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cv.trajectory	<i>Cross-validated peeling trajectory</i>
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## Description

Performs k-fold cross-validation on peeling for choosing the stopping criterion.

**Usage**

```
cv.trajectory(y, x, beta.stop.grid = NULL, folds = NULL, nfolds = 10,
...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>y</code>	Numeric vector of response values.
<code>x</code>	Numeric or categorical data.frame of input values.
<code>beta.stop.grid</code>	Vector of stopping supports for peeling trajectory prediction. If NULL (the default), an initial peeling is carried out on the whole data and its support element is used.
<code>folds</code>	An integer vector giving the fold index of each observation. If NULL (the default) <code>nfolds</code> folds are randomly generated. Directly using <code>folds</code> is useful for nonstandard folds such as blocks. Note that <code>folds</code> is recycled if necessary.
<code>nfolds</code>	Integer giving the number of folds to create if <code>folds</code> is NULL.
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments to be passed to <a href="#">peeling</a> .

**Details**

The `cv.trajectory` function splits the provided data into `nfolds` several folds. The peeling is carried out on `nfolds - 1` folds and the objective function is computed on the remaining fold. This process is repeated excluding each fold successively and the resulting trajectories are averaged at each value in `beta.stop.grid`.

Folds can be given either directly through the argument `folds` or randomly generated using the argument `nfolds`.

**Value**

A `cv.prim` object that can be used in methods for `prim` objects (e.g. [plot\\_trajectory](#)). Contains the elements:

<code>support</code>	The support grid provided in the argument <code>beta.stop.grid</code> or generated if the latter is NULL.
<code>yfun</code>	The cross-validated objective function values at each support value.
<code>se.yfun</code>	Cross-validation standard errors associated with <code>yfun</code> values.
<code>x, y</code>	The input and response data used.
<code>numeric.vars</code>	A logical vector indicating, for each input variable, if it was considered as a numeric variable.
<code>alpha, peeling.side, obj.fun</code>	The value of the arguments used for peeling. Useful for <code>prim</code> methods.

**References**

Friedman, J.H., Fisher, N.I., 1999. Bump hunting in high-dimensional data. *Statistics and Computing* 9, 123-143. <https://doi.org/10.1023/A:1008894516817>

**See Also**

[peeling](#) for the peeling algorithm used in the function. [plot\\_trajectory](#) to analyse the cross-validated trajectory.

## Examples

```
# A simple bump
set.seed(12345)
x <- matrix(runif(2000), ncol = 2, dimnames = list(NULL, c("x1", "x2")))
y <- 2 * x[,1] + 5 * x[,2] + 10 * (x[,1] >= .8 & x[,2] >= .5) + rnorm(1000)

# 10-fold cross-validation
cv_res <- cv.trajectory(y, x)

# Display the cross-validated trajectory
plot_trajectory(cv_res, type = "b", pch = 16, col = "cornflowerblue",
  support = 0.1, npeel = which.max(cv_res$yfun),
  abline.pars = list(lwd = 2, col = "indianred"),
  xlab = "", xlim = c(0, 0.2), ylim = c(10, 18))
```

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extract.box	<i>Extract boxes</i>
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## Description

Extracts one or several boxes from a `prim` object.

## Usage

```
extract.box(object, npeel = NULL, support = NULL, yfun = NULL,
  npaste = NULL)
```

## Arguments

<code>object</code>	<code>prim</code> object.
<code>npeel</code>	Integer vector indicating which boxes to choose in <code>object</code> through the number of peeling iteration.
<code>support</code>	Numeric vector with values between 0 and 1 indicating the support of boxes to choose in <code>object</code> .
<code>yfun</code>	Numeric vector indicating the value of the objective function for the chosen boxes in <code>object</code> .
<code>npaste</code>	Integer vector indicating which boxes to choose in <code>object</code> through the number of pasting iteration.

## Details

Returns one or several boxes from `object`. The boxes can be given through the number of peeling iterations (argument `npeel`), pasting iterations (argument `npaste`), closest support (argument `support`) or closest objective function value (argument `yfun`). Note that several of these arguments can be used at once to return several boxes. If no box matches the arguments or if they are all `NULL`, the last box in `object` is returned.

**Value**

A list with elements:

limits	A list giving the limits of extracted boxes. Each limit is a list with one element per input variable.
npeel	A vector giving the number of peeling iterations leading to each extracted box.
yfun	A vector giving the objective function value of each extracted box.
support	A vector giving the support of each extracted box.

**See Also**

peeling to perform the peeling and create a prim object.

**Examples**

```
# A simple bump
set.seed(12345)
x <- matrix(runif(2000), ncol = 2, dimnames = list(NULL, c("x1", "x2")))
y <- 2 * x[,1] + 5 * x[,2] + 10 * (x[,1] >= .8 & x[,2] >= .5) + rnorm(1000)
# Peeling step
peel_res <- peeling(y, x)
# Extracting a single box
single_box <- extract.box(peel_res, support = 0.1)
# Extracting all boxes from a prim object
all_boxes <- extract.box(peel_res, npeel = 0:peel_res$npeel)
```

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jump.prim

*Peeling trajectory jump*


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**Description**

Identifies a jump in the peeling trajectory of object.

**Usage**

```
jump.prim(object, rel.support = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

object	A prim object resulting from a call to peeling.
rel.support	Logical indicating if the trajectory difference should be relative to the support for finding the jump (default to TRUE).

**Details**

Computes the (relative) trajectory differences of object:

$$\frac{yfun[k] - yfun[k - 1]}{support[k - 1] - support[k]}$$

and returns its maximum value. The rationale is that the biggest jump in peeling trajectory gives a good cut-off point for the peeling algorithm. If `rel.support = FALSE`, the denominator is not used in the differences calculation.

**Value**

A list with elements:

trajectory.difference	Numeric vector of the computed (relative) differences.
npeel.opt	Integer giving the npeel value of the highest difference.
final.box	The extracted box corresponding to npeel.opt. See <a href="#">extract.box</a> .

**References**

Masselot P., Chebana F., Campagna C., Lavigne E., Ouarda T.B.M.J., Gosselin P. On threshold identification for weather-health warning systems. *Submitted*.

**Examples**

```
# A simple bump
set.seed(12345)
x <- matrix(runif(2000), ncol = 2, dimnames = list(NULL, c("x1", "x2")))
y <- 2 * x[,1] + 5 * x[,2] + 10 * (x[,1] >= .8 & x[,2] >= .5) +
  rnorm(1000)
# Peeling with alpha = 0.05 and beta.stop = 0.05
peel_res <- peeling(y, x, beta.stop = 0.05)
# Automatically choose the best box
chosen <- jump.prim(peel_res)
```

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pasting

*Bottom up pasting*


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**Description**

Refines the edges of a chosen box in a prim object by pasting.

**Usage**

```
pasting(object, npeel = NULL, support = NULL, yfun = NULL,
  alpha = object$alpha, obj.fun = object$obj.fun,
  peeling.side = object$peeling.side)
```

**Arguments**

object	prim object resulting from a call to <a href="#">peeling</a> .
npeel	Numeric value indicating which box to choose in object through the number of peeling iteration.
support	Numeric value between 0 and 1 indicating the support of the box to choose in object.
yfun	Numeric value indicating the value of the objective function for the chosen box in object.
alpha	The proportion of observations to add at each pasting iteration. Usually equal to the peeling fraction used in <a href="#">peeling</a> .

<code>obj.fun</code>	The objective function to maximize by pasting.
<code>peeling.side</code>	Constraints on the pasting side. -1 indicates pasting only on the 'left' of the box (i.e. moving the lower limit only), 1 indicate pasting only on the 'right' and 0 for no constraint.

## Details

The function takes a `prim` object and choose one of its boxes as a starting point for pasting. Bottom-up pasting is the reverse of the top down peeling. It starts from the result of the peeling and refines its edges by iteratively adding  $\alpha$  times  $N$  observations at each iteration, where  $N$  is the number of observations in the current box.

The best box after the peeling should be chosen by analyzing the peeling trajectory (see [plot\\_trajectory](#)). It is given by one of: number of peeling iteration leading to the box (argument `npeel`), the closest support (argument `support`), or the closest objective function value (argument `yfun`).

Although it is possible to use different algorithm parameters (`alpha`, `obj.fun`, `peeling.side`) than the peeling step, it is advised to keep the same values (the default).

## Value

A `prim` object which is a list with the following elements:

<code>npeel</code>	The number of peeling iteration performed.
<code>support</code>	A vector of length <code>npeel + npaste + 1</code> containing the support of each successive peeled box.
<code>yfun</code>	A vector of length <code>npeel + npaste + 1</code> containing the objective function value of each successive peeled box.
<code>limits</code>	A list of length <code>npeel + npaste + 1</code> containing the limits of each successive box. Each limit is a list with one element per input variable.
<code>x,y</code>	The input and response data used in the algorithm.
<code>numeric.vars</code>	A logical vector indicating, for each input variable, if it was considered as a numeric variable.
<code>alpha, peeling.side, obj.fun</code>	The value of the arguments used for peeling. Useful for <code>prim</code> methods.
<code>npaste</code>	Number of pasting iteration performed.

## References

Friedman, J.H., Fisher, N.I., 1999. Bump hunting in high-dimensional data. *Statistics and Computing* 9, 123-143. <https://doi.org/10.1023/A:1008894516817>

## See Also

[extract.box](#) to extract information about a particular box in a `prim` object. [plot\\_box](#) to visualize boxes. [predict.prim](#) to predict if new data falls into particular boxes.

## Examples

```
# A simple bump
set.seed(12345)
x <- matrix(runif(2000), ncol = 2, dimnames = list(NULL, c("x1", "x2")))
y <- 2 * x[,1] + 5 * x[,2] + 10 * (x[,1] >= .8 & x[,2] >= .5) + rnorm(1000)
```

```
# Peeling step
peel_res <- peeling(y, x)
# Pasting from the box with support 0.01
paste_res <- pasting(peel_res, support = 0.01)
# Visualize the peeled box and pasted one (npaste 0 and 2)
plot_box(paste_res, pch = 16, ypalette = hcl.colors(10), npaste = c(0, 2),
  box.args = list(lwd = 2, border = c("grey", "black"), lty = 1:2))
```

peeling

*Top-down peeling*

## Description

Iteratively peels a dataset for bump hunting.

## Usage

```
peeling(y, x, alpha = 0.05, beta.stop = 0.01, obj.fun = mean,
  peeling.side = 0)
```

## Arguments

y	Numeric vector of response values.
x	Numeric or categorical data.frame of input values.
alpha	The peeling fraction of the algorithm. A value between 0 and 1 giving the proportion of peeled observations at each step.
beta.stop	The stopping support of the algorithm. A value between 0 and 1 giving the proportion of remaining data below which the algorithm stops.
obj.fun	The function of y to be maximized. Can be a user defined function.
peeling.side	A numeric vector for side constraints on the peeling of each input variable. -1 indicates peeling only the 'left' of the box (i.e. increasing the lower limit only), 1 indicate peeling only the 'right' and 0 for no constraint.

## Details

The function `peeling` carries out the top-down peeling which is the first step of the PRIM algorithm. At each iteration it peels a proportion `alpha` of data from one side of the domain in order to increase the value of the function `obj.fun` applied to the response `y`. The algorithm iterates the peeling until the support of the box (i.e. the proportion of remaining observations) is below the value `beta.stop`.

Any function can be used in `obj.fun` provided that it takes a single argument `x`. It includes user defined functions (see examples below).

The function also allows directed peeling, i.e. to constraint the peeling occuring on a single side of some input variables. Thus when `peeling.side = -1`, only the lower part of the variable is peeled (the "left" of the domain) and when `peeling.side = 1`, only the upper part of the variable is peeled. Note that a vector can be passed, thus applying different constraints to the input variables.

**Value**

A prim object which is a list with the following elements:

<code>npeel</code>	The number of peeling iteration performed.
<code>support</code>	A vector of length <code>npeel + 1</code> containing the support of each successive peeled box.
<code>yfun</code>	A vector of length <code>npeel + 1</code> containing the objective function value of each successive peeled box.
<code>limits</code>	A list of length <code>npeel + 1</code> containing the limits of each successive box. Each limit is a list with one element per input variable.
<code>x,y</code>	The input and response data used in the algorithm.
<code>numeric.vars</code>	A logical vector indicating, for each input variable, if it was considered as a numeric variable.
<code>alpha, peeling.side, obj.fun</code>	The value of the arguments used for peeling. Useful for prim methods.
<code>npaste</code>	Number of pasting iteration performed. Should be 0 here, but useful for <a href="#">pasting</a> .

Note that the first box in a prim object is the starting box containing the whole dataset. This is why the `limits`, `yfun` and `support` elements have length `npeel + 1`.

**References**

Friedman, J.H., Fisher, N.I., 1999. Bump hunting in high-dimensional data. *Statistics and Computing* 9, 123-143. <https://doi.org/10.1023/A:1008894516817>

**See Also**

[extract.box](#) to extract information about a particular box in a prim object. [plot\\_trajectory](#) and [plot\\_box](#) to explore the peeling trajectory. [jump.prim](#) to automatically choose the best box. [predict.prim](#) to predict if new data falls into particular boxes. [pasting](#) to carry out the pasting refining the edges of the chosen box.

**Examples**

```
# A simple bump
set.seed(12345)
x <- matrix(runif(2000), ncol = 2, dimnames = list(NULL, c("x1", "x2")))
y <- 2 * x[,1] + 5 * x[,2] + 10 * (x[,1] >= .8 & x[,2] >= .5) +
  rnorm(1000)
# Peeling with alpha = 0.05 and beta.stop = 0.05
peel_res <- peeling(y, x, beta.stop = 0.05)
# Automatically choose the best box
chosen <- jump.prim(peel_res)
# Plot the resulting box
plot_box(peel_res, pch = 16, ypalette = hcl.colors(10),
  support = chosen$final.box$support, box.args = list(lwd = 2))

# Examples of directed peeling
set.seed(12345)
x <- matrix(runif(2000), ncol = 2, dimnames = list(NULL, c("x1", "x2")))
y <- 10 * (x[,1] <= .2 & x[,2] <= .2) + 10 * (x[,1] >= .8 & x[,2] >= .8) +
  rnorm(1000)
# Left peeling
```



```

peel_left <- peeling(y, x, peeling.side = -1)
chosen <- jump.prim(peel_left)
plot_box(peel_left, pch = 16, ypalette = hcl.colors(10),
  support = chosen$final.box$support, box.args = list(lwd = 2),
  main = "Left peeling")
# Right peeling
peel_right <- peeling(y, x, peeling.side = 1)
chosen <- jump.prim(peel_right)
plot_box(peel_right, pch = 16, ypalette = hcl.colors(10),
  support = chosen$final.box$support, box.args = list(lwd = 2),
  main = "Right peeling")

# User-defined objective function to minimize the mean
set.seed(3333)
x <- matrix(runif(2000), ncol = 2, dimnames = list(NULL, c("x1", "x2")))
y <- - 10 * (x[,1] <= .2 & x[,2] <= .2) + 10 * (x[,1] >= .8 & x[,2] >= .8) +
  rnorm(1000)
peel_res <- peeling(y, x, obj.fun = function(x) -mean(x))
chosen <- jump.prim(peel_res)
plot_box(peel_res, pch = 16, ypalette = hcl.colors(10),
  support = chosen$final.box$support, box.args = list(lwd = 2))

```

plot\_box

*Plot a box***Description**

Plots a bidimensional projection of the data and chosen boxes.

**Usage**

```

plot_box(object, select = 1:2, npeel = NULL, support = NULL,
  yfun = NULL, npaste = NULL, ypalette = NULL, box.args = list(),
  ...)

```

**Arguments**

object	A 'prim' object.
select	A vector of length 1 or 2 indicating the input variables(s) to plot. Default to the two first ones. If a single variable is selected, plot it against y.
npeel	Integer vector indicating the number of peeling iteration of boxes to plot.
support	Numeric vector with values between 0 and 1 indicating the support of boxes to plot.
yfun	Numeric vector indicating the value of the objective function of the boxes to plot.
npaste	Integer vector indicating the number of pasting iteration of boxes to plot.
ypalette	A palette of colors for representing the y value associated to each point.
box.args	A list of arguments to be passed to <a href="#">rect</a> for drawing boxes. All arguments can be given as vectors to specify different values for each drawn box.
...	Additional graphical parameters for <a href="#">plot</a> .

## Details

Several boxes can be displayed at once, selected by one of the arguments `npeel`, `support`, `yfun` or `npaste` (when relevant). Note that the arguments in `box.args` allow giving different parameters to each displayed box.

## See Also

[peeling](#) for peeling trajectories.

## Examples

```
# A simple bump
set.seed(12345)
x <- matrix(runif(2000), ncol = 2, dimnames = list(NULL, c("x1", "x2")))
y <- 2 * x[,1] + 5 * x[,2] + 10 * (x[,1] >= .8 & x[,2] >= .5) +
  rnorm(1000)
# Peeling with alpha = 0.05 and beta.stop = 0.05
peel_res <- peeling(y, x, beta.stop = 0.05)
# Automatically choose the best box
chosen <- jump.prim(peel_res)
# Plot the resulting box
plot_box(peel_res, pch = 16, ypalette = hcl.colors(10),
  support = chosen$final.box$support, box.args = list(lwd = 2))
```

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plot_trajectory	<i>Plot a peeling trajectory</i>
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## Description

Displays the peeling trajectory of a `prim` object with chosen cut-points.

## Usage

```
plot_trajectory(object, xtype = c("support", "nobs"), ytype = c("yfun",
  "diff", "rel.diff"), npeel = NULL, support = NULL, yfun = NULL,
  npaste = NULL, abline.pars = list(), se = TRUE, se.pars = list(),
  ...)
```

## Arguments

<code>object</code>	A <code>prim</code> object.
<code>xtype</code>	A character indicating the how to display the x axis of the plot. 'support' (the default) for the support of the boxes or 'nobs' for the number of observations inside the box.
<code>ytype</code>	A character indicating which trajectory to plot. 'yfun' (the default) for the objective function value, 'diff' for the difference between successive boxes and 'rel.diff' for the relative difference. See <a href="#">jump.prim</a> for details.
<code>npeel</code>	Integer vector. If not <code>NULL</code> , draw a vertical line at the corresponding peeling iterations of the trajectory.

support	Numeric vector. If not NULL, draw a vertical line at the corresponding supports of the trajectory.
yfun	Numeric vector. If not NULL, draw a vertical line at the boxes with the closest yfun value.
npaste	Integer vector. If not NULL, draw a vertical line at the corresponding pasting iterations of the trajectory.
abline.pars	List of parameters to be passed to <a href="#">abline</a> for the vertical lines.
se	Logical indicating if standard error bars should be drawn. Works only for cv.prim objects and ytype = "yfun".
se.pars	Parameters to be passed to arrows for drawing standard error bars.
...	Additional graphical parameters for <a href="#">plot</a> .

## References

Friedman, J.H., Fisher, N.I., 1999. Bump hunting in high-dimensional data. *Statistics and Computing* 9, 123-143. <https://doi.org/10.1023/A:1008894516817>

## See Also

[peeling](#) for peeling trajectories.

## Examples

```
# A simple bump
set.seed(12345)
x <- matrix(runif(2000), ncol = 2, dimnames = list(NULL, c("x1", "x2")))
y <- 2 * x[,1] + 5 * x[,2] + 10 * (x[,1] >= .8 & x[,2] >= .5) +
  rnorm(1000)
# Peeling with alpha = 0.05 and beta.stop = 0.05
peel_res <- peeling(y, x, beta.stop = 0.05)

# Display the peeling trajectory
plot_trajectory(peel_res, type = "b", pch = 16, col = "cornflowerblue",
  support = 0.11, abline.pars = list(lwd = 2, col = "indianred"),
  xlab = "")
```

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predict.prim

*Predict method for a prim object*

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## Description

For each observation in newx, check if it is in selected boxes of object. Also gives the objective function values of each box based on the newy values.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'prim'
predict(object, newx, newy, npeel = NULL,
  support = NULL, yfun = NULL, npaste = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>object</code>	A prim object.
<code>newx</code>	A data.frame of new input values. If missing, uses <code>object\$x</code> .
<code>newy</code>	A vector of new responses values corresponding to the inputs in <code>newx</code> . If missing, uses <code>object\$y</code> .
<code>npeel</code>	Integer vector indicating which boxes in <code>object</code> to use for prediction, through the number of peeling iteration.
<code>support</code>	Numeric vector with values between 0 and 1 indicating the support of boxes in <code>object</code> to use for prediction.
<code>yfun</code>	Numeric vector indicating the value of the objective function for the boxes in <code>object</code> to use for prediction.
<code>npaste</code>	Integer vector indicating which boxes in <code>object</code> to use for prediction, through the number of pasting iteration.
<code>...</code>	further arguments passed to or from other methods.

**Value**

A list with elements:

<code>inbox</code>	A logical matrix of dimension $n \times \text{nboxes}$ where $n$ is the number of observations in <code>newx</code> . For each observation and each returns TRUE if the observation is inside the box.
<code>support</code>	A numeric vector giving, for each box, the proportion of observations in <code>newx</code> lying inside the box.
<code>yfun</code>	A numeric vector giving, for each box, the objective function value computed on <code>newy</code> .

**See Also**

`peeling` and `pasting` for creating prim objects.

**Examples**

```
set.seed(12345)
x <- matrix(runif(2000), ncol = 2, dimnames = list(NULL, c("x1", "x2")))
y <- 2 * x[,1] + 5 * x[,2] + 10 * (x[,1] >= .8 & x[,2] >= .5) + rnorm(1000)
# Peeling step
peel_res <- peeling(y, x)
# Prediction
predict(peel_res, newx = data.frame(x1 = 1:10/11, x2 = 1:10/11),
  newy = 1:10, support = c(1, 0.25))
```

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