

# Package ‘rsig’

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**Description** Robust and efficient feature selection algorithm to identify important features for predicting survival risk. The method is based on subsampling and averaging linear models obtained from the (preconditioned) Lasso algorithm, with an extra shrinking procedure to reduce the size of signatures. An evaluation procedure using subsampling is also provided.

**License** GPL-2

**Depends** R (>= 2.15.0), survival, parallel

**Imports** BBmisc, glmnet, superpc, survcomp, Matrix

**Suggests** testthat

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'evaluate.R' 'rsig.all.R'

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| predict.rsig | <i>Make Prediction</i> |
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**Description**

Return risk prediction on new data.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'rsig'  
predict(object, newdata, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|         |   |
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| object  | [rsig]<br>An output object from rsig, see <a href="#">rsig</a> .                        |
| newdata | [data.frame]<br>Data frame or matrix of input data (rows: examples, columns: features). |
| ...     | [ANY]<br>Additional arguments, currently ignored.                                       |

**Value**

Risk prediction on new data.

**See Also**

[rsig](#), [rsig.eval](#), [rsig.all](#)

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| rsig | <i>Robust Signature Selection for Survival Outcomes</i> |
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**Description**

Find a robust signature, i.e. a set of features, using averaged and shrunk generalized linear models. Subsamples are taken to fit models, via  $\ell_1$ -penalized Cox regression (lasso) or preconditioned lasso (prlasso) algorithm.

**Usage**

```
rsig(surv, X, model, n.rep = 10L, plapply = mclapply,  
     sd.filter = NULL, verbose = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| surv      | [Surv]<br>Survival object, see <a href="#">Surv</a> .  |
| X         | [data.frame]<br>Data frame or matrix or matrix of input data (rows: examples, columns: features). Columns must have names assigned.  |
| model     | [character(1)]<br>Model to use. One of<br>"rs.prlasso" (preconditioned lasso with robust selection),<br>"rs.lasso" (penalized Cox regression with robust selection),<br>"prlasso" (preconditioned lasso), or<br>"lasso" (penalized Cox regression)       |
| n.rep     | [integer]<br>The number in replicates to be used for model aggregation. A large enough number is suggested.  |
| plapply   | [function]<br>Function used for internal parallelization. Default is <a href="#">mclapply</a> for multi-core parallel execution. Change it to <a href="#">lapply</a> for single-core execution.  |
| sd.filter | [list]<br>Pre-filter features by their standard deviation, by one of the options specified:<br>topk: no. of features to be selected with largest standard deviations, or<br>quant: the min percentile in standard deviations of features to be selected. |
| verbose   | [logical]<br>Controls message output.  |

**Value**

Object of class "rsig"; a list consisting of

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| model     | model specified by the user |
| sd.filter | sd.filter object            |
| beta      | coefficient vector          |
| intercept | intercept                   |

**See Also**

[predict.rsig](#), [rsig.eval](#), [rsig.all](#)

**Examples**

```
# An example adapted from glmnet package

set.seed(11011)
n = 300
p = 10
nz = 3
X = matrix(rnorm(n*p),n,p,dimnames=list(NULL,seq_len(p)))
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beta = rnorm(nz)
f = X[,seq_len(nz)] %**% beta
h = exp(f) / 365.25
t = rexp(n,h)
tcens = rbinom(n=n,prob=.3,size=1) # censoring indicator
S = Surv(t, 1-tcens)

fit = rsig(S, X, "rs.prlasso", n.rep=2)
pred = predict(fit, X)
perf = rsig.eval(pred, S, X)

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| rsig.all | <i>Robust Signature Selection for Survival Outcomes with Estimation of Selection Probabilities of Features</i> |
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## Description

Fit a specified model using subsamples and evaluate its performance on out-of-subsample data.

## Usage

```

rsig.all(surv, X, model, n.rep.out = 10L, n.rep.in = 10L,
         plapply = mclapply, sd.filter = NULL)

```

## Arguments

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| surv      | [Surv]<br>Survival object, see <a href="#">Surv</a> .  |
| X         | [data.frame]<br>Data frame or matrix or matrix of input data (rows: examples, columns: features).  |
| model     | [character(1)]<br>Model to use. One of "rs.prlasso" (preconditioned lasso with robust selection), "rs.lasso" (penalized Cox regression with robust selection), "prlasso" (preconditioned lasso), or "lasso" (penalized Cox regression) |
| n.rep.out | [integer]<br>The number of replicates to be used to estimate selection probability of features (outer subsampling)   |
| n.rep.in  | [integer]<br>The number of replicates to be used for model aggregation (inner subsampling)   |
| plapply   | [function]<br>Function used for internal parallelization. Default is <a href="#">mclapply</a> for multi-core parallel execution.   |

sd.filter [list]  
 Pre-filter features by their standard deviation, by one of the options specified:  
 topk: no. of features to be selected with largest standard deviations.  
 quant: the min percentile in standard deviations of features to be selected.

**Value**

Object of class "list".

selection.frequency  
 a named vector of selected features with their estimated selection frequencies amongst n.rep.out replicates.

perf  
 performance measured on out-of-sample data in n.rep.out replicates

**See Also**

[rsig](#)

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| rsig.eval | <i>Performance Evaluation</i> |
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**Description**

Evaluate performance on new data using predictions.

**Usage**

```
rsig.eval(pred, surv.new, X.new, measures = "all",
          roc.time = 5)
```

**Arguments**

pred [predict.rsig]  
 An output object from predict.rsig, see [predict.rsig](#).

surv.new [Surv]  
 Survival object, see [Surv](#).

X.new [data.frame]  
 Data frame or matrix or matrix of input data (rows: examples, columns: features).

measures [list]  
 List of performance measures to be evaluated, "all" or in c("cindex", "tauc")

roc.time [numeric(1)]  
 Time to evaluate the time-dependent AUC. Default is 5.

**Value**

Performance values

**See Also**

[rsig](#), [predict.rsig](#), [rsig.all](#)

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