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**Description** The plsdf package provides Degrees of Freedom estimates for Partial Least Squares (PLS) Regression. Model selection for PLS is based on various information criteria (aic, bic, gmdl) or on cross-validation. Estimates for the mean and covariance of the PLS regression coefficients are available. They allow the construction of approximate confidence intervals and the application of test procedures (Kramer and Sugiyama 2012 <[doi:10.1198/jasa.2011.tm10107](https://doi.org/10.1198/jasa.2011.tm10107)>).

Further, cross-validation procedures for Ridge Regression and Principal Components Regression are available.

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benchmark.pls	<i>Comparison of model selection criteria for Partial Least Squares Regression.</i>
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## Description

This function computes the test error over several runs for different model selection strategies.

**Usage**

```
benchmark.pls(
  X,
  y,
  m = ncol(X),
  R = 20,
  ratio = 0.8,
  verbose = TRUE,
  k = 10,
  ratio.samples = 1,
  use.kernel = FALSE,
  criterion = "bic",
  true.coefficients = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

X	matrix of predictor observations.
y	vector of response observations. The length of y is the same as the number of rows of X.
m	maximal number of Partial Least Squares components. Default is $m=ncol(X)$ .
R	number of runs. Default is 20.
ratio	ratio no of training examples/(no of training examples + no of test examples). Default is 0.8
verbose	If TRUE, the functions plots the progress of the function. Default is TRUE.
k	number of cross-validation splits. Default is 10.
ratio.samples	Ratio of (no of training examples + no of test examples)/nrow(X). Default is 1.
use.kernel	Use kernel representation? Default is use.kernel=FALSE.
criterion	Choice of the model selection criterion. One of the three options aic, bic, gmdl. Default is "bic".
true.coefficients	The vector of true regression coefficients (without intercept), if available. Default is NULL.

**Details**

The function estimates the optimal number of PLS components based on four different criteria: (1) cross-validation, (2) information criteria with the naive Degrees of Freedom  $DoF(m)=m+1$ , (3) information criteri with the Degrees of Freedom computed via a Lanczos representation of PLS and (4) information criteri with the Degrees of Freedom computed via a Krylov representation of PLS. Note that the latter two options only differ with respect to the estimation of the model error.

In addition, the function computes the test error of the "zero model", i.e.  $mean(y)$  on the training data is used for prediction.

If true.coefficients are available, the function also computes the model error for the different methods, i.e. the sum of squared differences between the true and the estimated regression coefficients.

**Value**

MSE	data frame of size R x 5. It contains the test error for the five different methods for each of the R runs.
M	data frame of size R x 5. It contains the optimal number of components for the five different methods for each of the R runs.
DoF	data frame of size R x 5. It contains the Degrees of Freedom (corresponding to M) for the five different methods for each of the R runs.
TIME	data frame of size R x 4. It contains the runtime for all methods (apart from the zero model) for each of the R runs.
M.CRASH	data frame of size R x 2. It contains the number of components for which the Krylov representation and the Lanczos representation return negative Degrees of Freedom, hereby indicating numerical problems.
ME	if <code>true.coefficients</code> are available, this is a data frame of size R x 5. It contains the model error for the five different methods for each of the R runs.
SIGMAHAT	data frame of size R x 5. It contains the estimation of the noise level provided by the five different methods for each of the R runs.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Kraemer, N., Sugiyama M. (2011). "The Degrees of Freedom of Partial Least Squares Regression". *Journal of the American Statistical Association* 106 (494) <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1198/jasa.2011.tm10107>

**See Also**

[pls.ic](#), [pls.cv](#)

**Examples**

```
# generate artificial data
n<-50 # number of examples
p<-5 # number of variables
X<-matrix(rnorm(n*p),ncol=p)
true.coefficients<-runif(p,1,3)
y<-X%%true.coefficients + rnorm(n,0,5)
my.benchmark<-benchmark.pls(X,y,R=10,true.coefficients=true.coefficients)
```

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benchmark.regression *Comparison of Partial Least Squares Regression, Principal Components Regression and Ridge Regression.*

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### Description

This function computes the test error over several runs for (a) PLS, (b) PCR (c) Ridge Regression and (d) the null model, that is the mean of  $y$ . In the first three cases, the optimal model is selected via cross-validation.

### Usage

```
benchmark.regression(
  X,
  y,
  m = ncol(X),
  R = 20,
  ratio = 0.8,
  verbose = TRUE,
  k = 10,
  nsamples = nrow(X),
  use.kernel = FALSE,
  supervised = FALSE
)
```

### Arguments

<code>X</code>	matrix of predictor observations.
<code>y</code>	vector of response observations. The length of <code>y</code> is the same as the number of rows of <code>X</code> .
<code>m</code>	maximal number of components for PLS. Default is <code>m=ncol(X)</code> .
<code>R</code>	number of runs. Default is 20.
<code>ratio</code>	ratio no of training examples/(no of training examples + no of test examples). Default is 0.8
<code>verbose</code>	If TRUE, the functions plots the progress of the function. Default is TRUE.
<code>k</code>	number of cross-validation splits. Default is 10.
<code>nsamples</code>	number of data points. Default is <code>nrow(X)</code> .
<code>use.kernel</code>	Use kernel representation for PLS? Default is <code>use.kernel=FALSE</code> .
<code>supervised</code>	Should the principal components be sorted by decreasing squared correlation to the response? Default is FALSE.

### Details

The function computes the test error, the cross-validation-optimal model parameters, their corresponding Degrees of Freedom, and the sum-of-squared-residuals (SSR) for PLS and PCR.

**Value**

MSE	data frame of size R x 4. It contains the test error for the four different methods for each of the R runs.
M	data frame of size R x 4. It contains the optimal model parameters for the four different methods for each of the R runs.
DoF	data frame of size R x 4. It contains the Degrees of Freedom (corresponding to M) for the four different methods for each of the R runs.
res.pls	matrix of size R x (ncol(X+1)). It contains the SSR for PLS for each of the R runs.
res.pcr	matrix of size R x (ncol(X+1)). It contains the SSR for PCR for each of the R runs.
DoF.all	matrix of size R x (ncol(X+1)). It contains the Degrees of Freedom for PLS for all components for each of the R runs.

**Author(s)**

Nicole Kraemer

**References**

Kraemer, N., Sugiyama M. (2011). "The Degrees of Freedom of Partial Least Squares Regression". Journal of the American Statistical Association 106 (494) <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1198/jasa.2011.tm10107>

**See Also**

[pls.cv](#), [pcr.cv](#), [benchmark.pls](#)

**Examples**

```
# Boston Housing data
library(MASS)
data(Boston)
X<-as.matrix(Boston[,1:4]) # select the first 3 columns as predictor variables
y<-as.vector(Boston[,14])

my.benchmark<-benchmark.regression(X,y,ratio=0.5,R=10,k=5)

# boxplot of the mean squared error

boxplot(my.benchmark$MSE,outline=FALSE)

# boxplot of the degrees of freedom, without the null model

boxplot(my.benchmark$DoF[,-4])
```

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`coef.plsdof`*Regression coefficients*

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## Description

This function returns the regression coefficients of a plsdof-object.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'plsdof'  
coef(object, ...)
```

## Arguments

<code>object</code>	an object of class "plsdof" that is returned by the functions <code>pls.ic</code> and <code>pls.cv</code> .
<code>...</code>	additional parameters

## Details

The function returns the regression coefficients (without intercept) for the optimal number of components.

## Value

regression coefficients.

## Author(s)

Nicole Kraemer

## References

Kraemer, N., Sugiyama M. (2011). "The Degrees of Freedom of Partial Least Squares Regression". *Journal of the American Statistical Association* 106 (494) <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1198/jasa.2011.tm10107>

Kraemer, N., Braun, M.L. (2007) "Kernelizing PLS, Degrees of Freedom, and Efficient Model Selection", *Proceedings of the 24th International Conference on Machine Learning*, Omni Press, 441 - 448

## See Also

[vcov.plsdof](#), [pls.model](#), [pls.ic](#), [pls.cv](#)

## Examples

```
n<-50 # number of observations
p<-5 # number of variables
X<-matrix(rnorm(n*p),ncol=p)
y<-rnorm(n)

pls.object<-pls.ic(X,y,criterion="bic")
mycoef<-coef(pls.object)
```

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compute.lower.bound    *Lower bound for the Degrees of Freedom*

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## Description

This function computes the lower bound for the the Degrees of Freedom of PLS with 1 component.

## Usage

```
compute.lower.bound(X)
```

## Arguments

X                    matrix of predictor observations.

## Details

If the decay of the eigenvalues of  $\text{cor}(X)$  is not too fast, we can lower-bound the Degrees of Freedom of PLS with 1 component. Note that we implicitly assume that we use scaled predictor variables to compute the PLS solution.

## Value

bound                logical. bound is TRUE if the decay of the eigenvalues is slow enough  
lower.bound        if bound is TRUE, this is the lower bound, otherwise, it is set to -1

## Author(s)

Nicole Kraemer

## References

Kraemer, N., Sugiyama M. (2011). "The Degrees of Freedom of Partial Least Squares Regression". Journal of the American Statistical Association 106 (494) <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1198/jasa.2011.tm10107>

**See Also**[pls.model](#)**Examples**

```
# Boston Housing data
library(MASS)
data(Boston)
X<-Boston[,-14]
my.lower<-compute.lower.bound(X)
```

dA

*Derivative of normalization function***Description**

This function computes the derivative of the function

$$v \mapsto \frac{w}{\|w\|_A}$$

with respect to  $y$ .

**Usage**

```
dA(w, A, dw)
```

**Arguments**

$w$  vector of length  $n$ .  
 $A$  square matrix that defines the norm  
 $dw$  derivative of  $w$  with respect to  $y$ . As  $y$  is a vector of length  $n$ , the derivative is a matrix of size  $nxn$ .

**Details**

The first derivative of the normalization operator is

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( w \mapsto \frac{w}{\|w\|_A} \right) = \frac{1}{\|w\|} \left( I_n - \frac{ww^\top A}{w^\top w} \right) \frac{\partial w}{\partial y}$$

**Value**

the Jacobian matrix of the normalization function. This is a matrix of size  $nxn$ .

**Author(s)**

Nicole Kraemer

## References

Kraemer, N., Sugiyama M. (2011). "The Degrees of Freedom of Partial Least Squares Regression". Journal of the American Statistical Association 106 (494) <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1198/jasa.2011.tm10107>

Kraemer, N., Braun, M.L. (2007) "Kernelizing PLS, Degrees of Freedom, and Efficient Model Selection", Proceedings of the 24th International Conference on Machine Learning, Omni Press, 441 - 448

## See Also

[normalize](#), [dnormalize](#)

## Examples

```
w<-rnorm(15)
dw<-diag(15)
A<-diag(1:15)
d.object<-dA(w,A,dw)
```

---

dnormalize

*Derivative of normalization function*

---

## Description

This function computes the derivative of the function

$$v \mapsto \frac{v}{\|v\|}$$

with respect to  $y$ .

## Usage

```
dnormalize(v, dv)
```

## Arguments

$v$  vector of length  $n$ .  
 $dv$  derivative of  $v$  with respect to  $y$ . As  $y$  is a vector of length  $n$ , the derivative is a matrix of size  $n \times n$ .

## Details

The first derivative of the normalization operator is

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( v \mapsto \frac{v}{\|v\|} \right) = \frac{1}{\|v\|} \left( I_n - \frac{vv^\top}{v^\top v} \right) \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$$

**Value**

the Jacobian matrix of the normalization function. This is a matrix of size  $n \times n$ .

**Author(s)**

Nicole Kraemer, Mikio L. Braun

**References**

Kraemer, N., Sugiyama M. (2011). "The Degrees of Freedom of Partial Least Squares Regression". Journal of the American Statistical Association 106 (494) <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1198/jasa.2011.tm10107>

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**See Also**

[normalize](#)

**Examples**

```
v<-rnorm(15)
dv<-diag(15)
d.object<-dnormalize(v,dv)
```

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 dvvtz

*First derivative of the projection operator*

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**Description**

This function computes the first derivative of the projection operator

$$P_V z = V V^T z$$

**Usage**

```
dvvtz(v, z, dv, dz)
```

**Arguments**

v	orthonormal basis of the space on which z is projected. v is either a matrix or a vector.
z	vector that is projected onto the columns of v
dv	first derivative of the the columns of v with respect to a vector y. If v is a matrix, dv is an array of dimension $n_{\text{col}}(v) \times n_{\text{row}}(v) \times \text{length}(y)$ . If v is a vector, dv is a matrix of dimension $n_{\text{row}}(v) \times \text{length}(y)$ .

**dz** first derivative of  $z$  with respect to a vector  $y$ . This is a matrix of dimension  $nrow(v) \times length(y)$ .

### Details

For the computation of the first derivative, we assume that the columns of  $v$  are normalized and mutually orthogonal. (Note that the function will not return an error message if these assumptions are not fulfilled. If we denote the columns of  $v$  by  $v_1, \dots, v_l$ , the first derivative of the projection operator is

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = \sum_{j=1}^l \left[ (v_j z^\top + v_j^\top z I_n) \frac{\partial v_j}{\partial y} + v_j v_j^\top \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right]$$

Here,  $n$  denotes the length of the vectors  $v_j$ .

### Value

The first derivative of the projection operator with respect to  $y$ . This is a matrix of dimension  $nrow(v) \times length(y)$ .

### Note

This is an internal function.

### Author(s)

Nicole Kraemer, Mikio L. Braun

### References

Kraemer, N., Sugiyama M. (2011). "The Degrees of Freedom of Partial Least Squares Regression". Journal of the American Statistical Association. 106 (494) <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1198/jasa.2011.tm10107>

Kraemer, N., Braun, M.L. (2007) "Kernelizing PLS, Degrees of Freedom, and Efficient Model Selection", Proceedings of the 24th International Conference on Machine Learning, Omni Press, 441 - 448

### See Also

[vvtz](#)

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first.local.minimum    *Index of the first local minimum.*

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**Description**

This function computes the index of the first local minimum.

**Usage**

```
first.local.minimum(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    vector.

**Value**

the index of the first local minimum of x.

**Author(s)**

Nicole Kraemer

**References**

Kraemer, N., Sugiyama M. (2011). "The Degrees of Freedom of Partial Least Squares Regression". Journal of the American Statistical Association. ahead of print 106 (494) <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1198/jasa.2011.tm10107>

**Examples**

```
v<-rnorm(30)
out<-first.local.minimum(v)
```

---

information.criteria    *Information criteria*

---

**Description**

This function computes the optimal model parameters using three different model selection criteria (aic, bic, gmdl).

**Usage**

```
information.criteria(RSS, DoF, yhat = NULL, sigmahat, n, criterion = "bic")
```

**Arguments**

RSS	vector of residual sum of squares.
DoF	vector of Degrees of Freedom. The length of DoF is the same as the length of RSS.
yhat	vector of squared norm of yhat. The length of yhat is the same as the length of RSS. It is only needed for gmdl. Default value is NULL.
sigmahat	Estimated model error. The length of sigmahat is the same as the length of RSS.
n	number of observations.
criterion	one of the options "aic", "bic" and "gmdl".

**Details**

The Akaike information criterion (aic) is defined as

$$aic = \frac{RSS}{n} + 2 \frac{DoF}{n} \sigma^2.$$

The Bayesian information criterion (bic) is defined as

$$bic = \frac{RSS}{n} + \log(n) \frac{DoF}{n} \sigma^2.$$

The generalized minimum description length (gmdl) is defined as

$$gmdl = \frac{n}{2} \log(S) + \frac{DoF}{2} \log(F) + \frac{1}{2} \log(n)$$

with

$$S = \hat{\sigma}^2$$

Note that it is also possible to use the function `information.criteria` for other regression methods than Partial Least Squares.

**Value**

DoF	degrees of freedom
score	vector of the model selection criterion
par	index of the first local minimum of score

**Author(s)**

Nicole Kraemer, Mikio Braun

**References**

- Akaikie, H. (1973) "Information Theory and an Extension of the Maximum Likelihood Principle". Second International Symposium on Information Theory, 267 - 281.
- Hansen, M., Yu, B. (2001). "Model Selection and Minimum Description Length Principle". Journal of the American Statistical Association, 96, 746 - 774

Kraemer, N., Sugiyama M. (2011). "The Degrees of Freedom of Partial Least Squares Regression". Journal of the American Statistical Association 106 (494) <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1198/jasa.2011.tm10107>

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Schwartz, G. (1979) "Estimating the Dimension of a Model" Annals of Statistics 26(5), 1651 - 1686.

### See Also

[pls.ic](#)

### Examples

```
## This is an internal function called by pls.ic
```

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kernel.pls.fit	<i>Kernel Partial Least Squares Fit</i>
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### Description

This function computes the Partial Least Squares fit. This algorithm scales mainly in the number of observations.

### Usage

```
kernel.pls.fit(
  X,
  y,
  m = ncol(X),
  compute.jacobian = FALSE,
  DoF.max = min(ncol(X) + 1, nrow(X) - 1)
)
```

### Arguments

X	matrix of predictor observations.
y	vector of response observations. The length of y is the same as the number of rows of X.
m	maximal number of Partial Least Squares components. Default is m=ncol(X).
compute.jacobian	Should the first derivative of the regression coefficients be computed as well? Default is FALSE
DoF.max	upper bound on the Degrees of Freedom. Default is min(ncol(X)+1, nrow(X)-1).

**Details**

We first standardize  $X$  to zero mean and unit variance.

**Value**

coefficients	matrix of regression coefficients
intercept	vector of regression intercepts
DoF	Degrees of Freedom
sigmahat	vector of estimated model error
Yhat	matrix of fitted values
yhat	vector of squared length of fitted values
RSS	vector of residual sum of error
covariance	NULL object.
TT	matrix of normalized PLS components

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Kraemer, N., Sugiyama M. (2011). "The Degrees of Freedom of Partial Least Squares Regression". Journal of the American Statistical Association 106 (494) <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1198/jasa.2011.tm10107>

Kraemer, N., Braun, M.L. (2007) "Kernelizing PLS, Degrees of Freedom, and Efficient Model Selection", Proceedings of the 24th International Conference on Machine Learning, Omni Press, 441 - 448

**See Also**

[linear.pls.fit](#), [pls.cv](#), [pls.model](#), [pls.ic](#)

**Examples**

```
n<-50 # number of observations
p<-5 # number of variables
X<-matrix(rnorm(n*p),ncol=p)
y<-rnorm(n)
```

```
pls.object<-kernel.pls.fit(X,y,m=5,compute.jacobian=TRUE)
```

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krylov	<i>Krylov sequence</i>
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**Description**

This function computes the Krylov sequence of a matrix and a vector.

**Usage**

```
krylov(A, b, m)
```

**Arguments**

A	square matrix of dimension $p \times p$ .
b	vector of length $p$
m	length of the Krylov sequence

**Value**

A matrix of size  $p \times m$  containing the sequence  $b, Ab, \dots, A^{(m-1)}b$ .

**Author(s)**

Nicole Kraemer

**Examples**

```
A<-matrix(rnorm(8*8),ncol=8)
b<-rnorm(8)
K<-krylov(A,b,4)
```

---

linear.pls.fit	<i>Linear Partial Least Squares Fit</i>
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**Description**

This function computes the Partial Least Squares solution and the first derivative of the regression coefficients. This implementation scales mostly in the number of variables

**Usage**

```
linear.pls.fit(
  X,
  y,
  m = ncol(X),
  compute.jacobian = FALSE,
  DoF.max = min(ncol(X) + 1, nrow(X) - 1)
)
```

**Arguments**

X	matrix of predictor observations.
y	vector of response observations. The length of y is the same as the number of rows of X.
m	maximal number of Partial Least Squares components. Default is $m=ncol(X)$ .
compute.jacobian	Should the first derivative of the regression coefficients be computed as well? Default is FALSE
DoF.max	upper bound on the Degrees of Freedom. Default is $\min(ncol(X)+1, nrow(X)-1)$ .

**Details**

We first standardize X to zero mean and unit variance.

**Value**

coefficients	matrix of regression coefficients
intercept	vector of regression intercepts
DoF	Degrees of Freedom
sigmahat	vector of estimated model error
Yhat	matrix of fitted values
yhat	vector of squared length of fitted values
RSS	vector of residual sum of error
covarianceif compute.jacobian is TRUE, the function returns the array of covariance matrices for the PLS regression coefficients.	
TT	matrix of normalized PLS components

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Kraemer, N., Sugiyama M. (2011). "The Degrees of Freedom of Partial Least Squares Regression". Journal of the American Statistical Association 106 (494) <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1198/jasa.2011.tm10107>

**See Also**

[kernel.pls.fit](#), [pls.cv](#), [pls.model](#), [pls.ic](#)

**Examples**

```
n<-50 # number of observations
p<-5 # number of variables
X<-matrix(rnorm(n*p),ncol=p)
y<-rnorm(n)

pls.object<-linear.pls.fit(X,y,m=5,compute.jacobian=TRUE)
```

---

normalize

*Normalization of vectors*

---

**Description**

Normalization of vectors.

**Usage**

```
normalize(v, w = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

v	vector
w	optional vector

**Details**

The vector v is normalized to length 1. If w is given, it is normalized by the length of v.

**Value**

v	normalized v
w	normalized w

**Author(s)**

Nicole Kraemer, Mikio L. Braun

**Examples**

```
v<-rnorm(5)
w<-rnorm(10)
dummy<-normalize(v,w)
```

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pcr

*Principal Components Regression*

---

### Description

This function computes the Principal Components Regression (PCR) fit.

### Usage

```
pcr(  
  X,  
  y,  
  scale = TRUE,  
  m = min(ncol(X), nrow(X) - 1),  
  eps = 1e-06,  
  supervised = FALSE  
)
```

### Arguments

X	matrix of predictor observations.
y	vector of response observations. The length of y is the same as the number of rows of X.
scale	Should the predictor variables be scaled to unit variance? Default is TRUE.
m	maximal number of principal components. Default is $m = \min(\text{ncol}(X), \text{nrow}(X) - 1)$ .
eps	precision. Eigenvalues of the correlation matrix of X that are smaller than eps are set to 0. The default value is $\text{eps} = 10^{-6}$ .
supervised	Should the principal components be sorted by decreasing squared correlation to the response? Default is FALSE.

### Details

The function first scales all predictor variables to unit variance, and then computes the PCR fit for all components. If supervised=TRUE, we sort the principal correlation according to the squared correlation to the response.

### Value

coefficients	matrix of regression coefficients, including the coefficients of the null model, i.e. the constant model $\text{mean}(y)$ .
intercept	vector of intercepts, including the intercept of the null model, i.e. the constant model $\text{mean}(y)$ .

### Author(s)

Nicole Kraemer

**See Also**

[pcr.cv](#), [pls.cv](#)

**Examples**

```
n<-50 # number of observations
p<-15 # number of variables
X<-matrix(rnorm(n*p),ncol=p)
y<-rnorm(n)

my.pcr<-pcr(X,y,m=10)
```

pcr.cv

*Model selection for Principal Components regression based on cross-validation*

**Description**

This function computes the optimal model parameter using cross-validation. Mdel selection is based on mean squared error and correlation to the response, respectively.

**Usage**

```
pcr.cv(
  X,
  y,
  k = 10,
  m = min(ncol(X), nrow(X) - 1),
  groups = NULL,
  scale = TRUE,
  eps = 1e-06,
  plot.it = FALSE,
  compute.jackknife = TRUE,
  method.cor = "pearson",
  supervised = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

- X                   matrix of predictor observations.
- y                   vector of response observations. The length of y is the same as the number of rows of X.
- k                   number of cross-validation splits. Default is 10.
- m                   maximal number of principal components. Default is  $m=\min(\text{ncol}(X), \text{nrow}(X)-1)$ .

<code>groups</code>	an optional vector with the same length as <code>y</code> . It encodes a partitioning of the data into distinct subgroups. If <code>groups</code> is provided, <code>k=10</code> is ignored and instead, cross-validation is performed based on the partitioning. Default is <code>NULL</code> .
<code>scale</code>	Should the predictor variables be scaled to unit variance? Default is <code>TRUE</code> .
<code>eps</code>	precision. Eigenvalues of the correlation matrix of <code>X</code> that are smaller than <code>eps</code> are set to 0. The default value is <code>eps=10^{-6}</code> .
<code>plot.it</code>	Logical. If <code>TRUE</code> , the function plots the cross-validation-error as a function of the number of components. Default is <code>FALSE</code> .
<code>compute.jackknife</code>	Logical. If <code>TRUE</code> , the regression coefficients on each of the cross-validation splits is stored. Default is <code>TRUE</code> .
<code>method.cor</code>	How should the correlation to the response be computed? Default is "pearson".
<code>supervised</code>	Should the principal components be sorted by decreasing squared correlation to the response? Default is <code>FALSE</code> .

### Details

The function computes the principal components on the scaled predictors. Based on the regression coefficients `coefficients.jackknife` computed on the cross-validation splits, we can estimate their mean and their variance using the `jackknife`. We remark that under a fixed design and the assumption of normally distributed `y`-values, we can also derive the true distribution of the regression coefficients.

### Value

<code>cv.error.matrix</code>	matrix of cross-validated errors based on mean squared error. A row corresponds to one cross-validation split.
<code>cv.error</code>	vector of cross-validated errors based on mean squared error
<code>m.opt</code>	optimal number of components based on mean squared error
<code>intercept</code>	intercept of the optimal model, based on mean squared error
<code>coefficients</code>	vector of regression coefficients of the optimal model, based on mean squared error
<code>cor.error.matrix</code>	matrix of cross-validated errors based on correlation. A row corresponds to one cross-validation split.
<code>cor.error</code>	vector of cross-validated errors based on correlation
<code>m.opt.cor</code>	optimal number of components based on correlation
<code>intercept.cor</code>	intercept of the optimal model, based on correlation
<code>coefficients.cor</code>	vector of regression coefficients of the optimal model, based on correlation
<code>coefficients.jackknife</code>	Array of the regression coefficients on each of the cross-validation splits, if <code>compute.jackknife=TRUE</code> . In this case, the dimension is <code>ncol(X) x (m+1) x k</code> .

**Author(s)**

Nicole Kraemer, Mikio L. Braun

**See Also**

[pls.model](#), [pls.ic](#)

**Examples**

```
n<-500 # number of observations
p<-5 # number of variables
X<-matrix(rnorm(n*p),ncol=p)
y<-rnorm(n)

# compute PCR
pcr.object<-pcr.cv(X,y,scale=FALSE,m=3)
pcr.object1<-pcr.cv(X,y,groups=sample(c(1,2,3),n,replace=TRUE),m=3)
```

---

pls.cv

*Model selection for Partial Least Squares based on cross-validation*

---

**Description**

This function computes the optimal model parameter using cross-validation.

**Usage**

```
pls.cv(
  X,
  y,
  k = 10,
  groups = NULL,
  m = ncol(X),
  use.kernel = FALSE,
  compute.covariance = FALSE,
  method.cor = "pearson"
)
```

**Arguments**

X	matrix of predictor observations.
y	vector of response observations. The length of y is the same as the number of rows of X.
k	number of cross-validation splits. Default is 10.

<code>groups</code>	an optional vector with the same length as <code>y</code> . It encodes a partitioning of the data into distinct subgroups. If <code>groups</code> is provided, <code>k=10</code> is ignored and instead, cross-validation is performed based on the partitioning. Default is <code>NULL</code> .
<code>m</code>	maximal number of Partial Least Squares components. Default is <code>m=ncol(X)</code> .
<code>use.kernel</code>	Use kernel representation? Default is <code>use.kernel=FALSE</code> .
<code>compute.covariance</code>	If <code>TRUE</code> , the function computes the covariance for the cv-optimal regression coefficients.
<code>method.cor</code>	How should the correlation to the response be computed? Default is <code>"pearson"</code> .

### Details

The data are centered and scaled to unit variance prior to the PLS algorithm. It is possible to estimate the covariance matrix of the cv-optimal regression coefficients (`compute.covariance=TRUE`). Currently, this is only implemented if `use.kernel=FALSE`.

### Value

<code>cv.error.matrix</code>	matrix of cross-validated errors based on mean squared error. A row corresponds to one cross-validation split.
<code>cv.error</code>	vector of cross-validated errors based on mean squared error
<code>m.opt</code>	optimal number of components based on mean squared error
<code>intercept</code>	intercept of the optimal model, based on mean squared error
<code>coefficients</code>	vector of regression coefficients of the optimal model, based on mean squared error
<code>cor.error.matrix</code>	matrix of cross-validated errors based on correlation. A row corresponds to one cross-validation split.
<code>cor.error</code>	vector of cross-validated errors based on correlation
<code>m.opt.cor</code>	optimal number of components based on correlation
<code>intercept.cor</code>	intercept of the optimal model, based on correlation
<code>coefficients.cor</code>	vector of regression coefficients of the optimal model, based on mean squared error
<code>covariance</code>	If <code>TRUE</code> and <code>use.kernel=FALSE</code> , the covariance of the cv-optimal regression coefficients (based on mean squared error) is returned.

### Author(s)

Nicole Kraemer, Mikio L. Braun

## References

Kraemer, N., Sugiyama M. (2011). "The Degrees of Freedom of Partial Least Squares Regression". Journal of the American Statistical Association 106 (494) <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1198/jasa.2011.tm10107>

Kraemer, N., Braun, M.L. (2007) "Kernelizing PLS, Degrees of Freedom, and Efficient Model Selection", Proceedings of the 24th International Conference on Machine Learning, Omni Press, 441 - 448

## See Also

[pls.model](#), [pls.ic](#)

## Examples

```
n<-50 # number of observations
p<-5 # number of variables
X<-matrix(rnorm(n*p),ncol=p)
y<-rnorm(n)

# compute linear PLS
pls.object<-pls.cv(X,y,m=ncol(X))

# define random partitioning
groups<-sample(c("a","b","c"),n,replace=TRUE)
pls.object1<-pls.cv(X,y,groups=groups)
```

---

pls.dof

*Computation of the Degrees of Freedom*

---

## Description

This function computes the Degrees of Freedom using the Krylov representation of PLS.

## Usage

```
pls.dof(pls.object, n, y, K, m, DoF.max)
```

## Arguments

pls.object	object returned by <code>linear.pls.fit</code> or by <code>kernel.pls.fit</code>
n	number of observations
y	vector of response observations.
K	kernel matrix $X X^t$ .
m	number of components
DoF.max	upper bound on the Degrees of Freedom.

**Details**

This computation of the Degrees of Freedom is based on the equivalence of PLS regression and the projection of the response vector  $y$  onto the Krylov space spanned by

$$Ky, K^2y, \dots, K^m y.$$

Details can be found in Kraemer and Sugiyama (2011).

**Value**

coefficients	matrix of regression coefficients
intercept	vector of regression intercepts
DoF	Degrees of Freedom
sigmahat	vector of estimated model error
Yhat	matrix of fitted values
yhat	vector of squared length of fitted values
RSS	vector of residual sum of error
TT	matrix of normalized PLS components

**Author(s)**

Nicole Kraemer, Mikio L. Braun

**References**

Kraemer, N., Sugiyama M. (2011). "The Degrees of Freedom of Partial Least Squares Regression". *Journal of the American Statistical Association* 106 (494) <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1198/jasa.2011.tm10107>

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**See Also**

[pls.model](#), [pls.ic](#)

**Examples**

```
# this is an internal function
```

---

pls.ic *Model selection for Partial Least Squares based on information criteria*

---

### Description

This function computes the optimal model parameters using one of three different model selection criteria (aic, bic, gmdl) and based on two different Degrees of Freedom estimates for PLS.

### Usage

```
pls.ic(
  X,
  y,
  m = min(ncol(X), nrow(X) - 1),
  criterion = "bic",
  naive = FALSE,
  use.kernel = FALSE,
  compute.jacobian = FALSE,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

### Arguments

X	matrix of predictor observations.
y	vector of response observations. The length of y is the same as the number of rows of X.
m	maximal number of Partial Least Squares components. Default is $m = \text{ncol}(X)$ .
criterion	Choice of the model selection criterion. One of the three options aic, bic, gmdl.
naive	Use the naive estimate for the Degrees of Freedom? Default is FALSE.
use.kernel	Use kernel representation? Default is use.kernel=FALSE.
compute.jacobian	Should the first derivative of the regression coefficients be computed as well? Default is FALSE
verbose	If TRUE, the function prints a warning if the algorithms produce negative Degrees of Freedom. Default is TRUE.

### Details

There are two options to estimate the Degrees of Freedom of PLS: naive=TRUE defines the Degrees of Freedom as the number of components +1, and naive=FALSE uses the generalized notion of Degrees of Freedom. If compute.jacobian=TRUE, the function uses the Lanczos decomposition to derive the Degrees of Freedom, otherwise, it uses the Krylov representation. (See Kraemer and Sugiyama (2011) for details.) The latter two methods only differ with respect to the estimation of the noise level.

**Value**

The function returns an object of class "plsdf".

DoF	Degrees of Freedom
m.opt	optimal number of components
sigmahat	vector of estimated model errors
intercept	intercept
coefficients	vector of regression coefficients
covariance	if <code>compute.jacobian=TRUE</code> and <code>use.kernel=FALSE</code> , the function returns the covariance matrix of the optimal regression coefficients.
m.crash	the number of components for which the algorithm returns negative Degrees of Freedom

**Author(s)**

Nicole Kraemer, Mikio L. Braun

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Kraemer, N., Braun, M.L. (2007) "Kernelizing PLS, Degrees of Freedom, and Efficient Model Selection", Proceedings of the 24th International Conference on Machine Learning, Omni Press, 441 - 448

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**See Also**

[pls.model](#), [pls.cv](#)

**Examples**

```
n<-50 # number of observations
p<-5 # number of variables
X<-matrix(rnorm(n*p),ncol=p)
y<-rnorm(n)

# compute linear PLS
pls.object<-pls.ic(X,y,m=ncol(X))
```

---

pls.model                      *Partial Least Squares*

---

### Description

This function computes the Partial Least Squares fit.

### Usage

```
pls.model(
  X,
  y,
  m = ncol(X),
  Xtest = NULL,
  ytest = NULL,
  compute.DoF = FALSE,
  compute.jacobian = FALSE,
  use.kernel = FALSE,
  method.cor = "pearson"
)
```

### Arguments

X	matrix of predictor observations.
y	vector of response observations. The length of y is the same as the number of rows of X.
m	maximal number of Partial Least Squares components. Default is $m = \min(\text{ncol}(X), \text{nrow}(X) - 1)$ .
Xtest	optional matrix of test observations. Default is Xtest=NULL.
ytest	optional vector of test observations. Default is ytest=NULL.
compute.DoF	Logical variable. If compute.DoF=TRUE, the Degrees of Freedom of Partial Least Squares are computed. Default is compute.DoF=FALSE.
compute.jacobian	Should the first derivative of the regression coefficients be computed as well? This remains independent from compute.DoF; callers can request covariance estimates while still returning the naive 1: (m + 1) Degrees of Freedom sequence. Default is FALSE
use.kernel	Should the kernel representation be used to compute the solution. Default is FALSE.
method.cor	How should the correlation to the response be computed? Default is "pearson".

### Details

This function computes the Partial Least Squares fit and its Degrees of Freedom. Further, it returns the regression coefficients and various quantities that are needed for model selection in combination with `information.criteria`.

**Value**

coefficients	matrix of regression coefficients
intercept	vector of intercepts
DoF	vector of Degrees of Freedom
RSS	vector of residual sum of error
sigmahat	vector of estimated model error
Yhat	matrix of fitted values
yhat	vector of squared length of fitted values
covariance	if compute.jacobian is TRUE, the function returns the array of covariance matrices for the PLS regression coefficients.

predictionif Xtest is provided, the predicted y-values for Xtest. mseif Xtest and ytest are provided, the mean squared error on the test data. corif Xtest and ytest are provided, the correlation to the response on the test data.

**Author(s)**

Nicole Kraemer, Mikio L. Braun

**References**

- Kraemer, N., Sugiyama M. (2011). "The Degrees of Freedom of Partial Least Squares Regression". Journal of the American Statistical Association 106 (494) <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1198/jasa.2011.tm10107>
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**See Also**

[pls.ic](#), [pls.cv](#)

**Examples**

```
n<-50 # number of observations
p<-15 # number of variables
X<-matrix(rnorm(n*p),ncol=p)
y<-rnorm(n)

ntest<-200 #
Xtest<-matrix(rnorm(ntest*p),ncol=p) # test data
ytest<-rnorm(ntest) # test data

# compute PLS + degrees of freedom + prediction on Xtest
first.object<-pls.model(X,y,compute.DoF=TRUE,Xtest=Xtest,ytest=NULL)

# compute PLS + test error
second.object<-pls.model(X,y,m=10,Xtest=Xtest,ytest=ytest)
```

---

 ridge.cv

*Ridge Regression.*


---

### Description

This function computes the optimal ridge regression model based on cross-validation.

### Usage

```
ridge.cv(
  X,
  y,
  lambda = NULL,
  scale = TRUE,
  k = 10,
  plot.it = FALSE,
  groups = NULL,
  method.cor = "pearson",
  compute.jackknife = TRUE
)
```

### Arguments

X	matrix of input observations. The rows of X contain the samples, the columns of X contain the observed variables
y	vector of responses. The length of y must equal the number of rows of X
lambda	Vector of penalty terms.
scale	Scale the columns of X? Default is scale=TRUE.
k	Number of splits in k-fold cross-validation. Default value is k=10.
plot.it	Plot the cross-validation error as a function of lambda? Default is FALSE.
groups	an optional vector with the same length as y. It encodes a partitioning of the data into distinct subgroups. If groups is provided, k=10 is ignored and instead, cross-validation is performed based on the partitioning. Default is NULL.
method.cor	How should the correlation to the response be computed? Default is "pearson".
compute.jackknife	Logical. If TRUE, the regression coefficients on each of the cross-validation splits is stored. Default is TRUE.

### Details

Based on the regression coefficients `coefficients.jackknife` computed on the cross-validation splits, we can estimate their mean and their variance using the jackknife. We remark that under a fixed design and the assumption of normally distributed y-values, we can also derive the true distribution of the regression coefficients.

**Value**

<code>cv.error.matrix</code>	matrix of cross-validated errors based on mean squared error. A row corresponds to one cross-validation split.
<code>cv.error</code>	vector of cross-validated errors based on mean squared error
<code>lambda.opt</code>	optimal value of <code>lambda</code> , based on mean squared error
<code>intercept</code>	intercept of the optimal model, based on mean squared error
<code>coefficients</code>	vector of regression coefficients of the optimal model, based on mean squared error
<code>cor.error.matrix</code>	matrix of cross-validated errors based on correlation. A row corresponds to one cross-validation split.
<code>cor.error</code>	vector of cross-validated errors based on correlation
<code>lambda.opt.cor</code>	optimal value of <code>lambda</code> , based on correlation
<code>intercept.cor</code>	intercept of the optimal model, based on correlation
<code>coefficients.cor</code>	vector of regression coefficients of the optimal model, based on mean squared error
<code>coefficients.jackknife</code>	Array of the regression coefficients on each of the cross-validation splits. The dimension is <code>ncol(X) x length(lambda) x k</code> .

**Author(s)**

Nicole Kraemer

**See Also**

[pls.cv](#), [pcr.cv](#), [benchmark.regression](#)

**Examples**

```
n<-100 # number of observations
p<-60 # number of variables
X<-matrix(rnorm(n*p),ncol=p)
y<-rnorm(n)
ridge.object<-ridge.cv(X,y)
```

---

tr	<i>Trace of a matrix</i>
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---

**Description**

This function computes the trace of a matrix.

**Usage**

```
tr(M)
```

**Arguments**

M                    square matrix

**Value**

The trace of the matrix M.

**Author(s)**

Nicole Kraemer

**Examples**

```
M<-matrix(rnorm(8*8),ncol=8)
tr.M<-tr(M)
```

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vcov.plsdof	<i>Variance-covariance matrix</i>
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**Description**

This function returns the variance-covariance matrix of a plsdof-object.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'plsdof'
vcov(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object                an object of class "plsdof" that is returned by the function `linear.pls`  
...                    additional parameters

**Details**

The function returns the variance-covariance matrix for the optimal number of components. It can be applied to objects returned by `pls.ic` and `pls.cv`.

**Value**

variance-covariance matrix

**Author(s)**

Nicole Kraemer

**References**

Kraemer, N., Sugiyama M. (2011). "The Degrees of Freedom of Partial Least Squares Regression". *Journal of the American Statistical Association* 106 (494) <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1198/jasa.2011.tm10107>

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**See Also**

[coef.plsdof](#), [pls.ic](#), [pls.cv](#)

**Examples**

```
n<-50 # number of observations
p<-5 # number of variables
X<-matrix(rnorm(n*p),ncol=p)
y<-rnorm(n)

pls.object<-pls.ic(X,y,m=5,criterion="bic")
my.vcov<-vcov(pls.object)
my.sd<-sqrt(diag(my.vcov)) # standard deviation of regression coefficients
```

---

vvtz

*Projectin operator*


---

**Description**

This function computes the projection operator

$$P_V z = V V^T z$$

**Usage**

```
vvtz(v, z)
```

**Arguments**

v	orthonormal basis of the space on which z is projected. v is either a matrix or a vector.
z	vector that is projected onto the columns of v

**Details**

The above formula is only valid if the columns of v are normalized and mutually orthogonal.

**Value**

value of the projection operator

**Author(s)**

Nicole Kraemer

**See Also**

[dvvtz](#)

**Examples**

```
# generate random orthogonal vectors
X<-matrix(rnorm(10*100),ncol=10) # random data
S<-cor(X) # correlation matrix of data
v<-eigen(S)$vectors[,1:3] # first three eigenvectors of correlation matrix
z<-rnorm(10) # random vector z
projection.z<-vvtz(v,z)
```

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