

# Package ‘flowfield’

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ffplot *Flow field forecast plot*

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**Description**

Plots the original data, the penalized spline regression, the forecast values and error bands.

**Usage**

```
ffplot(t, y, skeleton, fcast, std.error)
```

**Arguments**

t	time series observation times
y	time series response values
skeleton	data skeleton from penalized spline regression
fcast	forecast values
std.error	forecast errors

**Value**

Returns no values. This function returns a plot of the time series, the penalized spline regression, the forecast values and prediction bands.

**Author(s)**

Kyle A. Caudle

**References**

Frey, MR and Caudle, KA "Flow field forecasting for univariate time series," *Statistical Analysis and Data Mining*, 2013.

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Flow Field Forecasting

*Forecast of a univariate time series Flow Field Forecasting*

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**Description**

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**Details**

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Time series response values should be loaded into a numeric vector. Since flow field forecasting accepts unequally spaced observations, a second vector of observation times is also required.

Flow field forecasting uses penalized spline regression to make a historical data skeleton in order to summarize the data prior to building the forecast. Forecasts are made at time steps equivalent to the knot spacing in the data skeleton. For forecasts at times between knots we recommend doing a linear interpolation.

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### References

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2. C. E. Rasmussen and C. K. I. Williams, Gaussian Processes for Machine Learning, Cambridge, MA, MIT Press, 2006
3. D. Ruppert, M. P. Wand and R. J. Carroll, Semiparametric Regression. New York, NY: Cambridge University Press, 2003.

### Examples

```
library(SemiPar)
data(lidar)

t <- lidar$range
y <- lidar$logratio

steps <- 10 # number of forecast steps (steps must be 10 or less)
flowfield(t,y,steps,TRUE)
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flowfield

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**Usage**

```
flowfield(t,y,steps,plot)
```

**Arguments**

t	A vector of time series observation times.
y	A vector of time series response values
steps	Number of steps to forecast. Forecasts > 10 steps are not allowed, a warning will occur. Forecasts occur in knot intervals of the penalized spline regression. Knots are evenly spaced within the range of data approximately one knot for every 10 data points.
plot	If a plot is required, set plot = TRUE otherwise set plot = FALSE

**Value**

This function returns the flow field forecasts and the associated prediction errors. A plot of the original data, the penalized spline regression, the forecast values and the prediction bands is also provided upon request.

**Note**

If data is too sparse, a **WARNING** will be given to the issue to indicate that forecasts may be inaccurate.

**Author(s)**

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**Description**

Performs the flow field forecast give a historical data skeleton from the penalized spline regression.

**Usage**

```
forecast(skeleton, steps)
```

**Arguments**

skeleton	data skeleton from penalized spline regression
steps	Number of steps to forecast. Forecasts occur in knot intervals of the penalized spline regression. Knots are evenly spaced within the range of data approximately one knot for every 10 data points.

**Value**

Returns the forecast values.

**Note**

If data is too sparse, a **WARNING** will be given to the issue to indicate that forecasts may be inaccurate.

**Author(s)**

Kyle A. Caudle

**References**

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GCV

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**Description**

Evaluates the generalized cross generalization criterion for a specific value of lambda.

**Usage**

GCV(lambda, y, x, d)

**Arguments**

lambda	lambda value to evaluate the GCV criterion at
y	Time series response values.
x	Design matrix from the penalized spline regression.
d	Diagonal matrix used to constrain the linear model. This is a type of Ridge regression.

**Value**

Returns the GCV value for a specific value of lambda and an input into the optimize function in order to minimize this function.

**Author(s)**

Kyle A. Caudle

**References**

D. Ruppert, M. P. Wand and R. J. Carroll, Semiparametric Regression. New York, NY: Cambridge University Press, 2003.

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gpr

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**Description**

Interpolates the penalized regression skeleton using Gaussian process regression.

**Usage**

gpr(h, rec3.sd, rec3.delta, ssd, sdelta, responses)

**Arguments**

h	History space. Current version uses the current and last 2 levels of the systematically determined component (SDC) and the previous 3 forward response derivatives.
rec3.sd	Most recent SDC values in the history space.
rec3.delta	Most recent forward response derivatives in the history space.
ssd	Standard deviation of the SDCs.
sdelta	Standard deviation of the forward response derivatives.
responses	All values of the forward response derivatives in the history space.

**Value**

Returns the GPR interpolated value by comparing the current history to the entire history space.

**Author(s)**

Kyle A. Caudle

**References**

Frey, MR and Caudle, KA "Flow field forecasting for univariate time series," Statistical Analysis and Data Mining, 2013.

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psr	<i>psr</i>
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**Description**

Constructs a penalized spline regression of the historical time series data to be used in flow field forecasting.

**Usage**

psr(t, y)

**Arguments**

t	Time series observation times.
y	Time series response values.

**Value**

Returns the penalized spline regression data skeleton.

**Author(s)**

Kyle A. Caudle

**References**

D. Ruppert, M. P. Wand and R. J. Carroll, Semiparametric Regression. New York, NY: Cambridge University Press, 2003.

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smoothp

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**Description**

Determines the smoothing parameter in the penalized spline regression.

**Usage**

```
smoothp(t, y, x, d)
```

**Arguments**

t	Time series observation times.
y	Time series response values.
x	Design matrix from the penalized spline regression.
d	Diagonal matrix used to constrain the linear model. This is a type of Ridge regression.

**Value**

Returns the smoothing parameter lambda for the penalized spline regression.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

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