Package 'bws'

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Title Bayesian Weighted Sums

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Newschaffer (2021) <doi:10.3390/ijerph18041373>.
This implementation includes an extension to model binary outcome.

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References

Stan Development Team (2020). RStan: the R interface to Stan. R package version 2.21.2. https://mc-stan.org

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Fits a Bayesian Weighted Sums as described in Bayesian Weighted Sums: A Flexible Approach to Estimate Summed Mixture Effects. Ghassan B. Hamra 1, Richard F. MacLehose, Lisa Croen, Elizabeth M. Kauffman and Craig Newschaffer. 2021. International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health. An extension for binary outcome is included.

Usage

```
bws(iter, y, X, Z = NULL, alpha = NULL, family = "gaussian", ...)
```

Arguments

iter	Number of Hamiltonian Monte Carlo iterations
y	Am n-vector of outcomes
X	An n-by-p matrix of mixtures to be weighted-summed
Z	Default NULL. A matrix of confounders whose linear effects are estimated
alpha	A p-vector of hyperparameters for the Dirichlet prior on the weights. Default to be a vector of 1's.
family	A string "gaussian" for linear regression and "binomial" for logistic regression
...	Additional arguments for rstan::sampling

Value

An object of class `stanfit` returned by `rstan::sampling`

Examples

```
N <- 50; P <- 3; K <- 2
X <- matrix(rnorm(N*P), N, P)
Z <- matrix(rnorm(N*K), N, K)  # confounders
theta0 <- 0.5; theta1 <- 1.25
w <- c(0.3, 0.2, 0.5)
beta <- c(0.5, 0.3)
y <- theta0 + theta1*(X%*%w) + Z%*%beta + rnorm(N)
fit <- bws::bws(iter = 2000, y = y, X = X, Z = Z, family = "gaussian",
                chains = 2, cores = 2, refresh = 0)
```

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