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gamlss-package

*The GAMLSS library and datasets***Description**

This is a collection of functions to fit Generalized Additive Models for Location Scale and Shape (GAMLSS) and handle gamlss objects.

GAMLSS were introduced by Rigby and Stasinopoulos (2005). GAMLSS is a general framework for univariate regression type statistical problems using new ways of dealing with overdispersion, skewness and kurtosis in the response variable. In GAMLSS the exponential family distribution assumption used in Generalized Linear Model (GLM) and Generalized Additive Model (GAM), (see Nelder and Wedderburn, 1972 and Hastie and Tibshirani, 1990, respectively) is relaxed and replaced by a very general distribution family including highly skew and kurtotic discrete and continuous distributions. The systematic part of the model is expanded to allow modelling not only the mean (or location) but other parameters of the distribution of the response variable as linear parametric, nonlinear parametric or additive non-parametric functions of explanatory variables and/or random effects terms. Maximum (penalized) likelihood estimation is used to fit the models.

**Details**

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This package allows the user to model the distribution of the response variable using a variety of one, two, three and four parameter families of distributions. The distributions implemented currently can be found in [gamlss.family](#). Other distributions can be easily added. In the current implementation

of GAMLSS several additive terms have been implemented including regression splines, smoothing splines, penalized splines, varying coefficients, fractional polynomials and random effects. Other additive terms can be easily added.

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(see also <http://www.gamlss.org/>).

### Examples

```
data(abdom)
mod<-gamlss(y~pb(x),sigma.fo=~pb(x),family=BCT, data=abdom, method=mixed(1,20))
plot(mod)
rm(mod)
```

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acfResid

*ACF plot of the residuals*

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### Description

This plot display the ACF and PACF of the residuals of a gamlss or other fitted model (provided that they have been standardised appropriately. Is is appropriate for time series data.

### Usage

```
acfResid(obj = NULL, resid = NULL)
```

### Arguments

obj	A gamlss model or othe fitted model where the resid() function applies exist
resid	if obj does not exist the argument here will be used

**Details**

The ACF and PACF for the residuals  $r$ , squared residuals  $r^2$ ,  $r^3$  and  $r^4$  are plotted

**Value**

The relevant plots are displayed

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**See Also**

[acf](#)

**Examples**

```
library(datasets)
data(co2)
m1<- gamlss(co2~pb(as.numeric(time(co2)))+factor(cycle(co2)))
acfResid(m1)
```

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additive.fit

*Implementing Backfitting in GAMLSS*

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**Description**

This function is not to be used on its own. It is used for backfitting in the GAMLSS fitting algorithms and it is based on the equivalent function written by Trevor Hastie in the `gam()` S-plus implementation, (Chambers and Hastie, 1991).

**Usage**

```
additive.fit(x, y, w, s, who, smooth.frame, maxit = 30, tol = 0.001,
            trace = FALSE, se = TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	the linear part of the explanatory variables
y	the response variable
w	the weights
s	the matrix containing the smoothers
who	the current smoothers
smooth.frame	the data frame used for the smoothers
maxit	maximum number of iterations in the backfitting
tol	the tolerance level for the backfitting
trace	whether to trace the backfitting algorithm
se	whether standard errors are required
...	for extra arguments

**Details**

This function should not be used on its own

**Value**

Returns a list with the linear fit plus the smoothers

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**References**

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- (see also <http://www.gamlss.org/>).

**See Also**

[gamlss](#)

**Description**

The function `bfp` generate a power polynomial basis matrix which (for given powers) can be used to fit power polynomials in one x-variable. The function `fp` takes a vector and returns it with several attributes. The vector is used in the construction of the model matrix. The function `fp()` is not used for fitting the fractional polynomial curves but assigns the attributes to the vector to aid `gamlss` in the fitting process. The function doing the fitting is `gamlss.fp()` which is used at the backfitting function `additive.fit` (but never used on its own). The (experimental) function `pp` can be use to fit power polynomials as in  $a + b_1x^{p_1} + b_2x^{p_2}$ ., where `p1` and `p2` have arbitrary values rather restricted as in the `fp` function.

**Usage**

```
bfp(x, powers = c(1, 2), shift = NULL, scale = NULL)
fp(x, npoly = 2, shift = NULL, scale = NULL)
pp(x, start = list(), shift = NULL, scale = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	the explanatory variable to be used in functions <code>bfp()</code> or <code>fp()</code> . Note that this is different from the argument <code>x</code> use in <code>gamlss.fp</code> (a function used in the backfitting but not by straight by the user)
<code>powers</code>	a vector containing as elements the powers in which the <code>x</code> has to be raised
<code>shift</code>	a number for shifting the x-variable. The default values is zero, if <code>x</code> is positive, or the minimum of the positive difference in <code>x</code> minus the minimum of <code>x</code>
<code>scale</code>	a positive number for scaling the x-variable. The default values is $10^{(sign(log10(range))) * trunc(abs(log10(range)))}$
<code>npoly</code>	a positive indicating how many fractional polynomials should be considered in the fit. Can take the values 1, 2 or 3 with 2 as default
<code>start</code>	a list containing the starting values for the non-linear maximization to find the powers. The results from fitting the equivalent fractional polynomials can be used here

**Details**

The above functions are an implementation of the fractional polynomials introduced by Royston and Altman (1994). The three functions involved in the fitting are loosely based on the fractional polynomials implementation in S-plus written by Gareth Amber in 1999, (unfortunately the URL link for his work no longer exist). The function `bfp` generates the right design matrix for the fitting a power polynomial of the type  $a + b_1x^{p_1} + b_2x^{p_2} + \dots + b_kx_k^{p_k}$ . For given powers  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k$  given as the argument `powers` in `bfp()` the function can be used to fit power polynomials in the same way as the functions `poly()` or `bs()` (of package `splines`) are used to fit orthogonal or piecewise polynomials respectively. The function `fp()`, which is working as a

smoother in `gamlss`, is used to fit the best fractional polynomials within a set of power values. Its argument `npoly` determines whether one, two or three fractional polynomials should be used in the fitting. For a fixed number `npoly` the algorithm looks for the best fitting fractional polynomials in the list `c(-2, -1, -0.5, 0, 0.5, 1, 2, 3)`. Note that `npoly=3` is rather slow since it fits all possible combinations 3-way combinations at each backfitting interaction. The function `gamlss.fp()` is an internal function of GAMLSS allowing the fractional polynomials to be fitted in the backfitting cycle of `gamlss`, and should be not used on its own.

### Value

The function `bfp` returns a matrix to be used as part of the design matrix in the fitting.

The function `fp` returns a vector with values zero to be included in the design matrix but with attributes useful in the fitting of the fractional polynomials algorithm in `gamlss.fp`.

### Warning

Since the model constant is included in both the design matrix `X` and in the backfitting part of fractional polynomials, its values is wrongly given in the summary. Its true values is the model constant minus the constant from the fractional polynomial fitting ??? What happens if more than one fractional polynomials are fitted?

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(see also <http://www.gamlss.org/>).

### See Also

[gamlss](#), [gamlss.family](#)

### Examples

```
data(abdom)
#fits polynomials with power 1 and .5
mod1<-gamlss(y~bfp(x,c(1,0.5)),data=abdom)
# fit the best of one fractional polynomial
m1<-gamlss(y~fp(x,1),data=abdom)
```



```

# fit the best of two fractional polynomials
m2<-gamlss(y~fp(x,2),data=abdom)
# fit the best of three fractional polynomials
m3<-gamlss(y~fp(x,3),data=abdom)
# get the coefficient for the second model
m2$mu.coefSmo
# now power polynomials using the best 2 fp c()
m4 <- gamlss(y ~ pp(x, c(1,3)), data = abdom)
# This is not good idea in this case because
# if you look at the fitted values you see what it went wrong
plot(y~x,data=abdom)
lines(fitted(m2,"mu")~abdom$x,col="red")
lines(fitted(m4,"mu")~abdom$x,col="blue")

```

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calibration

*Calibrating centile curves*


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## Description

This function can used when the fitted model centiles do not coincide with the sample centiles.

## Usage

```

calibration(object, xvar, cent = 100 * pnorm((-4:4) * 2/3),
            legend = FALSE, fan = FALSE, ...)

```

## Arguments

object	a gamlss fitted object
xvar	The explanatory variable
cent	a vector with elements the % centile values for which the centile curves have to be evaluated
legend	whether legend is required
fan	whether to use the fan version of centiles
...	other argument pass on to centiles() function

## Details

The function finds the sample quantiles of the residuals of the fitted model (the z-scores) and use them as sample quantile in the argument cent of the centiles() function. This procedure is appropriate if the fitted model centiles do not coincide with the sample centiles and when this failure is the same in all values of the explanatory variable xvar.

## Value

A centile plot is produced and the sample centiles below each centile curve are printed (or saved)

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- (see also <http://www.gamlss.org/>).

**See Also**

[centiles](#), [centiles.fan](#)

**Examples**

```
data(abdom)
m1<-gamlss(y~pb(x), sigma.fo=~pb(x), family=L0, data=abdom)
calibration(m1, xvar=abdom$x, fan=TRUE)
```

---

centiles

*Plots the centile curves for a GAMLSS object*

---

**Description**

This function `centiles()` plots centiles curves for distributions belonging to the GAMLSS family of distributions. The function also tabulates the sample percentages below each centile curve (for comparison with the model percentages given by the argument `cent`.) The function `centiles.fan()` plots a fan-chart of the centile curves. A restriction of the functions is that it applies to models with one explanatory variable only.

**Usage**

```
centiles(obj, xvar = NULL, cent = c(0.4, 2, 10, 25, 50, 75, 90, 98, 99.6),
  legend = TRUE, ylab = "y", xlab = "x", main = NULL,
  main.gsub = "@", xleg = min(xvar), yleg = max(obj$y),
  xlim = range(xvar), ylim = range(obj$y), save = FALSE,
  plot = TRUE, points = TRUE, pch = 15, cex = 0.5, col = gray(0.7),
  col.centiles = 1:length(cent) + 2, lty.centiles = 1, lwd.centiles = 1, ...)
centiles.fan(obj, xvar = NULL, cent = c(0.4, 2, 10, 25, 50, 75, 90, 98, 99.6),
  ylab = "y", xlab = "x", main = NULL, main.gsub = "@",
```

```
xleg = min(xvar), yleg = max(obj$y), xlim = range(xvar),
ylim = range(obj$y), points = FALSE, median = TRUE, pch = 15,
cex = 0.5, col = gray(0.7),
colors = c("cm", "gray", "rainbow", "heat", "terrain", "topo"), ...)
```

### Arguments

<code>obj</code>	a fitted <code>gamlss</code> object from fitting a <code>gamlss</code> distribution
<code>xvar</code>	the unique explanatory variable
<code>cent</code>	a vector with elements the % centile values for which the centile curves have to be evaluated
<code>legend</code>	whether a legend is required in the plot or not, the default is <code>legend=TRUE</code>
<code>ylab</code>	the y-variable label
<code>xlab</code>	the x-variable label
<code>main</code>	the main title here as character. If <code>NULL</code> the default title "centile curves using NO" (or the relevant distributions name) is shown
<code>main.gsub</code>	if the <code>main.gsub</code> (with default "@") appears in the main title then it is substituted with the default title.
<code>xleg</code>	position of the legend in the x-axis
<code>yleg</code>	position of the legend in the y-axis
<code>xlim</code>	the limits of the x-axis
<code>ylim</code>	the limits of the y-axis
<code>save</code>	whether to save the sample percentages or not with default equal to <code>FALSE</code> . In this case the sample percentages are printed but are not saved
<code>plot</code>	whether to plot the centiles. This option is useful for <code>centile.split</code>
<code>pch</code>	the character to be used as the default in plotting points see <code>par</code>
<code>cex</code>	size of character see <code>par</code>
<code>col</code>	plotting colour see <code>par</code>
<code>col.centiles</code>	Plotting colours for the centile curves
<code>lty.centiles</code>	line type for the centile curves
<code>lwd.centiles</code>	The line width for the centile curves
<code>colors</code>	the different colour schemes to be used for the fan-chart. The following are available <code>c("cm", "gray", "rainbow", "heat", "terrain", "topo")</code> ,
<code>points</code>	whether the data points should be plotted, default is <code>TRUE</code> for <code>centiles()</code> and <code>FALSE</code> for <code>centiles.fan()</code>
<code>median</code>	whether the median should be plotted (only in <code>centiles.fan()</code> )
<code>...</code>	for extra arguments

### Details

Centiles are calculated using the fitted values in `obj` and `xvar` must correspond exactly to the predictor in `obj` to plot correctly.

`col.centiles`, `lty.centiles` and `lwd.centiles` may be vector arguments and are recycled to the length `cent` if necessary.

**Value**

A centile plot is produced and the sample centiles below each centile curve are printed (or saved)

**Warning**

This function is appropriate only when one continuous explanatory variable is fitted in the model

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(see also <http://www.gamlss.org/>).

**See Also**

[gamlss](#), [centiles.split](#), [centiles.com](#)

**Examples**

```
data(abdom)
h<-gamlss(y~pb(x), sigma.formula=~pb(x), family=BCT, data=abdom)
# default plot
centiles(h,xvar=abdom$x)
# control of colours and lines
centiles(h, xvar=abdom$x, col.cent=c(2,3,4,5,1,5,4,3,2,1),
        lwd.cent=c(1,1,1,1,2,1,1,1,1))
#Control line types
centiles(h, xvar=abdom$x, col.cent=1, cent=c(.5,2.5,50,97.5,99.5),
        lty.centiles=c(3,2,1,2,3),lwd.cent=c(1,1,2,1,1))
# control of the main title
centiles(h, xvar=abdom$x, main="Abdominal data \n @")
# the fan-chart
centiles.fan(h,xvar=abdom$x, colors="rainbow")
rm(h)
```

**Description**

This function compares centiles curves for more than one GAMLSS objects. It is based on the centiles function. The function also tabulates the sample percentages below each centile curve (for comparison with the model percentages given by the argument cent.) A restriction of the function is that it applies to models with one explanatory variable only

**Usage**

```
centiles.com(obj, ..., xvar = NULL, cent = c(0.4, 10, 50, 90, 99.6),
             legend = TRUE, ylab = "y", xlab = "x", xleg = min(xvar),
             yleg = max(obj$y), xlim = range(xvar), ylim = NULL,
             no.data = FALSE, color = TRUE, main = NULL, plot = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

obj	a fitted gamlss object from fitting a gamlss continuous distribution
...	optionally more fitted GAMLSS model objects
xvar	the unique explanatory variable
cent	a vector with elements the % centile values for which the centile curves have to be evaluated
legend	whether a legend is required in the plot or not, the default is legend=TRUE
ylab	the y-variable label
xlab	the x-variable label
xleg	position of the legend in the x-axis
yleg	position of the legend in the y-axis
xlim	the limits of the x-axis
ylim	the limits of the y-axis
no.data	whether the data should plotted, default no.data=FALSE or not no.data=TRUE
color	whether the fitted centiles are shown in colour, color=TRUE (the default) or not color=FALSE
main	the main title
plot	whether to plot the centiles

**Value**

Centile plots are produced for the different fitted models and the sample centiles below each centile curve are printed

**Warning**

This function is appropriate only when one continuous explanatory variable is fitted in the model

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(see also <http://www.gamlss.org/>).

**See Also**

[gamlss](#), [centiles](#), [centiles.split](#)

**Examples**

```
data(abdom)
h1<-gamlss(y~cs(x,df=3), sigma.formula=~cs(x,1),family=BCT, data=abdom)
h2<-gamlss(y~pb(x), sigma.formula=~pb(x), family=BCT, data=abdom )
centiles.com(h1,h2,xvar=abdom$x)
rm(h1,h2)
```

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centiles.pred

*Creating predictive centiles values*

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**Description**

This function creates predictive centiles curves for new x-values given a GAMLSS fitted model. The function has three options: i) for given new x-values and given percentage centiles calculates a matrix containing the centiles values for y, ii) for given new x-values and standard normalized centile values calculates a matrix containing the centiles values for y, iii) for given new x-values and new y-values calculates the z-scores. A restriction of the function is that it applies to models with only one explanatory variable.

**Usage**

```
centiles.pred(obj, type = c("centiles", "z-scores", "standard-centiles"),
             xname = NULL, xvalues = NULL, power = NULL, yval = NULL,
             cent = c(0.4, 2, 10, 25, 50, 75, 90, 98, 99.6),
             dev = c(-4, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4),
             plot = FALSE, legend = TRUE,
             ...)
```

**Arguments**

obj	a fitted gamlss object from fitting a gamlss continuous distribution
type	the default, "centiles", gets the centiles values given in the option cent. type="standard-centiles" gets the standard centiles given in the dev. type="z-scores" gets the z-scores for given y and x new values
xname	the name of the unique explanatory variable (it has to be the same as in the original fitted model)
xvalues	the new values for the explanatory variable where the prediction will take place
power	if power transformation is needed (but read the note below)
yval	the response values for a given x required for the calculation of "z-scores"
cent	a vector with elements the % centile values for which the centile curves have to be evaluated
dev	a vector with elements the standard normalized values for which the centile curves have to be evaluated in the option type="standard-centiles"
plot	whether to plot the "centiles" or the "standard-centiles", the default is plot=FALSE
legend	whether a legend is required in the plot or not, the default is legend=TRUE
...	for extra arguments

**Value**

a vector (for option type="z-scores") or a matrix for options type="centiles" or type="standard-centiles" containing the appropriate values

**Warning**

See example below of how to use the function when power transformation is used for the x-variables

**Note**

The power option should be only used if the model

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- (see also <http://www.gamlss.org/>).

**See Also**

[gamlss](#), [centiles](#), [centiles.split](#)

**Examples**

```
## bring the data and fit the model
data(abdom)
a<-gamlss(y~pb(x),sigma.fo=~pb(x), data=abdom, family=BCT)
## plot the centiles
centiles(a,xvar=abdom$x)
##-----
## first use of centiles.pred()
## to calculate the centiles at new x values
##-----
newx<-seq(12,40,2)
mat <- centiles.pred(a, xname="x", xvalues=newx )
mat
## now plot the centile curves
mat <- centiles.pred(a, xname="x",xvalues=newx, plot=TRUE )
##-----
## second use of centiles.pred()
## to calculate (normalised) standard-centiles for new x
## values using the fitted model
##-----
newx <- seq(12,40,2)
mat <- centiles.pred(a, xname="x",xvalues=newx, type="standard-centiles" )
mat
## now plot the standard centiles
mat <- centiles.pred(a, xname="x",xvalues=newx, type="standard-centiles",
plot = TRUE )
##-----
## third use of centiles.pred()
## if we have new x and y values what are their z-scores?
##-----
# create new y and x values and plot them in the previous plot
newx <- c(20,21.2,23,20.9,24.2,24.1,25)
newy <- c(130,121,123,125,140,145,150)
for(i in 1:7) points(newx[i],newy[i],col="blue")
## now calculate their z-scores
znewx <- centiles.pred(a, xname="x",xvalues=newx,yval=newy, type="z-scores" )
znewx
## Not run:
##-----
## What we do if the x variables is transformed?
##-----
## case 1 : transformed x-variable within the formula
##-----
## fit model
aa <- gamlss(y~pb(x^0.5),sigma.fo=~pb(x^0.5), data=abdom, family=BCT)
## centiles works
centiles(aa,xvar=abdom$x, legend = FALSE)
newx<-seq(12,40,2)
```



```

mat <- centiles.pred(aa, xname="x",xvalues=newx, plot=TRUE )

mat <- centiles.pred(aa, xname="x",xvalues=c(20, 2 )
mat
xx <- rep(mat[,1],9)
yy<-mat[,2:10]
points(xx,yy,col="red")
## case 2 : x-variable previously transformed
nx<-abdom$x^0.5
aa<-gamlss(y~pb(nx),sigma.fo=~pb(nx), data=abdom, family=BCT)
centiles(aa, xvar=abdom$x)
newd<-data.frame( abdom, nx=abdom$x^0.5)
mat <- centiles.pred(aa, xname="nx", xvalues=c(30), power=0.5, data=newd)
xxx<-rep(mat[,1],9)
yyy<-mat[,2:10]
points(xxx,yyy,col="red")
## End(Not run)

```

centiles.split

*Plots centile curves split by x for a GAMLSS object***Description**

This function plots centiles curves for separate ranges of the unique explanatory variable  $x$ . It is similar to the `centiles` function but the range of  $x$  is split at a user defined values `xcut.point` into  $r$  separate ranges. The functions also tabulates the sample percentages below each centile curve for each of the  $r$  ranges of  $x$  (for comparison with the model percentage given by `cent`) The model should have only one explanatory variable.

**Usage**

```

centiles.split(obj, xvar = NULL, xcut.points = NULL, n.inter = 4,
              cent = c(0.4, 2, 10, 25, 50, 75, 90, 98, 99.6),
              legend = FALSE, main = NULL, main.gsub = "@",
              ylab = "y", xlab = "x", ylim = NULL, overlap = 0,
              save = TRUE, plot = TRUE, ...)

```

**Arguments**

<code>obj</code>	a fitted <code>gamlss</code> object from fitting a <code>gamlss</code> continuous distribution
<code>xvar</code>	the unique explanatory variable
<code>xcut.points</code>	the x-axis cut off points e.g. <code>c(20, 30)</code> . If <code>xcut.points=NULL</code> then the <code>n.inter</code> argument is activated
<code>n.inter</code>	if <code>xcut.points=NULL</code> this argument gives the number of intervals in which the x-variable will be splitted, with default 4
<code>cent</code>	a vector with elements the % centile values for which the centile curves are to be evaluated

legend	whether a legend is required in the plots or not, the default is legend=FALSE
main	the main title as character. If NULL the default title (shown the intervals) is shown
main.gsub	if the main.gsub (with default "@") appears in the main title then it is substituted with the default title.
ylab	the y-variable label
xlab	the x-variable label
ylim	the range of the y-variable axis
overlap	how much overlapping in the xvar intervals. Default value is overlap=0 for non overlapping intervals
save	whether to save the sample percentages or not with default equal to TRUE. In this case the functions produce a matrix giving the sample percentages for each interval
plot	whether to plot the centiles. This option is usefull if the sample statistics only are to be used
...	for extra arguments

**Value**

Centile plots are produced and the sample centiles below each centile curve for each of the r ranges of x can be saved into a matrix.

**Warning**

This function is appropriate when only one continuous explanatory variable is fitted in the model

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(see also <http://www.gamlss.org/>).

**See Also**

[gamlss centiles](#), [centiles.com](#)

**Examples**

```
data(abdom)
h<-gamlss(y~pb(x), sigma.formula=~pb(x), family=BCT, data=abdom)
mout <- centiles.split(h,xvar=abdom$x)
mout
rm(h,mout)
```

coef.gamlss

*Extract Model Coefficients in a GAMLSS fitted model***Description**

coef.gamlss is the GAMLSS specific method for the generic function coef which extracts model coefficients from objects returned by modelling functions. 'coefficients' is an alias for coef.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'gamlss'
coef(object, what = c("mu", "sigma", "nu", "tau"),
      parameter = NULL, ... )
```

**Arguments**

object	a GAMLSS fitted model
what	which parameter coefficient is required, default what="mu"
parameter	equivalent to what (more obvious name)
...	for extra arguments

**Value**

Coefficients extracted from the GAMLSS model object.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Rigby, R. A. and Stasinopoulos D. M. (2005). Generalized additive models for location, scale and shape,(with discussion), *Appl. Statist.*, **54**, part 3, pp 507-554.

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(see also <http://www.gamlss.org/>).

**See Also**

[gamlss](#), [deviance.gamlss](#), [fitted.gamlss](#)

**Examples**

```
data(aids)
h<-gamlss(y~poly(x,3)+qrt, family=P0, data=aids) #
coef(h)
rm(h)
```

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 cs

*Specify a Smoothing Cubic Spline Fit in a GAMLSS Formula*

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**Description**

The functions `cs()` and `scs()` are using the cubic smoothing splines function `smooth.spline()` to do smoothing. They take a vector and return it with several attributes. The vector is used in the construction of the model matrix. The functions do not do the smoothing, but assigns the attributes to the vector to aid `gamlss` in the smoothing. The function doing the smoothing is `gamlss.cs()`. This function use the R function `smooth.spline()` which is then used by the backfitting function `additive.fit()` which is based on the original GAM implementation described in Chambers and Hastie (1992). The function `gamlss.scs()` differs from the function `cs()` in that allows cross validation of the smoothing parameters unlike the `cs()` which fixes the effective degrees of freedom, `df`. Note that the recommended smoothing function is now the function `pb()` which allows the estimation of the smoothing parameters using a local maximum likelihood. The function `pb()` is based on the penalised beta splines (P-splines) of Eilers and Marx (1996).

The (experimental) function `vc` is now defunct. For fitting varying coefficient models, Hastie and Tibshirani (1993) use the function `pvc()`.

**Usage**

```
cs(x, df = 3, spar = NULL, c.spar = NULL, control = cs.control(...), ...)
scs(x, df = NULL, spar = NULL, control = cs.control(...), ...)
cs.control(cv = FALSE, all.knots = TRUE, nknots = NULL, keep.data = TRUE,
           df.offset = 0, penalty = 1.4, control.spar = list(), ...)
```

**Arguments**

`x` the univariate predictor, (or expression, that evaluates to a numeric vector). For the function `vc` the `x` argument is the vector which has its (linear) coefficient change with `r`

`df` the desired equivalent number of degrees of freedom (trace of the smoother matrix minus two for the constant and linear fit). The real smoothing parameter (`spar` below) is found such that  $df = \text{tr}(S) - 2$ , where  $S$  is the implicit smoother matrix. Values for `df` should be greater than 0, with 0 implying a linear fit.

spar	smoothing parameter, typically (but not necessarily) in (0,1]. The coefficient lambda of the integral of the squared second derivative in the fit (penalised log likelihood) criterion is a monotone function of 'spar', see the details in <code>smooth.spline</code> .
c.spar	This is an option to be used when the degrees of freedom of the fitted <code>gamlss</code> object are different from the ones given as input in the option <code>df</code> . The default values used are the ones given the option <code>control.spar</code> in the R function <code>smooth.spline()</code> and they are <code>c.spar=c(-1.5, 2)</code> . For very large data sets e.g. 10000 observations, the upper limit may have to increase for example to <code>c.spar=c(-1.5, 2.5)</code> . Use this option if you have received the warning 'The output <code>df</code> are different from the input, change the <code>control.spar</code> '. <code>c.spar</code> can take both vectors or lists of length 2, for example <code>c.spar=c(-1.5, 2.5)</code> or <code>c.spar=list(-1.5, 2.5)</code> would have the same effect.
control	control for the function <code>smooth.spline()</code> , see below
cv	see the R function <code>smooth.spline()</code>
all.knots	see the R function <code>smooth.spline()</code>
nknots	see the R function <code>smooth.spline()</code>
keep.data	see the R function <code>smooth.spline()</code>
df.offset	see the R function <code>smooth.spline()</code>
penalty	see the R function <code>smooth.spline()</code> , here the default value is 1.4
control.spar	see above <code>c.spar</code> or the equivalent argument in the function <code>smooth.spline</code>
...	for extra arguments

## Details

Note that `cs` itself does no smoothing; it simply sets things up for the function `gamlss()` which in turn uses the function `additive.fit()` for backfitting which in turn uses `gamlss.cs()`

Note that `cs()` and `scs()` functions behave differently at their default values that is if `df` and `lambda` are not specified. `cs(x)` by default will use 3 extra degrees of freedom for smoothing for `x`. `scs(x)` by default will estimate `lambda` (and the degrees of freedom) automatically using generalised cross validation (GCV). Note that if GCV is used the convergence of the `gamlss` model can be less stable compared to a model where the degrees of freedom are fixed. This will be true for small data sets.

## Value

the vector `x` is returned, endowed with a number of attributes. The vector itself is used in the construction of the model matrix, while the attributes are needed for the backfitting algorithms `additive.fit()`. Since smoothing splines includes linear fits, the linear part will be efficiently computed with the other parametric linear parts of the model.

## Warning

For a user who wishes to compare the `gamlss()` results with the equivalent `gam()` results in S-plus: make sure when using S-plus that the convergence criteria `epsilon` and `bf.epsilon` in `control.gam()` are decreased sufficiently to ensure proper convergence in S-plus. Also note that the degrees of freedom are defined on top of the linear term in `gamlss`, but on top of the constant term in S-plus,

(so use an extra degrees of freedom in S-plus in order to obtain comparable results to those in `galmss`).

Change the upper limit of `spar` if you received the warning 'The output df are different from the input, change the control.spar'.

For large data sets do not use expressions, e.g. `cs(x^0.5)` inside the `gamlss` function command but evaluate the expression, e.g. `nx=x^0.5`, first and then use `cs(nx)`.

### Note

The degrees of freedom `df` are defined differently from that of the `gam()` function in S-plus. Here `df` are the additional degrees of freedom excluding the constant and the linear part of `x`. For example `df=4` in `gamlss()` is equivalent to `df=5` in `gam()` in S-plus

### Author(s)

Mikis Stasinopoulos and Bob Rigby (see also the documentation of the functions `smooth.spline()` for the original authors of the cubic spline function.)

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- (see also <http://www.gamlss.org/>).

### See Also

[gamlss](#), [gamlss.cs](#), [pb](#), [pvc](#)

### Examples

```
# cubic splines example
data(aids)
# fitting a smoothing cubic spline with 7 degrees of freedom
# plus the a quarterly effect
aids1<-gamlss(y~cs(x,df=7)+qrt,data=aids,family=P0) #
aids2<-gamlss(y~scs(x,df=5)+qrt,data=aids,family=P0) #
aids3<-gamlss(y~scs(x)+qrt,data=aids,family=P0) # using GCV
with(aids, plot(x,y))
```

```
lines(aids$x,fitted(aids1), col="red")
lines(aids$x,fitted(aids3), col="green")
rm(aids1, aids2, aids3)
```

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deviance.gamlss	<i>Global Deviance of a GAMLSS model</i>
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## Description

Returns the global,  $-2 \cdot \log(\text{likelihood})$ , or the penalized,  $-2 \cdot \log(\text{likelihood}) + \text{penalties}$ , deviance of a fitted GAMLSS model object.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'gamlss'
deviance(object, what = c("G", "P"), ...)
```

## Arguments

object	a GAMLSS fitted model
what	put "G" for Global or "P" for Penalized deviance
...	for extra arguments

## Details

deviance is a generic function which can be used to extract deviances for fitted models. deviance.gamlss is the method for a GAMLSS object.

## Value

The value of the global or the penalized deviance extracted from a GAMLSS object.

## Author(s)

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## References

- Rigby, R. A. and Stasinopoulos D. M. (2005). Generalized additive models for location, scale and shape,(with discussion), *Appl. Statist.*, **54**, part 3, pp 507-554.
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- (see also <http://www.gamlss.org/>).

**See Also**

[gamlss.family](#), [coef.gamlss](#), [fitted.gamlss](#)

**Examples**

```
data(aids)
h<-gamlss(y~poly(x,3)+qrt, family=P0, data=aids) #
deviance(h)
rm(h)
```

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dtop

*Detrended transformed Owen's plot*


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**Description**

Provides single or multiple detrended transformed Owen's plot, Owen (1995), for a GAMLSS fitted objects or any other fitted object which has the method resid(). This is a diagnostic tool for checking whether the normalised quantile residuals are coming from a normal distribution or not. This could be true if the horizontal line is within the confidence intervals.

**Usage**

```
dtop(object = NULL, xvar = NULL, resid = NULL,
      type = c("Owen", "JW"),
      conf.level = c("95", "99"), n.inter = 4,
      xcut.points = NULL, overlap = 0,
      show.given = TRUE, cex = 1, pch = 21,
      line = TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	a GAMLSS fitted object or any other fitted object which has the method resid().
xvar	the explanatory variable against which the detrended Owen's plots will be plotted
resid	if the object is not specified the residual vector can be given here
type	whether to use Owen (1995) or Jager and Wellner (2004) approximate formula
conf.level	95 (default) or 99 percent confidence interval for the plots
n.inter	he number of intervals in which the explanatory variable xvar will be cut
xcut.points	the x-axis cut off points e.g. c(20,30). If xcut.points=NULL then the n.inter argument is activated
overlap	how much overlapping in the xvar intervals. Default value is overlap=0 for non overlapping intervals
show.given	whether to show the x-variable intervals in the top of the graph, default is show.given=TRUE



cex	the cex plotting parameter with default cex=1
pch	the pch plotting parameter with default pch=21
line	whether the detrended empirical cdf should be plotted or not
...	for extra arguments

### Details

If the `xvar` argument is not specified then a single detrended Owen's plot is used, see Owen (1995). In this case the plot is a detrended nonparametric likelihood confidence band for a distribution function. That is, if the horizontal line lies within the confidence band then the normalised residuals could have come from a Normal distribution and consequently the assumed response variable distribution is reasonable. If the `xvar` is specified then we have as many plots as `n.iter`. In this case the `x`-variable is cut into `n.iter` intervals with an equal number observations and detrended Owen's plots for each interval are plotted. This is a way of highlighting failures of the model within different ranges of the explanatory variable.

### Value

A plot is returned.

### Author(s)

Mikis Stasinopoulos, Bob Rigby and Vlassios Voudouris

### References

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- (see also <http://www.gamlss.org/>).

### See Also

[wp](#)

**Examples**

```
data(abdom)
a<-gamlss(y~pb(x),sigma.fo=~pb(x,1),family=L0,data=abdom)
dtop(a)
dtop(a, xvar=abdom$x)
rm(a)
```

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edf

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*Effective degrees of freedom from gamlss model*


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**Description**

The functions `edf()` and `edfAll()` can be used to obtain the effective degrees of freedom for different additive terms for the distribution parameters in a `gamlss` model.

**Usage**

```
edf(obj, what = c("mu", "sigma", "nu", "tau"),
     parameter= NULL, print = TRUE, ...)
edfAll(obj, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>obj</code>	A <code>gamlss</code> fitted model
<code>what</code>	which of the four parameters <code>mu</code> , <code>sigma</code> , <code>nu</code> or <code>tau</code> .
<code>parameter</code>	equivalent to <code>what</code>
<code>print</code>	whether to print the label
<code>...</code>	for extra arguments

**Value**

The function `edfAll()` returns a list of `edf` for all the fitted parameters. The function `edf()` returns a vector of `edf`.

**Note**

The `edf` given are the ones fitted in the backfitting so they usually contain (depending on the additive term) the constant and the linear part.

**Author(s)**

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- (see also <http://www.gamlss.org/>).

## See Also

[gamlss](#)

## Examples

```
library(gamlss.data)
data(usair)
m1<- gamlss(y~pb(x1)+pb(x2)+pb(x6), data=usair)
edfAll(m1)
edf(m1)
```

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find.hyper

*A function to select values of hyper-parameters in a GAMLSS model*

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## Description

This function selects the values of hyper parameters and/or non-linear parameters in a GAMLSS model. It uses the R function `optim` which then minimises the generalised Akaike information criterion (GAIC) with a user defined penalty.

## Usage

```
find.hyper(model = NULL, parameters = NULL, other = NULL, k = 2,
           steps = c(0.1), lower = -Inf, upper = Inf, method = "L-BFGS-B",
           ...)
```

## Arguments

model	this is a GAMLSS model in <code>quote()</code> . e.g. <code>quote(gamlss(y~cs(x, df=p[1]), sigma.fo~cs(x, df=p[2]), data=abdom))</code> where <code>p[1]</code> and <code>p[2]</code> denote the parameters to be estimated
parameters	the starting values in the search of the optimum hyper-parameters and/or non-linear parameters e.g. <code>parameters=c(3, 3)</code>

other	this is used to optimise other non-parameters, for example a transformation of the explanatory variable of the kind $x^{p[3]}$ , <code>others=quote(nx&lt;-x^p[3])</code> where <code>nx</code> is now in the model formula
k	specifies the penalty in the GAIC, (the default is 2) e.g. <code>k=3</code>
steps	the steps taken in the optimisation procedure [see the <code>ndeps</code> option in <code>optim()</code> ], by default is set to 0.1 for all hyper parameters and non-linear parameters
lower	the lower permissible level of the parameters i.e. <code>lower=c(1,1)</code> this does not apply if a method other than the default method "L-BFGS-B" is used
upper	the upper permissible level of the parameters i.e. <code>upper=c(30,10)</code> , this is not apply if a method other than the default method "L-BFGS-B" is used
method	the method used in <code>optim()</code> to numerically minimise the GAIC over the hyper-parameters and/or non-linear parameters. By default this is "L-BFGS-B" to allow box-restriction on the parameters
...	for extra arguments to be passed to the R function <code>optim()</code> used in the optimisation

### Details

This historically was an experimental function which worked well for the search of the optimum degrees of freedom and non-linear parameters (e.g. power parameter  $\lambda$  used to transform  $x$  to  $x^\lambda$ ). With the introduction of the P-Spline smoothing function `pb()` the function `find.hyper()` became almost redundant. `find.hyper()` takes lot longer than `pb()` to find automatically the hyper parameters while both method produce similar results. See below the examples for a small demonstration.

### Value

The function turns the same output as the function `optim()`

<code>par</code>	the optimum hyper-parameter values
<code>value</code>	the minimised value of the GAIC
<code>counts</code>	A two-element integer vector giving the number of calls to 'fn' and 'gr' respectively
<code>convergence</code>	An integer code. '0' indicates successful convergence. see the function <code>optim()</code> for other errors
<code>message</code>	A character string giving any additional information returned by the optimiser, or 'NULL'

### Warning

It may be slow to find the optimum

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- (see also <http://www.gamlss.org/>).

## See Also

[gamlss](#), [plot.gamlss](#), [optim](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:
data(abdom)
# Example estimating the smoothing parameters for mu and
# the transformation parameters for x
# declare the model
mod1<-quote(gamlss(y~cs(nx,df=p[1]),family=BCT,data=abdom,
                  control=gamlss.control(trace=FALSE)))
# since we want also to find the transformation for x
# we use the "other" option
op <- find.hyper(model=mod1, other=quote(nx<-x^p[2]), parameters=c(3,0.5),
                lower=c(1,0.001), steps=c(0.1,0.001))

op
# the optimum parameters found are
# p = (p[1],p[2]) = (3.113218 0.001000) = (df for mu, lambda)
# so it needs df = 3 on top of the constant and linear
# in the cubic spline model for mu since p[1] is approximately 3
# and log transformation for x since p[2] is approximately 0
# here is an example with no data declaration in define the model
# we have to attach the data
attach(abdom)
mod2 <- quote(gamlss(y~cs(nx,df=p[1]),family=BCT,
                    control=gamlss.control(trace=FALSE)))
op2<-find.hyper(model=mod2, other=quote(nx<-x^p[2]), parameters=c(3,0.5),
                lower=c(1,0.001), steps=c(0.1,0.001))

op2
detach(abdom)
#-----
# showing different ways of estimating the smoothing parameter
# get the df using local ML (PQL)
m0 <- gamlss(y~pb(x), data=abdom)
# get the df using local GAIC
m1<-gamlss(y~pb(x), method="GAIC", k=2), data=abdom)
# fitting cubic splines with fixed df's at 3
m2<-gamlss(y~cs(x, df=3), data=abdom)
```

```

# fitting cubic splines using find hyper (global GAIC)
mod1 <- quote(gamlss(y~cs(x, df=p[1]),family=BCT,data=abdom,control=gamlss.control(trace=FALSE)))
op <- find.hyper(model=mod1, parameters=c(3), lower=c(1,0.001), steps=c(0.1,0.001))
# now fit final model
m3 <- gamlss(y~cs(x, df=op$par), data=abdom)
# effective degrees of freedom for the 4 models
edf(m0);edf(m1); m2$mu.df; m3$mu.df
# deviances for the four models
deviance(m0); deviance(m1); deviance(m2); deviance(m3)
# their GAIC
GAIC(m0,m1,m2,m3)
# plotting the models
plot(y~x, data=abdom, type="n")
lines(fitted(m3)~abdom$x, col="red")
lines(fitted(m1)~abdom$x, col="green")
lines(fitted(m0)~abdom$x, col="blue")
# almost identical

## End(Not run)

```

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fitDist

*Fits Different Parametric gamlss.family distributions to data*


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## Description

This function is using the function `gamlssML()` to fit all relevant parametric `gamlss.family` distributions to a data vector. The final model is the one which is selected by the generalised Akaike information criterion with penalty  $k$ .

## Usage

```

fitDist(y, k = 2,
        type = c("realAll", "realline", "realplus", "real0to1", "counts", "binom"),
        try.gamlss = FALSE, extra = NULL, data = NULL, ...)

```

## Arguments

<code>y</code>	the data vector
<code>k</code>	the penalty for the GAIC with default values $k=2$ the standard AIC
<code>type</code>	the type of distribution to be tried see details
<code>try.gamlss</code>	if <code>gamlssML()</code> failed whether should try <code>gamlss</code> instead. This will slow up things for big data.
<code>extra</code>	whether extra distribution should be tried which are not in the type list
<code>data</code>	the data frame where <code>y</code> can be found
<code>...</code>	for extra arguments to be passed to <code>gamlssML()</code> to <code>gamlss()</code>

## Details

The following are the different type argument:

- `real` All the `gamlss` family continuous distributions defined on the real line, i.e. `realline` plus `realplus`
- `realline` the `gamlss` family continuous distributions : "GU", "RG", "LO", "NET", "TF", "PE", "SN1", "SN2", "SHASH", "EGB2", "JSU", "SEP1", "SEP2", "SEP3", "SEP4", "ST1", "ST2", "ST3", "ST4", "ST5", "GT"
- `realplus` the `gamlss` family continuous distributions in the positive real line: "EXP", "GA", "IG", "LNO", "WEI3", "BCCGo", "exGAUS", "GG", "GIG", "BCTo", "BCPEo"
- `real0to1` the `gamlss` family continuous distributions from 0 to 1: "BE", "BEINF", "BEINF0", "BEINF1", "BEOI", "BEZI", "GB1"
- `count` the `gamlss` family distributions for counts: "PO", "LG", "NBI", "NBII", "PIG", "DEL", "SI", "ZIP", "ZAP", "ZALG", "ZANBI", "ZIP2", "ZIPIG"
- `binom` the `gamlss` family distributions for binomial type data : "BI", "BB", "ZIBI", "ZIBB", "ZABI", "ZABB"

## Value

A `gamlssML` object with two extra components:

<code>fits</code>	an ordered list according to the GAIC of the fitted distribution
<code>failed</code>	the distributions where the <code>gamlssML()</code> (or <code>gamlss()</code> ) fits have failed

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- (see also <http://www.gamlss.org/>).

## See Also

[gamlss](#), [gamlssML](#)

**Examples**

```

y <- rt(100, df=1)
m1<-fitDist(y, type="realline")
m1$fits
m1$failed
# an example of using extra
## Not run:
library(gamlss.tr)
data(tensile)
gen.trun(par=1,family="GA", type="right")
gen.trun(par=1,"LOGNO", type="right")
gen.trun(par=c(0,1),"TF", type="both")
ma<-fitDist(str, type="real0to1", extra=c("GAtr", "LOGNOtr", "TFtr"), data=tensile)

## End(Not run)

```

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fitted.gamlss

*Extract Fitted Values For A GAMLSS Model*


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**Description**

fitted.gamlss is the GAMLSS specific method for the generic function fitted which extracts fitted values for a specified parameter from a GAMLSS objects. fitted.values is an alias for it. The function fv() is similar to fitted.gamlss() but allows the argument what not to be character

**Usage**

```

## S3 method for class 'gamlss'
fitted(object, what = c("mu", "sigma", "nu", "tau"),
       parameter= NULL, ...)
fv(obj, what = c("mu", "sigma", "nu", "tau"), parameter= NULL, ... )

```

**Arguments**

object	a GAMLSS fitted model
obj	a GAMLSS fitted model
what	which parameter fitted values are required, default what="mu"
parameter	equivalent to what
...	for extra arguments

**Value**

Fitted values extracted from the GAMLSS object for the given parameter.

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## See Also

[print.gamlss](#), [summary.gamlss](#), [fitted.gamlss](#), [coef.gamlss](#), [residuals.gamlss](#), [update.gamlss](#), [plot.gamlss](#), [deviance.gamlss](#), [formula.gamlss](#)

## Examples

```
data(aids)
h<-gamlss(y~poly(x,3)+qrt, family=P0, data=aids) #
fitted(h)
rm(h)
```

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fittedPlot

*Plots The Fitted Values of a GAMLSS Model*

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## Description

This function, applicable only to a models with a single explanatory variable, plots the fitted values for all the parameters of a GAMLSS model against the (one) explanatory variable. It is also useful for comparing the fits for more than one model.

## Usage

```
fittedPlot(object, ..., x = NULL, color = TRUE, line.type = FALSE, xlab = NULL)
```

## Arguments

object	a fitted GAMLSS model object(with only one explanatory variable)
...	optionally more fitted GAMLSS model objects
x	The unique explanatory variable
color	whether the fitted lines plots are shown in colour, color=TRUE (the default) or not color=FALSE
line.type	whether the line type should be different or not. The default is color=FALSE
xlab	the x-label

**Value**

A plot of the fitted values against the explanatory variable

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**See Also**

[gamlss](#), [centiles](#), [centiles.split](#)

**Examples**

```
data(abdom)
h1<-gamlss(y~pb(x), sigma.formula=~x, family=BCT, data=abdom)
h2<-gamlss(y~pb(x), sigma.formula=~pb(x), family=BCT, data=abdom)
fittedPlot(h1,h2,x=abdom$x)
rm(h1,h2)
```

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formula.gamlss

*Extract the Model Formula in a GAMLSS fitted model*

---

**Description**

formula.gamlss is the GAMLSS specific method for the generic function formula which extracts the model formula from objects returned by modelling functions.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'gamlss'
formula(x, what = c("mu", "sigma", "nu", "tau"),
        parameter= NULL, ... )
```

**Arguments**

x	a GAMLSS fitted model
what	which parameter coefficient is required, default what="mu"
parameter	equivalent to what
...	for extra arguments

**Value**

Returns a model formula

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(see also <http://www.gamlss.org/>).

**See Also**

[gamlss](#), [deviance.gamlss](#), [fitted.gamlss](#)

**Examples**

```
data(aids)
h<-gamlss(y~poly(x,3)+qrt, family=P0, data=aids) #
formula(h,"mu")
rm(h)
```

## Description

Returns an object of class "gamlss", which is a generalized additive model for location scale and shape (GAMLSS). The function `gamlss()` is very similar to the `gam()` function in S-plus (now also in R in package `gam`), but can fit more distributions (not only the ones belonging to the exponential family) and can model all the parameters of the distribution as functions of the explanatory variables (e.g. using linear, non-linear, smoothing, loess and random effects terms).

This implementation of `gamlss()` allows modelling of up to four parameters in a distribution family, which are conventionally called `mu`, `sigma`, `nu` and `tau`.

The function `gamlssNews()` shows what is new in the current implementation.

## Usage

```
gamlss(formula = formula(data), sigma.formula = ~1,
       nu.formula = ~1, tau.formula = ~1, family = NO(),
       data = sys.parent(), weights = NULL,
       contrasts = NULL, method = RS(), start.from = NULL,
       mu.start = NULL, sigma.start = NULL,
       nu.start = NULL, tau.start = NULL,
       mu.fix = FALSE, sigma.fix = FALSE, nu.fix = FALSE,
       tau.fix = FALSE, control = gamlss.control(...),
       i.control = glim.control(...), ...)
is.gamlss(x)
gamlssNews()
```

## Arguments

<code>formula</code>	a formula object, with the response on the left of an <code>~</code> operator, and the terms, separated by <code>+</code> operators, on the right. Nonparametric smoothing terms are indicated by <code>pb()</code> for penalised beta splines, <code>cs</code> for smoothing splines, <code>lo</code> for loess smooth terms and <code>random</code> or <code>ra</code> for random terms, e.g. <code>y~cs(x, df=5)+x1+x2*x3</code> . Additional smoothers can be added by creating the appropriate interface. Interactions with nonparametric smooth terms are not fully supported, but will not produce errors; they will simply produce the usual parametric interaction
<code>sigma.formula</code>	a formula object for fitting a model to the <code>sigma</code> parameter, as in the formula above, e.g. <code>sigma.formula=~cs(x, df=5)</code> . It can be abbreviated to <code>sigma.fo=~cs(x, df=5)</code> .
<code>nu.formula</code>	a formula object for fitting a model to the <code>nu</code> parameter, e.g. <code>nu.fo=~x</code>
<code>tau.formula</code>	a formula object for fitting a model to the <code>tau</code> parameter, e.g. <code>tau.fo=~cs(x, df=2)</code>
<code>family</code>	a <code>gamlss.family</code> object, which is used to define the distribution and the link functions of the various parameters. The distribution families supported by <code>gamlss()</code> can be found in <code>gamlss.family</code> . Functions such as <code>BI()</code> (binomial) produce a family object. Also can be given without the parentheses i.e. <code>BI</code> . Family functions can take arguments, as in <code>BI(mu.link=probit)</code>
<code>data</code>	a data frame containing the variables occurring in the formula. If this is missing, the variables should be on the search list. e.g. <code>data=aids</code>
<code>weights</code>	a vector of weights. Note that this is not the same as in the <code>glm()</code> or <code>gam()</code> function. Here weights can be used to weight out observations (like in <code>subset</code> )

or for a weighted likelihood analysis where the contribution of the observations to the likelihood differs according to weights. The length of `weights` must be the same as the number of observations in the data. By default, the weight is set to one. To set weights to vector `w` use `weights=w`

<code>contrasts</code>	list of contrasts to be used for some or all of the factors appearing as variables in the model formula. The names of the list should be the names of the corresponding variables. The elements should either be contrast-type matrices (matrices with as many rows as levels of the factor and with columns linearly independent of each other and of a column of ones), or else they should be functions that compute such contrast matrices.
<code>method</code>	the current algorithms for GAMLSS are <code>RS()</code> , <code>CG()</code> and <code>mixed()</code> . i.e. <code>method=RS()</code> will use the Rigby and Stasinopoulos algorithm, <code>method=CG()</code> will use the Cole and Green algorithm and <code>mixed(2,10)</code> will use the RS algorithm twice before switching to the Cole and Green algorithm for up to 10 extra iterations
<code>start.from</code>	a fitted GAMLSS model which the fitted values will be used as starting values for the current model
<code>mu.start</code>	vector or scalar of initial values for the location parameter <code>mu</code> e.g. <code>mu.start=4</code>
<code>sigma.start</code>	vector or scalar of initial values for the scale parameter <code>sigma</code> e.g. <code>sigma.start=1</code>
<code>nu.start</code>	vector or scalar of initial values for the parameter <code>nu</code> e.g. <code>nu.start=3</code>
<code>tau.start</code>	vector or scalar of initial values for the location parameter <code>tau</code> e.g. <code>tau.start=2</code>
<code>mu.fix</code>	whether the <code>mu</code> parameter should be kept fixed in the fitting processes e.g. <code>mu.fix=FALSE</code>
<code>sigma.fix</code>	whether the <code>sigma</code> parameter should be kept fixed in the fitting processes e.g. <code>sigma.fix=FALSE</code>
<code>nu.fix</code>	whether the <code>nu</code> parameter should be kept fixed in the fitting processes e.g. <code>nu.fix=FALSE</code>
<code>tau.fix</code>	whether the <code>tau</code> parameter should be kept fixed in the fitting processes e.g. <code>tau.fix=FALSE</code>
<code>control</code>	this sets the control parameters of the outer iterations algorithm. The default setting is the <code>gamlss.control</code> function
<code>i.control</code>	this sets the control parameters of the inner iterations of the RS algorithm. The default setting is the <code>glim.control</code> function
<code>...</code>	for extra arguments
<code>x</code>	an object

## Details

The Generalized Additive Model for Location, Scale and Shape is a general class of statistical models for a univariate response variable. The model assumes independent observations of the response variable `y` given the parameters, the explanatory variables and the values of the random effects. The distribution for the response variable in the GAMLSS can be selected from a very general family of distributions including highly skew and/or kurtotic continuous and discrete distributions, see [gamlss.family](#). The systematic part of the model is expanded to allow modelling not only of the mean (or location) parameter, but also of the other parameters of the distribution of `y`, as linear

parametric and/or additive nonparametric (smooth) functions of explanatory variables and/or random effects terms. Maximum (penalized) likelihood estimation is used to fit the (non)parametric models. A Newton-Raphson/Fisher scoring algorithm is used to maximize the (penalized) likelihood. The additive terms in the model are fitted using a backfitting algorithm.

`is.gamlss` is a short version `is(object, "gamlss")`

## Value

Returns a `gamlss` object with components

<code>family</code>	the distribution family of the <code>gamlss</code> object (see <a href="#">gamlss.family</a> )
<code>parameters</code>	the name of the fitted parameters i.e. <code>mu</code> , <code>sigma</code> , <code>nu</code> , <code>tau</code>
<code>call</code>	the call of the <code>gamlss</code> function
<code>y</code>	the response variable
<code>control</code>	the <code>gamlss</code> fit control settings
<code>weights</code>	the vector of weights
<code>G.deviance</code>	the global deviance
<code>N</code>	the number of observations in the fit
<code>rqr</code>	a function to calculate the normalized (randomized) quantile residuals of the object
<code>iter</code>	the number of external iterations in the fitting process
<code>type</code>	the type of the distribution or the response variable (continuous or discrete)
<code>method</code>	which algorithm is used for the fit, <code>RS()</code> , <code>CG()</code> or <code>mixed()</code>
<code>converged</code>	whether the model fitting has have converged
<code>residuals</code>	the normalized (randomized) quantile residuals of the model
<code>mu.fv</code>	the fitted values of the <code>mu</code> model, also <code>sigma.fv</code> , <code>nu.fv</code> , <code>tau.fv</code> for the other parameters if present
<code>mu.lp</code>	the linear predictor of the <code>mu</code> model, also <code>sigma.lp</code> , <code>nu.lp</code> , <code>tau.lp</code> for the other parameters if present
<code>mu.wv</code>	the working variable of the <code>mu</code> model, also <code>sigma.wv</code> , <code>nu.wv</code> , <code>tau.wv</code> for the other parameters if present
<code>mu.wt</code>	the working weights of the <code>mu</code> model, also <code>sigma.wt</code> , <code>nu.wt</code> , <code>tau.wt</code> for the other parameters if present
<code>mu.link</code>	the link function for the <code>mu</code> model, also <code>sigma.link</code> , <code>nu.link</code> , <code>tau.link</code> for the other parameters if present
<code>mu.terms</code>	the terms for the <code>mu</code> model, also <code>sigma.terms</code> , <code>nu.terms</code> , <code>tau.terms</code> for the other parameters if present
<code>mu.x</code>	the design matrix for the <code>mu</code> , also <code>sigma.x</code> , <code>nu.x</code> , <code>tau.x</code> for the other parameters if present
<code>mu.qr</code>	the QR decomposition of the <code>mu</code> model, also <code>sigma.qr</code> , <code>nu.qr</code> , <code>tau.qr</code> for the other parameters if present

<code>mu.coefficients</code>	the linear coefficients of the mu model, also <code>sigma.coefficients</code> , <code>nu.coefficients</code> , <code>tau.coefficients</code> for the other parameters if present
<code>mu.formula</code>	the formula for the mu model, also <code>sigma.formula</code> , <code>nu.formula</code> , <code>tau.formula</code> for the other parameters if present
<code>mu.df</code>	the mu degrees of freedom also <code>sigma.df</code> , <code>nu.df</code> , <code>tau.df</code> for the other parameters if present
<code>mu.nl.df</code>	the non linear degrees of freedom, also <code>sigma.nl.df</code> , <code>nu.nl.df</code> , <code>tau.nl.df</code> for the other parameters if present
<code>df.fit</code>	the total degrees of freedom use by the model
<code>df.residual</code>	the residual degrees of freedom left after the model is fitted
<code>aic</code>	the Akaike information criterion
<code>sbc</code>	the Bayesian information criterion

### Warning

Respect the parameter hierarchy when you are fitting a model. For example a good model for mu should be fitted before a model for sigma is fitted

### Note

The following generic functions can be used with a GAMLSS object: `print`, `summary`, `fitted`, `coef`, `residuals`, `update`, `plot`, `deviance`, `formula`

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- (see also <http://www.gamlss.org/>).

### See Also

[gamlss.family](#), [pdf.plot](#), [find.hyper](#)

## Examples

```
data(abdom)
mod<-gamlss(y~pb(x),sigma.fo=~pb(x),family=BCT, data=abdom, method=mixed(1,20))
plot(mod)
rm(mod)
```

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gamlss.control

*Auxiliary for Controlling GAMLSS Fitting*


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## Description

Auxiliary function as user interface for gamlss fitting. Typically only used when calling gamlss function with the option control.

## Usage

```
gamlss.control(c.crit = 0.001, n.cyc = 20, mu.step = 1, sigma.step = 1, nu.step = 1,
              tau.step = 1, gd.tol = Inf, iter = 0, trace = TRUE, autostep = TRUE,
              save = TRUE, ...)
```

## Arguments

c.crit	the convergence criterion for the algorithm
n.cyc	the number of cycles of the algorithm
mu.step	the step length for the parameter mu
sigma.step	the step length for the parameter sigma
nu.step	the step length for the parameter nu
tau.step	the step length for the parameter tau
gd.tol	global deviance tolerance level (set more recently to Inf to allow the algorithm to conversed even if the global deviance change dramatically during the iterations)
iter	starting value for the number of iterations, typically set to 0 unless the function <a href="#">refit</a> is used
trace	whether to print at each iteration (TRUE) or not (FALSE)
autostep	whether the steps should be halved automatically if the new global deviance is greater that the old one, the default is autostep=TRUE
save	save=TRUE, (the default), saves all the information on exit. save=FALSE saves only limited information as the global deviance and AIC. For example fitted values, design matrices and additive terms are not saved. The latest is useful when gamlss() is called several times within a procedure.
...	for extra arguments



## Details

The step length for each of the parameters  $\mu$ ,  $\sigma$ ,  $\nu$  or  $\tau$  is very useful to aid convergence if the parameter has a fully parametric model. However using a step length is not theoretically justified if the model for the parameter includes one or more smoothing terms, (even though it may give a very approximate result).

The `c.crit` can be increased to speed up the convergence especially for a large set of data which takes longer to fit. When `'trace'` is TRUE, calls to the function `cat` produce the output for each outer iteration.

## Value

A list with the arguments as components.

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(see also <http://www.gamlss.org/>).

## See Also

[gamlss](#)

## Examples

```
data(aids)
h<-gamlss(y~poly(x,3)+qrt, family=P0, data=aids) #
con<-gamlss.control(mu.step=0.1)
h<-gamlss(y~poly(x,3)+qrt, family=P0, data=aids, control=con) #
rm(h,con)
```

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`gamlss.cs`*Support for Function `cs()` and `scs()`*

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**Description**

This is support for the functions `cs()`, and `scs()`. It is not intended to be called directly by users. The function `gamlss.cs` is using the R function `smooth.spline`

**Usage**

```
gamlss.cs(x, y, w, df = NULL, spar = NULL, xeval = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	the design matrix
<code>y</code>	the response variable
<code>w</code>	prior weights
<code>df</code>	effective degrees of freedom
<code>spar</code>	<code>spar</code> the smoothing parameter
<code>xeval</code>	used in prediction
<code>...</code>	for extra arguments

**Value**

Returns a class "smooth.spline" object with

<code>residuals</code>	The residuals of the fit
<code>fitted.values</code>	The smoothing values
<code>var</code>	the variance for the fitted smoother
<code>lambda</code>	the final value for <code>spar</code>
<code>n1.df</code>	the smoothing degrees of freedom excluding the constant and linear terms, i.e. (df-2)
<code>coefSmo</code>	this is a list containing among others the knots and the coefficients

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**See Also**

[gamlss](#), [cs](#)

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gamlss.fp

*Support for Function fp()*


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**Description**

Those are support for the functions `fp()` and `pp`. It is not intended to be called directly by users.

**Usage**

```
gamlss.fp(x, y, w, npoly = 2, xeval = NULL)
gamlss.pp(x, y, w)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	the <code>x</code> for function <code>gamlss.fp</code> is referred to the design matrix of the specific parameter model (not to be used by the user)
<code>y</code>	the <code>y</code> for function <code>gamlss.fp</code> is referred to the working variable of the specific parameter model (not to be used by the user)
<code>w</code>	the <code>w</code> for function <code>gamlss.fp</code> is referred to the iterative weight variable of the specific parameter model (not to be used by the user)
<code>npoly</code>	a positive indicating how many fractional polynomials should be considered in the fit. Can take the values 1, 2 or 3 with 2 as default
<code>xeval</code>	used in prediction

**Value**

Returns a list with

<code>fitted.values</code>	fitted
<code>residuals</code>	residuals
<code>var</code>	
<code>nl.df</code>	the trace of the smoothing matrix
<code>lambda</code>	the value of the smoothing parameter
<code>coefSmo</code>	the coefficients from the smoothing fit
<code>varcoeff</code>	the variance of the coefficients

**Author(s)**

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- (see also <http://www.gamlss.org/>).

## See Also

[gamlss](#), [fp](#)

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gamlss.lo

*Support for Function lo()*

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## Description

This is support for the loess function `lo()`. It is not intended to be called directly by users. The function `gamlss.lo` is calling the R function `loess`.

## Usage

```
gamlss.lo(x, y, w, xeval = NULL, ...)
```

## Arguments

<code>x</code>	the design matrix
<code>y</code>	the response variable
<code>w</code>	prior weights
<code>xeval</code>	used in prediction
<code>...</code>	further arguments passed to or from other methods.

## Value

Returns an object

<code>fitted</code>	the smooth values
<code>residuals</code>	the residuals
<code>var</code>	the variance of the smoother
<code>nl.df</code>	the non-linear degrees of freedom
<code>coefSmo</code>	with value NULL
<code>lambda</code>	the value of span

**Author(s)**

Mikis Stasinopoulos based on Brian Ripley implementation of loess function in R

**See Also**

[gamlss, lo](#)

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gamlss.ps

*Support for Functions for smoothers*

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**Description**

Those functions are support for the functions `pb()`, `pbo()`, `ps()`, `ridge()`, `ri()`, `cy()`, `pvc()`, and `pbm()`. The functions are not intended to be called directly by users.

**Usage**

```
gamlss.pb(x, y, w, xeval = NULL, ...)
gamlss.pbo(x, y, w, xeval = NULL, ...)
gamlss.ps(x, y, w, xeval = NULL, ...)
gamlss.ri(x, y, w, xeval = NULL, ...)
gamlss.cy(x, y, w, xeval = NULL, ...)
gamlss.pvc(x, y, w, xeval = NULL, ...)
gamlss.pbm(x, y, w, xeval = NULL, ...)
gamlss.pbz(x, y, w, xeval = NULL, ...)
gamlss.pbc(x, y, w, xeval = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	the <code>x</code> for function <code>gamlss.fp</code> is referred to the design matrix of the specific parameter model (not to be used by the user)
<code>y</code>	the <code>y</code> for function <code>gamlss.fp</code> is referred to the working variable of the specific parameter model (not to be used by the user)
<code>w</code>	the <code>w</code> for function <code>gamlss.fp</code> is referred to the iterative weight variable of the specific parameter model (not to be used by the user)
<code>xeval</code>	used in prediction
<code>...</code>	further arguments passed to or from other methods.

**Value**

All function return fitted smoothers.

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## See Also

[gamlss.pb](#), [ps](#), [ri](#), [ridge.cy](#), [pvc](#), [pbm](#)

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gamlss.random

*Support for Functions random() and re()*

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## Description

This is support for the functions random() and re() respectively. It is not intended to be called directly by users. .

## Usage

```
gamlss.random(x, y, w)
gamlss.re(x, y, w, xeval = NULL, ...)
```

## Arguments

x	the explanatory design matrix
y	the response variable
w	iterative weights
xeval	it used internaly for prediction
...	for extra arguments

## Value

Returns a list with

y	the fitted values
residuals	the residuals
var	the variance of the fitted values
lambda	the final lambda, the smoothing parameter
coefSmo	with value NULL

**Author(s)**

Mikis Stasinopoulos, based on Trevor Hastie function gam.random

**References**

- Chambers, J. M. and Hastie, T. J. (1991). *Statistical Models in S*, Chapman and Hall, London.
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- (see also <http://www.gamlss.org/>).

**See Also**

[gamlss, random](#)

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gamlss.scope

*Generate a Scope Argument for Stepwise GAMLSS*

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**Description**

Generates a scope argument for a stepwise GAMLSS.

**Usage**

```
gamlss.scope(frame, response = 1, smoother = "cs", arg = NULL, form = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

frame	a data or model frame
response	which variable is the response; the default is the first
smoother	what smoother to use; default is cs
arg	any additional arguments required by the smoother
form	should a formula be returned (default), or else a character version of the formula

**Details**

Each formula describes an ordered regimen of terms, each of which is eligible on their own for inclusion in the gam model. One of the terms is selected from each formula by step.gam. If a 1 is selected, that term is omitted.

**Value**

a list of formulas is returned, one for each column in frame (excluding the response). For a numeric variable, say  $x_1$ , the formula is

$$\sim 1 + x_1 + \text{cs}(x_1)$$

If  $x_1$  is a factor, the last smooth term is omitted.

**Author(s)**

Mikis Stasinopoulos: a modified function from *Statistical Models in S*

**References**

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(see also <http://www.gamlss.org/>).

**See Also**

[stepGAIC](#)

**Examples**

```
data(usair)
gs1<-gamlss.scope(model.frame(y~x1+x2+x3+x4+x5+x6, data=usair))
gs2<-gamlss.scope(model.frame(usair))
gs1
gs2
gs3<-gamlss.scope(model.frame(usair), smooth="fp", arg="3")
gs3
```

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gamlssML

*Maximum Likelihood estimation of a simple GAMLSS model*

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**Description**

This is a function for fitting a `gamlss.family` distribution to single data set using a non linear maximisation algorithm in R. This is relevant only when there are not explanatory variables.



**Usage**

```
gamlssML(formula, family = NO, weights = NULL, mu.start = NULL,
  sigma.start = NULL, nu.start = NULL, tau.start = NULL,
  mu.fix = FALSE, sigma.fix = FALSE, nu.fix = FALSE,
  tau.fix = FALSE, data = sys.parent(), start.from = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

formula	a vector of data requiring the fit of a <code>gamlss.family</code> distribution or a formula, for example, <code>y~1</code> (explanatory variables are ignored).
family	<code>gamlss.family</code> object, which is used to define the distribution and the link functions of the various parameters. The distribution families supported by <code>gamlssML()</code> can be found in <code>gamlss.family</code>
weights	a vector of weights. Here weights can be used to weight out observations (like in subset) or for a weighted likelihood analysis where the contribution of the observations to the likelihood differs according to weights. The length of weights must be the same as the number of observations in the data. By default, the weight is set to one. To set weights to vector <code>w</code> use <code>weights=w</code>
mu.start	a scalar of initial values for the location parameter <code>mu</code> e.g. <code>mu.start=4</code>
sigma.start	a scalar of initial values for the scale parameter <code>sigma</code> e.g. <code>sigma.start=1</code>
nu.start	scalar of initial values for the parameter <code>nu</code> e.g. <code>nu.start=3</code>
tau.start	scalar of initial values for the parameter <code>tau</code> e.g. <code>tau.start=3</code>
mu.fix	whether the <code>mu</code> parameter should be kept fixed in the fitting processes e.g. <code>mu.fix=FALSE</code>
sigma.fix	whether the <code>sigma</code> parameter should be kept fixed in the fitting processes e.g. <code>sigma.fix=FALSE</code>
nu.fix	whether the <code>nu</code> parameter should be kept fixed in the fitting processes e.g. <code>nu.fix=FALSE</code>
tau.fix	whether the <code>tau</code> parameter should be kept fixed in the fitting processes e.g. <code>tau.fix=FALSE</code>
data	a data frame containing the variable <code>y</code> . If this is missing, the variable should be on the search list. e.g. <code>data=aids</code>
start.from	a <code>gamlss</code> object to start from the fitting or vector of length as many parameters in the distribution
...	for extra arguments

**Details**

This function which fits a `gamlss.family` distribution to a single data set is using a non linear maximisation. in fact it uses the internal function `MLE()` which is a copy of the `mle()` function of package `stat4`. The function `gamlssML()` could be for large data faster than the equivalent `gamlss()` function which is designed for regression type of models.

**Value**

Returns a `gamlssML` object which behaves like a `gamlss` fitted objected

**Author(s)**

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**References**

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(see also <http://www.gamlss.org/>).

**See Also**

[gamlss.family](#), [gamlss](#)

**Examples**

```
#----- negative binomial 1000 observations
y<- rNBI(1000)
  system.time(m1<-gamlss(y~1, family=NBI))
  system.time(m1a<-gamlss(y~1, family=NBI, trace=FALSE))
system.time(m11<-gamlssML(y, family=NBI))
AIC(m1,m1a,m11, k=0)
# neg. binomial n=10000
y<- rNBI(10000)
  system.time(m1<-gamlss(y~1, family=NBI))
  system.time(m1a<-gamlss(y~1, family=NBI, trace=FALSE))
system.time(m11<-gamlssML(y, family=NBI))
AIC(m1,m1a,m11, k=0)
# binomial type data
data(aep)
m1 <- gamlssML(aep$y, family=BB) # ok
m2 <- gamlssML(y, data=aep, family=BB) # ok
m3 <- gamlssML(y~1, data=aep, family=BB) # ok
m4 <- gamlssML(aep$y~1, family=BB) # ok
AIC(m1,m2,m3,m4)
```

**Description**

This is a set of function useful for selecting appropriate models.

The functions `gamlssVGD`, `VGD`, `getTGD`, `TGD` can be used when a subset of the data is used for validation or testing.

The function `stepVGD()` is a stepwise procedure for selecting an appropriate model for any of the parameters of the model minimising the test global deviance. The function `stepVGDAll.A()` can select a model using strategy A for all the parameters.

The functions `gamlssCV`, `CV` can be used for a k-fold cross validation.

**Usage**

```
gamlssVGD(formula = NULL, sigma.formula = ~1, nu.formula = ~1,
           tau.formula = ~1, data = NULL, family = NO,
           control = gamlss.control(trace = FALSE),
           rand = NULL, newdata = NULL, ...)
```

```
VGD(object, ...)
```

```
getTGD(object, newdata = NULL, ...)
```

```
TGD(object, ...)
```

```
gamlssCV(formula = NULL, sigma.formula = ~1, nu.formula = ~1,
          tau.formula = ~1, data = NULL, family = NO,
          control = gamlss.control(trace = FALSE),
          K.fold = 10, set.seed = 123, rand = NULL,
          parallel = c("no", "multicore", "snow"),
          ncpus = 1L, cl = NULL, ...)
```

```
CV(object, ...)
```

```
drop1TGD(object, scope, newdata, parameter = c("mu", "sigma", "nu", "tau"),
          sorted = FALSE, trace = FALSE,
          parallel = c("no", "multicore", "snow"),
          ncpus = 1L, cl = NULL, ...)
```

```
add1TGD(object, scope, newdata, parameter = c("mu", "sigma", "nu", "tau"),
         sorted = FALSE, trace = FALSE,
         parallel = c("no", "multicore", "snow"),
         ncpus = 1L, cl = NULL, ...)
```

```
stepTGD(object, scope, newdata,
         direction = c("both", "backward", "forward"),
         trace = TRUE, keep = NULL, steps = 1000,
         parameter = c("mu", "sigma", "nu", "tau"),
         parallel = c("no", "multicore", "snow"),
         ncpus = 1L, cl = NULL, ...)
```

```
stepTGDA11.A(object, scope = NULL, newdata = NULL,
  steps = 1000, sigma.scope = NULL, nu.scope = NULL,
  tau.scope = NULL, mu.try = TRUE, sigma.try = TRUE,
  nu.try = TRUE, tau.try = TRUE,
  parallel = c("no", "multicore", "snow"),
  ncpus = 1L, cl = NULL, ...)
```

### Arguments

formula	A gamlss mu formula.
sigma.formula	Formula for sigma.
nu.formula	Formula for nu.
tau.formula	Formula for tau.
data	The data frame required for the fit.
family	The gamlss.family distribution.
control	The control for fitting the gamlss model.
rand	For gamlssVGD a variable with values 1 (for fitting) and 2 (for predicting). For gamlssCV a variable with k values indicating the cross validation sets.
newdata	The new data set (validation or test) for prediction.
object	A relevant R object.
scope	defines the range of models examined in the stepwise selection similar to stepGAIC() where you can see examples
sigma.scope	defines the range of models examined in the stepwise selection for sigma
nu.scope	defines the range of models examined in the stepwise selection for nu
tau.scope	defines the range of models examined in the stepwise selection for tau
mu.try	whether should try fitting models for mu
sigma.try	whether should try fitting models for sigma
nu.try	whether should try fitting models for nu
tau.try	whether should try fitting models for tau
parameter	which distribution parameter is required, default what="mu"
sorted	should the results be sorted on the value of TGD
trace	f TRUE additional information may be given on the fits as they are tried.
direction	The mode of stepwise search, can be one of both, backward, or forward, with a default of both. If the scope argument is missing the default for direction is backward
keep	see stepGAIC() for explanation
steps	the maximum number of steps to be considered. The default is 1000.
K.fold	the number of subsets of the data used
set.seed	the seed to be used in creating rand

parallel	The type of parallel operation to be used (if any). If missing, the default is "no".
ncpus	integer: number of processes to be used in parallel operation: typically one would chose this to the number of available CPUs.
cl	An optional parallel or snow cluster for use if parallel = "snow". If not supplied, a cluster on the local machine is created for the duration of the call.
...	further arguments to be pass in the gamlss fit

## Details

The function `gamlssVGD()` fits a `gamlss` model to the training data set determined by the arguments `rand` or `newdata`. The results is a `gamlssVGD` objects which contains the `gamlss` fit to the training data plus three extra components: i) `VGD` the global deviance applied to the validation data sets. ii) `predictError` which is `VGD` divided with the number of observations in the validation data set and iii) `residVal` the residuals for the validation data set.

The function `VGD()` extract the validated global deviance from one or more fitted `gamlssVGD` objects and can be used foe model comparison.

The function `getTGD()` operates different from the function `gamlssVGD()`. It assumes that the users already have fitted models using `gamlss()` and now he/she wants to evaluate the global deviance at a new (validation or test) data set.

The function `TGD()` extract the validated/test global deviance from one or more fitted `gamlssTGD` objects and can be use to compare models.

The `gamlssCV()` performs a k-fold cross validation on a `gamlss` models.

The function `CV()` extract the cross validated global deviance from one or more fitted `gamlssCV` objects and can be use to compare models.

The functions `add1TGD()`, `drop1TGD()` and `stepTGD` behave similar to `add1()`, `drop1()` and `stepGAIC()` functions respectively but they used validation or test deviance as the selection criterion rather than the `GAIC`.

## Value

A fitted models of a set of global deviances.

## Author(s)

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## See Also

[stepGAIC](#)

## Examples

```
data(abdom)
# generate the random split of the data
rand <- sample(2, 610, replace=TRUE, prob=c(0.6,0.4))
# the proportions in the sample
table(rand)/610
olddata<-abdom[rand==1,] # training data
newdata<-abdom[rand==2,] # validation data
#-----
# gamlssVGD
#-----
# Using rand
v1 <- gamlssVGD(y~pb(x,df=2),sigma.formula=~pb(x,df=1), data=abdom, family=NO,
               rand=rand)
v2 <- gamlssVGD(y~pb(x,df=2),sigma.formula=~pb(x,df=1), data=abdom, family=L0,
               rand=rand)
v3 <- gamlssVGD(y~pb(x,df=2),sigma.formula=~pb(x,df=1), data=abdom, family=TF,
               rand=rand)
VGD(v1,v2,v3)
#-----
## Not run:
#-----
# using two data set
v11 <- gamlssVGD(y~pb(x,df=2),sigma.formula=~pb(x,df=1), data=olddata,
                family=NO, newdata=newdata)
v12 <- gamlssVGD(y~pb(x,df=2),sigma.formula=~pb(x,df=1), data=olddata,
                family=L0, newdata=newdata)
v13 <- gamlssVGD(y~pb(x,df=2),sigma.formula=~pb(x,df=1), data=olddata,
                family=TF, newdata=newdata)
VGD(v11,v12,v13)
#-----
# function getTGD
#-----
# fit gamlss models first
g1 <- gamlss(y~pb(x,df=2),sigma.formula=~pb(x,df=1), data=olddata, family=NO)
g2 <- gamlss(y~pb(x,df=2),sigma.formula=~pb(x,df=1), data=olddata, family=L0)
g3 <- gamlss(y~pb(x,df=2),sigma.formula=~pb(x,df=1), data=olddata, family=TF)
# and then use
gg1 <-getTGD(g1, newdata=newdata)
gg2 <-getTGD(g2, newdata=newdata)
gg3 <-getTGD(g3, newdata=newdata)
```

```

TGD(gg1,gg2,gg3)
#-----
#-----
# function gamlssCV
#-----
set.seed(123)
rand1 <- sample (10 , 610, replace=TRUE)
g1 <- gamlssCV(y~pb(x,df=2),sigma.formula=~pb(x,df=1), data=abdom, family=NO,
              rand=rand1)
g2 <- gamlssCV(y~pb(x,df=2),sigma.formula=~pb(x,df=1), data=abdom, family=L0,
              rand=rand1)
g3 <- gamlssCV(y~pb(x,df=2),sigma.formula=~pb(x,df=1), data=abdom, family=TF,
              rand=rand1)
CV(g1,g2,g3)
CV(g1)
# using parallel
set.seed(123)
rand1 <- sample (10 , 610, replace=TRUE)
nC <- detectCores()

system.time(g21 <- gamlssCV(y~pb(x,df=2), sigma.formula=~pb(x,df=1), data=abdom,
                          family=NO, rand=rand1,parallel = "no", ncpus = nC ))

system.time(g22 <- gamlssCV(y~pb(x,df=2), sigma.formula=~pb(x,df=1), data=abdom,
                          family=L0, rand=rand1,parallel = "multicore", ncpus = nC ))

system.time(g23 <- gamlssCV(y~pb(x,df=2), sigma.formula=~pb(x,df=1), data=abdom,
                          family=TF, rand=rand1,parallel = "snow", ncpus = nC ))

CV(g21,g22,g23)
#-----
# functions add1TGD() drop1TGD() and stepTGD()
#-----
# the data
data(rent)
rand <- sample(2, dim(rent)[1], replace=TRUE, prob=c(0.6,0.4))
# the proportions in the sample
table(rand)/dim(rent)[1]
oldrent<-rent[rand==1,] # training set
newrent<-rent[rand==2,] # validation set

# null model
v0 <- gamlss(R~1, data=oldrent, family=GA)
# complete model
v1 <- gamlss(R~pb(F1)+pb(A)+H+loc, sigma.fo=~pb(F1)+pb(A)+H+loc,
            data=oldrent, family=GA)

# drop1TGDP
system.time(v3<- drop1TGD(v1, newdata=newrent, parallel="no"))
system.time(v4<- drop1TGD(v1, newdata=newrent, parallel="multicore",
                          ncpus=nC) )
system.time(v5<- drop1TGD(v1, newdata=newrent, parallel="snow", ncpus=nC))

```

```

cbind(v3,v4,v5)

# add1TGDP
system.time(d3<- add1TGD(v0,scope=~pb(F1)+pb(A)+H+loc, newdata=newrent,
                        parallel="no"))
system.time(d4<- add1TGD(v0,scope=~pb(F1)+pb(A)+H+loc, newdata=newrent,
                        parallel="multicore", ncpus=nC) )
system.time(d5<- add1TGD(v0, scope=~pb(F1)+pb(A)+H+loc,newdata=newrent,
                        parallel="snow", ncpus=nC))

# stepTGD
system.time(d6<- stepTGD(v0, scope=~pb(F1)+pb(A)+H+loc,newdata=newrent))
system.time(d7<- stepTGD(v0, scope=~pb(F1)+pb(A)+H+loc,newdata=newrent,
                        parallel="multicore", ncpus=nC))
system.time(d8<- stepTGD(v0, scope=~pb(F1)+pb(A)+H+loc,newdata=newrent,
                        parallel="snow", ncpus=nC))

## End(Not run)

```

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gen.likelihood

*A function to generate the likelihood function from a GAMLSS object*


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## Description

This function generate a function with argument the parameters of the GAMLSS model which can evaluate the log-likelihood function.

## Usage

```
gen.likelihood(object)
```

## Arguments

object            A gamlss fitted model

## Details

The purpose of this function is to help the function `vcov()` to get he right Hessian matrix after a model has fitted. Note that at the momment smoothing terms are considered as fixed.

## Value

A function of the log-likelihood

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- (see also <http://www.gamlss.org/>).

## See Also

[vcov](#)

## Examples

```
data(aids)
m1 <- gamlss(y~x+qrt, data=aids, family=NBI)
logL<-gen.likelihood(m1)
logL()
logLik(m1)
```

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getPEF	<i>Getting the partial effect function from a continuous term in a GAMLSS model</i>
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## Description

This function can be used to calculate the partial effect and the elasticity of a continuous explanatory variable  $x$ .

By ‘partial effect’ function we mean how  $x$  is influence the parameter of interest given that the rest of explanatory terms for this parameter are on (specified) fixed values.

The function takes a GAMLSS object and for the range of the continuous variable  $x$ , (by fixing the rest of the explanatory terms at specified values), calculates the effect that  $x$  has on the specific distribution parameter (or its predictor). The resulting function shows the effect that  $x$  has on the distribution parameter. The partial effect function which is calculated on a finite grid is then approximated using the `splinefun()` in R and its is saved.

The saved function can be used to calculate the elasticity of  $x$ . The elasticity is the first derivative of the partial effect function and shows the chance of the parameter of interest for a small change in  $x$ , by fixing the rest of the explanatory variables at specified values.

## Usage

```
getPEF(obj = NULL, term = NULL, data = NULL, n.points = 100,
        parameter = c("mu", "sigma", "nu", "tau"),
        type = c("response", "link"), how = c("median", "last"),
        fixed.at = list(), plot = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

obj	A gamlss object
term	the continuous explanatory variable
data	the data.frame (not needed if is declared on obj)
n.points	the number of points in which the influence function for x need to be evaluated
parameter	which distribution parameter
type	whether against the parameter, "response", or the predictor "link"
how	whether for continuous variables should use the median or the last observation in the data
fixed.at	a list indicating at which values the rest of the explanatory terms should be fixed
plot	whether to the plot the influence function and its first derivatives

**Value**

A function is created which can be used to evaluate the partial effect function at different values of x.

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- (see also <http://www.gamlss.org/>).

**See Also**

[gamlss](#)

**Examples**

```
m1 <- gamlss(R~pb(F1)+pb(A), data=rent, family=GA)
# getting the Partial Effect function
pef <- getPEF(obj=m1,term="A", plot=TRUE)
# the value at 1980
pef(1980)
# the first derivative at 1980
```

```

pef(1980, deriv=1)
# the second derivative at 1980
pef(1980, deriv=2)
# plotting the first derivative
curve(pef(x, deriv=1), 1900,2000)

```

getSmo

*Extracting Smoother information from a GAMLSS fitted object***Description**

The function getSmo() extracts information from a fitted smoothing additive term.

**Usage**

```

getSmo(object, what = c("mu", "sigma", "nu", "tau"),
       parameter= NULL, which = 1)

```

**Arguments**

object	a GAMLSS fitted model
what	which distribution parameter is required, default what="mu"
parameter	equivalent to what
which	which smoothing term

**Details**

This function facilitates the extraction of information from a fitted additive terms. For example getSmo(m1, "sigma", 2) is equivalent of m1\$sigma.coefSmo[[2]]. To get the actual fitted values type m1\$sigma.s[[2]]

**Value**

A list containing information about a fitted smoother or a fitted objects

**Author(s)**

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(see also <http://www.gamlss.org/>).

**Examples**

```
data(usair)
t1<-gamlss(y~x1+pb(x5)+pb(x6), data=usair, family=GA)
# get the value for lambda for the second fitted term in mu
getSmo(t1, parameter="mu", 2)$lambda
```

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glim.control

*Auxiliary for Controlling the inner algorithm in a GAMLSS Fitting*


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**Description**

Auxiliary function used for the inner iteration of gamlss algorithm. Typically only used when calling gamlss function through the option `i.control`.

**Usage**

```
glim.control(cc = 0.001, cyc = 50, glm.trace = FALSE,
            bf.cyc = 30, bf.tol = 0.001, bf.trace = FALSE,
            ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>cc</code>	the convergence criterion for the algorithm
<code>cyc</code>	the number of cycles of the algorithm
<code>glm.trace</code>	whether to print at each iteration (TRUE) or not (FALSE)
<code>bf.cyc</code>	the number of cycles of the backfitting algorithm
<code>bf.tol</code>	the convergence criterion (tolerance level) for the backfitting algorithm
<code>bf.trace</code>	whether to print at each iteration (TRUE) or not (FALSE, the default)
<code>...</code>	for extra arguments

**Value**

A list with the arguments as components

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## References

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- (see also <http://www.gamlss.org/>).

## See Also

[gamlss](#)

## Examples

```
data(aids)
con<-glm.control(glm.trace=TRUE)
h<-gamlss(y~poly(x,3)+qrt, family=P0, data=aids, i.control=con) #
rm(h,con)
```

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histDist	<i>This function plots the histogram and a fitted (GAMLSS family) distribution to a variable</i>
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## Description

This function fits constants to the parameters of a GAMLSS family distribution and then plots the histogram and the fitted distribution.

## Usage

```
histDist(y, family = NO, freq = NULL,
         density = FALSE, nbins = 10, xlim = NULL,
         ylim = NULL, main = NULL, xlab = NULL,
         ylab = NULL, data = NULL, line.wd = 2, line.ty = 1,
         line.col = "red",...)
```

## Arguments

y	a vector for the response variable
family	a <code>gamlss.family</code> distribution
freq	the frequencies of the data in y if exist. <code>freq</code> is used as weights in the <code>gamlss</code> fit

density	default value is FALSE. Change to TRUE if you would like a non-parametric density plot together with the parametric fitted distribution plot (for continuous variable only)
nbins	The suggested number of bins (argument passed to <code>truehist()</code> of package MASS). Either a positive integer, or a character string naming a rule: "Scott" or "Freedman-Diaconis" or "FD". (Case is ignored.)
xlim	the minimum and the maximum x-axis value (if the default values are out of range)
ylim	the minimum and the maximum y-axis value (if the default values are out of range)
main	the main title for the plot
xlab	the label in the x-axis
ylab	the label in the y-axis
data	the data.frame
line.wd	the line width of the fitted distribution
line.ty	the line type of the fitted distribution
line.col	the line color of the fitted distribution
...	for extra arguments to be passed to the <code>gamlss</code> function

### Details

This function first fits constants for each parameters of a GAMLSS distribution family using the `gamlss` function and then plots the fitted distribution together with the appropriate plot according to whether the y variable is of a continuous or discrete type. Histogram is plotted for continuous and `barplot` for discrete variables. The function `truehist` of Venables and Ripley's MASS package is used for the histogram plotting.

### Value

returns a plot

### Author(s)

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### References

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- (see also <http://www.gamlss.org/>).

**See Also**

[gamlss](#), [gamlss.family](#)

**Examples**

```
data(abdom)
histDist(y,family="NO", data=abdom)
# use the ylim
histDist(y,family="NO", ylim=c(0,0.005), data=abdom)
# bad fit use PE
histDist(y,family="PE",ymax=0.005, data=abdom, line.col="blue")
# discere data counts
# Hand at al. p150 Leptinotarsa decemlineata
y <- c(0,1,2,3,4,6,7,8,10,11)
freq <- c(33,12,5,6,5,2,2,2,1,2)
histDist(y, "NBI", freq=freq)
# the same as
histDist(rep(y,freq), "NBI")
```

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histSmo

*Density estimation using the Poisson trick*


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**Description**

This set of functions use the old Poisson trick of discretising the data and then fitting a Poisson error model to the resulting frequencies (Lindsey, 1997). Here the model fitted is a smooth cubic spline curve. The result is a density estimator for the data.

**Usage**

```
histSmo(y, lambda = NULL, df = NULL, order = 3, lower = NULL,
        upper = NULL, type = c("freq", "prob"),
        plot = FALSE, breaks = NULL,
        discrete = FALSE, ...)
histSmoC(y, df = 10, lower = NULL, upper = NULL, type = c("freq", "prob"),
        plot = FALSE, breaks = NULL,
        discrete = FALSE, ...)
histSmoO(y, lambda = 1, order = 3, lower = NULL, upper = NULL,
        type = c("freq", "prob"),
        plot = FALSE, breaks = NULL,
        discrete = FALSE, ...)
histSmoP(y, lambda = NULL, df = NULL, order = 3, lower = NULL,
        upper = NULL, type = c("freq", "prob"),
        plot = FALSE, breaks = NULL, discrete = FALSE,
        ...)
```

**Arguments**

y	the variable of interest
lambda	the smoothing parameter
df	the degrees of freedom
order	the order of the P-spline
lower	the lower limit of the y-variable
upper	the upper limit of the y-variable
type	the type of histogram
plot	whether to plot the resulting density estimator
breaks	the number of break points to be used in the histogram and consequently the number of observations in the Poisson fit
discrete	whether to treat the fitting density as a discrete distribution or not
...	further arguments passed to or from other methods.

**Details**

Here are the methods used here:

- i) The function `histSmo0()` uses Penalised discrete splines (Eilers, 2003). This function is appropriate when the smoothing parameter is fixed.
- ii) The function `histSmoC()` uses smooth cubic splines and fits a Poisson error model to the frequencies using the `cs()` additive function of GAMLSS. This function is appropriate if the effective degrees of freedom are fixed in the model.
- iii) The function `histSmoP()` uses Penalised cubic splines (Eilers and Marx 1996). It is fitting a Poisson model to the frequencies using the `pb()` additive function of GAMLSS. This function is appropriate if automatic selection of the smoothing parameter is required.
- iv) The function `histSmo()` combines all the above functions in the sense that if `lambda` is fixed it uses `histSmo0()`, if the `df`'s are fixed it uses `codehistSmoC()` and if none of these is specified it uses `histSmoP()`.

**Value**

Returns a `histSmo` S3 object. The object has the following components:

x	the middle points of the discretise data
counts	how many observation are on the discretise intervals
density	the density value for each discrete interval
hist	the <code>hist</code> object used to discretise the data
cdf	The resulting cumulative distribution function useful for calculating probabilities from the estimate density
nvcdf	The inverse cumulative distribution function
model	The fitted Poisson model only for <code>histSmoP()</code> and <code>histSmoC()</code>



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- (see also <http://www.gamlss.org/>).

**See Also**

[pb](#), [cs](#)

**Examples**

```
# creating data from Pareto 2 distribution
set.seed(153)
Y <- rPARETO2(1000)
## Not run:
# getting the density
histSmo(Y, lower=0, plot=TRUE)
# more breaks a bit slower
histSmo(Y, breaks=200, lower=0, plot=TRUE)
# quick fit using lambda
histSmo0(Y, lambda=1, breaks=200, lower=0, plot=TRUE)
# or
histSmo(Y, lambda=1, breaks=200, lower=0, plot=TRUE)
# quick fit using df
histSmoC(Y, df=15, breaks=200, lower=0, plot=TRUE)
# or
histSmo(Y, df=15, breaks=200, lower=0)
# saving results
m1<- histSmo(Y, lower=0, plot=T)
plot(m1)
plot(m1, "cdf")
plot(m1, "invcdf")
# using with a histogram
library(MASS)
truehist(Y)
```

```

lines(m1, col="red")
#-----
# now generate from SHASH distribution
YY <- rSHASH(1000)
m1<- histSmo(YY)
# calculate Pr(YY>10)
1-m1$cdf(10)
# calculate Pr(-10<YY<10)
1-(1-m1$cdf(10))-m1$cdf(-10)
#-----
# from discrete distribution
YYY <- rNBI(1000, mu=5, sigma=4)
histSmo(YYY, discrete=TRUE, plot=T)
#
YYY <- rPO(1000, mu=5)
histSmo(YYY, discrete=TRUE, plot=T)
#
YYY <- rNBI(1000, mu=5, sigma=.1)
histSmo(YYY, discrete=TRUE, plot=T)
# generating from beta distribution
YYY <- rBE(1000, mu=.1, sigma=.3)
histSmo(YYY, lower=0, upper=1, plot=T)
# from truncated data
Y <- with(stylo, rep(word,freq))
histSmo(Y, lower=1, discrete=TRUE, plot=T)
histSmo(Y, lower=1, discrete=TRUE, plot=T, type="prob")
## End(Not run)

```

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IC

*Gives the GAIC for a GAMLSS Object*


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### Description

IC is a function to calculate the Generalised Akaike information criterion (GAIC) for a given penalty  $k$  for a fitted GAMLSS object. The function `AIC.gamlss` is the method associated with a GAMLSS object of the generic function `AIC`. The function `GAIC` is a synonym of the function `AIC.gamlss`. The function `extractAIC` is the method associated with a GAMLSS object of the generic function `extractAIC` and it is mainly used in the `stepAIC` function. The function `Rsq` compute a generalisation of the R-squared for not normal models.

### Usage

```

IC(object, k = 2)
## S3 method for class 'gamlss'
AIC(object, ..., k = 2, c = FALSE)
GAIC(object, ..., k = 2, c = FALSE )
## S3 method for class 'gamlss'
extractAIC(fit, scale, k = 2, c = FALSE, ...)

```

**Arguments**

object	an gamlss fitted model
fit	an gamlss fitted model
...	allows several GAMLSS object to be compared using a GAIC
k	the penalty with default $k=2.5$
c	whether the corrected AIC, i.e. AICc, should be used, note that it applies only when $k=2$
scale	this argument is not used in gamlss

**Value**

The function IC returns the GAIC for given penalty  $k$  of the GAMLSS object. The function AIC returns a matrix contains the df's and the GAIC's for given penalty  $k$ . The function GAIC returns identical results to AIC. The function extractAIC returns vector of length two with the degrees of freedom and the AIC criterion.

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- (see also <http://www.gamlss.org/>).

**See Also**

[gamlss](#)

**Examples**

```
data(abdom)
mod1<-gamlss(y~pb(x),sigma.fo=~pb(x),family=BCT, data=abdom)
IC(mod1)
mod2<-gamlss(y~pb(x),sigma.fo=~x,family=BCT, data=abdom)
AIC(mod1,mod2,k=3)
GAIC(mod1,mod2,k=3)
extractAIC(mod1,k=3)
rm(mod1,mod2)
```

lms

*A function to fit LMS curves for centile estimation***Description**

This function is design to help the user to easily construct growth curve centile estimation. It is applicable when only "one" explanatory variable is available (usually age).

**Usage**

```
lms(y, x, families = LMS, data = NULL, k = 2,
    cent = 100 * pnorm((-4:4) * 2/3),
    calibration = TRUE, trans.x = FALSE,
    fix.power = NULL, lim.trans = c(0, 1.5),
    prof = FALSE, step = 0.1, legend = FALSE,
    mu.df = NULL, sigma.df = NULL, nu.df = NULL,
    tau.df = NULL, c.crit = 0.01,
    method.pb = c("ML", "GAIC"), ...)
```

**Arguments**

y	The response variable
x	The unique explanatory variable
families	a list of <code>gamlss.families</code> with default <code>LMS=c("BCCGo", "BCPEo", "BCTo")</code>
data	the data frame
k	the penalty to be used in the GAIC
cent	a vector with elements the % centile values for which the centile curves have to be evaluated
calibration	whether calibration is required with default TRUE
trans.x	whether to check for transformation in x with default FALSE
fix.power	if set it fix the power of the transformation for x
lim.trans	the limits for the search of the power parameter for x
prof	whether to use the profile GAIC of the power tranformation
step	if <code>codeprof=TRUE</code> is used this determine the step for the profile GAIC
legend	whether a legend is required in the plot with default FALSE
mu.df	mu effective degrees of freedom if required otherwise are estimated
sigma.df	sigma effective degrees of freedom if required otherwise are estimated
nu.df	nu effective degrees of freedom if required otherwise are estimated
tau.df	tau effective degrees of freedom if required otherwise are estimated
c.crit	the convergence critetion to be pass to <code>gamlss()</code>
method.pb	the method used in the <code>pb()</code> for estimating the smoothing parameters. The default is local maximum likelihood "ML". "GAIC" is also permitted where k is taken from the k argument of the function.
...	extra argument which can be passed to <code>gamlss()</code>

## Details

This function should be used if the construction of the centile curves involves only one explanatory variable.

The model assumes that the response variable has a flexible distribution i.e.  $y \sim D(\mu, \sigma, \nu, \tau)$  where the parameters of the distribution are smooth functions of the explanatory variable i.e.  $g(\mu) = s(x)$ , where  $g(\cdot)$  is a link function and  $s(\cdot)$  is a smooth function. Occasionally a power transformation in the x-axis helps the construction of the centile curves. That is, in this case the parameters are modelled by  $x^p$  rather than just  $x$ , i.e.  $g(\mu) = s(x^p)$ . The function `lms()` uses P-splines (`pb()`) as a smoother.

If a transformation is needed for  $x$  the function `lms()` starts by finding an optimum value for  $p$  using the simple model  $NO(\mu = s(x^p))$ . (Note that this value of  $p$  is not the optimum for the final chosen model but it works well in practice.)

After fitting a Normal error model for starting values the function proceeds by fitting several "appropriate" distributions for the response variable. The set of `gamlss.family` distributions to fit is specified by the argument `families`. The default `families` arguments is `LMS=c("BCCGo", "BCPEo", "BCTo")` that is the LMS class of distributions, Cole and Green (1992). Note that this class is only appropriate when  $y$  is positive (with no zeros). If the response variable contains negative values and zeros then use the argument `families=theSHASH` where `theSHASH <- c("NO", "SHASHo")` or add any other list of distributions which you may think is appropriate. Justification of using the specific centile (0.38 2.27 9.121 1220 25.25, 50, 74.75, 90.88, 97.72, 99.62) is given in Cole (1994).

## Value

It returns a `gamlss` fitted object

## Note

The function is fitting several models and for large data can be slow

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- (see also <http://www.gamlss.org/>).

**See Also**

[gamlss](#), [centiles](#), [calibration](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
data(abdom)
m1 <- lms(y,x , data=abdom, n.cyc=30)
m2 <- lms(y,x ,data=abdom, method.pb="GAIC", k=log(610))
# this example takes time
data(db)
m1 <- lms(y=head, x=age, data=db, trans.x=TRUE)

## End(Not run)
```

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lo

*Specify a loess fit in a GAMLSS formula*


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**Description**

Allows the user to specify a loess fit within a GAMLSS model. This function is similar to the `lo` function in the `gam` implementation of package `gam` see Chambers and Hastie (1991).

The function `vis.lo()` allows plotting the results.

**Usage**

```
lo(formula, control = lo.control(...), ...)
lo.control(span = 0.75, enp.target = NULL,
           degree = 2, parametric = FALSE, drop.square = FALSE,
           normalize = TRUE, family = c("gaussian", "symmetric"),
           method = c("loess", "model.frame"),
           surface = c("interpolate", "direct"),
           statistics = c("approximate", "exact", "none"),
           trace.hat = c("exact", "approximate"),
           cell = 0.2, iterations = 4, iterTrace = FALSE, ...)
vis.lo(obj, se=-1, rug = FALSE, partial.resid = FALSE,
       col.term = "darkred", col.shaded = "gray",
       col.res = "lightblue", col.rug = "gray", lwd.term = 1.5,
       cex.res = 1, pch.res = par("pch"),
       type = c("persp", "contour"), col.surface = "gray",
       nlevels = 30, n.grid = 30, image = TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>formula</code>	a formula specifying the explanatory variables
<code>control</code>	a control to be passed to the loess function
<code>...</code>	extra arguments

span	the number of observations in a neighbourhood. This is the smoothing parameter for a loess fit.
enp.target	an alternative way to specify span, as the approximate equivalent number degrees of freedom to be used. See also the help file of the R function loess. For consistency with the older version of lo the effective degrees of freedom df can be also specified instead of span, e.g. df=5
degree	the degree of local polynomial; can be 1 or 2. See also the help file of loess
parametric	should any terms be fitted globally rather than locally? See the help file of loess
drop.square	for fits with more than one predictor and degree=2, should the quadratic term be dropped for particular predictors?. See also help file of loess
normalize	should the predictors be normalized to a common scale if there is more than one? See the help file of loess
family	if "gaussian" fitting is by least-squares, and if "symmetric" a re-descending M estimator is used with Tukey's biweight function. See the help file of loess
method	fit the model or just extract the model frame. See the help file of loess
surface	should the fitted surface be computed exactly or via interpolation from a kd tree? See also the help file of loess.control
statistics	should the statistics be computed exactly or approximately? See the help file of loess.control
trace.hat	should the trace of the smoother matrix be computed exactly or approximately? See the help file of loess.control
cell	if interpolation is used this controls the accuracy of the approximation via the maximum number of points in a cell in the kd tree. See the help file of loess.control
iterations	the number of iterations used in robust fitting. See the help file of loess.control
iterTrace	logical (or integer) determining if tracing information during the robust iterations (iterations >= 2) is produced. See the help file of loess.control
obj	an lowss object fitted within gamlss
se	if se > 0 then standard errors surfaces are drawn in the 3-dimensional plot. Set se at the required level i.e se=1.96 will be an approximated 95% CI.
rug	whether to plot a rug in the plot
partial.resid	whether to plot the partial residuals
col.term	the colour of the line of fitted term
cex.res	the shading of standard
col.shaded	the shading of standard error intervals
col.res	the colour of partial residuals
col.rug	the colour of the rug
lwd.term	the width of the line
pch.res	The character for the partial residuals
type	The type of the plot if the x's are two dimensional
col.surface	the colour of the fitted surface
nlevels	the number of levels used in colour() plot.
n.grid	The number of points to evaluate the surface
image	whether to use image() or just contour

**Details**

Note that `lo` itself does no smoothing; it simply sets things up for the function `gamlss.lo()` which is used by the backfitting function `gamlss.add()`.

**Value**

a loess object is returned.

**Warning**

In this version the first argument is a formula NOT a list as in the previous one

**Note**

Note that `lo` itself does no smoothing; it simply sets things up for `gamlss.lo()` to do the backfitting.

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(see also <http://www.gamlss.org/>).

**See Also**

[cs](#), [random](#),

**Examples**

```
# fitting a loess curve with span=0.4 plus the a quarterly effect
aids1<-gamlss(y~lo(~x,span=0.4)+qrt,data=aids,family=P0) #
term.plot(aids1, page=1)
## Not run:
r1 <- gamlss(R~lo(~F1)+lo(~A), data=rent, family=GA)
term.plot(r1, pages=1)
vis.lo(getSmo(r1, which=1), partial=T)
r2 <- gamlss(R~lo(~F1+A), data=rent, family=GA)
term.plot(r2, pages=1)
```



```

vis.lo(getSmo(r2, which=1))
vis.lo(getSmo(r2, which=1), se=1.97)
vis.lo(getSmo(r2, which=1), partial.res=T)

## End(Not run)

```

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loglogSurv

*Log-Log Survival function plots for checking the tail behaviour of the data*

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### Description

The log-log Survival functions are design for checking the tails of a single response variable (no explanatory should be involved). There are three different function:

a) the function `loglogSurv1()` which plot the (left or right) tails of the empirical log-log Survival function against  $\log\log(y)$ , where  $y$  is the variable of interest. The coefficient of a linear fit to the plot can be used an estimated for Type I tails.

b) the function `loglogSurv2()` which plot the (left or right) tails of the empirical log-log Survival function against  $\log(y)$ . The coefficient of a linear fit to the plot can be used an estimated for Type II tails.

c) the function `loglogSurv3()` which plot the (left or right) tails of the empirical log-log Survival function against  $y$ . The coefficient of a linear fit to the plot can be used an an estimated for Type III tails.

The function `loglogSurv()` combines all the above functions.

The function `logSurv()` is also design for exploring the tails of a single response variable. It plots the empirical log-survival function against  $\log(y)$  for specified percentage of the tail and fits a linear, quadratic and exponential curve to the points of the plot. For distributions defined on the positive real line a good linear fit would indicate a Pareto type tail, a good quadratic fit a log-normal type tail and good exponential fit a Weibull type tail. Note that this function is only appropriate to investigate rather heavy tails and it is not very good to discriminate between different type of tails, as the `loglogSurv()` .

### Usage

```

loglogSurv(y, percentage = 10, howmany = NULL, type = c("right", "left"),
           plot = TRUE, print = TRUE, save = FALSE)
loglogSurv1(y, percentage = 10, howmany = NULL, type = c("right", "left"),
            plot = TRUE, print = TRUE, save = FALSE)
loglogSurv2(y, percentage = 10, howmany = NULL, type = c("right", "left"),
            plot = TRUE, print = TRUE, save = FALSE)
loglogSurv3(y, percentage = 10, howmany = NULL, type = c("right", "left"),
            plot = TRUE, print = TRUE, save = FALSE)

logSurv(y, percentage = 10, howmany = NULL, type = c("right", "left"),
        plot = TRUE, print = TRUE, save = FALSE)

```

**Arguments**

y	a vector, the variable of interest
percentage	what percentage of the tail need to be modelled, default is 10%
howmany	how many observations in the tail needed. This is an alternative to percentage. If it specified it take over from the percentage argument otherwise percentage is used.
type	which tall needs checking the right (default) of the left
plot	whether to plot with default equal TRUE
print	whether to print the coefficients with default equal TRUE
save	whether to save the fitted linear model with default equal FALSE

**Details**

The functions `loglogSurv1()`, `loglogSurv2()` and `loglogSurv3()` take the upper (or lower) part of an ordered variable create its empirical survival function and plot the log-log of this functions against  $\log(\log(y))$ ,  $\log(y)$  and  $y$  respectively. Then they fit a line to the plot. The coefficients of the line can be interpreted as parameters determined the behaviour of the tail. More details can be found in Chapter 6 of "The Distribution Toolbox of GAMLSS" book which can be found in <http://www.gamlss.org/>)

**Value**

A plot

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**Examples**

```
data(film90)
F90 <- film90$lborev1
op<-par(mfrow=c(3,1))
loglogSurv1(F90)
loglogSurv2(F90)
loglogSurv3(F90)
```

```
par(op)
loglogSurv(F90)

logSurv(F90)
```

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lpred	<i>Extract Linear Predictor Values and Standard Errors For A GAMLSS Model</i>
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### Description

lpred is the GAMLSS specific method which extracts the linear predictor and its (approximate) standard errors for a specified parameter from a GAMLSS objects. The lpred can be also used to extract the fitted values (with its approximate standard errors) or specific terms in the model (with its approximate standard errors) in the same way that the `predict.lm()` and `predict.glm()` functions can be used for `lm` or `glm` objects. The function `lp` extract only the linear predictor. If prediction is required for new data values then use the function `predict.gamlss()`.

### Usage

```
lpred(obj, what = c("mu", "sigma", "nu", "tau"), parameter= NULL,
      type = c("link", "response", "terms"),
      terms = NULL, se.fit = FALSE, ...)
lp(obj, what = c("mu", "sigma", "nu", "tau"), parameter= NULL, ... )
```

### Arguments

obj	a GAMLSS fitted model
what	which distribution parameter is required, default what="mu"
parameter	equivalent to what
type	type="link" (the default) gets the linear predictor for the specified distribution parameter. type="response" gets the fitted values for the parameter while type="terms" gets the fitted terms contribution
terms	if type="terms", which terms to be selected (default is all terms)
se.fit	if TRUE the approximate standard errors of the appropriate type are extracted
...	for extra arguments

### Value

If `se.fit=FALSE` a vector (or a matrix) of the appropriate type is extracted from the GAMLSS object for the given parameter in `what`. If `se.fit=TRUE` a list containing the appropriate type, `fit`, and its (approximate) standard errors, `se.fit`.

### Author(s)

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## References

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- (see also <http://www.gamlss.org/>).

## See Also

[predict.gamlss](#)

## Examples

```
data(aids)
mod<-gamlss(y~poly(x,3)+qrt, family=P0, data=aids) #
mod.t <- lpred(mod, type = "terms", terms= "qrt")
mod.t
mod.lp <- lp(mod)
mod.lp
rm(mod, mod.t,mod.lp)
```

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LR.test

*Likelihood Ratio test for nested GAMLSS models*

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## Description

The function performs a likelihood ration test for two nested fitted model.

## Usage

```
LR.test(null, alternative, print = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

null	The null hypothesis (simpler) fitted model
alternative	The alternative hypothesis (more complex) fitted model
print	whether to print or save the result

## Details

Warning: no checking whether the models are nested is performed.

**Value**

If print=FALSE a list with chi, df and p.val is produced.

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**References**

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(see also <http://www.gamlss.org/>).

**See Also**

[gamlss](#), [dropterm](#)

**Examples**

```
data(usair)
m0<-gamlss(y~x1+x2, data=usair)
m1<-gamlss(y~x1+x2+x3+x4, data=usair)
LR.test(m0,m1)
```

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model.frame.gamlss	<i>Extract a model.frame, a model matrix or terms from a GAMLSS object for a given distributional parameter</i>
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**Description**

model.frame.gamlss, model.matrix.gamlss and terms.gamlss are the gamlss versions of the generic functions model.frame, model.matrix and terms respectively.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'gamlss'
model.frame(formula, what = c("mu", "sigma", "nu", "tau"),
            parameter= NULL, ...)
## S3 method for class 'gamlss'
terms(x, what = c("mu", "sigma", "nu", "tau"),
      parameter= NULL, ...)
## S3 method for class 'gamlss'
```

```
model.matrix(object, what = c("mu", "sigma", "nu", "tau"),
             parameter= NULL, ...)
```

### Arguments

formula	a gamlss object
x	a gamlss object
object	a gamlss object
what	for which parameter to extract the model.frame, terms or model.frame
parameter	equivalent to what
...	for extra arguments

### Value

a model.frame, a model.matrix or terms

### Author(s)

Mikis Stasinopoulos

### References

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(see also <http://www.gamlss.org/>).

### See Also

[gamlss](#)

### Examples

```
data(aids)
mod<-gamlss(y~poly(x,3)+qrt, family=P0, data=aids) #
model.frame(mod)
model.matrix(mod)
terms(mod, "mu")
rm(mod)
```

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par.plot

*A function to plot parallel plot for repeated measurement data*

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### Description

This function can be used to plot parallel plots for each individual in a repeated measurement study. It is based on the `coplot()` function of R.

### Usage

```
par.plot(formula = NULL, data = NULL, subjects = NULL,  
         color = TRUE, show.given = TRUE, ...)
```

### Arguments

formula	a formula describing the form of conditioning plot. A formula of the form $y \sim x \mid a$ indicates that plots of $y$ versus $x$ should be produced conditional on the variable $a$ . A formula of the form $y \sim x \mid a * b$ indicates that plots of $y$ versus $x$ should be produced conditional on the two variables $a$ and $b$ .
data	a data frame containing values for any variables in the formula. This argument is compulsory.
subjects	a factor which distinguish between the individual participants
color	whether the parallel plot are shown in colour, <code>color=TRUE</code> (the default) or not <code>color=FALSE</code>
show.given	logical (possibly of length 2 for 2 conditioning variables): should conditioning plots be shown for the corresponding conditioning variables (default 'TRUE')
...	for extra arguments

### Value

It returns a plot.

### Note

Note that similar plot can be found in the library `nlme` by Pinheiro and Bates

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- (see also <http://www.gamlss.org/>).

## See Also

[gamlss](#)

## Examples

```
library(nlme)
data(Orthodont)
par.plot(distance~age,data=Orthodont,subject=Subject)
par.plot(distance~age|Sex,data=Orthodont,subject=Subject)
par.plot(distance~age|Subject,data=Orthodont,subject=Subject,show.given=FALSE)
```

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pcat

*Reduction for the Levels of a Factor.*

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## Description

The function is trying to merged similar levels of a given factor. Its based on ideas given by Tutz (2013).

## Usage

```
pcat(fac, df = NULL, lambda = NULL, method = c("ML", "GAIC"), start = 0.001,
     Lp = 0, kappa = 1e-05, iter = 100, c.crit = 1e-04, k = 2)

gamlss.pcat(x, y, w, xeval = NULL, ...)

plotDF(y, factor = NULL, formula = NULL, data, along = seq(0, nlevels(factor)),
       kappa = 1e-06, Lp = 0, ...)

plotLambda(y, factor = NULL, formula = NULL, data, along = seq(-2, 2, 0.1),
           kappa = 1e-06, Lp = 0, ...)
```



**Arguments**

fac, factor	a factor to reduce its levels
df	the effective degrees of freedom
lambda	the smoothing parameter
method	which method is used for the estimation of the smoothing parameter, "ML" or "GAIC" are allowed.
start	starting value for lambda if it estimated using "ML" or "GAIC"
Lp	The type of penalty required, $L_p=0$ is the default. Use $L_p=1$ for lasso type and different values for different required penalty.
kappa	a regulation parameters used for the weights in the penalties.
iter	the number of internal iteration allowed
c.crit	the convergent criterion
k	the penalty if "GAIC" method is used.
x	explanatory factor
y	the response or iterative response variable
w	iterative weights
xeval	indicator whether to predict
formula	A formula
data	A data frame
along	a sequence of values
...	for extra variables

**Details**

The `pcat()` is used for the fitting of the factor. The function shrinks the levels of the categorical factor (not towards the overall mean as the function `random()` is doing) but towards each other. This results to a reduction of the number of levels of the factors. Different norms can be used for the shrinkage by specifying the argument `Lp`.

**Value**

The function `pcat` reruns a vector endowed with a number of attributes. The vector itself is used in the construction of the model matrix, while the attributes are needed for the backfitting algorithms `additive.fit()`. The backfitting is done in `gamlss.pcat`.

**Note**

Note that `pcat` itself does no smoothing; it simply sets things up for `gamlss.pcat()` to do the smoothing within the backfitting.

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(see also <http://www.gamlss.org/>).

## See Also

[random](#)

## Examples

```
# Simulate data 1
  n <- 10 # number of levels
  m <- 200 # number of observations
set.seed(2016)
level <- as.factor(floor(runif(m) * n) + 1)
a0 <- rnorm(n)
sigma <- 0.4
mu <- a0[level]
y <- mu + sigma * rnorm(m)
plot(y~level)
points(1:10,a0, col="red")
da1 <- data.frame(y, level)
#-----
mn <- gamlss(y~1,data=da1 ) # null model
ms <- gamlss(y~level-1, data=da1) # saturated model
m1 <- gamlss(y~pcat(level), data=da1) # calculating lambda ML
AIC(mn, ms, m1)
## Not run:
m11 <- gamlss(y~pcat(level, method="GAIC", k=log(200)), data=da1) # GAIC
AIC(mn, ms, m1, m11)
#gettng the fitted object -----
getSmo(m1)
coef(getSmo(m1))
fitted(getSmo(m1))[1:10]
plot(getSmo(m1)) #
# After the fit a new factor is created this factor has the reduced levels
levels(getSmo(m1)$factor)
# -----

## End(Not run)
```

**Description**

A function to plot probability distribution functions (pdf) belonging to the gamlss family of distributions. This function allows either plotting of the fitted distributions for up to eight observations or plotting specified distributions belonging in the gamlss family

**Usage**

```
pdf.plot(obj = NULL, obs = c(1), family = NO(), mu = NULL,
         sigma = NULL, nu = NULL, tau = NULL, min = NULL,
         max = NULL, step = NULL, allinone = FALSE,
         no.title = FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

obj	An gamlss object e.g. obj=model1 where model1 is a fitted gamlss object
obs	A number or vector of up to length eight indicating the case numbers of the observations for which fitted distributions are to be displayed, e.g. obs=c(23, 58) will display the fitted distribution for the 23th and 58th observations
family	This must be a gamlss family i.e. family=NO
mu	The value(s) of the location parameter mu for which the distribution has to be evaluated e.g mu=c(3, 7)
sigma	The value(s) the scale parameter sigma for which the distribution has to be evaluated e.g sigma=c(3, 7)
nu	The value(s) the parameter nu for which the distribution has to be evaluated e.g. nu=3
tau	The value(s) the parameter tau for which the distribution has be evaluated e.g. tau=5
min	Minimum value of the random variable y e.g. min=0
max	Maximum value of y e.g. max=10
step	Steps for the evaluation of y e.g. step=0.5
allinone	This will go
no.title	Whether you need title in the plot, default is no.title=FALSE
...	for extra arguments

**Details**

This function can be used to plot distributions of the GAMLSS family. If the first argument obj is specified and it is a GAMLSS fitted object, then the fitted distribution of this model at specified observation values (given by the second argument obs) is plotted for a specified y-variable range (arguments min, max, and step).

If the first argument is not given then the family argument has to be specified and the pdf is plotted at specified values of the parameters mu, sigma, nu, tau. Again the range of the y-variable has to be given.

**Value**

plot(s) of the required pdf(s) are returned

**Warning**

The range of some distributions depends on the fitted parameters

**Note**

The range of the y values given by min, max and step are very important in the plot

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(see also <http://www.gamlss.org/>).

**See Also**

[gamlss](#)

**Examples**

```
pdf.plot(family=BCT, min=1, max=20, step=.05, mu=10, sigma=0.15, nu=-1, tau=c(4,10,20,40) )
# now using an gamlss object
# library(gamlss)
#data(abdom)
#h<-gamlss(y~pb(x), sigma.formula=~pb(x), family=BCT, data=abdom) # fits
#pdf.plot(obj=h , obs=c(23,67), min=50, max=150, step=.5)
```

plot.gamlss

*Plot Residual Diagnostics for an GAMLSS Object***Description**

This function provides four plots for checking the normalized (randomized for a discrete response distribution) quantile residuals of a fitted GAMLSS object, referred to as residuals below : a plot of residuals against fitted values, a plot of the residuals against an index or a specific explanatory variable, a density plot of the residuals and a normal Q-Q plot of the residuals. If argument `ts=TRUE` then the first two plots are replaced by the autocorrelation function (ACF) and partial autocorrelation function (PACF) of the residuals

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'gamlss'
plot(x, xvar = NULL, parameters = NULL, ts = FALSE,
      summaries = TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	a GAMLSS fitted object
<code>xvar</code>	an explanatory variable to plot the residuals against
<code>parameters</code>	plotting parameters can be specified here
<code>ts</code>	set this to TRUE if ACF and PACF plots of the residuals are required
<code>summaries</code>	set this to FALSE if no summary statistics of the residuals are required
<code>...</code>	further arguments passed to or from other methods.

**Details**

This function provides four plots for checking the normalized (randomized) quantile residuals (called residuals) of a fitted GAMLSS object. Randomization is only performed for discrete response variables. The four plots are

- residuals against the fitted values (or ACF of the residuals if `ts=TRUE`)
- residuals against an index or specified x-variable (or PACF of the residuals if `ts=TRUE`)
- kernel density estimate of the residuals
- QQ-normal plot of the residuals

For time series response variables option `ts=TRUE` can be used to plot the ACF and PACF functions of the residuals.

**Value**

Returns four plots related to the residuals of the fitted GAMLSS model and prints summary statistics for the residuals if the `summary=T`

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- (see also <http://www.gamlss.org/>).

**See Also**

[gamlss](#)

**Examples**

```
data(aids)
a<-gamlss(y~pb(x)+qrt,family=P0,data=aids)
plot(a)
rm(a)
```

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plot.histSmo

*A Plotting Function for density estimator object histSmo*

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**Description**

Plots the estimated density or its c.d.f function or its inverse cdf function

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'histSmo'
plot(x, type = c("hist", "cdf", "invcdf"), ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	An histSmo object
type	Different plots: a histogram and density estimator, a cdf function or an inverse cdf function.
...	for further arguments

**Value**

returns the relevant plot

**Author(s)**

Mikis Stasinopoulos, Paul Eilers, Bob Rigby, Vlasios Voudouris and Majid Djennad

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- (see also <http://www.gamlss.org/>).

**See Also**

[histSmo](#)

**Examples**

```
Y <- rPARET02(1000)
m1<- histSmo(Y, lower=0, save=TRUE)
plot(m1)
plot(m1, "cdf")
plot(m1, "invcdf")
```

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plot2way

*Function to plot two interaction in a GAMLSS model*

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**Description**

This function is designed to plot a factor to factor interaction in a GAMLSS model.

**Usage**

```
plot2way(obj, terms = list(), what = c("mu", "sigma", "nu", "tau"),
         parameter=NULL, show.legend = TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

obj	A gamlss model
terms	this should be a character vector with the names of the two factors to be plotted
what	which parameters? mu, sigma, nu, or tau
parameter	equivalent to what
show.legend	whether to show the legend in the two way plot
...	Further arguments

**Details**

This is an experimental function which should be use with prudence since no other check is done on whether this interaction interfere with other terms in the model

**Value**

The function creates a 2 way interaction plot

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Rigby, R. A. and Stasinopoulos D. M. (2005). Generalized additive models for location, scale and shape,(with discussion), *Appl. Statist.*, **54**, part 3, pp 507-554.

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(see also <http://www.gamlss.org/>).

**See Also**

[term.plot](#),

**Examples**

```
data(aids)
ti <- factor(c(rep(1,18),rep(2,27)))
m1 <- gamlss(y~x+qrt*ti, data=aids, family=NBI)
m2 <- gamlss(y~x+qrt*ti, data=aids, family=NO)
plot2way(m1, c("qrt","ti"))
plot2way(m1, c("ti", "qrt"))
```



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polyS

*Auxiliary support for the GAMLSS*

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### Description

These two functions are similar to the `poly` and `polym` in R. Are needed for the `gamlss.lo` function of GAMLSS and should not be used on their own.

### Usage

```
polyS(x, ...)  
poly.matrix(m, degree = 1)
```

### Arguments

x	a variable
m	a variable
degree	the degree of the polynomial
...	for extra arguments

### Value

Returns a matrix of orthogonal polynomials

### Warning

Not be use by the user

### Author(s)

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### References

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### See Also

[gamlss](#), [gamlss.lo](#)

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predict.gamlss	<i>Extract Predictor Values and Standard Errors For New Data In a GAMLSS Model</i>
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### Description

predict.gamlss is the GAMLSS specific method which produce predictors for a new data set for a specified parameter from a GAMLSS objects. The predict.gamlss can be used to extract the linear predictors, fitted values and specific terms in the model at new data values in the same way that the predict.lm() and predict.glm() functions can be used for lm or glm objects. Note that linear predictors, fitted values and specific terms in the model at the current data values can also be extracted using the function lpred() (which is called from predict if new data is NULL).

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'gamlss'
predict(object, what = c("mu", "sigma", "nu", "tau"),
        parameter= NULL,
        newdata = NULL, type = c("link", "response", "terms"),
        terms = NULL, se.fit = FALSE, data = NULL, ...)
predictAll(object, newdata = NULL, type = c("response", "link", "terms"),
           terms = NULL, se.fit = FALSE, use.weights = FALSE,
           data = NULL, y.value = "median",
           set.to = .Machine$double.xmin,
           output = c("list", "matrix"), ...)
```

### Arguments

object	a GAMLSS fitted model
what	which distribution parameter is required, default what="mu"
parameter	equivalent to what
newdata	a data frame containing new values for the explanatory variables used in the model
type	the default, gets the linear predictor for the specified distribution parameter. type="response" gets the fitted values for the parameter while type="terms" gets the fitted terms contribution
terms	if type="terms", which terms to be selected (default is all terms)
se.fit	if TRUE the approximate standard errors of the appropriate type are extracted if exist
use.weights	if use.weights=TRUE the old data and the newdata are merged and the model is refitted with weights equal to the prior weights for the old data observations and equal to a very small value (see option set.to) for the .newdata values. This trick allows to obtain standard errors for all parameters
data	the data frame used in the original fit if is not defined in the call

y.value	how to get the response values for the newdata if they do not exist. The default is taking the median, y.value="median". Other function like "max", "min" are allowed. Also numerical values.
set.to	what values the weights for the newdata should take
output	whether the output to be a 'list' (default) or a 'matrix'
...	for extra arguments

### Details

The predict function assumes that the object given in newdata is a data frame containing the right x-variables used in the model. This could possible cause problems if transformed variables are used in the fitting of the original model. For example, let us assume that a transformation of age is needed in the model i.e.  $\text{nage} \leftarrow \text{age}^{.5}$ . This could be fitted as `mod <- gamlss(y~cs(age^.5), data=mydata)` or as `nage <- age^.5; mod <- gamlss(y~cs(nage), data=mydata)`. The later could more efficient if the data are in thousands rather in hundreds. In the first case, the code `predict(mod, newdata=data.frame(age=c(34, 56)))` would produce the right results. In the second case a new data frame has to be created containing the old data plus any new transform data. This data frame has to be declared in the data option. The option newdata should contain a data.frame with the new names and the transformed values in which prediction is required, (see the last example).

### Value

A vector or a matrix depending on the options.

### Note

This function is under development

### Author(s)

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### References

Rigby, R. A. and Stasinopoulos D. M. (2005). Generalized additive models for location, scale and shape,(with discussion), *Appl. Statist.*, **54**, part 3, pp 507-554.

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### See Also

[lp](#), [lpred](#)

**Examples**

```

data(aids)
a<-gamlss(y~poly(x,3)+qrt, family=P0, data=aids) #
newaids<-data.frame(x=c(45,46,47), qrt=c(2,3,4))
ap <- predict(a, newdata=newaids, type = "response")
ap
# now getting all the parameters
predictAll(a, newdata=newaids)
rm(a, ap)
data(abdom)
# transform x
aa<-gamlss(y~cs(x^.5),data=abdom)
# predict at old values
predict(aa)[610]
# predict at new values
predict(aa,newdata=data.frame(x=42.43))
# now transform x first
nx<-abdom$x^.5
aaa<-gamlss(y~cs(nx),data=abdom)
# create a new data frame
newd<-data.frame( abdom, nx=abdom$x^0.5)
# predict at old values
predict(aaa)[610]
# predict at new values
predict(aaa,newdata=data.frame(nx=42.43^.5), data=newd)

```

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```
print.gamlss
```

```
Prints a GAMLSS fitted model
```

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**Description**

print.gamlss is the GAMLSS specific method for the generic function print which prints objects returned by modelling functions.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'gamlss'
print(x, digits = max(3, getOption("digits") - 3), ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	a GAMLSS fitted model
digits	the number of significant digits to use when printing
...	for extra arguments

**Value**

Prints a gamlss object

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Rigby, R. A. and Stasinopoulos D. M. (2005). Generalized additive models for location, scale and shape,(with discussion), *Appl. Statist.*, **54**, part 3, pp 507-554.

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(see also <http://www.gamlss.org/>).

**See Also**

[gamlss](#), [deviance.gamlss](#), [fitted.gamlss](#)

**Examples**

```
data(aids)
h<-gamlss(y~poly(x,3)+qrt, family=P0, data=aids)
print(h) # or just h
rm(h)
```

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prof.dev

*Plotting the Profile Deviance for one of the Parameters in a GAMLSS model*

---

**Description**

This functions plots the profile deviance of one of the (four) parameters in a GAMLSS model. It can be used if one of the parameters mu, sigma, nu or tau is a constant (not a function of explanatory variables) to obtain a profile confidence intervals.

**Usage**

```
prof.dev(object, which = NULL, min = NULL, max = NULL,
         step = NULL, length = 7, startlastfit = TRUE,
         plot = TRUE, perc = 95, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	A fitted GAMLSS model
which	which parameter to get the profile deviance e.g. which="tau"
min	the minimum value for the parameter e.g. min=1
max	the maximum value for the parameter e.g. max=20
step	how often to evaluate the global deviance (defines the step length of the grid for the parameter) e.g. step=1
length	the length if step is not set, default equal 7
startlastfit	whether to start fitting from the last fit or not, default value is startlastfit=TRUE
plot	whether to plot, plot=TRUE or save the results, plot=FALSE
perc	what % confidence interval is required
...	for extra arguments

**Details**

This function can be used to provide likelihood based confidence intervals for a parameter for which a constant model (i.e. no explanatory model) is fitted and consequently for checking the adequacy of a particular values of the parameter. This can be used to check the adequacy of one distribution (e.g. Box-Cox Cole and Green) nested within another (e.g. Box-Cox power exponential). For example one can test whether a Box-Cox Cole and Green (Box-Cox-normal) distribution or a Box-Cox power exponential is appropriate by plotting the profile of the parameter tau. A profile deviance showing support for tau=2 indicates adequacy of the Box-Cox Cole and Green (i.e. Box-Cox normal) distribution.

**Value**

Return a profile plot (if the argument plot=TRUE) and an `Profilikelihood.gamlss` object if saved. The object contains:

values	the values at the grid where the parameter was evaluated
fun	the function which approximates the points using splines
min	the minimum values in the grid
max	the maximum values in the grid
max.value	the value of the parameter maximising the Profile deviance (or GAIC)
CI	the profile confidence interval (if global deviance is used)
criterion	which criterion was used

**Warning**

A dense grid (i.e. small step) evaluation of the global deviance can take a long time, so start with a sparse grid (i.e. large step) and decrease gradually the step length for more accuracy.

**Author(s)**

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## References

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(see also <http://www.gamlss.org/>).

## See Also

[gamlss](#), [prof.term](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:
data(abdom)
h<-gamlss(y~pb(x), sigma.formula=~pb(x), family=BCT, data=abdom)
prof.dev(h,"nu",min=-2.000,max=2)
rm(h)
## End(Not run)
```

---

prof.term

*Plotting the Profile: deviance or information criterion for one of the terms (or hyper-parameters) in a GAMLSS model*

---

## Description

This functions plots the profile deviance for a chosen parameter included in the linear predictor of any of the mu,sigma, nu or tau models so profile confidence intervals can be obtained. In can also be used to plot the profile of a specified information criterion for any hyper-parameter when smooth additive terms are used.

## Usage

```
prof.term(model = NULL, criterion = c("GD", "GAIC"), penalty = 2.5,
          other = NULL, min = NULL, max = NULL, step = NULL,
          length = 7, xlabel = NULL, plot = TRUE, perc = 95,
          start.prev = TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

model	this is a GAMLSS model, e.g. model=gamlss(y~cs(x,df=this),sigma.fo~cs(x,df=3),data=abdom), where this indicates the (hyper)parameter to be profiled
criterion	whether global deviance ("GD") or information criterion ("GAIC") is profiled. The default is global deviance criterion="GD"
penalty	The penalty value if information criterion is used in criterion, default penalty=2.5
other	this can be used to evaluate an expression before the actual fitting of the model (Make sure that those expressions are well define in the global environment)
min	the minimum value for the parameter e.g. min=1
max	the maximum value for the parameter e.g. max=20
step	how often to evaluate the global deviance (defines the step length of the grid for the parameter) e.g. step=1
length	if the step is left NULL then length is considered for evaluating the grid for the parameter. It has a default value of 11
xlabel	if a label for the axis is required
plot	whether to plot, plot=TRUE the resulting profile deviance (or GAIC)
perc	what % confidence interval is required
start.prev	whether to start from the previous fitted model parameters values or not (default is TRUE)
...	for extra arguments

**Details**

This function can be use to provide likelihood based confidence intervals for a parameter involved in terms in the linear predictor(s). These confidence intervals are more accurate than the ones obtained from the parameters' standard errors. The function can also be used to plot a profile information criterion (with a given penalty) against a hyper-parameter. This can be used to check the uniqueness in hyper-parameter determination using for example `find.df`.

**Value**

Return a profile plot (if the argument `plot=TRUE`) and an `ProfLikelihood.gamlss` object if saved. The object contains:

values	the values at the grid where the parameter was evaluated
fun	the function which approximates the points using splines
min	the minimum values in the grid
max	the maximum values in the grid
max.value	the value of the parameter maximising the Profile deviance (or GAIC)
CI	the profile confidence interval (if global deviance is used)
criterion	which criterion was used



**Warning**

A dense grid (i.e. small step) evaluation of the global deviance can take a long time, so start with a sparse grid (i.e. large step) and decrease gradually the step length for more accuracy.

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(see also <http://www.gamlss.org/>).

**See Also**

[gamlss, prof.dev](#)

**Examples**

```
data(aids)
# fitting a linear model
gamlss(y~x+qrt,family=NBI,data=aids)
# testing the linear beta parameter
mod<-quote(gamlss(y ~ offset(this * x) + qrt, data = aids, family = NBI))
prof.term(mod, min=0.06, max=0.11)
# find the hyper parameter using cubic splines smoothing
mod1<-quote(gamlss(y ~ cs(x,df=this) + qrt, data = aids, family = NBI))
prof.term(mod1, min=1, max=15, step=1, criterion="GAIC", penalty=log(45))
# find a break point in x
mod2 <- quote(gamlss(y ~ x+I((x>this)*(x-this))+qrt,family=NBI,data=aids))
prof.term(mod2, min=1, max=45, step=1, criterion="GD")
rm(mod,mod1,mod2)
```

## Description

There are several function which use P-spline methodology:

- a) `pb()`, the current version of P-splines which uses SVD in the fitting and therefore is the most reliable
- b) `pbo()`, an older version of P-splines which uses simple matrix algebra in the fits.
- c) `pbv()` the new vwrSION of cycle P-splines (using SVD)
- d) `cy()` the older version of cycle P-splines.
- e) `pbm()` for fitting monotonic P-splines (using SVD)
- f) `pbz()` for fitting P-splines which allow the fitted curve to shrink to zero degrees of freedom
- g) `ps()` the original P-splines with no facility of estimating the smoothing parameters and
- j) `pvc()` penalised varying coefficient models.

Theoretical explanation of the above P-splines can be found in Eilers *et al.* (2016)

The functions take a vector and return it with several attributes. The vector is used in the construction of the design matrix  $X$  used in the fitting. The functions do not do the smoothing, but assign the attributes to the vector to aid `gamlss` in the smoothing. The functions doing the smoothing are `gamlss.pb()`, `gamlss.pbo()`, `gamlss.pbc()`, `gamlss.cy()`, `gamlss.pvc()`, `gamlss.pbm()`, `gamlss.pbz` and `gamlss.ps()` which are used in the backfitting function `additive.fit`.

The function `pb()` is more efficient and faster than the original penalised smoothing function `ps()`. After December 2014 the `pb()` has changed radically to improved performance. The older version of the `pb()` function is called now `pbo()`. `pb()` allows the estimation of the smoothing parameters using different local (performance iterations) methods. The method are "ML", "ML-1", "EM", "GAIC" and "GCV".

The function `pbm()` fits monotonic smooth functions, that is functions which increase or decrease monotonically depending on the value of the argument `mono` which takes the values "up" or "down".

The function `pbz()` is similar to `pb()` with the extra property that when `lambda` becomes very large the resulting smooth function goes to a constant rather than to a linear function. This is very useful for model selection. The function is based on Maria Durban idea of using a double penalty, one of order 2 and one of order 1. The second penalty only applies if the effective df are close to 2 (that is if a linear is already selected).

The function `pbv()` fits a cycle penalised beta regression spline such as the last fitted value of the smoother is equal to the first fitted value. `cy()` is the older version.

The function `pvc()` fits varying coefficient models see Hastie and Tibshirani(1993) and it is more general and flexible than the old `vc()` function which was based on cubic splines.

The function `getZmatrix()` creates a (random effect) design matrix  $Z$  which can be used to fit a P-splines smoother using the `re()` function. (The `re()` is an interface with the random effect function `lme` of the package **nlme**).

## Usage

```
pb(x, df = NULL, lambda = NULL, control = pb.control(...), ...)
pbo(x, df = NULL, lambda = NULL, control = pbo.control(...), ...)
pbo.control(inter = 20, degree = 3, order = 2, start = 10, quantiles = FALSE,
            method = c("ML", "GAIC", "GCV", "EM", "ML-1"), k = 2, ...)
```

```

pb.control(inter = 20, degree = 3, order = 2, start = 10, quantiles = FALSE,
           method = c("ML", "GAIC", "GCV"), k = 2, ...)
pbc(x, df = NULL, lambda = NULL, control = pbc.control(...), ...)
pbc.control(inter = 20, degree = 3, order = 2, start = 10,
           method = c("ML", "GAIC", "GCV"), k = 2, sin = TRUE, ...)
cy(x, df = NULL, lambda = NULL, control = cy.control(...), ...)
cy.control(inter = 20, degree = 3, order = 2, start = 10,
           method = c("ML", "GAIC", "GCV", "EM", "ML-1"), k = 2, ts=FALSE, ...)
pvc(x, df = NULL, lambda = NULL, by = NULL, control = pvc.control(...), ...)
pvc.control(inter = 20, degree = 3, order = 2, start = 10, quantiles = FALSE,
           method = c("ML", "GAIC", "GCV"), k = 2, ...)
pbm(x, df = NULL, lambda = NULL, mono=c("up", "down"),
     control = pbm.control(...), ...)
pbm.control(inter = 20, degree = 3, order = 2, start = 10, quantiles = FALSE,
           method=c("ML", "GAIC", "GCV"), k=2, kappa = 1e10, ...)
pbz(x, df = NULL, lambda = NULL, control = pbz.control(...), ...)
pbz.control(inter = 20, degree = 3, order = 2, start = c(1e-04, 1e-04),
           quantiles = FALSE, method = c("ML", "GAIC", "GCV"), k = 2, lim = 3, ...)

ps(x, df = 3, lambda = NULL, ps.intervals = 20, degree = 3, order = 3)

getZmatrix(x, xmin = NULL, xmax = NULL, inter = 20, degree = 3, order = 2)

```

## Arguments

x	the univariate predictor
df	the desired equivalent number of degrees of freedom (trace of the smoother matrix minus two for the constant and linear fit)
lambda	the smoothing parameter
control	setting the control parameters
by	a factor, for fitting different smoothing curves to each level of the factor or a continuous explanatory variable in which case the coefficients of the by variable change smoothly according to x i.e. $\beta(x) \cdot z$ where z is the by variable.
...	for extra arguments
inter	the no of break points (knots) in the x-axis
degree	the degree of the piecewise polynomial
order	the required difference in the vector of coefficients
start	the lambda starting value if the local methods are used, see below
quantiles	if TRUE the quantile values of x are use to determine the knots
ts	if TRUE assumes that it is a seasonal factor
method	The method used in the (local) performance iterations. Available methods are "ML", "ML-1", "EM", "GAIC" and "GCV"
k	the penalty used in "GAIC" and "GCV"
mono	for monotonic P-splines whether going "up" or "down"

<code>kappa</code>	the smoothing hyper-parameter for the monotonic part of smoothing
<code>ps.intervals</code>	the no of break points in the x-axis
<code>xmin</code>	minimum value for creating the B-spline
<code>xmax</code>	maximum value for creating the B-spline
<code>sin</code>	whether to use the sin penaltry or not
<code>lim</code>	at which level the second penalty of order 1 should start

### Details

The `ps()` function is based on Brian Marx function which can be found in his website. The `pb()`, `cy()`, `pvc()` and `pbm()` functions are based on Paul Eilers's original R functions. Note that `ps()` and `pb()` functions behave differently at their default values if `df` and `lambda` are not specified. `ps(x)` by default uses 3 extra degrees of freedom for smoothing `x`. `pb(x)` by default estimates `lambda` (and therefore the degrees of freedom) automatically using a "local" method. The local (or performance iterations) methods available are: (i) local Maximum Likelihood, "ML", (ii) local Generalized Akaike information criterion, "GAIC", (iii) local Generalized Cross validation "GCV" (iv) local EM-algorithm, "EM" (which is very slow) and (v) a modified version of the ML, "ML-1" which produce identical results with "EM" but faster.

The function `pb()` fits a P-spline smoother.

The function `pbm()` fits a monotonic (going up or down) P-spline smoother.

The function `pbc()` fits a P-spline smoother where the beginning and end are the same.

The `pvc()` fits a varying coefficient model.

Note that the local (or performance iterations) methods can occasionally make the convergence of `gamlss` less stable compared to models where the degrees of freedom are fixed.

### Value

the vector `x` is returned, endowed with a number of attributes. The vector itself is used in the construction of the model matrix, while the attributes are needed for the backfitting algorithms `additive.fit()`.

### Warning

There are occasions where the automatic local methods do not work. One accusation which came to our attention is when the range of the response variable values is very large. Scaling the response variable will solve the problem.

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### See Also

[gamlss](#), [gamlss.ps](#), [cs](#)

### Examples

```
#=====
# pb() and ps() functions
data(aids)
# fitting a smoothing cubic spline with 7 degrees of freedom
# plus the a quarterly effect
aids1<-gamlss(y~ps(x,df=7)+qrt,data=aids,family=P0) # fix df's
aids2<-gamlss(y~pb(x,df=7)+qrt,data=aids,family=P0) # fix df's
aids3<-gamlss(y~pb(x)+qrt,data=aids,family=P0) # estimate lambda
with(aids, plot(x,y))
with(aids, lines(x,fitted(aids1),col="red"))
with(aids, lines(x,fitted(aids2),col="green"))
with(aids, lines(x,fitted(aids3),col="yellow"))
rm(aids1, aids2, aids3)
#=====
## Not run:
# pbc()
# simulate data
set.seed(555)
x = seq(0, 1, length = 100)
y = sign(cos(1 * x * 2 * pi + pi / 4)) + rnorm(length(x)) * 0.2
plot(y~x)
m1<-gamlss(y~pbc(x))
lines(fitted(m1)~x)
rm(y,x,m1)
#=====
# the pvc() function
# function to generate data
genData <- function(n=200)
{
f1 <- function(x)-60+15*x-0.10*x^2
f2 <- function(x)-120+10*x+0.08*x^2
```

```

set.seed(1441)
x1 <- runif(n/2, min=0, max=55)
x2 <- runif(n/2, min=0, max=55)
y1 <- f1(x1)+rNO(n=n/2,mu=0,sigma=20)
y2 <- f2(x2)+rNO(n=n/2,mu=0,sigma=30)
y <- c(y1,y2)
x <- c(x1,x2)
f <- gl(2,n/2)
da<-data.frame(y,x,f)
da
}
da<-genData(500)
plot(y~x, data=da, pch=21,bg=c("gray","yellow3")[unclass(f)])
# fitting models
# smoothing x
m1 <- gamlss(y~pb(x), data=da)
# parallel smoothing lines
m2 <- gamlss(y~pb(x)+f, data=da)
# linear interaction
m3 <- gamlss(y~pb(x)+f*x, data=da)
# varying coefficient model
m4 <- gamlss(y~pvc(x, by=f), data=da)
GAIC(m1,m2,m3,m4)
# plotting the fit
lines(fitted(m4)[da$f==1][order(da$x[da$f==1])~da$x[da$f==1]
      [order(da$x[da$f==1])], col="blue", lwd=2)
lines(fitted(m4)[da$f==2][order(da$x[da$f==2])~da$x[da$f==2]
      [order(da$x[da$f==2])], col="red", lwd=2)
rm(da,m1,m2,m3,m4)
#=====
# the rent data
# first with a factor
data(rent)
plot(R~F1, data=rent, pch=21,bg=c("gray","blue")[unclass(rent$B)])
r1 <- gamlss(R~pb(F1), data=rent)
# identical to model
r11 <- gamlss(R~pvc(F1), data=rent)
# now with the factor
r2 <- gamlss(R~pvc(F1, by=B), data=rent)
lines(fitted(r2)[rent$B==1][order(rent$F1[rent$B==1])~rent$F1[rent$B==1]
      [order(rent$F1[rent$B==1])], col="blue", lwd=2)
lines(fitted(r2)[rent$B==0][order(rent$F1[rent$B==0])~rent$F1[rent$B==0]
      [order(rent$F1[rent$B==0])], col="red", lwd=2)
# probably not very sensible model
rm(r1,r11,r2)
#-----
# now with a continuous variable
# additive model
h1 <-gamlss(R~pb(F1)+pb(A), data=rent)
# varying-coefficient model
h2 <-gamlss(R~pb(F1)+pb(A)+pvc(A,by=F1), data=rent)
AIC(h1,h2)
rm(h1,h2)

```

```

#-----
# monotone function
set.seed(1334)
x = seq(0, 1, length = 100)
p = 0.4
y = sin(2 * pi * p * x) + rnorm(100) * 0.1
plot(y~x)
m1 <- gamlss(y~pbm(x))
points(fitted(m1)~x, col="red")
yy <- -y
plot(yy~x)
m2 <- gamlss(yy~pbm(x, mono="down"))
points(fitted(m2)~x, col="red")
#=====
# the pbz() function
# creating uncorrelated data
set.seed(123)
y<-rNO(100)
x<-1:100
plot(y~x)
#-----
# ML estimation
m1<-gamlss(y~pbz(x))
m2 <-gamlss(y~pb(x))
AIC(m1,m2)
op <- par( mfrow=c(1,2))
term.plot(m1, partial=T)
term.plot(m2, partial=T)
par(op)
# GAIC estimation
m11<-gamlss(y~pbz(x, method="GAIC", k=2))
m21 <-gamlss(y~pb(x, method="GAIC", k=2))
AIC(m11,m21)
op <- par( mfrow=c(1,2))
term.plot(m11, partial=T)
term.plot(m21, partial=T)
par(op)
# GCV estimation
m12<-gamlss(y~pbz(x, method="GCV"))
m22 <-gamlss(y~pb(x, method="GCV"))
AIC(m12,m22)
op <- par( mfrow=c(1,2))
term.plot(m12, partial=T)
term.plot(m22, partial=T)
par(op)
# fixing df is more tricky since df are the extra df
m13<-gamlss(y~pbz(x, df=0))
m23 <-gamlss(y~pb(x, df=0))
AIC(m13,m23)
# here the second penalty is not take effect therefore identical results
m14<-gamlss(y~pbz(x, df=1))
m24 <-gamlss(y~pb(x, df=1))
AIC(m14,m24)

```

```

# fixing lambda
m15<-gamlss(y~pbz(x, lambda=1000))
m25 <-gamlss(y~pb(x, lambda=1000))
AIC(m15,m25)
#-----
# prediction
m1<-gamlss(y~pbz(x), data=data.frame(y,x))
m2 <-gamlss(y~pb(x), data=data.frame(y,x))
AIC(m1,m2)
predict(m1, newdata=data.frame(x=c(80, 90, 100, 110)))
predict(m2, newdata=data.frame(x=c(80, 90, 100, 110)))
#-----

## End(Not run)

```

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Q.stats

*A function to calculate the Q-statistics*


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### Description

This function calculates and prints the Q-statistics (or Z-statistics) which are useful to test normality of the residuals within a range of an independent variable, for example age in centile estimation, see Royston and Wright (2000).

### Usage

```

Q.stats(obj = NULL, xvar = NULL, resid = NULL, xcut.points = NULL, n.inter = 10,
        zvals = TRUE, save = TRUE, plot = TRUE, digits.xvar = getOption("digits"),
        ...)

```

### Arguments

obj	a GAMLSS object
xvar	a unique explanatory variable
resid	quantile or standardised residuals can be given here instead of a GAMLSS object in obj. In this case the function behaves differently (see details below)
xcut.points	the x-axis cut off points e.g. c(20, 30). If xcut.points=NULL then the n.inter argument is activated
n.inter	if xcut.points=NULL this argument gives the number of intervals in which the x-variable will be split, with default 10
zvals	if TRUE the output matrix contains the individual Z-statistics rather than the Q statistics
save	whether to save the Q-statistics or not with default equal to TRUE. In this case the functions produce a matrix giving individual Q (or z) statistics and the final aggregate Q's
plot	whether to plot a visual version of the Q statistics (default is TRUE)
digits.xvar	to control the number of digits of the xvar in the plot
...	for extra arguments



## Details

Note that the function `Q.stats` behaves differently depending whether the `obj` or the `resid` argument is set. The `obj` argument produces the Q-statistics (or Z-statistics) table appropriate for centile estimation (therefore it expect a reasonable large number of observations). The argument `resid` allows any model residuals, (not necessary GAMLSS), suitable standardised and is appropriate for any size of data. The resulting table contains only the individuals Z-statistics.

## Value

A table containing the Q-statistics or Z-statistics. If `plot=TRUE` it produces also an graphical representation of the table.

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## See Also

[gamlss](#), [centiles.split](#), [wp](#)

## Examples

```
data(abdom)
h<-gamlss(y~pb(x), sigma.formula=~pb(x), family=BCT, data=abdom)
Q.stats(h,xvar=abdom$x,n.inter=8)
Q.stats(h,xvar=abdom$x,n.inter=8,zvals=FALSE)
Q.stats(resid=resid(h), xvar=abdom$x, n.inter=5)
rm(h)
```

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 quantSheets

*Quantile Sheets*


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### Description

The quantile sheets function `quantSheets()` is based on the work of Sabine Schnabe and Paul Eiler (see references below). The estimation of the quantile curves is done simultaneously by also smoothing in the direction of  $y$  as well as  $x$ . This avoids (but do not eliminate completely) the problem of crossing quantiles.

### Usage

```
quantSheets(y, x, x.lambda = 1, p.lambda = 1, data = NULL,
            cent = 100 * pnorm((-4:4) * 2/3),
            control = quantSheets.control(...), print = TRUE, ...)
```

```
quantSheets.control(x.inter = 10, p.inter = 10, degree = 3, logit = FALSE,
                   order = 2, kappa = 0, n.cyc = 100, c.crit = 1e-05, plot = TRUE,
                   power = NULL, ...)
```

```
findPower(y, x, data = NULL, lim.trans = c(0, 1.5), prof = FALSE,
          k = 2, c.crit = 0.01, step = 0.1)
```

```
z.scoresQS(object, y, x, plot = FALSE, tol = NULL)
```

### Arguments

<code>y</code>	the $y$ variable
<code>x</code>	the $x$ variable
<code>x.lambda</code>	smoothing parameter in the direction of $x$
<code>p.lambda</code>	smoothing parameter in the direction of $y$ (probabilities)
<code>data</code>	the data frame
<code>cent</code>	the centile values where the quantile sheets is evaluated
<code>control</code>	for the parameters controlling the algorithm
<code>print</code>	whether to print the sample percentages
<code>x.inter</code>	number of intervals in the $x$ direction for the B-splines
<code>p.inter</code>	number of intervals in the probabilities ( $y$ -direction) for the B-splines
<code>degree</code>	the degree for the B-splines
<code>logit</code>	whether to use <code>logit(p)</code> instead of <code>p</code> (probabilities) for the $y$ -axis
<code>order</code>	the order of the penalty
<code>kappa</code>	is a ridge parameter set to zero (for no ridge effect)
<code>n.cyc</code>	number of cycles of the algorithm

c.crit	convergence criterion of the algorithm
plot	whether to plot the resulting quantile sheets
power	The value of the power transformation in the x axis if needed
lim.trans	the limits for looking for the power transformation parameter using <code>findPower()</code>
prof	whether to use the profile GAIC or <code>optim()</code> to the parameter the power transformation
k	the GAIC penalty
step	the steps for the profile GAIC if the argument <code>prof</code> of <code>findPower()</code> is TRUE
object	a fitted <code>quantSheets</code> object
tol	how far out from the range of the y variable should go for estimating the distribution of y using the <code>flexDist()</code> function
...	for further arguments

### Details

The advantage of quantile sheets is that they estimates simultaneously all the quantiles. This almost eliminates the problem of crossing quantiles. The method is very fast and useful for exploratory tool. The function needs two smoothing parameters. Those two parameters have to specified by the user. They are *not* estimated automatically. They can be selected by visual inspection.

The disadvantages of quantile sheets comes from the fact that like all non-parametric techniques do not have a goodness of fit measure to change how good is the models and the residuals based diagnostics are not existence since it is difficult to define residuals in this set up.

In this implementation we do provide residuals by using the `flexDist()` function from package **gamlss.dist**. This is based on the idea that by knowing the quantiles of the distribution we can reconstruct non parametrically the distribution itself and this is what `flexDist()` is doing. As a word of caution, such a construct is based on several assumptions and depends on several smoothing parameters. Treat those residuals with caution. The same caution should apply to the function `z.scoresQS()`.

### Value

Using the function `quantSheets()` a `quantSheets` object is returned having the following methods: `print()`, `fitted()`, `predict()` and `resid()`.

Using `findPower()` a single values of the power parameter is returned.

Using `z.scoresQS` a vector of z-scores is returned.

### Author(s)

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(see also <http://www.gamlss.org/>).

### See Also

[lms](#): for a parametric equivalent results.

### Examples

```
data(abdom)
m1 <- quantSheets(y,x, data=abdom)
head(fitted(m1))
p1 <- predict(m1, newdata=c(20,30,40))
matpoints(c(20,30,40), p1)
z.scoresQS(m1,y=c(150, 300),x=c(20, 30) )
# If we needed a power transformation not appropriate for this data
findPower(y,x, data=abdom)
```

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random

*Specify a random intercept model in a GAMLSS formula*

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### Description

They are two functions for fitting random effects within a GAMLSS model, `random()` and `re()`.

The function `random()` is based on the original `random()` function of Trevor Hastie in the package `gam`. In our version the function has been modified to allow a "local" maximum likelihood estimation of the smoothing parameter `lambda`. This method is equivalent to the PQL method of Breslow and Clayton (1993) applied at the local iterations of the algorithm. In fact for a GLM model and a simple random effect it is equivalent to `glmmPQL()` function in the package `MASS` see Venables and Ripley (2002). Venables and Ripley (2002) claimed that this iterative method was first introduced by Schall (1991). Note that in order for the "local" maximum likelihood estimation procedure to operate both argument `df` and `lambda` has to be `NULL`.

The function `re()` is an interface for calling the `lme()` function of the package `nlme`. This gives the user the ability to fit complicated random effect models while the assumption of the normal distribution for the response variable is relaxed. The theoretical justification comes again from the fact that this is a PQL method, Breslow and Clayton (1993).

### Usage

```
random(x, df = NULL, lambda = NULL, start=10)
```

```
re(fixed = ~1, random = NULL, correlation = NULL, method = "ML", ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	a factor
df	the target degrees of freedom
lambda	the smoothing parameter lambda which can be viewed as a shrinkage parameter.
start	starting value for lambda if local Maximul likelihood is used.
fixed	a formula specify the fixed effects of the lme() model. This, in most cases can be also included in the gamlss parameter formula
random	a formula or list specufying the random effect part of the model as in lme() function
correlation	the correlation structure of the lme() model
method	which method, "ML" (the default), or "REML"
...	this can be used to pass arguments for lmeControl()

**Details**

The function random() can be seen as a smoother for use with factors in gamlss(). It allows the fitted values for a factor predictor to be shrunk towards the overall mean, where the amount of shrinking depends either on lambda, or on the equivalent degrees of freedom or on the estimated sigma parameter (default). Similar in spirit to smoothing splines, this fitting method can be justified on Bayesian grounds or by a random effects model. Note that the behavior of the function is different from the original Hastie function. Here the function behaves as follows: i) if both df and lambda are NULL then the PQL method is used ii) if lambda is not NULL, lambda is used for fitting iii) if lambda is NULL and df is not NULL then df is used for fitting.

Since factors are coded by model.matrix() into a set of contrasts, care has been taken to add an appropriate "contrast" attribute to the output of random(). This zero contrast results in a column of zeros in the model matrix, which is aliased with any column and is hence ignored.

The use of the function re() requires knowledge of the use of the function lme() of the package **nlme** for the specification of the appropriate random effect model. Some care should betaken whether the data set is

**Value**

x is returned with class "smooth", with an attribute named "call" which is to be evaluated in the backfitting additive.fit() called by gamlss()

**Author(s)**

For re() Mikis Stasinopoulos and Marco Enea and for random() Trevor Hastie (amended by Mikis Stasinopoulos),

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### See Also

[gamlss](#), [gamlss.random](#)

### Examples

```
#----- Example 1 from Pinheiro and Bates (2000) page 15-----
# bring nlme
library(nlme)
data(ergoStool)
# lme model
l1<-lme(effort~Type, data=ergoStool, random=~1|Subject, method="ML")
# use random()
t1<-gamlss(effort~Type+random(Subject), data=ergoStool )
# use re() with fixed effect within re()
t2<-gamlss(effort~re(fixed=~Type, random=~1|Subject), data=ergoStool )
# use re() with fixed effect in gamlss formula
t3<-gamlss(effort~Type+re(random=~1|Subject), data=ergoStool )
# compare lme fitted values with random
plot(fitted(l1), fitted(t1))
# compare lme fitted values with random
plot(fitted(l1), fitted(t2))
lines(fitted(l1), fitted(t3), col=2)
# getting the fitted coefficients
getSmo(t2)
#-----
## Not run:
#-----Example 2 Hodges data-----
data(hodges)
plot(prind~state, data=hodges)
m1<- gamlss(prind~random(state), sigma.fo=~random(state), nu.fo=~random(state),
            tau.fo=~random(state), family=BCT, data=hodges)
m2<- gamlss(prind~re(random=~1|state), sigma.fo=~re(random=~1|state),
            nu.fo=~re(random=~1|state), tau.fo=~re(random=~1|state), family=BCT,
            data=hodges)
# comparing the fitted effective degrees of freedom
m1$mu.df
```

```

m2$mu.df
m1$sigma.df
m2$sigma.df
m1$nu.df
m2$nu.df
m1$tau.df
m2$tau.df
# random effect for tau is not needed
m3<- gamlss(prind~random(state), sigma.fo=~random(state), nu.fo=~random(state),
            family=BCT, data=hodges, start.from=m1)
plot(m3)
# term plots work for random but not at the moment for re()
op <- par(mfrow=c(2,2))
term.plot(m3, se=TRUE)
term.plot(m3, se=TRUE, what="sigma")
term.plot(m3, se=TRUE, what="nu")
par(op)
# getting information from a fitted lme object
coef(getSmo(m2))
ranef(getSmo(m2))
VarCorr(getSmo(m2))
summary(getSmo(m2))
intervals(getSmo(m2))
fitted(getSmo(m2))
fixef(getSmo(m2))
# plotting
plot(getSmo(m2))
qqnorm(getSmo(m2))
#-----Example 3 from Pinheiro and Bates (2000) page 42-----
data(Pixel)
l1 <- lme(pixel~ day+I(day^2), data=Pixel, random=list(Dog=~day, Side=~1),
          method="ML")
# this will fail
#t1<-gamlss(pixel~re(fixed=~day+I(day^2), random=list(Dog=~day, Side=~1)),
#           data=Pixel)
# but this is working
t1<-gamlss(pixel~re(fixed=~day+I(day^2), random=list(Dog=~day, Side=~1),
              opt="optim"), data=Pixel)
plot(fitted(l1)~fitted(t1))
#-----Example 4 from Pinheiro and Bates (2000)page 146-----
data(Orthodont)
l1 <- lme(distance~ I(age-11), data=Orthodont, random=~I(age-11)|Subject,
          method="ML")

t1<-gamlss(distance~I(age-11)+re(random=~I(age-11)|Subject), data=Orthodont)
plot(fitted(l1)~fitted(t1))
# checking the model
plot(t1)
wp(t1, ylim.all=2)
# two observation fat try LO
t2<-gamlss(distance~I(age-11)+re(random=~I(age-11)|Subject, opt="optim",
                               numIter=100), data=Orthodont, family=LO)
plot(t2)

```

```

wp(t2,ylim.all=2)
# a bit better but not satisfactory Note that 3 parameters distributions fail
#-----example 5 from Venable and Ripley (2002)-----
library(MASS)
data(bacteria)
summary(glmPQL(y ~ trt + I(week > 2), random = ~ 1 | ID,
              family = binomial, data = bacteria))
s1 <- gamlss(y ~ trt + I(week > 2)+random(ID), family = BI, data = bacteria)
s2 <- gamlss(y ~ trt + I(week > 2)+re(random=~1|ID), family = BI,
            data = bacteria)
s3 <- gamlss(y ~ trt + I(week > 2)+re(random=~1|ID, method="REML"), family = BI,
            data = bacteria)
# the estimate of the random effect sd sigma_b
sqrt(getSmo(s1)$tau2)
getSmo(s2)
getSmo(s3)
#-----Example 6 from Pinheiro and Bates (2000) page 239-244-----
# using corAR1()
data(Ovary)
# AR1
l1 <- lme(follicles~sin(2*pi*Time)+cos(2*pi*Time), data=Ovary,
         random=pdDiag(~sin(2*pi*Time)), correlation=corAR1())
# ARMA
l2 <- lme(follicles~sin(2*pi*Time)+cos(2*pi*Time), data=Ovary,
         random=pdDiag(~sin(2*pi*Time)), correlation=corARMA(q=2))
# now gamlss
# AR1
t1 <- gamlss(follicles~re(fixed=~sin(2*pi*Time)+cos(2*pi*Time),
                       random=pdDiag(~sin(2*pi*Time)),
                       correlation=corAR1()), data=Ovary)
plot(fitted(l1)~fitted(t1))
# ARMA
t2 <- gamlss(follicles~re(fixed=~sin(2*pi*Time)+cos(2*pi*Time),
                       random=pdDiag(~sin(2*pi*Time)),
                       correlation=corARMA(q=2)), data=Ovary)
plot(fitted(l2)~fitted(t2))
AIC(t1,t2)
wp(t2, ylim.all=1)
#-----

## End(Not run)

```

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refit

*Refit a GAMLSS model*


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### Description

This function refits a GAMLSS model. It is useful when the algorithm has not converged after 20 outer iteration (the default value)



**Usage**

```
refit(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	a GAMLSS fitted model which has not converged
...	for extra arguments

**Details**

This function is useful when the iterations have reach the maximum value set by the code(n.cyc) of the `gamlss.control` function and the model has not converged yet

**Value**

Returns a GAMLSS fitted model

**Note**

The function `update` does a very similar job

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(see also <http://www.gamlss.org/>).

**See Also**

[gamlss](#), [update.gamlss](#)

**Examples**

```
data(aids)
h<-gamlss(y~poly(x,3)+qrt, family=P0, data=aids) #
refit(h)
rm(h)
```

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residuals.gamlss      *Extract Residuals from GAMLSS model*

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### Description

residuals.gamlss is the GAMLSS specific method for the generic function residuals which extracts the residuals for a fitted model. The abbreviated form resid is an alias for residuals.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'gamlss'
residuals(object, what = c("z-scores", "mu", "sigma", "nu", "tau"),
           type = c("simple", "weighted", "partial"),
           terms=NULL, ...)
```

### Arguments

object	a GAMLSS fitted model
what	specify whether the standardized residuals are required, called here the "z-scores", or residuals for a specific parameter
type	the type of residual if residuals for a parameter are required
terms	if type is "partial" this specifies which term is required
...	for extra arguments

### Details

The "z-scores" residuals saved in a GAMLSS object are the normalized (randomized) quantile residuals (see Dunn and Smyth, 1996). Randomization is only needed for the discrete family distributions, see also [rqres.plot](#). Residuals for a specific parameter can be "simple" = (working variable - linear predictor), "weighted" =  $\sqrt{\text{working weights}} \times (\text{working variable} - \text{linear predictor})$  or "partial" = (working variable - linear predictor) + contribution of specific terms.

### Value

a vector or a matrix of the appropriate residuals of a GAMLSS model. Note that when weights are used in the fitting the length of the residuals can be different from N the length of the fitted values. Observations with weights equal to zero are not appearing in the residuals. Also observations with frequencies as weights will appear more than once according to their frequencies.

### Note

The "weighted" residuals of a specified parameter can be zero and one if the square of first derivative have been used in the fitting of this parameter

### Author(s)

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## References

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## See Also

[print.gamlss](#), [summary.gamlss](#), [fitted.gamlss](#), [coef.gamlss](#), [residuals.gamlss](#), [update.gamlss](#), [plot.gamlss](#), [deviance.gamlss](#), [formula.gamlss](#)

## Examples

```
data(aids)
h<-gamlss(y~poly(x,3)+qrt, family=NBI, data=aids) #
plot(aids$x,resid(h))
plot(aids$x,resid(h,"sigma") )
rm(h)
```

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 ri

*Specify ridge or lasso Regression within a GAMLSS Formula*

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## Description

The function `ri()` allow the user to fit a ridge regression within GAMLSS. It allows the coefficients of a set of explanatory variables to be shrunk towards zero. The amount of shrinking depends either on lambda, or on the equivalent degrees of freedom (df). The type of shrinking depends on the argument `Lp` see example.

## Usage

```
ri(X, df = NULL, lambda = NULL, method = c("ML", "GAIC"),
  order = 0, start = 10, Lp = 2, kappa = 1e-05,
  iter = 100, c.crit = 1e-06, k = 2)
```

## Arguments

X	A matrix of explanatory variables X which is standardised (mean=0, sd=1) automatically
df	the effective degrees of freedom df
lambda	the smoothing parameter lambda

method	which method is used for the estimation of the smoothing parameter, ‘ML’ or ‘GAIC’ are allowed.
order	the order of the difference applied to the coefficients with default zero. (Do not change this unless there is some ordering in the explanatory variables.)
start	starting value for lambda if it estimated using ‘ML’ or ‘GAIC’
Lp	The type of penalty required, Lp=2 a proper ridge regression is the default. Use codeLp=1 for lasso and different values for different penalties.
kappa	a regulation parameters used for the weights in the penalties.
iter	the number of internal iteration allowed see details.
c.crit	c.crit is the convergent criterion
k	k is the penalty if ‘GAIC’ method is used.

### Details

This implementation of ridge and related regressions is based on an idea of Paul Eilers which used weights in the penalty matrix. The type of weights are defined by the argument Lp. Lp=2 is the standard ridge regression, Lp=1 fits a lasso regression while Lp=0 allows a "best subset" regression see Hastie et al (2009) page 71.

### Value

x is returned with class "smooth", with an attribute named "call" which is to be evaluated in the backfitting additive.fit() called by gamlss()

### Author(s)

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- (see also <http://www.gamlss.org/>).

### See Also

[gamlss](#)

**Examples**

```

# USAIR DATA
X<-with(usair, cbind(x1,x2,x3,x4,x5,x6))
# standarise data 1-----
sX<-scale(X)
# ridge
m1<- gamlss(y~ri(sX), data=usair)
# lasso
m2<- gamlss(y~ri(sX, Lp=1), data=usair)
# best subset
m3<- gamlss(y~ri(sX, Lp=0), data=usair)
#----- plotting the coefficients
op <- par(mfrow=c(3,1))
plot(getSmo(m1)) #
plot(getSmo(m2))
plot(getSmo(m3))
par(op)

```

rqres.plot

*Plotting Randomized Quantile Residuals***Description**

This function plots worm plots, van Buuren and Fredriks M. (2001), or QQ-plots of the normalized randomized quantile residuals (Dunn and Smyth, 1996) for a model using a discrete GAMLSS family distribution.

**Usage**

```

rqres.plot(obj = NULL, howmany = 6, plot = c("all", "average"),
           type = c("wp", "QQ"), ...)

```

**Arguments**

obj	a fitted GAMLSS model object from a "discrete" type of family
howmany	The number of QQ-plots required up to ten i.e. howmany=6
plot	whether to plot all plots all the residual realisations "all" or just the mean "average"
type	whether to plot worm plots "wp" or QQ plots "QQ" with default worm plots
...	for extra arguments tp be passed to wp()

**Details**

For discrete family distributions, the `gamlss()` function saves on exit one realization of randomized quantile residuals which can be plotted using the generic function `plot` which calls the `plot.gamlss`. Looking at only one realization can be misleading, so the current function creates QQ-plots for several realizations. The function allows up to 10 QQ-plots to be plotted. Occasionally one wishes

to create a lot of realizations and then take a median of them (separately for each ordered value) to create a single median realization. The option `all` in combinations with the option `howmany` creates a QQ-plot of the medians of the normalized randomized quantile residuals. These 'median' randomized quantile residuals can be saved using the option `(save=TRUE)`.

### Value

If `save` is TRUE then the vector of the median residuals is saved.

### Author(s)

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### References

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### See Also

[plot.gamlss](#), [gamlss](#)

### Examples

```
data(aids) # fitting a model from a discrete distribution
h<-gamlss(y~pb(x)+qrt, family=NBI, data=aids) #
plot(h)
# plot qq- plots from 6 realization of the randomized quantile residuals
rqres.plot(h)
# a qq-plot from the medians from 40 realizations
rqres.plot(h,howmany=40,plot="average") #
```

Rsq

*Generalised (Pseudo) R-squared for GAMLSS models***Description**

This function gives the generalised R-squared of Nagelkerke (1991) for a GAMLSS model.

**Usage**

```
Rsq(object, type = c("Cox Snell", "Cragg Uhler", "both"))
```

**Arguments**

object	a GAMLSS object
type	which definition of R squared. Can be the "Cox Snell" or the Nagelkerke, "Cragg Uhler" or "both".

**Details**

The Rsq() function uses the definition for R-squared:

$$R^2 = 1 - \left( \frac{L(0)}{L(\hat{\theta})} \right)^{2/n}$$

where  $L(0)$  is the null model (only a constant is fitted to all parameters) and  $L(\hat{\theta})$  is the current fitted model. This definition sometimes is referred to as the Cox & Snell R-squared. The Nagelkerke /Cragg & Uhler's definition divides the above with

$$1 - L(0)^{2/n}$$

**Value**

The Rsq() produces a single value if type="Cox Snell" or "Cragg Uhler" and a list if type="both".

**Note**

The null model is fitted using the function gamlssML() which can create warning messages

**Author(s)**

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(see also <http://www.gamlss.org/>).

## See Also

[GAIC](#)

## Examples

```
data(aids)
m1 <- gamlss(y~x+qrt, data=aids, family=NBI)
Rsqr(m1)
Rsqr(m1, type="both")
rm(m1)
```

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rvcov

*Robust Variance-Covariance matrix of the parameters from a fitted GAMLSS model*

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## Description

The function `rvcov()` is design for providing robust standard errors for the parameters estimates of a GAMLSS fitted model. The same result can be achieved by using `vcov(fitted_model, robust=TRUE)`. The function `get.K()` gets the  $K$  matrix (see details below).

## Usage

```
rvcov(object, type = c("vcov", "cor", "se", "coef", "all"),
      hessian.fun = c("R", "PB") )
get.K(object, what = c("K", "Deriv"))
```

## Arguments

<code>object</code>	a GAMLSS fitted object
<code>type</code>	this argument for <code>rvcov()</code> function whether variance-covariance matrix, correlation matrix, standard errors or all of them
<code>what</code>	this an argument for the function <code>ket.K()</code> allowing to get either $K$ or the first derivative of the likelihood with respect to the parameters (the $\beta$ 's in the GAMLSS notation).
<code>hessian.fun</code>	How to obtain numerically the Hessian i) using <code>optimHess()</code> , option "R" ii) using a function by Pinheiro and Bates taken from package <code>nLme</code> , option "PB".



## Details

The robust standard errors are calculated for the robust sandwich estimator of the variance-covariance given by  $S = VKV$  where  $V$  is the standard variance-covariance matrix (the inverse of the information matrix) and  $K$  is an estimate of the variance of the first derivatives of the likelihood. The function `get.K()` is used to get the required  $K$  matrix.

## Value

A variance covariance matrix or other relevant output

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- (see also <http://www.gamlss.org/>).

## See Also

[vcov](#), [~~~](#)

## Examples

```
# generate from a gamma distribution
Y <- rGA(200, mu=1, sigma=2)
hist(Y)
# fitting the wrong model i.e. sigma=1
m1 <- gamlss(Y~1, family=EXP)
# the conventional se is too precise
vcov(m1, type="se")
# the sandwich se is wider
rvcov(m1, type="se")
# fitting the correct model
m2 <- gamlss(Y~1, family=GA)
vcov(m2, type="se")
rvcov(m2, type="se")
# similar standard errors
# also obtained using
vcov(m2, type="se", robust=TRUE)
```

**Description**

The function `stepGAIC()` performs stepwise model selection using a Generalized Akaike Information Criterion (GAIC). It is based on the function `stepAIC()` given in the library MASS of Venables and Ripley (2002). The function has been changed recently to allow parallel computation. The parallel computations are similar to the ones performed in the function `boot()` of the **boot** package. Note that since version 4.3-5 of **gamlss** the `stepGAIC()` do not have the option of using the function `stepGAIC.CH` through the argument `additive`.

Note that `stepGAIC()` is relying to the `dropterm()` and `addterm()` methods applied to **gamlss** objects. `drop1()` and `add1()` are equivalent methods to the `dropterm()` and `addterm()` respectively but with different default arguments (see the examples).

The function `stepGAIC.VR()` is the old version of `stepGAIC()` with no parallel computations.

The function `stepGAIC.CH` is based on the S function `step.gam()` (see Chambers and Hastie (1991)) and it is more suited for model with smoothing additive terms when the degrees of freedom for smoothing are fixed in advance. This is something which rarely used these days, as most of the smoothing functions allow the calculations of the smoothing parameter, see for example the additive function `pb()`.

The functions `stepGAIC.VR()` and `stepGAIC.CH()` have been adapted to work with **gamlss** objects and the main difference is the `scope` argument, see below.

While the functions `stepGAIC()` is used to build models for individual parameters of the distribution of the response variable, the functions `stepGAICAll.A()` and `stepGAICAll.B()` are building models for all the parameters.

The functions `stepGAICAll.A()` and `stepGAICAll.B()` are based on the `stepGAIC()` function but use different strategies for selecting a appropriate final model.

`stepGAICAll.A()` has the following strategy:

Strategy A:

- i) build a model for  $\mu$  using a forward approach.
- ii) given the model for  $\mu$  build a model for  $\sigma$  (forward)
- iii) given the models for  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$  build a model for  $\nu$  (forward)
- iv) given the models for  $\mu$ ,  $\sigma$  and  $\nu$  build a model for  $\tau$  (forward)
- v) given the models for  $\mu$ ,  $\sigma$ ,  $\nu$  and  $\tau$  check whether the terms for  $\nu$  are needed using backward elimination.
- vi) given the models for  $\mu$ ,  $\sigma$ ,  $\nu$  and  $\tau$  check whether the terms for  $\sigma$  are needed (backward).
- vii) given the models for  $\mu$ ,  $\sigma$ ,  $\nu$  and  $\tau$  check whether the terms for  $\mu$  are needed (backward).

Note for this strategy to work the `scope` argument should be set appropriately.

stepGAICAll.B() uses the same procedure as the function stepGAIC() but each term in the scope is fitted to all the parameters of the distribution, rather than the one specified by the argument what of stepGAIC(). The stepGAICAll.B() relies on the add1All() and drop1All() functions for the selection of variables.

## Usage

```
stepGAIC(object, scope, direction = c("both", "backward", "forward"),
  trace = T, keep = NULL, steps = 1000, scale = 0,
  what = c("mu", "sigma", "nu", "tau"), parameter= NULL, k = 2,
  parallel = c("no", "multicore", "snow"), ncpus = 1L, cl = NULL,
  ...)
```

```
stepGAIC.VR(object, scope, direction = c("both", "backward", "forward"),
  trace = T, keep = NULL, steps = 1000, scale = 0,
  what = c("mu", "sigma", "nu", "tau"), parameter= NULL, k = 2,
  ...)
```

```
stepGAIC.CH(object, scope = gamlss.scope(model.frame(object)),
  direction = c("both", "backward", "forward"), trace = T,
  keep = NULL, steps = 1000, what = c("mu", "sigma", "nu", "tau"),
  parameter= NULL, k = 2, ...)
```

```
stepGAICAll.A(object, scope = NULL, sigma.scope = NULL, nu.scope = NULL,
  tau.scope = NULL, mu.try = TRUE, sigma.try = TRUE,
  nu.try = TRUE, tau.try = TRUE,
  parallel = c("no", "multicore", "snow"), ncpus = 1L,
  cl = NULL, ...)
```

```
stepGAICAll.B(object, scope, direction = c("both", "backward", "forward"),
  trace = T, keep = NULL, steps = 1000, scale = 0, k = 2,
  parallel = c("no", "multicore", "snow"), ncpus = 1L,
  cl = NULL, ...)
```

```
drop1All(object, scope, test = c("Chisq", "none"), k = 2, sorted = FALSE,
  trace = FALSE, parallel = c("no", "multicore", "snow"),
  ncpus = 1L, cl = NULL, ...)
```

```
add1All(object, scope, test = c("Chisq", "none"), k = 2, sorted = FALSE,
  trace = FALSE, parallel = c("no", "multicore", "snow"),
  ncpus = 1L, cl = NULL, ...)
```

## Arguments

**object** an `gamlss` object. This is used as the initial model in the stepwise search.

scope	defines the range of models examined in the stepwise search. For the function <code>stepAIC()</code> this should be either a single formula, or a list containing components upper and lower, both formulae. See the details for how to specify the formulae and how they are used. For the function <code>stepGAIC</code> the scope defines the range of models examined in the step-wise search. It is a list of formulas, with each formula corresponding to a term in the model. A 1 in the formula allows the additional option of leaving the term out of the model entirely. +
direction	the mode of stepwise search, can be one of both, backward, or forward, with a default of both. If the scope argument is missing the default for direction is backward.
trace	if positive, information is printed during the running of <code>stepAIC</code> . Larger values may give more information on the fitting process.
keep	a filter function whose input is a fitted model object and the associated 'AIC' statistic, and whose output is arbitrary. Typically 'keep' will select a subset of the components of the object and return them. The default is not to keep anything.
steps	the maximum number of steps to be considered. The default is 1000 (essentially as many as required). It is typically used to stop the process early.
scale	scale is not used in <code>gamlss</code>
what	which distribution parameter is required, default <code>what="mu"</code>
parameter	equivalent to <code>what</code>
k	the multiple of the number of degrees of freedom used for the penalty. Only 'k = 2' gives the genuine AIC: 'k = log(n)' is sometimes referred to as BIC or SBC.
parallel	The type of parallel operation to be used (if any). If missing, the default is "no".
ncpus	integer: number of processes to be used in parallel operation: typically one would choose this to the number of available CPUs.
cl	An optional parallel or snow cluster for use if <code>parallel = "snow"</code> . If not supplied, a cluster on the local machine is created for the duration of the call.
sigma.scope	scope for sigma if different to scope in <code>stepGAICAll.A()</code>
nu.scope	scope for nu if different to scope in <code>stepGAICAll.A()</code>
tau.scope	scope for tau if different to scope in <code>stepGAICAll.A()</code>
mu.try	The default value is TRUE, set to FALSE if no model for mu is needed
sigma.try	The default value is TRUE, set to FALSE if no model for sigma is needed
nu.try	The default value is TRUE, set to FALSE if no model for nu is needed
tau.try	The default value is TRUE, set to FALSE if no model for tau is needed
test	whether to print the chi-square test or not
sorted	whether to sort the results
...	any additional arguments to 'extractAIC'. (None are currently used.)

## Details

The set of models searched is determined by the `scope` argument.

For the function `stepGAIC.VR()` the right-hand-side of its lower component is always included in the model, and right-hand-side of the model is included in the upper component. If `scope` is a single formula, it specifies the upper component, and the lower model is empty. If `scope` is missing, the initial model is used as the upper model.

Models specified by `scope` can be templates to update object as used by `update.formula`.

For the function `stepGAIC.CH()` each of the formulas in `scope` specifies a "regimen" of candidate forms in which the particular term may enter the model. For example, a term formula might be

$$\sim x1 + \log(x1) + cs(x1, df=3)$$

This means that `x1` could either appear linearly, linearly in its logarithm, or as a smooth function estimated non-parametrically. Every term in the model is described by such a term formula, and the final model is built up by selecting a component from each formula.

The function `gamlss.scope` similar to the S `gam.scope()` in Chambers and Hastie (1991) can be used to create automatically term formulae from specified data or model frames.

The supplied model object is used as the starting model, and hence there is the requirement that one term from each of the term formulas of the parameters be present in the formula of the distribution parameter. This also implies that any terms in formula of the distribution parameter not contained in any of the term formulas will be forced to be present in every model considered.

When the smoother used in `gamlss` modelling belongs to the new generation of smoothers allowing the determination of the smoothing parameters automatically (i.e. `pb()`, `cy()`) then the function `stepGAIC.VR()` can be used for model selection (see example below).

## Value

the stepwise-selected model is returned, with up to two additional components. There is an "anova" component corresponding to the steps taken in the search, as well as a "keep" component if the 'keep=' argument was supplied in the call. The "Resid. Dev" column of the analysis of deviance table refers to a constant minus twice the maximized log likelihood

The function `stepGAICAll.A()` returns with a component "anovaAll" containing all the different anova tables used in the process.

## Author(s)

Mikis Stasinopoulos based on functions in MASS library and in Statistical Models in S

## References

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Venables, W. N. and Ripley, B. D. (2002) *Modern Applied Statistics with S*. Fourth edition. Springer.

## See Also

[gamlss.scope](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:
data(usair)
# -----
# null model
mod0<-gamlss(y~1, data=usair, family=GA)
# all the explanatoty variables x1:x6 fitted linearly
mod1<-gamlss(y~., data=usair, family=GA)
#-----
# dropping terms
dropterm(mod1)
# with chi-square information
drop1(mod1)
# for parallel computations use something like
nC <- detectCores()
drop1(mod1, parallel="snow", ncpus=nC)
drop1(mod1, parallel="multicore", ncpus=nC)
#-----
# adding terms
addterm(mod0, scope=as.formula(paste("~", paste(names(usair[-1]),
collapse="+"),sep="")))
# with chi-square information
add1(mod0, scope=as.formula(paste("~", paste(names(usair[-1]),
collapse="+"),sep="")))
# for parallel computations
nC <- detectCores()
add1(mod0, scope=as.formula(paste("~", paste(names(usair[-1]),
collapse="+"),sep="")), parallel="snow", ncpus=nC)
#-----
#-----
# stepGAIC
# find the best subset for the mu
mod2 <- stepGAIC(mod1)
mod2$anova
#-----
# for parallel computations
mod21 <- stepGAIC(mod1, , parallel="snow", ncpus=nC)
#-----
# find the best subset for sigma
mod3<-stepGAIC(mod2, what="sigma", scope=~x1+x2+x3+x4+x5+x6)
mod3$anova
#-----
```

```

# find the best model using pb() smoother
#only three variables are used here for simplicity
mod20<-stepGAIC(mod0, scope=list(lower=~1, upper=~pb(x1)+pb(x2)+pb(x5)))
edf(mod20)
# note that x1 and x2 enter linearly
#-----
#-----
# the stepGAIC.CH function (no parallel here)
# creating a scope from the usair model frame
gs<-gamlss.scope(model.frame(y~x1+x2+x3+x4+x5+x6, data=usair))
gs
mod5<-stepGAIC.CH(mod0,gs)
mod5$anova
#-----
#-----
# now stepGAICAll.A
mod7<-stepGAICAll.A(mod0, scope=list(lower=~1,upper=~x1+x2+x3+x4+x5+x6))
#-----
#-----
# now stepGAICAll.B
drop1All(mod1, parallel="snow", ncpus=nC)
add1All(mod0, scope=as.formula(paste("~", paste(names(usair[-1]),
collapse="+"))), parallel="snow", ncpus=nC)
mod8<-stepGAICAll.B(mod0, scope=list(lower=~1,upper=~x1+x2+x3+x4+x5+x6))
#-----
#-----

## End(Not run)

```

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summary.gamlss

*Summarizes a GAMLSS fitted model*


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## Description

summary.gamlss is the GAMLSS specific method for the generic function summary which summarize objects returned by modelling functions.

## Usage

```

## S3 method for class 'gamlss'
summary(object, type = c("vcov", "qr"),
        robust=FALSE, save = FALSE,
        hessian.fun = c("R", "PB"),
        digits = max(3, getOption("digits") - 3),...)

```

## Arguments

object            a GAMLSS fitted model

type	the default value vcov uses the vcov() method for gamlss to get the variance-covariance matrix of the estimated beta coefficients, see details below. The alternative qr is the original method used in gamlss to estimated the standard errors but it is not reliable since it do not take into the account the inter-correlation between the distributional parameters mu, sigma, nu and tau.
robust	whether robust (sandwich) standard errors are required
save	whether to save the environment of the function so to have access to its values
hessian.fun	whether when calculate the Hessian should use the "R" function optimHess() or a function based on Pinheiro and Bates nlme package, "PB".
digits	the number of digits in the output
...	for extra arguments

### Details

Using the default value `type="vcov"`, the `vcov()` method for `gamlss` is used to get the variance covariance matrix (and consequently the standard errors) of the beta parameters. The variance covariance matrix is calculated using the inverse of the numerical second derivatives of the observed information matrix. This is a more reliable method since it take into the account the inter-correlation between the all the parameters. The `type="qr"` assumes that the parameters are fixed at the estimated values. Note that both methods are not appropriate and should be used with caution if smoothing terms are used in the fitting.

### Value

Print summary of a GAMLSS object

### Author(s)

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### References

- Rigby, R. A. and Stasinopoulos D. M. (2005). Generalized additive models for location, scale and shape,(with discussion), *Appl. Statist.*, **54**, part 3, pp 507-554.
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- (see also <http://www.gamlss.org/>).

### See Also

[gamlss](#), [deviance.gamlss](#), [fitted.gamlss](#)



**Examples**

```
data(aids)
h<-gamlss(y~poly(x,3)+qrt, family=P0, data=aids) #
summary(h)
rm(h)
```

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term.plot	<i>Plot regression terms for a specified parameter of a fitted GAMLSS object</i>
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**Description**

Plots regression terms against their predictors, optionally with standard errors and partial residuals added. It is based on the R function `termplot` but is suitably changed to apply to GAMLSS objects.

**Usage**

```
term.plot(object, what = c("mu", "sigma", "nu", "tau"),
          parameter= NULL, data = NULL,
          envir = environment(formula(object)), partial.resid = FALSE,
          rug = FALSE, terms = NULL, se = TRUE, ylim = c("common", "free"),
          scheme = c("shaded", "lines"), xlabs = NULL, ylabs = NULL,
          main = NULL, pages = 0, col.term = "darkred",
          col.se = "orange", col.shaded = "gray", col.res = "lightblue",
          col.rug = "gray", lwd.term = 1.5, lty.se = 2, lwd.se = 1,
          cex.res = 1, pch.res = par("pch"),
          ask = interactive() && nb.fig < n.tms && .Device != "postscript",
          use.factor.levels = TRUE, surface.gam = FALSE,
          polys = NULL, polys.scheme = "topo",...)
```

**Arguments**

object	a fitted GAMLSS object
what	the required parameter of the GAMLSS distribution i.e. "mu"
parameter	equivalent to what
data	data frame in which variables in object can be found
envir	environment in which variables in object can be found
partial.resid	logical; should partial residuals be plotted or not
rug	add rug plots (jitter 1-d histograms) to the axes?
terms	which terms to be plotted (default 'NULL' means all terms)
se	plot point-wise standard errors?

ylim	there are two options here a) "common" and b) "free". The "common" option plots all figures with the same ylim range and therefore allows the viewer to check the relative contribution of each terms compate to the rest. In the 'free' option the limits are computed for each plot seperatly.
scheme	whether the se's should appear shaded or as lines
xlabs	vector of labels for the x axes
ylabs	vector of labels for the y axes
main	logical, or vector of main titles; if 'TRUE', the model's call is taken as main title, 'NULL' or 'FALSE' mean no titles.
pages	in how many pages the plot should appear. The default is 0 which allows differnt page for each plot
col.term	the colour of the term line
col.se	the colour of the se's lines
col.shaded	the colour of the shaded area
col.res	the colour of the partial residuals
col.rug	the colour of the rug
lwd.term	line width of the fitted terms
lty.se	line ype for standard errors
lwd.se	line width for the stadard errors
cex.res	plotting character expansion for the parsial residuals
pch.res	characters for points in the parsial residuals
ask	logical; if 'TRUE', the user is asked before each plot, see 'par(ask=.)'.
use.factor.levels	Should x-axis ticks use factor levels or numbers for factor terms?
surface.gam	whether to use surface plot if a ga() term is fitted
polys	The polygone nformation filr for MRF models
polys.scheme	Color scheme for polygones for RMF models
...	other graphical parameters

### Details

The function uses the lpred function of GAMLSS. The 'data' argument should rarely be needed, but in some cases 'termplot' may be unable to reconstruct the original data frame. Using 'na.action=na.exclude' makes these problems less likely. Nothing sensible happens for interaction terms.

### Value

a plot of fitted terms.

### Author(s)

Mikis Stasinopoulos based on the existing termplot() function

## References

- Rigby, R. A. and Stasinopoulos D. M. (2005). Generalized additive models for location, scale and shape,(with discussion), *Appl. Statist.*, **54**, part 3, pp 507-554.
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- (see also <http://www.gamlss.org/>).

## See Also

[termplot](#)

## Examples

```
data(aids)
a<-gamlss(y~pb(x)+qrt,data=aids,family=NBI)
term.plot(a, pages=1)
rm(a)
```

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update.gamlss

*Update and Re-fit a GAMLSS Model*

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## Description

update.gamlss is the GAMLSS specific method for the generic function update which updates and (by default) refits a GAMLSS model.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'gamlss'
update(object, formula., ...,
       what = c("mu", "sigma", "nu", "tau", "All"),
       parameter=NULL, evaluate = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

object	a GAMLSS fitted model
formula.	the formula to update
...	for updating argument in <code>gamlss()</code>
what	the parameter in which the formula needs updating for example "mu", "sigma", "nu" "tau" or "All". If "All" all the formulae are updated. Note that the what argument has an effect only if only if the argument formula. is set
parameter	equivalent to what
evaluate	whether to evaluate the call or not

**Value**

Returns a GAMLSS call or fitted object.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Rigby, R. A. and Stasinopoulos D. M. (2005). Generalized additive models for location, scale and shape,(with discussion), *Appl. Statist.*, **54**, part 3, pp 507-554.

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(see also <http://www.gamlss.org/>).

**See Also**

[print.gamlss](#), [summary.gamlss](#), [fitted.gamlss](#), [coef.gamlss](#), [residuals.gamlss](#), [plot.gamlss](#), [deviance.gamlss](#), [formula.gamlss](#)

**Examples**

```
data(aids)
# fit a poisson model
h.po <-gamlss(y~pb(x)+qrt, family=P0, data=aids)
# update with a negative binomial
h.nb <-update(h.po, family=NBI)
# update the smoothing
h.nb1 <-update(h.nb, ~cs(x,8)+qrt)
# remove qrt
h.nb2 <-update(h.nb1, ~.-qrt)
# put back qrt take log of y and fit a normal distribution
h.nb3 <-update(h.nb1, log(.)~.+qrt, family=NO)
# verify that it is the same
h.no<-gamlss(log(y)~cs(x,8)+qrt,data=aids )
```

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VC.test

*Vuong and Clarke tests*

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**Description**

The Vuong and Clarke tests for GAMLSS fitted models.

**Usage**

```
VC.test(obj1, obj2, sig.lev = 0.05)
```

**Arguments**

obj1	The first fitted gamlss object
obj2	The second fitted gamlss object
sig.lev	Significance level used for testing.

**Details**

The Vuong (1989) and Clarke (2007) tests are likelihood-ratio-based tests for model selection that use the Kullback-Leibler information criterion. The implemented tests can be used for choosing between two bivariate models which are non necessary nested.

In the Vuong test, the null hypothesis is that the two models are equally close to the actual model, whereas the alternative is that one model is closer. The test follows asymptotically a standard normal distribution under the null. Assume that the critical region is  $(-c, c)$ , where  $c$  is typically set to 1.96. If the value of the test is greater than  $c$  then we reject the null hypothesis that the models are equivalent in favour of the model in obj1. Vice-versa if the value is smaller than  $-c$  we reject the null hypothesis that the models are equivalent in favour of the model in obj2. If the value falls within  $(-c, c)$  then we cannot discriminate between the two competing models given the data.

In the Clarke test, if the two models are statistically equivalent then the log-likelihood ratios of the observations should be evenly distributed around zero and around half of the ratios should be larger than zero. The test follows asymptotically a binomial distribution with parameters  $n$  and 0.5. Critical values can be obtained as shown in Clarke (2007). Intuitively, the model in obj1 is preferred over that in obj2 if the value of the test is significantly larger than its expected value under the null hypothesis ( $n/2$ ), and vice versa. If the value is not significantly different from  $n/2$  then obj1 can be thought of as equivalent to obj2.

**Value**

For the Vuong test it returns its value and the decision and for the Clarke test returns the value the p-value and the decision. Decisions criteria are as discussed above.

**Author(s)**

Mikis Stasinopoulos and Giampiero Marra

**References**

- Clarke K. (2007), A Simple Distribution-Free Test for Non-Nested Model Selection. *Political Analysis*, 15, 347-363.
- Vuong Q.H. (1989), Likelihood Ratio Tests for Model Selection and Non-Nested Hypotheses. *Econometrica*, 57(2), 307-333.

**See Also**

[LR.test](#)

## Examples

```
library(gamlss)
# fitting different models
m0 <- gamlss(y~x+qrt, data=aims, family=P0)
m1 <- gamlss(y~pb(x)+qrt, data=aims, family=P0)
m2 <- gamlss(y~pb(x)+qrt, data=aims, family=NBI)
# comparison of the mdels
VC.test(m0,m2)
VC.test(m0,m1)
VC.test(m1,m2)
```

wp

*Worm plot*

## Description

Provides a single plot or multiple worm plots for a GAMLSS fitted or more general for any fitted models where the method `resid()` exist and the residuals are defined sensibly. The worm plot (a detrended QQ-plot), van Buuren and Fredriks M. (2001), is a diagnostic tool for checking the residuals within different ranges (by default not overlapping) of the explanatory variable(s).

## Usage

```
wp(object=NULL, xvar = NULL, resid = NULL, n.inter = 4,
    xcut.points = NULL,
    overlap = 0, xlim.all = 4, xlim.worm = 3.5,
    show.given = TRUE, line = TRUE,
    ylim.all = 12 * sqrt(1/length(resid)),
    ylim.worm = 12 * sqrt(n.inter/length(resid)),
    cex = 1, pch = 21, ...)
```

## Arguments

<code>object</code>	a GAMLSS fitted object or any other fitted model where the <code>resid()</code> method works (preferably it should be standarised or quantile residuals)
<code>xvar</code>	the explanatory variable(s) against which the worm plots will be plotted. If only one variable is involved use <code>xvar=x1</code> if two variables are involved use <code>xvar=~x1*x2</code> . See also note below for use of formula if the data argument is not found in the fitted model
<code>resid</code>	if <code>object</code> is missing this argument can be used to specify the residual vector (again it should a quantile residuals or it be assumed to come from a normal distribution)
<code>n.inter</code>	the number of intervals in which the explanatory variable <code>xvar</code> will be cut
<code>xcut.points</code>	the x-axis cut off points e.g. <code>c(20, 30)</code> . If <code>xcut.points=NULL</code> then the <code>n.inter</code> argument is activated

<code>overlap</code>	how much overlapping in the <code>xvar</code> intervals. Default value is <code>overlap=0</code> for non overlapping intervals
<code>xlim.all</code>	for the single plot, this value is the x-variable limit, default is <code>xlim.all=4</code>
<code>xlim.worm</code>	for multiple plots, this value is the x-variable limit, default is <code>xlim.worm=3.5</code>
<code>show.given</code>	whether to show the x-variable intervals in the top of the graph, default is <code>show.given=TRUE</code>
<code>line</code>	whether to plot the polynomial line in the worm plot, default value is <code>line=TRUE</code>
<code>ylim.all</code>	for the single plot, this value is the y-variable limit, default value is <code>ylim.all=12*sqrt(1/length(fitted))</code>
<code>ylim.worm</code>	for multiple plots, this values is the y-variable limit, default value is <code>ylim.worm=12*sqrt(n.inter/length(fitted))</code>
<code>cex</code>	the <code>cex</code> plotting parameter with default <code>cex=1</code>
<code>pch</code>	the <code>pch</code> plotting parameter with default <code>pch=21</code>
<code>...</code>	for extra arguments

### Details

If the `xvar` argument is not specified then a single worm plot is used. In this case a worm plot is a de-trended normal QQ-plot so departure from normality is highlighted.

If a single `xvar` is specified (with or without the use of a formula) i.e. `xvar=x1` or `xvar=~x1`) then we have as many worm plot as `n.inter`. In this case the x-variable is cut into `n.inter` intervals with an equal number observations and de-trended normal QQ (i.e. worm) plots for each interval are plotted. This is a way of highlighting failures of the model within different ranges of the the single explanatory variable. The fitted coefficients from fitting cubic polynomials to the residuals (within each x-variable interval) can be obtain by e.g. `coeffs<-wp(model1,xvar=x,n.inter=9)`. van Buuren and Fredriks M. (2001) used these residuals to identify regions (intervals) of the explanatory variable within which the model does not fit adequately the data (called "model violation")

Two variables can be displayed with the use of a formula, i.e. `xvar=~x1*x2`. In this case the `n.inter` can be a vector with two values.

### Value

For multiple plots the `xvar` intervals and the coefficients of the fitted cubic polynomials to the residuals (within each `xvar` interval) are returned.

### Note

Note that the `wp()` function, if the argument `object` is used, is looking for the `data` argument of the `object`. If the argument `data` exists it uses its environment to find `xvar` (whether it is a formula or not). As a result if `data` exists withing `object` `xvar=~x*f` can be used (assuming that `x` and `f` are in the `data`) otherwise the variable should be explicitly defined i.e. `xvar=~data$x*data$f`.

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## See Also

[gamlss](#), [plot.gamlss](#)

## Examples

```
data(abdom)
# with data
a<-gamlss(y~pb(x),sigma.fo=~pb(x,1),family=L0,data=abdom)
wp(a)
coeff1<-wp(a,xvar=x)
coeff1
## Not run:
# no data argument
b <- gamlss(abdom$y~pb(abdom$x),sigma.fo=~pb(abdom$x),family=L0)
wp(b)
wp(b, xvar=abdom$x)# not wp(b, xvar=x)
# using the argument resid
# this will work
wp(resid=resid(a), xvar=abdom$x)
# not this
# wp(resid=resid(a), xvar=x)
# this example uses the rent data
m1 <- gamlss(R~pb(F1)+pb(A)+loc, sigma.fo=~pb(F1)+pb(A), data=rent, family=GA)
# a single worm plot
wp(m1, ylim.all=0.5)
# a single continuous x variable
wp(m1, xvar=F1, ylim.worm=.8)
# a single x variable changing the default number of intervals
wp(m1, xvar=F1, ylim.worm=1.5, n.inter=9)
# different x variable changing the default number of intervals
B1<-wp(m1, xvar=A, ylim.worm=1.2, n.inter=9)
B1
# the number five plot has intervals
# [5,] 1957.5 1957.5
# rather disappointing
# try formula for xvar
wp(m1, xvar=~A, ylim.worm=1.2, n.inter=9)
```



```

# better in this case using formula
# now using a factor included in the model
wp(m1, xvar=~loc, ylim.worm=1.2, n.inter=9)
# using a factor not in the model
wp(m1, xvar=~B, ylim.worm=1.5, n.inter=9)
# level 2 (with B=1) did not fit well
# trying two continuous variable
wp(m1, xvar=~F1*A, ylim.worm=1.5, n.inter=4)
# one continuous and one categorical
wp(m1, xvar=~F1*loc, ylim.worm=1.5, n.inter=4)
# two categorical
wp(m1, xvar=~B*loc, ylim.worm=1.5, n.inter=4)

## End(Not run)

```

---

z.scores

*Z-scores for lms objects*


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## Description

This creates z-scores for new values of y and x given a fitted lms object.

## Usage

```
z.scores(object, y, x)
```

## Arguments

object	a lms fitted object
y	new y values
x	new x values

## Details

This is simply a job that can be also done by `centiles.pred()`.

## Value

the required z-scores

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## See Also

[centiles.pred](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:
IND<-sample.int(7040, 1000, replace=FALSE)
db1 <- db[IND,]
plot(head~age, data=db1)
m0 <- lms(head, age, data=db1,trans.x=TRUE )
z.scores(m0, x=c(2,15,30,40),y=c(45,50,56,63))
## End(Not run)
```

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