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**Description** We present a penalized log-density estimation method using Legendre polynomials with lasso penalty to adjust estimate's smoothness. Re-expressing the logarithm of the density estimator via a linear combination of Legendre polynomials, we can estimate parameters by maximizing the penalized log-likelihood function. Besides, we proposed an implementation strategy that builds on the coordinate decent algorithm, together with the Bayesian information criterion (BIC).

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|--------------|----------------------|
| basic_values | Compute basic values |
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Description

Compute basic values

Usage

basic\_values(sm)

Arguments

sm                      List of plde fit

Details

basic\_values function computes transformed variable (sm\$X\_transform), rectangular node points (sm\$nodes) and weights (sm\$weights) for numerical integrations, coefficient vector (sm\$coefficients), basis matrix at node and data points (sm\$B\_mat, sm\$X\_mat), and basis mean (sm\$B\_mean).

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See Also

[legendre\\_polynomial](#)

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|----------------|-----------------------|
| compute_fitted | <i>compute_fitted</i> |
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**Description**

compute\_fitted function gives the fitted values over the input grid points for the fixed tuning parameter  $\lambda$ .

**Usage**

```
compute_fitted(x, sm)
```

**Arguments**

|    |                  |
|----|------------------|
| x  | grid points      |
| sm | List of plde fit |

**Details**

compute\_fitted function computes fitted values of estimates having support for the given data by scaling back and change of variable technique. For more details, see Section 3.2 of the reference.

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**See Also**

[legendre\\_polynomial](#)

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|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| compute_lambdas | <i>Compute lambda sequence</i> |
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### Description

compute\_lambdas function gives the entire decreasing tuning parameter sequence (sm\$lambda) on the log-scale.

### Usage

```
compute_lambdas(sm)
```

### Arguments

|    |                  |
|----|------------------|
| sm | List of plde fit |
|----|------------------|

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| fit_plde | <i>Fit plde for a fixed tuning parameter</i> |
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### Description

fit\_plde gives the plde fit for a fixed tuning parameter

### Usage

```
fit_plde(sm)
```

### Arguments

|    |                  |
|----|------------------|
| sm | List of plde fit |
|----|------------------|

### Details

This is the coordinate descent algorithm for computing  $\hat{\theta}^\lambda$  when the penalty parameter  $\lambda$  is fixed. See Algorithm 1 in the reference for more details.

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**See Also**

[fit\\_plde\\_sub, min\\_q\\_lambda](#)

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fit\_plde\_sub

*Fit plde for a fixed tuning parameter*


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**Description**

fit\_plde\_sub function computes the updated normalizing constant (sm\$c\_coefficients), Legendre density function estimator (sm\$f) and the negative of penalized log-likelihood function (sm\$pen\_loglik) for each iteration.

**Usage**

```
fit_plde_sub(sm)
```

**Arguments**

sm                      List of plde fit

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| legendre_polynomial | <i>legendre_polynomial</i> |
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### Description

legendre\_polynomial gives the Legendre polynomial design matrix over the input node points.

### Usage

```
legendre_polynomial(x, sm)
```

### Arguments

|    |                   |
|----|-------------------|
| x  | input node points |
| sm | List of plde fit  |

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### Examples

```
# clean up
rm(list = ls())
library(plde)
x = seq(-1, 1, length = 200)
L = legendre_polynomial(x, list(dimension = 10))
# Legendre polynomial basis for dimension 1 to 10
matplot(x, L, type = "l")
```

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| min_q_lambda | <i>Minimization of the quadratic approximation to objective function</i> |
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### Description

min\_q\_lambda function gives the coefficient vector (sm\$coefficients) updated by the coordinate descent algorithm iteratively until the quadratic approximation to the objective function converges.

**Usage**

```
min_q_lambda(sm)
```

**Arguments**

|    |                  |
|----|------------------|
| sm | List of plde fit |
|----|------------------|

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**See Also**

[q\\_lambda](#), [update](#)

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|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| model_selection | <i>Optimal model selection</i> |
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**Description**

model\_selection function gives the optimal model over the whole plde fits based on information criterion (AIC, BIC). The optimal model is saved at fit\$optimal.

**Usage**

```
model_selection(fit, method = "AIC")
```

**Arguments**

|        |                                                                     |
|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| fit    | Entire list of plde fit by all tuning parameters                    |
| method | model selection criteria. 'AIC' or 'BIC' is used. Default is 'AIC'. |

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## Description

This function gives the penalized log-density estimation using Legendre polynomials.

## Usage

```
plde(X, initial_dimension = 100, number_lambdas = 200,
      L = -0.9, U = 0.9, ic = 'AIC', epsilon = 1e-5, max_iterations = 1000,
      number_rectangular = 1000, verbose = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

|                    |                                                                                                                                                           |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| X                  | Input vector, of dimension $n$ .                                                                                                                          |
| initial_dimension  | Positive interger that decides initial dimension of Legendre polynomials. Default is 100.                                                                 |
| number_lambdas     | The number of tuning parameter $\lambda$ values. Default is 200.                                                                                          |
| L                  | Lower bound of transformed data. Default is -0.9.                                                                                                         |
| U                  | Upper bound of transformed data. Default is +0.9.                                                                                                         |
| ic                 | Model selection criteria. 'AIC' or 'BIC' is used. Default is 'AIC'.                                                                                       |
| epsilon            | Positive real value that controls the iteration stopping criteria. In general, the smaller the value, convergence needs more iterations. Default is 1e-5. |
| max_iterations     | Positive integer value that decides the maximum number of iterations. Default is 1000.                                                                    |
| number_rectangular | Number of node points for numerical integration                                                                                                           |
| verbose            | verbose                                                                                                                                                   |

## Details

The basic idea of implementation is to approximate the negative log-likelihood function by a quadratic function and then to solve penalized quadratic optimization problem using a coordinate descent algorithm. For a clear exposition of coordinate-wise updating scheme, we briefly explain a penalized univariate quadratic problem and its solution expressed as soft-thresholding operator `soft_thresholding`. We use this univariate case algorithm to update parameter vector coordinate-wisely to find a minimizer.

## Value

A list contains the whole fits of all tuning parameter  $\lambda$  sequence. For example, `fit$sm[[k]]` indicates the fit of  $k$  th lambda.

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**Source**

This package is built on R version 3.4.2.

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Friedman, Jerome, Trevor Hastie, and Rob Tibshirani. "Regularization paths for generalized linear models via coordinate descent." Journal of statistical software 33.1 (2010): 1.

**See Also**

[basic\\_values](#), [compute\\_lambdas](#), [fit\\_plde](#), [model\\_selection](#)

**Examples**

```
# clean up
rm(list = ls())
library(plde)
Eruption = faithful$eruptions
Waiting = faithful$waiting
n = length(Eruption)
# fit PLDE
fit_Eruption = plde(Eruption, initial_dimension = 30, number_lambdas = 50)
fit_Waiting = plde(Waiting, initial_dimension = 30, number_lambdas = 50)
x_Eruption = seq(min(Eruption), max(Eruption), length = 100)
x_Waiting = seq(min(Waiting), max(Waiting), length = 100)
fhat_Eruption = compute_fitted(x_Eruption, fit_Eruption$sm[[fit_Eruption$number_lambdas]])
fhat_Waiting = compute_fitted(x_Waiting, fit_Waiting$sm[[fit_Waiting$number_lambdas]])
# display layout
par(mfrow = c(2, 2), oma=c(0,0,2,0), mar = c(4.5, 2.5, 2, 2))
#=====
# Eruption
#=====
col_index = rainbow(fit_Eruption$number_lambdas)
plot(x_Eruption, fhat_Eruption, type = "n", xlab = "Eruption", ylab = "", main = "")
# all fit plot
for(i in 1 : fit_Eruption$number_lambdas)
{
  fhat = compute_fitted(x_Eruption, fit_Eruption$sm[[i]])
  lines(x_Eruption, fhat, lwd = 0.5, col = col_index[i])
}
k_Eruption = density(Eruption, bw = 0.03)
lines(k_Eruption$x, k_Eruption$y / 2, lty = 2)

# optimal model
```

```

hist_col = rgb(0.8,0.8,0.8, alpha = 0.6)
hist(Eruption, nclass = 20, freq = FALSE, xlim = c(1.1, 5.9),
     col = hist_col, ylab = "", main = "", ylim = c(0, 1.2))
fhat_optimal_Eruption = compute_fitted(x_Eruption, fit_Eruption$optimal)
lines(x_Eruption, fhat_optimal_Eruption, col = "black", lwd = 2)
#####
# Waiting
#####
col_index = rainbow(fit_Waiting$number_lambdas)
plot(x_Waiting, fhat_Waiting, type = "n", xlab = "Waiting", ylab = "", main = "")
# all fit plot
for(i in 1 : fit_Waiting$number_lambdas)
{
  fhat = compute_fitted(x_Waiting, fit_Waiting$sm[[i]])
  lines(x_Waiting, fhat, lwd = 0.5, col = col_index[i])
}
k_Waiting = density(Waiting, bw = 1)
lines(k_Waiting$x, k_Waiting$y / 2, lty = 2)

# optimal model
hist_col = rgb(0.8,0.8,0.8, alpha = 0.6)
hist(Waiting, nclass = 20, freq = FALSE, xlim = c(40, 100),
     col = hist_col, ylab = "", main = "", ylim = c(0, 0.055))
fhat_optimal_Waiting = compute_fitted(x_Waiting, fit_Waiting$optimal)
lines(x_Waiting, fhat_optimal_Waiting, col = "black", lwd = 2)

```

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q\_lambda

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*Compute quadratic approximation objective function*


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## Description

q\_lambda function computes quadratic approximation of the objective function.

## Usage

```
q_lambda(sm)
```

## Arguments

sm                      List of plde fit

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|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| soft_thresholding | <i>Soft thresholding operator</i> |
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**Description**

soft\_thresholding gives the soft threshold value of  $y$  given the threshold. When threshold increasing,  $y$  shrinks to zero.

**Usage**

```
soft_thresholding(y, threshold)
```

**Arguments**

|           |                  |
|-----------|------------------|
| y         | input real value |
| threshold | threshold value  |

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**Examples**

```
# clean up
rm(list = ls())
library(plde)
# soft thresholding operator
soft_thresholding(3, 1)
soft_thresholding(-3, 1)
# if the threshold value is large enough, it shrinks to zero
soft_thresholding(-3, 4)
soft_thresholding(3, 4)
# Plot of the soft thresholding operator
y = seq(-3, 3, length = 100)
st = NULL
for (i in 1 : length(y))
  st[i] = soft_thresholding(y[i], 1)
plot(y, y, col = "gray", type = "l", ylab = "ST")
lines(y, st, col = "blue")
```

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`update`*Update the Legendre polynomial coefficient vector*

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**Description**

update function finds the minimizer of an univariate quadratic approximation objective function for each coefficient coordinate-wise.

**Usage**

```
update(sm)
```

**Arguments**

|    |                  |
|----|------------------|
| sm | List of plde fit |
|----|------------------|

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