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Description

Computes K-fold cross-validated mean squared error to propose a lambda value for lasso, group lasso, scaled lasso or scaled group lasso.

Usage

```
cv.lasso(X, Y, group = 1:ncol(X), weights = rep(1, max(group)), type,
  K = 10L, minlbd, maxlbd, num.lbdseq = 100L, parallel = FALSE,
  ncores = 2L, plot.it = FALSE, verbose = FALSE)
```

Arguments

X	predictor matrix.
Υ	response vector.
group	p x 1 vector of consecutive integers describing the group structure. The number of groups should be the same as $max(group)$. Default is $group = 1:p$, where p is number of covariates. See examples for a guideline.
weights	weight vector with length equal to the number of groups. Default is rep(1, max(group)).
type	type of penalty. Must be specified to be one of the following: "lasso", "grlasso", "slasso" or "sgrlasso", which correspond to lasso, group lasso, scaled lasso or scaled group lasso.
K	integer. Number of folds
minlbd	numeric. Minimum value of the lambda sequence.
maxlbd	numeric. Maximum value of the lambda sequence.
num.1bdseq	integer. Length of the lambda sequence.
parallel	logical. If parallel = TRUE, uses parallelization. Default is parallel = FALSE.

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ncores integer. The number of cores to use for parallelization.

plot.it logical. If true, plots the squared error curve.

verbose logical.

Value

a value of lambda which gives a minimum squared error.
 a largest lambda within 1 standard error from lbd.min.
 lambda sequence.
 mean squared error at each lambda value.
 the standard deviation of cv.

Examples

```
set.seed(123)
n <- 30
p <- 50
group <- rep(1:(p/10),each=10)
weights <- rep(1, max(group))
X <- matrix(rnorm(n*p),n)
truebeta <- c(rep(1,5),rep(0,p-5))
Y <- X%**truebeta + rnorm(n)

# To accelerate the computational time, we set K=2 and num.lbdseq=2.
# However, in practice, Allowing K=10 and num.lbdseq > 100 is recommended.
cv.lasso(X = X, Y = Y, group = group, weights = weights, K = 2,
type = "grlasso", num.lbdseq = 2, plot.it = FALSE)
cv.lasso(X = X, Y = Y, group = group, weights = weights, K = 2,
type = "sgrlasso", num.lbdseq = 2, plot.it = FALSE)
```

hdIS

Compute importance weights for lasso, group lasso, scaled lasso or scaled group lasso estimator under high-dimensional setting

Description

hdIS computes importance weights using samples drawn by PBsampler. See the examples below for details.

```
hdIS(PBsample, PETarget, sig2Target, lbdTarget, TsA.method = "default",
    log = TRUE, parallel = FALSE, ncores = 2L)
```

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Arguments

Details

computes importance weights which is defined as (target density)/(proposal density), when the samples are drawn from the proposal distribution with the function PBsampler while the parameters of the target distribution are (PETarget, sig2Target, lbdTarget).

Say that we are interested in computing the expectation of a function of a random variable, h(X). Let f(x) be the true or target distribution and g(x) be the proposal distribution. We can approximate the expectation, E[h(X)], by a weighted average of samples, x_i , drawn from the proposal distribution as follows, $E[h(X)] = mean(h(x_i) * f(x_i)/h(x_i))$.

Value

importance weights of the proposed samples.

References

Zhou, Q. (2014), "Monte Carlo simulation for Lasso-type problems by estimator augmentation," Journal of the American Statistical Association, 109, 1495-1516.

Zhou, Q. and Min, S. (2017), "Estimator augmentation with applications in high-dimensional group inference," Electronic Journal of Statistics, 11(2), 3039-3080.

```
set.seed(1234)
n <- 10
p <- 30
Niter <- 10
Group <- rep(1:(p/10), each = 10)
Weights <- rep(1, p/10)
x <- matrix(rnorm(n*p), n)

# Target distribution parameter
PETarget <- rep(0, p)
sig2Target <- .5
lbdTarget <- .37

#
# Using non-mixture distribution</pre>
```

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```
## Proposal distribution parameter
PEProp1 <- rep(1, p)
sig2Prop1 < - .5
lbdProp1 <- 1</pre>
PB <- PBsampler(X = x, PE_1 = PEProp1, sig2_1 = sig2Prop1,
lbd_1 = lbdProp1, weights = Weights, group = Group, niter = Niter,
 type="grlasso", PEtype = "coeff")
hdIS(PB, PETarget = PETarget, sig2Target = sig2Target, lbdTarget = lbdTarget,
log = TRUE)
# Using mixture distribution
# Target distribution parameters (coeff, sig2, lbd) = (rep(0,p), .5, .37)
# Proposal distribution parameters
# (coeff, sig2, lbd) = (rep(0,p), .5, .37) & (rep(1,p), 1, .5)
#
PEProp1 <- rep(0,p); PEProp2 <- rep(1,p)
sig2Prop1 <- .5; sig2Prop2 <- 1
lbdProp1 <- .37; lbdProp2 <- .5</pre>
PBMixture <- PBsampler(X = x, PE_1 = PEProp1,
 sig2_1 = sig2Prop1, lbd_1 = lbdProp1, PE_2 = PEProp2,
 sig2_2 = sig2Prop2, lbd_2 = lbdProp2, weights = Weights, group = Group,
 niter = Niter, type = "grlasso", PEtype = "coeff")
hdIS(PBMixture, PETarget = PETarget, sig2Target = sig2Target, lbdTarget = lbdTarget,
log = TRUE)
```

lassoFit

Compute lasso estimator

Description

Computes lasso, group lasso, scaled lasso, or scaled group lasso solution. The outputs are coefficient-estimate and subgradient. If type = "slasso" or type = "sgrlasso", the output will include estimated standard deviation.

Usage

```
lassoFit(X, Y, type, lbd, group = 1:ncol(X), weights = rep(1, max(group)),
  verbose = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

```
X predictor matrix.
```

Y response vector.

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type	type of penalty. Must be specified to be one of the following: "lasso", "grlasso", "slasso" or "sgrlasso", which correspond to lasso, group lasso, scaled lasso or scaled group lasso.
1bd	penalty term of lasso. By letting this argument be "cv.1se" or "cv.min", users can have the cross-validated lambda that gives either minimum squared error or that is within 1 std error bound.
group	p x 1 vector of consecutive integers describing the group structure. The number of groups should be the same as $max(group)$. Default is group = 1:p, where p is number of covariates.
weights	weight vector with length equal to the number of groups. Default is weights = $rep(1, max(group))$.
verbose	logical. Only available for type = "slasso" or type = "sgrlasso".
• • •	auxiliary arguments for lbd = "cv.min", lbd = "cv.1se". See cv.lasso for details.

Details

Computes lasso, group lasso, scaled lasso, or scaled group lasso solution. Users can specify the value of lbd or choose to run cross-validation to get optimal lambda in term of mean squared error. Coordinate decent algorithm is used to fit scaled lasso and scaled group lasso models.

Value

```
B0 coefficient estimator.

S0 subgradient.

sigmaHat estimated standard deviation.

lbd, weights, group
same as input arguments.
```

References

Mitra, R. and Zhang, C. H. (2016), "The benefit of group sparsity in group inference with de-biased scaled group lasso," Electronic Journal of Statistics, 10, 1829-1873.

Yang, Y. and Zou, H. (2015), "A Fast Unified Algorithm for Computing Group-Lasso Penalized Learning Problems," Statistics and Computing, 25(6), 1129-1141.

```
set.seed(123)
n <- 50
p <- 10
X <- matrix(rnorm(n*p), n)
Y <- X %*% c(1, 1, rep(0, p-2)) + rnorm(n)
#
# lasso
#
lassoFit(X = X, Y = Y, type = "lasso", lbd = .5)
#
# group lasso</pre>
```

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MHLS

Metropolis-Hastings lasso sampler under a fixed active set.

Description

Metropolis-Hastings sampler to simulate from the sampling distribution of lasso given a fixed active set.

Usage

```
MHLS(X, PE, sig2, lbd, weights = rep(1, ncol(X)), B0, S0, A = which(B0 !=
0), tau = rep(1, ncol(X)), niter = 2000, burnin = 0, PEtype = "coeff",
updateS.itv = 1, verbose = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

Χ	predictor matrix.
PE, sig2, lbd	parameters of target distribution. (point estimate of beta or E(y) depends on PEtype, variance estimate of error and lambda).
weights	weight vector with length p(the number of covariates). Default is weights = $rep(1, p)$.
В0	numeric vector with length p. Initial value of lasso estimator.
S0	numeric vector with length p. Initial value of subgradients. If not given, this will be generated in a default way.
A	numeric vector. Active coefficient index. Every active coefficient index in B0 must be included. Default is A = which(B0 != 0).
tau	numeric vector with length p. Standard deviation of proposal distribution for each coefficient.
niter	integer. The number of iterations. Default is niter = 2000
burnin	integer. The length of burin-in periods. Default is burnin = 0
PEtype	Type of PE which is needed to characterize the target distribution. Users can choose either "coeff" or "mu".

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updateS.itv integer. Update subgradients every updateS.itv iterations. Set this value larger than niter if one wants to skip updating subgradients.
 verbose logical. If true, print out the progress step.
 complementary arguments.

- FlipSA: optional parameter. This has to be a subset of active set, A. If the index is not listed in FlipSA, the sign of coefficients which correspond to the listed index will remain fixed. The default is FlipSA=A
- SFindex: optional parameter, subgradient index for the free coordinate.
- randomSFindex : logical. If true, resample SFindex every updateSF.itv iterations.
- updateSF.itv : integer. In every updateSF.itv iterations, randomize SFindex.

Details

Given appropriate initial value, provides Metropolis-Hastings samples under the fixed active set. From the initial values, B0 and S0, MHLS draws beta and subgrad samples. In every iteration, given t-th iteration values, t-th beta and t-th subgrad, a new set of proposed beta and subgradient is sampled. We either accept the proposed sample and use that as (t+1)-th iteration values or reuse t-th iteration values.

See Zhou(2014) for more details.

Value

MHLS returns an object of class "MHLS". The functions summary.MHLS and plot.MHLS provide a brief summary and generate plots.

```
beta lasso samples.
subgrad subgradient samples.
acceptHistory numbers of acceptance and proposal.
niter, burnin, PE, type
same as function arguments.
```

References

Zhou, Q. (2014), "Monte Carlo simulation for Lasso-type problems by estimator augmentation," Journal of the American Statistical Association, 109, 1495-1516.

```
#-----
# Low dim
#-----
set.seed(123)
n <- 10
p <- 5
X <- matrix(rnorm(n * p), n)
Y <- X %*% rep(1, p) + rnorm(n)
```

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```
sigma2 <- 1
1bd <- .37
weights <- rep(1, p)
LassoResult <- lassoFit(X = X, Y = Y, lbd = lbd, type = "lasso", weights = weights)
B0 <- LassoResult$B0
S0 <- LassoResult$S0
MHLS(X = X, PE = rep(0, p), sig2 = 1, lbd = 1,
     weights = weights, B0 = B0, S0 = S0, niter = 50, burnin = 0,
     PEtype = "coeff")
MHLS(X = X, PE = rep(0, n), sig2 = 1, lbd = 1,
     weights = weights, B0 = B0, S0 = S0, niter = 50, burnin = 0,
     PEtype = "mu")
# High dim
set.seed(123)
n <- 5
p <- 10
X <- matrix(rnorm(n*p),n)</pre>
Y <- X %*% rep(1,p) + rnorm(n)
weights <- rep(1,p)</pre>
LassoResult <- lassoFit(X = X,Y = Y,lbd = lbd, type = "lasso", weights = weights)
B0 <- LassoResult$B0
S0 <- LassoResult$S0
MHLS(X = X, PE = rep(0, p), sig2 = 1, lbd = 1,
     weights = weights, B0 = B0, S0 = S0, niter = 50, burnin = 0,
     PEtype = "coeff")
MHLS(X = X, PE = rep(0, n), sig2 = 1, lbd = 1,
     weights = weights, B0 = B0, S0 = S0, niter = 50, burnin = 0,
     PEtype = "mu")
```

PB.CI

Provide (1-alpha)% confidence interval of each coefficients

Description

Using samples drawn by PBsampler, computes (1-alpha)% confidence interval of each coefficient.

Usage

```
PB.CI(object, alpha = 0.05, method = "debias", parallel = FALSE,
    ncores = 2L)
```

Arguments

object bootstrap samples of class PB from PBsampler

alpha significance level.

method bias-correction method. Either to be "none" or "debias".

```
parallel logical. If TRUE, use parallelization. Default is FALSE. ncores integer. The number of cores to use for parallelization.
```

Details

If method = "none", PB.CI simply compute the two-sided (1-alpha) quantile of the sampled coefficients. If method = "debias", we use debiased estimator to compute confidence interval.

Value

(1-alpha)% confidence interval of each coefficients

References

Zhang, C., Zhang, S. (2014), "Confidence intervals for low dimensional parameters in high dimensional linear models," Journal of the Royal Statistical Society: Series B, 76, 217–242.

Dezeure, R., Buhlmann, P., Meier, L. and Meinshausen, N. (2015), "High-Dimensional Inference: Confidence Intervals, p-values and R-Software hdi," Statistical Science, 30(4), 533-558

Examples

```
set.seed(1234)
n <- 40
p <- 50
Niter <- 10
X <- matrix(rnorm(n*p), n)
object <- PBsampler(X = X, PE_1 = c(1,1,rep(0,p-2)), sig2_1 = 1, lbd_1 = .5,
niter = 100, type = "lasso")
parallel <- (.Platform$0S.type != "windows")
PB.CI(object = object, alpha = .05, method = "none")</pre>
```

PBsampler

Parametric bootstrap sampler for lasso, group lasso, scaled lasso or scaled group lasso estimator

Description

Draw gaussian bootstrap or wild multiplier bootstrap samples for lasso, group lasso, scaled lasso and scaled group lasso estimators along with their subgradients.

```
PBsampler(X, PE_1, sig2_1, lbd_1, PE_2, sig2_2, lbd_2, weights = rep(1,
max(group)), group = 1:ncol(X), niter = 2000, type, PEtype = "coeff",
Btype = "gaussian", Y = NULL, parallel = FALSE, ncores = 2L,
verbose = FALSE)
```

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Arguments

predictor matrix.

PE_1, sig2_1, lbd_1

parameters of target distribution. (point estimate of beta or E(y) depends on PEtype, variance estimate of error and lambda) sig2_1 is only needed when

Btype = "wild".

PE_2, sig2_2, lbd_2

additional parameters of target distribution. This is required only if mixture

distribution is used. sig2 2 is only needed when Btype = "wild".

weight vector with length equal to the number of groups. Default is rep(1, max(group)). weights

p x 1 vector of consecutive integers describing the group structure. The number group

of groups should be the same as max(group). Default is group = 1:p, where p

is number of covariates. See examples for a guideline.

integer. The number of iterations. Default is niter = 2000 niter

type of penalty. Must be specified to be one of the following: "lasso", "grlasso", "slasso" type

or "sgrlasso".

Type of PE which is needed to characterize the target distribution. Users can **PEtype**

choose either "coeff" or "mu".

Btype Type of bootstrap method. Users can choose either "gaussian" for gaussian

bootstrap or "wild" for wild multiplier bootstrap. Default is "gaussian".

Υ response vector. This is only required when Btype = "wild".

logical. If parallel = TRUE, uses parallelization. Default is parallel = FALSE. parallel

integer. The number of cores to use for parallelization. ncores verbose logical. This works only when parallel = FALSE.

Details

This function provides bootstrap samples for lasso, group lasso, scaled lasso or scaled group lasso estimator and its subgradient.

The sampling distribution is characterized by (PE, sig2, lbd). If Btype = "gaussian", error_new is generated from N(0, sig2). If Btype = "wild", we first generate error_new from N(0, 1) and multiply with the residuals. Then, if PEtype = "coeff", y_new is generated by X * PE + error_new and if PEtype = "mu", y_new is generated by PE + error_new.

By providing (PE_2, sig2_2, 1bd_2), this function simulates from a mixture distribution. With 1/2 probability, samples will be drawn from the distribution with parameters (PE_1, sig2_1, lbd_1) and with another 1/2 probability, they will be drawn from the distribution with parameters (PE_2, sig2_2, lbd_2). Four distinct penalties can be used; "lasso" for lasso, "grlasso" for group lasso, "slasso" for scaled lasso and "sgrlasso" for scaled group lasso. See Zhou(2014) and Zhou and Min(2017) for details.

Value

coefficient estimate. beta

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```
hsigma standard deviation estimator, for type="slasso" or type="sgrlasso" only.

X, PE, sig2, weights, group, type, PEtype, Btype, Y, mixture model parameters.
```

References

Zhou, Q. (2014), "Monte Carlo simulation for Lasso-type problems by estimator augmentation," Journal of the American Statistical Association, 109, 1495-1516.

Zhou, Q. and Min, S. (2017), "Estimator augmentation with applications in high-dimensional group inference," Electronic Journal of Statistics, 11(2), 3039-3080.

Examples

```
set.seed(1234)
n <- 10
p < -30
Niter <- 10
Group <- rep(1:(p/10), each = 10)
Weights \leftarrow rep(1, p/10)
x <- matrix(rnorm(n*p), n)</pre>
# Using non-mixture distribution
PBsampler(X = x, PE_1 = rep(0, p), sig2_1 = 1, lbd_1 = .5,
weights = Weights, group = Group, type = "grlasso", niter = Niter, parallel = FALSE)
PBsampler(X = x, PE_1 = rep(0, p), sig2_1 = 1, lbd_1 = .5,
weights = Weights, group = Group, type = "grlasso", niter = Niter, parallel = TRUE)
# Using mixture distribution
PBsampler(X = x, PE_1 = rep(0, p), sig2_1 = 1, lbd_1 = .5,
PE_2 = rep(1, p), sig2_2 = 2, lbd_2 = .3, weights = Weights,
 group = Group, type = "grlasso", niter = Niter, parallel = TRUE)
```

plot.MHLS

Plot Metropolis-Hastings sampler outputs

Description

Provides six plots for each covariate index; histogram, path plot and acf plot for beta and for its subgradient.

```
## S3 method for class 'MHLS'
plot(x, index = 1:ncol(x$beta), skipS = FALSE, ...)
```

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Arguments

```
    x an object of class "MHLS", which is an output of MHLS.
    index an index of covariates to plot.
    skipS logical. If skipS = TRUE, plots beta only.
    additional arguments passed to or from other methods.
```

Details

plot. MHLS provides summary plots of beta and subgradient. The first column provides histogram of beta and subgradient, while the second and the third columns provide path and acf plots, respectively. If skipS = TRUE, this function provides summary plots for beta only.

Examples

postInference.MHLS

Post-inference with lasso estimator

Description

Provides confidence intervals for the set of active coefficients of lasso using Metropolis-Hastings sampler.

```
postInference.MHLS(X, Y, lbd, weights = rep(1, ncol(X)), tau = rep(1, ncol(X)), sig2.hat, alpha = 0.05, nChain = 10, method, niterPerChain = 500, parallel = FALSE, ncores = 2L, returnSamples = FALSE, ...)
```

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Arguments

Χ	predictor matrix.
Υ	response vector.
lbd	penalty term of lasso. By letting this argument be "cv.1se" or "cv.min", users can have the cross-validated lambda that gives either minimum squared error or that is within 1 std error bound.
weights	weight vector with length equal to the number of coefficients. Default is $rep(1, ncol(X))$.
tau	numeric vector. Standard deviation of proposal distribution for each beta. Adjust the value to get relevant level of acceptance rate. Default is rep(1, ncol(X)).
sig2.hat	variance of error term.
alpha	confidence level for confidence interval.
nChain	the number of chains. For each chain, different plug-in beta will be generated from its confidence region.
method	Type of robust method. Users can choose either "coeff" or "mu".
niterPerChain	the number of iterations per chain.
parallel	logical. If parallel = TRUE, uses parallelization. Default is parallel = FALSE.
ncores	integer. The number of cores to use for parallelization.
returnSamples	logical. If returnSamples = TRUE, print Metropolis-Hastings samples.

Details

This function provides post-selection inference for the active coefficients selected by lasso. Uses Metropolis-Hastings sampler with multiple chains to draw from the distribution under a fixed active set and generates (1-alpha) confidence interval for each active coefficients. Set returnSamples = TRUE to check the Metropolis-Hastings samples. Check the acceptance rate and adjust tau accordingly. We recommend to set nChain >= 10 and niterPerChain >= 500.

Value

```
MHsamples a list of class MHLS.
confidenceInterval
(1-alpha) confidence interval for each active coefficient.
```

auxiliary MHLS arguments.

```
set.seed(123)
n <- 6
p <- 10
X <- matrix(rnorm(n*p),n)
Y <- X %*% rep(1,p) + rnorm(n)
sig2 <- 1
lbd <- .37
weights <- rep(1,p)
parallel <- (.Platform$0S.type != "windows")</pre>
```

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```
postInference.MHLS(X = X, Y = Y, lbd = lbd, sig2.hat = 1, alpha = .05,
nChain = 3, niterPerChain = 20, method = "coeff", parallel = parallel)
postInference.MHLS(X = X, Y = Y, lbd = lbd, sig2.hat = 1, alpha = .05,
nChain = 3, niterPerChain = 20, method = "coeff", parallel = parallel, returnSamples = TRUE)
postInference.MHLS(X = X, Y = Y, lbd = lbd, sig2.hat = 1, alpha = .05,
nChain = 3, niterPerChain = 20, method = "mu", parallel = parallel)
postInference.MHLS(X = X, Y = Y, lbd = lbd, sig2.hat = 1, alpha = .05,
nChain = 3, niterPerChain = 20, method = "mu", parallel = parallel, returnSamples = TRUE)
```

print.MHLS

Print Metropolis-Hastings sampler outputs

Description

Print a brief summary of the MH sampler outputs.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'MHLS' print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x an object of class "MHLS", which is a result of MHLS.
... additional print arguments.

Details

print.MHLS prints out last 10 iterations and a brief summary of the simulation; number of iterations, number of burn-in periods, PE, PEtype and acceptance rate.

Value

Above results are silently returned.

```
set.seed(123)
n <- 10
p <- 5
X <- matrix(rnorm(n * p), n)
Y <- X %*% rep(1, p) + rnorm(n)
sigma2 <- 1
lbd <- .37
weights <- rep(1, p)
LassoResult <- lassoFit(X = X, Y = Y, lbd = lbd, type="lasso", weights = weights)
B0 <- LassoResult$B0
S0 <- LassoResult$S0
Result <- MHLS(X = X, PE = rep(0, p), sig2 = sigma2, lbd = lbd, group = 1:p,</pre>
```

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```
weights = weights, B0 = B0, S0 = S0, niter = 50, burnin = 0,
type = "coeff")
print(Result)
```

summary.MHLS

Summarizing Metropolis-Hastings sampler outputs

Description

Summary method for class "MHLS".

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'MHLS'
summary(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object an object of class "MHLS", which is a result of MHLS.
... additional arguments affecting the summary produced.

Details

This function provides a summary of each sampled beta and subgradient.

Value

mean, median, standard deviation, 2.5% quantile and 97.5% quantile for each beta and its subgradient.

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