

# Package ‘joinet’

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**Description** Implements penalised multivariate regression (i.e., for multiple outcomes and many features) by stacked generalisation (<[doi:10.1093/bioinformatics/btab576](https://doi.org/10.1093/bioinformatics/btab576)>). For positively correlated outcomes, a single multivariate regression is typically more predictive than multiple univariate regressions. Includes functions for model fitting, extracting coefficients, outcome prediction, and performance measurement. For optional comparisons, install 'remMap' from GitHub (<<https://github.com/cran/remMap>>).

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joinet-package

*Multivariate Elastic Net Regression*

### Description

The R package **joinet** implements multivariate ridge and lasso regression using stacked generalisation. This multivariate regression typically outperforms univariate regression at predicting correlated outcomes. It provides predictive and interpretable models in high-dimensional settings.

### Details

Use function **joinet** for model fitting. Type `library(joinet)` and then `?joinet` or `help("joinet")` to open its help file.

See the vignette for further examples. Type `vignette("joinet")` or `browseVignettes("joinet")` to open the vignette.

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### References

Armin Rauschenberger and Enrico Glaab (2021) "Predicting correlated outcomes from molecular data". *Bioinformatics* 37(21):3889–3895. [doi:10.1093/bioinformatics/btab576](https://doi.org/10.1093/bioinformatics/btab576). (Click [here](#) to access PDF.)

### See Also

Useful links:

- <https://github.com/rauschenberger/joinet>
- <https://rauschenberger.github.io/joinet/>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/rauschenberger/joinet/issues>

## Examples

```

## Not run:
#--- data simulation ---
n <- 50; p <- 100; q <- 3
X <- matrix(rnorm(n*p), nrow=n, ncol=p)
Y <- replicate(n=q, expr=rnorm(n=n, mean=rowSums(X[, 1:5])))
# n samples, p inputs, q outputs

#--- model fitting ---
object <- joinet(Y=Y, X=X)
# slot "base": univariate
# slot "meta": multivariate

#--- make predictions ---
y_hat <- predict(object, newx=X)
# n x q matrix "base": univariate
# n x q matrix "meta": multivariate

#--- extract coefficients ---
coef <- coef(object)
# effects of inputs on outputs
# q vector "alpha": intercepts
# p x q matrix "beta": slopes

#--- model comparison ---
loss <- cv.joinet(Y=Y, X=X)
# cross-validated loss
# row "base": univariate
# row "meta": multivariate

## End(Not run)

```

coef.joinet

*Extract Coefficients*

## Description

Extracts pooled coefficients. (The meta learners linearly combines the coefficients from the base learners.)

## Usage

```

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

```

## Arguments

object	<code>joinet</code> object
...	further arguments (not applicable)

## Value

This function returns the pooled coefficients. The slot alpha contains the intercepts in a vector of length  $q$ , and the slot beta contains the slopes in a matrix with  $p$  rows (inputs) and  $q$  columns.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
n <- 50; p <- 100; q <- 3
X <- matrix(rnorm(n*p), nrow=n, ncol=p)
Y <- replicate(n=q, expr=rnorm(n=n, mean=rowSums(X[, 1:5])))
object <- joinet(Y=Y, X=X)
coef <- coef(object)
## End(Not run)
```

*cv.joinet*

*Model comparison*

## Description

Compares univariate and multivariate regression.

## Usage

```
cv.joinet(
  Y,
  X,
  family = "gaussian",
  nfolds.ext = 5,
  nfolds.int = 10,
  foldid.ext = NULL,
  foldid.int = NULL,
  type.measure = "deviance",
  alpha.base = 1,
  alpha.meta = 1,
  compare = FALSE,
  mice = FALSE,
  cvpred = FALSE,
  times = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| Y | outputs: numeric matrix with $n$ rows (samples) and $q$ columns (outputs) |
| X | inputs: numeric matrix with $n$ rows (samples) and $p$ columns (inputs)   |

family	distribution: vector of length 1 or $q$ with entries "gaussian", "binomial" or "poisson"
nfolds.ext	number of external folds
nfolds.int	number of internal folds
foldid.ext	external fold identifiers: vector of length $n$ with entries between 1 and nfolds.ext; or NULL
foldid.int	internal fold identifiers: vector of length $n$ with entries between 1 and nfolds.int; or NULL
type.measure	loss function: vector of length 1 or $q$ with entries "deviance", "class", "mse" or "mae" (see <a href="#">cv.glmnet</a> )
alpha.base	elastic net mixing parameter for base learners: numeric between 0 (ridge) and 1 (lasso)
alpha.meta	elastic net mixing parameter for meta learners: numeric between 0 (ridge) and 1 (lasso)
compare	experimental arguments: character vector with entries "mnorm", "spls", "mrce", "sier", "mtps", "rmtl", "gpm" and others (requires packages spls, MRCE, SiER, MTPS, RMTL or GPM)
mice	missing data imputation: logical ( <code>mice=TRUE</code> requires package <code>mice</code> )
cvpred	return cross-validated predictions: logical
times	measure computation time: logical
...	further arguments passed to <a href="#">glmnet</a> and <a href="#">cv.glmnet</a>

## Value

This function returns a matrix with  $q$  columns, including the cross-validated loss from the univariate models (base), the multivariate models (meta), and the intercept-only models (none).

## Examples

```
## Not run:
n <- 50; p <- 100; q <- 3
X <- matrix(rnorm(n*p), nrow=n, ncol=p)
Y <- replicate(n=q, expr=rnorm(n=n, mean=rowSums(X[, 1:5])))
cv.joinet(Y=Y, X=X)
## End(Not run)

## Not run:
# correlated features
n <- 50; p <- 100; q <- 3
mu <- rep(0, times=p)
Sigma <- 0.90^abs(col(diag(p))-row(diag(p)))
X <- MASS::mvrnorm(n=n, mu=mu, Sigma=Sigma)
mu <- rowSums(X[, sample(seq_len(p), size=5)])
Y <- replicate(n=q, expr=rnorm(n=n, mean=mu))
#Y <- t(MASS::mvrnorm(n=q, mu=mu, Sigma=diag(n)))
cv.joinet(Y=Y, X=X)
## End(Not run)
```

```

## Not run:
# other distributions
n <- 50; p <- 100; q <- 3
X <- matrix(rnorm(n*p), nrow=n, ncol=p)
eta <- rowSums(X[,1:5])
Y <- replicate(n=q, expr=rbinom(n=n, size=1, prob=1/(1+exp(-eta))))
cv.joinet(Y=Y, X=X, family="binomial")
Y <- replicate(n=q, expr=rpois(n=n, lambda=exp(scale(eta))))
cv.joinet(Y=Y, X=X, family="poisson")
## End(Not run)

## Not run:
# uncorrelated outcomes
n <- 50; p <- 100; q <- 3
X <- matrix(rnorm(n*p), nrow=n, ncol=p)
y <- rnorm(n=n, mean=rowSums(X[,1:5]))
Y <- cbind(y, matrix(rnorm(n*(q-1)), nrow=n, ncol=q-1))
cv.joinet(Y=Y, X=X)
## End(Not run)

## Not run:
# sparse and dense models
n <- 50; p <- 100; q <- 3
X <- matrix(rnorm(n*p), nrow=n, ncol=p)
Y <- replicate(n=q, expr=rnorm(n=n, mean=rowSums(X[,1:5])))
set.seed(1) # fix folds
cv.joinet(Y=Y, X=X, alpha.base=1) # lasso
set.seed(1)
cv.joinet(Y=Y, X=X, alpha.base=0) # ridge
## End(Not run)

```

joinet

*Multivariate Elastic Net Regression***Description**

Implements multivariate elastic net regression.

**Usage**

```
joinet(
  Y,
  X,
  family = "gaussian",
  nfolds = 10,
  foldid = NULL,
  type.measure = "deviance",
  alpha.base = 1,
```

```

alpha.meta = 1,
weight = NULL,
sign = NULL,
...
)

```

## Arguments

<code>Y</code>	outputs: numeric matrix with $n$ rows (samples) and $q$ columns (outputs)
<code>X</code>	inputs: numeric matrix with $n$ rows (samples) and $p$ columns (inputs)
<code>family</code>	distribution: vector of length 1 or $q$ with entries "gaussian", "binomial" or "poisson"
<code>nfolds</code>	number of folds
<code>foldid</code>	fold identifiers: vector of length $n$ with entries between 1 and <code>nfolds</code> ; or <code>NULL</code> (balance)
<code>type.measure</code>	loss function: vector of length 1 or $q$ with entries "deviance", "class", "mse" or "mae" (see <a href="#">cv.glmnet</a> )
<code>alpha.base</code>	elastic net mixing parameter for base learners: numeric between 0 (ridge) and 1 (lasso)
<code>alpha.meta</code>	elastic net mixing parameter for meta learners: numeric between 0 (ridge) and 1 (lasso)
<code>weight</code>	input-output relations: matrix with $p$ rows (inputs) and $q$ columns (outputs) with entries 0 (exclude) and 1 (include), or <code>NULL</code> (see details)
<code>sign</code>	output-output relations: matrix with $q$ rows ("meta-inputs") and $q$ columns (outputs), with entries -1 (negative), 0 (none), 1 (positive) and $NA$ (any), or <code>NULL</code> (see details)
<code>...</code>	further arguments passed to <a href="#">glmnet</a>

## Details

**input-output relations:** In this matrix with  $p$  rows and  $q$  columns, the entry in the  $j$ th row and the  $k$ th column indicates whether the  $j$ th input may be used for modelling the  $k$ th output (where 0 means "exclude" and 1 means "include"). By default (`sign=NULL`), all entries are set to 1.

**output-output relations:** In this matrix with  $q$  rows and  $q$  columns, the entry in the  $l$ th row and the  $k$ th column indicates how the  $l$ th output may be used for modelling the  $k$ th output (where -1 means negative effect, 0 means no effect, 1 means positive effect, and  $NA$  means any effect).

There are three short-cuts for filling up this matrix: (1) `sign=1` sets all entries to 1 (non-negativity constraints). This is useful if all pairs of outcomes are assumed to be *positively* correlated (potentially after changing the sign of some outcomes). (2) `code=NA` sets all diagonal entries to 1 and all off-diagonal entries to `NA` (no constraints). (3) `sign=NULL` uses Spearman correlation to determine the entries, with -1 for significant negative, 0 for insignificant, 1 for significant positive correlations.

**elastic net:** `alpha.base` controls input-output effects, `alpha.meta` controls output-output effects; lasso renders sparse models (`alpha= 1`), ridge renders dense models (`alpha= 0`)

**Value**

This function returns an object of class `joinet`. Available methods include `predict`, `coef`, and `weights`. The slots `base` and `meta` each contain  $q$  `cv.glmnet`-like objects.

**References**

Armin Rauschenberger and Enrico Glab (2021) "Predicting correlated outcomes from molecular data". *Bioinformatics* 37(21):3889–3895. doi:10.1093/bioinformatics/btab576. (Click [here](#) to access PDF.)

**See Also**

`cv.joinet`, vignette

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
n <- 50; p <- 100; q <- 3
X <- matrix(rnorm(n*p), nrow=n, ncol=p)
Y <- replicate(n=q, expr=rnorm(n=n, mean=rowSums(X[, 1:5])))
object <- joinet(Y=Y, X=X)
## End(Not run)

## Not run:
browseVignettes("joinet") # further examples
## End(Not run)
```

`predict.joinet`      *Make Predictions*

**Description**

Predicts outcome from features with stacked model.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'joinet'
predict(object, newx, type = "response", ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>object</code>	<code>joinet</code> object
<code>newx</code>	covariates: numeric matrix with $n$ rows (samples) and $p$ columns (variables)
<code>type</code>	character "link" or "response"
...	further arguments (not applicable)

**Value**

This function returns predictions from base and meta learners. The slots `base` and `meta` each contain a matrix with  $n$  rows (samples) and  $q$  columns (variables).

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
n <- 50; p <- 100; q <- 3
X <- matrix(rnorm(n*p), nrow=n, ncol=p)
Y <- replicate(n=q, expr=rnorm(n=n, mean=rowSums(X[, 1:5])))
Y[, 1] <- 1*(Y[, 1]>median(Y[, 1]))
object <- joinet(Y=Y, X=X, family=c("binomial", "gaussian", "gaussian"))
predict(object, newx=X)
## End(Not run)
```

weights.joinet

*Extract Weights***Description**

Extracts coefficients from the meta learner, i.e. the weights for the base learners.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'joinet'
weights(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	<code>joinet</code> object
...	further arguments (not applicable)

**Value**

This function returns a matrix with  $1 + q$  rows and  $q$  columns. The first row contains the intercepts, and the other rows contain the slopes, which are the effects of the outcomes in the row on the outcomes in the column.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
n <- 50; p <- 100; q <- 3
X <- matrix(rnorm(n*p), nrow=n, ncol=p)
Y <- replicate(n=q, expr=rnorm(n=n, mean=rowSums(X[, 1:5])))
object <- joinet(Y=Y, X=X)
weights(object)
## End(Not run)
```

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