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spselect-package

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#### Examples

```
data(y)
data(X.3D)
y.name <- "y"
ss <- c("ind", "ss1", "ss2")
mod_forward.step.ss_1 <- stepwise.ss(y, X.3D, y.name, ss, 1)</pre>
```

lars.ss

#### Description

This function fits a spatial scale (SS) LARS model.

#### Usage

lars.ss(y, X, ss, a.lst, S.v, C.v, col.plot, verbose=TRUE, plot=TRUE)

#### Arguments

У	A numeric response vector
Х	A data frame of numeric variables
SS	A vector of names to identify the different levels of covariates available as po- tential candidates for model input
a.lst	A list of identity matrices, where each column indicates a particular level or spatial scale for a specified covariate (e.g., $ss1_x2$ )
S.v	A vector of positive integers, where each number denotes the number of spatial scales associated with a particular covariate
C.v	A vector, where all values are initialized to 0
col.plot	A vector of colors (corresponding to each SS) used in the coefficient path plot
verbose	If TRUE, details are printed as the algorithm progresses
plot	If TRUE, a coefficient path plot is generated

#### Details

This function estimates coefficients using the SS LARS modeling approach. The function also provides summary details and plots a coefficient path plot.

#### Value

A list with the following items:

beta	Regression coefficient estimates from all set of model solutions
beta.aic	Regression coefficient estimates from final model
ind.v	Vector of indices to denote the corresponding columns of X associated with each active predictor
aic.v	Vector of Akaike information criterion (AIC) values
stack.ss	Vector of indices to indicate the level at which each covariate enters the model

#### Author(s)

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#### References

Grant LP, Gennings C, Wheeler, DC. (2015). Selecting spatial scale of covariates in regression models of environmental exposures. Cancer Informatics, 14(S2), 81-96. doi: 10.4137/CIN.S17302

#### Examples

```
data(y)
data(X)
names.X <- colnames(X)
ss <- c("ind", "ss1", "ss2")
a.lst <- list(NULL)
a.lst[[1]] <- 1
dim(a.lst[[1]]) <- c(1,1)
dimnames(a.lst[[1]]) <- list(NULL, names.X[1])
a.lst[[2]] <- diag(2)
dimnames(a.lst[[2]]) <- list(NULL, names.X[c(2,3)])
a.lst[[3]] <- diag(2)
dimnames(a.lst[[3]]) <- list(NULL, names.X[c(4,5)])
S.v <- c(1,2,2)
C.v <- rep(0,length(a.lst))
mod_LARS.ss <- lars.ss(y, X, ss, a.lst, S.v, C.v, c("black", "red", "green"))</pre>
```

lasso.ss

Spatial scale lasso

#### Description

This function fits a spatial scale (SS) lasso model.

#### Usage

lasso.ss(y, X, ss, a.lst, S.v, C.v, col.plot, verbose=TRUE, plot=TRUE)

#### Arguments

У	A numeric response vector
Х	A data frame of numeric variables
SS	A vector of names to identify the different levels of covariates available as po- tential candidates for model input
a.lst	A list of identity matrices, where each column indicates a particular level or spatial scale for a specified covariate (e.g., $ss1_x2$ )

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S.v	A vector of positive integers, where each number denotes the number of spatial scales associated with a particular covariate
C.v	A vector, where all values are initialized to 0
col.plot	A vector of colors (corresponding to each SS) used in the coefficient path plot
verbose	If TRUE, details are printed as the algorithm progresses
plot	If TRUE, a coefficient path plot is generated

#### Details

This function estimates coefficients using the SS lasso modeling approach. The function also provides summary details and plots a coefficient path plot.

#### Value

A list with the following items:

beta	Regression coefficient estimates from all set of model solutions
beta.aic	Regression coefficient estimates from final model
ind.v	Vector of indices to denote the corresponding columns of X associated with each active predictor
aic.v	Vector of Akaike information criterion (AIC) values
stack.ss	Vector of indices to indicate the level at which each covariate enters the model

#### Author(s)

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#### References

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#### Examples

```
data(y)
data(X)
names.X <- colnames(X)
ss <- c("ind", "ss1", "ss2")
a.lst <- list(NULL)
a.lst[[1]] <- 1
dim(a.lst[[1]]) <- c(1,1)
dimnames(a.lst[[1]]) <- list(NULL, names.X[1])
a.lst[[2]] <- diag(2)
dimnames(a.lst[[2]]) <- list(NULL, names.X[c(2,3)])</pre>
```

```
a.lst[[3]] <- diag(2)
dimnames(a.lst[[3]]) <- list(NULL, names.X[c(4,5)])
S.v <- c(1,2,2)
C.v <- rep(0,length(a.lst))
mod_lasso.ss <- lasso.ss(y, X, ss, a.lst, S.v, C.v, c("black", "red", "green"))</pre>
```

```
stagewise.ss
```

Spatial scale incremental forward stagewise regression

#### Description

This function fits a spatial scale (SS) incremental forward stagewise regression model.

#### Usage

stagewise.ss(y, X, X.3D, ss, increment, tolerance, col.plot, verbose=TRUE, plot=TRUE)

#### Arguments

У	A numeric response vector
Х	A data frame of numeric variables
X.3D	A 3-D or stacked array of numeric variables, where each stack represents a par- ticular level of covariates (i.e., individual- and area-level variables at more than one spatial scale). In cases where values are only present for a covariate at cer- tain levels, that covariate is assigned missing values at all other levels.
SS	A vector of names to identify the different levels of covariates available as po- tential candidates for model input
increment	A positive step size
tolerance	A small, positive value used as a stopping criterion when none of the predictors are correlated with the residuals. The algorithm stops if the overall maximum correlation is less than a specified tolerance.
col.plot	A vector of colors (corresponding to each SS) used in the coefficient path plot
verbose	If TRUE, details are printed as the algorithm progresses
plot	If TRUE, a coefficient path plot is generated

#### Details

This function estimates coefficients using the SS forward stagewise regression approach. The function also provides summary details and plots a coefficient path plot.

#### Value

A list with the following items:

beta.final	Regression coefficient estimates from final model
stack.ss	Vector of indices to indicate the level at which each covariate enters the model

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#### References

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#### Examples

```
data(y)
data(X)
data(X.3D)
ss <- c("ind", "ss1", "ss2")
mod_forward.stage.ss_0.1 <- stagewise.ss(y, X ,X.3D, ss, 0.1, 0.1, c("black", "red", "green"))</pre>
```

stepwise.ss

Spatial scale forward stepwise regression

#### Description

This function fits a spatial scale (SS) forward stepwise regression model.

#### Usage

```
stepwise.ss(y, X.3D, y.name, ss, epsilon, verbose=TRUE)
```

#### Arguments

У	A numeric response vector
X.3D	A 3-D or stacked array of numeric variables, where each stack represents a par- ticular level of covariates (i.e., individual- and area-level variables at more than one spatial scale). In cases where values are only present for a covariate at cer- tain levels, that covariate is assigned missing values at all other levels.
y.name	A name for y
SS	A vector of names to identify the different levels of covariates available as po- tential candidates for model input
epsilon	A positive value used as a stopping criterion when there is inadequate improve- ment in the model's performance. The algorithm stops if the difference in the Akaike information criterion (AIC) between the current model and the proposed model is less than epsilon.
verbose	If TRUE, details are printed as the algorithm progresses

#### Details

This function estimates coefficients using the SS forward stepwise regression approach. The function also estimates the model fit and provides summary details.

### Value

A list with the following items:

beta.final	Regression coefficient estimates from final model
aic.final	AIC for final model
summary.final	Summary output of final model
stack.ss	Vector of indices to indicate the level at which each covariate enters the model

#### Author(s)

Lauren Grant, David Wheeler

#### References

Grant LP, Gennings C, Wheeler, DC. (2015). Selecting spatial scale of covariates in regression models of environmental exposures. Cancer Informatics, 14(S2), 81-96. doi: 10.4137/CIN.S17302

#### Examples

```
data(y)
data(X.3D)
y.name <- "y"
ss <- c("ind", "ss1", "ss2")
mod_forward.step.ss_1 <- stepwise.ss(y, X.3D, y.name, ss, 1)</pre>
```

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Input data X

#### Description

Simulated input data

#### Usage

data(X)

#### Format

A data frame with 20 observations on the following 5 variables:

- x1 a numeric vector
- ss1\_x2 a numeric vector
- ss2\_x2 a numeric vector
- ss1\_x3 a numeric vector
- ss2\_x3 a numeric vector

#### X.3D

#### Details

The data consist of simulated variables, including an individual-level covariate (x1) and two arealevel covariates (x2, x3) available at two different spatial scales (ss1, ss2).

#### Examples

data(X)

X.3D

Input data X.3D

#### Description

Simulated input data (in stacked array format)

#### Usage

data(X.3D)

#### Format

A 20x3x3 stacked array with the following stacks:

- ind a numeric array containing an individual-level variable (x1)
- ss1 a numeric array containing area-level variables (x2, x3) available at ss1
- ss2 a numeric array containing area-level variables (x2, x3) available at ss2

#### Details

The data consist of simulated variables, including an individual-level covariate (x1) and two arealevel covariates (x2, x3) available at two different spatial scales (ss1, ss2). The data are in the form of a 3-D or stacked array, where each stack represents a particular level of covariates, including spatial scale. The first stack contains the individual-level variable; the second and third stacks contain the area-level variables at the ss1 and ss2 levels, respectively. Note that in cases where values are only present for a covariate at certain levels, that covariate is assigned missing values at all other levels.

#### References

Grant LP, Gennings C, Wheeler, DC. (2015). Selecting spatial scale of covariates in regression models of environmental exposures. Cancer Informatics, 14(S2), 81-96. doi: 10.4137/CIN.S17302

#### Examples

data(X.3D)

У

## Description

Simulated response data

## Usage

data(y)

## Format

A numeric response vector with 20 observations

## Examples

data(y)

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