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cv.sprinter *Running sprinter with cross-validation*

### Description

The main cross-validation function to select the best sprinter fit for a path of tuning parameters.

### Usage

```
cv.sprinter(
  x,
  y,
  square = FALSE,
  num_keep = NULL,
  lambda1 = NULL,
  lambda3 = NULL,
  cv_step1 = FALSE,
  nlam1 = 10,
  nlam3 = 100,
  lam_min_ratio = ifelse(nrow(x) < ncol(x), 0.01, 1e-04),
  nfold = 5,
  foldid = NULL,
  verbose = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| x        | An n by p design matrix of main effects. Each row is an observation of p main effects.  |
| y        | A response vector of size n.  |
| square   | Indicator of whether squared effects should be fitted in Step 1. Default to be FALSE.   |
| num_keep | A user specified number of candidate interactions to keep in Step 2. If num_keep is not specified (as default), it will be set to round[n / log n].         |
| lambda1  | Tuning parameter values for Step 1. lambda1 is a vector. Default to be NULL, and the program will compute its own lambda1 based on nlam1 and lam_min_ratio. |

|                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| <code>lambda3</code>       | Tuning parameter values for Step 3. <code>lambda3</code> is a matrix, where the $k$ -th column is the list of tuning parameter in Step 3 corresponding to Step 1 using <code>lambda1[k]</code> . Default to be <code>NULL</code> , and the program will compute its own <code>lambda3</code> based on <code>n1am3</code> and <code>lam_min_ratio</code> . |
| <code>cv_step1</code>      | Indicator of whether cross-validation of <code>lambda1</code> should be carried out in Step 1 before subsequent steps. Default is <code>FALSE</code> .  |
| <code>n1am1</code>         | the number of values in <code>lambda1</code> . If not specified, they will be all set to 10.  |
| <code>n1am3</code>         | the number of values in each column of <code>lambda3</code> . If not specified, they will be all set to 100.  |
| <code>lam_min_ratio</code> | The ratio of the smallest and the largest values in <code>lambda1</code> and each column of <code>lambda2</code> . The largest value is usually the smallest value for which all coefficients are set to zero. Default to be $1e-2$ in the $n < p$ setting.   |
| <code>nfold</code>         | Number of folds in cross-validation. Default value is 5. If each fold gets too view observation, a warning is thrown and the minimal <code>nfold = 3</code> is used.  |
| <code>foldid</code>        | A vector of length $n$ representing which fold each observation belongs to. Default to be <code>NULL</code> , and the program will generate its own randomly.   |
| <code>verbose</code>       | If <code>TRUE</code> , a progress bar shows the progress of the fitting.  |
| <code>...</code>           | other arguments to be passed to the <code>glmnet</code> calls, such as <code>alpha</code> or <code>penalty.factor</code>  |

### Value

An object of S3 class "sprinter".

`n` The sample size.

`p` The number of main effects.

`square` The square parameter passed into `sprinter`.

`a0_step3` Estimate of intercept corresponding to the CV-selected model.

`compact` A compact representation of the selected variables. `compact` has three columns, with the first two columns representing the indices of a selected variable (main effects with first index = 0), and the last column representing the estimate of coefficients.

`fit` The whole `glmnet` fit object.

`fitted` fitted value of response corresponding to the CV-selected model.

`num_keep` The value of `num_keep`.

`cvm` The averaged estimated prediction error on the test sets over  $K$  folds.

`cvse` The standard error of the estimated prediction error on the test sets over  $K$  folds.

`foldid` Fold assignment. A vector of length  $n$ .

`i_lambda1_best` The index in `lambda1` that is chosen by CV by minimizing `cvm`.

`i_lambda3_best` The index in `lambda3` that is chosen by CV by minimizing `cvm`.

`lambda1_best` The value of `lambda1` that is chosen by CV by minimizing `cvm`.

`lambda3_best` The value of `lambda3` that is chosen by CV by minimizing `cvm`.

`call` Function call.

**See Also**

[predict.cv.sprinter](#)

**Examples**

```
n <- 100
p <- 100
x <- matrix(rnorm(n * p), n, p)
y <- x[, 1] - 2 * x[, 2] + 3 * x[, 1] * x[, 3] - 4 * x[, 4] * x[, 5] + rnorm(n)
mod <- cv.sprinter(x = x, y = y)
```

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hier\_lasso

*Two-stage hierarchical lasso*

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**Description**

An implementation of the two-stage lasso studied in Hao et, al (2018).

**Usage**

```
hier_lasso(
  x,
  y,
  lambda = NULL,
  nlam = 100,
  lam_choice = "min",
  lam_min_ratio = ifelse(nrow(x) < ncol(x), 0.01, 1e-04),
  nfold = 5,
  foldid = NULL,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| <code>x</code>   | An $n$ by $p$ design matrix of main effects. Each row is an observation of $p$ main effects.                             |
| <code>y</code>   | A response vector of size $n$ .  |
| <code>...</code> | other arguments to be passed to the <code>glmnet</code> calls, such as <code>alpha</code> or <code>penalty.factor</code> |

**Value**

An object of S3 class "cv.hier".

`n` The sample size.

`p` The number of main effects.

`fit` The whole `cv.glmnet` fit object.

`compact` A compact representation of the selected variables. `compact` has three columns, with the first two columns representing the indices of a selected variable (main effects with first index = 0), and the last column representing the estimate of coefficients.

### Examples

```
set.seed(123)
n <- 100
p <- 200
# dense input
x <- matrix(rnorm(n * p), n, p)
y <- x[, 1] - 2 * x[, 2] + 3 * x[, 1] * x[, 3] - 4 * x[, 4] * x[, 5] + rnorm(n)
mod <- hier_lasso(x = x, y = y)
```

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plot.cv.sprinter      *Plot function of cv.sprinter fit*

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### Description

This function produces plots of cross-validation for `cv.sprinter`.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'cv.sprinter'
plot(fit)
```

### Arguments

`fit`                    A "cv.sprinter" object.

### Details

The orange pairs on the top of the plot shows the number of non-zero (main effects, interactions) selected by each value of lambda. Adopted from the function `plot.cv.rgam` from package `relgam` by Kenneth Tay and Robert Tibshirani.

### See Also

[cv.sprinter](#).

### Examples

```
set.seed(123)
n <- 100
p <- 200
# dense input
x <- matrix(rnorm(n * p), n, p)
y <- x[, 1] - 2 * x[, 2] + 3 * x[, 1] * x[, 3] - 4 * x[, 4] * x[, 5] + rnorm(n)
```

```
mod <- cv.sprinter(x = x, y = y)

plot(mod)
```

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plot.sprinter      *Plot function of sprinter fit*

---

## Description

Produces a two-panel plot of the sprinter object showing coefficient paths for both main effects and interactions.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'sprinter'
plot(fit, which = 1, label = TRUE, index = NULL)
```

## Arguments

|       |  |
|-------|--|
| fit   | Fitted sprinter object.                                    |
| which | The tuning parameter considered in Step 2.                 |
| label | If TRUE (default), annotate the plot with variable labels. |
| index | Lambda indices to plot                                     |

## Details

A two panel plot is produced, that summarizes the main effects (left) and interaction (right) coefficients, as a function of lambda. Adopted from the function `summary.rgam` from package `relgam` by Kenneth Tay and Robert Tibshirani.

## Examples

```
set.seed(123)
n <- 100
p <- 100
# dense input
x <- matrix(rnorm(n * p), n, p)
y <- x[, 1] - 2 * x[, 2] + 3 * x[, 1] * x[, 3] - 4 * x[, 4] * x[, 5] + rnorm(n)
fit <- sprinter(x = x, y = y)

plot(fit)
```

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predict.cv.sprinter     *Calculate prediction from a cv.sprinter object.*

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**Description**

Calculate prediction from a cv.sprinter object.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'cv.sprinter'  
predict(object, newdata, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| object  | a fitted cv.sprinter object.  |
| newdata | a design matrix of all the p main effects of some new observations of which predictions are to be made. |
| ...     | additional argument (not used here, only for S3 generic/method consistency)                             |

**Value**

The prediction of newdata by the cv.sprinter fit object.

**Examples**

```
n <- 100  
p <- 200  
x <- matrix(rnorm(n * p), n, p)  
y <- x[, 1] + 2 * x[, 2] - 3 * x[, 1] * x[, 2] + rnorm(n)  
mod <- cv.sprinter(x = x, y = y)  
fitted <- predict(mod, newdata = x)
```

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predict.other     *Calculate prediction from a other object.*

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**Description**

Calculate prediction from a other object.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'other'  
predict(object, newdata, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| object  | a fitted other object.  |
| newdata | a design matrix of all the p main effects of some new observations of which predictions are to be made. |
| ...     | additional argument (not used here, only for S3 generic/method consistency)                             |

**Value**

The prediction of newdata by the cv.sprinter fit object.

**Examples**

```
n <- 100
p <- 200
x <- matrix(rnorm(n * p), n, p)
y <- x[, 1] + 2 * x[, 2] - 3 * x[, 1] * x[, 2] + rnorm(n)
mod <- cv.sprinter(x = x, y = y)
fitted <- predict(mod, newdata = x)
```

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|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| predict.sprinter | <i>Calculate prediction from a sprinter object.</i> |
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**Description**

Calculate prediction from a sprinter object.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'sprinter'
predict(object, newdata, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| object  | a fitted sprinter object.   |
| newdata | a design matrix of all the p main effects of some new observations of which predictions are to be made. |
| ...     | additional argument (not used here, only for S3 generic/method consistency)                             |

**Value**

The prediction of newdata by the sprinter fit object.



**Examples**

```
n <- 100
p <- 200
x <- matrix(rnorm(n * p), n, p)
y <- x[, 1] + 2 * x[, 2] - 3 * x[, 1] * x[, 2] + rnorm(n)
mod <- sprinter(x = x, y = y)
fitted <- predict(mod, newdata = x)
```

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```
print.cv.sprinter      Print the cross validation information of cv.sprinter
```

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**Description**

Print a summary of the cross-validation information for running cv.sprinter.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'cv.sprinter'
print(fit, digits = max(3, getOption("digits") - 3), ...)
```

**Arguments**

|        |                                 |
|--------|---------------------------------|
| fit    | A fitted cv.sprinter object.    |
| digits | Significant digits in printout. |

**Details**

This function takes in a cv.sprinter object and produces summary of the cross-validation information about the tuning parameters (in Step 3) selected by lambda.min and lambda.1se. Adopted from the function print.cv.rgam from package relgam by Kenneth Tay and Robert Tibshirani.

**See Also**

[cv.sprinter](#), [print.printer](#).

**Examples**

```
set.seed(123)
n <- 100
p <- 100
x <- matrix(rnorm(n * p), n, p)
y <- x[, 1] - 2 * x[, 2] + 3 * x[, 1] * x[, 3] - 4 * x[, 4] * x[, 5] + rnorm(n)

fit.cv <- cv.sprinter(x = x, y = y)
print(fit.cv)
```

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|----------------|--|
| print.sprinter | <i>Print a summary of the sprinter fit</i> |
|----------------|--|

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### Description

Print a summary of the sprinter fit at each step along the path of tuning parameters used in Step 3, for any given tuning parameter in Step 1.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'sprinter'  
print(fit, which = 1, digits = max(3, getOption("digits") - 3), ...)
```

### Arguments

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| fit    | A sprinter object.                                       |
| which  | Which tuning parameter of Step 1 to print. Default is 1. |
| digits | Significant digits in printout.                          |
| ...    | Additional print arguments.                              |

### Details

The function produces a three-column matrix with tuning parameter values (in Step 3), number of nonzero main effects, and the number of nonzero interactions. Adopted from the function `print.rgam` from package `relgam` by Kenneth Tay and Robert Tibshirani.

### See Also

[sprinter.](#)

### Examples

```
set.seed(123)  
n <- 100  
p <- 100  
x <- matrix(rnorm(n * p), n, p)  
y <- x[, 1] - 2 * x[, 2] + 3 * x[, 1] * x[, 3] - 4 * x[, 4] * x[, 5] + rnorm(n)  
fit <- sprinter(x = x, y = y)  
  
print(fit, which = 3)
```

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screen\_cpp

*Sure Independence Screening in Step 2*


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**Description**

Sure Independence Screening in Step 2

**Usage**

```
screen_cpp(x, y, num_keep, square = FALSE, main_effect = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| x           | a n-by-p matrix of main effects, with i.i.d rows, and each row represents a vector of observations of p main-effects  |
| y           | a vector of length n. In sprinter, y is the residual from step 1  |
| num_keep    | the number of candidate interactions in Step 2. Default to be $n / \lceil \log n \rceil$  |
| square      | An indicator of whether squared effects should be considered in Step 1 (NOT Step 2!). square == TRUE if squared effects have been considered in Step 1, i.e., squared effects will NOT be considered in Step 2. |
| main_effect | An indicator of whether main effects should also be screened. Default to be false. The functionality of main_effect = true is not used in sprinter, but for SIS_lasso.  |

**Value**

an matrix of 3 columns, representing the index pair of the selected interactions, and the corresponding absolute correlation with the residual.

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screen\_sparse\_cpp

*Sure Independence Screening in Step 2 for sparse design matrix*


---

**Description**

Sure Independence Screening in Step 2 for sparse design matrix

**Usage**

```
screen_sparse_cpp(x, y, num_keep, square = FALSE, main_effect = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| x           | a n-by-p sparse matrix of main effects   |
| y           | a vector of length n. In sprinter, y is the residual from step 1   |
| num_keep    | the number of candidate interactions in Step 2. Default to be $n / \lceil \log n \rceil$   |
| square      | An indicator of whether squared effects should be considered in Step 1 (NOT Step 2!). <code>square == TRUE</code> if squared effects have been considered in Step 1, i.e., squared effects will NOT be considered in Step 2. |
| main_effect | An indicator of whether main effects should also be screened. Default to be false. The functionality of <code>main_effect = true</code> is not used in sprinter, but for SIS_lasso.  |

**Value**

an matrix of 3 columns, representing the index pair of the selected interactions, and the corresponding absolute correlation with the residual.

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| sis_lasso | <i>Sure independence screening followed by lasso</i> |
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**Description**

Sure independence screening followed by lasso

**Usage**

```
sis_lasso(
  x,
  y,
  num_keep = NULL,
  lam_min_ratio = ifelse(nrow(x) < ncol(x), 0.01, 1e-04),
  nfold = 5,
  foldid = NULL,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| x        | An n by p design matrix of main effects. Each row is an observation of p main effects.                      |
| y        | A response vector of size n.  |
| num_keep | Number of variables to keep in the screening phase  |
| ...      | other arguments to be passed to the glmnet calls, such as <code>alpha</code> or <code>penalty.factor</code> |

**Value**

An object of S3 class "cv.hier".

`n` The sample size.

`p` The number of main effects.

`fit` The whole `cv.glmnet` fit object.

`compact` A compact representation of the selected variables. `compact` has three columns, with the first two columns representing the indices of a selected variable (main effects with first index = 0), and the last column representing the estimate of coefficients.

**Examples**

```
set.seed(123)
n <- 100
p <- 200
# dense input
x <- matrix(rnorm(n * p), n, p)
y <- x[, 1] - 2 * x[, 2] + 3 * x[, 1] * x[, 3] - 4 * x[, 4] * x[, 5] + rnorm(n)
mod <- hier_lasso(x = x, y = y)
```

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sprinter

*Reluctant Interaction Modeling*


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**Description**

This is the main function that fits interaction models with a path of tuning parameters (for Step 3).

**Usage**

```
sprinter(
  x,
  y,
  square = FALSE,
  num_keep = NULL,
  lambda1 = NULL,
  lambda3 = NULL,
  cv_step1 = FALSE,
  nlam1 = 10,
  nlam3 = 100,
  lam_min_ratio = ifelse(nrow(x) < ncol(x), 0.01, 1e-04),
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

|                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| <code>x</code>             | An $n$ by $p$ design matrix of main effects. Each row is an observation of $p$ main effects.  |
| <code>y</code>             | A response vector of size $n$ .   |
| <code>square</code>        | Indicator of whether squared effects should be fitted in Step 1. Default to be <code>FALSE</code> .   |
| <code>num_keep</code>      | A user specified number of candidate interactions to keep in Step 2. If <code>num_keep</code> is not specified (as default), it will be set to $\text{round}[n / \log n]$ .   |
| <code>lambda1</code>       | Tuning parameter values for Step 1. <code>lambda1</code> is a vector. Default to be <code>NULL</code> , and the program will compute its own <code>lambda1</code> based on <code>n1am1</code> and <code>lam_min_ratio</code> .  |
| <code>lambda3</code>       | Tuning parameter values for Step 3. <code>lambda3</code> is a matrix, where the $k$ -th column is the list of tuning parameter in Step 3 corresponding to Step 1 using <code>lambda1[k]</code> . Default to be <code>NULL</code> , and the program will compute its own <code>lambda3</code> based on <code>n1am3</code> and <code>lam_min_ratio</code> . |
| <code>cv_step1</code>      | Indicator of whether cross-validation of <code>lambda1</code> should be carried out in Step 1 before subsequent steps. Default is <code>FALSE</code> .  |
| <code>n1am1</code>         | the number of values in <code>lambda1</code> . If not specified, they will be all set to 10.  |
| <code>n1am3</code>         | the number of values in each column of <code>lambda3</code> . If not specified, they will be all set to 100.  |
| <code>lam_min_ratio</code> | The ratio of the smallest and the largest values in <code>lambda1</code> and each column of <code>lambda2</code> . The largest value is usually the smallest value for which all coefficients are set to zero. Default to be $1e-2$ in the $n < p$ setting.   |
| <code>...</code>           | other arguments to be passed to the <code>glmnet</code> calls, such as <code>alpha</code> or <code>penalty.factor</code>  |

**Value**

An object of S3 class "sprinter".

`square` The square parameter passed into `sprinter`

`n` The number of observations in the dataset

`p` The number of main effects

`step1` The output from fitting Step 1

`lambda1` The path of tuning parameters passed into / computed for fitting Step 1

`step2` The output from the screening Step 2

`num_keep` The path of tuning parameters for Step 2

`step3` The output from fitting Step 3

`lambda3` The path of tuning parameters passed into / computed for fitting Step 3

`main_center` Column centers of the input main effects

`main_scale` Column scales of the input main effects

`call` Function call.

**See Also**[cv.sprinter](#)**Examples**

```
set.seed(123)
n <- 100
p <- 100
# dense input
x <- matrix(rnorm(n * p), n, p)
y <- x[, 1] - 2 * x[, 2] + 3 * x[, 1] * x[, 3] - 4 * x[, 4] * x[, 5] + rnorm(n)
mod <- sprinter(x = x, y = y)

# sparse input
library(Matrix)
x <- Matrix::Matrix(0, n, p)
idx <- cbind(sample(seq(n), size = 10, replace = TRUE), sample(seq(p), size = 10, replace = TRUE))
x[idx] <- 1
y <- x[, 1] - 2 * x[, 2] + 3 * x[, 1] * x[, 3] - 4 * x[, 4] * x[, 5] + rnorm(n)
mod <- sprinter(x = x, y = y)
```

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