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Description

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The `cmls` function provides a user-friendly interface for solving the MLS problem with 24 common constraint options (the `const` function prints or returns the different constraint options). The

`cv.cmls` function does k-fold or generalized cross-validation to tune the constraint options of the `cmls` function. The `mlsei` function solves the MLS problem subject to user-specified equality and/or inequality (E/I) constraints on the coefficients. The `mlsun` function solves the MLS problem subject to unimodality constraints and user-specified E/I constraints on the coefficients.

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Examples

```
# See examples for cmls, cv.cmls, mlsei, and mlsun
```

cmls

Solve a Constrained Multivariate Least Squares Problem

Description

Finds the $p \times m$ matrix B that minimizes the multivariate least squares problem

$$\text{sum}((Y - X \%*\% B)^2)$$

subject to the specified constraints on the rows of B.

Usage

```
cmls(X, Y, const = "uncons", struc = NULL,
     z = NULL, df = 10, degree = 3, intercept = TRUE,
     backfit = FALSE, maxit = 1e3, eps = 1e-10,
     del = 1e-6, XtX = NULL, mode.range = NULL)
```

Arguments

<code>X</code>	Matrix of dimension $n \times p$.
<code>Y</code>	Matrix of dimension $n \times m$.
<code>const</code>	Constraint code. See const for the 24 available options.
<code>struc</code>	Structural constraints (defaults to unstructured). See Note.
<code>z</code>	Predictor values for the spline basis (for smoothness constraints). See Note.
<code>df</code>	Degrees of freedom for the spline basis (for smoothness constraints). See Note.
<code>degree</code>	Polynomial degree for the spline basis (for smoothness constraints). See Note.
<code>intercept</code>	Logical indicating whether the spline basis should contain an intercept (for smoothness constraints). See Note.
<code>backfit</code>	Estimate B via back-fitting (TRUE) or vectorization (FALSE). See Details.
<code>maxit</code>	Maximum number of iterations for back-fitting algorithm. Ignored if <code>backfit</code> = FALSE.
<code>eps</code>	Convergence tolerance for back-fitting algorithm. Ignored if <code>backfit</code> = FALSE.
<code>del</code>	Stability tolerance for back-fitting algorithm. Ignored if <code>backfit</code> = FALSE.
<code>XtX</code>	Crossproduct matrix: $XtX = \text{crossprod}(X)$.
<code>mode.range</code>	Mode search ranges (for unimodal constraints). See Note.

Details

If `backfit` = FALSE (default), a closed-form solution is used to estimate B whenever possible. Otherwise a back-fitting algorithm is used, where the rows of B are updated sequentially until convergence. The backfitting algorithm is determined to have converged when

$$\text{mean}((B.\text{new} - B.\text{old})^2) < \text{eps} * (\text{mean}(B.\text{old}^2) + \text{del}),$$

where `B.old` and `B.new` denote the parameter estimates at iterations t and $t + 1$ of the backfitting algorithm.

Value

Returns the estimated matrix B with attribute "df" (degrees of freedom), which gives the df for each row of B.

Note

Structure constraints (`struc`) should be specified with a $p \times m$ matrix of logicals (TRUE/FALSE), such that FALSE elements indicate a weight should be constrained to be zero. Default uses unstructured weights, i.e., a $p \times m$ matrix of all TRUE values.

Inputs `z`, `df`, `degree`, and `intercept` are only applicable when using one of the 12 constraints that involves a spline basis, i.e., "smooth", "smonon", "smoper", "smpeno", "ortsmo", "orsmpe", "monsmo", "mosmno", "unismo", "unsmno", "unsmpe", "unsmprn".

Input `mode.range` is only applicable when using one of the 8 constraints that enforces unimodality: "unimod", "uninon", "uniper", "unpeno", "unismo", "unsmno", "unsmpe", "unsmprn". Mode search ranges (`mode.range`) should be specified with a $2 \times p$ matrix of integers such that

$$1 \leq \text{mode.range}[1, j] \leq \text{mode.range}[2, j] \leq m \text{ for all } j = 1:p.$$

Default is `mode.range = matrix(c(1, m), 2, p)`.

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See Also

`const` prints/returns the constraint options.

`cv.cmls` performs k-fold cross-validation to tune the constraint options.

`mlsei` and `mlsun` are used to implement several of the constraints.

Examples

```
#####*##### GENERATE DATA #####*#####

# make X
set.seed(2)
n <- 50
m <- 20
p <- 2
Xmat <- matrix(rnorm(n*p), nrow = n, ncol = p)

# make B (which satisfies all constraints except monotonicity)
x <- seq(0, 1, length.out = m)
Bmat <- rbind(sin(2*pi*x), sin(2*pi*x+pi)) / sqrt(4.75)
struc <- rbind(rep(c(TRUE, FALSE), each = m / 2),
               rep(c(FALSE, TRUE), each = m / 2))
Bmat <- Bmat * struc

# make noisy data
set.seed(1)
Ymat <- Xmat %*% Bmat + rnorm(n*m, sd = 0.25)

#####*##### UNCONSTRAINED #####*#####

# unconstrained
Bhat <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "uncons")
mean((Bhat - Bmat)^2)
attr(Bhat, "df")
```

```

# unconstrained and structured
Bhat <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "uncons", struc = struc)
mean((Bhat - Bmat)^2)
attr(Bhat, "df")

##### NON-NEGATIVITY #####

# non-negative
Bhat <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "nonneg")
mean((Bhat - Bmat)^2)
attr(Bhat, "df")

# non-negative and structured
Bhat <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "nonneg", struc = struc)
mean((Bhat - Bmat)^2)
attr(Bhat, "df")

##### PERIODICITY #####

# periodic
Bhat <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "period")
mean((Bhat - Bmat)^2)
attr(Bhat, "df")

# periodic and structured
Bhat <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "period", struc = struc)
mean((Bhat - Bmat)^2)
attr(Bhat, "df")

# periodic and non-negative
Bhat <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "pernon")
mean((Bhat - Bmat)^2)
attr(Bhat, "df")

# periodic and non-negative and structured
Bhat <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "pernon", struc = struc)
mean((Bhat - Bmat)^2)
attr(Bhat, "df")

##### SMOOTHNESS #####

# smooth
Bhat <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "smooth")
mean((Bhat - Bmat)^2)
attr(Bhat, "df")

# smooth and structured
Bhat <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "smooth", struc = struc)
mean((Bhat - Bmat)^2)
attr(Bhat, "df")

```

```

# smooth and periodic
Bhat <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "smoper")
mean((Bhat - Bmat)^2)
attr(Bhat, "df")

# smooth and periodic and structured
Bhat <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "smoper", struc = struc)
mean((Bhat - Bmat)^2)
attr(Bhat, "df")

# smooth and non-negative
Bhat <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "smonon")
mean((Bhat - Bmat)^2)
attr(Bhat, "df")

# smooth and non-negative and structured
Bhat <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "smonon", struc = struc)
mean((Bhat - Bmat)^2)
attr(Bhat, "df")

# smooth and periodic and non-negative
Bhat <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "smpeno")
mean((Bhat - Bmat)^2)
attr(Bhat, "df")

# smooth and periodic and non-negative and structured
Bhat <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "smpeno", struc = struc)
mean((Bhat - Bmat)^2)
attr(Bhat, "df")

#####*##### ORTHOGONALITY #####*#####

# orthogonal
Bhat <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "orthog")
mean((Bhat - Bmat)^2)
attr(Bhat, "df")

# orthogonal and structured
Bhat <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "orthog", struc = struc)
mean((Bhat - Bmat)^2)
attr(Bhat, "df")

# orthogonal and non-negative
Bhat <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "ortnon")
mean((Bhat - Bmat)^2)
attr(Bhat, "df")

# orthogonal and non-negative and structured
Bhat <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "ortnon", struc = struc)
mean((Bhat - Bmat)^2)
attr(Bhat, "df")

```

```

# orthogonal and smooth
Bhat <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "ortsmo")
mean((Bhat - Bmat)^2)
attr(Bhat, "df")

# orthogonal and smooth and structured
Bhat <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "ortsmo", struc = struc)
mean((Bhat - Bmat)^2)
attr(Bhat, "df")

# orthogonal and smooth and periodic
Bhat <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "orsmpe")
mean((Bhat - Bmat)^2)
attr(Bhat, "df")

# orthogonal and smooth and periodic and structured
Bhat <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "orsmpe", struc = struc)
mean((Bhat - Bmat)^2)
attr(Bhat, "df")

##### UNIMODALITY #####

# unimodal
Bhat <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "unimod")
mean((Bhat - Bmat)^2)
attr(Bhat, "df")

# unimodal and structured
Bhat <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "unimod", struc = struc)
mean((Bhat - Bmat)^2)
attr(Bhat, "df")

# unimodal and non-negative
Bhat <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "uninon")
mean((Bhat - Bmat)^2)
attr(Bhat, "df")

# unimodal and non-negative and structured
Bhat <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "uninon", struc = struc)
mean((Bhat - Bmat)^2)
attr(Bhat, "df")

# unimodal and periodic
Bhat <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "uniper")
mean((Bhat - Bmat)^2)
attr(Bhat, "df")

# unimodal and periodic and structured
Bhat <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "uniper", struc = struc)
mean((Bhat - Bmat)^2)
attr(Bhat, "df")

```



```

# unimodal and periodic and non-negative
Bhat <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "unpeno")
mean((Bhat - Bmat)^2)
attr(Bhat, "df")

# unimodal and periodic and non-negative and structured
Bhat <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "unpeno", struc = struc)
mean((Bhat - Bmat)^2)
attr(Bhat, "df")

##### UNIMODALITY AND SMOOTHNESS #####

# unimodal and smooth
Bhat <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "unismo")
mean((Bhat - Bmat)^2)
attr(Bhat, "df")

# unimodal and smooth and structured
Bhat <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "unismo", struc = struc)
mean((Bhat - Bmat)^2)
attr(Bhat, "df")

# unimodal and smooth and non-negative
Bhat <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "unsmno")
mean((Bhat - Bmat)^2)
attr(Bhat, "df")

# unimodal and smooth and non-negative and structured
Bhat <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "unsmno", struc = struc)
mean((Bhat - Bmat)^2)
attr(Bhat, "df")

# unimodal and smooth and periodic
Bhat <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "unsmpe")
mean((Bhat - Bmat)^2)
attr(Bhat, "df")

# unimodal and smooth and periodic and structured
Bhat <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "unsmpe", struc = struc)
mean((Bhat - Bmat)^2)
attr(Bhat, "df")

# unimodal and smooth and periodic and non-negative
Bhat <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "unsmpn")
mean((Bhat - Bmat)^2)
attr(Bhat, "df")

# unimodal and smooth and periodic and non-negative and structured
Bhat <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "unsmpn", struc = struc)
mean((Bhat - Bmat)^2)
attr(Bhat, "df")

```

```
#####**##### MONOTONICITY #####**#####

# make B
x <- 1:m
Bmat <- rbind(1 / (1 + exp(-(x - quantile(x, 0.5))))),
              1 / (1 + exp(-(x - quantile(x, 0.8))))))
struc <- rbind(rep(c(FALSE, TRUE), c(1 * m, 3 * m) / 4),
               rep(c(FALSE, TRUE), c(m, m) / 2))
Bmat <- Bmat * struc

# make noisy data
set.seed(1)
Ymat <- Xmat %*% Bmat + rnorm(m*n, sd = 0.25)

# monotonic increasing
Bhat <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "moninc")
mean((Bhat - Bmat)^2)
attr(Bhat, "df")

# monotonic increasing and structured
Bhat <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "moninc", struc = struc)
mean((Bhat - Bmat)^2)
attr(Bhat, "df")

# monotonic increasing and non-negative
Bhat <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "monnon")
mean((Bhat - Bmat)^2)
attr(Bhat, "df")

# monotonic increasing and non-negative and structured
Bhat <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "monnon", struc = struc)
mean((Bhat - Bmat)^2)
attr(Bhat, "df")

# monotonic increasing and smooth
Bhat <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "monsmo")
mean((Bhat - Bmat)^2)
attr(Bhat, "df")

# monotonic increasing and smooth and structured
Bhat <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "monsmo", struc = struc)
mean((Bhat - Bmat)^2)
attr(Bhat, "df")

# monotonic increasing and smooth and non-negative
Bhat <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "mosmno")
mean((Bhat - Bmat)^2)
attr(Bhat, "df")

# monotonic increasing and smooth and non-negative and structured
Bhat <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "mosmno", struc = struc)
```

```
mean((Bhat - Bmat)^2)
attr(Bhat, "df")
```

const

Print or Return Constraint Options for cmls

Description

Prints or returns six letter constraint codes for [cmls](#), along with corresponding descriptions.

Usage

```
const(x, print = TRUE)
```

Arguments

x	Vector of six letter constraint codes. If missing, prints/returns all 24 options.
print	Should constraint information be printed (print = TRUE) or returned as a data frame (print = FALSE).

Value

Prints (or returns) constraint codes and descriptions.

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References

Helwig, N. E. (in prep). Constrained multivariate least squares in R.

See Also

Constraints are used in the [cmls](#) function.

Examples

```
# print some constraints
const(c("uncons", "smpeno"))

# return some constraints
const(c("uncons", "smpeno"), print = FALSE)

# print all constraints
const()

# return all constraints
const(print = FALSE)
```

cv.cmls

*Cross-Validation for cmls***Description**

Does k-fold or generalized cross-validation to tune the constraint options for [cmls](#). Tunes the model with respect to any combination of the arguments const, df, degree, and/or intercept.

Usage

```
cv.cmls(X, Y, nfolds = 2, foldid = NULL, parameters = NULL,
        const = "uncons", df = 10, degree = 3, intercept = TRUE,
        mse = TRUE, parallel = FALSE, cl = NULL, verbose = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

X	Matrix of dimension $n \times p$.
Y	Matrix of dimension $n \times m$.
nfolds	Number of folds for k-fold cross-validation. Ignored if foldid argument is provided. Set nfolds=1 for generalized cross-validation (GCV).
foldid	Factor or integer vector of length n giving the fold identification for each observation.
parameters	Parameters for tuning. Data frame with columns const, df, degree, and intercept. See Details.
const	Parameters for tuning. Character vector specifying constraints for tuning. See Details.
df	Parameters for tuning. Integer vector specifying degrees of freedom for tuning. See Details.
degree	Parameters for tuning. Integer vector specifying polynomial degrees for tuning. See Details.
intercept	Parameters for tuning. Logical vector specifying intercepts for tuning. See Details.
mse	If TRUE (default), the mean squared error is used as the CV loss function. Otherwise the mean absolute error is used.
parallel	Logical indicating if parSapply should be used. See Examples.
cl	Cluster created by makeCluster . Only used when parallel = TRUE. Recommended usage: cl = makeCluster(detectCores())
verbose	If TRUE, tuning progress is printed via txtProgressBar . Ignored if parallel = TRUE.
...	Additional arguments to the cmls function, e.g., z, struc, backfit, etc.

Details

The parameters for tuning can be supplied via one of two options:

(A) Using the `parameters` argument. In this case, the argument `parameters` must be a data frame with columns `const`, `df`, `degree`, and `intercept`, where each row gives a combination of parameters for the CV tuning.

(B) Using the `const`, `df`, `degree`, and `intercept` arguments. In this case, the `expand.grid` function is used to create the `parameters` data frame, which contains all combinations of the arguments `const`, `df`, `degree`, and `intercept`. Duplicates are removed before the CV tuning.

Value

<code>best.parameters</code>	Best combination of parameters, i.e., the combination that minimizes the <code>cvloss</code> .
<code>top5.parameters</code>	Top five combinations of parameters, i.e., the combinations that give the five smallest values of the <code>cvloss</code> .
<code>full.parameters</code>	Full set of parameters. Data frame with <code>cvloss</code> (GCV, MSE, or MAE) for each combination of parameters.

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References

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See Also

See the `cmls` and `const` functions for further details on the available constraint options.

Examples

```
# make X
set.seed(1)
n <- 50
m <- 20
p <- 2
Xmat <- matrix(rnorm(n*p), nrow = n, ncol = p)

# make B (which satisfies all constraints except monotonicity)
x <- seq(0, 1, length.out = m)
Bmat <- rbind(sin(2*pi*x), sin(2*pi*x+pi)) / sqrt(4.75)
struc <- rbind(rep(c(TRUE, FALSE), each = m / 2),
               rep(c(FALSE, TRUE), each = m / 2))
Bmat <- Bmat * struc
```

```

# make noisy data
Ymat <- Xmat %*% Bmat + rnorm(n*m, sd = 0.5)

# 5-fold CV: tune df (5,...,15) for const = "smooth"
kcv <- cv.cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, nfolds = 5,
              const = "smooth", df = 5:15)
kcv$best.parameters
kcv$top5.parameters
plot(kcv$full.parameters$df, kcv$full.parameters$cvloss, t = "b")

## Not run:

# sample foldid for 5-fold CV
set.seed(2)
foldid <- sample(rep(1:5, length.out = n))

# 5-fold CV: tune df (5,...,15) w/ all 20 relevant constraints (no struc)
#           using sequential computation (default)
myconst <- as.character(const(print = FALSE)$label[-c(13:16)])
system.time({
  kcv <- cv.cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, foldid = foldid,
                const = myconst, df = 5:15)
})
kcv$best.parameters
kcv$top5.parameters

# 5-fold CV: tune df (5,...,15) w/ all 20 relevant constraints (no struc)
#           using parallel package for parallel computations
myconst <- as.character(const(print = FALSE)$label[-c(13:16)])
system.time({
  cl <- makeCluster(2L) # using 2 cores
  kcv <- cv.cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, foldid = foldid,
                const = myconst, df = 5:15,
                parallel = TRUE, cl = cl)
  stopCluster(cl)
})
kcv$best.parameters
kcv$top5.parameters

# 5-fold CV: tune df (5,...,15) w/ all 20 relevant constraints (w/ struc)
#           using sequential computation (default)
myconst <- as.character(const(print = FALSE)$label[-c(13:16)])
system.time({
  kcv <- cv.cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, foldid = foldid,
                const = myconst, df = 5:15, struc = struc)
})
kcv$best.parameters
kcv$top5.parameters

```

```
# 5-fold CV: tune df (5,...,15) w/ all 20 relevant constraints (w/ struc)
#           using parallel package for parallel computations
myconst <- as.character(const(print = FALSE)$label[-c(13:16)])
system.time({
  cl <- makeCluster(2L) # using 2 cores
  kcv <- cv.cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, foldid = foldid,
                const = myconst, df = 5:15, struc = struc,
                parallel = TRUE, cl = cl)
  stopCluster(cl)
})
kcv$best.parameters
kcv$top5.parameters

## End(Not run)
```

IsplineBasis

*I-Spline Basis for Monotonic Polynomial Splines***Description**

Generate the I-spline basis matrix for a monotonic polynomial spline.

Usage

```
IsplineBasis(x, df = NULL, knots = NULL, degree = 3, intercept = FALSE,
             Boundary.knots = range(x))
```

Arguments

x	the predictor variable. Missing values are not allowed.
df	degrees of freedom; if specified the number of knots is defined as df - degree - ifelse(intercept, 1, 0); the knots are placed at the quantiles of x
knots	the internal breakpoints that define the spline (typically the quantiles of x)
degree	degree of the M-spline basis—default is 3 for cubic splines
intercept	if TRUE, the basis includes an intercept column
Boundary.knots	boundary points for M-spline basis; defaults to min and max of x

Details

Syntax is adapted from the bs function in the **splines** package (R Core Team, 2021).

Used for implementing monotonic smoothness constraints in the [cmls](#) function.

Value

A matrix of dimension $c(\text{length}(x), df)$ where either df was supplied or $df = \text{length}(\text{knots}) + \text{degree} + \text{ifelse}(\text{intercept}, 1, 0)$

Note

I-spline basis functions are created by integrating M-spline basis functions.

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See Also

[MsplineBasis](#)

Examples

```
x <- seq(0, 1, length.out = 101)
I <- IsplineBasis(x, df = 8, intercept = TRUE)
plot(x, I[,1], ylim = c(0, 1), t = "l")
for(j in 2:8) lines(x, I[,j], col = j)
```

mlsei

Multivariate Least Squares with Equality/Inequality Constraints

Description

Finds the $q \times p$ matrix B that minimizes the multivariate least squares problem

$$\text{sum}((Y - X \% \% t(Z \% \% B))^2)$$

subject to $t(A) \% \% B[, j] \geq b$ for all $j = 1:p$. Unique basis functions and constraints are allowed for each column of B .

Usage

```
mlsei(X, Y, Z, A, b, meq,
      backfit = FALSE, maxit = 1000,
      eps = 1e-10, del = 1e-6,
      XtX = NULL, ZtZ = NULL,
      simplify = TRUE, catchError = FALSE)
```


Arguments

<code>X</code>	Matrix of dimension $n \times p$.
<code>Y</code>	Matrix of dimension $n \times m$.
<code>Z</code>	Matrix of dimension $m \times q$. Can also input a list (see Note). If missing, then $Z = \text{diag}(m)$ so that $q = m$.
<code>A</code>	Constraint matrix of dimension $q \times r$. Can also input a list (see Note). If missing, no constraints are imposed.
<code>b</code>	Constraint vector of dimension $r \times 1$. Can also input a list (see Note). If missing, then $b = \text{rep}(0, r)$.
<code>meq</code>	The first <code>meq</code> columns of <code>A</code> are equality constraints, and the remaining $r - \text{meq}$ are inequality constraints. Can also input a vector (see Note). If missing, then $\text{meq} = 0$.
<code>backfit</code>	Estimate <code>B</code> via back-fitting (TRUE) or vectorization (FALSE). See Details.
<code>maxit</code>	Maximum number of iterations for back-fitting algorithm. Ignored if <code>backfit = FALSE</code> .
<code>eps</code>	Convergence tolerance for back-fitting algorithm. Ignored if <code>backfit = FALSE</code> .
<code>del</code>	Stability tolerance for back-fitting algorithm. Ignored if <code>backfit = FALSE</code> .
<code>XtX</code>	Crossproduct matrix: $XtX = \text{crossprod}(X)$.
<code>ZtZ</code>	Crossproduct matrix: $ZtZ = \text{crossprod}(Z)$.
<code>simplify</code>	If <code>Z</code> is a list, should <code>B</code> be returned as a matrix (if possible)? See Note.
<code>catchError</code>	If <code>catchError = FALSE</code> , an error induced by <code>solve.QP</code> will be returned. Otherwise <code>tryCatch</code> will be used in attempt to catch the error.

Details

If `backfit = FALSE` (default), a closed-form solution is used to estimate `B` whenever possible. Otherwise a back-fitting algorithm is used, where the columns of `B` are updated sequentially until convergence. The backfitting algorithm is determined to have converged when

$$\text{mean}((B.\text{new} - B.\text{old})^2) < \text{eps} * (\text{mean}(B.\text{old}^2) + \text{del}),$$

where `B.old` and `B.new` denote the parameter estimates at iterations t and $t + 1$ of the backfitting algorithm.

Value

If `Z` is a list with $q_j = q$ for all $j = 1, \dots, p$, then...

<code>B</code>	is returned as a $q \times p$ matrix when <code>simplify = TRUE</code>
<code>B</code>	is returned as a list of length p when <code>simplify = FALSE</code>

If `Z` is a list with $q_j \neq q$ for some j , then `B` is returned as a list of length p .

Otherwise `B` is returned as a $q \times p$ matrix.

Note

The Z input can also be a list of length p where $Z[[j]]$ contains a $m \times q_j$ matrix. If $q_j = q$ for all $j = 1, \dots, p$ and `simplify = TRUE`, the output B will be a matrix. Otherwise B will be a list of length p where $B[[j]]$ contains a $q_j \times 1$ vector.

The A and b inputs can also be lists of length p where $t(A[[j]]) \%*\% B[,j] \geq b[[j]]$ for all $j = 1, \dots, p$. If A and b are lists of length p , the `meq` input should be a vector of length p indicating the number of equality constraints for each element of A .

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See Also

`cm1s` calls this function for several of the constraints.

Examples

```
#####**##### GENERATE DATA #####**#####

# make X
set.seed(2)
n <- 50
m <- 20
p <- 2
Xmat <- matrix(rnorm(n*p), nrow = n, ncol = p)

# make B (which satisfies all constraints except monotonicity)
x <- seq(0, 1, length.out = m)
Bmat <- rbind(sin(2*pi*x), sin(2*pi*x+pi)) / sqrt(4.75)
struc <- rbind(rep(c(TRUE, FALSE), each = m / 2),
               rep(c(FALSE, TRUE), each = m / 2))
Bmat <- Bmat * struc

# make noisy data
set.seed(1)
Ymat <- Xmat %*% Bmat + rnorm(n*m, sd = 0.25)
```

```
##### UNCONSTRAINED #####

# unconstrained
Bhat.cmls <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "uncons")
Bhat.mlsei <- t(mlsei(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat))
mean((Bhat.cmls - Bhat.mlsei)^2)

# unconstrained and structured (note: cmls is more efficient)
Bhat.cmls <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "uncons", struc = struc)
Amat <- vector("list", p)
meq <- rep(0, p)
for(j in 1:p){
  meq[j] <- sum(!struc[j,])
  if(meq[j] > 0){
    A <- matrix(0, nrow = m, ncol = meq[j])
    A[!struc[j,],] <- diag(meq[j])
    Amat[[j]] <- A
  } else {
    Amat[[j]] <- matrix(0, nrow = m, ncol = 1)
  }
}
Bhat.mlsei <- t(mlsei(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, A = Amat, meq = meq))
mean((Bhat.cmls - Bhat.mlsei)^2)

##### NON-NEGATIVITY #####

# non-negative
Bhat.cmls <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "nonneg")
Bhat.mlsei <- t(mlsei(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, A = diag(m)))
mean((Bhat.cmls - Bhat.mlsei)^2)

# non-negative and structured (note: cmls is more efficient)
Bhat.cmls <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "nonneg", struc = struc)
eye <- diag(m)
meq <- rep(0, p)
for(j in 1:p){
  meq[j] <- sum(!struc[j,])
  Amat[[j]] <- eye[,sort(struc[j,], index.return = TRUE)$ix]
}
Bhat.mlsei <- t(mlsei(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, A = Amat, meq = meq))
mean((Bhat.cmls - Bhat.mlsei)^2)

# see internals of cmls.R for further examples
```

Description

Finds the $q \times p$ matrix B that minimizes the multivariate least squares problem

$$\text{sum}((Y - X \% \% t(Z \% \% B))^2)$$

subject to $Z \% \% B[, j]$ is unimodal and $t(A) \% \% B[, j] \geq b$ for all $j = 1:p$. Unique basis functions and constraints are allowed for each column of B .

Usage

```
mlsun(X, Y, Z, A, b, meq,
      mode.range = NULL, maxit = 1000,
      eps = 1e-10, del = 1e-6,
      XtX = NULL, ZtZ = NULL,
      simplify = TRUE, catchError = FALSE)
```

Arguments

<code>X</code>	Matrix of dimension $n \times p$.
<code>Y</code>	Matrix of dimension $n \times m$.
<code>Z</code>	Matrix of dimension $m \times q$. Can also input a list (see Note). If missing, then $Z = \text{diag}(m)$ so that $q = m$.
<code>A</code>	Constraint matrix of dimension $q \times r$. Can also input a list (see Note). If missing, no equality/inequality (E/I) constraints are imposed.
<code>b</code>	Constraint vector of dimension $r \times 1$. Can also input a list (see Note). If missing, then $b = \text{rep}(0, r)$.
<code>meq</code>	The first <code>meq</code> columns of A are equality constraints, and the remaining $r - \text{meq}$ are inequality constraints. Can also input a vector (see Note). If missing, then $\text{meq} = 0$.
<code>mode.range</code>	Mode search ranges, which should be a $2 \times p$ matrix of integers such that $1 \leq \text{mode.range}[1, j] \leq \text{mode.range}[2, j] \leq m$ for all $j = 1:p$. Default is <code>mode.range = matrix(c(1, m), 2, p)</code> .
<code>maxit</code>	Maximum number of iterations for back-fitting algorithm. Ignored if <code>backfit = FALSE</code> .
<code>eps</code>	Convergence tolerance for back-fitting algorithm. Ignored if <code>backfit = FALSE</code> .
<code>del</code>	Stability tolerance for back-fitting algorithm. Ignored if <code>backfit = FALSE</code> .
<code>XtX</code>	Crossproduct matrix: $XtX = \text{crossprod}(X)$.
<code>ZtZ</code>	Crossproduct matrix: $ZtZ = \text{crossprod}(Z)$.
<code>simplify</code>	If Z is a list, should B be returned as a matrix (if possible)? See Note.
<code>catchError</code>	If <code>catchError = FALSE</code> , an error induced by solve.QP will be returned. Otherwise tryCatch will be used in attempt to catch the error.

Details

A back-fitting algorithm is used to estimate B , where the columns of B are updated sequentially until convergence (outer loop). For each column of B , (the inner loop of) the algorithm searches for the j -th mode across the search range specified by the j -th column of `mode.range`. The backfitting algorithm is determined to have converged when

$$\text{mean}((B.\text{new} - B.\text{old})^2) < \text{eps} * (\text{mean}(B.\text{old}^2) + \text{del}),$$

where $B.\text{old}$ and $B.\text{new}$ denote the parameter estimates at outer iterations t and $t + 1$ of the back-fitting algorithm.

Value

If Z is a list with $q_j = q$ for all $j = 1, \dots, p$, then...

B is returned as a $q \times p$ matrix when `simplify = TRUE`

B is returned as a list of length p when `simplify = FALSE`

If Z is a list with $q_j \neq q$ for some j , then B is returned as a list of length p .

Otherwise B is returned as a $q \times p$ matrix.

Note

The Z input can also be a list of length p where $Z[[j]]$ contains a $m \times q_j$ matrix. If $q_j = q$ for all $j = 1, \dots, p$ and `simplify = TRUE`, the output B will be a matrix. Otherwise B will be a list of length p where $B[[j]]$ contains a $q_j \times 1$ vector.

The A and b inputs can also be lists of length p where $t(A[[j]]) \%*\% B[,j] \geq b[[j]]$ for all $j = 1, \dots, p$. If A and b are lists of length p , the `meq` input should be a vector of length p indicating the number of equality constraints for each element of A .

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See Also

`cmIs` calls this function for the unimodality constraints.

Examples

```
#####**##### GENERATE DATA #####**#####

# make X
set.seed(2)
n <- 50
m <- 20
p <- 2
Xmat <- matrix(rnorm(n*p), nrow = n, ncol = p)

# make B (which satisfies all constraints except monotonicity)
x <- seq(0, 1, length.out = m)
Bmat <- rbind(sin(2*pi*x), sin(2*pi*x+pi)) / sqrt(4.75)
struc <- rbind(rep(c(TRUE, FALSE), each = m / 2),
               rep(c(FALSE, TRUE), each = m / 2))
Bmat <- Bmat * struc

# make noisy data
set.seed(1)
Ymat <- Xmat %%% Bmat + rnorm(n*m, sd = 0.25)

#####**##### UNIMODALITY #####**#####

# unimodal
Bhat.cmls <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "unimod")
Bhat.mlsun <- t(mlsun(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat))
mean((Bhat.cmls - Bhat.mlsun)^2)

# unimodal and structured
Bhat.cmls <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "unimod", struc = struc)
Amat <- vector("list", p)
meq <- rep(0, p)
for(j in 1:p){
  meq[j] <- sum(!struc[j,])
  if(meq[j] > 0){
    A <- matrix(0, nrow = m, ncol = meq[j])
    A[!struc[j,],] <- diag(meq[j])
    Amat[[j]] <- A
  } else {
    Amat[[j]] <- matrix(0, nrow = m, ncol = 1)
  }
}
Bhat.mlsun <- t(mlsun(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, A = Amat, meq = meq))
mean((Bhat.cmls - Bhat.mlsun)^2)

# unimodal and non-negative
Bhat.cmls <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "uninon")
Bhat.mlsun <- t(mlsun(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, A = diag(m)))
mean((Bhat.cmls - Bhat.mlsun)^2)

# unimodal and non-negative and structured
```

```

Bhat.cmls <- cmls(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, const = "uninon", struc = struc)
eye <- diag(m)
meq <- rep(0, p)
for(j in 1:p){
  meq[j] <- sum(!struc[j,])
  Amat[[j]] <- eye[,sort(struc[j,], index.return = TRUE)$ix]
}
Bhat.mlsun <- t(mlsun(X = Xmat, Y = Ymat, A = Amat, meq = meq))
mean((Bhat.cmls - Bhat.mlsun)^2)

# see internals of cmls.R for further examples

```

MsplineBasis

M-Spline Basis for Polynomial Splines

Description

Generate the M-spline basis matrix for a polynomial spline.

Usage

```
MsplineBasis(x, df = NULL, knots = NULL, degree = 3, intercept = FALSE,
             Boundary.knots = range(x), periodic = FALSE)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	the predictor variable. Missing values are not allowed.
<code>df</code>	degrees of freedom; if specified the number of knots is defined as <code>df - degree - ifelse(intercept, 1, 0)</code> ; the knots are placed at the quantiles of <code>x</code>
<code>knots</code>	the internal breakpoints that define the spline (typically the quantiles of <code>x</code>)
<code>degree</code>	degree of the piecewise polynomial—default is 3 for cubic splines
<code>intercept</code>	if TRUE, the basis includes an intercept column
<code>Boundary.knots</code>	boundary points for M-spline basis; defaults to min and max of <code>x</code>
<code>periodic</code>	if TRUE, the M-spline basis is constrained to be periodic

Details

Syntax is adapted from the `bs` function in the **splines** package (R Core Team, 2021).

Used for implementing various types of smoothness constraints in the `cmls` function.

Value

A matrix of dimension `c(length(x), df)` where either `df` was supplied or `df = length(knots) + degree + ifelse(intercept, 1, 0)`

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See Also

[IsplineBasis](#)

Examples

```
x <- seq(0, 1, length.out = 101)
M <- MsplineBasis(x, df = 8, intercept = TRUE)
M <- scale(M, center = FALSE)
plot(x, M[,1], ylim = range(M), t = "l")
for(j in 2:8) lines(x, M[,j], col = j)
```


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