

# Package ‘fastglm’

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‘RcppEigen’

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deviance.fastglm	<i>deviance method for fastglm fitted objects</i>
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### Description

deviance method for fastglm fitted objects

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'fastglm'
deviance(object, ...)
```

### Arguments

object	fastglm fitted object
...	not used

### Value

The value of the deviance extracted from the object

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family.fastglm      *family method for fastglm fitted objects*

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### Description

family method for fastglm fitted objects

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'fastglm'  
family(object, ...)
```

### Arguments

object	fastglm fitted object
...	not used

### Value

returns the family of the fitted object

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fastglm      *fast generalized linear model fitting*

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### Description

fast generalized linear model fitting  
bigLm default

### Usage

```
fastglm(x, ...)  
  
## Default S3 method:  
fastglm(  
  x,  
  y,  
  family = gaussian(),  
  weights = NULL,  
  offset = NULL,  
  start = NULL,  
  etastart = NULL,  
  mustart = NULL,  
  method = "ML",  
  tol = 1e-08,
```

```
maxit = 100L,
...
)
```

## Arguments

<b>x</b>	input model matrix. Must be a matrix object
...	not used
<b>y</b>	numeric response vector of length nobs.
<b>family</b>	a description of the error distribution and link function to be used in the model. For <code>fastglm</code> this can be a character string naming a family function, a family function or the result of a call to a family function. For <code>fastglmPure</code> only the third option is supported. (See <a href="#">family</a> for details of family functions.)
<b>weights</b>	an optional vector of 'prior weights' to be used in the fitting process. Should be a numeric vector.
<b>offset</b>	this can be used to specify an a priori known component to be included in the linear predictor during fitting. This should be a numeric vector of length equal to the number of cases
<b>start</b>	starting values for the parameters in the linear predictor.
<b>etastart</b>	starting values for the linear predictor.
<b>mustart</b>	values for the vector of means.
<b>method</b>	an integer scalar with value 0 for the column-pivoted QR decomposition, 1 for the unpivoted QR decomposition, 2 for the LLT Cholesky, or 3 for the LDLT Cholesky
<b>tol</b>	threshold tolerance for convergence. Should be a positive real number
<b>maxit</b>	maximum number of IRLS iterations. Should be an integer

## Value

A list with the elements

<b>coefficients</b>	a vector of coefficients
<b>se</b>	a vector of the standard errors of the coefficient estimates
<b>rank</b>	a scalar denoting the computed rank of the model matrix
<b>df.residual</b>	a scalar denoting the degrees of freedom in the model
<b>residuals</b>	the vector of residuals
<b>s</b>	a numeric scalar - the root mean square for residuals
<b>fitted.values</b>	the vector of fitted values

## Examples

```

x <- matrix(rnorm(10000 * 100), ncol = 100)
y <- 1 * (0.25 * x[,1] - 0.25 * x[,3] > rnorm(10000))

system.time(gl1 <- glm.fit(x, y, family = binomial()))

system.time(gf1 <- fastglm(x, y, family = binomial()))

system.time(gf2 <- fastglm(x, y, family = binomial(), method = 1))

system.time(gf3 <- fastglm(x, y, family = binomial(), method = 2))

system.time(gf4 <- fastglm(x, y, family = binomial(), method = 3))

max(abs(coef(gl1) - gf1$coef))
max(abs(coef(gl1) - gf2$coef))
max(abs(coef(gl1) - gf3$coef))
max(abs(coef(gl1) - gf4$coef))

## Not run:
nrows <- 50000
ncols <- 50
bkFile <- "bigmat2.bk"
descFile <- "bigmatk2.desc"
bigmat <- filebacked.big.matrix(nrow=nrows, ncol=ncols, type="double",
                                 backingfile=bkFile, backingpath=".",
                                 descriptorfile=descFile,
                                 dimnames=c(NULL,NULL))
for (i in 1:ncols) bigmat[,i] = rnorm(nrows)*i
y <- 1*(rnorm(nrows) + bigmat[,1] > 0)

system.time(gfb1 <- fastglm(bigmat, y, family = binomial(), method = 3))

## End(Not run)

```

## Description

fast generalized linear model fitting

## Usage

```
fastglmPure(
  x,
```

```

y,
family = gaussian(),
weights = rep(1, NROW(y)),
offset = rep(0, NROW(y)),
start = NULL,
etastart = NULL,
mustart = NULL,
method = 0L,
tol = 1e-07,
maxit = 100L
)

```

## Arguments

<code>x</code>	input model matrix. Must be a matrix object
<code>y</code>	numeric response vector of length nobs.
<code>family</code>	a description of the error distribution and link function to be used in the model. For <code>fastglmPure</code> this can only be the result of a call to a family function. (See <a href="#">family</a> for details of family functions.)
<code>weights</code>	an optional vector of 'prior weights' to be used in the fitting process. Should be a numeric vector.
<code>offset</code>	this can be used to specify an a priori known component to be included in the linear predictor during fitting. This should be a numeric vector of length equal to the number of cases
<code>start</code>	starting values for the parameters in the linear predictor.
<code>etastart</code>	starting values for the linear predictor.
<code>mustart</code>	values for the vector of means.
<code>method</code>	an integer scalar with value 0 for the column-pivoted QR decomposition, 1 for the unpivoted QR decomposition, 2 for the LLT Cholesky, 3 for the LDLT Cholesky, 4 for the full pivoted QR decomposition, 5 for the Bidiagonal Divide and Conquer SVD
<code>tol</code>	threshold tolerance for convergence. Should be a positive real number
<code>maxit</code>	maximum number of IRLS iterations. Should be an integer

## Value

A list with the elements

<code>coefficients</code>	a vector of coefficients
<code>se</code>	a vector of the standard errors of the coefficient estimates
<code>rank</code>	a scalar denoting the computed rank of the model matrix
<code>df.residual</code>	a scalar denoting the degrees of freedom in the model
<code>residuals</code>	the vector of residuals
<code>s</code>	a numeric scalar - the root mean square for residuals
<code>fitted.values</code>	the vector of fitted values

## Examples

```
set.seed(1)
x <- matrix(rnorm(1000 * 25), ncol = 25)
eta <- 0.1 + 0.25 * x[,1] - 0.25 * x[,3] + 0.75 * x[,5] -0.35 * x[,6] #0.25 * x[,1] - 0.25 * x[,3]
y <- 1 * (eta > rnorm(1000))

yp <- rpois(1000, eta ^ 2)
yg <- rgamma(1000, exp(eta) * 1.75, 1.75)

# binomial
system.time(gl1 <- glm.fit(x, y, family = binomial()))

system.time(gf1 <- fastglmPure(x, y, family = binomial(), tol = 1e-8))

system.time(gf2 <- fastglmPure(x, y, family = binomial(), method = 1, tol = 1e-8))

system.time(gf3 <- fastglmPure(x, y, family = binomial(), method = 2, tol = 1e-8))

system.time(gf4 <- fastglmPure(x, y, family = binomial(), method = 3, tol = 1e-8))

max(abs(coef(gl1) - gf1$coef))
max(abs(coef(gl1) - gf2$coef))
max(abs(coef(gl1) - gf3$coef))
max(abs(coef(gl1) - gf4$coef))

# poisson
system.time(gl1 <- glm.fit(x, yp, family = poisson(link = "log")))

system.time(gf1 <- fastglmPure(x, yp, family = poisson(link = "log"), tol = 1e-8))

system.time(gf2 <- fastglmPure(x, yp, family = poisson(link = "log"), method = 1, tol = 1e-8))

system.time(gf3 <- fastglmPure(x, yp, family = poisson(link = "log"), method = 2, tol = 1e-8))

system.time(gf4 <- fastglmPure(x, yp, family = poisson(link = "log"), method = 3, tol = 1e-8))

max(abs(coef(gl1) - gf1$coef))
max(abs(coef(gl1) - gf2$coef))
max(abs(coef(gl1) - gf3$coef))
max(abs(coef(gl1) - gf4$coef))

# gamma
system.time(gl1 <- glm.fit(x, yg, family = Gamma(link = "log")))

system.time(gf1 <- fastglmPure(x, yg, family = Gamma(link = "log"), tol = 1e-8))

system.time(gf2 <- fastglmPure(x, yg, family = Gamma(link = "log"), method = 1, tol = 1e-8))

system.time(gf3 <- fastglmPure(x, yg, family = Gamma(link = "log"), method = 2, tol = 1e-8))

system.time(gf4 <- fastglmPure(x, yg, family = Gamma(link = "log"), method = 3, tol = 1e-8))
```

```
max(abs(coef(gl1) - gf1$coef))
max(abs(coef(gl1) - gf2$coef))
max(abs(coef(gl1) - gf3$coef))
max(abs(coef(gl1) - gf4$coef))
```

**logLik.fastglm**      *logLik method for fastglm fitted objects*

### Description

`logLik` method for `fastglm` fitted objects

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'fastglm'
logLik(object, ...)
```

### Arguments

object	fastglm fitted object
...	not used

### Value

Returns an object of class `logLik`

**predict.fastglm**      *Obtains predictions and optionally estimates standard errors of those predictions from a fitted generalized linear model object.*

### Description

Obtains predictions and optionally estimates standard errors of those predictions from a fitted generalized linear model object.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'fastglm'
predict(
  object,
  newdata = NULL,
  type = c("link", "response"),
  se.fit = FALSE,
  dispersion = NULL,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

object	a fitted object of class inheriting from "fastglm".
newdata	a matrix to be used for prediction
type	the type of prediction required. The default is on the scale of the linear predictors; the alternative "response" is on the scale of the response variable. Thus for a default binomial model the default predictions are of log-odds (probabilities on logit scale) and type = "response" gives the predicted probabilities. The "terms" option returns a matrix giving the fitted values of each term in the model formula on the linear predictor scale.
	The value of this argument can be abbreviated.
se.fit	logical switch indicating if standard errors are required.
dispersion	the dispersion of the GLM fit to be assumed in computing the standard errors. If omitted, that returned by <code>summary</code> applied to the object is used.
...	further arguments passed to or from other methods.

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**print.fastglm***print method for fastglm objects*

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**Description**

print method for `fastglm` objects

**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

x	object to print
...	not used

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**residuals.fastglm***residuals method for fastglm fitted objects*

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**Description**

residuals method for `fastglm` fitted objects

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'fastglm'
residuals(
  object,
  type = c("deviance", "pearson", "working", "response", "partial"),
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

object	fastglm fitted object
type	type of residual to be returned
...	not used

**Value**

a vector of residuals

**summary.fastglm**      *summary method for fastglm fitted objects*

**Description**

summary method for fastglm fitted objects

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'fastglm'
summary(object, dispersion = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	fastglm fitted object
dispersion	the dispersion parameter for the family used. Either a single numerical value or NULL (the default), when it is inferred from object.
...	not used

**Value**

a summary.fastglm object

## Examples

```
x <- matrix(rnorm(10000 * 10), ncol = 10)
y <- 1 * (0.25 * x[,1] - 0.25 * x[,3] > rnorm(10000))

fit <- fastglm(x, y, family = binomial())

summary(fit)
```

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%\*%,big.matrix,vector-method  
big.matrix prod

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## Description

big.matrix prod  
big.matrix prod

## Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'big.matrix,vector'
x %*% y

## S4 method for signature 'vector,big.matrix'
x %*% y
```

## Arguments

x	big.matrix
y	numeric vector

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