

Package ‘rvmprior’

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plot.rvm_prior	<i>Fit plot of an rvm_prior object</i>
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Description

S3 visualization method for objects of class "rvm_prior". Displays the training data, the predicted curve, the true function (if available), and the selected relevance vectors.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'rvm_prior'
plot(x, f_true = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

x	Object of class "rvm_prior".
f_true	Numeric vector or NULL. True function to overlay on the plot.
...	Additional arguments (ignored).

Value

Invisible ggplot object. The plot is printed as a side effect.

Examples

```
dados <- sinc_data(n = 100, SNR = 7)
fit <- rvm_prior(dados$x, dados$y, prior = "Epanechnikov",
                 kernel = "gaussian", f_true = dados$f_true)
plot(fit)
```

rvm_prior	<i>Fits an RVM model with flexible prior</i>
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Description

Main function of the rvmprior package. Fits a Relevance Vector Machine (RVM) model for regression with support for three types of priors (Normal, Epanechnikov, Bickel) and two kernel types (gaussian, mexican_hat).

Usage

```
rvm_prior(
  x,
  y,
  x_test = NULL,
  prior = c("Normal", "Epanechnikov", "Bickel"),
  kernel = c("gaussian", "mexican_hat"),
  kernel_param = NULL,
  prior_param = NULL,
  alpha = 0.95,
  show_plot = FALSE,
  f_true = NULL,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	Numeric vector. Predictor variable (unidimensional).
<code>y</code>	Numeric vector. Response variable. Must have the same length as <code>x</code> .
<code>x_test</code>	Numeric vector or NULL. Prediction points. If NULL, uses <code>x</code> .
<code>prior</code>	Character. Prior for the weights: "Normal", "Epanechnikov", or "Bickel".
<code>kernel</code>	Character. Kernel function: "gaussian" or "mexican_hat".
<code>kernel_param</code>	Numeric or NULL. Kernel parameter. If NULL, uses an automatic value.
<code>prior_param</code>	Numeric or NULL. Prior parameter. If NULL, uses an automatic value.
<code>alpha</code>	Numeric between 0 and 1. Spike probability. Default: 0.95.
<code>show_plot</code>	Logical. If TRUE, displays the fit plot. Default: FALSE.
<code>f_true</code>	Numeric vector or NULL. True function for comparison in the plot.
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments passed to <code>rvm_spike_slab</code> (iterations, tol).

Value

Invisible object of class "rvm_prior" with the fit results.

Examples

```
dados <- sinc_data(n = 100, SNR = 7)
fit <- rvm_prior(dados$x, dados$y, prior = "Epanechnikov", kernel = "gaussian")
print(fit)
```

sinc_data	<i>Generate simulated data from the sinc function with Gaussian noise</i>
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Description

The sinc function is defined as $\text{sinc}(x) = \sin(x)/x$, with limit $\text{sinc}(0) = 1$. Used in nonparametric regression simulations.

Usage

```
sinc_data(n = 100, from = -10, to = 10, SNR = NULL, sd_noise = 0.2, seed = 123)
```

Arguments

n	Integer. Number of points to generate. Default: 100.
from	Numeric. Lower bound of the x domain. Default: -10.
to	Numeric. Upper bound of the x domain. Default: 10.
SNR	Numeric or NULL. Desired signal-to-noise ratio. If NULL, uses sd_noise.
sd_noise	Numeric. Standard deviation of the noise. Used only when SNR is NULL. Default: 0.2.
seed	Integer. Seed for reproducibility. Default: 123.

Value

An object of class "sinc_data" with elements x, y, f_true, sd_noise and SNR.

Examples

```
dados <- sinc_data(n = 100, SNR = 7)
print(dados)
```

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