

# Package ‘bsplinePsd’

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## Description

Implementation of a Metropolis-within-Gibbs MCMC algorithm to flexibly estimate the spectral density of a stationary time series. The algorithm updates a nonparametric B-spline prior using the Whittle likelihood to produce pseudo-posterior samples and is based on the work presented by Edwards, Meyer, and Christensen (2017) <arXiv:1707.04878>.

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### Details

The function `gibbs_bspline` is an implementation of the (serial version of the) MCMC algorithm presented in Edwards et al. (2017). This algorithm uses a nonparametric B-spline prior to estimate the spectral density of a stationary time series and can be considered a generalisation of the algorithm of Choudhuri et al. (2004), which used the Bernstein polynomial prior. A Dirichlet process prior is used to find the weights for the B-spline densities used in the finite mixture and a separate and independent Dirichlet process prior used to place knots. The algorithm therefore allows for a data-driven choice of the number of knots/mixtures and their locations.

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### References

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dbspline	<i>Generate a cubic B-spline density basis</i>
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### Description

This function generates a cubic B-spline density basis.

### Usage

```
dbspline(x, knots)
```

**Arguments**

x                    numeric vector for which the B-spline densities are to be generated  
 knots                knots used to generate the cubic B-spline densities

**Details**

[splineDesign](#) is used to generate a cubic B-spline basis. Each B-spline is then normalised to become a B-spline density using analytical integration. Note that the two end knots are each coincident four times.

**Value**

matrix of the cubic B-spline density basis

**See Also**

[splineDesign](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:

# Generate basis functions
x = seq(0, 1, length = 256)
knots = sort(c(0, runif(10), 1))
basis = dbspline(x, knots)

# Plot basis functions
plot(x, basis[1, ], type = "l", ylim = c(min(basis), max(basis)))
for (i in 2:nrow(basis)) lines(x, basis[i, ], col = i)

## End(Not run)
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gibbs_bspline	<i>Metropolis-within-Gibbs sampler for spectral inference of a stationary time series using a B-spline prior</i>
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**Description**

This function updates the (cubic) B-spline prior using the Whittle likelihood and obtains samples from the pseudo-posterior to infer the spectral density of a stationary time series.

**Usage**

```
gibbs_bspline(data, Ntotal, burnin, thin = 1, k.theta = 0.01, MG = 1,
  G0.alpha = 1, G0.beta = 1, LG = 20, MH = 1, H0.alpha = 1,
  H0.beta = 1, LH = 20, tau.alpha = 0.001, tau.beta = 0.001,
  kmax = 100)
```

**Arguments**

<code>data</code>	numeric vector
<code>Ntotal</code>	total number of iterations to run the Markov chain
<code>burnin</code>	number of initial iterations to be discarded
<code>thin</code>	thinning number (post-processing)
<code>k.theta</code>	prior parameter for number of B-spline densities $k$ (proportional to $\exp(-k.\text{theta}*k^2)$ ) in mixture
<code>MG</code>	Dirichlet process base measure constant for weights of B-spline densities in mixture ( $> 0$ )
<code>G0.alpha, G0.beta</code>	parameters of Beta base measure of Dirichlet process for weights of B-spline densities in mixture (default is Uniform[0, 1])
<code>LG</code>	truncation parameter of Dirichlet process in stick breaking representation for weights of B-spline densities
<code>MH</code>	Dirichlet process base measure constant for knot placements of B-spline densities ( $> 0$ )
<code>H0.alpha, H0.beta</code>	parameters of Beta base measure of Dirichlet process for knot placements of B-spline densities (default is Uniform[0, 1])
<code>LH</code>	truncation parameter of Dirichlet process in stick breaking representation for knot placements of B-spline densities
<code>tau.alpha, tau.beta</code>	prior parameters for tau (Inverse Gamma)
<code>kmax</code>	upper bound for number of B-spline densities in mixture

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**Value**

A list containing the following components:

<code>psd.median, psd.mean</code>	psd estimates: (pointwise) posterior median and mean
<code>psd.p05, psd.p95</code>	pointwise credibility interval
<code>psd.u05, psd.u95</code>	uniform credibility interval

k, tau, V, Z, U, X    posterior traces of model parameters  
knots.trace        trace of knot placements  
ll.trace            trace of log likelihood

## References

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## Examples

```
## Not run:

# Generate AR(1) data with rho = 0.9
n = 128
data = arima.sim(n, model = list(ar = 0.9))
data = data - mean(data)

# Run MCMC (may take some time)
mcmc = gibbs_bspline(data, Ntotal = 4000, burnin = 2000, thin = 1)

# Compare estimate with true PSD
require(beyondWhittle) # For psd_arma() function
freq = 2 * pi / n * (1:(n / 2 + 1) - 1)[-c(1, n / 2 + 1)]
psd.true <- psd_arma(freq, ar = 0.9, ma = numeric(0), sigma2 = 1)
plot(x = freq, y = psd.true, col = 2, type = "l")
lines(x = freq, y = mcmc$psd.median, type = "l")
lines(x = freq, y = mcmc$psd.p05, type = "l", lty = 2)
lines(x = freq, y = mcmc$psd.p95, type = "l", lty = 2)
legend(x = "topright", legend = c("true psd", "pointwise median", "pointwise CI"),
lty = c(1, 1, 2), col = c(2, 1, 1))

## End(Not run)
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