

# Package ‘NPLStoolbox’

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**Title** N-Way Partial Least Squares Modelling of Multi-Way Data

**Version** 1.1.0

**Description** Creation and selection of N-way Partial Least Squares (NPLS) models. Selection of the optimal number of components can be done using `ncrossreg()`. NPLS was originally described by Rasmus Bro, see [doi:10.1002/%28SICI%291099-128X%28199601%2910%3A1%3C47%3A%3AAID-CEM400%3E3.0.CO%3B2-C%3E](https://doi.org/10.1002/%28SICI%291099-128X%28199601%2910%3A1%3C47%3A%3AAID-CEM400%3E3.0.CO%3B2-C%3E).

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**Depends** R (>= 2.10)

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**Suggests** ggplot2, ggpubr, knitr, rmarkdown, testthat (>= 3.0.0), tidyr

**Config/testthat/edition** 3

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<https://grvanderploeg.com/NPLStoolbox/>

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**VignetteBuilder** knitr

**NeedsCompilation** no

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Cornejo2025

*Cornejo2025 longitudinal dataset measured in transgender persons*

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### Description

The Cornejo2025 longitudinal dataset as three-dimensional arrays, with subjects in mode 1, features in mode 2 and time in mode 3.

### Usage

Cornejo2025

### Format

#### 'Cornejo2025':

A list object with seven elements:

**Tongue\_microbiome** List object of the tongue longitudinal microbiota data.

**Salivary\_microbiome** List object of the saliva longitudinal microbiota data.

**Salivary\_cytokines** List object of the longitudinal salivary cytokine data.

**Salivary\_biochemistry** List object of the longitudinal salivary biochemistry data.

**Circulatory\_hormones** List object of the longitudinal circulatory hormone data.

**Clinical\_measurements** List object of the longitudinal clinical outcome data.

**Subject\_metadata** Matrix with subject metadata.

### Source

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Jakobsen2025	<i>Jakobsen2025 longitudinal dataset measured in mother-infant dyads</i>
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### Description

The Jakobsen2025 longitudinal dataset as three-dimensional arrays, with subjects in mode 1, features in mode 2 and time in mode 3.

### Usage

```
Jakobsen2025
```

### Format

#### 'Jakobsen2025':

A list object with seven elements:

**faeces** List object of the longitudinal infant faecal microbiota data.

**milkMicrobiome** List object of the longitudinal HM microbiota data.

**milkMetabolomics** List object of the longitudinal salivary cytokine data.

### Source

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ncrossreg	<i>Cross-validation of NPLS by classical K-fold CV.</i>
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### Description

This function runs ACMTF-R with cross-validation. A deterministic K-fold partition is used: the subjects are split in order into cvFolds groups. For each fold the training set consists of the other folds and the test set is the current fold.

### Usage

```
ncrossreg(X, y, maxNumComponents = 5, maxIter = 120, cvFolds = dim(X)[1])
```

### Arguments

X	Centered tensor of independent data
y	Centered dependent variable
maxNumComponents	Maximum number of components to investigate (default 5).
maxIter	Maximum number of iterations (default 100).

cvFolds            Number of folds to use in the cross-validation. For example, if cvFolds is 5, then the subjects are deterministically partitioned into 5 groups (each CV iteration uses 4/5 for training and 1/5 for testing). Default: equal to the number of subjects (i.e. jack-knifing).

### Value

A list with two elements: - **varExp**: a tibble with the variance–explained (for X and Y) per number of components. - **RMSE**: a tibble with the RMSE (computed over the unified CV prediction vector) per number of components.

### Examples

```
set.seed(123)
X <- array(rnorm(25 * 5 * 4), dim = c(25, 5, 4))
y <- rnorm(25) # Random response variable
result = ncrossreg(X, y, cvFolds=2, maxNumComponents=2)
```

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npred	<i>Predict Y for new data by projecting the data onto the latent space defined by an NPLS model.</i>
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### Description

Predict Y for new data by projecting the data onto the latent space defined by an NPLS model.

### Usage

```
npred(model, newX)
```

### Arguments

model	NPLS model
newX	New data organized in a matrix of (Inew x J x K) with Inew new subjects

### Value

Ypred: vector of the predicted value(s) of Y for the new data

### Examples

```
Y = as.numeric(as.factor(Cornejo2025$Tongue$model1$GenderID))
Ycnt = Y - mean(Y)
model = triPLS1(Cornejo2025$Tongue$data, Ycnt, numComponents=1)
npred(model, Cornejo2025$Tongue$data[1,,:])
```

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`triPLS1`*Tri-PLS1: three-way PLS regressed onto a y vector*

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**Description**

Tri-PLS1: three-way PLS regressed onto a y vector

**Usage**

```
triPLS1(X, y, numComponents, tol = 1e-10, maxIter = 100)
```

**Arguments**

<code>X</code>	Centered tensor of independent data
<code>y</code>	Centered dependent variable
<code>numComponents</code>	Number of components to fit
<code>tol</code>	Relative change in loss for the model to converge (default 1e-10).
<code>maxIter</code>	Maximum number of iterations (default 100).

**Value**

Model

**Examples**

```
set.seed(123)
X <- array(rnorm(100 * 5 * 4), dim = c(100, 5, 4)) # Random tensor (100 samples, 5 vars, 4 vars)
y <- rnorm(100) # Random response variable
model <- triPLS1(X, y, numComponents = 2)
```

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