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## Description

This package gives faster algorithms to fit a linear regression model and compute the multivariate normal density.

## Details

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This package mainly uses Cholesky decomposition when computing the inverse matrix and takes advantages of matrix property as well.

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dmvnorm

*Computing the Multivariate Normal Density MORE Efficiently*

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**Description**

This function dmvnorm() evaluates the k-dimensional multivariate Normal density with mean mu and covariance S

**Usage**

```
dmvnorm(x, mu, S, log = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

x	a n*k matrix of points to be evaluated
mu	a length k vector of means for the k-dimensional Normal
S	a k*k covariance matrix
log	whether the return should be the log density. Default is TRUE

**Value**

This function returns a vector of length n containing the values of the multivariate Normal density evaluated at the n points. If log = TRUE, it returns the log density at those points. If log is not true, it will return the density values.

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## Examples

```
## The function is currently defined as
dmvnorm <- function(x, mu, S, log = TRUE) {
  k=length(mu)
  if(is.matrix(x)==FALSE){
    x=as.matrix(t(x))
  }
  n=nrow(x)

  #check positive definite
  Q=tryCatch({chol(S)},
    error=function(li){
      message("S cannot be a covariance matrix")
    })

  #compute Q_inverse*(x-mu)
  temp1=x-rep(1,n)%*%t(mu)
  A=forwardsolve(t(Q),t(temp1))
  temp2=diag(crossprod(A))

  #compute density
  density=(-k/2)*log(2*pi)-(1/2)*2*sum(log(diag(Q)))-(1/2)*temp2

  #check if log argument
  if(log==FALSE){
    density=exp(density)
  }
  return(density)
}

n <- 10
n2 <- n^2
xg <- seq(0, 1, length = n)
yg <- xg
g <- data.matrix(expand.grid(xg, yg))
D <- as.matrix(dist(g))
phi <- 5

S <- exp(-phi * D)
mu <- rep(0, n2)
set.seed(1)
x <- matrix(rnorm(n2), byrow = TRUE, ncol = n2)

dmvnorm(x, mu, S, log = TRUE)
```

## Description

Comparing to the `lm.fit()` function in R, this `fastlm()` function presents a much faster way to fit a linear regression model.

**Usage**

```
fastlm(X, y, na.rm = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>X</code>	predictor variable, a $n \times k$ matrix
<code>y</code>	response variable, a vector of length $n$
<code>na.rm</code>	argument indicating that whether missing values in <code>X</code> or <code>y</code> should be removed. Default is <code>FALSE</code>

**Details**

`fastlm()` takes the advantages of Cholesky decomposition to compute the inverse matrices, which makes a huge improvement in the efficiency of fitting linear regression models.

**Value**

	a list of components
<code>coefficients</code>	a vector of the regression coefficients estimated using maximum likelihood
<code>vcov</code>	the $p \times p$ covariance matrix of the estimated regression coefficients

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**References**

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**Examples**

```
function (X, y, na.rm = FALSE)
{
  n <- length(y)
  p <- ncol(X)

  ##Check if missing values in X and y should be removed
  if (na.rm == TRUE) {
    Z = cbind(X, y)
    X = X[complete.cases(Z), ]
    y = as.matrix(y[complete.cases(Z)])
  }
  A <- crossprod(X)
  C <- crossprod(X, y)

  ##Cholesky decomposition
  Q <- chol(A)
  temp1 <- forwardsolve(t(Q), C)
  betahat <- backsolve(Q, temp1)
  cov_beta <- chol2inv(Q) * as.numeric(crossprod(y)-crossprod(y,X%*%betahat)/(n - p))
  return(list(coefficients = betahat, vcov = cov_beta))
}

set.seed(2)
```

```
## Generate predictor matrix
n <- 100
p <- 5
X <- cbind(1, matrix(rnorm(n * (p - 1)), n, p - 1))

## Coefficients
b <- rnorm(p)

## Response
y <- X %*% b + rnorm(n)

fit <- fastlm(X, y)
str(fit)
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