

# Package ‘BMSC’

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addInteractionToVars	<i>Add interactions of a specific order to a vector of variables</i>
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**Description**

Add interactions of a specific order to a vector of variables

**Usage**

addInteractionToVars(order, vars)

**Arguments**

order	integer: order of the interaction
vars	character: variables

**Details**

Interactions of variables with themselves (including polynomials of themselves) are not included.

**Value**

Character vector

**Examples**

BMSC:::addInteractionToVars(3, c("x1", "x2", "x3"))

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addPowToVars

Add exponent to a vector of variables

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### Description

Remark: Since this function is to be used only within [createFormula](#), the validity of the input is not checked here but in [createFormula](#).

### Usage

```
addPowToVars(vars, power)
```

### Arguments

vars	character: variable names
power	integer: exponent

### Value

Vector of same length as vars

### Examples

```
BMSC:::addPowToVars(c("x1", "x2"), 2)
```

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ConstrainedLinReg-class

*S4 class for constrained linear regression models*


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### Description

Inherits from [stanfit](#)

### Slots

formula	model formula (class formula)
hasIntercept	logical: Does the model formula include an intercept?
scaleCenter	numeric: location scale of betas
scaleScale	numeric: scale scale of betas

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constrSelEst

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*Model selection algorithm for constrained estimation*


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## Description

Model selection algorithm for constrained estimation

## Usage

```
constrSelEst(formula, data, mustInclude = "", maxExponent = 1,
  interactionDepth = 1, intercept = TRUE, constraint_1 = FALSE,
  yUncertainty = rep(0, nrow(data)), xUncertainty = NULL,
  maxNumTerms = 10, scale = FALSE, chains = 4, iterations = 2000)
```

## Arguments

formula	formula object: formula object without exponents or interactions. If formula is not of class formula, it is turned into one.
data	data.frame: dataset
mustInclude	character vector: variables to include in any case; use ":" for interactions and "I(..)" for powers, e.g.: "I(x1^2):I(x2^3)".
maxExponent	positive integer: highest exponent included in the formula. Default is 1, e.g., only linear effects.
interactionDepth	positive integer: maximum order of interaction. Default is 1, e.g., only main effects (no interactions).
intercept	logical: Should the intercept be included in the estimation or not?
constraint_1	logical: Should the all beta variables add up to 1?
yUncertainty	numeric vector: optional, uncertainties in y variable given in standard deviations
xUncertainty	data.frame: optional, uncertainties in x variables. variable names must match with names in formula
maxNumTerms	positive integer: maximum number of variables to include
scale	logical: should the variables be scaled to mean 0 and sd 1?
chains	positive integer: number of chains for MCMC sampling
iterations	positive integer: number of iterations per chain for MCMC sampling

## Value

A list of potential models

## Examples

```
## Not run:
suppressWarnings(RNGversion("3.5.0"))
set.seed(44)
n <- 80
x1 <- rnorm(n, sd = 1)
x2 <- rnorm(n, sd = 1)
x3 <- rnorm(n, sd = 1)
y <- 0.4 + 0.3 * x1 + 0.3 * x1 * x3 + 0.4 * x1 ^ 2 * x2 ^ 3 + rnorm(n, sd = 0.3)
yUncertainty <- rexp(n, 10) * 0.01
#optional (slow)
#xUncertainty <- data.frame(x3 = rep(0.1, n), x1 = rep(0.1, n), x2 = rep(1, n))
data <- data.frame(x1, x2, x3, y, yUncertainty)
models <- constrSelEst(y ~ x1 + x2 + x3, mustInclude = "x1", maxExponent = 3,
                      interactionDepth = 3, intercept = TRUE,
                      constraint_1 = TRUE, data = data,
                      yUncertainty = yUncertainty,
                      xUncertainty = NULL,
                      maxNumTerms = 10)

plotModelFit(models)
bestModel <- getBestModel(models, thresholdSE = 2)
print(bestModel)

## End(Not run)
```

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createFormula

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Create a formula with interactions and polynomials up to a desired order

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## Description

Creates a formula with interactions and polynomials up to a desired order. If the input formula already includes interactions, exponents or other functions (e.g., [sqrt](#)), they are ignored.

## Usage

```
createFormula(formula, maxExponent = 1, interactionDepth = 1,
              intercept = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

formula	formula object: formula object without exponents or interactions. If formula is not of class formula, it is turned into one.
maxExponent	positive integer: highest exponent included in the formula. Default is 1, e.g., only linear effects.
interactionDepth	positive integer: maximum order of interaction. Default is 1, e.g., only main effects (no interactions).
intercept	logical: include intercept or not?

**Value**

A formula containing the original independent variables and their polynomials and interactions.

**Examples**

```
createFormula("y ~ x1 + x2", 2, 3)
createFormula(as.formula("y ~ x1 + x2"), interactionDepth = 2)

carFormula <- createFormula("mpg ~ cyl + disp + drat", 2, 3)
summary(lm(carFormula, mtcars))
```

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`createFormulaInternal` *Create formula with interactions and polynomials if all checks in `createFormula` have passed*

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**Description**

Create formula with interactions and polynomials if all checks in `createFormula` have passed

**Usage**

```
createFormulaInternal(formula, allVars, maxExponent, interactionDepth,
  intercept)
```

**Arguments**

<code>formula</code>	formula object
<code>allVars</code>	object returned by <code>all.vars</code>
<code>maxExponent</code>	positive integer
<code>interactionDepth</code>	positive integer
<code>intercept</code>	boolean

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`extractVarname` *Extract variable name from polynomial expression*

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**Description**

Extract variable name from polynomial expression

**Usage**

```
extractVarname(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                      Character: variables

**Examples**

```
BMSC:::extractVarname(c("x1",  
"I(x2^2)"))
```

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getBestModel	<i>Get Best Model after Models Selection</i>
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**Description**

Get Best Model after Models Selection

**Usage**

```
getBestModel(models, thresholdSE = 1, plotModels = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

models	list of models fitted by <a href="#">constrSelEst</a> function
thresholdSE	numeric: How much standard errors in leave-one-out prediction performance can the sparse model be worse than the best model
plotModels	boolean: Plot models in leave-one-out evaluation plot TRUE/FALSE

**Value**

The best sparse model concerning leave-one-out performance within a threshold

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getBetaMatrix	<i>Extract beta matrix from <a href="#">ConstrainedLinReg</a> model</i>
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**Description**

Extracts matrix of beta estimates

**Usage**

```
getBetaMatrix(model, hasIntercept)
```

**Arguments**

model	model object: Model of class <a href="#">ConstrainedLinReg</a>
hasIntercept	logical: Does the model formula include an intercept?

Value

matrix of estimates

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handleMissingData	<i>Exclude rows with missing values</i>
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Description

All rows with missing values on the variables from the model formula are excluded. If all rows are excluded, an error occurs. If only some of the rows are excluded, the number and percentage of excluded rows is printed via a message. In addition, the corresponding positions from the yUncertainty vector are excluded.

Usage

```
handleMissingData(data, formula, yUncertainty)
```

Arguments

data	data.frame
formula	formula object
yUncertainty	numeric: vector

Value

A list with the elements "data" (data frame containing only the relevant variables and complete rows) and "yUncertainty".

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makeInteractions	<i>Add all interactions up to a desired order</i>
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Description

Add all interactions up to a desired order

Usage

```
makeInteractions(vars, interactionDepth)
```

Arguments

vars	character: variable names (potentially including polynomial expressions)
interactionDepth	integer: highest interaction order



## Details

Interactions of variables with themselves (including polynomials of themselves) are not included.

## Value

Character vector

## Examples

```
BMSC::makeInteractions(vars = c("x1", "x2",  
"I(x1^2)", "I(x2^2)"), interactionDepth = 3)
```

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makePoly

*Create polynomial of degree maxExponent from variable names*

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## Description

Remark: Since this function is to be used only within [createFormula](#), the validity of the input is not checked here but in [createFormula](#).

## Usage

```
makePoly(vars, maxExponent)
```

## Arguments

vars	character: variable names
maxExponent	integer: highest exponent

## Value

Character vector of length(vars) times maxExponent

## Examples

```
BMSC::makePoly(vars = c("x1", "x2"), maxExponent = 3)
```

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plotModelFit	<i>Plot errors of all models</i>
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### Description

This plot is automatically produced with the execution of [getBestModel](#).

### Usage

```
plotModelFit(models, thresholdSE = 1, loos = NULL,
             markBestModel = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

models	List with models of class <a href="#">ConstrainedLinReg</a>
thresholdSE	numeric: Factor multiplied with standard error to obtain ends of error bars
loos	List with the model fit results for all models as returned by <code>BMSC:::getLoo</code> . If not provided, they are computed from the model list, which can take some time.
markBestModel	boolean: highlight position of the best model in the model list

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plotModels	<i>Plot model errors with errorbars</i>
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### Description

Plot model errors with errorbars

### Usage

```
plotModels(datPlot, colours, thresholdSE)
```

### Arguments

datPlot	data.frame with prepared plot data
colours	character: colour(s) for the points, bars and x-axis labels
thresholdSE	numeric: Factor multiplied with standard error to obtain ends of error bars

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 predict, ConstrainedLinReg-method

*Compute predictions from constraint estimation model*


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### Description

Computes prediction from model of class [ConstrainedLinReg](#) and a data.frame.

### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'ConstrainedLinReg'
predict(object, newdata)
```

### Arguments

object	Model of class <a href="#">ConstrainedLinReg</a>
newdata	data.frame containing all variables that appear in the model formula

### Value

Numeric vector of predictions. For observations with missing values on the explanatory variables, a prediction of NA is returned.

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 prepColorVec

*Prepare colour vector*


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### Description

Prepare colour vector

### Usage

```
prepColorVec(posBestModel, length)
```

### Arguments

posBestModel	numeric: position of best Model
length	numeric: Length of colour vector

### Value

Vector of length length. It contains "black" except for the position provided in posBestModel, which is "chartreuse4" (green)

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prepDatForPredict	<i>Exclude rows with missing data on predictor variables</i>
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### Description

Rows with missing values on predictor variables are excluded. An unused column for the dependent variable is added to avoid errors.

### Usage

```
prepDatForPredict(formula, newdata)
```

### Arguments

formula	Model formula
newdata	data.frame containing all variables that appear in the model

### Details

A column of ones for the dependent variable is added. Otherwise `model.matrix` tries to take it from the formula's environment, which is the original data. This usually results in an error due to unequal variable length. This column is however not used.

### Value

Object of class `na.exclude`

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prepModelNames	<i>Extract model names from model objects</i>
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### Description

Extracts the model formulae from a list of model objects of class `ConstrainedLinReg`. Elements that are superfluous for reading (e.g., brackets) are removed.

### Usage

```
prepModelNames(models)
```

### Arguments

models	List with models of class <code>ConstrainedLinReg</code>
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prepPlotData	<i>Prepare data to plot model fit</i>
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**Description**

Prepare data to plot model fit

**Usage**

```
prepPlotData(loos, modelNames, thresholdSE)
```

**Arguments**

loos	List with the model fit results for all models as returned by <code>BMSC::getLoo</code> . If not provided, they are computed from the model list, which can take some time.
modelNames	Names for the models in the same order as they appear in loos
thresholdSE	numeric: Factor multiplied with standard error to obtain ends of error bars

**Value**

A data.frame with the columns Estimate (Estimate of the looic), SE, model, lower, and upper

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print.ConstrainedLinReg	<i>Print constraint estimation model</i>
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**Description**

Print constraint estimation model

**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

x	model object of class <code>ConstrainedLinReg</code>
...	arguments passed from or to other methods

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show, ConstrainedLinReg-method  
*Print constraint estimation model*

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### Description

Prints the model formula and estimates as well as sigma with the corresponding 95

### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'ConstrainedLinReg'  
show(object)
```

### Arguments

object            Model of class "MPIconstraintModel"

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sortAndPaste            *Sort a vector and collapse elements together using ":"*

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### Description

Sort a vector and collapse elements together using ":"

### Usage

```
sortAndPaste(x)
```

### Arguments

x                    Vector

### Examples

```
BMSC:::sortAndPaste(c("var1", "var2"))
```

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tryAsFormula	<i>Turn character vector into formula, return error if not possible</i>
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**Description**

Turn character vector into formula, return error if not possible

**Usage**

```
tryAsFormula(input)
```

**Arguments**

input	character
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**Value**

Formula or error

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