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Description

Inference based on models with or without spatially-correlated random effects, multivariate responses, or non-Gaussian random effects (e.g., Beta). Variation in residual variance (heteroscedasticity) can itself be represented by a mixed-effect model. Both classical geostatistical models (Rousset and Ferdy 2014 <doi:10.1111/ecog.00566>), and Markov random field models on irregular grids (as considered in the 'INLA' package, https://www.r-inla.org), can be fitted, with distinct computational procedures exploiting the sparse matrix representations for the latter case and other autoregressive models. Laplace approximations are used for likelihood or restricted likelihood. Penalized quasi-likelihood and other variants discussed in the h-likelihood literature (Lee and Nelder 2001 <doi:10.1093/biomet/88.4.987>) are also implemented.

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Simulated data set for testing sparse-precision code

Description

This is used in tests/test-adjacency-long.R

Usage

data("adjlg")

Format

Includes an adjacency matrix adjlgMat. and a data frame adjlg with 5474 observations on the following 8 variables.

ID a factor with levels 1 to 1000

months a numeric vector

GENDER a character vector

AGE a numeric vector

X1 a numeric vector

X2 a numeric vector

month a numeric vector

BUY a numeric vector

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Source

The simulation code shown below is derived from an example produced by Jeroen van den Ochtend. Following a change incorporated in spaMM version 3.8.0, that implied stricter checks of the input matrix, it appeared that the precision matrix generated by this example had inappropriate (repeated) dimnames. This example was then updated to reproduce past fitting results with a correctly formatted matrix. Note that changing the names of an adjacency matrix (as below) is generally unwise as it generally changes the statistical model because these names are matched whenever possible to levels of the grouping factor in the data.

The code was also modified to compensate for changes in R's default random number generator.

```
data(adjlg)
## See further usage in tests/test-adjacency-long.R
## Not run:
# as produced by:
 library(data.table) ## Included data produced using version 1.10.4.3
 library(igraph) ## Included data produced using version 1.2.1
  rsample <- function(N=100, ## size of implied adjacency matrix
                       month_max=10, seed) {
    if (is.integer(seed)) set.seed(seed)
    dt <- data.table(ID=factor(1:N))</pre>
    dt$months <- sample(1:month_max,N,replace=T) ## # of liens for each level of ID
    dt$GENDER <- sample(c("MALE", "FEMALE"), N, replace=TRUE)</pre>
    dt$AGE <- sample(18:99,N,replace=T)</pre>
    dt$X1 <- sample(1000:9900, N, replace=T)
    dt$X2 <- runif(N)</pre>
    dt <- dt[, c(.SD, month=data.table(seq(from=1, to=months, by = 1))), by = ID]
    dt[,BUY := 0]
    dt[month.V1==months,BUY := sample(c(0,1),1),by=ID]
    setnames(dt, "month.V1", "month")
    #### create adjacency matrix
    Network <- data.table(OUT=sample(dt$ID,N*month_max*4/10))</pre>
   Network$IN <- sample(dt$ID,N*month_max*4/10)</pre>
   Network <- Network[IN != OUT]</pre>
   Network <- unique(Network)</pre>
    g <- graph.data.frame(Network,directed=F)</pre>
    g <- add_vertices(g,sum(!unique(dt$ID) %in% V(g)),</pre>
             name=unique(dt[!dt$ID %in% V(g),list(ID)])) # => improper names
    Network <- as_adjacency_matrix(g,sparse = TRUE,type="both")</pre>
    colnames(Network) <- rownames(Network) <- seq(nrow(Network)) # post-v3.8.0 names</pre>
    return(list(data=dt,adjMatrix=Network))
 RNGkind("Mersenne-Twister", "Inversion", "Rounding" )
 set.seed(123)
 adjlg_sam <- rsample(N=1000, seed=NULL)</pre>
 RNGkind("Mersenne-Twister", "Inversion", "Rejection" )
```

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```
#
adjlg <- as.data.frame(adjlg_sam$data)
adjlgMat <- adjlg_sam$adjMatrix
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

AIC

Extractors for information criteria such as AIC

Description

get_any_IC computes model selection/information criteria such as AIC. See Details for more information about these criteria. The other extractors AIC and extractAIC are methods for HLfit objects of generic functions defined in other packages: AIC is equivalent to get_any_IC (for a single fitted-model object), and extractAIC returns the marginal AIC and the number of degrees of freedom for the fixed effects.

Usage

Arguments

object, fit	A object of class HLfit, as returned by the fitting functions in spaMM.
scale, k	Currently ignored, but are required in the definitions for consistency with the generic.
verbose	Whether to print the model selection criteria or not.
also_cAIC	Whether to include the plug-in estimate of conditional AIC in the result (its computation may be slow).
nsim	Controls whether to include the bootstrap estimate of conditional AIC (see Details) in the result. If positive, nsim gives the number of bootstrap replicates.
short.names	NULL, or boolean; controls whether the return value uses short names (mAIC, etc., as shown by screen output if verbose is TRUE), or the descriptive names ("marginal AIC:", etc.) also shown in the screen output. Short names are more appropriate for programming but descriptive names may be needed for back-compatibility. The default (NULL) ensures back-compatibility by using descriptive names unless the bootstrap estimate of conditional AIC is reported.
	For AIC.HLfit: may include more fitted-model objects, consistently with the generic. For this and the other functions: other arguments that may be needed by some method. For example, if nsim is positive, a seed argument may be passed to simulate, and the other "" may be used to control the optional parallel

execution of the bootstrap computations (by providing arguments to dopar).

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Details

The AIC is a measure (by Kullback-Leibler directed distance, up to an additive constant) of quality of prediction of new data by a fitted model. Comparing information criteria may be viewed as a fast alternative to a comparison of the predictive accuracy of different models by cross-validation. Further procedures for model choice may also be useful (e.g. Williams, 1970; Lewis et al. 2010).

The **conditional AIC** (Vaida and Blanchard 2005) applies the AIC concept to new realizations of a mixed model, conditional on the realized values of the random effects. Lee et al. (2006) and Ha et al (2007) defined a corrected AIC [i.e., AIC(D*) in their eq. 7] which is here interpreted as the conditional AIC.

Such Kullback-Leibler relative distances cannot generally be evaluated exactly and various estimates have been discussed. get_any_IC computes, optionally prints, and returns invisibly one or more of the following quantities: (1) Akaike's classical AIC (marginal AIC, mAIC); (2) a plug-in estimate (cAIC) and/or a bootstrap estimate (b_cAIC) of the conditional AIC; and (3) a focussed AIC for dispersion parameters (dispersion AIC, dAIC).

For the **conditional AIC**, Vaida and Blanchard's plug-in estimator involves the conditional likelihood, and degrees of freedom for (i) estimated residual error parameters and (ii) the overall linear predictor characterized by the **Effective degrees of freedom** already discussed by previous authors including Lee and Nelder (1996), which gave a plug-in estimator (p_D) for it in HGLMs. By default, the plug-in estimate of both the conditional AIC and of $n-p_D$ (GoFdf, where n is the length of the response vector) are returned by get_any_IC. But these are biased estimates of conditional AIC and effective df, and an alternative procedure is available if a non-default positive nsim value is used. In that case, the conditional AIC is estimated by a bootstrap version of Saefken et al. (2014)'s equation 2.5; this involves refitting the model to each bootstrap samples, so it may take time, and a full cross-validation procedure might as well be considered for model selection.

The dispersion AIC has been defined from restricted likelihood by Ha et al (2007; eq.10). The present implementation will use restricted likelihood only if made available by an REML fit, otherwise marginal likelihood is used.

Value

get_any_IC, a numeric vector whose possible elements are described in the Details, and whose names are controlled by the short.names argument. Note that the bootstrap computation actually makes sense and works also for fixed-effect models (although it is not clear how useful it is in that case). The return value will still refer to its results as conditional AIC.

For AIC, If just one fobject is provided, the same return value as for get_any_IC. If multiple objects are provided, a data.frame built from such vectors, with rows corresponding to the objects.

For extractAIC, a numeric vector of length 2, with first and second elements giving

edf the degree of freedom of the fixed-effect terms of the model for the fitted model

fit.

AIC the (marginal) Akaike Information Criterion for fit.

This output aims to be equivalent (except for the explicit names) to the one from stats::extractAIC, despite the obscurities of the latter's documentation, and is indeed equivalent in value for GLMs (see Examples).

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References

Ha, I. D., Lee, Y. and MacKenzie, G. (2007) Model selection for multi-component frailty models. Statistics in Medicine 26: 4790-4807.

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Vaida, F., and Blanchard, S. (2005) Conditional Akaike information for mixed-effects models. Biometrika 92, 351-370.

Williams D.A. (1970) Discrimination between regression models to determine the pattern of enzyme synthesis in synchronous cell cultures. Biometrics 26: 23-32.

```
data("wafers")
m1 \leftarrow fitme(y \sim X1+X2+X3+X1*X3+X2*X3+I(X2^2)+(1|batch), data=wafers,
            family=Gamma(log))
get_any_IC(m1)
# => The plug-in estimate is stored in the 'm1' object
     as a result of the previous computation, and is now returned even by:
get_any_IC(m1, also_cAIC=FALSE)
if (spaMM.getOption("example_maxtime")>4) {
get_any_IC(m1, nsim=100L, seed=123) # provides bootstrap estimate of cAIC.
# (parallelisation options could be used, e.g. nb_cores=detectCores()-1L)
extractAIC(m1)
## Not run:
# Checking consistency with glm example from help("stats::extractAIC"):
utils::example(glm)
dataf <- data.frame(counts=counts,outcome=outcome, treatment=treatment)</pre>
extractAIC(glm.D93)
extractAIC(fitme(counts ~ outcome + treatment, family = poisson(), data=dataf))
lm.D93 <- glm(counts ~ outcome + treatment)</pre>
extractAIC(lm.D93)
extractAIC(fitme(counts ~ outcome + treatment, data=dataf))
## End(Not run)
```

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Control of matrix-algebraic methods

Description

Autocorrelated gaussian random effects can be specified in terms of their covariance matrix, or in terms of the precision matrix (i.e. inverse covariance matrix). In a pre-processing step, spaMM may assess whether such precision matrices are sparse but the correlation matrix is dense, and if so, it may use "sparse-precision" algorithms efficient for this case. If the precision matrix does not appear sufficiently sparser than the correlation matrix, correlation matrices are used, and they can themselves be sparse or dense, with distinct algebraic methods used in each case.

For example, when the model includes a corrMatrix term specified by a covariance matrix, the precision matrix may be computed to assess its sparseness. The Example below illustrates a case where detecting sparsity of the precision matrix allows a faster fit. However, such a comparison of correlation and precision matrices takes time and is not performed for all types of random-effect structures. Instead, some fast heuristics may be used (see Details). The default selection of methods may not always be optimal, and may be overcome by using the control.HLfit argument of the fitting function (or by spaMM.options(), see Details). In particular one can use either control.HLfit=list(sparse_precision= <TRUE|FALSE>) or control.HLfit=list(algebra= <"spprec"|"spcorr"|"decorr">) with the obvious expected effects.

Such control may be useful when you already know that the precision matrix is sparse (as spaMM may even kindly remind you of, see Example below). In that case, it is also efficient to specify the precision matrix directly (see Example in Gryphon), as spaMM then assumes that sparse-precision methods are better without checking the correlation matrix.

Such control may also be useful when the correlation matrix is nearly singular so that computation of its inverse fails. This may occur if the model is poorly specified, but also occurs sometimes for valid correlation models because inversion of large matrices though Cholesky methods is not numerically accurate enough. In the latter case, you may be directed to this documentation by an error message, and specifying sparse_precision= FALSE may be useful.

Details

Currently the sparse-precision methods are selected by default in two cases (with possible exceptions indicated by specific messages): (1) for models including IMRF random effects; and (2) when the corrMatrix (or covStruct) syntax is used to provide a fixed precision matrix. Further, for models including autoregressive terms other than IMRF (i.e., adjacency, AR1), sparse-precision methods may or may not be selected on a simple heuristic based on the likely structure of the correlation matrix.

```
Algebraic methods can be controlled globally over all further fits by using spaMM.options(sparse_precision= <TRUE|FALSE>) and, among the correlation-based methods, spaMM.options(QRmethod= <"sparse"|"dense">) to select "spcorr" vs. "decorr" methods. Fit-specific controls (by control.HLfit) override these global ones.
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Examples

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Arabidopsis genetic and climatic data

Description

For 948 "accessions" from European Arabidopsis thaliana populations, this data set merges the genotypic information at four single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNP) putatively involved in adaptation to climate (Fournier-Level et al, 2011, Table 1), with 13 climatic variables from Hancock et al. (2011).

Usage

```
data("arabidopsis")
```

Format

The data frame includes 948 observations on the following variables:

```
pos1046738, pos5510910, pos6235221, pos8132698 Genotypes at four SNP loci LAT latitude
```

LONG longitude

```
seasonal, tempWarmest, tempColdest, preciWettest, preciDriest, preciCV, PAR_SPRING, growingL, conseqCold, conseqFrFree, RelHumidSp, dayLSp, aridity Thirteen climatic variables. See Hancock et al. (2011) for details about these variables.
```

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Details

The response is binary so method="PQL/L" seems warranted (see Rousset and Ferdy, 2014).

Source

The data were retrieved from http://bergelson.uchicago.edu/regmap-data/climate-genome-scan on 22 February 2013 (they may no longer be available from there).

References

Fournier-Level A, Korte A., Cooper M. D., Nordborg M., Schmitt J., Wilczek AM (2011). A map of local adaptation in Arabidopsis thaliana. Science 334: 86-89.

Hancock, A. M., Brachi, B., Faure, N., Horton, M. W., Jarymowycz, L. B., Sperone, F. G., Toomajian, C., Roux, F., and Bergelson, J. 2011. Adaptation to climate across the Arabidopsis thaliana genome, Science 334: 83-86.

Rousset F., Ferdy, J.-B. (2014) Testing environmental and genetic effects in the presence of spatial autocorrelation. Ecography, 37: 781-790. doi:10.1111/ecog.00566

Examples

ARp

corrFamily constructors for random effect with AR(p) (autoregressive of order p) or ARMA(p,q) structure.

Description

The AR(p) model is here parametrized by the **partial** correlation coefficients of the levels of the random effect, $\{U_{t}\}$, $corr(U_{s},U_{t}|U_{s+1},...,U_{t-1})$, with valid values in the hypercube]-1,,1[^p (Barndorff-Nielsen and Schou, 1973).

In the autoregressive-moving average ARMA(p,q) model, the AR part is parametrized in the same way. AR parameters are named "p1", "p2"..., and MA parameters are named "q1", "q2"... .

Implementation of the AR(p) model uses the sparsity of the inverse covariance matrix. In the ARMA(p,q) model, neither the covariance nor its inverse are sparse, so fits are expected to be more time- and memory-consuming.

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Usage

```
# corrFamily constructors:
ARp(p=1L, fixed=NULL, corr=TRUE, tpar=1/(1+seq(p)))
ARMA(p=1L, q=1L, fixed=NULL, tpar=c(1/(1+seq_len(p)),1/(1+seq_len(q))))
```

Arguments

p Integer: order of the autoregressive process.

q Integer: order of the moving-average process.

tpar Numeric vector: template values of the **partial coefficient coefficients** of the autoregressive process, and the traditional coefficients of the moving-average processe, in this order. The tpar vector must always have full length, even when some parameters are fixed.

NULL or numeric vector, to fix the parameters of this model.

corr For development purposes, better ignored in normal use.

Value

The ARp and ARMA functions return a corrFamily descriptor, hence a list including element Cf, a function returning, for given ARMA or AR parameters, the correlation matrix for ARMA, or its **inverse** for ARp.

The fitted correlation matrix can be extracted from a fit object, as for any autocorrelated random effect, by Corr(<fit object>)[[<random-effect index>]].

References

Barndorff-Nielsen 0. and Schou G., 1973 On the parametrization of autoregressive models by partial autocorrelations. J. Multivariate Analysis 3: 408-419. doi:10.1016/0047259X(73)900304

```
if (spaMM.getOption("example_maxtime")>2) {
    ts <- data.frame(lh=lh,time=seq(48)) ## using 'lh' data from 'stats' package

## Default 'tpar' => AR1 model

# 
    (ARpfit <- fitme(lh ~ 1 + ARp(1|time), data=ts, method="REML"))

# 
## which is equivalent to

# 
    (AR1fit <- fitme(lh ~ 1 +AR1(1|time), data=ts, method="REML"))

## AR(3) model

# 
    (AR3fit <- fitme(lh ~ 1 + ARp(1|time, p=3), data=ts, method="REML"))

## Same but with fixed 2-lag partial autocorrelation

# 
    (AR3fix <- fitme(lh ~ 1 + ARp(1|time, p=3, fixed=c(p2=0)), data=ts, method="REML"))</pre>
```

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Fitting autoregressive models

Description

Diverse autoregressive (AR) models are implemented in spaMM. This documentation describe the adjacency model (a conditional AR, i.e., CAR), and the AR1 model for time series. Other documentation deals with more or less distantly related models: ARp for a more general AR(p) model for time series, and IMRF and MaternIMRFa for mesh-based approximations of geostatistical models.

An AR1 random effect is specified as AR1(1|<grouping factor>). It describes correlations between realizations of the random effect for (typically) successive time-steps by a correlation ϕ , denoted ARphi in function calls. Nested AR1 effects can be specified by a nested grouping factor, as in AR1(1|<time index>%in%<nesting factor>).

A CAR random effect is specified as adjacency(1|<grouping factor>). The correlations among levels of the random effect form a matrix $(\mathbf{I}-\rho \text{ adjMatrix})^{-1}$, in terms of an adjMatrix matrix which must be provided, and of the scalar ρ , denoted rho in function calls. The rows and columns of adjMatrix must have names matching those of levels of the random effect **or else** be ordered as increasing values of the levels of the geographic location index specifying the spatial random effect. For example, if the model formula is

 $y \sim adjacency(1|geo.loc)$ and data>geo.loc is 2,4,3,1,... the first row/column of the matrix refers to geo.loc=1, i.e. to the fourth row of the data.

Details

Efficient algorithms for CAR models have been widely discussed in particular in the econometric literature (e.g., LeSage and Pace 2009), but these models are not necessarily recommended for irregular lattices (see Wall, 2004 and Martellosio, 2012 for some insights on the implications of autoregressive models).

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In **CAR** models, the covariance matrix of random effects \mathbf{u} can be described as $\lambda(\mathbf{I}-\rho\,\mathbf{W})^{-1}$ where \mathbf{W} is the (symmetric) adjacency matrix. HLCor uses the spectral decomposition of the adjacency matrix, written as boldW=VDV' where \mathbf{D} is a diagonal matrix of eigenvalues d_i . The covariance of $\mathbf{V'u}$ is $\lambda(\mathbf{I}-\rho\,\mathbf{D})^{-1}$, which is a diagonal matrix with elements $\lambda_i=\lambda/(1-\rho d_i)$. Hence $1/\lambda_i$ is in the linear predictor form $\alpha+\beta d_i$ This can be used to fit λ and ρ efficiently. A call to corrHLfit with the additional argument init.HLfit=list(rho=0) should be equivalent in speed and result to the HLCor call.

This is fast for small datasets (as in the example below) but more generic maximization algorithms may be preferable for large ones. It is suggested to use fitme generally unless one has a large number of small data sets to analyze. A call to fitme or corrHLfit without that initial value does not use the spectral decomposition. It performs numerical maximization of the likelihood (or restricted likelihood) as function of the correlation parameter ρ . The choice of fitting function may slightly impact the results. The ML fits by corrHLfit and HLCor should be practically equivalent. The REML fits should slightly differ from each other, due to the fact that the REML approximation for GLMMs does not maximize a single likelihood function.

If HLCor is used, the results are reported as the coefficients α ((Intercept)) and β (adjd) of the predictor for $1/\lambda_i$, in addition to the resulting values of ρ and of the common λ factor.

Different fits may also differ in using or not algorithms that exploit the sparsity of the precision matrix of the autoregressive random effect. By default, spaMM tends to select sparse-precision algorithms for large datasets and large (i.e. many-level) random effects (details are complex). However, for **AR1** models, the dimension of the implied precision matrix is determined by the extreme values of grouping factor (typically interpreted as a time index), as all intermediate values must be considered. Then, the correlation-based algorithms may be more efficient if only a few levels are present in the data, as only a small correlation matrix is required in that case.

References

LeSage, J., Pace, R.K. (2009) Introduction to Spatial Econometrics. Chapman & Hall/CRC.

Martellosio, F. (2012) The correlation structure of spatial autoregressions, Econometric Theory 28, 1373-1391.

Wall M.M. (2004) A close look at the spatial structure implied by the CAR and SAR models: Journal of Statistical Planning and Inference 121: 311-324.

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beta_resp

Beta-response family object

Description

Returns a family object for beta-response models. The model described by such a family is characterized by a linear predictor, a link function, and the beta density for the residual variation.

The precision parameter prec of this family is such that the variance of the response given its mean μ is $\mu(1-\mu)/(1+\text{prec})$. prec is thus the precision parameter ϕ of Ferrari & Cribari-Neto (2004) and of the **betareg** package (Cribari-Neto & Zeileis 2010).

Prior weights are meaningful for this family and handled as a factor of the precision parameter (as for GLM families) hence here not as a divisor of the variance (in contrast to GLM families): the variance of the response become $\mu(1-\mu)/(1+\text{prec}*<\text{prior weights}>)$.

Usage

```
beta_resp(prec = stop("beta_resp's 'prec' must be specified"), link = "logit")
```

Arguments

prec Parameter controlling the variance of the beta distribution.

link logit, probit, cloglog or cauchit link, specified by any of the available ways for

GLM links (name, character string, one-element character vector, or object of

class link-glm as returned by make.link).

Value

A list, formally of class c("LLF", "family"). See LL-family for details about the structure and usage of such objects.

References

Cribari-Neto, F., & Zeileis, A. (2010). Beta Regression in R. Journal of Statistical Software, 34(2), 1-24. doi:10.18637/jss.v034.i02

Ferrari SLP, Cribari-Neto F (2004). "Beta Regression for Modelling Rates and Proportions." Journal of Applied Statistics, 31(7), 799-815.

See Also

Further examples in LL-family.

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Examples

```
set.seed(123)
beta_dat <- data.frame(y=runif(100),grp=sample(2,100,replace = TRUE))
fitme(y ~1+(1|grp), family=beta_resp(), data= beta_dat)
## same logL, halved 'prec' when prior weights=2 are used:
# fitme(y ~1+(1|grp), family=beta_resp(), data= beta_dat, prior.weights=rep(2,100))</pre>
```

blackcap

Genetic polymorphism in relation to migration in the blackcap

Description

This data set is extracted from a study of genetic polymorphisms potentially associated to migration behaviour in the blackcap (Sylvia atricapilla). Across different populations in Europe and Africa, the average migration behaviour was found to correlate with average allele size (dependent on the number of repeats of a small DNA motif) at the locus ADCYAP1, encoding a neuropeptide. This data set is quite small and ill-suited for separating random-effect variance from residual variance. The likelihood surface for the Matérn model actually has local maxima.

Usage

```
data("blackcap")
```

Format

The data frame includes 14 observations on the following variables:

latitude latitude, indeed.

longitude longitude, indeed.

migStatus migration status as determined by Mueller et al, from 0 (resident populations) to 2.5 (long-distance migratory populations)

means Mean allele sizes in each population

pos Numerical index for the populations

Details

Migration status was coded as: pure resident populations as '0', resident populations with some migratory restlessness as '0.5', partial migratory populations as '1', completely migratory populations migrating short-distances as '1.5', intermediate-distance migratory populations as '2' and distinct long-distance migratory populations as '2.5'.

Source

Data from Mueller et al. (2011), including supplementary material now available from doi:10.1098/rspb.2010.2567.

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References

Mueller, J. C., Pulido, F., and Kempenaers, B. 2011. Identification of a gene associated with avian migratory behaviour, Proc. Roy. Soc. (Lond.) B 278, 2848-2856.

Examples

```
## see 'fitme', 'corrHLfit' and 'fixedLRT' for examples involving these data
```

CauchyCorr

Cauchy correlation function and Cauchy formula term

Description

The Cauchy family of correlation functions is useful to describe spatial processes with power-law decrease of correlation at long distance. It is valid for Euclidean distances in spaces of any dimension, and for great-circle distances on spheres of any dimension. It has a scale parameter (rho, as in the Matérn correlation function), a shape (or "smoothness", Gneiting 2013) parameter, and a long-memory dependence (or, more abstractly, "shape"; Gneiting 2013) parameter (Gneiting and Schlater 2004). The present implementation also accepts a Nugget parameter. The family can be invoked in two ways. First, the CauchyCorr function evaluates correlations, using distances as input. Second, a term of the form Cauchy(1|<...>) in a formula specifies a random effect with Cauchy correlation function, using coordinates found in a data frame as input. In the latter case, the correlations between realizations of the random effect for any two observations in the data will be the value of the Cauchy function at the scaled distance between coordinates specified in <...>, using "+" as separator (e.g., Cauchy(1|longitude+latitude)). A syntax of the form Cauchy(1|longitude+latitude %in% grp) can be used to specify a Cauchy random effect with independent realizations for each level of the grouping variable grp.

Usage

```
## Default S3 method:
CauchyCorr(d, rho=1, shape, longdep, Nugget=NULL)
# Cauchy(1|...)
```

Arguments

d Euclidean or great-circle distance

rho The scaling factor for distance, a real >0.

shape The shape (smoothness) parameter, a real 0<.<=2 for Euclidean distances and

0<.<=1 for great-circle distances. Smoothness increases, and fractal dimension decreases, with increasing shape (the fractal dimension of realizations in spaces

of dimension d being d+1-shape/2).

longdep The long-memory dependence parameter, a real >0. It gives the exponent of the

asymptotic decrease of correlation with distance: the smaller longdep is, the

longer the dependence.

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Nugget (Following the jargon of Kriging) a parameter describing a discontinuous decrease in correlation at zero distance. Correlation will always be 1 at d=0, and from which it immediately drops to (1-Nugget). Defaults to zero.

Names of coordinates, using "+" as separator (e.g., Matern(1|longitude+latitude))

Details

The correlation at distance d > 0 is

$$(1 - \text{Nugget})(1 + (\rho d)^{\text{shape}})^{(-1)} - \text{longdep/shape})$$

Value

Scalar/vector/matrix depending on input.

References

Gneiting, T. and Schlater M. (2004) Stochastic models that separate fractal dimension and the Hurst effect. SIAM Rev. 46: 269–282.

Gneiting T. (2013) Strictly and non-strictly positive definite functions on spheres. Bernoulli 19: 1327-1349.

Examples

COMPoisson

Conway-Maxwell-Poisson (COM-Poisson) GLM family

Description

The COM-Poisson family is a generalization of the Poisson family which can describe over-dispersed as well as under-dispersed count data. It is indexed by a parameter nu that quantifies such dispersion. For nu>1, the distribution is under-dispersed relative to the Poisson distribution with same mean. It includes the Poisson, geometric and Bernoulli as special (or limit) cases (see Details). The COM-Poisson family is here implemented as a family object, so that it can be fitted by glm, and further used to model conditional responses in mixed models fitted by this package's functions

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(see Examples). nu is distinct from the dispersion parameter $\nu=1/\phi$ considered elsewhere in this package and in the GLM literature, as ν affects in a more specific way the log-likelihood.

Several links are now allowed for this family, corresponding to different versions of the COMPoisson described in the literature (e.g., Sellers & Shmueli 2010; Huang 2017).

Usage

Arguments

link GLM link function. The default is the canonical link "loglambda" (see Details),

but other links are allowed (currently log, sqrt or identity links as commonly

handled for the Poisson family).

nu Under-dispersion parameter. The fitme and corrHLfit functions called with

family=COMPoisson() (no given nu value) will estimate this parameter. In other usage of this family, nu must be specified. COMPoisson(nu=1) is the Pois-

son family.

Details

The *i*th term of the distribution can be written q_i/Z where $q_i = \lambda^i/(i!)^\nu$ and $Z = \sum_i (i=0)^\infty q_i$, for $\lambda = \lambda(\mu)$ implied by its inverse relationship, the expectation formula $\mu = \mu(\lambda) = \sum_i (i=0)^\infty i q_i(\lambda)/Z$. The case nu=0 is the geometric distribution with parameter λ ; nu=1 is the Poisson distribution with mean λ ; and the limit as nu -> ∞ is the Bernoulli distribution with expectation $\lambda/(1+\lambda)$.

From this definition, this is an exponential family model with canonical parameters $log(\lambda)$ and ν . When the linear predictor η specifies $log(\lambda(\mu))$, the canonical link is used (e.g., Sellers & Shmueli 2010). It is here nicknamed "loglambda" and does not have a known expression in terms of elementary functions. To obtain μ as the link inverse of the linear predictor η , one then first computes $\lambda = e^{\eta}$ and then $\mu(\lambda)$ by the expectation formula. For other links (Huang 2017), one directly computes μ by the link inverse (e.g., $\mu = e^{\eta}$ for link "log"), and then one may solve for $\lambda = \lambda(\mu)$ to obtain other features of the distribution.

The relationships between λ and μ or other moments of the distribution involve infinite summations. These sums can be easily approximated by a finite number of terms for large nu but not when nu approaches zero. For this reason, the code may fail to fit distributions with nu approaching 0 (strong residual over-dispersion). The case nu=0 (the geometric distribution) is fitted by an ad hoc algorithm devoid of such problems. Otherwise, spaMM truncates the sum, and uses numerical integrals to approximate missing terms (which slows down the fitting operation). In addition, it applies an ad hoc continuity correction to ensure continuity of the result in nu=1 (Poisson case). These corrections affect numerical results for the case of residual overdispersion but are negligible for the case of residual underdispersion. Alternatively, spaMM uses Gaunt et al.'s (2017) approximations when the condition defined in spaMM.getOption("CMP_asympto_cond") is satisfied. All approximations reduces the accuracy of computations, in a way that can impede the extended Levenberg-Marquardt algorithm sometimes needed by spaMM.

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The name COMP_nu should be used to set initial values or bounds on nu in control arguments of the fitting functions (e.g., fitme(.,init=list(COMP_nu=1))). Fixed values should be set by the family argument (COMPoisson(nu=.)).

Value

A family object.

References

Gaunt, Robert E. and Iyengar, Satish and Olde Daalhuis, Adri B. and Simsek, Burcin. (2017) An asymptotic expansion for the normalizing constant of the Conway–Maxwell–Poisson distribution. Ann Inst Stat Math doi:10.1007/s1046301706296.

Huang, Alan (2017) Mean-parametrized Conway-Maxwell-Poisson regression models for dispersed counts. Stat. Modelling doi:10.1177/1471082X17697749

G. Shmueli, T. P. Minka, J. B. Kadane, S. Borle and P. Boatwright (2005) A useful distribution for fitting discrete data: revival of the Conway-Maxwell-Poisson distribution. Appl. Statist. 54: 127-142.

Sellers KF, Shmueli G (2010) A Flexible Regression Model for Count Data. Ann. Appl. Stat. 4: 943–961

```
if (spaMM.getOption("example_maxtime")>0.9) {
  # Fitting COMPoisson model with estimated nu parameter:
 data("freight") ## example from Sellers & Shmueli, Ann. Appl. Stat. 4: 943961 (2010)
 fitme(broken ~ transfers, data=freight, family = COMPoisson())
 fitme(broken ~ transfers, data=freight, family = COMPoisson(link="log"))
 # glm(), HLCor() and HLfit() handle spaMM::COMPoisson() with fixed overdispersion:
 glm(broken ~ transfers, data=freight, family = COMPoisson(nu=10))
 HLfit(broken ~ transfers+(1|id), data=freight, family = COMPoisson(nu=10),method="ML")
 # Equivalence of poisson() and COMPoisson(nu=1):
 COMPglm <- glm(broken ~ transfers, data=freight, family = poisson())</pre>
 coef(COMPglm)
 logLik(COMPglm)
 COMPglm <- glm(broken ~ transfers, data=freight, family = COMPoisson(nu=1))</pre>
 coef(COMPglm)
 logLik(COMPglm)
 HLfit(broken ~ transfers, data=freight, family = COMPoisson(nu=1))
}
```

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Composite random effects

Description

An example of a composite random effect is corrMatrix(sex|pair). It combines features of a random-coefficient model (sex|pair) and of a random effect corrMatrix(1|pair). The random-coefficient model is characterized by a 2*2 covariance matrix \mathbf{C} for the random effects $u_{1,pair}$ and $u_{2,pair}$ both affecting each of the two sexes for each pair, and the corrMatrix random effect assumes that elements of each of the two vectors $u_i = (u_{i,pair})$ for pair=1,...,P are correlated according to a given P*P correlation matrix \mathbf{A} . Then the composite random effect is defined as the one with 2P*2P covariance matrix kronecker(\mathbf{C} , \mathbf{A}).

Composite random effects can also be fitted for multivariate-response models, e.g. corrMatrix(mv(1,2)|ID) for two responses variables for each individual ID.

The definition of composite random effects through the kronecker product may be motivated and understood in light of a quantitative-genetics application (see help("Gryphon") for an example). In this context the two response variables are typically two individual traits. Each trait is affected by two sets of genes, the effect of each set being represented by a gaussian random effect (u_1 or u_2). The effect of genetic relatedness on the correlation of random effects u_i, ID among individuals ID within each set i of genes is described by the corrMatrix **A**. The effects on the two traits for each individual are interpreted as different linear combinations of these two random effects (the coefficients of these linear combinations determining the **C** matrix). Under these assumptions the correlation matrix of the responses (in order (trait, individual)=(1,1)...(1,ID)... (2,1)...(2,ID)...) is indeed kronecker(**C**,**A**).

The summary of the model provides a description of the \mathbf{C} matrix in terms of its variances and its correlation coefficient(s)) when \mathbf{C} is viewed as a covariance matrix. In a standard random-coefficient model these variances are those of the correlated random effects (see summary.HLfit). In the composite random-effect model this is not necessarily so as the variance of the correlated random effects also depend on the variances implied by the \mathbf{A} matrix, which are not necessarily 1 if \mathbf{A} is a covariance matrix rather than simply a correlation matrix.

In a corrMatrix(<LHS>|<RHS>) term the type (logical, factor...) of the <LHS> has an effect identical to its effect in a non-composite (<LHS>|<RHS>) term, as described in spaMM. In particular, in some cases no random-coefficient correlation matrix **C** is implied: see the Examples below.

```
if (spaMM.getOption("example_maxtime")>1.8) {
## Toy data preparation

data("blackcap")
toy <- blackcap
toy$ID <- gl(7,2)
grp <- rep(1:2,7)
toy$migStatus <- toy$migStatus +(grp==2)
toy$loc <- rownames(toy) # to use as levels matching the corrMatrix dimnames</pre>
```

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toy$grp <- factor(grp)</pre>
toy$bool <- toy$grp==1L
toy$boolfac <- factor(toy$bool)</pre>
toy$num <- seq(from=1, to=2, length.out=14)
## Build a toy corrMatrix as perturbation of identity matrix:
n_rhs <- 14L
eps <- 0.1
set.seed(123)
rcov <- ((1-eps)*diag(n_rhs)+eps*rWishart(1,n_rhs,diag(n_rhs)/n_rhs)[,,1])</pre>
# eigen(rcov)$values
colnames(rcov) <- rownames(rcov) <- toy$loc # DON'T FORGET NAMES</pre>
##### Illustrating the different LHS types
### <LHS> is logical (TRUE/FALSE) => No induced random-coefficient C matrix;
# corrMatrix affects only responses for which <LHS> is TRUE:
(fit1 <- fitme(migStatus ~ bool + corrMatrix(bool|loc), data=toy, corrMatrix=rcov))</pre>
# Matrix::image(get_ZALMatrix(fit1))
### <RHS> is a factor built from a logical => same a 'logical' case above:
(fit2 <- fitme(migStatus ~ boolfac + corrMatrix(boolfac|loc), data=toy, corrMatrix=rcov))</pre>
# Matrix::image(get_ZALMatrix(fit2))
### <RHS> is a factor not built from a logical:
# (grp|.) and (0+grp|.) lead to equivalent fits of the same composite model,
# but contrasts are not used in the second case and the C matrices differ,
   as for standard random-coefficient models.
(fit1 <- fitme(migStatus ~ grp + corrMatrix(grp|loc), data=toy, corrMatrix=rcov))</pre>
(fit2 <- fitme(migStatus ~ grp + corrMatrix(0+grp|loc), data=toy, corrMatrix=rcov))</pre>
# => same fits, but different internal structures:
Matrix::image(fit1$ZAlist[[1]]) # (contrasts used)
Matrix::image(fit2$ZAlist[[1]]) # (contrasts not used)
# Also compare ranef(fit1) versus ranef(fit2)
#
## One can fix the C matrix, as for standard random-coefficient terms
(fit1 <- fitme(migStatus ~ grp + corrMatrix(0+grp|loc),data=toy, corrMatrix=rcov,</pre>
               fixed=list(ranCoefs=list("1"=c(1,0.5,1))))
# same result without contrasts hence different 'ranCoefs':
(fit2 <- fitme(migStatus ~ grp + corrMatrix(grp|loc), data=toy, corrMatrix=rcov,
```

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fixed=list(ranCoefs=list("1"=c(1,-0.5,1)))))

```
### <LHS> is numeric (but not '0+numeric'):
# composite model with C being 2*2 for Intercept and numeric variable
(fitme(migStatus ~ num + corrMatrix(num|loc), data=toy, corrMatrix=rcov))
### <LHS> is 0+numeric: no random-coefficient C matrix
# as the Intercept is removed, but the correlated random effects
  arising from the corrMatrix are multiplied by sqrt(<numeric variable>)
(fitme(migStatus ~ num + corrMatrix(0+num|loc), data=toy, corrMatrix=rcov))
### <LHS> for multivariate response (see help("Gryphon") for more typical example)
## More toy data preparation for multivariate response
ch <- chol(rcov)</pre>
set.seed(123)
v1 <- tcrossprod(ch,t(rnorm(14,sd=1)))
v2 <- tcrossprod(ch,t(rnorm(14,sd=1)))</pre>
toy$status <- 2*v1+v2
toy$status2 <- 2*v1-v2
## Fit:
fitmv(submodels=list(mod1=list(status ~ 1+ corrMatrix(0+mv(1,2)|loc)),
                     mod2=list(status2 ~ 1+ corrMatrix(0+mv(1,2)|loc))),
      data=toy, corrMatrix=rcov)
}
```

confint.HLfit

Confidence intervals

Description

This computes confidence intervals for given parameter(s), based either on parametric bootstrap or, for **fixed-effect** parameters, on the p_v-based approximation of the profile likelihood ratio for this parameter. The profiling is over all other fitted parameters, including fixed effects, as well as variances of random effects and spatial correlations if these were fitted. The bootstrap is performed if the parm argument is a function or a quoted expression or if the boot_args argument is a list. The profile confidence interval is computed if neither of these conditions is true; in that case parm must be the name(s) of some **fixed-effect** coefficient.

Usage

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Arguments

object An object of class HLfit, as returned by the fitting functions in spaMM.

parm character vector, integer vector, or function, or a quoted expression. If **char**-

acter, the name(s) of parameter(s) to be fitted; if **integer**, their position in the fixef(object) vector. Valid names are those of this vector. If a **function**, it must return a (vector of) parameter estimate(s) from a fit object. If a **quoted expression**, it must likewise extract parameter estimate(s) from a fit object; this

expression must refer to the fitted object as 'hlfit' (see Examples).

level The coverage of the interval.

verbose whether to print the interval or not. As the function returns its more extensive

results invisibly, this printing is the only visible output.

boot_args NULL or a list of arguments passed to functions spaMM_boot and boot.ci. It

must contain element nsim (for spaMM_boot). The type argument of boot.ci can only be given as element ci_type, to avoid conflict with the type argument

of spaMM_boot.

format Only effective non-default value is "stats" to return results in the format of the

stats::confint result (see Value).

... Additional arguments (maybe not used, but conforming to the generic definition

of confint).

Value

The format of the value varies, but in all cases distinguished below, one or more tables are included, as a table attribute, in the format of the stats::confint result, to facilitate consistent extraction of results. By default confint returns invisibly the full values described below, but if format="stats", only the table attribute is returned.

If a profile CI has been computed for a single parameter, a list is returned including the confidence interval as shown by verbose=TRUE, and the fits lowerfit and upperfit giving the profile fits at the confidence bounds. This list bears the table attribute.

If a profile CI has been computed for several parameters, a structured list, named according to the parameter names, of such single-parameter results is returned, and a single table attribute for all parameters is attached to the upper level of the list.

If a bootstrap was performed, for a single parameter the result of the boot.ci call is returned, to which a table attribute is added. This table is now a list of tables for the different bootstrap CI types (default being normal, percent, and basic), each such table in the format of the stats::confint results. For several parameters, a named list of boot.ci results is returned, its names being the parameter names, and the table attribute is attached to the upper level of the list.

The boot.ci return value for each parameter includes the call to boot.ci. This call is typically shown including a long t vector, which makes a bulky display. spaMM hacks the printing to abbreviate long ts.

```
data("wafers")
wfit <- HLfit(y ~X1+(1|batch), family=Gamma(log), data=wafers, method="ML")</pre>
```

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```
confint(wfit,"X1") # profile CI
if (spaMM.getOption("example_maxtime")>30) {
   # bootstrap CI induced by 'boot_args':
   confint(wfit,names(fixef(wfit)), boot_args=list(nsim=99, seed=123))
   # bootstrap CI induced by 'parm' being a function:
   confint(wfit,parm=function(v) fixef(v),
           boot_args=list(nb_cores=10, nsim=199, seed=123))
   # Same effect if 'parm' is a quoted expression in terms of 'hlfit':
   confint(wfit,parm=quote(fixef(hlfit)),
           boot_args=list(nb_cores=10, nsim=199, seed=123))
   # CI for the variance of the random effect:
   ci <- confint(wfit,parm=function(fit){get_ranPars(fit)$lambda[1]},</pre>
        boot_args=list(nb_cores=10, nsim=199, seed=123))
   # The distribution of bootstrap replicates:
   plot(ecdf(ci$call$t))
   # We may be far from ideal condition for accuracy of bootstrap intervals;
   # for variances, a log transformation may sometimes help, but not here.
   # Passing arguments to child processes, as documented in help("spaMM_boot"):
   set.seed(123)
   rvar <- runif(nrow(wafers))</pre>
  wrfit <- fitme(y ~X1+(1|batch), family=Gamma(log), data=wafers, fixed=list(phi=rvar))</pre>
   confint(wrfit, parm = "(Intercept)", boot_args = list(nsim = 100, nb_cores = 2,
           fit_env = list(rvar=rvar)))
}
```

control.HLfit

Control parameters of the HLfit fitting algorithm

Description

A list of parameters controlling the HLfit fitting algorithm (potentially called by all fitting functions in **spaMM**), which should mostly be ignored in routine use. Possible controls are:

```
algebra, sparse_precision: see algebra;
```

conv.threshold and spaMM_tol: spaMM_tol is a list of tolerance values, with elements Xtol_rel and Xtol_abs that define thresholds for relative and absolute changes in parameter values in iterative algorithms (used in tests of the form "d(param)< Xtol_rel * param + Xtol_abs", so that Xtol_abs is operative only for small parameter values). conv.threshold is the older way to control Xtol_rel. Default values are given by spaMM.getOption("spaMM_tol");

break_conv_logL: a boolean specifying whether the iterative algorithm should terminate when log-likelihood appears to have converged (roughly, when its relative variation over on iteration is lower than 1e-8). Default is FALSE (convergence is then assessed on the parameter estimates rather than on log-likelihood).

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iter.mean.dispFix: the number of iterations of the iterative algorithm for coefficients of the linear predictor, if no dispersion parameters are estimated by the iterative algorithm. Defaults to 200 except for Gamma(log)-family models;

iter.mean.dispVar: the number of iterations of the iterative algorithm for coefficients of the linear predictor, if some dispersion parameter(s) is estimated by the iterative algorithm. Defaults to 50 except for Gamma(log)-family models;

max.iter: the number of iterations of the iterative algorithm for joint estimation of dispersion parameters and of coefficients of the linear predictor. Defaults to 200. This is typically much more than necessary, unless there is little information to separately estimate λ and ϕ parameters;

resid.family: was a previously documented control (before version 2.6.40), and will still operate as previously documented, but should not be used in new code.

Usage

```
# <fitting function>(., control.HLfit=list(...))
```

convergence

Assessing convergence for fitted models

Description

spaMM fits may produce convergence warnings coming from .check_conv_glm_reinit(). These can generally be ignored (particularly when they show a small criterion, <1e-5).

spaMM fits may also produce messages pointing to slow convergence and drawing users here. These do not necessarily mean the fit is incorrect. Rather, they suggest that another fitting strategy could be tried. Keep in mind that several parameters (notably the dispersion parameters: the variance of random effects and the residual variance parameter, if any) can be estimated either by the iterative algorithms, or by generic optimization methods. In my experience, slow convergence happens in certain cases where a large random-effect variance is considered by the algorithm used.

How to know which algorithm has been selected for each parameter? fitme(., verbose=c(TRACE=TRUE)) shows successive values of the variables estimated by optimization (See Examples; if no value appears, then all are estimated by iterative methods). The first lines of the summary of a fit object should tell which variances are estimated by the "outer" method.

If the iterative algorithm is being used, then it is worth trying to use the generic optimization methods. In particular, if you used HLfit, try using fitme; if you already use fitme, try to enforce generic optimization of the random-effect variance(s) (see inits). Conversely, if generic optimization is being used, the maximum lambda value could be controlled (say, upper=list(lambda=c(10,NA))), or the iterative algorithm can be called (see inits again).

For the largest datasets, it may be worth comparing the speed of the "spcorr" and "spprec" choices of the algebra control, in case spaMM has not selected the most appropriate by default. However, this will not be useful for geostatistical models with many spatial locations.

Examples

See help("inits") for examples of control by initial values.

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Matern Correlation Structure as a corSpatial object

Description

This implements the Matérn correlation structure (see Matern) for use with 1me or g1mmPQL. Usage is as for others corSpatial objects such as corGaus or corExp, except that the Matérn family has an additional parameter. This function was defined for comparing results obtained with corrHLfit to those produced by 1me and g1mmmPQL. There are problems in fitting (G)LMMs in the latter way, so it is not a recommended practice.

Usage

```
corMatern(value = c(1, 0.5), form = \sim1, nugget = FALSE, nuScaled = FALSE,
          metric = c("euclidean", "maximum", "manhattan"), fixed = FALSE)
```

Arguments

value

An optional vector of parameter values, with serves as initial values or as fixed values depending on the fixed argument. It has either two or three elements, depending on the nugget argument.

If nugget is FALSE, value should have two elements, corresponding to the "range" and the "smoothness" ν of the Matérn correlation structure. If value has zero length, the default is a range of 90% of the minimum distance and a smoothness of 0.5 (exponential correlation). Warning: the range parameter used in corSpatial objects is the inverse of the scale parameter used in MaternCorr and thus they have opposite meaning despite both being denoted ρ elsewhere in this package or in nlme literature.

If nugget is TRUE, meaning that a nugget effect is present, value can contain two or three elements, the first two as above, the third being the "nugget effect" (one minus the correlation between two observations taken arbitrarily close together). If value has length zero or two, the nugget defaults to 0.1. The range and smoothness must be greater than zero and the nugget must be between zero and one.

form

(Pasted from corSpatial) a one sided formula of the form ~ S1+...+Sp, or ~ S1+...+Sp | g, specifying spatial covariates S1 through Sp and, optionally, a grouping factor g. When a grouping factor is present in form, the correlation structure is assumed to apply only to observations within the same grouping level; observations with different grouping levels are assumed to be uncorrelated. Defaults to ~ 1, which corresponds to using the order of the observations in the data as a covariate, and no groups.

nugget

an optional logical value indicating whether a nugget effect is present. Defaults to FALSE.

nuScaled

If nuScaled is set to TRUE the "range" parameter ρ is divided by $2\sqrt{\nu}$. With this option and for large values of ν , corMatern reproduces the calculation of corGaus. Defaults to FALSE, in which case the function compares to corGaus with range parameter $2(\sqrt{\nu})\rho$ when ν is large.

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metric (Pasted from corSpatial) an optional character string specifying the distance

metric to be used. The currently available options are "euclidean" for the root sum-of-squares of distances; "maximum" for the maximum difference; and "manhattan" for the sum of the absolute differences. Partial matching of arguments is used, so only the first three characters need to be provided. Defaults to

"euclidean".

fixed an optional logical value indicating whether the coefficients should be allowed

to vary in the optimization, or kept fixed at their initial value. Defaults to FALSE,

in which case the coefficients are allowed to vary.

Details

This function is a constructor for the corMatern class, representing a Matérn spatial correlation structure. See MaternCorr for details on the Matérn family.

Value

an object of class corMatern, also inheriting from class corSpatial, representing a Matérn spatial correlation structure.

Note

The R and C code for the methods for corMatern objects builds on code for corSpatial objects, by D.M. Bates, J.C. Pinheiro and S. DebRoy, in a circa-2012 version of nlme.

References

Mixed-Effects Models in S and S-PLUS, José C. Pinheiro and Douglas M. Bates, Statistics and Computing Series, Springer-Verlag, New York, NY, 2000.

See Also

```
glmmPQL, 1me
```

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```
\label{eq:correlation} \mbox{correlation = corMatern(form = $\sim$ longitude+latitude | dummy))} \; \}
```

corrFamily

Using corrFamily constructors and descriptors.

Description

One can declare and fit correlated random effects belonging to a user-defined correlation (or covariance) model (i.e., a parametric family of correlation matrices). This documentation is a first introduction to this feature. It is experimental in the sense that its design has been formalized only from a limited number of corrFamily examples, and that the documentation is not mature. Implementing prediction for random-effects defined in this way may be tricky. A distinct documentation corrFamily-design provides more information for the efficient design of new correlation models to be fitted in this way.

A simple example of random-effect model implemented in this way is the autoregressive model of order p (AR(p) in the literature; specifically documented elsewhere, see ARp). It can be used as a formula term like other autocorrelated random-effects predefined in **spaMM**, to be fitted by fitme or fitmv:

```
fitme(lh \sim 1 + ARp(1|time, p=3), # <= declaration of random effect < data and other possible arguments >)
```

User-defined correlation models should be registered for this simple syntax to work (see Details for an alternative syntax):

The ARp object here copied in myARp is a function (the *corrFamily constructor*) which returns a list (the *corrFamily descriptor*) which contains the necessary information to fit a random effect with an AR(p) correlation. The p argument in the myARp(1|time, p=3) term enforces evaluation of myARp(p=3), producing the descriptor for the AR(3) model. The structure of this descriptor is

```
List of 5
$ Cf
                :function (parvec)
  ..- < with some attribute >
$ tpar
             : num [1:3] 0.5 0.333 0.25
               : chr "precision"
$ type
 $ initialize :function (Zmatrix, ...)
  ..- < with some attribute >
 $ fixed
               : NULL
$ calc_moreargs:function (corrfamily, ...)
  ..- < with some attribute >
 $ levels_type
                    : chr "time_series"
```

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$ calc_corr_from_dist:function (ranFix, char_rd, distmat, ...)
 ..- < with some attribute >
< and possibly other elements >
```

The meaning of these elements and some additional ones is explained below.

Only Cf and tpar are needed in all cases. If one designs a new descriptor where some other elements are absent, spaMM will try to provide plausible defaults for these elements. Further, if the descriptor does not provide parameter names (as the names of tpar, or in some more cryptic way), default names "p1", "p2"... will be provided.

Usage

```
## corrFamily descriptor provided as a list of the form
# list(Cf=<.>, tpar=<.>, ...)
## corrFamily constructor: any function that returns
     a valid corrFamily descriptor
# function(tpar=<.>, fixed=<.>, ...) # typical but not mandatory arguments
## There is a distinct documentation page for 'register_cF'.
```

Arguments

Elements of the corrFamily descriptor:

(required): function returning the correlation matrix (or covariance matrix, or

their inverse), given its first argument, a parameter vector.

(required): a feasible argument of Cf. tpar is **not** an initial **nor** a fixed value. **€**far

optional, but required if the return value of Cf is an inverse correlation matrix type

rather than a correlation matrix, in which case one should specify type="precision".

fixed optional: fixed values for some correlation parameters, provided as a named

> vector with names consistent with those to be used for tpar. This is conceived to achieve the same statistical fit as by using the fixed argument of fitme, although the structure of the result of the fit differs in some subtle ways whether parameters are fixed through the descriptor or through the fitting function (see

Examples in ARp).

optional: a function returning a list with possible elements init, lower and calc_moreargs

> upper for control of estimation (and possibly other elements for other purposes). If the descriptor does not provide this function, a default calc_moreargs will

be provided, implementing unbounded optimization.

optional: a function evaluating variables that may be needed repeatedly by Cf or initialize

Af.

Af This function should be defined if the correlation model requires an A matrix

(the middle term in the case the design matrix of a random effect term is described by a triple matrix product ZAL as described in random-effects). Examples can be found in the descriptors returned by the ranGCA and MaternIMRFa

constructors.

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levels_type In the above example its value "time_series" informs **spaMM** that levels of

the random effect should be considered for all integer values within the range of the time variable, not only for levels present in the data. If this element is not provided by the constructor, **spaMM** will internally assume a levels_type suitable for geostatistical models. Further level types may be defined in the

future.

calc_corr_from_dist, make_new_corr_lists

Functions possibly needed for prediction (see Details).

need_Cnn optional: a boolean; default is TRUE. Controls prediction computations (see

Details).

public An environment where some variables can be saved, typically by the initialize

expression, for inspection at user level and for re-use. See diallel for an ex-

ample.

Optional *fitting-function* arguments:

lower, upper, init

(possibly incomplete) parameter vectors to control parameter estimation. Parameter names (consistent with those to be used for the tpar argument) may be required to disambiguate incomplete vectors. Any parameter value not specified in this way will be sought in the return value of the calc_moreargs function, if

provided in the descriptor.

fixed (optional): vector of fixed values. Parameter names may be needed as for

lower, upper, init.

Arguments of the corrFamily constructor

These may be ad libitum, as design rules are defined only for the returned descriptor. However, arguments tpar, fixed, and public predefined constructors, such as ARp, are designed to match the above respective elements of the descrip-

tor.

Details

* Constructor elements for prediction:

For prediction of autocorrelated random effects, one must first assess whether levels of the random effect not represented in the fit are possible in new data (corresponding to new spatial locations in geostatistical models, or new time steps in time series). In that case need_Cnn must be TRUE (Interpolated MRFs do not require this as all required random-effect levels are determined by the IMRF mesh argument rather than by the fitted data or new data).

Next, for autocorrelated random effects where need_Cnn is TRUE, a make_new_corr_lists function must be provided, except when a calc_corr_from_dist function is instead provided (which may sufficient for models that construct the correlation from a spatial distance matrix). When need_Cnn is FALSE, a make_new_corr_lists function may still be needed.

Currently, there is (unfortunately) no better documentation about the design such functions than the source code of the ARp or ARMA constructors. It shows that the make_new_corr_lists function may assign matrices or vectors as elements of three lists contained in a newLv_env environment. A matrix is assigned in the cov_newLv_oldv_list, specifying correlations between "new" levels of the random effect (implied by the new data) and "old" levels (those already included in the design matrix of the random effect for the fit). If need_Cnn is TRUE, a second matrix may be assigned

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in the cov_newLv_newLv_list, specifying correlation between "new" levels, and the diagonal of this matrix is assigned in the diag_cov_newLv_newLv_list. The overall structure of the code (the conditions where these assignments are performed, and the list indices), should be conserved.

* Fitting a corrFamily without a constructor:

It is possible to use an unregistered corrFamily, as follows:

```
AR3 <- ARp(p=3)  # Generate descriptor of AR model of order 3
fitme(lh ~ 1 + corrFamily(1|time), # <= declaration of random effect
  covStruct=list(
    corrFamily= AR3  # <= declaration of its correlation structure
  ),
  < data and other possible arguments >)
```

Here the fit only uses a descriptor list, not a constructor function. This descriptor is here provided to the fitting function as an element of the covStruct argument (using the general syntax of this argument), and in the model formula the corresponding random effect is declared as a term of the form

```
corrFamily(1|<grouping factor>).
```

This syntax is more complex than the one using a registered constructor, but it might be useful for development purposes (one only has to code the descriptor, not the constructor function). However, it is not general; in particular, using registered constructors may be required to obtain correct results when fitting multivariate-response models by fitmv.

See Also

See ARp, diallel, and MaternIMRFa for basic examples of using a predefined corrFamily descriptor, and corrFamily-design for more geeky stuff including examples of implementing simple new correlation families.

corrFamily-definition corrFamily definition

Description

Tentative formal rules for definition of corrFamily descriptors (work in progress). This is likely to repeat and extend information partially given in corrFamily and corrFamily-design documentations

User-level rules (not relevant fo corrFamily descriptors internally modified during a fit):

tpar Should always be present. For trivial parameterless cases (e.g. ranGCA), it should be numeric(0L), not NULL.

Cf function; should always be present. For trivial uncorrelated random effects (e.g. ranGCA, where only the Af function carries the information for the model), it should return an identity matrix, not NULL, with row names to be matched to the column names of the **Z** matrix for the random effect.

calc_moreargs optional function. If present, it should have formal arguments including at least corrfamily and

- **Af** function; optional. If present, it should have row names to be matched to the column names of the **Z** matrix for the random effect, and also needs column names if it is to be matched with the row names of a correlation matrix (or its inverse).
- initialize Optional function. If present, should have formal arguments including at least Zmatrix and
 - In predefined corrFamily constructors, variables created by initialize for use by Cf or Af should be declared (typically as NULL) in the body of the constructor, so that R CMD check does not complain.
- **public** An environment. initialize may write into it. It might also read into it, for example read the result of a long previous computation by initialize during a previous fit, though this opens the door to various errors.

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Description

This documentation describe additional design features to be taken into account when defining a new corrFamily descriptor for a correlation model. Using such a descriptor will be more efficient than the equally general method, of maximizing an objective function of the correlation parameters that calls (say) fitme() on a model including a corrMatrix itself function of the correlation parameters. But this may still be inefficient if a few issues are ignored.

For elements of the corrFamily descriptor for basic cases:

- Cf The function value should (1) be of constant class for all parameter values. For families of mathematically sparse matrices, the CsparseMatrix class is recommended (and more specifically the dsCMatrix class since the matrix is symmetric); (2) have row names that match the levels of the grouping factor (the nested random effect Example shows the code needed when this nested effect is defined from two variables).
- tpar In order to favor the automatic selection of suitable algorithms, tpar should be chosen so that Cf(tpar) is least sparse (i.e., has the minimal number of elements equal to zero) in the correlation family, in terms of its sparsity and of the sparsity of its inverse. A tpar yielding an identity matrix is often a *bad* template as least sparse correlation matrices and their inverses are denser for most families except diagonal ones.
- **type** Do not forget type="precision" it if the return value of Cf is an inverse correlation matrix rather than a correlation matrix, in which case one should specify.
- **calc_moreargs** should have formal arguments including at least corrfamily and The source code of ARp, ARMA or diallel shows the expected structure of its return value.

For advanced features of the corrFamily descriptor:

Af Af has (minimally) three formal arguments (newdata, term, ...). **spaMM** will call Af with distinct values of the newdata argument for the fit, and for predictions for new data. For the curious: the term argument that will be provided by **spaMM** to Af is the formula term for the

random effect – an object of class call, as obtained e.g. by (~1+ corrFamily(1 | longitude + latitude))[[2]][[3]] –, which will provide the names of the variables that need to be taken from the newdata to construct the matrix returned by Af.

Details

- **spaMM** will regularize invalid or nearly-singular correlation or covariance matrices internally if the correlation function has not done so already, but it it better to control this in the correlation function. The **regularize** convenience function is available for that purpose, but parametrizations that avoid the need for regularization are even better, since fitting models with nearly-singular correlation matrices is prone to various difficulties (The Toeplitz example below is good to illustrate potential problems but is otherwise poor as it produces non-positive definite matrices; the ARp constructor illustrates a parametrization that avoids that problem).
- Users should make sure that any regularized matrix still belongs to the intended parametric family of matrices, and they should keep in mind that the **spaMM** output will show the input parameters of the unregularized matrix, not the parameters of the regularized one (e.g., in the Toeplitz example below, the fitted matrix is a regularized Toepliz matrix with slightly different coefficients than the input parameters).

 And for efficiency,
- Let us repeat that the correlation function should return matrices of constant class, and in sparse format when the matrices are indeed mathematically sparse. For mathematically dense matrices (as in the Toeplitz example below), the dsyMatrix class may be suitable.
- Let us repeat that in order to favor the automatic selection of suitable algorithms, tpar should be chosen so that Cf(tpar) is **least** sparse in the correlation family. For matrices of CsparseMatrix, a check is implemented to catch wrong choices of tpar.
- For challenging problems (large data, many parameters...) it may pay to optimize a bit the correlation function. The Example of nested effects with heterogenous variance below illustrates a possible trick. In the same cases, It may also pay to try the alternative algebraic methods, by first comparing speed of the different methods (control.HLfit=list(algebra= <"spprec"|"spcorr"|"decorr">)) for given correlation parameter values, rather than to assume that spaMM will find the best method (even if it often does so).
- The corrFamily descriptor may optionally contain booleans possiblyDenseCorr and sparsePrec to help spaMM select the most appropriate matrix algebraic methods. sparsePrec should be set to TRUE if sparse-precision methods are expected to be efficient for fitting the random effect. possiblyDenseCorr should be set to FALSE if the correlation matrix is expected to be sparse, which means here that less than 15% of its elements are non-zero.

```
# can be fitted as follows:
Toepfn <- function(v) {</pre>
  toepmat <- Matrix::forceSymmetric(toeplitz(c(1,v))) # dsyMatrix</pre>
  # Many of the matrices in this family are not valid correlation matrices;
  # the regularize() function is handy here:
  toepmat <- regularize(toepmat, maxcondnum=1e12)</pre>
  # And don't forget the rownames!
  rownames(toepmat) <- unique(onofri.winterwheat$year)</pre>
  toepmat
}
(Toepfit <- spaMM::fitme(
  yield ~ gen + corrFamily(1|year), data=onofri.winterwheat, method="REML",
  covStruct=list(corrFamily=list(Cf=Toepfn, tpar=rep(1e-4,6))),
         # (Note the gentle warning if one instead uses tpar=rep(0,6) here)
  lower=list(corrPars=list("1"=rep(-0.999,6))),
  upper=list(corrPars=list("1"=rep(0.999,6)))))
# The fitted matrix is (nearly) singular, and was regularized:
eigen(Corr(Toepfit)[[1]])$values
# which means that the returned likelihood may be inaccurate,
# and also that the actual matrix elements differ from input parameters:
Corr(Toepfit)[[1]][1,-1]
### The usual rules for specifying covStruct, 'lower', 'upper' and 'init' apply
# here when the corrFamily term is the second random-effect:
(Toep2 <- spaMM::fitme(</pre>
       yield ~ 1 + (1|gen) + corrFamily(1|year), data=onofri.winterwheat, method="REML",
        covStruct=list("1"=NULL, corrFamily=list(Cf=Toepfn, tpar=rep(1e-4,6))),
        , init=list(corrPars=list("2"=rep(0.1,6))),
        lower=list(corrPars=list("2"=rep(-0.999,6))),
        upper=list(corrPars=list("2"=rep(0.999,6)))))
##### Fitting one variance among years per each of 8 genotypes. #####
# First, note that this can be *more efficiently* fitted by another syntax:
### Fit as a constrained random-coefficient model:
# Diagonal matrix of NA's, represented as vector for its lower triangle:
ranCoefs_for_diag <- function(nlevels) {</pre>
  vec <- rep(0,nlevels*(nlevels+1L)/2L)</pre>
  vec[cumsum(c(1L,rev(seq(nlevels-1L)+1L)))] <- NA</pre>
  vec
}
(by_rC <- spaMM::fitme(yield ~ 1 + (0+gen|year), data=onofri.winterwheat, method="REML",
                       fixed=list(ranCoefs=list("1"=ranCoefs_for_diag(8)))))
```

```
### Fit as a corrFamily model:
gy_levels <- paste0(gl(8,1,length =56,labels=levels(onofri.winterwheat$gen)),":",</pre>
                         gl(7,8,labels=unique(onofri.winterwheat$year)))
# A log scale is often suitable for variances, hence is used below;
# a correct but crude implementation of the model is
diagf <- function(logvar) {</pre>
 corr_map <- kronecker(Matrix::.symDiagonal(n=7),diag(x=exp(logvar)))</pre>
 rownames(corr_map) <- gy_levels</pre>
 corr_map
# but we can minimize matrix operations as follows:
corr_map <- Matrix::.symDiagonal(n=8,x=seq(8))</pre>
rownames(corr_map) <- unique(onofri.winterwheat$gen)</pre>
diagf <- function(logvar) {</pre>
 corr_map@x <- exp(logvar)[corr_map@x]</pre>
 corr_map
}
                  # (and this returns a dsCMatrix)
(by_cF <- spaMM::fitme(</pre>
        yield ~ 1 + corrFamily(1|gen %in% year), data=onofri.winterwheat, method="REML",
        covStruct=list(corrFamily = list(Cf=diagf, tpar=rep(1,8))),
        fixed=list(lambda=1),
                                          # Don't forget to fix this redundant parameter!
        # init=list(corrPars=list("1"=rep(log(0.1),8))), # 'init' optional
        lower=list(corrPars=list("1"=rep(log(1e-6),8))), # 'lower' and 'upper' required
        upper=list(corrPars=list("1"=rep(log(1e6),8)))))
# => The 'gen' effect is nested in the 'year' effect and this must be specified in the
# right-hand side of corrFamily(1|gen %in% year) so that the design matrix 'Z' for the
# random effects to have the correct structure. And then, as for other correlation
# structures (say Matern) it should be necessary to specify only the correlation matrix
# for a given year, as done above. Should this fail, it is also possible to specify the
# correlation matrix over years, as done below. spaMM will automatically detect, from
# its size matching the number of columns of Z, that it must be the matrix over years.
corr_map <- Matrix::forceSymmetric(kronecker(Matrix::.symDiagonal(n=7),diag(x=seq(8))))</pre>
rownames(corr_map) <- gy_levels</pre>
diagf <- function(logvar) {</pre>
 corr_map@x <- exp(logvar)[corr_map@x]</pre>
 corr_map
                  # (and this returns a dsCMatrix)
}
(by_cF <- spaMM::fitme(</pre>
 yield ~ 1 + corrFamily(1|gen %in% year), data=onofri.winterwheat, method="REML",
 covStruct=list(corrFamily = list(Cf=diagf, tpar=rep(1,8))),
 fixed=list(lambda=1),
                                    # Don't forget to fix this redundant parameter!
```

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```
# init=list(corrPars=list("1"=rep(log(0.1),8))), # 'init' optional
 lower=list(corrPars=list("1"=rep(log(1e-6),8))), # 'lower' and 'upper' required
 upper=list(corrPars=list("1"=rep(log(1e6),8)))))
exp(get_ranPars(by_cF)$corrPars[[1]]) # fitted variances
}
```

corrHLfit

Fits a mixed model, typically a spatial GLMM.

Description

This was the first function for fitting all spatial models in spaMM, and is still fully functional, but it is recommended to use fitme which has different defaults and generally selects more efficient fitting methods, and will handle all classes of models that spaMM can fit, including non-spatial ones. corrHLfit performs the joint estimation of correlation parameters, fixed effect and dispersion parameters.

Usage

```
corrHLfit(formula, data, init.corrHLfit = list(),
          init.HLfit = list(), ranFix = list(), lower = list(),
          upper = list(),
          objective = NULL, resid.model = ~1,
          control.dist = list(), control.corrHLfit = list(),
          processed = NULL, family = gaussian(), method="REML",
          nb_cores = NULL, weights.form = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

formula

Either a linear model formula (as handled by various fitting functions) or a predictor, i.e. a formula with attributes (see Predictor and examples below). See Details in spaMM for allowed terms in the formula.

data

A data frame containing the variables in the response and the model formula.

init.corrHLfit An optional list of initial values for correlation and/or dispersion parameters, e.g. list(rho=1, nu=1, lambda=1, phi=1) where rho and nu are parameters of the Matérn family (see Matern), and lambda and phi are dispersion parameters (see Details in spaMM for the meaning of these parameters). All are optional, but giving values for a dispersion parameter changes the ways it is estimated (see Details). rho may be a vector (see make_scaled_dist) and, in that case, it is possible that some or all of its elements are NA, for which corrHLfit substitutes automatically determined values.

init.HLfit

See identically named HLfit argument.

ranFix

A list similar to init.corrHLfit, but specifying fixed values of the parameters not estimated. See ranFix for further information.

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lower An optional (sub)list of values of the parameters specified through init.corrHLfit,

in the same format as init.corrHLfit, used as lower values in calls to optim.

See Details for default values.

upper Same as lower, but for upper values.

objective For development purpose, not documented (this had a distinct use in the first

version of spaMM, but has been deprecated as such).

resid.model See identically named HLfit argument.

control.dist See control.dist in HLCor

control.corrHLfit

This may be used control the optimizer. See spaMM. options for default values.

processed For programming purposes, not documented.

family Either a family or a multi value.

method Character: the fitting method to be used, such as "ML", "REML" or "PQL/L".

"REML" is the default. Other possible values of HLfit's method argument are

handled.

weights.form Specification of prior weights by a one-sided formula: use weights.form = ~

pw instead of prior.weights = pw. The effect will be the same except that such an argument, known to evaluate to an object of class "formula", is suitable to

enforce safe programming practices (see good-practice).

nb_cores Not yet operative, only for development purposes. Number of cores to use for

parallel computations.

... Optional arguments passed to HLCor, HLfit or mat_sqrt, for example the distMatrix

argument of HLCor, or the verbose argument of HLfit. Arguments that do not fit within these functions are detected and a warning is issued. In a corrHLfit call, the verbose vector of booleans may include a TRACE=TRUE element, in which case information is displayed for each set of correlation and dispersion parameter values considered by the optimiser. Non-boolean values of TRACE are meaningful, but the source code of spaMM:::.do_TRACE should be consulted

for their meaning.

Details

For approximations of likelihood, see method. For the possible structures of random effects, see random-effects,

By default corrHLfit will estimate correlation parameters by maximizing the objective value returned by HLCor calls wherein the dispersion parameters are estimated jointly with fixed effects for given correlation parameters. If dispersion parameters are specified in init.corrHLfit, they will also be estimated by maximizing the objective value, and HLCor calls will not estimate them jointly with fixed effects. This means that in general the fixed effect estimates may vary depending on init.corrHLfit when any form of REML correction is applied.

Correctly using corrHLfit for likelihood ratio tests of fixed effects may then be tricky. It is safe to perform full ML fits of all parameters (using method="ML") for such tests (see Examples). The higher level function fixedLRT is a safe interface for likelihood ratio tests using some form of REML estimation in corrHLfit.

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attr(<fitted object>, "optimInfo")\$lower and ...\$upper gives the lower and upper bounds for optimization of correlation parameters. These are the default values if the user did not provide explicit values. For the adjacency model, the default values are the inverse of the maximum and minimum eigenvalues of the adjMatrix. For the Matérn model, the default values are not so easily summarized: they are intended to cover the range of values for which there is statistical information to distinguish among them.

Value

The return value of an HLCor call, with additional attributes. The HLCor call is evaluated at the estimated correlation parameter values. These values are included in the return object as its \$corrPars member. The attributes added by corrHLfit include the original call of the function (which can be retrived by getCall(<fitted object>), and information about the optimization call within corrHLfit.

See Also

See more examples on data set Loaloa, to compare fit times by corrHLfit and fitme. See fixedLRT for likelihood ratio tests.

Examples

corrMatrix

Using a corrMatrix argument

Description

corrMatrix is an argument of HLCor, of class dist or matrix, with is used if the model formula contains a term of the form corrMatrix(1|<...>). It describes a correlation matrix, possibly as a dist object. A covariance matrix can actually be passed through this argument, but then it must be a full matrix, not a dist object. The way the rows and columns of the matrix are matched to the rows of the data depends on the nature of the grouping term <...>.

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Details

The simplest case is illustrated in the first two examples below: the grouping term is identical to a single variable which is present in the data, whose levels match the rownames of the corrMatrix. As illustrated by the second example, the order of the data does not matter in that case, because the factor levels are used to match the data rows to the appropriate row and columns of the corrMatrix. The corrMatrix may even contain rows (and columns) in excess of the levels of the grouping term, in which case these rows are ignored.

These convenient properties no longer hold when the grouping term is not a single variable from the data (third example below), or when its levels do not correspond to row names of the matrix. In these cases, (1) no attempt is made to match the data rows to the row and column names of the corrMatrix. Such attempt could succeed only if the user had given names to the matrix matching those that the called function could create from the information in the data, in which case the user should find easier to specify a single variable that can be matched; (2) the order of data and corrMatrix matter; Internally, a single factor variable is constructed from all levels of the variables in the grouping term (i.e., from all levels of latitude and longitude, in the third example), with levels 1,2,3... that are matched to rows 1,2,3... of the corrMatrix. Thus the first row of the data is always associated to the first row of the matrix; (3) further, the dimension of the matrix must match the number of levels implied by the grouping term. For example, one might consider the case of 14 response values but of correlations between only 7 levels of a random effect, with two responses for each level. Then the matrix must be of dimension 7x7.

Examples

```
data("blackcap")
## Here we manually reconstruct the correlation matrix
## of the ML fit produced by corrHLfit:
MLcorMat <- MaternCorr(proxy::dist(blackcap[,c("longitude","latitude")]),</pre>
                        nu=0.6285603, rho=0.0544659)
blackcap$name <- as.factor(rownames(blackcap))</pre>
## (1) Single variable present in the data
HLCor(migStatus ~ means+ corrMatrix(1|name),data=blackcap,
      corrMatrix=MLcorMat, method="ML")
## (2) Same, permuted: still gives correct result
perm <- sample(14)
# Permuted matrix (with permuted names)
pmat <- as.matrix(MLcorMat)[perm,perm]</pre>
HLCor(migStatus ~ means+ corrMatrix(1|name),data=blackcap,
      corrMatrix=as.dist(pmat), method="ML")
## (3) Other grouping terms (note the messages):
HLCor(migStatus ~ means+ corrMatrix(1|longitude+latitude),data=blackcap,
      corrMatrix=MLcorMat, method="ML")
```

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Description

corr_family objects provide a convenient way to implement correlation models handled by spaMM, analogous to family objects. These objects are undocumented (but there are documentation pages for each of the models implemented).

Usage

```
# Matern(...) # see help(Matern)
# Cauchy(...) # see help(Cauchy)
# corrMatrix(...) # see help(corrMatrix)
# AR1(...) # see help(AR1)
# adjacency(...) # see help(adjacency)
# IMRF(...) # see help(IMRF)
## S3 method for class 'corr_family'
print(x,...)
```

Arguments

```
x corr_family object.... arguments that may be needed by some corr_family object or some print method.
```

covStruct

Specifying correlation structures

Description

covStruct is a formal argument of HLCor, also handled by fitme and corrHLfit, that allows one to specify the correlation structure for different types of random effects, It is an alternative to other ad hoc formal arguments such as corrMatrix or adjMatrix. It replaces the deprecated function Predictor(...) which has served as an interface for specifying the design matrices for random effects in early versions of spaMM.

The main use of covStruct is to specify the correlation matrix of levels of a given random effect term, or its inverse (a precision matrix). Assuming that the design matrix of each random effect term follows the structure **ZAL** described in random-effects, it is thus an indirect way of specifying the "square root" **L** of the correlation matrix. The optional **A** factor can also be given by the optional "AMatrices" attribute of covStruct.

covStruct is a list of matrices with names specifying the type of matrix considered:
covStruct=list(corrMatrix=<some matrix>) or covStruct=list(adjMatrix=<some matrix>),
where the "corrMatrix" or "adjMatrix" labels are used to specify the type of information provided
(accordingly, the names can be repeated: covStruct=list(corrMatrix=<.>,corrMatrix=<.>)).
NULL list members may be necessary, e.g.
covStruct=list(corrMatrix=<.>,"2"=NULL,corrMatrix=<.>))

```
covoci det-113t(corrilati 1x-1.7)
```

when correlations matrices are required only for the first and third random effect.

The covariance structure of a corrMatrix(1|<grouping factor>) formula term can be specified in two ways (see Examples): either by a correlation matrix factor (covStruct=list(corrMatrix=<some

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matrix>)), or by a precision matrix factor \mathbf{Q} such that the covariance factor is $\lambda \mathbf{Q}^{-1}$, using the type name "precision": covStruct=list(precision=<some matrix>). The function as_precision can be used to perform the conversion from correlation information to precision factor (using a crude solve() that may not always be efficient), but fitting functions may also perform such conversions automatically.

"AMatrices" is a list of matrices. The names of elements of the list does not matter, but the *i*th A matrix, and its row names, should match the *i*th **Z** matrix, and its column names. This implies that NULL list members may be necessary, as for the covStruct list.

Usage

```
as_precision(corrMatrix, condnum=1e12)
```

Arguments

corrMatrix Correlation matrix, specified as matrix or as dist object

condnum Numeric: when a standard Cholesky factorization fails, the matrix is regularized

so that the regularized matrix has this condition number (in version 3.10.0 this correction has been implemented more exactly than in previous versions).

Details

```
covStruct can also be specified as a list with an optional "types" attribute, e.g. structure(list(<some matrix>, types="corrMatrix")).
```

Value

as_precision returns a list with additional class precision and with single element a symmetric matrix of class dsCMatrix.

See Also

Gryphon and pedigree for a type of applications where declaring a precision matrix is useful.

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Random-effect structures for diallel experiments and other symmetric dyadic interactions

Description

In diallel experiments, the phenotypes of offspring from crosses where the same parent can play the role of mother as well as that of father is analyzed. Then one must find a way to fit a model accounting for the fact that the same individual (with same genetic effect) appears in two variables (mother genotype and father genotype).

This concern arises more generally in the case where interactions occur between pairs of individuals, where one analyzes an outcome for each interaction (here one response value for each pairwise interaction, rather than two individual response values). If individual-level random effects of the form (1|ID1)+ (1|ID2) were included in the model formula, this would result in different variances being fitted for each random effect (breaking the assumption of symmetry), and the value of the random effect would differ for an individual whether it appears as a level of the first random effect or of the second (which is also inconsistent with the idea that the random effect represents a property of the individual). Instead one should include a ranGCA(1|ID1+ID2) term in the model formula.

Although this random-effect structure may be used in many different contexts (including social network analysis, or "round robin" experiments in psychology), its present name refers to the semantics established for diallel experiments (e.g., Lynch & Walsh, 1998, p. 611), because it is not easy to find a more general yet intuitive semantics. In this context the additive genetic effects of each parent's genotypes are described as "general combining abilities" (GCA). In case of non-additive effect, the half-sib covariance is not half the full-sib covariance and this is represented by another effect described as "specific combining abilities" (SCA). More generally, think about GCAs as random effects associated with each member of a dyad and having additive effects on the linear predictor, and about GCAs + SCAs as a way of representing non-additive effects of each member.

- * The ranGCA corrFamily constructor defines a random effect which is the sum of the random effects contributed by each parent.
- * The diallel corrFamily constructor defines a random effect with a one-parameter covariance structure that can represent GCAs and SCAs, and more generally non-additive effects of each individual. This extended model is formulated as an autocorrelated random effect, which is related to the additive case as follows. A level of the random effect is assigned for each unordered pair of individuals, and a correlation ρ is assigned between levels for pairs sharing one individual. In the context of a diallel experiment this amounts to define a synthetic "mid-parent" random effect "received" by the offspring, with distinct levels for each unordered parental pair, and this assigns a correlation ρ between effects received by half-sibs (one shared parent). ρ corresponds to

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var(GCA)/[2*var(GCA)+var(SCA)] and is necessarily ≤ 0.5 . The diallel model should actually be fitted for $\rho < 0.5$ only; ranGCA fits the exact case $\rho = 0.5$.

diallel fits can be slow for large data if the correlation matrix is large, as it can have a fair proportion of nonzero elements. There may also be identifiability issues for variance parameters: in a LMM as shown in the examples, there will be three parameters for the random variation (phi, lambda and rho) but only two can be estimated if only one observation is made for each dyad.

GCAs and SCAs can also be fitted as fixed effects. **spaMM** has no specific syntax for that purpose, but it seems that the fixed-effect terms defined in the **lmDiallel** package (Onofri & Terzaroli, 2021) work in a formula for a **spaMM** fit.

If the names ranGCA and diallel sound inappropriate for your context of application, you can register these terms under a new name using register_cF.

Usage

```
## formula terms:
# ranGCA(1| <.> + <.>)
# diallel(1| <.> + <.>, tpar, fixed = NULL, public = NULL)
## where the <.> are two factor identifiers, ** whose levels
## must be identical when representing the same individual **
## corrFamily constructors:
ranGCA() # no argument
diallel(tpar, fixed = NULL, public = NULL)
```

Arguments

tpar	Numeric: template value of the correlation coefficient for pairs sharing one individual.
fixed	NULL or fixed value of the correlation coefficient.
public	NULL, or an environment. When an empty environment is provided, a template CorNA for the correlation matrix (with NA's in place of ρ) will be copied therein, for inspection at user level.

Value

Both functions return corrFamily descriptors whose general format is described in corrFamily. The one produced by ranGCA is atypical in that only its Af element is non-trivial.

References

Lynch, M., Walsh, B. (1998) Genetics and analysis of quantitative traits. Sinauer, Sunderland, Mass.

Onofri A., Terzaroli N. (2021) lmDiallel: Linear Fixed Effects Models for Diallel Crosses. Version 0.9.4. https://cran.r-project.org/package=lmDiallel.

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Examples

```
#### Simulate dyadic data
set.seed(123)
nind <- 10
x <- runif(nind^2)</pre>
id12 <- expand.grid(id1=seq(nind),id2=seq(nind))</pre>
id1 <- id12$id1
id2 <- id12$id2
u <- rnorm(50, mean = 0, sd=0.5)
## additive individual effects:
y \leftarrow 0.1 + 1*x + u[id1] + u[id2] + rnorm(nind^2, sd=0.2)
## Same with non-additive individual effects:
dist.u \leftarrow abs(u[id1] - u[id2])
z <- 0.1 + 1*x + dist.u + rnorm(nind^2, sd=0.2)
dyaddf <- data.frame(x=x, y=y, z=z, id1=id1,id2=id2)</pre>
# : note that this contains two rows per dyad, which avoids identifiability issues.
# Enforce that interactions are between distinct individuals (not essential for the fit):
dyaddf <- dyaddf[- seq.int(1L,nind^2,nind+1L),]</pre>
# Fits:
(addfit <- fitme(y ~x +ranGCA(1|id1+id2), data=dyaddf))</pre>
# practically equivalent to:
(fitme(y ~x +diallel(1|id1+id2, fixed=0.49999), data=dyaddf))
(distfit <- fitme(z ~x +diallel(1|id1+id2), data=dyaddf))</pre>
```

div info

Information about numerical problems

Description

This experimental function displays information about parameter values for which some numerical problems have occurred. Some warnings suggest its use.

```
div_info(object, ...)
```

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Arguments

object An object of class HLfit, as returned by the fitting functions in spaMM.
... Currently not used

Value

Used mainly for the side effects (printed output) but returns invisibly either a single parameter vector (if a single numerical problem occurred) or a matrix of parameter ranges, or NULL if there is no problem to report.

Examples

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Interface for parallel computations

Description

interface to apply some function fn in parallel on columns of a matrix. It is not logically restricted to mixed-effect applications, hence it can be used more widely. Depending on the nb_cores argument, parallel or serial computation is performed, calling the future.apply::future_apply function. A socket cluster is used by default for parallel computations, but a fork cluster can be requested on linux and alike operating systems by using argument cluster_args=list(type="FORK").

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Arguments

newresp	A matrix on whose columns fn will be applied (e.g., as used internally in spaMM, the return value of a simulate. HLfit() call).	
fn	Function, whose first argument is named y, to be applied to each column of newresp.	
nb_cores	Integer. Number of cores to use for parallel computations. If >1, a cluster of nb_cores nodes is used. Otherwise, no parallel computation is performed.	
fit_env	(for socket clusters only:) An environment, or a list, containing variables to be exported on the nodes of the cluster (by parallel::clusterExport).	
control	A list. The only effective control is . combine="rbind" (mimicking the foreach syntax used in the alternative interface dopar).	
cluster_args	A list of arguments passed to parallel::makeCluster or parallel::makeForkCluster. E.g., outfile="log.txt" may be useful to collect output from the nodes, and type="FORK" to force a fork cluster on linux(-alikes).	
debug.	(for socket clusters only:) For debugging purposes. Effect, if any, is to be defined by the fn as provided by the user.	
iseed	Integer, or NULL. If an integer, it is used to initialize "L'Ecuyer-CMRG" random- number generator (iseed argument of clusterSetRNGStream), with identical effect across different models of parallelisation. If iseed is NULL, the seed is not controlled.	
showpbar,pretest_cores		
	Currently ignored; for consistency with dopar formal arguments.	
• • •	Further arguments to be passed (unevaluated) to future.apply (and then possibly to fn).	

Value

The result of calling future.apply. If the progressr package is loaded, a side-effect of dofuture is to show a progress bar with character 'S' or 'P' or 'F' depending on parallelisation status (serial/socket/fork).

See Also

dopar for an alternative implementation of (essentially) the same functionalities, and wrap_parallel for its differences from dofuture.

Examples

```
## Not run:
if (requireNamespace("future.apply", quietly = TRUE)) {

# Useless function, but requiring some argument beyond the first
foo <- function(y, somearg, ...) {
  if ( is.null(somearg) || TRUE ) length(y)
}</pre>
```

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```
# Whether FORK can be used depends on OS and whether Rstudio is used:
    dofuture(matrix(1,ncol=4,nrow=3), foo, fit_env=list(), somearg=NULL,
        nb_cores=2, cluster_args=list(type="FORK"))
}
## End(Not run)
```

dopar

Interface for parallel computations

Description

An interface to apply some function fn in parallel on columns of a matrix. dopar is used internally in spaMM, but is not logically restricted to mixed-effect applications, hence it can be used more widely. Depending on the nb_cores argument, parallel or serial computation is performed. A socket cluster is used by default for parallel computations, but a fork cluster can be requested on linux and alike operating systems by using argument cluster_args=list(type="FORK").

Usage

```
dopar(newresp, fn, nb_cores = NULL, fit_env, control = list(),
    cluster_args = NULL, debug. = FALSE, iseed = NULL,
    showpbar = eval(spaMM.getOption("barstyle")),
    pretest_cores = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

newresp	A matrix on whose columns fn will be applied (e.g., as used internally in spaMM, the return value of a simulate. HLfit() call).
fn	Function, whose first argument is named y, to be applied to each column of newresp.
nb_cores	Integer. Number of cores to use for parallel computations. If >1, a cluster of nb_cores nodes is used. Otherwise, no parallel computation is performed.
fit_env	(for socket clusters only:) An environment, or a list, containing variables to be exported on the nodes of the cluster (by parallel::clusterExport); e.g., list(bar=bar) to pass object bar to each node. The argument control(.errorhandling = "pass"), below, is useful to find out missing variables.
control	A list following the foreach control syntax, even if foreach is not used. In particular,
	6 1 4 1 4 24 1 6 100 4 4 1 1 6 14

• for socket clusters, with doSNOW attached, for each is called with default arguments including i = 1:ncol(newresp), .combine = "cbind", .inorder = TRUE, .errorhandling = "remove", .packages = "spaMM". control may be used to provide non-default values of these arguments. For example, .errorhandling = "pass" is useful to get error messages from the nodes, and therefore **strongly recommended** when first experimenting with this function.

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• for socket clusters, with doSNOW **not** attached, control\$.packages is still handled. The result is still in the format returned by foreach with default .combine="cbind" or possible non-default .combine="rbind".

• if a fork cluster is used, control\$mc.silent can be used to control the mc.silent argument of mclapply.

cluster_args A list of arguments passed to parallel::makeCluster. E.g., outfile="log.txt"

may be useful to collect output from the nodes, and type="FORK" to force a fork

cluster on linux(-alikes).

debug. (for socket clusters only:) For debugging purposes. Effect, if any, is to be defined

by the fn as provided by the user.

iseed (all parallel contexts:) Integer, or NULL. If an integer, it is used as the iseed

argument of clusterSetRNGStream to initialize "L'Ecuyer-CMRG" randomnumber generator (see Details). If iseed is NULL, the default generator is se-

lected on each node, where its seed is not controlled.

showpbar (for socket clusters only:) Controls display of progress bar. See barstyle option

for details.

pretest_cores (for socket clusters only:) A function to run on the cores before running fn.

It may be used to check that all arguments of the fn can be evaluated in the cores' environments (the internal function .pretest_fn_on_cores provides an

example).

... Further arguments to be passed (unevaluated) to fn.

Details

Control of random numbers through the "L'Ecuyer-CMRG" generator and the iseed argument is not sufficient for consistent results when the doSNOW parallel backend is used, so if you really need such control in a fn using random numbers, do not use doSNOW. Yet, it is fine to use doSNOW for bootstrap procedures in spaMM, because the fitting functions do not use random numbers: only sample simulation uses them, and it is not performed in parallel.

Value

The result of calling foreach, pbapply or mclapply, as dependent on the control argument. A side-effect of dopar is to show a progress bar that informs about the type of parallelisation performed: a default "=" character for fork clusters, and otherwise"P" for parallel computation via foreach and doSNOW, "p" for parallel computation via pbapply, and "s" for serial computation via pbapply.

See Also

dofuture for an alternative implementation of (essentially) the same functionalities, and wrap_parallel for its differences from dopar.

Examples

```
## See source code of spaMM_boot()
## Not run:
```

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```
# Useless function, but requiring some argument beyond the first
foo <- function(y, somearg, ...) {
   if ( is.null(somearg) || TRUE ) length(y)
}

# Whether FORK can be used depends on OS and whether Rstudio is used:
dopar(matrix(1,ncol=4,nrow=3), foo, fit_env=list(), somearg=NULL,
   nb_cores=2, cluster_args=list(type="FORK"))

## End(Not run)</pre>
```

eval_replicate

Evaluating bootstrap replicates

Description

eval_replicate is the default simuland function applied to simulated bootstrap samples by likelihoodratio testing functions (fixedLRT, LRT, anove.HLfit). This documentation presents the requirements and possible features of this function and of possible user-defined alternatives.

An alternative function spaMM:::.eval_replicate2 is also provided. It is slower, as it refits the models compared with different initial values for random-effect parameters, which is useful in some difficult cases where initial values matter. The eval_replicate function may also refit the "full" models with different initial values when the logLik of the refitted full model is substantially lower than that of the refitted null model. "Substantially" means that a tolerance of 1e-04 is applied to account for inaccuracies of numerical maximization.

Usage

```
eval_replicate(y)
```

Arguments

У

a response vector on which a previously fitted model may be refitted.

Details

likelihood-ratio testing functions have a debug. argument whose effect depends on the simuland function. The default behaviour is thus defined by eval_replicate, as: if debug.=TRUE, upon error in the fitting procedures, dump.frames will be called, in which case **a dump file will be written on disk**; and a **list** with debugging information will be returned (so that, say, pbapply will not return a matrix). This behaviour may change in later versions, so non-default debug. values should not be used in reproducible code. In serial computation, debug.=2 may induce a stop; this should not happen in parallel computation because the calling functions check against debug.==2.

Essential information such as the originally fitted models is passed to the function not as arguments but through its environment, which is controlled by the calling functions (see the eval_replicate

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source code to know which are these arguments). Users should thus not assume that they can control their own simuland function's environment as this environment will be altered.

Advanced users can define their own simuland function. The eval_replicate source code provides a template showing how to use the function's environment. The Example below illustrates another approach augmenting eval_replicate. A further example is provided in the file tests/testthat/test-LRT-boot.R, using ... to pass additional arguments beyond response values.

Value

A vector of the form c(full=logLik(<refitted full model>), null=logLik(<refitted null model>); or possibly in debugging contexts, a list with the same elements each with some additional information provided as attribute.

See Also

Calling functions fixedLRT, LRT.

Examples

```
## Not run:
# Simple wrapper enhancing the default 'simuland'
# with a call to some obscure option, and dealing with
# the need to pass the environment assigned to 'simuland'
eval_with_opt <- function(y) {
    spaMM.options(some_obscure_option="some_obscure_value")
    eval_rep <- spaMM:::.eval_replicate
    environment(eval_rep) <- parent.env(environment()) # passing the environment
    eval_rep(y)
}
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

external-libraries

Installing external libraries

Description

spaMM is conceived to minimize installation issues but it nevertheless suggests using some external libraries. These are all accessed through R packages so their installation should be easy when installing binary packages. The Details below give hints for installing packages from source. They may all be obsolete if you are using the Rtools42 on Windows. For all cases not considered below, help yourself. If you are using the Rtools40 on Windows, you should have a look at the package manager in the Rtools40 bash shell.

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Details

The ROI.plugin.glpk package requires the Rglpk package, which itself requires the external glpk library. For the latter, Debian-ists and alikes should sudo apt-get install libglpk-dev. MacOSX users should brew install glpk if using brew; Windows users should try using pacman -S mingw-w64-x86_64-glpk in the Rtools40 bash shell, together with Sys.setenv(GLPK_HOME = "\$(MINGW_PREFIX)") in the R session (but I have not fully tested this; previously I had to install glpk from https://sourceforge.net/projects/winglpk/).

The nloptr package requires the external NLopt library. Windows users should try using pacman -S mingw-w64-x86_64-nlopt in the Rtools40 bash shell (but again I have not fully tested this; see also the README of nloptr).

To install nloptr 2.0.0 from sources on Debian one may have to install libnlopt-dev: sudo apt-get install libnlopt-dev

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Functions to extract various components of a fit

Description

formula extracts the model formula. family extracts the response family. terms extracts the formula, with attributes describing the **fixed-effect** terms. nobs returns the length of the response vector. logLik extracts the log-likelihood (exact or approximated). dev_resids returns a vector of squared (unscaled) deviance residuals (the summands in McCullagh and Nelder 1989, p. 34). deviance returns the sum of squares of these (unscaled) deviance residuals, that is (consistently with stats::deviance) the unscaled deviance. fitted extracts fitted values (see fitted.values). response extracts the response (as a vector). fixef extracts the fixed effects coefficients, β . ranef extracts the predicted random effects, $\mathbf{L}\mathbf{v}$ (default since version 1.12.0), or optionally \mathbf{u} (see random-effects for definitions). print.ranef controls their printing. getDistMat returns a distance matrix for a geostatistical (Matérn etc.) random effect.

```
## S3 method for class 'HLfit'
formula(x, which="hyper", ...)
## S3 method for class 'HLfit'
family(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'HLfit'
terms(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'HLfit'
nobs(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'HLfit'
logLik(object, which, ...)
## S3 method for class 'HLfit'
fitted(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'HLfit'
fixef(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'HLfit'
```

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```
ranef(object, type = "correlated", ...)
## S3 method for class 'ranef'
print(x, max.print = 40L, ...)
## S3 method for class 'HLfit'
deviance(object, ...)
##
getDistMat(object, scaled=FALSE, which = 1L)
response(object,...)
dev_resids(object,...)
```

Arguments

object An object of class HLfit, as returned by the fitting functions in spaMM.

type For ranef, use type="correlated" (default) to display the correlated ran-

dom effects (Lv), whether in a spatial model, or a random- coefficient model. Use type="uncorrelated" to pretty-print the elements of the <object>\$ranef

vector (u).

which For logLik, the name of the element of the APHLs list to return (see Details for

any further possibility). The default depends on the fitting method. In particular, if it was REML or one of its variants, the function returns the log restricted likelihood (exact or approximated). For getDistMat, an integer, to select a random effect from several for which a distance matrix may be constructed. For formula, by default the model formula with non-expanded multIMRF random-effect terms is returned, while for which="" a formula with multIMRF terms

expanded as IMRF terms is returned.

scaled If FALSE, the function ignores the scale parameter rho and returns unscaled

distance.

x For print.ranef: the return value of ranef.HLfit.

max.print Controls options("max.print") locally.

. . . Other arguments that may be needed by some method.

Details

With which="LogL_Lap", logLik() returns a Laplace approximation of log-likelihood based on the observed Hessian, rather than the expected Hessian. This is implemented only for the case family=Gamma(log), for demonstration purposes.

Value

formula returns a formula, except a list of them from fitmv() output.

terms returns an object of class c("terms", "formula") which contains the *terms* representation of a symbolic model. See terms.object for its structure. terms(<fitmv() result>) returns a list of such terms.

Other return values are numeric (for logLik), vectors (most cases), matrices or dist objects (for getDistMat), or a family object (for family). ranef returns a list of vectors or matrices (the latter for random-coefficient terms).

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References

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Lee, Y., Nelder, J. A. and Pawitan, Y. (2006) Generalized linear models with random effects: unified analysis via h-likelihood. Chapman & Hall: London.

See Also

See summary.HLfit whose return value include the tables of fixed-effects coefficients and random-effect variances displayed by the summary, residuals.HLfit to extract various residuals, residVar to extract residual variances or information about residual variance models, hatvalues to extract leverages, get_matrix to extract the model matrix and derived matrices, and vcov.HLfit to extract covariances matrices from a fit, get_RLRsim_args to extract arguments for (notably) tests of random effects in LMMs.

Examples

extreme_eig

Utilities for regularization of a matrix

Description

regularize can be used to regularize (nearly-)singular correlation matrices. It may also be used to regularize covariance matrices but will not keep their diagonal constant. Use on other types of matrices may give nonsense. The regularization corrects the diagonal of matrices with high condition number so that the condition number of a corrected matrix is the maximum value specified by maxcondnum. For that purpose, it needs the extreme eigenvalues of the matrix, by default provided by the function extreme_eig. Calls functions from **RSpectra** if available, and falls back on base functions otherwise.

```
extreme_eig(M, symmetric, required = TRUE)
regularize(A, EEV=extreme_eig(A,symmetric=TRUE), maxcondnum=1e12)
```

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Arguments

М	Square matrix. Sparse matrices of class d[s g]CMatrix (and some others too) are handled (some vagueness, as if it fails for some matrix types, an alternative function should be easy to define based on this one as template.
A	Square matrix as M, assumed symmetric.
symmetric	Whether the matrix is symmetric. Helpful to select efficient methods for this case if the matrix class does not implies its symmetry.
required	Whether the computation should be attempted independently of the size of the matrix.
EEV	Two extreme eigenvalue in the return format of extreme_eig
maxcondnum	Target condition number when regularization is performed

Value

extreme_eig returns a vector of length 2, the largest and the smallest eigenvalues in this order. regularize returns a matrix, possibly in sparse format.

Examples

```
H10 <- Matrix::Hilbert(10)
extreme_eig(H10,symmetric=TRUE) # ratio > 1e13
rH10 <- regularize(H10)
extreme_eig(rH10,symmetric=TRUE) # ratio = 1e12</pre>
```

fitme

Fitting function for fixed- and mixed-effect models with GLM response.

Description

This is a common interface for fitting most models that spaMM can fit, from linear models to mixed models with non-gaussian random effects, therefore substituting to corrHLfit, HLCor and HLfit. By default, it uses ML rather than REML (differing in this respect from the other fitting functions). It may use "outer optimization", i.e., generic optimization methods for estimating all dispersion parameters, rather than the iterative methods implemented in HLfit. The results of REML fits of non-gaussian mixed models by these different methods may (generally slightly) differ. Outer optimization should generally be faster than the alternative algorithms for large data sets when the residual variance model is a single constant term (no structured dispersion). For mixed models, fitme by default tries to select the fastest method when both can be applied, but precise decision criteria are subject to change in the future. corrHLfit (with non-default arguments to control the optimization method most suitable to a particular problem) may be used to ensure better consistency over successive versions of spaMM.

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Usage

```
fitme(formula, data, family = gaussian(), init = list(), fixed = list(),
     lower = list(), upper = list(), resid.model = ~1, init.HLfit = list(),
     control = list(), control.dist = list(), method = "ML",
     HLmethod = method, processed = NULL, nb_cores = NULL, objective = NULL,
     weights.form = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

formula Either a linear model formula (as handled by various fitting functions) or a

predictor, i.e. a formula with attributes (see Predictor and examples below).

See Details in spaMM for allowed terms in the formula.

A data frame containing the variables in the response and the model formula. data

family Either a response family or a multi value.

init An optional list of initial values for correlation and/or dispersion parameters

> and/or response family parameters, e.g. list(rho=1, nu=1, lambda=1, phi=1) where rho and nu are parameters of the Matérn family (see Matern), and lambda and phi are dispersion parameters (see Details in spaMM for the meaning of these parameters). All are optional, but giving values for a dispersion parameter changes the ways it is estimated (see Details and Examples). rho may be a vector (see make_scaled_dist) and, in that case, it is possible that some or all of its elements are NA, for which fitme substitutes automatically determined

values.

A list similar to init, but specifying fixed values of the parameters not esti-

mated. See fixed for further information; and keep in mind that fixed fixedeffect coefficients can be passed as the etaFix argument as part of the '...'.

An optional (sub)list of values of the parameters specified through init, in the

same format as init, used as lower values in calls to optim. See Details for

default values.

Same as lower, but for upper values. upper

resid.model See identically named HLfit argument.

init.HLfit See identically named HLfit argument.

A list of control parameters, with two possible elements:

- nloptr, itself a list of control parameters to be copied in the opts argument of nloptr. Default controls are given by spaMM.getOption('nloptr')
- refit, a boolean, or a list of booleans with possible elements \$phi, \$lambda and \$ranCoefs. If either element is set to TRUE, then the corresponding parameters are refitted by the internal HLfit methods (see Details). If \$refit is a single boolean, it affects of parameters. By default only lambda is refitted, but this default may change in the future.

control.dist See control.dist in HLCor method, HLmethod

> Character: the fitting method to be used, such as "ML", "REML" or "PQL/L". "ML" is the default, in contrast to "REML" for HLfit, HLCor and corrHLfit. Other possible values of HLfit's method argument are handled.

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weights.form Specification of prior weights by a one-sided formula: use weights.form = \sim

pw instead of prior.weights = pw. The effect will be the same except that such an argument, known to evaluate to an object of class "formula", is suitable to

enforce safe programming practices (see good-practice).

nb_cores Not yet operative, only for development purposes. Number of cores to use for

parallel computations.

processed For programming purposes, not documented.

bjective For development purpose, not documented.

... Optional arguments passed to (or operating as if passed to) HLCor, HLfit or

mat_sqrt, for example rand. family, control. HLfit, verbose or the distMatrix argument of HLCor (so that estimation of Matern or Cauchy parameters can be combined with use of an ad hoc distance matrix). In a fitme call, the verbose vector of booleans may include a TRACE=TRUE element, in which case information is displayed for each set of correlation and dispersion parameter values considered by the optimiser. Non-boolean values of TRACE are meaningful, but the source code of spaMM:::.do_TRACE should be consulted for their meaning.

Details

For approximations of likelihood, see method. For the possible structures of random effects, see random-effects,

For phi, lambda, and ranCoefs, fitme may or may not use the internal fitting methods of HLfit. The latter methods are well suited for structured dispersion models, but require computations which can be slow for large datasets. Therefore, fitme tends to outer-optimize by default for large datasets, unless there is a non-trivial resid.model. The precise criteria for selection of default method by fitme are liable to future changes.

Further, the internal fitting methods of HLfit also provide some more information such as the "cond. SE" (about which see warning in Details of HLfit). To force the evaluation of such information after an outer-optimization by a fitme call, use the control\$refit argument (see Example). Alternatively (and possibly of limited use), one can force inner-optimization of lambda for a given random effect, or of phi, by setting it to NaN in init (see Example using 'blackcap' data). The same syntax may be tried for phi.

Value

The return value of an HLCor or an HLfit call, with additional attributes. The HLCor call is evaluated at the estimated correlation parameter values. These values are included in the return object as its \$corrPars member. The attributes added by fitme include the original call of the function (which can be retrived by getCall(<fitted object>), and information about the optimization call within fitme.

Examples

```
## Examples with Matern correlations
## A likelihood ratio test based on the ML fits of a full and of a null model.
data("blackcap")
(fullfit <- fitme(migStatus ~ means+ Matern(1|longitude+latitude),data=blackcap))
(nullfit <- fitme(migStatus ~ 1 + Matern(1|longitude+latitude),data=blackcap))</pre>
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## p-value:
 1-pchisq(2*(logLik(fullfit)-logLik(nullfit)),df=1)
## See ?spaMM for examples of conditional autoregressive model and of non-spatial models.
## Contrasting different optimization methods:
# We simulate Gamma deviates with mean mu=3 and variance=2,
# ie. phi= var/mu^2= 2/9 in the (mu, phi) parametrization of a Gamma
# GLM; and shape=9/2, scale=2/3 in the parametrisation of rgamma().
# Note that phi is not equivalent to scale:
# shape = 1/phi and scale = mu*phi.
set.seed(123)
gr <- data.frame(y=rgamma(100,shape=9/2,scale=2/3))</pre>
# Here fitme uses HLfit methods which provide cond. SE for phi by default:
fitme(y~1,data=gr,family=Gamma(log))
# To force outer optimization of phi, use the init argument:
fitme(y~1,data=gr,family=Gamma(log),init=list(phi=1))
# To obtain cond. SE for phi after outer optimization, use the 'refit' control:
fitme(y~1,data=gr,family=Gamma(log),,init=list(phi=1),
      control=list(refit=list(phi=TRUE))) ## or ...refit=TRUE...
## Outer-optimization is not necessarily the best way to find a global maximum,
# particularly when there is little statistical information in the data:
if (spaMM.getOption("example_maxtime")>1.6) {
 data("blackcap")
 fitme(migStatus ~ means+ Matern(1|longitude+latitude),data=blackcap) # poor
  # Compare with the following two ways of avoiding outer-optimization of lambda:
 corrHLfit(migStatus ~ means+ Matern(1|longitude+latitude),data=blackcap,
            method="ML")
 fitme(migStatus ~ means+ Matern(1|longitude+latitude),data=blackcap,
        init=list(lambda=NaN))
}
## see help("COMPoisson"), help("negbin"), help("Loaloa"), etc., for further examples.
```

fitmv

Fitting multivariate responses

Description

This function extends the fitme function to fit a joint model for different responses (following possibly different response families) sharing some random-effects, including a new type of random effect defined to exhibit correlations across different responses (see mv). The extension of spaMM to multivariate-response models is under advanced development but a few features available for analysis of univariate response may not yet work (see Details).

```
fitmv(submodels, data, fixed=NULL, init=list(), lower=list(), upper=list(),
      control=list(), control.dist = list(), method="ML", init.HLfit=list(), ...)
```

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Arguments

submodels A list of sublists each specifying a model for each univariate response. The

names given to each submodel in the main list are currently ignored. The names and syntax of elements within each sublist are those of a fitme call. In most cases, each sublist should not contain arguments whose names are those of formal arguments of fitmy itself (with the possible exception fo fixed).

 $\verb|prior.weights| (or better, weights.form), if any, should be specified as part of$

a submodel.

data A data frame containing the variables in the response and the model formulas.

fixed A list of fixed values of the parameters controlling random effects. The syntax is that of the same argument in fitme (the optional fixed argument in each sublist

of submodels may also be used but this feature may be confusing). Fixed phi values must be specified as a list, e.g., fixed=list(phi=list("2"=0.1)) to

set the value for the second submodel.

init, lower, upper

Lists of initial values or bounds. The syntax is that of the same arguments in fitme. In these lists, random effects should be indexed according to their order of appearance in the total model (see Details). Any init, lower, or upper in a

sublist of submodels will be ignored.

control A list of control parameters, with possible elements as described for fitme

control.dist See control.dist in HLCor

method Character: the fitting method to be used, such as "ML", "REML" or "PQL/L".

"ML" is the default, as for fitme and in contrast to "REML" for the other fitting

functions. Other possible values of HLfit's method argument are handled.

init. HLfit See identically named HLfit argument.

Optional arguments passed to (or operating as if passed to) HLCor, HLfit or

mat_sqrt, for example control.HLfit or the covStruct, distMatrix, corrMatrix

or adjMatrix arguments of HLCor.

Details

Matching random effects across submodels, and referring to them;

Random effects are recognized as identical across submodels by matching the formula terms. As shown in the Examples, if the two models formulas share the (1|clinic) term, this term is recognized as a single random effect shared between the two responses. But the (1|clinic) and (1|clinic2) terms are recognized as distinct random effects. In that case, the init argument init=list(lambda=c('1'=1, '2'=0.5)) is shown to refer to these by names 1,2... where the order is defined as the order of first appearance of the terms across the model formulas in the order of the submodels list. Alternatively, the syntax fixed=list(lambda=c('clinic2'=0.5, 'clinic'=1)) works: this syntax makes order of input irrelevant but assumes that the user guesses names correctly (these are typically the names that appear in the summary of lambda values from the fit object or, more programmatically,

names(<fit object>\$lambda.object\$print_namesTerms)). Finally, fixed values of parameters can **also** be specified through each sub-model, with indices referring to the order of random effects with each model.

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The matching of random-effect terms occurs after expansion of multIMRF terms, if any. This may have subtle consequences if two multIMRF terms differ only by their number of levels, as some of the expanded IMRF terms are then shared.

Capacities and limitations:

Practically all features of models that can be fitted by fitme should be available: this includes all combinations of GLM response families, residual dispersion models, and all types of random-effect terms, whether autocorrelated or not. Among the arguments handled through the ..., covStruct, distMatrix, corrMatrix should be effective; control.HLfit\$LevenbergM and verbose=c(TRACE=TRUE) will work but some other controls available in fitme may not.

The multi family-like syntax for multinomial models should not be used, but fitmv could provide other means to model multinomial responses.

Most post-fit functions work, at least with default arguments. This includes point prediction and prediction variances calculations sensu lato, including with newdata; but also simulate, spaMM_boot, confint, anova, update_resp, and update. Usage of the re.form argument of some of these functions has not been systematically checked.

Some plotting functions may fail. update.formula fails (see update_formulas for details). terms returns a list, which is not usable by other base R functions. step is a good example of resulting limitations, as it is currently unable to perform any sensible operation on fitmv output. spaMM::MSFDR which rests both on terms and on step likewise fails. multcomp::glht fails.

A perhaps not entirely satisfying feature is that simulate by default stacks the results of simulating each model in a single vector. Everything with newdata may return results in an inconvenient format.

may then be particularly useful to reformat simulation results. newdata with insufficient information for prediction of all responses should generally cause troubles (as it may already in univariate-response models).

Which arguments belong to submodels?:

Overall, arguments specifying individuals submodels should go into submodels, while other arguments of fitmv should be those potentially affecting several submodels (notably, random-effect structures, lower, and upper) and fitting controls (such as init and init.HLfit). One rarely-used exception is REMLformula which controls the fitting method but should be specified through the submodels.

The function proceeds by first preprocessing all submodels independently, before merging the resulting information by matching random effects across submodels. The merging operation includes some checks of consistency across submodels, implying that redundant arguments may be needed across submodels (e.g. specifying twice a non-default rand.family for a random effect shared by two submodels).

Value

A (single) list of class HLfit, as returned by other fitting functions in spaMM. The main difference is that it contains a families element describing the response families, instead of the family elements of fitted objects for univariate response.

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See Also

See further examples in mv (modelling correlated random effects over the different submodels), and residVar

Examples

```
# Data preparation
npos <- c(11,16,14,2,6,1,1,4,10,22,7,1,0,0,1,6)
ntot < c(36,20,19,16,17,11,5,6,37,32,19,17,12,10,9,7)
treatment \leftarrow c(rep(1,8), rep(0,8))
clinic <- c(seq(8), seq(8))
clinics <- data.frame(npos=npos,nneg=ntot-npos,treatment=treatment,clinic=clinic)</pre>
climv <- data.frame(npos=npos, nneg=ntot-npos, treatment=treatment,</pre>
                     clinic=clinic, clinic2=clinic)
(fitClinics <- HLfit(cbind(npos,nneg)~treatment+(1|clinic),</pre>
                      family=binomial(),data=clinics))
set.seed(123)
climv$np2 <- simulate(fitClinics, type="residual")</pre>
### fits
# Shared random-effect
(mvfit <- fitmv(</pre>
  submodels=list(mod1=list(formula=cbind(npos,nneg)~treatment+(1|clinic),family=binomial()),
                   mod2=list(formula=np2~treatment+(1|clinic),
                             family=poisson(), fixed=list(lambda=c("1"=1)))),
   data=climv))
# Two univariate-response independent fits because random effect terms are distinct
# (note how two lambda values are set; same syntax for 'init' values):
(mvfit <- fitmv(</pre>
  submodels=list(mod1=list(formula=cbind(npos,nneg)~treatment+(1|clinic),family=binomial()),
                   mod2=list(formula=np2~treatment+(1|clinic2),family=poisson())),
   data=climv, fixed=list(lambda=c('1'=1,'2'=0.5)))) # '1': (1|clinic); '2': (1|clinic2)
# Specifying fixed (but not init) values in submodels is also possible (maybe not a good idea)
# (mvfit <- fitmv(</pre>
    submodels=list(mod1=list(formula=cbind(npos,nneg)~treatment+(1|clinic),
#
                        family=binomial(),fixed=list(lambda=c('1'=1))), # '1': (1|clinic)
#
                    mod2=list(formula=np2~treatment+(1|clinic2),family=poisson(),
                                                                         # '2': (1|clinic2)
#
                           fixed=list(lambda=c('1'=0.5)))),
    data=climv))
```

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Description

The fitting functions allow some parameters to be fixed rather than estimated. Fixed-effect coefficients can be set by by way of the etaFix argument (linear predictor coefficients) for all fitting functions. Random-effect parameters can be set by an argument with a different name for the different fitting functions: fixed for fitme, ranFix for HLfit and corrHLfit, and ranPars for HLCor. This diversity of names may be confusing, but keep in mind that ranFix allows one to fix parameters that HLfit and corrHLfit would otherwise estimate, while ranPars can be used to set correlation parameters that HLCor does not estimate but nevertheless requires (e.g., Matérn parameters).

Details

etaFix is a list with principal element beta, which should be a vector of (a subset of) the coefficients (β) of the fixed effects, with names as shown in a fit without such given values. If REML is used to fit random effect parameters, then etaFix affects by default the REML correction for estimation of dispersion parameters, which depends only on which β coefficients are estimated rather than given. This default behaviour will be overridden whenever a non-null REML formula is provided to the fitting functions (see Example). REML formula is the preferred way to control non-standard REML fits. Alternatively, with a non-NULL etaFix\$beta, REML can also be performed as if all β coefficients were estimated, by adding attribute keepInREML=TRUE to etaFix\$beta. Using an REML formula will override such a specification.

Despite its different name for different fitting functions, the argument for fixing random-effect parameters has a common syntax for all functions. It is a list, with the following possible elements, whose nature is further detailed below: **phi** (variance of residual error, for gaussian and Gamma HGLMs), **lambda** (random-effect variances, except for random-coefficient terms), **ran-Coefs** (random-coefficient parameters), and **corrPars** (correlation parameters, when handled by the fitting function). Individual correlation parameters such as **rho**, **nu**, **Nugget**, **ARphi**... are also possible When there is no ambiguity as to which random effect these correlation parameters apply. This was the original syntax, conceived when spaMM handled a single spatial random effect, and it is still convenient when applicable, but it should not be mixed with corrPars usage.

phi may be a single value or a vector of the same length as the response vector (the number of rows in the data, once non-informative rows are removed).

lambda may be a single value (if there is a single random effect, or a vector allowing to specify unambiguously variance values for some random effect(s). It can thus take the form lambda=c(NA,1) or lambda=c("2"=1) (note the name) to assign a value only to the variance of the second of two random effects.

ranCoefs is a list of numeric vectors, each numeric vector specifying the variance and correlation parameters for a random-coefficient term. As for lambda, it may be incomplete, using names to specify the random effect to which the parameters apply. For example, to assign variances values 3 and 7, and correlation value -0.05, to a second random effect, one can use ranCoefs=list("2"=c(3,-0.05,7)) (note the name). The elements of each vector are variances and correlations, matching those of the printed summary of a fit. The order of these elements must be the order of the lower.tri of a covariance matrix, as shown e.g. by

 $\label{eq:m2} \verb|m2<-matrix(NA, ncol=2,nrow=2); m2[lower.tri(m2,diag=TRUE)] <- seq(3); m2.$

fitme accepts partially fixed parameters for a random coefficient term, e.g.,

ranCoefs=list("2"=c(NA,-0.05,NA)), although this may not mix well with some obscure options, such as

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control=list(refit=list(ranCoefs=TRUE)) which will ignore the fixed values. help("GxE") shows how to use this to fit different variances for different levels of a factor.

corrPars is a list, and it may also be incomplete, using names to specify the affected random effect as shown for lambda and ranCoefs. For example, ranFix=list(corrPars=list("1"=list(nu=0.5))) makes explicit that nu=0.5 applies to the first ("1") random effect in the model formula. Its elements may be the correlation parameters of the given random effect. For the Matérn model, these are the correlation parameters rho (scale parameter(s)), nu (smoothness parameter), and (optionally) Nugget (see Matern). The rho parameter can itself be a vector with different values for different geographic coordinates. For the adjacency model, the only correlation parameter is a scalar rho (see adjacency). For the AR1 model, the only correlation parameter is a scalar ARphi (see AR1). Consult the documentation for other types of random effects, such as Cauchy or IMRF, for any information missing here.

Examples

```
## Not run:
data("wafers")
# Fixing random-coefficient parameters:
fitme(y~X1+(X2|batch), data=wafers, fixed=list(ranCoefs=list("1"=c(2760, -0.1, 1844))))
## HLfit syntax for the same effect (except that REML is used here)
# HLfit(y~X1+(X2|batch), data=wafers, ranFix=list(ranCoefs=list("1"=c(2760, -0.1, 1844))))
# Fixing coefficients of the linear predictor, but with REML as if they were not fixed:
fitme(y ~X1+X2+X1*X3+X2*X3+I(X2^2)+(1|batch), data=wafers, family=Gamma(log), method="REML",
      etaFix=list(beta=c("(Intercept)"=5.61208, X1=0.08818, X2=-0.21163, X3=-0.13948,
                         "I(X2^2)"=-0.10378, "X1:X3"=-0.08987, "X2:X3"=-0.08779)),
      REMLformula=y ~X1+X2+X1*X3+X2*X3+I(X2^2)+(1|batch))
# The fixed-effect coeffcitents in this example are 'fixef(remlfit)' from
(remlfit <- fitme(y \sim X1+X2+X1*X3+X2*X3+I(X2^2)+(1|batch), data=wafers,
                  family=Gamma(log), method="REML") )
This should give the same maraginal and estricted likelihoods
## Hence, same effect by HLfit():
# remlfit <- HLfit(y ~X1+X2+X1*X3+X2*X3+I(X2^2)+(1|batch), data=wafers, family=Gamma(log))</pre>
# HLfit(y ~X1+X2+X1*X3+X2*X3+I(X2^2)+(1|batch), data=wafers, family=Gamma(log),
#
        etaFix=list(beta=fixef(remlfit)),
#
        REMLformula=y \sim X1+X2+X1*X3+X2*X3+I(X2^2)+(1|batch)
data("Loaloa")
# Fixing some Matern correlation parameters, in fitme():
fitme(cbind(npos,ntot-npos) ~ elev1 +Matern(1|longitude+latitude),
             data=Loaloa,family=binomial(),fixed=list(nu=0.5,Nugget=2/7))
# Fixing all mandatory Matern correlation parameters, in HLCor():
HLCor(cbind(npos,ntot-npos) ~ elev1 + Matern(1|longitude+latitude),
             data=Loaloa,family=binomial(),ranPars=list(nu=0.5,rho=0.7))
## End(Not run)
```

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fixedLRT Likelihood ratio test of fixed effects.	
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Description

fixedLRT performs a likelihood ratio (LR) test between two models, the "full" and the "null" models, currently differing only in their fixed effects. Parametric bootstrap p-values can be computed, either using the raw bootstrap distribution of the likelihood ratio, or a bootstrap estimate of the Bartlett correction of the LR statistic. This function differs from LRT in its arguments (model fits for LRT, versus all arguments required to fit the models for fixedLRT), and in the format of its return value.

Usage

Arguments

null. formula (as in glm) or a predictor (see Predictor) for the null model.

formula Either a formula or a predictor for the full model.

A data frame containing the variables in the model.

method A method to fit the full and null models. See method information about such

methods. The two most meaningful values of method in fixedLRT calls are: 'ML' for an LRT based on ML fits (generally recommended); and 'PQL/L' for

an LRT based on PQL/L fits (recommended for spatial binary data).

Also feasible, but more tricky, and not really recommended (see Rousset and Ferdy, 2014), is 'REML'. This will perform an LRT based on two REML fits of the data, *both* of which use the same conditional (or "restricted") likelihood of residuals for estimating dispersion parameters λ and ϕ (see REMLformula argument). Further, REML will not be effective on a given dispersion parameter

if a non-trivial init.corrHLfit value is provided for this parameter.

HLmethod Kept for back-compatibility. Same as method, but may work only for

fittingFunction=corrHLfit.

REMLformula a formula specifying the fixed effects which design matrix is used in the REML

correction for the estimation of dispersion parameters, if these are estimated by

REML. This formula is by default that for the *full* model.

weights.form Specification of prior weights by a one-sided formula: use weights.form = ~

pw instead of prior.weights = pw. The effect will be the same except that such an argument, known to evaluate to an object of class "formula", is suitable to

enforce safe programming practices (see good-practice).

boot.repl the number of bootstrap replicates.

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control Deprecated. control.boot Deprecated.

fittingFunction

Character string giving the function used to fit each model: either "corrHLfit" or "fitme". Default is "corrHLfit" for small data sets (fewer than 300 observations), and "fitme" otherwise, but this may change in future versions.

seed Passed to simulate.HLfit

resp_testfn See argument resp_testfn of spaMM_boot

... Further arguments passed to or from other methods; presently, additional argu-

ments passed to fitting functions.

Details

Comparison of REML fits is a priori not suitable for performing likelihood ratio tests. Nevertheless, it is possible to contrive them for testing purposes (Welham & Thompson 1997). This function generalizes some of Wehlam & Thompson's methods to GLMMs.

See Details in LRT for details of the bootstrap procedures.

Value

An object of class fixedLRT, actually a list with as-yet unstable format, but here with typical elements (depending on the options)

fullfit the HLfit object for the full model; nullfit the HLfit object for the null model; LRTori A likelihood ratio chi-square statistic

LRTprof Another likelihood ratio chi-square statistic, after a profiling step, if any.

df the number of degrees of freedom of the test.

trace.info Information on various steps of the computation.

and, if a bootstrap was performed, the additional elements described in LRT.

References

Rousset F., Ferdy, J.-B. (2014) Testing environmental and genetic effects in the presence of spatial autocorrelation. Ecography, 37: 781-790. doi:10.1111/ecog.00566

Welham, S. J., and Thompson, R. (1997) Likelihood ratio tests for fixed model terms using residual maximum likelihood, J. R. Stat. Soc. B 59, 701-714.

See Also

See also corrHLfit and LRT.

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Prediction from models with nearly-singular covariance matrices

Description

This explains how to handle a warning occurring in computation of prediction variance, where the user is directed here.

For Matern or Cauchy correlation models with vanishing scale factor for distances, a warning may be produced when predict.HLfit (or get_predVar, etc.) is called with non-NULL newdata, because a nearly-singular correlation matrix of the random effect is met. To decide what to do in that case, users should compare the values of get_predVar(.) and get_predVar(., newdata=myfit\$data) (see Example below). In the absence of numerical inaccuracies, The two values should be identical, and in the presence of such inaccuracies, the more reliable value is the first one. In really poor cases, the second syntax may yield negative prediction variances. If users deem the inaccuracies too large, they should use control=list(fix_predVar=TRUE) in the next call to predict.HLfit (or get_predVar, etc.) as shown in the Example. The drawback of this control is that the computation may be slower, and might even exceed memory capacity for large problems (some matrix operations being performed with exact rational arithmetic, which is memory-consuming for large matrices). it is also still experimental, in the sense that I fear that bugs (stop) may occur. If the user instead chooses control=list(fix_predVar=FALSE), the default standard floating-point arithmetic is used, but no warning is issued.

For fix_predVar left NULL (the default), standard floating-point arithmetic is also used. But in addition (with exceptions: see Details), the warning keeps being issued, and the (possibly costly) computation of the inverse of the correlation matrix is not stored in the fitted model object, hence is repeated for each new prediction variance computation. This is useful to remind users that something needs to be done, but for programming purposes where repeated warnings may be a nuisance, one can use control=list(fix_predVar=NA) which will issue a warning then perform as control=list(fix_predVar=FALSE), i.e. store an approximate inverse so the warning is not issued again. Finally, control=list(fix_predVar=NaN) will remove the inverse of the correlation matrix from the fitted model object, and start afresh as if the control was NULL.

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Details

Nearly-singular correlation matrices of random effects occur in several contexts. For random-slope models, it commonly occurs that the fitted correlation between the random effects for Intercept and slope is 1 or -1, in which case the correlation matrix between these random effects is singular. This led to quite inaccurate computations of prediction variances in spaMM prior to version 3.1.0, but this problem has been fixed.

control=list(fix_predVar=NaN) may be more appropriate than control=list(fix_predVar=NULL) when predict.HLfit is called through code that one cannot control. For this reason, spaMM provides another mode of control of the default. It will convert control=list(fix_predVar=NULL) to other values when the call stack has call names matching the patterns given by spaMM.getOption("fix_predVar") (as understood by grep). Thus if spaMM.getOption("fix_predVar")\$"NA"=="MSL|k the default behaviour is that defined by control=list(fix_predVar=NA) when predict.HLfit is called through Infusion::MSL or blackbox::bboptim. FALSE or TRUE are handled in a similar way.

Examples

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Freight dataset

Description

A set of data on airfreight breakage. Data are given on 10 air shipments, each carrying 1000 ampules of some substance. For each shipment, the number of ampules found broken upon arrival, and the number of times the shipments were transferred from one aircraft to another, are recorded.

```
data("freight")
```

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Format

The data frame includes 10 observations on the following variables:

broken number of ampules found broken upon arrival.

transfers number of times the shipments were transferred from one aircraft to another.

id Shipment identifier.

Source

The data set is reported by Kutner et al. (2003) and used by Sellers & Shmueli (2010) to illustrate COMPoisson analyses.

References

Kutner MH, Nachtsheim CJ, Neter J, Li W (2005, p. 35). Applied Linear Regression Models, Fourth Edition. McGraw-Hill.

Sellers KF, Shmueli G (2010) A Flexible Regression Model for Count Data. Ann. Appl. Stat. 4:943-961

Examples

```
## see ?COMPoisson for examples
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Estimation of prediction variance with bootstrap correction

Description

This function is similar to get_predVar except that is uses a bootstrap procedure to correct for bias in the evaluation of the prediction variance.

Usage

Arguments

pred_object	an object of class HLfit, as returned by the fitting functions in spaMM.
newdata	passed to predict. HLfit (it thus represents a prediction design, not to be confused with the bootstrap samples)
nsim	passed to simulate.HLfit
seed	passed to simulate.HLfit
type	passed to simulate.HLfit

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variances NULL or list; variances["cov"] will be passed to predict. HLfit to control

whether a covariance matrix is computed or not. Other elements are currently

ignored.

nb_cores integer: number of cores to use for parallel computation of bootstrap. The de-

 $fault\ is\ spaMM.\ getOption("nb_cores"),\ and\ 1\ if\ the\ latter\ is\ NULL.\ nb_cores=1$

prevents the use of parallelisation procedures.

fit_env For parallel computations: an environment containing objects to be passed to

the cores. They should have the same name in fit_env as in the environment

they are passed from.

sim_object an object of class HLfit, passed to simulate.HLfit as its object argument.

Simulating from this object must produce response values that can be used as replacement to those of the original fitted pred_object. In standard usage,

sim_object=pred_object (the default).

Details

The result provided by get_cPredVar is similar to the CMSEP (Conditional Mean Standard Error of Prediction) introduced by Booth and Hobert (1998; "B&H"). This paper is known for pointing the importance of using conditional variances when they differ from unconditional ones. This is hard to miss in spatial models, where the relevant prediction variance typically depends on the variance of random effects conditional on the data. Thus, the alternative function get_predVar already accounts for this and returns a prediction variance that depends on a joint covariance of fixed-effect estimates and of random effects given the data.

B&H also used a conditional bootstrap procedure to correct for some bias. get_cPredVar implements a similar procedure, in contrast to get_predVar. Their conditional bootstrap procedure is not applicable for autocorrelated random effects, and parametric bootstrapping of the residuals of the fitted model (as implied by the default value of argument type) is used instead here. Apart from this difference, the returned value includes exactly the same terms as those discussed by B&H: their "naive estimate" ν_i and its bootstrap correction b_i , their correction β for uncertainty in fixed-effect coefficients, and their correction σ^2 for uncertainty in dispersion parameters.

This use of the bootstrap does not account for uncertainty in correlation parameters "outer-optimized" by fitme or corrHLfit, because the correlation parameters are fixed when the model is refitted on the bootstrap replicates. Even if it the correlation parameters where refitted, the full computation would not be sufficient to account for uncertainty in them. To account for uncertainty in correlation parameters, one should rather perform a parametric bootstrap of the full model (typically using spaMM_boot(., type="residual")), which may take much more time.

The "naive estimate" ν_i is not generally an estimate of anything uniquely defined by the model parameters: for correlated random effects, it depends on the "root" of the correlation matrix of the random effects, which is not unique. Thus ν_i is not unique, and may differ for example for equivalent fits by sparse-precision methods vs. other methods. Nevertheless, attr(cpredvar, "info") nivelesize no nethods vs. other methods as they involve no correlation matrix.

Value

A vector of prediction variances, with an attribute info which is an **environment** containing variables:

SEs the standard errors of the estimates (which are those of the bootstrap replicates)

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bias the bias term maive B&H's "naive" 
u_i
```

References

Booth, J.G., Hobert, J.P. (1998) Standard errors of prediction in generalized linear mixed models. J. Am. Stat. Assoc. 93: 262-272.

Examples

```
## Not run:
if(requireNamespace("rsae", quietly = TRUE)) {
 # LMM example from Booth & Hobert 1998 JASA
 data("landsat", package = "rsae")
 fitCorn <- fitme(HACorn ~ PixelsCorn + PixelsSoybeans + (1|CountyName),data=landsat[-33,])</pre>
 newXandZ <- unique(data.frame(PixelsCorn=landsat$MeanPixelsCorn,</pre>
                                 PixelsSoybeans=landsat$MeanPixelsSoybeans,
                                 CountyName=landsat$CountyName))
 (cpredvar <- get_cPredVar(fitCorn, newdata=newXandZ, nsim=200L, seed=123)) # serial computation
  (cpredvar <- get_cPredVar(fitCorn, newdata=newXandZ, nsim=200L, seed=123,</pre>
        nb_cores=parallel::detectCores()-1L, fit_env=list2env(list(newXandZ=newXandZ))))
}
# GLMM example from Booth & Hobert 1998 JASA
npos < c(11,16,14,2,6,1,1,4,10,22,7,1,0,0,1,6)
ntot <-c(36,20,19,16,17,11,5,6,37,32,19,17,12,10,9,7)
treatment <- c(rep(1,8), rep(0,8))
clinic <-c(seq(8),seq(8))</pre>
clinics <- data.frame(npos=npos,nneg=ntot-npos,treatment=treatment,clinic=clinic)</pre>
fitClinics <- HLfit(cbind(npos,nneg)~treatment+(1|clinic),family=binomial(),data=clinics)</pre>
(get_cPredVar(fitClinics, newdata=clinics[1:8,], nsim=200L, seed=123)) # serial computation
(get_cPredVar(fitClinics, newdata=clinics[1:8,], nsim=200L, seed=123,
      nb_cores=parallel::detectCores()-1, fit_env=list2env(list(clinics=clinics))))
## End(Not run)
```

get_infomat

Information matrix of fitted model

Description

This wraps numDeriv::hessian to provide the information matrix (negative Hessian matrix of log-likelihood) from the result of a fitme fit. This is mainly a stub for later developments, and the source code should be consulted to understand its limitations.

```
get_infomat(object, verbose=TRUE, ...)
```

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Arguments

object Result of fitme call.

verbose Boolean: whether to print (as a list) the estimates of the parameters for which

the Hessian will be computed, and a (sort of) progress bar.

... Arguments passed to numDeriv::hessian.

Value

A matrix.

Examples

get_inits_from_fit

Initiate a fit from another fit

Description

get_inits_from_fit is an extractor of some fitted values from a fit in a convenient format to initiate a next fit.

Usage

```
get_inits_from_fit(from, template = NULL, to_fn = NULL, inner_lambdas=FALSE)
```

Arguments

from Fit object (inheriting from class "HLfit") from which fitted values are taken.

template Another fit object. Usage with a template fit object is suitable for refitting this

object using fitted values from the from object as starting values.

to_fn NULL or character: the name of the function to be used the next fit. If NULL,

taken from template (if available), else from from. It is meaningful to provide

a to_fn distinct from the function used to fit a template.

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inner_lambdas

Boolean; Whether the output should include estimates of the dispersion parameters estimated by the iterative methods implemented in HLfit.

Value

```
A list with elements
```

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(depending on the fitting function) giving initial values for outer-optimization;

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giving initial values for the iterative algorithms in HLfit. It is itself a list with possible elements:

fixef for the coefficients of the linear predictor, adjusted to the format of the coefficients of the linear predictor of the template object, if available; ranCoefs random-coefficients parameters (if **not** outer-optimized).

See Also

```
get_ranPars and VarCorr.
```

Examples

get_matrix

Extract matrices from a fit

Description

get_matrix is a first attempt at a unified extractor of various matrices from a fit. All augmented matrices follow (Henderson's) block order (upper blocks: X,Z; lower blocks: 0,I). get_ZALMatrix returns the design matrix for the random effects v.

```
get_matrix(object, which="model.matrix", augmented=TRUE, ...)
get_ZALMatrix(object, force_bind=TRUE)
```

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Arguments

object An object of class HLfit, as returned by the fitting functions in spaMM.

augmented Boolean; whether to return a matrix for all model coefficients (augmented ma-

trix for fixed-effects coefficients and random-effect predictions) or a matrix only for fixed effects. Not operative for all which values (currently only for

which="left_ginv").

which Which element to extract. For "model.matrix", the design matrix for fixed

effects (similarly to stats::model.matrix); for "ZAL", the design matrix for random effects (same as get_ZALMatrix()); for "AugX", the (unweighted) augmented design matrix of the least-square problem; for "hat_matrix", the projection matrix that gives model predictions from the (augmented) response vector; for "left_ginv", the pseudo-inverse that gives the model coefficients from the (augmented) response vector. See Details for definitions and further options.

force_bind Boolean; with the non-default value FALSE, the function may return an object of

class ZAXlist, which is poorly documented and for development purposes only.

... Other arguments that may be needed in some future versions of spaMM.

Details

(Given the pain that it is to write maths in R documentation files, readers are gently asked to be tolerant about any imperfections of the following).

Model coefficients estimates of a (weighted) linear model can be written as $(X'WX)^{-1}X'Wy$ where **X** is the design matrix for fixed effects, **W** a diagonal weight matrix, and **y** the response vector. In a linear mixed model, the same expression holds in terms of Henderson's augmented design matrix, of an augmented (still diagonal) weight matrix, and of an augmented response vector. For GLMMs and hierarchical GLMs generally, the solution of each step of the iteratively reweighted least squares algorithm again has the same expression in terms of appropriately defined augmented matrices and vectors.

get_matrix returns, for given values of the which argument, the following matrices from the model fit:

```
"AugX": X;
```

"left_ginv": $(X'WX)^{-1}X'W$ (the name stems from the fact that it is generalized inverse, denoted X^- , since $XX^-X=X$, and it is a left one, since X^-X is an identity matrix when X has full rank); "hat_matrix": $XX^-=X(X'WX)^{-1}X'W$;

"fixef_left_ginv": same as "left_ginv" but for the fixed-effect design matrix only (not to be confused with the corresponding block of "left_ginv").

Value

A matrix, possibly in sparseMatrix format.

[&]quot;wei_AugX": WX;

[&]quot;wAugX": $\sqrt{(\mathbf{W})}\mathbf{X}$;

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Description

get_ranPars returns various subsets of random-effect parameters (correlation or variance parameters), as controlled by its which argument. It is one of several extractors for fixed or estimated parameters of different classes of parameters, for which a quick guide is

get_ranPars: for random-effect parameters, excluding residual dispersion (with a subtlety for corrFamily models: see Details);

VarCorr: alternative extractor for random-effect (co)variance and optionally residual variance, in a data frame format;

residVar: for residual variance parameters, family dispersion parameters, or information about residual variance models;

get_residVar: alternative extractor of residual variances with different features inherited from get_predVar;

get_inits_from_fit: extracts estimated parameters from a fit.

remove_from_parlist removes elements from a list of parameters, and from its type attribute.

Usage

```
get_ranPars(object, which=NULL, verbose=TRUE, ...)
remove_from_parlist(parlist, removand=NULL, rm_names=names(unlist(removand)))
```

Arguments

object	An object of class HLfit, as returned by the fitting functions in spaMM.
which	NULL or character string. Use which="corrPars" to get the correlation parameters. Use which="lambda" to get variances. see Details for the meaning of this for heteroscedastic models, and Value for other possible which values.
	Other arguments that may be needed by some method.
verbose	Boolean: Whether to print some notes.
parlist	A list of parameters. see Details.
removand	Optional. A list of parameters to be removed from parlist.
rm_names	Names of parameters to be removed from parlist. Mandatory if removand is not given.

Details

For heteroscedastic models, such as conditional autoregressive models, the variance parameter "lambda" refers to a common scaling coefficient. For other random-effect models, "lambda" typically refers to the single variance parameter.

remove_from_parlist is designed to manipulate structured lists of parameters, such as a list with elements phi, lambda, and corrPars, the latter being itself a list structured as the return value of

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get_ranPars(.,which="corrPars"). parlist may have an attribute type, also with elements phi, lambda, and corrPars... If given, removand must have the same structure (but typically not all the elements of parlist); otherwise, rm_names must have elements which match names of unlist(names(parlist)).

If a corrFamily parameter is fixed through the formula term, as in ARp(1|time, p=3, fixed=c(p2=0)), the fixed parameter is not considered a model parameter and get_ranPars will not extract it from the object. However, the parameter will be extracted if it has been fixed through fitme's fixed argument rather than through the formula term (see example in ARp).

Value

get_ranPars(., which="corrPars") returns a (possibly nested) list of correlation parameters (or NULL if there is no such parameter). Top-level elements correspond to the different random effects. The list has a "type" attribute having the same nested-list structure and describing whether and how the parameters where fitted: "fix" means they where fixed, not fitted; "var" means they were fitted by HLfit's specific algorithms; "outer" means they were fitted by a generic optimization method.

get_ranPars(.,which="lambda") returns a vector of variance values, one per random effect, including both "outer"- and "inner"-optimized ones.

get_ranPars(.,which="outer_lambda") returns only "outer"-optimized variance parameters, ignoring those fitted by HLfit's specific algorithms.

get_ranPars(.,which=NULL) (the default) is not fully defined. It returns a list including the results of which="lambda" and which="corrPars", but possibly other elements too.

get_ranPars(. which="ranef_var") (experimental) returns a list with elements

Var same as get_ranPars(.,which="lambda")

lembda_est A vector of variance values, one for each level of each random effect

outer A vector or outer-optimized variance values, as returned by get_ranPars(., which="outer_lambda")

... Other elements, subject to change in later versions.

remove_from_parlist returns a list of model parameters with given elements removed, and likewise for its (optional) type attribute. See Details for context of application.

See Also

See VarCorr, residVar, get_residVar, or get_inits_from_fit as described in in the quick guide above.

```
data("wafers")
m1 <- HLfit(y ~X1+X2+(1|batch), resid.model = ~ 1, data=wafers, method="ML")
get_ranPars(m1,which="corrPars") # NULL since no correlated random effect

parlist1 <- list(lambda=1,phi=2,corrPars=list("1"=list(rho=3,nu=4),"2"=list(rho=5)))
parlist2 <- list(lambda=NA,corrPars=list("1"=list(rho=NA))) # values of elements do not matter
remove_from_parlist(parlist1,parlist2) ## same result as:
remove_from_parlist(parlist1,rm_names = names(unlist(parlist2)))</pre>
```

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Description

get_RLRsim_args extracts a list of arguments suitable for a call to RLRsim::RLRTSim() or RLRsim::LRTSim(). These functions use an efficient simulation procedure to compute restricted or marginal likelihood ratio tests, respectively, comparing a fixed-effect model and a mixed-effect model with one random effect. They are notably used to test for the presence of one random effect, although the models compared by marginal likelihood (LRTSim()) may differ both in their random and in their fixed effects (as shown in the Example). The tests are exact for small samples (up to simulation error) for LMMs with no free parameters in the random effect (beyond the variance being tested), so not for time-series or spatial models with estimated correlation parameters. Heteroscedasticity of the residuals or of the random effect variance are also not taken into account by the simulation procedure (see Value field below for an hint why this is so).

get_RLRTSim_args is the older extractor, originally for RLRsim::RLRTSim() only, now handling also ML fits with a warning (though the possible absence of the nullfit argument will result in an error).

Usage

```
get_RLRsim_args(fullfit, nullfit, verbose=TRUE, REML=NA, ...)
get_RLRTSim_args(object, verbose=TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

object, fullfit

An object of class HLfit, as returned by the fitting functions in spaMM, for the

more complete model to be compared.

nullfit Same for the less complete model; required only for (marginal) LR test, as op-

posed to restricted LR test.

verbose NA or boolean; Whether to display some message or not.

REML For programming purposes, not documented.

... Additional arguments (currently not used).

Details

If the models compared do not differ in their fixed effects, under the null hypothesis there is a probability mass P for a zero likelihood ratio, and the distribution of p-values can be uniform only on the range (0,1-P). If the fixed effects differ (as handled by RLRsim::LRTSim()), this does not occur.

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Value

A list of arguments for a call to RLRsim::RLRTSim() or RLRsim::LRTSim(). The main arguments are the design matrix for the fixed effects, and the ${\bf ZA}$ matrix and ${\bf L}$ detailed in random-effects (here represented by the Z and sqrt.Sigma elements). The models handled by the testing procedure are the ones that are sufficiently characterized by these two matrices. LRTSim additionally requires ${\bf q}$, the difference in number of parameters of fixed effects between the models.

Note

The inconsistent capitalisation of 's' in the function names is consistent with the inconsistencies in the RLRsim package.

References

Crainiceanu, C. and Ruppert, D. (2004) Likelihood ratio tests in linear mixed models with one variance component, *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society: Series B*,**66**,165–185.

See Also

The bootstrap procedure in LRT is more general but slower. It appears to provide results quite similar to those of RLRsim when both are applicable.

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Description

Base fitting functions in R will seek variables in the environment where the formula was defined (i.e., typically in the global environment), if they are not in the data. This increases the memory size of fit objects (as the formula and attached environment are part of such objects). This also easily leads to errors (see example in the discussion of update.HLfit). Indeed Chambers (2008, p.221), after describing how the environment is defined, comments that "Where clear and trustworthy software is a priority, I would personally avoid such tricks. Ideally, all the variables in the model frame should come from an explicit, verifiable data source...". Fitting functions in **spaMM** try to adhere to such a principle, as they assume by default that all variables from the formula should be in the data argument (and then, **one never needs to specify** "data\$" in the formula.. **spaMM** implements this by default by stripping the formula environment from any variable. It is also possible to assign a given environment to the formula, through the control control.HLfit\$formula_env: see Examples.

The variables defining the prior.weights should also be in the data. However, the implementation of the prior.weights argument has limitations that can be overcome by using the more recently introduced weights.formula argument of **spaMM** fitting functions (see Examples, where this is also compared with stats::lm's handling of its weights argument).

However, variables used in other arguments such as ranFix are looked up neither in the data nor in the formula environment, but in the calling environment as usual.

References

Chambers J.M. (2008) Software for data analysis: Programming with R. Springer-Verlag New York

```
###### Controlling the formula environment
set.seed(123)
d2 \leftarrow data.frame(y = seq(10)/2+rnorm(5)[g1(5,2)], x1 = sample(10), grp=g1(5,2), seq10=seq(10))
# Using only variables in the data: basic usage
# HLfit(y \sim x1 + seq10 + (1|grp), data = d2)
# is practically equivalent to
HLfit(y \sim x1 + seq10+(1|grp), data = d2,
      control.HLfit = list(formula_env=list2env(list(data=d2))))
# The 'formula_env' avoids the need for the 'seq10' variable:
HLfit(y \sim x1 + I(seq\_len(nrow(data))) + (1|grp), data = d2,
      control.HLfit = list(formula_env=list2env(list(data=d2))))
# Internal imprementation exploits partial matching of argument names
# so that this can also be in 'control' if 'control.HLfit' is absent:
fitme(y \sim x1 + I(seq\_len(nrow(data))) + (1|grp), data = d2,
      control = list(formula_env=list2env(list(data=d2))))
###### Prior-weights misery
data("hills", package="MASS")
(fit <- lm(time ~ dist + climb, data = hills, weights=1/dist^2))</pre>
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```
# same as
(fit <- fitme(time ~ dist + climb, data = hills, prior.weights=1/dist^2, method="REML"))</pre>
# possible calls:
(fit <- fitme(time ~ dist + climb, data = hills, prior.weights=quote(1/dist^2)))</pre>
(fit <- fitme(time ~ dist + climb, data = hills, prior.weights= 1/hills$dist^2))</pre>
(fit <- fitme(time ~ dist + climb, data = hills, weights.form= ~ 1/dist^2))
(fit <- fitme(time ~ dist + climb, data = hills, weights.form= ~ I(1/dist^2)))
# Also syntactically correct since 'dist' is found in the data:
(fit <- fitme(time ~ dist + climb, data = hills, weights.form= ~ rep(2,length(dist))))
#### Programming with prior weights:
## Different ways of passing prior weights to fitme() from another function:
wrap_as_form <- function(weights.form) {</pre>
 fitme(time ~ dist + climb, data = hills, weights.form=weights.form)
}
wrap_as_pw <- function(prior.weights) {</pre>
 fitme(time ~ dist + climb, data = hills, prior.weights=prior.weights)
wrap_as_dots <- function(...) {</pre>
 fitme(time ~ dist + climb, data = hills,...)
## Similarly for lm:
wrap_lm_as_dots <- function(...) {</pre>
 lm(time ~ dist + climb, data = hills, ...)
}
wrap_lm_as_arg <- function(weights) {</pre>
 lm(time ~ dist + climb, data = hills,weights=weights)
}
## Programming errors with stats::lm():
pw <- rep(1e-6,35) # or even NULL
(fit <- wrap_lm_as_arg(weights=pw)) # catches weights from global envir!</pre>
(fit <- lm(time ~ dist + climb, data = hills, weights=pw)) # idem!
(fit <- lm(time ~ dist + climb, data = hills,
           weights=hills$pw)) # fails silently - no $pw in 'hills'
(fit <- wrap_lm_as_dots(weights=hills$pw)) # idem!</pre>
(fit <- wrap_lm_as_arg(weights=hills$pw)) # idem!</pre>
## Safer spaMM results:
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```
try(fit <- wrap_as_pw(prior.weights= pw)) # correctly catches problem
try(fit <- wrap_as_dots(prior.weights=hills$pw)) # correctly catches problem
(fit <- wrap_as_dots(prior.weights=1/dist^2)) # correct
(fit <- wrap_as_dots(prior.weights=quote(1/dist^2))) # correct

## But 'prior.weights' limitations:

try(fit <- wrap_as_pw(prior.weights= 1/hills$dist^2)) # fails (stop)
try(fit <- wrap_as_pw(prior.weights= 1/dist^2)) # fails (stop)
try(fit <- wrap_as_pw(prior.weights= quote(1/dist^2))) # fails (stop)

## Problems all solved by using 'weights.form':

try(fit <- wrap_as_form(weights.form= ~ pw)) # correctly catches problem
(fit <- wrap_as_form(weights.form= ~1/dist^2)) # correct
(fit <- wrap_as_form(weights.form= ~1/hills$dist^2)) # correct
(fit <- wrap_as_dots(weights.form= ~ 1/dist^2)) # correct

rm("pw")</pre>
```

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Gryphon data

Description

Loading these data loads three objects describing a mythical 'Gryphon' population used by Wilson et al. to illustrate mixed-effect modelling in quantitative genetics. These objects are a data frame Gryphon_df containing the model variables, a genetic relatedness matrix Gryphon_A, and another data frame Gryphon_pedigree containing pedigree information (which can be used by some packages to reconstruct the relatedness matrix).

Usage

```
data("Gryphon")
```

Format

Gryphon_df is

```
'data.frame': 1084 obs. of 6 variables:

$ ID : int 1029 1299 ...: individual identifier

$ sex : Factor w/ 2 levels "1","2": sex, indeed

$ year : Factor w/ 34 levels "968","970", ...: birth year

$ mother: Factor w/ 429 levels "1","2",...: individual's mother identifier

$ BWT : num 10.77 9.3 ...: birth weight

$ TARSUS: num 24.8 22.5 12 ...: tarsus length
```

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Gryphon_A is a genetic relatedness matrix, in sparse matrix format, for 1309 individuals. Gryphon_pedigree is

```
'data.frame': 1309 obs. of 3 variables:

$ ID : int 1306 1304 ...: individual identifier

$ Dam : int NA NA ...: individual's mother

$ Sire: int NA NA ...: individual's father
```

References

Wilson AJ, et al. (2010) An ecologist's guide to the animal model. Journal of Animal Ecology 79(1): 13-26. doi:10.1111/j.13652656.2009.01639.x

```
#### Bivariate-response model used as example in Wilson et al. (2010):
# joint modelling of birth weight (BWT) and tarsus length (TARSUS).
# The relatedness matrix is specified as a 'corrMatrix'. The random
# effect 'corrMatrix(0+mv(1,2)|ID)' then represents genetic effects
# correlated over traits and individuals (see help("composite-ranef")).
# The ...(0+...) syntax avoids contrasts being used in the design
# matrix of the random effects, as it would not does make much sense
# to represent TARSUS as a contrast to BWT.
# The relatedness matrix will be specified through its inverse,
# using as_precision(), so that spaMM does not have to find out and
# inform the user that using the inverse is better (as is typically
# the case for relatedness matrices). But using as_precision() is
# not required. See help("algebra") for Details.
# The second random effect '(0+mv(1,2)|ID)' represents correlated
# environmental effects. Since measurements are not repeated within
# individuals, this effect also absorbs all residual variation. The
# residual variances 'phi' must then be fixed to some negligible values
# in order to avoid non-identifiability.
if (spaMM.getOption("example_maxtime")>7) {
 data("Gryphon")
 gry_prec <- as_precision(Gryphon_A)</pre>
 gry_GE <- fitmv(</pre>
   submodels=list(BWT ~ 1 + corrMatrix(0+mv(1,2)|ID)+(0+mv(1,2)|ID),
                  TARSUS ~ 1 + corrMatrix(0+mv(1,2)|ID)+(0+mv(1,2)|ID)),
   fixed=list(phi=c(1e-6,1e-6)),
    corrMatrix = gry_prec,
   data = Gryphon_df, method = "REML")
 # Estimates are practically identical to those reported for package
 # 'asreml' (https://www.vsni.co.uk/software/asreml-r)
 # according to Supplementary File 3 of Wilson et al., p.7:
```

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```
lambda_table <- summary(gry_GE, digits=5,verbose=FALSE)$lambda_table
by_spaMM <- na.omit(unlist(lambda_table[,c("Var.","Corr.")]))[1:6]
by_asreml <- c(3.368449,12.346304,3.849875,17.646017,0.381463,0.401968)
by_spaMM/by_asreml-1 # relative differences ~ O(1e-4)
}</pre>
```

hatvalues.HLfit

Leverage extractor for HLfit objects

Description

This gets "leverages" or "hat values" from an object. However, there is hidden complexity in what this may mean, so care must be used in selecting proper arguments for a given use (see Details). To get the full hat matrix, see get_matrix(., which="hat_matrix").

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'HLfit'
hatvalues(model, type = "projection", which = "resid", force=FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

model	An object of class HLfit, as returned by the fitting functions in spaMM.
type	Character: "projection", "std", or more cryptic values not documented here. See Details.
which	Character: "resid" for the traditional leverages of the observations, "ranef" for random-effect leverages, or "both" for both.
force	Boolean: to force recomputation of the leverages even if they are available in the object, for checking purposes.
	For consistency with the generic.

Details

Leverages may have distinct meaning depending on context. The textbook version for linear models is that leverages (q_i) are the diagonal elements of a projection matrix ("hat matrix"), and that they may be used to standardize ("studentize") residuals as follows. If the residual variance ϕ is known, then the variance of each fitted residual \hat{e}_i is $\phi(1-q_i)$. Standardized residuals, all with variance 1, are then $\hat{e}_i/\surd(\phi(1-q_i))$. This standardization of variance no longer holds exactly with estimated ϕ , but if one uses here an unbiased (REML) estimator of ϕ , the studentized residuals may still practically have a unit expected variance.

The need for distinguishing "standardizing" from "projection" leverages arises from generalizations of this standardization to other contexts. Indeed, when a simple linear model is fitted by ML, the variance of the fitted residuals is less than ϕ , but $\hat{\phi}$ is downward biased so that residuals standardized only by $\sqrt{(\phi)}$, without any leverage correction, more closely have expected unit variance than if

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corrected by the previous leverages. This hints for another definition of leverages such that they are here zero, contrary to the ones derived from the projection matrix.

Leverages also appear in expressions for derivatives, with respect to the dispersion parameters, of the log-determinant of the information matrices considered in the Laplace approximation for marginal or restricted likelihood (Lee et al. 2006). This provides a basis to generalize the concept of standardizing leverages for ML and REML in mixed-effect models. In particular, in an ML fit, one considers leverages $(q*_i)$ that are no longer the diagonal elements of the projection matrix for the mixed model [and, as hinted above, for a simple linear model the ML $(q*_i)$ are zero]. The generalized standardizing leverages may include corrections for non-Gaussian response, for non-Gaussian random effects, and for taking into account the variation of the GLM weights in the logdet(info.mat) derivatives. Which corrections are included depend on the precise method used to fit the model (e.g., EQL vs PQL vs REML). Standardizing leverages are also defined for the random effects.

These distinctions suggest breaking the usual synonymy between "leverages" or "hat values": the term "hat values" better stands for the diagonal elements of a projection matrix, while "leverages" better stands for the standardizing values. hatvalues(.,type="std") returns the standardizing leverages. By contrast, hatvalues(.,type="projection") will always return hat values from the fitted projection matrix. Note that these values typically differ between ML and REML fit because the fitted projection matrix differs between them.

Value

A list with separate components resid (leverages of the observations) and ranef if which="both", and a vector otherwise.

References

Lee, Y., Nelder, J. A. and Pawitan, Y. (2006) Generalized linear models with random effects: unified analysis via h-likelihood. Chapman & Hall: London.

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HLCor	Fits a (spatially) correlated mixed model, for given correlation parameters

Description

A fitting function acting as a convenient interface for HLfit, constructing the correlation matrix of random effects from the arguments, then estimating fixed effects and dispersion parameters using HLfit. Various arguments are available to constrain the correlation structure, covStruct and distMatrix being the more general ones (for any number of random effects), and adjMatrix and corrMatrix being alternatives to covStruct for a single correlated random effect. uniqueGeo is deprecated.

Usage

```
HLCor(formula, data, family = gaussian(), ranPars = NULL, distMatrix,
    adjMatrix, corrMatrix, covStruct=NULL,
    method = "REML", verbose = c(inner=FALSE),
    control.dist = list(), weights.form = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

f	ormula	A predictor, i.e. a formula with attributes (see Predictor), or possibly simply a simple formula if an offset is not required.
ra	anPars	A list of values for correlation parameters (some of which are mandatory), and possibly also dispersion parameters (optional, but passed to HLfit if present). See ranPars for further information.
da	ata	The data frame to be analyzed.
fa	amily	A family object describing the distribution of the response variable. See HLfit for further information.
d:	istMatrix	Either a distance matrix between geographic locations, forwarded to MaternCorr or CauchyCorr. It overrides the (by default, Euclidean) distance matrix that would otherwise be deduced from the variables in a Matern(.)) or Cauchy(.) term; or a list of such matrices. The list format is useful when there are several Matern/Cauchy terms, to avoid that all of them are affected by the same distMatrix. NULL list elements may be necessary, e.g. distMatrix=list("1"=NULL,"2"=<.>)) when a matrix is specified only for the second random effect.
a	djMatrix	An single adjacency matrix, used if a random effect of the form y ~ adjacency(1 <location index="">) is present. See adjacency for further details. If adjacency matrices are needed for several random effects, use covStruct.</location>
C	orrMatrix	A matrix C used if a random effect term of the form corrMatrix(1 <stuff>) is present. This allows to analyze non-spatial model by giving for example a matrix of genetic correlations. Each row corresponds to levels of a variable</stuff>

<stuff>. The covariance matrix of the random effects for each level is then $\lambda \mathbf{C}$, where as usual λ denotes a variance factor for the random effects (if \mathbf{C} is a correlation matrix, then λ is the variance, but other cases are possible). See corrMatrix for further details. If matrices are needed for several random effects, use covStruct.

covStruct An interface for specifying correlation structures for different types of random

effect (corrMatrix or adjacency). See covStruct for details.

method Character: the fitting method to be used, such as "ML", "REML" or "PQL/L".

"REML" is the default. Other possible values of ${\tt HLfit}$'s method argument are

handled.

weights.form Specification of prior weights by a one-sided formula: use weights.form = ~

pw instead of prior.weights = pw. The effect will be the same except that such an argument, known to evaluate to an object of class "formula", is suitable to

enforce safe programming practices (see good-practice).

verbose A vector of booleans. inner controls various diagnostic (possibly messy) mes-

sages about the iterations. This should be distinguished from the TRACE element,

meaningful in fitme or corrHLfit calls.

control.dist A list of arguments that control the computation of the distance argument of the

correlation functions. Possible elements are

rho.mapping a set of indices controlling which elements of the rho scale vector scales which dimension(s) of the space in which (spatial) correlation matrices of random effects are computed. See same argument in make_scaled_dist for details and examples.

dist.method method argument of proxy::dist function (by default, "Euclidean", but see make_scaled_dist for other distances such as spherical ones.)

. Further parameters passed to HLfit or to mat_sqrt.

Details

For approximations of likelihood, see method. For the possible structures of random effects, see random-effects, but note that HLCor cannot adjust parameters of correlation models (with the exception of conditional autoregressive ones). Any such parameter must be specified by the ranPars argument. More generally, the correlation matrix for random effects can be specified by various combinations of formula terms and other arguments (see Examples):

Basic Matérn model Matern(1|<...>), using the spatial coordinates in <...>. This will construct a correlation matrix according to the Matérn correlation function (see MaternCorr);

Basic Cauchy model Cauchy(1|<...>), as for Matern (see CauchyCorr);

Same models with given distance matrix as provided by distMatrix (see Examples);

Given correlation matrix corrMatrix(1|<...>) with corrMatrix argument. See corrMatrix for further details.

CAR model with given adjacency matrix adjacency(1|<...>) with adjMatrix. See adjacency for further details;

AR1 model AR1(1 | <...>) See AR1 for further details.

Value

The return value of an HLfit call, with the following additional attributes:

```
HLCorcall the HLCor call info.uniqueGeo Unique geographic locations.
```

See Also

autoregressive for additional examples, MaternCorr, HLfit, and corrHLfit

Examples

HIfit

Fit mixed models with given correlation matrix

Description

This function fits GLMMs as well as some hierarchical generalized linear models (HGLM; Lee and Nelder 2001). HLfit fits both fixed effects parameters, and dispersion parameters i.e. the variance of the random effects (full covariance for random-coefficient models), and the variance of the residual error. The linear predictor is of the standard form offset+ X beta + Z b, where X is the design matrix of fixed effects and Z is a design matrix of random effects (typically an incidence matrix with 0s and 1s, but not necessarily). Models are fitted by an iterative algorithm alternating estimation of fixed effects and of dispersion parameters. The residual dispersion may follow a "structured-dispersion model" modeling heteroscedasticity. Estimation of the latter parameters is performed by a form of fit of debiased residuals, which allows fitting a structured-dispersion model (Smyth et al. 2001). However, evaluation of the debiased residuals can be slow in particular for large datasets. For models without structured dispersion, it is then worth using the fitme function (or the corrHLfit function with non-default arguments). These functions can optimize the likelihood of HLfit fits for different given values of the dispersion parameters ("outer optimization"), thereby avoiding the need to estimate debiased residuals.

Usage

```
HLfit(formula, data, family = gaussian(), rand.family = gaussian(),
      resid.model = ~1, REMLformula = NULL, verbose = c(inner = FALSE),
     HLmethod = "HL(1,1)", method="REML", control.HLfit = list(),
     control.glm = list(), init.HLfit = list(), ranFix = list(),
    etaFix = list(), prior.weights = NULL, weights.form = NULL, processed = NULL)
## see 'rand.family' argument for inverse.Gamma
```

Arguments

formula A formula; or a predictor, i.e. a formula with attributes created by Predictor,

if design matrices for random effects have to be provided. See Details in spaMM

for allowed terms in the formula (except spatial ones).

A data frame containing the variables named in the model formula.

family A family object describing the distribution of the response variable. See Details

in spaMM for handled families.

rand.family A family object describing the distribution of the random effect, or a list of

family objects for different random effects (see Examples). Possible options are gaussian(), Gamma(log), Gamma(identity) (see Details), Beta(logit), inverse. Gamma(-1/mu), and inverse. Gamma(log). For discussion of these alternatives see Lee and Nelder 2001 or Lee et al. 2006, p. 178-. Here the family gives the distribution of a random effect u and the link gives v as function of u(see Details). If there are several random effects and only one family is given,

this family holds for all random effects.

Either a formula (without left-hand side) for the dispersion parameter phi of resid.model the residual error. A log link is assumed by default;

or a list, with at most three possible elements if its formula involves only fixed effects:

formula model formula as in formula-only case, without left-hand side

family Always Gamma, with by default a log link. Gamma(identity) can be tried but may fail because only the log link ensures that the fitted ϕ is positive.

fixed can be used to specify the residual dispersion parameter of the residual dispersion model itself. The default value is 1; this argument can be used to set another value, and fixed=list(phi=NA) will force estimation of this parameter.

and additional possible elements (all named as fitme arguments) if its formula involves random effects: see phiHGLM.

REMLformula

A model formula that controls the estimation of dispersion parameters and the computation of restricted likelihood (p_bv), where the conditioning inherent in REML is defined by a model different from the predictor formula. A simple example (useless in practice) of its effect is to replicate an ML fit by specifying method="REML" and an REML formula with no fixed effect. The latter implies that no conditioning is performed and that p_bv equals the marginal likelihood (or its approximation), p_v. One of the examples in update. HLfit shows how REML formula can be useful, but otherwise this argument may never be needed

data

	for standard REML or ML fits. For non-standard likelihood ratio tests using REMLformula, see fixedLRT.
verbose	A vector of booleans. The inner element controls various diagnostic messages (possibly messy) about the iterations. This should be distinguished from the TRACE element, meaningful in fitme or corrHLfit calls, and much more useful. phifit (which defaults to TRUE) controls messages about the progress of residual dispersion fits in DHGLMs.
method	Character: the fitting method. allowed values are "REML", "ML", "EQL-" and "EQL+" for all models; "PQL" (="REPQL") and "PQL/L" for GLMMs only; and further values for those curious to experiment (see method). The default is REML (standard REML for LMMs, an extended definition for other models). REML can be viewed as a form of conditional inference, and non-standard conditionings can be called by using a non-standard REML formula.
HLmethod	Same as method. It is useless to specify HL method when method is specified. The default value " $HL(1,1)$ " means the same as M method=" M EML", but more accurately relates to definitions of approximations of likelihood in the M -likelihood literature.
control.HLfit	A list of parameters controlling the fitting algorithms, which should mostly be ignored in routine use. See control. HLfit for possible controls.
control.glm	List of parameters controlling GLM fits, passed to glm.control; e.g. control.glm=list(maxit=100). See glm.control for further details.
init.HLfit	A list of initial values for the iterative algorithm, with possible elements of the list are fixef for fixed effect estimates (beta), v_h for random effects vector \mathbf{v} in the linear predictor, lambda for the parameter determining the variance of random effects u as drawn from the rand.family distribution, and phi for the residual variance. However, this argument can be ignored in routine use.
ranFix	A list of fixed values of random effect parameters. See ranFix for further information.
etaFix	A list of given values of the coefficients of the linear predictor. See etaFix for further information.
prior.weights	An optional vector of prior weights as in glm. This fits the data to a probability model with residual variance parameter given as phi/prior.weights instead of the canonical parameter phi of the response family, and all further outputs are defined to be consistent with this (see section IV in Details).
weights.form	Specification of prior weights by a one-sided formula: use weights.form = ~ pw instead of prior.weights = pw. The effect will be the same except that such an argument, known to evaluate to an object of class "formula", is suitable to enforce safe programming practices (see good-practice).
processed	$A\ list of\ preprocessed\ arguments, for\ programming\ purposes\ only\ (as\ in\ corr HLfit).$

Details

- I. Approximations of likelihood: see method.
- **II. Possible structure of Random effects:** see random-effects, but note that HLfit does not fit models with autocorrelated random effects.

III. The standard errors reported may sometimes be misleading. For each set of parameters among β , λ , and ϕ parameters these are computed assuming that the other parameters are known without error. This is why they are labelled Cond. SE (conditional standard error). This is most uninformative in the unusual case where λ and ϕ are not separately estimable parameters. Further, the SEs for λ and ϕ are rough approximations as discussed in particular by Smyth et al. (2001; V_1 method).

IV. prior weights. This controls the likelihood analysis of heteroscedastic models. In particular, changing the weights by a constant factor f should, and will, yield a fit with unchanged likelihood and (Intercept) estimates of phi also increased by f (except if a non-trivial resid. formula with log link is used). This is consistent with what glm does, but other packages may not follow this logic (whatever their documentation may say: check by yourself by changing the weights by a constant factor).

Value

An object of class HLfit, which is a list with many elements, not all of which are documented.

A few extractor functions are available (see extractors), and should be used as far as possible as they should be backward-compatible from version 1.4 onwards, while the structure of the return object may still evolve. The following information will be useful for extracting further elements of the object.

Elements include descriptors of the fit:

eta Fitted values on the linear scale (including the predicted random efforts)	fects);	
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fv Fitted values ($\mu = \langle \text{inverse-link} \rangle(\eta)$) of the response variable (returned by the

fitted function);

fixef The fixed effects coefficients, β (returned by the fixef function);

 v_h The random effects on the linear scale, v, with attribute the random effects u

(returned by ranef(*,type="uncorrelated");

phi The residual variance ϕ ;

phi. object A possibly more complex object describing ϕ ;

lambda The random-effect (u) variance(s) λ in compact form;

lambda.object A possibly more complex object describing λ ;

ranef_info environment where information about the structure of random effects is stored;

corrPars Agglomerates information on correlation parameters, either fixed, or estimated

by HLfit, corrHLfit or fitme;

APHLs A list which elements are various likelihood components, include conditional

likelihood, h-likelihood, and the two adjusted profile h-likelihoods: the (approximate) marginal **likelihood** p_v and the (approximate) **restricted likelihood** p_bv (the latter two available through the logLik function). See the extractor function get_any_IC for information criteria ("AIC") and effective degrees of

freedom;

The covariance matrix of β estimates is not included as such, but can be extracted by vcov.

Information about the input is contained in output elements named as HLfit or corrHLfit arguments (data, family, resid. family, ranFix, prior.weights), with the following notable exceptions or modifications:

predictor The formula, possibly reformatted;

resid.predictor

Analogous to predictor, for the residual variance;

rand.families corresponding to the rand.family input;

Further miscellaneous diagnostics and descriptors of model structure:

X.pv The design matrix for fixed effects;

ZAlist, strucList

Two lists of matrices, respectively the design matrices " \mathbf{Z} ", and the " \mathbf{L} " matrices, for the different random-effect terms. The extractor $\mathtt{get_ZALMatrix}$ can be used

to reconstruct a single "ZL" matrix for all terms.

BinomialDen (binomial data only) the binomial denominators;

y the response vector; for binomial data, the frequency response.

models Additional information on model structure for η , λ and ϕ ;

HL A set of indices that characterize the approximations used for likelihood;

leve_phi,lev_lambda

Leverages;

dfs list (possibly structured): degrees of freedom for different components of the

model;

warnings A list of warnings for events that may have occurred during the fit.

Finally, the object includes programming tools: call, spaMM.version, fit_time and envir.

References

Lee, Y., Nelder, J. A. (2001) Hierarchical generalised linear models: A synthesis of generalised linear models, random-effect models and structured dispersions. Biometrika 88, 987-1006.

Lee, Y., Nelder, J. A. and Pawitan, Y. (2006). Generalized linear models with random effects: unified analysis via h-likelihood. Chapman & Hall: London.

Smyth GK, Huele AF, Verbyla AP (2001). Exact and approximate REML for heteroscedastic regression. Statistical Modelling 1, 161-175.

See Also

HLCor for estimation with given spatial correlation parameters; corrHLfit for joint estimation with spatial correlation parameters; fitme as an alternative to all these functions.

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how

Extract information about how an object was obtained

Description

how is defined as a generic with currently only one non-default method, for objects of class HLfit. This method provide information about how such a fit was obtained.

Usage

```
how(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'HLfit'
how(object, devel=FALSE, verbose=TRUE, format=print, ...)
## S3 method for class 'HLfitlist'
how(object, devel=FALSE, verbose=TRUE, format=print, ...)
```

Arguments

object	Any R object.
devel	Boolean; Whether to provide additional cryptic information. For development purposes, not further documented.
verbose	Boolean; Whether to print information about the input object.
format	wrapper for printing format. E.g., $cat(crayon::yellow(s),"\n")$ could be used instead of the default.
	Other arguments that may be needed by some method.

Value

A list, returned invisibly, whose elements are not further described here, some being slightly cryptic or subject to future changes However, how(.)\$fit_time is a clean way of getting the fit time. If verbose is TRUE, the function prints a message presenting some of these elements.

```
foo <- HLfit(y^x, data=data.frame(x=runif(3), y=runif(3)), method="ML", ranFix=list(phi=1)) how(foo)
```

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Controlling optimization strategy through initial values

Description

Several parameters (notably the dispersion parameters: the variance of random effects and the residual variance parameter, if any) can be estimated either by iterative algorithms, or by generic optimization methods. The development of the fitme function aims to provide full control of the selection of algorithms. For example, if two random effects are fitted, then

init=list(lambda=c(NA,NaN)) enforces generic optimization for the first variance and iterative algorithms for the second.

init=list(lambda=c(\emptyset .1,NaN)) has the same effect and additionally provides control of the initial value for optimization (whereas init.HLfit=list(lambda=c(NA, \emptyset .1)) will provide control of the initial value for iterations).

How to know which algorithm has been selected for each parameter? fitme(., verbose=c(TRACE=TRUE)) shows successive values of the variables estimated by optimization (See Examples; if no value appears, then all are estimated by iterative methods). The first lines of the summary of a fit object should tell which variances are estimated by the "outer" method.

corrHLfit, which uses inner optimization by default, can be forced to perform outer optimization. Its control is more limited, as NAs and NaNs are not allowed. Instead, only numeric values as in init=list(lambda=0.1) are allowed.

```
air <- data.frame(passengers = as.numeric(AirPassengers),</pre>
                  year_z = scale(rep(1949:1960, each = 12)),
                  month = factor(rep(1:12, 12)))
air$time <- 1:nrow(air)</pre>
# Use verbose to find that lambda is estimated by optimization
fitme(passengers ~ month * year_z + AR1(1|time), data = air,
      verbose=c(TRACE=TRUE))
# Use init to enforce iterative algorithm for lambda estimation:
fitme(passengers ~ month * year_z + AR1(1|time), data = air,
      verbose=c(TRACE=TRUE), init=list(lambda=NaN))
# (but then it may be better to enforce it also for phi: init=list(lambda=NaN, phi=NaN))
# Use init to enforce generic optimization for lambda estimation,
   and control initial value:
fitme(passengers ~ month * year_z + AR1(1|time), data = air,
      verbose=c(TRACE=TRUE), init=list(lambda=0.1))
# See help("multinomial") for more examples of control by initial values.
## End(Not run)
```

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inverse.Gamma

Distribution families for Gamma and inverse Gamma-distributed random effects

Description

For dispersion parameter λ , Gamma means that random effects are distributed as u Gamma(shape= $1/\lambda$,scale= λ), so u has mean 1 and variance λ . Both the log (v = log(u)) and identity (v = u) links are possible, though in the latter case the variance of u is constrained below 1 (otherwise Laplace approximations fail).

The two-parameter inverse Gamma distribution is the distribution of the reciprocal of a variable distributed according to the Gamma distribution Gamma with the same shape and scale parameters. inverse . Gamma implements the one-parameter inverse Gamma family with shape=1+1/ λ and ${\bf rate}$ =1/ λ) (rate=1/scale). It is used to model the distribution of random effects. Its mean=1; and its variance = $\lambda/(1-\lambda)$) if $\lambda<1$, otherwise infinite. The default link is "-1/mu", in which case v=-1/u is "-Gamma"-distributed with the same shape and rate, hence with mean $-(\lambda+1)$ and variance $\lambda(\lambda+1)$, which is a different one-parameter Gamma family than the above-described Gamma. The other possible link is v=log(u) in which case

 $v - log(X \text{ Gamma}(1 + 1/\lambda, 1/\lambda))$, with mean $-(log(1/\lambda) + digamma(1 + 1/\lambda))$ and variance trigamma $(1 + 1/\lambda)$.

Usage

```
inverse.Gamma(link = "-1/mu")
# Gamma(link = "inverse") using stats::Gamma
```

Arguments

link

For Gamma, allowed links are log and identity (the default link from Gamma, "inverse", cannot be used for the random effect specification). For inverse. Gamma, allowed links are "-1/mu" (default) and log.

Examples

```
# see help("HLfit") for fits using the inverse. Gamma distribution.
```

is_separated

Checking for (quasi-)separation in binomial-response model.

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Description

Separation occurs in binomial response models when a combination of the predictor variables perfectly predict a level of the response. In such a case the estimates of the coefficients for these variables diverge to (+/-)infinity, and the numerical algorithms typically fail. To anticipate such a problem, the fitting functions in spaMM try to check for separation by default. The check may take much time, and is skipped if the "problem size" exceeds a threshold defined by spaMM.options(separation_max=<.>), in which case a message will tell users by how much they should increase separation_max to force the check (its exact meaning and default value are subject to changes without notice but the default value aims to correspond to a separation check time of the order of 1s on the author's computer).

is_separated is a convenient interface to procedures from the ROI package, which can be called explicitly by the user to check bootstrap samples (see Example in anova). is_separated.formula is a variant (not yet a formal S3 method) that performs the same check, but using arguments similar to those of fitme(., family=binomial()).

Usage

Arguments

x Design matrix for fixed effects.y Numeric response vector

formula A model formula

data and possibly other arguments of a fitme call. family is ignored if present. separation_max numeric: non-default value allow for easier local control of this spaMM option. solver character: name of linear programming solver used to assess separation; passed

character: name of linear programming solver used to assess separation; passed to ROI_solve's solver argument. One can select other solvers if the corre-

sponding ROI plugin is installed.

verbose Whether to print some messages or not.

Value

Returns a boolean; TRUE means there is (quasi-)separation.

References

The method accessible by solver="glpk" implements algorithms described by

Konis, K. 2007. Linear Programming Algorithms for Detecting Separated Data in Binary Logistic Regression Models. DPhil Thesis, Univ. Oxford. https://ora.ox.ac.uk/objects/uuid:8f9ee0d0-d78e-4101-9ab4-f9cbceed2a2a.

See Also

See also the 'safeBinaryRegression' and 'detectseparation' package.

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Examples

```
set.seed(123)
d <- data.frame(success = rbinom(10, size = 1, prob = 0.9), x = 1:10)
is_separated.formula(formula= success~x, data=d) # FALSE
is_separated.formula(formula= success~I(success^2), data=d) # TRUE</pre>
```

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Link-linear regression models (LLMs)

Description

Some "family" objects in **spaMM** describe models with non-GLM response families, such as the negbin1 or beta_resp families already widely considered in previous works and other packages. These models are characterized by a linear predictor, a link function, and a distribution for residual variation that does not belong to the exponential family.

These family objects are conceived for use with **spaMM**'s fitting functions. They cannot generally be used as argument to the glm function, except when this function is highjacked by use of the method="llm.fit" argument, where llm stands for Link-Linear (as in "log-linear", say) regression Model.

Mixed-effect models fitted by such methods cannot use expected-Hessian approximations, in contrast to GLM response families. negbin2 is a family object for a GLM response family (strictly speaking, only for fixed shape and untruncated version) but implemented as an LL-family, in particular using only the observed Hessian matrix.

Usage

```
# glm(..., method="llm.fit")
## See also 'beta_resp', 'negbin1', and possibly later additions.
```

Details

These family objects are lists, formally of class c("LLF", "family"). Compared to a family object, they have additional elements, not documented here. They provide deviance residuals, defined as "2*(saturated_logLik - logLik)", through the dev.resids member function. The likelihood for the saturated model is the likelihood maximized wrt to the mean parameter μ for each observation y independently, were the maximizing μ is not equal to the observation, in contrast to the standard result for GLMs.

```
data(scotlip)
### negbin1 response:

# Fixed-effect model
#
(var_shape <- fitme(cases~I(prop.ag/10)+offset(log(expec)),family=negbin1(),</pre>
```

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```
data=scotlip))
# Highjacking glm(): the family parameter must be given
#
fitted_shape <- residVar(var_shape,which="fam_parm")
glm(cases~I(prop.ag/10)+offset(log(expec)),family=negbin1(shape=fitted_shape),
    method="llm.fit", data=scotlip)

### Similar exercice with Beta response family:
set.seed(123)
beta_dat <- data.frame(y=runif(100),grp=sample(2,100,replace = TRUE))

# Fixed-effect model
(var_prec <- fitme(y ~1, family=beta_resp(), data= beta_dat))
# Highjacking glm():
fitted_prec <- residVar(var_prec,which="fam_parm")</pre>
```

glm(y ~1, family=beta_resp(prec=fitted_prec), data= beta_dat, method="llm.fit")

Loaloa

Loa loa prevalence in North Cameroon, 1991-2001

Description

This data set describes prevalence of infection by the nematode *Loa loa* in North Cameroon, 1991-2001. This is a superset of the data discussed by Diggle and Ribeiro (2007) and Diggle et al. (2007). The study investigated the relationship between altitude, vegetation indices, and prevalence of the parasite.

Usage

```
data("Loaloa")
```

Format

The data frame includes 197 observations on the following variables:

```
latitude latitude, in degrees.

longitude longitude, in degrees.

ntot sample size per location

npos number of infected individuals per location

maxNDVI maximum normalised-difference vegetation index (NDVI) from repeated satellite scans

seNDVI standard error of NDVI

elev1 altitude, in m.
```

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elev2,elev3,elev4 Additional altitude variables derived from the previous one, provided for convenience: respectively, positive values of altitude-650, positive values of altitude-1000, and positive values of altitude-1300

maxNDVI1 a copy of maxNDVI modified as maxNDVI1[maxNDVI1>0.8] <- 0.8

Source

The data were last retrieved on March 1, 2013 from P.J. Ribeiro's web resources at www.leg.ufpr.br/doku.php/pessoais:paulojus:mbgbook:datasets. A current (2022-06-18) source is https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/staff/diggle/moredata/Loaloa.txt).

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```
data("Loaloa")
if (spaMM.getOption("example_maxtime")>5) {
 fitme(cbind(npos,ntot-npos)~1 +Matern(1|longitude+latitude),
        data=Loaloa, family=binomial())
}
### Variations on the model fit by Diggle et al.
       on a subset of the Loaloa data
### In each case this shows the slight differences in syntax,
###
       and the difference in 'typical' computation times,
###
       when fit using corrHLfit() or fitme().
if (spaMM.getOption("example_maxtime")>4) {
 corrHLfit(cbind(npos,ntot-npos)~elev1+elev2+elev3+elev4+maxNDVI1+seNDVI
                   +Matern(1|longitude+latitude), method="HL(0,1)",
                 data=Loaloa,family=binomial(),ranFix=list(nu=0.5))
}
if (spaMM.getOption("example_maxtime")>1.6) {
 fitme(cbind(npos,ntot-npos)~elev1+elev2+elev3+elev4+maxNDVI1+seNDVI
                   +Matern(1|longitude+latitude), method="HL(0,1)",
                 data=Loaloa, family=binomial(), fixed=list(nu=0.5))
}
if (spaMM.getOption("example_maxtime")>5.8) {
 corrHLfit(cbind(npos,ntot-npos)~elev1+elev2+elev3+elev4+maxNDVI1+seNDVI
            +Matern(1|longitude+latitude),
              data=Loaloa,family=binomial(),ranFix=list(nu=0.5))
}
```

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```
if (spaMM.getOption("example_maxtime")>2.5) {
  fitme(cbind(npos,ntot-npos)~elev1+elev2+elev3+elev4+maxNDVI1+seNDVI
            +Matern(1|longitude+latitude),
              data=Loaloa,family=binomial(),fixed=list(nu=0.5),method="REML")
}
## Diggle and Ribeiro (2007) assumed (in this package notation) Nugget=2/7:
if (spaMM.getOption("example_maxtime")>7) {
 corrHLfit(cbind(npos,ntot-npos)~elev1+elev2+elev3+elev4+maxNDVI1+seNDVI
           +Matern(1|longitude+latitude),
             data=Loaloa,family=binomial(),ranFix=list(nu=0.5,Nugget=2/7))
}
if (spaMM.getOption("example_maxtime")>1.3) {
  fitme(cbind(npos,ntot-npos)~elev1+elev2+elev3+elev4+maxNDVI1+seNDVI
           +Matern(1|longitude+latitude), method="REML",
             data=Loaloa,family=binomial(),fixed=list(nu=0.5,Nugget=2/7))
}
## with nugget estimation:
if (spaMM.getOption("example_maxtime")>17) {
  corrHLfit(cbind(npos,ntot-npos)~elev1+elev2+elev3+elev4+maxNDVI1+seNDVI
           +Matern(1|longitude+latitude),
             data=Loaloa, family=binomial(),
             init.corrHLfit=list(Nugget=0.1),ranFix=list(nu=0.5))
}
if (spaMM.getOption("example_maxtime")>5.5) {
  fitme(cbind(npos,ntot-npos)~elev1+elev2+elev3+elev4+maxNDVI1+seNDVI
           +Matern(1|longitude+latitude),
             data=Loaloa,family=binomial(),method="REML",
             init=list(Nugget=0.1),fixed=list(nu=0.5))
}
```

LRT

Likelihood ratio test of fixed effects.

Description

LRT performs a likelihood ratio (LR) test between two model fits, the "full" and the "null" model fits. The anova method for fit objects from spaMM is an alias for LRT.

If the models differ only in their fixed effects, a standard test based on the asymptotic chi-square distribution is performed, with number of degrees of freedom determined by the function. In addition, parametric bootstrap p-values can be computed, either using the raw bootstrap distribution of the likelihood ratio, or a bootstrap estimate of the Bartlett correction of the LR statistic. This function differs from fixedLRT in its arguments (model fits for LRT, but all arguments required to fit the models for fixedLRT), and in the format of its return value. By conceptual drift, anova works as an alias for LRT.

If the two models differ in their random effects, a bootstrap test may be performed. Either the full and null model can be told apart by a simple comparison of the model formulas, or the model with

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the lower likelihood is assumed to be the null one (the latter is subject to numerical uncertainties when both fit are equivalent). No number of degrees of freedom is deduced, so no asymptotic test is performed.

If the two models differ in both their fixed and random components, the same bootstrap test can be performed (see Examples), but the procedure further checks that the same model is nested in the other for both components. This requires that a simple comparison of the model formulas is sufficient to assess this for random effects, and may therefore fail).

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'HLfit'
anova(object, object2, ..., method="")
LRT(object, object2, boot.repl = 0, resp_testfn = NULL,
    simuland = eval_replicate,
    # many further arguments can be passed to spaMM_boot via the '...'
    # These include arguments for parallel computations, such as
    # nb_cores, fit_env,
    # as well as other named arguments and spaMM_boot's own '...'
    ...)
```

Arguments

object, object2 Two models fits being compared (their order does not matter).

boot.repl the number of bootstrap replicates.

resp_testfn See argument resp_testfn of spaMM_boot method For development purposes, not documented.

simuland a function, passed to spaMM_boot. See argument eval_replicate for default

value and requirements.

... Further arguments, passed to spaMM_boot (e.g., for parallelization).

Details

A raw bootstrap p-value can be computed from the simulated distribution as $(1+sum(t \ge t0))/(N+1)$ where t0 is the original likelihood ratio, t the vector of bootstrap replicates and N its length. See Davison & Hinkley (1997, p. 141) for discussion of the adjustments in this formula. However, a computationally more economical use of the bootstrap is to provide a Bartlett correction for the likelihood ratio test in small samples. According to this correction, the mean value m of the likelihood ratio statistic under the null hypothesis is computed (here estimated by a parametric bootstrap) and the original LR statistic is multiplied by n/m where n is the number of degrees of freedom of the test.

If random effects are tested, only the raw p-value is computed. Its null distribution may include a probability mass in 1 (the discussion in Details of get_RLRsim_args applies).

Value

An object of class fixedLRT, actually a list with as-yet unstable format, but here with typical elements (depending on the options)

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fullfit the HLfit object for the full model; nullfit the HLfit object for the null model;

basicLRT A data frame including values of the likelihood ratio chi2 statistic, its degrees of

freedom, and the p-value;

and, if a bootstrap was performed:

rawBootLRT A data frame including values of the likelihood ratio chi2 statistic, its degrees of

freedom, and the raw bootstrap p-value;

BartBootLRT A data frame including values of the Bartlett-corrected likelihood ratio chi2

statistic, its degrees of freedom, and its p-value;

bootInfo a list with the following elements:

bootreps A table of fitted likelihoods for bootstrap replicates;

meanbootLRT The mean likelihood ratio chi-square statistic for bootstrap repli-

cates;

References

Bartlett, M. S. (1937) Properties of sufficiency and statistical tests. Proceedings of the Royal Society (London) A 160: 268-282.

Davison A.C., Hinkley D.V. (1997) Bootstrap methods and their applications. Cambridge Univ. Press, Cambridge, UK.

See Also

See also fixedLRT and get_RLRsim_args.

```
data("wafers")
## Gamma GLMM with log link
m1 \leftarrow HLfit(y \sim X1+X2+X1+X3+X2+X3+I(X2^2)+(1|batch),family=Gamma(log),
           resid.model = ~ X3+I(X3^2) ,data=wafers,method="ML")
m2 \leftarrow update(m1, formula. = \sim . -I(X2^2))
anova(m1,m2)
# Using resp_testfn argument:
## Not run:
set.seed(1L)
d \leftarrow data.frame(success = rbinom(10, size = 1, prob = 0.9), x = 1:10)
xx <- cbind(1,d$x)
table(d$success)
m_x \leftarrow fitme(success \sim x, data = d, family = binomial())
m_0 \leftarrow fitme(success \sim 1, data = d, family = binomial())
anova(m_x, m_0, boot.repl = 100,
      resp_testfn=function(y) {! is_separated(xx,as.numeric(y),verbose=FALSE)})
## End(Not run)
## Models differing both in fixed and random effects:
```

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make_scaled_dist

Scaled distances between unique locations

Description

This function computes scaled distances from whichever relevant argument it can use (see Details). The result can directly by used as input for computation of the Matérn correlation matrix. It is usually called internally by HLCor, so that users may ignore it, except if they wish to control the distance used through control.dist\$method, or the parametrization of the scaling through control.dist\$rho.mapping.control.dist\$method provide access to the distances implemented in the proxy package, as well as to "EarthChord" and "Earth" methods defined in spaMM (see Details).

Usage

Arguments

uniqueGeo A matrix of geographical coordinates (e.g. 2 columns for latitude and longitude),

without replicates of the same location.

uniqueGeo2 NULL, or a second matrix of geographical coordinates, without replicates of the

same location. If NULL, scaled distances among uniqueGeo locations are computed. Otherwise, scaled distances between locations in the two input matrices

are computed.

distMatrix A distance matrix.

rho A scalar or vector of positive values. Scaled distance is computed as <distances

in each coordinate> * rho, unless a non-trivial rho.mapping is used.

rho.mapping A set of indices controlling which elements of the rho scale vector scales which

dimension(s) of the space in which (spatial) correlation matrices of random effects are computed. Scaled distance is generally computed as <distances in each coordinate> * rho[rho.mapping]. As shown in the Example, if one

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wishes to combine isotropic geographical distance and some environmental distance, the coordinates being latitude, longitude and one environmental variable, the scaled distance may be computed as (say) (lat,long,env) *rho[c(1,1,2)] so that the same scaling rho[1] applies for both geographical coordinates. In this case, rho should have length 2 and rho.mapping should be c(1,1,2).

dist.method

method argument of proxy::dist function (by default, "Euclidean", but other

distances are possible (see Details).

return_matrix

Whether to return a matrix rather than a proxy::dist or proxy::crossdist object.

Details

The function uses the distMatrix argument if provided, in which case rho must be a scalar. Vectorial rho (i.e., different scaling of different dimensions) is feasible only by providing uniqueGeo.

The dist.method argument gives access to distances implemented in the proxy package, or to user-defined ones that are made accessible to proxy through its database. Of special interest for spatial analyses are distances computed from longitude and latitude (proxy implements "Geodesic" and "Chord" distances but they do not use such coordinates: instead, they use Euclidean distance for 2D computations, i.e. Euclidean distance between points on a circle rather than on a sphere). spaMM implements two such distances: "Earth" and "EarthChord", using longitude and latitude inputs in that order (see Examples). The "EarthChord" distance is the 3D Euclidean distance "through Earth". The "Earth" distance is also known as the orthodromic or great-circle distance, on the Earth surface. Both distances return values in km and are based on approximating the Earth by a sphere of radius 6371.009 km.

Value

A matrix or dist object. If there are two input matrices, rows of the return value correspond to rows of the first matrix.

mapMM

Colorful plots of predictions in two-dimensional space.

Description

These functions provide either a map of predicted response in analyzed locations, or a predicted surface. mapMM is a straightforward representation of the analysis of the data, while filled.mapMM uses interpolation to cope with the fact that all predictor variables may not be known in all locations on a fine spatial grid. map_ranef maps a single spatial random effect. These three functions takes an HLfit object as input. mapMM calls spaMMplot2D, which is similar but takes a more conventional (x,y,z) input.

Using filled.mapMM may involve questionable choices. Plotting a filled contour generally requires prediction in non-observed locations, where predictor variables used in the original data analysis may be missing. In that case, the original model formula cannot be used and an alternative model (controlled by the map.formula argument) must be used to interpolate (not smooth) the predicted values in observed locations (these predictions still resulting from the original analysis based on predictor variables). filled.mapMM always performs such interpolation (it does not allow one to provide values for the predictor variables). As a result (1) filled.mapMM will be slower than a mere plotting function, since it involves the analysis of spatial data; (2) the results may have little useful meaning if the effect of the original predictor variables is not correctly represented by this interpolation step. For example, prediction by interpolation may be biased in a way analogous to prediction of temperature in non-observed locations while ignoring effect of variation in altitude in such locations. Likewise, thevariance argument of filled.mapMM allows one only to plot the prediction variance of its own interpolator, rather than that of the input object.

map_ranef is free of the limitations of filled.mapMM.

Usage

```
spaMMplot2D(x, y, z,xrange=range(x, finite = TRUE),
    yrange=range(y, finite = TRUE), margin=1/20,add.map= FALSE,
    nlevels = 20, color.palette = spaMM.colors,map.asp=NULL,
    col = color.palette(length(levels) - 1), plot.title=NULL, plot.axes=NULL,
    decorations=NULL, key.title=NULL, key.axes=NULL, xaxs = "i",
    yaxs = "i", las = 1, axes = TRUE, frame.plot = axes, ...)

mapMM(fitobject,Ztransf=NULL,coordinates,
    add.points,decorations=NULL,plot.title=NULL,plot.axes=NULL,envir=-3, ...)

filled.mapMM(
    fitobject, Ztransf = NULL, coordinates, xrange = NULL, yrange = NULL,
    margin = 1/20, map.formula, phi = 1e-05, gridSteps = 41,
    decorations = quote(points(pred[, coordinates], cex = 1, lwd = 2)),
    add.map = FALSE, axes = TRUE, plot.title = NULL,plot.axes = NULL,
    map.asp = NULL, variance = NULL, var.contour.args = list(),
    smoothObject = NULL, return.="smoothObject", ...)
```

```
map_ranef(fitobject, re.form, Ztransf=NULL, xrange = NULL, yrange = NULL,
  margin = 1/20, gridSteps = 41,
  decorations = quote(points(fitobject$data[, coordinates], cex = 1, lwd = 2)),
  add.map = FALSE, axes = TRUE, plot.title=NULL, plot.axes=NULL,
  map.asp = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

fitobject The return object of a corrHLfit or fitme call.

x,y,z Three vectors of coordinates, with z being expectedly the response.

re.form A model formula giving the single random effect term to plot, needed only if

there are several spatial random effects in the fitted model. In that case, it must be formatted as . ~ <term>, as for the re.form argument of predict.HLfit.

Ztransf A transformation of the predicted response, given as a function whose only re-

quired argument can be a one-column matrix. The name of this argument must be Z (not x), as is appropriate for use in do.call(Ztransf, list(Z=Zvalues)).

coordinates The geographical coordinates. By default they are deduced from the model for-

mula. For example if this formula is $resp \sim 1 + Matern(1 \mid x + y)$ the default coordinates are c("x","y"). If this formula is $resp \sim 1 + Matern(1 \mid x + y + z)$,

the user must choose two of the three coordinates.

xrange The x range of the plot (a vector of length 2); by default defined to cover all

analyzed points.

yrange The y range of the plot (a vector of length 2); by default defined to cover all

analyzed points.

margin This controls how far (in relative terms) the plot extends beyond the x and y

ranges of the analyzed points, and is overriden by explicit xrange and yrange

arguments.

map.formula NULL, or a formula whose left-hand side is ignored. Provides the formula used

for interpolation. If NULL, a default formula with the same spatial effect(s) as

in the input fitobject is used.

phi This controls the phi value assumed in the interpolation step. Ideally phi would

be zero, but problems with numerically singular matrices may arise when phi is

too small.

gridSteps The number of levels of the grid of x and y values

variance Either NULL, or the name of a component of variance of prediction by the in-

terpolator to be plotted. Must name one of the components that can be returned by predict.HLfit. variance="predVar" is suitable for uncertainty in point

prediction.

var.contour.args

A list of control parameters for rendering of prediction variances. See contour

for possible arguments (except x, y, z and add).

add.map Either a boolean or an explicit expression, enclosed in quote (see Examples).

If TRUE, the map function from the maps package (which much therefore the loaded) is used to add a map from its default world database. xrange and yrange are used to select the area, so it is most convenient if the coordinates

are longitude and latitude (in this order and in standard units). An explicit ex-

pression can also be used for further control.

levels a set of levels which are used to partition the range of z. Must be strictly increas-

ing (and finite). Areas with z values between consecutive levels are painted with

the same color.

nlevels if levels is not specified, the range of z, values is divided into *approximately*

this many levels (a call to pretty determines the actual number of levels).

color.palette a color palette function to be used to assign colors in the plot.

map.asp the y/x aspect ratio of the 2D plot area (not of the full figure including the scale).

By default, the scales for x and y are identical unless the x and y ranges are too different. Namely, the scales are identical if (plotted y range)/(plotted x range)

is 1/4 < . < 4, and map.asp is 1 otherwise.

col an explicit set of colors to be used in the plot. This argument overrides any

palette function specification. There should be one less color than levels

plot.title statements which add titles to the main plot. See Details for differences between

functions.

plot . axes statements which draw axes (and a box) on the main plot. See Details for differ-

ences between functions.

decorations Either NULL or Additional graphic statements (points, polygon, etc.), en-

closed in quote (the default value illustrates the latter syntax). .

add.points Obsolete, use decorations instead.

envir Controls the environment in which plot.title, plot.axes, and decorations

are evaluated. mapMM calls spaMM2Dplot from where these graphic arguments are evaluated, and the default value -3 means that they are evaluated within the

environment from where mapMM was called.

key.title statements which add titles for the plot key.

key.axes statements which draw axes on the plot key.

xaxs the x axis style. The default is to use internal labeling.

yaxs the y axis style. The default is to use internal labeling.

las the style of labeling to be used. The default is to use horizontal labeling.

axes, frame.plot

logicals indicating if axes and a box should be drawn, as in plot.default.

smoothObject Either NULL, or an object inheriting from class HLfit (hence, an object on

which predict. HLfit can be called), predicting the response surface in any

coordinates. See Details for typical usages.

return. character string: see Value

.. further arguments passed to or from other methods. For mapMM, all such argu-

ments are passed to spaMMplot2D; for spaMMplot2D, currently only additional graphical parameters passed to title() (see Details). For filled.mapMM and map_ranef, these parameters are those that can be passed to spaMM.filled.contour.

Details

The smoothObject argument may be used to redraw a figure faster by recycling the predictor of the response surface returned invisibly by a previous call to filled.mapMM.

For smoothObject=NULL (the default), filled.mapMM interpolates the predicted response, with sometimes unpleasant effects. For example, if one interpolates probabilities, the result may not be within [0,1], and then (say) a logarithmic Ztransf may generate NaN values that would otherwise not occur. The smoothObject argument may be used to overcome the default behaviour, by providing an alternative predictor.

If you have values for all predictor variables in all locations of a fine spatial grid, filled.mapMM may not be a good choice, since it will ignore that information (see map.formula argument). Rather, one should use predict(<fitobject>,newdata= <all predictor variables >) to generate all predictions, and then either spaMM.filled.contour or some other raster functions.

The different functions are (currently) inconsistent among themselves in the way they handle the plot.title and plot.axes argument:

spaMM.filled.contour behaves like graphics::filled.contour, which (1) handles arguments which are calls such as title(.) or {axis(1); axis(2)}; (2) ignores . . . arguments if plot.title is missing; and (3) draws axes by default when plot.axes is missing, given axes = TRUE.

By contrast, **filled.mapMM** handles arguments which are language expressions such as produced by quote(.) or substitute(.) (see Examples).

mapMM can handles language expressions, but also accepts at least some calls.

Value

filled.mapMM by default returns invisibly the fit object predicting the interpolated response surface; however, for any non-default return. argument (return.="raster" would be recommended to ensure future back-compatibility), it will return a raster of values as a list with elements x, y andz. map_ranef returns invisibly a 3-column matrix containing the spatial coordinates, and the predicted effect z on the linear predictor scale (which is also the scale of the plot, unless a Ztransf is used). mapMM has no return value. Plots are produced as side-effects.

See Also

seaMask for masking areas in a filled map; https://gitlab.mbb.univ-montp2.fr/francois/spamm-ref/-/blob/master/vignettePlus/example_raster.html for more elaborate plot procedures.

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```
filled.mapMM(bfit, nlevels=30, add.map=TRUE, plot.axes=quote({axis(1);axis(2)}),
             variance="respVar",
             plot.title=title(main="Inferred migration propensity of blackcaps",
                               xlab="longitude",ylab="latitude"))
}
if (spaMM.getOption("example_maxtime")>3) {
 data("Loaloa")
 lfit <- fitme(cbind(npos,ntot-npos)~elev1+elev2+elev3+elev4+maxNDVI1+seNDVI</pre>
                  +Matern(1|longitude+latitude), method="PQL", data=Loaloa,
                  family=binomial(), fixed=list(nu=0.5,rho=2.255197,lambda=1.075))
 ## longer computation requiring interpolation of 197 points
 ## Also illustrating effect of 'return.' argument
 res <- filled.mapMM(lfit,add.map=TRUE,plot.axes=quote({axis(1);axis(2)}),</pre>
    decorations=quote(points(pred[,coordinates],pch=15,cex=0.3)),
    return.="raster", # so that 'res' is a list representing a raster.
   plot.title=title(main="Inferred prevalence, North Cameroon",
                     xlab="longitude",ylab="latitude"))
}
```

MaternCorr

Matern correlation function and Matern formula term.

Description

The Matérn correlation function describes realizations of Gaussian spatial processes with different smoothnesses (i.e. either smooth or rugged surfaces, controlled by the ν parameter). It also includes a ρ scaling parameter and an optional 'nugget' parameter. A random effect specified in a model formula as Matern(1|<...>) has pairwise correlations given by the Matérn function at the scaled Euclidean distance between coordinates specified in <...>, using "+" as separator (e.g., Matern(1|longitude+latitude)). The Matern family can be used in Euclidean spaces of any dimension; and also for correlations on a sphere (with maximum smoothness nu=0.5).

A syntax of the form Matern(1|longitude+latitude %in% grp) can be used to specify a Matern random effect with independent realizations (but identical correlation parameters) for each level of the grouping variable grp. Alternatively, the Matern(<T/F factor>|longitude+latitude) may be used to specify Matern effects specific to individuals identified by the <T/F factor> (see Example with females and males). In that case distinct correlation parameters are fitted for each such Matern term.

When group-specific autocorrelated random effects are fitted, it may be wise to allow for different means for each group in the Intercept (a message will point this out if the fit results for Matern or Cauchy terms suggest so).

By default, fitme and corrHLfit performs optimization over the ρ and ν parameters. It is possible to estimate different scaling parameters for the different Euclidean dimensions: see examples in make_scaled_dist.

The MaternCorr function may be used to vizualise these correlations, using distances as input.

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Usage

```
## Default S3 method:
MaternCorr(d, rho = 1, smoothness, nu = smoothness, Nugget = NULL)
# Matern(1|...)
```

Arguments

d A distance or a distance matrix.

rho A scaling factor for distance. The 'range' considered in some formulations is

the reciprocal of this scaling factor

smoothness The smoothness parameter, >0. $\nu=0.5$ corresponds to the exponential correla-

tion function, and the limit function when μ goes to ∞ is the squared exponential

function (as in a Gaussian).

nu Same as smoothness

Nugget (Following the jargon of Kriging) a parameter describing a discontinuous de-

crease in correlation at zero distance. Correlation will always be 1 at d=0, and

from which it immediately drops to (1-Nugget)

... Names of coordinates, using "+" as separator (e.g., Matern(1|longitude+latitude)

Details

The correlation at distance d > 0 is

$$(1-{\rm Nugget})\frac{(\rho d)^{\nu}K_{\nu}(\rho d)}{2^{(\nu-1)}\Gamma(\nu)}$$

where K_{ν} is the besselK function of order ν .

By default the Nugget is set to 0. See one of the examples on data set Loaloa for a fit including the estimation of the Nugget.

Value

Scalar/vector/matrix depending on input.

References

Stein, M.L. (1999) Statistical Interpolation of Spatial Data: Some Theory for Kriging. Springer, New York.

See Also

See corMatern for an implementation of this correlation function as a corSpatial object for use with lme or glmmPQL.

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Examples

```
## See examples in help("HLCor"), help("Loaloa"), help("make_scaled_dist"), etc.
## Matern correlations in 4-dimensional space:
set.seed(123)
randpts <- matrix(rnorm(20),nrow=5)</pre>
distMatrix <- as.matrix(proxy::dist(randpts))</pre>
MaternCorr(distMatrix,nu=2)
## Group-specific random effects
if (spaMM.getOption("example_maxtime")>1.6) {
   data("blackcap")
 # grouped effect using the '%in%' syntax:
   fm <- cbind(blackcap,sex=c(rep(TRUE,7),rep(FALSE,7)))</pre>
   fitme(migStatus ~ 1 + Matern(1|longitude+latitude %in% sex),data=fm)
 # Superficially similar aim for distinct random effects for each sex,
 # but here with distinct covariance parameters for each of them:
   fm$female <- fm$sex; fm$male <- ! fm$female</pre>
   fitme(migStatus ~ 1 + Matern(female|longitude+latitude)+
                         Matern(male|longitude+latitude),data=fm)
 # Although the results of these fits do not explicitly call for it,
 # adding a group-specific intercept may make more sense, as in e.g.
   fitme(migStatus ~ sex + Matern(1|longitude+latitude %in% sex), data=fm)
}
```

MaternIMRFa

corrFamily constructor for Interpolated Markov Random Field (IMRF) covariance structure approximating a 2D Matern correlation model.

Description

Reimplements the IMRF correlation model approximating a Matern correlation function, through a corrFamily constructor. This allows the efficient joint estimation of the alpha parameter of the approximating Markov random field (in principle related to the smoothness parameter of the Matern correlation function) together with its kappa parameter. By contrast, random effects terms specified as IMRF(1|., model = <INLA::inla.spde2.matern result>) assume a fixed alpha.

Using this feature requires that the not-on-CRAN package **INLA** (https://www.r-inla.org) is installed so that INLA::inla.spde2.matern can be called for each alpha value.

Usage

```
# corrFamily constructor:
MaternIMRFa(mesh, tpar = c(alpha = 1.25, kappa = 0.1), fixed = NULL)
```

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Arguments

mesh	An inla.mesh object as produced by INLA::inla.mesh.2d.
	and consistently with the general format of corrFamily constructors:
tpar	Named numeric vector: template values of the parameters of the model. Better not modified unless you know what you are doing.
fixed	NULL or numeric vector, to fix the parameters of this model.

Value

A list suitable as input in the covStruct argument, with the following elements:

f	function returning a precision matrix for the random effect in mesh vertices;
tpar	template parameter vector (see general requirements of a corrFamily descriptor);
Af	function returning a matrix that implements the prediction of random effect values in data locations by interpolation of values in mesh locations (similarly to INLA::inla.spde.make.A);
type	specifies that the matrix returned by Cf is a precision matrix rather than a correlation matrix;

and possibly other elements which should not be considered as stable features of the return value.

References

Lindgren F., Rue H., Lindström J. (2011) An explicit link between Gaussian fields and Gaussian Markov random fields: the stochastic partial differential equation approach Journal of the Royal Statistical Society: Series B (Statistical Methodology), 73: 423-498. doi:10.1111/j.1467-9868.2011.00777.x

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```
# the Matern model as follows is faster than fitting its MaternIMRFa approximation.
# Here this appears more than twofold faster
fit_Matern <- fitme(</pre>
 cbind(npos,ntot-npos) ~ elev1 + elev2 + elev3 + elev4 + maxNDVI1 +
        seNDVI + Matern(1|longitude+latitude),
 fixed=list(nu=0.05),
                                                 # in principle similar to alpha=0.05
 data=Loaloa,family=binomial())
### Same with variable alpha
(fit_MaternIMRF <- fitme(</pre>
 cbind(npos,ntot-npos) ~ elev1 + elev2 + elev3 + elev4 + maxNDVI1 +
        seNDVI + MaternIMRFa(1|longitude+latitude, mesh),
 family=binomial(),
 data=Loaloa, verbose=c(TRACE=interactive())) )
# Comparable Matern fit:
fit_Matern <- fitme(</pre>
 cbind(npos,ntot-npos) ~ elev1 + elev2 + elev3 + elev4 + maxNDVI1 +
        seNDVI + Matern(1|longitude+latitude),
 init=list(nu=0.25), lower=list(nu=0), upper=list(nu=1),
 data=Loaloa,family=binomial())
# Note that the fitted nu and alpha parameters do not quite match each other,
# and that the IMRF likelihood does not really approximate the Matern likelihood.
# Mesh design would also be seen to matter.
} else print("INLA must be installed to run this example.")
## End(Not run)
```

mat_sqrt

Computation of "square root" of symmetric positive definite matrix

Description

mat_sqrt is not usually directly called by users, but arguments may be passed to it through higher-level calls (see Examples). For given matrix \mathbf{C} , it computes a factor \mathbf{L} such that $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{L} * t(\mathbf{L})$, handling issues with nearly-singular matrices. The default behavior is to try Cholesky factorization, and use eigen if it fails. Matrix roots are not unique (for example, they are lower triangular for t(chol(.)), and symmetric for svd(.). As matrix roots are used to simulate samples under the fitted model (in particular in the parametric bootstrap implemented in fixedLRT), this implies that for given seed of random numbers, these samples will differ with these different methods (although their distribution should be identical).

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Usage

```
mat_sqrt(m = NULL, symSVD = NULL, try.chol = TRUE, condnum=1e12)
```

Arguments

m The matrix whose 'root' is to be computed. This argument is ignored if symSVD

is provided.

symSVD A list representing the symmetric singular value decomposition of the matrix

which 'root' is to be computed. Must have elements \$u, a matrix of eigenvectors,

and \$d, a vector of eigenvalues.

try.chol If try.chol=TRUE, the Cholesky factorization will be tried.

condnum (large) numeric value. In the case chol() was tried and failed, the matrix is

regularized so that its (matrix 2-norm) condition number is reduced to condnum (in version 3.10.0 this correction has been implemented more exactly than in

previous versions).

Value

For non-NULL m, its matrix root, with rows and columns labelled according to the columns of the original matrix. If eigen was used, the symmetric singular value decomposition (a list with members u (matrix of eigenvectors) and d (vector of eigenvalues)) is given as attribute.

Examples

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Fitting methods (objective functions maximized)

Description

The Laplace approximation to (log-)marginal likelihood can be expressed in terms of the joint log-likelihood of the data and the random effects (or the *h*-likelihood in works of Lee and Nelder). The Laplace approximation is the joint likelihood minus half the log-determinant of the matrix of second derivatives (Hessian matrix) of the negative joint likelihood with respect to the random effects (observed information matrix). The Laplace approximation to restricted likelihood (for REML estimation) is similarly defined from the Hessian matrix with respect to random effects **and** fixed

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effects (for the adventurous, **spaMM** allows some non-standard specification of the fixed effects included in the definition of he Hessian).

Various additional approximations have been considered. Penalized quasi-likelihood (PQL), as originally defined for GLMMs by Breslow and Clayton (1993), uses a Laplace approximation of restricted likelihood to estimate dispersion parameters, and estimates fixed effects by maximizing the joint likelihood (h-likelihood). Although PQL has been criticized as an approximation of likelihood (and actual implementations may diverge from the original version), it has interesting inferential properties. **spaMM** allows one to use an ML variant of PQL, named PQL/L. The choice is controlled by the method argument of the fitting functions, with possible values "ML", "REML", "PQL", "PQL/L", and so on.

Further approximations defined by Lee, Nelder and collaborators (e.g., Noh and Lee, 2007, for some overview) may mostly be seen as laying between PQL and the full Laplace method in terms of approximation of the likelihood, and as extending them to models with non-gaussian random effects ("HGLMs"). In practice the ML, REML, PQL and PQL/L methods should cover most (all?) needs for GLMMs, and EQL extends the PQL concept to HGLMs. method="EQL" stands for the EQL method of Lee and Nelder (2001). The '+' version includes the d v/d tau correction described p. 997 of that paper, and the '-' version ignores it. "PQL" can be seen as the version of EQL- for GLMMs. "PQL/L" is PQL without the leverage corrections that characterize REML estimation of random-effect parameters.

All variants based on the work of Lee & Nelder and implemented in **spaMM** for GLM response families use the expected information matrix in the likelihood approximation. It differs from the observed information matrix in the case of GLM families with non-canonical link (McCullagh & Nelder 1989, p.42). Therefore, the likelihood approximation based on the expected information matrix differs frome the one based on the observed information matrix in the same conditions. However, additional methods using observed information in the likelihood objective function are implemented for:

- * a subset of GLM response-family models, by adding "obs" as a second specifier in method=c("ML", "obs") (or c("REML", "obs")). These models include GLMMs with families binomial(), negbin() and poisson() (all links, and including zero-truncated variants), Gamma(log), and gaussian(log), as well as multivariate-response models combining these families and other families with canonical link. This functionality is not implemented for other non-canonical links of the latter two families as well as for the COMPoisson(<not loglambda>);
- * non-GLM response families (currently, the negbin1 and beta_resp), for which approximations based on the expected Hessian matrix are **not** implemented.

Details

The method (or HLmethod) argument of fitting functions also accepts values of the form "HL(<...>)", "ML(<...>)" and "RE(<...>)", e.g. method="RE(1,1)", which allow one to experiment with further combinations of approximations. HL and RE are equivalent (both imply an REML correction). The first '1' means that a Laplace approximation to the likelihood is used to estimate fixed effects (a '0' would instead mean that the h likelihood is used as the objective function). The second '1' means that a Laplace approximation to the likelihood or restricted likelihood is used to estimate dispersion parameters, this approximation including the dv/d tau term specifically discussed by Lee & Nelder 2001, p. 997 (a '0' would instead mean that these terms are ignored).VIt is possible to enforce the EQL approximation for estimation of dispersion parameter (i.e., Lee and Nelder's (2001) method) by adding a third index with value 0. "EQL+" is thus "HL(0,1,0)", while "EQL-" is "HL(0,0,0)". "PQL" is EQL- for GLMMs. "REML" is "HL(1,1)". "ML" is "ML(1,1)".

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Some of these distinctions make sense for **GLMs**, and may help in understanding idiosyncrasies of stats::glm for Gamma GLMs. In particular (as stated in the stats::logLik documentation) the logLik of a Gamma GLM fit by glm differs from the exact likelihood. An "ML(0,0,0)" approximation of true ML provides the same log likelihood as stats::logLik. Further, the dispersion estimate returned by summary.glm differs from the one implied by logLik, because summary.glm uses Pearson residuals instead of deviance residuals. This may be confusing, and no method in **spaMM** tries to reproduce simultaneously these distinct features (however, spaMM_glm may do so). The dispersion estimate returned by an "HL(.,.,0)" fit matches what can be computed from residual deviance and residual degrees of freedom of a glm fit, but this is not the estimate displayed by summary.glm. The fixed effect estimates are not affected by these tinkerings.

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MSFDR

Multiple-Stage False Discovery Rate procedure

Description

This implements the procedure described by Benjamini and Gavrilov (2009) for model-selection of fixed-effect terms based on False Discovery Rate (FDR) concepts. It uses forward selection based on penalized likelihoods. The penalization for the number of parameters is distinct from that in Akaike's Information Criterion, and variable across iterations of the algorithm (but functions from the stats package for AIC-based model-selection are still called, so that some screen messages refer to AIC).

Usage

```
MSFDR(nullfit, fullfit, q = 0.05, verbose = TRUE)
```

Arguments

nullfit	An ML fit to the minimal model to start the forward selection from; an object of class HLfit.
fullfit	An ML fit to the maximal model; an object of class HLfit.
q	Nominal error rate of the underlying FDR procedure (expected proportion of incorrectly rejected null out of the rejected). Benjamini and Gavrilov (2009) recommend q=0.05 on the basis of minimizing mean-squared prediction error in various simulation conditions considering only linear models.
verbose	Whether to print information about the progress of the procedure.

Value

The fit of the final selected model; an object of class HLfit.

References

A simple forward selection procedure based on false discovery rate control. Ann. Appl. Stat, 3, 179-198 (2009).

Examples

```
if (spaMM.getOption("example_maxtime")>1.4) {
  data("wafers")
nullfit <- fitme(y~1+(1|batch), data=wafers,family=Gamma(log))
fullfit <- fitme(y ~X1+X2+X1*X3+X2*X3+I(X2^2)+(1|batch), data=wafers, family=Gamma(log))
MSFDR(nullfit=nullfit,fullfit=fullfit)
}</pre>
```

multIMRF

Interpolated Markov Random Field models

Description

spaMM can fit random-effect terms of the forms considered by Lindgren et al. (2011) or Nychka et al. (2015, 2019). The random effects considered here all involve a multivariate Gaussian random effect over a lattice, from which the random-effect value in any spatial position is determined by interpolation of values on the lattice. **IMRF** stands for **I**nterpolated **M**arkov **R** andom **F**ield because the specific process considered on the lattice is currently known as a Gaussian Markov Random Field (see the Details for further information). Lindgren et al. considered irregular lattices designed to approximate of the Matern correlation model with fixed smoothness <= 2, while Nychka et al. considered regular grids.

The correlation model of Lindgren et al. (2011) can be fitted by **spaMM** by declaring an IMRF random effect term in the model formula, with a model argument in the right-hand side whose value is the result of INLA::inla.spde2.matern (or INLA::inla.spde2.pcmatern) for given smoothness. The **spaMM** functions for such a fit do not call **INLA** functions. Alternatively, the same model with variable smoothness can be fitted by declaring a corrFamily term whose structure is described through the MaternIMRFa function, whose respective documentations should be considered for more details. In the latter case INLA::inla.spde2.matern is called internally by spaMM. The correlation models thus defined are fitted by the same methods as other models in **spaMM**.

Regular lattices can also be declared as an IMRF term (with arguments distinct from model). The multIMRF syntax implements the multiresolution model of Nychka et al. Any multIMRF term in a formula is immediately converted to IMRF terms for regular grids wih different step sizes. This has distinct implications for controlling the parameters of these or other random effects in the model by init or fixed values: see Details if you need such control.

Usage

```
# IMRF( 1 | <coordinates>, model, nd, m, no, ce, ...)
# multIMRF( 1 | <coordinates>, levels, margin, coarse=10L,
# norm=TRUE, centered=TRUE)
```

Arguments

An inla.spde2 object as produced by INLA::inla.spde2.matern or mode1 INLA::inla.spde2.pcmatern (see Examples below, and https://www.r-inla. org for further information). levels integer; Number of levels in the hierarchy, i.e. number of component IMRFs. integer; width of the margin, as a number of additional grid points on each side margin, m (applies to all levels of the hierarchy). integer; number of grid points (excluding the margins) per dimension for the coarse coarsest IMRF. The number of grids steps nearly doubles with each level of the hierarchy (see Details). integer; number of grid steps (excluding the margins) per dimension for the nd given IMRF. Boolean; whether to apply normalization (see Details), or not. norm, no Boolean; whether to center the grid in all dimensions, or not. centered, ce

... Not documented, for programming purposes

Details

Gaussian Markov Random Field (MRF) and conditional autoregressive models are essentially the same thing, apart from details of specification. adjacency and AR1 random effects can be seen as specific MRFs. The common idea is the Markov-like property that the distribution of each element b_i of the random-effect \mathbf{b} , given values of a few specific elements (the "neighbours" of i), is independent of other elements (i.e., of non-neighbours). The non-zero non-diagonal elements of a precision matrix characterize the neighbours.

Given the inferred vector \mathbf{b} of values of the MRF on the lattice, the interpolation of the MRF in any focal point is of the form \mathbf{Ab} where each row of \mathbf{A} weights the values of \mathbf{b} according to the position of the focal point relative to the vertices of the lattice. Following the original publications, for regular grids (NULL model), the weights are computed as <Wendland function>(<scaled Euclidean distances between focal point and vertices>); and for grids given by model=<inla.spde2 object>, the non-zero weights are the barycentric coordinates of the focal point in the enclosing triangle from the mesh triangulation (points from outside the mesh would have zero weights, so the predicted effect \mathbf{Ab} =0).

The IMRF model defines both a lattice in space, the precision matrix for a Gaussian MRF over this lattice, and the $\bf A$ weights. The full specification of the MRF on **irregular lattices** is complex. The κ parameter considered by spaMM is the κ considered by Lindgren et al. The α argument of the INLA::inla.spde2.matern controls the smoothness of the approximated Matern model, as $\alpha = \nu + d/2$) where d is the dimension of the space. Correlation models created by INLA::inla.spde2.pcmatern are handled so as to give the same correlation values as when INLA::inla.spde2.matern is used with the same mesh and alpha argument (thus, the extra functionalities of "pc"matern are ignored).

Not all options of the INLA functions may be compatible or meaningful when used with spaMM (only the effects of alpha and cutoff have been checked).

For the MRFs on default **regular grids** (missing model argument), the precision matrix is defined (up to a variance parameter) as **M'M** where the diagonal elements m_{ii} of **M** are $4+\kappa^2$ and the m_{ij} for the four nearest neighbours are -1 (note that **M'M** involves more than these four neighbours).

The precision matrix defined in this way is the inverse of an heteroscedastic covariance matrix C, but by default a normalization is applied so that the random effect is homoscedastic. As for other random effects, the variance is further controlled by a multiplicative factor λ . The **normalization** is as follows: the design matrix of the random effect term is viewed as **WAL** where **W** is a diagonal normalization matrix, **A** is the above-described weight matrix, and **L** is a "square root" of **C**. If no normalization is applied, the covariance matrix of the random effect is of the form λ **ALL'A'**, which is heteroscedastic; λ may then be quite different from the marginal variance of the random effect, and is difficult to describe in a simple way. Hence, by default, **W** is defined such that **WALL'A'W'** has unit diagonal; then, λ is the marginal variance of the random effect.

By default (meaning in particular that model is not used to specify a lattice defined by the INLA procedures), the IMRF lattice is rectangular (currently the only option) and is made of a core lattice, to which margins of margin steps are added on each side. The core lattice is defined as follows: in each of the two spatial dimensions, the range of axial coordinates is determined. The largest range is divided in nd-1 steps, determining nd values and step length L. The other range is divided in steps of the same length L. If it extends over (say) 2.5L, a grid of 2 steps and 3 values is defined, and by default centered on the range (the extreme points therefore typically extend slightly beyond the grid, within the first of the additional steps defined by the margin; if not centered, the grid start from the lower coordinate of the range).

multIMRF implements multilevel IMRFs. It defines a sequence of IMRFs, with progressively finer lattices, a common κ value hy_kap for these IMRFs, and a single variance parameter hy_lam that determines λ values decreasing by a factor of 4 for successive IMRF terms. By default, each component IMRF is normalized independently as described above (as in Nychka et al. 2019), and hy_lam is the sum of the variances of these terms (e.g., if there are three levels and hy_lam=1, the successive variances are (1,1/4,1/16)/(21/16)). The nd of the first IMRF is set to the coarse value, and its lattice is defined accordingly. If coarse=4 and margin=5, a grid of 14 coordinates is therefore defined over the largest range. In the second IMRF, the grid spacing is halved, so that new steps are defined halfway between the previous ones (yielding a grid of 27 step in the widest range). The third IMRF proceeds from the second in the same way, and so on.

To control initial or fixed values of multIMRF κ and variance parameters, which are hyper-parameter controlling several IMRF terms, the hyper syntax shown in the Examples should be used. hyper is a nested list whose possible elements are named "1", "2", ... referring to successive multIMRF terms in the input formula, not to successive random effect in the expanded formula with distinct IMRF terms (see Examples). But the different IMRF terms should be counted as distinct random effects when controlling other parameters (e.g., for fixing the variances of other random effects).

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```
if (spaMM.getOption("example_maxtime")>6) {
data("blackcap") ## toy examples; but IMRF may be useful only for much larger datasets
## and when using the 'cutoff' parameter of INLA::inla.mesh.2d()
################################# Irregular lattice specified by 'model':
data("small_spde") ## load object of class 'inla.spde2', created and saved by :
 # spd <- sp::SpatialPointsDataFrame(coords = blackcap[, c("longitude", "latitude")],</pre>
                                data = blackcap)
 # small_mesh <- INLA::inla.mesh.2d(loc = INLA::inla.mesh.map(sp::coordinates(spd)),</pre>
                               max.n=100, # only for demonstration purposes
                               max.edge = c(3, 20))
 # small_spde <- INLA::inla.spde2.matern(small_mesh)</pre>
 # save(small_spde, file="small_spde.RData", version=2)
fit_SPDE <- fitme(migStatus ~ means + IMRF(1|longitude+latitude, model=small_spde),</pre>
                  data=blackcap)
#################### Regular lattices:
#Using 'hyper' to control fixed hyper-parameters
(mrf \leftarrow fitme(migStatus \sim 1 + (1|pos) +
                          multIMRF(1|longitude+latitude, margin=5, levels=2),
              data=blackcap, fixed=list(phi=1,lambda=c("1"=0.5),
              hyper=list("1"=list(hy_kap=0.1,hy_lam=1)))) )
# Using 'hyper' to control initial hyper-parameters
(mrf <- fitme(migStatus ~ 1 + multIMRF(1|longitude+latitude,margin=5,levels=2),</pre>
                data=blackcap, method="ML", fixed =list(phi=1),
                init=list(hyper=list("1"=list(hy_kap=0.1,hy_lam=1)))) )
# *Independent* IMRF terms with default rectangular lattice (often giving dubious results)
(mrf <- fitme(migStatus ~ 1 + IMRF(1|longitude+latitude,margin=5, nd=4L)</pre>
                               + IMRF(1|longitude+latitude,margin=5, nd=7L),
          data=blackcap,
          fixed=list(phi=1, lambda=c(1/4, 1/16),
                       corrPars=list("1"=list(kappa=0.1),"2"=list(kappa=0.1)))))
}
```

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multinomial	Analyzing multinomial data	
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Description

These functions facilitate the conversion and analysis of multinomial data as as series of nested binomial data. The main interface is the multi "family", to be used in the family argument of the fitting functions. Fits using it call binomialize, which can be called directly to check how the data are converted to nested binomial data, and to use these data directly. The fitted.HLfitlist method of the fitted generic function returns a matrix of fitted multinomial probabilities. The logLik.HLfitlist method of the logLik generic function returns a log-likelihood for the joint fits.

Usage

Arguments

data	The data frame to be analyzed.
object	A list of binomial fits returned by a multinomial analysis
responses	column names of the data, such that <data>[,<responses>] contain the multinomial response data, as levels of factor variables.</responses></data>
sortedTypes	Names of multinomial types, i.e. levels of the multinomial response factors. Their order determines which types are taken first to define the nested binomial samples. By default, the most common types are considered first.
binResponse	The names to be given to the number of "success" and "failures" in the binomial response.
depth	The maximum number of nested binomial responses to be generated from the multinomial data.
binfamily	The family applied to each binomial response.
input	If input="types", then the responses columns must contain factor levels of the binomial response. If input="counts", then the responses columns must contain counts of different factor levels, and the column names are the types.
which	Which element of the APHLs list to return. The default depends on the fitting method. In particular, if it was REML or one of its variants, the function returns the log restricted likelihood (exact or approximated).
version	Integer, for fitted.HLfitlist (i.e. for multinomial fits using multi); 1 will provide the result of past versions up to 3.5.0 (See Value).
	Other arguments passed from or to other functions.

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Details

A multinomial response, say counts 17, 13, 25, 8, 3, 1 for types type1 to type6, can be represented as a series of nested binomials e.g. type1 against others (17 vs 50) then among these 50 others, type2 versus others (13 vs 37), etc. The binomialize function generates such a representation. By default the representation considers types in decreasing order of the number of positives, i.e. first type3 against others (25 vs 42), then type1 against others within these 42, etc. It stops if it has reached depth nested binomial responses. This can be modified by the sortedTypes argument, e.g. sortedTypes=c("type6", "type4", "type2"). binomialize returns a list of data frames which can be directly provided as a data argument for the fitting functions, with binomial response.

Alternatively, one can provide the multinomial response data frame, which will be internally converted to nested binomial data if the family argument is a call to multinomial (see Examples).

For mixed models, the multinomial data can be fitted to a model with the same correlation parameters, and either the same or different variances of random effects, for all binomial responses. Which analysis is performed depends on whether the variances are fitted by "outer optimization" or by HLfit's "inner iterative" algorithm, as controlled by the init or init.corrHLfit arguments (see Examples). These initial values therefore affect the definition of the model being fitted. corrHLfit will fit different variances by default. Adding an init.corrHLfit will force estimation of a single variance across models. fitme's default optimization strategy is more complex, and has changed and still change over versions. This creates a **back-compatibility issue** where the model to be fitted may change over versions of spaMM. To avoid that, it is strongly advised to use an explicit initial value when fitting a multi model by fitme.

Value

binomialize returns a list of data frames appropriate for analysis as binomial response. Each data frame contains the original one plus two columns named according to binResponse.

The main fitting functions, when called on a model with family=multi(.), return an object of class HLfitlist, which is a list with attributes. The list elements are fits of the nested binomial models (objects of class HLfit). The attributes provide additional information about the overall multinomial model, such as global log-likelihood values and other information properly extracted by the how() function.

multi is a function that returns a list, but users may never need to manipulate this output.

fitted.HLfitlist returns a matrix. The current default version=2L provides meaningful fitted values (predicted multinomial frequencies for each response type) even for data rows where the nested binomial fit for a type had no response information remaining. By contrast, the first version provided a matrix with 0s for these row*fit combinations, except for the last column; in many cases this may be confusing.

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```
head(fitted(colfit))
# To only generate the binomial datasets:
binomialize(iriscol, responses="col")
## An example considering pseudo-data at one diploid locus for 50 individuals
set.seed(123)
genecopy1 <- sample(4,size=50,prob=c(1/2,1/4,1/8,1/8),replace=TRUE)</pre>
genecopy2 <- sample(4,size=50,prob=c(1/2,1/4,1/8,1/8),replace=TRUE)</pre>
alleles <- c("122","124","126","128")
genotypes <- data.frame(type1=alleles[genecopy1],type2=alleles[genecopy2])</pre>
## Columns "type1","type2" each contains an allele type => input is "types" (the default)
datalist <- binomialize(genotypes,responses=c("type1","type2"))</pre>
## two equivalent fits:
f1 <- HLfit(cbind(npos,nneg)~1,data=datalist, family=binomial())</pre>
f2 <- HLfit(cbind(npos,nneg)~1,data=genotypes, family=multi(responses=c("type1","type2")))</pre>
fitted(f2)
if (spaMM.getOption("example_maxtime")>1.7) {
##### Control of lambda estimation over different binomial submodels
genoInSpace <- data.frame(type1=alleles[genecopy1],type2=alleles[genecopy2],</pre>
                           x=runif(50),y=runif(50))
method <- "PQL" # for faster exampple
## Fitting distinct variances for all binomial responses:
multifit <- corrHLfit(cbind(npos,nneg)~1+Matern(1|x+y),data=genoInSpace,</pre>
                      family=multi(responses=c("type1", "type2")),
                      ranFix=list(rho=1,nu=0.5), method=method)
length(unique(unlist(lapply(multifit, get_ranPars, which="lambda")))) # 3
multifit <- fitme(cbind(npos,nneg)~1+Matern(1|x+y),data=genoInSpace,</pre>
                  family=multi(responses=c("type1","type2")),
                  init=list(lambda=NaN), # forcing 'inner' estimation for fitme
                  fixed=list(rho=1,nu=0.5), method=method)
length(unique(unlist(lapply(multifit, get_ranPars, which="lambda")))) # 3
## Fitting the same variance for all binomial responses:
multifit <- fitme(cbind(npos,nneg)~1+Matern(1|x+y),data=genoInSpace,</pre>
                  family=multi(responses=c("type1","type2")),
                  init=list(lambda=NA), # forcing 'outer' estimation for fitme
                  fixed=list(rho=1,nu=0.5), method=method)
length(unique(unlist(lapply(multifit, get_ranPars, which="lambda")))) # 1
multifit <-
 corrHLfit(cbind(npos,nneg)~1+Matern(1|x+y),data=genoInSpace,
            family=multi(responses=c("type1","type2")),
            init.corrHLfit=list(lambda=1), # forcing 'outer' estimation for corrHLfit
            ranFix=list(rho=1,nu=0.5), method=method)
```

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```
length(unique(unlist(lapply(multifit, get_ranPars, which="lambda")))) # 1
}
```

mν

Virtual factor for multivariate responses

Description

In a multivariate-response model fitted by fitmv, one may wish to fit a random-coefficient term appearing in s submodels, that is a random effect with realized values for each of these submodels and each group, with values possibly correlated among submodels within groups. Hence one might wish to specify it as a term of the form (submodel|group), where submodel|group would represent a factor for the submodels. But the data are not expected to contain a factor for these submodels, so such a syntax would not work without substantial data reshaping. Instead, this effect can be stated as mv(...) where the ... are the indices of the submodels here the random effect appears. For example if submodels 2 and 3 include this random-coefficient term, the term can be specified as mv(2,3)|group.

The mv(...) expression is treated as a factor for all purposes, meaning or example that (0+mv(2,3)|group) can also be used, leading (as for any factor) to an alternative parametrization of the same random-coefficient model (see Examples). The random-effect term is treated as a random-coefficient term for all purposes, meaning for example that fixed values can be specified for it using the ranCoefs syntax (see Examples).

Usage

```
# mv(...)
```

Arguments

... Indices of all the submodels where the random effect involving this virtual factor appears.

Value

Not a function, hence no return value. In the summary of the fit, levels for the different submodels s within each group are labelled .mvs.

```
if (spaMM.getOption("example_maxtime")>1.1) {
## data preparation
data("wafers")
me <- fitme(y ~ 1+(1|batch), family=Gamma(log), data=wafers, fixed=list(lambda=0.2))
set.seed(123)
wafers$y1 <- simulate(me, type="marginal")
wafers$y2 <- simulate(me, type="marginal")</pre>
```

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negbin

Family function for GLMs and mixed models with negative binomial and zero-truncated negative binomial response.

Description

Returns a GLM family object for negative-binomial model with variance quadratically related to the mean μ : variance= $\mu + \mu^2$ /shape, with known or unknown underlying Gamma shape parameter. The zero-truncated variant can be specified either as Tnegbin(.) or as negbin(., trunc = 0L). See negbin1 for the alternative negative-binomial model with variance "linearly" related to the mean.

```
negbin2 can be used instead of
[T]negbin - together - with - method=c(<"ML"|"REML">, "obs").
```

The results should be similar, so please report any difference to the package maintainer. negbin2 is implemented as an LL-family, so it cannot be used to obtain results equivalent to [T]negbin - together - with - method=c(<"ML"|"REML">, "exp") (i.e., expected-Hessian approximation, see method).

Usage

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Arguments

shape	Shape parameter of the underlying Gamma distribution, given that the negbin family can be represented as a Poisson-Gamma mixture, where the conditional Poisson mean is μ times a Gamma random variable with mean 1 and shape shape (as produced by rgamma(., shape=shape, scale=1/shape)).
link	log, sqrt or identity link, specified by any of the available ways for GLM links (name, character string, one-element character vector, or object of class link-glm as returned by make.link).
trunc	Either θL for zero-truncated distribution, or $-1L$ for default untruncated distribution.
LLF_only	Boolean: whether to use some generic methods or methods specific for GLM response families. Mostly for development purpose, hence better ignored.

Details

shape is the k parameter of McCullagh and Nelder (1989, p.373) and the theta parameter of Venables and Ripley (2002, section 7.4). The latent Gamma variable has mean 1 and variance 1/shape, and the negbin with mean μ has variance $\mu + \mu^2$ /shape.

The name NB_shape should be used to set values of shape in control arguments of the fitting functions (e.g., fitme(.,init=list(NB_shape=1))).

Value

A family object.

References

McCullagh, P. and Nelder, J.A. (1989) Generalized Linear Models, 2nd edition. London: Chapman & Hall.

Venables, W. N. and Ripley, B. D. (2002) Modern Applied Statistics with S-PLUS. Fourth Edition. Springer.

```
## Fitting negative binomial model with estimated scale parameter:
data("scotlip")
fitme(cases~I(prop.ag/10)+offset(log(expec)),family=negbin(), data=scotlip)
negfit <- fitme(I(1+cases)~I(prop.ag/10)+offset(log(expec)),family=Tnegbin(), data=scotlip)
simulate(negfit,nsim=3)</pre>
```

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negbin1	Alternative negative-binomial family	

Description

Returns a family object suitable as a fitme argument for fitting negative-binomial models with variance linearly (affinely) related to the mean μ : variance= $\mu + \mu$ /shape, with known or unknown underlying Gamma shape parameter. The model described by such a family is characterized by a linear predictor, a link function, and such a negative-binomial model for the residual variation. The zero-truncated variant of this family is also handled.

Usage

```
negbin1(shape = stop("negbin1's 'shape' must be specified"), link = "log", trunc = -1L)
```

Arguments

shape	Parameter controlling the mean-variance relationship of the negative binomial distribution. Given that the distribution can be represented as a Poisson-Gamma mixture, where the conditional Poisson mean is μ times a Gamma random variable with mean 1 and (distinct) shape sh (as produced by rgamma(., shape=sh,scale=1/sh)), the latter shape is then determined as sh=shape* μ .
link	log, sqrt or identity link, specified by any of the available ways for GLM links (name, character string, one-element character vector, or object of class link-glm as returned by make.link).
trunc	Either 0L for zero-truncated distribution, or -1L for default untruncated distribution.

Details

The name NB_shape should be used to set values of shape in control arguments of the fitting functions (e.g., fitme(.,init=list(NB_shape=1))).

Value

A list, formally of class c("LLF", "family"). See LL-family for details about the structure and usage of such objects.

See Also

Examples in LL-family.

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spaMM options settings

Description

Allow the user to set and examine a variety of *options* which affect operations of the spaMM package.

Usage

```
spaMM.options(..., warn = TRUE)
spaMM.getOption(x)
```

Arguments

Х

a character string holding an option name.

warn

Boolean: whether to warn if a previously undefined options is being defined (a protection against typos).

. . .

A named value or a list of named values. The following values, with their defaults, are used in spaMM:

LevenbergM=NULL: NULL or boolean. Whether to use a Levenberg-Marquardt-like algorithm (see Details) by default in most computations. But it is advised to use instead control.HLfit=list(LevenbergM=...) to control this on a case-by-case basis. The joint default behaviour is that Levenberg-Marquardt is used by default for binomial response data that takes only extreme values (in particular, for binary 0/1 response), and that for other models the fitting algorithm switches to it if divergence is suspected. FALSE inhibits its use; TRUE forces its use for all iterative least-square fits, except when 'confint()' is called.

example_maxtime=0.7: Used in the documentation and tests to control whether the longer examples should be run. The approximate running time of given examples on one author's laptop is compared to this value.

optimizer1D="optimize": Optimizer for one-dimensional optimization. If you want to control the initial value, you should select another optimizer.

optimizer=".safe_opt": Optimizer for optimization in several dimensions. Use optimizer="nloptr" to call nloptr with method "NLOPT_LN_BOBYQA"; use optimizer="bobyqa" to call bobyqa; and use optimizer="L-BFGS-B" to call optim with method "L-BFGS-B". The default ".safe_opt" uses nloptr except in some cases where it expects or detects problems with it (the source code should be consulted for details). The optimizer can also be specified on a fit-by-fit basis as the value of control\$optimizer in a fitme call, or as the value of control.corrHLfit\$optimizer.

nloptr: Default control values of nloptr calls.

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- bobyqa: Default control values of bobyqa calls.
- maxLambda=1e10: The maximum value of lambda: higher fitted lambda values in HLfit are reduced to this. Since version 3.1.0, a much smaller lambda bound is deduced from maxLambda for COMPoisson and log-link response families.
- regul_lev_lambda Numeric (default: 1e-8); lambda leverages numerically 1 are replaced by 1- regul_lev_lambda
- COMP_maxn: Number of terms for truncation of infinite sums that are evaluated in the fitting of COMPoisson models.
- CMP_asympto_cond: Condition for applying an approximation or the COM-Poisson response family, as detailed in COMPoisson.
- Gamma_min_y=1e-10: A minimum response value in Gamma-response models; used to check data, and in simulate() to correct the simulation results.
- QRmethod: A character string, to control whether dense matrix or sparse matrix methods are used in intensive matrix computations, overcoming the defaults choices made by spaMM in this respect. Possible values are "dense" and "sparse".
- matrix_method: A character string, to control the factorization of dense model matrices. Default value is "def_sXaug_EigenDense_QRP_scaled". The source code should be consulted for further information.
- Matrix_method: A character string, to control the factorization of sparse model matrices. Default value is "def_sXaug_Matrix_QRP_CHM_scaled". The source code should be consulted for further information.
- stylefns: Default colors of some screen output (notably that of some fitting functions when called with argument verbose=c(TRACE=TRUE))
- barstyle: Integer, or Boolean interpreted as Integer, or quoted expression evaluating to such types; controlling the display of some progress bars. If zero, no progress bar should be displayed; otherwise, a bar should be displayed. Further, when txtProgressBar is called, barstyle is passed as its style argument. Default is quote(if(interactive()) {3L} else {0L}) (in a parallel setting, child processes may display the bar if the parent process is interactive).

and many other undocumented values for programming or development purposes. Additional options without default values can also be used (e.g., see algebra).

Details

spaMM.options() provides an interface for changing maximal values of parameters of the Matérn correlation function. However, it is not recommended to change these values unless a spaMM message specifically suggests so.

By default spaMM use Iteratively Reweighted Least Squares (IRLS) methods to estimate fixed-effect parameters (jointly with predictions of random effects). However, a Levenberg-Marquardt algorithm, as described by Nocedal & Wright (1999, p. 266), is also implemented. The Levenberg-Marquardt algorithm is designed to optimize a single objective function with respect to all its parameters. It is thus well suited to compute a PQL fit, which is based on maximization of a single function, the h-likelihood. By contrast, in a fit of a mixed model by (RE)ML, one computes jointly

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fixed-effect estimates that maximizes marginal likelihood, and random-effect values that maximize h-likelihood given the fixed-effect estimates. The gradient of marginal likelihood with respect to fixed-effect coefficients does not generally vanishes at the solution (although it remains close to zero except in "difficult" cases with typically little information in the data). The Levenberg-Marquardt algorithm is not directly applicable in this case, as it may produce random-effect values that increases marginal likelihood rather than h-likelihood. The (RE)ML variant of the algorithm implemented in spaMM may therefore use additional nested h-likelihood-maximizing steps for correcting random-effect values. In version 3.1.0 this variant was revised for improved performance in difficult cases.

Value

For spaMM.getOption, the current value set for option x, or NULL if the option is unset.

For spaMM.options(), a list of all set options. For spaMM.options(<name>), a list of length one containing the set value, or NULL if it is unset. For uses setting one or more options, a list with the previous values of the options changed (returned invisibly).

References

Jorge Nocedal and Stephen J. Wright (1999) Numerical Optimization. Springer-Verlag, New York.

Examples

```
spaMM.options()
spaMM.getOption("example_maxtime")
## Not run:
spaMM.options(maxLambda=1e06)
## End(Not run)
```

pedigree

Fit mixed-effects models incorporating pedigrees

Description

This example illustrates how to use spaMM for quantitative genetic analyses. spaMM appears competitive in terms of speed for GLMMs with large data sets, particularly when using the PQL method, which may be a quite good approximation in such cases. For large pedigrees it may be useful to compute the inverse of the relationship matrix using some efficient ad hoc algorithm, then to provide it as argument of the fit using the covStruct(list(precision=...)) syntax. If the precision matrix is not specified, spaMM will generally evaluate it to assess whether it should use sparse-precision methods. see sparse_precision for further control of this computation, on another example from quantitative genetics.

See Also

```
sparse_precision
```

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Examples

```
if(requireNamespace("pedigreemm", quietly=TRUE)) {
## derived from help("pedigreemm")
 p1 <- new("pedigree",
           sire = as.integer(c(NA,NA,1, 1,4,5)),
           dam = as.integer(c(NA,NA,2,NA,3,2)),
           label = as.character(1:6))
 oldMDCopt <- options(Matrix.warnDeprecatedCoerce = 0)</pre>
 A <- pedigreemm::getA(p1) ## relationship matrix
 options(oldMDCopt)
 ## data simulation
 cholA <- chol(A)</pre>
 varU <- 0.4; varE <- 0.6; rep <- 20
 n <- rep*6
 set.seed(108)
 bStar <- rnorm(6, sd=sqrt(varU))</pre>
 b <- crossprod(as.matrix(cholA),bStar)</pre>
 ID \leftarrow rep(1:6, each=rep)
 e0 <- rnorm(n, sd=sqrt(varE))</pre>
 y \leftarrow b[ID]+e0
 obs <- data.frame(y=y,IDgen=ID,IDenv=ID) ## two copies of ID for readability of GLMM results
 ## fits
 fitme(y ~ 1+ corrMatrix(1|IDgen) , corrMatrix=A,data=obs,method="REML")
 obs$y01 <- ifelse(y<1.3,0,1)
 fitme(y01 ~ 1+ corrMatrix(1|IDgen)+(1|IDenv), corrMatrix=A,data=obs,
        family=binomial(), method="REML")
 prec_mat <- solve(A)</pre>
 colnames(prec_mat) <- rownames(prec_mat) <- rownames(A) # important</pre>
 fitme(y01 ~ 1+ corrMatrix(1|IDgen)+(1|IDenv) , covStruct=list(precision=prec_mat),
        data=obs, family=binomial(), method="REML")
}
## End(Not run)
```

phiHGLM

Fitting random effects in the residual dispersion model

Description

 ϕ parameters are estimated by fitting a Gamma HGLM to response values computed by the parent fitting function (e.g., by HLfit in the Examples). The fitme function is used to perform this fit. The resid.model of the parent call is used to control the arguments of this fitme call.

Usage

```
# 'resid.model' argument of main fitting functions
```

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Arguments

resid.model is **either** a formula (without left-hand side) for the dispersion parameter phi of the residual error (a log link is assumed); **or** a list of arguments similar to those of a standard fit. The following arguments may be useful:

model formula as in formula-only case, without left-hand side. Random effects can be included and this appears to work well in simple cases (block effects, or geostatistical models) but has not been tested, or hardly so, for other cases.

family is always Gamma. The default link is log. The identity link can be

tried but may fail because only the log link ensures that the fitted ϕ is positive.

fixed fixed values of parameters. Same usage as documented in fitme

control.dist A list of arguments that control the computation of the distance argument of the

correlation functions. Same usage as documented in HLCor

rand.family A family object or a list of family objects describing the distribution of the

random effect(s). Same usage as documented for HLfit

init, lower, upper, control

with same usage as documented in fitme, may be at least partly heeded. Other arguments should be ignored (see Details).

Details

The following elements in resid. model should be ignored:

method which is constrained to be identical to the method from the parent call;

control.HLfit, control.glm constrained to be identical to the same-named controls from the parent call;

resid.model constrained: no resid.model for a resid.model;

REMLformula constrained to NULL;

data The data of the parent call are used, so they must include all the variables required for the resid.model;

prior.weights constrained: no prior weights;

verbose constrained: will display a progress line summarizing the results of the resid.model fit at each iteration of main loop of the parent call.

init.HLfit Ignored. Users would have hard time guessing good initial values, which would be have to be ignored in most contexts anyway.

References

Lee, Y., Nelder, J. A. and Pawitan, Y. (2006) Generalized linear models with random effects: unified analysis via h-likelihood. Chapman & Hall: London.

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plot.HLfit

Model checking plots for mixed models

Description

This function provides diagnostic plots for residual errors from the mean model and for random effects. Plots for the mean models are similar to those for GLMs. They use *standardized* deviance residuals as described by Lee et al. (2006, p.52). This means that plots for residual errors use the residuals provided by residuals(<fit object>, type="std_dev_res"); and that plots for random effects likewise consider standardized values.

Usage

Arguments

X	An object of class HLfit, as returned by the fitting functions in spaMM.
which	A vector of keywords for different types of plots. By default, two types of plots are presented on different devices: diagnostic plots for mean values, and diagnostic plots for random effects. Either one can be selected using this argument. Use keyword "predict" for a plot of predicted response against actual response.
titles	A list of the main (inner and outer) titles of the plots. See the default value for the format.
control	A list of default options for the plots. Defaults are pch="+" and pcol="blue" for points, and lcol="red" for curves.
ask	Logical; passed to devAskNewPage which is run when a new device is opened by code.HLfit.
	Options passed from plot. HLfit to par.

Details

In principle the standardized deviance residuals for the mean model should have a nearly Gaussian distribution hence form a nearly straight line on a Q-Q plot. However this is (trivially) not so for well-specified (nearly-)binary response data nor even for well-specified Poisson response data

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with moderate expectations. Hence this plot is not so useful. The DHARMa package proposes better-behaved diagnostic plots (but the p-value that appears on one of these plots may not stand for a valid goodness-of-fit test). The current version of DHARMa should handle spaMM fit objects; otherwise, see https://github.com/florianhartig/DHARMa/issues/95 for how to run DHARMa procedures on spaMM output.

Value

Returns the input object invisibly.

References

Lee, Y., Nelder, J. A. and Pawitan, Y. (2006). Generalized linear models with random effects: unified analysis via h-likelihood. Chapman & Hall: London.

Examples

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Partial-dependence effects and plots

Description

The following functions evaluate or plot *partial-dependence* effects.

pdep_effects evaluates the effect of a given fixed-effect variable, as (by default, the average of) predicted values on the response scale, over the empirical distribution of all other fixed-effect variables in the data, and of inferred random effects. This can be seen as the result of an experiment where specific treatments (given values of the focal variable) are applied over all conditions defined by the other fixed effects and by the inferred random effects. Thus, apparent dependencies induced by associations between predictor variables are avoided (see Friedman, 2001, from which the name "partial dependence plot" is taken; or Hastie et al., 2009, Section 10.13.2). This also avoids biases of possible alternative ways of plotting effects. In particular, such biases occur if the response link is not identity, and if averaging is performed on the linear-predictor scale or when other variables are set to some conventional value other than its average.

pdep_effects also compute intervals of the type defined by its intervals argument (by default, prediction intervals). By default, it returns a data frame of average values of point predictions and interval bounds for each value of the focal variable, but it can also return lists of all predictions.

A plot function is available for numeric or factor predictors: plot_effects calls pdep_effects and produces a simple plot (using only base graphic functions) of its results, including prediction bands representing the two average one-sided widths of intervals. The last section of the Examples shows how to obtain more elaborate plots including the same information using **ggplot2**.

If added to the plot, the raw data may appear to depart from the partial-dependence predictions, since the data are a priori affected by the associations between variables which the predictions free

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themselves from. An adapted plot of fit residuals may be then be more useful, and the Examples also show how it can be performed.

Usage

Arguments

object An object of class HLfit, as returned by the fitting functions in spaMM.

focal_var Character string: the name of the predictor variable whose effect is to be repre-

sented. The variable must be numeric for plot_effects but not necessarily so

for pdep_effects.

newdata If non-NULL, a data frame passed to predict. HLfit, whose documentation

should be consulted for further details.

effects If non-NULL, a data frame to substitute to the one produced by default by

pdep_effects.

xlab If non-NULL, a character string: X-axis label for the plot. ylab If non-NULL, a character string: Y-axis label for the plot.

ylim The plot's ylim argument. Default is based on the (0.025,0.975) quantiles of

the response.

rgb.args Color control arguments, in the format produced by col2rgb.

add Boolean: whether to add graphic elements of a previous plot produced by plot_effects

length.out Integer: for a numeric predictor variable, this controls the number of values at

which predictions are evaluated. By default, predictions are made at regular intervals over the range of the predictor variable. If length.out=0, predictions are made for the actual values of the focal predictor in the data. The default behaviour is also overriden by using focal_values, in which case predictions are evaluated at the given focal_values (as if length.out=0), unless a non-zero length.out is also specified. In the latter case, predictions are evaluated

at regular intervals over the range of focal_values.

focal_values, levels

focal_values may be used to specify the values of the focal variable at which predictions are evaluated. For factor variables, levels is an older implementa-

tion of this control, and is now redundant.

intervals Passed to predict. HLfit, whose documentation should be consulted for further

details

indiv Boolean: whether to return all predictions given the values of other predictors

in the newdata, or only their means.

.. Further arguments passed by plot_effects to pdep_effects, or by pdep_effects

to predict. HLfit.

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Value

For pdep_effects, a nested list, or a data frame storing values of the focal_var, average point predictions pointp and bounds low and up of intervals, depending on the indiv argument. When indiv is TRUE, each sublist contains vectors for pointp, low and up.

For plot_effects, the same value, returned invisibly.

References

- J.H. Friedman (2001). Greedy Function Approximation: A Gradient Boosting Machine. Annals of Statistics 29(5):1189-1232.
- J. Friedman, T. Hastie and R. Tibshirani (2009) The Elements of Statistical Learning, 2nd ed. Springer.

```
data("scotlip")
hlcor <- HLCor(cases~I(prop.ag/10) +adjacency(1|gridcode)+offset(log(expec)),</pre>
           adjMatrix=Nmatrix,family=poisson(),data=scotlip)
plot_effects(hlcor,focal_var="prop.ag",ylim=c(0,max(scotlip$cases)))
points(cases~prop.ag, data=scotlip, col="blue",pch=20)
# Impose specific values of a numeric predictor using 'focal_values':
plot_effects(hlcor, focal_var="prop.ag", focal_values=1:5)
### Adding 'partial residuals' [residuals relative to predict(<fit object>),
### but plotted relative to pdep_effects() predictions]:
# One first needs predictions for actual values of the predictor variable,
# provided by pdep_effects(.,length.out=0L):
pdep_points <- pdep_effects(hlcor,focal_var="prop.ag",length.out=0L)</pre>
# Rename for easy prediction for each observation, and add the residuals
# of the actual fit, using the default residuals() i.e. deviance ones:
rownames(pdep_points) <- pdep_points$focal_var</pre>
pdep_res <- pdep_points[paste(hlcor$data$prop.ag), "pointp"] +</pre>
              residuals(hlcor)
points(x = hlcor$data$prop.ag, y = pdep_res, col = "red", pch = 20)
## Not run:
## Plotting pdep-effects for different categories, using ggplot.
library(ggplot2)
data("Gryphon")
tmp <- na.omit(Gryphon_df)</pre>
spfit <- spaMM::fitme(TARSUS ~ BWT*sex, data = tmp)</pre>
tmp$sex <- "1"
```

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```
pdep_1 <- pdep_effects(spfit,"BWT", newdata=tmp)
tmp$sex <- "2"
pdep_2 <- pdep_effects(spfit,"BWT", newdata=tmp)
pdep_1$sex <- "1" ; pdep_2$sex <- "2"
pdep <- rbind(pdep_1,pdep_2)

ggplot(pdep,aes(y = pointp , x = focal_var ,col = sex, fill=sex)) + geom_point() +
    geom_ribbon(aes(ymin = low, ymax = up), alpha = 0.3) + xlab("BWT") +
    ylab("TARSUS")

## End(Not run)</pre>
```

Poisson

Family function for GLMs and mixed models with Poisson and zero-truncated Poisson response.

Description

Poisson (with a capital P) is a family that specifies the information required to fit a Poisson generalized linear model. Differs from the base version stats::poisson only in that it handles the zero-truncated variant, which can be specified either as Tpoisson(<link>) or as Poisson(<link>, trunc = 0L). The truncated poisson with mean μ_T is defined from the un-truncated poisson with mean μ_U , by restricting its response strictly positive value. $\mu_T = \mu_U/(1-p0)$, where $p0 := \exp(-\mu_U)$ is the probability that the response is 0.

Usage

```
Poisson(link = "log", trunc = -1L)
Tpoisson(link="log")
# <Poisson object>$linkfun(mu, mu_truncated = FALSE)
# <Poisson object>$linkinv(eta, mu_truncated = FALSE)
```

Arguments

link	log, sqrt or identity link, specified by any of the available ways for GLM links (name, character string, one-element character vector, or object of class link-glm as returned by make.link).
trunc	Either \emptyset L for zero-truncated distribution, or \neg 1L for default untruncated distribution.
eta,mu	Numeric (scalar or array). The linear predictor; and the expectation of response, truncated or not depending on mu_truncated argument.
mu_truncated	Boolean. For linkinv, whether to return the expectation of truncated (μ_T) or un-truncated (μ_U) response. For linkfun, whether the mu argument is μ_T , or is μ_U but has μ_T as attribute (μ_U) without the attribute is not sufficient).

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Details

Molas & Lesaffre (2010) developed expressions for deviance residuals for the truncated Poisson distribution, which were the ones implemented in **spaMM** until version 3.12.0. Later versions implement the (non-equivalent) definition as "2*(saturated_logLik - logLik)".

predict, when applied on an object with a truncated-response family, by default returns μ_T . The simplest way to predict μ_U is to get the linear predictor value by predict(.,type="link"), and deduce μ_U using linkinv(.) (with default argument mu_truncated=FALSE), since getting μ_U from μ_T is comparatively less straightforward. The mu.eta member function is that of the base poisson family, hence its mu argument represents μ_U .

Value

A family object suitable for use with glm, as stats:: family objects.

References

McCullagh, P. and Nelder, J.A. (1989) Generalized Linear Models, 2nd edition. London: Chapman & Hall.

Molas M. and Lesaffre E. (2010). Hurdle models for multilevel zero-inflated data via h-likelihood. Statistics in Medicine 29: 3294-3310.

Examples

```
\label{lem:data("scotlip")} $$ \log_{ik(glm(I(1+cases)^{-1},family=Tpoisson(),data=scotlip))} $$ \log_{ik(fitme(I(1+cases)^{-1}+(1|id),family=Tpoisson(),fixed=list(lambda=1e-8),data=scotlip))} $$
```

post-fit

Applying post-fit procedures on spaMM results

Description

Packages implementing post-fit procedures define helper functions that may handle a limited range of classes of fit results. This documentation topic gives further directions to apply some post-fit procedures that handle objects of class HLfit. For other procedures, spaMM results may or may not be handled correctly by default. In such cases, diagnosing a failure in a debugging session may suggest a simple solution (such as providing the coef. argument to multcomp::glht).

Details

For multiple comparison procedures by multcomp::glht, one has to explicitly give the argument coef.=fixef.HLfit (see Examples; fixef.HLfit is the spaMM method for the generic function fixef);

```
For DHARMa plots, see plot.HLfit;
```

For using RLRsim::RLRTSim(), see get_RLRTSim_args.

Examples

```
if (requireNamespace("multcomp", quietly = TRUE)) {
   library(multcomp)
   set.seed(123)
   irisr <- cbind(iris,id=sample(4,replace=TRUE,size=nrow(iris)))
   irisfit <- fitme(Petal.Length~ Species +(1|id), data=irisr, family=Gamma(log))
   summary(glht(irisfit,mcp("Species" = "Tukey"), coef.=fixef.HLfit))
}</pre>
```

predict

Prediction from a model fit

Description

The following functions can be used to compute point predictions and/or various measures of uncertainty associated to such predictions. predict can be used for prediction of the response variable by its expected value obtained as (the inverse link transformation of) the linear predictor (η) and more generally for terms of the form $\mathbf{X}_n\beta+\mathbf{Z}_n\mathbf{L}\mathbf{v}$, for new design matrices \mathbf{X}_n and \mathbf{Z}_n . Various components of prediction variances and predictions intervals can also be computed using predict. The get_... functions are convenient extractors for such components. get_predCov_var_fix extracts a block of a prediction covariance matrix. It was conceived for the specific purpose of computing the spatial prediction covariances between two "new" sets of geographic locations, without computing the full covariance matrix for both the new locations and the original (fitted) locations. When one of the two sets of new locations is fixed while the other varies, some expensive computations can be performed once for all sets of new locations, and be provided as the fix_X_ZAC.object argument. The preprocess_fix_corr extractor is designed to compute this argument.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'HLfit'
predict(object, newdata = newX, newX = NULL, re.form = NULL,
                        variances=list(), binding = FALSE, intervals = NULL,
                        level = 0.95, blockSize = 2000L, type = "response";
                        verbose=c(showpbar=eval(spaMM.getOption("barstyle"))),
                        control=list(), ...)
get_predCov_var_fix(object, newdata = NULL, fix_X_ZAC.object, fixdata, re.form = NULL,
                    variances=list(disp=TRUE, residVar=FALSE, cov=FALSE),
                    control=list(), ...)
preprocess_fix_corr(object, fixdata, re.form = NULL,
                   variances=list(residVar=FALSE, cov=FALSE), control=list())
get_fixefVar(...)
get_predVar(..., variances=list(), which="predVar")
get_residVar(...)
get_respVar(...)
get_intervals(..., intervals="predVar")
```

Arguments

object

The return object of fitting functions HLfit,corrHLfit,HLCor... returning an object inheriting from HLfit class.

newdata

Either NULL, a matrix or data frame, or a numeric vector.

If NULL, the original data are reused. Otherwise, all variables required to evaluate model formulas must be included. Which variables are required may depend on other arguments: see "prediction with given phi's" example, also illustrating the syntax when formulas include an offset.

If newdata is a numeric vector, its names (if any) are ignored. This makes it easier to use predict as an objective function for an optimization procedure such as optim, which calls the objective function on unnamed vectors. However, one must make sure that the order of elements in the vector is the order of first occurrence of the variables in the model formula. This order can be checked in the error message returned when calling predict on a newX vector of clearly wrong size, e.g. predict(<object>, newdata=numeric(0)).

newX

equivalent to newdata, available for back-compatibility

re.form

formula for random effects to include. By default, it is NULL, in which case all random effects are included. If it is NA, no random effect is included. If it is a formula, only the random effects it contains are retained. The other variance components are removed from both point prediction and variances calculations. If you want to retain only the spatial effects in the point prediction, but all variances, either use re.form and add missing variances (on linear predictor scale) manually, or ignore this argument and see Details and Examples for different ways of controlling variances.

variances

A list whose elements control the computation of different estimated variances. predict can return four components of prediction variance: fixefVar, predVar, residVar and respVar. They are all returned as attributes of the point predictions.

In particular, variances=list(predVar=TRUE) is suitable for uncertainty in point prediction, distinguished from the response variance given by list(respVar=TRUE). See the predVar help page for further explanations and other options.

intervals

NULL or character string or vector of strings. Provides prediction intervals with nominal level level, deduced from the given prediction variance term, e.g. intervals="predVar". Currently only intervals from fixefVar and predVar (and for LMMs respVar including the residual variance) may have a probabilistic meaning. Intervals returned in other cases are (currently) meaningless.

which

any of "predVar", "respVar", "residVar", "fixefVar", "intervals", or "naive"

level

Coverage of the intervals.

binding

If binding is a character string, the predicted values are bound with the newdata and the result is returned as a data frame. The predicted values column name is the given binding, or a name based on it if the newdata already include a variable with this name. If binding is FALSE, The predicted values are returned as a one-column matrix and the data frame used for prediction is returned as an attribute (unless it was NULL). If binding is NA, a vector is returned, without the previous attributes.

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fixdata A data frame describing reference data whose covariances with variable newdata may be requested.

fix_X_ZAC.object

The return value of calling preprocess_fix_corr (see trivial Example). This is a more efficient way of providing information about the fixdata for repeated calls to get_predCov_var_fix with variable newdata.

blockSize Mainly for development purposes. For original or new data with many rows,

it may be more efficient to split these data in small blocks, and this gives the maximum number or rows of the blocks. However, this will be ignored if a

prediction covariance matrix is requested.

type character string; The returned point predictions are on the response scale if

type="response" (the default; for binomial response, a frequency 0<.<1). It is on the linear predictor scale if type="link". But the "prediction variance" (as opposed to the response variance, see predVar) that may be returned as a "predVar" attribute of the point predictions is always on the linear predictor scale. Prediction intervals (as opposed to the response intervals) will be on the linear predictor or response scale depending on if type (new to versions more

recent than 3.12.0).

control A list; a warning will direct you to relevant usage when needed.

verbose A vector of booleans; it single currently used element is "showpbar", which

controls whether to show a progress bar in certain prediction variance computa-

tions.

... further arguments passed to or from other methods. For the get_... functions,

they are passed to predict.

Details

See the predVar help page for information about the different concepts of prediction variances handled by spaMM (uncertainty of point prediction vs. of response) and about options controlling their computation.

If newdata is NULL, predict returns the fitted responses, including random effects, from the object. Otherwise it computes new predictions including random effects as far as possible. For spatial random effects it constructs a correlation matrix \mathbf{C} between new locations and locations in the original fit. Then it infers the random effects in the new locations as $\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{L}')^{-1}\mathbf{v}$ (see spaMM for notation). For non-spatial random effects, it checks whether any group (i.e., level of a random effect) in the new data was represented in the original data, and it adds the inferred random effect for this group to the prediction for individuals in this group.

In the **point prediction** of the linear predictor, the unconditional expected value of u is assigned to the realizations of u for unobserved levels of non-spatial random effects (it is zero in GLMMs but not for non-gaussian random effects), and the inferred value of u is assigned in all other cases. Corresponding values of v are then deduced. This computation yields the classical "BLUP" or empirical Bayes predictor in LMMs, but otherwise it may yield less well characterized predictors, where "unconditional" v may not be its expected value when the rand. family link is not identity.

Intervals computations use the relevant variance estimates plugged in a Gaussian approximation, except for the simple linear model where it uses Student's *t* distribution.

Value

See Details in Tpoisson for questions specific to truncated distributions.

For predict, a matrix or data frame (according to the binding argument), with optional attributes frame, intervals, predVar, fixefVar, residVar, and/or respVar, the last four holding one or more variance vector or covariance matrices. The further attribute fittedName contains the binding name, if any.

The get_... extractor functions call predict and extract from its result the attribute implied by the name of the extractor. By default, get_intervals will return prediction intervals using predVar. get_predVar with non-default which argument has the same effect as the get_... function whose name is implied by which.

See Also

predVar for information specific to prediction variances sensu lato; get_cPredVar for a bootstrap-corrected version of get_predVar; residVar for an alternative extractor for residual variances, more general than get_residVar.

```
data("blackcap")
fitobject <- fitme(migStatus ~ 1 + Matern(1|longitude+latitude),data=blackcap,</pre>
                        fixed=list(nu=4,rho=0.4,phi=0.05))
predict(fitobject)
#### multiple controls of prediction variances
## (1) fit with an additional random effect
grouped <- cbind(blackcap,grp=c(rep(1,7),rep(2,7)))</pre>
fitobject2 <- fitme(migStatus ~ 1 + (1|grp) +Matern(1|longitude+latitude),</pre>
                        data=grouped, fixed=list(nu=4,rho=0.4,phi=0.05))
## (2) re.form usage to remove a random effect from point prediction and variances:
predict(fitobject2,re.form= ~ 1 + Matern(1|longitude+latitude))
## (3) comparison of covariance matrices for two types of new data
moregroups <- grouped[1:5,]</pre>
rownames(moregroups) <- paste0("newloc",1:5)</pre>
moregroups$grp <- rep(3,5) ## all new data belong to an unobserved third group
cov1 <- get_predVar(fitobject2, newdata=moregroups,</pre>
                      variances=list(linPred=TRUE,cov=TRUE))
moregroups$grp <- 3:7 ## all new data belong to distinct unobserved groups
cov2 <- get_predVar(fitobject2,newdata=moregroups,</pre>
                      variances=list(linPred=TRUE,cov=TRUE))
cov1-cov2 ## the expected off-diagonal covariance due to the common group in the first fit.
## Not run:
#### Other extractors:
fix_X_ZAC.object <- preprocess_fix_corr(fitobject,fixdata=blackcap)</pre>
# ... for use in multiple calls to get_predCov_var_fix():
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get_predCov_var_fix(fitobject,newdata=blackcap[14,],fix_ZAC.object=fix_X_ZAC.object)
#### Prediction with distinct given phi's in different locations,
   as specified by a resid.model:
#
varphi <- cbind(blackcap,logphi=runif(14))</pre>
vphifit <- fitme(migStatus ~ 1 + Matern(1|longitude+latitude),</pre>
                     resid.model = list(formula=~0+offset(logphi)),
                     data=varphi, fixed=list(nu=4,rho=0.4))
# For respVar computation (i.e., response variance, often called prediction variance),
   one then also needs to provide the variables used in 'resid.model', here 'logphi':
get_respVar(vphifit,newdata=data.frame(latitude=1,longitude=1,logphi=1))
# For default 'predVar' computation (i.e., uncertainty in point prediction),
#
    this is not needed:
#
get_predVar(vphifit,newdata=data.frame(latitude=1,longitude=1))
#### point predictions and variances with new X and Z
if(requireNamespace("rsae", quietly = TRUE)) {
 data("landsat", package = "rsae")
 fitobject <- fitme(HACorn ~ PixelsCorn + PixelsSoybeans + (1|CountyName),</pre>
                     data=landsat[-33,])
 newXandZ <- unique(data.frame(PixelsCorn=landsat$MeanPixelsCorn,</pre>
                                PixelsSoybeans=landsat$MeanPixelsSoybeans,
                                CountyName=landsat$CountyName))
 predict(fitobject,newdata=newXandZ,variances = list(predVar=TRUE))
 get_predVar(fitobject,newdata=newXandZ,variances = list(predVar=TRUE))
}
## End(Not run)
```

predVar

Prediction and response variances

Description

spaMM allows computation of four variance components of prediction, returned by predict as "...Var" attributes: predVar, fixefVar, residVar, or respVar. The phrase "prediction variance" is used inconsistently in the literature. Often it is used to denote the uncertainty in the response (therefore, including the residual variance), but **spaMM** follows some literature for mixed models in departing from this usage. Here, this uncertainty is called the response variance (respVar), while prediction variance (predVar) is used to denote the uncertainty in the linear predictor (as in Booth & Hobert, 1998; see also Jeske & Harville, 1988). The respVar is the predVar plus the residual variance residVar.

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Which components are returned is controlled in particular by the type and variances arguments of the relevant functions. variances is a list of booleans whose possible elements either match the possible returned components: predVar, fixefVar, residVar, or respVar; or may additionally include linPred, disp, cov, as_tcrossfac_list and possibly other cryptic ones.

The predict default value for all elements is NULL, which jointly translate to no component being computed, equivalently to setting all elements to FALSE. However, setting one component to TRUE may reverse the default effect for other components. In particular, by default, component predVar implies linPred=TRUE, disp=TRUE and component respVar additionally implies residVar=TRUE; in both cases, the linPred=TRUE default by default implies fixefVar=TRUE. Calling for one variance may imply that some of its components are not only computed but also returned as a distinct attribute.

By default the returned components are vectors of variances (with exceptions for some type value). To obtain covariance matrices (when applicable), set cov=TRUE. as_tcrossfac_list=TRUE can be used to return a list of matrices X_i such that the predVar covariance matrix equals $\sum_i X_i X_i'$. It thus provides a representation of the predVar that may be useful in particular when the predVar has large dimension, as the component X_i s may require less memory (being possibly non-square or sparse).

residVar=TRUE evaluates residVar the residual variances for Gaussian or Gamma responses.

fixefVar=TRUE evaluates fixefVar, the variance due to uncertainty in fixed effects ($\mathbf{X}\beta$).

Computations implying linPred=TRUE will take into account the variances of the linear predictor η , i.e. the uncertainty in fixed effects ($\mathbf{X}\beta$) and random effects (\mathbf{ZLv}), for given dispersion parameters (see Details). For fixed-effect models, the fixefVar calculations reduces to the linPred one.

Computations implying disp=TRUE additionally include the effect of uncertainty in estimates of dispersion parameters (λ and ϕ), with some limitations: this effect can be computed for a scalar residual variance (ϕ) and for several random effects with scalar variances (λ). Thus, the argument variances=list(predVar=TRUE) implies that uncertainty if linear predictor, including uncertainty in dispersion parameters, is taken into account, and the argument variances=list(respVar=TRUE) additionally includes residual variance.

Details

fixefVar is the (co)variance of $X\beta$, deduced from the asymptotic covariance matrix of β estimates.

linPred is the prediction (co)variance of $\eta = X\beta + Zv$ (see HLfit Details for notation, and keep in mind that new matrices may replace the ones from the fit object when newdata are used), by default computed for given dispersion parameters. It takes into account the joint uncertainty in estimation of β and prediction of \mathbf{v} . In particular, for new levels of the random effects, predVar computation takes into account uncertainty in prediction of \mathbf{v} for these new levels. For **prediction covariance** with a new \mathbf{Z} , it matters whether a single or multiple new levels are used: see Examples.

For computations implying disp=TRUE, prediction variance may also include a term accounting for uncertainty in ϕ and λ , computed following Booth and Hobert (1998, eq. 19). This computation ignores uncertainties in spatial correlation parameters.

respVar is the sum of predVar (pre- and post-multiplied by $\partial \mu/\partial \eta$ for models with non-identity link) and of residVar.

These variance calculations are approximate except for LMMs, and cannot be guaranteed to give accurate results.

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References

Booth, J.G., Hobert, J.P. (1998) Standard errors of prediction in generalized linear mixed models. J. Am. Stat. Assoc. 93: 262-272.

Jeske, Daniel R. & Harville, David A. (1988) Prediction-interval procedures and (fixed-effects) confidence-interval procedures for mixed linear models. Communications in Statistics - Theory and Methods, 17: 1053-1087. doi:10.1080/03610928808829672

Examples

```
## Not run:
# (but run in help("get_predVar"))
data("blackcap")
fitobject <- fitme(migStatus ~ 1 + Matern(1|longitude+latitude),data=blackcap,</pre>
                       fixed=list(nu=4,rho=0.4,phi=0.05))
#### multiple controls of prediction variances
# (1) fit with an additional random effect
grouped <- cbind(blackcap,grp=c(rep(1,7),rep(2,7)))</pre>
fitobject <- fitme(migStatus ~ 1 + (1|grp) +Matern(1|longitude+latitude),</pre>
                        data=grouped, fixed=list(nu=4,rho=0.4,phi=0.05))
# (2) re.form usage to remove a random effect from point prediction and variances:
predict(fitobject,re.form= ~ 1 + Matern(1|longitude+latitude))
# (3) comparison of covariance matrices for two types of new data
moregroups <- grouped[1:5,]</pre>
rownames(moregroups) <- paste0("newloc",1:5)</pre>
moregroups\$grp < - rep(3,5) ## all new data belong to an unobserved third group
cov1 <- get_predVar(fitobject,newdata=moregroups,</pre>
                     variances=list(linPred=TRUE,cov=TRUE))
moregroups$grp <- 3:7 ## all new data belong to distinct unobserved groups
cov2 <- get_predVar(fitobject,newdata=moregroups,</pre>
                     variances=list(linPred=TRUE,cov=TRUE))
cov1-cov2 ## the expected off-diagonal covariance due to the common group in the first fit.
## End(Not run)
## see help("get_predVar") for further examples
```

random-effects

Structure of random effects

Description

The structure of random-effect models adjustable by spaMM can generally be described by the following steps.

First, independent and identically distributed (iid) random effects **u** are drawn from one of the following distributions: **Gaussian** with zero mean, unit variance, and identity link; **Beta**-distributed,

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where u $B(1/(2\lambda), 1/(2\lambda))$ with mean=1/2, and var= $\lambda/[4(1+\lambda)]$; and with logit link v=logit(u); **Gamma**-distributed random effects, where u Gamma(shape=1+1/ λ ,scale=1/ λ): see Gamma for allowed links and further details; and **Inverse-Gamma**-distributed random effects, where u inverse-Gamma(shape=1+1/ λ ,rate=1/ λ): see inverse. Gamma for allowed links and further details.

Second, a transformation $\mathbf{v} = f(\mathbf{u})$ is applied (this defines \mathbf{v} whose elements are still iid).

Third, correlated random effects are obtained as **Mv**, where the matrix **M** can describe spatial correlation between observed locations, block effects (or repeated observations in given locations), and correlations involving unobserved locations. In most cases **M** is determined from the model formula, but it can also be controlled by covStruct argument. **M** takes the form **ZL** or **ZAL**, where **Z** is determined from the model formula, the optional **A** factor is given by the optional "AMatrices" attribute of argument covStruct of HLCor (also handled by fitme and corrHLfit), and **L** can be determined from the model formula or from covStruct. In particular:

- * **Z** is typically an incidence matrix: its elements z_{ij} are 1 if the *i*th observation is affected by the *j*th element of ALb, and zero otherwise.
- * For spatial random effects, **L** is typically the Cholesky "square root" of a correlation matrix determined by the random effect specification (e.g., Matern(...)), or given by the covStruct argument. This may be meaningful only for Gaussian random effects. Coefficients for each level of a random-coefficient model can also be represented as **Lv** where **L** is the "square root" of a correlation matrix.
- * If there is one response value par location, \mathbf{L} for a spatial random effect is thus a square matrix whose dimension is the number of observations. Alternatively, several observations may be taken in the same location, and a matrix \mathbf{Z} (automatically constructed) tells which element of $\mathbf{L}\mathbf{v}$ affects each observation. The linear predictor then contains a term of the form $\mathbf{Z}\mathbf{L}\mathbf{v}$, where $\dim(\mathbf{Z})$ is (number of observations, number of locations).
- * in IMRF random effects (IMRF for Interpolated Markov Random Fields), the realized random effects in response locations are defined as linear combinations \mathbf{ALv} of random effects \mathbf{Lv} in distinct locations. In that case the dimension of \mathbf{L} is the number of such distinct locations, an automatically constructed \mathbf{A} matrix maps them to the observed locations, and \mathbf{Z} again maps them to possibly repeated observations in observed locations.

rankinfo

Checking the rank of the fixed-effects design matrix

Description

By default, fitting functions in spaMM check the rank of the design matrix for fixed effects, as stats::lm or stats::glm do (but not, say, nlme::lme). This computation can be quite long. To save time when fitting different models with the same fixed-effect terms to the same data, the result of the check can be extracted from a return object by get_rankinfo(), and can be provided as argument control.HLfit\$rankinfo to another fit. Alternatively, the check will not be performed if control.HLfit\$rankinfo is set to NA.

Usage

get_rankinfo(object)

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Arguments

object

An object of class HLfit, as returned by the fitting functions in spaMM.

Details

The check is performed by a call to qr() methods for either dense or sparse matrices. If the design matrix is singular, a set of columns from the design matrix that define a non-singular matrix is identified. Note that different sets may be identified by sparse- and dense-matrix qr methods.

Value

A list with elements rank, whichcols (a set of columns that define a non-singular matrix), and method (identifying the algorithm used).

Examples

register_cF

Declare corrFamily constructor for use in formula

Description

This function registers the name of a new corrFamily constructor so that it can be used as the keyword of a random effect in a formula (as in $y \sim 1 + ARp()$)

Usage

```
register_cF(corrFamilies = NULL, reset = FALSE)
```

Arguments

corrFamilies

NULL, or character vector of names of corrFamily constructors.

reset

Boolean. Set it to TRUE in order to reset the list of registered constructors to the **spaMM** built-in default, before registering the ones specified by corrFamilies.

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Value

No value; operates through side-effects on internal variables.

Examples

```
ts <- data.frame(lh=lh,time=seq(48)) ## using 'lh' data from 'stats' package
                               # defines 'new' corrFamily from built-in one
myARp <- ARp
# Now, this would not yet work:
# fitme(lh ~ 1 + myARp(1|time), data=ts, method="REML")
# but thisworks if we first register "myARp"
register_cF("myARp")
                               # registers it
fitme(lh ~ 1 + myARp(1|time), data=ts, method="REML")
# same as
fitme(lh ~ 1 + corrFamily(1|time), data=ts, method="REML",
                 covStruct=list(corrFamily=myARp()))
#
# showing it's possible not to register myARp,
# although this has limitations (see Details in help("corrFamily")).
## Specifying arguments of the corrFamily constructor:
fitme(lh ~ 1 + myARp(1|time, p=3), data=ts, method="REML")
# same as
fitme(lh ~ 1 + corrFamily(1|time), data=ts, method="REML",
                  covStruct=list(corrFamily=ARp(p=3)))
register_cF(reset=TRUE) # Tidy things before leaving.
```

residuals.HLfit

Extract model residuals

Description

Extracts several types of residuals from an object of class HLfit.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'HLfit'
residuals(object,
  type = c("deviance", "pearson", "response", "std_dev_res"), force=FALSE, ...)
```

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Arguments

object	An object of class HLfit, as returned by the fitting functions in spaMM.
type	The type of residuals which should be returned. The alternatives are: "deviance" (default), "pearson", "response" and "std_dev_res". See residuals.glm for more information about the first three, and the Details for the last one.
force	Boolean: to force recomputation of the "std_dev_res" residuals even if they are available in the object, for checking purposes.
	For consistency with the generic.

Details

Following Lee et al. (2006, p.52), the standardized deviance residuals returned for type="std_dev_res" are defined as the deviance residuals divided by $\phi\sqrt(1-q)$, where the deviance residuals are defined as for a GLM, ϕ is the dispersion parameter of the response family (a vector of values, for heteroscedastic cases), and q is a vector of leverages given by hatvalues(., type="std") (see hatvalues for details about these specific standardizing leverages).

Value

A vector of residuals

References

Lee, Y., Nelder, J. A. and Pawitan, Y. (2006). Generalized linear models with random effects: unified analysis via h-likelihood. Chapman & Hall: London.

Examples

```
data("wafers")
fit <- fitme(y ~X1+(1|batch) ,data=wafers, init=list(phi=NaN)) # : this 'init'
# implies that standardized deviance residuals are saved in the
# fit result, allowing the following comparison:

r1 <- residuals(fit, type="std_dev_res") # gets stored value
r2 <- residuals(fit, type="std_dev_res", force=TRUE) # forced recomputation
if (diff(range(r1-r2))>1e-14) stop()
```

residVar

Residual variance extractor

Description

Extracts from a fit object the residual variance or, depending on the which argument, a family dispersion parameter, or a vector of values of the dispersion parameter phi (which is not the residual variance itself for gamma-response models), or further information about the residual variance model.

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Usage

```
residVar(object, which = "var", submodel = NULL, newdata = NULL)
```

Arguments

object An object of class HLfit, as returned by the fitting functions in spaMM.

which Character: "var" for the fitted residual variances, "phi" for the fitted phi values,

"fam_parm" for the dispersion parameter of COMPoisson and negbin families, "fit" for the fitted residual model (a GLM or a mixed model for residual variances, if not a simpler object), and "family" or "formula" for such properties

of the residual model.

submodel integer: the index of a submodel, if object is a multivariate-response model

fitted by fitmv. This argument is mandatory for all which values except "var"

and "phi".

newdata Either NULL, a matrix or data frame, or a numeric vector. See predict.HLfit

for details.

Value

Default which="var" (or "phi") always return a vector of residual variances (or, alternatively, phi values) of length the number of responses of the fit (or only the number of responses for a submodel, if relevant). which="fit" returns an object of class HLfit, glm, or a single scalar depending on the residual dispersion model. Other which values return an object of class family or formula as expected.

See Also

get_residVar is a alternative extractor of residual variances with different features inherited from get_predVar. In particular, it is more suited for computing the residual variances of new realizations of a fitted model, not accounting for prior weights used in fitting the model (basic examples of using the IsoriX package provide a context where this is the appropriate design decision). By contrast, residVar aims to account for prior weights.

Examples

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```
residVar(fitlfh)
residVar(fitlfh, which="phi") # shows fixed phi=1 for Poisson responses
residVar(fitlfh, submodel=2)
residVar(fitlfh, which="family", submodel=2)
residVar(fitlfh, which="formula", submodel=2)
residVar(fitlfh, which="fit", submodel=2) # Fit here characterized by a single scalar
```

salamander

Salamander mating data

Description

Data from a salamander mating experiment discussed by McCullagh and Nelder (1989, Ch. 14). Twenty males and twenty females from two populations (Rough Butt and Whiteside) were each paired with 6 individuals from their own or from the other population. The experiments were later published by Arnold et al. (1996).

Usage

```
data("salamander")
```

Format

The data frame includes 360 observations on the following variables:

Female Index of the female:

Male Index of the male:

Mate Whether the pair successfully mated or not;

TypeF Population of origin of female;

TypeM Population of origin of male;

Cross Interaction term between TypeF and TypeM;

Season A factor with levels Summer and Fall;

Experiment Index of experiment

Source

The data frame was borrowed from the HGLMMM package (Molas and Lesaffre, 2011), version 0.1.2.

References

Arnold, S.J., Verrell, P.A., and Tilley S.G. (1996) The evolution of asymmetry in sexual isolation: a model and a test case. Evolution 50, 1024-1033.

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Examples

scotlip

Lip cancer in Scotland 1975 - 1980

Description

This data set provides counts of lip cancer diagnoses made in Scottish districts from 1975 to 1980, and additional information relative to these data from Clayton and Kaldor (1987) and Breslow and Clayton (1993). The data set contains (for each district) counts of disease events and estimates of the fraction of the population involved in outdoor industry (agriculture, fishing, and forestry) which exposes it to sunlight.

data("scotlip") actually loads a data frame, scotlip, and an adjacency matrix, Nmatrix, between 56 Scottish districts, as given by Clayton and Kaldor (1987, Table 1).

Usage

```
data("scotlip")
```

Format

The data frame includes 56 observations on the following 7 variables:

gridcode alternative district identifier.

id numeric district identifier (1 to 56).

district district name.

cases number of lip cancer cases diagnosed 1975 - 1980.

population total person years at risk 1975 - 1980.

prop.ag percent of the population engaged in outdoor industry.

expec offsets considered by Breslow and Clayton (1993, Table 6, 'Exp' variable)

The rows are ordered according to gridcode, so that they match the rows of Nmatrix.

References

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Examples

```
data("scotlip")
fitme(cases~I(log(expec)), data=scotlip, adjMatrix=Nmatrix, family=poisson)
## see 'help(autoregressive)' for additional examples involving 'scotlip'.
```

seaMask

Masks of seas or lands

Description

These convenient masks can be added to maps of (parts of) the world to mask map information for these areas.

Usage

```
data("seaMask")
data("landMask")
# data("worldcountries") # deprecated and removed
# data("oceanmask") # deprecated and removed
```

Format

seaMask and landMask are data frames with two variables, x and y for longitude and latitude. Its contents are suitable for use with polypath: they define different polygones, each separated by a row of NAs.

worldcountries and oceanmask were sp::SpatialPolygonsDataFrame objects previously included in spaMM (see Details for replacement). Such objects were useful for creating land masks for different geographical projections.

Details

The removed objects worldcountries and oceanmask were suitable for plots involving geographical projections not available through map, and more generally for raster plots. A land mask could be produced out of worldcountries by filling the countries, as by fill="black" in the code for country.layer in the Examples in https://gitlab.mbb.univ-montp2.fr/francois/spamm-ref/-/blob/master/vignettePlus/example_raster.html. These objects may now be available through the same web page, but a better place to look for the same functionality is the IsoriX package (objects CountryBorders and OceanMask).

seaMask and landMask were created from the world map in the maps package. polypath requires polygons, while map(interior=FALSE,plot=FALSE) returns small segments. landMask is the result of reconnecting the segments into full coastlines of all land blocks.

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See Also

https://gitlab.mbb.univ-montp2.fr/francois/spamm-ref/-/blob/master/vignettePlus/example_raster.html for access to, and use of worldcountries and oceanmask; https://cran.r-project.org/package=IsoriX for replacement CountryBorders and OceanMask for these objects.

Examples

```
## Predicting behaviour for a land bird: simplified fit for illustration
data("blackcap")
bfit <- fitme(migStatus ~ means+ Matern(1|longitude+latitude),data=blackcap,</pre>
               fixed=list(lambda=0.5537,phi=1.376e-05,rho=0.0544740,nu=0.6286311))
## the plot itself, with a sea mask,
## and an ad hoc 'pointmask' to see better the predictions on small islands
#
def_pointmask <- function(xy,r=1,npts=12) {</pre>
 theta <- 2*pi/npts *seq(npts)</pre>
 hexas <- lapply(seq(nrow(xy)), function(li){</pre>
    p <- as.numeric(xy[li,])</pre>
   hexa <- cbind(x=p[1]+r*cos(theta),y=p[2]+r*sin(theta))</pre>
    rbind(rep(NA,2),hexa) ## initial NA before each polygon
 })
 do.call(rbind,hexas)
11 <- blackcap[,c("longitude","latitude")]</pre>
pointmask \leftarrow def_pointmask(ll[c(2,4,5,6,7),],r=0.8) ## small islands only
if (spaMM.getOption("example_maxtime")>1) {
 data("seaMask")
 filled.mapMM(bfit,add.map=TRUE,
             plot.title=title(main="Inferred migration propensity of blackcaps",
                                xlab="longitude",ylab="latitude"),
             decorations=quote(points(pred[,coordinates],cex=1,pch="+")),
             plot.axes=quote({axis(1);axis(2);
                         polypath(rbind(seaMask,pointmask),border=FALSE,
                                  col="grey", rule="evenodd")
             }))
}
```

seeds

Seed germination data

Description

A classic toy data set, "from research conducted by microbiologist Dr P. Whitney of Surrey University. A batch of tiny seeds is brushed onto a plate covered with a certain extract at a given dilution. The numbers of germinated and ungerminated seeds are subsequently counted" (Crowder, 1978). Two seed types and two extracts are here considered in a 2x2 factorial design.

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Usage

```
data("seeds")
```

Format

The data frame includes 21 observations on the following variables:

```
plate Factor for replication;
```

seed Seed type, a factor with two levels O73 and O75;

extract Root extract, a factor with two levels Bean and Cucumber;

- r Number of seeds that germinated;
- n Total number of seeds tested

Source

```
Crowder (1978), Table 3.
```

References

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Examples

simulate.HLfit

Simulate realizations of a fitted model.

Description

From an HLfit object, simulate.HLfit function generates new samples given the estimated fixed effects and dispersion parameters. Simulation may be unconditional (the default, useful in many applications of parametric bootstrap), or conditional on the predicted values of random effects, or may draw from the conditional distribution of random effects given the observed response. Simulations may be run for the original values of fixed-effect predictor variables and of random effect levels (spatial locations for spatial random effects), or for new values of these.

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Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'HLfit'
simulate(object, nsim = 1, seed = NULL, newdata = NULL,
                         type = "marginal", re.form, conditional = NULL,
                         verbose = c(type=TRUE,
                                   showpbar=eval(spaMM.getOption("barstyle"))),
                        sizes = NULL, resp_testfn = NULL, phi_type = "predict",
                    prior.weights = object$prior.weights, variances=list(), ...)
## S3 method for class 'HLfitlist'
simulate(object, nsim = 1, seed = NULL,
                             newdata = object[[1]]$data, sizes = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

object The return object of HLfit or similar function.

nsim number of response vectors to simulate. Defaults to '1'.

seed A seed for set. seed. If such a value is provided, the initial state of the random

number generator at a global level is restored on exit from simulate.

A data frame closely matching the original data, except that response values are newdata

not needed. May provide new values of fixed predictor variables, new spatial

locations, or new individuals within a block.

re.form formula for random effects to condition on. Default behaviour depends on the

> type argument. The joint default is the latter's default, i.e., unconditional simulation. re. form is currently ignored when type="Vlinpred" (with a warning). Otherwise, re. form=NULL conditions on all random effects (as type="residual" does), and re.form=NA conditions on none of the random effects (as type="marginal"

or re.form=~0 do).

type character string specifying which uncertainties are taken into account in the lin-

> ear predictor and notably in the random effect terms. Whatever the type, the residual variance is always accounted in the simulation output. "marginal" accounts for the marginal variance of the random effect (and, by default, also for the uncertainty in fixed effects); "predVar" accounts for the conditional distribution of the random effects given the data (see Details); and "residual" should perhaps be "none" as no uncertainty is accounted in the linear predictor:

the simulation variance is only the residual variance of the fitted model.

Obsolete and will be deprecated. Boolean; TRUE and FALSE are equivalent to conditional

type="residual" and type="marginal", respectively.

Either a single boolean (which determines verbose[["type"]], or a vector of

booleans with possible elements "type" (to display basic information about the

type of simulation) and "showpbar" (see predict(., verbose)).

sizes A vector of sample sizes to simulate in the case of a binomial fit. Defaults to the

sizes in the original data.

NULL, or a function that tests a condition which simulated samples should satresp_testfn

isfy. This function takes a response vector as argument and return a boolean

(TRUE indicating that the sample satisfies the condition).

verbose

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phi_type Character string, either "predict" or one of the values possible for type. This

controls the residual variance parameter ϕ . The default is to use predicted ϕ values from the fit, which are the fitted ϕ values except when a structured-dispersion model is involved together with non-NULL newdata. However, when a structured-dispersion model is involved, it is also possible to simulate new ϕ values, and for a mixed-effects structured-dispersion model, the same types of simulation controlled by type for the main response can be performed as controlled by phi_type. For a fixed-effects structured-dispersion model, these types cannot be distinguished, and any phi_type distinct from "predict" will imply simu-

lation under the fixed-effect model (see Examples).

prior.weights Prior weights that may be substituted to those of the original fit, with the same

effect on the residual variance.

variances Used when type="predVar": see Details.

further arguments passed to or from other methods; currently only passed to

predict in a speculative bit of code (see Details).

Details

type="predVar" accounts for the uncertainty of the linear predictor, by drawing new values of the predictor in a multivariate gaussian distribution with mean and covariance matrix of prediction. In this case, the user has to provide a variances argument, passed to predict, which controls what goes into this covariance matrix. For example, with variances=list(linPred=TRUE, disp=TRUE)), the covariance matrix takes into account the joint uncertainty in the fixed-effect coefficients and of any random effects given the response and the point estimates of dispersion and correlation parameters ("linPred" variance component), and in addition accounts for uncertainty in the dispersion parameters (effect of "disp" variance component as further described in predict.HLfit). The total simulation variance is then the response variance. Uncertainty in correlation parameters (such a parameters of the Matern family) is not taken into account. The "linPred" uncertainty is known exactly in LMMs, and otherwise approximated as a Gaussian distribution with mean vector and covariance matrix given as per the Laplace approximation.

type="(ranef|response)" can be viewed as a special version of type="predVar" where variances=list(linPred=TRUE, disp=FALSE)) and only the uncertainty in the random effects is taken into account.

A full discussion of the merits of the different types is beyond the scope of this documentation, but these different types may not all be useful. type="marginal" is typically used for computation of confidence intervals by parametric bootstrap methods. type="residual" is used by get_cPredVar for its evaluation of a bias term. The other types may be used to simulate the uncertainty in the random effects, conditionally on the data, and may therefore be more akin to the computation of prediction intervals conditionally on an (unknown but inferred) realization of the random effects. But these should presumably not be used in a bootstrap computation of such intervals, as this would represent a double accounting of the uncertainty that the boostrap aims to quantify.

Value

For the HLfitlist method (i.e., the result of a multinomial fit), a list of simulated responses. Otherwise, a vector (if nsim=1) or a matrix with nsim columns, each containing a simulated response.

Examples

spaMM

Inference in mixed models, in particular spatial GLMMs

Description

Fits a range of mixed-effect models, including those with spatially correlated random effects. The random effects are either Gaussian (which defines GLMMs), or other distributions (which defines the wider class of hierarchical GLMs), or simply absent (which makes a LM or GLM). Multivariate-response models can be fitted by the fitmv function. Other models can be fitted by fitme (the most general function). Also available are previously conceived fitting functions HLfit (sometimes faster, for non-spatial models), HLCor (sometimes faster, for conditional-autoregressive models and fixed-correlation models), and corrHLfit (now of lesser interest). Additional functions are available such as fixedLRT for likelihood-ratio testing, simulate and predict.

Both maximum likelihood (ML) and restricted likelihood (REML) can be used for linear mixed models, and extensions of these methods using Laplace approximations are used for non-Gaussian random response. Several variants of these methods discussed in the literature are included (see Details in HLfit), the most notable of which may be "PQL/L" for binary-response GLMMs (see Example for arabidopsis data). PQL methods implemented in spaMM are closer to (RE)ML methods than those implemented in MASS::glmmPQL.

Details

The standard response families gaussian, binomial, poisson, and Gamma are handled, as well as negative binomial (see negbin1 and negbin2), zero-truncated poisson and negative binomial, beta (beta_resp) and Conway-Maxwell-Poisson response (see Tpoisson, Tnegbin and COMPoisson). A multi family look-alike is also available for multinomial response, with some constraints.

The variance parameter of residual error is denoted ϕ (phi): this is the residual variance for gaussian response, but for Gamma-distributed response, the residual variance is $\phi\mu^2$ where μ is expected response. A (possibly mixed-effects) linear predictor for ϕ , modeling heteroscedasticity, can be considered (see Examples).

The package fits models including several nested or crossed random effects, including autocorrelated ones. An interface is being developed allowing users to implement their own parametric correlation models (see corrFamily), beyond the following ones which are built in **spaMM**:

- * geostatistical (Matern, Cauchy),
- * interpolated Markov Random Fields (IMRF, MaternIMRFa),
- * autoregressive time-series (AR1, ARp, ARMA),
- * conditional autoregressive as specified by an adjacency matrix,
- * pairwise interactions with individual-level random effects, such as diallel experiments (diallel),
- * or any fixed correlation matrix (corrMatrix).

GLMMs and HGLMs are fit via Laplace approximations for (1) the marginal likelihood with respect to random effects and (2) the restricted likelihood (as in REML), i.e. the likelihood of random effect parameters given the fixed effect estimates. All handled models can be formulated in terms of a linear predictor of the traditional form offset+ $\mathbf{X}\beta$ + \mathbf{Z} b, where \mathbf{X} is the design matrix of fixed effects, β (beta) is a vector of fixed-effect coefficients, \mathbf{Z} is a "design matrix" for the random effects (which is instead denoted \mathbf{M} = $\mathbf{Z}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{L}$ elsewhere in the package documentation), and \mathbf{b} a vector of random effect values. The general structure of $\mathbf{M}\mathbf{b}$ is described in random-effects.

Gaussian and non-gaussian random effects can be fitted. Different **gaussian** random-effect terms are handled, with the following effects:

- * (1|<RHS>), for non-autocorrelated random effects as in lme4;
- * (<LHS>|<RHS>), for random-coefficient terms as in lme4, *and
 additional terms depending on the <LHS> type* (further detailed below);
- * (<LHS> || <RHS>) is interpreted as in lme4: any such term is immediately converted to ((1|<RHS>) + (0+<LHS>|<RHS>)). It should be counted as two random effects for all purposes (e.g., for fixing the variances of the random effects). However, this syntax is useless when the LHS includes a factor (see help('lme4::expandDoubleVerts')).
- * <prefix>(1|<RHS>), to specify autocorrelated random effects, e.g. Matern(1|long+lat).
- * <prefix>(<LHS>|<RHS>), where the <LHS> can be used to alter the autocorrelated random effect as detailed below.

Different LHS types of **gaussian** (<LHS>|<RHS>) random-effect terms are handled, with the following effects:

- * <logical> (TRUE/FALSE): affects only responses for which <LHS> is TRUE;
- * <factor built from a logical>: same a <logical> case;
- * <factor not built from a logical>: random-coefficient term as in lme4;
- * 0 + <factor not built from a logical>: same but contrasts are not used;
- * factors specified by the mv(...) expression, generate random-coefficient terms specific to multivariate-response models fitted by fitmv() (see help("mv")). 0 + mv(...) has the expected effect of not using contrasts;
- * <numeric> (but not '0+<numeric>'): random-coefficient term as in lme4,
 with 2*2 covariance matrix of effects on Intercept and slope;
- * 0 + <numeric>: no Intercept so no covariance matrix (random-slope-only term):
- * the "experimental" dummy() specifier described in the lme4 documentation has been found to work with spaMM too.

The '0 + <numeric>' effect is achieved by direct control of the elements of the incidence matrix \mathbf{Z} through the <LHS> term: for numeric z, such elements are multiplied by z values, and thus provide a variance of order O(z squared).

If one wishes to fit uncorrelated group-specific random-effects with distinct variances for different groups or for different response variables, three syntaxes are thus possible. The most general, suitable for fitting several variances (see help("GxE") for an example), is to fit a (0 + <factor>| <RHS>) random-coefficient term with correlation(s) fixed to 0. Alternatively, one can define **numeric** (011) variables for each group (as as.numeric(<boolean for given group membership>)), and use each of them in a 0 + <numeric> LHS (so that the variance of each such random effect is zero for response not belonging to the given group). Using dummy factors for each level of the original factor can achieve the same effect without coding new variables in the data. These syntaxes are illustrated in the "Elementary multivariate-response" example below for two groups (males and females).

- * Matern(<LHS>|<RHS>), corrMatrix(<LHS>|<RHS>), and (experimentally, with surely many limitations) <corrFamily>(<LHS>|<RHS>) terms may be fitted for all the above LHS cases and RHS cases. The Matern feature is experimental (introduced in version 3.12.0) and the <corrFamily> one is even more so, with surely many limitations.
- * For other * For other fix>, it is also possible to fit some random-effect terms involving a non-'1' LHS,
 but then only the LHS types that do not imply estimating a random-coefficient covariance matrix
 are handled. In these autocorrelated random effects the <RHS> is generally restricted to the simplest
 form, except for AR1 where the <.> %in% <.> form of nested random effect is allowed.

The syntax (z-1|.), for **numeric** z only, can also be used to fit **some heteroscedastic non-Gaussian** random effects. For example, a Gamma random-effect term (wei-1|block) specifies an heteroscedastic Gamma random effect u with constant mean 1 and variance wei^2 λ , where λ is still the estimated variance parameter. See Details of negbin for a possible application. Here, this effect is not implemented through direct control of \mathbf{Z} (multiplying the elements of an incidence matrix \mathbf{Z} by wei), as this would have a different effect on the distribution of the random effect term. (z|.) is not defined for *non-Gaussian* random effects. It could mean that a correlation structure between random intercepts and random slopes for (say) Gamma-distributed random effects is considered, but such correlation structures are not well-specified by their correlation matrix.

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See Also

The test directory of the package provides many additional examples of spaMM usage beyond those from the formal documentation.

Examples

```
data("wafers")
data("scotlip") ## loads 'scotlip' data frame, but also 'Nmatrix'
##
       Linear model
fitme(y ~ X1, data=wafers)
fitme(y ~ X1, family=Gamma(log), data=wafers)
fitme(cases ~ I(log(population)), data=scotlip, family=poisson)
       Non-spatial GLMMs
fitme(y ~ 1+(1|batch), family=Gamma(log), data=wafers)
fitme(cases ~ 1+(1|gridcode), data=scotlip, family=poisson)
# Random-slope model (mind the output!)
fitme(y~X1+(X2|batch),data=wafers, method="REML")
## Spatial, conditional-autoregressive GLMM
if (spaMM.getOption("example_maxtime")>2) {
 fitme(cases ~ I(log(population))+adjacency(1|gridcode), data=scotlip, family=poisson,
        adjMatrix=Nmatrix) # with adjacency matrix provided by data("scotlip")
# see ?adjacency for more details on these models
## Spatial, geostatistical GLMM:
# see e.g. examples in ?fitme, ?corrHLfit, ?Loaloa, or ?arabidopsis;
# see examples in ?Matern for group-specific spatial effects.
       Hierachical GLMs with non-gaussian random effects
data("salamander")
if (spaMM.getOption("example_maxtime")>1) {
 # both gaussian and non-gaussian random effects
 fitme(cbind(Mate, 1-Mate)^{-1} + (1|Female) + (1|Male), family = binomial(),
        rand.family=list(gaussian(),Beta(logit)),data=salamander)
 # Random effect of Male nested in that of Female:
 fitme(cbind(Mate,1-Mate)~1+(1|Female/Male),
       family=binomial(),rand.family=Beta(logit),data=salamander)
# [ also allowed is cbind(Mate,1-Mate)~1+(1|Female)+(1|Male %in% Female) ]
}
     Modelling residual variance ( = structured-dispersion models)
# GLM response, fixed effects for residual variance
fitme( y ~ 1,family=Gamma(log),
     resid.model = \sim X3+I(X3^2) ,data=wafers)
#
```

spaMM-conventions

```
# GLMM response, and mixed effects for residual variance
if (spaMM.getOption("example_maxtime")>1.5) {
 fitme(y \sim 1+(1|batch), family=Gamma(log),
        resid.model = \sim 1+(1|batch), data=wafers)
}
## Elementary multivariate-response model (see fitmv() for a more general procedure)
# Data preparation
fam <- rep(c(1,2),rep(6,2)) # define two biological 'families'</pre>
ID <- gl(6,2) # define 6 'individuals'</pre>
resp <- as.factor(rep(c("x","y"),6)) # distinguishes two responses per individual
set.seed(123)
toymv <- data.frame(</pre>
 fam = factor(fam), ID = ID, resp = resp,
 y = 1 + (resp=="x") + rnorm(4)[2*(resp=="x")+fam] + rnorm(12)[6*(resp=="x")+as.integer(ID)],
 respX = as.numeric(resp=="x"),
 respY = as.numeric(resp=="y")
)
#
# fit response-specific variances of random effect and residuals:
(fitme(y ~ resp+ (0+respX|fam)+ (0+respY|fam), resid.model = ~ 0+resp ,data=toymv))
# Same result by different syntaxes:
(fitme(y ~ resp+ (0+resp|fam), resid.model = ~ 0+resp ,data=toymv,
       fixed=list(ranCoefs=list("1"=c(NA,0,NA)))))
# or by the dummy() specifier from lme4:
# (fitme(y ~ resp+ (0+dummy(resp,"x")|fam)+ (0+dummy(resp,"y")|fam),
         resid.model = ~ 0+resp ,data=toymv))
```

spaMM-conventions

spaMM conventions and differences from related fitting procedures

Description

input arguments are generally similar to those of glm and (g)lmer, in particular for the spaMM::fitme function, with the exception of the prior.weights argument, which is simply weights in the other packages. The name prior.weights seems more consistent, since e.g. glm returns its input weights as output prior.weights, while its output weights are instead the weights in the final iteration of an iteratively weighted least-square fit.

The \bolddefault likelihood target for dispersion parameters is restricted likelihood (REML estimation) for corrHLfit and (marginal) likelihood (ML estimation) for fitme. Model fits may provide restricted likelihood values(ReL) even if restricted likelihood is is not used as an objective function at any step in the analysis.

See good-practice for advice about the proper syntax of formula.

Computation times depend on control parameters given by spaMM.getOption("spaMM_tol") parameters (for iterative algorithms), and spaMM.getOption("nloptr") parameters for the default

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optimizer. Do not use spaMM.options() to control them globally, unless you know what you are doing. Rather control them locally by the control.HLfit argument to control spaMM_tol, and by the control arguments of corrHLfit and fitme to control nloptr. If nloptr\$Xtol_rel is set above 5e-06, fitme will by default refit the fixed effects and dispersion parameters (but not other correlation parameters estimated by nloptr) by the iterative algorithm after nloptr convergence. Increasing nloptr\$Xtol_rel value may therefore switches the bulk of computation time from the optimizer to the iterative algorithm, and may increase or decrease computation time depending on which algorithm is faster for a given input. Use control\$refit if you wish to inhibit this, but note that by default it provides a rescue to a poor nloptr result due to a too large Xtol_rel.

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spaMM.colors

A flashy color palette.

Description

spaMM. colors is the default color palette for some color plots in spaMM.

Usage

```
spaMM.colors(n = 64, redshift = 1, adjustcolor_args=NULL)
```

Arguments

n

Number of color levels returned by the function. A calling graphic function with argument nlevels will typically take the first (i.e., bluest) nlevels color levels. If n<nlevels, the color levels are recycled

redshift

The higher it is, the more the palette blushes....

adjustcolor_args

Either NULL or a list of arguments for adjustcolor, in which case adjustcolor is called to modify spaMM.colors's default vector of colors. See the documentation of the latter function for further information. All arguments except col are possible.

Details

If you don't like this color palette, have a look at the various ones provided by the fields package.

Value

A vector giving the colors in a hexadecimal format.

Examples

```
## see mapMM examples
```

spaMM.filled.contour

```
spaMM.filled.contour Level (Contour) Plots with better aspect ratio control (for geographical maps, at least)
```

Description

This function is derived from filled.contour in the graphics package, and this documentation is likewise heavily based on that of filled.contour.

This function likewise produces a contour plot with the areas between the contours filled in solid color, and a key showing how the colors map to z values is likewise shown to the right of the plot. The only difference is the way the aspect ratio is determined and can be controlled (using the map. asp parameter instead of asp), They thus easily provide nice-looking maps with meaningful latitude/longitude ratio (see Examples). However, this does not work well with rstudio.

Usage

Arguments

х, у	locations of grid lines at which the values in z are measured. These must be in ascending order. (The rest of this description does not apply to .filled.contour.) By default, equally spaced values from 0 to 1 are used. If x is a list, its components x\$x and x\$y are used for x and y, respectively. If the list has component z this is used for z.
Z	a numeric matrix containing the values to be plotted Note that x can be used instead of z for convenience.
xrange	x range of the plot.
yrange	y range of the plot.
zrange	z range of the plot.
margin	This controls how far (in relative terms) the plot extends beyond the x and y ranges of the analyzed points, and is overriden by explicit xrange and yrange arguments.

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levels	a set of levels which are used to partition the range of z. Must be strictly increasing (and finite). Areas with z values between consecutive levels are painted with the same color.
nlevels	if levels is not specified, the range of z , values is divided into approximately this many levels.
color.palette	a color palette function to be used to assign colors in the plot.
col	an explicit set of colors to be used in the plot. This argument overrides any palette function specification. There should be one less color than levels
plot.title	statements which add titles to the main plot.
plot.axes	statements which draw axes (and a box) on the main plot. This overrides the default axes.
key.title	statements which add titles for the plot key.
key.axes	statements which draw axes on the plot key. This overrides the default axis.
map.asp	the y/x aspect ratio of the 2D plot area (not of the full figure including the scale). Default is (plotted y range)/(plotted x range) (i.e., scales for x are identical).
xaxs	the x axis style. The default is to use internal labeling.
yaxs	the y axis style. The default is to use internal labeling.
las	the style of labeling to be used. The default is to use horizontal labeling.
axes, frame.plot	
	logicals indicating if axes and a box should be drawn, as in plot.default.
	additional graphical parameters, currently only passed to title().

Details

The values to be plotted can contain NAs. Rectangles with two or more corner values are NA are omitted entirely: where there is a single NA value the triangle opposite the NA is omitted.

Values to be plotted can be infinite: the effect is similar to that described for NA values.

Note

Builds heavily on filled.contour by Ross Ihaka and R-core. spaMM.filled.contour uses the layout function and so is restricted to a full page display.

The output produced by spaMM.filled.contour is actually a combination of two plots; one is the filled contour and one is the legend. Two separate coordinate systems are set up for these two plots, but they are only used internally – once the function has returned these coordinate systems are lost. If you want to annotate the main contour plot, for example to add points, you can specify graphics commands in the plot.axes argument. See the Examples.

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See Also

contour, image, palette; contourplot and levelplot from package lattice.

spaMM_boot

Examples

```
spaMM.filled.contour(volcano, color = spaMM.colors) # simple
## Comparing the layout with that of filled.contour:
# (except that it does not always achieve the intended effect
# in RStudio Plots pane).
x <- 10*1:nrow(volcano)</pre>
y <- 10*1:ncol(volcano)
spaMM.filled.contour(x, y, volcano, color = terrain.colors,
    plot.title = title(main = "The Topography of Maunga Whau",
    xlab = "Meters North", ylab = "Meters West"),
   plot.axes = \{ axis(1, seq(100, 800, by = 100)) \}
                  axis(2, seq(100, 600, by = 100)) },
   key.title = title(main = "Height\n(meters)"),
    key.axes = axis(4, seq(90, 190, by = 10))) # maybe also asp = 1
mtext(paste("spaMM.filled.contour(.) from", R.version.string),
      side = 1, line = 4, adj = 1, cex = .66)
## compare with
filled.contour(x, y, volcano, color = terrain.colors,
    plot.title = title(main = "The Topography of Maunga Whau",
    xlab = "Meters North", ylab = "Meters West"),
   plot.axes = \{ axis(1, seq(100, 800, by = 100)) \}
                  axis(2, seq(100, 600, by = 100)) },
   key.title = title(main = "Height\n(meters)"),
    key.axes = axis(4, seq(90, 190, by = 10))) # maybe also asp = 1
mtext(paste("filled.contour(.) from", R.version.string),
      side = 1, line = 4, adj = 1, cex = .66)
```

spaMM_boot

Parametric bootstrap

Description

This simulates samples from a fit object inheriting from class "HLfit", as produced by spaMM's fitting functions, and applies a given function to each simulated sample. Parallelization is supported (see Details). A typical usage of the parametric bootstrap is to fit by one model some samples simulated under another model (see Example).

Usage

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Arguments

object The fit object to simulate from.

simuland The function to apply to each simulated sample. See Details for requirements of

this function.

nsim Number of samples to simulate and analyze.

nb_cores Number of cores to use for parallel computation. The default is spaMM.getOption("nb_cores"),

and 1 if the latter is NULL. nb_cores=1 prevents the use of parallelisation pro-

cedures.

seed Passed to simulate.HLfit

resp_testfn Passed to simulate. HLfit; NULL, or a function that tests a condition which

simulated samples should satisfy. This function takes a response vector as argument and return a boolean (TRUE indicating that the sample satisfies the condi-

tion).

control.foreach

list of control arguments for foreach. These include in particular .combine (with default value "rbind"), and .errorhandling (with default value "remove",

but "pass" is quite useful for debugging).

debug. Boolean (or integer, interpreted as boolean). For debugging purposes, given

that spaMM_boot does not stop when the fit of a bootstrap replicate fails. Subject to changes with no or little notice. In serial computation, debug.=2 will stop on an error. In parallel computation, this would be ignored. The effect of debug.=TRUE depends on what simuland does of it. The default simuland for likelihood ratio testing functions, eval_replicate, shows how debug. can be used to control a call to dump.frames (however, debugging user-defined func-

tions by such a call does not require control by debug.).

type Character: passed to simulate. HLfit. Defaults, with a warning, to type="marginal"

in order to replicate the behaviour of previous versions. But this is not necessarily the appropriate type for all possible uses. See Details of simulate. HLfit

for other implemented options.

fit_env An environment or list containing variables necessary to evaluate simuland on

each sample, and not included in the fit object. E.g., use fit_env=list(phi_fix=phi_fix)

if the fit assumed fixed=list(phi=phi_fix): the name in list(phi_fix=<.>) must be the name of the object that will be sought by the called process when interpreting fixed=list(phi=phi_fix) (if still unsure about the proper syntax, see the clusterExport documentation, as fit_env is used in the following con-

text: parallel::clusterExport(cl=<cluster>, varlist=ls(fit_env), envir=fit_env)).

showpbar Controls display of progress bar. See barstyle option for details.

... Further arguments passed to the simuland function.

Details

spaMM_boot handles parallel backends with different features. pbapply::pbapply has a very simple interface (essentially equivalent to apply) and provides progress bars, but (in version 1.4.0, at least) does not have efficient load-balancing. doSNOW also provides a progress bar and allows

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more efficient load-balancing, but its requires foreach. foreach handles errors differently from pbapply (which will simply stop if fitting a model to a bootstrap replicate fails): see the foreach documentation.

spaMM_boot calls simulate.HLfit on the fit object and applies simuland on each column of the matrix returned by this call. simulate.HLfit uses the type argument, which must be explicitly provided.

The simuland function must take as first argument a vector of response values, and may have other arguments including '...'. When required, these additional arguments must be passed through the '...' arguments of spaMM_boot. Variables needed to evaluate them must be available from within the simuland function or otherwise provided as elements of fit_env.

Value

A list, with two elements (unless debug. is TRUE):

bootreps nsim return values in the format returned either by apply or parallel::parApply or by foreach:: `%dopar%` as controlled by control.foreach\$.combine (which is here "rbind" by default).

RNGstate the state of .Random. seed at the beginning of the sample simulation.

Examples

```
if (spaMM.getOption("example_maxtime")>7) {
data("blackcap")
# Generate fits of null and full models:
lrt <- fixedLRT(null.formula=migStatus ~ 1 + Matern(1|longitude+latitude),</pre>
                 formula=migStatus ~ means + Matern(1|longitude+latitude),
                 method='ML',data=blackcap)
# The 'simuland' argument:
myfun <- function(y, what=NULL, lrt, ...) {</pre>
   data <- lrt$fullfit$data</pre>
  data$migStatus <- y ## replaces original response (! more complicated for binomial fits)
    full_call <- getCall(lrt$fullfit) ## call for full fit</pre>
    full_call$data <- data
    res <- eval(full_call) ## fits the full model on the simulated response
    if (!is.null(what)) res <- eval(what)(res=res) ## post-process the fit</pre>
    return(res) ## the fit, or anything produced by evaluating 'what'
 # where the 'what' argument (not required) of myfun() allows one to control
 # what the function returns without redefining the function.
 # Call myfun() with no 'what' argument: returns a list of fits
 spaMM_boot(lrt$nullfit, simuland = myfun, nsim=1, lrt=lrt, type ="marginal")[["bootreps"]]
 # Return only a model coefficient for each fit:
 spaMM_boot(lrt$nullfit, simuland = myfun, nsim=7,
             what=quote(function(res) fixef(res)[2L]),
             lrt=lrt, type ="marginal")[["bootreps"]]
}
```

spaMM_glm.fit

spaMM_glm.fit	Fitting generalized linear models without initial-value or divergence headaches

Description

spaMM_glm.fit is a stand-in replacement for glm.fit, which can be called through glm by using glm(<>, method="spaMM_glm.fit"). Input and output structure are exactly as for glm.fit. It uses a Levenberg-Marquardt algorithm to prevent divergence of estimates. For models families such as Gamma() (with default inverse link) where the linear predictor is constrained to be positive, if the **rcdd** package is installed, the function can automatically find valid starting values or else indicate that no parameter value is feasible. It also automatically provides good starting values in some cases where the base functions request them from the user (notably, for gaussian(log) with some negative response). spaMM_glm is a convenient wrapper, calling glm with default method glm.fit, then calling method spaMM_glm.fit, with possibly different initial values, if glm.fit failed.

Usage

Arguments

All arguments except strict are common to these functions and their stats package equivalents, glm and glm.fit. Most arguments operate as for the latter functions, whose documentation is repeated below. The control argument may operate differently.

an object of class "formula" (or one that can be coerced to that class): a symbolic description of the model to be fitted. The details of model specification are given in the 'Details' section of glm.

a description of the error distribution and link function to be used in the model. For spaMM_glm this can be a character string naming a family function, a family function or the result of a call to a family function. For spaMM_glm.fit only the

third option is supported. (See family for details of family functions.)

an optional data frame, list or environment (or object coercible by as.data.frame to a data frame) containing the variables in the model. If not found in data, the variables are taken from environment(formula), typically the environment from which glm is called.

an optional vector of 'prior weights' to be used in the fitting process. Should be NULL or a numeric vector.

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subset an optional vector specifying a subset of observations to be used in the fitting

process.

na.action a function which indicates what should happen when the data contain NAs. The

default is set by the na.action setting of options, and is na.fail if that is unset. The 'factory-fresh' default is na.omit. Another possible value is NULL,

no action. Value na. exclude can be useful.

start starting values for the parameters in the linear predictor.

etastart starting values for the linear predictor.
mustart starting values for the vector of means.

offset this can be used to specify an a priori known component to be included in the

linear predictor during fitting. This should be NULL or a numeric vector of length equal to the number of cases. One or more offset terms can be included in the formula instead or as well, and if more than one is specified their sum is used.

See model.offset.

control a list of parameters for controlling the fitting process. This is passed to glm. control,

as for glm.fit. Because one can assume that spaMM_glm.fit will converge in many cases where glm.fit does not, spaMM_glm.fit allows more iterations (200) by default. However, if spaMM_glm.fit is called through glm(..., method="spaMM_glm.fit"), then the number of iterations is controlled by the glm.control call within glm, so that it is 25 by default, overriding the

spaMM_glm.fit default.

model a logical value indicating whether *model frame* should be included as a compo-

nent of the returned value.

method A 2-elements vector specifying first the method to be used by spaMM_glm in

the first attempt to fit the model, second the method to be used in a second attempt if the first failed. Possible methods include those shown in the default, "model.frame", which returns the model frame and does no fitting, or user-supplied fitting functions. These functions can be supplied either as a function or a character string naming a function, with a function which takes the same

arguments as glm.fit.

x, y For spaMM_glm: x is a design matrix of dimension n * p, and y is a vector of

observations of length n.

For $pamM_glm.fit: x is a design matrix of dimension <math>n * p$, and y is a vector

of observations of length n.

singular.ok logical; if FALSE a singular fit is an error.

contrasts an optional list. See the contrasts.arg of model.matrix.default.

intercept logical. Should an intercept be included in the *null* model?

strict logical. Whether to perform a fit by spaMM_glm.fit if glm.fit returned the

warning "glm.fit: algorithm did not converge".

... arguments to be used to form the default control argument if it is not supplied

directly.

Value

An object inheriting from class glm. See glm for details.

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Note

The source and documentation is derived in large part from those of glm. fit.

Examples

```
x \leftarrow c(8.752, 20.27, 24.71, 32.88, 27.27, 19.09)
y \leftarrow c(5254, 35.92, 84.14, 641.8, 1.21, 47.2)
# glm(.) fails:
(check\_error \leftarrow try(glm(y^x, data=data.frame(x,y), family=Gamma(log)), silent=TRUE))
if (!inherits(check_error,"try-error")) stop("glm(.) call unexpectedly succeeded")
pamM_glm(y^x, data=data.frame(x,y), family=Gamma(log))
## Gamma(inverse) examples
x \leftarrow c(43.6, 46.5, 21.7, 18.6, 17.3, 16.7)
y \leftarrow c(2420,708,39.6,16.7,46.7,10.8)
# glm(.) fails (can't find starting value)
(\mathsf{check\_error} \leftarrow \mathsf{suppressWarnings}(\mathsf{try}(\mathsf{glm}(\mathsf{y}^{\sim} \mathsf{x}, \mathsf{data} = \mathsf{data}.\mathsf{frame}(\mathsf{x}, \mathsf{y}), \mathsf{family} = \mathsf{Gamma}()) \ , \ \mathsf{silent} = \mathsf{TRUE})))
if ( ! inherits(check_error,"try-error")) stop("glm(.) call unexpectedly succeeded.")
if (requireNamespace("rcdd",quietly=TRUE)) {
  spaMM_glm(y^x, data=data.frame(x,y), family=Gamma())
}
## A simple exponential regression with some negative response values
set.seed(123)
x < - seq(50)
y \leftarrow \exp(-0.1 * x) + rnorm(50, sd = 0.1)
glm(y^x, data=data.frame(x,y), family=gaussian(log), method="spaMM_glm.fit")
# => without the 'method' argument, stats::gaussian(log)$initialize() is called
# and stops on negative response values.
```

stripHLfit

Reduce the size of fitted objects

Description

Large matrices and other memory-expensive objects may be stored in a fit object. This function removes them in order to reduce the size of the object, particularly when stored on disk. In principle, the removed objects can be regenerated automatically when needed (e.g., for a predict()).

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Usage

```
stripHLfit(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object The result of a fit (an object of class HLfit).
... Further arguments, not currently used.

Value

The input fit objects with some elements removed.

Note

The effect may change without notice between versions as the efficiency of the operation is highly sensitive to implementation details.

Examples

```
## rather unconvincing example : quantitative effect is small.
# measure size of saved object:
saveSize <- function (object,...) {</pre>
    tf <- tempfile(fileext = ".RData")</pre>
   on.exit(unlink(tf))
   save(object, file = tf,...)
    file.size(tf)
data("Loaloa")
lfit <- fitme(cbind(npos,ntot-npos)~elev1+elev2+elev3+elev4+maxNDVI1+seNDVI</pre>
                    +Matern(1|longitude+latitude), method="HL(0,1)",
              data=Loaloa, family=binomial(), fixed=list(nu=0.5,rho=1,lambda=0.5))
saveSize(lfit)
pfit <- predict(lfit,newdata=Loaloa,variances=list(cov=TRUE)) # increases size!</pre>
saveSize(lfit)
lfit <- stripHLfit(lfit)</pre>
saveSize(lfit)
## End(Not run)
```

summary.HLfit

Summary and print methods for fit and test results.

Description

Summary and print methods for results from HLfit or related functions. summary may also be used as an extractor (see e.g. beta_table).

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Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'HLfit'
summary(object, details=FALSE, max.print=100L, verbose=TRUE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'HLfitlist'
summary(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'fixedLRT'
summary(object, verbose=TRUE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'HLfit'
print(x,...)
## S3 method for class 'HLfitlist'
print(x,...)
## S3 method for class 'fixedLRT'
print(x,...)
```

Arguments

object An object of class HLfit, as returned by the fitting functions in spaMM.

x The return object of HLfit or related functions.

verbose For summary .HLfit, whether to print the screen output that is the primary pur-

pose of summary. verbose=FALSE may be convenient when summary is used as an extractor. For summary. fixedLRT, whether to print the model fits or not.

max.print Controls options("max.print") locally.

details A vector with elements controlling whether to print some obscure details. El-

ement ranCoefs=TRUE will print details about random-coefficients terms (see Details); and element p_value="Wald" will print a p-value for the t-value of each fixed-effect coefficient, assuming a gaussian distribution of the test statistic (but, beyond the generally questionable nature of p-value tables, see e.g. LRT

and fixedLRT for alternative testing approaches).

... further arguments passed to or from other methods.

Details

The random effect terms of the linear predictor are of the form \mathbf{ZLv} . In particular, for $\mathbf{random-coefficients}$ models (i.e., including random-effect terms such as $(\mathsf{z} | \mathsf{group})$ specifying a random-slope component), correlated random effects are represented as $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{Lv}$ for some matrix \mathbf{L} , and where the elements of \mathbf{v} are uncorrelated. In the output of the fit, the Var . column gives the variances of the correlated effects, $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{Lv}$. The Corr . column(s) give their correlation(s). If $\mathsf{details}$ is TRUE, estimates and SEs of the (log) variances of the elements of \mathbf{v} are reported as for other random effects in the $\mathsf{Estimate}$ and cond . SE. columns of the table of lambda coefficients. However, this non-default output is potentially misleading as the elements of \mathbf{v} cannot generally be assigned to specific terms (such as intercept and slope) of the random-effect formula, and the representation of \mathbf{b} as Lv is not unique.

Value

The return value is a list whose elements may be subject to changes, but two of them can be considered stable, and are thus part of the API: the beta_table and lambda_table which are the displayed tables for the coefficients of fixed effects and random-effect variances.

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Examples

```
## see examples of fitme() or corrHLfit() usage
```

update.HLfit Updates a fit

Description

update and update_resp will update and (by default) re-fit a model. They do this mostly by extracting the call stored in the object, updating the call and evaluating that call. Using update(<fit>) is a risky programming style (see Details). update_formulas(<mv fit>, ...) can update formulas from a fitmv fit as well as the single formula of a fit by the other fitting functions.

update_resp handles a new response vector as produced by simulate.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'HLfit'
update(object, formula., ..., evaluate = TRUE)
update_resp(object, newresp, ..., evaluate = TRUE)
update_formulas(object, formula., ...)
```

Arguments

object A return object from an HLfit call.

formula. A standard formula; or a formula with a peculiar syntax only describing changes

to the original model formula (see update. formula for details); or (for multivariate-

response models) a list of formula of such types.

newresp New response vector.

.. Additional arguments to the call, or arguments with changed values. Use *name*

= NULL to remove the argument with given *name*.

evaluate If TRUE, evaluate the new call else return the call.

Details

update_resp updates various components of the fitted object, but not its data element, as the latter approach would meet difficulties when the response is an expression (such as I(<some variable>^2)) rather than simply a variable in the data. This implies that the object returned by update_resp cannot be used as if the data themselves had been updated.

Early versions of spaMM's update method relied on stats::update.formula whose results endorse stats's (sometimes annoying) convention that a formula without an explicit intercept term actually includes an intercept. spaMM::update.HLfit was then defined to avoid this problem. Formula updates should still be carefully checked, as getting them perfect has not been on the priority list.

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Various post-fit functions from base R may use update.formula directly, rather than using automatic method selection for update. update.formula is not itself a generic, which leads to the following problem. To make update.formula() work on multivariate-response fits, one would like to be able to redefine it as a generic, with an HLfit method that would perform what update_formulas does, but such a redefinition appears to be forbidden in a package distributed on CRAN. Instead it is suggested to define a new generic spaMM::update, which could have a spaMM::update.formula as a method (possibly itself a generic). This would be of limited interest as the new spaMM::update.formula would be visible to spaMM::update but not to stats::update, and thus the post-fit functions from base R would still not use this method.

update(<fit>, ...), as a general rule, is tricky. update methods are easily affected in a non-transparent way by changes in variables used in the original call. For example foo <- rep(1,10) m <- lm(rnorm(10)~1, weights=foo) rm(foo) update(m, .~.) # Error To avoid such problems, spaMM tries to avoid references to variables in the global environment, by enforcing that the data are explicitly provided to the fitting functions by the data argument, and that any variable used in the prior.weights argument is in the data.

Bugs can also result when calling update on a fit produced within some function, say function somefn calling fitme(data=mydata,...), as e.g. update(<fit>) will then seek a global variable mydata that may differ from the fitted mydata which was local to somefn.

Value

update.formula(object) returns an object of the same nature as formula(object). The other functions and methods return an HLfit fit of the same type as the input object, or a call object, depending on the evaluate value. **Warning:** The object returned by update_resp cannot be used safely for further programming, for the reason explained in the Details section.

See Also

See also HLCor, HLfit.

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Extract covariance or correlation components from a fitted model object

Description

summary(<fit object>)\$beta_table returns the table of fixed-effect coefficients as it is printed by summary, including standard errors and t-values. vcov returns the variance-covariance matrix of the fixed-effects coefficients. Corr returns a correlation matrix of random effects.

VarCorr returns (co)variance parameters of random effects, and optionally the residual variance(s), from a fit object, in a data frame format roughly consistent with the method of objects of class "lme", in particular including columns with consistent names for easier extraction. One may have to consult the summary of the object to check the meaning of the contents of this data frame (e.g., of 'variance' coefficients for non-gaussian random effects). Other extractors to consider are get_ranPars and get_inits_from_fit, the latter providing parameters in a form suitable for initializing a fit.

The covariance matrix of residuals of a fit can be obtained as a block of the hat matrix (get_matrix(., which="hat_matrix")). This is (as other covariances matrices above) a matrix of expected values, generally assuming that the fitted model is correct and that its parameters are "well" estimated, and should not to be confused with the computation of diagnostic correlations among inferred residuals of a fit.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'HLfit'
vcov(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'HLfit'
VarCorr(x, sigma = 1, add_residVars=TRUE, verbose=TRUE, ...)
Corr(object, ...)
```

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Arguments

object, x
A fitted model object, inheriting from class "HLfit", as returned by the fitting functions in spaMM.

add_residVars
Boolean; whether to include residual variance information in the returned table.

sigma ignored argument, included for consistency with the generic function.

verbose
Boolean: Whether to print some notes.

Other arguments that may be needed by some method.

Value

vcov returns a matrix. Corr returns a list, for the different random effect terms. For each random-effect term, the returned element is a non-trivial unconditional correlation matrix of the vector "v" of random effects (v as defined in see Details of HLfit) for this term, if there is any such matrix. Otherwise the returned element is a information message.

VarCorr returns either NULL (if no variance to report, as for a poisson GLM) or a data frame with columns for the grouping factor, term, variance of random effect, standard deviation (the root of the variance), and optionally for correlation of random effect in random-coefficient terms. Information about the residual variance is optionally included as the last row(s) of the data frame, when relevant (gaussian- or Gamma-response models with single scalar parameter; beware the meaning of the residual variance parameter for Gamma-response models).

See Also

```
get_inits_from_fit and get_ranPars.
```

Examples

```
data("wafers")
m1 <- HLfit(y ~ X1+X2+(1|batch), resid.model = ~ 1 ,data=wafers, method="ML")
vcov(m1)

# Example from VarCorr() documentation in 'nlme' package
data("Orthodont",package = "nlme")
sp1 <- fitme(distance ~ age+(age|Subject), data = Orthodont, method="REML")
VarCorr(sp1)</pre>
```

wafers

Data from a resistivity experiment for semiconductor materials.

Description

This data set was reported and analyzed by Robinson et al. (2006) and reanalyzed by Lee et al. (2011). The data "deal with wafers in a single etching process in semiconductor manufacturing. Wafers vary through time since there are some variables that are not perfectly controllable in the etching process. For this reason, wafers produced on any given day (batch) may be different from those produced on another day (batch). To measure variation over batch, wafers are tested by

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choosing several days at random. In this data, resistivity is the response of interest. There are three variables, gas flow rate (x1), temperature (x2), and pressure (x3) and one random effect (batch or day)." (Lee et al 2011).

Usage

```
data("wafers")
```

Format

The data frame includes 198 observations on the following variables:

y resistivity.

batch batch, indeed.

X1 gas flow rate.

X2 temperature.

X3 pressure.

Source

This data set was manually pasted from Table 3 of Lee et al. (2011). Transcription errors may have occurred.

References

Robinson TJ, Wulff SS, Montgomery DC, Khuri AI. 2006. Robust parameter design using generalized linear mixed models. Journal of Quality Technology 38: 38–65.

Lee, Y., Nelder, J.A., and Park, H. 2011. HGLMs for quality improvement. Applied Stochastic Models in Business and Industry 27, 315-328.

Examples

see examples in the main Documentation page for the package.

welding

Welding data set

Description

The data give the results of an unreplicated experiment for factors affecting welding quality conducted by the National Railway Corporation of Japan (Taguchi and Wu, 1980, cited in Smyth et al., 2001). It is a toy example for heteroscedastic models and is also suitable for illustrating fit of overparameterized models.

Usage

```
data("welding")
```

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Format

The data frame includes 16 observations on 10 variables:

```
Strengh response variable; ... nine two-level factors.
```

Source

The data were downloaded from http://www.statsci.org/data/general/welding.txt on 2014/08/19 and are consistent with those shown in table 5 of Bergman and Hynén (1997).

References

Bergman B, Hynén A (1997) Dispersion effects from unreplicated designs in the 2^{k-p} series. Technometrics, 39, 191–98.

Smyth GK, Huele AF, Verbyla AP (2001). Exact and approximate REML for heteroscedastic regression. Statistical Modelling 1, 161-175.

Taguchi G, Wu Y (1980) Introduction to off-line quality control. Nagoya, Japan: Central Japan Quality Control Association.

Examples

```
data("welding")
## toy example from Smyth et al.
fitme(Strength ~ Drying + Material, resid.model = ~ Material+Preheating ,data=welding, method="REML")
## toy example of overparameterized model
fitme(Strength ~ Rods+Thickness*Angle+(1|Rods), resid.model = ~ Rods+Thickness*Angle ,data=welding)
```

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Example of yield stability analysis

Description

Translation of an example that may be found at

https://www.r-bloggers.com/2019/06/genotype-experiments-fitting-a-stability-variance-model-with-r/based on yield of eight durum wheat genotypes over seven years, following a randomised block design with three replicates. A genotype-in-year random effect is used to quantify genotype-by-environment interactions. In the first fit (constvar), the variance of this random effect is constant over genotypes. In the second fit (varvar), different variances are fitted for the distinct genotypes, to assess the relative stability of yield of the different genotypes over environments. This second model can be fitted as a constrained random-coefficient model, where the constraint describes a diagonal covariance matrix for the random coefficients.

This example uses the fact that the argument fixed=list(ranCoefs=<...>) can be used to fit a covariance matrix with an arbitrary set of constrained elements. Only elements left as 'NA' (here the diagonal elements of the matrix) are fitted.

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Examples

```
if (spaMM.getOption("example_maxtime")>1.5 &&
      requireNamespace("agridat", quietly = TRUE)) {
data("onofri.winterwheat", package="agridat")
(constvar <- fitme(</pre>
 yield \sim gen + (1|year) + (1|block %in% year)+(1|gen %in% year),
 data=onofri.winterwheat, method="REML"))
# Diagonal matrix of NA's, represented as vector for its lower triangle:
ranCoefs_for_diag <- function(nlevels) {</pre>
 ## Conceptual version
 # diagmat <- matrix(NA, ncol=nlevels,nrow=nlevels)</pre>
 # diagmat[lower.tri(diagmat,diag=FALSE)] <- 0</pre>
 # diagmat[lower.tri(diagmat,diag=TRUE)]
 ## which amount to:
 vec <- rep(0,nlevels*(nlevels+1L)/2L)</pre>
 vec[cumsum(c(1L,rev(seq(nlevels-1L)+1L)))] <- NA</pre>
}
(varvar <- fitme(</pre>
 yield ~ gen + (1|year) + (1|block %in% year)+(0+gen|gen %in% year), method="REML",
 data=onofri.winterwheat, fixed=list(ranCoefs=list("3"=ranCoefs_for_diag(8L)))))
}
```

wrap_parallel

Selecting interfaces for parallelisation

Description

spaMM implements two interfaces for parallelisation, dopar and dofuture, called in particular by its bootstrap procedures. Which one is used is determined by spaMM.options(wrap_parallel="dopar") (default) or spaMM.options(wrap_parallel="dofuture"). Depending on arguments, either serial computation (default), a socket cluster (parallelisation default), or a fork cluster (available in linux and alike operating systems) can be used.

dopar is based on a patchwork of backends: for socket clusters, depending whether the doSNOW package is attached, foreach or pbapply is called (doSNOW allows more efficient load balancing than pbapply); for fork clusters, parallel::mclapply is used. By contrast, dofuture is based only on the future and future.apply packages, ensuring identical control of random number generator across these different cases, hence repeatable results across them. This does **not** make a difference for bootstrap computations in spaMM as the bootstrap samples are never simulated in parallel: only refitting the models is performed in parallel, and fit results do not depend on random numbers. Further, the future-based code for socket clusters appears significantly slower than the one used by dopar. For these reasons, the latter function is used by default by spaMM.

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ZAXlist

S4 classes for structured matrices

Description

A ZAXlist object is a representation of the "ZAL" matrix as an S4 class holding a list of descriptors of each ZAL block for each random effect.

A Kronfacto object is a representation of a Kronecker product as an S4 class holding its factors. Methods defined for this class may avoid the computation of the Kronecker product as an actual matrix of large dimensions.

This documentation is for development purposes and may be incomplete. The objects and methods are not part of the programming interface and are subject to modification without notice.

Usage

```
# new("ZAXlist", LIST=.)
# new("Kronfacto", BLOB=.)
```

Slots

LIST: A list whose each block is either a (M|m)atrix, or a list with two elements (and additional class ZA_QCHM): ZA, and the Cholesky factor Q_CHMfactor of the precision matrix (L=solve(Q_CHMfactor,system="Lt")).

BLOB: An environment holding 1hs and rhs, the factors of the Kronecker product, and other objects initialized as promises. See the source code of the non-exported .def_Kranfacto constructor for further information.

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