

# Package ‘additive’

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<https://github.com/hsbadr/additive>

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additive *General Interface for Additive TidyModels*

### Description

additive() is a way to generate a *specification* of a model before fitting and allows the model to be created using **mgcv** package in **R**.

### Usage

```
additive(
  mode = "regression",
  engine = "mgcv",
  fitfunc = NULL,
  formula.override = NULL,
  family = NULL,
  method = NULL,
  optimizer = NULL,
  control = NULL,
  scale = NULL,
  gamma = NULL,
  knots = NULL,
  sp = NULL,
  min.sp = NULL,
  paraPen = NULL,
  chunk.size = NULL,
  rho = NULL,
  AR.start = NULL,
  H = NULL,
  G = NULL,
  offset = NULL,
  subset = NULL,
  start = NULL,
  etastart = NULL,
  mustart = NULL,
  drop.intercept = NULL,
  drop.unused.levels = NULL,
  cluster = NULL,
  nthreads = NULL,
  gc.level = NULL,
  use.chol = NULL,
  samfrac = NULL,
```

```
    coef = NULL,
    discrete = NULL,
    select = NULL,
    fit = NULL
)

## S3 method for class 'additive'
update(
  object,
  parameters = NULL,
  fitfunc = NULL,
  formula.override = NULL,
  family = NULL,
  method = NULL,
  optimizer = NULL,
  control = NULL,
  scale = NULL,
  gamma = NULL,
  knots = NULL,
  sp = NULL,
  min.sp = NULL,
  paraPen = NULL,
  chunk.size = NULL,
  rho = NULL,
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  offset = NULL,
  subset = NULL,
  start = NULL,
  etastart = NULL,
  mustart = NULL,
  drop.intercept = NULL,
  drop.unused.levels = NULL,
  cluster = NULL,
  nthreads = NULL,
  gc.level = NULL,
  use.chol = NULL,
  samfrac = NULL,
  coef = NULL,
  discrete = NULL,
  select = NULL,
  fit = NULL,
  fresh = FALSE,
  ...
)

additive_fit(formula, data, ...)
```

**Arguments**

mode	A single character string for the prediction outcome mode. Possible values for this model are "unknown", "regression", or "classification".
engine	A single character string specifying what computational engine to use for fitting. Possible engines are listed below. The default for this model is "mgcv".
fitfunc	A named character vector that describes how to call a function for fitting a generalized additive model. This defaults to <code>c(pkg = "mgcv", fun = "gam")</code> ( <a href="#">gam</a> ). <code>fitfunc</code> should have elements <code>pkg</code> and <code>fun</code> . The former is optional but is recommended and the latter is required. For example, <code>c(pkg = "mgcv", fun = "bam")</code> would be used to invoke <a href="#">bam</a> for big data. A user-specified function is also accepted provided that it is fully compatible with <a href="#">gam</a> .
formula.override	Overrides the formula; for details see <a href="#">formula.gam</a> .
family	This is a family object specifying the distribution and link to use in fitting etc (see <a href="#">glm</a> and <a href="#">family</a> ). See <a href="#">family.mgcv</a> for a full list of what is available, which goes well beyond exponential family. Note that quasi families actually result in the use of extended quasi-likelihood if <code>method</code> is set to a RE/ML method (McCullagh and Nelder, 1989, 9.6).
method	The smoothing parameter estimation method. "GCV.Cp" to use GCV for unknown scale parameter and Mallows' Cp/UBRE/AIC for known scale. "GACV.Cp" is equivalent, but using GACV in place of GCV. "REML" for REML estimation, including of unknown scale, "P-REML" for REML estimation, but using a Pearson estimate of the scale. "ML" and "P-ML" are similar, but using maximum likelihood in place of REML. Beyond the exponential family "REML" is the default, and the only other option is "ML".
optimizer	An array specifying the numerical optimization method to use to optimize the smoothing parameter estimation criterion (given by <code>method</code> ). "perf" (deprecated) for performance iteration. "outer" for the more stable direct approach. "outer" can use several alternative optimizers, specified in the second element of <code>optimizer</code> : "newton" (default), "bfgs", "optim", "nlm" and "nlm.fd" (the latter is based entirely on finite differenced derivatives and is very slow). "efs" for the extended Fellner Schall method of Wood and Fasiolo (2017).
control	A list of fit control parameters to replace defaults returned by <a href="#">gam.control</a> . Values not set assume default values.
scale	If this is positive then it is taken as the known scale parameter. Negative signals that the scale parameter is unknown. 0 signals that the scale parameter is 1 for Poisson and binomial and unknown otherwise. Note that (RE)ML methods can only work with scale parameter 1 for the Poisson and binomial cases.
gamma	Increase this beyond 1 to produce smoother models. <code>gamma</code> multiplies the effective degrees of freedom in the GCV or UBRE/AIC. <code>coden/gamma</code> can be viewed as an effective sample size in the GCV score, and this also enables it to be used with REML/ML. Ignored with P-RE/ML or the <code>efs</code> optimizer.
knots	this is an optional list containing user specified knot values to be used for basis construction. For most bases the user simply supplies the knots to be used, which must match up with the <code>k</code> value supplied (note that the number of knots is

not always just k). See [tprs](#) for what happens in the "tp"/"ts" case. Different terms can use different numbers of knots, unless they share a covariate.

<code>sp</code>	A vector of smoothing parameters can be provided here. Smoothing parameters must be supplied in the order that the smooth terms appear in the model formula. Negative elements indicate that the parameter should be estimated, and hence a mixture of fixed and estimated parameters is possible. If smooths share smoothing parameters then <code>length(sp)</code> must correspond to the number of underlying smoothing parameters.
<code>min.sp</code>	Lower bounds can be supplied for the smoothing parameters. Note that if this option is used then the smoothing parameters <code>full.sp</code> , in the returned object, will need to be added to what is supplied here to get the smoothing parameters actually multiplying the penalties. <code>length(min.sp)</code> should always be the same as the total number of penalties (so it may be longer than <code>sp</code> , if smooths share smoothing parameters).
<code>paraPen</code>	optional list specifying any penalties to be applied to parametric model terms. <a href="#">gam.models</a> explains more.
<code>chunk.size</code>	The model matrix is created in chunks of this size, rather than ever being formed whole. Reset to $4*p$ if <code>chunk.size &lt; 4*p</code> where $p$ is the number of coefficients.
<code>rho</code>	An AR1 error model can be used for the residuals (based on dataframe order), of Gaussian-identity link models. This is the AR1 correlation parameter. Standardized residuals (approximately uncorrelated under correct model) returned in <code>std.rsd</code> if non zero. Also usable with other models when <code>discrete=TRUE</code> , in which case the AR model is applied to the working residuals and corresponds to a GEE approximation.
<code>AR.start</code>	logical variable of same length as data, TRUE at first observation of an independent section of AR1 correlation. Very first observation in data frame does not need this. If NULL then there are no breaks in AR1 correlation.
<code>H</code>	A user supplied fixed quadratic penalty on the parameters of the GAM can be supplied, with this as its coefficient matrix. A common use of this term is to add a ridge penalty to the parameters of the GAM in circumstances in which the model is close to un-identifiable on the scale of the linear predictor, but perfectly well defined on the response scale.
<code>G</code>	Usually NULL, but may contain the object returned by a previous call to <code>gam</code> with <code>fit=FALSE</code> , in which case all other arguments are ignored except for <code>sp</code> , <code>gamma</code> , <code>in.out</code> , <code>scale</code> , <code>control</code> , <code>method</code> optimizer and <code>fit</code> .
<code>offset</code>	Can be used to supply a model offset for use in fitting. Note that this offset will always be completely ignored when predicting, unlike an offset included in formula (this used to conform to the behaviour of <code>lm</code> and <code>glm</code> ).
<code>subset</code>	an optional vector specifying a subset of observations to be used in the fitting process.
<code>start</code>	Initial values for the model coefficients.
<code>etastart</code>	Initial values for the linear predictor.
<code>mustart</code>	Initial values for the expected response.

<code>drop.intercept</code>	Set to TRUE to force the model to really not have the a constant in the parametric model part, even with factor variables present. Can be vector when formula is a list.
<code>drop.unused.levels</code>	by default unused levels are dropped from factors before fitting. For some smooths involving factor variables you might want to turn this off. Only do so if you know what you are doing.
<code>cluster</code>	<code>bam</code> can compute the computationally dominant QR decomposition in parallel using <code>parLapply</code> from the <code>parallel</code> package, if it is supplied with a cluster on which to do this (a cluster here can be some cores of a single machine). See details and example code.
<code>nthreads</code>	Number of threads to use for non-cluster computation (e.g. combining results from cluster nodes). If NA set to <code>max(1, length(cluster))</code> . See details.
<code>gc.level</code>	to keep the memory footprint down, it can help to call the garbage collector often, but this takes a substantial amount of time. Setting this to zero means that garbage collection only happens when R decides it should. Setting to 2 gives frequent garbage collection. 1 is in between. Not as much of a problem as it used to be.
<code>use.chol</code>	By default <code>bam</code> uses a very stable QR update approach to obtaining the QR decomposition of the model matrix. For well conditioned models an alternative accumulates the crossproduct of the model matrix and then finds its Choleski decomposition, at the end. This is somewhat more efficient, computationally.
<code>samfrac</code>	For very large sample size Generalized additive models the number of iterations needed for the model fit can be reduced by first fitting a model to a random sample of the data, and using the results to supply starting values. This initial fit is run with sloppy convergence tolerances, so is typically very low cost. <code>samfrac</code> is the sampling fraction to use. 0.1 is often reasonable.
<code>coef</code>	initial values for model coefficients
<code>discrete</code>	experimental option for setting up models for use with discrete methods employed in <code>bam</code> . Do not modify.
<code>select</code>	If this is TRUE then <code>gam</code> can add an extra penalty to each term so that it can be penalized to zero. This means that the smoothing parameter estimation that is part of fitting can completely remove terms from the model. If the corresponding smoothing parameter is estimated as zero then the extra penalty has no effect. Use <code>gamma</code> to increase level of penalization.
<code>fit</code>	If this argument is TRUE then <code>gam</code> sets up the model and fits it, but if it is FALSE then the model is set up and an object <code>G</code> containing what would be required to fit is returned is returned. See argument <code>G</code> .
<code>object</code>	A Generalized Additive Model (GAM) specification.
<code>parameters</code>	A 1-row tibble or named list with <i>main</i> parameters to update. If the individual arguments are used, these will supersede the values in <code>parameters</code> . Also, using engine arguments in this object will result in an error.
<code>fresh</code>	A logical for whether the arguments should be modified in-place or replaced wholesale.
<code>...</code>	Other arguments passed to internal functions.

formula	A GAM formula, or a list of formulae (see <a href="#">formula.gam</a> and also <a href="#">gam.models</a> ). These are exactly like the formula for a GLM except that smooth terms, <code>s</code> , <code>te</code> , <code>ti</code> and <code>t2</code> , can be added to the right hand side to specify that the linear predictor depends on smooth functions of predictors (or linear functionals of these).
data	A data frame or list containing the model response variable and covariates required by the formula. By default the variables are taken from <code>environment(formula)</code> : typically the environment from which <code>gam</code> is called.

### Details

The arguments are converted to their specific names at the time that the model is fit. Other options and argument can be set using `set_engine()`. If left to their defaults here (NULL), the values are taken from the underlying model functions. If parameters need to be modified, `update()` can be used in lieu of recreating the object from scratch.

The data given to the function are not saved and are only used to determine the *mode* of the model. For `additive()`, the possible modes are "regression" and "classification".

The model can be created by the `fit()` function using the following *engines*:

- `mgcv`: "mgcv"

### Value

An updated model specification.

### Engine Details

Engines may have pre-set default arguments when executing the model fit call. For this type of model, the template of the fit calls are:

```
additive() |>
  set_engine("mgcv") |>
  translate()

## Generalized Additive Model (GAM) Specification (regression)
##
## Computational engine: mgcv
##
## Model fit template:
## additive::additive_fit(formula = missing_arg(), data = missing_arg(),
##   weights = missing_arg())
```

### See Also

[mgcv-package](#), [gam](#), [bam](#), [gamObject](#), [gam.models](#), [smooth.terms](#), [predict.gam](#), [plot.gam](#), [summary.gam](#), [gam.side](#), [gam.selection](#), [gam.control](#), [gam.check](#), [vis.gam](#), [family.mgcv](#), [formula.gam](#), [family](#), [formula](#), [update.formula](#).

**Examples**

```
additive()

show_model_info("additive")

additive(mode = "classification")
additive(mode = "regression")

set.seed(2020)
dat <- gamSim(1, n = 400, dist = "normal", scale = 2)

additive_mod <-
  additive() |>
  set_engine("mgcv") |>
  fit(
    y ~ s(x0) + s(x1) + s(x2) + s(x3),
    data = dat
  )

summary(additive_mod$fit)

model <- additive(select = FALSE)
model
update(model, select = TRUE)
update(model, select = TRUE, fresh = TRUE)
```

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