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 GLBFP-package

*GLBFP: General Linear Blend Frequency Polygon Density Estimation*


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## Description

GLBFP provides one-point and grid-based density estimators based on ASH, LBFP and GLBFP methodology, with sparse-prefix computation, leave-one-out self-support scores, visualization helpers and bandwidth selection utilities.

## Details

Main entry points:

- [ASH\(\)](#), [LBFP\(\)](#), [GLBFP\(\)](#)
- [ASH\\_estimate\(\)](#), [LBFP\\_estimate\(\)](#), [GLBFP\\_estimate\(\)](#)
- [compute\\_Di\(\)](#)
- [compute\\_bi\\_optim\(\)](#)

Lowercase aliases such as [glbfp\(\)](#) and [glbfp\\_estimate\(\)](#) are also provided for users who prefer lower-snake-case function names.

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**See Also**

Useful links:

- <https://aureliennicosiaulaval.github.io/GLBFP/>
- <https://github.com/AurelienNicosiaULaval/GLBFP>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/AurelienNicosiaULaval/GLBFP/issues>

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as.data.frame.glbfp\_grid

*Convert GLBFP objects to data frames*

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**Description**

Convert GLBFP objects to data frames

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'glbfp_grid'  
as.data.frame(x, row.names = NULL, optional = FALSE, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'glbfp_di'  
as.data.frame(x, row.names = NULL, optional = FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	A GLBFP grid object or a compute_Di() result.
row.names	Optional row names.
optional	Passed to <code>base::as.data.frame()</code> .
...	Additional arguments (unused).

**Value**

A data frame representation of the object.

ASH

*Averaged Shifted Histogram (ASH) estimator at a single point***Description**

Computes the ASH density estimate at point  $x$ .

**Usage**

```
ASH(
  x,
  data,
  b = compute_bi_optim(data, m = rep(1, ncol(data))),
  m = rep(1, ncol(data)),
  min_vals = apply(data, 2, min),
  max_vals = apply(data, 2, max)
)

## S3 method for class 'ASH'
print(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	Object of class "ASH".
<code>data</code>	Numeric matrix or data frame of observations ( $n \times d$ ).
<code>b</code>	Positive numeric vector of bandwidths (length $d$ ).
<code>m</code>	Positive integer vector of shifts (length $d$ ).
<code>min_vals</code>	Numeric vector of lower grid bounds (length $d$ ).
<code>max_vals</code>	Numeric vector of upper grid bounds (length $d$ ).
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments (unused).

**Details**

`m` controls the number of shifted histograms used in each dimension. Missing and non-finite values are not accepted; remove or impute them before calling the estimator.

**Value**

A list with class `c("glbfp_fit", "ASH")` containing: `x`, `estimation`, `b`, `m`, `method`, and `dimension`.

**Methods (by generic)**

- `print(ASH)`: Print method for object of class "ASH".

**References**

Scott, D. W. (1992). *Multivariate Density Estimation: Theory, Practice, and Visualization*. Wiley. doi:10.1002/9780470316849.

**See Also**

[ASH\\_estimate\(\)](#), [LBFP\(\)](#), [GLBFP\(\)](#), [compute\\_bi\\_optim\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
x <- c(200, 30)
b <- c(0.5, 0.5)
m <- c(1, 1)
ASH(x, ashua[, -3], b = b, m = m)
```

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ASH\_estimate

*ASH density estimation on a grid*

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**Description**

Computes ASH density estimates on a regular or user-supplied grid.

**Usage**

```
ASH_estimate(
  data,
  b = compute_bi_optim(data, m = rep(1, ncol(data))),
  m = rep(1, ncol(data)),
  grid_size = 20,
  grid_points = NULL,
  min_vals = apply(data, 2, min),
  max_vals = apply(data, 2, max)
)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'ASH_estimate'
print(x, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'ASH_estimate'
plot(x, contour = FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

data	Numeric matrix or data frame of observations (n x d).
b	Positive numeric vector of bandwidths (length d).
m	Positive integer vector of shifts (length d).
grid_size	Integer number of grid points per dimension when grid_points = NULL.

<code>grid_points</code>	Optional matrix/data frame of explicit evaluation points.
<code>min_vals</code>	Numeric vector of lower grid bounds (length <code>d</code> ).
<code>max_vals</code>	Numeric vector of upper grid bounds (length <code>d</code> ).
<code>x</code>	Object from <code>ASH_estimate()</code> to print.
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments (unused).
<code>contour</code>	If TRUE, draw a contour-like 2D representation for 2D data.

### Details

When `grid_points` is NULL, a regular grid is constructed from `min_vals` to `max_vals`. Custom grids may be irregular; in that case plotting uses point or scatter representations instead of a surface.

### Value

A list with class `c("glbfp_grid", "ASH_estimate")` containing grid coordinates, densities, and grid metadata.

### Methods (by generic)

- `print(ASH_estimate)`: Print method for object of class "ASH\_estimate".
- `plot(ASH_estimate)`: Plot method for object of class "ASH\_estimate".

### See Also

[ASH\(\)](#), [LBFP\\_estimate\(\)](#), [GLBFP\\_estimate\(\)](#)

### Examples

```
b <- c(0.5, 0.5)
# Use a small, representative subset so examples remain fast in checks.
sample_data <- as.matrix(ashua[seq_len(120), -3])
out <- ASH_estimate(sample_data, b = b, m = c(1, 1), grid_size = 10)
out
```

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ashua

*River Ashuapmushuan daily flow and level data*

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### Description

Daily observations of river flow and level for the Ashuapmushuan river.

### Usage

```
ashua
```

**Format**

A data frame with 4,389 rows and 3 variables:

**flow** Flow rate in cubic meters per second.

**level** Water level in meters.

**day** Day code as integer in YYYYDDD format.

**Details**

Data cover 22 March 1992 to 30 September 2007 with a small number of missing calendar days.

**Source**

Environment and Climate Change Canada, Historical Hydrometric Data. The exact extraction query still needs to be documented in `data-raw/`.

**Examples**

```
data(ashua)
summary(ashua)
```

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compute_bi_optim	<i>Compute bandwidth vector <math>b_i</math></i>
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**Description**

Computes a plug-in bandwidth vector used by GLBFP/LBFP/ASH estimators. The function validates numeric inputs, stabilizes near-singular covariance matrices with a small ridge if needed, and returns strictly positive bandwidths.

**Usage**

```
compute_bi_optim(data, m = rep(1, ncol(data)))
```

**Arguments**

data	A numeric matrix or data frame where rows are observations and columns are variables.
m	A positive integer vector of shifts, one value per dimension.

**Details**

The returned vector is intended as a starting value for examples and routine workflows. For applied analysis, sensitivity to the bandwidth should still be checked.

The plug-in expression follows the optimal cell-width calculation for multivariate frequency polygons in Carbon and Duchesne (2024).

Near-singular covariance matrices are stabilized with a small ridge term. If this fails, the function returns an error rather than silently producing non-finite bandwidths.

**Value**

A numeric vector of positive bandwidths with one value per column in data.

**References**

Carbon, M. and Duchesne, T. (2024). Multivariate frequency polygon for stationary random fields. *Annals of the Institute of Statistical Mathematics*, 76(2), 263-287. doi:10.1007/s10463-023-00883-5.

**See Also**

[ASH\(\)](#), [LBFP\(\)](#), [GLBFP\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
set.seed(1)
x <- cbind(rnorm(200), rnorm(200))
compute_bi_optim(x, m = c(1, 1))
```

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compute\_Di

*Leave-one-out self-support scores for grid density estimators*

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**Description**

Computes the fixed-grid leave-one-out score

$$D_i = 1 - \hat{f}_{(-i)}(X_i) / \hat{f}(X_i)$$

for observations in data. The grid, bandwidths, and estimator parameters are held fixed when the contribution of observation  $i$  is removed.

**Usage**

```
compute_Di(
  data,
  b = compute_bi_optim(data, m = rep(1, ncol(data))),
  m = rep(1, ncol(data)),
  estimator = c("GLBFP", "LBFP", "ASH"),
  min_vals = apply(data, 2, min),
  max_vals = apply(data, 2, max)
)
```

**Arguments**

data	Numeric matrix or data frame of observations (n x d).
b	Positive numeric vector of bandwidths (length d).
m	Positive integer vector of shifts (length d). Ignored for estimator = "LBFP", where m = 1.
estimator	Character string. One of "GLBFP", "LBFP", or "ASH".
min_vals	Numeric vector of lower grid bounds (length d).
max_vals	Numeric vector of upper grid bounds (length d).

**Value**

A list with class "glbfp\_di" containing the score vector D, fitted densities, leave-one-out densities, self-weights, and metadata.

**Examples**

```
x <- as.matrix(ashua[seq_len(80), -3])
b <- c(0.5, 0.5)
out <- compute_Di(x, b = b, m = c(1, 1), estimator = "GLBFP")
summary(out)
```

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compute_G_star	<i>Compute the <math>G^*</math> * bandwidth constant</i>
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**Description**

Computes the dimension-dependent constant  $G^*$  used by `compute_bi_optim()`.

**Usage**

```
compute_G_star(d)
```

**Arguments**

d A single positive integer giving the data dimension.

**Details**

The implemented formula is

$$G^* = 2^{\frac{3(d-4)}{2(4+d)}} \exp\left(\frac{1}{4+d}\right) \frac{\pi^{d/2}}{4+d}.$$

**Value**

A positive numeric scalar.

**See Also**

[compute\\_bi\\_optim\(\)](#), [G\\_i\(\)](#), [K\\_mi\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
compute_G_star(1)
compute_G_star(2)
```

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G\_i

*Compute the  $G(m_i)$  bandwidth constant*

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**Description**

Computes the scalar constant  $G(m_i)$  used by [compute\\_bi\\_optim\(\)](#).

**Usage**

```
G_i(mi)
```

**Arguments**

mi                    A single positive numeric value. In package estimators, mi corresponds to one component of the integer shift vector m.

**Details**

The implemented formula is

$$G(m_i) = \frac{1}{12} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2m_i^2} \right).$$

**Value**

A positive numeric scalar.

**See Also**

[compute\\_bi\\_optim\(\)](#), [K\\_mi\(\)](#), [compute\\_G\\_star\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
G_i(1)
G_i(2)
```

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GLBFP	<i>General Linear Blend Frequency Polygon (GLBFP) estimator at a single point</i>
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**Description**

Computes the GLBFP density estimate at point  $x$ .

**Usage**

```
GLBFP(
  x,
  data,
  b = compute_bi_optim(data, m = rep(1, ncol(data))),
  m = rep(1, ncol(data)),
  min_vals = apply(data, 2, min),
  max_vals = apply(data, 2, max)
)

## S3 method for class 'GLBFP'
print(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

$x$	Object returned by <code>GLBFP()</code> .
<code>data</code>	Numeric matrix or data frame of observations ( $n \times d$ ).
<code>b</code>	Positive numeric vector of bandwidths (length $d$ ).
<code>m</code>	Positive integer vector of shifts (length $d$ ).
<code>min_vals</code>	Numeric vector of lower grid bounds (length $d$ ).
<code>max_vals</code>	Numeric vector of upper grid bounds (length $d$ ).
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments (unused).

**Details**

`GLBFP()` generalizes the linear blend frequency polygon workflow through the positive integer shift vector  $m$ . Missing and non-finite values are not accepted; remove or impute them before calling the estimator.

**Value**

A list with class `c("glbfp_fit", "GLBFP")` containing:  $x$ , estimation, sd, IC,  $b$ ,  $m$ , method, and dimension.

**Methods (by generic)**

- `print(GLBFP)`: Print method for object of class "GLBFP".

**References**

Scott, D. W. (1992). *Multivariate Density Estimation: Theory, Practice, and Visualization*. Wiley. doi:10.1002/9780470316849.

The complete methodological citation for GLBFP has not yet been verified in this repository. Add it before using this help page as publication text.

**See Also**

[GLBFP\\_estimate\(\)](#), [ASH\(\)](#), [LBFP\(\)](#), [compute\\_bi\\_optim\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
x <- c(200, 30)
b <- c(0.5, 0.5)
m <- c(1, 1)
GLBFP(x, ashua[, -3], b = b, m = m)
```

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GLBFP\_estimate

*GLBFP density estimation on a grid*

---

**Description**

Computes GLBFP density estimates on a regular or user-supplied grid.

**Usage**

```
GLBFP_estimate(
  data,
  b = compute_bi_optim(data, m = rep(1, ncol(data))),
  m = rep(1, ncol(data)),
  grid_size = 20,
  grid_points = NULL,
  min_vals = apply(data, 2, min),
  max_vals = apply(data, 2, max)
)

## S3 method for class 'GLBFP_estimate'
print(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'GLBFP_estimate'
plot(x, contour = FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>data</code>	Numeric matrix or data frame of observations (n x d).
<code>b</code>	Positive numeric vector of bandwidths (length d).
<code>m</code>	Positive integer vector of shifts (length d).
<code>grid_size</code>	Integer number of grid points per dimension when <code>grid_points = NULL</code> .
<code>grid_points</code>	Optional matrix/data frame of explicit evaluation points.
<code>min_vals</code>	Numeric vector of lower grid bounds (length d).
<code>max_vals</code>	Numeric vector of upper grid bounds (length d).
<code>x</code>	Object returned by <code>GLBFP_estimate()</code> .
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments (unused).
<code>contour</code>	If TRUE, draw a contour-like 2D representation for 2D data.

**Details**

When `grid_points` is NULL, a regular grid is constructed from `min_vals` to `max_vals`. Custom grids may be irregular; in that case plotting uses point or scatter representations instead of a surface.

**Value**

A list with class `c("glbfp_grid", "GLBFP_estimate")` containing grid coordinates, densities, uncertainty estimates, and grid metadata.

**Methods (by generic)**

- `print(GLBFP_estimate)`: Print method for object of class "GLBFP\_estimate".
- `plot(GLBFP_estimate)`: Plot method for object of class "GLBFP\_estimate".

**See Also**

[GLBFP\(\)](#), [ASH\\_estimate\(\)](#), [LBFP\\_estimate\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
b <- c(0.5, 0.5)
# Use a small, representative subset so examples remain fast in checks.
sample_data <- as.matrix(ashua[seq_len(120), -3])
out <- GLBFP_estimate(sample_data, b = b, m = c(1, 1), grid_size = 10)
out
```

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K_mi	<i>Compute the <math>K(m_i)</math> bandwidth constant</i>
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**Description**

Computes the scalar constant  $K(m_i)$  used by `compute_bi_optim()`.

**Usage**

`K_mi(mi)`

**Arguments**

`mi` A single numeric value greater than 0.5. In package estimators, `mi` corresponds to one component of the integer shift vector `m`.

**Details**

The implemented formula is

$$K(m_i) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{12m_i^2}} + \frac{4m_i^2 - 1}{6\sqrt{2}m_i} \log \left( \frac{\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{4m_i^2 + 2}}{\sqrt{4m_i^2 - 1}} \right).$$

**Value**

A positive numeric scalar.

**See Also**

`compute_bi_optim()`, `G_i()`, `compute_G_star()`

**Examples**

```
K_mi(1)
K_mi(2)
```

---

 LBFP

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*Linear Blend Frequency Polygon (LBFP) estimator at a single point*


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### Description

Computes the LBFP density estimate at point  $x$ .

### Usage

```
LBFP(
  x,
  data,
  b = compute_bi_optim(data, m = rep(1, ncol(data))),
  min_vals = apply(data, 2, min),
  max_vals = apply(data, 2, max)
)

## S3 method for class 'LBFP'
print(x, ...)
```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	Object from <a href="#">LBFP()</a> .
<code>data</code>	Numeric matrix or data frame of observations ( $n \times d$ ).
<code>b</code>	Positive numeric vector of bandwidths (length $d$ ).
<code>min_vals</code>	Numeric vector of lower grid bounds (length $d$ ).
<code>max_vals</code>	Numeric vector of upper grid bounds (length $d$ ).
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments (unused).

### Details

The estimate is obtained by linear blending of neighboring histogram bin heights. Missing and non-finite values are not accepted; remove or impute them before calling the estimator.

### Value

A list with class `c("glbfp_fit", "LBFP")` containing: `x`, estimation, sd, IC, `b`, method, and dimension.

### Methods (by generic)

- `print(LBFP)`: Print method for object of class "LBFP".

**References**

Scott, D. W. (1992). *Multivariate Density Estimation: Theory, Practice, and Visualization*. Wiley. doi:10.1002/9780470316849.

Terrell, G. R., and Scott, D. W. (1985). Oversmoothed Nonparametric Density Estimates. *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, 80(389), 209-214. doi:10.1080/01621459.1985.10477163.

**See Also**

[LBFP\\_estimate\(\)](#), [ASH\(\)](#), [GLBFP\(\)](#), [compute\\_bi\\_optim\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
x <- c(200, 30)
b <- c(0.5, 0.5)
LBFP(x, ashua[, -3], b = b)
```

---

LBFP\_estimate

*LBFP density estimation on a grid*

---

**Description**

Computes LBFP density estimates on a regular or user-supplied grid.

**Usage**

```
LBFP_estimate(
  data,
  b = compute_bi_optim(data, m = rep(1, ncol(data))),
  grid_size = 20,
  grid_points = NULL,
  min_vals = apply(data, 2, min),
  max_vals = apply(data, 2, max)
)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'LBFP_estimate'
print(x, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'LBFP_estimate'
plot(x, contour = FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

`data` Numeric matrix or data frame of observations ( $n \times d$ ).

`b` Positive numeric vector of bandwidths (length  $d$ ).

`grid_size` Integer number of grid points per dimension when `grid_points = NULL`.

<code>grid_points</code>	Optional matrix/data frame of explicit evaluation points.
<code>min_vals</code>	Numeric vector of lower grid bounds (length <code>d</code> ).
<code>max_vals</code>	Numeric vector of upper grid bounds (length <code>d</code> ).
<code>x</code>	Object returned by <code>LBFP_estimate()</code> .
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments (unused).
<code>contour</code>	If TRUE, draw a contour-like 2D representation for 2D data.

### Details

When `grid_points` is NULL, a regular grid is constructed from `min_vals` to `max_vals`. Custom grids may be irregular; in that case plotting uses point or scatter representations instead of a surface.

### Value

A list with class `c("glbfp_grid", "LBFP_estimate")` containing grid coordinates, densities, uncertainty estimates, and grid metadata.

### Methods (by generic)

- `print(LBFP_estimate)`: Print method for object of class "LBFP\_estimate".
- `plot(LBFP_estimate)`: Plot method for object of class "LBFP\_estimate".

### See Also

[LBFP\(\)](#), [ASH\\_estimate\(\)](#), [GLBFP\\_estimate\(\)](#)

### Examples

```
b <- c(0.5, 0.5)
out <- LBFP_estimate(ashua[, -3], b = b, grid_size = 15)
out
plot(out, contour = TRUE)
```

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lowercase\_aliases      *Lowercase aliases for the public API*

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### Description

These aliases follow common R naming style while preserving the original uppercase function names used in earlier versions of the package.

**Usage**

```
ash(...)
lbfm(...)
glbfp(...)
ash_estimate(...)
lbfm_estimate(...)
glbfp_estimate(...)
compute_di(...)
```

**Arguments**

... Arguments passed to the corresponding uppercase function.

**Value**

The same object returned by the corresponding uppercase function.

---

predict.glbfp\_fit      *Predict from GLBFP fit objects*

---

**Description**

Prediction helper for fitted GLBFP objects.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'glbfp_fit'
predict(object, newdata = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object      A fitted object of class "glbfp\_fit" or "glbfp\_grid".

newdata      Optional matrix/data frame with points where prediction is requested. For "glbfp\_fit", newdata is not supported.

...      Additional arguments (unused).

**Value**

Numeric vector of predicted densities.

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summary.glbfp_fit	<i>Summarize GLBFP fit objects</i>
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**Description**

Summarizes objects returned by [ASH\(\)](#), [LBFP\(\)](#), [GLBFP\(\)](#) and their grid counterparts.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'glbfp_fit'  
summary(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	A fitted object of class "glbfp_fit" or "glbfp_grid".
...	Additional arguments (unused).

**Value**

A list with class "summary.glbfp\_fit" or "summary.glbfp\_grid".

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