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Further information is available in the following vignettes:

Vignettes [WLogit package \(source, pdf\)](#)

This package consists of functions: "WhiteningLogit", "CalculPx", "CalculWeight", "Refit\_glm", "top", "top\_thresh", "WorkingResp", and "Thresholding". For further information on how to use these functions, we refer the reader to the vignette of the package.

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### References

W. Zhu, C. Levy-Leduc, N. Ternes. "Variable selection in high-dimensional logistic regression models using a whitening approach". (2022)

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beta

*True coefficients in the esample.*

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### Description

True coefficients in the esample given in the vignette.

### Usage

```
data("beta")
```

**Format**

The format is: num [1:500] 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...

**Examples**

```
data(beta)
plot(beta)
```

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CalculPx

*Calculate the class-conditional probabilities.*

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**Description**

Calculate the probability for a response to be 1 in the logistic regression model.

**Usage**

```
CalculPx(X, beta, intercept = 0)
```

**Arguments**

X	Design matrix of the logistic model considered.
beta	Vector of coefficients of the logistic model considered.
intercept	Whether there is the intercept

**Value**

prob	the probability for a response to be 1
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**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

Please read <https://hastie.su.domains/Papers/glmnet.pdf> for more details

**Examples**

```
data(X)
data(beta)
CalculPx(X=X, beta=beta)
```

```
##---- Should be DIRECTLY executable !! ----
##-- ==> Define data, use random,
##--or do help(data=index) for the standard data sets.
```

```
## The function is currently defined as
function (X, beta, intercept = 0)
{
  prob <- 1/(1 + exp(-(X %*% beta + intercept)))
  return(prob)
}
```

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CalculWeight

*Calculate the weight*


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### Description

Calculate the weight in the penalized weighted- least-squares problem

### Usage

```
CalculWeight(Px)
```

### Arguments

Px                    The vector of estimated probability for each response to be 1.

### Author(s)

Wencan Zhu, Celine Levy-Leduc, Nils Ternes

### See Also

Please read <https://hastie.su.domains/Papers/glmnet.pdf> for more details

### Examples

```
data(X)
data(beta)
px <- CalculPx(X=X, beta=beta)
CalculWeight(px)
##---- Should be DIRECTLY executable !! ----
##-- ==> Define data, use random,
##--or do help(data=index) for the standard data sets.

## The function is currently defined as
function (Px)
{
  return(Px * (1 - Px))
}
```

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 Refit\_glm

*Refit the logistic regression with chosen variables*


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**Description**

Refit the logistic regression with chosen variables.

**Usage**

```
Refit_glm(X, beta_pred, y)
```

**Arguments**

X	Design matrix of the logistic model considered.
beta_pred	Predicted coefficients to be refitted.
y	Binary response

**Value**

beta_refit	The new estimated coefficients
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**Author(s)**

Wencan Zhu, Celine Levy-Leduc, Nils Ternes

**Examples**

```
data(X)
data(y)
data(beta)
Refit_glm(X=X, beta_pred=beta, y=y)
##---- Should be DIRECTLY executable !! ----
##-- ==> Define data, use random,
##--or do help(data=index) for the standard data sets.

## The function is currently defined as
function (X, beta_pred, y)
{
  X_temp <- X[, which(beta_pred != 0)]
  if (length(which(beta_pred != 0)) == 0) {
    coef_est <- beta_pred
  }
  else if (is.null(ncol(X_temp))) {
    mydata <- data.frame(Y = y, X_temp)
    colnames(mydata) <- c("Y", "X")
    formula <- paste0("Y~-1 +", paste0(colnames(mydata)[-which(colnames(mydata) ==
      "Y")], collapse = " + "))
    myform <- as.formula(formula)
    mod_lm <- glm(myform, data = mydata, family = "binomial")
  }
}
```

```

      coef_est <- mod_lm$coefficients
    }
    else {
      mydata <- data.frame(Y = y, as.matrix(X_temp))
      formula <- paste0("Y~1 +", paste0(colnames(mydata)[-which(colnames(mydata) ==
        "Y")], collapse = " + "))
      myform <- as.formula(formula)
      if (length(which(beta_pred != 0)) >= length(y)) {
        mod_ridge <- cv.glmnet(x = as.matrix(X_temp), y = y,
          alpha = 0, intercept = FALSE, family = "binomial")
        opt_lambda <- mod_ridge$lambda[which.min(mod_ridge$cvm)]
        coef_est <- as.vector(glmnet(x = as.matrix(X), y = y,
          alpha = 0, intercept = FALSE, family = "binomial",
          lambda = opt_lambda)$beta)
      }
      else {
        mod_lm <- glm(myform, data = mydata, family = "binomial")
        coef_est <- mod_lm$coefficients
      }
    }
    beta_refit <- rep(0, length(beta_pred))
    beta_refit[which(beta_pred != 0)] <- coef_est
    return(beta_refit)
  }
}

```

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test

*WLogit output*


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## Description

The output of WLogit in the example given in the vignette.

## Usage

```
data("test")
```

## Format

The format is: List of 4 \$ beta : num [1:50, 1:500] 0 0 0 0 0 ... \$ lambda : num [1:50] 100.8 80 73 58.9 56.7 ... \$ beta.min : num [1:500] 0.0194 0.0348 0.0259 0.0287 0.0385 ... \$ log.likelihood: num [1:50] 57.7 57.7 57.7 57.7 57.7 ...

## Examples

```
data(test)
str(test)
```

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Thresholding	<i>Thresholding on a vector</i>
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### Description

This function provides the thresholding (correction) given a vector. It calls the function `top` or `top_thresh` in the same package, and the output is the vector after correction with the optimal threshold parameter.

### Usage

```
Thresholding(X, y, coef, TOP)
```

### Arguments

X	Design matrix of the logistic model considered.
y	Binary response
coef	Candidate vector to be corrected
TOP	The grill of thresholding

### Value

opt_top	The optimal threshold
auc	the log-likelihood for each grill of thresholding

### Author(s)

Wencan Zhu, Celine Levy-Leduc, Nils Ternes

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top	<i>Thresholding to zero of the smallest values</i>
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### Description

This function keeps only the K largest values of the vector `sorted_vect` and sets the others to zero.

### Usage

```
top(vect, thresh)
```

### Arguments

vect	vector to threshold
thresh	threshold



**Value**

This function returns the thresholded vector.

**Author(s)**

Wencan Zhu, Celine Levy-Leduc, Nils Ternes

**Examples**

```
x=sample(1:10,10)
thresh=3
top(x,thresh)
##---- Should be DIRECTLY executable !! ----
##-- ==> Define data, use random,
##--or do help(data=index) for the standard data sets.

## The function is currently defined as
function (vect, thresh)
{
  sorted_vect <- sort(abs(vect), decreasing = TRUE)
  v = sorted_vect[thresh]
  ifelse(abs(vect) >= v, vect, 0)
}
```

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top\_thresh

*Thresholding to a given threshold of the smallest values*

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**Description**

This function keeps only the K largest values of the vector vect and sets the others to the smallest value among the K largest.

**Usage**

```
top_thresh(vect, thresh)
```

**Arguments**

vect	vector to threshold
thresh	threshold

**Value**

This function returns the thresholded vector.

**Author(s)**

Wencan Zhu, Celine Levy-Leduc, Nils Ternes

**Examples**

```

x=sample(1:10,10)
sorted_vect=sort(x,decreasing=TRUE)
thresh=3
top_thresh(x,thresh)

##---- Should be DIRECTLY executable !! ----
##-- ==> Define data, use random,
##--or do help(data=index) for the standard data sets.

## The function is currently defined as
function (vect, thresh)
{
  sorted_vect <- sort(vect, decreasing = TRUE)
  v = sorted_vect[thresh]
  ifelse(vect >= v, vect, v)
}

```

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WhiteningLogit

*Variable selection in high-dimensional logistic regression models using a whitening approach*


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**Description**

Variable selection in high-dimensional logistic regression models using a whitening approach

**Usage**

```
WhiteningLogit(X = X, y = y, nlambda = 50, maxit = 100, gamma = 0.9999,
top_grill=c(1:100))
```

**Arguments**

X	Design matrix of the logistic model considered.
y	Binary response of the logistic model considered.
nlambda	Number of lambda
maxit	Integer specifying the maximum number of steps for the generalized Lasso algorithm. It should not be smaller than nlambda.
gamma	Parameter $\gamma$ defined in the paper Zhu et al. (2022) given in the references. Its default value is 0.95.
top_grill	A grill of provided for the thresholding

**Value**

Returns a list with the following components

lambda	different values of the parameter $\lambda$ considered.
beta	matrix of the estimations of $\beta$ for all the $\lambda$ considered.
beta.min	estimation of $\beta$ which minimize the MSE.
log.likelihood	Log-likelihood for all the $\lambda$ considered.

**Author(s)**

Wencan Zhu, Celine Levy-Leduc, Nils Ternes

**References**

W. Zhu, C. Levy-Leduc, N. Ternes. "Variable selection in high-dimensional logistic regression models using a whitening approach". (2022)

**Examples**

```
X0 <- matrix( rnorm(50*10,mean=0,sd=1), 50, 10)
y0 <- c(rep(1,25), rep(0,25))
mod <- WhiteningLogit(X=X0, y=y0)
plot(mod$beta.min)

##---- Should be DIRECTLY executable !! ----
##-- ==> Define data, use random,
##--or do help(data=index) for the standard data sets.

## The function is currently defined as
function(X=X, y=y,
        nlambda=50,
        maxit=100,
        gamma=0.9999,
        top_grill=c(1:100)){

  p=ncol(X)
  n=nrow(X)

  mod_ridge <- cv.glmnet(x=as.matrix(X), y=y, alpha=0.5, intercept=FALSE, family="binomial")
  pr_est <- predict(mod_ridge, as.matrix(X), s = "lambda.min", type="response")
  beta_ini <- predict(mod_ridge, as.matrix(X), s = "lambda.min", type="coefficients")[-1]
  diag_w <- pr_est*(1-pr_est)
  square_root_w <- diag(sqrt(as.vector(diag_w)), nrow=n)
  X_new <- square_root_w

  Cov_est <- cvCovEst(
    dat = X_new,
    estimators = c(
      linearShrinkLWEst, thresholdingEst, sampleCovEst
    ),
    estimator_params = list(
```

```

    thresholdingEst = list(gamma = seq(0.1, 0.3, 0.1))
  ),
  center = TRUE,
  scale = TRUE
)

Sigma_est <- Cov_est$estimate

SVD_new <- fast.svd(Sigma_est)
U_sigma_new <- SVD_new$u
D_sigma_new <- SVD_new$d
inv_transmat <- U_sigma_new
inv_diag_new <- ifelse(D_sigma_new<0.000001, 0, 1/sqrt(D_sigma_new))
trans_mat <- U_sigma_new

if (p <= 50) {
  top_grill <- seq(1, p, 2)
}else if (p <= 200) {
  top_grill <- c(1:50, seq(52, p, 2))
}else if (p <= 300) {
  top_grill <- c(1:50, seq(52, 100, 2), seq(105, 200, 5),
                seq(210, p, 10))
}else {
  top_grill <- c(1:50, seq(52, 100, 2), seq(105, 200, 5),
                seq(210, 300, 10))
}

X_tilde <- X

beta_tilde_ini <- inv_transmat
Px <- CalculPx(X_tilde, beta=beta_tilde_ini)
wt <- CalculWeight(Px)
# wt <- ifelse(wt==0, 0.0001, wt)
ystar <- WorkingResp(y=y, Px=Px, X=X_tilde, beta=beta_tilde_ini)
X_tilde_weighted <- sweep(X, MARGIN=1, sqrt(wt), `*`)
ystar_weighted <- sqrt(wt)*ystar

gen.model0 <- genlasso(y=ystar_weighted, X=X_tilde_weighted,
                      D=trans_mat, maxsteps = 50)

parameter_tmp <- beta_tilde_ini
beta_final <- matrix(NA, length(gen.model0$lambda), p)
skip_i <- TRUE
eval_final <- c()
defaultW <- getOption("warn")

options(warn = -1)

for(i in 1:length(gen.model0$lambda)){
  #inner loop
  epsilon=10
  j=0

```

```

if(skip_i){parameter_tmp <- beta_tilde_ini
} else {parameter_tmp <- parameter_current}
skip_i <-FALSE

while(epsilon > 0.001){
  j=j+1
  parameter_current <- parameter_tmp
  Px <- CalculPx(X_tilde, beta=parameter_current)
  wt0 <- CalculWeight(Px)
  wt <- ifelse(round(wt0,4)==0, 0.0001, wt)
  ystar <- WorkingResp(y=y, Px=Px, X=X_tilde, beta=parameter_current)
  X_tilde_weighted <- sweep(X, MARGIN=1, sqrt(wt), `*`)
  ystar_weighted <- sqrt(wt)*ystar

gen.model <- genlasso(y=ystar_weighted, X=X_tilde_weighted, D=trans_mat, maxsteps = maxit)

  if(gen.model0$lambda[i] < min(gen.model$lambda)){
    parameter_tmp <- parameter_current
    break
  } else {
    parameter_tmp <- coef(gen.model, lambda=gen.model0$lambda[i],
                          type = "primal")$beta
    beta_current <- parameter_tmp
    if(sum(is.na(parameter_tmp))>0){
      skip_i <-TRUE
      parameter_tmp <- rep(0,p)
      break}
    epsilon <- max(abs(parameter_current-parameter_tmp))
    if(epsilon >=100){
      skip_i <-TRUE
      break}
    if (j==maxit){
      skip_i <-TRUE
      break}
  }
}

if(skip_i){
  beta_final[i, ] <- rep(NA, p)
  eval_final[i] <- NA
} else{

  correction <- Thresholding(X_tilde, y, coef=parameter_tmp, TOP=top_grill)
  opt_top_tilde <- correction$opt_top
  beta_tilde_opt <- top_thresh(vect=parameter_tmp, thresh = opt_top_tilde)
  beta_final0 <- trans_mat

  correction <- Thresholding(X, y, coef=beta_final0, TOP=top_grill)
  opt_top_final <- correction$opt_top
  beta_final[i, ] <- beta_opt_final <- top(vect=beta_final0, thresh = opt_top_final)

  beta_refit <- Refit_glm(X=X, beta_pred = beta_opt_final, y=y)
  pr_est <- CalculPx(X, beta_refit)

```

```

    ll <- pr_est^y*(1-pr_est)^(1-y)
    #ll <- ifelse(ll<0.000001, 1, ll)
    eval_final[i] <- -log(prod(ll))

  }
  beta.min <- beta_final[which.min(eval_final), ]
}
options(warn = defaultW)
return(list(beta=beta_final, lambda=gen.model0$lambda, beta.min=beta.min,
           log.likelihood=eval_final))
}

```

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 WorkingResp

*Calculate the working response*


---

### Description

Calculate the working response in the iterative least square regression

### Usage

```
WorkingResp(y, Px, X, beta, intercept = 0)
```

### Arguments

X	Design matrix of the logistic model considered.
y	Binary response of the logistic model considered.
Px	The probability of the reponse to be 1
beta	Vector of coefficients
intercept	If there is an intercept

### Value

This function returns the vector of working response.

### Author(s)

Wencan Zhu, Celine Levy-Leduc, Nils Ternes

### See Also

Please read <https://hastie.su.domains/Papers/glmnet.pdf> for more details

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X

*Example of a design matrix of a logistic model*

---

**Description**

It contains an example of a design matrix of a logistic model.

**Usage**

```
data("X")
```

**Format**

The format is: num [1:100, 1:500] -1.576 -0.476 -0.237 -0.398 0.284 ...

**Examples**

```
data(X)
```

---

y

*Example of a binary response variable of a logistic model.*

---

**Description**

It contains an example of a binary response variable of a logistic model.

**Usage**

```
data("y")
```

**Format**

The format is: int [1:100] 0 1 0 1 1 0 0 0 1 1 ...

**Examples**

```
data(y)
```

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