

# Package ‘fasterElasticNet’

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**Description**

Fit Elastic Net, Lasso, and Ridge regression and do cross-validation in a fast way. We build the algorithm based on Least Angle Regression by Bradley Efron, Trevor Hastie, Iain Johnstone, etc. (2004)([doi:10.1214/009053604000000067](https://doi.org/10.1214/009053604000000067) >) and some algorithms like Givens rotation and Forward/Back Substitution. In this way, many matrices to be computed are retained as triangular matrices which can eventually speed up the computation. The fitting algorithm for Elastic Net is written in C++ using Armadillo linear algebra library.

**Depends** R (>= 3.1.0)

**License** GPL (>= 2)

**Imports** Rcpp (>= 0.12.16)

**LinkingTo** Rcpp, RcppArmadillo

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fasterElasticNet-package

*Fitting ElasticNet in a fast way.*

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## Description

FasterElasticNet uses some math algorithm such as cholesky decomposition and forward solve etc. to reduce the amount of computation. We also use Rcpp with Armadillo to improve our algorithm by speeding up almost 5 times compared by the R version.

## Details

To use fasterElasticNet, dataset  $x(mx_n)$  and  $y(mx_1)$  should be put into the function to fit the model. Then, a completely trace of  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  can be computed if no  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  were input by using ElasticNet. Using `cv.choosemodel` with the number of folds will returns a best model with smallest MSE after cross-validation. Using `output` to print the output and predict function will return the prediction based on a new dataset.

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## References

BRADLEY, EFRON, TREVOR, HASTIE, IAIN, JOHNSTONE, AND, ROBERT, TIBSHIRANI.  
LEAST ANGLE REGRESSION[J]. The Annals of Statistics, 2004, 32(2): 407-499

## See Also

<https://github.com/CUFESAM/Elastic-Net>

## Examples

```
#Use R built-in datasets mtcars for a model fitting
x <- mtcars[,-1]
y <- mtcars[, 1]

#fit model
model <- ElasticNetCV(x,y)

#fit a elastic net with lambda2 = 1
model$Elasticnet_(lambda2 = 1)

#choose model using cv
model$cv.choosemodel(k = 31)    #Leave-one-out cross validation
model$output()    #See the output

#predict
pre <- mtcars[1:3,-1]
model$predict(pre)
```

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 elasticnet

*A fast way fitting elastic net using RcppArmadillo*


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## Description

Elastic net is a regularization and variable selection method which linearly combines the L1 penalty of the lasso and L2 penalty of ridge methods. Based on this method, elastic- net is designed to return the trace of finding the best linear regression model. Compared with the existed R version of ElasticNet, our version speeds up the algorithm by using Cholesky decomposition, Givens rotation and RcppArmadillo.

## Usage

```
elasticnet(XTX, XTY, lam2, lam1 = -1)
```

## Arguments

XTX	The product of the transpose of independent variable X and itself.
XTY	The product of the transpose of independent variable X and response variable Y
lam1	Penalty of L1-norm. No L1 penalty when lam1 = -1
lam2	Penalty of L2-norm, a hyper-paramater

## Details

When only lambda2 is given, elasticnet will return the trace of variable selection with lambda1 decreasing from lambda1\_0 to zero. lambda1\_0 is a value for lambda1 when there is only one predictor (the one most correlated with the response variable) in the model.

If `lambda1` and `lambda2` are both given, it will also return a trace. But in this case, the trace will stop when `lambda1` and `lambda2` reach the given ones.

To speed up the algorithm, we use some calculational tricks:

In the consideration of the low efficiency of R dealing with high-dimensional matrix, we use lower triangular matrices during the iteration of the algorithm to avoid massive matrix calculations. When adding one predictor into the model, we update `XTX` by recalcuting the lower triangular matrix in the Cholesky decomposition of it. While removing one predictor from the model, we update the lower triangular matrix with the help of Givens rotations.

Furthermore, due to the low efficiency of R dealing with loops, we rewrite the entire algorithm with `RcppArmadillo`, a C++ linear algebra library.

### Value

A list will be returned. When only `lambda2` is given, the returned list contains the trace of `lambda1` (`relamb`) and the corresponding coefficients of the predictors (`reb`). If both `lambda1` and `lambda2` are given, the corresponding coefficients of the predictors will be returned.

### Examples

```
#Use R built-in datasets mtcars for a model fitting
x <- as.matrix(mtcars[,-1])
y <- as.matrix(mtcars[, 1])

XTX <- t(x) %*% x
XTY <- t(x) %*% y

#Prints the output of elastic net model with lambda2 = 0
res <- elasticnet(XTX,XTY,lam2 = 0)
```

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ElasticNetCV

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*Cross validation*


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### Description

Computes k-fold cross-validation for elastic net.

### Usage

```
ElasticNetCV(x, y)
```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	A data.frame or matrix of predictors
<code>y</code>	A vector of response variables

## Details

This function reads data into its environment and returns a list of three outcomes. To perform elastic net or cross-validation of elastic net, use the corresponding element of the returned list. See examples below. The penalty of L1-norm and L2-norm is denoted by `lambda1` and `lambda2` respectively.

## Value

`cv.choosemodel` Given the parameter `k` folds and `lambda2` (optional), `cv.choosemodel` performs cross-validation to select the optimal `lambda1` and computes the corresponding coefficient of each variable. If `lambda2` is `NULL`, `cv.choosemodel` selects the optimal `lambda2` from a sequence going from 0 to 1 in steps of 0.1 and the corresponding optimal `lambda1`, then it returns the coefficient of each variable.

A list of three outcomes will be returned:

<code>Elasticnet</code>	Given <code>lambda1</code> (optional) and <code>lambda2</code> , <code>Elasticnet_</code> calculates an elastic net-regularized regression and returns the coefficients of each variable. If <code>lambda1</code> is <code>NULL</code> , <code>Elasticnet_</code> prints out the trace of <code>lambda1</code> and the corresponding coefficient of each variable.
<code>output</code>	Prints the cross-validation outputs, including the minimum MSE, the coefficient of each variable, <code>lambda1</code> and <code>lambda2</code> .
<code>predict</code>	Reads a <code>data.frame</code> of the testing data set and returns predictions using the trained model.

## Examples

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#Use R built-in datasets mtcars for a model fitting
x <- mtcars[,-1]
y <- mtcars[, 1]

#fit model
model <- ElasticNetCV(x,y)

#fit a elastic net with lambda2 = 1
model$Elasticnet_(lambda2 = 1)

#choose model using cv
model$cv.choosemodel(k = 31)    #Leave-one-out cross validation
model$output()                 #See the output

#predict
pre <- mtcars[1:3,-1]
model$predict(pre)
```

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housing

*Housing data from kaggle*


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### Description

A subdata from kaggle "Get start" competition

### Usage

```
data("housing")
```

### Format

A data frame with 10153 observations on the following 140 variables.

floor for apartments, floor of the building

area\_m Area, sq.m.

green\_zone\_part Proportion of area of greenery in the total area

indust\_part Share of industrial zones in area of the total area

preschool\_quota Number of seats in pre-school organizations

preschool\_education\_centers\_raion Number of pre-school institutions

school\_quota Number of high school seats in area

school\_education\_centers\_raion Number of high school institutions

school\_education\_centers\_top\_20\_raion Number of high schools of the top 20 best schools in Moscow

healthcare\_centers\_raion Number of healthcare centers in district

university\_top\_20\_raion Number of higher education institutions in the top ten ranking of the Federal rank

sport\_objects\_raion Number of higher education institutions

additional\_education\_raion Number of additional education organizations

culture\_objects\_top\_25\_raion Number of objects of cultural heritage

shopping\_centers\_raion Number of malls and shopping centres in district

office\_raion Number of malls and shopping centres in district

build\_count\_block Share of block buildings

build\_count\_wood Share of wood buildings

build\_count\_frame Share of frame buildings

build\_count\_brick Share of brick buildings

build\_count\_monolith Share of monolith buildings

build\_count\_panel Share of panel buildings

build\_count\_foam Share of foam buildings

build\_count\_slag Share of slag buildings  
build\_count\_before\_1920 Share of before\_1920 buildings  
build\_count\_1921.1945 Share of 1921-1945 buildings  
build\_count\_1946.1970 Share of 1946-1970 buildings  
build\_count\_1971.1995 Share of 1971-1995 buildings  
build\_count\_after\_1995 Share of after\_1995 buildings  
kindergarten\_km Distance to kindergarten  
school\_km Distance to high school  
park\_km Distance to park  
green\_zone\_km Distance to green zone  
industrial\_km Distance to industrial zone  
water\_treatment\_km Distance to water treatment  
cemetery\_km Distance to the cemetery  
incineration\_km Distance to the incineration  
railroad\_station\_walk\_min Time to the railroad station (walk)  
railroad\_station\_avto\_km Distance to the railroad station (avto)  
railroad\_station\_avto\_min Time to the railroad station (avto)  
public\_transport\_station\_min\_walk Time to the public transport station (walk)  
water\_km Distance to the water reservoir / river  
mkad\_km Distance to MKAD (Moscow Circle Auto Road)  
big\_road1\_km Distance to Nearest major road  
big\_road2\_km The distance to next distant major road  
railroad\_km Distance to the railway / Moscow Central Ring / open areas Underground  
bus\_terminal\_avto\_km Distance to bus terminal (avto)  
oil\_chemistry\_km Distance to dirty industries  
nuclear\_reactor\_km Distance to nuclear reactor  
radiation\_km Distance to burial of radioactive waste  
power\_transmission\_line\_km Distance to power transmission line  
thermal\_power\_plant\_km Distance to thermal power plant  
ts\_km Distance to power station  
big\_market\_km Distance to grocery / wholesale markets  
market\_shop\_km Distance to markets and department stores  
fitness\_km Distance to fitness  
swim\_pool\_km Distance to swimming pool  
ice\_rink\_km Distance to ice palace  
stadium\_km Distance to stadium  
basketball\_km Distance to the basketball courts

hospice\_morgue\_km Distance to hospice/morgue  
 detention\_facility\_km Distance to detention facility  
 public\_healthcare\_km Distance to public healthcare  
 university\_km Distance to universities  
 workplaces\_km Distance to workplaces  
 shopping\_centers\_km Distance to shopping centers  
 office\_km Distance to business centers/ offices  
 additional\_education\_km Distance to additional education  
 preschool\_km Distance to preschool education organizations  
 big\_church\_km Distance to large church  
 church\_synagogue\_km Distance to Christian churches and Synagogues  
 mosque\_km Distance to mosques  
 theater\_km Distance to theater  
 museum\_km Distance to museums  
 exhibition\_km Distance to exhibition  
 catering\_km Distance to catering  
 green\_part\_500 The share of green zones in 500 meters zone  
 prom\_part\_500 The share of industrial zones in 500 meters zone  
 office\_count\_500 The number of office space in 500 meters zone  
 office\_sqm\_500 The square of office space in 500 meters zone  
 trc\_count\_500 The number of shopping malls in 500 meters zone  
 trc\_sqm\_500 The square of shopping malls in 500 meters zone  
 cafe\_count\_500\_na\_price Cafes and restaurant bill N/A in 500 meters zone  
 cafe\_count\_500\_price\_500 Cafes and restaurant bill, average under 500 in 500 meters zone  
 cafe\_count\_500\_price\_1000 Cafes and restaurant bill, average 500-1000 in 500 meters zone  
 cafe\_count\_500\_price\_1500 Cafes and restaurant bill, average 1000-1500 in 500 meters zone  
 cafe\_count\_500\_price\_2500 Cafes and restaurant bill, average 1500-2500 in 500 meters zone  
 cafe\_count\_500\_price\_4000 Cafes and restaurant bill, average 2500-4000 in 500 meters zone  
 cafe\_count\_500\_price\_high Cafes and restaurant bill, average over 4000 in 500 meters zone  
 big\_church\_count\_500 The number of big churches in 500 meters zone  
 church\_count\_500 The number of churches in 500 meters zone  
 mosque\_count\_500 The number of mosques in 500 meters zone  
 leisure\_count\_500 The number of leisure facilities in 500 meters zone  
 sport\_count\_500 The number of sport facilities in 500 meters zone  
 market\_count\_500 The number of markets in 500 meters zone  
 green\_part\_1000 The share of green zones in 1000 meters zone  
 prom\_part\_1000 The share of industrial zones in 1000 meters zone



office\_sqm\_1000 The square of office space in 1000 meters zone  
trc\_count\_1000 The number of shopping malls in 1000 meters zone  
trc\_sqm\_1000 The square of shopping malls in 1000 meters zone  
cafe\_count\_1000\_na\_price Cafes and restaurant bill N/A in 1000 meters zone  
cafe\_count\_1000\_price\_high Cafes and restaurant bill, average over 4000 in 1000 meters zone  
big\_church\_count\_1000 The number of big churches in 1000 meters zone  
mosque\_count\_1000 The number of mosques in 1000 meters zone  
leisure\_count\_1000 The number of leisure facilities in 1000 meters zone  
sport\_count\_1000 The number of sport facilities in 1000 meters zone  
market\_count\_1000 The number of markets in 1000 meters zone  
green\_part\_1500 The share of green zones in 1500 meters zone  
prom\_part\_1500 The share of industrial zones in 1500 meters zone  
office\_sqm\_1500 The square of office space in 1500 meters zone  
trc\_count\_1500 The number of shopping malls in 1500 meters zone  
trc\_sqm\_1500 The square of shopping malls in 1500 meters zone  
cafe\_count\_1500\_price\_high Cafes and restaurant bill, average over 4000 in 1500 meters zone  
mosque\_count\_1500 The number of mosques in 1500 meters zone  
sport\_count\_1500 The number of sport facilities in 1500 meters zone  
market\_count\_1500 The number of markets in 1500 meters zone  
green\_part\_2000 The share of green zones in 2000 meters zone  
prom\_part\_2000 The share of industrial zones in 2000 meters zone  
office\_sqm\_2000 The square of office space in 2000 meters zone  
trc\_count\_2000 The number of shopping malls in 2000 meters zone  
trc\_sqm\_2000 The square of shopping malls in 2000 meters zone  
mosque\_count\_2000 The number of mosques in 2000 meters zone  
sport\_count\_2000 The number of sport facilities in 2000 meters zone  
market\_count\_2000 The number of markets in 2000 meters zone  
green\_part\_3000 The share of green zones in 3000 meters zone  
prom\_part\_3000 The share of industrial zones in 3000 meters zone  
office\_sqm\_3000 The square of office space in 3000 meters zone  
trc\_count\_3000 The number of shopping malls in 3000 meters zone  
trc\_sqm\_3000 The square of shopping malls in 3000 meters zone  
mosque\_count\_3000 The number of mosques in 3000 meters zone  
sport\_count\_3000 The number of sport facilities in 3000 meters zone  
market\_count\_3000 The number of markets in 3000 meters zone  
green\_part\_5000 The share of green zones in 5000 meters zone  
prom\_part\_5000 The share of industrial zones in 5000 meters zone

trc\_count\_5000 The number of shopping malls in 5000 meters zone  
trc\_sqm\_5000 The square of shopping malls in 5000 meters zone  
mosque\_count\_5000 The number of mosques in 5000 meters zone  
sport\_count\_5000 The number of sport facilities in 5000 meters zone  
market\_count\_5000 The number of markets in 5000 meters zone  
price\_doc I don't know

**Source**

[www.kaggle.com](http://www.kaggle.com)

**Examples**

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data(housing)
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