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Description A novel searching scheme for tuning parameter in high-dimensional penalized regression. We propose a new estimate of the regularization parameter based on an estimated lower bound of the proportion of false null hypotheses (Meinshausen and Rice (2006) <doi:10.1214/009053605000000741>). The bound is estimated by applying the empirical null distribution of the higher criticism statistic, a second-level significance testing, which is constructed by dependent p-values from a multi-split regression and aggregation method (Jeng, Zhang and Tzeng (2019) <doi:10.1080/01621459.2018.1518236>). An estimate of tuning parameter in penalized regression is decided corresponding to the lower bound of the proportion of false null hypotheses. Different penalized regression methods are provided in the multi-split algorithm.

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bounding.seq	<i>Bounding Sequence</i>
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Description

Calculates bounding sequence of higher criticism for proportion estimator using p-values

Usage

```
bounding.seq(p.value, alpha)
```

Arguments

p.value	A matrix of p-values from permutation: row is from each permutation; column is from each variable.
alpha	Probability of Type I error for bounding sequence, the default value is $1 / \sqrt{\log(p)}$, where p is number of p-values in each permutation.

Value

A bounding value of higher criticism with $(1 - \alpha)$ confidence.

References

Jeng XJ, Zhang T, Tzeng J (2019). “Efficient Signal Inclusion With Genomic Applications.” *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, 1–23.

Examples

```
set.seed(10)
X <- matrix(runif(n = 10000, min = 0, max = 1), nrow = 100)
result <- bounding.seq(p.value = X)
```

est.lambda	<i>Estimated Lambda</i>
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Description

Estimate upper and lower bound of new tuning region of regularization parameter Lambda.

Usage

```
est.lambda(cv.fit, pihat, p, cov.num = 0)
```

Arguments

cv.fit	An object of either class "cv.glmnet" from glmnet::cv.glmnet() or class "cv.ncvreg" from ncvreg::cv.ncvreg(), which is a list generated by a cross-validation fit.
pihat	estimated proportion from HCTR::est.prop().
p	Total number of variables, except for covariates.
cov.num	Number of covariates in model, default is 0. Covariate matrix, W, is assumed on the left side of variable matrix, X. The column index of covariates are before those of variables.

Value

A list of (1) lambda.max, upper bound of new tuning region; (2) lambda.min, lower bound of new tuning region.

Examples

```
set.seed(10)
X <- matrix(rnorm(20000), nrow = 100)
beta <- rep(0, 200)
beta[1:100] <- 5
Y <- MASS::mvrnorm(n = 1, mu = X%%beta, Sigma = diag(100))
fit <- glmnet::cv.glmnet(x = X, y = Y)
pihat <- 0.01
result <- est.lambda(cv.fit = fit, pihat = pihat, p = ncol(X))
```

est.prop	<i>Proportion Estimation</i>
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Description

Estimates false null hypothesis Proportion from multiple p-values using higher criticism test estimator.

Usage

```
est.prop(p.value, cn, adj = TRUE)
```

Arguments

`p.value` A sequence of p-values from test data, not including p-values from covariates.
`cn` A value of bounding sequence generated by `HCTR::bounding.seq()`.
`adj` A boolean algebra to decide whether to use adjusted Higher Criticism test statistic, the default value is `TRUE`.

Value

An estimated proportion of false null hypothesis.

References

Meinshausen N, Rice J (2006). "Estimating the proportion of false null hypotheses among a large number of independently tested hypotheses." *The Annals of Statistics*, **34**(1), 373–393.

Examples

```
set.seed(10)
X <- matrix(runif(n = 10000, min = 0, max = 1), nrow = 100)
result <- bounding.seq(p.value = X)
Y <- matrix(runif(n = 100, min = 0, max = 1), nrow = 100)
test <- est.prop(p.value = Y, cn = result)
```

final.selection	<i>Final Selection</i>
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Description

Returns the index of final selected variables in the final chosen model.

Usage

```
final.selection(cv.fit, pihat, p, cov.num = 0)
```

Arguments

`cv.fit` An object of either class "cv.glmnet" from `glmnet::cv.glmnet()` or class "cv.ncvreg" from `ncvreg::cv.ncvreg()`, which is a list generated by a cross-validation fit.
`pihat` estimated proportion from `HCTR::est.prop()`.
`p` Total number of variables, except for covariates.
`cov.num` Number of covariates in model, default is 0. Covariate matrix, W , is assumed on the left side of variable matrix, X . The column index of covariates are before those of variables.

Value

A sequence of index of final selected variables in the final chosen model.

Examples

```
set.seed(10)
X <- matrix(rnorm(20000), nrow = 100)
beta <- rep(0, 200)
beta[1:100] <- 5
Y <- MASS::mvrnorm(n = 1, mu = X%%beta, Sigma = diag(100))
fit <- glmnet::cv.glmnet(x = X, y = Y)
pihat <- 0.01
result <- est.lambda(cv.fit = fit, pihat = pihat, p = ncol(X))
lambda.seq <- seq(from = result$lambda.min, to = result$lambda.max, length.out = 100)
# Note: The lambda sequences in glmnet and ncvreg are different.
fit2 <- glmnet::cv.glmnet(x = X, y = Y, lambda = lambda.seq)
result2 <- final.selection(cv.fit = fit2, pihat = 0.01, p = ncol(X))
```

highdim.p

p-values in high-dimensional linear model

Description

Calculates p-values in high-dimensional linear models using multi-split method

Usage

```
highdim.p(Y, X, W = NULL, type, B = 100, fold.num)
```

Arguments

Y	A numeric response vector, containing nobs variables.
X	An input matrix, of dimension nobs x nvars.
W	A covariate matrix, of dimension nobs x nvars, default is NULL.
type	Penalized regression type, valid parameters include "Lasso", "AdaLasso", "SCAD", and "MCP".
B	Multi-split times, default is 100.
fold.num	The number of cross validation folds.

Value

A list of objects containing: (1) harmonic mean p-values; (2) original p-values; (3) index of selected samples; (4) index of selected variables

Examples

```

set.seed(10)
X <- matrix(rnorm(20000), nrow = 100)
beta <- rep(0, 200)
beta[1:100] <- 5
Y <- MASS::mvrnorm(n = 1, mu = X%%beta, Sigma = diag(100))
result <- highdim.p(Y=Y, X=X, type = "Lasso", B = 2, fold.num = 10)

```

multi.adlasso	<i>Multi-split Adaptive Lasso</i>
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Description

Multi-splitted variable selection using Adaptive Lasso

Usage

```
multi.adlasso(X, Y, covar.num = NULL, fold.num)
```

Arguments

X	An input matrix, of dimension nobs x nvars.
Y	A numeric response vector, containing nobs variables.
covar.num	Number of covariates in model, default is NULL.
fold.num	The number of cross validation folds.

Value

A list of two numeric objects of index of (1) selected and (2) unselected variables.

multi.lasso	<i>Multi-split Lasso</i>
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Description

Multi-splitted variable selection using Lasso

Usage

```
multi.lasso(X, Y, p.fac = NULL, fold.num)
```

Arguments

- X An input matrix, of dimension nobs x nvars.
- Y A numeric response vector, containing nobs variables.
- p. fac A sequence of penalty factor applied on each variable.
- fold.num The number of cross validation folds.

Value

A list of two numeric objects of index of (1) selected and (2) unselected variables.

<code>multi.mcp</code>	<i>Multi-split MCP</i>
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Description

Multi-splitted variable selection using MCP

Usage

```
multi.mcp(X, Y, p.fac = NULL, fold.num)
```

Arguments

- X An input matrix, of dimension nobs x nvars.
- Y A numeric response vector, containing nobs variables.
- p. fac A sequence of penalty factor applied on each variable.
- fold.num The number of cross validation folds.

Value

A list of two numeric objects of index of (1) selected and (2) unselected variables.

 multi.scad

Multi-split SCAD

Description

Multi-splitted variable selection using SCAD

Usage

```
multi.scad(X, Y, p.fac = NULL, fold.num)
```

Arguments

X	An input matrix, of dimension nobs x nvars.
Y	A numeric response vector, containing nobs variables.
p.fac	A sequence of penalty factor applied on each variable.
fold.num	The number of cross validation folds.

Value

A list of two numeric objects of index of (1) selected and (2) unselected variables.

pmpv

Permutation p-values

Description

Calculates

Usage

```
pmpv(Y, X, W = NULL, type, B = 100, fold.num = 10, perm.num = 1000)
```

Arguments

Y	A numeric response vector, containing nobs variables.
X	An input matrix, of dimension nobs x nvars.
W	A covariate matrix, of dimension nobs x ncors, default is NULL.
type	Penalized regression type, valid parameters include "Lasso", "AdaLasso", "SCAD", and "MCP".
B	Multi-split times, default is 100.
fold.num	The number of cross validation folds, default is 10.
perm.num	Permutation times, default is 1000.

Value

A matrix containing harmonic mean p-values from permutation.

Examples

```
set.seed(10)
X <- matrix(rnorm(20000), nrow = 100)
beta <- rep(0, 200)
beta[1:100] <- 5
Y <- MASS::mvrnorm(n = 1, mu = X%%beta, Sigma = diag(100))
result <- pmpv(Y=Y, X=X, type = "Lasso", B = 2, fold.num = 10, perm.num = 10)
```

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