. Hydrological Processes, 24: 673-685. DOI: 10.1002/hyp.7506

#### See Also

```
gevcdn.fit, gevcdn.bag, dgev
```

#### **Examples**

gevcdn.fit

Fit a GEV CDN model

#### Description

Fit a GEV CDN model via nonlinear optimization of the generalized maximum likelihood cost function.

#### Usage

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#### **Arguments**

X	covariate matrix with number of rows equal to the number of samples and number of columns equal to the number of variables.
у	column matrix of target values with number of rows equal to the number of samples.
iter.max	maximum number of iterations of optimization algorithm.
n.hidden	number of hidden nodes in the GEV CDN model.
Th	hidden layer transfer function; defaults to gevcdn.logistic.
fixed	vector indicating GEV parameters to be held constant; elements chosen from c("location", "scale", "shape")
init.range	<pre>range for random weights on [min(init.range), max(init.range)]</pre>
scale.min	minimum allowable value for the GEV scale parameter.
beta.p	shape1 parameter for shifted beta distribution prior for GEV shape parameter.
beta.q	shape2 parameter for shifted beta distribution prior for GEV shape parameter.
sd.norm	sd parameter for normal distribution prior for the magnitude of input-hidden layer weights; equivalent to weight penalty regularization.
n.trials	number of repeated trials used to avoid shallow local minima during optimization
method	optimization method for $optim$ function; must be chosen from $c("BFGS", "Nelder-Mead")$ .
max.fails	maximum number of repeated exceptions allowed during optimization
	additional arguments passed to the control list of optim function

#### Details

Fit a nonstationary GEV CDN model (Cannon, 2010) by minimizing a cost function based on the generalized maximum likelihood of Martins and Stedinger (2000). The hidden layer transfer function Th should be set to gevcdn.logistic for a nonlinear model and to gevcdn.identity for a linear model. In the nonlinear case, the number of hidden nodes n.hidden controls the overall complexity of the model. GEV parameters can be held constant (i.e., stationary) via the fixed argument. The form of the shifted beta distribution prior for the GEV shape parameter is controlled by the beta.p and beta.q arguments. By default, these are set to values used in Cannon (2010). Other alternatives include values recommended by Martins and Stedinger (2000) (beta.p = 9 and beta.q = 6) or values following from the normal distribution reported by Papalexiou and Koutsoyiannis (2013) (beta.p = 71.1 and beta.q = 44.7). Weight penalty regularization for the magnitude of the input-hidden layer weights can be applied by setting sd.norm to a value less than Inf.

Values of the Akaike information criterion (AIC), Akaike information criterion with small sample size correction (AICc), and Bayesian information criterion (BIC) are calculated to assist in model selection. It is possible for such criteria to fail in the face of overfitting, for example with a nonlinear model and n. hidden set too high, as the GEV distribution may converge on one or more samples. This can usually be diagnosed by inspecting the scale parameter for near zero values. In this case, one can apply a weight penalty (via sd.norm), although this rules out the use of AIC/AICc/BIC for model selection as the effective number of model parameters will no longer equal the number of weights in the GEV CDN model. Alternatively, a lower threshold (as a proportion of the range of

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y) for the scale parameter can be set via scale.min. Finally, bootstrap aggregation is available via gevcdn.bag as a second method for fitting GEV CDN models.

Note: values of x and y need not be standardized or rescaled by the user. All variables are automatically scaled to range between 0 and 1 prior to fitting and parameters are automatically rescaled by gevcdn.evaluate.

#### Value

a list consisting of

W1 input-hidden layer weights
W2 hidden-output layer weights

Attributes indicating the minimum/maximum values of x and y; the values of Th, fixed, scale.min; the negative of the logarithm of the generalized maximum likelihood GML, the negative of the logarithm of the likelihood NLL, the value of the penalty term penalty, the Bayesian information criterion BIC, the Akaike information criterion with (AICc) and without (AIC) small sample size correction; and the number of model parameters k are also returned.

#### References

Cannon, A.J., 2010. A flexible nonlinear modelling framework for nonstationary generalized extreme value analysis in hydroclimatology. Hydrological Processes, 24: 673-685. DOI: 10.1002/hyp.7506

Martins, E.S. and J.R. Stedinger, 2000. Generalized maximum-likelihood generalized extremevalue quantile estimators for hydrologic data. Water Resources Research, 36:737-744. DOI: 10.1029/1999WR900330

Papalexiou, S.M. and Koutsoyiannis, D., 2013. Battle of extreme value distributions: A global survey on extreme daily rainfall. Water Resources Research, 49(1), 187-201. DOI: 10.1029/2012WR012557

#### See Also

gevcdn.cost, gevcdn.evaluate, gevcdn.bag, gevcdn.bootstrap, dgev, optim

#### **Examples**

```
## Generate synthetic data, quantiles

x <- as.matrix(seq(0.1, 1, length = 50))

loc <- x^2
scl <- x/2
sch <- seq(-0.1, 0.3, length = length(x))

set.seed(100)
y <- as.matrix(rgev(length(x), location = loc, scale = scl, shape = shp))
q <- sapply(c(0.1, 0.5, 0.9), qgev, location = loc, scale = scl, shape = shp)

## Define a hierarchy of models of increasing complexity</pre>
```

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```
models <- vector("list", 4)</pre>
# Stationary model
models[[1]] <- list(Th = gevcdn.identity,</pre>
                     fixed = c("location", "scale", "shape"))
# Linear model
models[[2]] <- list(Th = gevcdn.identity)</pre>
# Nonlinear, 1 hidden node
models[[3]] <- list(n.hidden = 1, Th = gevcdn.logistic)</pre>
# Nonlinear, 2 hidden nodes
models[[4]] <- list(n.hidden = 2, Th = gevcdn.logistic)</pre>
## Fit models
weights.models <- vector("list", length(models))</pre>
for(i in seq_along(models)){
    weights.models[[i]] \leftarrow gevcdn.fit(x = x, y = y, n.trials = 1,
                                        n.hidden = models[[i]]$n.hidden,
                                        Th = models[[i]]$Th,
                                        fixed = models[[i]]$fixed)
}
## Select model with minimum AICc
models.AICc <- sapply(weights.models, attr, which = "AICc")</pre>
weights.best <- weights.models[[which.min(models.AICc)]]</pre>
parms.best <- gevcdn.evaluate(x, weights.best)</pre>
## 10th, 50th, and 90th percentiles
q.best <- sapply(c(0.1, 0.5, 0.9), qgev,
                  location = parms.best[,"location"],
                  scale = parms.best[,"scale"],
                  shape = parms.best[,"shape"])
## Plot data and quantiles
matplot(x, cbind(y, q, q.best), type = c("b", rep("l", 6)),
        lty = c(1, rep(c(1, 2, 1), 2)),
        lwd = c(1, rep(c(3, 2, 3), 2)),
        col = c("red", rep("orange", 3), rep("blue", 3)),
        pch = 19, xlab = "x", ylab = "y", main = "gevcdn.fit")
```

gevcdn.identity

Identity function

#### Description

gevcdn.identity computes a trivial identity function. Used as the hidden layer transfer function for linear GEV CDN models.

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#### Usage

```
gevcdn.identity(x)
```

#### **Arguments**

x a numeric vector

#### See Also

```
gevcdn.logistic
```

gevcdn.initialize

Initialize GEV CDN weight vector

#### Description

Random initialization of the weight vector used during fitting of the GEV CDN model.

#### Usage

```
gevcdn.initialize(x, n.hidden, init.range)
```

#### **Arguments**

x covariate matrix with number of rows equal to the number of samples and num-

ber of columns equal to the number of variables.

n.hidden number of hidden nodes in the GEV CDN model.

init.range range for random weights on [min(init.range), max(init.range)]

#### See Also

```
gevcdn.reshape
```

gevcdn.logistic Logistic sigmoid function

#### **Description**

gevcdn.logistic computes the logistic sigmoid (S-shaped) function. Used as the hidden layer transfer function for nonlinear GEV CDN models.

#### Usage

```
gevcdn.logistic(x)
```

gevcdn.reshape

#### **Arguments**

x a numeric vector

#### See Also

```
gevcdn.identity
```

gevcdn.reshape

Reshape a GEV CDN weight vector

#### Description

Reshapes a weight vector used during fitting of the GEV CDN model into input-hidden and hidden-output layer weight matrices.

#### Usage

```
gevcdn.reshape(x, weights, n.hidden)
```

#### Arguments

x covariate matrix with number of rows equal to the number of samples and num-

ber of columns equal to the number of variables.

weights weight vector of length returned by gevcdn.initialize.

n.hidden number of hidden nodes in the GEV CDN model.

#### See Also

```
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