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## Description

Duration of complete response for 40 cytogenetically normal AML patients and a subset of 320 transcript expression from RNA-sequencing.

## Usage

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#### **Format**

A data frame with 40 rows (subjects) and 322 columns:

cryr duration of complete response in years

**relapse.death** censoring indicator: 1 = relapsed or died; 0 = alive at last follow=up

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AML training data

#### **Description**

Duration of complete response for 306 cytogenetically normal AML patients and a subset of 320 transcript expression from RNA-sequencing.

## Usage

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ENSG00000244405	$normalized\ expression\ for\ indicated\ transcript$
ENSG00000247627	$normalized\ expression\ for\ indicated\ transcript$
ENSG00000249592	$normalized\ expression\ for\ indicated\ transcript$
ENSG00000250116	$normalized\ expression\ for\ indicated\ transcript$
ENSG00000250251	$normalized\ expression\ for\ indicated\ transcript$
ENSG00000251079	$normalized\ expression\ for\ indicated\ transcript$
ENSG00000253210	$normalized\ expression\ for\ indicated\ transcript$
ENSG00000253276	$normalized\ expression\ for\ indicated\ transcript$
ENSG00000254415	$normalized\ expression\ for\ indicated\ transcript$
ENSG00000259276	$normalized\ expression\ for\ indicated\ transcript$
ENSG00000260727	$normalized\ expression\ for\ indicated\ transcript$
ENSG00000261377	$normalized\ expression\ for\ indicated\ transcript$
ENSG00000264885	$normalized\ expression\ for\ indicated\ transcript$
ENSG00000264895	$normalized\ expression\ for\ indicated\ transcript$
ENSG00000267136	$normalized\ expression\ for\ indicated\ transcript$
ENSG00000267551	$normalized\ expression\ for\ indicated\ transcript$
ENSG00000267702	$normalized\ expression\ for\ indicated\ transcript$
ENSG00000268001	$normalized\ expression\ for\ indicated\ transcript$
ENSG00000268573	$normalized\ expression\ for\ indicated\ transcript$
ENSG00000270554	normalized expression for indicated transcript
ENSG00000270562	$normalized\ expression\ for\ indicated\ transcript$
ENSG00000271646	$normalized\ expression\ for\ indicated\ transcript$
ENSG00000273018	$normalized\ expression\ for\ indicated\ transcript$
ENSG00000273033	$normalized\ expression\ for\ indicated\ transcript$

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AUC for cure prediction using mean score imputation

#### **Description**

This function calculates the AUC for cure prediction using the mean score imputation (MSI) method proposed by Asano et al (2014).

#### Usage

```
auc_mcm(object, newdata, cure_cutoff = 5, model_select = "AIC")
```

#### **Arguments**

model\_select

object a mixturecure object resulting from curegmifs, cureem, cv\_curegmifs, or

cv\_cureem.

newdata an optional data.frame that minimally includes the incidence and/or latency variables to use for predicting the response. If omitted, the training data are used.

cure\_cutoff cutoff value for cure, used to produce a proxy for the unobserved cure status

(default is 5 representing 5 years). Users should be careful to note the time scale of their data and adjust this according to the time scale and clinical application.

of their data and adjust this according to the time scale and clinical application.

either a case-sensitive parameter for models fit using curegmifs or cureem or any numeric step along the solution path can be selected. The default is model\_select = "AIC" which calculates the predicted values using the coefficients from the model achieving the minimum AIC. The complete list of options are:

• "AIC" for the minimum AIC (default).

- "mAIC" for the minimum modified AIC.
- "cAIC" for the minimum corrected AIC.
- "BIC", for the minimum BIC.
- "mBIC" for the minimum modified BIC.
- "EBIC" for the minimum extended BIC.
- "logLik" for the step that maximizes the log-likelihood.
- n where n is any numeric value from the solution path.

This option has no effect for objects fit using cv\_curegmifs or cv\_cureem.

#### Value

Returns the AUC value for cure prediction using the mean score imputation (MSI) method.

#### References

Asano, J., Hirakawa, H., Hamada, C. (2014) Assessing the prediction accuracy of cure in the Cox proportional hazards cure model: an application to breast cancer data. *Pharmaceutical Statistics*, **13**:357–363.

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#### See Also

concordance\_mcm

#### **Examples**

```
library(survival)
withr::local_seed(1234)
temp <- generate_cure_data(n = 100, j = 10, n_true = 10, a = 1.8)
training <- temp$training
testing <- temp$testing
fit <- curegmifs(Surv(Time, Censor) ~ .,
   data = training, x_latency = training,
   model = "weibull", thresh = 1e-4, maxit = 2000,
   epsilon = 0.01, verbose = FALSE
)
auc_mcm(fit, model_select = "cAIC")
auc_mcm(fit, newdata = testing)</pre>
```

coef.mixturecure

Extract model coefficients from a fitted mixturecure object

## **Description**

coef.mixturecure is a generic function which extracts the model coefficients from a fitted mixturecure model object fit using curegmifs, cureem, cv\_curegmifs, or cv\_cureem.

#### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'mixturecure'
coef(object, model_select = "AIC", ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

object

a mixturecure object resulting from curegmifs, cureem,  $cv\_curegmifs$ , or  $cv\_cureem$ .

model\_select

either a case-sensitive parameter for models fit using curegmifs or cureem or any numeric step along the solution path can be selected. The default is model\_select = "AIC" which calculates the predicted values using the coefficients from the model achieving the minimum AIC. The complete list of options are:

- "AIC" for the minimum AIC (default).
- "mAIC" for the minimum modified AIC.
- "cAIC" for the minimum corrected AIC.
- "BIC", for the minimum BIC.
- "mBIC" for the minimum modified BIC.
- "EBIC" for the minimum extended BIC.

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- "logLik" for the step that maximizes the log-likelihood.
- n where n is any numeric value from the solution path.

This option has no effect for objects fit using  $cv\_curegmifs$  or  $cv\_cureem$ .

.. other arguments.

#### Value

rate	estimated rate parameter when fitting a Weibull or exponential mixture cure model.
shape	estimated shape parameter when fitting a Weibull mixture cure model.
b0	estimated intercept for the incidence portion of the mixture cure model.
beta_inc	the vector of coefficient estimates for the incidence portion of the mixture cure model.
beta_lat	the vector of coefficient estimates for the latency portion of the mixture cure model.
p_uncured	a vector of probabilities from the incidence portion of the fitted model representing the P(uncured).

#### See Also

curegmifs, cureem, summary.mixturecure, plot.mixturecure, predict.mixturecure

## **Examples**

```
library(survival)
withr::local_seed(1234)
temp <- generate_cure_data(n = 100, j = 10, n_true = 10, a = 1.8)
training <- temp$training
fit <- curegmifs(Surv(Time, Censor) ~ .,
   data = training, x_latency = training,
   model = "weibull", thresh = 1e-4, maxit = 2000,
   epsilon = 0.01, verbose = FALSE
)
coef(fit)</pre>
```

concordance\_mcm

C-statistic for mixture cure models

#### **Description**

This function calculates the C-statistic using the cure status weighting (CSW) method proposed by Asano and Hirakawa (2017).

#### Usage

```
concordance_mcm(object, newdata, cure_cutoff = 5, model_select = "AIC")
```

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#### Arguments

object a mixturecure object resulting from curegmifs, cureem, cv\_curegmifs, or

cv\_cureem.

newdata an optional data.frame that minimally includes the incidence and/or latency vari-

ables to use for predicting the response. If omitted, the training data are used.

cure\_cutoff cutoff value for cure, used to produce a proxy for the unobserved cure status (default is 5 representing 5 years). Users should be careful to note the time scale

of their data and adjust this according to the time scale and clinical application.

model\_select either a case-sensitive parameter for models fit using curegmifs or cureem

or any numeric step along the solution path can be selected. The default is model\_select = "AIC" which calculates the predicted values using the coefficients from the model achieving the minimum AIC. The complete list of options are:

• "AIC" for the minimum AIC (default).

• "mAIC" for the minimum modified AIC.

• "cAIC" for the minimum corrected AIC.

• "BIC", for the minimum BIC.

• "mBIC" for the minimum modified BIC.

• "EBIC" for the minimum extended BIC.

• "logLik" for the step that maximizes the log-likelihood.

• model\_select = n where n is any numeric value from the solution path.

This option has no effect for objects fit using cv\_curegmifs or cv\_cureem.

### Value

value of C-statistic for the cure models.

#### References

Asano, J. and Hirakawa, H. (2017) Assessing the prediction accuracy of a cure model for censored survival data with long-term survivors: Application to breast cancer data. *Journal of Biopharmaceutical Statistics*, **27**:6, 918–932.

## See Also

```
auc_mcm
```

#### **Examples**

```
library(survival)
withr::local_seed(1234)
temp <- generate_cure_data(n = 100, j = 10, n_true = 10, a = 1.8)
training <- temp$training
testing <- temp$testing
fit <- curegmifs(Surv(Time, Censor) ~ .,
   data = training, x_latency = training,
   model = "weibull", thresh = 1e-4, maxit = 2000,</pre>
```

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```
epsilon = 0.01, verbose = FALSE
)
concordance_mcm(fit, model_select = "cAIC")
concordance_mcm(fit, newdata = testing, model_select = "cAIC")
```

cureem

Fit penalized mixture cure model using the E-M algorithm

## Description

Fits penalized parametric and semi-parametric mixture cure models (MCM) using the E-M algorithm with user-specified penalty parameters. The lasso (L1), MCP, and SCAD penalty are supported for the Cox MCM while only lasso is currently supported for parametric MCMs.

#### Usage

```
cureem(
  formula,
  data,
  subset,
  x_{latency} = NULL,
 model = c("cox", "weibull", "exponential"),
 penalty = c("lasso", "MCP", "SCAD"),
  penalty_factor_inc = NULL,
  penalty_factor_lat = NULL,
  thresh = 0.001,
  scale = TRUE,
 maxit = NULL,
  inits = NULL,
  lambda_inc = 0.1,
  lambda_lat = 0.1,
  gamma_inc = 3,
  gamma_lat = 3,
  na.action = na.omit,
)
```

#### **Arguments**

formula

an object of class "formula" (or one that can be coerced to that class): a symbolic description of the model to be fitted. The response must be a survival object as returned by the Surv function while the variables on the right side of the formula are the covariates that are included in the incidence portion of the model.

data

a data.frame in which to interpret the variables named in the formula or in the subset argument. Rows with missing data are omitted (only na.action = na.omit is operational) therefore users may want to impute missing data prior to calling this function.

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subset an optional expression indicating which subset of observations to be used in the

fitting process, either a numeric or factor variable should be used in subset, not

a character variable. All observations are included by default.

specifies the variables to be included in the latency portion of the model and can x\_latency

> be either a matrix of predictors, a model formula with the right hand side specifying the latency variables, or the same data.frame passed to the data parameter. Note that when using the model formula syntax for x\_latency it cannot handle

 $x_latency = \sim ...$ 

type of regression model to use for the latency portion of mixture cure model. model

Can be "cox", "weibull", or "exponential" (default is "cox").

type of penalty function. Can be "lasso", "MCP", or "SCAD" (default is "lasso"). penalty

penalty\_factor\_inc

vector of binary indicators representing the penalty to apply to each incidence coefficient: 0 implies no shrinkage and 1 implies shrinkage. If not supplied, 1 is

applied to all incidence variables.

penalty\_factor\_lat

vector of binary indicators representing the penalty to apply to each latency coefficient: 0 implies no shrinkage and 1 implies shrinkage. If not supplied, 1 is

applied to all latency variables.

small numeric value. The iterative process stops when the differences between

successive expected penalized complete-data log-likelihoods for both incidence and latency components are less than this specified level of tolerance (default is

10^-3).

scale logical, if TRUE the predictors are centered and scaled.

maxit integer specifying the maximum number of passes over the data for each lambda.

If not specified, 100 is applied when penalty = "lasso" and 1000 is applied

when penalty = "MCP" or penalty = "SCAD".

inits an optional list specifiying the initial values. This includes:

• itct the incidence intercept.

- b\_u a numeric vector for the unpenalized incidence coefficients for the incidence portion of the model.
- beta\_u a numeric vector for unpenalized latency coefficients in the incidence portion of the model.
- lambda a numeric value for the rate parameter when fitting either a Weibull or exponential MCM using model = "weibull" or model = "exponential".
- alpha a numeric value for the shape parameter when fitting a Weibull MCM using model = "weibull".
- survprob a numeric vector for the latency survival probabilities  $S_u(t_i|w_i)$ for i=1,...,N when fitting a Cox MCM model = "cox".

Penalized coefficients are initialized to zero. If inits is not specified or improperly specified, initialization is automatically provided by the function.

lambda\_inc numeric value for the penalization parameter  $\lambda$  for variables in the incidence portion of the model.

lambda\_lat numeric value for the penalization parameter  $\lambda$  for variables in the latency portion of the model.

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gamma_inc	numeric value for the penalization parameter $\gamma$ for variables in the incidence portion of the model when penalty = "MCP" or penalty = "SCAD" (default is 3).
gamma_lat	numeric value for the penalization parameter $\gamma$ for variables in the latency portion of the model when penalty = "MCP" or penalty = "SCAD" (default is 3).
na.action	this function requires complete data so "na.omit" is invoked. Users can impute missing data as an alternative prior to model fitting.
	additional arguments.

#### Value

b_path	Matrix representing the solution path of the coefficients in the incidence portion of the model. Row is step and column is variable.
beta_path	Matrix representing the solution path of the coefficients in the latency portion of the model. Row is step and column is variable.
b0_path	Vector representing the solution path of the intercept in the incidence portion of the model.
logLik_inc	Vector representing the expected penalized complete-data log-likelihood for the incidence portion of the model for each step in the solution path.
logLik_lat	Vector representing the expected penalized complete-data log-likelihood for the latency portion of the model for each step in the solution path.
x_incidence	Matrix representing the design matrix of the incidence predictors.
x_latency	Matrix representing the design matrix of the latency predictors.
у	Vector representing the survival object response as returned by the Surv function
mode1	Character string indicating the type of regression model used for the latency portion of mixture cure model ("weibull" or "exponential").
scale	Logical value indicating whether the predictors were centered and scaled.
method	Character string indicating the EM algorithm was used in fitting the mixture cure model.
rate_path	Vector representing the solution path of the rate parameter for the Weibull or exponential density in the latency portion of the model.
alpha_path	Vector representing the solution path of the shape parameter for the Weibull density in the latency portion of the model.
call	the matched call.

#### References

Archer, K. J., Fu, H., Mrozek, K., Nicolet, D., Mims, A. S., Uy, G. L., Stock, W., Byrd, J. C., Hiddemann, W., Braess, J., Spiekermann, K., Metzeler, K. H., Herold, T., Eisfeld, A.-K. (2024) Identifying long-term survivors and those at higher or lower risk of relapse among patients with cytogenetically normal acute myeloid leukemia using a high-dimensional mixture cure model. *Journal of Hematology & Oncology*, **17**:28.

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#### See Also

cv\_cureem

#### **Examples**

```
library(survival)
withr::local_seed(1234)
temp <- generate_cure_data(n = 80, j = 100, n_true = 10, a = 1.8)
training <- temp$training
fit <- cureem(Surv(Time, Censor) ~ .,
   data = training, x_latency = training,
   model = "cox", penalty = "lasso", lambda_inc = 0.1,
   lambda_lat = 0.1, gamma_inc = 6, gamma_lat = 10
)</pre>
```

curegmifs

Fit penalized parametric mixture cure model using the GMIFS algorithm

## **Description**

Fits a penalized Weibull or exponential mixture cure model using the generalized monotone incremental forward stagewise (GMIFS) algorithm (Hastie et al 2007) and yields solution paths for parameters in the incidence and latency portions of the model.

## Usage

```
curegmifs(
  formula,
  data,
  subset,
  x_{latency} = NULL,
 model = c("weibull", "exponential"),
 penalty_factor_inc = NULL,
  penalty_factor_lat = NULL,
  epsilon = 0.001,
  thresh = 1e-05,
  scale = TRUE,
 maxit = 10000,
  inits = NULL,
  verbose = TRUE,
  suppress_warning = FALSE,
 na.action = na.omit,
)
```

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#### **Arguments**

formula an object of class "formula" (or one that can be coerced to that class): a sym-

bolic description of the model to be fitted. The response must be a survival object as returned by the Surv function while the variables on the right side of the formula are the covariates that are included in the incidence portion of the

model.

data a data frame in which to interpret the variables named in the formula or in

the subset argument. Rows with missing data are omitted (only na.action = na.omit is operational) therefore users may want to impute missing data prior

to calling this function.

subset an optional expression indicating which subset of observations to be used in the

fitting process, either a numeric or factor variable should be used in subset, not

a character variable. All observations are included by default.

x\_latency specifies the variables to be included in the latency portion of the model and can

be either a matrix of predictors, a model formula with the right hand side specifying the latency variables, or the same data.frame passed to the data parameter. Note that when using the model formula syntax for x\_latency it cannot handle

 $x_latency = \sim ...$ 

model type of regression model to use for the latency portion of mixture cure model.

Can be "weibull" or "exponential"; default is "weibull".

penalty\_factor\_inc

vector of binary indicators representing the penalty to apply to each incidence coefficient: 0 implies no shrinkage and 1 implies shrinkage. If not supplied, 1 is

applied to all incidence variables.

penalty\_factor\_lat

vector of binary indicators representing the penalty to apply to each latency coefficient: 0 implies no shrinkage and 1 implies shrinkage. If not supplied, 1 is

applied to all latency variables.

epsilon small numeric value reflecting the incremental value used to update a coefficient

at a given step (default is 0.001).

thresh small numeric value. The iterative process stops when the differences between

successive expected penalized log-likelihoods for both incidence and latency components are less than this specified level of tolerance (default is 10^-5).

scale logical, if TRUE the predictors are centered and scaled.

maxit integer specifying the maximum number of steps to run in the iterative algorithm

(default is 10<sup>4</sup>).

inits an optional list specifying the initial values as follows:

• itct a numeric value for the unpenalized incidence intercept.

- b\_u a numeric vector for the unpenalized incidence coefficients.
- beta\_u a numeric vector for unpenalized latency coefficients.
- lambda a numeric value for the rate parameter.
- alpha a numeric value for the shape parameter when model = "weibull".

If not supplied or improperly supplied, initialization is automatically provided by the function.

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verbose logical, if TRUE running information is printed to the console (default is FALSE).

suppress\_warning

logical, if TRUE, suppresses echoing the warning that the maximum number of iterations was reached so that the algorithm may not have converged. Instead,

warning is returned as part of the output with this message.

na.action this function requires complete data so "na.omit" is invoked. Users can impute

missing data as an alternative prior to model fitting.

... additional arguments.

#### Value

b\_path Matrix representing the solution path of the coefficients in the incidence portion of the model. Row is step and column is variable.

beta\_path Matrix representing the solution path of the coefficients in the latency portion of

the model. Row is step and column is variable.

b0\_path Vector representing the solution path of the intercept in the incidence portion of

the model.

rate\_path Vector representing the solution path of the rate parameter for the Weibull or

exponential density in the latency portion of the model.

logLik Vector representing the log-likelihood for each step in the solution path.

x\_incidence Matrix representing the design matrix of the incidence predictors.

x\_latency Matrix representing the design matrix of the latency predictors.

y Vector representing the survival object response as returned by the Surv function

model Character string indicating the type of regression model used for the latency

portion of mixture cure model ("weibull" or "exponential").

scale Logical value indicating whether the predictors were centered and scaled.

alpha\_path Vector representing the solution path of the shape parameter for the Weibull

density in the latency portion of the model.

call the matched call.

warning message indicating whether the maximum number of iterations was achieved

which may indicate the model did not converge.

#### References

Fu, H., Nicolet, D., Mrozek, K., Stone, R. M., Eisfeld, A. K., Byrd, J. C., Archer, K. J. (2022) Controlled variable selection in Weibull mixture cure models for high-dimensional data. *Statistics in Medicine*, **41**(22), 4340–4366.

Hastie, T., Taylor J., Tibshirani R., Walther G. (2007) Forward stagewise regression and the monotone lasso. *Electron J Stat*, **1**:1–29.

#### See Also

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#### **Examples**

```
library(survival)
withr::local_seed(1234)
temp <- generate_cure_data(n = 100, j = 10, n_true = 10, a = 1.8)
training <- temp$training

fit <- curegmifs(Surv(Time, Censor) ~ .,
   data = training, x_latency = training,
   model = "weibull", thresh = 1e-4, maxit = 2000, epsilon = 0.01,
   verbose = FALSE
)</pre>
```

cure\_estimate

Estimate cured fraction

## **Description**

Estimates the cured fraction using a Kaplan-Meier fitted object.

## Usage

```
cure_estimate(object)
```

# Arguments

object

a survfit object.

#### Value

estimated proportion of cured observations

## See Also

```
survfit, sufficient_fu_test, nonzerocure_test
```

## **Examples**

```
library(survival)
withr::local_seed(1234)
temp <- generate_cure_data(n = 100, j = 10, n_true = 10, a = 1.8)
training <- temp$training
km_fit <- survfit(Surv(Time, Censor) ~ 1, data = training)
cure_estimate(km_fit)</pre>
```

cv\_cureem

Fit penalized mixture cure model using the E-M algorithm with cross-validation for parameter tuning

## **Description**

Fits penalized parametric and semi-parametric mixture cure models (MCM) using the E-M algorithm with with k-fold cross-validation for parameter tuning. The lasso (L1), MCP and SCAD penalty are supported for the Cox MCM while only lasso is currently supported for parametric MCMs. When FDR controlled variable selection is used, the model-X knockoffs method is applied and indices of selected variables are returned.

#### Usage

```
cv_cureem(
  formula,
  data,
  subset,
  x_{latency} = NULL
 model = c("cox", "weibull", "exponential"),
  penalty = c("lasso", "MCP", "SCAD"),
  penalty_factor_inc = NULL,
  penalty_factor_lat = NULL,
  fdr_control = FALSE,
  fdr = 0.2,
  grid_tuning = FALSE,
  thresh = 0.001,
  scale = TRUE,
 maxit = NULL,
  inits = NULL,
  lambda_inc_list = NULL,
  lambda_lat_list = NULL,
  nlambda_inc = NULL,
  nlambda_lat = NULL,
  gamma_inc = 3,
  gamma_lat = 3,
  lambda_min_ratio_inc = 0.1,
  lambda_min_ratio_lat = 0.1,
  n_folds = 5,
 measure_inc = c("c", "auc"),
  one_se = FALSE,
  cure_cutoff = 5,
  parallel = FALSE,
  seed = NULL,
  verbose = TRUE,
  na.action = na.omit,
```

)

## **Arguments**

formula an object of class "formula" (or one that can be coerced to that class): a sym-

bolic description of the model to be fitted. The response must be a survival object as returned by the Surv function while the variables on the right side of the formula are the covariates that are included in the incidence portion of the

model.

data a data.frame in which to interpret the variables named in the formula or in

the subset argument. Rows with missing data are omitted (only na.action = na.omit is operational) therefore users may want to impute missing data prior

to calling this function.

subset an optional expression indicating which subset of observations to be used in the

fitting process, either a numeric or factor variable should be used in subset, not

a character variable. All observations are included by default.

x\_latency specifies the variables to be included in the latency portion of the model and can

be either a matrix of predictors, a model formula with the right hand side specifying the latency variables, or the same data.frame passed to the data parameter. Note that when using the model formula syntax for x\_latency it cannot handle

 $x_latency = \sim ...$ 

model type of regression model to use for the latency portion of mixture cure model.

Can be "cox", "weibull", or "exponential" (default is "cox").

penalty type of penalty function. Can be "lasso", "MCP", or "SCAD" (default is "lasso").

penalty\_factor\_inc

vector of binary indicators representing the penalty to apply to each incidence coefficient: 0 implies no shrinkage and 1 implies shrinkage. If not supplied, 1 is

applied to all incidence variables.

penalty\_factor\_lat

vector of binary indicators representing the penalty to apply to each latency coefficient: 0 implies no shrinkage and 1 implies shrinkage. If not supplied, 1 is

applied to all latency variables.

fdr\_control logical, if TRUE, model-X knockoffs are used for FDR-controlled variable se-

lection and indices of selected variables are returned (default is FALSE).

fdr numeric value in (0, 1) range specifying the target FDR level to use for variable

selection when  $fdr_control = TRUE$  (default is 0.2).

grid\_tuning logical, if TRUE a 2-D grid tuning approach is used to select the optimal pair

of  $\lambda_b$  and  $\lambda_\beta$  penalty parameters for the incidence and latency portions of the model, respectively. Otherwise the  $\lambda_b$  and  $\lambda_\beta$  are selected from a 1-D sequence

and are equal to one another (default is FALSE).

thresh small numeric value. The iterative process stops when the differences between

successive expected penalized complete-data log-likelihoods for both incidence and latency components are less than this specified level of tolerance (default is

10^-3).

scale logical, if TRUE the predictors are centered and scaled.

maxit

maximum number of passes over the data for each lambda. If not specified, 100 is applied when penalty = "lasso" and 1000 is applied when penalty = "MCP" or penalty = "SCAD".

inits

an optional list specifiying the initial values to be used for model fitting as follows:

- itct the incidence intercept.
- b\_u a numeric vector for the unpenalized. incidence coefficients for the incidence portion of the model.
- beta\_u a numeric vector for unpenalized latency coefficients in the incidence portion of the model.
- lambda a numeric value for the rate parameter when fitting either a Weibull or exponential MCM using model = "weibull" or model = "exponential".
- alpha a numeric value for the shape parameter when fitting a Weibull MCM using model = "weibull".
- survprob a numeric vector for the latency survival probabilities  $S_u(t_i|w_i)$  for i=1,...,N when fitting a Cox MCM model = "cox".

Penalized coefficients are initialized to zero. If inits is not specified or improperly specified, initialization is automatically provided by the function.

#### lambda\_inc\_list

a numeric vector used to search for the optimal  $\lambda_b$  tuning parameter. If not supplied, the function computes a  $\lambda_b$  sequence based on nlambda\_inc and lambda\_min\_ratio\_inc. If grid\_tuning = FALSE, the same sequence should be used for both  $\lambda_b$  and  $\lambda_\beta$ .

#### lambda\_lat\_list

a numeric vector used to search for the optimal  $\lambda_{\beta}$  tuning parameter. If not supplied, the function computes a  $\lambda_{\beta}$  sequence based on nlambda\_lat and lambda\_min\_ratio\_lat. If grid\_tuning = FALSE, the same sequence should be used for both  $\lambda_b$  and  $\lambda_{\beta}$ .

nlambda\_inc

an integer specifying the number of values to search for the optimal  $\lambda_b$  tuning parameter; default is 10 if grid\_tuning = TRUE and 50 otherwise.

nlambda\_lat

an integer specifying the number of values to search for the optimal  $\lambda_{\beta}$  tuning parameter; default is 10 if grid\_tuning = TRUE and 50 otherwise.

gamma\_inc

numeric value for the penalization parameter  $\gamma$  for variables in the incidence portion of the model when penalty = "MCP" or penalty = "SCAD" (default is 3).

gamma\_lat

numeric value for the penalization parameter  $\gamma$  for variables in the latency portion of the model when penalty = "MCP" or penalty = "SCAD" (default is 3).

lambda\_min\_ratio\_inc

numeric value in (0,1) representing the smallest value for  $\lambda_b$  as a fraction of lambda.max\_inc, the data-derived entry value at which essentially all penalized variables in the incidence portion of the model have a coefficient estimate of 0 (default is 0.1).

#### lambda\_min\_ratio\_lat

numeric value in (0.1) representing the smallest value for  $\lambda_{\beta}$  as a fraction of lambda.max\_lat, the data-derived entry value at essentially all penalized variables in the latency portion of the model have a coefficient estimate of 0 (default is 0.1).

n\_folds an integer specifying the number of folds for the k-fold cross-valiation procedure (default is 5).

character string specifying the evaluation criterion used in selecting the optimal measure\_inc  $\lambda_b$  which can be either

- "c" specifying to use the C-statistic for cure status weighting (CSW) method proposed by Asano and Hirakawa (2017) to select both  $\lambda_b$  and  $\lambda_\beta$
- "auc" specifying to use the AUC for cure prediction using the mean score imputation (MSI) method proposed by Asano et al. (2014) to select  $\lambda_b$ while the C-statistic with CSW is used for  $\lambda_{\beta}$ .

logical, if TRUE then the one standard error rule is applied for selecting the optimal parameters. The one standard error rule selects the most parsimonious model having evaluation criterion no more than one standard error worse than that of the best evaluation criterion (default is FALSE).

numeric value representing the cutoff time value that represents subjects not experiencing the event by this time are cured. This value is used to produce a proxy for the unobserved cure status when calculating C-statistic and AUC (default is 5 representing 5 years). Users should be careful to note the time scale of their data and adjust this according to the time scale and clinical application.

logical. If TRUE, parallel processing is performed for K-fold CV using foreach and the **doParallel** package is required.

optional integer representing the random seed. Setting the random seed fosters reproducibility of the results.

logical, if TRUE running information is printed to the console (default is FALSE). na.action this function requires complete data so "na.omit" is invoked. Users can impute missing data as an alternative prior to model fitting.

additional arguments. . . .

### Value

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parallel

seed

verbose

b0 Estimated intercept for the incidence portion of the model. h Estimated coefficients for the incidence portion of the model. beta Estimated coefficients for the latency portion of the model. alpha Estimated shape parameter if the Weibull model is fit.

rate Estimated rate parameter if the Weibull or exponential model is fit.

Expected penalized complete-data log-likelihood for the incidence portion of logLik\_inc

the model.

logLik\_lat Expected penalized complete-data log-likelihood for the latency portion of the

selected\_lambda\_inc

Value of  $\lambda_b$  selected using cross-validation. NULL when fdr\_control is TRUE.

selected\_lambda\_lat

Value of  $\lambda_{\beta}$  selected using cross-validation. NULL when fdr\_control is TRUE.

Maximum C-statistic achieved. max\_c

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```
max_auc Maximum AUC for cure prediction achieved; only output when measure_inc="auc".

selected_index_inc

Indices of selected variables for the incidence portion of the model when fdr_control=TRUE.

If no variables are selected, int(0) will be returned.

selected_index_lat

Indices of selected variables for the latency portion of the model when fdr_control=TRUE.
```

If no variables are selected, int(0) will be returned.

call the matched call.

#### References

Archer, K. J., Fu, H., Mrozek, K., Nicolet, D., Mims, A. S., Uy, G. L., Stock, W., Byrd, J. C., Hiddemann, W., Braess, J., Spiekermann, K., Metzeler, K. H., Herold, T., Eisfeld, A.-K. (2024) Identifying long-term survivors and those at higher or lower risk of relapse among patients with cytogenetically normal acute myeloid leukemia using a high-dimensional mixture cure model. *Journal of Hematology & Oncology*, **17**:28.

#### See Also

cureem

#### **Examples**

```
library(survival)
withr::local_seed(1234)
temp <- generate_cure_data(n = 200, j = 25, n_true = 5, a = 1.8)
training <- temp$training
fit.cv <- cv_cureem(Surv(Time, Censor) ~ .,
    data = training,
    x_latency = training, fdr_control = FALSE,
    grid_tuning = FALSE, nlambda_inc = 10, nlambda_lat = 10,
    n_folds = 2, seed = 23, verbose = TRUE
)
fit.cv.fdr <- cv_cureem(Surv(Time, Censor) ~ .,
    data = training,
    x_latency = training, model = "weibull", penalty = "lasso",
    fdr_control = TRUE, grid_tuning = FALSE, nlambda_inc = 10,
    nlambda_lat = 10, n_folds = 2, seed = 23, verbose = TRUE)</pre>
```

cv\_curegmifs

Fit a penalized parametric mixture cure model using the generalized monotone incremental forward stagewise (GMIFS) algorithm (Hastie et al 2007) with cross-validation for model selection

#### **Description**

Fits a penalized Weibull or exponential mixture cure model using the generalized monotone incremental forward stagewise (GMIFS) algorithm with k-fold cross-validation to select the optimal iteration step along the solution path. When FDR controlled variable selection is used, the model-X knockoffs method is applied and indices of selected variables are returned.

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#### Usage

```
cv_curegmifs(
  formula,
  data,
  subset,
  x_{latency} = NULL
 model = c("weibull", "exponential"),
 penalty_factor_inc = NULL,
  penalty_factor_lat = NULL,
  fdr_control = FALSE,
  fdr = 0.2,
  epsilon = 0.001,
  thresh = 1e-05,
  scale = TRUE,
 maxit = 10000,
  inits = NULL,
  n_folds = 5,
 measure_inc = c("c", "auc"),
  one_se = FALSE,
  cure_cutoff = 5,
  parallel = FALSE,
  seed = NULL,
  verbose = TRUE,
  na.action = na.omit,
)
```

#### **Arguments**

formula

an object of class "formula" (or one that can be coerced to that class): a symbolic description of the model to be fitted. The response must be a survival object as returned by the Surv function while the variables on the right side of the formula are the covariates that are included in the incidence portion of the model.

data

a data.frame in which to interpret the variables named in the formula or in the subset argument. Rows with missing data are omitted (only na.action = na.omit is operational) therefore users may want to impute missing data prior to calling this function.

subset

an optional expression indicating which subset of observations to be used in the fitting process, either a numeric or factor variable should be used in subset, not a character variable. All observations are included by default.

x\_latency

specifies the variables to be included in the latency portion of the model and can be either a matrix of predictors, a model formula with the right hand side specifying the latency variables, or the same data.frame passed to the data parameter. Note that when using the model formula syntax for  $x_l$  at ency it cannot handle  $x_l$  at ency =  $\sim$  ...

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model

type of regression model to use for the latency portion of mixture cure model. Can be "weibull" or "exponential"; default is "weibull".

penalty\_factor\_inc

vector of binary indicators representing the penalty to apply to each incidence coefficient: 0 implies no shrinkage and 1 implies shrinkage. If not supplied, 1 is applied to all incidence variables.

penalty\_factor\_lat

vector of binary indicators representing the penalty to apply to each latency coefficient: 0 implies no shrinkage and 1 implies shrinkage. If not supplied, 1 is applied to all latency variables.

fdr\_control

logical, if TRUE, model-X knockoffs are used for FDR-controlled variable selection and indices of selected variables are returned (default is FALSE).

fdr

numeric value in (0, 1) range specifying the target FDR level to use for variable selection when fdr\_control = TRUE (default is 0.2).

epsilon

small numeric value reflecting incremental value used to update a coefficient at a given step (default is 0.001).

thresh

small numeric value. The iterative process stops when the differences between successive expected penalized complete-data log-likelihoods for both incidence and latency components are less than this specified level of tolerance (default is 10^-5).

scale

logical, if TRUE the predictors are centered and scaled.

maxit

integer specifying the maximum number of steps to run in the iterative algorithm (default is 10<sup>4</sup>).

inits

an optional list specifying the initial values as follows:

- itct a numeric value for the unpenalized incidence intercept.
- b\_u a numeric vector for the unpenalized incidence coefficients.
- beta\_u a numeric vector for unpenalized latency coefficients.
- lambda a numeric value for the rate parameter.
- alpha a numeric value for the shape parameter when model = "weibull".

If inits is not specified or improperly supplied, initialization is automatically provided by the function.

n\_folds

an integer specifying the number of folds for the k-fold cross-validation procedure (default is 5).

measure\_inc

character string specifying the evaluation criterion used in selecting the optimal  $\lambda_b$  which can be either

- "c" specifying to use the C-statistic for cure status weighting (CSW) method proposed by Asano and Hirakawa (2017) to select both  $\lambda_b$  and  $\lambda_\beta$
- "auc" specifying to use the AUC for cure prediction using the mean score imputation (MSI) method proposed by Asano et al. (2014) to select  $\lambda_b$  while the C-statistic with CSW is used for  $\lambda_\beta$ .

one\_se

logical, if TRUE then the one standard error rule is applied for selecting the optimal parameters. The one standard error rule selects the most parsimonious model having evaluation criterion no more than one standard error worse than that of the best evaluation criterion (default is FALSE).

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cure\_cutoff numeric value representing the cutoff time value that represents subjects not

experiencing the event by this time are cured. This value is used to produce a proxy for the unobserved cure status when calculating C-statistic and AUC (default is 5 representing 5 years). Users should be careful to note the time scale of their data and adjust this according to the time scale and clinical application.

parallel logical. If TRUE, parallel processing is performed for K-fold CV using foreach

and the **doParallel** package is required.

seed optional integer representing the random seed. Setting the random seed fosters

reproducibility of the results.

verbose logical, if TRUE running information is printed to the console (default is FALSE).

na.action this function requires complete data so "na.omit" is invoked. Users can impute

missing data as an alternative prior to model fitting.

... additional arguments.

#### Value

Estimated intercept for the incidence portion of the model.

Estimated coefficients for the incidence portion of the model.

Estimated coefficients for the latency portion of the model.

Estimated shape parameter if the Weibull model is fit.

rate Estimated rate parameter if the Weibull or exponential model is fit.

logLik Log-likelihood value.

selected\_step\_inc

Iteration step selected for the incidence portion of the model using cross-validation.

NULL when fdr\_control is TRUE.

selected\_step\_lat

Iteration step selected for the latency portion of the model using cross-validation.

NULL when fdr control is TRUE.

max\_c Maximum C-statistic achieved

max\_auc Maximum AUC for cure prediction achieved; only output when measure\_inc =

"auc".

selected\_index\_inc

Indices of selected variables for the incidence portion of the model when fdr\_control

= TRUE. If none selected, int(0) will be returned.

selected\_index\_lat

Indices of selected variables for the latency portion of the model when fdr\_control

= TRUE. If none selected, int(0) will be returned.

call the matched call.

#### References

Fu, H., Nicolet, D., Mrozek, K., Stone, R. M., Eisfeld, A. K., Byrd, J. C., Archer, K. J. (2022) Controlled variable selection in Weibull mixture cure models for high-dimensional data. *Statistics in Medicine*, **41**(22), 4340–4366.

Hastie, T., Taylor J., Tibshirani R., Walther G. (2007) Forward stagewise regression and the monotone lasso. *Electron J Stat*, **1**:1–29.

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## See Also

```
curegmifs
```

### **Examples**

```
library(survival)
withr::local_seed(123)
temp <- generate_cure_data(n = 100, j = 15, n_true = 3, a = 1.8, rho = 0.2)
training <- temp$training

fit.cv <- cv_curegmifs(Surv(Time, Censor) ~ .,
    data = training,
    x_latency = training, fdr_control = FALSE,
    maxit = 450, epsilon = 0.01, n_folds = 2,
    seed = 23, verbose = TRUE
)</pre>
```

dim.mixturecure

Dimension method for mixturecure objects

## **Description**

Dimension method for mixturecure objects.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'mixturecure'
dim(x)
```

#### **Arguments**

Χ

An object of class mixturecure.

## Value

nobs number of subjects in the dataset.

p\_incidence number of variables in the incidence portion of the model.

p\_latency number of variables in the latency portion of the model.

```
library(survival)
withr::local_seed(1234)
temp <- generate_cure_data(n = 100, j = 10, n_true = 10, a = 1.8)
training <- temp$training
fit <- curegmifs(Surv(Time, Censor) ~ .,
   data = training, x_latency = training,
   model = "weibull", thresh = 1e-4, maxit = 2000,</pre>
```

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```
epsilon = 0.01, verbose = FALSE
)
dim(fit)
```

family.mixturecure

Return model family and fitting algorithm for mixturecure model fits

## **Description**

Return model family and fitting algorithm formixturecure model fits.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'mixturecure'
family(object, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

```
object an object of class mixturecure ... other arguments.
```

#### Value

the parametric or semi-parametric model fit and the fitting algorithm.

```
library(survival)
withr::local_seed(1234)
temp <- generate_cure_data(n = 100, j = 10, n_true = 10, a = 1.8)
training <- temp$training
fit <- curegmifs(Surv(Time, Censor) ~ .,
   data = training, x_latency = training,
   model = "weibull", thresh = 1e-4, maxit = 2000,
   epsilon = 0.01, verbose = FALSE
)
family(fit)</pre>
```

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formula.mixturecure

Extract model formula for mixturecure object

# **Description**

Extract the model formula for mixturecure object

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'mixturecure' formula(x, \ldots)
```

## **Arguments**

- x an object from class mixturecure.
- ... other arguments.

#### Value

a formula representing the incidence and variables for the latency portion of the model

## **Examples**

```
library(survival)
withr::local_seed(1234)
temp <- generate_cure_data(n = 100, j = 10, n_true = 10, a = 1.8)
training <- temp$training
fit <- curegmifs(Surv(Time, Censor) ~ .,
   data = training, x_latency = training,
   model = "weibull", thresh = 1e-4, maxit = 2000,
   epsilon = 0.01, verbose = FALSE
)
formula(fit)</pre>
```

generate\_cure\_data

Simulate data under a mixture cure model

## **Description**

Simulate data under a mixture cure model.

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# Usage

```
generate_cure_data(
    n = 400,
    j = 500,
    nonp = 2,
    train_prop = 0.75,
    n_true = 10,
    a = 1,
    rho = 0.5,
    itct_mean = 0.5,
    cens_ub = 20,
    alpha = 1,
    lambda = 2,
    same_signs = FALSE,
    model = "weibull"
)
```

# Arguments

n	an integer denoting the total sample size.
j	an integer denoting the number of penalized predictors which is the same for both the incidence and latency portions of the model.
nonp	an integer denoting the number of unpenalized predictors (which is the same for both the incidence and latency portions of the model).
train_prop	a numeric value in [0, 1) representing the fraction of n to be used in forming the training dataset.
n_true	an integer less than j denoting the number of variables truly associated with the outcome (i.e., the number of covariates with nonzero parameter values) among the penalized predictors.
a	a numeric value denoting the effect size (signal amplitude) which is the same for both the incidence and latency portions of the model.
rho	a numeric value in $[0, 1)$ representing the correlation between adjacent covariates in the same block.
itct_mean	a numeric value representing the expectation of the incidence intercept which controls the cure rate.
cens_ub	a numeric value representing the upper bound on the censoring time distribution which follows a uniform distribution on (0, cens_ub].
alpha	a numeric value representing the shape parameter in the Weibull density.
lambda	a numeric value representing the rate parameter in the Weibull density.
same_signs	logical, if TRUE the incidence and latency coefficients have the same signs.
model	type of regression model to use for the latency portion of mixture cure model. Can be one of the following:

- "weibull" to generate times from a Weibull distribution.
- "GG" to generate times from a generalized gamma distribution.

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- "Gompertz" to generate times from a Gomertz distribution.
- "nonparametric" to generate times non-parametrically.
- "GG\_baseline" to generate times from a generalized gamma baseline distribution.

#### Value

training

training data.frame which includes Time, Censor, and covariates. Variables prefixed with "U" indicates unpenalized covariates and is equal to the value passed to nonp (default is 2). Variables prefixed with "X" indicates penalized covariates and is equal to the value passed to j.

testing

testing data.frame which includes Time, Censor, and covariates. Variables prefixed with "U" indicates unpenalized covariates and is equal to the value passed to nonp (default is 2). Variables prefixed with "X" indicates penalized covariates and is equal to the value passed to j.

parameters

a list including: the indices of true incidence signals (nonzero\_b), indices of true latency signals (nonzero\_beta), unpenalized incidence parameter values (b\_u), unpenalized latency parameter values (beta\_u), parameter values for the true incidence signals among penalized covariates (b\_p\_nz), parameter values for the true latency signals among penalized covariates (beta\_p\_nz), parameter value for the incidence intercept (itct)

```
library(survival)
withr::local_seed(1234)
# This dataset has 2 penalized features associated with the outcome,
# 3 penalized features not associated with the outcome (noise features), and 1
# unpenalized noise feature.
data \leftarrow generate_cure_data(n = 1000, j = 5, n_true = 2, nonp = 1, a = 2)
# Extract the training data
training <- data$training
# Extract the testing data
testing <- data$testing
# To identify the features truly associated with incidence
names(training)[grep("^X", names(training))][data$parameters$nonzero_b]
# To identify the features truly associated with latency
names(training)[grep("^X", names(training))][data$parameters$nonzero_beta]
# Fit the model to the training data
fitem <- cureem(Surv(Time, Censor) ~ ., data = training,</pre>
  x_latency = training)
# Examine the estimated coefficients at the (default) minimum AIC
coef(fitem)
# As the penalty increases, the coefficients for the noise variables shrink
# to or remain at zero, while the truly associated features have coefficient
# paths that depart from zero. This shows the model's ability to distinguish
# signal from noise.
plot(fitem, label = TRUE)
```

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Log-likelihood for fitted mixture cure model

### **Description**

This function returns the log-likelihood for a user-specified model criterion or step for a curegmifs, cureem, cv\_curegmifs or cv\_cureem fitted object.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'mixturecure'
logLik(object, model_select = "AIC", ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

object
model\_select

a mixturecure object resulting from curegmifs, cureem, cv\_curegmifs, cv\_cureem.

either a case-sensitive parameter for models fit using curegmifs or cureem or any numeric step along the solution path can be selected. The default is model\_select = "AIC" which calculates the predicted values using the coefficients from the model achieving the minimum AIC. The complete list of options are:

- "AIC" for the minimum AIC (default).
- "mAIC" for the minimum modified AIC.
- "cAIC" for the minimum corrected AIC.
- "BIC", for the minimum BIC.
- "mBIC" for the minimum modified BIC.
- "EBIC" for the minimum extended BIC.
- "logLik" for the step that maximizes the log-likelihood.
- n where n is any numeric value from the solution path.

This option has no effect for objects fit using cv\_curegmifs or cv\_cureem. other arguments.

#### Value

log-likelihood of the fitted mixture cure model using the specified criteria.

```
library(survival)
withr::local_seed(1234)
temp <- generate_cure_data(n = 100, j = 10, n_true = 10, a = 1.8)
training <- temp$training
fit <- curegmifs(Surv(Time, Censor) ~ .,
   data = training, x_latency = training,
   model = "weibull", thresh = 1e-4, maxit = 2000,
   epsilon = 0.01, verbose = FALSE</pre>
```

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```
)
logLik(fit, model_select = "AIC")
```

nobs.mixturecure

Number of observations in mixturecure object

# **Description**

Number of observations in fitted mixturecure object.

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'mixturecure'
nobs(object, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

object An object of class mixturecure.
... other arguments.

## Value

number of subjects in the dataset.

```
library(survival)
withr::local_seed(1234)
temp <- generate_cure_data(n = 100, j = 10, n_true = 10, a = 1.8)
training <- temp$training
fit <- curegmifs(Surv(Time, Censor) ~ .,
   data = training, x_latency = training,
   model = "weibull", thresh = 1e-4, maxit = 2000,
   epsilon = 0.01, verbose = FALSE
)
nobs(fit)</pre>
```

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nonzerocure_test	Non-parametric test for a non-zero cured fraction
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# Description

Tests the null hypothesis that the proportion of observations susceptible to the event = 1 against the alternative that the proportion of observations susceptible to the event is < 1. If the null hypothesis is rejected, there is a significant cured fraction.

## Usage

```
nonzerocure_test(object, reps = 1000, seed = NULL, plot = FALSE, b = NULL)
```

### **Arguments**

object

reps

number of simulations on which to base the p-value (default = 1000).

seed

optional random seed.

plot

logical. If TRUE a histogram of the estimated susceptible proportions over all simulations is produced.

b

optional. If specified the maximum observed time for the uniform distribution for generating the censoring times. If not specified, an exponential model is used for generating the censoring times (default).

#### Value

#### References

Maller, R. A. and Zhou, X. (1996) Survival Analysis with Long-Term Survivors. John Wiley & Sons.

#### See Also

```
survfit, cure_estimate, sufficient_fu_test
```

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#### **Examples**

```
library(survival)
withr::local_seed(1234)
temp <- generate_cure_data(n = 100, j = 10, n_true = 10, a = 1.8)
training <- temp$training
km_fit <- survfit(Surv(Time, Censor) ~ 1, data = training)
nonzerocure_test(km_fit)</pre>
```

npar\_mixturecure

Number of parameters in fitted mixture cure model

#### **Description**

This function returns the number of parameters in a user-specified model criterion or step for a curegmifs, cureem, cv\_curegmifs or cv\_cureem fitted object.

#### Usage

```
npar_mixturecure(object, model_select = "AIC")
```

## **Arguments**

object

a mixturecure object resulting from curegmifs, cureem, cv\_curegmifs, cv\_cureem.

model\_select

either a case-sensitive parameter for models fit using curegmifs or cureem or any numeric step along the solution path can be selected. The default is model\_select = "AIC" which calculates the predicted values using the coefficients from the model achieving the minimum AIC. The complete list of options are:

- "AIC" for the minimum AIC (default).
- "mAIC" for the minimum modified AIC.
- "cAIC" for the minimum corrected AIC.
- "BIC", for the minimum BIC.
- "mBIC" for the minimum modified BIC.
- "EBIC" for the minimum extended BIC.
- "logLik" for the step that maximizes the log-likelihood.
- n where n is any numeric value from the solution path.

This option has no effect for objects fit using cv\_curegmifs or cv\_cureem.

#### Value

number of paramaters of the fitted mixture cure model using the specified criteria.

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Plot fitted mixture cure model

## **Description**

This function plots either the coefficient path, the AIC, the cAIC, the BIC, or the log-likelihood for a fitted curegmifs or cureem object. This function produces a lollipop plot of the coefficient estimates for a fitted cv\_curegmifs or cv\_cureem object.

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'mixturecure'
plot(
  Χ,
  type = c("trace", "AIC", "BIC", "logLik", "cAIC", "mAIC", "mBIC", "EBIC"),
  xlab = NULL,
  ylab = NULL,
  label = FALSE,
 main = NULL,
)
```

#### **Arguments**

Χ

a mixturecure object resulting from curegmifs or cureem, cv\_curegmifs or cv\_cureem.

type

a case-sensitive parameter indicating what to plot on the y-axis. The complete list of options are:

- "trace" plots the coefficient path for the fitted object (default).
- "AIC" plots the AIC against step of model fit.
- "mAIC" plots the modified AIC against step of model fit.
- "cAIC" plots the corrected AIC against step of model fit.
- "BIC", plots the BIC against step of model fit.
- "mBIC" plots the modified BIC against step of model fit.
- "EBIC" plots the extended BIC against step of model fit.
- "logLik" plots the log-likelihood against step of model fit.

This option has no effect for objects fit using cv\_curegmifs or cv\_cureem.

xlab

a default x-axis label will be used which can be changed by specifying a userdefined x-axis label.

ylab

a default y-axis label will be used which can be changed by specifying a userdefined y-axis label.

label

logical. If TRUE the variable names will appear in a legend. Applicable only when type = "trace". Be reminded that this works well only for small to moderate numbers of variables. For many predictors, the plot will be cluttered. The

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variables may be more easily identified using the coef function indicating the step of interest.

main

a default main title will be used which can be changed by specifying a user-defined main title. This option is not used for cv\_curegmifs or cv\_cureem fitted objects.

... other arguments.

#### Value

this function has no returned value but is called for its side effects

#### See Also

```
curegmifs, cureem, coef.mixturecure, summary.mixturecure, predict.mixturecure
```

## **Examples**

```
library(survival)
withr::local_seed(1234)
temp <- generate_cure_data(n = 100, j = 10, n_true = 10, a = 1.8)
training <- temp$training
fit <- curegmifs(Surv(Time, Censor) ~ .,
   data = training, x_latency = training,
   model = "weibull", thresh = 1e-4, maxit = 2000,
   epsilon = 0.01, verbose = FALSE
)
plot(fit)</pre>
```

predict.mixturecure

Predicted probabilities for susceptibles, linear predictor for latency, and risk class for latency for mixture cure fit

## **Description**

This function returns a list that includes the predicted probabilities for susceptibles as well as the linear predictor for the latency distribution and a dichotomous risk for latency for a curegmifs, cureem, cv\_curegmifs or cv\_cureem fitted object.

#### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'mixturecure'
predict(object, newdata, model_select = "AIC", ...)
```

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#### **Arguments**

object a mixturecure object resulting from curegmifs, cureem, cv\_curegmifs, or

cv\_cureem.

newdata an optional data.frame that minimally includes the incidence and/or latency vari-

ables to use for predicting the response. If omitted, the training data are used.

model\_select either a case-sensitive parameter for models fit using curegmifs or cureem

or any numeric step along the solution path can be selected. The default is model\_select = "AIC" which calculates the predicted values using the coefficients from the model achieving the minimum AIC. The complete list of options

are:

• "AIC" for the minimum AIC (default).

• "mAIC" for the minimum modified AIC.

• "cAIC" for the minimum corrected AIC.

• "BIC", for the minimum BIC.

• "mBIC" for the minimum modified BIC.

• "EBIC" for the minimum extended BIC.

• "logLik" for the step that maximizes the log-likelihood.

• n where n is any numeric value from the solution path.

This option has no effect for objects fit using cv\_curegmifs or cv\_cureem.

.. other arguments

#### Value

p\_uncured a vector of probabilities from the incidence portion of the fitted model represent-

ing the P(uncured).

linear\_latency a vector for the linear predictor from the latency portion of the model.

latency\_risk a dichotomous class representing low (below the median) versus high risk for

the latency portion of the model.

#### See Also

curegmifs, cureem, coef.mixturecure, summary.mixturecure, plot.mixturecure

```
library(survival)
withr::local_seed(1234)
temp <- generate_cure_data(n = 100, j = 10, n_true = 10, a = 1.8)
training <- temp$training
fit <- curegmifs(Surv(Time, Censor) ~ .,
   data = training, x_latency = training,
   model = "weibull", thresh = 1e-4, maxit = 2000,
   epsilon = 0.01, verbose = FALSE
)
predict_train <- predict(fit)
names(predict_train)
testing <- temp$testing
predict_test <- predict(fit, newdata = testing)</pre>
```

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print.mixturecure

Print the contents of a mixture cure fitted object

## Description

This function prints the first several incidence and latency coefficients, the rate (when fitting an exponential or Weibull mixture cure model), and alpha (when fitting a Weibull mixture cure model). This function returns the fitted object invisible to the user.

#### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'mixturecure'
print(x, max = 6, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

x a mixturecure object resulting from curegmifs, cureem, cv\_cureem, or cv\_curegmifs.

max maximum number of rows in a matrix or elements in a vector to display

other arguments.

#### Value

prints coefficient estimates for the incidence portion of the model and if included, prints the coefficient estimates for the latency portion of the model. Also prints rate for exponential and Weibull models and scale (alpha) for the Weibull mixture cure model. Returns all objects fit using cureem, curegmifs, cv\_cureem, or cv\_curegmifs.

#### Note

The contents of a mixturecure fitted object differ depending upon whether the EM (cureem) or GMIFS (curegmifs) algorithm is used for model fitting or if cross-validation is used. Also, the output differs depending upon whether x\_latency is specified in the model (i.e., variables are included in the latency portion of the model fit) or only terms on the right hand side of the equation are included (i.e., variables are included in the incidence portion of the model).

#### See Also

curegmifs, cureem, coef.mixturecure, summary.mixturecure, plot.mixturecure, predict.mixturecure

```
library(survival)
withr::local_seed(1234)
temp <- generate_cure_data(n = 100, j = 10, n_true = 10, a = 1.8)
training <- temp$training
fit <- curegmifs(Surv(Time, Censor) ~ .,
   data = training, x_latency = training,
   model = "weibull", thresh = 1e-4, maxit = 2000,</pre>
```

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```
epsilon = 0.01, verbose = FALSE
)
print(fit)
```

sufficient\_fu\_test

Test for sufficient follow-up

# Description

Tests for sufficient follow-up using a Kaplan-Meier fitted object.

# Usage

```
sufficient_fu_test(object)
```

# **Arguments**

object a survfit object.

#### Value

p_value	p-value from testing the null hypothesis that there was not sufficient follow-up against the alternative that there was sufficient follow-up
n_n	total number of events that occurred at time > $pmax(0, 2*(last observed event time)-(last observed time))$ and < the last observed event time
N	number of observations in the dataset

#### References

Maller, R. A. and Zhou, X. (1996) Survival Analysis with Long-Term Survivors. John Wiley & Sons.

# See Also

```
survfit, cure_estimate, nonzerocure_test
```

```
library(survival)
withr::local_seed(1234)
temp <- generate_cure_data(n = 100, j = 10, n_true = 10, a = 1.8)
training <- temp$training
km_fit <- survfit(Surv(Time, Censor) ~ 1, data = training)
sufficient_fu_test(km_fit)</pre>
```

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summary.mixturecure Summarize a fitted mixture cure object

## Description

summary method for a mixturecure object fit using curegmifs, cureem, cv\_curegmifs, or cv\_cureem.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'mixturecure'
summary(object, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

```
object a mixturecure object resulting from curegmifs, cureem, cv_curegmifs, or cv_cureem.
... other arguments.
```

## Value

prints the number of non-zero coefficients from the incidence and latency portions of the fitted mixture cure model when using the minimum AIC to select the final model. When fitting a model using curegmifs or cureem the summary function additionally prints results associated with the following model selection methods: the step and value that maximizes the log-likelihood; the step and value that minimizes the AIC, modified AIC (mAIC), corrected AIC (cAIC), BIC, modified BIC (mBIC), and extended BIC (EBIC). This information can be used to guide the user in the selection of a final model from the solution path.

#### See Also

curegmifs, cureem, coef.mixturecure, plot.mixturecure, predict.mixturecure

```
library(survival)
withr::local_seed(1234)
temp <- generate_cure_data(n = 100, j = 10, n_true = 10, a = 1.8)
training <- temp$training
fit <- curegmifs(Surv(Time, Censor) ~ .,
   data = training, x_latency = training,
   model = "weibull", thresh = 1e-4, maxit = 2000,
   epsilon = 0.01, verbose = FALSE
)
summary(fit)</pre>
```

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