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coef.cv.rss	<i>Coefficient function for cv.rss object</i>
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**Description**

Extracts coefficients for a given parameter pair (k,h).

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'cv.rss'
coef(object, k = "k.min", h = "h.min", ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	an object of class <code>cv.rss</code>
k	the number of predictors indexing the desired fit; 'k.min' uses best k from cross-validation
h	the number of observations indexing the desired fit; 'h.min' uses best h from cross-validation
...	any other arguments

**Value**

An array of coefficients.

**Author(s)**

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coef.rss	<i>Coefficient function for rss object</i>
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**Description**

Extracts coefficients for a given parameter pair (k,h).

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'rss'
coef(object, k = NULL, h = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	an object of class <code>rss</code>
k	the number of predictors indexing the desired fit
h	the number of observations indexing the desired fit
...	any other arguments

**Value**

An array of coefficients.

**Author(s)**

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cv.bss	<i>Cross-validated best subset selection</i>
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**Description**

Fits a sequence of regression models using best subset selection and then cross-validates these models. This function is just a wrapper for the `cv.rss` function. The function solves the robust subset selection problem with  $h=n$ , using nonrobust measures of location and scale to standardise, and a nonrobust measure of prediction error in cross-validation.

**Usage**

```
cv.bss(
  x,
  y,
  k = 0:min(nrow(x) - 1, ncol(x), 20),
  mio = "min",
  nfold = 10,
  cv.loss = mspe,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

x	a predictor matrix
y	a response vector
k	the number of predictors to minimise sum of squares over; by default a sequence from 0 to 20
mio	one of 'min', 'all', or 'none' indicating whether to run the mixed-integer solver on the k that minimises the cv error, all k, or none at all
nfold	the number of folds to use in cross-validation

`cv.loss`            an optional cross-validation loss-function to use; should accept a vector of errors; by default mean square prediction error

`...`                any other arguments

### Value

See documentation for the `cv.rss` function.

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### Examples

```
# Generate training data
set.seed(0)
n <- 100
p <- 10
p0 <- 5
beta <- c(rep(1, p0), rep(0, p - p0))
x <- matrix(rnorm(n * p), n, p)
e <- rnorm(n)
y <- x %*% beta + e

# Best subset selection with cross-validation
cl <- parallel::makeCluster(2)
fit <- cv.bss(x, y, cluster = cl)
parallel::stopCluster(cl)

# Extract model coefficients, generate predictions, and plot cross-validation results
coef(fit)
predict(fit, x[1:3, ])
plot(fit)
```

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<code>cv.rss</code>	<i>Cross-validated robust subset selection</i>
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### Description

Fits a sequence of regression models using robust subset selection and then cross-validates these models.

### Usage

```
cv.rss(
  x,
  y,
  k = 0:min(nrow(x) - 1, ncol(x), 20),
  h = function(n) round(seq(0.75, 1, 0.05) * n),
```

```

    mio = "min",
    nfold = 10,
    cv.loss = tmspe,
    cluster = NULL,
    ...
)

```

### Arguments

x	a predictor matrix
y	a response vector
k	the number of predictors to minimise sum of squares over; by default a sequence from 0 to 20
h	a function that takes the sample size that returns the number of observations to minimise sum of squares over; by default produces a sequence from 75 to 100 percent of sample size (in increments of 5 percent); a function is used here to facilitate varying sample sizes in cross-validation
mio	one of 'min', 'all', or 'none' indicating whether to run the mixed-integer solver on the k and h that minimise the cv error, all k and h, or none at all
nfold	the number of folds to use in cross-validation
cv.loss	an optional cross-validation loss-function to use; should accept a vector of errors; by default trimmed mean square prediction error with 25% trimming
cluster	an optional cluster for running cross-validation in parallel; must be set up using <code>parallel::makeCluster</code>
...	any other arguments

### Value

An object of class `cv.rss`; a list with the following components:

cv	a matrix with the cross-validated values of <code>cv.loss</code> ; rows correspond to k and columns to h
k	a vector containing the values of k used in the fit
h	a vector containing the values of h used in the fit
k.min	the k yielding the lowest cross-validated <code>cv.loss</code>
h.min	the h yielding the lowest cross-validated <code>cv.loss</code>
fit	the fit from running <code>rss()</code> on the full data

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**Examples**

```
# Generate training data with mixture error
set.seed(0)
n <- 100
p <- 10
p0 <- 5
ncontam <- 10
beta <- c(rep(1, p0), rep(0, p - p0))
x <- matrix(rnorm(n * p), n, p)
e <- rnorm(n, c(rep(10, ncontam), rep(0, n - ncontam)))
y <- x %*% beta + e

# Robust subset selection with cross-validation
cl <- parallel::makeCluster(2)
fit <- cv.rss(x, y, cluster = cl)
parallel::stopCluster(cl)

# Extract model coefficients, generate predictions, and plot cross-validation results
coef(fit)
predict(fit, x[1:3, ])
plot(fit)
```

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plot.cv.rss

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*Plot function for cv.rss object*


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**Description**

Plot the cross-validation results from robust subset selection.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'cv.rss'
plot(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	an object of class cv.rss
...	any other arguments

**Value**

A plot of the cross-validation results.

**Author(s)**

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plot.rss	<i>Plot function for rss object</i>
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**Description**

Plot the coefficient profiles from robust subset selection.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'rss'
plot(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	an object of class <code>rss</code>
...	any other arguments

**Value**

A plot of the coefficient profiles.

**Author(s)**

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predict.cv.rss	<i>Predict function for cv.rss object</i>
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**Description**

Generate predictions given new data using a given parameter pair (k, h).

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'cv.rss'
predict(object, x.new, k = "k.min", h = "h.min", ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	an object of class <code>cv.rss</code>
x.new	a matrix of new values for the predictors
k	the number of predictors indexing the desired fit; 'k.min' uses best k from cross-validation
h	the number of observations indexing the desired fit; 'h.min' uses best h from cross-validation
...	any other arguments

**Value**

An array of predictions.

**Author(s)**

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predict.rss

*Predict function for rss object*

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**Description**

Generate predictions for new data using a given parameter pair (k, h).

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'rss'  
predict(object, x.new, k = NULL, h = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	an object of class <code>rss</code>
x.new	a matrix of new values for the predictors
k	the number of predictors indexing the desired fit
h	the number of observations indexing the desired fit
...	any other arguments

**Value**

An array of predictions.

**Author(s)**

Ryan Thompson <ryan.thompson@monash.edu>



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rss

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*Robust subset selection*


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## Description

Fits a sequence of regression models using robust subset selection.

## Usage

```
rss(
  x,
  y,
  k = 0:min(nrow(x) - 1, ncol(x), 20),
  h = round(seq(0.75, 1, 0.05) * nrow(x)),
  k.mio = NULL,
  h.mio = NULL,
  params = list(TimeLimit = 60, OutputFlag = 0),
  tau = 1.5,
  warm.start = TRUE,
  robust = TRUE,
  max.ns.iter = 100,
  max.gd.iter = 1e+05,
  eps = 1e-04
)
```

## Arguments

x	a predictor matrix
y	a response vector
k	the number of predictors to minimise sum of squares over; by default a sequence from 0 to 20
h	the number of observations to minimise sum of squares over; by default a sequence from 75 to 100 percent of sample size (in increments of 5 percent)
k.mio	the subset of k for which the mixed-integer solver should be run
h.mio	the subset of h for which the mixed-integer solver should be run
params	a list of parameters (settings) to pass to Gurobi
tau	a positive number greater than 1 used to tighten coefficient bounds in the mixed-integer formulation; small values give quicker run times but can also exclude the optimal solution; can be Inf
warm.start	a logical indicating whether to warm start the mio solver using the heuristics
robust	a logical indicating whether to standardise the data robustly; median/mad for true and mean/sd for false
max.ns.iter	the maximum number of neighbourhood search iterations allowed
max.gd.iter	the maximum number of gradient descent iterations allowed per value of k and h
eps	a numerical tolerance parameter used to declare convergence

## Details

The function first computes solutions over all combinations of  $k$  and  $h$  using heuristics. The heuristics include projected block-coordinate gradient descent and neighbourhood search (see [arXiv](#)). The solutions produced by the heuristics can be refined further using the mixed-integer solver. The tuning parameters that the solver operates on are specified by the `k.mio` and `h.mio` parameters, which must be subsets of  $k$  and  $h$ .

By default, the mixed-integer optimization problem is formulated with SOS constraints and bound constraints. The bound constraints are estimated as  $\tau \|\hat{\beta}\|_{\infty}$ , where  $\hat{\beta}$  is output from the heuristics. For finite values of  $\tau$ , the mixed-integer solver automatically converts the SOS constraints to Big-M constraints, which are numerically simpler to optimise.

## Value

An object of class `rss`; a list with the following components:

<code>beta</code>	an array of estimated regression coefficients; columns correspond to $k$ and matrices to $h$
<code>weights</code>	an array of binary weights; weights equal to one correspond to good observations selected for inclusion in the least squares fit; columns correspond to $k$ and matrices to $h$
<code>objval</code>	a matrix with the objective function values; rows correspond to $k$ and columns to $h$
<code>mipgap</code>	a matrix with the optimality gap values; rows correspond to $k$ and columns to $h$
<code>k</code>	a vector containing the values of $k$ used in the fit
<code>h</code>	a vector containing the values of $h$ used in the fit

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## References

Thompson, R. (2021). 'Robust subset selection'. arXiv: [2005.08217](#).

## Examples

```
# Generate training data with mixture error
set.seed(0)
n <- 100
p <- 10
p0 <- 5
ncontam <- 10
beta <- c(rep(1, p0), rep(0, p - p0))
x <- matrix(rnorm(n * p), n, p)
e <- rnorm(n, c(rep(10, ncontam), rep(0, n - ncontam)))
y <- x %*% beta + e
```

```
# Robust subset selection
fit <- rss(x, y, k.mio = p0, h.mio = n - ncontam)

# Extract model coefficients, generate predictions, and plot cross-validation results
coef(fit, k = p0, h = n - ncontam)
predict(fit, x[1:3, ], k = p0, h = n - ncontam)
plot(fit)
```

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