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**Description** Allows the user to carry out GLM on very large data sets. Data can be created using the data\_frame() function and appended to the object with object\$append(data); data\_frame and data\_matrix objects are available that allow the user to store large data on disk. The data is stored as doubles in binary format and any character columns are transformed to factors and then stored as numeric (binary) data while a look-up table is stored in a separate .meta\_data file in the same folder. The data is stored in blocks and GLM regression algorithm is modified and carries out a MapReduce-like algorithm to fit the model. The functions bglm(), and summary() and bglm\_predict() are available for creating and post-processing of models. The library requires Armadillo installed on your system. It may not function on windows since multi-core processing is done using mclapply() which forks R on Unix/Linux type operating systems.

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.control

*Function for creating control parameters for the GLM fit*

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## Description

Function for creating control parameters for the GLM fit

## Usage

```
.control(epsilon = 1e-08, maxit = 25, trace = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

epsilon        defaults to 1E-8

maxit        defaults 25 maximum number of iterations

trace        defaults to TRUE

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asInteger

*converts numeric vector to integer*

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## Description

converts numeric vector to integer

## Usage

```
asInteger(x)
```

## Arguments

x              numeric vector

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<b>bglm</b>	<i>Function to carry out generalized linear regression on a data_frame data object</i>
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## Description

Function to carry out generalized linear regression on a data\_frame data object

## Usage

```
bglm(
  formula,
  family = gaussian_(),
  data,
  weights = NULL,
  offset = NULL,
  start = NULL,
  control = list(),
  etastart = NULL,
  mustart = NULL
)
```

## Arguments

formula	formula that defines your regression model
family	family object from activeReg, e.g. .gaussian(), .binomial(), .poisson(), .quasipoisson(), .quasibinomial(), .Gamma(), .inverse.gaussian(), .quasi()
data	data_frame object containing data for linear regression
weights	weights for the model
offset	offsets for the model
start	starting values for the linear predictor
control	list of parameters for .control() function
etastart	starting values for the linear predictor
mustart	starting values for vector of means

## Examples

```
require(parallel)
data("plasma", package = "bigReg")
data_dir = tempdir()
plasma1 <- plasma
plasma1 <- data_frame(plasma1, 10, path = data_dir, nCores = 1)
plasma_glm <- bglm(ESR ~ fibrinogen + globulin, data = plasma1, family = binomial_("logit"))
summary(plasma_glm)
```

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**bglm\_predict**      *predict function for bgglm object*

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## Description

`predict` function for `bgglm` object

## Usage

```
bgglm_predict(  
  mf = stop("mf: model frame must be supplied"),  
  object = stop("object: bgglm object must be supplied"),  
  type = stop("type: either \"link\", \"response\", \"terms\"")  
)
```

## Arguments

<code>mf</code>	model frame
<code>object</code>	a <code>bgglm</code> object
<code>type</code>	one of <code>c("link", "response", "terms")</code>

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**binomial\_**      *binomial family function*

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## Description

`binomial` family function

## Usage

```
binomial_(link = "logit")
```

## Arguments

<code>link</code>	function character
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**blm***Function to carry out linear regression on a data\_frame data object***Description**

Function to carry out linear regression on a data\_frame data object

**Usage**

```
blm(
  formula = stop("formula: not supplied"),
  data = stop("data: data not supplied"),
  control = list(),
  weights = NULL,
  offset = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>formula</code>	formula that defines your regression model
<code>data</code>	data_frame object containing data for linear regression
<code>control</code>	list of parameters for control() function
<code>weights</code>	weights for the model
<code>offset</code>	offsets for the model

**CreateFactor***creates factor from numeric vector and character vector as levels***Description**

The CreateFactor function creates a factor from a numeric vector and a character vector for levels

**Usage**

```
CreateFactor(x, levels)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	numeric vector containing the numeric indices of the levels
<code>levels</code>	character vector levels

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data_frame	<i>function to create a data_frame object</i>
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## Description

function to create a data\_frame object. The data\_frame object is an object that is held on disk. It is written to a folder path on disk where the data is written to in blocks or chunks. The data is written in binary format using a C++ function in purely numerical data and a mapping to the table is held in a ".meta\_data" file in the folder. The table object accomodates numeric, factor, and character (converted to factor).

## Usage

```
data_frame(  
  data = stop("data must be supplied"),  
  chunkSize = stop("chunkSize must be specified, a good number is 50000"),  
  path = stop("path must be specified"),  
  nCores = parallel::detectCores(),  
  ...  
)
```

## Arguments

data	data.frame object to be converted into a data_frame object
chunkSize	number of rows to be used in each chunk
path	character to folder where the object will be created
nCores	the number of cores to use defaults to parallel::detectCores()
...	not currently used.

## Details

Creates a data\_frame object

## Examples

```
irisA <- data_frame(iris[1:75,], 10, "irisA", nCores = 1)  
irisA$append(iris[76:150,])  
irisA$head()  
irisA$tail(10)  
irisA$delete(); rm(irisA)
```

<code>data_matrix</code>	<i>function to create a data_frame object</i>
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### Description

function to create a `data_matrix` object. The `data_matrix` object is an object that is held on disk. It is written to a folder path on disk where the data is written to in blocks or chunks. The data is written in binary format using a C++ function in purely numerical data.

### Usage

```
data_matrix(
  data = stop("data: matrix must be supplied"),
  chunkSize = stop("chunkSize must be specified, a good number is 50000"),
  path = stop("path must be specified"),
  nCores = parallel::detectCores(),
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

<code>data</code>	object to be converted into a <code>data_matrix</code> object
<code>chunkSize</code>	number of rows to be used in each chunk
<code>path</code>	character to folder where the object will be created
<code>nCores</code>	the number of cores to use defaults to <code>parallel::detectCores()</code>
...	not used at the moment

### Details

Creates a `data_matrix` object

<code>family_</code>	<i>family function</i>
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### Description

`family` function

### Usage

```
family_(distr, link)
```

### Arguments

<code>distr</code>	distr character one of "binomial", "poisson", "gaussian", "quasipoisson", "quasibinomial", "Gamma", "inverse.gaussian", "quasi"
<code>link</code>	function character

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Gamma\_

*Gamma family function*

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**Description**

Gamma family function

**Usage**

```
Gamma_(link = "inverse")
```

**Arguments**

link            function character

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gaussian\_

*gaussian family function*

---

**Description**

gaussian family function

**Usage**

```
gaussian_(link = "identity")
```

**Arguments**

link            function character

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inverse.gaussian\_

*inverse.gaussian family function*

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**Description**

inverse.gaussian family function

**Usage**

```
inverse.gaussian_(link = "1/mu^2")
```

**Arguments**

link            function character

`load_data_frame`      *function to load data\_frame object*

### Description

function to load data\_frame object

### Usage

```
load_data_frame(path = stop("path: to data_frame folder must be supplied"))
```

### Arguments

<code>path</code>	character to folder containing object
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`load_data_matrix`      *function to load data\_frame object*

### Description

function to load data\_frame object

### Usage

```
load_data_matrix(path = stop("path: to data_matrix folder must be supplied"))
```

### Arguments

<code>path</code>	character to folder containing object
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`myIn`      *finds whether x is in y*

### Description

finds whether x is in y

### Usage

```
myIn(x, y)
```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	item to be sought
<code>y</code>	vector to be matched against

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mySeq

*mySeq function to sequence integers*

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### Description

a function to create a sequence of integers

### Usage

`mySeq(start, end)`

### Arguments

<code>start</code>	integer from where sequence should start
<code>end</code>	integer where sequence should end

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plasma

*plasma data from the HSAUR package*

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### Description

Dataset from the HSAUR package

### Usage

`data(plasma)`

### Format

a data.frame

### Details

...

### Source

[HSAUR package](#)

### References

HSAUR R package ([HSAUR package](#))

### Examples

```
data(plasma)  
head(plasma)
```

**poisson\_** *poisson family function*

### Description

poisson family function

### Usage

```
poisson_(link = "log")
```

### Arguments

link	function character
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**print.bgglm** *print function for the bgglm object*

### Description

print function for the bgglm object

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'bgglm'
print(x, digits = max(3L, getOption("digits") - 3L), ...)
```

### Arguments

x	bgglm object to be displayed
digits	number of significant digits to use
...	not yet used

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print.blm	<i>print function for the blm object</i>
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## Description

print function for the blm object

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'blm'  
print(x, digits = max(3L, getOption("digits") - 3L), ...)
```

## Arguments

x	blm object to be displayed
digits	number of significant digits to use
...	not yet used

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print.data_frame	<i>print function for a data_frame</i>
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## Description

print function for a data\_frame

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'data_frame'  
print(x, ...)
```

## Arguments

x	data_frame object to print
...	not used

`print.data_matrix`      *print function for a data\_matrix*

### Description

print function for a data\_matrix

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'data_matrix'
print(x, ...)
```

### Arguments

x	data_matrix object to print
...	not used

`print.summary.bgIm`      *Function to print the summary object from the bgIm object*

### Description

Function to print the summary object from the bgIm object

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'summary.bgIm'
print(
  x,
  digits = max(3L,getOption("digits") - 3L),
  signif.stars = getOption("show.signif.stars"),
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

x	summary blm object
digits	- the digits to be displayed
signif.stars	passed to printCoefmat
...	arguments passed to printCoefmat() function

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print.summary.blm      *Function to print the summary object from the blm object*

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### Description

Function to print the summary object from the blm object

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'summary.blm'  
print(  
  x,  
  digits = max(3L,getOption("digits") - 3L),  
  signif.stars = getOption("show.signif.stars"),  
  ...  
)
```

### Arguments

x	summary blm object
digits	- the digits to be displayed
signif.stars	passed to printCoefmat
...	arguments passed to printCoefmat() function

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process\_bglm\_block      *Function to print the summary object from the blm object*

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### Description

Function to print the summary object from the blm object

### Usage

```
process_bglm_block(  
  mf,  
  formula,  
  mmCall,  
  family,  
  offset,  
  weights,  
  start,  
  niter,  
  etastart,  
  mustart  
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>mf</code>	the data block to be processed
<code>formula</code>	the formula of for the model
<code>mmCall</code>	the call object of the model
<code>family</code>	the family object for the model
<code>offset</code>	the model offset
<code>weights</code>	the model weights
<code>start</code>	the starting coefficient estimates
<code>niter</code>	the current number of iterations
<code>etastart</code>	the start for eta
<code>mustart</code>	the start for mu

*quasibinomial\_*      *quasibinomial family function*

**Description**

quasibinomial family function

**Usage**

```
quasibinomial_(link = "logit")
```

**Arguments**

<code>link</code>	function character
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*quasipoisson\_*      *quasipoisson family function*

**Description**

quasipoisson family function

**Usage**

```
quasipoisson_(link = "log")
```

**Arguments**

<code>link</code>	function character
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quasi\_

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*quasi family function*

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### Description

quasi family function

### Usage

```
quasi_(link = "identity", variance = "constant")
```

### Arguments

link	function character
variance	choice character

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readNumericVector

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*reads numeric vector to file*

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### Description

reads numeric vector to file

### Usage

```
readNumericVector(size, filePath)
```

### Arguments

size	the length of the numeric vector
filePath	dependent variable

<code>read_df_block</code>	<i>read data frame block from file</i>
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### Description

read data frame block from file

### Usage

```
read_df_block(size, filePath, df, ncol, factors, factor_indices)
```

### Arguments

<code>size</code>	number of elements in the block
<code>filePath</code>	path to where the block is stored
<code>df</code>	an empty list having the same number of elements as columns in the table
<code>ncol</code>	number of columns in the dataframe block
<code>factors</code>	list containing factors
<code>factor_indices</code>	numeric vector containing the indices that denote the factors

<code>read_df_blocks</code>	<i>read multiple blocks of data frames from file</i>
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### Description

read multiple blocks of data frames from file

### Usage

```
read_df_blocks(size, filePaths, df, ncols, factors, factor_indices)
```

### Arguments

<code>size</code>	number of elements in each block
<code>filePaths</code>	path to where the blocks are stored
<code>df</code>	an empty list having the same number of elements as columns in the table
<code>ncols</code>	number of columns in the dataframe block
<code>factors</code>	list containing factors
<code>factor_indices</code>	numeric vector containing the indices that denote the factors

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read\_matrix\_block      *read matrix block from file*

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### Description

read matrix block from file

### Usage

```
read_matrix_block(filePath, size, ncol)
```

### Arguments

filePath	path to file where matrix should be read from
size	total number of elements to be read
ncol	number of columns in the matrix

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read\_matrix\_blocks      *read matrix blocks from file*

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### Description

read matrix blocks from file

### Usage

```
read_matrix_blocks(filePaths, size, ncols)
```

### Arguments

filePaths	file paths from where the matrix blocks will be read
size	numeric vector containing the number of elements in each block
ncols	number of columns in the matrix

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r_bind	<i>row binding for benchmarking ...</i>
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## Description

row binding for benchmarking

## Usage

```
r_bind(x, y)
```

## Arguments

x	first matrix to be bound together
y	second matrix to be bound together

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summary.bglm	<i>summary function for the bglm object</i>
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## Description

summary function for the `bglm` object

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'bglm'  
summary(object, ...)
```

## Arguments

object	<code>bglm</code> object to be summarized
...	not used

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summary.blm	<i>summary function for the blm object</i>
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## Description

summary function for the blm object

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'blm'  
summary(object, ...)
```

## Arguments

object	blm object to be summarized
...	not used

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sum_bglm_block	<i>The reduction function for the algorithm</i>
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## Description

The reduction function for the algorithm

## Usage

```
sum_bglm_block(x1, x2)
```

## Arguments

x1	the first list object to be reduced
x2	the second list object to be reduced

SVD

*Singular value decomposition of the aggregated list from XWXMatrix(W) functions*

**Description**

Singular value decomposition of the aggregated list from XWXMatrix(W) functions

**Usage**

```
SVD(out, epsilon)
```

**Arguments**

out	list containing requisite computed values
epsilon	either machine epsilon or user determined epsilon

writeNumericVector

*writes numeric vector to file*

**Description**

writes numeric vector to file

**Usage**

```
writeNumericVector(v, filePath)
```

**Arguments**

v	numeric vector
filePath	dependent variable

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`write_numeric_vector`    *writes numeric vector to file*

---

### Description

writes numeric vector to file

### Usage

```
write_numeric_vector(v, filePath)
```

### Arguments

v	numeric vector to be written to file
filePath	path to file where the numeric vector should be written

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XWXMatrix

*Calculation of iterative regression components*

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### Description

Calculation of iterative regression components

### Usage

```
XWXMatrix(X, y)
```

### Arguments

X	design matrix
y	dependent variable

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$XWXMatrixW$

*Calculation of iterative regression components*

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### Description

Calculation of iterative regression components

### Usage

$XWXMatrixW(X, y, W)$

### Arguments

$X$	design matrix
$y$	dependent variable
$W$	weights

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