

# Package ‘geoGAM’

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**Description** A model building procedure to build parsimonious geoadditive model from a large number of covariates. Continuous, binary and ordered categorical responses are supported. The model building is based on component wise gradient boosting with linear effects, smoothing splines and a smooth spatial surface to model spatial autocorrelation. The resulting covariate set after gradient boosting is further reduced through backward elimination and aggregation of factor levels. The package provides a model based bootstrap method to simulate prediction intervals for point predictions. A test data set of a soil mapping case study in Berne (Switzerland) is provided. Nussbaum, M., Walthert, L., Fraefel, M., Greiner, L., and Papritz, A. (2017) <[doi:10.5194/soil-3-191-2017](https://doi.org/10.5194/soil-3-191-2017)>.

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berne	<i>Berne – soil mapping case study</i>
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### Description

The Berne dataset contains soil responses and a large set of explanatory covariates. The study area is located to the Northwest of the city of Berne and covers agricultural area. Soil responses included are soil pH (4 depth intervals calculated from soil horizon), drainage classes (3 ordered classes) and presence of waterlogging characteristics down to a specified depth (binary response).

Covariates cover environmental conditions by representing climate, topography, parent material and soil.

### Usage

```
data("berne")
```

### Format

A data frame with 1052 observations on the following 238 variables.

site\_id\_unique ID of original profile sampling

x easting, Swiss grid in m, EPSG: 21781 (CH1903/LV03)

y northing, Swiss grid in m, EPSG: 21781 (CH1903/LV03)

dataset Factor splitting dataset for calibration and independent validation. validation was assigned at random by using weights to ensure even spatial coverage of the agricultural area.

dclass Drainage class, ordered Factor.

waterlog.30 Presence of waterlogging characteristics down to 30 cm (1: presence, 0: absence)

waterlog.50 Presence of waterlogging characteristics down to 50 cm (1: presence, 0: absence)

waterlog.100 Presence of waterlogging characteristics down to 100 cm (1: presence, 0: absence)

ph.0.10 Soil pH in 0-10 cm depth.

ph.10.30 Soil pH in 10-30 cm depth.

ph.30.50 Soil pH in 30-50 cm depth.

ph.50.100 Soil pH in 50-100 cm depth.

timeset Factor with range of sampling year and label for sampling type for soil pH. no label:  $CaCl_2$  laboratory measurements, field: field estimate by indicator solution, ptf:  $H_2O$  laboratory measurements transferred by pedotransfer function (univariate linear regression) to level of  $CaCl_2$  measures.

cl\_mt\_etap\_pe columns 14 to 238 contain environmental covariates representing soil forming factors. For more information see Details below.

cl\_mt\_etap\_ro

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tr\_tpi500c  
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tr\_twi\_normal  
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## Details

### Soil data

The soil data originates from various soil sampling campaigns since 1968. Most of the data was collected in conventional soil surveys in the 1970ties in the course of amelioration and farm land exchanges. As frequently observed in legacy soil data sampling site allocation followed a purposive sampling strategy identifying typical soils in an area in the course of polygon soil mapping.

`dc1ass` contains drainage classes of three levels. Swiss soil classification differentiates stagnic (I), gleyic (G) and anoxic/reduced (R) soil profile qualifiers with each 4, 6 resp. 5 levels. To reduce complexity the qualifiers I, G and R were aggregated to the degree of hydromorphic characteristic of a site with the ordered levels `well` (qualifier labels I1–I2, G1–G3, R1 and no hydromorphic qualifier), moderate well drained (I3–I4, G4) and poor drained (G5–G6, R2–R5).

`waterlog` indicates the presence or absence of waterlogging characteristics down 30, 50 and 100 cm soil depth. The responses were based on horizon qualifiers ‘gg’ or ‘r’ of the Swiss classification (Brunner *et al.* 1997) as those were considered to limit plant growth. A horizon was given the qualifier ‘gg’ if it was strongly gleyic predominantly oxidized (rich in  $Fe^{3+}$ ) and ‘r’ if it was anoxic predominantly reduced (poor in  $Fe^{3+}$ ).

pH was mostly sampled following genetic soil horizons. To ensure comparability between sites pH was transferred to fixed depth intervals of 0–10, 10–30, 30–50 and 50–100 cm by weighting soil horizons falling into a given interval. The data contains laboratory measurements that solved samples in  $CaCl_2$  or  $H_2O$ . The latter were transferred to the level of  $CaCl_2$  measurements by univariate linear regression (label `ptf` in `timeset`). Further, the dataset contains estimates of pH in the field by an indicator solution (Hellige pH, label `field` in `timeset`). The column `timeset` can be used to partly correct for the long sampling period and the different sampling methods.

### Environmental covariates

The numerous covariates were assembled from the available spatial data in the case study area. Each covariate name was given a prefix:

- `cl_` climate covariates as precipitation, temperature, radiation
- `tr_` terrain attributes, covariates derived from digital elevation models
- `ge_` covariates from geological maps
- `sl_` covariates from an overview soil map

References to the used datasets can be found in Nussbaum *et al.* 2017b.

## References

Brunner, J., Jaeggli, F., Nievergelt, J., and Peyer, K. (1997). Kartieren und Beurteilen von Landwirtschaftsboeden. FAL Schriftenreihe 24, Eidgenoessische Forschungsanstalt fuer Agrarökologie und Landbau, Zuerich-Reckenholz (FAL).

Nussbaum, M., Spiess, K., Baltensweiler, A., Grob, U., Keller, A., Greiner, L., Schaepman, M. E., and Papritz, A., 2017b. Evaluation of digital soil mapping approaches with large sets of environmental covariates, SOIL Discuss., <https://www.soil-discuss.net/soil-2017-14/>, in review.

## Examples

```
data(berne)
```

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`berne.grid`*Berne – very small extract of prediction grid*

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### Description

The Berne grid dataset contains values of spatial covariates on the nodes of a 20 m grid. The dataset is intended for spatial continuous predictions of soil properties modelled from the sampling locations in [berne](#) dataset.

### Usage

```
data("berne")
```

### Format

A data frame with 4594 observations on the following 228 variables.

`id` node identifier number.

`x` easting, Swiss grid in m, EPSG: 21781 (CH1903/LV03)

`y` northing, Swiss grid in m, EPSG: 21781 (CH1903/LV03)

`cl_mt_etap_pe` columns 4 to 228 contain environmental covariates representing soil forming factors. For more information see Details in [berne](#).

`cl_mt_etap_ro`

`cl_mt_gh_1`

`cl_mt_gh_10`

`cl_mt_gh_11`

`cl_mt_gh_12`

`cl_mt_gh_2`

`cl_mt_gh_3`

`cl_mt_gh_4`

`cl_mt_gh_5`

`cl_mt_gh_6`

`cl_mt_gh_7`

`cl_mt_gh_8`

`cl_mt_gh_9`

`cl_mt_gh_y`

`cl_mt_pet_pe`

`cl_mt_pet_ro`

`cl_mt_rr_1`

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ge\_lgm  
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sl\_physio\_neu

sl\_retention\_fil  
sl\_skelett\_r\_fil  
sl\_wet\_fil  
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tr_tpi2000c
tr_tpi5000c
tr_tpi500c
tr_tsc25_18
tr_tsc25_40
tr_twi2
tr_twi_normal
tr_vdcn25
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### Details

Due to CRAN file size restrictions the grid for spatial predictions only shows a very small excerpt of the original study area.

The environmental covariates for prediction of soil properties from dataset [berne](#) were extracted at the nodes of a 20 m grid. For higher resolution geodata sets no averaging over the area of the 20x20 pixel was done. `Berne.grid` therefore has the same spatial support for each covariate as [berne](#).

For more information on the environmental covariates see [berne](#).

### References

Nussbaum, M., Spiess, K., Baltensweiler, A., Grob, U., Keller, A., Greiner, L., Schaeppman, M. E., and Papritz, A.: Evaluation of digital soil mapping approaches with large sets of environmental covariates, *SOIL*, 4, 1-22, doi:10.5194/soil-4-1-2018, 2018.

### Examples

```
data(berne.grid)
```

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bootstrap.geoGAM	<i>Bootstrapped predictive distribution</i>
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### Description

Method for class geoGAM to compute model based bootstrap for point predictions. Returns complete predictive distribution of which prediction intervals can be computed.

### Usage

```
## Default S3 method:
bootstrap(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'geoGAM'
bootstrap(object, newdata, R = 100,
          back.transform = c("none", "log", "sqrt"),
          seed = NULL, cores = detectCores(), ...)
```

### Arguments

object	geoGAM object
newdata	data frame in which to look for covariates with which to predict.
R	number of bootstrap replicates, single positive integer.
back.transform	should to log or sqrt transformed responses unbiased back transformation be applied? Default is none.
seed	seed for simulation of new response. Set seed for reproducible results.
cores	number of cores to be used for parallel computing.
...	further arguments.

### Details

Soil properties are predicted for new locations  $s_+$  from the final [geoGAM](#) fit by  $\tilde{Y}(s_+) = \hat{f}(x(s_+))$ , see function [predict.geoGAM](#). To model the predictive distributions for continuous responses [bootstrap.geoGAM](#) uses a non-parametric, model-based bootstrapping approach (*Davison and Hinkley 1997*, pp. 262, 285) as follows:

1. New values of the response are simulated according to  $Y(s)^* = \hat{f}(x(s)) + \epsilon$ , where  $\hat{f}(x(s))$  are the fitted values of the final model and  $\epsilon$  are errors randomly sampled with replacement from the centred, homoscedastic residuals of the final model *Wood 2006*, p. 129).
2. [geoGAM](#) is fitted to  $Y(s)^*$ .
3. Prediction errors are computed according to  $\delta_+^* = \hat{f}(x(s_+))^* - (\hat{f}(x(s_+)) + \epsilon)$ , where  $\hat{f}(x(s_+))^*$  are predicted values at new locations  $s_+$  of the model built with the simulated response  $Y(s)^*$  in step B above, and the errors  $\epsilon$  are again randomly sampled from the centred, homoscedastic residuals of the final model (see step A).

Prediction intervals are computed according to

$$[\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{s}_+)) - \delta_{+(1-\alpha)}^*; \hat{f}(\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{s}_+)) + \delta_{+(\alpha)}^*]$$

where  $\delta_{+(\alpha)}^*$  and  $\delta_{+(1-\alpha)}^*$  are the  $\alpha$ - and  $(1 - \alpha)$ -quantiles of  $\delta_+^*$ , pooled over all 1000 bootstrap repetitions.

Predictive distributions for binary and ordinal responses are directly obtained from a final [geoGAM](#) fit by predicting probabilities of occurrence  $\widetilde{\text{Prob}}(Y(\mathbf{s}) = r | \mathbf{x}(\mathbf{s}))$  (Davison and Hinkley 1997, p. 358).

### Value

Data frame of `nrows(newdata)` rows and `R + 2` columns with `x` and `y` indicating coordinates of the location and `P1` to `P. . . R` the prediction at this location from `1 . . . R` replications.

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Davison, A. C. and Hinkley, D. V., 2008. *Bootstrap Methods and Their Applications*. Cambridge University Press.

### See Also

To create `geoGAM` objects see [geoGAM](#) and to predict without simulation of the predictive distribution see [predict.geoGAM](#).

### Examples

```
data(quakes)

# group stations to ensure min 20 observations per factor level
# and reduce number of levels for speed
quakes$stations <- factor( cut( quakes$stations, breaks = c(0,15,19,23,30,39,132)) )

# Artificially split data to create prediction data set
set.seed(1)
quakes.pred <- quakes[ ss <- sample(1:nrow(quakes), 500), ]
quakes <- quakes[ -ss, ]

quakes.geogam <- geoGAM(response = "mag",
                        covariates = c("stations", "depth"),
                        coords = c("lat", "long"),
                        data = quakes,
                        max.stop = 20,
```

```

cores = 1)

## compute model based bootstrap with 10 repetitions (use at least 100)
quakes.boot <- bootstrap(quakes.geogam,
                        newdata = quakes.pred,
                        R = 10, cores = 1)

# plot predictive distribution for site in row 9
hist( as.numeric( quakes.boot[ 9, -c(1:2)] ), col = "grey",
      main = paste("Predictive distribution at", paste( quakes.boot[9, 1:2], collapse = "/" )),
      xlab = "predicted magnitude")

# compute 95 % prediction interval and add to plot
quant95 <- quantile( as.numeric( quakes.boot[ 9, -c(1:2)] ), probs = c(0.025, 0.975) )
abline(v = quant95[1], lty = "dashed")
abline(v = quant95[2], lty = "dashed")

```

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 geoGAM

*Select sparse geoadditive model*


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### Description

Selects a parsimonious geoadditive model from a large set of covariates with the aim of (spatial) prediction.

### Usage

```

geoGAM(response, covariates = names(data)[!(names(data) %in% c(response, coords))],
        data, coords = NULL, weights = rep(1, nrow(data)),
        offset = TRUE, max.stop = 300, non.stationary = FALSE,
        sets = NULL, seed = NULL, validation.data = NULL,
        verbose = 0, cores = min(detectCores(), 10))

```

### Arguments

response	name of response as character. Responses currently supported: gaussian, binary, ordered.
covariates	character vector of all covariates (factor, continuous). If not given, all columns of data are used.
data	data frame containing response, coordinates and covariates.
coords	character vector of column names indicating spatial coordinates.
weights	weights used for model fitting.
offset	logical, use offset for component wise gradient boosting algorithm.

<code>max.stop</code>	maximal number of boosting iterations.
<code>non.stationary</code>	logical, include non-stationary effects in model selection. This allows for spatial varying coefficients for continuous covariates, but increases computational effort.
<code>sets</code>	give predefined cross validation sets.
<code>seed</code>	set random seed for splitting of the cross validation sets, if no sets are given.
<code>validation.data</code>	data frame containing response, coordinates and covariates to compute independent validation statistics. This data set is used to calculate predictive performance at the end of model selection only.
<code>verbose</code>	Should screen output be generated? 0 = none, >0 create output.
<code>cores</code>	number of cores to be used for parallel computing

## Details

### Summary

geoGAM models smooth nonlinear relations between responses and single covariates and combines these model terms additively. Residual spatial autocorrelation is captured by a smooth function of spatial coordinates and nonstationary effects are included by interactions between covariates and smooth spatial functions. The core of fully automated model building for geoGAM is component-wise gradient boosting. The model selection procedures aims at obtaining sparse models that are open to check feasibility of modelled relationships (Nussbaum et al. 2017a).

geoGAM to date models continuous, binary and ordinal responses. It is able to cope with numerous continuous and categorical covariates.

### Generic model representation

GAM expand the (possibly transformed) conditional expectation of a response at given covariates  $\mathbf{s}$  as an additive series

$$g\left(\mathbb{E}[Y(\mathbf{s}) | \mathbf{x}(\mathbf{s})]\right) = \nu + f(\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{s})) = \nu + \sum_j f_j(x_j(\mathbf{s})),$$

where  $\nu$  is a constant and  $f_j(x_j(\mathbf{s}))$  are linear terms or unspecified “smooth” nonlinear functions of single covariates  $x_j(\mathbf{s})$  (e.g. smoothing spline, kernel or any other scatterplot smoother) and  $g(\cdot)$  is again a link function. A generalized additive model (GAM) is based on the following components (Hastie and Tibshirani 1990, Chapt. 6):

1. *Response distribution:* Given  $\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{s}) = x_1(\mathbf{s}), x_2(\mathbf{s}), \dots, x_p(\mathbf{s})$ , the  $Y(\mathbf{s})$  are conditionally independent observations from simple exponential family distributions.
2. *Link function:*  $g(\cdot)$  relates the expectation  $\mu(\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{s})) = \mathbb{E}[Y(\mathbf{s}) | \mathbf{x}(\mathbf{s})]$  of the response distribution to
3. the *additive predictor*  $\sum_j f_j(x_j(\mathbf{s}))$ .

geoGAM extend GAM by allowing a more complex form of the additive predictor (Kneib et al. 2009, Hothorn et al. 2011): First, one can add a smooth function  $f_{\mathbf{s}}(\mathbf{s})$  of the spatial coordinates (smooth spatial surface) to the additive predictor to account for residual autocorrelation. More complex relationships between  $Y$  and  $\mathbf{x}$  can be modelled by adding terms like  $f_j(x_j(\mathbf{s})) \cdot f_k(x_k(\mathbf{s}))$

– capturing the effect of interactions between covariates – and  $f_s(\mathbf{s}) \cdot f_j(x_k(\mathbf{s}))$  – accounting for spatially changing dependence between  $Y$  and  $\mathbf{x}$ . Hence, in its full generality, a generalized additive model for spatial data is represented by

$$\begin{aligned}
 g(\mu(\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{s}))) &= \nu + f(\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{s})) = \\
 &\nu + \underbrace{\sum_u f_{j_u}(x_{j_u}(\mathbf{s})) + \sum_v f_{j_v}(x_{j_v}(\mathbf{s})) \cdot f_{k_v}(x_{k_v}(\mathbf{s}))}_{\text{global marginal and interaction effects}} \\
 &+ \underbrace{\sum_w f_{\mathbf{s}_w}(\mathbf{s}) \cdot f_{j_w}(x_{j_w}(\mathbf{s}))}_{\text{nonstationary effects}} + \underbrace{f_{\mathbf{s}}(\mathbf{s})}_{\text{autocorrelation}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

*Kneib et al. (2009)* called the above equation a geoadditive model, a name coined before by *Kammann and Wand 2003* for a combination of additive models with a geostatistical error model. It remains to specify what response distributions and link functions should be used for the various response types: For (possibly transformed) *continuous* responses one uses often a normal response distribution combined with the identity link  $g(\mu(\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{s}))) = \mu(\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{s}))$ . For binary data (coded as 0 and 1), one assumes a Bernoulli distribution and uses often a logit link

$$g(\mu(\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{s}))) = \log\left(\frac{\mu(\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{s}))}{1 - \mu(\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{s}))}\right),$$

where

$$\mu(\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{s})) = \text{Prob}[Y(\mathbf{s}) = 1 \mid \mathbf{x}(\mathbf{s})] = \frac{\exp(\nu + f(\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{s})))}{1 + \exp(\nu + f(\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{s})))}.$$

For ordinal data, with ordered response levels,  $1, 2, \dots, k$ , the cumulative logit or proportional odds model (*Tutz 2012*, Sect. 9.1) is used. For any given level  $r \in (1, 2, \dots, k)$ , the logarithm of the odds of the event  $Y(\mathbf{s}) \leq r \mid \mathbf{x}(\mathbf{s})$  is then modelled by

$$\log\left(\frac{\text{Prob}[Y(\mathbf{s}) \leq r \mid \mathbf{x}(\mathbf{s})]}{\text{Prob}[Y(\mathbf{s}) > r \mid \mathbf{x}(\mathbf{s})]}\right) = \nu_r + f(\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{s})),$$

with  $\nu_r$  a sequence of level-specific constants satisfying  $\nu_1 \leq \nu_2 \leq \dots \leq \nu_r$ . Conversely,

$$\text{Prob}[Y(\mathbf{s}) \leq r \mid \mathbf{x}(\mathbf{s})] = \frac{\exp(\nu_r + f(\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{s})))}{1 + \exp(\nu_r + f(\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{s})))}.$$

Note that  $\text{Prob}[Y(\mathbf{s}) \leq r \mid \mathbf{x}(\mathbf{s})]$  depends on  $r$  only through the constant  $\nu_r$ . Hence, the ratio of the odds of two events  $Y(\mathbf{s}) \leq r \mid \mathbf{x}(\mathbf{s})$  and  $(\mathbf{s}) \leq r \mid \tilde{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{s})$  is the same for all  $r$  (*Tutz 2012*, p. 245).

### Model building (selection of covariates)

To build parsimonious models that can readily be checked for agreement understanding in regards to the analyzed subject. The following steps 1–6 are implemented in *geoGAM* to achieve sparse models in a fully automated way. In several of these steps tuning parameters are optimized by 10-fold cross-validation with fixed subsets using either root mean squared error (RMSE), continuous responses), Brier score (BS), binary responses) or ranked probability score (RPS), ordinal responses) as optimization criteria (see *Wilks, 2011*). To improve the stability of the algorithm continuous covariates are first scaled (by difference of maximum and minimum value) and centred.

1. Boosting (see step 2 below) is more stable and converges more quickly when the effects of categorical covariates (factors) are accounted for as model offset. Therefore, the group lasso (least absolute shrinkage and selection operator, *Brehereny and Huang 2015*, **grpreg**) – an algorithm that likely excludes non-relevant covariates and treats factors as groups – is used to select important factors for the offset. For ordinal responses stepwise proportional odds logistic regression in both directions with BIC (e. g. *Faraway 2005*, p. 126) is used to select the offset covariates because lasso cannot be used for such responses.
2. Next, a subset of relevant factors, continuous covariates and spatial effects is selected by componentwise gradient boosting. Boosting is a slow stagewise additive learning algorithm. It expands  $f(\mathbf{x}(s))$  in a set of base procedures (baselearners) and approximates the additive predictor by a finite sum of them as follows (*Buehlmann and Hothorn 2007*):
  - (a) Initialize  $\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}(s))^{[m]}$  with offset of step 1 above and set  $m = 0$ .
  - (b) Increase  $m$  by 1. Compute the negative gradient vector  $\mathbf{U}^{[m]}$  (e.g. residuals) for a loss function  $l(\cdot)$ .
  - (c) Fit all baselearners  $g(\mathbf{x}(s))_{1..p}$  to  $\mathbf{U}^{[m]}$  and select the baselearner, say  $g(\mathbf{x}(s))_j^{[m]}$  that minimizes  $l(\cdot)$ .
  - (d) Update  $\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}(s))^{[m]} = \hat{f}(\mathbf{x}(s))^{[m-1]} + v \cdot g(\mathbf{x}(s))_j^{[m]}$  with step size  $v \leq 1$ .
  - (e) Iterate steps (b) to (d) until  $m = m_{stop}$  (main tuning parameter).

The following settings are used in above algorithm: As loss functions  $l(\cdot)$   $L_2$  is used for continuous, negative binomial likelihood for binary (*Buehlmann and Hothorn 2007*) and proportional odds likelihood for ordinal responses (*Schmid et al. 2011*). Early stopping of the boosting algorithm is achieved by determining optimal  $m_{stop}$  by cross-validation. Default step length ( $v = 0.1$ ) is used. This is not a sensitive parameter as long as it is clearly below 1 (*Hofner et al. 2014*). For continuous covariates penalized smoothing spline baselearners (*Kneib et al. 2009*) are used. Factors are treated as linear baselearners. To capture residual autocorrelation a bivariate tensor-product P-spline of spatial coordinates (*Wood 2006*, pp. 162) is added to the additive predictor. Spatially varying effects are modelled by baselearners formed by multiplication of continuous covariates with tensor-product P-splines of spatial coordinates (*Wood 2006*, pp. 168). Uneven degree of freedom of baselearners biases baselearner selection (*Hofner et al. 2011b*). Therefore, each baselearner is penalized to 5 degrees of freedom ( $df$ ). Factors with less than 6 levels ( $df < 5$ ) are aggregated to grouped baselearners. By using an offset, effects of important factors with more than 6 levels are implicitly accounted for without penalization.

3. At  $m_{stop}$  (see step 2 above), many included baselearners may have very small effects only. To remove these the effect size  $e_j$  of each baselearner  $f_j(x_j(s))$  is computed. For factors the effect size  $e_j$  is the largest difference between effects of two levels and for continuous covariates it is equal to the maximum contrast of estimated partial effects (after removal of extreme values as in boxplots, *Frigge et al. 1989*). Generalized additive models (GAM, *Wood 2011*) are fitted including smooth and factor effects depending on the effect size  $e_j$  of the corresponding baselearner  $j$ . The procedure iterates through  $e_j$  and excludes covariates with  $e_j$  smaller than a threshold effect size  $e_t$ . Optimal  $e_t$  is determined by 10-fold cross-validation of GAM. In these GAM fits smooth effects are penalized to 5 degrees of freedom as imposed by componentwise gradient boosting (step 2 above). The factors selected as offset in step 1 are included in the main GAM, that is now fitted without offset.
4. The GAM is further reduced by stepwise removal of covariates by cross-validation. The candidate covariate to drop is chosen by largest  $p$  value of  $F$  tests for linear factors and approximate  $F$  test (*Wood 2011*) for smooth terms.

5. Factor levels with similar estimated effects are merged stepwise again by cross-validation based on largest  $p$  values from two sample  $t$ -tests of partial residuals.
6. The final model (used to compute spatial predictions) results ideally in a parsimonious GAM. Because of step 5, factors have possibly a reduced number of coefficients. Effects of continuous covariates are modelled by smooth functions and – if at all present – spatially structured residual variation (autocorrelation) is represented by a smooth spatial surface. To avoid overfitting both types of smooth effects are penalized to 5 degrees of freedom (as imposed by step 2).

## Value

Object of class `geoGAM`:

<code>offset.grplasso</code>	Cross validation for grouped LASSO, object of class <code>cv.grpreg</code> of package <b>grpreg</b> . Empty for <code>offset = FALSE</code> .
<code>offset.factors</code>	Character vector of factor names chosen for the offset computation. Empty for <code>offset = FALSE</code> .
<code>gamboost</code>	Gradient boosting with smooth components, object of class <code>gamboost</code> of package <b>mboost</b> .
<code>gamboost.cv</code>	Cross validation for gradient boosting, object of class <code>cvrisk</code> of package <b>mboost</b> .
<code>gamboost.mstop</code>	Mstop used for <code>gamboost</code> .
<code>gamback.cv</code>	List of cross validation error for tuning parameter magnitude.
<code>gamback.backward</code>	List of cross validation error path for backward selection of <code>gam</code> fit.
<code>gamback.aggregation</code>	List(s) of cross validation error path for aggregation of factor levels.
<code>gam.final</code>	Final selected geoadditive model fit, object of class <code>gam</code> .
<code>gam.final.cv</code>	Data frame with original response and cross validation predictions.
<code>gam.final.extern</code>	Data frame with original response data and predictions of <code>gam.final</code> .
<code>data</code>	Original data frame for model calibration.
<code>parameters</code>	List of parameters handed to <code>geoGAM</code> (used for subsequent bootstrap of prediction intervals).

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### See Also

The model selection is based on packages **grpreg** (function `cv.grpreg`), **MASS** (function `polr`), **mboost** (functions `gamboost`, `cv`, `cvrisk`) and **mgcv** (function `gam`). For further information please see documentation and vignettes for these packages.

### Examples

```
### small examples with earthquake data

data(quakes)
set.seed(2)
quakes <- quakes[ sample(1:nrow(quakes), 50), ]

quakes.geogam <- geoGAM(response = "mag",
                        covariates = c("depth", "stations"),
                        data = quakes,
                        seed = 2,
```

```

        max.stop = 5,
        cores = 1)
summary(quakes.geogam)

data(quakes)

# create grouped factor with reduced number of levels
quakes$stations <- factor( cut( quakes$stations, breaks = c(0,15,19,23,30,39,132)) )

quakes.geogam <- geoGAM(response = "mag",
                        covariates = c("stations", "depth"),
                        coords = c("lat", "long"),
                        data = quakes,
                        max.stop = 10,
                        cores = 1)

summary(quakes.geogam)
summary(quakes.geogam, what = "path")

## Use soil data set of soil mapping study area near Berne

data(berne)
set.seed(1)

# Split data sets and
# remove rows with missing values in response and covariates

d.cal <- berne[ berne$dataset == "calibration" & complete.cases(berne), ]
d.val <- berne[ berne$dataset == "validation" & complete.cases(berne), ]

### Model selection for continuous response
ph10.geogam <- geoGAM(response = "ph.0.10",
                     covariates = names(d.cal)[14:ncol(d.cal)],
                     coords = c("x", "y"),
                     data = d.cal,
                     offset = TRUE,
                     sets = mboost::cv(rep(1, nrow(d.cal)), type = "kfold"),
                     validation.data = d.val,
                     cores = 1)

summary(ph10.geogam)
summary(ph10.geogam, what = "path")

### Model selection for binary response
waterlog100.geogam <- geoGAM(response = "waterlog.100",
                             covariates = names(d.cal)[c(14:54, 56:ncol(d.cal))],
                             coords = c("x", "y"),
                             data = d.cal,

```

```

        offset = FALSE,
        sets = sample( cut(seq(1,nrow(d.cal)),breaks=10,labels=FALSE) ),
        validation.data = d.val,
        cores = 1)
summary(waterlog100.geogam)
summary(waterlog100.geogam, what = "path")

### Model selection for ordered response
dclass.geogam <- geoGAM(response = "dclass",
                        covariates = names(d.cal)[14:ncol(d.cal)],
                        coords = c("x", "y"),
                        data = d.cal,
                        offset = TRUE,
                        non.stationary = TRUE,
                        seed = 1,
                        validation.data = d.val,
                        cores = 1)
summary(dclass.geogam)
summary(dclass.geogam, what = "path")

```

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methods

*Methods for geoGAM objects*

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## Description

Methods for models fitted by `geoGAM()`.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'geoGAM'
summary(object, ..., what = c("final", "path"))
```

```
## S3 method for class 'geoGAM'
print(x, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'geoGAM'
plot(x, ..., what = c("final", "path"))
```

## Arguments

<code>object</code>	an object of class <code>geoGAM</code>
<code>x</code>	an object of class <code>geoGAM</code>
<code>...</code>	other arguments passed to <code>summary.gam</code> , <code>plot.gam</code> or <code>plot.mboost</code>
<code>what</code>	print summary or plot partial effects of <code>final</code> selected model or print summary or plot gradient boosting path of model selection path.

**Details**

summary with what = "final" calls `summary.gam` to display a summary of the final (geo)additive model. plot with what = "final" calls `plot.gam` to plot partial residual plots of the final model.

summary with what = "path" give a summary of covariates selected in each step of model building. plot with what = "path" calls `plot.mboost` to plot the path of the gradient boosting algorithm.

**Value**

For what == "final" summary returns a list of 3:

`summary.gam` containing the values of `summary.gam`.  
`summary.validation$cv` cross validation statistics.  
`summary.validation$validation` validation set statistics.

For what == "path" summary returns a list of 13:

`response` name of response.  
`family` family used for geoGAM fit.  
`n.obs` number of observations used for model fitting.  
`n.obs.val` number of observations used for model validation.  
`n.covariates` number of initial covariates including factors.  
`n.cov.chosen` number of covariates in final model.  
`list.factors` list of factors chosen as offset.  
`mstop` number of optimal iterations of gradient boosting.  
`list.baselearners` list of covariate names selected by gradient boosting.  
`list.effect.size` list of covariate names after cross validation of effect size in gradient boosting.  
`list.backward` list of covariate names after backward selection.  
`list.aggregation` list of aggregated factor levels.  
`list.gam.final` list of covariate names in final model.

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**See Also**

[geoGAM](#), [gam](#), [predict.gam](#)

**Examples**

```
### small example with earthquake data

data(quakes)
set.seed(2)

quakes <- quakes[ sample(1:nrow(quakes), 50), ]

quakes.geogam <- geoGAM(response = "mag",
                        covariates = c("depth", "stations"),
                        data = quakes,
                        seed = 2,
                        max.stop = 5,
                        cores = 1)

summary(quakes.geogam)
summary(quakes.geogam, what = "path")

plot(quakes.geogam)
plot(quakes.geogam, what = "path")
```

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predict.geoGAM

*Prediction from fitted geoGAM model*

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**Description**

Takes a fitted [geoGAM](#) object and produces point predictions for a new set of covariate values. If no new data is provided fitted values are returned. Centering and scaling is applied with the same parameters as for the calibration data set given to [geoGAM](#). Factor levels are aggregated according to the final model fit.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'geoGAM'
predict(object, newdata,
        type = c("response", "link", "probs", "class"),
        back.transform = c("none", "log", "sqrt"),
        threshold = 0.5, se.fit = FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object            an object of class geoGAM

newdata	An optional data frame in which to look for variables with which to predict. If omitted, the fitted values are used. If newdata is provided then it should contain all the variables needed for prediction: a warning is generated if not. Factors aggregated by the function geoGAM will be aggregated in the same way for prediction within this function.
type	Type of prediction.
back.transform	Should to log or sqrt transformed responses unbiased back transformation be applied? Default is none. Ignored for categorical responses.
threshold	Ignored for type = c("response", "link", "probs") and for type = "class" for responses with more than two levels.
se.fit	logical. Default is FALSE.
...	further arguments to predict().

### Details

Returns point predictions for new locations  $s$  from linear and smooth trends  $\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}, s)$  estimated by penalized least squares geoGAM by calling the function `predict.gam`.

#### Back transformation of log and sqrt

For lognormal responses (`back.transform = 'log'`) in full analogy to lognormal kriging (Cressie-2006, Eq. 20) the predictions are backtransformed by

$$E[Y(s) | \mathbf{x}] = \exp \left( \hat{f}(\mathbf{x}(s)) + \frac{1}{2} \hat{\sigma}^2 - \frac{1}{2} \text{Var}[\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}(s))] \right)$$

with  $\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}(s))$  being the prediction of the log-transformed response,  $\hat{\sigma}^2$  the estimated residual variance of the final geoGAM fit (see `predict.gam` with `se.fit=TRUE`) and  $\text{Var}[\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}(s))]$  the variance of  $\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}(s))$  as provided again by the final geoGAM.

For responses with square root transformation (`back.transform = 'sqrt'`) unbiased backtransform is computed by (Nussbaum et al. 2017b)

$$\tilde{Y}(s) = \hat{f}(\mathbf{x}(s))^2 + \hat{\sigma}^2 - \text{Var}[\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}(s))]$$

with  $\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}(s))^2$  being the prediction of the sqrt-transformed response,  $\hat{\sigma}^2$  the estimated residual variance of the fitted model and  $\text{Var}[\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}(s))]$  the variance of  $\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}(s))$  as provided again by geoGAM.

#### Discretization of probability predictions

For binary and ordered responses predictions yield predicted occurrence probabilities  $\tilde{P}(Y(s) = \mathbf{r} | \mathbf{x}, s)$  for response classes  $\mathbf{r}$ .

To obtain binary class predictions a threshold can be given. A threshold of 0.5 (default) maximizes percentage correct of predicted classes. For binary responses of rare events this threshold may not be optimal. Maximizing on e.g. Gilbert Skill Score (GSS, Wilks, 2011, chap. 8) on cross-validation predictions of the final geoGAM might be a better strategy. GSS is excluding the correct predictions of the more abundant class and is preferably used in case of unequal distribution of binary responses (direct implementation of such a cross validation procedure planned.)

For ordered responses predict with `type = 'class'` selects the class to which the median of the probability distribution over the ordered categories is assigned (Tutz 2012, p. 475).

**Value**

Vector of point predictions for the sites in `newdata` is returned, with unbiased back transformation applied according to option `back.transform`.

If `se.fit = TRUE` then a 2 item list is returned with items `fit` and `se.fit` containing predictions and associated standard error estimates as computed by [predict.gam](#).

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**See Also**

[geoGAM](#), [gam](#), [predict.gam](#), [summary.geoGAM](#), [plot.geoGAM](#)

**Examples**

```
data(quakes)
set.seed(2)

quakes <- quakes[ ss <- sample(1:nrow(quakes), 50), ]

# Artificially split data to create prediction data set
quakes.pred <- quakes[ -ss, ]

quakes.geogam <- geoGAM(response = "mag",
                       covariates = c("depth", "stations"),
                       data = quakes,
                       max.stop = 5,
                       cores = 1)

predicted <- predict(quakes.geogam, newdata = quakes.pred, type = "response" )

## Use soil data set of soil mapping study area near Berne
```

```
data(berne)
data(berne.grid)

# Split data sets and
# remove rows with missing values in response and covariates

d.cal <- berne[ berne$dataset == "calibration" & complete.cases(berne), ]

### Model selection for numeric response
ph10.geogam <- geoGAM(response = "ph.0.10",
                     covariates = names(d.cal)[14:ncol(d.cal)],
                     coords = c("x", "y"),
                     data = d.cal,
                     seed = 1,
                     cores = 1)

# Create GRID output with predictions
sp.grid <- berne.grid[, c("x", "y")]

sp.grid$pred.ph.0.10 <- predict(ph10.geogam, newdata = berne.grid)

if(requireNamespace("raster")){

  require("sp")

  # transform to sp object
  coordinates(sp.grid) <- ~ x + y

  # assign Swiss CH1903 / LV03 projection
  proj4string(sp.grid) <- CRS("EPSG:21781")

  # transform to grid
  gridded(sp.grid) <- TRUE

  plot(sp.grid)

  # optionally save result to GeoTiff
  # writeRaster(raster(sp.grid, layer = "pred.ph.0.10"),
  #             filename= "raspH10.tif", datatype = "FLT4S", format ="GTiff")

}
```

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