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 spd-package

*The Semi-Parametric Distribution (spd) package*


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### Description

The Semi-Parametric Distribution is a piecewise distribution constructed by parametrically modelling the tails of the distribution using an appropriate distribution (e.g. generalized pareto) and the interior by kernel methods. The package implements fit, distribution, density, quantile and random number generation. Currently, only the generalized pareto distribution is implemented for modelling the tails, but the package can easily be extended.

### Details

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The main functionality of the package is contained in the `SPD` class, created by calling `spdfit`. Methods for density `dsdp`, distribution `psdp`, quantile `qsdp` and random number generation `rsdp` exist and take 2 main arguments, the input value and the fitted object.

The `spd` package uses the `"bkde"` function from the package `KernSmooth` for the kernel interior fit, while for the tail fit borrows from the `fExtremes` package and implements a locally modified copy of the `gpd` functionality and methods.

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### References

Carmona, R. and J. Morrisson (2001). Heavy Tails and Copulas with Evanesce, ORFE Tech. Report, Princeton University  
 Carmona, R. (2001). Statistical Analysis of Financial Data, with an implementation in Splus  
 Embrechts, P., Klueppelberg, C., Mikosch, T. (1997); *Modelling Extremal Events*, Springer

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
library(MASS)  
x<-SP500/100  
fit<-spdfit(x)  
show(fit)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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GPDFIT-class

*Class: Generalized Pareto Distribution*

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**Description**

Locally implemented and slightly modified class for the generalized pareto distribution (gpd) fit, borrowed from package fExtremes. Created on modelling the tails of the data by [spdfit](#)

**Objects from the Class**

Objects of this class cannot be created by user as the methods are not exported.

**Slots**

call: Object of class "call"  
method: Object of class "character"  
parameter: Object of class "list"  
data: Object of class "list"  
fit: Object of class "list"  
residuals: Object of class "numeric"  
title: Object of class "character"  
description: Object of class "character"

**Note**

S3 plot method exists which provides for visual inspection of the fit and is called by the higher level S3 plot method of the [SPD](#) class

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GPDTAILS-class

*Class: GPDTAILS*

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## Description

Class: SPD with Generalized Pareto Distribution (GPD) Tails

## Objects from the Class

Objects can be created by calling `spdfit`. The main implemented class of the `spd` package holding the details of the fitted object with `gpd` tails.

## Slots

`call`: ...

`method`: the `gpd` fitting method

`kernel`: the kernel type

`data`: the original dataset

`threshold`: the upper and lower thresholds fitted

`ptails`: the upper and lower cutoff points.

`fit`: the upper and lower `gpd` fit and the interior kernel fit objects.

`title`: optional title of project

`description`: optional description

## Extends

Class `SPD`, directly.

## Author(s)

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## References

- Carmona, R. and J. Morrisson (2001). Heavy Tails and Copulas with Evanesce, ORFE Tech. Report, Princeton University
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plot-methods

*Method: Plotting (S4) for implemented S4 classes*


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### Description

Locally implemented and modified methods for plotting the fit of the [GPDFIT](#) object (taken from package [fExtremes](#)), and the overall fit of the [GPDTAILS](#) object.

### Usage

```
plot(x,y,...)
```

### Arguments

x	An object of class <a href="#">GPDFIT</a> or <a href="#">GPDTAILS</a> .
y	missing
...	[which] - Valid arguments are “ask” for interactive plotting, “all” to plot all or a number from 1 to 6 indicating the desired charts to plot.

### Examples

```
## Not run:
library(MASS)
x<-SP500/100
fit<-spdfit(x)
plot(fit,which=1)
# this in fact extracts the GPDFIT object (from GPDTAILS) for which plot
# methods exist.
plot(fit,which=3)

## End(Not run)
```

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SPD-class

*Class: Semi-Parametric Distribution*


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### Description

Virtual Class for holding the tail fit and kernel interior objects.

**Methods**

**dspd** signature(x = "numeric", fit = "SPD", linear = "logical"): density function  
**pspd** signature(q = "numeric", fit = "SPD", linear = "logical"): distribution function  
**qspd** signature(p = "numeric", fit = "SPD", linear = "logical"): quantile function  
**rspd** signature(n = "numeric", fit = "SPD", linear = "logical"): random number generation function  
**show** signature(object = "SPD"): show method

**Objects from the Class**

A virtual Class: No objects may be created from it.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

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**Examples**

```
showClass("SPD")
```

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spd-methods

*Method: Semi-Parametric Distribution*

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**Description**

Density, Distribution, Quantile and Random Number Generation methods for the Semi-Parametric Distribution.

**Usage**

```
dspd(x, fit, linear)  
pspd(q, fit, linear)  
qspd(p, fit, linear)  
rspd(n, fit, linear)
```

**Arguments**

<code>n</code>	[ <code>rspd</code> ] - the number of random deviates to be generated from fitted distribution.
<code>p</code>	a vector of probability levels, the desired probability for the quantile estimate (e.g. 0.99 for the 99th percentile).
<code>x, q</code>	[ <code>pspd, dspd</code> ] - a numeric vector of quantiles.
<code>fit</code>	[ <code>all</code> ] - the object of class SPDFIT created by calling the <code>spdfit</code> function.
<code>linear</code>	[ <code>all</code> ] - logical, if TRUE interior smoothing function uses linear interpolation rather than constant.

**Value**

All values are numeric vectors:  
`d*` returns the density (pdf),  
`p*` returns the probability (cdf),  
`q*` returns the quantiles (inverse cdf), and  
`r*` generates random deviates.

**Note**

The density is computed using the generalized pareto distribution in the tails, while for the middle, the density is computed by using a smooth gradient approach. Interpolation is used to splice together the ends with the middle portion, providing for an approximate piecewise constant density function. As such, caution should be used when interpreting results obtained by use of this function.

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Alexios Ghalanos for the SPD Implementation,

**References**

Embrechts, P., Klueppelberg, C., Mikosch, T. (1997); *Modelling Extremal Events*, Springer.  
Carmona, R. (2004); *Statistical Analysis of Financial Data in Splines*, Springer.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
library(MASS)
x = SP500/100
fit=spdfit(x, upper=0.9, lower=0.1)
```

```
## rspd -
  par(mfrow = c(2, 2), cex = 0.7)
  r = rspd(n = 1000, fit)
  hist(r, n = 100, probability = TRUE, xlab = "r",
       col = "steelblue", border = "white", main = "Density")
  box()
## dspd -
  # Plot empirical density and compare with true density:
  r = rspd(n = 1000, fit)
  hist(r, n = 100, probability = TRUE, xlab = "r",
       col = "steelblue", border = "white", main = "Density")
  box()
  x = seq(-0.3, 0.3, length.out = 1000)
  lines(x, dspd(x, fit), col = "darkorange", lwd=2)

## pspd -
  # Plot df and compare with true df:
  plot(sort(r), (1:length(r)/length(r)),
       ylim = c(0, 1), pch = 19,
       cex = 0.5, ylab = "p", xlab = "q", main = "CDF")
  grid()
  q = seq(-0.3, 0.3, length.out = 1000)
  lines(q, pspd(q, fit), col = "darkorange", lwd=2)

## End(Not run)
```

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 spdfit-methods

*Method: Fitting the Semi-Parametric Distribution*


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## Description

The semi-parametric distribution fitting method.

## Usage

```
spdfit(data, upper = 0.9, lower = 0.1, tailfit="GPD", type = c("mle", "pwm"),
kernelfit = c("normal", "box", "epanech", "biweight", "triweight"),
information = c("observed", "expected"), title = NULL, description = NULL, ...)
```

## Arguments

<code>data</code>	An object coercible to a matrix.
<code>upper</code>	Upper tail cutoff for fitting the generalized pareto or other distribution.
<code>lower</code>	Lower tail cutoff for fitting the generalized pareto or other distribution.
<code>tailfit</code>	Distribution to Use for fitting the tails.
<code>type</code>	A character string selecting the desired estimation method, either "mle" for the maximum likelihood method or "pwm" for the probability weighted moment method. By default, the first will be selected.



kernelfit	Type of kernel to fit to the interior of the distribution.
information	Whether tail distribution standard errors should be calculated with "observed" or "expected" information. This only applies to the maximum likelihood method; for the probability-weighted moments method "expected" information is used if possible.
title	A character string which allows for a project title.
description	A character string which allows for a brief description.
...	Control parameters and plot parameters optionally passed to the optimization and/or plot function. Parameters for the optimization function are passed to components of the control argument of optim.

**Value**

Returns an object of class [SPD](#).

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
library(MASS)  
x<-SP500/100  
fit<-spdfit(x)  
show(fit)  
#plot(fit,which="all")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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