

Package ‘relaxo’

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Description Relaxed Lasso is a generalisation of the Lasso shrinkage technique for linear regression. Both variable selection and parameter estimation is achieved by regular Lasso, yet both steps do not necessarily use the same penalty parameter. The results include all standard Lasso solutions but allow often for sparser models while having similar or even slightly better predictive performance if many predictor variables are present. The package depends on the LARS package.

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cvrelaxo	<i>Cross validation for "Relaxed Lasso"</i>
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Description

Compute the "Relaxed Lasso" solution with minimal cross-validated L2-loss.

Usage

```
cvrelaxo(X, Y, K = 5, phi = seq(0, 1, length = 10), max.steps = min( 2 * length(Y), 2 * ncol(X)), fast =
```

Arguments

X	as in function relaxo
Y	as in function relaxo
K	Number of folds. Defaults to 5.
phi	as in function relaxo
max.steps	as in function relaxo
fast	as in function relaxo
keep.data	as in function relaxo
warn	as in function relaxo

Details

The plot method is not useful for result of cvrelaxo (as no path of solutions exists).

Value

An object of class relaxo, for which print and predict methods exist

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References

N. Meinshausen, "Relaxed Lasso", Computational Statistics and Data Analysis, to appear. <http://www.stat.berkeley.edu/~nicolai>

See Also

See also [relaxo](#) for computation of the entire solution path

Examples

```

data(diabetes)

## Center and scale variables
x <- scale(diabetes$x)
y <- scale(diabetes$y)

## Compute "Relaxed Lasso" solution and plot results
object <- relaxo(x,y)
plot(object)

## Compute cross-validated solution with optimal
## predictive performance and print relaxation parameter phi and
## penalty parameter lambda of the found solution
cvobject <- cvrelaxo(x,y)
print(cvobject$phi)
print(cvobject$lambda)

## Compute fitted values and plot them versus actual values
fitted.values <- predict(cvobject)
plot(fitted.values,y)
abline(c(0,1))

```

plot.relaxo

Plot of a Relaxed Lasso Object

Description

Plot of Relaxed Lasso solutions for various relaxation parameters

Usage

```

## S3 method for class 'relaxo'
plot(x, type = "l", lty = 1, main = NULL, xlab = "|beta|/max|beta| (phi=1)", ylab = expression("coeffi

```

Arguments

x	A object of class relaxo
type	Plot type
lty	Line style
main	Title of plot
xlab	Label of x-axis
ylab	Label of y-axis
plotphi	Which values of the relaxation parameter phi should be plotted?
...	Arguments passed on to the plot function

Value

No return value

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References

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predict.relaxo	<i>predict method for class relaxo</i>
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Description

Prediction with Relaxed Lasso

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'relaxo'
predict(object, newX = NULL, lambda = NULL, phi = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

object	An object of class relaxo
newX	A data frame or matrix containing new data. If not given, the prediction for the original training data is returned.
lambda	The penalty parameter for variable selection.
phi	The relaxation parameter in the interval [0,1].
...	other arguments (currently ignored).

Value

A numerical vector, containing the predictions for the new data points (or the fitted values if newX=NULL).

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References

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relaxo	<i>Relaxed Lasso (relaxo)</i>
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Description

Computes all "Relaxed Lasso" solutions.

Usage

```
relaxo(X, Y, phi = seq(0, 1, length = 4), max.steps = min(2*length(Y), 2 * ncol(X)), fast = TRUE, keep
```

Arguments

X	n x p-dimensional matrix or data frame containing the predictor variables; columns are supposed to be scaled and centered.
Y	n-dimensional numerical response vector; supposed to be centered to mean 0.
phi	Relaxation parameter in [0,1]. A value of phi=1 corresponds to the regular Lasso solutions; a value of phi=0 computes the OLS estimates on the set of variables selected by the Lasso.
max.steps	Maximal number of steps the LARS algorithm is run.
fast	Should the estimates be computed in approx. the same time as the LARS algorithm? If fast=TRUE, minor deviations from the original Relaxed Lasso solution can occur.
keep.data	Should the data be kept for later usage e.g. (when computing predicted values for the training data) ?
warn	If TRUE, warnings are given if the predictor variables X are not centered and scaled or if the response variable is not centered) ?

Value

An object of class relaxo, for which plot and predict methods are available.

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See Also

See also [cvrelaxo](#) for computation of the cross-validated solution with optimal predictive performance

Examples

```
data(diabetes)

## Center and scale variables
x <- scale(diabetes$x)
y <- as.numeric(scale(diabetes$y))

## Compute "Relaxed Lasso" solution and plot results
object <- relaxo(x,y)
plot(object)

## Compute cross-validated solution with optimal
## predictive performance and print relaxation parameter phi and
## penalty parameter lambda of the found solution
cvobject <- cvrelaxo(x,y)
print(cvobject$phi)
print(cvobject$lambda)

## Compute fitted values and plot them versus actual values
fitted.values <- predict(cvobject)
plot(fitted.values,y)
abline(c(0,1))
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