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**Description** A novel method for controlling the false discovery rate (FDR) in structural sparsity setting. This proposed scheme relaxes the linear subspace constraint to its neighborhood, often known as variable splitting in optimization. Simulation experiments can be reproduced following the Vignette. ‘Split Knockoffs’ is defined in Cao et al. (2021) <[arXiv:2103.16159](#)>.

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canonicalSVD	<i>canonicalSVD</i>
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**Description**

Computes a reduced SVD without sign ambiguity

**Usage**

```
canonicalSVD(X)
```

**Arguments**

X            the input matrix

**Value**

S

U

V

**Examples**

```

nu = 10
n = 350
m = 100
A_gamma <- rbind(matrix(0,n,m),-diag(m)/sqrt(nu))
svd.result = canonicalSVD(A_gamma)
S <- svd.result$S
S <- diag(S)
V <- svd.result$V

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cv\_filter

*cv\_filter*


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**Description**

Split Knockoff filter for structural sparsity problem, using cross validation

**Usage**

```
cv_filter(X, D, y, option)
```

**Arguments**

X	the design matrix
D	the response vector
y	the linear transform
option	options for creating the Knockoff statistics option\$eta the choice of eta for creating the knockoff copy option\$q the desired FDR control bound option\$method 'knockoff' or 'knockoff+' option\$stage0 choose the method to conduct split knockoff 'fixed': fixed intercept assignment for PATH ORDER method. option\$beta : the choice of fixed beta for step 0: 'mle': maximum likelihood estimator. 'ridge': ridge regression choice beta with $\lambda = 1/\text{nu}$ . 'cv_split': cross validation choice of split LASSO over nu and lambda. 'cv_ridge': cross validation choice of ridge regression over lambda. 'path': take the regularization path of split LASSO as the intercept assignment for PATH ORDER method. 'magnitude': using MAGNITUDE method. option\$lambda: a set of lambda appointed for path calculation option\$nu: a set of nu used for Split Knockoffs option\$k_fold: the fold used in cross validation option\$cv_rule: the rule used in CV 'min': choose nu with minimal CV loss. 'complexity': choose nu with minimal model complexity in the range of $0.99 * \text{CV\_loss} \leq \text{min}(\text{CV\_loss})$ .

**Value**

result: selected features of Split Knockoffs with CV optimal selection of nu.

CV\_loss: the CV loss of Split Knockoffs w.r.t. nu.

nu\_optimal: the CV optimal nu.

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normc	<i>normc</i>
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**Description**

Normalize columns of a matrix. A clone of NORMC from the Neural Network toolbox.

**Usage**

```
normc(X)
```

**Arguments**

X                    the input matrix

**Value**

Y the output matrix

**Examples**

```
library(mvtnorm)
n = 350
p = 100
Sigma = matrix(0, p, p)
X <- rmvnorm(n,matrix(0, p, 1), Sigma)
X <- normc(X)
```

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<i>private.hittingpoint</i>	<i>private.hittingpoint</i>
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**Description**

calculate the hitting time and the sign of respective variable in a path.

**Usage**

```
private.hittingpoint(coef, lambda_vec)
```

**Arguments**

coef                    the path for one variable  
lambda\_vec            respective value of lambda in the path

**Value**

Z: the hitting time  
r: the sign of respective variable at the hitting time

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simu_eval	<i>simu_eval</i>
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**Description**

calculate the FDR and Power when  $\gamma^*$  is available, i.e. in simulations.

**Usage**

```
simu_eval(gamma_true, result)
```

**Arguments**

gamma_true	true signal of gamma
result	the estimated support set of gamma

**Value**

fdr: false discovery rate of the estimated support set  
power: power of the estimated support set

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simu_unit	<i>simu_unit</i>
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**Description**

the simulation unit for simulation experiments.

**Usage**

```
simu_unit(n, p, D, A, c, k, option)
```

**Arguments**

n	the sample size
p	the dimension of variables
D	the linear transform
A	SNR
c	feature correlation
k	number of nonnulls in beta
option	option for split knockoffs

**Value**

simu\_data: a structure contains the following elements  
 simu\_data\$fdr\_split: a vector recording fdr of split knockoffs w.r.t.nu  
 simu\_data\$power\_split: a vector recording power of split knockoffs w.r.t.nu  
 simu\_data\$fdr\_knock: fdr of knockoffs  
 simu\_data\$power\_knock: power of knockoffs

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simu_unit_cv	<i>simu_unit_cv</i>
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**Description**

the simulation unit for simulation experiments with cross validation.

**Usage**

simu\_unit\_cv (n, p, D\_s, A, c, k, option)

**Arguments**

n	the sample size
p	the dimension of variables
D_s	the set of linear transform
A	SNR
c	feature correlation
k	number of nonnulls in beta
option	option for split knockoffs

**Value**

simu\_data: a structure contains the following elements  
 simu\_data\$fdr: fdr of cv optimal nu in split knockoffs  
 simu\_data\$power: power of cv optimal nu in split knockoffs  
 simu\_data\$fdr\_knock: fdr of knockoffs  
 simu\_data\$cv\_list: length(D\_s) \* length(nu\_s) matrix with cv loss for each nu for each D  
 simu\_data\$chosen\_nu: cv selected nu for each D

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splitknockoff.decompose  
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**Description**

splitknockoff.decompose

**Usage**

splitknockoff.decompose(X, randomize)

**Arguments**

X                   the input matrix  
randomize           whether to randomize

**Value**

U  
S = S  
V = V  
U\_perp = U\_perp

**Examples**

```
library(mvtnorm)
n = 350
p = 100
Sigma = matrix(0, p, p)
X <- rmvnorm(n, matrix(0, p, 1), Sigma)
decompose.result <- splitknockoff.decompose(X)
U_perp <- decompose.result$U_perp
```

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splitknockoff.filter   *splitknockoff.filter*

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**Description**

Split Knockoff filter for structural sparsity problem.

**Usage**

splitknockoff.filter(X, D, y, option)

**Arguments**

X	the design matrix
D	the linear transform
y	the response vector
option	options for creating the Knockoff statistics option\$eta: the choice of eta for creating the knockoff copy option\$q: the desired FDR control bound option\$method: 'knockoff' or 'knockoff+' option\$stage0: choose the method to conduct split knockoff. 'fixed': fixed intercept assignment for PATH ORDER method. option\$beta: the choice of fixed beta for step 0. 'mle': maximum likelihood estimator. 'ridge': ridge regression choice beta with $\lambda = 1/\nu$ . 'cv_split': cross validation choice of split LASSO over $\nu$ and $\lambda$ . 'cv_ridge': cross validation choice of ridge regression over $\lambda$ . 'path': take the regularization path of split LASSO as the intercept assignment for PATH ORDER method. 'magnitude': using MAGNITUDE method. option\$lambda: a set of $\lambda$ appointed for path calculation option\$nu: a set of $\nu$ used for Split Knockoffs option\$normalize: whether to normalize the data

**Value**

results: a cell with the selected variable set in each cell w.r.t.  $\nu$ .

Z: a cell with the feature significance  $Z$  in each cell w.r.t.  $\nu$ .

t\_Z: a cell with the knockoff significance  $\tilde{Z}$  in each cell w.r.t.  $\nu$ .

**Examples**

```

k <- 20 # sparsity level
A <- 1 # magnitude
n <- 350 # sample size
p <- 100 # dimension of variables
c <- 0.5 # feature correlation
sigma <- -1 # noise level
option <- array(data = NA, dim = length(data), dimnames = NULL)
option$q <- 0.2
option$eta <- 0.1
option$method <- 'knockoff'
option$stage0 <- 'path'
option$normalize <- 'true'
option$cv_rule <- 'min'
option$lambda <- 10.^seq(0, -6, by=-0.01)
option$nu <- 10
option$copy <- 'true'
option <- option[-1]
# generate D
D <- diag(p)
m <- nrow(D)
# generate X
Sigma = matrix(0, p, p)
for( i in 1: p){
  for(j in 1: p){

```



```

      Sigma[i, j] <- c^(abs(i - j))
    }
  }
  library(mvtnorm)
  set.seed(100)
  X <- rmvnorm(n, matrix(0, p, 1), Sigma)
  # generate beta and gamma
  beta_true <- matrix(0, p, 1)
  for( i in 1: k){
    beta_true[i, 1] = A
    if ( i%3 == 1){
      beta_true[i, 1] = -A
    }
  }
  gamma_true <- D %% beta_true
  S0 <- which(gamma_true!=0)
  # generate varepsilon
  set.seed(1)
  # generate noise and y
  varepsilon <- rnorm(n) * sqrt(sigma)
  y <- X %% beta_true + varepsilon
  filter_result <- splitknockoff.filter(X, D, y, option)
  Z_path <- filter_result$Z
  t_Z_path <- filter_result$t_Z

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splitknockoff.select *splitknockoff.select*

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### Description

splitknockoff.select

### Usage

splitknockoff.select(W, q)

### Arguments

W	statistics $W_j$ for testing null hypothesis
q	target FDR

### Value

S array of selected variable indices

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 split\_knockoffs.create

*split\_knockoffs.create*


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### Description

gives the variable splitting design matrix [A\_beta, A\_gamma] and response vector tilde\_y. It will also create a knockoff copy for A\_gamma if required.

### Usage

```
split_knockoffs.create(X, y, D, nu, option)
```

### Arguments

X	the design matrix
y	the response vector
D	the linear transform
nu	the parameter for variable splitting
option	options for creating the Knockoff copy option\$copy true : create a knockoff copy option\$eta the choice of eta for creating the knockoff copy

### Value

A\_beta: the design matrix for beta after variable splitting

A\_gamma: the design matrix for gamma after variable splitting

tilde\_y: the response vector after variable splitting.

tilde\_A\_gamma: the knockoff copy of A\_beta; will be [] if option\$copy = false.

### Examples

```
option <- array(data = NA, dim = length(data), dimnames = NULL)
option$q <- 0.2
option$eta <- 0.1
option$method <- 'knockoff'
option$stage0 <- 'path'
option$normalize <- 'true'
option$cv_rule <- 'min'
option$lambda <- 10.^seq(0, -6, by=-0.01)
option$nu <- 10
option$copy <- 'true'
option <- option[-1]
library(mvtnorm)
sigma <- 1
p <- 100
D <- diag(p)
```

```

m <- nrow(D)
n <- 350
nu = 10
c = 0.5
Sigma = matrix(0, p, p)
for( i in 1: p){
  for(j in 1: p){
    Sigma[i, j] <- c^(abs(i - j))
  }
}
X <- rmvnorm(n,matrix(0, p, 1), Sigma)
beta_true <- matrix(0, p, 1)
varepsilon <- rnorm(n) * sqrt(sigma)
y <- X %*% beta_true + varepsilon
creat.result <- split_knockoffs.create(X, y, D, nu, option)
A_beta <- creat.result$A_beta
A_gamma <- creat.result$A_gamma
tilde_y <- creat.result$tilde_y
tilde_A_gamma <- creat.result$tilde_A_gamma

```

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```
split_knockoffs.statistics.magnitude.cv_mag
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split_knockoffs.statistics.magnitude.cv_mag
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### Description

calculate the CV optimal lambda in the problem  $1/n \|y - X\beta\|^2 + 1/nu \|D\beta - \gamma\|^2 + \lambda \|\gamma\|_1$  for a fixed nu.

### Usage

```
split_knockoffs.statistics.magnitude.cv_mag(X, y, D, nu, option)
```

### Arguments

X	the design matrix
y	the response vector
D	the linear transform
nu	the parameter for variable splitting
option	options for calculating cv option\$lambda the choice of lambda for the path

### Value

lambda: CV optimal lambda

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```
split_knockoffs.statistics.magnitude.W_mag
split_knockoffs.statistics.magnitude.W_mag
```

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**Description**

generate the knockoff statistics  $W$ , using the method of magnitude.  $\lambda$  here is chosen by cross validation.

**Usage**

```
split_knockoffs.statistics.magnitude.W_mag(X, D, y, nu, option)
```

**Arguments**

<code>X</code>	the design matrix
<code>D</code>	the linear transform
<code>y</code>	the response vector
<code>nu</code>	the parameter for variable splitting
<code>option</code>	options for creating the Knockoff statistics <code>option\$eta</code> the choice of $\eta$ for creating the knockoff copy <code>option\$lambda</code> the choice of $\lambda$ for the path

**Value**

$W$ : the knockoff statistics  
 $Z$ : feature significance  
 $t_Z$ : knockoff significance

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```
split_knockoffs.statistics.pathorder.W_fixed
split_knockoffs.statistics.pathorder.W_fixed
```

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**Description**

generate the knockoff statistics  $W$  for fixed  $\beta$  in the interception assignment step, using the method of path order.

**Usage**

```
split_knockoffs.statistics.pathorder.W_fixed(X, D, y, nu, option)
```

**Arguments**

X	the design matrix
D	the linear transform
y	the response vector
nu	the parameter for variable splitting
option	options for creating the Knockoff statistics option\$eta the choice of eta for creating the knockoff copy option\$lambda the choice of lambda for the path option\$beta_choice the fixed beta for step 0

**Value**

W: the knockoff statistics  
 Z: feature significance  
 t\_Z: knockoff significance

**Examples**

```

option <- array(data = NA, dim = length(data), dimnames = NULL)
option$q <- 0.2
option$eta <- 0.1
option$method <- 'knockoff'
option$stage0 <- 'path'
option$normalize <- 'true'
option$cv_rule <- 'min'
option$lambda <- 10.^seq(0, -6, by=-0.01)
option$nu <- 10
option$copy <- 'true'
option <- option[-1]
library(mvtnorm)
sigma <- 1
n = 350
p = 100
nu = 10
Sigma = matrix(0, p, p)
X <- rmvnorm(n, matrix(0, p, 1), Sigma)
p <- 100
D <- diag(p)
beta_true <- matrix(0, p, 1)
varepsilon <- rnorm(n) * sqrt(sigma)
y <- X %*% beta_true + varepsilon

```

**Description**

generate the knockoff statistics  $W$  for beta from a split LASSO path in the interception assignment step, using the method of path order.

**Usage**

```
split_knockoffs.statistics.pathorder.W_path(X, D, y, nu, option)
```

**Arguments**

X	the design matrix
D	the linear transform
y	the response vector
nu	the parameter for variable splitting
option	options for creating the Knockoff statistics option\$eta the choice of eta for creating the knockoff copy option\$lambda the choice of lambda for the path

**Value**

W: the knockoff statistics  
Z: feature significance  
t\_Z: knockoff significance

**Examples**

```
k <- 20 # sparsity level
A <- 1 # magnitude
n <- 350 # sample size
p <- 100 # dimension of variables
c <- 0.5 # feature correlation
sigma <- -1 # noise level
option <- array(data = NA, dim = length(data), dimnames = NULL)
option$q <- 0.2
option$eta <- 0.1
option$method <- 'knockoff'
option$stage0 <- 'path'
option$normalize <- 'true'
option$cv_rule <- 'min'
option$lambda <- 10.^seq(0, -6, by=-0.01)
option$nu <- 10
option$copy <- 'true'
option <- option[-1]
# generate D
D <- diag(p)
m <- nrow(D)
# generate X
Sigma = matrix(0, p, p)
for( i in 1: p){
  for(j in 1: p){
```

```
        Sigma[i, j] <- c^(abs(i - j))
      }
    }
  library(mvtnorm)
  set.seed(100)
  X <- rmvnorm(n,matrix(0, p, 1), Sigma)
  # generate beta and gamma
  beta_true <- matrix(0, p, 1)
  for( i in 1: k){
    beta_true[i, 1] = A
    if ( i%%3 == 1){
      beta_true[i, 1] = -A
    }
  }
  gamma_true <- D %%% beta_true
  S0 <- which(gamma_true!=0)
  # generate varepsilon
  set.seed(1)
  # generate noise and y
  varepsilon <- rnorm(n) * sqrt(sigma)
  y <- X %%% beta_true + varepsilon
  nu = 10
  X <- normc(X)
  y <- normc(y)
```

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