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Description

Estimation and Prediction Methods for High-Dimensional Mixed Frequency Time Series Data

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alfred_vintages

ALFRED monthly and quarterly series vintages

Description

ALFRED monthly and quarterly series vintages

Usage

```
data(alfred_vintages)
```

Format

A list objects

Source

ALFRED

Examples

```
data(alfred_vintages)
i <- 1
alfred_vintages[[i]] # ith variable</pre>
```

cv.panel.sglfit

Cross-validation fit for panel sg-LASSO

Description

Does k-fold cross-validation for panel data sg-LASSO regression model.

The function runs sglfit nfolds+1 times; the first to get the path solution in lambda sequence, the rest to compute the fit with each of the folds omitted. The average error and standard deviation over the folds is computed, and the optimal regression coefficients are returned for lam.min and lam.1se. Solutions are computed for a fixed γ .

Usage

```
cv.panel.sglfit(x, y, lambda = NULL, gamma = 1.0, gindex = 1:p, nfolds = 10,
  foldid, method = c("pooled", "fe"), nf = NULL, parallel = FALSE, ...)
```

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Arguments

x NT by p data matrix, where NT and p respectively denote the sample size of pooled data and the number of regressors.

y NT by 1 response variable.

lambda a user-supplied lambda sequence. By leaving this option unspecified (recom-

mended), users can have the program compute its own λ sequence based on nlambda and γ lambda.factor. It is better to supply, if necessary, a decreasing sequence of lambda values than a single (small) value, as warm-starts are used in the optimization algorithm. The program will ensure that the user-supplied

lambda sequence is sorted in decreasing order before fitting the model.

gamma sg-LASSO mixing parameter. $\gamma = 1$ gives LASSO solution and $\gamma = 0$ gives

group LASSO solution.

gindex p by 1 vector indicating group membership of each covariate.

nfolds number of folds of the cv loop. Default set to 10.

foldid the fold assignments used.

method choose between 'pooled' and 'fe'; 'pooled' forces the intercept to be fitted in

sglfit, 'fe' computes the fixed effects. User must input the number of fixed effects nf for method = 'fe', and it is recommended to do so for method = 'pooled'. Program uses supplied nf to construct foldsid. Default is set to

method = 'pooled'.

nf number of fixed effects. Used only if method = 'fe'.

parallel if TRUE, use parallel foreach to fit each fold. Must register parallel before hand,

such as doMC or others. See the example below.

... Other arguments that can be passed to sglfit.

Details

The cross-validation is run for sg-LASSO linear model. The sequence of linear regression models implied by λ vector is fit by block coordinate-descent. The objective function is either (case method='pooled')

$$\|y - \iota \alpha - x\beta\|_{NT}^2 + 2\lambda \Omega_{\gamma}(\beta)$$

where $\iota \in R^{NT}$ and α is common intercept to all N items or (case method='fe')

$$||y - B\alpha - x\beta||_{NT}^2 + 2\lambda\Omega_{\gamma}(\beta),$$

where $B = I_N \times \iota$ and $||u||_{NT}^2 = \langle u, u \rangle / NT$ is the empirical inner product. The penalty function $\Omega_{\gamma}(.)$ is applied on β coefficients and is

$$\Omega_{\gamma}(\beta) = \gamma |\beta|_1 + (1 - \gamma)|\beta|_{2,1},$$

a convex combination of LASSO and group LASSO penalty functions.

Value

cv.panel.sglfit object.

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Author(s)

Jonas Striaukas

Examples

```
set.seed(1)
x = matrix(rnorm(100 * 20), 100, 20)
beta = c(5,4,3,2,1,rep(0, times = 15))
y = x\%*\%beta + rnorm(100)
gindex = sort(rep(1:4,times=5))
cv.panel.sglfit(x = x, y = y, gindex = gindex, gamma = 0.5, method = "fe", nf = 10,
       standardize = FALSE, intercept = FALSE)
 ## Not run:
# Parallel
require(doMC)
registerDoMC(cores = 2)
x = matrix(rnorm(1000 * 20), 1000, 20)
beta = c(5,4,3,2,1,rep(0, times = 15))
y = x\%*\%beta + rnorm(1000)
gindex = sort(rep(1:4,times=5))
system.time(cv.panel.sglfit(x = x, y = y, gindex = gindex, gamma = 0.5, method = "fe", nf = 10, gamma = 0.5, method = "fe", nf = 10, gamma = 0.5, method = "fe", nf = 10, gamma = 0.5, method = "fe", nf = 10, gamma = 0.5, method = "fe", nf = 10, gamma = 0.5, method = "fe", nf = 10, gamma = 0.5, method = "fe", nf = 10, gamma = 0.5, method = "fe", nf = 10, gamma = 0.5, method = "fe", nf = 10, gamma = 0.5, method = "fe", nf = 10, gamma = 0.5, method = "fe", nf = 10, gamma = 0.5, method = "fe", nf = 10, gamma = 0.5, method = "fe", nf = 10, gamma = 0.5, method = "fe", nf = 10, gamma = 0.5, method = "fe", nf = 10, gamma = 0.5, method = "fe", nf = 10, gamma = 0.5, method = "fe", nf = 10, gamma = 0.5, method = "fe", nf = 10, gamma = 0.5, method = "fe", nf = 10, gamma = 0.5, method = "fe", nf = 10, gamma = 0.5, method = "fe", nf = 10, gamma = 0.5, method = "fe", nf = 10, gamma = 0.5, method = "fe", nf = 10, gamma = 0.5, method = "fe", nf = 10, gamma = 0.5, method = "fe", nf = 10, gamma = 0.5, method = "fe", nf = 10, gamma = 0.5, method = "fe", nf = 10, gamma = 0.5, method = "fe", nf = 10, gamma = 0.5, method = "fe", nf = 10, gamma = 0.5, method = "fe", nf = 10, gamma = 0.5, method = "fe", nf = 10, gamma = 0.5, method = "fe", nf = 10, gamma = 0.5, method = "fe", nf = 10, gamma = 0.5, method = "fe", nf = 10, gamma = 0.5, method = "fe", nf = 10, gamma = 0.5, method = "fe", nf = 10, gamma = 0.5, method = "fe", nf = 10, gamma = 0.5, method = "fe", nf = 10, gamma = 0.5, method = "fe", nf = 10, gamma = 0.5, method = "fe", nf = 10, gamma = 0.5, method = "fe", nf = 10, gamma = 0.5, method = "fe", nf = 10, gamma = 0.5, method = "fe", nf = 10, gamma = 0.5, method = "fe", nf = 10, gamma = 0.5, method = "fe", nf = 10, gamma = 0.5, method = "fe", nf = 10, gamma = 0.5, method = "fe", nf = 10, gamma = 0.5, method = "fe", nf = 10, gamma = 0.5, method = "fe", nf = 10, gamma = 0.5, method = 0.5, metho
       standardize = FALSE, intercept = FALSE))
 system.time(cv.panel.sglfit(x = x, y = y, gindex = gindex, gamma = 0.5, method = "fe", nf = 10,
       standardize = FALSE, intercept = FALSE, parallel = TRUE))
 ## End(Not run)
```

cv.sglfit

Cross-validation fit for sg-LASSO

Description

Does k-fold cross-validation for sg-LASSO regression model.

The function runs sglfit nfolds+1 times; the first to get the path solution in lambda sequence, the rest to compute the fit with each of the folds omitted. The average error and standard deviation over the folds is computed, and the optimal regression coefficients are returned for lam.min and lam.1se. Solutions are computed for a fixed γ .

Usage

```
cv.sglfit(x, y, lambda = NULL, gamma = 1.0, gindex = 1:p,
  nfolds = 10, foldid, parallel = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

- T by p data matrix, where T and p respectively denote the sample size and the number of regressors.
- y T by 1 response variable.

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lambda	a user-supplied lambda sequence. By leaving this option unspecified (recommended), users can have the program compute its own λ sequence based on nlambda and γ lambda.factor. It is better to supply, if necessary, a decreasing sequence of lambda values than a single (small) value, as warm-starts are used in the optimization algorithm. The program will ensure that the user-supplied lambda sequence is sorted in decreasing order before fitting the model.
gamma	sg-LASSO mixing parameter. γ = 1 gives LASSO solution and γ = 0 gives group LASSO solution.
gindex	p by 1 vector indicating group membership of each covariate.
nfolds	number of folds of the cv loop. Default set to 10.
foldid	the fold assignments used.
parallel	if TRUE, use parallel foreach to fit each fold. Must register parallel before hand, such as doMC or others. See the example below.
	Other arguments that can be passed to sglfit.

Details

The cross-validation is run for sg-LASSO linear model. The sequence of linear regression models implied by λ vector is fit by block coordinate-descent. The objective function is

$$\|y - \iota \alpha - x\beta\|_T^2 + 2\lambda \Omega_{\gamma}(\beta),$$

where $\iota \in R^T$ and $\|u\|_T^2 = \langle u,u \rangle/T$ is the empirical inner product. The penalty function $\Omega_\gamma(.)$ is applied on β coefficients and is

$$\Omega_{\gamma}(\beta) = \gamma |\beta|_1 + (1 - \gamma)|\beta|_{2.1},$$

a convex combination of LASSO and group LASSO penalty functions.

Value

cv.sglfit object.

Author(s)

Jonas Striaukas

```
set.seed(1)
x = matrix(rnorm(100 * 20), 100, 20)
beta = c(5,4,3,2,1,rep(0, times = 15))
y = x**beta + rnorm(100)
gindex = sort(rep(1:4,times=5))
cv.sglfit(x = x, y = y, gindex = gindex, gamma = 0.5,
    standardize = FALSE, intercept = FALSE)
## Not run:
# Parallel
require(doMC)
```

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```
registerDoMC(cores = 2)
x = matrix(rnorm(1000 * 20), 1000, 20)
beta = c(5,4,3,2,1,rep(0, times = 15))
y = x**beta + rnorm(1000)
gindex = sort(rep(1:4,times=5))
system.time(cv.sglfit(x = x, y = y, gindex = gindex, gamma = 0.5,
    standardize = FALSE, intercept = FALSE))
system.time(cv.sglfit(x = x, y = y, gindex = gindex, gamma = 0.5,
    standardize = FALSE, intercept = FALSE, parallel = TRUE))
## End(Not run)
```

dateMatch

Match dates

Description

Change the date to the beginning of the month date.

Usage

```
dateMatch(x, y)
```

Arguments

x date vector to match with y date vector.

y date vector.

Value

changed date vector.

Author(s)

Jonas Striaukas

gb

gb

Gegenbauer polynomials shifted to [a,b]

Description

For a given set of points in X, computes the orthonormal Gegenbauer polynomials basis of L2 [a,b] for a given degree and α parameter. The Gegenbauer polynomials are a special case of more general Jacobi polynomials. In turn, you may get Legendre polynomials from Gegenbauer by setting $\alpha = 0$, or Chebychev's polynomials by setting $\alpha = 1/2$ or -1/2.

Usage

```
gb(degree, alpha, a = 0, b = 1, jmax = NULL, X = NULL)
```

Arguments

degree	polynomial degree.
alpha	Gegenbauer polynomials parameter.
а	lower shift value (default - 0).
b	upper shift value (default - 1).
jmax	number of high-frequency lags.
Χ	optional evaluation grid vector.

Value

Psi weight matrix with Gegenbauer functions upto degree.

Author(s)

Jonas Striaukas

```
degree <- 3
alpha <- 1
jmax <- 66
gb(degree = degree, alpha = alpha, a = 0, b = 1, jmax = jmax)</pre>
```

ic.panel.sglfit

ic.panel.sglfit	Information criteria fit for panel sg-LASSO
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Description

Does information criteria for panel data sg-LASSO regression model.

The function runs sglfit 1 time; computes the path solution in lambda sequence. Solutions for BIC, AIC and AICc information criteria are returned.

Usage

Arguments

rguments		
Х	NT by p data matrix, where NT and p respectively denote the sample size of pooled data and the number of regressors.	
у	NT by 1 response variable.	
lambda	a user-supplied lambda sequence. By leaving this option unspecified (recommended), users can have the program compute its own λ sequence based on nlambda and lambda.factor. It is better to supply, if necessary, a decreasing sequence of lambda values than a single (small) value, as warm-starts are used in the optimization algorithm. The program will ensure that the user-supplied λ sequence is sorted in decreasing order before fitting the model.	
gamma	sg-LASSO mixing parameter. γ = 1 gives LASSO solution and γ = 0 gives group LASSO solution.	
gindex	p by 1 vector indicating group membership of each covariate.	
method	choose between 'pooled' and 'fe'; 'pooled' forces the intercept to be fitted in sglfit, 'fe' computes the fixed effects. User must input the number of fixed effects nf for method = 'fe'. Default is set to method = 'pooled'.	

Details

nf

The sequence of linear regression models implied by λ vector is fit by block coordinate-descent. The objective function is either (case method='pooled')

number of fixed effects. Used only if method = 'fe'.

Other arguments that can be passed to sglfit.

$$\|y - \iota \alpha - x\beta\|_{NT}^2 + 2\lambda \Omega_{\gamma}(\beta),$$

where $\iota \in R^{NT}$ and α is common intercept to all N items or (case method='fe')

$$||y - B\alpha - x\beta||_{NT}^2 + 2\lambda\Omega_{\gamma}(\beta),$$

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where $B = I_N \times \iota$ and $||u||_{NT}^2 = \langle u, u \rangle / NT$ is the empirical inner product. The penalty function $\Omega_{\gamma}(.)$ is applied on β coefficients and is

$$\Omega_{\gamma}(\beta) = \gamma |\beta|_1 + (1 - \gamma)|\beta|_{2,1},$$

a convex combination of LASSO and group LASSO penalty functions.

Value

ic.panel.sglfit object.

Author(s)

Jonas Striaukas

Examples

```
set.seed(1)
x = matrix(rnorm(100 * 20), 100, 20)
beta = c(5,4,3,2,1,rep(0, times = 15))
y = x%*%beta + rnorm(100)
gindex = sort(rep(1:4,times=5))
ic.panel.sglfit(x = x, y = y, gindex = gindex, gamma = 0.5,
    standardize = FALSE, intercept = FALSE)
```

ic.sglfit

Information criteria fit for sg-LASSO

Description

Does information criteria for sg-LASSO regression model.

The function runs sglfit 1 time; computes the path solution in lambda sequence. Solutions for BIC, AIC and AICc information criteria are returned.

Usage

```
ic.sglfit(x, y, lambda = NULL, gamma = 1.0, gindex = 1:p, ...)
```

Arguments

T by p data matrix, where T and p respectively denote the sample size and the number of regressors.

y T by 1 response variable.

lambda a user-supplied lar

a user-supplied lambda sequence. By leaving this option unspecified (recommended), users can have the program compute its own λ sequence based on nlambda and lambda.factor. It is better to supply, if necessary, a decreasing sequence of lambda values than a single (small) value, as warm-starts are used in the optimization algorithm. The program will ensure that the user-supplied λ sequence is sorted in decreasing order before fitting the model.

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gamma	sg-LASSO mixing parameter. γ = 1 gives LASSO solution and γ = 0 gives group LASSO solution.
gindex	p by 1 vector indicating group membership of each covariate.
	Other arguments that can be passed to sglfit.

Details

The sequence of linear regression models implied by λ vector is fit by block coordinate-descent. The objective function is

$$||y - \iota \alpha - x\beta||_T^2 + 2\lambda \Omega_{\gamma}(\beta),$$

where $\iota \in R^T$ and $\|u\|_T^2 = \langle u, u \rangle / T$ is the empirical inner product. The penalty function $\Omega_{\gamma}(.)$ is applied on β coefficients and is

$$\Omega_{\gamma}(\beta) = \gamma |\beta|_1 + (1 - \gamma)|\beta|_{2,1},$$

a convex combination of LASSO and group LASSO penalty functions.

Value

ic.sglfit object.

Author(s)

Jonas Striaukas

Examples

```
set.seed(1)
x = matrix(rnorm(100 * 20), 100, 20)
beta = c(5,4,3,2,1,rep(0, times = 15))
y = x%*%beta + rnorm(100)
gindex = sort(rep(1:4,times=5))
ic.sglfit(x = x, y = y, gindex = gindex, gamma = 0.5,
    standardize = FALSE, intercept = FALSE)
```

1b

Legendre polynomials shifted to [a,b]

Description

For a given set of points in X, computes the orthonormal Legendre polynomials basis of L2 [a,b] for a given degree.

Usage

```
lb(degree, a = 0, b = 1, jmax = NULL, X = NULL)
```

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Arguments

degree	polynomial degree.
a	lower shift value (default - 0).
b	upper shift value (default - 1).
jmax	number of high-frequency lags.
Χ	optional evaluation grid vector.

Value

Psi weight matrix with Legendre functions upto degree.

Author(s)

Jonas Striaukas

Examples

```
degree <- 3
jmax <- 66
lb(degree = degree, a = 0, b = 1, jmax = jmax)</pre>
```

market_ret

SNP500 returns

Description

SNP500 returns

Usage

```
data(market_ret)
```

Format

A data.frame object.a

Source

```
market_ret - FRED
```

```
data(market_ret)
market_ret$snp500ret
```

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midas.ardl	MIDAS regression	

Description

Fits MIDAS regression model with single high-frequency covariate. Options include linear-in-parameters polynomials (e.g. Legendre) or non-linear polynomials (e.g. exponential Almon). Non-linear polynomial optimization routines are equipped with analytical gradients, which allows fast and accurate optimization.

Usage

Arguments

у	response variable. Continuous for loss_choice = "mse", binary for loss_choice = "logit".	
x	high-frequency covariate lags.	
Z	other lower-frequency covariate(s) or AR lags (both can be supplied in an appended matrix). Either must be supplied.	
loss_choice	which loss function to fit: loss_choice="mse" fits least squares MIDAS regression, loss_choice="logit" fits logit MIDAS regression.	
poly_choice	which MIDAS lag polynomial function to use: poly_choice="expalmon" - exponential Almon polynomials, poly_choice="beta" - Beta density function (need to set poly_spec), poly_choice="legendre" - legendre polynomials (need to set legendre_degree). Default is set to poly_choice="expalmon".	
poly_spec	which Beta density function specification to apply (applicable only for poly_choice="beta"). poly_spec = 0 - all three parameters are fitted, poly_spec = 1 (θ_2 , θ_3) are fitted, poly_spec = 2 (θ_1 , θ_2) are fitted, poly_spec = 3 (θ_2) is fitted. Default is set to poly_spec = 0.	
legendre_degree		
	the degree of legendre polynomials (applicable only for legendre="beta"). Default is set to 3.	
nbtrials	number of initial values tried in multistart optimization. Default is set to poly_spec = 500.	

Details

Several polynomial functional forms are available (poly_choice):

- beta: Beta polynomial
- expalmon: Exp Almon polynomiallegendre: Legendre polynomials.

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The ARDL-MIDAS model is:

$$y_t = \mu + \sum_{p} \rho_p y_{t-p} + \beta \sum_{j} \omega_j(\theta) x_{t-1}$$

where μ , β , θ , ρ_p are model parameters, p is number of low-frequency and ω is the weight function.

Value

midas.ardl object.

Author(s)

Jonas Striaukas

Examples

```
set.seed(1)
x = matrix(rnorm(100 * 20), 100, 20)
z = rnorm(100)
y = rnorm(100)
midas.ardl(y = y, x = x, z = z)
```

mixed_freq_data

MIDAS data structure

Description

Creates a MIDAS data structure for a single high-frequency covariate and a single low-frequency dependent variable.

Usage

```
mixed_freq_data(data.y, data.ydate, data.x, data.xdate, x.lag, y.lag,
horizon, est.start, est.end, disp.flag = TRUE)
```

Arguments

data.ydate data.x m by 1 low-frequency time series date vector. m by 1 high-frequency time series data vector. data.xdate m by 1 high-frequency time series date vector. x.lag number of high-frequency lags to construct in high-frequency time units. y.lag number of low-frequency lags to construct in low-frequency time units. horizon forecast horizon relative to data.ydate date in high-frequency time units.	data.y	n by 1 low-frequency time series data vector.
data.xdate m by 1 high-frequency time series date vector. x.lag number of high-frequency lags to construct in high-frequency time units. y.lag number of low-frequency lags to construct in low-frequency time units.	data.ydate	n by 1 low-frequency time series date vector.
x.lag number of high-frequency lags to construct in high-frequency time units. y.lag number of low-frequency lags to construct in low-frequency time units.	data.x	m by 1 high-frequency time series data vector.
y.lag number of low-frequency lags to construct in low-frequency time units.	data.xdate	m by 1 high-frequency time series date vector.
	x.lag	number of high-frequency lags to construct in high-frequency time units.
horizon forecast horizon relative to data. ydate date in high-frequency time units	y.lag	number of low-frequency lags to construct in low-frequency time units.
	horizon	forecast horizon relative to data. ydate date in high-frequency time units.

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est.start	estimation start date, taken as the first
est.end	estimation end date, taken as the last \dots . Remaining data after this date is dropped to out-of-sample evaluation data.
disp.flag	display flag to indicate whether or not to display obtained MIDAS data structure in console.

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Value

a list of MIDAS data structure.

Author(s)

Jonas Striaukas

Examples

```
mixed_freq_data_single
```

MIDAS data structure

Description

Creates a MIDAS data structure for a single high-frequency covariate based on low-frequency reference date.

Usage

```
mixed_freq_data_single(data.refdate, data.x, data.xdate, x.lag, horizon,
  est.start, est.end, disp.flag = TRUE)
```

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Arguments

data.refdate n by 1 date vector.

data.x m by 1 high-frequency time series data vector.

data.xdate m by 1 high-frequency time series date vector.

x.lag number of high-frequency lags to construct in high-frequency time units.

horizon forecast horizon relative to data.refdate date in high-frequency time units.

est.start estimation start date, taken as the first

est.end estimation end date, taken as the last Remaining data after this date is

dropped to out-of-sample evaluation data.

disp. flag display flag to indicate whether or not to display obtained MIDAS data struture

in console.

Value

a list of midas data structure.

Author(s)

Jonas Striaukas

Examples

monthBegin

Beginning of the month date

Description

Change the date to the beginning of the month date.

Usage

monthBegin(x)

Arguments

x date value.

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Value

changed date value.

Author(s)

Jonas Striaukas

Examples

```
monthBegin(as.Date("2020-05-15"))
```

monthEnd

End of the month date

Description

Change the date to the end of the month date.

Usage

monthEnd(x)

Arguments

Х

date value.

Value

changed date value.

Author(s)

Jonas Striaukas

```
monthEnd(as.Date("2020-05-15"))
```

```
predict.cv.panel.sglfit

Computes prediction
```

Description

Similar to other predict methods, this functions predicts fitted values from a fitted sglfit object.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'cv.panel.sglfit'
predict(
  object,
  newx,
  s = c("lam.min", "lam.1se"),
  type = c("response"),
  method = c("pooled", "fe"),
  ...
)
```

Arguments

object	fitted cv.panel.sglfit model object.
newx	matrix of new values for x at which predictions are to be made. NOTE: newx must be a matrix, predict function does not accept a vector or other formats of newx.
S	choose between 'lam.min' and 'lam.1se'.
type	type of prediction required. Only response is available. Gives predicted response for regression problems.
method	choose between 'pooled', and 'fe'.
	Not used. Other arguments to predict.

Details

s is the new vector at which predictions are to be made. If s is not in the lambda sequence used for fitting the model, the predict function will use linear interpolation to make predictions. The new values are interpolated using a fraction of predicted values from both left and right lambda indices.

Value

The object returned depends on type.

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.cv.sglfit Computes prediction

Description

Similar to other predict methods, this functions predicts fitted values from a fitted sglfit object.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'cv.sglfit'
predict(object, newx, s = c("lam.min", "lam.1se"), type = c("response"), ...)
```

Arguments

object	fitted cv.sglfit model object.
newx	matrix of new values for x at which predictions are to be made. NOTE: newx must be a matrix, predict function does not accept a vector or other formats of newx.
S	choose between 'lam.min' and 'lam.1se'.
type	type of prediction required. Only response is available. Gives predicted response for regression problems.
• • •	Not used. Other arguments to predict.
method	choose between 'single', 'pooled', and 'fe'.

Details

s is the new vector at which predictions are to be made. If s is not in the lambda sequence used for fitting the model, the predict function will use linear interpolation to make predictions. The new values are interpolated using a fraction of predicted values from both left and right lambda indices.

Value

The object returned depends on type.

```
predict.ic.panel.sglfit

Computes prediction
```

Description

Similar to other predict methods, this functions predicts fitted values from a fitted sglfit object.

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Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'ic.panel.sglfit'
predict(
  object,
  newx,
  s = c("bic", "aic", "aicc"),
  type = c("response"),
  method = c("pooled", "fe"),
  ...
)
```

Arguments

object	fitted ic.panel.sglfit model object.
newx	matrix of new values for x at which predictions are to be made. NOTE: newx must be a matrix, predict function does not accept a vector or other formats of newx.
S	choose between 'bic', 'aic', and 'aicc'.
type	type of prediction required. Only response is available. Gives predicted response for regression problems.
method	choose between 'pooled', and 'fe'.
	Not used. Other arguments to predict.

Details

s is the new vector at which predictions are to be made. If s is not in the lambda sequence used for fitting the model, the predict function will use linear interpolation to make predictions. The new values are interpolated using a fraction of predicted values from both left and right lambda indices.

Value

The object returned depends on type.

```
predict.ic.sglfit Computes prediction
```

Description

Similar to other predict methods, this functions predicts fitted values from a fitted sglfit object.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'ic.sglfit'
predict(object, newx, s = c("bic", "aic", "aicc"), type = c("response"), ...)
```

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Arguments

object	fitted cv.sglfit model object.
newx	matrix of new values for x at which predictions are to be made. NOTE: newx must be a matrix, predict function does not accept a vector or other formats of newx.
S	choose between 'bic', 'aic', and 'aicc'.
type	type of prediction required. Only response is available. Gives predicted response for regression problems.
• • •	Not used. Other arguments to predict.

Details

s is the new vector at which predictions are to be made. If s is not in the lambda sequence used for fitting the model, the predict function will use linear interpolation to make predictions. The new values are interpolated using a fraction of predicted values from both left and right lambda indices.

Value

The object returned depends on type.

predict.sglpath	Computes prediction

Description

Similar to other predict methods, this functions predicts fitted values from a fitted sglfit object.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'sglpath'
predict(
  object,
  newx,
  s = NULL,
  type = c("response"),
  method = c("single", "pooled", "fe"),
  ...
)
```

Arguments

object fitted sglfit model object.

newx matrix of new values for x at which predictions are to be made. NOTE: newx

must be a matrix, predict function does not accept a vector or other formats of

newx.

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Default is the entire sequence used to create the model.

type type of prediction required. Only response is available. Gives predicted response

for regression problems.

method choose between 'single', 'pooled', and 'fe'.

... Not used. Other arguments to predict.

Details

s is the new vector at which predictions are to be made. If s is not in the lambda sequence used for fitting the model, the predict function will use linear interpolation to make predictions. The new values are interpolated using a fraction of predicted values from both left and right lambda indices.

Value

The object returned depends on type.

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Regression fit for panel sg-LASSO

Description

Fits panel data sg-LASSO regression model.

The function fits sg-LASSO regression based on chosen tuning parameter selection method_choice. Options include cross-validation and information criteria.

Usage

Arguments

X	NT by p	data matrix.	where NT and	n respectively	denote the	sample size of

pooled data and the number of regressors.

y NT by 1 response variable.

gamma sg-LASSO mixing parameter. $\gamma = 1$ gives LASSO solution and $\gamma = 0$ gives

group LASSO solution.

gindex p by 1 vector indicating group membership of each covariate.

intercept whether intercept be fitted (TRUE) or set to zero (FALSE). Default is TRUE.

method_choice choose between ic and cv. ic gives fit based on information criteria (BIC, AIC

or AICc) by running ic.fit, while cv gives fit based on cross-validation by running cv.sglfit. If cv is chosen, optional number of folds nfolds can be

supplied.

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nfolds number of folds of the cv loop. Default set to 10.

method choose between 'pooled' and 'fe'; 'pooled' forces the intercept to be fitted in

sglfit, 'fe' computes the fixed effects. User must input the number of fixed effects nf for method = 'fe', and it is recommended to do so for method = 'pooled'. Program uses supplied nf to construct foldsid if method_choice =

'cv' is chosen. Default is set to method = 'pooled'.

nf number of fixed effects. Used only if method = 'fe'.

verbose flag to print information.

... Other arguments that can be passed to sglfit.

Details

The sequence of linear regression models implied by λ vector is fit by block coordinate-descent. The objective function is either (case method='pooled')

$$||y - \iota \alpha - x\beta||_T^2 + 2\lambda \Omega_{\gamma}(\beta),$$

where $\iota \in R^{NT}$ and α is common intercept to all N items or (case method='fe')

$$||y - B\alpha - x\beta||_T^2 + 2\lambda\Omega_{\gamma}(\beta),$$

where $B = I_N \times \iota$ and $||u||_{NT}^2 = \langle u, u \rangle / NT$ is the empirical inner product. The penalty function $\Omega_{\gamma}(.)$ is applied on β coefficients and is

$$\Omega_{\gamma}(\beta) = \gamma |\beta|_1 + (1 - \gamma)|\beta|_{2,1},$$

a convex combination of LASSO and group LASSO penalty functions.

Value

reg.panel.sgl object.

Author(s)

Jonas Striaukas

```
set.seed(1)
x = matrix(rnorm(100 * 20), 100, 20)
beta = c(5,4,3,2,1,rep(0, times = 15))
y = x***beta + rnorm(100)
gindex = sort(rep(1:4,times=5))
reg.panel.sgl(x = x, y = y,
    gindex = gindex, gamma = 0.5,
    method = "fe", nf = 10,
    standardize = FALSE, intercept = FALSE)
```

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Fit for sg-LASSO regression

Description

Fits sg-LASSO regression model.

The function fits sg-LASSO regression based on chosen tuning parameter selection method_choice. Options include cross-validation and information criteria.

Usage

Arguments

x	T by p data matrix, where T and p respectively denote the sample size and the number of regressors.
у	T by 1 response variable.
gamma	sg-LASSO mixing parameter. γ = 1 gives LASSO solution and γ = 0 gives group LASSO solution.
gindex	p by 1 vector indicating group membership of each covariate.
intercept	whether intercept be fitted (TRUE) or set to zero (FALSE). Default is TRUE.
method_choice	choose between tscv ic and cv. tscv fits sg-LASSO based on time series cross-validation (see tscv.sglfit), ic fits sg-LASSO based on information criteria (BIC, AIC or AICc, see ic.sglfit), cv fits sg-LASSO based on cross-validation (see cv.sglfit). Additional arguments for each method choice are passed on to the relevant functions.
verbose	flag to print information.

Details

The sequence of linear regression models implied by λ vector is fit by block coordinate-descent. The objective function is

Other arguments that can be passed to sglfit.

$$||y - \iota \alpha - x\beta||_T^2 + 2\lambda \Omega_{\gamma}(\beta),$$

where $\iota \in R^T$ and $\|u\|_T^2 = \langle u, u \rangle / T$ is the empirical inner product. The penalty function $\Omega_\gamma(.)$ is applied on β coefficients and is

$$\Omega_{\gamma}(\beta) = \gamma |\beta|_1 + (1 - \gamma)|\beta|_{2,1},$$

a convex combination of LASSO and group LASSO penalty functions.

Value

reg.sgl object.

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Author(s)

Jonas Striaukas

Examples

```
set.seed(1)
x = matrix(rnorm(100 * 20), 100, 20)
beta = c(5,4,3,2,1,rep(0, times = 15))
y = x%*%beta + rnorm(100)
gindex = sort(rep(1:4,times=5))
reg.sgl(x = x, y = y, gamma = 0.5, gindex = gindex)
```

rgdp_dates

Real GDP release dates

Description

Real GDP release dates

Usage

```
data(rgdp_dates)
```

Format

A list objects

Source

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```
data(rgdp_dates)
rgdp_dates$Quarter_q # reference quarters in quarters
rgdp_dates$Quarter_m # reference quarters in months
rgdp_dates$Quarter_d # reference quarters in days
rgdp_dates$`First release` # first release date for the reference
rgdp_dates$`Second release` # second release date for the reference
rgdp_dates$`Third release` # third release date for the reference
```

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Real GDP vintages

Description

Real GDP vintages

Usage

```
data(rgdp_vintages)
```

Format

A list objects

Source

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Examples

```
data(rgdp_vintages)
rgdp_vintages$date # dates
rgdp_vintages$time_series # series, q-q annual rate
rgdp_vintages$realtime_period # real time dates
```

sglfit

Fits sg-LASSO regression

Description

Fits sg-LASSO regression model. The function fits sg-LASSO regression model for a sequence of λ tuning parameter and fixed γ tuning parameter. The optimization is based on block coordinate-descent. Optionally, fixed effects are fitted.

Usage

```
sglfit(x, y, gamma = 1.0, nlambda = 100L, method = c("single", "pooled", "fe"),
    nf = NULL, lambda.factor = ifelse(nobs < nvars, 1e-02, 1e-04),
    lambda = NULL, pf = rep(1, nvars), gindex = 1:nvars,
    dfmax = nvars + 1, pmax = min(dfmax * 1.2, nvars), standardize = FALSE,
    intercept = FALSE, eps = 1e-08, maxit = 1000000L, peps = 1e-08)</pre>
```

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Arguments

x T by p data matrix, where T and p respectively denote the sample size and the

number of regressors.

y T by 1 response variable.

gamma sg-LASSO mixing parameter. $\gamma = 1$ gives LASSO solution and $\gamma = 0$ gives

group LASSO solution.

nlambda number of λ 's to use in the regularization path; used if lambda = NULL.

method choose between 'single', 'pooled' and 'fe'; 'single' implies standard sg-LASSO

regression, 'pooled' forces the intercept to be fitted, 'fe' computes the fixed effects. User needs to input the number of fixed effects nf. Default is set to

'single'.

nf number of fixed effects. Used only if method = 'fe'.

lambda.factor The factor for getting the minimal λ in the λ sequence, where min(lambda) =

lambda.factor * max(lambda). max(lambda) is the smallest value of lambda for which all coefficients are zero. λ_{max} is determined for each γ tuning parameter separately. The default depends on the relationship between T (the sample size) and p (the number of predictors). If T < p, the default is 0.001. If T > p, the default is 0.0001, closer to zero. The smaller the value of lambda.factor is,

the denser is the fit for λ_{min} . Used only if lambda = NULL.

lambda a user-supplied lambda sequence. By leaving this option unspecified (recom-

mended), users can have the program compute its own lambda sequence based on nlambda and lambda.factor. It is better to supply, if necessary, a decreasing sequence of lambda values than a single (small) value, as warm-starts are used in the optimization algorithm. The program will ensure that the user-

supplied λ sequence is sorted in decreasing order before fitting the model.

pf the ℓ_1 penalty factor of length p used for the adaptive sg-LASSO. Separate ℓ_1

penalty weights can be applied to each coefficient to allow different $\ell_1 + \ell_{2,1}$ shrinkage. Can be 0 for some variables, which imposes no shrinkage, and results in that variable always be included in the model. Default is 1 for all variables.

gindex p by 1 vector indicating group membership of each covariate.

dfmax the maximum number of variables allowed in the model. Useful for very large

p when a partial path is desired. Default is p+1. In case method='fe', dfmax is

ignored.

pmax the maximum number of coefficients allowed ever to be nonzero. For exam-

ple, once $\beta_i \neq 0$ for some $i \in [p]$, no matter how many times it exits or re-enters the model through the path, it will be counted only once. Default is

min(dfmax*1.2, p).

standardize logical flag for variable standardization, prior to fitting the model sequence. The

coefficients are always returned to the original scale. It is recommended to keep

standardize=TRUE. Default is FALSE.

intercept whether intercept be fitted (TRUE) or set to zero (FALSE). Default is FALSE.

In case method='pooled', intercept=TRUE is forced. In case method='fe', intercept=FALSE is forced and entity specific intercepts are fitted in a sepa-

rate output variable a0.

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eps	convergence threshold for block coordinate descent. Each inner block coordinate-descent loop continues until the maximum change in the objective after any coefficient update is less than thresh times the null deviance. Defaults value is 1e-8.
maxit	maximum number of outer-loop iterations allowed at fixed lambda values. Default is 1e6. If the algorithm does not converge, consider increasing maxit.
peps	convergence threshold for proximal map of sg-LASSO penalty. Each loop continues until G group difference sup-norm, $\ \beta_G^k - \beta_G^{k-1}\ _{\infty}$, is less than peps. Defaults value is 1e-8.

Details

The sequence of linear regression models implied by λ vector is fit by block coordinate-descent. The objective function is

$$||y - \iota \alpha - x\beta||_T^2 + 2\lambda \Omega_{\gamma}(\beta),$$

where $\iota \in R^T$ and $\|u\|_T^2 = \langle u, u \rangle / T$ is the empirical inner product. The penalty function $\Omega_{\gamma}(.)$ is applied on β coefficients and is

$$\Omega_{\gamma}(\beta) = \gamma |\beta|_1 + (1 - \gamma)|\beta|_{2,1},$$

a convex combination of LASSO and group LASSO penalty functions.

Value

sglfit object.

Author(s)

Jonas Striaukas

Examples

```
set.seed(1)
x = matrix(rnorm(100 * 20), 100, 20)
beta = c(5,4,3,2,1,rep(0, times = 15))
y = x%*%beta + rnorm(100)
gindex = sort(rep(1:4,times=5))
sglfit(x = x, y = y, gindex = gindex, gamma = 0.5)
```

thetafit

Nodewise LASSO regressions to fit the precision matrix Θ

Description

Fits the precision matrix Θ by running nodewise LASSO regressions.

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Usage

```
thetafit(x, parallel = FALSE, ncores = getOption("mc.cores", NULL),
    intercept = FALSE, K = 20, l = 5, seed = NULL, verbose = FALSE,
    registerpar = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

x T by p data matrix, where T and p respectively denote the sample size and the

number of regressors.

parallel if TRUE, use parallel foreach to fit nodewise LASSO regressions. Parallel regis-

tered within the function.

ncores number of cores used in parallelization

intercept whether intercept be fitted (TRUE) or set to zero (FALSE). Default is FALSE.

K number of folds of the cv loop. Default set to 20.

the gap used to drop observations round test set data. See tscv.sglfit for more

details.

seed set a value for seed to control results replication, i.e. set.seed(seed) is used.

seed is stored in the output list. Default set to as.numeric(Sys.Date()).

verbose if TRUE, prints progress bar. Default set to FALSE.

registerpar if TRUE, register parallelization using registerDoParallel. Default set to

TRUE.

... Other arguments that can be passed to tscv.sglfit.

Details

The function runs tscv.sglfit p times by regressing j-th covariate on all other covariates excluding j-th covariate. The precision matrix is then constructed based on LASSO estimates. Each nodewise LASSO regression tuning parameter λ is optimized using time series cross-validation. See tscv.sglfit for more details on cross-validation implementation.

Value

thetafit object.

Author(s)

Jonas Striaukas

```
set.seed(1)
x = matrix(rnorm(100 * 20), 100, 20)
thetafit(x = x, parallel = FALSE)
```

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tscv.sglfit	Time series cross-validation	on fit for sq-LASSO
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Description

Does k-fold time series cross-validation for sg-LASSO regression model.

The function runs sglfit K+1 times; the first to get the path solution in lambda sequence, the rest to compute the fit with each of the test observation $k \in K$. The average error and standard deviation over the folds is computed, and the optimal regression coefficients are returned for lam.min and lam.1se. Solutions are computed for a fixed γ .

Usage

```
tscv.sglfit(x, y, lambda = NULL, gamma = 1.0, gindex = 1:p,
  K = 20, l = 5, parallel = FALSE, seed = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

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x	T by p data matrix, where T and p respectively denote the sample size and the number of regressors.
У	T by 1 response variable.
lambda	a user-supplied lambda sequence. By leaving this option unspecified (recommended), users can have the program compute its own λ sequence based on nlambda and γ lambda .factor . It is better to supply, if necessary, a decreasing sequence of lambda values than a single (small) value, as warm-starts are used in the optimization algorithm. The program will ensure that the user-supplied lambda sequence is sorted in decreasing order before fitting the model.
gamma	sg-LASSO mixing parameter. γ = 1 gives LASSO solution and γ = 0 gives group LASSO solution.
gindex	p by 1 vector indicating group membership of each covariate.
K	number of observations drawn for the test set. Default set to 20.
1	the gap used to drop observations round the test set data point. Default set to 5.
parallel	if TRUE, use parallel foreach to fit each fold. Must register parallel before hand, such as doMC or others. See the example below.
seed	set a value for seed to control results replication, i.e. set.seed(seed) is used. seed is stored in the output list. Default set to as.numeric(Sys.Date()).
	Other arguments that can be passed to sglfit.

Details

The cross-validation is run for sg-LASSO linear model. The sequence of linear regression models implied by λ vector is fit by block coordinate-descent. The objective function is

$$||y - \iota \alpha - x\beta||_T^2 + 2\lambda \Omega_{\gamma}(\beta),$$

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where $\iota \in R^T$ and $||u||_T^2 = \langle u, u \rangle / T$ is the empirical inner product. The penalty function $\Omega_{\gamma}(.)$ is applied on β coefficients and is

$$\Omega_{\gamma}(\beta) = \gamma |\beta|_1 + (1 - \gamma)|\beta|_{2,1},$$

a convex combination of LASSO and group LASSO penalty functions.

Value

tscv.sglfit object.

Author(s)

Jonas Striaukas

Examples

```
set.seed(1)
x = matrix(rnorm(100 * 20), 100, 20)
beta = c(5,4,3,2,1,rep(0, times = 15))
y = x\%*\%beta + rnorm(100)
gindex = sort(rep(1:4,times=5))
tscv.sglfit(x = x, y = y, gindex = gindex, gamma = 0.5,
  standardize = FALSE, intercept = FALSE)
## Not run:
# Parallel
require(doMC)
registerDoMC(cores = 2)
x = matrix(rnorm(1000 * 20), 1000, 20)
beta = c(5,4,3,2,1,rep(0, times = 15))
y = x\%*beta + rnorm(1000)
gindex = sort(rep(1:4,times=5))
system.time(tscv.sglfit(x = x, y = y, gindex = gindex, gamma = 0.5,
  standardize = FALSE, intercept = FALSE))
system.time(tscv.sglfit(x = x, y = y, gindex = gindex, gamma = 0.5,
  standardize = FALSE, intercept = FALSE, parallel = TRUE))
## End(Not run)
```

us_rgdp

US real GDP data with several high-frequency predictors

Description

US real GDP, Chicago National Activity Index, Nonfarm payrolls and ADS Index

Usage

```
data(us_rgdp)
```

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Format

```
A list object.a
```

Source

rgdp cfnai payems ads

```
data(us_rgdp)
us_rgdp$rgdp # - GDP data
us_rgdp$cfnai # - CFNAI predictor data
us_rgdp$payems # - Nonfarm payrolls predictor data
us_rgdp$ads # - ADS predictor data
```

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