# Package 'grpreg'

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regression, GLM, and Cox regression models with grouped penalties. This
includes group selection methods such as group lasso, group MCP, and
group SCAD as well as bi-level selection methods such as the group
exponential lasso, the composite MCP, and the group bridge. For more
information, see Breheny and Huang (2009) <doi:10.4310/sii.2009.v2.n3.a10>,
Huang, Breheny, and Ma (2012) <doi:10.1214/12-sts392>, Breheny and Huang
(2015) <doi:10.1007/s11222-013-9424-2>, and Breheny (2015)
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AUC.cv.grpsurv                 *Calculates AUC for cv.grpsurv objects*

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### Description

Calculates the cross-validated AUC (concordance) from a "cv.grpsurv" object.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'cv.grpsurv'
AUC(obj, ...)

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```

### Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| obj | A cv.grpsurv object. You must run cv.grpsurv() with the option returnY=TRUE in order for AUC to work. |
| ... | For S3 method compatibility. |

## Details

The area under the curve (AUC), or equivalently, the concordance statistic (C), is calculated according to the procedure described in van Houwelingen and Putter (2011). The function calls `survival::concordancefit()`, except cross-validated linear predictors are used to guard against overfitting. Thus, the values returned by `AUC.cv.grpsurv()` will be lower than those you would obtain with `concordancefit()` if you fit the full (unpenalized) model.

## References

van Houwelingen H, Putter H (2011). *Dynamic Prediction in Clinical Survival Analysis*. CRC Press.

## See Also

[cv.grpsurv()](), [survival::survConcordance()]()

## Examples

```
data(Lung)
X <- Lung$X
y <- Lung$y
group <- Lung$group

cvfit <- cv.grpsurv(X, y, group, returnY=TRUE)
head(AUC(cvfit))
ll <- log(cvfit$fit$lambda)
plot(ll, AUC(cvfit), xlim=rev(range(ll)), lwd=3, type='l',
     xlab=expression(log(lambda)), ylab='AUC', las=1)
```

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Birthwt *Risk Factors Associated with Low Infant Birth Weight*

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## Description

The `Birthwt` data contains 189 observations, 16 predictors, and an outcome, birthweight, available both as a continuous measure and a binary indicator for low birth weight.The data were collected at Baystate Medical Center, Springfield, Mass during 1986. This data frame is a reparameterization of the `birthwt` data frame from the **MASS** package.

## Usage

```
Birthwt
```

## Format

The `Birthwt` object is a list containing four elements (`X`, `bwt`, `low`, and `group`):

**bwt**  Birth weight in kilograms

**low**  Indicator of birth weight less than 2.5kg

**group**  Vector describing how the columns of X are grouped

**X**  A matrix with 189 observations (rows) and 16 predictor variables (columns).

The matrix X contains the following columns:

**age1,age2,age3**  Orthogonal polynomials of first, second, and third degree representing mother's age in years

**lwt1,lwt2,lwt3**  Orthogonal polynomials of first, second, and third degree representing mother's weight in pounds at last menstrual period

**white,black**  Indicator functions for mother's race; "other" is reference group

**smoke**  Smoking status during pregnancy

**ptl1,ptl2m**  Indicator functions for one or for two or more previous premature labors, respectively. No previous premature labors is the reference category.

**ht**  History of hypertension

**ui**  Presence of uterine irritability

**ftv1,ftv2,ftv3m**  Indicator functions for one, for two, or for three or more physician visits during the first trimester, respectively. No visits is the reference category.

## Source

https://cran.r-project.org/package=MASS

## References

- Venables, W. N. and Ripley, B. D. (2002). *Modern Applied Statistics with S.* Fourth edition. Springer.
- Hosmer, D.W. and Lemeshow, S. (1989) *Applied Logistic Regression.* New York: Wiley

## See Also

MASS::birthwt, grpreg()

## Examples

```
data(Birthwt)
hist(Birthwt$bwt, xlab="Child's birth weight", main="")
table(Birthwt$low)
## See examples in ?birthwt (MASS package)
##    for more about the data set
## See examples in ?grpreg for use of this data set
##    with group penalized regression models
```

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birthwt.grpreg *Risk Factors Associated with Low Infant Birth Weight*

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## Description

This version of the data set has been deprecated and will not be supported in future versions. Please use `Birthwt` instead.

## Usage

```
birthwt.grpreg
```

## Format

This data frame contains the following columns:

- `low` Indicator of birth weight less than 2.5kg

- `bwt` Birth weight in kilograms

- `age1,age2,age3` Orthogonal polynomials of first, second, and third degree representing mother's age in years

- `lwt1,lwt2,lwt3` Orthogonal polynomials of first, second, and third degree representing mother's weight in pounds at last menstrual period

- `white,black` Indicator functions for mother's race; "other" is reference group

- `smoke` smoking status during pregnancy

- `ptl1,ptl2m` Indicator functions for one or for two or more previous premature labors, respectively. No previous premature labors is the reference category.

- `ht` History of hypertension

- `ui` Presence of uterine irritability

- `ftv1,ftv2,ftv3m` Indicator functions for one, for two, or for three or more physician visits during the first trimester, respectively. No visits is the reference category.

## See Also

Birthwt

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cv.grpreg                        *Cross-validation for grpreg/grpsurv*

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### Description

Performs k-fold cross validation for penalized regression models with grouped covariates over a grid of values for the regularization parameter lambda.

### Usage

```
cv.grpreg(
  X,
  y,
  group = 1:ncol(X),
  ...,
  nfolds = 10,
  seed,
  fold,
  returnY = FALSE,
  trace = FALSE
)

cv.grpsurv(
  X,
  y,
  group = 1:ncol(X),
  ...,
  nfolds = 10,
  seed,
  fold,
  se = c("quick", "bootstrap"),
  returnY = FALSE,
  trace = FALSE
)
```

### Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| X | The design matrix, as in grpreg()/grpsurv(). |
| y | The response vector (or matrix), as in grpreg()/grpsurv(). |
| group | The grouping vector, as in grpreg()/grpsurv(). |
| ... | Additional arguments to grpreg()/grpsurv(). |
| nfolds | The number of cross-validation folds. Default is 10. |
| seed | You may set the seed of the random number generator in order to obtain reproducible results. |
| fold | Which fold each observation belongs to. By default the observations are randomly assigned. |

| | |
|---|---|
| returnY | Should cv.grpreg()/cv.grpsurv() return the fitted values from the cross-validation folds? Default is FALSE; if TRUE, this will return a matrix in which the element for row i, column j is the fitted value for observation i from the fold in which observation i was excluded from the fit, at the jth value of lambda. NOTE: For cv.grpsurv(), the rows of Y are ordered by time on study, and therefore will not correspond to the original order of observations pased to cv.grpsurv. |
| trace | If set to TRUE, cv.grpreg will inform the user of its progress by announcing the beginning of each CV fold. Default is FALSE. |
| se | For cv.grpsurv(), the method by which the cross-valiation standard error (CVSE) is calculated. The 'quick' approach is based on a rough approximation, but can be calculated more or less instantly. The 'bootstrap' approach is more accurate, but requires additional computing time. |

## Details

The function calls [grpreg()](#) or [grpsurv()](#) nfolds times, each time leaving out 1/nfolds of the data. The cross-validation error is based on the deviance; [see here for more details](#).

For Gaussian and Poisson responses, the folds are chosen according to simple random sampling. For binomial responses, the numbers for each outcome class are balanced across the folds; i.e., the number of outcomes in which y is equal to 1 is the same for each fold, or possibly off by 1 if the numbers do not divide evenly. This approach is used for Cox regression as well to balance the amount of censoring cross each fold.

For Cox models, cv.grpsurv uses the approach of calculating the full Cox partial likelihood using the cross-validated set of linear predictors. Other approaches to cross-validation for the Cox regression model have been proposed in the literature; the strengths and weaknesses of the various methods for penalized regression in the Cox model are the subject of current research. A simple approximation to the standard error is provided, although an option to bootstrap the standard error (se='bootstrap') is also available.

As in [grpreg()](#), seemingly unrelated regressions/multitask learning can be carried out by setting y to be a matrix, in which case groups are set up automatically (see [grpreg()](#) for details), and cross-validation is carried out with respect to rows of y. As mentioned in the details there, it is recommended to standardize the responses prior to fitting.

## Value

An object with S3 class "cv.grpreg" containing:

| | |
|---|---|
| cve | The error for each value of lambda, averaged across the cross-validation folds. |
| cvse | The estimated standard error associated with each value of for cve. |
| lambda | The sequence of regularization parameter values along which the cross-validation error was calculated. |
| fit | The fitted grpreg object for the whole data. |
| fold | The fold assignments for cross-validation for each observation; note that for cv.grpsurv, these are in terms of the ordered observations, not the original observations. |
| min | The index of lambda corresponding to lambda.min. |

| | |
|---|---|
| lambda.min | The value of `lambda` with the minimum cross-validation error. |
| null.dev | The deviance for the intercept-only model. |
| pe | If `family="binomial"`, the cross-validation prediction error for each value of `lambda`. |

### Author(s)

Patrick Breheny

### See Also

[grpreg()](), [plot.cv.grpreg()](), [summary.cv.grpreg()](), [predict.cv.grpreg()]()

### Examples

```
data(Birthwt)
X <- Birthwt$X
y <- Birthwt$bwt
group <- Birthwt$group

cvfit <- cv.grpreg(X, y, group)
plot(cvfit)
summary(cvfit)
coef(cvfit) ## Beta at minimum CVE

cvfit <- cv.grpreg(X, y, group, penalty="gel")
plot(cvfit)
summary(cvfit)
```

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expand_spline                   *Expand feature matrix using basis splines*

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### Description

Performs a basis expansion for many features at once, returning output that is compatible for use with the grpreg() function. Returns an expanded matrix along with a vector that describes its grouping.

### Usage

```
expand_spline(x, df = 3, degree = 3, type = c("ns", "bs"))
```

### Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| x | Features to be expanded (numeric matrix). |
| df | Degrees of freedom (numeric; default = 3). |
| degree | Degree of the piecewise polynomial (integer; default = 3 (cubic splines)). |
| type | Type of spline, either B-spline ("bs") or natural cubic spline ("ns"; default). |

**Details**

expand_spline() uses the function [splines::bs()](splines::bs()) or [splines::ns()](splines::ns()) to generate a basis matrix for each column of x. These matrices represent the spline basis for piecewise polynomials with specified degree evaluated separately for each original column of x. These matrices are then column-bound to form a single grouped matrix of derived features. A vector that describes the grouping present in the resulting matrix is also generated. The resulting object can be passed to [grpreg()](grpreg()).

This methodology was originally proposed by Ravikumar et al. (2009), who named it SPAM (SParse Additive Modeling).

**Value**

An object of class expandedMatrix consisting of:

- X: A matrix of dimension nrow(x) by df*ncol(x)

- group: A vector of length df*ncol(x) that describes the grouping structure

- Additional metadata on the splines, such as knot locations, required in order to evaluate spline at new feature values (e.g., for prediction)

**References**

- Ravikumar P, Lafferty J, Liu H and Wasserman L (2009). Sparse additive models. *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society Series B*, **71**: 1009-1030.

**See Also**

[plot_spline()](plot_spline()) to visualize the resulting nonlinear fits

**Examples**

```
Data <- gen_nonlinear_data(n=1000)
X <- expand_spline(Data$X)
fit <- grpreg(X, Data$y)
plot_spline(fit, "V02", lambda = 0.03)
```

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gBridge                         *Fit a group bridge regression path*

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**Description**

Fit regularization paths for linear and logistic group bridge-penalized regression models over a grid of values for the regularization parameter lambda.

**Usage**

```
gBridge(
  X,
  y,
  group = 1:ncol(X),
  family = c("gaussian", "binomial", "poisson"),
  nlambda = 100,
  lambda,
  lambda.min = {
      if (nrow(X) > ncol(X))
          0.001
      else 0.05
  },
  lambda.max,
  alpha = 1,
  eps = 0.001,
  delta = 1e-07,
  max.iter = 10000,
  gamma = 0.5,
  group.multiplier,
  warn = TRUE,
  returnX = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

| | |
|---|---|
| X | The design matrix, as in grpreg. |
| y | The response vector (or matrix), as in grpreg. |
| group | The grouping vector, as in grpreg. |
| family | Either "gaussian" or "binomial", depending on the response. |
| nlambda | The number of lambda values, as in grpreg. |
| lambda | A user supplied sequence of lambda values, as in grpreg()'. |
| lambda.min | The smallest value for lambda, as in grpreg. |
| lambda.max | The maximum value for lambda. Unlike the penalties in grpreg, it is not possible to solve for lambda.max directly with group bridge models. Thus, it must be specified by the user. If it is not specified, gBridge will attempt to guess lambda.max, but this is not particularly accurate. |
| alpha | Tuning parameter for the balance between the group penalty and the L2 penalty, as in grpreg. |
| eps | Convergence threshhold, as in grpreg. |
| delta | The group bridge penalty is not differentiable at zero, and requires a small number delta to bound it away from zero. There is typically no need to change this value. |
| max.iter | Maximum number of iterations, as in grpreg. |

| | |
|---|---|
| gamma | Tuning parameter of the group bridge penalty (the exponent to which the L1 norm of the coefficients in the group are raised). Default is 0.5, the square root. |
| group.multiplier | |
| | The multiplicative factor by which each group's penalty is to be multiplied, as in grpreg. |
| warn | Should the function give a warning if it fails to converge? As in grpreg. |
| returnX | Return the standardized design matrix (and associated group structure information)? Default is FALSE. |
| ... | Not used. |

## Details

This method fits the group bridge method of Huang et al. (2009). Unlike the penalties in grpreg, the group bridge is not differentiable at zero; because of this, a number of changes must be made to the algorithm, which is why it has its own function. Most notably, the method is unable to start at lambda.max; it must start at lambda.min and proceed in the opposite direction.

In other respects, the usage and behavior of the function is similar to the rest of the grpreg package.

## Value

An object with S3 class "grpreg", as in grpreg.

## References

- Huang J, Ma S, Xie H, and Zhang C. (2009) A group bridge approach for variable selection. *Biometrika*, **96**: 339-355. doi:10.1093/biomet/asp020
- Breheny P and Huang J. (2009) Penalized methods for bi-level variable selection. *Statistics and its interface*, **2**: 369-380. doi:10.4310/sii.2009.v2.n3.a10

## See Also

grpreg()

## Examples

```
data(Birthwt)
X <- Birthwt$X
group <- Birthwt$group

## Linear regression
y <- Birthwt$bwt
fit <- gBridge(X, y, group, lambda.max=0.08)
plot(fit)
select(fit)$beta

## Logistic regression
y <- Birthwt$low
fit <- gBridge(X, y, group, family="binomial", lambda.max=0.17)
plot(fit)
select(fit)$beta
```

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gen_nonlinear_data          *Generate nonlinear example data*

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### Description

Mainly intended to demonstrate the use of basis expansion models for sparse additive modeling; intended for use with expand_spline().

### Usage

```
gen_nonlinear_data(n = 100, p = 16, seed)
```

### Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| n | Sample size (numeric; default = 100). |
| p | Number of features (numeric; default = 16). |
| seed | Set to get different random data sets, passed to set.seed() |

### Examples

```
Data <- gen_nonlinear_data()
```

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grpreg                          *Fit a group penalized regression path*

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### Description

Fit regularization paths for models with grouped penalties over a grid of values for the regularization parameter lambda. Fits linear and logistic regression models.

### Usage

```
grpreg(
  X,
  y,
  group = 1:ncol(X),
  penalty = c("grLasso", "grMCP", "grSCAD", "gel", "cMCP"),
  family = c("gaussian", "binomial", "poisson"),
  nlambda = 100,
  lambda,
  lambda.min = {
    if (nrow(X) > ncol(X))
        1e-04
    else 0.05
  },
```

```
    log.lambda = TRUE,
    alpha = 1,
    eps = 1e-04,
    max.iter = 10000,
    dfmax = p,
    gmax = length(unique(group)),
    gamma = ifelse(penalty == "grSCAD", 4, 3),
    tau = 1/3,
    group.multiplier,
    warn = TRUE,
    returnX = FALSE,
    ...
)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| X | The design matrix, without an intercept. grpreg standardizes the data and includes an intercept by default. |
| y | The response vector, or a matrix in the case of multitask learning (see details). |
| group | A vector describing the grouping of the coefficients. For greatest efficiency and least ambiguity (see details), it is best if group is a factor or vector of consecutive integers, although unordered groups and character vectors are also allowed. If there are coefficients to be included in the model without being penalized, assign them to group 0 (or "0"). |
| penalty | The penalty to be applied to the model. For group selection, one of grLasso, grMCP, or grSCAD. For bi-level selection, one of gel or cMCP. See below for details. |
| family | Either "gaussian" or "binomial", depending on the response. |
| nlambda | The number of lambda values. Default is 100. |
| lambda | A user supplied sequence of lambda values. Typically, this is left unspecified, and the function automatically computes a grid of lambda values that ranges uniformly on the log scale over the relevant range of lambda values. |
| lambda.min | The smallest value for lambda, as a fraction of lambda.max. Default is .0001 if the number of observations is larger than the number of covariates and .05 otherwise. |
| log.lambda | Whether compute the grid values of lambda on log scale (default) or linear scale. |
| alpha | grpreg allows for both a group penalty and an L2 (ridge) penalty; alpha controls the proportional weight of the regularization parameters of these two penalties. The group penalties' regularization parameter is lambda*alpha, while the regularization parameter of the ridge penalty is lambda*(1-alpha). Default is 1: no ridge penalty. |
| eps | Convergence threshhold. The algorithm iterates until the RMSD for the change in linear predictors for each coefficient is less than eps. Default is 1e-4. See details. |
| max.iter | Maximum number of iterations (total across entire path). Default is 10000. See details. |

| dfmax | Limit on the number of parameters allowed to be nonzero. If this limit is exceeded, the algorithm will exit early from the regularization path. |
|---|---|
| gmax | Limit on the number of groups allowed to have nonzero elements. If this limit is exceeded, the algorithm will exit early from the regularization path. |
| gamma | Tuning parameter of the group or composite MCP/SCAD penalty (see details). Default is 3 for MCP and 4 for SCAD. |
| tau | Tuning parameter for the group exponential lasso; defaults to 1/3. |
| group.multiplier | |
| | A vector of values representing multiplicative factors by which each group's penalty is to be multiplied. Often, this is a function (such as the square root) of the number of predictors in each group. The default is to use the square root of group size for the group selection methods, and a vector of 1's (i.e., no adjustment for group size) for bi-level selection. |
| warn | Should the function give a warning if it fails to converge? Default is TRUE. See details. |
| returnX | Return the standardized design matrix (and associated group structure information)? Default is FALSE. |
| ... | Arguments passed to other functions (such as gBridge). |

### Details

There are two general classes of methods involving grouped penalties: those that carry out bi-level selection and those that carry out group selection. Bi-level means carrying out variable selection at the group level as well as the level of individual covariates (i.e., selecting important groups as well as important members of those groups). Group selection selects important groups, and not members within the group – i.e., within a group, coefficients will either all be zero or all nonzero. The grLasso, grMCP, and grSCAD penalties carry out group selection, while the gel and cMCP penalties carry out bi-level selection. For bi-level selection, see also the [gBridge()](gBridge()) function. For historical reasons and backwards compatibility, some of these penalties have aliases; e.g., gLasso will do the same thing as grLasso, but users are encouraged to use grLasso.

Please note the distinction between grMCP and cMCP. The former involves an MCP penalty being applied to an L2-norm of each group. The latter involves a hierarchical penalty which places an outer MCP penalty on a sum of inner MCP penalties for each group, as proposed in Breheny & Huang, 2009. Either penalty may be referred to as the "group MCP", depending on the publication. To resolve this confusion, Huang et al. (2012) proposed the name "composite MCP" for the cMCP penalty.

For more information about the penalties and their properties, please consult the references below, many of which contain discussion, case studies, and simulation studies comparing the methods. If you use grpreg for an analysis, please cite the appropriate reference.

In keeping with the notation from the original MCP paper, the tuning parameter of the MCP penalty is denoted 'gamma'. Note, however, that in Breheny and Huang (2009), gamma is denoted 'a'.

The objective function for grpreg optimization is defined to be

$$Q(\beta|X,y) = \frac{1}{n}L(\beta|X,y)+$$

$$P_\lambda(\beta)$$

where the loss function L is the negative log-likelihood (half the deviance) for the specified outcome distribution (gaussian/binomial/poisson). For more details, refer to the following:

- Models and loss functions
- Penalties

For the bi-level selection methods, a locally approximated coordinate descent algorithm is employed. For the group selection methods, group descent algorithms are employed.

The algorithms employed by grpreg are stable and generally converge quite rapidly to values close to the solution. However, especially when p is large compared with n, grpreg may fail to converge at low values of lambda, where models are nonidentifiable or nearly singular. Often, this is not the region of the coefficient path that is most interesting. The default behavior warning the user when convergence criteria are not met may be distracting in these cases, and can be modified with warn (convergence can always be checked later by inspecting the value of iter).

If models are not converging, increasing max.iter may not be the most efficient way to correct this problem. Consider increasing n.lambda or lambda.min in addition to increasing max.iter.

Although grpreg allows groups to be unordered and given arbitrary names, it is recommended that you specify groups as consecutive integers. The first reason is efficiency: if groups are out of order, X must be reordered prior to fitting, then this process reversed to return coefficients according to the original order of X. This is inefficient if X is very large. The second reason is ambiguity with respect to other arguments such as group.multiplier. With consecutive integers, group=3 unambiguously denotes the third element of group.multiplier.

Seemingly unrelated regressions/multitask learning can be carried out using grpreg by passing a matrix to y. In this case, X will be used in separate regressions for each column of y, with the coefficients grouped across the responses. In other words, each column of X will form a group with m members, where m is the number of columns of y. For multiple Gaussian responses, it is recommended to standardize the columns of y prior to fitting, in order to apply the penalization equally across columns.

grpreg requires groups to be non-overlapping.

**Value**

An object with S3 class `"grpreg"` containing:

**beta** The fitted matrix of coefficients. The number of rows is equal to the number of coefficients, and the number of columns is equal to nlambda.

**family** Same as above.

**group** Same as above.

**lambda** The sequence of lambda values in the path.

**alpha** Same as above.

**deviance** A vector containing the deviance of the fitted model at each value of lambda.

**n** Number of observations.

**penalty** Same as above.

**df** A vector of length nlambda containing estimates of effective number of model parameters all the points along the regularization path. For details on how this is calculated, see Breheny and Huang (2009).

**iter** A vector of length nlambda containing the number of iterations until convergence at each value of lambda.

**group.multiplier** A named vector containing the multiplicative constant applied to each group's penalty.

### Author(s)

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### References

- Breheny P and Huang J. (2009) Penalized methods for bi-level variable selection. *Statistics and its interface*, **2**: 369-380. doi:10.4310/sii.2009.v2.n3.a10
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- Breheny P and Huang J. (2015) Group descent algorithms for nonconvex penalized linear and logistic regression models with grouped predictors. *Statistics and Computing*, **25**: 173-187. doi:10.1007/s1122201394242
- Breheny P. (2015) The group exponential lasso for bi-level variable selection. *Biometrics*, **71**: 731-740. doi:10.1111/biom.12300

### See Also

cv.grpreg(), as well as plot.grpreg() and select.grpreg() methods.

### Examples

```
# Birthweight data
data(Birthwt)
X <- Birthwt$X
group <- Birthwt$group

# Linear regression
y <- Birthwt$bwt
fit <- grpreg(X, y, group, penalty="grLasso")
plot(fit)
fit <- grpreg(X, y, group, penalty="grMCP")
plot(fit)
fit <- grpreg(X, y, group, penalty="grSCAD")
plot(fit)
fit <- grpreg(X, y, group, penalty="gel")
plot(fit)
fit <- grpreg(X, y, group, penalty="cMCP")
plot(fit)
select(fit, "AIC")

# Logistic regression
y <- Birthwt$low
fit <- grpreg(X, y, group, penalty="grLasso", family="binomial")
plot(fit)
```

```
fit <- grpreg(X, y, group, penalty="grMCP", family="binomial")
plot(fit)
fit <- grpreg(X, y, group, penalty="grSCAD", family="binomial")
plot(fit)
fit <- grpreg(X, y, group, penalty="gel", family="binomial")
plot(fit)
fit <- grpreg(X, y, group, penalty="cMCP", family="binomial")
plot(fit)
select(fit, "BIC")

# Multitask learning (simulated example)
set.seed(1)
n <- 50
p <- 10
k <- 5
X <- matrix(runif(n*p), n, p)
y <- matrix(rnorm(n*k, X[,1] + X[,2]), n, k)
fit <- grpreg(X, y)
# Note that group is set up automatically
fit$group
plot(fit)
```

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grpsurv                    *Fit an group penalized survival model*

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## Description

Fit regularization paths for Cox models with grouped penalties over a grid of values for the regularization parameter lambda.

## Usage

```
grpsurv(
  X,
  y,
  group = 1:ncol(X),
  penalty = c("grLasso", "grMCP", "grSCAD", "gel", "cMCP"),
  gamma = ifelse(penalty == "grSCAD", 4, 3),
  alpha = 1,
  nlambda = 100,
  lambda,
  lambda.min = {
      if (nrow(X) > ncol(X))
          0.001
      else 0.05
  },
  eps = 0.001,
  max.iter = 10000,
  dfmax = p,
```

```
    gmax = length(unique(group)),
    tau = 1/3,
    group.multiplier,
    warn = TRUE,
    returnX = FALSE,
    ...
)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| X | The design matrix. |
| y | The time-to-event outcome, as a two-column matrix or [Surv](#) object. The first column should be time on study (follow up time); the second column should be a binary variable with 1 indicating that the event has occurred and 0 indicating (right) censoring. |
| group | A vector describing the grouping of the coefficients. For greatest efficiency and least ambiguity (see details), it is best if group is a factor or vector of consecutive integers, although unordered groups and character vectors are also allowed. If there are coefficients to be included in the model without being penalized, assign them to group 0 (or "0"). |
| penalty | The penalty to be applied to the model. For group selection, one of grLasso, grMCP, or grSCAD. For bi-level selection, one of gel or cMCP. See below for details. |
| gamma | Tuning parameter of the group or composite MCP/SCAD penalty (see details). Default is 3 for MCP and 4 for SCAD. |
| alpha | grpsurv allows for both a group penalty and an L2 (ridge) penalty; alpha controls the proportional weight of the regularization parameters of these two penalties. The group penalties' regularization parameter is lambda*alpha, while the regularization parameter of the ridge penalty is lambda*(1-alpha). Default is 1: no ridge penalty. |
| nlambda | The number of lambda values. Default is 100. |
| lambda | A user-specified sequence of lambda values. By default, a sequence of values of length nlambda is computed automatically, equally spaced on the log scale. |
| lambda.min | The smallest value for lambda, as a fraction of lambda.max. Default is .001 if the number of observations is larger than the number of covariates and .05 otherwise. |
| eps | Convergence threshhold. The algorithm iterates until the RMSD for the change in linear predictors for each coefficient is less than eps. Default is 0.001. |
| max.iter | Maximum number of iterations (total across entire path). Default is 10000. |
| dfmax | Limit on the number of parameters allowed to be nonzero. If this limit is exceeded, the algorithm will exit early from the regularization path. |
| gmax | Limit on the number of groups allowed to have nonzero elements. If this limit is exceeded, the algorithm will exit early from the regularization path. |
| tau | Tuning parameter for the group exponential lasso; defaults to 1/3. |

group.multiplier

A vector of values representing multiplicative factors by which each group's penalty is to be multiplied. Often, this is a function (such as the square root) of the number of predictors in each group. The default is to use the square root of group size for the group selection methods, and a vector of 1's (i.e., no adjustment for group size) for bi-level selection.

warn            Return warning messages for failures to converge and model saturation? Default is TRUE.

returnX         Return the standardized design matrix? Default is FALSE.

...             Not used.

### Details

The sequence of models indexed by the regularization parameter `lambda` is fit using a coordinate descent algorithm. In order to accomplish this, the second derivative (Hessian) of the Cox partial log-likelihood is diagonalized (see references for details). The objective function is defined to be

$$Q(\beta|X, y) = \frac{1}{n}L(\beta|X, y) +$$

$$P_\lambda(\beta)$$

where the loss function L is the negative partial log-likelihood (half the deviance) from the Cox regression model. See here for more details.

Presently, ties are not handled by `grpsurv` in a particularly sophisticated manner. This will be improved upon in a future release of `grpreg`.

### Value

An object with S3 class `"grpsurv"` containing:

beta            The fitted matrix of coefficients. The number of rows is equal to the number of coefficients, and the number of columns is equal to `nlambda`.

group           Same as above.

lambda          The sequence of `lambda` values in the path.

penalty         Same as above.

gamma           Same as above.

alpha           Same as above.

deviance        The deviance of the fitted model at each value of `lambda`.

n               The number of observations.

df              A vector of length `nlambda` containing estimates of effective number of model parameters all the points along the regularization path. For details on how this is calculated, see Breheny and Huang (2009).

iter            A vector of length `nlambda` containing the number of iterations until convergence at each value of `lambda`.

group.multiplier

>A named vector containing the multiplicative constant applied to each group's penalty.

For Cox models, the following objects are also returned (and are necessary to estimate baseline survival conditional on the estimated regression coefficients), all of which are ordered by time on study (i.e., the ith row of `W` does not correspond to the ith row of `X`):

| | |
|---|---|
| W | Matrix of `exp(beta)` values for each subject over all `lambda` values. |
| time | Times on study. |
| fail | Failure event indicator. |

## Author(s)

Patrick Breheny

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## See Also

[plot.grpreg()](), [predict.grpsurv()](), [cv.grpsurv()]()

## Examples

```
data(Lung)
X <- Lung$X
y <- Lung$y
group <- Lung$group

fit <- grpsurv(X, y, group)
plot(fit)

S <- predict(fit, X, type='survival', lambda=0.05)
plot(S, xlim=c(0,200))
```

logLik.grpreg                    *logLik method for grpreg*

## Description

Calculates the log likelihood and degrees of freedom for a fitted grpreg object.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'grpreg'
logLik(object, df.method = c("default", "active"), REML = FALSE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'grpsurv'
logLik(object, df.method = c("default", "active"), ...)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| object | A fitted grpreg or grpsurv object, as obtained from [grpreg()](#) or [grpsurv()](#) |
| df.method | How should effective model parameters be calculated? One of: "active", which counts the number of nonzero coefficients; or "default", which uses the calculated df returned by grpreg. Default is "default". |
| REML | Use restricted MLE for estimation of the scale parameter in a gaussian model? Default is FALSE. |
| ... | For S3 method compatibility. |

## Details

Exists mainly for use with [stats::AIC()](#) and [stats::BIC()](#).

## Value

Returns an object of class 'logLik', in this case consisting of a number (or vector of numbers) with two attributes: 'df' (the estimated degrees of freedom in the model) and 'nobs' (number of observations).

The 'print' method for 'logLik' objects is not intended to handle vectors; consequently, the value of the function does not necessarily display correctly. However, it works with 'AIC' and 'BIC' without any glitches and returns the expected vectorized output.

## Author(s)

Patrick Breheny

## See Also

[grpreg()](#)

## Examples

```
data(Birthwt)
X <- Birthwt$X
y <- Birthwt$bwt
group <- Birthwt$group
fit <- grpreg(X,y,group,penalty="cMCP")
logLik(fit) ## Display is glitchy for vectors
AIC(fit)
BIC(fit)
```

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Lung                             *VA lung cancer data set*

---

## Description

Data from a randomised trial of two treatment regimens for lung cancer. This is a standard survival analysis data set from the classic textbook by Kalbfleisch and Prentice.

## Usage

```
Lung
```

## Format

A list of two objects: y and X

**y** A two column matrix (Surv object) containing the follow-up time (in days) and an indicator variable for whether the patient died while on the study or not.

**X** A matrix with 137 observations (rows) and 9 predictor variables (columns). The remainder of this list describes the columns of X

**trt** Treatment indicator (1=control group, 2=treatment group)

**karno** Karnofsky performance score (0=bad, 100=good)

**diagtime** Time from diagnosis to randomization (months)

**age** Age (years, at baseline)

**prior** Prior therapy (0=no, 1=yes)

**squamous** Indicator for whether the cancer type is squamous cell carcinoma (0=no, 1=yes)

**small** Indicator for whether the cancer type is small cell lung cancer (0=no, 1=yes)

**adeno** Indicator for whether the cancer type is adenocarcinoma (0=no, 1=yes)

**large** Indicator for whether the cancer type is large cell carcinoma (0=no, 1=yes)

## Source

https://cran.r-project.org/package=survival

**References**

- Kalbfleisch D and Prentice RL (1980), *The Statistical Analysis of Failure Time Data.* Wiley, New York.

**See Also**

grpsurv()

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| plot.cv.grpreg | *Plots the cross-validation curve from a* cv.grpreg *object* |

---

**Description**

Plots the cross-validation curve from a cv.grpreg object, along with standard error bars.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'cv.grpreg'
plot(
  x,
  log.l = TRUE,
  type = c("cve", "rsq", "scale", "snr", "pred", "all"),
  selected = TRUE,
  vertical.line = TRUE,
  col = "red",
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

| | |
|---|---|
| x | A cv.grpreg object. |
| log.l | Should horizontal axis be on the log scale? Default is TRUE. |
| type | What to plot on the vertical axis. cve plots the cross-validation error (deviance); rsq plots an estimate of the fraction of the deviance explained by the model (R-squared); snr plots an estimate of the signal-to-noise ratio; scale plots, for family="gaussian", an estimate of the scale parameter (standard deviation); pred plots, for family="binomial", the estimated prediction error; all produces all of the above. |
| selected | If TRUE (the default), places an axis on top of the plot denoting the number of groups in the model (i.e., that contain a nonzero regression coefficient) at that value of lambda. |
| vertical.line | If TRUE (the default), draws a vertical line at the value where cross-validaton error is minimized. |
| col | Controls the color of the dots (CV estimates). |
| ... | Other graphical parameters to plot |

## Details

Error bars representing approximate +/- 1 SE (68\ plotted along with the estimates at value of `lambda`. For `rsq` and `snr`, these confidence intervals are quite crude, especially near zero, and will hopefully be improved upon in later versions of `grpreg`.

## See Also

[grpreg()](), [cv.grpreg()]()

## Examples

```
# Birthweight data
data(Birthwt)
X <- Birthwt$X
group <- Birthwt$group

# Linear regression
y <- Birthwt$bwt
cvfit <- cv.grpreg(X, y, group)
plot(cvfit)
op <- par(mfrow=c(2,2))
plot(cvfit, type="all")

## Logistic regression
y <- Birthwt$low
cvfit <- cv.grpreg(X, y, group, family="binomial")
par(op)
plot(cvfit)
par(mfrow=c(2,2))
plot(cvfit, type="all")
```

---

  plot.grpreg                          *Plot coefficients from a "grpreg" object*

---

## Description

Produces a plot of the coefficient paths for a fitted `grpreg` object.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'grpreg'
plot(x, alpha = 1, legend.loc, label = FALSE, log.l = FALSE, norm = FALSE, ...)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| x | Fitted "grpreg" model. |
| alpha | Controls alpha-blending. Default is alpha=1. |

| | |
|---|---|
| legend.loc | Where should the legend go? If left unspecified, no legend is drawn. See [legend](#) for details. |
| label | If TRUE, annotates the plot with text labels in the right margin describing which variable/group the corresponding line belongs to. |
| log.l | Should horizontal axis be on the log scale? Default is FALSE. |
| norm | If TRUE, plot the norm of each group, rather than the individual coefficients. |
| ... | Other graphical parameters to plot, matlines, or legend |

## See Also

[grpreg()](#)

## Examples

```
# Fit model to birthweight data
data(Birthwt)
X <- Birthwt$X
y <- Birthwt$bwt
group <- Birthwt$group
fit <- grpreg(X, y, group, penalty="grLasso")

# Plot (basic)
plot(fit)

# Plot group norms, with labels in right margin
plot(fit, norm=TRUE, label=TRUE)

# Plot (miscellaneous options)
myColors <- c("black", "red", "green", "blue", "yellow", "purple",
"orange", "brown")
plot(fit, legend.loc="topleft", col=myColors)
labs <- c("Mother's Age", "# Phys. visits", "Hypertension", "Mother's weight",
          "# Premature", "Race", "Smoking", "Uterine irritability")
plot(fit, legend.loc="topleft", lwd=6, alpha=0.5, legend=labs)
plot(fit, norm=TRUE, legend.loc="topleft", lwd=6, alpha=0.5, legend=labs)
```

---

plot.grpsurv.func       *Plot survival curve for grpsurv model*

---

## Description

Plot survival curve for a model that has been fit using grpsurv followed by a prediction of the survival function using predict.grpsurv

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'grpsurv.func'
plot(x, alpha = 1, ...)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| x | A `'grpsurv.func'` object, which is returned by `predict.grpsurv` if `type='survival'` is specified. See examples. |
| alpha | Controls alpha-blending (i.e., transparency). Useful if many overlapping lines are present. |
| ... | Other graphical parameters to pass to `plot` |

## Author(s)

Patrick Breheny

## See Also

[grpsurv](), [predict.grpsurv]()

## Examples

```
data(Lung)
X <- Lung$X
y <- Lung$y
group <- Lung$group
fit <- grpsurv(X, y, group)

# A single survival curve
S <- predict(fit, X[1,], type='survival', lambda=.05)
plot(S, xlim=c(0,200))

# Lots of survival curves
S <- predict(fit, X, type='survival', lambda=.05)
plot(S, xlim=c(0,200), alpha=0.3)
```

---

plot_spline                  *Plot spline curve for a fitted additive model*

---

## Description

Plots a spline curve for a single variable using a grpreg or cv.grpreg object for which an additive model was fit.

## Usage

```
plot_spline(
  fit,
  variable,
  lambda,
  which = NULL,
  partial = FALSE,
```

```
    type = "contrast",
    warnings = TRUE,
    points.par = NULL,
    add = FALSE,
    ...
)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `fit` | A `grpreg` object. The model must have been fit using a `expand_spline` object. |
| `variable` | The name of the variable which will be plotted (character). |
| `lambda` | Values of the regularization parameter `lambda` which will be used for the plot. If a vector is passed, a curve will be drawn for each value of lambda (numeric vector; if a `cv.grpreg` object is passed, the `lambda` value minimizing cross-validation error will be used as a default; otherwise, there is no default value) |
| `which` | Index of penalty parameter `lambda` which will be used for the plot. If both `lambda` and `which` are specified, `lambda` takes precedence (integer vector). |
| `partial` | If `TRUE`, a scatter plot of the partial residuals is superimposed on the curve (logical; default = `FALSE`). If multiple lambdas are specified, the largest value is used to calculate the residuals. |
| `type` | Type of plot to be produced (default = `"contrast"`). The following options are supported: |
| | • If `"conditional"`, the plot returned shows the value of the variable on the x-axis and the change in linear predictor on the y-axis, holding all other variables constant at their mean value. |
| | • If `"contrast"`, the plot returned shows the effect on the linear predictor by moving the x variable away from its mean. |
| `warnings` | If `FALSE`, warnings will be suppressed (default = `TRUE`). |
| `points.par` | List of parameters (see [par()](#) to pass to [points()](#) when partial=TRUE. |
| `add` | Add spline to existing plot? (default: FALSE) |
| `...` | Further arguments to be passed to `plot()`. Note that these arguments also control the appearance of the lines. |

## Details

`plot_spline()` takes a model fit using both the [grpreg()](#) and [expand_spline()](#) functions and plots a spline curve for a given variable.

## Examples

```
Data <- gen_nonlinear_data(n=1000)
X <- expand_spline(Data$X)
fit <- grpreg(X, Data$y)
plot_spline(fit, "V02", lambda = 0.03)
plot_spline(fit, "V02", which = c(10, 90))
plot_spline(fit, "V02", lambda = 0.03, partial=TRUE)
```

```
plot_spline(fit, "V02", lambda = 0.03, partial=TRUE, type='conditional')
plot_spline(fit, "V02", lambda = 0.03, partial=TRUE, lwd=6, col='yellow',
            points.par=list(pch=9, col='blue'))

op <- par(mfrow=c(3,2), mar=c(4.5, 4.5, 0.25, 0.25))
for (i in 1:6) plot_spline(fit, sprintf("V%02d", i), lambda = 0.03, partial=TRUE)
par(op)

cvfit <- cv.grpreg(X, Data$y)
plot_spline(cvfit, "V02")
plot_spline(cvfit, "V02", partial=TRUE)
```

---

predict.cv.grpreg          *Model predictions based on a fitted* grpreg *object*

---

### Description

Similar to other predict methods, this function returns predictions from a fitted "grpreg" object.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'cv.grpreg'
predict(
  object,
  X,
  lambda = object$lambda.min,
  which = object$min,
  type = c("link", "response", "class", "coefficients", "vars", "groups", "nvars",
    "ngroups", "norm"),
  ...
)

## S3 method for class 'cv.grpreg'
coef(object, lambda = object$lambda.min, which = object$min, ...)

## S3 method for class 'grpreg'
predict(
  object,
  X,
  type = c("link", "response", "class", "coefficients", "vars", "groups", "nvars",
    "ngroups", "norm"),
  lambda,
  which = 1:length(object$lambda),
  ...
)

## S3 method for class 'grpreg'
coef(object, lambda, which = 1:length(object$lambda), drop = TRUE, ...)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| object | Fitted `"grpreg"` or `"cv.grpreg"` model object. |
| X | Matrix of values at which predictions are to be made. Not used for `type="coefficients"` |
| lambda | Values of the regularization parameter `lambda` at which predictions are requested. For values of `lambda` not in the sequence of fitted models, linear interpolation is used. |
| which | Indices of the penalty parameter `lambda` at which predictions are required. By default, all indices are returned. If `lambda` is specified, this will override `which`. |
| type | Type of prediction: `"link"` returns the linear predictors; `"response"` gives the fitted values; `"class"` returns the binomial outcome with the highest probability; `"coefficients"` returns the coefficients; `"vars"` returns the indices for the nonzero coefficients; `"groups"` returns the indices for the groups with at least one nonzero coefficient; `"nvars"` returns the number of nonzero coefficients; `"ngroups"` returns the number of groups with at least one nonzero coefficient; `"norm"` returns the L2 norm of the coefficients in each group. |
| ... | Not used. |
| drop | By default, if a single value of `lambda` is supplied, a vector of coefficients is returned. Set `drop=FALSE` if you wish to have `coef` always return a matrix (see [drop](drop)). |

## Details

`coef` and `predict` methods are provided for `"cv.grpreg"` options as a convenience. They simply call `coef.grpreg` and `predict.grpreg` with `lambda` set to the value that minimizes the cross-validation error.

## Value

The object returned depends on type.

## Author(s)

Patrick Breheny

## See Also

grpreg

## Examples

```
# Fit penalized logistic regression model to birthweight data
data(Birthwt)
X <- Birthwt$X
y <- Birthwt$low
group <- Birthwt$group
fit <- grpreg(X, y, group, penalty="grLasso", family="binomial")

# Coef and predict methods
```

```
coef(fit, lambda=.001)
predict(fit, X, type="link", lambda=.07)[1:10]
predict(fit, X, type="response", lambda=.07)[1:10]
predict(fit, X, type="class", lambda=.01)[1:15]
predict(fit, type="vars", lambda=.07)
predict(fit, type="groups", lambda=.07)
predict(fit, type="norm", lambda=.07)

# Coef and predict methods for cross-validation
cvfit <- cv.grpreg(X, y, group, family="binomial", penalty="grMCP")
coef(cvfit)
predict(cvfit, X)[1:10]
predict(cvfit, X, type="response")[1:10]
predict(cvfit, type="groups")
```

---

predict.grpsurv          *Model predictions for grpsurv objects*

---

### Description

Similar to other predict methods, this function returns predictions from a fitted grpsurv object.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'grpsurv'
predict(
  object,
  X,
 type = c("link", "response", "survival", "hazard", "median", "norm", "coefficients",
    "vars", "nvars", "groups", "ngroups"),
  lambda,
  which = 1:length(object$lambda),
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| object | Fitted grpsurv model object. |
| X | Matrix of values at which predictions are to be made. Not required for some type values. |
| type | Type of prediction: |

- link: linear predictors
- response: risk (i.e., exp(link))
- survival: the estimated survival function
- hazard: the estimated cumulative hazard function
- median: median survival time

- The other options are all identical to their [grpreg()](grpreg()) counterparts

lambda            Regularization parameter at which predictions are requested. For values of
                  lambda not in the sequence of fitted models, linear interpolation is used.

which             Indices of the penalty parameter lambda at which predictions are required. De-
                  fault: all indices. If lambda is specified, this will override which.

...               Not used.

## Details

Estimation of baseline survival function conditional on the estimated values of beta is carried out
according to the method described in Chapter 4.3 of Kalbfleisch and Prentice.

## Value

The object returned depends on type.

## Author(s)

Patrick Breheny

## References

- Kalbfleish JD and Prentice RL (2002). The Statistical Analysis of Failure Time Data, 2nd
  edition. Wiley.

## See Also

[grpsurv()](grpsurv())

## Examples

```
data(Lung)
X <- Lung$X

y <- Lung$y
group <- Lung$group

fit <- grpsurv(X, y, group)
coef(fit, lambda=0.05)
head(predict(fit, X, type="link", lambda=0.05))
head(predict(fit, X, type="response", lambda=0.05))

# Survival function
S <- predict(fit, X[1,], type="survival", lambda=0.05)
S(100)
S <- predict(fit, X, type="survival", lambda=0.05)
plot(S, xlim=c(0,200))

# Medians
predict(fit, X[1,], type="median", lambda=0.05)
M <- predict(fit, X, type="median")
```

```
M[1:10, 1:10]

# Nonzero coefficients
predict(fit, type="vars", lambda=c(0.1, 0.01))
predict(fit, type="nvars", lambda=c(0.1, 0.01))
```

---

residuals.grpreg            *Extract residuals from a grpreg or grpsurv fit*

---

### Description

Currently, only deviance residuals are supported.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'grpreg'
residuals(object, lambda, which = 1:length(object$lambda), drop = TRUE, ...)
```

### Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| object | Object of class grpreg or grpsurv. |
| lambda | Values of the regularization parameter at which residuals are requested (numeric vector). For values of lambda not in the sequence of fitted models, linear interpolation is used. |
| which | Index of the penalty parameter at which residuals are requested (default = all indices). If lambda is specified, this take precedence over which. |
| drop | By default, if a single value of lambda is supplied, a vector of residuals is returned (logical; default=TRUE). Set drop=FALSE if you wish to have the function always return a matrix (see [drop()](#)). |
| ... | Not used. |

### Examples

```
data(Birthwt)
X <- Birthwt$X
y <- Birthwt$bwt
group <- Birthwt$group
fit <- grpreg(X, y, group, returnX=TRUE)
residuals(fit)[1:5, 1:5]
head(residuals(fit, lambda=0.1))
```

---

| select | *Select an value of lambda along a grpreg path* |

---

### Description

Selects a point along the regularization path of a fitted grpreg object according to the AIC, BIC, or GCV criteria.

### Usage

```
select(obj, ...)

## S3 method for class 'grpreg'
select(
  obj,
  criterion = c("BIC", "AIC", "GCV", "AICc", "EBIC"),
  df.method = c("default", "active"),
  smooth = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| obj | A fitted grpreg object. |
| ... | For S3 method compatibility. |
| criterion | The criterion by which to select the regularization parameter. One of "AIC", "BIC", "GCV", "AICc", or "EBIC"; default is "BIC". |
| df.method | How should effective model parameters be calculated? One of: "active", which counts the number of nonzero coefficients; or "default", which uses the calculated df returned by grpreg. Default is "default". |
| smooth | Applies a smoother to the information criteria before selecting the optimal value. |

### Details

The criteria are defined as follows, where $L$ is the deviance (i.e, -2 times the log-likelihood), $\nu$ is the degrees of freedom, and $n$ is the sample size:

$$AIC = L + 2\nu$$

$$BIC = L + \log(n)\nu$$

$$GCV = \frac{L}{(1 - \nu/n)^2}$$

$$AICc = AIC + 2\frac{\nu(\nu + 1)}{n - \nu - 1}$$

$$EBIC = BIC + 2\log\binom{p}{\nu}$$

**Value**

A list containing:

**lambda** The selected value of the regularization parameter, `lambda`.

**beta** The vector of coefficients at the chosen value of `lambda`.

**df** The effective number of model parameters at the chosen value of `lambda`.

**IC** A vector of the calculated model selection criteria for each point on the regularization path.

**See Also**

[grpreg()](grpreg())

**Examples**

```
data(Birthwt)
X <- Birthwt$X
y <- Birthwt$bwt
group <- Birthwt$group
fit <- grpreg(X, y, group, penalty="grLasso")
select(fit)
select(fit,crit="AIC",df="active")
plot(fit)
abline(v=select(fit)$lambda)
par(mfrow=c(1,3))
l <- fit$lambda
xlim <- rev(range(l))
plot(l, select(fit)$IC, xlim=xlim, pch=19, type="o", ylab="BIC")
plot(l, select(fit,"AIC")$IC, xlim=xlim, pch=19, type="o",ylab="AIC")
plot(l, select(fit,"GCV")$IC, xlim=xlim, pch=19, type="o",ylab="GCV")
```

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summary.cv.grpreg             *Summarizing inferences based on cross-validation*

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**Description**

Summary method for `cv.grpreg` or `cv.grpsurv` objects

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'cv.grpreg'
summary(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'summary.cv.grpreg'
print(x, digits, ...)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| object | A ″cv.grpreg″ object. |
| ... | Further arguments passed to or from other methods. |
| x | A ″summary.cv.grpreg″ object. |
| digits | Number of digits past the decimal point to print out. Can be a vector specifying different display digits for each of the five non-integer printed values. |

## Value

summary(cvfit) produces an object with S3 class ″summary.cv.grpreg″. The class has its own print method and contains the following list elements:

| | |
|---|---|
| penalty | The penalty used by grpreg/grpsurv. |
| model | The type of model: ″linear″, ″logistic″, ″Poisson″, ″Cox″, etc. |
| n | Number of observations |
| p | Number of regression coefficients (not including the intercept). |
| min | The index of lambda with the smallest cross-validation error. |
| lambda | The sequence of lambda values used by cv.grpreg/cv.grpsurv. |
| cve | Cross-validation error (deviance). |
| r.squared | Proportion of variance explained by the model, as estimated by cross-validation. |
| snr | Signal to noise ratio, as estimated by cross-validation. |
| sigma | For linear regression models, the scale parameter estimate. |
| pe | For logistic regression models, the prediction error (misclassification error). |

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## See Also

[grpreg](), [cv.grpreg](), [cv.grpsurv](), [plot.cv.grpreg]()

## Examples

```
# Birthweight data
data(Birthwt)
X <- Birthwt$X
group <- Birthwt$group

# Linear regression
y <- Birthwt$bwt
cvfit <- cv.grpreg(X, y, group)
summary(cvfit)

# Logistic regression
y <- Birthwt$low
```

```
cvfit <- cv.grpreg(X, y, group, family="binomial")
summary(cvfit)

# Cox regression
data(Lung)
cvfit <- with(Lung, cv.grpsurv(X, y, group))
summary(cvfit)
```

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