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<b>Description</b> An implementation of alpha-norm regulariztaion linear model in R. The alpha-norm penalty has the property of jumping to a sparse solution. This flexible nonconvex regularization problem is solved via cyclic coordinate descent and a proximal operator. It is less aggresive in shrinking coefficients than the l_0 penalty, sparser and less biased than l_1 norm(lasso), which is extremely useful in high-dimensional case and when predictors are highly correlated. Our package also offers the choice of lasso (q=1), it can be useful when the model is not extremely sparse.
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alphanorm: A package for alpha-norm regularization model

## **Description**

This package fits the alpha-norm regularization path for regression via cyclic coordinate descent and o proximal operator. It is useful in extra sparse and highly correlated model.

#### **Details**

The alphanorm package provides five function: alphanorm, coef.alphanorm, cv.alphanorm, plot.alphanorm and predict.alphanorm

It accepts x and y for regression model and is very flexible in the choice of tuning parameters q and lambda. cv.alphanorm can help select the best tuning parameters using cross-validation. plot.alphanorm can produce the regularization path over a grid of values for lambda.

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fit a sparse model with alpha-norm regularization

#### **Description**

Fit a alph-norm model with proximal algorithm and coordinate descent

# Usage

```
alphanorm(x, y, lambda = exp(10:-10), q = 0.5, intercept = TRUE,
tol = 1e-07, T = 500, nlambda = NULL, trace = FALSE)
```

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#### **Arguments**

x the design matrixy the response vector

lambda a vector of lambda values, default as exp(10:-10) q a numerical value for q, 0<q<=1, with default 0.5

intercept whether the intercept term should be included, TRUE to be included(default),

FALSE not to

tol tolerence of convergence condition

T number of maximum iterations for each coefficient

nlambda number of lambda wanted

trace print the process

#### **Details**

The sequence of models implied by lambda is solved via coordinate descent. The objective function is:

$$J(\beta) = 1/2RSS + \lambda * penalty$$

Here the penalty is the  $l_q$  norm of coefficients, which is  $\sum (|\beta_i|^q), 0 < q <= 1$ , when q = 1, it is actually same as lasso

#### Value

An object of S3 class "alphanorm"

x input design matrix

y input of response vector

Lambda input of lambda in the decreasing order

 $\begin{array}{ll} \textbf{q} & \text{input value of } \textbf{q} \\ \\ \textbf{Coefficient} & \text{matrix coefficients} \end{array}$ 

Intercept non-penalized intercept(if intercept=TRUE), otherwise, NULL

df number of nonzero coefficients for each value of lambda

#### References

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# See Also

predict.alphanorm, coef.alphanorm, cv.alphanorm, and plot.alphanorm methods

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#### **Examples**

```
x<-matrix(rnorm(100*100),100,100)
# Only the first 10 are true predictors
y<-x[,1:10]%*%rep(1,10)

# Build a alpha-norm model
alphanorm.obj<-alphanorm(x,y,intercept=FALSE)
# Get coefficients
coef(alphanorm.obj)
# Get fitted values
predict(alphanorm.obj)
# Cross-validation to choose q and lambda
cv.alphanorm(x,y,intercept=FALSE)
# Plot coefficient profile according to log-lambda
plot(alphanorm.obj)</pre>
```

coef.alphanorm

Output the coefficients of "alphanorm" object

#### **Description**

Output the coefficients of "alphanorm" object

#### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'alphanorm'
coef(alphanorm.obj)
```

## **Arguments**

```
alphanorm.obj a fitted "alphanorm" object
```

#### Value

coefficients of "alphanorm" object

# See Also

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cv.alphanorm

Cross-validation for alpha-norm

# Description

Does k-fold cross-validation for alpha-norm, and return the best lambda and q

## Usage

```
cv.alphanorm(x, y, lambda_Tune = exp(10:-10), q_Tune = c(0.1, 0.5, 0.9), intercept = TRUE, nfolds = 5, tol = 1e-07, T = 500, trace = FALSE)
```

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#### **Arguments**

x design matrixy response vector

lambda\_Tune user-supplied lambda sequence q\_Tune user-supplied q sequence

intercept whether intercept should be in the model, default to be TRUE

nfolds number of folds , default to be 5 tol tolerence of convergence condition

T number of maximum iterations for each coefficient

trace print the process of alphanorm

#### Value

An object of S3 class "cv.alphanorm"

lambda the values of lambda used in the fits in the decreasing order

q the values of q used in the fits

cvm The mean cross-validation error, a matrix of length(q)\*length(lambda)

lambda.min value of lambda that gives minimum cvm q.min value of q that gives minimum cvm

#### See Also

alphanorm

plot.alphanorm plot coefficient for a "alphanorm"

# **Description**

Produce a coefficient profile plot of the coefficient paths for a fitted "alphanorm" object

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'alphanorm'
plot(alphanorm.obj, xvar = c("lambda"), legend = FALSE)
```

## **Arguments**

alphanorm.obj fitted "alphanorm" model

what is on the X-axis. "norm" plots against the \$L\_q\$-norm of the coefficients,

"lambda" against the log-lambda sequence

legend whether legend should be plotted

# See Also

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## **Examples**

```
x=matrix(rnorm(100*20),100,20)
y=rnorm(100)
obj1=alphanorm(x,y)
plot(obj1)
plot(obj1,xvar="norm")
```

predict.alphanorm

Predict method for alpha-norm fits

# Description

Similar to other predict methods, this function predicts fitted values from a fitted alphanorm model

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'alphanorm'
predict(alphanorm.obj, newx = NULL)
```

## **Arguments**

```
alphanorm.obj a fitted alpha-norm model, returned by alphanorm()

newx matrix of new values of x, if NULL, use the x in alphanorm.obj
```

# Value

matrix of fitted values from alpha-norm model

# See Also

 $\hbox{alphanorm, and $cv$. alphanorm methods}$ 

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