

# Package: greta.gam (via r-universe)

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**Description** A module for greta that lets you use mgcv's smoother functions and formula syntax to define smooth terms for use in a greta model. You can then define your own likelihood to complete the model, and fit it by MCMC.

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evaluate_smooths	<i>evaluate smooths at new data</i>
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**Description**

Evaluate a set of smooths at new data locations

**Usage**

```
evaluate_smooths(x, newdata)
```

**Arguments**

x	a greta array created with <code>greta.gam::smooths</code>
newdata	a dataframe with the same column names and datatypes as that used to create x, with data at which to evaluate the smooths

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**Description**

`greta.gam` is a module for `greta` that lets you use `mgcv`'s smoother functions and formula syntax to define smooth terms for use in a `greta` model. You can then define your own likelihood to complete the model, and fit it by MCMC.

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jagam2greta

*Turn a jagam model definition into a greta model definition*


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### Description

Takes a GAM defined by formula and returns the corresponding greta model via the power of jagam. Response variable is generated from dummy data and not used.

### Usage

```
jagam2greta(formula, data, newdata, sp = NULL, knots = NULL, tol = 0)
```

### Arguments

formula	a GAM formula representing the smooth terms, as in <code>mgcv::gam</code> . Only the right hand side fo the formula will be used.
data	a data frame or list containing the covariates required by the formula. These covariates cannot be greta arrays.
sp	an optional vector of smoothing parameters, two per smooth term in the model, in the same order as the formula. If <code>sp = NULL</code> , all smoothing parameters will be learned, otherwise all smoothing parameters must be specified by the user. The smoothing parameters may either be a numeric vector or a greta array (which could be a variable).
knots	an optional list containing user specified knot values to be used for basis construction, as in <code>mgcv::gam</code> These knots cannot be greta arrays.
tol	a non-negative scalar numerical tolerance parameter. You can try increasing this if the model has numerical stability issues

### Value

a list with the following elements: betas a greta array for the coefficients to be estimated (with appropriate priors applied), X design matrix for this model, X\_pred prediction matrix.

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smooths

*greta array representations of mgcv smooth terms*


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### Description

smooths translates the right hand side of a mgcv GAM formula into a corresponding Bayesian representation of smooth terms. This formula may include multiple combined smooths of different types, as well as fixed effect terms and intercepts. The resulting greta array representing the combined smooth can then be used in a greta model.

**Usage**

```
smooths(formula, data = list(), knots = NULL, sp = NULL, tol = 0)
```

**Arguments**

formula	a GAM formula representing the smooth terms, as in <code>mgcv::gam</code> . Only the right hand side fo the formula will be used.
data	a data frame or list containing the covariates required by the formula. These covariates cannot be greta arrays.
knots	an optional list containing user specified knot values to be used for basis construction, as in <code>mgcv::gam</code> These knots cannot be greta arrays.
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tol	a non-negative scalar numerical tolerance parameter. You can try increasing this if the model has numerical stability issues

**Details**

Only the right hand side of `formula` will be used to define the smooth terms. The user must complete the gam model by specifying the link and likelihood term in greta. A warning will be issued if the formula has a left hand side.

Note that by default, GAM formulas add an intercept term. If you have already specified an intercept for your greta model, you can remove the intercept from the smooth term by adding `-1` as a term in your formula.

Like `mgcv::jagam`, `smooths` translates a `mgcv` GAM formula into a Bayesian representation of the smooth terms, using the GAM smoothing penalty matrix as a multivariate normal prior to penalise model fitting. Unlike `gam`, `smooths` does not perform the integration required to penalise model fitting. The model must be fitted by MCMC to carry out this integration - it does not make sense to do maximum likelihood optimisation on a greta model that uses `smooths`.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
n <- 30
x <- runif(n, 0, 10)
f <- function(x) {
  sin(x * 2) + 1.6 * (x < 3) - 1.4 * (x > 7)
}
y <- f(x) + rnorm(n, 0, 0.3)
x_plot <- seq(0, 10, length.out = 200)

z <- smooths(~s(x), data = data.frame(x = x))

distribution(y) <- normal(z, 0.3)
```

```
z_pred <- evaluate_smooths(z, newdata = data.frame(x = x_plot))

# build model
m <- model(z_pred)
draws <- mcmc(m, n_samples = 100)

plot(x, y, pch = 19, cex = 0.4, col = "red")
apply(draws[[1]], 1, lines, x = x_plot, col = "blue")
points(x, y, pch = 19, cex = 0.4, col = "red")

## End(Not run)
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