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**Description** For fitting multivariate response and multiple predictor linear regressions with an arbitrary group structure assigned on the regression coefficient matrix, using the multivariate sparse group lasso and the mixed coordinate descent algorithm.

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Beta.m

*A simulated Beta matrix*

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### Description

An example data set of a simulated 200x200 Beta matrix. It consists of 10 row block groups each containing 20 rows and 10 column blocks each containing 20 columns.

### Usage

```
data(Beta.m)
```

### Format

The format is: a matrix of dimension 200x200.

### Author(s)

Yanming Li, Bin Nan, Ji Zhu

### References

Y. Li, B. Nan and J. Zhu (2015) Multivariate sparse group lasso for the multivariate multiple linear regression with an arbitrary group structure. *Biometrics*. DOI: 10.1111/biom.12292

### Examples

```
data(Beta.m)
```

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Cal\_grpWTs

*An auxiliary function calculating the group weighting matrix grpWTs required when calling the MSGlasso function.*

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### Description

An auxiliary function calculating the group weighting matrix grpWTs required when calling the MSGlasso function.

### Usage

```
Cal_grpWTs(P, Q, G, R, gmax, PQ.grps)
```

**Arguments**

P	a positive interger indicating number of predictor variables
Q	a positive interger indicating number of response variables
G	a positive interger indicating number of predictor groups
R	a positive interger indicating number of response groups
gmax	a positive interger indicating the max number of different groups a single variable (either a predictor or response variable) belongs to.
PQ.grpws	a matrix of (p+q) by (gmax+1), with each row starting with group indicators that row variable belongs to, and followed by 999's till the row is filled.

**Details**

Generates the required input group weighting matrix grpWTs when calling the main MSGlasso function. The grpWTs is a g by r matrix containing the adaptive weighting scores for each group. MSGLasso.grpWTs use the square root of the group size (number of entries the group contains) as the weight for each group.

**Value**

A list with one components:

grpWTs            the grpWTs matrix generated

**Author(s)**

Yanming Li, Bin Nan, Ji Zhu

**References**

Y. Li, B. Nan and J. Zhu (2015) Multivariate sparse group lasso for the multivariate multiple linear regression with an arbitrary group structure. *Biometrics*. DOI: 10.1111/biom.12292

**Examples**

```
#####
## generating the grp.WTs matrix for an overlapping group structure
#####

P <- 200
Q <- 200
G <- 10
R <- 10
gmax <- 1

GarrStarts <-c(0,20,40,60,80,100,120,140,160,180)
GarrEnds <-c(19,39,59,79,99,119,139,159,179,199)
RarrStarts <-c(0,20,40,60,80,100,120,140,160,180)
RarrEnds <-c(19,39,59,79,99,119,139,159,179,199)
```

```

tmp <- FindingPQGrps(P, Q, G, R, gmax, GarrStarts, GarrEnds, RarrStarts, RarrEnds)
PQ.grps <- tmp$PQgrps

tmp1 <- Cal_grpWTs(P, Q, G, R, gmax, PQ.grps)
grp.WTs <- tmp1$grpWTs

```

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FindingGRGrps	<i>An auxiliary function calculating the containing variable index for each predictor (or response) group. It generates the required input GR.grps matrix when calling the MSGlasso function.</i>
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### Description

An auxiliary function calculating the containing variable index for each predictor (or response) group. It generates the required input GR.grps matrix when calling the MSGlasso function.

### Usage

```
FindingGRGrps(P, Q, G, R, cmax, G.Starts, G.Ends, R.Starts, R.Ends)
```

### Arguments

P	a positive interger indicating number of predictor variables
Q	a positive interger indicating number of response variables
G	a positive interger indicating number of predictor groups
R	a positive interger indicating number of response groups
cmax	a positive interger indicating the max number of variables a single group (either a predictor or response group) contains.
G.Starts	a vector of starting coordinates for the predictor groups.
G.Ends	a vector of ending coordinates for the predictor groups.
R.Starts	a vector of starting coordinates for the response groups.
R.Ends	a vector of ending coordinates for the response groups.

### Details

Generates the required input GRgrps matrix when calling the main MSGlasso function, when user provide the starting and ending coordinates for each of the predictor and response groups. The GRgrps is a matrix of (g+r) by (cmax+1), with each row starting with variable indicators that row group contains, and followed by 999's till the row is filled.

### Value

A list with one components:

GRgrps	the GRgrps matrix generated
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**Author(s)**

Yanming Li, Bin Nan, Ji Zhu

**References**

Y. Li, B. Nan and J. Zhu (2015) Multivariate sparse group lasso for the multivariate multiple linear regression with an arbitrary group structure. *Biometrics*. DOI: 10.1111/biom.12292

**Examples**

```
#####
## generating the GR.grps matrix for an overlapping group structure
#####

P <- 200
Q <- 200
G <- 10
R <- 10
cmax <- 400

GarrStarts <-c(0,20,40,60,80,100,120,140,160,180)
GarrEnds <-c(19,39,59,79,99,119,139,159,179,199)
RarrStarts <-c(0,20,40,60,80,100,120,140,160,180)
RarrEnds <-c(19,39,59,79,99,119,139,159,179,199)

tmp <- FindingGRGrps(P, Q, G, R, cmax, GarrStarts, GarrEnds, RarrStarts, RarrEnds)
GR.grps <- tmp$GRgrps
```

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FindingPQGrps

*An auxiliary function calculating the group attribution index for each predictor (or response) variable. It generates the required input PQ.grps matrix when calling the MSGlasso function.*

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**Description**

An auxiliary function calculating the group attribution index for each predictor (or response) variable. It generates the required input PQ.grps matrix when calling the MSGlasso function.

**Usage**

```
FindingPQGrps(P, Q, G, R, gmax, G.Starts, G.Ends, R.Starts, R.Ends)
```

**Arguments**

P	a positive interger indicating number of predictor variables
Q	a positive interger indicating number of response variables
G	a positive interger indicating number of predictor groups
R	a positive interger indicating number of response groups
gmax	a positive interger indicating the max number of different groups a single variable (either a predictor or response variable) belongs to.
G.Starts	a vector of starting coordinates for the predictor groups.
G.Ends	a vector of ending coordinates for the predictor groups.
R.Starts	a vector of starting coordinates for the response groups.
R.Ends	a vector of ending coordinates for the response groups.

**Details**

Generates the required input PQgrps matrix when calling the main MSGlasso function, when user provide the starting and ending coordinates for each of the predictor and response groups. The PQgrps is a matrix of (p+q) by (gmax+1), with each row starting with group indicators that row variable belongs to, and followed by 999's till the row is filled.

**Value**

A list with one components:

PQgrps            the PQgrps matrix generated

**Author(s)**

Yanming Li, Bin Nan, Ji Zhu

**References**

Y. Li, B. Nan and J. Zhu (2015) Multivariate sparse group lasso for the multivariate multiple linear regression with an arbitrary group structure. Biometrics. DOI: 10.1111/biom.12292

**Examples**

```
#####
## generating the PQ.grps matrix for an overlapping group structure
#####

P <- 200
Q <- 200
G <- 10
R <- 10
gmax <- 1

GarrStarts <-c(0,20,40,60,80,100,120,140,160,180)
```

```
GarrEnds <-c(19,39,59,79,99,119,139,159,179,199)
RarrStarts <-c(0,20,40,60,80,100,120,140,160,180)
RarrEnds <-c(19,39,59,79,99,119,139,159,179,199)

tmp <- FindingPQGrps(P, Q, G, R, gmax, GarrStarts, GarrEnds, RarrStarts, RarrEnds)
PQ.grps <- tmp$PQgrps
```

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MSGGLasso	<i>A function to fit the Multivariate Sparse Group Lasso with an arbitrary group structure (MSGGLasso)</i>
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### Description

A function to fit the Multivariate Sparse Group Lasso with an arbitrary group structure using the mixed coordinate descent algorithm.

### Usage

```
MSGGLasso(X.m, Y.m, grp.WTs, Pen.L, Pen.G, PQ.grps, GR.grps, grp_Norm0,
  lam1, lam.G, Beta0 = NULL)
```

### Arguments

X.m	numeric predictor matrix (n by p): columns correspond to predictor variables and rows correspond to samples. Missing values are not allowed.
Y.m	numeric predictor matrix (n by q): columns correspond to response variables and rows correspond to samples. Missing values are not allowed.
grp.WTs	user specified adaptive group weighting matrix of g by r, for putting different penalization levels on different groups. Missing values are not allowed.
Pen.L	user specified single-entry level penalization indicator matrix of p by q. 1 for being penalized and 0 for not. Missing values are not allowed.
Pen.G	user specified group level penalization indicator matrix of g by r. 1 for being penalized and 0 for not. Missing values are not allowed.
PQ.grps	the group attributing matrix of (p+q) by (gmax+1), where gmax is max number of different groups a single variable belongs to. Each row corresponds to a (predictor or response) variable, and starts with group indexes the variable belongs to and followed by 999.
GR.grps	the variable attributing matrix of (g+r)*(cmax+1), where cmax is max number of variables a single group contains. Each row corresponds to a (predictor or response) group, and starts with variable indexes the group contains to and followed by 999.
grp_Norm0	a numeric matrix (g by r) containing starting L2 group norm values. Should be calculated from the Beta starting value matrix Beta0.
lam1	lasso penalty parameter scalar.

lam.G	group penalty parameter matrix (g by r).
Beta0	numeric matrix (p by q) containing starting beta values. By default use a zero matrix.

### Details

Uses the mixed coordinate descent algorithm for fitting the multivariate sparse group lasso in a multivariate-response-multiple-predictor linear regression setting, with an arbitrary group structure on the regression coefficient matrix (Li, Nan and Zhu 2014).

### Value

A list with five components:

Beta	the estimated regression coefficient matrix (p by q).
grpNorm	the L2 group norm matrix (g by r) of the estimated regression coefficient matrix.
E	residual matrix (n by q).
rss.v	a vector of length q recording the residual sum square for each of the q responses.
rss	a scaler of overall residual sum of square.
iter	a positive interger recording the number of iterations till convergence.

### Author(s)

Yanming Li, Bin Nan, Ji Zhu

### References

Y. Li, B. Nan and J. Zhu (2015) Multivariate sparse group lasso for the multivariate multiple linear regression with an arbitrary group structure. *Biometrics*. DOI: 10.1111/biom.12292

### Examples

```
#####
# Simulate data
#####

set.seed(sample(1:100,1))
G.arr <- c(0,20,20,20,20,20,20,20,20,20,20,20)

data("Beta.m")

##### generate data set for model fitting

simDataGen<-function(N, Beta, rho, s, G.arr, seed=1){

P<-nrow(Beta)
Q<-ncol(Beta)
gsum<-0
X.m<-NULL
```



```

set.seed(seed)

Sig<-matrix(0,P,P)
jstart <-1

for(g in 1:length(G.arr)-1){
X.m<-cbind(X.m, matrix(rnorm(N*G.arr[g+1]),N,G.arr[g+1], byrow=TRUE))

for(i in 2:P){ for(j in jstart: (i-1)){

  Sig[i,j]<-rho^(abs(i-j))

  Sig[j,i]<-Sig[i,j]

}}
jstart <- jstart + G.arr[g+1]
}

diag(Sig)<-1
R<-chol(Sig)

X.m<-X.m%%R

SVsum <-0

for (q in 1:Q){SVsum <-SVsum+var(X.m %% Beta[,q])}
sdr =sqrt(s*SVsum/Q)

E.m <- matrix(rnorm(N*Q,0,sdr),N, Q, byrow=TRUE)

Y.m<-X.m%%Beta+E.m

return(list(X=X.m, Y=Y.m, E=E.m))
}

N <-150

rho=0.5;
s=4;

Data <- simDataGen(N, Beta.m,rho, s, G.arr, seed=sample(1:100,1))
X.m<-Data$X
Y.m<-Data$Y

#####
## fit model for one set of (lam1, lam.G) using example data
#####

P <- dim(Beta.m)[1]
Q <- dim(Beta.m)[2]

```

```

G <- 10
R <- 10

gmax <- 1
cmax <- 20
GarrStarts <- c(0,20,40,60,80,100,120,140,160,180)
GarrEnds <- c(19,39,59,79,99,119,139,159,179,199)
RarrStarts <- c(0,20,40,60,80,100,120,140,160,180)
RarrEnds <- c(19,39,59,79,99,119,139,159,179,199)

tmp <- FindingPQGrps(P, Q, G, R, gmax, GarrStarts, GarrEnds, RarrStarts, RarrEnds)
PQgrps <- tmp$PQgrps

tmp1 <- Cal_grpWTs(P, Q, G, R, gmax, PQgrps)
grpWTs <- tmp1$grpWTs

tmp2 <- FindingGRGrps(P, Q, G, R, cmax, GarrStarts, GarrEnds, RarrStarts, RarrEnds)
GRgrps <- tmp2$GRgrps

Pen_L <- matrix(rep(1,P*Q),P,Q, byrow=TRUE)
Pen_G <- matrix(rep(1,G*R),G,R, byrow=TRUE)
grp_Norm0 <- matrix(rep(0, G*R), nrow=G, byrow=TRUE)

MSGLassolam1 <- 1.6
MSGLassolamG <- 0.26
MSGLassolamG.m <- matrix(rep(MSGLassolamG, G*R),G,R,byrow=TRUE)

system.time(try <-MSGGLasso(X.m, Y.m, grpWTs, Pen_L, Pen_G, PQgrps, GRgrps, grp_Norm0,
  MSGLassolam1, MSGLassolamG.m, Beta0=NULL))

## Not run:
#####
## visulizing model fitting results
#####

#####visulizing selection effect using heatmaps

MYplotBW <- function(Beta){
colorNP <- ceiling(abs(max(Beta)))+2
ColorValueP <- colorRampPalette(c("gray50", "black"))(colorNP)
colorNN <- ceiling(abs(min(Beta)))+2
ColorValueN <- colorRampPalette(c("gray50", "white"))(colorNN)
P <-nrow(Beta)
Q <-ncol(Beta)
Xlim <- c(0,2*(P+1))
Ylim <- c(0,2*(Q+1))
plot(0, type="n", xlab="", ylab="", xlim=Xlim, ylim=Ylim, cex.lab=1.0,
  bty="n", axes=FALSE)
for (p in 1:P){
for (q in 1:Q){
  k0 <- Beta[p,q]
if(k0==0){
  rect(2*(P-p+1)-1,2*(Q-q+1)-1, 2*(P-p+1)+1, 2*(Q-q+1)+1, col="white", border=NA)

```

```

}
if(k0>0){
  k <- ceiling(k0)+1
  if(k>2) {k <- k+1}
  rect(2*(P-p+1)-1,2*(Q-q+1)-1, 2*(P-p+1)+1, 2*(Q-q+1)+1,
      col="black", border=NA)
}
if(k0<0){
  k <- ceiling(abs(k0))+1
  if(k>2) {k <- k+1}
  rect(2*(P-p+1)-1,2*(Q-q+1)-1, 2*(P-p+1)+1, 2*(Q-q+1)+1,
      col="black", border=NA)
}
}
}

rect(1,1,2*P, 2*Q, lty=2)
}

MYplotBW(try$Beta)

rect(1,1,40,40, lty=2)
rect(41,41,80,80, lty=2)
rect(81,81,120,120, lty=2)
rect(121,121,160,160, lty=2)
rect(161,161,200,200, lty=2)
rect(201,201,240,240, lty=2)
rect(241,241,280,280, lty=2)
rect(281,281,320,320, lty=2)
rect(361,1,400,400, lty=2)

##### visulizing the true Beta matrix

#X11()

MYplotBW(Beta.m)

rect(1,1,40,40, lty=2)
rect(41,41,80,80, lty=2)
rect(81,81,120,120, lty=2)
rect(121,121,160,160, lty=2)
rect(161,161,200,200, lty=2)
rect(201,201,240,240, lty=2)
rect(241,241,280,280, lty=2)
rect(281,281,320,320, lty=2)
rect(361,1,400,400, lty=2)

## End(Not run)

```

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MSGGLasso.cv

*Fit the MSGGLasso for a series sets of tuning parameters and use the k-fold cross validation to select the optimal tuning parameter set.*

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### Description

Fit the MSGGLasso for a series sets of tuning parameters and use the k-fold cross validation to select the optimal tuning parameter set.

### Usage

```
MSGGLasso.cv(X, Y, grpWTs, Pen.L, Pen.G, PQgrps, GRgrps, lam1.v, lamG.v,
  fold = 10, seed = 1, Beta.ini = NULL, grp_Norm = NULL)
```

### Arguments

X	numeric predictor matrix (n by p): columns correspond to predictor variables and rows correspond to samples. Missing values are not allowed.
Y	numeric predictor matrix (n by q): columns correspond to response variables and rows correspond to samples. Missing values are not allowed.
grpWTs	user specified adaptive group weighting matrix of g by r, for putting different penalization levels on different groups. Missing values are not allowed.
Pen.L	user specified single-entry level penalization indicator matrix of p by q. 1 for being penalized and 0 for not. Missing values are not allowed.
Pen.G	user specified group level penalization indicator matrix of g by r. 1 for being penalized and 0 for not. Missing values are not allowed.
PQgrps	the group attributing matrix of (p+q) by (gmax+1), where gmax is max number of different groups a single variable belongs to. Each row corresponds to a (predictor or response) variable, and starts with group indexes the variable belongs to and followed by 999.
GRgrps	the variable attributing matrix of (g+r)*(cmax+1), where cmax is max number of variables a single group contains. Each row corresponds to a (predictor or response) group, and starts with variable indexes the group contains to and followed by 999.
lam1.v	lasso penalty parameter scalar.
lamG.v	group penalty parameter matrix (g by r).
fold	a positive integer for the cross validation fold. Default=5.
seed	a numeric scalar, specifying the seed of the random number generator in R for generating cross validation subset for each fold. Default=1.
Beta.ini	a numeric matrix of p by q, specifying the starting values of the input Beta matrix for each fold. Default using the zero matrix.
grp_Norm	a numeric matrix (g by r) containing starting L2 group norm values. Should be calculated from the Beta starting value matrix Beta.ini.

**Details**

Performs a k-fold cross-validation for searching the optimal tuning parameter associated with the minimal prediction error on a two-dimensional grid.

**Value**

A list with two components:

<code>rss.cv</code>	a numeric matrix recording the cross validation scores based on the MSGLasso estimators for each pair of $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$ .
<code>lams.c</code>	a list of tuning parameter pairs corresponding the validation scores in the vectorized <code>rss.cv</code> .

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Y. Li, B. Nan and J. Zhu (2015) Multivariate sparse group lasso for the multivariate multiple linear regression with an arbitrary group structure. *Biometrics*. DOI: 10.1111/biom.12292

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
#####
# Simulate data
#####

set.seed(sample(1:100,1))
G.arr <- c(0,20,20,20,20,20,20,20,20,20,20)

data("Beta.m")

##### generate data set for model fitting

simDataGen<-function(N, Beta, rho, s, G.arr, seed=1){

P<-nrow(Beta)
Q<-ncol(Beta)
gsum<-0
X.m<-NULL

set.seed(seed)

Sig<-matrix(0,P,P)
jstart <-1

for(g in 1:length(G.arr)-1){
X.m<-cbind(X.m, matrix(rnorm(N*G.arr[g+1]),N,G.arr[g+1], byrow=TRUE))
```

```

for(i in 2:P){ for(j in jstart: (i-1)){

  Sig[i,j]<-rho^(abs(i-j))

  Sig[j,i]<-Sig[i,j]

}}
jstart <- jstart + G.arr[g+1]
}

diag(Sig)<-1
R<-chol(Sig)

X.m<-X.m%%R

SVsum <-0

for (q in 1:Q){SVsum <-SVsum+var(X.m %% Beta[,q])}
sdr =sqrt(s*SVsum/Q)

E.m <- matrix(rnorm(N*Q,0,sdr),N, Q, byrow=TRUE)

Y.m<-X.m%%Beta+E.m

return(list(X=X.m, Y=Y.m, E=E.m))
}

N <-150

rho=0.5;
s=4;

Data <- simDataGen(N, Beta.m,rho, s, G.arr, seed=sample(1:100,1))
X.m<-Data$X
Y.m<-Data$Y

#####
## cross validation using the example data
#####
P <- dim(Beta.m)[1]
Q <- dim(Beta.m)[2]
G <- 10
R <- 10

gmax <- 1
cmax <- 20
GarrStarts <- c(0,20,40,60,80,100,120,140,160,180)
GarrEnds <- c(19,39,59,79,99,119,139,159,179,199)
RarrStarts <- c(0,20,40,60,80,100,120,140,160,180)
RarrEnds <- c(19,39,59,79,99,119,139,159,179,199)

```

```
tmp <- FindingPQGrps(P, Q, G, R, gmax, GarrStarts, GarrEnds, RarrStarts, RarrEnds)
PQgrps <- tmp$PQgrps

tmp1 <- Cal_grpWts(P, Q, G, R, gmax, PQgrps)
grpWts <- tmp1$grpWts

tmp2 <- FindingGRGrps(P, Q, G, R, cmax, GarrStarts, GarrEnds, RarrStarts, RarrEnds)
GRgrps <- tmp2$GRgrps

Pen_L <- matrix(rep(1,P*Q),P,Q, byrow=TRUE)
Pen_G <- matrix(rep(1,G*R),G,R, byrow=TRUE)
grp_Norm0 <- matrix(rep(0, G*R), nrow=G, byrow=TRUE)

lam1.v <- seq(1.0, 1.5, length=6)
lamG.v <- seq(0.19, 0.25, length=7)

try.cv<- MSGLasso.cv(X.m, Y.m, grpWts, Pen_L, Pen_G, PQgrps, GRgrps,
  lam1.v, lamG.v, fold=5, seed=1)
MSGLassolam1 <- try.cv$lams.c[which.min(as.vector(try.cv$rss.cv))][[1]]$lam1
MSGLassolamG <- try.cv$lams.c[which.min(as.vector(try.cv$rss.cv))][[1]]$lam3
MSGLassolamG.m <- matrix(rep(MSGLassolamG, G*R),G,R,byrow=TRUE)

system.time(try <-MSGLasso(X.m, Y.m, grpWts, Pen_L, Pen_G, PQgrps, GRgrps,
  grp_Norm0, MSGLassolam1, MSGLassolamG.m, Beta0=NULL))

## End(Not run)
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