

STAT 243: Software Manual for Model Selection with Genetic Algorithms using **ga**

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1 Introduction

A genetic algorithm has the following steps:

1. Calculate fitness of chromosomes.
2. Select chromosomes to form a mating pool based on their fitness.
3. Recombine parent chromosomes from the mating pool.
4. Apply mutation to produce the resulting generation of chromosomes.

2 Code

```
ga <- select_model(data = data, yvar = "y", xvars = NULL,  
  model = "lm", glm_family = NULL, criterion = "AIC",  
  pop_size = 100, method_select = "rank",  
  method_recombine = "onpoint", prob_recombine = 0.6,  
  prob_mutate = 0.01, num_max_iterations = 100,  
  seed = 123, do_parallel = FALSE)
```

The result of this function is an object of **ga** class that contains the results

2.1 reproduce function

2.2 reproduce function

3 Testing

4 Contributions

5 Appendix