# Package 'gglasso'

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### **Description**

Gene expression data (20 genes for 120 samples) from the microarray experiments of mammalian eye tissue samples of Scheetz et al. (2006).

### Usage

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#### **Format**

An object of class list of length 2.

#### **Details**

This data set contains 120 samples with 100 predictors (expanded from 20 genes using 5 basis B-splines, as described in Yang, Y. and Zou, H. (2015)).

### Value

A list with the following elements:

- x a [120 x 100] matrix (expanded from a [120 x 20] matrix) giving the expression levels of 20 filtered genes for the 120 samples. Each row corresponds to a subject, each 5 consecutive columns to a grouped gene.
- y a numeric vector of length 120 giving expression level of gene TRIM32, which causes Bardet-Biedl syndrome.

### References

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```
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```

### **Examples**

```
# load gglasso library
library(gglasso)

# load data set
data(bardet)

# how many samples and how many predictors ?
dim(bardet$x)

# repsonse y
bardet$y
```

coef.cv.gglasso

get coefficients or make coefficient predictions from a "cv.gglasso" object.

### **Description**

This function gets coefficients or makes coefficient predictions from a cross-validated gglasso model, using the stored "gglasso.fit" object, and the optimal value chosen for lambda.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'cv.gglasso'
coef(object, s = c("lambda.1se", "lambda.min"), ...)
```

### **Arguments**

object	fitted cv.gglasso object.
S	value(s) of the penalty parameter lambda at which predictions are required. Default is the value s="lambda.1se" stored on the CV object, it is the largest value of lambda such that error is within 1 standard error of the minimum. Alternatively s="lambda.min" can be used, it is the optimal value of lambda that gives minimum cross validation error cvm. If s is numeric, it is taken as the value(s) of lambda to be used.
	not used. Other arguments to predict.

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### **Details**

This function makes it easier to use the results of cross-validation to get coefficients or make coefficient predictions.

#### Value

The coefficients at the requested values for lambda.

### Author(s)

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```

#### References

```
Yang, Y. and Zou, H. (2015), "A Fast Unified Algorithm for Computing Group-Lasso Penalized Learning Problems," Statistics and Computing. 25(6), 1129-1141.

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```

Friedman, J., Hastie, T., and Tibshirani, R. (2010), "Regularization paths for generalized linear models via coordinate descent," *Journal of Statistical Software, 33, 1.* http://www.jstatsoft.org/v33/i01/

### See Also

```
cv.gglasso, and predict.cv.gglasso methods.
```

```
# load gglasso library
library(gglasso)

# load data set
data(colon)

# define group index
group <- rep(1:20,each=5)

# 5-fold cross validation using group lasso
# penalized logisitic regression
cv <- cv.gglasso(x=colon$x, y=colon$y, group=group, loss="logit",
pred.loss="misclass", lambda.factor=0.05, nfolds=5)

# the coefficients at lambda = lambda.1se
pre = coef(cv$gglasso.fit, s = cv$lambda.1se)</pre>
```

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coef.gglasso	get coefficients or make coefficient predictions from an "gglasso" object.
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### **Description**

Computes the coefficients at the requested values for lambda from a fitted gglasso object.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'gglasso'
coef(object, s = NULL, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

object fitted gglasso model object.

s value(s) of the penalty parameter lambda at which predictions are required. Default is the entire sequence used to create the model.

... not used. Other arguments to predict.

### **Details**

s is the new vector at which predictions are requested. If s is not in the lambda sequence used for fitting the model, the coef function will use linear interpolation to make predictions. The new values are interpolated using a fraction of coefficients from both left and right lambda indices.

#### Value

The coefficients at the requested values for lambda.

### Author(s)

```
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```

#### References

```
Yang, Y. and Zou, H. (2015), "A Fast Unified Algorithm for Computing Group-Lasso Penalized Learning Problems," Statistics and Computing. 25(6), 1129-1141.

BugReport: https://github.com/emeryyi/gglasso
```

#### See Also

```
predict.gglasso method
```

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### **Examples**

```
# load gglasso library
library(gglasso)

# load data set
data(colon)

# define group index
group <- rep(1:20,each=5)

# fit group lasso
m1 <- gglasso(x=colon$x,y=colon$y,group=group,loss="logit")

# the coefficients at lambda = 0.01 and 0.02
coef(m1,s=c(0.01,0.02))</pre>
```

colon

Simplified gene expression data from Alon et al. (1999)

### Description

Gene expression data (20 genes for 62 samples) from the microarray experiments of colon tissue samples of Alon et al. (1999).

### Usage

colon

#### **Format**

An object of class list of length 2.

### **Details**

This data set contains 62 samples with 100 predictors (expanded from 20 genes using 5 basis B-splines, as described in Yang, Y. and Zou, H. (2015)): 40 tumor tissues, coded 1 and 22 normal tissues, coded -1.

#### Value

A list with the following elements:

x a [62 x 100] matrix (expanded from a [62 x 20] matrix) giving the expression levels of 20 genes for the 62 colon tissue samples. Each row corresponds to a patient, each 5 consecutive columns to a grouped gene.

y a numeric vector of length 62 giving the type of tissue sample (tumor or normal).

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### Source

The data are described in Alon et al. (1999) and can be freely downloaded from http://microarray.princeton.edu/oncology/affydata/index.html.

#### References

Alon, U. and Barkai, N. and Notterman, D.A. and Gish, K. and Ybarra, S. and Mack, D. and Levine, A.J. (1999). "Broad patterns of gene expression revealed by clustering analysis of tumor and normal colon tissues probed by oligonucleotide arrays", *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA*, **96**(12), 6745–6750.

Yang, Y. and Zou, H. (2015), "A Fast Unified Algorithm for Computing Group-Lasso Penalized Learning Problems," *Statistics and Computing*. 25(6), 1129-1141. BugReport: https://github.com/emeryyi/gglasso

### **Examples**

```
# load gglasso library
library(gglasso)

# load data set
data(colon)

# how many samples and how many predictors ?
dim(colon$x)

# how many samples of class -1 and 1 respectively ?
sum(colon$y==-1)
sum(colon$y==1)
```

cv.gglasso

Cross-validation for gglasso

### **Description**

Does k-fold cross-validation for gglasso, produces a plot, and returns a value for lambda. This function is modified based on the cv function from the glmnet package.

### Usage

```
cv.gglasso(
    x,
    y,
    group,
    lambda = NULL,
    pred.loss = c("misclass", "loss", "L1", "L2"),
```

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```
nfolds = 5,
foldid,
delta,
...
)
```

#### **Arguments**

x matrix of predictors, of dimension  $n \times p$ ; each row is an observation vector.

y response variable. This argument should be quantitative for regression (least squares), and a two-level factor for classification (logistic model, huberized

SVM, squared SVM).

group a vector of consecutive integers describing the grouping of the coefficients (see

example below).

lambda optional user-supplied lambda sequence; default is NULL, and gglasso chooses

its own sequence.

pred.loss loss to use for cross-validation error. Valid options are:

• "loss" for classification, margin based loss function.

• "misclass" for classification, it gives misclassification error.

• "L1" for regression, mean square error used by least squares regression loss="ls", it measure the deviation from the fitted mean to the response.

• "L2" for regression, mean absolute error used by least squares regression loss="ls", it measure the deviation from the fitted mean to the response.

Default is "loss".

nfolds number of folds - default is 5. Although nfolds can be as large as the sample

size (leave-one-out CV), it is not recommended for large datasets. Smallest

value allowable is nfolds=3.

foldid an optional vector of values between 1 and nfold identifying what fold each

observation is in. If supplied, nfold can be missing.

delta parameter  $\delta$  only used in huberized SVM for computing log-likelihood on vali-

dation set, only available with pred.loss = "loss", loss = "hsvm".

... other arguments that can be passed to gglasso.

#### **Details**

The function runs gglasso nfolds+1 times; the first to get the lambda sequence, and then the remainder to compute the fit with each of the folds omitted. The average error and standard deviation over the folds are computed.

#### Value

an object of class cv.gglasso is returned, which is a list with the ingredients of the cross-validation fit.

lambda the values of lambda used in the fits.

cvm the mean cross-validated error - a vector of length length(lambda).

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cvsd estimate of standard error of cvm.

cvupper upper curve = cvm+cvsd.

cvlower lower curve = cvm-cvsd.

name a text string indicating type of measure (for plotting purposes).

gglasso.fit a fitted gglasso object for the full data.

lambda.min The optimal value of lambda that gives minimum cross validation error cvm.

lambda.1se The largest value of lambda such that error is within 1 standard error of the

minimum.

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#### References

Yang, Y. and Zou, H. (2015), "A Fast Unified Algorithm for Computing Group-Lasso Penalized Learning Problems," *Statistics and Computing*, 25(6), 1129-1141.

BugReport: https://github.com/emeryyi/gglasso

### See Also

```
gglasso, plot.cv.gglasso, predict.cv.gglasso, and coef.cv.gglasso methods.
```

```
# load gglasso library
library(gglasso)

# load data set
data(bardet)

# define group index
group <- rep(1:20,each=5)

# 5-fold cross validation using group lasso
# penalized logisitic regression
cv <- cv.gglasso(x=bardet$x, y=bardet$y, group=group, loss="ls",
pred.loss="L2", lambda.factor=0.05, nfolds=5)</pre>
```

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gglasso

Fits the regularization paths for group-lasso penalized learning problems

### **Description**

Fits regularization paths for group-lasso penalized learning problems at a sequence of regularization parameters lambda.

### Usage

```
gglasso(
  х,
  у,
  group = NULL,
  loss = c("ls", "logit", "sqsvm", "hsvm", "wls"),
  nlambda = 100,
  lambda.factor = ifelse(nobs < nvars, 0.05, 0.001),</pre>
  lambda = NULL,
  pf = sqrt(bs),
  weight = NULL,
  dfmax = as.integer(max(group)) + 1,
  pmax = min(dfmax * 1.2, as.integer(max(group))),
  eps = 1e-08,
  maxit = 3e+08,
  delta,
  intercept = TRUE
```

### Arguments

loss

x matrix of predictors, of dimension  $n \times p$ ; each row is an observation vector.

y response variable. This argument should be quantitative for regression (least squares), and a two-level factor for classification (logistic model, huberized SVM, squared SVM).

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group a vector of consecutive integers describing the grouping of the coefficients (see example below).

a character string specifying the loss function to use, valid options are:

- "1s" least squares loss (regression),
- "logit" logistic loss (classification).
- "hsvm" Huberized squared hinge loss (classification),
- "sqsvm" Squared hinge loss (classification),

Default is "1s".

nlambda the number of lambda values - default is 100.

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lambda.factor	the factor for getting the minimal lambda in lambda sequence, where min(lambda) = lambda.factor * max(lambda). max(lambda) is the smallest value of lambda for which all coefficients are zero. The default depends on the relationship between $n$ (the number of rows in the matrix of predictors) and $p$ (the number of predictors). If $n >= p$ , the default is 0.001, close to zero. If $n < p$ , the default is 0.05. A very small value of lambda.factor will lead to a saturated fit. It takes no effect if there is user-defined lambda sequence.
lambda	a user supplied lambda sequence. Typically, by leaving this option unspecified users can have the program compute its own lambda sequence based on nlambda and lambda.factor. Supplying a value of lambda overrides this. It is better to supply a decreasing sequence of lambda values than a single (small) value, if not, the program will sort user-defined lambda sequence in decreasing order automatically.
pf	penalty factor, a vector in length of bn (bn is the total number of groups). Separate penalty weights can be applied to each group of $\beta$ s to allow differential shrinkage. Can be 0 for some groups, which implies no shrinkage, and results in that group always being included in the model. Default value for each entry is the square-root of the corresponding size of each group.
weight	a $nxn$ observation weight matrix in the where $n$ is the number of observations. Only used if loss='wls' is specified. Note that cross-validation is NOT IM-PLEMENTED for loss='wls'.
dfmax	limit the maximum number of groups in the model. Useful for very large bs (group size), if a partial path is desired. Default is bs+1.
pmax	limit the maximum number of groups ever to be nonzero. For example once a group enters the model, no matter how many times it exits or re-enters model through the path, it will be counted only once. Default is min(dfmax*1.2,bs).
eps	convergence termination tolerance. Defaults value is 1e-8.
maxit	maximum number of outer-loop iterations allowed at fixed lambda value. Default is 3e8. If models do not converge, consider increasing maxit.
delta	the parameter $\delta$ in "hsvm" (Huberized squared hinge loss). Default is 1.
intercept	Whether to include intercept in the model. Default is TRUE.

### **Details**

Note that the objective function for "1s" least squares is

$$RSS/(2*n) + lambda*penalty;$$

for "hsvm" Huberized squared hinge loss, "sqsvm" Squared hinge loss and "logit" logistic regression, the objective function is

$$-log lik/n + lambda*penalty. \\$$

Users can also tweak the penalty by choosing different penalty factor.

For computing speed reason, if models are not converging or running slow, consider increasing eps, decreasing nlambda, or increasing lambda. factor before increasing maxit.

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### Value

An object with S3 class gglasso.

call the call that produced this object

b0 intercept sequence of length length(lambda)
beta a p\*length(lambda) matrix of coefficients.

df the number of nonzero groups for each value of lambda.

dim dimension of coefficient matrix (ices)

lambda the actual sequence of lambda values used

npasses total number of iterations (the most inner loop) summed over all lambda values

jerr error flag, for warnings and errors, 0 if no error.

group a vector of consecutive integers describing the grouping of the coefficients.

### Author(s)

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#### References

Yang, Y. and Zou, H. (2015), "A Fast Unified Algorithm for Computing Group-Lasso Penalized Learning Problems," *Statistics and Computing*. 25(6), 1129-1141.

BugReport: https://github.com/emeryyi/gglasso

### See Also

```
plot.gglasso
```

```
# load gglasso library
library(gglasso)

# load bardet data set
data(bardet)

# define group index
group1 <- rep(1:20,each=5)

# fit group lasso penalized least squares
m1 <- gglasso(x=bardet$x,y=bardet$y,group=group1,loss="ls")

# load colon data set
data(colon)

# define group index</pre>
```

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```
group2 <- rep(1:20,each=5)

# fit group lasso penalized logistic regression
m2 <- gglasso(x=colon$x,y=colon$y,group=group2,loss="logit")</pre>
```

plot.cv.gglasso

plot the cross-validation curve produced by cv.gglasso

### **Description**

Plots the cross-validation curve, and upper and lower standard deviation curves, as a function of the lambda values used. This function is modified based on the plot.cv function from the glmnet package.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'cv.gglasso'
plot(x, sign.lambda = 1, ...)
```

### Arguments

```
x fitted cv.gglasso object
sign.lambda either plot against log(lambda) (default) or its negative if sign.lambda=-1.
... other graphical parameters to plot
```

### Details

A plot is produced.

### Author(s)

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```

### References

```
Yang, Y. and Zou, H. (2015), "A Fast Unified Algorithm for Computing Group-Lasso Penalized Learning Problems," Statistics and Computing. 25(6), 1129-1141.

BugReport: https://github.com/emeryyi/gglasso
```

Friedman, J., Hastie, T., and Tibshirani, R. (2010), "Regularization paths for generalized linear models via coordinate descent," *Journal of Statistical Software*, 33, 1. http://www.jstatsoft.org/v33/i01/

### See Also

```
cv.gglasso.
```

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### **Examples**

```
# load gglasso library
library(gglasso)

# load data set
data(colon)

# define group index
group <- rep(1:20,each=5)

# 5-fold cross validation using group lasso
# penalized logisitic regression
cv <- cv.gglasso(x=colon$x, y=colon$y, group=group, loss="logit",
pred.loss="misclass", lambda.factor=0.05, nfolds=5)

# make a CV plot
plot(cv)</pre>
```

plot.gglasso

Plot solution paths from a "gglasso" object

### Description

Produces a coefficient profile plot of the coefficient paths for a fitted gglasso object.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'gglasso'
plot(x, group = FALSE, log.l = TRUE, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

Χ	fitted gglasso model
group	what is on the Y-axis. Plot the norm of each group if TRUE. Plot each coefficient if FALSE.
log.l	what is on the X-axis. Plot against the log-lambda sequence if TRUE. Plot against the lambda sequence if FALSE.
	other graphical parameters to plot

### **Details**

A coefficient profile plot is produced.

### Author(s)

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```

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### References

Yang, Y. and Zou, H. (2015), "A Fast Unified Algorithm for Computing Group-Lasso Penalized Learning Problems," *Statistics and Computing*. 25(6), 1129-1141. BugReport: https://github.com/emeryyi/gglasso

### **Examples**

```
# load gglasso library
library(gglasso)

# load data set
data(bardet)

# define group index
group <- rep(1:20,each=5)

# fit group lasso
m1 <- gglasso(x=bardet$x,y=bardet$y,group=group,loss="ls")

# make plots
par(mfrow=c(1,3))
plot(m1) # plots the coefficients against the log-lambda sequence
plot(m1,group=TRUE) # plots group norm against the log-lambda sequence
plot(m1,log.l=FALSE) # plots against the lambda sequence</pre>
```

predict.cv.gglasso

make predictions from a "cv.gglasso" object.

### **Description**

This function makes predictions from a cross-validated gglasso model, using the stored "gglasso.fit" object, and the optimal value chosen for lambda.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'cv.gglasso'
predict(object, newx, s = c("lambda.1se", "lambda.min"), ...)
```

### **Arguments**

object fitted cv.gglasso object.

newx matrix of new values for x at which predictions are to be made. Must be a matrix. See documentation for predict.gglasso.

s value(s) of the penalty parameter lambda at which predictions are required. Default is the value s="lambda.1se" stored on the CV object. Alternatively s="lambda.min" can be used. If s is numeric, it is taken as the value(s) of lambda to be used.

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... not used. Other arguments to predict.

#### **Details**

This function makes it easier to use the results of cross-validation to make a prediction.

#### Value

The returned object depends on the ... argument which is passed on to the predict method for gglasso objects.

### Author(s)

```
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```

#### References

```
Yang, Y. and Zou, H. (2015), "A Fast Unified Algorithm for Computing Group-Lasso Penalized Learning Problems," Statistics and Computing. 25(6), 1129-1141.

BugReport: https://github.com/emeryyi/gglasso
```

### See Also

```
cv.gglasso, and coef.cv.gglasso methods.
```

```
# load gglasso library
library(gglasso)

# load data set
data(colon)

# define group index
group <- rep(1:20,each=5)

# 5-fold cross validation using group lasso
# penalized logisitic regression
cv <- cv.gglasso(x=colon$x, y=colon$y, group=group, loss="logit",
pred.loss="misclass", lambda.factor=0.05, nfolds=5)

# the coefficients at lambda = lambda.min, newx = x[1,]
pre = predict(cv$gglasso.fit, newx = colon$x[1:10,],
s = cv$lambda.min, type = "class")</pre>
```

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predict.gglasso

make predictions from a "gglasso" object.

#### **Description**

Similar to other predict methods, this functions predicts fitted values and class labels from a fitted gglasso object.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'gglasso'
predict(object, newx, s = NULL, type = c("class", "link"), ...)
```

### **Arguments**

object fitted gglasso model object.

newx matrix of new values for x at which predictions are to be made. Must be a matrix.

s value(s) of the penalty parameter lambda at which predictions are required. Default is the entire sequence used to create the model.

type type of prediction required:

• Type "link", for regression it returns the fitted response; for classification it gives the linear predictors.

• Type "class", only valid for classification, it produces the predicted class label corresponding to the maximum probability.

Not used. Other arguments to predict.

### **Details**

s is the new vector at which predictions are requested. If s is not in the lambda sequence used for fitting the model, the predict function will use linear interpolation to make predictions. The new values are interpolated using a fraction of predicted values from both left and right lambda indices.

#### Value

The object returned depends on type.

### Author(s)

```
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```

#### References

Yang, Y. and Zou, H. (2015), "A Fast Unified Algorithm for Computing Group-Lasso Penalized Learning Problems," *Statistics and Computing*. 25(6), 1129-1141.

```
BugReport: https://github.com/emeryyi/gglasso
```

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### See Also

coef method

#### **Examples**

```
# load gglasso library
library(gglasso)

# load data set
data(colon)

# define group index
group <- rep(1:20,each=5)

# fit group lasso
m1 <- gglasso(x=colon$x,y=colon$y,group=group,loss="logit")

# predicted class label at x[10,]
print(predict(m1,type="class",newx=colon$x[10,]))

# predicted linear predictors at x[1:5,]
print(predict(m1,type="link",newx=colon$x[1:5,]))</pre>
```

print.gglasso

print a gglasso object

### **Description**

Print the nonzero group counts at each lambda along the gglasso path.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'gglasso'
print(x, digits = max(3, getOption("digits") - 3), ...)
```

### **Arguments**

```
x fitted gglasso object
digits significant digits in printout
... additional print arguments
```

### **Details**

Print the information about the nonzero group counts at each lambda step in the gglasso object. The result is a two-column matrix with columns Df and Lambda. The Df column is the number of the groups that have nonzero within-group coefficients, the Lambda column is the the corresponding lambda.

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### Value

a two-column matrix, the first columns is the number of nonzero group counts and the second column is Lambda.

### Author(s)

```
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```

### References

Yang, Y. and Zou, H. (2015), "A Fast Unified Algorithm for Computing Group-Lasso Penalized Learning Problems," *Statistics and Computing*. 25(6), 1129-1141.

BugReport: https://github.com/emeryyi/gglasso

```
# load gglasso library
library(gglasso)

# load data set
data(colon)

# define group index
group <- rep(1:20,each=5)

# fit group lasso
m1 <- gglasso(x=colon$x,y=colon$y,group=group,loss="logit")

# print out results
print(m1)</pre>
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