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**See Also**

Useful links:

- <https://mattplumlee.github.io/outerbase/>
- <https://github.com/MattPlumlee/outerbase/>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/MattPlumlee/outerbase/issues>

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BFGS\_lpdf

*BFGS\_lpdf*

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**Description**

A wrapper for code [BFGS\\_std](#) that is useful for easily calling parameter optimization for this package with as few lines as possible. Note that `om` and `logpdf` will be set to optimal parameters, the return is simply for information.

**Usage**

```
BFGS_lpdf(  
  om,  
  logpdf,  
  parlist = list(),  
  newt = FALSE,  
  cgsteps = 100,  
  cgtol = 0.001,  
  ...  
)
```

**Arguments**

om	an <code>outermod</code> instance
logpdf	a <code>lpdf</code> instance
parlist	an initial point, which are pulled from 'om' and 'logpdf' if not provided
newt	boolean for if Newtons method should be used
cgsteps	max number of cg iterations, if newt=FALSE
cgtol	cg tolerance, if newt=FALSE
...	additional parameters passed to <code>BFGS_std</code>

**Value**

a list of information from optimization.

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BFGS_std	<i>BFGS standard</i>
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**Description**

Do generic minimization of a function `funcw` that takes a list `parlist` using the "Broyden-Fletcher-Goldfarb-Shanno" (BFGS) algorithm. Useful for hyperparameter optimization because it handles infinite returns fairly easily.

**Usage**

```
BFGS_std(funcw, parlist, B = NULL, lr = 0.1, ..., verbose = 0)
```

**Arguments**

<code>funcw</code>	An object to optimize
<code>parlist</code>	An initial point as a list
<code>B</code>	An initial Hessian to start from
<code>lr</code>	An initial learning rate to start from
...	additional parameters passed to <code>funcw</code>
<code>verbose</code>	an integer from 0-3 where larger prints more information

**Value**

a list of information from optimization, with the value stored in `parlist`

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covf	<i>covariance function class</i>
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**Description**

This is a base class designed to handle the specific features of covariances needed for outerbase. Polymorphism allows for the implied methods to be used across several similar classes.

**Value**

no returns, this is a class which contains methods

**Fields**

covf\$hyp hyperparameters for this specific correlation function  
 covf\$lowbnd, covf\$uppbnd upper and lower bounds for the inputs to the covariance function.  
 covf\$cov(x1, x2) returns the covariance matrix between two vectors of inputs x1 and x2  
 covf\$covdiag(x1) returns the diagonal of the covariance matrix between x1 and itself  
 covf\$cov\_gradhyp(x1, x2) returns a cube of the gradient the cov with respect to the covariance hyperparameters

**See Also**

derived class: [covf\\_mat25](#), [covf\\_mat25pow](#), [covf\\_mat25ang](#)

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covf_mat25	<i>Matern covariance function</i>
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**Description**

`covf = new(covf_mat25)`

This is the standard Matern covariance function which has form

$$c(x_1, x_2) = (1 + |h| + h^2/3) \exp(-|h|)$$

where  $h = (x_1 - x_2)/\rho$  and  $\rho = \exp(2 * \text{hyp}[0])$ .

**Value**

no returns, this is a class which contains methods

**See Also**

base class: [covf](#)

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 covf\_mat25ang

*Matern covariance function with angular transform*


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**Description**

```
covf = new(covf_mat25ang)
```

This is the standard Matern covariance function with a power transformation which has form

$$c(x_1, x_2) = (1 + |h| + h^2/3) \exp(-|h|)$$

where

$$h = \sqrt{(\sin(x_1) - \sin(x_2))^2/\rho_s + (\cos(x_1) - \cos(x_2))^2/\rho_c}$$

hyp is a two dimensional vector with  $\rho_s = \exp(2*\text{hyp}[0])$  and  $\rho_c = \exp(2*\text{hyp}[1])$ .

**Value**

no returns, this is a class which contains methods

**See Also**

base class: [covf](#)

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 covf\_mat25pow

*Matern covariance function with power transform*


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**Description**

```
covf = new(covf_mat25pow)
```

This is the standard Matern covariance function with a power transformation which has form

$$c(x_1, x_2) = (1 + |h| + h^2/3) \exp(-|h|)$$

where  $h = (x_1^\alpha - x_2^\alpha)/\rho$  and hyp is a two dimensional vector with  $\rho = \exp(2*\text{hyp}[0] + 0.25*\text{hyp}[1])$  and  $\alpha = \exp(0.25*\text{hyp}[1])$ .

**Value**

no returns, this is a class which contains methods

**See Also**

base class: [covf](#)

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gethyp	<i>Get the hyperparameters</i>
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**Description**

```
hyp = gethyp(om)
```

Gets the current hyperparameters from an [outermod](#) instance. It formats them in a way that makes reading in R easier.

**Arguments**

om                    an [outermod](#) instance

**Value**

a vector of parameters

**See Also**

[outermod](#)

**Examples**

```
om = new(outermod)
setcovfs(om, c("mat25", "mat25", "mat25"))
hyp = gethyp(om)
print(hyp)
```

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getpara	<i>Get the model parameters</i>
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**Description**

```
para = getpara(logpdf)
```

This function gets the current parameters from an [lpdf](#) class instance. It formats them in a way that makes reading in R easier.

**Arguments**

logpdf                an [lpdf](#) class instance

**Value**

a vector of parameters

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listcov	<i>list all covariance functions</i>
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**Description**

list all covariance functions

**Usage**

```
listcov()
```

**Value**

list all names of covariance functions recommend as of this edition. The first is the default.

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loglik_gauss	<i>Gaussian errors, large scale</i>
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**Description**

```
loglik = new(loglik_gauss, om, terms, y, x)
```

This is a standard model which has the form

$$y = \langle \phi(x), \theta \rangle + \varepsilon, \varepsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$$

where  $\phi(x)$  is the basis,  $\theta$  is the coefficient vector,  $\varepsilon$  is an unseen noise vector. The parameter vector is of length 1 where  $\text{para} = \log(\sigma)$ . It is a faster (sometimes) version of [loglik\\_std](#) but can only handle diagonal variational inference.

**Arguments**

om	an <a href="#">outermod</a> instance to be referred to
terms	a matrix of terms, must have as many columns as dims in om
y	a vector of observations
x	a matrix of predictors, must have as many columns as dims in om and the same number of rows as y

**Value**

no returns, this is a class which contains methods

**See Also**

base class: [lpdf](#)



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loglik_gda	<i>Gaussian errors with diagonal adjustment</i>
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**Description**

```
loglik = new(loglik_gda, om, terms, y, x)
```

This is a standard model which has the form

$$y = \langle \phi(x), \theta \rangle + \delta(x) + \varepsilon, \delta(x) \sim N(0, \lambda g(x)), \varepsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$$

where  $\phi(x)$  is the basis,  $\theta$  is the coefficient vector,  $\delta(x)$  is unseen vector corresponding to unmodeled variance  $\lambda g(x)$ ,  $\varepsilon$  is an unseen noise vector. The parameter vector is of length 2 where  $\sigma = \exp(\text{para}[\theta])$  and  $\lambda = \exp(2 * \text{para}[1])$ .

**Arguments**

om	an <a href="#">outermod</a> instance to be referred to
terms	a matrix of terms, must have as many columns as dims in om
y	a vector of observations
x	a matrix of predictors, must have as many columns as dims in om and the same number of rows as y

**Value**

no returns, this is a class which contains methods

**See Also**

base class: [lpdf](#)

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loglik_std	<i>Gaussian errors</i>
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**Description**

```
loglik = new(loglik_std, om, terms, y, x)
```

This is a standard model which has the form

$$y = \langle \phi(x), \theta \rangle + \varepsilon, \varepsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$$

where  $\phi(x)$  is the basis,  $\theta$  is the coefficient vector,  $\varepsilon$  is an unseen noise vector. The parameter vector is of length 1 where  $\text{para} = \log(\sigma)$ . It is a slower (sometimes) version of [loglik\\_gauss](#) but allows for complete marginal inference.

**Arguments**

om	an <a href="#">outermod</a> instance to be referred to
terms	a matrix of terms, must have as many columns as dims in om
y	a vector of observations
x	a matrix of predictors, must have as many columns as dims in om and the same number of rows as y

**Value**

no returns, this is a class which contains methods

**See Also**

base class: [lpdf](#)

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logpr\_gauss

*Gaussian prior*


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**Description**

```
logpr = new(logpr_gauss, om, terms)
```

This is a standard model of coefficients which has them as drawn independently from

$$\theta_i \sim N(0, \rho c_i)$$

where  $c_i$  is the variance supplied by om for the  $i$ th term. The parameter vector is of length 1 where  $\rho = \exp(\text{para}[\theta])$ .

**Arguments**

om	an <a href="#">outermod</a> instance to be referred to
terms	a matrix of terms, must have as many columns as dims in om

**Value**

no returns, this is a class which contains methods

**See Also**

base class: [lpdf](#)

lpdf

*Log probability density function class***Description**

This is a base class designed to handle the learning of the underlying coefficients, hyperparameters, and parameters associated with a specific learning instance. Polymorphism allows for the implied methods to be used across several similar classes.

**Value**

no returns, this is a class which contains methods

**Fields**

lpdf\$val current value  
 lpdf\$para current model parameters  
 lpdf\$coeff current coefficients  
 lpdf\$compute\_val on calling update, compute value and store in val  
 lpdf\$grad current gradient with respect to coefficients  
 lpdf\$gradhyp current gradient with respect to covariance hyperparameters  
 lpdf\$gradpara current gradient with respect to model parameters  
 lpdf\$compute\_grad on calling update, compute gradient with respect to coefficients and store in grad  
 lpdf\$compute\_gradhyp on calling update, compute gradient with respect to covariance hyperparameters and store in gradhyp  
 lpdf\$compute\_gradpara on calling update, compute gradient with respect to model parameters and store in gradpara  
 lpdf\$update(coeff) update using new coefficients  
[lpdf\\$optcg\(tol, epoch\)](#) do optimization with respect to coefficients via conjugate gradient  
[lpdf\\$optnewton\(\)](#) do optimization via matrix inversion, one Newton step  
 lpdf\$updateom() update based on recent version of [outermod](#)  
 lpdf\$updatepara(para) update using new model parameters  
 lpdf\$updateterms(terms) update using new terms  
 lpdf\$hess() returns the hessian with respect to coefficients  
 lpdf\$hessgradhyp() returns gradient of hess() with respect to covariance hyperparameters  
 lpdf\$hessgradpara() returns the gradient of hess() with respect to model parameters  
 lpdf\$diaghess() returns the diagonal of the hessian with respect to coefficients  
 lpdf\$diaghessgradhyp() returns the gradient of diaghess() with respect to covariance hyperparameters  
 lpdf\$diaghessgradpara() returns the gradient of diaghess() with respect to model parameters  
 lpdf\$paralpdf(para) compute the log-prior on the parameters, useful for fitting  
 lpdf\$paralpdf\_grad(para) gradient of paralpdf(para)

**See Also**

container class: [lpdfvec](#)

derived classes: [loglik\\_std](#), [loglik\\_gauss](#), [loglik\\_gda](#), [logpr\\_gauss](#)

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lpdfvec

*Vector of lpdf instances*

---

**Description**

```
logpdf = new(lpdfvec, loglik, logpr)
```

This is a class where each instance contains two [lpdf](#) instances and can be manipulated as a single instance. It presumes both are based on the same [outermod](#) instance, thus they share hyperparameters. However the model parameters are concatenated. Currently also includes variations on marginal adjustments.

Currently it is designed only for a pair, but the ordering is arbitrary.

**Arguments**

loglik            one reference to a lpdf instance

logpr            another reference to a lpdf instance that shares [outermod](#) with loglik

**Value**

no returns, this is a class which contains methods

**Fields**

lpdfvec\$domarg A boolean that controls if marginal adjustment is done

**See Also**

base class: [lpdf](#)

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`lpdf$optcg`*Optimization via Conjugate Gradient*

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**Description**`lpdf$optcg(tol, epoch)`

This optimizes the coefficient vector `coeff` using conjugate gradient. It currently is designed only for quadratic [lpdf](#) instances.

**Arguments**

<code>tol</code>	A positive double representing tolerance, default is <code>0.001</code> .
<code>epoch</code>	A positive integer representing the maximum number of steps conjugate gradient will take.

**Value**

nothing is returned, the class instance is updated

**See Also**[lpdf](#)

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`lpdf$optnewton`*Optimization via Newton's Method*

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**Description**`lpdf$optnewton()`

This optimizes the coefficient vector `coeff` using Newton's Method. It currently is designed only for quadratic [lpdf](#) instances. It should take a single step.

**Value**

nothing is returned, the class instance is updated

**See Also**[lpdf](#)

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`obfit`*Outerbase model fit*

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### Description

This function fits an outerbase model for prediction and hides most of the actual object-oriented aspects of the package.

### Usage

```
obfit(  
  x,  
  y,  
  numb = 100,  
  verbose = 0,  
  covnames = NULL,  
  hyp = NULL,  
  numberopts = 2,  
  nthreads = NULL  
)
```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	a n by d sized matrix of inputs
<code>y</code>	a n length vector of outputs
<code>numb</code>	size of basis to use
<code>verbose</code>	0-3, how much information on optimization to print to console
<code>covnames</code>	a d length vector of covariance names
<code>hyp</code>	initial covariance hyperparameters
<code>numberopts</code>	number of optimizations done for hyperparameters, must be larger than 1
<code>nthreads</code>	number of threads used in learning

### Value

Saving important model information to be used with [obpred](#)

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obpred	<i>Prediction from outerbase</i>
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**Description**

This function allows for turning an `obmodel` into predictions with mean and variance.

**Usage**

```
obpred(obmodel, x)
```

**Arguments**

<code>obmodel</code>	output from <code>obfit</code>
<code>x</code>	a new <code>m</code> by <code>d</code> sized matrix of inputs

**Value**

A list with mean and var at new `x`

**See Also**

`obfit`

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<code>obtest_borehole3d</code>	<i>Three dim borehole example</i>
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**Description**

A three dimensional Borehole function used in illustrations.

**Usage**

```
obtest_borehole3d(x)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	a <code>n</code> by 3 vector of inputs
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**Value**

a length `n` vector of outputs

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obtest_borehole8d	<i>Eight dim borehole example</i>
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**Description**

An eight dimensional Borehole function used in illustrations.

**Usage**

```
obtest_borehole8d(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    a n by 8 vector of inputs

**Value**

a length n vector of outputs

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outerbase	<i>Outer product-type basis</i>
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**Description**

```
ob = new(outerbase, om, x)
```

Class that handles the basis for a given set of points x.

**Arguments**

x                    a matrix of predictors, must have as many columns as dims in om

**Value**

no returns, this is a class which contains methods

**Fields**

nthreads number of threads for omp to use

`outerbase$getbase(k)` to get each dimensions basis functions

`outerbase$getmat(terms)` to get the basis matrix at terms

`outerbase$build()` to (re)build the basis instance

`outerbase$matmul(terms, a)` matrix multiply without building the basis matrix

`outerbase$tmatmul(terms, a)` transpose matrix multiply without building the basis matrix



**See Also**

[outermod](#) the core element that controls outerbase

**Examples**

```
om = new(outermod)
setcovfs(om, c("mat25", "mat25", "mat25"))
setknot(om,
        list(seq(0,1,by=0.025),seq(0,1,by=0.025),seq(0,1,by=0.025)))
x = matrix(runif(10*3),ncol=3)
ob = new(outerbase, om, x)
terms = om$selectterms(40)
basismat = ob$getmat(terms)
```

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outerbase\$build	<i>Builds the outerbase</i>
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**Description**

outerbase\$build()

Build (or re-build) a basis based on the recent evaluation of [outermod](#).

**Value**

nothing is returned, the class instance is updated

**See Also**

[outerbase](#)

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outerbase\$getbase	<i>Get base functions</i>
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**Description**

basis\_func = outerbase\$getbase(k)

Returns the basis for dimension k. Designed mostly for visualization.

**Arguments**

k                    An integer from that corresponds to the dimension.

**Value**

a matrix of evaluated basis functions

**See Also**[outerbase](#)

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outerbase\$getmat	<i>Get basis matrix</i>
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**Description**

```
basismat = outerbase$getmat(terms)
```

Returns the basis matrix for a given set of terms.

**Arguments**

terms	a matrix of terms
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**Value**

a matrix of evaluated basis functions based on terms.

**See Also**[outerbase](#)

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outerbase\$matmul	<i>Matrix multiply</i>
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**Description**

```
b = outerbase$matmul(terms, a)
```

Multiplies the basis times a vector without building the basis matrix.

**Arguments**

terms	a matrix of terms
a	a vector of length the same as the rows in terms

**Value**

a vector resulting from the matrix multiplication

**See Also**[outerbase](#)

---

outerbase\$tmul      *Transpose Matrix multiply*

---

**Description**

`b = outerbase$tmul(terms, a)`

Multiplies the transpose of the basis times a vector without building the basis matrix.

**Arguments**

`terms`            a matrix of terms

`a`                    a vector of length the same as the rows in `outerbase`

**Value**

a vector resulting from the matrix multiplication

**See Also**

[outerbase](#)

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outermod            *Outer product-type model*

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**Description**

This is a class used to construct [outerbase](#) class instances. It stores key information for constructing a basis.

**Value**

no returns, this is a class which contains methods

**Fields**

`outermod$updatehyp(hyp)` update hyperparameters

`outermod$selectterms(numterms)` find best numterms terms

`outermod$getvar(terms)` find variances of coefficients associated with terms

**See Also**

[outerbase](#) the main product from an `outermod`

[setcovfs](#), [setknot](#), [gethyp](#)

**Examples**

```

om = new(outermod)
setcovfs(om, c("mat25", "mat25", "mat25"))
setknot(om,
        list(seq(0,1,by=0.01),seq(0,1,by=0.01),seq(0,1,by=0.01)))
terms = om$selectterms(40)
coeffvar = om$getvar(terms)
hyp = gethyp(om)
hyp[1:2] = 0.5
om$updatehyp(hyp)
coeffvar = om$getvar(terms)

```

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outermod\$getvar      *Get variance of coefficients*

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**Description**

```
coeffvar = outermod$getvar(terms)
```

Returns the variance of the coefficients associated with terms.

**Arguments**

terms              a matrix of terms

**Value**

a vector of variances of each coefficient

**See Also**

[outermod](#)

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outermod\$selectterms      *Select optimal terms*

---

**Description**

```
terms = om$selectterms(numterms)
```

Returns the best numterms given outermod currently using maximum variance criteria.

**Arguments**

numterms              number of basis terms desired

**Value**

a matrix of terms

**See Also**

[outermod](#)

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outermod\$updatehyp      *Update hyperparameters*

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**Description**

outermod\$updatehyp(hyp)

Updates the hyperparameters for the instance of outermod.

**Arguments**

hyp                      A vector of hyperparameters

**Value**

no value is returned, the class instance is updated

**See Also**

[outermod](#)

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predictor                      *prediction class*

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**Description**

pred = new(predictor, loglik)

This is a base class design to allow for coherent building of predictions across multiple models. Unlike many base classes in this package, it is meant to be directly used.

**Arguments**

loglik                      An [lpdf](#) instance, specifically that starts with loglik, to build the predictor

**Value**

no returns, this is a class which contains methods

**Fields**

predictor\$update(x) update the current input to x for prediction  
predictor\$mean() return the vector of means for the prediction  
predictor\$var() return the vector of variances for the prediction  
predictor\$setnthreads(k) specifies k as the number of threads to use

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`setcovfs`*Set covariance functions*

---

**Description**`setcovfs(om, covnames)`

Sets the covariance functions for an `outermod` class instance. This is first thing one does when creating an `outermod` instance.

**Arguments**

`om` an `outermod` instance  
`covnames` a vector of strings of the covariance functions

**Value**

no value is returned, `om` is updated

**See Also**

[outermod](#)

**Examples**

```
om = new(outermod)
setcovfs(om, c("mat25", "mat25", "mat25"))
setcovfs(om, c("mat25", "mat25pow", "mat25", "mat25ang"))
```

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setknot	<i>Set knot points</i>
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**Description**

```
setknot(om, knotslist)
```

Sets the knot points of `om` to `knotslist` to estimate the eigenfunctions and eigenvalues. It will naturally check if the knot points have the same dimension as the covariance functions. It will also check if the knot points are within reasonable bounds for the covariance functions.

**Arguments**

<code>om</code>	an <a href="#">outermod</a> instance
<code>knotslist</code>	a list of one dimensional vectors

**Value**

no value is returned, `om` is updated

**See Also**

[outermod](#), [setcovfs](#)

**Examples**

```
om = new(outermod)
setcovfs(om, c("mat25", "mat25", "mat25"))
knotslist = list(seq(0,1,by=0.01),seq(0,1,by=0.01),seq(0,1,by=0.01))
setknot(om, knotslist)
```

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