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addVecExperiments	<i>Add vector experiments</i>
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Description

This method adds vector experiments to calibration object

Usage

```
addVecExperiments(
  obj,
  yobs,
  model,
  sd_est,
  s2_df,
  s2_ind,
  meas_error_cor = NULL,
  theta_ind = NULL,
  D = NULL,
  discrep_tau = 1
)
```

Arguments

obj	‘CalibSetup’ Object
yobs	a vector of the experiment or observation
model	emulator (currently expecting a object of class ‘ModelBassPca_func’ or ‘ModelmvBayes’)
sd_est	estimate of standard deviation
s2_df	degrees of freedom of inverse gamma prior
s2_ind	indices of function
meas_error_cor	measurement error correlation (default: ‘NULL’)
theta_ind	indices of theta (default: ‘NULL’)
D	discrepancy basis (matrix of columns of basis, default: ‘NaN’)
discrep_tau	discrepancy sampling tau

Value

An object of class ‘CalibSetup’

calibPool

Pool Calibration

Description

This function runs pooled Bayesian Model Calibration with adaptive MCMC, tempering, and decorrelation steps. input theta will be normalized to 0-1 and sampled from uniform priors

Usage

```
calibPool(setup)
```

Arguments

setup an object of class ‘CalibSetup’

Value

a list with the following elements - theta: mcmc samples of variables - s2: mcmc samples of error variance - count: number of counts of acceptance - count_s2: number of counts of acceptance on error variance - count_decor: number of times decorrelation occurred - cov_theta_cand: final theta covariance - cov_ls2_cand: final error covariance - pred_curr: current emulator predictions - discrep_vars: discrepancy coefficients - llik: log likelihood - theta_native: mcmc samples of variables in native scale

Examples

```
library(impala)
library(BASS)
library(mvBayes)

# generate functions
f <- function(x) {
  dnorm(seq(0, 1, length.out = 50),
        sin(2 * pi * x[1] ^ 2) / 4 - x[1] / 10 + 0.5,
        0.05) * x[2]
}

# run more functions for accuracy
n = 70
nt = 50
p = 3
x_train = matrix(runif(n * p), n)
e = rnorm(n * 99)
y_train = matrix(0, n, nt)
for (i in 1:n) {
```

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    y_train[i, ] = f(x_train[i, ])
  }

  # generate obs -----
  x_true = c(0.1028, 0.5930)
  f_obs = f(x_true)

  tt = seq(0, 1, length.out = nt)

  # fit emulator -----
  emu = mvBayes(bass, x_train, y_train, nBasis=2)

  # impala -----
  input_names = c("theta0", "theta1", "theta2")
  bounds = list()
  bounds[['theta0']] = c(0, 1)
  bounds[['theta1']] = c(0, 1)
  bounds[['theta2']] = c(0, 1)

  setup = CalibSetup(bounds, cf_bounds)

  model = ModelmvBayes(emu, input_names)

  setup = addVecExperiments(setup, t(f_obs), model, 0.01, 20, rep(1, nt))
  setup = setTemperatureLadder(setup, 1.05 ^ (0:2))
  # run more MCMC samples for accuracy
  setup = setMCMC(setup, 200, 100, 1, 10)
  out_cal = calibPool(setup)

```

CalibSetup

Pooled Bayesian Model Calibration

Description

This function setups up calibration object

Usage

```
CalibSetup(bounds, constraint_func)
```

Arguments

bounds	a list with fields of variable names with values of two dimensional arrays where first element is lower bound and second element is upper bound.
constraint_func	function handle to constraint function on variables. Defaults to function on checking bounds

Value

An object of class ‘CalibSetup’ which is a list with the following components:

- ‘nexp’: number of experiments

cf_bounds

Compare to bounds

Description

This function compares variables to bounds

Usage

```
cf_bounds(x, bounds)
```

Arguments

x	list of parameters
bounds	list of bounds for each parameter that is a two parameter vector with high and low

Value

a vector of ‘TRUE’ or ‘FALSE’ if the values are within the bounds

evalm

evalm constructor

Description

Default constructor for evalm class

Usage

```
evalm(obj, ...)
```

Arguments

obj	evalm object
...	additional arguments passed to method

Value

An object of class ‘evalm’

ModelBassPca_func	<i>PCA Based Model Emulator using BASS</i>
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Description

This function setups up emulator object

Usage

```
ModelBassPca_func(bmod, input_names, exp_ind = NULL, s2 = "MH")
```

Arguments

bmod	a object of the type 'bassBasis'
input_names	cell array of strings of input variable names
exp_ind	experiment indices (default: NULL)
s2	how to sample error variance (default: 'MH')

Value

An object of class 'ModelBassPca_func'

ModelmvBayes	<i>mvBayes Emulator for Functional Outputs (can use different BASS/BPPR type emulators)</i>
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Description

ModelmvBayes Handles larger-dimensional functional responses (e.g., on large spatial fields) using various inversion tricks. We require any other covariance e.g., from discrepancy, measurement error, and basis truncation error) to be diagonal. This function setups up emulator object.

Usage

```
ModelmvBayes(bmod, input_names, exp_ind = NULL, s2 = "MH", h = FALSE)
```

Arguments

bmod	a object of the type 'mvBayes'
input_names	cell array of strings of input variable names
exp_ind	experiment indices (default: NULL)
s2	how to sample error variance (default: 'MH')
h	h representation of warping function (default: FALSE)

Value

An object of class ‘ModelmvBayes’

ModelmvBayes_elastic	<i>mvBayes elastic Emulator for Functional Outputs (can use different BASS/BPPR type emulators)</i>
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Description

ModelmvBayes_elastic Handles larger-dimensional functional responses (e.g., on large spatial fields) using various inversion tricks. We require any other covariance e.g., from discrepancy, measurement error, and basis truncation error) to be diagonal. Contains a change on the likelihood

Usage

```
ModelmvBayes_elastic(
  bmod,
  bmod_warp,
  input_names,
  exp_ind = NULL,
  s2 = "MH",
  h = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

bmod	a object of the type ‘mvBayes’ of aligned functions
bmod_warp	a object of the type ‘mvBayes’ of warping functions
input_names	cell array of strings of input variable names
exp_ind	experiment indices (default: NULL)
s2	how to sample error variance (default: ‘MH’)
h	h representation of warping function (default: FALSE)

Details

This function setups up emulator object.

Value

An object of class ‘ModelmvBayes_elastic’

ModelmvBayes_elastic_GP

mvBayes elastic Emulator for Functional Outputs (can use different BASS/BPPR type emulators)

Description

mvBayes_elastic Handles larger-dimensional functional responses (e.g., on large spatial fields) using various inversion tricks. We require any other covariance e.g., from discrepancy, measurement error, and basis truncation error) to be diagonal. Contains a change on the likelihood and built for a GP emulator. This function setups up emulator object.

Usage

```
ModelmvBayes_elastic_GP(
  bmod,
  bmod_warp,
  input_names,
  exp_ind = NULL,
  s2 = "MH",
  h = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

bmod	a object of the type 'mvBayes' of aligned functions
bmod_warp	a object of the type 'mvBayes' of warping functions
input_names	cell array of strings of input variable names
exp_ind	experiment indices (default: NULL)
s2	how to sample error variance (default: 'MH')
h	h representation of warping function (default: FALSE)

Value

An object of class 'ModelmvBayes_elastic_GP'

ModelmvBayes_GP	<i>mvBayes Emulator for Functional Outputs (GP)</i>
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Description

ModelmvBayes_GP Handles larger-dimensional functional responses (e.g., on large spatial fields) using various inversion tricks. We require any other covariance e.g., from discrepancy, measurement error, and basis truncation error) to be diagonal. Built for a GP emulator.

Usage

```
ModelmvBayes_GP(bmod, input_names, exp_ind = NULL, s2 = "MH", h = FALSE)
```

Arguments

bmod	a object of the type 'mvBayes'
input_names	cell array of strings of input variable names
exp_ind	experiment indices (default: NULL)
s2	how to sample error variance (default: 'MH')
h	h representation of warping function (default: FALSE)

Details

This function setups up emulator object.

Value

An object of class 'ModelmvBayes_GP'

setMCMC	<i>Set MCMC Parameters</i>
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Description

This function setups up MCMC parameters for adaptive MCMC, also includes tempering and decorrelation steps

Usage

```
setMCMC(
  obj,
  nmcmc,
  nburn = 0,
  thin = 1,
  decor = 100,
  start_var_theta = 1e-08,
  start_tau_theta = 0,
  start_var_ls2 = 1e-05,
  start_tau_ls2 = 0,
  start_adapt_iter = 300
)
```

Arguments

obj	‘calibPool‘ object
nmcmc	number of mcmc iterations
nburn	number of mcmc burn in iterations (default: 0)
thin	number of samples to thin (default: 1)
decor	number of mcmc iterations before decorrelation step (default: 100)
start_var_theta	start variance of theta proposal (default: 1e-8)
start_tau_theta	start tau of theta (default: 0)
start_var_ls2	start variance of sigma proposal (default: 1e-5)
start_tau_ls2	start tau of sigma (default: 0)
start_adapt_iter	number of iterations before adaption (default: 300)

Value

An object of class ‘CalibSetup‘

setTemperatureLadder *Set Temperature Ladder*

Description

This function setups up temperature ladder for tempering

Usage

```
setTemperatureLadder(obj, temperature_ladder, start_temper = 1000)
```

Arguments

obj	CalibSetup Object
temperature_ladder	array of temperatures
start_temper	what MCMC sample to start tempering (default: 1000)

Value

An object of class ‘CalibSetup’

tran_unif	<i>Transform parameters</i>
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Description

Transforms variables from the scale 0 to 1 to variable provided by bounds

Usage

```
tran_unif(th, bounds, names)
```

Arguments

th	list of of parameters
bounds	list of bounds for each parameter that is a two parameter vector with high and low
names	vector of variable names

Value

a list of parameters

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