

# Package ‘lss’

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lss *the accelerated failure time model to right censored data based on least-squares principle*

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## Usage

```
lss(formula, data, subset, trace = FALSE, mcsiz = 500, maxiter = 10, tolerance = 0.001, gehanonly = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

formula	specifies a model to be fitted. The response and covariates of the model are separated by a ~ operator. The response, on the left side of ~, should be a Surv object with two columns, of which the first column is the survival time or censored time and the second column is the censoring indicator. The covariates or predictors X, on the right side of ~, should be columns with the same length as Surv object. eg: lss(Surv(time, status)~)
data	a data frame which contains the Surv objects and covariates.
subset	specifies subset of the original data frame that should be used for the model fit.
trace	takes logical values T or F. If it is set to be T, then the summary of every iteration will be kept. The default is F.
mcsiz	specifies the resampling number. The default is 500.
maxiter	specifies the maximum iteration number. The iterations will be stopped after maxiter iterations if the convergence criterion is not met. The default is 50.
tolerance	specifies the value of convergence criterion. The default is 0.001.
gehanonly	takes logical values T or F. If gehanonly=T, only Gehan estimator will be calculated and the least-squares estimator will not be calculated. The default is gehanonly=F.
cov	takes logical values T or F. If cov=T, the covariance matrices of the Gehan estimator and the least-squares estimator will be printed. The default is cov=F.
na.action	takes values na.exclude or na.fail. The default is na.exclude, which deletes the observations with missing values. The other choice is na.fail, which returns an error if any missing values are found.

**Value**

The Gehan estimator, the standard error of the Gehan estimator, the Z score and the p-value for testing the hypothesis of  $\beta=0$  based on Gehan estimation. The least-squares estimator, the standard error of the least-squares estimator, the Z score and the p-value for testing the hypothesis of  $\beta=0$ . The covariance matrices of the Gehan estimator and the least-squares estimator, when cov is set to be T.

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**References**

Z. Jin, D. Y. Lin, Z. Ying, On least-squares regression with censored data, *Biometrika* 93 (2006) 147-161.

**Examples**

```
data(stan)
fit1<-lss(cbind(log10(time),status) ~ age + t5,data=stan,subset=!is.na(t5), mcs=100,trace=TRUE,gehanonly=FALSE)
fit2<-lss(cbind(log10(time),status) ~ age + I(age^2),data=stan,subset=!is.na(t5)&time>=100,mcs=5,trace=TRUE,
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stan

*Stanford heart transplantation data*

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**Description**

~~ A concise (1-5 lines) description of the dataset. ~~

**Usage**

```
data(stan)
```

**Format**

A data frame with 157 observations on the following 5 variables.

id a numeric vector  
time a numeric vector  
status a numeric vector  
age a numeric vector  
t5 a numeric vector

**Source**

R. Miller and J. Halpern, Regression with censored data, *Biometrika* 69 (1982) 521-531

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