

# Package ‘sparseIndexTracking’

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K. Benidis, Y. Feng, and D. P. Palomar, "Sparse Portfolios for High-Dimensional Financial Index Tracking," IEEE Trans. on Signal Processing, vol. 66, no. 1, pp. 155-170, Jan. 2018. <doi:10.1109/TSP.2017.2762286>.

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sparseIndexTracking-package

*sparseIndexTracking: Design of Portfolio of Stocks to Track an Index*

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## Description

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## Functions

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## Help

For a quick help see the README file: [CRAN-README](#) and [GitHub-README](#).

For more details see the vignette: [CRAN-html-vignette](#), [CRAN-pdf-vignette](#), [GitHub-html-vignette](#), and [GitHub-pdf-vignette](#).

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INDEX_2010	<i>Database of the net returns of the index S&amp;P 500 and its underlying assets during the year 2010</i>
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**Description**

Database of the net returns of the index S&P 500 and its underlying assets during the year 2010. Only the assets that were in the index during the whole period are included.

**Usage**

```
data(INDEX_2010)
```

**Format**

A list of two xts objects, namely, X and SP500, corresponding to the net returns of the assets and the index, respectively.

**Source**

[Yahoo! Finance](#)

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spIndexTrack	<i>Sparse Index Tracking</i>
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**Description**

Computes the weights of assets (relative capital allocation) for a sparse approximation of a financial index.

**Usage**

```
spIndexTrack(X, r, lambda, u = 1, measure = c("ete", "dr", "hete",
      "hdr"), hub = NULL, w0 = NULL, thres = 1e-09)
```

**Arguments**

X	m-by-n matrix of net returns (m samples, n assets).
r	m dimensional vector of the net returns of the index.
lambda	sparsity weight factor. Any nonnegative number (suggested range $[10^{-8}, 10^{-6}]$ ).
u	upper bound of the weights. Default value $u < 1$ , i.e., no effective upper bound.
measure	performance measure. Possible values 'ete' (empirical tracking error - default), 'dr' (downside risk), 'hete' (Huber empirical tracking error), and 'hdr' (Huber downside risk).

hub	Huber parameter. Required if measure = 'hete' or measure = 'hdr'.
w0	initial point. If NULL a uniform allocation is used, i.e., $w_0 \leftarrow \text{rep}(1/N, N)$ .
thres	threshold value. All the weights less or equal to thres are set to 0. The default value is $1e-9$ .

**Value**

An n-dimensional vector with allocation weights on the assets.

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**Examples**

```
library(sparseIndexTracking)
library(xts)

# load data
data(INDEX_2010)

# fit portfolio under error measure ETE (Empirical Tracking Error)
w_ete <- spIndexTrack(INDEX_2010$X, INDEX_2010$SP500, lambda = 1e-7, u = 0.5, measure = 'ete')

# show cardinality achieved
cat("Number of assets used:", sum(w_ete > 1e-6))
```

# Index

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