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sphet-package

*Estimation of spatial models with heteroskedastic innovations***Description**

A set of functions to estimate spatial models with heteroskedastic innovations

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col.dis

*Object of class distance for Columbus dataset***Description**

Distance object, GWT and txt files for columbus dataset

**Usage**

```
coldis
```

**Format**

A list of neighbors and distances for the columbus neighborhoods

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distance	<i>Writes distance matrices</i>
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## Description

Reads points coordinates and generates objects of class `distance.matrix`

## Usage

```
distance(coord, region.id=NULL, output=TRUE,
         type=c("NN", "distance", "inverse"),
         measure=c("euclidean", "gcircle", "chebyshev", "braycur", "canberra"),
         nn=6, cutoff=FALSE, miles=TRUE, R=NULL, shape.name=NULL, region.id.name=NULL,
         firstline=FALSE, file.name=NULL)
```

## Arguments

<code>coord</code>	a matrix with the (X,Y)-coordinates of the points. The first column can be the <code>region.id</code> variable giving the ordering of the observations
<code>region.id</code>	variable that defines the ordering of the observations
<code>output</code>	when TRUE (default) writes the object to a file
<code>type</code>	one of ("NN", "distance", "inverse"). Nearest neighbors, distance or inverse distance
<code>measure</code>	one of ("euclidean", "gcircle", "chebyshev", "braycur", "canberra"). The distance measure to be employed in the calculations.
<code>nn</code>	the number of nearest neighbors
<code>cutoff</code>	If type is distance or inverse. Assumes values 1, 2 or 3. When 1, the cutoff is set to the first quantile of the distribution of distances. When 2 to the median, and when 3 to the third quantile. Only observations with distance less than cutoff distance are neighbors.
<code>miles</code>	If TRUE (default), distances are in miles, otherwise in Km. (See <a href="#">rdist.earth</a> for details)
<code>R</code>	Radius to use for sphere to find spherical distances. (See <a href="#">rdist.earth</a> for details)
<code>shape.name</code>	The name of the shape file. See Details
<code>region.id.name</code>	The name of the <code>region.id</code> variable. See Details
<code>firstline</code>	If TRUE, a first line is added to the output file. See Details
<code>file.name</code>	If output, the name of the output file. See Details

## Details

The object created is similar to the content of a 'GWT' file. The output file can be of any format. In particular, it could be a 'GWT' file. When `firstline` is `TRUE`, an header line is added to the 'GWT' file. The first element is simply a place holder, the second is the number of observations. The name of the shape file and of the id variable can be specified by the options `shape.name` and `region.id.name` respectively. The function performs a series of test on the `region.id` variable. If a `region.id` variable is not specified and `coord` only has two columns, a sequence from 1 to the number of observations is generated and used as identification variable. If `region.id` is specified and the first column of `coord` contains an id variable they should be the same.

## Value

A matrix of three columns: from, to, and distance

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## Examples

```
X<-runif(100,0,70)
Y<-runif(100,-30,20)
coord1<-cbind(seq(1,100),X,Y)
thm1 <- distance(coord1,region.id=NULL,output=TRUE,type="inverse", shape.name="shapefile",region.id.name="id1",
thm2 <- distance(coord1,region.id=NULL,output=FALSE,type="NN", nn=6)
thm2 <- distance(coord1,region.id=NULL,output=FALSE,type="distance", cutoff=1)
```

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dist\_functions

*Distance measures available in distance*

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## Description

The great circle distance is calculated by the function `rdist.earth` in library `fields`.

## Details

The distance measures implemented in `sphet` are:

- 'euclidean':  $\sqrt{\sum (x_i - y_i)^2}$
- 'chebyshev':  $\max(|x_i - y_i|)$
- 'braycur':  $\frac{\sum |x_i - y_i|}{\sum |x_i + y_i|}$
- 'canberra':  $\frac{\sum |x_i - y_i|}{\sum |x_i| + |y_i|}$
- 'gcircle': see `rdist.earth`.

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**See Also**[gsts1shet](#), [distance](#), [distance](#)


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gsts1shet	<i>GM estimation of a Cliff-Ord type model with Heteroskedastic Innovations</i>
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**Description**

Multi step GM/IV estimation of a linear Cliff and Ord -type of model of the form:

$$y = \lambda W y + X \beta + u$$

$$u = \rho W u + e$$

with

$$e \sim N(0, \sigma_i^2)$$

The model allows for spatial lag in the dependent variable and disturbances. The innovations in the disturbance process are assumed heteroskedastic of an unknown form.

**Usage**

```
gsts1shet(formula, data=list(), listw, na.action=na.fail, zero.policy=NULL, initial.value=0.2, abs.tol=1e-06)
## S3 method for class 'gsts1s'
impacts(obj, ..., tr, R = NULL, listw = NULL, tol = 1e-06, empirical = FALSE, Q=NULL)
```

**Arguments**

formula	a description of the model to be fit
data	an object of class <a href="#">data.frame</a> . An optional data frame containing the variables in the model.
listw	an object of class listw created for example by nb2listw
na.action	a function which indicates what should happen when the data contains missing values. See <a href="#">lm</a> for details.
zero.policy	See lagsarlm for details
initial.value	The initial value for $\rho$ . It can be either numeric (default is 0.2) or set to 'SAR', in which case the optimization will start from the estimated coefficient of a regression of the 2SLS residuals over their spatial lag (i.e. a spatial AR model)
abs.tol	Absolute tolerance. See <a href="#">nlminb</a> for details.
rel.tol	Relative tolerance. See <a href="#">nlminb</a> for details.

eps	Tolerance level for the approximation. See Details.
inverse	TRUE. If FALSE, an approximated inverse is calculated. See Details.
sarar	TRUE. If FALSE, a spatial error model is estimated.
obj	A gsts1s spatial regression object created by gsts1shet
...	Arguments passed through to methods in the <b>coda</b> package
tr	A vector of traces of powers of the spatial weights matrix created using <code>trw</code> , for approximate impact measures; if not given, <code>listw</code> must be given for exact measures (for small to moderate spatial weights matrices); the traces must be for the same spatial weights as were used in fitting the spatial regression
R	If given, simulations are used to compute distributions for the impact measures, returned as <code>mcmc</code> objects
tol	Argument passed to <code>mvrnorm</code> : tolerance (relative to largest variance) for numerical lack of positive-definiteness in the coefficient covariance matrix
empirical	Argument passed to <code>mvrnorm</code> (default FALSE): if true, the coefficients and their covariance matrix specify the empirical not population mean and covariance matrix
Q	default NULL, else an integer number of cumulative power series impacts to calculate if <code>tr</code> is given

### Details

The procedure consists of two steps alternating GM and IV estimators. Each step consists of sub-steps. In step one  $\delta = [\beta', \lambda]'$  is estimated by 2SLS. The 2SLS residuals are first employed to obtain an initial (consistent but not efficient) GM estimator of  $\rho$  and then a consistent and efficient estimator (involving the variance-covariance matrix of the limiting distribution of the normalized sample moments). In step two, the spatial Cochrane-Orcutt transformed model is estimated by 2SLS. This corresponds to a GS2SLS procedure. The GS2SLS residuals are used to obtain a consistent and efficient GM estimator for  $\rho$ .

The initial value for the optimization in step 1b is taken to be `initial.value`. The initial value in step 1c is the optimal parameter of step 1b. Finally, the initial value for the optimization of step 2b is the optimal parameter of step 1c.

Internally, the object of class `listw` is transformed into a [Matrix](#) using the function `listw2dgCMatrix`.

The expression of the estimated variance covariance matrix of the limiting distribution of the normalized sample moments based on 2SLS residuals involves the inversion of  $I - \rho W'$ . When `inverse` is FALSE, the inverse is calculated using the approximation  $I + \rho W' + \rho^2 W'^2 + \dots + \rho^n W'^n$ . The powers considered depend on a condition. The function will keep adding terms until the absolute value of the sum of all elements of the matrix  $\rho^i W'^i$  is greater than a fixed  $\epsilon$  (eps). By default eps is set to 1e-5.

### Value

A list object of class `sphet`

`coefficients` Generalized Spatial two stage least squares coefficient estimates of  $\delta$  and GM estimator for  $\rho$ .

var	variance-covariance matrix of the estimated coefficients
s2	GS2SLS residuals variance
residuals	GS2SLS residuals
yhat	difference between GS2SLS residuals and response variable
call	the call used to create this object
model	the model matrix of data
method	'gs2slshac'
w	Wald test for both $\rho$ and $\lambda$ are zero

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Arraiz, I. and Drukker, M.D. and Kelejian, H.H. and Prucha, I.R. (2007) A spatial Cliff-Ord-type Model with Heteroskedastic Innovations: Small and Large Sample Results, *Department of Economics, University of Maryland*

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### See Also

[stslshac](#)

### Examples

```
library(spdep)
data(columbus)
listw<-nb2listw(col.gal.nb)
res<-gstslshet(CRIME~HOVAL + INC, data=columbus, listw=listw)
summary(res)
```

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kernel	<i>Spatial two stages least square with HAC standard errors</i>
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### Description

Main functions to calculate the kernels in `stslshac`

### Details

Six different kernel functions are implemented:

- 'Epanechnikov':  $K(z) = 1 - z^2$
- 'Triangular':  $K(z) = 1 - |z|$
- 'Bisquare':  $K(z) = (1 - |z|^2)^2$
- 'Parzen':  $K(z) = 1 - 6z^2 + 6|z|^3$  if  $z \leq 0.5$  and  $K(z) = 2(1 - |z|)^3$  if  $0.5 < z \leq 1$
- 'TH' (Tukey - Hanning):  $K(z) = \frac{1 + \cos(\pi z)}{2}$
- 'QS' (Quadratic Spectral):  $K(z) = \frac{25}{12\pi^2 z^2} \left( \frac{\sin(6\pi z/5)}{6\pi z/5} - \cos(6\pi z/5) \right)$ .

If the kernel type is not one of the six implemented, the function will terminate with an error message. The spatial two stage least square estimator is based on the matrix of instruments  $H = [X, WX, W^2X^2]$ .

### Author(s)

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### See Also

[gstslshet](#), [distance](#), [distance](#)

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listw2dgCMatrix	<i>Interface between Matrix class objects and weights list</i>
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### Description

Interface between Matrix class objects and weights list

### Usage

```
listw2dgCMatrix(listw, zero.policy = NULL)
```

### Arguments

<code>listw</code>	a <code>listw</code> object created for example by <code>nb2listw</code>
<code>zero.policy</code>	See <code>lagsarlm</code> for details

**Value**

Matrix class object: a sparse Matrix

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
library(spdep)
data(columbus)
listw<-nb2listw(col.gal.nb)
spW<-listw2dgCMatrix(listw)
```

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`print.sphet`                    *print method for class sphet*

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**Description**

Method used to print objects of class 'summary.sphet' and 'sphet'

**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

- `x`                    an object of class 'summary.sphet' and sphet
- `digits`                minimal number of significant digits, see [print.default](#)
- `...`                    additional argument to be passed

**Details**

The summary function `summary.sphet` returns an objects of class 'sphet' organized in a coefficient matrix.

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**See Also**

[gstslshet](#), [stslshac](#)

## Examples

```
library(spdep)
data(columbus)
listw<-nb2listw(col.gal.nb)
res<-gsts1shet(CRIME~HOVAL + INC, data=columbus, listw=listw)
summary(res)
```

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read.gwt2dist	<i>Read distance objects</i>
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## Description

The function reads "GWT" files (i.e. generated using [distance](#)). It will read also other more general formats (as for example .txt files).

## Usage

```
read.gwt2dist(file, region.id=NULL, skip=1)
```

## Arguments

file	name of file to be read
region.id	variable that defines the ordering of the observations
skip	skip number of lines

## Details

The first line of a 'GWT' file generally contains some information (e.g. the name of the shape file, the number of observations), in which case, skip should be equal to 1. When the file has a 'GWT' extension, the number of observations is generally retrieved from the first line. Alternatively, it is fixed to the length of the [unique](#) region.id variable.

## Value

An object of class distance.

## Author(s)

Gianfranco Piras <gpiras@mac.com>

## Examples

```
## Not run: dist<-read.gwt2dist(file='knn10columbus.GWT', region.id=POLYID)
```

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stslshac *Spatial two stages least square with HAC standard errors*

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### Description

Non-parametric heteroskedasticity and autocorrelation consistent (HAC) estimator of the variance-covariance (VC) for a vector of sample moments within a spatial context. The disturbance vector is generated as follows:

$$u = R\epsilon$$

where  $R$  is a non-stochastic matrix.

### Usage

```
stslshac(formula, data=list(), listw, na.action=na.fail, zero.policy=NULL,
HAC=TRUE, distance=NULL, type=c("Epanechnikov", "Triangular", "Bisquare", "Parzen", "QS", "TH"),
bandwidth="variable", W2X=TRUE)
```

### Arguments

formula	a description of the model to be fit
data	an object of class <a href="#">data.frame</a> . An optional data frame containing the variables in the model.
listw	an object of class <code>listw</code> created for example by <code>nb2listw</code>
distance	an object of class <code>distance</code> created for example by <a href="#">read.gwt2dist</a> The object contains the specification of the distance measure to be employed in the estimation of the VC matrix. See Details.
type	One of <code>c("Epanechnikov", "Triangular", "Bisquare", "Parzen", "QS", "TH")</code> . The type of Kernel to be used. See Details.
na.action	a function which indicates what should happen when the data contains missing values. See <a href="#">lm</a> for details.
zero.policy	See <code>lagsarlm</code> for details
bandwidth	"variable" (default) - or numeric when a fixed bandwidth is specified by the user.
HAC	if FALSE traditional standard errors are provided.
W2X	default TRUE. if FALSE only WX are used as instruments in the spatial two stage least squares.

### Details

The default sets the bandwidth for each observation to the maximum distance for that observation (i.e. the max of each element of the list of distances).

Six different kernel functions are implemented:

- 'Epanechnikov':  $K(z) = 1 - z^2$
- 'Triangular':  $K(z) = 1 - z$

- 'Bisquare':  $K(z) = (1 - z^2)^2$
- 'Parzen':  $K(z) = 1 - 6z^2 + 6|z|^3$  if  $z \leq 0.5$  and  $K(z) = 2(1 - |z|)^3$  if  $0.5 < z \leq 1$
- 'TH' (Tukey - Hanning):  $K(z) = \frac{1 + \cos(\pi z)}{2}$
- 'QS' (Quadratic Spectral):  $K(z) = \frac{25}{12\pi^2 z^2} \left( \frac{\sin(6\pi z/5)}{6\pi z/5} - \cos(6\pi z/5) \right)$ .

If the kernel type is not one of the six implemented, the function will terminate with an error message. The spatial two stage least square estimator is based on the matrix of instruments  $H = [X, WX, W^2X^2]$ .

### Value

A list object of class `sphet`

<code>coefficients</code>	Spatial two stage least squares coefficient estimates
<code>vcmat</code>	variance-covariance matrix of the estimated coefficients
<code>s2</code>	S2sls residulas variance
<code>residuals</code>	S2sls residuals
<code>yhat</code>	difference between residuals and response variable
<code>call</code>	the call used to create this object
<code>model</code>	the model matrix of data
<code>type</code>	the kernel employed in the estimation
<code>bandwidth</code>	the type of bandwidth
<code>method</code>	's2slshac'

### Author(s)

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### References

- Kelejian, H.H. and Prucha, I.R. (2007) HAC estimation in a spatial framework, *Journal of Econometrics*, **140**, pages 131–154.
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### See Also

[gstslshet](#), [distance](#), [distance](#)

**Examples**

```
library(spdep)
data(columbus)
listw<-nb2listw(col.gal.nb)
data(coldis)
res<-stslshac(CRIME~HOVAL + INC, data=columbus,listw=listw, distance=coldis, type='Triangular')
summary(res)
```

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summary.sphet	<i>print method for class sphet</i>
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**Description**

Method used to print objects of class 'summary.sphet' and 'sphet'

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'sphet'
summary(object,width=getOption("width"), digits=getOption("digits"),obsinfo=FALSE,...)
```

**Arguments**

object	an object of class 'sphet'
width	controls the maximum number of columns on a line used in printing
digits	minimal number of significant digits, see print.default
obsinfo	for objects of class distance: if TRUE prints observation-wise information
...	additional arguments to be passed

**Details**

The summary function summary.sphet returns an objects of class 'sphet' organized in a coefficient matrix.

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**See Also**

[gstslshet](#), [stslshac](#)

**Examples**

```
library(spdep)
data(columbus)
listw<-nb2listw(col.gal.nb)
res<-gstslshet(CRIME~HOVAL + INC, data=columbus, listw=listw)
summary(res)
```

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utilities

*Functions used by gsts1shet.*

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**Description**

- `arg` and `arg1` are the objective functions of the non-linear estimators in the GMM procedure.
- `Omega` and `Omegabis` generates the variance-covariance matrices of the Original and Transformed models (See Arraiz et al., 2007 for details.)
- `Ggfastfast` calculates `G` and `g`.
- All other functions perform calculations to estimates various objects defined in Appendix B2 and B3 in Arraiz et al., 2007.

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