Package ‘vcpen’

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### kernel_linear

**Variance Component Linear Kernel Matrix**

**Description**

Variance component Linear kernel matrix from genotype dosage

**Usage**

```r
kernel_linear(dose, method = "linear")
```

**Arguments**

- `dose`: data.frame or matrix with
- `method`: type of kernel; currently only linear kernel implemented

**Value**

square symmetric kernel matrix for subject similarity by genotype dosage

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**See Also**

`vcpen`

**Examples**

```r
data(vcexample)
Kern1 <- kernel_linear(dose[,which(doseinfo[,1]==1)], method="linear")
Kern1[1:5,1:5]
```

### minque

**MINQUE estimation of variance components**

**Description**

Estimate variance components by MINQUE method, allowing multiple iterations

**Usage**

```r
minque(y, X, Kerns, n.iter = 1, eps = 0.001)
```
Arguments

y Numeric vector of traits. Only continuous trait currently allowed.
X Matrix of covariates (columns) for subjects (rows), matching subjects in the trait (y) vector.
Kerns List of kernel matrices: a kernel matrix for each variance component. The last kernel matrix in the list (an identity matrix) is for the residual variance component.
n.iter Number of minque iterations
eps Default small positive value for non-positive vc estimates within iterations.

Value

List with estimates of variance components (vc), covariate regression coefficients (beta), and residuals of model fit.

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Examples

data(vcexample)
nvc <- 1+length(unique(doseinfo[,2]))
id <- 1:nrow(dose)
## vcs for genetic kernel matrices
Kerns <- vector("list", length=nvc)
for(i in 1:(nvc-1)){
    Kerns[[i]] <- kernel_linear(dose[,grep(i, doseinfo[,2])])
    rownames(Kerns[[i]]) <- id
    colnames(Kerns[[i]]) <- id
}
## vc for residual variance
Kerns[[nvc]] <- diag(nrow(dose))
rownames(Kerns[[nvc]]) <- id
colnames(Kerns[[nvc]]) <- id
prefit <- minque(response, covmat, Kerns, n.iter=2)
prefit[1]
prefit[2]
fit <- vcpen(response, covmat, Kerns, vc_init = prefit$vc)

vcexample

Example data for Penalized Variance Component method

Description

Datasets for an example run of vcpen with 4 variance components calculated as kernel matrices from genotype dosage (dose) on 100 subjects with two covariates (covmat), and a continuous response.
Format

The example contains three data.frames and a response vector for 100 subjects at 70 SNPs across 4 variance components:

covmat  two arbitrary covariates (columns) for 100 subjects (rows)
dose   genotype dosage at 70 SNPs (columns) and 100 subjects (rows)
doseinfo 2-column matrix with indices for grouping SNPs into variance components (for Kernel Matrix)
response  continuous response vector for 100 subjects

Examples

data(vcexample)
dim(dose)
dim(doseinfo)
dim(covmat)
length(response)

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vcpen  

Penalized Variance Components

Description

Penalized Variance Component analysis

Usage

vcpen(
  y,
  X,
  Kerns,
  frac1 = 0.8,
  lambda_factor = NULL,
  lambda_grid = NULL,
  maxiter = 1000,
  vc_init = NULL,
  print_iter = FALSE
)

## S3 method for class 'vcpen'
summary(object, ..., digits = 4)
Arguments

\( y \)  
Numeric vector of traits. Only continuous trait currently allowed.

\( X \)  
Matrix of covariates (columns) for subjects (rows), matching subjects in the trait (y) vector.

Kerns  
List of kernel matrices: a kernel matrix for each variance component. The last kernel matrix in the list (an identity matrix) is for the residual variance component.

frac1  
Fraction of penalty imposed on L1 penalty, between 0 and 1 (0 for only L2; 1 for only L1 penalty).

lambda_factor  
Weight for each vc (values between 0 and 1) for how much it should be penalized: 0 means no penalty. Default value of NULL implies weight of 1 for all vc’s.

lambda_grid  
Vector of lambda penalties for fitting the penalized model. Best to order values from largest to smallest so parameter estimates from a large penalty can be used as initial values for the next smaller penalty. Default value of NULL implies initial values of seq(from=.10, to=0, by=-0.01).

maxiter  
Maximum number of iterations allowed during penalized fitting.

vc_init  
Numeric vector of initial values for variance components. Default value of NULL implies initial values determined by 2 iterations of minque estimation.

print_iter  
Logical: if TRUE, print the iteration results (mainly for refined checks)

object  
Fitted vcpen object (used in summary method)

...  
Optional arguments for summary method

digits  
Signficant digits for summary method

Value

object with S3 class vcpen

Author(s)

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Examples

data(vcexample)
nvc <- 1+length(unique(doseinfo[,2]))
id <- 1:nrow(dose)
## vcs for genetic kernel matrices
Kerns <- vector("list", length=nvc)
for(i in 1:(nvc-1)){
    Kerns[[i]] <- kernel_linear(dose[,grep(i, doseinfo[,2])])
    rownames(Kerns[[i]]) <- id
colnames(Kerns[[i]]) <- id
}
## vc for residual variance
Kerns[[nvc]] <- diag(nrow(dose))
rownames(Kerns[[nvc]]) <- id
colnames(Kerns[[nvc]]) <- id
fit <- vcpen(response, covmat, Kerns, frac1 = .6)
summary(fit)
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