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## Description

Extremely novel efficient procedures for solving linear generalized DWD and kernel generalized DWD in reproducing kernel Hilbert spaces for classification. The algorithm is based on the majorization-minimization (MM) principle to compute the entire solution path at a given fine grid of regularization parameters.

## Details

Suppose  $x$  is predictor and  $y$  is a binary response. The package computes the entire solution path over a grid of  $\lambda$  values.

The main functions of the package `kerndwd` include:

```
kerndwd  
cv.kerndwd  
tunedwd  
predict.kerndwd  
plot.kerndwd  
plot.cv.kerndwd
```

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BUPA*BUPA's liver disorders data*

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**Description**

BUPA's liver disorders data: 345 male individuals' blood test result and liver disorder status.

**Usage**

```
data(BUPA)
```

**Details**

This data set consists of 345 observations and 6 predictors representing the blood test result liver disorder status of 345 patients. The three predictors are mean corpuscular volume (MCV), alkaline phosphatase (ALKPHOS), alamine aminotransferase (SGPT), aspartate aminotransferase (SGOT), gamma-glutamyl transpeptidase (GAMMAGT), and the number of alcoholic beverage drinks per day (DRINKS).

**Value**

A list with the following elements:

X	A numerical matrix for predictors: 345 rows and 6 columns; each row corresponds to a patient.
y	A numeric vector of length 305 representing the liver disorder status.

**Source**

The data set is available for download from UCI machine learning repository.  
<https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets/Liver+Disorders>

**Examples**

```
# load data set
data(BUPA)

# the number of samples predictors
dim(BUPA$X)

# the number of samples for each class
sum(BUPA$y == -1)
sum(BUPA$y == 1)
```

cv.kerndwd

cross-validation

## Description

Carry out a cross-validation for [kerndwd](#) to find optimal values of the tuning parameter `lambda`.

## Usage

```
cv.kerndwd(x, y, kern, lambda, nfolds=5, foldid, wt, ...)
```

## Arguments

<code>x</code>	A matrix of predictors, i.e., the matrix <code>x</code> used in <a href="#">kerndwd</a> .
<code>y</code>	A vector of binary class labels, i.e., the <code>y</code> used in <a href="#">kerndwd</a> . <code>y</code> has to be two levels.
<code>kern</code>	A kernel function.
<code>lambda</code>	A user specified <code>lambda</code> candidate sequence for cross-validation.
<code>nfolds</code>	The number of folds. Default value is 5. The allowable range is from 3 to the sample size.
<code>foldid</code>	An optional vector with values between 1 and <code>nfolds</code> , representing the fold indices for each observation. If supplied, <code>nfolds</code> can be missing.
<code>wt</code>	A vector of length $n$ for weight factors. When <code>wt</code> is missing or <code>wt=NULL</code> , an unweighted DWD is fitted.
<code>...</code>	Other arguments being passed to <a href="#">kerndwd</a> .

## Details

This function computes the mean cross-validation error and the standard error by fitting [kerndwd](#) with every fold excluded alternatively. This function is modified based on the `cv` function from the `glmnet` package.

## Value

A [cv.kerndwd](#) object including the cross-validation results is return..

<code>lambda</code>	The <code>lambda</code> sequence used in <a href="#">kerndwd</a> .
<code>cvm</code>	A vector of length <code>length(lambda)</code> : mean cross-validated error.
<code>cvsd</code>	A vector of length <code>length(lambda)</code> : estimates of standard error of <code>cvm</code> .
<code>cvupper</code>	The upper curve: <code>cvm + cvsd</code> .
<code>cvlower</code>	The lower curve: <code>cvm - cvsd</code> .
<code>lambda.min</code>	The <code>lambda</code> incurring the minimum cross validation error <code>cvm</code> .
<code>lambda.1se</code>	The largest value of <code>lambda</code> such that error is within one standard error of the minimum.
<code>cvm.min</code>	The cross-validation error corresponding to <code>lambda.min</code> , i.e., the least error.
<code>cvm.1se</code>	The cross-validation error corresponding to <code>lambda.1se</code> .

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<http://www.jstatsoft.org/v33/i01/paper>

**See Also**

[kerndwd](#) and [plot.cv.kerndwd](#)

**Examples**

```
set.seed(1)
data(BUPA)
BUPA$X = scale(BUPA$X, center=TRUE, scale=TRUE)
lambda = 10^(seq(3, -3, length.out=10))
kern = rbfdot(sigma=sigest(BUPA$X))
m.cv = cv.kerndwd(BUPA$X, BUPA$y, kern, qval=1, lambda=lambda, eps=1e-5, maxit=1e5)
m.cv$lambda.min
```

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kerndwd

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*solve Linear DWD and Kernel DWD*


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**Description**

Fit the linear generalized distance weighted discrimination (DWD) model and the generalized DWD on Reproducing kernel Hilbert space. The solution path is computed at a grid of values of tuning parameter `lambda`.

**Usage**

```
kerndwd(x, y, kern, lambda, qval=1, wt, eps=1e-05, maxit=1e+05)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	A numerical matrix with $N$ rows and $p$ columns for predictors.
<code>y</code>	A vector of length $N$ for binary responses. The element of <code>y</code> is either -1 or 1.
<code>kern</code>	A kernel function; see <a href="#">dots</a> .
<code>lambda</code>	A user supplied <code>lambda</code> sequence.
<code>qval</code>	The exponent index of the generalized DWD. Default value is 1.

wt	A vector of length $n$ for weight factors. When wt is missing or wt=NULL, an unweighted DWD is fitted.
eps	The algorithm stops when (i.e. $\sum_j (\beta_j^{new} - \beta_j^{old})^2$ is less than eps, where $j = 0, \dots, p$ . Default value is 1e-5.
maxit	The maximum of iterations allowed. Default is 1e5.

### Details

Suppose that the generalized DWD loss is  $V_q(u) = 1 - u$  if  $u \leq q/(q+1)$  and  $\frac{1}{u^q} \frac{q^q}{(q+1)^{(q+1)}}$  if  $u > q/(q+1)$ . The value of  $\lambda$ , i.e., lambda, is user-specified.

In the linear case (kern is the inner product and  $N > p$ ), the `kerndwd` fits a linear DWD by minimizing the L2 penalized DWD loss function,

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^n V_q(y_i(\beta_0 + X_i' \beta)) + \lambda \beta' \beta.$$

If a linear DWD is fitted when  $N < p$ , a kernel DWD with the linear kernel is actually solved. In such case, the coefficient  $\beta$  can be obtained from  $\beta = X' \alpha$ .

In the kernel case, the `kerndwd` fits a kernel DWD by minimizing

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^n V_q(y_i(\beta_0 + K_i' \alpha)) + \lambda \alpha' K \alpha,$$

where  $K$  is the kernel matrix and  $K_i$  is the  $i$ th row.

The weighted linear DWD and the weighted kernel DWD are formulated as follows,

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \cdot V_q(y_i(\beta_0 + X_i' \beta)) + \lambda \beta' \beta,$$

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \cdot V_q(y_i(\beta_0 + K_i' \alpha)) + \lambda \alpha' K \alpha,$$

where  $w_i$  is the  $i$ th element of wt. The choice of weight factors can be seen in the reference below.

### Value

An object with S3 class `kerndwd`.

alpha	A matrix of DWD coefficients at each lambda value. The dimension is $(p+1) \times \text{length}(\text{lambda})$ in the linear case and $(N+1) \times \text{length}(\text{lambda})$ in the kernel case.
lambda	The lambda sequence.
npass	Total number of MM iterations for all lambda values.
jerr	Warnings and errors; 0 if none.
info	A list including parameters of the loss function, eps, maxit, kern, and wt if a weight vector was used.
call	The call that produced this object.

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**See Also**

[predict.kerndwd](#), [plot.kerndwd](#), and [cv.kerndwd](#).

**Examples**

```
data(BUPA)
# standardize the predictors
BUPA$X = scale(BUPA$X, center=TRUE, scale=TRUE)

# a grid of tuning parameters
lambda = 10^(seq(3, -3, length.out=10))

# fit a linear DWD
kern = vanilladot()
DWD_linear = kerndwd(BUPA$X, BUPA$y, kern,
  qval=1, lambda=lambda, eps=1e-5, maxit=1e5)

# fit a DWD using Gaussian kernel
kern = rbfdot(sigma=1)
DWD_Gaussian = kerndwd(BUPA$X, BUPA$y, kern,
  qval=1, lambda=lambda, eps=1e-5, maxit=1e5)

# fit a weighted kernel DWD
kern = rbfdot(sigma=1)
```

```
weights = c(1, 2)[factor(BUPA$y)]
DWD_wtGaussian = kerndwd(BUPA$X, BUPA$y, kern,
  qval=1, lambda=lambda, wt = weights, eps=1e-5, maxit=1e5)
```

kernel functions

*Kernel Functions***Description**

Kernel functions provided in the R package kernlab. Details can be seen in the reference below.

The Gaussian RBF kernel  $k(x, x') = \exp(-\sigma\|x - x'\|^2)$

The Polynomial kernel  $k(x, x') = (scale < x, x' > + offset)^{degree}$

The Linear kernel  $k(x, x') = < x, x' >$

The Laplacian kernel  $k(x, x') = \exp(-\sigma\|x - x'\|)$

The Bessel kernel  $k(x, x') = (-\text{Bessel}_{\nu+1}^n \sigma\|x - x'\|^2)$

The ANOVA RBF kernel  $k(x, x') = \sum_{1 \leq i_1 \dots < i_D \leq N} \prod_{d=1}^D k(x_{id}, x'_{id})$  where  $k(x, x')$  is a Gaussian RBF kernel.

The Spline kernel  $\prod_{d=1}^D 1 + x_i x_j + x_i x_j \min(x_i, x_j) - \frac{x_i + x_j}{2} \min(x_i, x_j)^2 + \frac{\min(x_i, x_j)^3}{3}$ . The parameter sigma used in rbfddot can be selected by sigest().

**Usage**

```
rbfddot(sigma = 1)
polyddot(degree = 1, scale = 1, offset = 1)
vanilladot()
laplacedot(sigma = 1)
besseldot(sigma = 1, order = 1, degree = 1)
anovadot(sigma = 1, degree = 1)
splinedot()
sigest(x)
```

**Arguments**

sigma	The inverse kernel width used by the Gaussian, the Laplacian, the Bessel, and the ANOVA kernel.
degree	The degree of the polynomial, bessel or ANOVA kernel function. This has to be an positive integer.
scale	The scaling parameter of the polynomial kernel function.
offset	The offset used in a polynomial kernel.
order	The order of the Bessel function to be used as a kernel.
x	The design matrix used in kerndwd when sigest is called to estimate sigma in rbfddot().

**Details**

These R functions and descriptions are directly duplicated and/or adapted from the R package kernlab.



**Value**

Return an S4 object of class `kernel` which can be used as the argument of `kern` when fitting a `kerndwd` model.

**References**

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<http://www.jstatsoft.org/v11/i09/paper>

**Examples**

```
data(BUPA)
# generate a linear kernel
kfun = vanilladot()

# generate a Laplacian kernel function with sigma = 1
kfun = laplacedot(sigma=1)

# generate a Gaussian kernel function with sigma estimated by sigest()
kfun = rbfdot(sigma=sigest(BUPA$X))

# set kern=kfun when fitting a kerndwd object
data(BUPA)
BUPA$X = scale(BUPA$X, center=TRUE, scale=TRUE)
lambda = 10^(seq(-3, 3, length.out=10))
m1 = kerndwd(BUPA$X, BUPA$y, kern=kfun,
  qval=1, lambda=lambda, eps=1e-5, maxit=1e5)
```

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plot.cv.kerndwd

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*plot the cross-validation curve*


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**Description**

Plot cross-validation error curves with the upper and lower standard deviations versus log lambda values.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'cv.kerndwd'
plot(x, sign.lambda, ...)
```

## Arguments

<code>x</code>	A fitted <code>cv.kerndwd</code> object.
<code>sign.lambda</code>	Against $\log(\lambda)$ (default) or its negative if <code>sign.lambda=-1</code> .
<code>...</code>	Other graphical parameters being passed to <code>plot</code> .

## Details

This function plots the cross-validation error curves. This function is modified based on the `plot.cv` function of the `glmnet` package.

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<http://www.jstatsoft.org/v33/i01/paper>

## See Also

[cv.kerndwd](#).

## Examples

```
set.seed(1)
data(BUPA)
BUPA$X = scale(BUPA$X, center=TRUE, scale=TRUE)
lambda = 10^(seq(-3, 3, length.out=10))
kern = rbfdot(sigma=sigest(BUPA$X))
m.cv = cv.kerndwd(BUPA$X, BUPA$y, kern,
  qval=1, lambda=lambda, eps=1e-5, maxit=1e5)
m.cv
```

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plot.kerndwd	<i>plot coefficients</i>
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## Description

Plot the solution paths for a fitted `kerndwd` object.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'kerndwd'
plot(x, color=FALSE, ...)
```

## Arguments

<code>x</code>	A fitted “ <code>kerndwd</code> ” model.
<code>color</code>	If TRUE, plots the curves with rainbow colors; otherwise, with gray colors (default).
<code>...</code>	Other graphical parameters to plot.

## Details

Plots the solution paths as a coefficient profile plot. This function is modified based on the `plot` function from the `glmnet` package.

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<http://www.jstatsoft.org/v33/i01/paper>

## See Also

`kerndwd`, `predict.kerndwd`, `coef.kerndwd`, `plot.kerndwd`, and `cv.kerndwd`.

**Examples**

```
data(BUPA)
BUPA$X = scale(BUPA$X, center=TRUE, scale=TRUE)
lambda = 10^(seq(-3, 3, length.out=10))
kern = rbfdot(sigma=sigest(BUPA$X))
m1 = kerndwd(BUPA$X, BUPA$y, kern, qval=1,
  lambda=lambda, eps=1e-5, maxit=1e5)
plot(m1, color=TRUE)
```

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predict.kerndwd	<i>predict class labels for new observations</i>
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**Description**

Predict the binary class labels or the fitted values of an `kerndwd` object.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'kerndwd'
predict(object, kern, x, newx, type=c("class", "link"), ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>object</code>	A fitted <code>kerndwd</code> object.
<code>kern</code>	The kernel function used when fitting the <code>kerndwd</code> object.
<code>x</code>	The predictor matrix, i.e., the <code>x</code> matrix used when fitting the <code>kerndwd</code> object.
<code>newx</code>	A matrix of new values for <code>x</code> at which predictions are to be made. We note that <code>newx</code> must be a matrix, <code>predict</code> function does not accept a vector or other formats of <code>newx</code> .
<code>type</code>	"class" or "link"? "class" produces the predicted binary class labels and "link" returns the fitted values. Default is "class".
<code>...</code>	Not used. Other arguments to <code>predict</code> .

**Details**

If "type" is "class", the function returns the predicted class labels. If "type" is "link", the result is  $\beta_0 + x'_i \beta$  for the linear case and  $\beta_0 + K'_i \alpha$  for the kernel case.

**Value**

Returns either the predicted class labels or the fitted values, depending on the choice of `type`.

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## See Also

[kerndwd](#)

## Examples

```
data(BUPA)
BUPA$X = scale(BUPA$X, center=TRUE, scale=TRUE)
lambda = 10^(seq(-3, 3, length.out=10))
kern = rbfdot(sigma=sigest(BUPA$X))
m1 = kerndwd(BUPA$X, BUPA$y, kern,
  qval=1, lambda=lambda, eps=1e-5, maxit=1e5)
predict(m1, kern, BUPA$X, tail(BUPA$X))
```

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tunedwd	<i>fast tune procedure for DWD</i>
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## Description

A fast implementaiton of cross-validation for [kerndwd](#) to find the optimal values of the tuning parameter lambda.

## Usage

```
tunedwd(x, y, kern, lambda, qvals=1, eps=1e-5, maxit=1e+5, nfolds=5, foldid=NULL)
```

## Arguments

x	A matrix of predictors, i.e., the matrix x used in <a href="#">kerndwd</a> .
y	A vector of binary class labels, i.e., the y used in <a href="#">kerndwd</a> . y has two levels.
kern	A kernel function.
lambda	A user specified lambda candidate sequence for cross-validation.
qvals	A vector containing the index of the generalized DWD. Default value is 1.
eps	The algorithm stops when (i.e. $\sum_j (\beta_j^{new} - \beta_j^{old})^2$ is less than eps, where $j = 0, \dots, p$ . Default value is 1e-5.
maxit	The maximum of iterations allowed. Default is 1e5.
nfolds	The number of folds. Default value is 5. The allowable range is from 3 to the sample size.
foldid	An optional vector with values between 1 and nfold, representing the fold indices for each observation. If supplied, nfold can be missing.

## Details

This function returns the best tuning parameters  $q$  and  $\lambda$  by cross-validation. An efficient tune method is employed to accelerate the algorithm.

## Value

A `tunedwd.kerndwd` object including the cross-validation results is return.

`lam.tune`            The optimal  $\lambda$  value.

`q.tune`             The optimal  $q$  value.

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<http://www.jstatsoft.org/v33/i01/paper>

## See Also

[kerndwd](#).

## Examples

```
set.seed(1)
data(BUPA)
BUPA$X = scale(BUPA$X, center=TRUE, scale=TRUE)
lambda = 10^(seq(-3, 3, length.out=10))
kern = rbfdot(sigma=sigest(BUPA$X))
ret = tunedwd(BUPA$X, BUPA$y, kern, qvals=c(1,2,10), lambda=lambda, eps=1e-5, maxit=1e5)
ret
```

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