

# Package ‘irls’

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**Description**

Generalised linear models via the iteratively reweighted least squares algorithm. The functions perform logistic, Poisson and Gamma regression (ISBN:9780412317606), either for a single model or many regression models in a column-wise fashion.

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**Details**

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**References**

McCullagh, Peter, and John A. Nelder. Generalized linear models. CRC press, USA, 2nd edition, 1989.

Column-wise GLMs with IRLS

*Column-wise GLMs with IRLS***Description**

GLMs with IRLS.

**Usage**

```
col.irls(y, x, type = "logistic", maxiter = 100, tol = 1e-6, parallel = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| <code>y</code>        | A numerical vector with the response. Binary data for the binomial regression, count data for the Poisson regression and strictly positive continuous numbers for the Gamma regression. |
| <code>x</code>        | A numerical matrix.   |
| <code>type</code>     | The type of regression model to perform, "logistic", "poisson" or "gamma".  |
| <code>maxiter</code>  | The maximum number of iterations to perform.  |
| <code>tol</code>      | The tolerance value to terminate the algorithm.   |
| <code>parallel</code> | Should the models be performed in parallel?   |

## Details

The function does logistic, Poisson and Gamma regression via the IRLS algorithm, for each column of `x`.

## Value

A matrix with 3 or 4 columns with the  $\alpha$  (constant) and  $\beta$  parameters, the deviance and the  $\phi$  (dispersion) parameter in case of Gamma regression.

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## See Also

[irls](#)

## Examples

```
x <- as.matrix(iris[, 1:4])
y <- rbinom(150, 1, 0.5)
col.irls(y, x)
```

## GLMs with IRLS

*GLMs with IRLS***Description**

GLMs with IRLS.

**Usage**

```
irls(y, x, type = "logistic", maxiter = 100, tol = 1e-6)
```

**Arguments**

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| y       | A numerical vector with the response. Binary data for the binomial regression, count data for the Poisson regression and strictly positive continuous numbers for the Gamma regression. |
| x       | A numerical matrix or a vector.   |
| type    | The type of regression model to perform, "logistic", "poisson" or "gamma".  |
| maxiter | The maximum number of iterations to perform.  |
| tol     | The tolerance value to terminate the algorithm.   |

**Details**

The function does logistic, Poisson and Gamma regression via the IRLS algorithm.

**Value**

A list including:

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| coefficients | The regression coefficients.                                 |
| vcov         | The variance covariance matrix of the coefficients.          |
| se           | The standard errors of the coefficients.                     |
| phi          | The dispersion parameter <i>phi</i> of the Gamma regression. |
| deviance     | The deviance of the regression model.                        |
| iters        | The number of iterations required.                           |

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**See Also**[col.irls](#)**Examples**

```
x <- as.matrix(iris[, 1:4])
y <- rbinom(150, 1, 0.5)
irls(y, x)
```

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