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Description

Adaptive best-subset selection for regression, (multi-class) classification, counting-response, censored-response, positive response, multi-response modeling in polynomial times.

Usage

```
## Default S3 method:
abess(
  х,
 у,
 family = c("gaussian", "binomial", "poisson", "cox", "mgaussian", "multinomial",
    "gamma", "ordinal"),
  tune.path = c("sequence", "gsection"),
  tune.type = c("gic", "ebic", "bic", "aic", "cv"),
  weight = NULL,
  normalize = NULL,
  fit.intercept = TRUE,
  beta.low = -.Machine$double.xmax,
  beta.high = .Machine$double.xmax,
  c.max = 2,
  support.size = NULL,
  gs.range = NULL,
  lambda = 0,
  always.include = NULL,
  group.index = NULL,
  init.active.set = NULL,
  splicing.type = 2,
  max.splicing.iter = 20,
  screening.num = NULL,
  important.search = NULL,
  warm.start = TRUE,
  nfolds = 5,
  foldid = NULL,
  cov.update = FALSE,
  newton = c("exact", "approx"),
  newton.thresh = 1e-06,
  max.newton.iter = NULL,
  early.stop = FALSE,
  ic.scale = 1,
  num.threads = 0,
  seed = 1,
)
## S3 method for class 'formula'
abess(formula, data, subset, na.action, ...)
```

Arguments

x Input matrix, of dimension $n \times p$; each row is an observation vector and each column is a predictor/feature/variable. Can be in sparse matrix format (inherit from class "dgCMatrix" in package Matrix).

y The response variable, of n observations. For family = "binomial" should

> have two levels. For family="poisson", y should be a vector with positive integer. For family = "cox", y should be a Surv object returned by the survival package (recommended) or a two-column matrix with columns named "time" and "status". For family = "mgaussian", y should be a matrix of quantitative responses. For family = "multinomial" or "ordinal", y should be a factor of at least three levels. Note that, for either "binomial", "ordinal" or "multinomial", if y is presented as a numerical vector, it will be coerced into a factor.

family

One of the following models: "gaussian" (continuous response), "binomial" (binary response), "poisson" (non-negative count), "cox" (left-censored response), "mgaussian" (multivariate continuous response), "multinomial" (multiclass response), "ordinal" (multi-class ordinal response), "gamma" (positive continuous response). Depending on the response. Any unambiguous substring can be given.

tune.path

The method to be used to select the optimal support size. For tune.path = "sequence", we solve the best subset selection problem for each size in support.size. For tune.path = "gsection", we solve the best subset selection problem with support size ranged in gs.range, where the specific support size to be considered is determined by golden section.

tune.type

The type of criterion for choosing the support size. Available options are "gic", "ebic", "bic", "aic" and "cv". Default is "gic".

weight

Observation weights. When weight = NULL, we set weight = 1 for each observation as default.

normalize

Options for normalization. normalize = 0 for no normalization. normalize = 1 for subtracting the means of the columns of x and y, and also normalizing the columns of x to have \sqrt{n} norm. normalize = 2 for subtracting the mean of columns of x and scaling the columns of x to have \sqrt{n} norm. normalize = 3 for scaling the columns of x to have \sqrt{n} norm. If normalize = NULL, normalize will be set 1 for "gaussian" and "mgaussian", 3 for "cox". Default is normalize = NULL.

fit.intercept

A boolean value indicating whether to fit an intercept. We assume the data has been centered if fit.intercept = FALSE. Default: fit.intercept = FALSE.

beta.low

A single value specifying the lower bound of β . Default is -. Machine\$double.xmax.

beta.high

A single value specifying the upper bound of β . Default is .Machine\$double.xmax.

c.max

an integer splicing size. Default is: c.max = 2.

support.size

An integer vector representing the alternative support sizes. Only used for tune.path = "sequence". Default is $0:\min(n, round(n/(\log(\log(n))\log(p))))$.

gs.range

A integer vector with two elements. The first element is the minimum model size considered by golden-section, the later one is the maximum one. Default is gs.range = c(1, min(n, round(n/(log(log(n))log(p)))).

lambda

A single lambda value for regularized best subset selection. Default is 0.

always.include An integer vector containing the indexes of variables that should always be included in the model.

group.index

A vector of integers indicating the which group each variable is in. For variables in the same group, they should be located in adjacent columns of x and their corresponding index in group. index should be the same. Denote the first group as 1, the second 2, etc. If you do not fit a model with a group structure, please set group.index = NULL (the default).

init.active.set

A vector of integers indicating the initial active set. Default: init.active.set = NULL.

splicing.type Optional type for splicing. If splicing.type = 1, the number of variables to be spliced is c.max, ..., 1; if splicing.type = 2, the number of variables to be

spliced is c.max, c.max/2, ..., 1. (Default: splicing.type = 2.)

max.splicing.iter

The maximum number of performing splicing algorithm. In most of the case, only a few times of splicing iteration can guarantee the convergence. Default is max.splicing.iter = 20.

screening.num An integer number. Preserve screening.num number of predictors with the largest marginal maximum likelihood estimator before running algorithm.

important.search

An integer number indicating the number of important variables to be splicing. When important.search \ll p variables, it would greatly reduce runtimes. Default: important.search = 128.

warm.start Whether to use the last solution as a warm start. Default is warm.start = TRUE.

nfolds The number of folds in cross-validation. Default is nfolds = 5.

foldid an optional integer vector of values between 1, ..., nfolds identifying what fold each observation is in. The default foldid = NULL would generate a random foldid.

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A logical value only used for family = "gaussian". If cov.update = TRUE, use a covariance-based implementation; otherwise, a naive implementation. The

naive method is more computational efficient than covariance-based method when p>>n and important.search is much large than its default value.

Default: cov.update = FALSE.

newton A character specify the Newton's method for fitting generalized linear mod-

els, it should be either newton = "exact" or newton = "approx". If newton = "exact", then the exact hessian is used, while newton = "approx" uses diagonal entry of the hessian, and can be faster (especially when family = "cox").

newton.thresh a numeric value for controlling positive convergence tolerance. The Newton's

iterations converge when $|dev - dev_{old}|/(|dev| + 0.1) < \text{newton.thresh.}$

max.newton.iter

a integer giving the maximal number of Newton's iteration iterations. Default is max.newton.iter = 10 if newton = "exact", and max.newton.iter = 60 if newton = "approx".

early.stop A boolean value decide whether early stopping. If early.stop = TRUE, algorithm will stop if the last tuning value less than the existing one. Default: early.stop = FALSE.

ic.scale A non-negative value used for multiplying the penalty term in information cri-

terion. Default: ic.scale = 1.

num.threads An integer decide the number of threads to be concurrently used for cross-

validation (i.e., tune.type = "cv"). If num.threads = 0, then all of available

cores will be used. Default: num. threads = 0.

seed Seed to be used to divide the sample into cross-validation folds. Default is seed

= 1.

... further arguments to be passed to or from methods.

formula an object of class "formula": a symbolic description of the model to be fit-

ted. The details of model specification are given in the "Details" section of

"formula".

data a data frame containing the variables in the formula.

subset an optional vector specifying a subset of observations to be used.

na.action a function which indicates what should happen when the data contain NAs. De-

faults to getOption("na.action").

Details

Best-subset selection aims to find a small subset of predictors, so that the resulting model is expected to have the most desirable prediction accuracy. Best-subset selection problem under the support size s is

$$\min_{\beta} -2\log L(\beta) \text{ s.t. } \|\beta\|_0 \le s,$$

where $L(\beta)$ is arbitrary convex functions. In the GLM case, $\log L(\beta)$ is the log-likelihood function; in the Cox model, $\log L(\beta)$ is the log partial-likelihood function. The best subset selection problem is solved by the splicing algorithm in this package, see Zhu (2020) for details. Under mild conditions, the algorithm exactly solve this problem in polynomial time. This algorithm exploits the idea of sequencing and splicing to reach a stable solution in finite steps when s is fixed. The parameters c.max, splicing.type and max.splicing.iter allow user control the splicing technique flexibly. On the basis of our numerical experiment results, we assign properly parameters to the these parameters as the default such that the precision and runtime are well balanced, we suggest users keep the default values unchanged. Please see this online page for more details about the splicing algorithm.

To find the optimal support size s, we provide various criterion like GIC, AIC, BIC and cross-validation error to determine it. More specifically, the sequence of models implied by support.size are fit by the splicing algorithm. And the solved model with least information criterion or cross-validation error is the optimal model. The sequential searching for the optimal model is somehow time-wasting. A faster strategy is golden section (GS), which only need to specify gs.range. More details about GS is referred to Zhang et al (2021).

It is worthy to note that the parameters newton, max.newton.iter and newton.thresh allows user control the parameter estimation in non-gaussian models. The parameter estimation procedure use Newton method or approximated Newton method (only consider the diagonal elements in the Hessian matrix). Again, we suggest to use the default values unchanged because the same reason for the parameter c.max.

abess support some well-known advanced statistical methods to analyze data, including

• sure independent screening: helpful for ultra-high dimensional predictors (i.e., $p \gg n$). Use the parameter screening. num to retain the marginally most important predictors. See Fan et al (2008) for more details.

- best subset of group selection: helpful when predictors have group structure. Use the parameter group. index to specify the group structure of predictors. See Zhang et al (2021) for more details.
- l_2 regularization best subset selection: helpful when signal-to-ratio is relatively small. Use the parameter lambda to control the magnitude of the regularization term.
- nuisance selection: helpful when the prior knowledge of important predictors is available. Use the parameter always.include to retain the important predictors.

The arbitrary combination of the four methods are definitely support. Please see online vignettes for more details about the advanced features support by abess.

Value

A S3 abess class object, which is a list with the following components:

beta A p-by-length(support.size) matrix of coefficients for univariate family,

stored in column format; while a list of length(support.size) coefficients

matrix (with size p-by-ncol(y)) for multivariate family.

intercept An intercept vector of length length(support.size) for univariate family;

while a list of length(support.size) intercept vector (with size ncol(y)) for

multivariate family.

dev the deviance of length length(support.size).

tune.value A value of tuning criterion of length length(support.size).

nobs The number of sample used for training.

nvars The number of variables used for training.

family Type of the model.

tune.path The path type for tuning parameters.

support.size The actual support.size values used. Note that it is not necessary the same as

the input if the later have non-integer values or duplicated values.

edf The effective degree of freedom. It is the same as support.size when lambda

= 0.

best.size The best support size selected by the tuning value.

tune.type The criterion type for tuning parameters.

tune.path The strategy for tuning parameters.

screening. vars The character vector specify the feature selected by feature screening. It would

be an empty character vector if screening. num = 0.

call The original call to abess.

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See Also

print.abess, predict.abess, coef.abess, extract.abess, plot.abess, deviance.abess.

Examples

```
library(abess)
Sys.setenv("OMP_THREAD_LIMIT" = 2)
n <- 100
p <- 20
support.size <- 3</pre>
############## linear model ##############
dataset <- generate.data(n, p, support.size)</pre>
abess_fit <- abess(dataset[["x"]], dataset[["y"]])</pre>
## helpful generic functions:
print(abess_fit)
coef(abess_fit, support.size = 3)
predict(abess_fit,
 newx = dataset[["x"]][1:10, ],
 support.size = c(3, 4)
)
str(extract(abess_fit, 3))
deviance(abess_fit)
plot(abess_fit)
plot(abess_fit, type = "tune")
dataset <- generate.data(n, p, support.size, family = "binomial")</pre>
## allow cross-validation to tuning
abess_fit <- abess(dataset[["x"]], dataset[["y"]],
 family = "binomial", tune.type = "cv"
)
```

```
abess_fit
############## poisson model ###############
dataset <- generate.data(n, p, support.size, family = "poisson")</pre>
abess_fit <- abess(dataset[["x"]], dataset[["y"]],</pre>
 family = "poisson", tune.type = "cv"
)
abess_fit
dataset <- generate.data(n, p, support.size, family = "cox")</pre>
abess_fit <- abess(dataset[["x"]], dataset[["y"]],</pre>
 family = "cox", tune.type = "cv"
dataset <- generate.data(n, p, support.size, family = "mgaussian")</pre>
abess_fit <- abess(dataset[["x"]], dataset[["y"]],</pre>
 family = "mgaussian", tune.type = "cv"
plot(abess_fit, type = "l2norm")
dataset <- generate.data(n, p, support.size, family = "multinomial")</pre>
abess_fit <- abess(dataset[["x"]], dataset[["y"]],</pre>
 family = "multinomial", tune.type = "cv"
predict(abess_fit,
 newx = dataset[["x"]][1:10, ],
 support.size = c(3, 4), type = "response"
)
############# Ordinal regression ###############
dataset <- generate.data(n, p, support.size, family = "ordinal", class.num = 4)</pre>
abess_fit <- abess(dataset[["x"]], dataset[["y"]],</pre>
 family = "ordinal", tune.type = "cv"
coef <- coef(abess_fit, support.size = abess_fit[["best.size"]])[[1]]</pre>
predict(abess_fit,
 newx = dataset[["x"]][1:10, ],
 support.size = c(3, 4), type = "response"
)
######## Best group subset selection ##########
dataset <- generate.data(n, p, support.size)</pre>
group_index \leftarrow rep(1:10, each = 2)
abess_fit <- abess(dataset[["x"]], dataset[["y"]], group.index = group_index)</pre>
str(extract(abess_fit))
############ Golden section searching ###############
dataset <- generate.data(n, p, support.size)</pre>
abess_fit <- abess(dataset[["x"]], dataset[["y"]], tune.path = "gsection")</pre>
abess_fit
```

```
########### Feature screening ###############
p <- 1000
dataset <- generate.data(n, p, support.size)</pre>
abess_fit <- abess(dataset[["x"]], dataset[["y"]],</pre>
 screening.num = 100
)
str(extract(abess_fit))
require(Matrix)
p <- 1000
dataset <- generate.data(n, p, support.size)</pre>
dataset[["x"]][abs(dataset[["x"]]) < 1] <- 0
dataset[["x"]] <- Matrix(dataset[["x"]])</pre>
abess_fit <- abess(dataset[["x"]], dataset[["y"]])</pre>
str(extract(abess_fit))
data("trim32")
abess_fit <- abess(y ~ ., data = trim32)</pre>
abess_fit
```

abesspca

Adaptive best subset selection for principal component analysis

Description

Adaptive best subset selection for principal component analysis

Usage

```
abesspca(
    x,
    type = c("predictor", "gram"),
    sparse.type = c("fpc", "kpc"),
    cor = FALSE,
    kpc.num = NULL,
    support.size = NULL,
    gs.range = NULL,
    tune.path = c("sequence", "gsection"),
    tune.type = c("gic", "aic", "bic", "ebic", "cv"),
    nfolds = 5,
    foldid = NULL,
    ic.scale = 1,
    c.max = NULL,
    always.include = NULL,
```

```
group.index = NULL,
screening.num = NULL,
splicing.type = 1,
max.splicing.iter = 20,
warm.start = TRUE,
num.threads = 0,
...
)
```

Arguments

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A matrix object. It can be either a predictor matrix where each row is an obser-

vation and each column is a predictor or a sample covariance/correlation matrix. If x is a predictor matrix, it can be in sparse matrix format (inherit from class

"dgCMatrix" in package Matrix).

type If type = "predictor", x is considered as the predictor matrix. If type = "gram",

x is considered as a sample covariance or correlation matrix.

sparse.type If sparse.type = "fpc", then best subset selection performs on the first prin-

cipal component; If sparse.type = "kpc", then best subset selection would be sequentially performed on the first kpc.num number of principal components. If kpc.num is supplied, the default is sparse.type = "kpc"; otherwise,

is sparse.type = "fpc".

cor A logical value. If cor = TRUE, perform PCA on the correlation matrix; other-

wise, the covariance matrix. This option is available only if type = "predictor".

Default: cor = FALSE.

kpc.num A integer decide the number of principal components to be sequentially consid-

ered.

support.size It is a flexible input. If it is an integer vector. It represents the support sizes to

be considered for each principal component. If it is a list object containing kpc.num number of integer vectors, the i-th principal component consider the support size specified in the i-th element in the list. Only used for tune.path = "sequence". The default is support.size = NULL, and some rules in details

section are used to specify support.size.

gs.range A integer vector with two elements. The first element is the minimum model

size considered by golden-section, the later one is the maximum one. Default is

gs.range = c(1, min(n, round(n/(log(log(n))log(p)))).

tune.path The method to be used to select the optimal support size. For tune.path =

"sequence", we solve the best subset selection problem for each size in support.size.

For tune.path = "gsection", we solve the best subset selection problem with support size ranged in gs.range, where the specific support size to be consid-

ered is determined by golden section.

tune.type The type of criterion for choosing the support size. Available options are "gic",

"ebic", "bic", "aic" and "cv". Default is "gic". tune.type = "cv" is avail-

able only when type = "predictor".

nfolds The number of folds in cross-validation. Default is nfolds = 5.

foldid an optional integer vector of values between 1, ..., nfolds identifying what fold each observation is in. The default foldid = NULL would generate a random

foldid.

ic.scale A non-negative value used for multiplying the penalty term in information cri-

terion. Default: ic.scale = 1.

 $\verb|c.max| an integer splicing size. The default of \verb|c.max| is the maximum of 2 and max(support.size)|\\$

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always.include An integer vector containing the indexes of variables that should always be in-

cluded in the model.

group.index A vector of integers indicating the which group each variable is in. For variables

in the same group, they should be located in adjacent columns of x and their corresponding index in group. index should be the same. Denote the first group as 1, the second 2, etc. If you do not fit a model with a group structure, please

set group.index = NULL (the default).

screening.num An integer number. Preserve screening.num number of predictors with the

largest marginal maximum likelihood estimator before running algorithm.

splicing.type Optional type for splicing. If splicing.type = 1, the number of variables to

be spliced is c.max, ..., 1; if splicing. type = 2, the number of variables to be

spliced is c.max, c.max/2, ..., 1. Default: splicing.type = 1.

max.splicing.iter

The maximum number of performing splicing algorithm. In most of the case, only a few times of splicing iteration can guarantee the convergence. Default is

max.splicing.iter = 20.

warm.start Whether to use the last solution as a warm start. Default is warm.start = TRUE.

num.threads An integer decide the number of threads to be concurrently used for cross-

validation (i.e., tune.type = "cv"). If num.threads = 0, then all of available

cores will be used. Default: num. threads = 0.

... further arguments to be passed to or from methods.

Details

Adaptive best subset selection for principal component analysis (abessPCA) aim to solve the non-convex optimization problem:

$$-\arg\min_{v} v^{\top} \Sigma v, s.t. \quad v^{\top} v = 1, ||v||_0 \le s,$$

where s is support size. Here, Σ is covariance matrix, i.e.,

$$\Sigma = \frac{1}{n} X^{\top} X.$$

A generic splicing technique is implemented to solve this problem. By exploiting the warm-start initialization, the non-convex optimization problem at different support size (specified by support.size) can be efficiently solved.

The abessPCA can be conduct sequentially for each component. Please see the multiple principal components Section on the website for more details about this function. For abesspca function, the arguments kpc.num control the number of components to be consider.

When sparse.type = "fpc" but support.size is not supplied, it is set as support.size = 1:min(ncol(x), 100) if group.index = NULL; otherwise, support.size = 1:min(length(unique(group.index)), 100). When sparse.type = "kpc" but support.size is not supplied, then for 20\ it is set as min(ncol(x), 100) if group.index = NULL; otherwise, min(length(unique(group.index)), 100).

Value

A S3 abesspca class object, which is a list with the following components:

coef A p-by-length(support.size) loading matrix of sparse principal components

(PC), where each row is a variable and each column is a support size;

nvars The number of variables.

sparse.type The same as input.

support.size The actual support.size values used. Note that it is not necessary the same as the

input if the later have non-integer values or duplicated values.

ev A vector with size length(support.size). It records the cumulative sums of

explained variance at each support size.

tune.value A value of tuning criterion of length length(support.size).

kpc.num The number of principal component being considered.

var.pc The variance of principal components obtained by performing standard PCA.

cum.var.pc Cumulative sums of var.pc.

var.all If sparse.type = "fpc", it is the total standard deviations of all principal com-

ponents.

pev A vector with the same length as ev. It records the percent of explained variance

(compared to var.all) at each support size.

pev.pc It records the percent of explained variance (compared to var.pc) at each sup-

port size.

tune.type The criterion type for tuning parameters.

tune.path The strategy for tuning parameters.

call The original call to abess.

It is worthy to note that, if sparse.type == "kpc", the coef, support.size, ev, tune.value, pev and pev.pc in list are list objects.

Note

Some parameters not described in the Details Section is explained in the document for abess because the meaning of these parameters are very similar.

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See Also

```
print.abesspca, coef.abesspca, plot.abesspca.
```

Examples

```
library(abess)
Sys.setenv("OMP_THREAD_LIMIT" = 2)
## predictor matrix input:
head(USArrests)
pca_fit <- abesspca(USArrests)</pre>
pca_fit
plot(pca_fit)
## covariance matrix input:
cov_mat <- stats::cov(USArrests) * (nrow(USArrests) - 1) / nrow(USArrests)</pre>
pca_fit <- abesspca(cov_mat, type = "gram")</pre>
pca_fit
## robust covariance matrix input:
rob_cov <- MASS::cov.rob(USArrests)[["cov"]]</pre>
rob_cov <- (rob_cov + t(rob_cov)) / 2</pre>
pca_fit <- abesspca(rob_cov, type = "gram")</pre>
pca_fit
## K-component principal component analysis
pca_fit <- abesspca(USArrests,</pre>
  sparse.type = "kpc",
  support.size = 1:4
)
coef(pca_fit)
plot(pca_fit)
plot(pca_fit, "coef")
## select support size via cross-validation ##
n <- 500
p < -50
support_size <- 3</pre>
dataset <- generate.spc.matrix(n, p, support_size, snr = 20)</pre>
spca_fit <- abesspca(dataset[["x"]], tune.type = "cv", nfolds = 5)</pre>
plot(spca_fit, type = "tune")
```

abessrpca

Adaptive best subset selection for robust principal component analysis

Description

Decompose a matrix into the summation of low-rank matrix and sparse matrix via the best subset selection approach

Usage

```
abessrpca(
 х,
  rank,
  support.size = NULL,
  tune.path = c("sequence", "gsection"),
  gs.range = NULL,
  tune.type = c("gic", "aic", "bic", "ebic"),
  ic.scale = 1,
  lambda = 0,
  always.include = NULL,
  group.index = NULL,
  c.max = NULL,
  splicing.type = 2,
 max.splicing.iter = 1,
 warm.start = TRUE,
  important.search = NULL,
 max.newton.iter = 1,
  newton.thresh = 0.001,
  num.threads = 0,
  seed = 1,
)
```

Arguments

Х A matrix object.

A positive integer value specify the rank of the low-rank matrix. rank

An integer vector representing the alternative support sizes. Only used for support.size tune.path = "sequence". Strongly suggest its minimum value larger than min(dim(x)).

The method to be used to select the optimal support size. For tune.path = tune.path

> "sequence", we solve the best subset selection problem for each size in support.size. For tune.path = "gsection", we solve the best subset selection problem with support size ranged in gs.range, where the specific support size to be consid-

ered is determined by golden section.

A integer vector with two elements. The first element is the minimum model gs.range size considered by golden-section, the later one is the maximum one. Default is gs.range = c(1, min(n, round(n/(log(log(n))log(p)))). The type of criterion for choosing the support size. Available options are "gic", tune.type "ebic", "bic" and "aic". Default is "gic". ic.scale A non-negative value used for multiplying the penalty term in information criterion. Default: ic.scale = 1. lambda A single lambda value for regularized best subset selection. Default is 0. always.include An integer vector containing the indexes of variables that should always be included in the model. group.index A vector of integers indicating the which group each variable is in. For variables in the same group, they should be located in adjacent columns of x and their corresponding index in group. index should be the same. Denote the first group as 1, the second 2, etc. If you do not fit a model with a group structure, please set group.index = NULL (the default). an integer splicing size. Default is: c.max = 2. c.max splicing.type Optional type for splicing. If splicing type = 1, the number of variables to be spliced is c.max, ..., 1; if splicing.type = 2, the number of variables to be spliced is c.max, c.max/2, ..., 1. (Default: splicing.type = 2.) max.splicing.iter The maximum number of performing splicing algorithm. In most of the case, only a few times of splicing iteration can guarantee the convergence. Default is max.splicing.iter = 20.Whether to use the last solution as a warm start. Default is warm.start = TRUE. warm.start important.search An integer number indicating the number of important variables to be splicing. When important search \ll p variables, it would greatly reduce runtimes. Default: important.search = 128. max.newton.iter a integer giving the maximal number of Newton's iteration iterations. Default is max.newton.iter = 10 if newton = "exact", and max.newton.iter = 60 if newton = "approx". a numeric value for controlling positive convergence tolerance. The Newton's newton.thresh iterations converge when $|dev - dev_{old}|/(|dev| + 0.1) < \text{newton.thresh.}$ An integer decide the number of threads to be concurrently used for crossnum.threads validation (i.e., tune.type = "cv"). If num.threads = 0, then all of available cores will be used. Default: num. threads = 0.

Details

seed

Adaptive best subset selection for robust principal component analysis aim to find two latent matrices L and S such that the original matrix X can be appropriately approximated:

further arguments to be passed to or from methods.

Seed to be used to divide the sample into cross-validation folds. Default is seed

$$x = L + S + N,$$

where L is a low-rank matrix, S is a sparse matrix, N is a dense noise matrix. Generic splicing technique can be employed to solve this problem by iteratively improve the quality of the estimation of S.

For a given support set Ω , the optimization problem:

$$\min_{S} \|x - L - S\|_F^2 \text{ s.t. } S_{ij} = 0 \text{for}(i, j) \in \Omega^c,$$

still a non-convex optimization problem. We use the hard-impute algorithm proposed in one of the reference to solve this problem. The hard-impute algorithm is an iterative algorithm, people can set max.newton.iter and newton.thresh to control the solution precision of the optimization problem. (Here, the name of the two parameters are somehow abused to make the parameters cross functions have an unified name.) According to our experiments, we assign properly parameters to the two parameter as the default such that the precision and runtime are well balanced, we suggest users keep the default values unchanged.

Value

A S3 abessrpca class object, which is a list with the following components:

S A list with length(support.size) elements, each of which is a sparse matrix

estimation;

L The low rank matrix estimation.

nobs The number of sample used for training.

nvars The number of variables used for training.

rank The rank of matrix L.

loss The loss of objective function.

tune.value A value of tuning criterion of length length(support.size).

support.size The actual support.size values used. Note that it is not necessary the same as the

input if the later have non-integer values or duplicated values.

tune. type The criterion type for tuning parameters.

call The original call to abessrpca.

Note

Some parameters not described in the Details Section is explained in the document for abess because the meaning of these parameters are very similar.

At present, l_2 regularization and group selection are not support, and thus, set lambda and group. index have no influence on the output. This feature will coming soon.

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Mazumder, Rahul, Trevor Hastie, and Robert Tibshirani. Spectral regularization algorithms for learning large incomplete matrices. The Journal of Machine Learning Research 11 (2010): 2287-2322.

Examples

```
library(abess)
Sys.setenv("OMP_THREAD_LIMIT" = 2)
n <- 30
p <- 30
true_S_size <- 60
true_L_rank <- 2
dataset <- generate.matrix(n, p, support.size = true_S_size, rank = true_L_rank)
res <- abessrpca(dataset[["x"]], rank = true_L_rank, support.size = 50:70)
print(res)
coef(res)
plot(res, type = "tune")
plot(res, type = "loss")
plot(res, type = "S")</pre>
```

coef.abess

Extract Model Coefficients from a fitted "abess" object.

Description

This function provides estimated coefficients from a fitted "abess" object.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'abess'
coef(object, support.size = NULL, sparse = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

object An "abess" project.

support.size An integer vector specifies the coefficient fitted at given support.size. If

support.size = NULL, then all coefficients would be returned. Default: support.size

= NULL.

sparse A logical value, specifying whether the coefficients should be presented as sparse

matrix or not. Default: sparse = TRUE.

... Other arguments.

Value

A coefficient matrix when fitting an univariate model including gaussian, binomial, poisson, and cox; otherwise, a list containing coefficient matrices. For a coefficient matrix, each row is a variable, and each column is a support size.

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See Also

print.abess, predict.abess, coef.abess, extract.abess, plot.abess, deviance.abess.

coef.abesspca	Extract Sparse Loadings from a fitted "abesspca" object.	_

Description

This function provides estimated coefficients from a fitted "abesspca" object.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'abesspca'
coef(object, support.size = NULL, kpc = NULL, sparse = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

object	An "abesspca" project.
support.size	An integer vector specifies the coefficient fitted at given support.size. If support.size = NULL, then all coefficients would be returned. Default: support.size = NULL. This parameter is omitted if sparse.type = "kpc".
kpc	An integer vector specifies the coefficient fitted at given principal component. If kpc = NULL, then all coefficients would be returned. Default: kpc = NULL. This parameter is omitted if sparse.type = "fpc".
sparse	A logical value, specifying whether the coefficients should be presented as sparse matrix or not. Default: sparse = TRUE.
	Other arguments.

Value

A matrix with length(support.size) columns. Each column corresponds to a sparse loading for the first principal component, where the number of non-zeros entries depends on the support.size.

See Also

```
print.abesspca, coef.abesspca, plot.abesspca.
```

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coef.abessrpca

Extract sparse component from a fitted "abessrpca" object.

Description

This function provides estimated coefficients from a fitted "abessrpca" object.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'abessrpca'
coef(object, support.size = NULL, sparse = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

object An "abessrpca" project.

support.size An integer vector specifies the sparse matrix fitted at given support.size to be

returned. If support.size = NULL, then the sparse matrix with the least tuning

value would be returned. Default: support.size = NULL.

sparse A logical value, specifying whether the coefficients should be presented as sparse

matrix or not. Default: sparse = TRUE.

... Other arguments.

Value

A list with length(support.size) number of dgCMatrix, each of which is the estimation the sparse component.

deviance.abess

Extract the deviance from a fitted "abess" object.

Description

Similar to other deviance methods, which returns deviance from a fitted "abess" object.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'abess'
deviance(object, type = c("standard", "gic", "ebic", "bic", "aic"), ...)
```

Arguments

object A "abess" object.

type The type of deviance. One of the following: "standard", "gic", "ebic",

"bic" and "aic". Default is "standard".

... additional arguments

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Value

A numeric vector.

See Also

print.abess, predict.abess, coef.abess, extract.abess, plot.abess, deviance.abess.

extract

Extract one model from a fitted "abess" object.

Description

Extract the fixed-support-size model's information such as the selected predictors, coefficient estimation, and so on.

Usage

```
extract(object, support.size = NULL, ...)
## S3 method for class 'abess'
extract(object, support.size = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

object An "abess" project.

support.size An integer value specifies the model size fitted at given support.size. If

support.size = NULL, then the model with the best tuning value would be re-

turned. Default: support.size = NULL.

... Other arguments.

Value

A list object including the following components:

beta A *p*-by-1 matrix of sparse matrix, stored in column format.

intercept The fitted intercept value.

support.size The support.size used in the function.

support.beta The support.size-length vector of fitted coefficients on the support set.

support.vars The character vector gives variables in the support set.

tune.value The tuning value of the model.

dev The deviance of the model.

See Also

print.abess, predict.abess, coef.abess, extract.abess, plot.abess, deviance.abess.

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generate.data

Generate simulated data

Description

Generate simulated data under the generalized linear model and Cox proportional hazard model.

Usage

```
generate.data(
 n,
  p,
  support.size = NULL,
  rho = 0,
 family = c("gaussian", "binomial", "poisson", "cox", "mgaussian", "multinomial",
    "gamma", "ordinal"),
 beta = NULL,
  cortype = 1,
  snr = 10,
  sigma = NULL,
 weibull.shape = 1,
  uniform.max = 1,
 y.dim = 3,
  class.num = 3,
  seed = 1
)
```

Arguments

The number of predictors of interest.

The number of nonzero coefficients in the underlying regression model. Can be support.size

omitted if beta is supplied.

rho A parameter used to characterize the pairwise correlation in predictors. Default

is 0.

family The distribution of the simulated response. "gaussian" for univariate quantita-

tive response, "binomial" for binary classification response, "poisson" for counting response, "cox" for left-censored response, "mgaussian" for multivariate quantitative response, "mgaussian" for multi-classification response,

"ordinal" for ordinal response.

beta The coefficient values in the underlying regression model. If it is supplied,

support.size would be omitted.

The correlation structure. cortype = 1 denotes the independence structure, where cortype

> the covariance matrix has (i, j) entry equals $I(i \neq j)$. cortype = 2 denotes the exponential structure, where the covariance matrix has (i, j) entry equals

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 $rho^{|i-j|}$. cortype = 3 denotes the constant structure, where the non-diagonal entries of covariance matrix are rho and diagonal entries are 1. A numerical value controlling the signal-to-noise ratio (SNR). The SNR is desnr fined as as the variance of $x\beta$ divided by the variance of a gaussian noise: $\frac{Var(x\beta)}{z^2}$. The gaussian noise ϵ is set with mean 0 and variance. The noise is added to the linear predictor $\eta = x\beta$. Default is snr = 10. Note that this arguments's effect is overridden if sigma is supplied with a non-null value. sigma The variance of the gaussian noise. Default sigma = NULL implies it is determined by snr. The shape parameter of the Weibull distribution. It works only when family = weibull.shape "cox". Default: weibull.shape = 1. uniform.max A parameter controlling censored rate. A large value implies a small censored rate; otherwise, a large censored rate. It works only when family = "cox". Default is uniform.max = 1. y.dim Response's Dimension. It works only when family = "mgaussian". Default: y.dim = 3.

class.num The number of class. It works only when family = "multinomial". Default: class.num = 3.

seed random seed. Default: seed = 1.

Details

For family = "gaussian", the data model is

$$Y = X\beta + \epsilon$$
.

The underlying regression coefficient β has uniform distribution [m, 100m] and $m = 5\sqrt{2log(p)/n}$. For family= "binomial", the data model is

$$Prob(Y = 1) = \exp(X\beta + \epsilon)/(1 + \exp(X\beta + \epsilon)).$$

The underlying regression coefficient β has uniform distribution [2m, 10m] and $m = 5\sqrt{2log(p)/n}$. For family = "poisson", the data is modeled to have an exponential distribution:

$$Y = Exp(\exp(X\beta + \epsilon)).$$

The underlying regression coefficient β has uniform distribution [2m, 10m] and $m = \sqrt{2log(p)/n}/3$. For family = "gamma", the data is modeled to have a gamma distribution:

$$Y = Gamma(X\beta + \epsilon + 10, shape),$$

where *shape* is shape parameter in a gamma distribution. The underlying regression coefficient β has uniform distribution [2m, 100m] and $m = \sqrt{2log(p)/n}$.

For family = "ordinal", the data is modeled to have an ordinal distribution.

For family = "cox", the model for failure time T is

$$T = (-\log(U/\exp(X\beta)))^{1/weibull.shape},$$

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where U is a uniform random variable with range [0, 1]. The centering time C is generated from uniform distribution [0, uniform.max], then we define the censor status as $\delta = I(T \leq C)$ and observed time as $R = \min\{T, C\}$. The underlying regression coefficient β has uniform distribution [2m, 10m], where $m = 5\sqrt{2log(p)/n}$.

For family = "mgaussian", the data model is

$$Y = X\beta + E$$
.

The non-zero values of regression matrix β are sampled from uniform distribution [m, 100m] and $m = 5\sqrt{2log(p)/n}$.

For family= "multinomial", the data model is

$$Prob(Y = 1) = \exp(X\beta + E)/(1 + \exp(X\beta + E)).$$

The non-zero values of regression coefficient β has uniform distribution [2m, 10m] and $m = 5\sqrt{2log(p)/n}$.

In the above models, $\epsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$ and $E \sim MVN(0, \sigma^2 \times I_{q \times q})$, where σ^2 is determined by the snr and q is y.dim.

Value

A list object comprising:

x Design matrix of predictors.

y Response variable.

beta The coefficients used in the underlying regression model.

Author(s)

Jin Zhu

Examples

```
# Generate simulated data
n <- 200
p <- 20
support.size <- 5
dataset <- generate.data(n, p, support.size)
str(dataset)</pre>
```

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Generate matrix composed of a sparse matrix and low-rank matrix

Description

Generate simulated matrix that is the superposition of a low-rank component and a sparse component.

Usage

```
generate.matrix(
   n,
   p,
   rank = NULL,
   support.size = NULL,
   beta = NULL,
   snr = Inf,
   sigma = NULL,
   seed = 1
)
```

Arguments

p The number of predictors of interest.

rank The rank of low-rank matrix.

support.size The number of nonzero coefficients in the underlying regression model. Can be

omitted if beta is supplied.

beta The coefficient values in the underlying regression model. If it is supplied,

support.size would be omitted.

snr A positive value controlling the signal-to-noise ratio (SNR). A larger SNR im-

plies the identification of sparse matrix is much easier. Default snr = Inf en-

forces no noise exists.

sigma A numerical value supplied the variance of the gaussian noise. Default sigma =

NULL implies it is determined by snr.

seed random seed. Default: seed = 1.

Details

The low rank matrix L is generated by L = UV, where U is an n-by-rank matrix and V is a rank-by-p matrix. Each element in U (or V) are i.i.d. drawn from N(0, 1/n).

The sparse matrix S is an n-by-rank matrix. It is generated by choosing a support set of size support. size uniformly at random. The non-zero entries in S are independent Bernoulli (-1, +1) entries.

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The noise matrix N is an n-by-rank matrix, the elements in N are i.i.d. gaussian random variable with standard deviation σ .

The SNR is defined as as the variance of vectorized matrix L + S divided by σ^2 .

The matrix x is the superposition of L, S, N:

$$x = L + S + N$$
.

Value

A list object comprising:

x An n-by-p matrix.

L The latent low rank matrix.

S The latent sparse matrix.

Author(s)

Jin Zhu

Examples

```
# Generate simulated data
n <- 30
p <- 20
dataset <- generate.matrix(n, p)

stats::heatmap(as.matrix(dataset[["S"]]),
  Rowv = NA,
  Colv = NA,
  scale = "none",
  col = grDevices::cm.colors(256),
  frame.plot = TRUE,
  margins = c(2.4, 2.4)
)</pre>
```

generate.spc.matrix Generate matrix with sparse principal component

Description

Generate simulated matrix that its principal component are sparse linear combination of its columns.

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Usage

```
generate.spc.matrix(
   n,
   p,
   support.size = 3,
   snr = 20,
   sigma = NULL,
   sparse.loading = NULL,
   seed = 1
)
```

Arguments

n The number of observations.

p The number of predictors of interest.

support.size A integer specify the number of non-zero entries in the first column of loading

matrix.

snr A positive value controlling the signal-to-noise ratio (SNR). A larger SNR im-

plies the identification of sparse matrix is much easier. Default snr = Inf en-

forces no noise exists.

sigma A numerical vector with length p specify the standard deviation of each columns.

Default sigma = NULL implies it is determined by snr. If it is supplied, support.size

would be omit.

sparse.loading A p-by-p sparse orthogonal matrix. If it is supplied, support.size would be

omit.

seed random seed. Default: seed = 1.

Details

The methods for generating the matrix is detailedly described in the APPENDIX A: Data generation Section in Schipper et al (2021).

Value

A list object comprising:

x An n-by-p matrix.

coef The sparse loading matrix used to generate x.

 $\hbox{support.size} \qquad A \ \ \hbox{vector recording the number of non-zero entries in each} \ .$

References

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plot.abess

Creat plot from a fitted "abess" object

Description

Produces a coefficient/deviance/tuning-value plot for a fitted "abess" object.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'abess'
plot(
    x,
    type = c("coef", "l2norm", "dev", "dev.ratio", "tune"),
    label = FALSE,
    ...
)
```

Arguments

x A "abess" object.

type The type of terms to be plot in the y-axis. One of the following: "coef" (i.e., coefficients), "12norm" (i.e., L2-norm of coefficients), "dev" (i.e., deviance), and "tune" (i.e., tuning value). Default is "coef".

1abel A logical value. If label = TRUE (the default), label the curves with variable sequence numbers.

... Other graphical parameters to plot

Value

No return value, called for side effects.

Note

If family = "mgaussian", family = "ordinal" or family = "multinomial", a coefficient plot is produced for each dimension of multivariate response.

See Also

print.abess, predict.abess, coef.abess, extract.abess, plot.abess, deviance.abess.

Examples

```
dataset <- generate.data(100, 20, 3)
abess_fit <- abess(dataset[["x"]], dataset[["y"]])
plot(abess_fit)
plot(abess_fit, type = "l2norm")
plot(abess_fit, type = "dev")
plot(abess_fit, type = "tune")</pre>
```

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Creat plot from a fitted "abess" object

Description

Produces a coefficient/deviance/tuning-value plot for a fitted "abess" object.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'abesspca'
plot(x, type = c("pev", "coef", "tune"), label = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

Х	A "abess" object.
type	The type of terms to be plot in the y-axis. One of the following: "pev" (i.e., percent of explained variance), "coef" (i.e., coefficients), and "tune" (i.e., tuning value). Default is "coef".
label	A logical value. If label = TRUE (the default), label the curves with variable sequence numbers.
	Other graphical parameters to plot

Value

No return value, called for side effects.

Note

If family = "mgaussian" or family = "multinomial", a coefficient plot is produced for each dimension of multivariate response.

See Also

```
print.abesspca, coef.abesspca, plot.abesspca.
```

Examples

```
abess_fit <- abesspca(USArrests, support.size = 1:4, sparse.type = "kpc")
plot(abess_fit)
plot(abess_fit, type = "coef")
plot(abess_fit, type = "tune")</pre>
```

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plot.abessrpca	Creat plot from a fitted "abessrpca" object

Description

Produces a sparse-matrix/loss/tuning-value plot for a fitted "abessrpca" object.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'abessrpca'
plot(x, type = c("S", "loss", "tune"), support.size = NULL, label = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

X	A "abessrpca" object.
type	The plot type. One of the following: "S" (i.e., a heatmap for the sparse matrix estimation), "loss" (i.e., a support.size versus loss plot), and "tune" (i.e., , a support.size versus tuning value plot). Default is "coef".
support.size	An integer vector specifies the sparse matrix fitted at given support.size to be returned. If support.size = NULL, then the sparse matrix with the least tuning value would be returned. Default: support.size = NULL.
label	A logical value. If label = TRUE (the default), label the curves with variable sequence numbers.
	Other graphical parameters to plot or stats::heatmap function

Value

No return value, called for side effects.

predict.abess	Make predictions from a fitted "abess" object.	

Description

Make predictions from a fitted "abess" object.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'abess'
predict(object, newx, type = c("link", "response"), support.size = NULL, ...)
```

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Arguments

object An "abess" project.

New data used for prediction. If omitted, the fitted linear predictors are used.

type = "link" gives the linear predictors for "binomial", "poisson" or "cox" models; for "gaussian" models it gives the fitted values. type = "response" gives the fitted probabilities for "binomial" and "ordinal", fitted mean for "poisson" and the fitted relative-risk for "cox"; for "gaussian", type = "response" is equivalent to type = "link".

support.size An integer value specifies the model size fitted at given support.size. If support.size = NULL, then the model with the best tuning value would be returned. Default: support.size = NULL.

... Additional arguments affecting the predictions produced.

Value

The object returned depends on the types of family.

See Also

```
print.abess, predict.abess, coef.abess, extract.abess, plot.abess, deviance.abess.
```

print.abess Print method for a fitted "abess" object

Description

Prints the fitted model and returns it invisibly.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'abess'
print(x, digits = max(5, getOption("digits") - 5), ...)
```

Arguments

x A "abess" object.digits Minimum number of significant digits to be used.... additional print arguments

Details

Print a data.frame with three columns: the first column is support size of model; the second column is deviance of model; the last column is the tuning value of the certain tuning type.

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Value

No return value, called for side effects

See Also

```
print.abess, predict.abess, coef.abess, extract.abess, plot.abess, deviance.abess.
```

print.abesspca

Print method for a fitted "abesspca" object

Description

Prints the fitted model and returns it invisibly.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'abesspca'
print(x, digits = max(5, getOption("digits") - 5), ...)
```

Arguments

x A "abesspca" object.

digits Minimum number of significant digits to be used.

... additional print arguments

Details

Print a data.frame with three columns: the first column is support size of model; the second column is the explained variance of model; the last column is the percent of explained variance of model.

Value

No return value, called for side effects

See Also

```
print.abesspca, coef.abesspca, plot.abesspca.
```

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print.abessrpca

Print method for a fitted "abessrpca" object

Description

Prints the fitted model and returns it invisibly.

Usage

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## S3 method for class 'abessrpca'
print(x, digits = max(5, getOption("digits") - 5), ...)
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Arguments

x A "abessrpca" object.

digits Minimum number of significant digits to be used.

... additional print arguments

Details

Print a data.frame with three columns: the first column is support size of model; the second column is the explained variance of model; the last column is the percent of explained variance of model.

Value

No return value, called for side effects

trim32

The Bardet-Biedl syndrome Gene expression data

Description

Gene expression data (500 gene probes for 120 samples) from the microarray experiments of mammalianeye tissue samples of Scheetz et al. (2006).

Format

A data frame with 120 rows and 501 variables, where the first variable is the expression level of TRIM32 gene, and the remaining 500 variables are 500 gene probes.

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Details

In this study, laboratory rats (Rattus norvegicus) were studied to learn about gene expression and regulation in the mammalian eye. Inbred rat strains were crossed and tissue extracted from the eyes of 120 animals from the F2 generation. Microarrays were used to measure levels of RNA expression in the isolated eye tissues of each subject. Of the 31,000 different probes, 18,976 were detected at a sufficient level to be considered expressed in the mammalian eye. For the purposes of this analysis, we treat one of those genes, Trim32, as the outcome. Trim32 is known to be linked with a genetic disorder called Bardet-Biedl Syndrome (BBS): the mutation (P130S) in Trim32 gives rise to BBS.

Note

This data set contains 120 samples with 500 predictors. The 500 predictors are features with maximum marginal correlation to Trim32 gene.

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