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**Description** LassoNet package contains functions to estimate a penalized regression model using 3CoSE algorithm described in the paper Striaukas and Weber (2018). Regression model has two penalty terms: 1) standard lasso and 2) network. Using this package, you can estimate both regression coefficients and network connection signs over the grid of penalty parameters. In addition, there is a separate file (replicated.R) that replicates simulation results of the paper Striaukas and Weber (2018).

**License** GPL (>= 2)

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LassoNet-package

*LassoNet: package for 3CoSE algorithm.*


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## Description

LassoNet R package estimates a penalized regression model slope coefficients together with connection signs between covariates using the 3CoSE algorithm described in the paper Weber et. al(2014) and briefly discussed in Striaukas and Weber (2018). Regression coefficients are penalized both in  $\ell_1$  and  $\ell_2$  norms, where the latter uses a network penalty matrix. The algorithm uses warm starts for the  $\beta$  vector and connection sign matrix  $M$ . The main function of the package is `lasso.net.grid`, see example below. Also, the package has a separate file with functions to fully replicate the results.

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## References

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## See Also

[Rcpp](#), [glmnet](#)

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beta.update.net

*Updates  $\beta$  coefficients.*


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## Description

This function updates  $\beta$  coefficients for a given penalty parameters.

## Usage

```
beta.update.net(x,y,beta,lambda1,lambda2,M1,n.iter,iscpp,tol)
```

**Arguments**

x	input data matrix of size $n \times p$ , n - number of observations, p - number of covariates
y	response vector of size $n \times 1$
beta	initial value for $\beta$ . default - zero vector of size $n \times 1$
lambda1	lasso penalty coefficient
lambda2	network penalty coefficient
M1	penalty matrix
n.iter	maximum number of iterations for $\beta$ updating. default - 1e5
iscpp	binary choice for using cpp function in coordinate updates. 1 - use C++ (default), 0 - use R.
tol	convergence tolerance level. default - 1e-6

**Details**

The function updates the coefficient vector  $\beta$  given the data and penalty parameters  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$ . Convergence criterion is defined as:  $\sum_{i=1}^p |\beta_{i,j} - \beta_{i,j-1}| \leq \text{tol}$ .

**Value**

beta	updated $\beta$ vector
convergence	binary variable for convergence
steps	number of steps until convergence

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**Examples**

```
p<-200
n<-100
beta.0=array(1,c(p,1))
x<-matrix(rnorm(n*p),n,p)
y<-rnorm(n,mean=0,sd=1)
lambda1<-1
lambda2<-1
M1<-diag(p)
updates<-beta.update.net(x, y, beta.0, lambda1, lambda2, M1)
```

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betanew_lasso_cpp	<i>C++ subroutine that updates <math>\beta</math> coefficients.</i>
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## Description

This function updates  $\beta$  coefficients for a given penalty parameters.

## Usage

```
betanew_lasso_cpp(xx, xy, beta, M, y, Lambda1, Lambda2, iter, tol)
```

## Arguments

xx	Bx matrix
xy	By vector
beta	initial value for $\beta$ . default - zero vector of size $n \times 1$
M	penalty matrix
y	response vector or size $n \times 1$
Lambda1	lasso penalty coefficient
Lambda2	network penalty coefficient
iter	maximum number of iterations for $\beta$ updating.
tol	convergence tolerance level.

## Details

The function updates the coefficient vector  $\beta$  given the data and penalty parameters  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$ . Convergence criterion is defined as:  $\sum_{i=1}^p |\beta_{i,j} - \beta_{i,j-1}| \leq \text{tol}$ .

## Value

beta	updated $\beta$ vector
steps	number of steps until convergence

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**Examples**

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x<-matrix(rnorm(n*p),n,p)
y<-rnorm(n,mean=0,sd=1)
lambda1<-1
lambda2<-1
M1<-diag(p)
updates<-beta.update.net(x, y, beta.0, lambda1, lambda2, M1)

```

drawdata

*Draw random data.***Description**

Function generates random data.

**Usage**

```
drawdata(n, beta)
```

**Arguments**

n	number of observations
beta	$\beta$ coefficient vector

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**Examples**

```

n<-10
beta<-rep(0.2,n)
data<-drawdata(n, beta)

```

fastols

*Fast least squares estimate.***Description**

Function computes least squares estimate in an efficient way.

**Usage**

```
fastols(y, x)
```

**Arguments**

y	dependent variable
x	response variable

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**Examples**

```
p<-10
n<-100
x<-matrix(rnorm(n*p),n,p)
beta<-array(5, c(p,1))
y<-x
fastols(y,x)
```

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get.BxBy

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*Computes decomposition elements, p.g. 14 of Weber et. al (2014).*


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**Description**

Function computes matrices  $B_X^{ij}$  and  $B_y^{ij}$  to speed up estimation of connection signs. These matrices are precomputed, stored. We store only indices that have non zero entries in penalty matrix M.

**Usage**

```
get.BxBy(x, y, M)
```

**Arguments**

x	Input data matrix of size $n \times p$ , n - number of observations, p - number of covariates
y	y Response vector or size $n \times 1$
M	Penalty matrix

**Details**

Function calculates matrices all for i and j indices that have non zero values in a given penalty matrix, since  $\xi$  matrix is updated only for such indices.

**Value**

Bx	array of $B_X^{ij}$ stored matrices. $Bx[, k]$ are the k-th combination of i and j non zero entry in the penalty matrix M
By	array of $B_y^{ij}$ stored matrices. $By[, k]$ are the k-th combination of i and j non zero entry in the penalty matrix M

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## References

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## Examples

```
p<-200
n<-100
x<-matrix(rnorm(n*p),n,p)
y<-rnorm(n,mean=0,sd=1)
M<-diag(p)
get.BxBy(x, y, M)
```

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get.signs.M

*A function that vectorizes connetion sign matrix.*

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## Description

Stores a matrix of connection signs into a vector.

## Usage

```
get.signs.M(MAT)
```

## Arguments

MAT                      A matrix of connection signs that contains -1, 1 or 0

## Value

vec.out                  Vectorized MAT matrix

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get.xi

*Updates the estimates of the connection signs by running mini OLS models as described in Striaukas and Weber (2018), see p.g. 7 step 3.*

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## Description

Function updates connection signs  $\hat{\xi}$ .

## Usage

```
get.xi(Bx,By,beta,xi,M)
```

**Arguments**

Bx	Bx element
By	By element
beta	$\hat{\beta}$ estimated value
xi	$\hat{\xi}$ matrix estimated at the previous step
M	penalty matrix

**Value**

xi	Updated $\hat{\xi}$ matrix
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**References**

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lasso.net.fixed	<i>Estimates slope coefficients and connection signs over the grid values of penalty parameters <math>\lambda_1</math>, <math>\lambda_2</math> with fixed connection signs (Li and Li (2008) method).</i>
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**Description**

The function is largely the same as lasso.net.grid, but the network connection signs are kept unchanged.

**Usage**

```
lasso.net.fixed(x,y,beta.0,lambda1,lambda2,M1,n.iter,iscpp,tol)
```

**Arguments**

x	$n \times p$ input data matrix
y	response vector or size $n \times 1$
beta.0	initial value for $\beta$ . default - zero vector of size $n \times 1$
lambda1	lasso penalty coefficient
lambda2	network penalty coefficient
M1	penalty matrix
n.iter	maximum number of iterations for $\beta$ updating. default - 1e5
iscpp	binary choice for using cpp function in coordinate updates. 1 - use C++ (default), 0 - use R.
tol	convergence in $\beta$ tolerance level. default - 1e-6



## Details

Function loops through the grid of values of penalty parameters  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  until convergence is reached. Warm starts are stored for each iterator. The warm starts are stored once the coordinate updating converges.

## Value

beta	Matrix of $\beta$ coefficients. Columns denote different $\lambda_1$ coefficients, rows - $\lambda_2$ coefficients
mse	Mean squared error value
iterations	matrix with stored number of steps for sign matrix to converge
update.steps	matrix with stored number of steps for $\beta$ updates to converge. (only stores the last values from connection signs iterations)
convergence.in.grid	matrix with stored values for convergence in $\beta$ coefficients. If at least one $\beta$ did not converge in sign matrix iterations, 0 (false) is stored, otherwise 1 (true)

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- Li, C. & Li, H. (2008). *Network-constrained regularization and variable selection for analysis of genomic data*. *Bioinformatics*, 24, 1175-1182
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## Examples

```
p=200
n=100
beta.0=array(1,c(p,1))
x=matrix(rnorm(n*p),n,p)
y=rnorm(n,mean=0,sd=1)
lambda1=c(0,1)
lambda2=c(0,1)
M1=diag(p)
lasso.net.grid(x, y, beta.0, lambda1, lambda2, M1)
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lasso.net.grid	<i>Estimates coefficients and connection signs over the grid of values of penalty parameters <math>\lambda_1</math> and <math>\lambda_2</math>.</i>
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## Description

Function fits lasso and network regressions over the grid of values of penalty coefficients  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$ .  $\beta$  updates are either computed in R or C++ (default). In addition, function stores connection signs, number of iterations until convergence and convergence outcome. In case connection sign matrix alternates, the function also stores the last `alt.num` connection sign matrices.

**Usage**

```
lasso.net.grid(x,y ,beta.0,lambda1,lambda2,M1,m.iter,n.iter,iscpp=TRUE,tol,alt.num)
```

**Arguments**

x	$n \times p$ input data matrix
y	response vector or size $n \times 1$
beta.0	initial value for $\beta$ . default - zero vector of size $n \times 1$
lambda1	lasso penalty coefficient
lambda2	network penalty coefficient
M1	penalty matrix
m.iter	maximum number of iterations for sign matrix updating. default - 100
n.iter	maximum number of iterations for $\beta$ updating. default - 1e5
iscpp	binary choice for using cpp function in coordinate updates. 1 - use C++ (default), 0 - use R
tol	convergence in $\beta$ tolerance level. default - 1e-6
alt.num	In case connection sign matrix alternates, alt.num last iterations are stored. default - 12

**Details**

Function loops through (using two for loops and one while loop) the grid values of  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  until either sign matrix converges or maximum (m.iter) number of iterations is reached. Convergence in sign matrix is checked by evaluating whether two consecutive matrices are equal. Warm starts are stored for each iterator. The first warm start is stored once coordinate updates converge given initial value for sign matrix (i.e. first iteration in sign matrix). Warm start for a new value of  $\lambda_2$  is stored when coordinate updates converge given initial value for sign matrix (i.e. first iteration in sign matrix, but last iteration in  $\lambda_1$ ). In addition, the function checks whether signs alternate. Once the algorithm is close to the maximum number of iterations (m.iter) in sign matrix, function stores two previous sign matrices and checks whether they alternate (i.e. whether the connection sign matrix equals to the previous two steps estimated sign matrix and does not equal to one step before estimated sign matrix). Further convergence checks are done for the  $\beta$  values when looping through the sign matrix. If at least one  $\beta$  updating procedure did not converge, false is stored in a converge.in.grid output matrix while otherwise true is stored.

**Value**

beta	matrix of $\beta$ coefficients. Columns denote different $\lambda_1$ coefficients, rows - $\lambda_2$ coefficients
mse	Mean squared error value
M	Array of connection signs. $M[,i,j]$ is the connection sign matrix for j-th $\lambda_1$ value and i-th $\lambda_2$ value
iterations	matrix with stored number of steps for sign matrix to converge
update.steps	matrix with stored number of steps for $\beta$ updates to converge. (only stores the last values from connection signs iterations)
convergence.in.M	matrix with stored values for convergence in sign matrix

convergence.in.grid      matrix with stored values for convergence in  $\beta$  coefficients. If at least one  $\beta$  did not converge in sign matrix iterations, 0 (false) is stored, otherwise 1 (true)

xi.conv      array with stored values about changes in connection signs (each iteration)

beta.alt      vector for  $\beta$  value in the case when M1 matrix alternates, zero otherwise

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**Examples**

```
p=200
n=100
beta.0=array(1,c(p,1))
x=matrix(rnorm(n*p),n,p)
y=rnorm(n,mean=0,sd=1)
lambda1=c(0,1)
lambda2=c(0,1)
M1=diag(p)
lasso.net.grid(x, y, beta.0, lambda1, lambda2, M1)
```

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mat.to.laplacian	Computes laplacian given some matrix M.
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**Description**

Computes laplacian given some matrix M.

**Usage**

```
mat.to.laplacian(M1,type)
```

**Arguments**

M1	$p \times p$ matrix
type	Laplacian types. "normalized" (default) gives normalized laplacian, "combinatorial" gives combinatorial.

**Value**

L	Laplacian
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matrix.M.update	<i>Updates connection sign matrix.</i>
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### Description

Function updates M matrix using relation  $(M)_{ij} = -\hat{\xi}_{ij}|(M_1)_{ij}|$ .

### Usage

```
matrix.M.update(M, xi)
```

### Arguments

M	penalty matrix
xi	estimated $\hat{\xi}_{ij}$ matrix

### Details

Updating equation is at Weber et. al (2014), p.g. 9, 2nd step of algorithm

### Value

M	updated correct M matrix
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### Examples

```
p<-100
M<-diag(p)
xi<-matrix(rnorm(p*p), p, p)
matrix.M.update(M,xi)
```

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soft.thresh	<i>Soft thresholding operator.</i>
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**Description**

Evaluates each element of  $\beta$  using soft thresholding operator.

**Usage**

```
soft.thresh(x, kappa)
```

**Arguments**

x	$\beta$ coordinate
kappa	$\kappa$ value in general or $\lambda_1$ for covariance updating.

**Details**

Uses standard soft thresholding definition:  $S(x, \kappa) = \text{sign}(x)(|x| - \kappa)_+$

**Value**

x	value after applying soft thresholding operator
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**Examples**

```
kappa<-0.2
x<-0.7
soft.thresh(x, kappa)
```

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