# Package 'spNNGP'

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## **Description**

Canopy Height Model (CHM) from NASA Goddard's LiDAR Hyperspectral and Thermal (G-LiHT; Cook et al. 2013) Airborne Imager over a subset of Harvard Forest Simes Tract, MA, collected in Summer 2012.

The CHM matrix columns are longitude, latitude, and canopy height (m) from ground for 17,23,137 observations. Longitude and latitude are in UTM Zone 18 (proj4string "+proj=utm +zone=18 +da-tum=WGS84 +units=m +no\_defs +ellps=WGS84 +towgs84=0,0,0").

## Usage

data(CHM)

## **Format**

A matrix containing 17,23,137 rows and 3 columns named longitude, latitude, and CHM.

#### Source

Data were downloaded from https://gliht.gsfc.nasa.gov with metadata available at ftp://fusionftp.gsfc.nasa.gov/G-LiHT/Simes\_Jun2012/metadata/Simes\_Jun2012\_metadata.pdf.

## References

Cook, B.D., L.W. Corp, R.F. Nelson, E.M. Middleton, D.C. Morton, J.T. McCorkel, J.G. Masek, K.J. Ranson, and V. Ly. (2013) NASA Goddard's Lidar, Hyperspectral and Thermal (G-LiHT) airborne imager. Remote Sensing 5:4045-4066.

spConjNNGP	Function for fitting univariate Bayesian conjugate spatial regression models
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## **Description**

The function spConjNNGP fits Gaussian univariate Bayesian conjugate spatial regression models using Nearest Neighbor Gaussian Processes (NNGP).

## Usage

#### **Arguments**

formula a symbolic description of the regression model to be fit. See example below.

data an optional data frame containing the variables in the model. If not found in data,

the variables are taken from environment (formula), typically the environment

from which spConjNNGP is called.

coords an  $n \times 2$  matrix of the observation coordinates in  $R^2$  (e.g., easting and northing).

n.neighbors number of neighbors used in the NNGP.

theta.alpha a vector or matrix of parameter values for phi, nu, and alpha, where  $\alpha = \tau^2/\sigma^2$ 

and nu is only required if cov.model="matern". A vector is passed if you want to run the model using one set of parameters. The vector elements must be named and hold values for phi, nu, and alpha. If a matrix is passed, columns must be named and hold values for phi, alpha, and nu. Each row in the matrix

defines a set of parameters for which the model will be run.

sigma.sq.IG a vector of length two that holds the hyperparameters, shape and scale respec-

tively, for the inverse-Gamma prior on  $\sigma^2$ .

cov.model a quoted keyword that specifies the covariance function used to model the spatial dependence structure among the observations. Supported covariance model key

dependence structure among the observations. Supported covariance model key words are: "exponential", "matern", "spherical", and "gaussian". See

below for details.

k.fold an optional argument used to specify the number of k folds for cross-validation.

In k-fold cross-validation, the data specified in model is randomly partitioned into k equal sized subsamples. Of the k subsamples, k-1 subsamples are used to fit the model and the remaining k samples are used for prediction. The cross-validation process is repeated k times (the folds). Root mean squared prediction error (RMSPE) and continuous ranked probability score (CRPS; Gneiting and Raftery, 2007) rules are averaged over the k fold prediction results and reported for the parameter set(s) defined by theta.alpha. The parameter set that yields the *best* performance based on the scoring rule defined by score.rule is used fit the final model that uses all the data and make predictions if k0 and coords.0 are specified. Results from the k-fold cross-validation are returned in

the k. fold. scores matrix.

score.rule a quoted keyword "rmspe" or "crps" that specifies the scoring rule used to se-

lect the best parameter set, see argument definition for k.fold for more details.

X.0 the design matrix for prediction locations. An intercept should be provided in

the first column if one is specified in model.

coords.0 the spatial coordinates corresponding to X.0.

n.omp.threads a positive integer indicating the number of threads to use for SMP parallel pro-

cessing. The package must be compiled for OpenMP support. For most Intelbased machines, we recommend setting n.omp.threads up to the number of

hyperthreaded cores.

search.type a quoted keyword that specifies type of nearest neighbor search algorithm. Sup-

ported method key words are: "tree" and "brute" both will yield the same

solution but "tree" should be much faster.

return.neighbors

if TRUE, a list containing the indices for each locations' nearest neighbors will

be returned. See n. indx below for more details.

verbose if TRUE, model specification and progress is printed to the screen. Otherwise,

nothing is printed to the screen.

... currently no additional arguments.

## Value

An object of class cNNGP, which is a list comprising:

beta.hat a matrix of regression coefficient estimates corresponding to parameter set(s)

defined in theta.alpha.

theta.alpha.sigmaSq

the theta.alpha vector or matrix with  $\sigma^2$  estimates appended.

k.fold.scores results from the k-fold cross-validation if k.fold is specified.

y.0.hat prediction if X.0 and coords.0 are specified.

y.0.var.hat prediction variance if X.0 and coords.0 are specified.

n.indx if return.neighbors=TRUE then n.indx will be a list of length n. The i-th

element in the list corresponds to the i-th row in the ordered coords matrix and

the elements are the nearest neighbor indices for the given location.

coords the input coords matrix ordered by the first column.

run.time execution time for building the nearest neighbor index and parameter estimation

reported using proc.time().

The return object will include additional objects used for subsequent prediction and/or model fit evaluation.

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Gneiting, T and A.E. Raftery. (2007) Strictly proper scoring rules, prediction, and estimation. Journal of the American Statistical Association, 102:359-378.

## **Examples**

```
rmvn <- function(n, mu=0, V = matrix(1)){</pre>
  p <- length(mu)</pre>
  if(any(is.na(match(dim(V),p))))
    stop("Dimension problem!")
  D <- chol(V)
  t(matrix(rnorm(n*p), ncol=p)%*%D + rep(mu,rep(n,p)))
}
##Make some data
set.seed(1)
n <- 2000
coords <- cbind(runif(n,0,1), runif(n,0,1))
x <- cbind(1, rnorm(n))</pre>
B \leftarrow as.matrix(c(1,5))
sigma.sq < -5
tau.sq <- 1
phi <- 3/0.5
D <- as.matrix(dist(coords))</pre>
R \leftarrow exp(-phi*D)
w \leftarrow rmvn(1, rep(0,n), sigma.sq*R)
y \leftarrow rnorm(n, x\%*B + w, sqrt(tau.sq))
ho <- sample(1:n, 1000)
y.ho \leftarrow y[ho]
x.ho <- x[ho,,drop=FALSE]</pre>
w.ho <- w[ho]
coords.ho <- coords[ho,]</pre>
y \leftarrow y[-ho]
x <- x[-ho,,drop=FALSE]</pre>
w <- w[-ho,,drop=FALSE]</pre>
coords <- coords[-ho,]</pre>
##Fit a Conjugate NNGP model and predict for the holdout
sigma.sq.IG \leftarrow c(2, sigma.sq)
cov.model <- "exponential"</pre>
```

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g <- 10
theta.alpha <- cbind(seq(phi,30,length.out=g), seq(tau.sq/sigma.sq,5,length.out=g))</pre>
colnames(theta.alpha) <- c("phi", "alpha")</pre>
##one thread
m.c <- spConjNNGP(y^x-1, coords=coords, n.neighbors = 10,
                   X.0 = x.ho, coords.0 = coords.ho,
                   k.fold = 5, score.rule = "crps",
                   n.omp.threads = 1,
               theta.alpha = theta.alpha, sigma.sq.IG = sigma.sq.IG, cov.model = cov.model)
m.c$beta.hat
m.c$theta.alpha.sigmaSq
m.c$k.fold.scores
##two threads
m.c \leftarrow spConjNNGP(y\sim x-1, coords=coords, n.neighbors = 10,
                  X.0 = x.ho, coords.0 = coords.ho,
                   k.fold = 5, score.rule = "crps",
                   n.omp.threads = 2,
               theta.alpha = theta.alpha, sigma.sq.IG = sigma.sq.IG, cov.model = cov.model)
m.c$beta.hat
m.c$theta.alpha.sigmaSq
m.c$k.fold.scores
```

spNNGP

Function for fitting univariate Bayesian spatial regression models

#### **Description**

The function spNNGP fits Gaussian univariate Bayesian spatial regression models using Nearest Neighbor Gaussian Processes (NNGP).

## Usage

```
spNNGP(formula, data = parent.frame(), coords, method = "response", n.neighbors = 15,
    starting, tuning, priors, cov.model = "exponential",
    n.samples, n.omp.threads = 1, search.type = "tree",
    return.neighbors = FALSE, verbose = TRUE, n.report = 100, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

formula

a symbolic description of the regression model to be fit. See example below.

data

an optional data frame containing the variables in the model. If not found in data, the variables are taken from environment(formula), typically the environment from which spNNGP is called.

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coords an  $n \times 2$  matrix of the observation coordinates in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  (e.g., easting and northing).

method a quoted keyword that specifies the NNGP sampling algorithm. Supported

method keywords are: "response" and "sequential". See below for details.

n.neighbors number of neighbors used in the NNGP.

starting a list with each tag corresponding to a parameter name. Valid tags are beta,

sigma.sq, tau.sq, phi, and nu. nu is only specified if cov.model="matern".

The value portion of each tag is the parameter's starting value.

tuning a list with each tag corresponding to a parameter name. Valid tags are sigma. sq,

tau.sq, phi, and nu. If method="sequential" then only phi and nu need to be specified. The value portion of each tag defines the variance of the Metropolis

sampler Normal proposal distribution.

priors a list with each tag corresponding to a parameter name. Valid tags are sigma.sq.ig,

tau.sq.ig, phi.unif, and nu.unif. Variance parameters, simga.sq and tau.sq, are assumed to follow an inverse-Gamma distribution, whereas the spatial decay phi and smoothness nu parameters are assumed to follow Uniform distributions. The hyperparameters of the inverse-Gamma are passed as a vector of length two, with the first and second elements corresponding to the *shape* and *scale*, respectively. The hyperparameters of the Uniform are also passed as a vector of length two with the first and second elements corresponding to the lower and upper

support, respectively.

cov.model a quoted keyword that specifies the covariance function used to model the spatial

dependence structure among the observations. Supported covariance model key words are: "exponential", "matern", "spherical", and "gaussian". See

below for details.

n. samples the number of posterior samples to collect.

n.omp.threads a positive integer indicating the number of threads to use for SMP parallel pro-

cessing. The package must be compiled for OpenMP support. For most Intelbased machines, we recommend setting n.omp.threads up to the number of

hyperthreaded cores.

verbose if TRUE, model specification and progress of the sampler is printed to the screen.

Otherwise, nothing is printed to the screen.

search. type a quoted keyword that specifies type of nearest neighbor search algorithm. Sup-

ported method key words are: "tree" and "brute" both will yield the same

solution but "tree" should be much faster.

return.neighbors

if TRUE, a list containing the indices for each locations' nearest neighbors will

be returned. See n. indx below for more details.

n.report the interval to report Metropolis sampler acceptance and MCMC progress.

... currently no additional arguments.

#### **Details**

Model parameters can be fixed at their starting values by setting their tuning values to zero.

The no nugget model is specified by setting tau. sq to zero in the starting and tuning lists.

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#### Value

An object of class rNNGP or sNNGP depending on the method, which is a list comprising:

p.beta.samples a coda object of posterior samples for the regression coefficients.

p.theta.samples

a coda object of posterior samples for covariance parameters.

n.indx if return.neighbors=TRUE then n.indx will be a list of length n. The i-th

element in the list corresponds to the i-th row in the ordered coords matrix and

the elements are the nearest neighbor indices for the given location.

coords the input coords matrix ordered by the first column.

run.time execution time for building the nearest neighbor index and MCMC sampler re-

ported using proc.time().

The return object will include additional objects used for subsequent prediction and/or model fit evaluation.

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#### References

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## **Examples**

```
rmvn <- function(n, mu=0, V = matrix(1)){
  p <- length(mu)
  if(any(is.na(match(dim(V),p))))
    stop("Dimension problem!")
  D <- chol(V)
  t(matrix(rnorm(n*p), ncol=p)%*%D + rep(mu,rep(n,p)))
}
##Make some data
set.seed(1)
n <- 100
coords <- cbind(runif(n,0,1), runif(n,0,1))
x <- cbind(1, rnorm(n))</pre>
```

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```
B \leftarrow as.matrix(c(1,5))
sigma.sq <- 5
tau.sq <- 1
phi <- 3/0.5
D <- as.matrix(dist(coords))</pre>
R <- exp(-phi*D)
w \leftarrow rmvn(1, rep(0,n), sigma.sq*R)
y \leftarrow rnorm(n, x%*%B + w, sqrt(tau.sq))
 ##Fit a Response and Sequential NNGP model
n.samples < -500
starting <- list("phi"=phi, "sigma.sq"=5, "tau.sq"=1)</pre>
tuning <- list("phi"=0.1, "sigma.sq"=0.1, "tau.sq"=0.1)</pre>
priors <- list("phi.Unif"=c(3/1, 3/0.01), "sigma.sq.IG"=c(2, 5), "tau.sq.IG"=c(2, 1))</pre>
cov.model <- "exponential"</pre>
\verb|m.s| <- spNNGP(y^x-1, coords=coords, starting=starting, method="sequential", n.neighbors=10, and the starting is also becomes a specific coordinate of the starting of the starting is also becomes a specific coordinate of the starting 
                                                                    tuning=tuning, priors=priors, cov.model=cov.model,
                                                                   n.samples=n.samples, n.omp.threads=2)
 round(summary(m.s$p.beta.samples)$quantiles[,c(3,1,5)],2)
 round(summary(m.s$p.theta.samples)$quantiles[,c(3,1,5)],2)
\label{eq:m.r.spNNGP} $$ m.r. <- spNNGP(y^x-1, coords=coords, starting=starting, method="response", n.neighbors=10, m.r. <- spNNGP(y^x-1, coords=coords, starting=starting, m.r. <- spNNGP(y^x-1, coords=coords, starting=starting, m.r. <- spNNGP(y^x-1, coords=coords, starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting=starting
                                                                    tuning=tuning, priors=priors, cov.model=cov.model,
                                                                   n.samples=n.samples, n.omp.threads=2)
 round(summary(m.r$p.beta.samples)$quantiles[,c(3,1,5)],2)
 round(summary(m.r$p.theta.samples)$quantiles[,c(3,1,5)],2)
```

spPredict

*Function for prediction at new locations using* spNNGP *models.* 

## Description

The function spPredict collects posterior predictive samples for a set of new locations given a spNNGP object.

## Usage

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#### **Arguments**

sp.obj an object returned by spNNGP. X.0 the design matrix for prediction locations. An intercept should be provided in the first column if one is specified in sp.obj model. the spatial coordinates corresponding to X.0. coords.0 specifies the first sample included in the composition sampling. start specifies the last sample included in the composition. The default is to use all end posterior samples in sp.obj. thin a sample thinning factor. The default of 1 considers all samples between start and end. For example, if thin = 10 then 1 in 10 samples are considered between start and end. a positive integer indicating the number of threads to use for SMP parallel pron.omp.threads cessing. The package must be compiled for OpenMP support. For most Intelbased machines, we recommend setting n.omp.threads up to the number of hyperthreaded cores. verbose if TRUE, model specification and progress of the sampler is printed to the screen. Otherwise, nothing is printed to the screen. n.report the interval to report sampling progress. currently no additional arguments. . . .

#### Value

## A list comprising:

p.y.0 a matrix that holds the response variable posterior predictive samples where rows are locations corresponding to coords.0 and columns are samples.

p.w.0 a matrix that holds the random effect posterior predictive samples where rows are locations corresponding to coords.0 and columns are samples. This is only returned if spNNGP method = "sequential".

run.time execution time reported using proc.time().

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## **Examples**

```
rmvn <- function(n, mu=0, V = matrix(1)){</pre>
  p <- length(mu)</pre>
  if(any(is.na(match(dim(V),p))))
    stop("Dimension problem!")
  D <- chol(V)
  t(matrix(rnorm(n*p), ncol=p)%*%D + rep(mu,rep(n,p)))
}
##Make some data
set.seed(1)
n <- 100
coords <- cbind(runif(n,0,1), runif(n,0,1))</pre>
x <- cbind(1, rnorm(n))</pre>
B \leftarrow as.matrix(c(1,5))
sigma.sq < -5
tau.sq <- 1
phi <- 3/0.5
D <- as.matrix(dist(coords))</pre>
R \leftarrow exp(-phi*D)
w \leftarrow rmvn(1, rep(0,n), sigma.sq*R)
y \leftarrow rnorm(n, x\%*B + w, sqrt(tau.sq))
ho <- sample(1:n, 50)
y.ho \leftarrow y[ho]
x.ho <- x[ho,,drop=FALSE]</pre>
w.ho <- w[ho]
coords.ho <- coords[ho,]</pre>
y \leftarrow y[-ho]
x <- x[-ho,,drop=FALSE]</pre>
w <- w[-ho,,drop=FALSE]</pre>
coords <- coords[-ho,]</pre>
##Fit a Response and Sequential NNGP model
n.samples <- 500
starting <- list("phi"=phi, "sigma.sq"=5, "tau.sq"=1)</pre>
tuning <- list("phi"=0.1, "sigma.sq"=0.1, "tau.sq"=0.1)</pre>
priors <- list("phi.Unif"=c(3/1, 3/0.01), "sigma.sq.IG"=c(2, 5), "tau.sq.IG"=c(2, 1))</pre>
cov.model <- "exponential"</pre>
n.report <- 500
```

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