

# Package ‘glassoFast’

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## Description

This package propose a fast implementation of the graphical LASSO of Friedman et al. 2008 based on the algorithm (FORTRAN subroutine) of Sustik and Calderhead (2012). This algorithm also avoid non-termination issues observed for the "glasso" function of the R package glasso.

## Details

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The original FORTRAN Subroutine is available from:  
<http://www.cs.utexas.edu/users/sustik/glassofast/>

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### References

Friedman J., Hastie T., Tibshirani R. 2008. Sparse inverse covariance estimation with the graphical lasso. *Biostatistics*. 9:432-441.

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*Fast graphical LASSO*

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### Description

This function is a faster alternative to the "glasso" function in the glasso package (Friedman et al. 2008). This package is based on the algorithm (FORTRAN subroutine) of Sustik and Calderhead (2012).

### Usage

```
glassoFast(S, rho, thr = 1e-04, maxIt = 10000, start = c("cold", "warm"),  
w.init = NULL, wi.init = NULL, trace = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

S	Covariance matrix (a p by p symmetric matrix)
rho	The regularization parameter for lasso. (a non-negative value or a p by p matrix of regularization parameters)
thr	Threshold for convergence. Default is 1.e-4.
maxIt	Maximum number of iterations of outer loop. Default is 10,000.
start	Type of start. Cold start is default. Using warm start, can provide starting values for w and wi.
w.init	Optional starting values for estimated covariance matrix (p by p). Only needed when start="warm" is specified
wi.init	Optional starting values for estimated inverse covariance matrix (p by p). Only needed when start="warm" is specified
trace	Flag for printing out information as iterations proceed. Default FALSE.

**Details**

Estimate a sparse inverse covariance matrix using a lasso (L1) penalty, following the Friedman et al. (2008) approach. The function is a wrapper of the faster and corrected (for non-termination convergence issues) FORTRAN subroutine of Sustik and Calderhead (2012).

**Value**

w	Estimated covariance matrix
wi	Estimated inverse covariance matrix
errflag	Memory allocation error flag: 0 means no error; !=0 means memory allocation error
niter	Number of iterations of outer loop

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**See Also**

glasso

**Examples**

```
set.seed(100)

# Make a random covariance matrix
p=5
x<-matrix(rnorm(p*p),ncol=p)
s<- var(x)

# Compute the LASSO estimates
glassoFast(s, rho=.1)

# compare with glasso

require(glasso)
glasso(s, rho=.1)

# benchmark glassoFast and glasso
require(rbenchmark)
p=100
x<-matrix(rnorm(p*p),ncol=p)
s<- var(x)
benchmark(glassoFast(s, rho=.15), glasso(s, rho=.15), replications = 100)
# up to an order of magnitude faster
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