

# Package ‘spfda’

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**Type** Package

**Title** Function-on-Scalar Regression with Group-Bridge Penalty

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**Description** Implements a group-bridge penalized function-on-scalar regression model proposed by Wang et al. (2023) <[doi:10.1111/biom.13684](https://doi.org/10.1111/biom.13684)>, to simultaneously estimate functional coefficient and recover the local sparsity.

**URL** <https://github.com/dipterix/spfda>, <https://dipterix.org/spfda/>

**BugReports** <https://github.com/dipterix/spfda/issues>

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refund

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 fosr\_vs

*Ported function from 'refund' package*


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### Description

A modified version of [fosr.vs](#), but with groups parameter to allow grouping time points rather than the whole coefficient when the underlying functions are locally supported.

### Usage

```
fosr_vs(
  formula,
  data,
  nbasis = 10,
  method = c("ls", "grLasso", "grMCP", "grSCAD"),
  epsilon = 1e-05,
  max.iter_num = 100,
  groups = NULL
)
```

### Arguments

formula, data, nbasis, method, epsilon, max.iter\_num

see [fosr.vs](#)

groups integer vector with length of number of time-points of how time-points should be grouped; default is NULL, indicating there is no local sparsity.

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 spfda

*Sparse Function-on-scalar Regression with Group Bridge Penalty*


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### Description

Function-on-scalar regression model, denote  $n$  as total number of observations,  $p$  the number of coefficients,  $K$  as the number of B-splines,  $T$  as total time points.

### Usage

```
spfda(
  Y,
  X,
  lambda,
  time = seq(0, 1, length.out = ncol(Y)),
  nsp = "auto",
  ord = 4,
  alpha = 0.5,
  W = NULL,
  init = NULL,
  max_iter = 50,
  inner_iter = 50,
```

```

    CI = FALSE,
    ...
  )

```

### Arguments

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| <code>Y</code>          | Numeric $n \times T$ matrix, response function.                         |
| <code>X</code>          | Numeric $n \times p$ matrix, design matrix                              |
| <code>lambda</code>     | Regularization parameter $\gamma$                                       |
| <code>time</code>       | Time domain, numerical length of $T$                                    |
| <code>nsp</code>        | Integer or 'auto', number of B-splines $K$ ; default is 'auto'          |
| <code>ord</code>        | B-spline order, default is 4; must be $\geq 3$                          |
| <code>alpha</code>      | Bridge parameter $\alpha$ , default is 0.5                              |
| <code>W</code>          | A $T \times T$ weight matrix or NULL (identity matrix); default is NULL |
| <code>init</code>       | Initial $\gamma$ ; default is NULL                                      |
| <code>max_iter</code>   | Number of outer iterations  |
| <code>inner_iter</code> | Number of <i>ADMM</i> iterations (inner steps)                          |
| <code>CI</code>         | Logical, whether to calculate theoretical confidence intervals          |
| <code>...</code>        | Ignored   |

### Details

This function implements "Functional Group Bridge for Simultaneous Regression and Support Estimation" ([doi:10.1111/biom.13684](https://doi.org/10.1111/biom.13684)). The model estimates functional coefficients  $\beta(t)$  under model

$$y(t) = X\beta(t) + \epsilon(t)$$

with B-spline basis expansion

$$\beta(t) = \gamma B(t) + R(t),$$

where  $R(t)$  is B-spline approximation error. The objective function

$$\|(Y - X\gamma B)W\|_2^2 + \sum_{j,m} \|\gamma_j^T \mathbf{1}(B^t > 0)\|_1^\alpha.$$

The input response variable is a matrix. If  $y_i(t)$  are observed at different time points, please interpolate (e.g. [kernel](#)) before feeding in.

### Value

A `spfda.model` object (environment) with following elements:

**B** B-spline basis functions used

**error** Root Mean Square Error ('RMSE')

**CI** Whether confidence intervals are calculated

**gamma** B-spline coefficient  $\gamma_{p \times K}$

**generate\_splines** Function to generate B-splines given time points

**K** Number of B-spline basis functions

**knots** B-spline knots used to fit the model

**predict** Function to predict responses  $\beta(t)$  given new  $X$  and/or time points

**raw** A list of raw variables

**Examples**

```

dat <- spfda_simulate()
x <- dat$X
y <- dat$Y

fit <- spfda(y, x, lambda = 5, CI = TRUE)

BIC(fit)

plot(fit, col = c("orange", "dodgerblue3", "darkgreen"),
     main = "Fitted with 95% CI", aty = c(0, 0.5, 1), atx = c(0,0.2,0.8,1))
matpoints(fit$time, t(dat$env$beta), type = 'l', col = 'black', lty = 2)
legend('topleft', c("Fitted", "Underlying"), lty = c(1,2))

print(fit)
coefficients(fit)

```

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spfda\_simulate

*Generates toy example data*


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**Description**

Synthesized functional signals with heterogeneous error. The underlying three coefficients correspond to 'dense', 'global sparse', and 'local sparse' functions. See [doi:10.1111/biom.13684](https://doi.org/10.1111/biom.13684) for detailed configurations.

**Usage**

```
spfda_simulate(n = 1000, n_timepoints = 100, err = 1, scale = c(1, 1, 1))
```

**Arguments**

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| n            | Total number of observations                |
| n_timepoints | Total number of time points                 |
| err          | Error magnitude                             |
| scale        | the scale of coefficients length of 1 or 3. |

**Value**

A list of data generated: X is scalar predictor, Y is functional response.

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| spfa_weight | <i>Calculates weight matrices</i> |
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**Description**

Calculates weight matrices

**Usage**

```
spfa_weight(X, Y, bandwidth, part)
```

**Arguments**

|           |                               |
|-----------|-------------------------------|
| X         | design matrix                 |
| Y         | response matrix               |
| bandwidth | numeric band-width            |
| part      | list of time point boundaries |

**Value**

the weight matrix

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