

# Package ‘nnsolve’

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**Title** Fast Non-Negative Least Squares

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**Description** Provides a fast algorithm for solving non-negative least squares problems. It implements the Fast Non-Negative Least Squares algorithm of Bro and de Jong (1997)

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fnnls

*Fast Non-Negative Least Squares***Description**

Solves the NNLS problem  $\min \|Xty - XtX * w\|^2$  subject to  $w \geq 0$  using the Fast Non-Negative Least Squares algorithm of Bro & de Jong (1997).

**Usage**

```
fnnls(
  XtX,
  Xty,
  tol = 1e-06,
  max_iter = 1000,
  sum_to_constant = FALSE,
  constant = 1,
  lower_bound = FALSE,
  lb = 0
)
```

**Arguments**

XtX	symmetric positive definite matrix of dimensions k x k
Xty	numeric vector of length k
tol	convergence tolerance. Default 1e-6
max_iter	maximum number of iterations. Default 1000
sum_to_constant	if TRUE all entries sum to 'constant'. Default FALSE
constant	if sum_to_constant is TRUE, all entries sum to this number. Default 1
lower_bound	if TRUE all entries bounded below by 'lb', otherwise they are nonnegative. Default FALSE
lb	if lower_bound is TRUE all entries are bounded below by 'lb'. Default 0

**Value**

non-negative numeric vector of length k

**References**

Bro, Rasmus & Jong, Sijmen. (1997). A Fast Non-negativity-constrained Least Squares Algorithm. *Journal of Chemometrics*. 11. 393-401. 10.1002/(SICI)1099-128X(199709/10)11:53.0.CO;2-L.

**Examples**

```
k <- 10
D <- 100
H <- matrix(rnorm(k * D), nrow = k, ncol = D)
x <- rnorm(D)
XtX <- H %*% t(H) + diag(1e-8, k)
Xty <- as.vector(H %*% x)
w <- fnnls(XtX, Xty)
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