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atds_gwr

atds_gwr Top-Down Scaling approach of GWR

Description

This function performs a Geographically Weighted Regression (GWR) using a top-down scaling approach, adjusting GWR coefficients with a progressively decreasing bandwidth as long as the AICc criterion improves.

Usage

```
atds_gwr(formula,data,coords,kernels='triangle',fixed_vars=NULL,
control_tds=list(nns=30),control=list(adaptive=TRUE,verbose=FALSE))
```

Arguments

formula	a formula.
data	a dataframe.
coords	default NULL, a dataframe or a matrix with coordinates
kernels	A vector containing the kernel types. Possible types: triangle ("triangle"), bisquare ("bisq"), tricube ("tcub"), epanechnikov ("epane").
fixed_vars	a vector with the names of spatially constant coefficient for mixed model. All other variables present in formula are supposed to be spatially varying. If empty or NULL (default), all variables in formula are supposed to be spatially varying.
control_tds	list of extra control arguments for TDS_MGWR model - see TDS_MGWR Help
control	list of extra control arguments for MGWRSAR wrapper - see MGWRSAR Help

See Also

TDS_MGWR, gwr_multiscale, MGWRSAR, golden_search_bandwidth.

coef,mgwrsar-method	<i>coef for mgwrsar model</i>
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Description

coef for mgwrsar model

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'mgwrsar'
coef(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object	A model of class mgwrsar-class .
...	coef parameters forwarded.

Value

A named list with a matrix of varying coefficients and a vector or non varying coefficients.

find_TP	<i>Search of a suitable set of target points. find_TP is a wrapper function that identifies a set of target points based on spatial smoothed OLS residuals.</i>
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Description

Search of a suitable set of target points. find_TP is a wrapper function that identifies a set of target points based on spatial smoothed OLS residuals.

Usage

```
find_TP(formula, data, coords, kt, ks=16, Wtp=NULL, type='residuals',
        model_residuals=NULL, verbose=0, prev_TP=NULL, nTP=NULL)
```

Arguments

formula	a formula
data	a dataframe or a spatial dataframe (SP package)
coords	a dataframe or a matrix with coordinates, not required if data is a spatial dataframe
kt	the minimum number of first neighbors with lower (resp.higer) absolute value of the smoothed residuals.
ks	the number of first neighbors for computing the smoothed residuals, default 16.
Wtp	a precomputed matrix of weights, default NULL.
type	method for choosing TP, could be 'residuals', 'kdtree', 'random', default 'residuals'
model_residuals	(optional) a vector of residuals.
verbose	verbose mode, default FALSE.
prev_TP	index of already used TP (version length(kt)>1), default NULL.
nTP	number of target points for random choice of target points, default NULL.

Details

find_TP is a wrapper function that identifies a set of target points, based on spatial smoothed residuals by default. If no vector of residuals are provided, OLS residuals are computed. The function first computes the smooth of model residuals using a Shepard's kernel with ks neighbors (default 16). Then it identifies local maxima (resp. minima) that fits the requirement of having at least kt neighbors with lower (resp.higer) absolute value of the smoothed residuals. As kt increases the number of target points decreases.

Value

find_TP returns an index vector of Target Points set.

Examples

```
library(mgwrsar)
## loading data example
data(mydata)
coords=as.matrix(mydata[,c("x","y")])
TP=find_TP(formula = 'Y_gwr~X1+X2+X3', data =mydata,coords=coords,kt=6,
type='residuals')
# only 60 targets points are used
length(TP)

model_GWR_tp<-MGWRSAR(formula = 'Y_gwr~X1+X2+X3', data = mydata,
coords=coords, fixed_vars=NULL,kernels=c('gauss'), H=0.03, Model = 'GWR',
control=list(SE=TRUE,TP=TP,ks=12))
summary(model_GWR_tp@Betav)
```

fitted,mgwrsar-method *fitted for mgwrsar model*

Description

fitted for mgwrsar model

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'mgwrsar'
fitted(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object	A model of class <code>mgwrsar-class</code> .
...	fitted parameters forwarded.

Value

A vector of fitted values.

golden_search_2d_bandwidth

Optimization of 2D Bandwidths (Spatial and Temporal) using Golden Section Search

Description

This function optimizes spatial and temporal bandwidths simultaneously using a 2D Golden Section Search approach. It is typically used internally by `search_bandwidths` when `refine = TRUE` for spatio-temporal models (Type 'GDT').

Usage

```
golden_search_2d_bandwidth(formula, data, coords, fixed_vars, kernels, Model,
                           control, lower.bound.space, upper.bound.space,
                           lower.bound.time, upper.bound.time,
                           tolerance_s = 1e-06, tolerance_t = 1e-06,
                           max_iter = 10)
```

Arguments

<code>formula</code>	A formula object.
<code>data</code>	A data frame containing the variables.
<code>coords</code>	A matrix of coordinates (spatial indices).
<code>fixed_vars</code>	Vector of names of variables with fixed coefficients.
<code>kernels</code>	Vector of kernel types (e.g., <code>c('gauss', 'gauss')</code>).
<code>Model</code>	Character string specifying the model type (e.g., 'GWR').
<code>control</code>	List of control parameters.
<code>lower.bound.space</code>	Numeric. Lower bound for the spatial bandwidth search.
<code>upper.bound.space</code>	Numeric. Upper bound for the spatial bandwidth search.
<code>lower.bound.time</code>	Numeric. Lower bound for the temporal bandwidth search.
<code>upper.bound.time</code>	Numeric. Upper bound for the temporal bandwidth search.
<code>tolerance_s</code>	Numeric. Convergence tolerance for the spatial dimension. Default is 1e-6.
<code>tolerance_t</code>	Numeric. Convergence tolerance for the temporal dimension. Default is 1e-6.
<code>max_iter</code>	Integer. Maximum number of iterations for the optimization loop. Default is 10.

Value

A list containing:

minimum	Vector of optimized bandwidths $c(h_{\text{spatial}}, h_{\text{temporal}})$.
objective	Final AICc value.
model	The fitted mgwrsar model object.

See Also

[golden_search_bandwidth](#), [search_bandwidths](#)

golden_search_bandwidth

Golden search bandwidth (deprecated)

Description

‘golden_search_bandwidth()’ is deprecated. Please use [search_bandwidths()], which provides a unified interface for spatial and spatio-temporal bandwidth search and can run golden-search refinement internally.

This wrapper preserves backward compatibility by translating the historical arguments (‘lower.bound’, ‘upper.bound’, ‘Ht’) to the new interface.

Usage

```
golden_search_bandwidth(
  formula,
  Ht = NULL,
  data,
  coords,
  fixed_vars = NULL,
  kernels,
  Model = "GWR",
  control,
  lower.bound,
  upper.bound,
  tolerance = 1e-06,
  ncore = 1,
  show_progress = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

formula	A formula object specifying the model (e.g., $y \sim x_1 + x_2$).
Ht	Optional temporal bandwidth (used only for legacy calls). If not 'NULL', it is mapped to 'ht_range = c(Ht, Ht)' (i.e., fixed temporal bandwidth) when 'n_rounds = 0'.
data	A data frame containing the variables in the model.
coords	A matrix or data frame of coordinates (2 columns for spatial, 1 for temporal, or more for GDT).
fixed_vars	A character vector indicating the names of variables with spatially stationary (fixed) coefficients. Default is NULL (all coefficients are varying).
kernels	A character vector specifying the kernel types for spatial and temporal components (e.g., c("gauss", "gauss")).
Model	A character string specifying the model type. Options include "GWR", "MGWR", "OLS", "SAR", etc. Default is "GWR".
control	A named list of extra control arguments passed to the MGWRSAR function (e.g., adaptive, NN, Z).
lower.bound, upper.bound	Numeric bounds for the spatial bandwidth search; mapped to 'hs_range'.
tolerance	Numeric tolerance; mapped to 'tol' when relevant.
ncore	Number of cores to use.
show_progress	Logical; forwarded to [search_bandwidths()].

Value

A list returned by [search_bandwidths()] (see its Value section).

kernel_matW	<i>kernel_matW</i> A function that returns a sparse weight matrix based computed with a specified kernel (gauss,bisq,tcub,epane,rectangle,triangle) considering coordinates provides in S and a given bandwidth. If $NN < nrow(S)$ only NN firts neighbours are considered. If $Type \neq 'GD'$ then S should have additional columns and several kernels and bandwidths should be be specified by the user.
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Description

kernel_matW A function that returns a sparse weight matrix based computed with a specified kernel (gauss,bisq,tcub,epane,rectangle,triangle) considering coordinates provides in S and a given bandwidth. If $NN < nrow(S)$ only NN firts neighbours are considered. If $Type \neq 'GD'$ then S should have additional columns and several kernels and bandwidths should be be specified by the user.

Usage

```
kernel_matW(H,kernels,coords,NN,TP=NULL,Type='GD',adaptive=FALSE,
diagnull=TRUE,alpha=1,dists=NULL,indexG=NULL,extrapol=FALSE,QP=NULL,K=0)
```

Arguments

H	A vector of bandwidths
kernels	A vector of kernel types
coords	A matrix with variables used in kernel (reference)
NN	Number of spatial Neighbours for kernels computations
TP	A vector with index of target points
Type	Type of Genelarized kernel product ('GD' only spatial,'GDC' spatial + a categorical variable,'GDX' spatial + a continuous variable, 'GDT' spatial + a time index, and other combinations 'GDXXC','GDTX',...)
adaptive	A vector of boolean to choose adaptive version for each kernel
diagnull	Zero on diagonal, default FALSE
alpha	TO BE DOCUMENTED
dists	TO BE DOCUMENTED
indexG	TO BE DOCUMENTED
extrapol	TO BE DOCUMENTED
QP	A matrix with variables used in kernel (neighbors), default NULL (if NULL coord_j=coord_i)
K	TO BE DOCUMENTED

Value

A sparse Matrix of weights (dgCMatrix).

Examples

```
library(mgwrsar)
## loading data example
data(mydata)
coords=as.matrix(mydata[,c("x","y")])
## Creating a spatial weight matrix (sparse dgCMatrix) of 4 nearest neighbors with 0 in diagonal
W=kernel_matW(H=4,kernels='rectangle',coords=coords,NN=4,adaptive=TRUE,diagnull=TRUE)
```

make_unique_by_structure

Ensure Uniqueness of Coordinates or Values in 1D, 2D, or 3D Structures

Description

This function enforces uniqueness in numeric data structures of dimension one, two, or three by applying minimal perturbations to duplicated values. It is primarily intended to avoid degeneracy issues (e.g., duplicated coordinates or time stamps) in spatial and spatio-temporal modeling.

Usage

```
make_unique_by_structure(M)
```

Arguments

M	A numeric vector, matrix, or data frame with 1, 2, or 3 columns. For matrices or data frames, columns are interpreted as spatial (x, y) and optional temporal (t) coordinates.
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Details

Depending on the dimensionality of the input, uniqueness is enforced as follows:

- **1D**: duplicated values are slightly perturbed to ensure uniqueness;
- **2D**: duplicated (x, y) coordinate pairs are resolved by perturbing the second coordinate;
- **3D**: duplicated (x, y) pairs and duplicated temporal coordinates are handled separately, ensuring uniqueness in both space and time.

The perturbation magnitude is proportional to machine precision and the scale of the input data, ensuring numerical stability while preserving the original structure as closely as possible.

This function is designed as a low-level utility for preprocessing spatial or spatio-temporal inputs prior to kernel-based local regression or distance computations, where duplicated locations or time-stamps may cause numerical singularities.

Value

If M is a vector, a numeric vector of the same length is returned. If M is a matrix or data frame, a numeric matrix with the same dimensions is returned, with standardized column names: "t" (1D), "x", "y" (2D), or "x", "y", "t" (3D).

MGWRSAR	<i>Estimation of linear and local linear model with spatial autocorrelation model (mgwrsar).</i>
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Description

MGWRSAR is a wrapper function for estimating linear and local linear models with spatial autocorrelation (SAR models with spatially varying coefficients).

Usage

```
MGWRSAR(formula, data, coords, fixed_vars = NULL, kernels, H,
Model = "GWR", control = list())
```

Arguments

formula	a formula.
data	a dataframe or a spatial dataframe (sp package).
coords	default NULL, a dataframe or a matrix with coordinates, not required if data is a spatial dataframe.
fixed_vars	a vector with the names of spatially constant coefficient for mixed model. All other variables present in formula are supposed to be spatially varying. If empty or NULL (default), all variables in formula are supposed to be spatially varying.
kernels	A vector containing the kernel types. Possible types: rectangle ("rectangle"), bisquare ("bisq"), tricube ("tcub"), epanechnikov ("epane"), gaussian ("gauss") .
H	vector containing the bandwidth parameters for the kernel functions.
Model	character containing the type of model: Possible values are "OLS", "SAR", "GWR" (default), "MGWR", "MGWRSAR_0_0_kv", "MGWRSAR_1_0_kv", "MGWRSAR_0_kc_kv", "MGWRSAR_1_kc_kv", "MGWRSAR_1_kc_0". See Details for more explanation.
control	list of extra control arguments for MGWRSAR wrapper - see Details below

Details

Z A matrix of variables for generalized kernel product, default NULL.

W A row-standardized spatial weight matrix for Spatial Autocorrelation, default NULL.

Type Verbose mode, default FALSE.

adaptive A vector of boolean to choose adaptive version for each kernel.

kernel_w The type of kernel for computing W, default NULL.

h_w The bandwidth value for computing W, default 0.

Method Estimation method for computing the models with Spatial Dependence. '2SLS' or 'B2SLS', default '2SLS'.

TP A vector of target points, default NULL.

ncore Number of CPU core for parallel computation, default 1

isgcv If TRUE, compute a LOOCV criteria, default FALSE.

maxknn When $n > N_{\text{maxDist}}$, only the maxknn first neighbours are used for distance computation, default 500.

NmaxDist When $n > N_{\text{maxDist}}$ only the maxknn first neighbours are used for distance computation, default 5000

verbose Verbose mode, default FALSE.

Value

MGWRSAR returns an object of class mgwrsar with at least the following components:

Betav matrix of coefficients of $\text{dim}(n, k_v) \times k_v$.

Betac vector of coefficients of length k_c .

Model The sum of square residuals.

Y The dependent variable.

XC The explanatory variables with constant coefficients.

XV The explanatory variables with varying coefficients.

X The explanatory variables.

W The spatial weight matrix for spatial dependence.

isgcv if gcv has been computed.

edf The estimated degrees of freedom.

formula The formula.

data The dataframe used for computation.

Method The type of model.

coords The spatial coordinates of observations.

H The bandwidth vector.

fixed_vars The names of constant coefficients.

kernels The kernel vector.

SSR The sum of square residuals.

residuals The vector of residuals.

fit the vector of fitted values.

sev local standard error of parameters.

get_ts Boolean, if trace of hat matrix $\text{Tr}(S)$ should be stored.

NN Maximum number of neighbors for weights computation

MGWRSAR is a wrapper function for estimating linear and local linear model with spatial autocorrelation that allows to estimate the following models : $y = \beta_c X_c + \epsilon_i$ (OLS)

$y = \beta_v(u_i, v_i) X_v + \epsilon_i$ (GWR)

$$\begin{aligned}
y &= \beta_c X_c + \beta_v(u_i, v_i) X_v + \epsilon_i \text{ (MGWR)} \\
y &= \lambda W y + \beta_c X_c + \epsilon_i \text{ (MGWR-SAR(0,k,0))} \\
y &= \lambda W y + \beta_v(u_i, v_i) X_v + \epsilon_i \text{ (MGWR-SAR(0,0,k))} \\
y &= \lambda W y + \beta_c X_c + \beta_v(u_i, v_i) X_v + \epsilon_i \text{ (MGWR-SAR(0,k_c,k_v))} \\
y &= \lambda(u_i, v_i) W y + \beta_c X_c + \epsilon_i \text{ (MGWR-SAR(1,k,0))} \\
y &= \lambda(u_i, v_i) W y + \beta_v(u_i, v_i) X_v + \epsilon_i \text{ (MGWR-SAR(1,0,k))} \\
y &= \lambda(u_i, v_i) W y + \beta_c X_c + \beta_v(u_i, v_i) X_v + \epsilon_i \text{ (MGWR-SAR(1,k_c,k_v))}
\end{aligned}$$

When model imply spatial autocorrelation, a row normalized spatial weight matrix must be provided. 2SLS and Best 2SLS method can be used. When model imply local regression, a bandwidth and a kernel type must be provided. Optimal bandwidth can be estimated using `golden_search_bandwidth` function. When model imply mixed local regression, the names of stationary covariates must be provided.

#' In addition to the ability of considering spatial autocorrelation in GWR/MGWR like models, MGWRSAR function introduces several useful technics for estimating local regression with space coordinates:

- it uses RCCP and RCCPeigen code that speed up computation and allows parallel computings;
- it allows to drop out variables with not enough local variance in local regression, which allows to consider dummies in GWR/MGWR framework without trouble.
- it allows to drop out local outliers in local regression.
- it allows to consider additional variable for kernel, including time (asymetric kernel) and categorical variables (see Li and Racine 2010). Experimental version.

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See Also

`golden_search_bandwidth`, `summary`, `plot`, `predict`, `kernel_matW`

Examples

```

library(mgwrsar)
## loading data example
data(mydata)
coords=as.matrix(mydata[,c("x", "y")])
## Creating a spatial weight matrix (sparse dgCMatrix)

```

```
## of 4 nearest neighbors with 0 in diagonal
W=kernel_matW(H=4,kernels='rectangle',coords=coords,NN=4,adaptive=TRUE,
diagnull=TRUE)
mgwrsar_0_kc_kv<-MGWRSAR(formula = 'Y_mgwrsar_0_kc_kv~X1+X2+X3', data = mydata,
coords=coords, fixed_vars='X2',kernels=c('gauss'),H=20, Model = 'MGWRSAR_0_kc_kv',
control=list(SE=FALSE,adaptive=TRUE,W=W))
summary(mgwrsar_0_kc_kv)
```

mgwrsar-class

Class of mgwrsar Model.

Description

A S4 class to represent the results of MGWRSAR, TDS-MGWR and related spatial models.

Slots

Betav matrix. The estimated varying coefficients, dimension (n, kv).

Betac numeric. The estimated constant coefficients, length kc.

Model character. The type of model (e.g., "GWR", "MGWR", "SAR", "tds_mgwr").

fixed_vars character. A vector with names of spatially constant covariates.

Y numeric. The dependent variable.

XC matrix. The explanatory variables with constant coefficients.

XV matrix. The explanatory variables with varying coefficients.

X matrix. All explanatory variables.

W Matrix. The spatial weight matrix for spatial dependence (row-standardized).

isgcv logical. Indicates if Leave-One-Out Cross-Validation (LOOCV) has been computed.

edf numeric. The estimated effective degrees of freedom.

formula formula. The model formula.

data data.frame. The dataframe used for computation.

Method character. The estimation technique for spatial dependence models ('2SLS' or 'B2SLS').
Default is '2SLS'.

coords matrix. The spatial coordinates of observations.

H numeric. The bandwidth vector (spatial).

Ht numeric. The bandwidth vector (temporal), if applicable.

kernels character. The kernel type(s) used (e.g., 'gauss', 'bisq').

adaptive logical. Indicates if an adaptive kernel (nearest neighbors) was used.

Type character. The type of Generalized Kernel Product ('GD' for spatial, 'GDT' for spatio-temporal).

TP numeric. Indices of target points (if a subset was used).

SSRtp numeric. The residual sum of squares calculated only on target points.
 SSR numeric. The total residual sum of squares.
 residuals numeric. The vector of residuals.
 fit numeric. The vector of fitted values.
 pred numeric. The vector of predicted values (out-of-sample).
 sev matrix. Local standard errors of varying coefficients.
 se numeric. Standard errors of constant coefficients.
 tS numeric. The trace of the Hat matrix (effective number of parameters).
 Shat matrix. The Hat matrix (or approximation).
 R_k list. List of partial Hat matrices by covariate (for MGWR inference).
 h_w numeric. The bandwidth value used for computing the spatial weight matrix W. Default is 0.
 kernel_w character. The kernel type used for computing W. Default is NULL.
 RMSE numeric. Root Mean Square Error (on training data).
 RMSEtp numeric. Root Mean Square Error computed on target points.
 CV numeric. Leave-One-Out Cross-Validation score.
 AIC numeric. Akaike Information Criterion.
 AICc numeric. Corrected Akaike Information Criterion.
 AICctp numeric. Corrected AIC for target points.
 BIC numeric. Bayesian Information Criterion.
 R2 numeric. R-squared.
 R2_adj numeric. Adjusted R-squared.
 get_ts logical. Indicates if the trace of the Hat matrix ($\text{Tr}(S)$) was stored.
 NN numeric. The maximum number of neighbors used for weight computation (truncation parameter).
 ncore numeric. Number of CPU cores used.
 mycall call. The original function call.
 ctime numeric. Computation time in seconds.
 HRMSE matrix. History of RMSE values (for iterative algorithms like backfitting).
 HBETA list. History of estimated Beta coefficients at each iteration.
 loglik numeric. Log-likelihood value.
 G list. List containing neighboring indices and distances (knn object).
 V numeric. Sequence of spatial bandwidths tested (for TDS algorithms).
 Vt numeric. Sequence of temporal bandwidths tested (for TDS algorithms).
 Z numeric. Temporal or auxiliary variable for GDT kernel type.
 TS numeric. Diagonal elements of the Hat Matrix.
 alpha numeric. Ratio parameter for GDT kernels (balancing space and time).
 HM matrix. Matrix of optimal bandwidths per covariate (for TDS).
 HKmin numeric. Minimum allowed bandwidth per covariate (for TDS).
 HKMIN list. List of minimum bandwidths per covariate for spatio-temporal models (TDS).
 isolated_idx numeric. Indices of observations without sufficient neighbors.
 my_crs ANY. Coordinate Reference System (CRS) information.

mgwrsar_bootstrap_test

A bootstrap test for Betas for mgwrsar class model.

Description

A bootstrap test for Betas for mgwrsar class model.

Usage

```
mgwrsar_bootstrap_test(x0,x1,B=100,ncore=1,type='standard',eps='H1',
df='H1',focal='median',D=NULL,verbose=FALSE)
```

Arguments

x0	The H0 mgwrsar model
x1	The H1 mgwrsar model
B	number of bootstrap repetitions, default 100
ncore	number of cores
type	type of bootstrap : 'wild','Rademacher','spatial' or 'standard' (default)
eps	Hypothesis under which residuals are simulated, 'H0' or 'H1' (default)
df	Hypothesis under which degree of freedom is estimated.
focal	see sample_stat help
D	A matrix of distance
verbose	default FALSE

Value

The value of the statistics test and a p ratio.

See Also

mgwrsar_bootstrap_test_all

mgwrsar_bootstrap_test_all

A bootstrap test for testing nullity of all Betas for mgwrsar class model,

Description

A bootstrap test for testing nullity of all Betas for mgwrsar class model,

Usage

```
mgwrsar_bootstrap_test_all(model,B=100,ncore=1,type='standard')
```

Arguments

model	A mgwrsar model
B	number of bootstrap replications, default 100
ncore	number of cores for parallelization.
type	type of bootstrap ('spatial','wild','random')

Value

a matrix with statistical test values and p ratios

See Also

mgwrsar_bootstrap_test

multiscale_gwr

Multiscale Geographically Weighted Regression (MGWR)

Description

This function estimates a Multiscale Geographically Weighted Regression (MGWR) model based on the proposition of Fotheringham et al. (2017). Unlike standard GWR where a single bandwidth is used for all covariates, MGWR allows for covariate-specific bandwidths. It uses a backfitting algorithm to iteratively estimate the optimal bandwidth and coefficients for each explanatory variable.

Usage

```
multiscale_gwr(formula, data, coords, kernels = 'bisq',
               control_mgwr = list(), control = list())
```

Arguments

formula	A formula object specifying the model (e.g., $y \sim x_1 + x_2$).
data	A data frame containing the variables in the model.
coords	A matrix or data frame of coordinates (2 columns for spatial, 3 for spatio-temporal).
kernels	A character string specifying the kernel type. Options include 'bisq' (default), 'gauss', 'triangle', 'tricube', 'rectangle'.
control_mgwr	A named list of control parameters specific to the MGWR backfitting algorithm. See 'Details' for available components.
control	A named list of standard control arguments passed to the internal GWR estimation steps. See 'Details' for available components.

Details**Components for control_mgwr:**

init	Character. The type of model used for initialization. Options are 'GWR' (default) or 'lm' (OLS).
maxiter	Integer. Maximum number of backfitting iterations. Default is 20.
tolerance	Numeric. Convergence threshold based on the change in RMSE or bandwidths. Default is $1e-6$.
nstable	Integer. Number of consecutive iterations where bandwidths must remain stable to declare convergence. Default is 6.
H0	Numeric vector. Optional initial bandwidths for each covariate. If NULL, they are initialized via GWR or global search.
get_AIC	Logical. If TRUE, calculates the corrected Akaike Information Criterion (AICc) at the end. Default is FALSE.
verbose	Logical. If TRUE, prints progress information during backfitting. Default is FALSE.

Components for control:

adaptive	Logical. If TRUE (default), uses an adaptive bandwidth (k-nearest neighbors). If FALSE, uses a fixed distance bandwidth.
Type	Character. The type of spatial weighting. 'GD' (Geographical Distance, default) or 'GDT' (Geo-Temporal).
NN	Integer. Maximum number of neighbors for matrix truncation (speeds up computation). Default is <code>nrow(data)</code> .
ncore	Integer. Number of cores to use for parallel computation.
isgcv	Logical. If TRUE, computes Leave-One-Out Cross-Validation scores. Default is FALSE.

Value

An object of class `mgwrsar` containing:

<code>Betav</code>	Matrix of estimated spatially varying coefficients.
<code>H</code>	Vector of final optimal bandwidths for each covariate.
<code>RMSE</code>	Root Mean Square Error of the final model.
<code>residuals</code>	Vector of residuals.
<code>fitted.values</code>	Vector of fitted values.
<code>AICc</code>	Corrected AIC (if <code>get_AIC = TRUE</code>).
<code>R2</code>	R-squared of the model.

References

Fotheringham, A. S., Yang, W., & Kang, W. (2017). Multiscale geographically weighted regression (MGWR). *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*, 107(6), 1247-1265.

See Also

[MGWRSAR](#), [TDS_MGWR](#), [golden_search_bandwidth](#)

mydata

mydata is a simulated data set of a mgwrsar model

Description

mydata is a simulated data set of a mgwrsar model

Format

A data frames with 1000 rows 22 variables and a matrix of coordinates with two columns

Author(s)

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References

[doi:10.1016/j.regsciurbeco.2017.04.001](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.regsciurbeco.2017.04.001)

mydatasf	<i>mydataf is a Simple Feature object with real estate data in south of France.</i>
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Description

mydataf is a Simple Feature object with real estate data in south of France.

Format

A sf object with 1403 rows, 5 columns

Author(s)

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References

<https://www.data.gouv.fr/fr/datasets/demandes-de-valeurs-foncieres/>

normW	<i>normW row normalization of dgCMatrix</i>
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Description

normW row normalization of dgCMatrix

Usage

```
normW(x)
```

Arguments

x	A dgCMatrix class matrix
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Value

A row normalized dgCMatrix

`plot,mgwrsar,missing-method`*Plot method for mgwrsar model*

Description

Maps the results of an mgwrsar model using an interactive Plotly map. Supports plotting coefficients, t-statistics, residuals, and fitted values. Automatically switches between a geographic map (if CRS is present) and a scatter plot.

Visualizes the results of an MGWRSAR model (coefficients, t-statistics, residuals, or fitted values) using interactive plots via the plotly package.

If a Coordinate Reference System (CRS) is provided (either via the crs argument or stored in the model object), the function generates an interactive map. Otherwise, it generates a standard scatter plot of the values against the coordinates.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'mgwrsar,missing'
plot(
  x,
  y,
  type = "coef",
  var = NULL,
  crs = NULL,
  mypalette = "RdYlGn",
  opacity = 0.8,
  size = 5,
  title = NULL,
  show_legend = TRUE,
  n_time_steps = 10,
  ...
)

## S3 method for class 'mgwrsar'
plot(
  x,
  type = "coef",
  var = NULL,
  crs = NULL,
  mypalette = "RdYlGn",
  size = 5,
  opacity = 0.8,
  title = NULL,
  show_legend = TRUE,
  n_time_steps = 10,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

x	An object of class mgwrsar.
y	missing (not used).
type	Character. The type of output to plot. Options are: • 'coef': Spatially varying coefficients (default). • 't_coef': t-statistics of the coefficients (visualized with a significance threshold of 1.96). • 'residuals': Model residuals. • 'fitted': Fitted values.
var	Character. The name of the variable (covariate) to plot. Required if type is 'coef' or 't_coef'.
crs	Numeric or character. The Coordinate Reference System (e.g., EPSG code) of the coordinates. If NULL, the function attempts to retrieve the CRS from x@my_crs.
mypalette	Character. The color palette to use for the points (e.g., "RdYlGn", "Viridis"). Default is "RdYlGn".
opacity	Numeric. The opacity of the markers, between 0 and 1. Default is 0.8.
size	Numeric. The size of the markers. Default is 5.
title	Character. A custom title for the plot. If NULL, a default title is automatically generated.
show_legend	Logical. Whether to display the legend. Default is TRUE.
n_time_steps	time step for spatio-temporal model (default 10).
...	Additional arguments passed to the internal plot function.

Value

An interactive Plotly object (Mapbox or Scatter).

A plotly object representing the interactive plot (or map).

See Also

[MGWRSAR](#)

plot_effect	<i>plot_effect plot_effect is a function that plots the effect of a variable X_k with spatially varying coefficient, i.e $X_k * \text{Beta}_k(u_i, v_i)$ for comparing the magnitude of effects of between variables.</i>
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Description

plot_effect plot_effect is a function that plots the effect of a variable X_k with spatially varying coefficient, i.e $X_k * \text{Beta}_k(u_i, v_i)$ for comparing the magnitude of effects of between variables.

Usage

```
plot_effect(model,sampling=TRUE,nsample=2000,nsample_max=5000,title='')
```

Arguments

model	a model of mgwrsar class with some spatially varying coefficients.
sampling	Boolean, if nrow(model@Betav)> nsample_max a sample of size nsample is randomly selected, default TRUE.
nsample	integer, size of the sample if sampling is TRUE, default 2000.
nsample_max	integer, size max to engage sampling if sampling is TRUE, default 5000.
title	a title for the plot.

Examples

```
library(mgwrsar)
## loading data example
data(mydata)
coords=as.matrix(mydata[,c("x","y")])
## Creating a spatial weight matrix (sparse dgCMatrix)
## of 8 nearest neighbors with 0 in diagonal
model_GWR0<-MGWRSAR(formula = 'Y_gwr~X1+X2+X3', data = mydata,coords=coords,
fixed_vars=NULL,kernels=c('gauss'),H=0.13, Model = 'GWR',control=list(SE=TRUE))
plot_effect(model_GWR0)
```

```
predict,mgwrsar-method
```

predict method for mgwrsar model

Description

predict method for mgwrsar model

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'mgwrsar'
predict(
  object,
  newdata,
  newdata_coords,
  W = NULL,
  type = "BPN",
  h_w = 100,
  kernel_w = "rectangle",
  maxobs = 4000,
  beta_proj = FALSE,
```

```

method_pred = "TP",
k_extra = 8,
exposant = 8,
...
)

```

Arguments

object	A model of class <code>mgwrsar-class</code> .
newdata	a matrix or data.frame of new data.
newdata_coords	a matrix of new coordinates, and eventually other variables if a General Kernel Product is used.
W	the spatial weight matrix for models with spatial autocorrelation.
type	Type for BLUP estimator, default "BPN". If NULL use predictions without spatial bias correction.
h_w	A bandwidth value for the spatial weight matrix
kernel_w	kernel type for the spatial weight matrix. Possible types: rectangle ("rectangle"), bisquare ("bisq"), tricube ("tcub"), epanechnikov ("epane"), gaussian ("gauss") .
maxobs	maximum number of observations for exact calculation of solve(I- rho*W), default maxobs=4000.
beta_proj	A boolean, if TRUE the function then return a two elements list(Y_predicted,Beta_proj_out)
method_pred	If method_pred = 'TP' (default) prediction is done by recomputing a MGWR-SAR model with new-data as target points, else if method_pred in ('tWtp_model','model','shepard') a matrix for projecting estimated betas is used (see details).
k_extra	number of neighbors for local parameter extrapolation if shepard kernel is used, default 8.
exposant	shapenig parameter for tds_mgtwr model, default 6.
...	predict parameters forwarded.

Details

if method_pred='tWtp_model', the weighting matrix for prediction is based on the expected weights of outsample data if they were had been added to insample data to estimate the corresponding MGWRSAR (see Geniaux 2022 for further detail), if method_pred ='shepard' a shepard kernel with k_extra neighbours (default 8) is used and if method_pred='kernel_model' the same kernel and number of neighbors as for computing the MGWRSAR model is used.

Value

A vector of predictions if beta_proj is FALSE or a list with a vector named Y_predicted and a matrix named Beta_proj_out.

A vector of predictions.

reord_D	<i>reord_D</i>
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Description

Reorders the elements of a distance matrix row by row according to a corresponding index matrix.

Usage

reord_D(M, idxG)

Arguments

- | | |
|------|---|
| M | A numeric matrix to be reordered. |
| idxG | An integer matrix of the same number of rows as ‘M’, where each row contains column indices indicating the new ordering for that row. |

Value

A reordered numeric matrix with the same number of rows as ‘M’ and columns equal to the maximum index in ‘idxG’.

reord_M_R	<i>reord_M</i>
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Description

Reorders the elements of a matrix row by row according to a corresponding index matrix. Each row of the index matrix specifies the new column order for the corresponding row of the input matrix.

Usage

reord_M_R(M, idxG)

Arguments

- | | |
|------|---|
| M | A numeric matrix to be reordered. |
| idxG | An integer matrix of the same number of rows as ‘M’, where each row contains column indices indicating the new ordering for that row. |

Details

This function performs a scatter-like reordering: for each row ‘i’, the values of ‘M[i,]’ are placed in the positions specified by ‘idxG[i,]’. It is particularly useful for spatial or neighborhood-based rearrangements where each observation has its own local indexing of neighbors.

Value

A reordered numeric matrix with the same number of rows as ‘M’ and columns equal to the maximum index in ‘idxG’.

Examples

```
M <- matrix(1:9, nrow = 3, byrow = TRUE)
idxG <- matrix(c(3, 1, 2, 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 1), nrow = 3, byrow = TRUE)
reord_M_R(M, idxG)
```

residuals,mgwrsar-method

residuals for mgwrsar model

Description

residuals for mgwrsar model

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'mgwrsar'
residuals(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object	A model of class <code>mgwrsar-class</code> .
...	residuals parameters forwarded.

Value

A vector of residuals.

search_bandwidths

Bandwidth Selection via Multi-round Grid Search based on AICc

Description

This function selects the optimal bandwidths (spatial and/or temporal) for GWR or MGWR models by minimizing the Corrected Akaike Information Criterion (AICc). It uses a multi-round grid search approach (coarse-to-fine) to efficiently narrow down the optimal parameter space before optionally applying a golden section search for final refinement.

Usage

```
search_bandwidths(
  formula,
  data,
  coords,
  fixed_vars = NULL,
  kernels = c("gauss", "gauss"),
  Model = "GWR",
  control = list(),
  hs_range = NULL,
  ht_range = NULL,
  n_seq = 10,
  ncore = 1,
  n_rounds = 0,
  refine = TRUE,
  verbose = FALSE,
  show_progress = FALSE,
  tol = NULL,
  parallel_method = "auto"
)
```

Arguments

formula	A formula object specifying the model (e.g., $y \sim x1 + x2$).
data	A data frame containing the variables in the model.
coords	A matrix or data frame of coordinates (2 columns for spatial, 1 for temporal, or more for GDT).
fixed_vars	A character vector indicating the names of variables with spatially stationary (fixed) coefficients. Default is NULL (all coefficients are varying).
kernels	A character vector specifying the kernel types for spatial and temporal components (e.g., <code>c("gauss", "gauss")</code>).
Model	A character string specifying the model type. Options include "GWR", "MGWR", "OLS", "SAR", etc. Default is "GWR".
control	A named list of extra control arguments passed to the MGWRSAR function (e.g., <code>adaptive</code> , <code>NN</code> , <code>Z</code>).
hs_range	A numeric vector of length 2 defining the lower and upper bounds for the spatial bandwidth search.
ht_range	A numeric vector of length 2 defining the lower and upper bounds for the temporal bandwidth search. Set to NULL for spatial-only models.
n_seq	An integer specifying the number of bandwidth candidates to test per dimension in each round.
ncore	An integer specifying the number of CPU cores to use for parallel processing. Default is <code>parallel::detectCores() - 1</code> .
n_rounds	An integer specifying the number of grid search rounds (zooming steps). Default is 3.

refine	Logical. If TRUE, a final optimization step using golden section search is performed around the best candidate found. Default is FALSE.
verbose	Logical. If TRUE, prints progress messages to the console.
show_progress	Logical. If TRUE, displays a progress bar during computation.
tol	A numeric vector of length 2 (or 1) specifying the tolerance for spatial and temporal bandwidths. If NULL, it is calculated automatically based on the range.
parallel_method	Parallelization method ("auto", "fork", "socket"); "auto" selects the best available backend depending on the OS, other values run sequentially.

Details

The function performs a grid search over `n_rounds`. In the first round, it tests `n_seq` candidates linearly or geometrically spaced within the provided ranges. In subsequent rounds, the search range is narrowed around the best candidate from the previous round.

Value

A list containing:

mode	The mode of optimization ("spatial_only" or "spatio-temporal").
results	A list of data frames containing the results (bandwidths and AICc) for each round.
best	A data frame row corresponding to the best parameter combination found.
refined	The result of the refinement step (if <code>refine</code> = TRUE).
best_model	The final <code>mgwrsar</code> model object fitted with the optimal bandwidths.
ctime	The total computation time.

See Also

[MGWRSAR](#)

simu_multiscale	<i>Simulate Data Generating Processes (DGP) for Multiscale GWR</i>
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Description

The `simu_multiscale` function generates synthetic datasets with spatially varying coefficients based on Data Generating Processes (DGP) proposed in the literature. It supports formulations from Fotheringham et al. (2017), Gao et al. (2021), and Geniaux (2024). It also allows for the introduction of spatial autocorrelation (SAR) in the response variable.

Usage

```
simu_multiscale(
  n = 1000,
  myseed = 1,
  type = "GG2024",
  constant = NULL,
  nuls = NULL,
  lambda = NULL,
  NN = 4,
  config_beta = "default",
  config_snr = 0.7,
  config_eps = "normal"
)
```

Arguments

<code>n</code>	Integer. The number of observations to simulate. Default is 1000.
<code>myseed</code>	Integer. Random seed for reproducibility. Default is 1.
<code>type</code>	Character. The type of DGP to use. Options are 'FT2017', 'Gao2021', or 'GG2024' (default).
<code>constant</code>	Vector. Indices or names of explanatory variables that should have constant (spatially stationary) coefficients. Default is NULL (all coefficients vary).
<code>nuls</code>	Vector. Indices of explanatory variables that should have a null effect (coefficient = 0). Default is NULL.
<code>lambda</code>	Numeric. The spatial autoregressive parameter (ρ) if a SAR process is desired. Default is NULL (no spatial autocorrelation).
<code>NN</code>	Integer. The number of nearest neighbors used to construct the spatial weight matrix W if <code>lambda</code> is provided. Default is 4.
<code>config_beta</code>	Character. Configuration of the spatial pattern for Beta coefficients (e.g., 'default').
<code>config_snr</code>	Numeric. The desired Signal-to-Noise Ratio (SNR). Default is 0.7.
<code>config_eps</code>	Character. The distribution of the error term. Options are 'normal' (default), 'unif', or 'Chi2'.

Value

A named list containing:

mydata A data frame with the simulated response variable y and explanatory variables.

coords A matrix of spatial coordinates.

Betav A matrix of the true spatially varying coefficients.

W The spatial weight matrix (if `lambda` is not NULL).

References

- Fotheringham, A. S., Yang, W., & Kang, W. (2017). Multiscale geographically weighted regression (MGWR). *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*, 107(6), 1247-1265.
- Gao, S., Mei, C. L., Xu, Q. X., & Wang, N. (2021). Non-iterative multiscale estimation for spatial autoregressive geographically weighted regression models. *Entropy*, 25(2), 320.
- Geniaux, G. (2025). Top-Down Scale Approaches for Multiscale GWR with Locally Adaptive Bandwidths. *Springer Nature*, 2021 LATEX template.

Examples

```
library(mgwrsar)
library(ggplot2)
library(gridExtra)
library(grid)

# Simulate data using Geniaux (2024) DGP
simu <- simu_multiscale(n = 1000, type = 'GG2024', config_snr = 0.7)
mydata <- simu$mydata
coords <- simu$coords

# Visualizing the spatial patterns of the coefficients
p1 <- ggplot(mydata, aes(x, y, col = Beta1)) + geom_point() + scale_color_viridis_c()
p2 <- ggplot(mydata, aes(x, y, col = Beta2)) + geom_point() + scale_color_viridis_c()
p3 <- ggplot(mydata, aes(x, y, col = Beta3)) + geom_point() + scale_color_viridis_c()
p4 <- ggplot(mydata, aes(x, y, col = Beta4)) + geom_point() + scale_color_viridis_c()

grid.arrange(p1, p2, p3, p4, nrow = 2, ncol = 2,
             top = textGrob("DGP Geniaux (2024)", gp = gpar(fontsize = 20, font = 3)))
```

summary,mgwrsar-method

summary for mgwrsar model

Description

summary for mgwrsar model

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'mgwrsar'
summary(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object	A model of class <code>mgwrsar-class</code> .
...	summary parameters forwarded.

Value

A summary object.

summary_Matrix	<i>summary_Matrix to be documented</i>
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Description

summary_Matrix to be documented

Usage

summary_Matrix(object, ...)

Arguments

object	to be documented
...	to be documented

Value

to be documented

TDS_MGWR	<i>Top-Down Scale (TDS) and Adaptive Top-Down Scale (ATDS) Estimation for MGWR</i>
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Description

This function implements the "Top-Down Scale" (TDS) methodology for estimating Multiscale Geographically Weighted Regression (MGWR) models. Unlike classical backfitting approaches that fully optimize bandwidths at each iteration, TDS uses a pre-defined sequence of decreasing bandwidths to efficiently identify the optimal spatial scale for each covariate.

The function supports two main algorithms:

- **'tds_mgwr'**: A backfitting algorithm that selects a unique optimal bandwidth for each covariate from a decreasing sequence.
- **'atds_mgwr'**: Extends 'tds_mgwr' with a second "boosting" stage (Adaptive TDS). It refines estimates by allowing bandwidths to vary locally, capturing complex spatial patterns (e.g., simultaneous large-scale trends and local variations).

Usage

```
TDS_MGWR(formula, data, coords, Model = 'tds_mgwr',
          kernels = 'gauss', fixed_vars = NULL, Ht = NULL,
          control_tds = list(nns = 25, get_AIC = FALSE, init_model = "OLS"),
          control = list(adaptive = TRUE))
```

Arguments

formula	A formula object specifying the model (e.g., $y \sim x_1 + x_2$).
data	A data frame containing the variables in the model.
coords	A matrix or data frame of coordinates (2 columns for spatial).
Model	A character string specifying the algorithm. Options: 'tds_mgwr' (default): Top-Down Scale MGWR (Stage 1 only). 'atds_mgwr': Adaptive Top-Down Scale MGWR (Stage 1 + Stage 2 boosting). 'atds_gwr': Univariate Adaptive Top-Down Scale GWR.
kernels	A character string or vector specifying the kernel type (e.g., 'triangle', 'bisq', 'gauss'). Default is 'triangle'.
fixed_vars	A character vector indicating the names of variables with spatially stationary (fixed) coefficients. Default is NULL.
Ht	Numeric. Optional bandwidth for the second dimension (time) if using spatio-temporal models (Type 'GDT').
control_tds	A named list of control parameters specific to the TDS algorithm: nns Integer. Number of bandwidth steps in the decreasing sequence (default 30). get_AIC Logical. If TRUE, computes AICc (slower). Default FALSE (except for 'atds_mgwr'). init_model Character. Initial model type to start backfitting: 'OLS' (default), 'GWR', 'GTWR', or 'known'. ncore Integer. Number of cores for parallelization. Default 1. tol Numeric. Convergence tolerance. Default 0.001. nrounds Integer. Number of boosting rounds for Stage 2 (only for 'atds_mgwr'). Default 3.
control	A named list of standard control arguments passed to the internal MGWRSAR calls: adaptive Logical or Vector. TRUE for adaptive bandwidth (nearest neighbors), FALSE for fixed distance. Can be a vector of length 2 for space/time. Type Character. Spatial weighting type: 'GD' (Spatial only) or 'GDT' (Space-Time). NN Integer. Maximum number of neighbors for distance matrix computation (truncation). Default is nrow(data).

Details

The TDS algorithm works in two stages:

1. ****Stage 1 (Backfitting):**** Starts with a global model (OLS) or a simple GWR. It iteratively updates the bandwidth for each covariate by testing values from a decreasing sequence. This avoids the "yo-yo" effect of standard backfitting and converges faster.
2. ****Stage 2 (Boosting - atds_mgwr only):**** Uses the residuals from Stage 1 to iteratively refine coefficients. This stage allows the effective bandwidth to adapt locally, improving accuracy for covariates with spatially heterogeneous scales.

Value

An object of class `mgwrsar` containing:

<code>Betav</code>	Matrix of spatially varying coefficients.
<code>H</code>	Vector of optimal bandwidths found for each covariate.
<code>RMSE</code>	Root Mean Square Error of the final model.
<code>AICc</code>	Corrected Akaike Information Criterion (if requested).
<code>fitted.values</code>	Vector of fitted values.
<code>residuals</code>	Vector of residuals.

References

Geniaux, G. (2024). Top-Down Scale Approaches for Multiscale GWR with Locally Adaptive Bandwidths. *Springer Nature*.

See Also

[MGWRSAR](#), [golden_search_bandwidth](#)

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