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Details

This R package provides a simple and efficient method to estimate the p-value of every predictor on a given target variable. The method is based on lasso regression and compares when every predictor enters the active set of the regularization path against a normally distributed null predictor. The null distribution is computed analytically under approximation, whose errors are small for significant predictors. The whole computation only requires a single lasso regression over the regularization path, and is capable of analyzing high dimensional datasets.

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References

Lingfei Wang and Tom Michoel, Comparable variable selection with lasso, <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1701.07011>. 2017, 2018.

Examples

```
library(lars)
library(lassopv)
data(diabetes)
attach(diabetes)
pv=lassopv(x,y)
```

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This function estimates the p-values for predictors x against target variable y in lasso regression, using the regularization strength when each predictor enters the active set of regularization path for the first time as the statistic. This is based on the assumption that predictors (of the same variance) that (first) become active earlier tend to be more significant. Two null distributions are supported: normal and spherical, which are computed separately for each predictor and analytically under approximation, which aims at efficiency and accuracy for small p-values.

Usage

```
lassopv(x,y,normalize=TRUE,H0=c("spherical","normal"),
log.p=FALSE,max.predictors=NULL,trace = FALSE,Gram,
eps = .Machine$double.eps,max.steps,use.Gram=TRUE)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	Input matrix of predictor variables.
<code>y</code>	Input vector of target variable.
<code>normalize</code>	Whether every predictor is scaled to unit variance first. Every predictor is forcefully shifted to zero mean regardless of this argument.
<code>H0</code>	The null distribution for each predictor x . Spherical: uniform distribution on $n-1$ dimensional sphere S^{n-1} , so the variance is kept the same as σ_x^2 . Normal: i.i.d $N(0,\sigma_x^2)$ in R^n , where σ_x^2 is the variance of the original predictor x and n is the number of rows in x .
<code>log.p</code>	Whether to output log p-values instead.
<code>max.predictors</code>	The number of top predictors to estimate p-values for. Defaults to all predictors.
<code>trace</code>	Whether traces lasso regression. See <code>lars</code> in package <code>lars</code> .
<code>Gram</code>	Optional Gram used by lasso regression in <code>lars</code> .
<code>eps</code>	Precision for <code>lars</code> function.
<code>max.steps</code>	The optional maximum number steps for lasso regression. See <code>lars</code> in package <code>lars</code> .
<code>use.Gram</code>	Whether to use Gram in lasso regression. See <code>lars</code> in package <code>lars</code> .

Value

Vector of p-values for predictors. Predictors never entered the active set of regularization path within the given `max.steps` or not within the top (`max.predictors`) predictors have `p-value=1`. If `log.p` is set, output log p-values instead.

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