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StanEstimators-package

The StanEstimators package.

Description

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constrain_variables *Constrain a vector of variables.*

Description

Constrain a vector of variables.

Usage

```
constrain_variables(stan_object, unconstrained_variables)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'StanBase'
```

```
constrain_variables(stan_object, unconstrained_variables)
```

Arguments

stan_object A StanBase object.

unconstrained_variables

Vector of unconstrained variables.

grad_log_prob *Calculate the log probability and its gradient of the model given a vector of unconstrained variables.*

Description

Calculate the log probability and its gradient of the model given a vector of unconstrained variables.

Usage

```
grad_log_prob(stan_object, unconstrained_variables, jacobian = TRUE)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'StanBase'
```

```
grad_log_prob(stan_object, unconstrained_variables, jacobian = TRUE)
```

Arguments

stan_object A StanBase object.

unconstrained_variables

Vector of unconstrained variables.

jacobian Whether to include the Jacobian adjustment.

hessian	<i>Calculate the log probability, its gradient, and its hessian matrix of the model given a vector of unconstrained variables.</i>
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Description

Calculate the log probability, its gradient, and its hessian matrix of the model given a vector of unconstrained variables.

Usage

```
hessian(stan_object, unconstrained_variables, jacobian = TRUE)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'StanBase'
```

```
hessian(stan_object, unconstrained_variables, jacobian = TRUE)
```

Arguments

stan_object A StanBase object.

unconstrained_variables

Vector of unconstrained variables.

jacobian Whether to include the Jacobian adjustment.

log_prob	<i>Calculate the log probability of the model given a vector of unconstrained variables.</i>
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Description

Calculate the log probability of the model given a vector of unconstrained variables.

Usage

```
log_prob(stan_object, unconstrained_variables, jacobian = TRUE)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'StanBase'
```

```
log_prob(stan_object, unconstrained_variables, jacobian = TRUE)
```

Arguments

stan_object A StanBase object.

unconstrained_variables

Vector of unconstrained variables.

jacobian Whether to include the Jacobian adjustment.

loo.StanBase	<i>Calculate approximate leave-one-out cross-validation (LOO-CV) for a model.</i>
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Description

Calculate approximate leave-one-out cross-validation (LOO-CV) for a model.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'StanBase'
loo(x, pointwise_ll_fun, additional_args = list(), moment_match = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

x	A StanBase object.
pointwise_ll_fun	Function that calculates the pointwise log-likelihood given a vector of parameter values.
additional_args	List of additional arguments to be passed to pointwise_ll_fun.
moment_match	(logical) Whether to use a moment-matching correction for problematic observations.
...	Additional arguments to be passed to loo::loo().

StanBase-class	<i>StanBase base class</i>
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Description

StanBase base class

stan_diagnose	<i>stan_diagnose</i>
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Description

Check gradient estimation using Stan's 'Diagnose' method

Usage

```
stan_diagnose(
  fn,
  par_inits = NULL,
  n_pars = NULL,
  additional_args = list(),
  grad_fun = NULL,
  lower = -Inf,
  upper = Inf,
  eval_standalone = FALSE,
  globals = TRUE,
  packages = NULL,
  seed = NULL,
  refresh = NULL,
  quiet = FALSE,
  output_dir = NULL,
  output_basename = NULL,
  sig_figs = NULL
)
```

Arguments

fn	Function to estimate parameters for
par_inits	Initial values for parameters (must be specified if n_pars is NULL)
n_pars	Number of parameters to estimate (must be specified if par_inits is NULL)
additional_args	List of additional arguments to pass to the function
grad_fun	Function calculating gradients w.r.t. each parameter
lower	Lower bound constraint(s) for parameters
upper	Upper bound constraint(s) for parameters
eval_standalone	(logical) Whether to evaluate the function in a separate R session. Defaults to FALSE.
globals	(optional) a logical, a character vector, or a named list to control how globals are handled when evaluating functions in a separate R session. Ignored if eval_standalone = FALSE. For details, see section 'Globals used by future expressions' in the help for future::future() .

packages	(optional) a character vector specifying packages to be attached in the R environment evaluating the function. Ignored if <code>eval_standalone = FALSE</code> .
seed	Random seed
refresh	Number of iterations for printing
quiet	(logical) Whether to suppress Stan's output
output_dir	Directory to store outputs
output_basename	Basename to use for output files
sig_figs	Number of significant digits to use for printing

Value

StanLaplace object

stan_laplace	<i>stan_laplace</i>
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Description

Estimate parameters using Stan's laplace algorithm

Usage

```
stan_laplace(
  fn,
  par_inits = NULL,
  n_pars = NULL,
  additional_args = list(),
  grad_fun = NULL,
  lower = -Inf,
  upper = Inf,
  eval_standalone = FALSE,
  globals = TRUE,
  packages = NULL,
  seed = NULL,
  refresh = NULL,
  quiet = FALSE,
  output_dir = NULL,
  output_basename = NULL,
  sig_figs = NULL,
  mode = NULL,
  jacobian = NULL,
  draws = NULL,
  opt_args = NULL
)
```

Arguments

fn	Function to estimate parameters for
par_inits	Initial values for parameters (must be specified if n_pars is NULL)
n_pars	Number of parameters to estimate (must be specified if par_inits is NULL)
additional_args	List of additional arguments to pass to the function
grad_fun	Function calculating gradients w.r.t. each parameter
lower	Lower bound constraint(s) for parameters
upper	Upper bound constraint(s) for parameters
eval_standalone	(logical) Whether to evaluate the function in a separate R session. Defaults to FALSE.
globals	(optional) a logical, a character vector, or a named list to control how globals are handled when evaluating functions in a separate R session. Ignored if eval_standalone = FALSE. For details, see section 'Globals used by future expressions' in the help for <code>future::future()</code> .
packages	(optional) a character vector specifying packages to be attached in the R environment evaluating the function. Ignored if eval_standalone = FALSE.
seed	Random seed
refresh	Number of iterations for printing
quiet	(logical) Whether to suppress Stan's output
output_dir	Directory to store outputs
output_basename	Basename to use for output files
sig_figs	Number of significant digits to use for printing
mode	Mode for the laplace approximation, can either be a vector of values, a StanOptimize object, or NULL.
jacobian	(logical) Whether or not to use the Jacobian adjustment for constrained variables.
draws	(positive integer) Number of approximate posterior samples to draw and save.
opt_args	(named list) A named list of optional arguments to pass to stan_optimize() if mode=NULL.

Value

StanLaplace object

stan_optimize	<i>stan_optimize</i>
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Description

Estimate parameters using Stan's optimization algorithms

Usage

```
stan_optimize(  
  fn,  
  par_inits = NULL,  
  n_pars = NULL,  
  additional_args = list(),  
  algorithm = "lbfgs",  
  grad_fun = NULL,  
  lower = -Inf,  
  upper = Inf,  
  eval_standalone = FALSE,  
  globals = TRUE,  
  packages = NULL,  
  seed = NULL,  
  refresh = NULL,  
  quiet = FALSE,  
  output_dir = NULL,  
  output_basename = NULL,  
  sig_figs = NULL,  
  save_iterations = NULL,  
  jacobian = NULL,  
  init_alpha = NULL,  
  iter = NULL,  
  tol_obj = NULL,  
  tol_rel_obj = NULL,  
  tol_grad = NULL,  
  tol_rel_grad = NULL,  
  tol_param = NULL,  
  history_size = NULL  
)
```

Arguments

fn	Function to estimate parameters for
par_inits	Initial values for parameters (must be specified if n_pars is NULL)
n_pars	Number of parameters to estimate (must be specified if par_inits is NULL)
additional_args	List of additional arguments to pass to the function

algorithm	(string) The optimization algorithm. One of "lbfgs", "bfgs", or "newton".
grad_fun	Function calculating gradients w.r.t. each parameter
lower	Lower bound constraint(s) for parameters
upper	Upper bound constraint(s) for parameters
eval_standalone	(logical) Whether to evaluate the function in a separate R session. Defaults to FALSE.
globals	(optional) a logical, a character vector, or a named list to control how globals are handled when evaluating functions in a separate R session. Ignored if eval_standalone = FALSE. For details, see section 'Globals used by future expressions' in the help for <code>future::future()</code> .
packages	(optional) a character vector specifying packages to be attached in the R environment evaluating the function. Ignored if eval_standalone = FALSE.
seed	Random seed
refresh	Number of iterations for printing
quiet	(logical) Whether to suppress Stan's output
output_dir	Directory to store outputs
output_basename	Basename to use for output files
sig_figs	Number of significant digits to use for printing
save_iterations	Save optimization iterations to output file
jacobian	(logical) Whether or not to use the Jacobian adjustment for constrained variables. For historical reasons, the default is FALSE, meaning optimization yields the (regularized) maximum likelihood estimate. Setting it to TRUE yields the maximum a posteriori estimate.
init_alpha	(positive real) The initial step size parameter.
iter	(positive integer) The maximum number of iterations.
tol_obj	(positive real) Convergence tolerance on changes in objective function value.
tol_rel_obj	(positive real) Convergence tolerance on relative changes in objective function value.
tol_grad	(positive real) Convergence tolerance on the norm of the gradient.
tol_rel_grad	(positive real) Convergence tolerance on the relative norm of the gradient.
tol_param	(positive real) Convergence tolerance on changes in parameter value.
history_size	(positive integer) The size of the history used when approximating the Hessian. Only available for L-BFGS.

Value

StanOptimize object

stan_pathfinder	<i>stan_pathfinder</i>
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Description

Estimate parameters using Stan's pathfinder algorithm

Usage

```
stan_pathfinder(  
  fn,  
  par_inits = NULL,  
  n_pars = NULL,  
  additional_args = list(),  
  grad_fun = NULL,  
  lower = -Inf,  
  upper = Inf,  
  eval_standalone = FALSE,  
  globals = TRUE,  
  packages = NULL,  
  seed = NULL,  
  refresh = NULL,  
  quiet = FALSE,  
  output_dir = NULL,  
  output_basename = NULL,  
  sig_figs = NULL,  
  init_alpha = NULL,  
  tol_obj = NULL,  
  tol_rel_obj = NULL,  
  tol_grad = NULL,  
  tol_rel_grad = NULL,  
  tol_param = NULL,  
  history_size = NULL,  
  num_psis_draws = NULL,  
  num_paths = NULL,  
  save_single_paths = NULL,  
  max_lbfgs_iters = NULL,  
  num_draws = NULL,  
  num_elbo_draws = NULL  
)
```

Arguments

fn	Function to estimate parameters for
par_inits	Initial values for parameters (must be specified if n_pars is NULL)
n_pars	Number of parameters to estimate (must be specified if par_inits is NULL)

<code>additional_args</code>	List of additional arguments to pass to the function
<code>grad_fun</code>	Function calculating gradients w.r.t. each parameter
<code>lower</code>	Lower bound constraint(s) for parameters
<code>upper</code>	Upper bound constraint(s) for parameters
<code>eval_standalone</code>	(logical) Whether to evaluate the function in a separate R session. Defaults to FALSE.
<code>globals</code>	(optional) a logical, a character vector, or a named list to control how globals are handled when evaluating functions in a separate R session. Ignored if <code>eval_standalone = FALSE</code> . For details, see section 'Globals used by future expressions' in the help for <code>future::future()</code> .
<code>packages</code>	(optional) a character vector specifying packages to be attached in the R environment evaluating the function. Ignored if <code>eval_standalone = FALSE</code> .
<code>seed</code>	Random seed
<code>refresh</code>	Number of iterations for printing
<code>quiet</code>	(logical) Whether to suppress Stan's output
<code>output_dir</code>	Directory to store outputs
<code>output_basename</code>	Basename to use for output files
<code>sig_figs</code>	Number of significant digits to use for printing
<code>init_alpha</code>	(positive real) The initial step size parameter.
<code>tol_obj</code>	(positive real) Convergence tolerance on changes in objective function value.
<code>tol_rel_obj</code>	(positive real) Convergence tolerance on relative changes in objective function value.
<code>tol_grad</code>	(positive real) Convergence tolerance on the norm of the gradient.
<code>tol_rel_grad</code>	(positive real) Convergence tolerance on the relative norm of the gradient.
<code>tol_param</code>	(positive real) Convergence tolerance on changes in parameter value.
<code>history_size</code>	(positive integer) The size of the history used when approximating the Hessian.
<code>num_psis_draws</code>	(positive integer) Number PSIS draws to return.
<code>num_paths</code>	(positive integer) Number of single pathfinders to run.
<code>save_single_paths</code>	(logical) Whether to save the results of single pathfinder runs in multi-pathfinder.
<code>max_lbfgs_iters</code>	(positive integer) The maximum number of iterations for LBFGS.
<code>num_draws</code>	(positive integer) Number of draws to return after performing pareto smoothed importance sampling (PSIS).
<code>num_elbo_draws</code>	(positive integer) Number of draws to make when calculating the ELBO of the approximation at each iteration of LBFGS.

Value

StanPathfinder object

stan_sample	<i>stan_sample</i>
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Description

Estimate parameters using Stan's sampling algorithms

Usage

```
stan_sample(  
  fn,  
  par_inits = NULL,  
  n_pars = NULL,  
  additional_args = list(),  
  algorithm = "hmc",  
  engine = "nuts",  
  grad_fun = NULL,  
  lower = -Inf,  
  upper = Inf,  
  eval_standalone = (parallel_chains > 1),  
  globals = TRUE,  
  packages = NULL,  
  seed = NULL,  
  refresh = NULL,  
  quiet = FALSE,  
  output_dir = NULL,  
  output_basename = NULL,  
  sig_figs = NULL,  
  num_chains = 4,  
  parallel_chains = 1,  
  num_samples = 1000,  
  num_warmup = 1000,  
  save_warmup = NULL,  
  thin = NULL,  
  adapt_engaged = NULL,  
  adapt_gamma = NULL,  
  adapt_delta = NULL,  
  adapt_kappa = NULL,  
  adapt_t0 = NULL,  
  adapt_init_buffer = NULL,  
  adapt_term_buffer = NULL,  
  adapt_window = NULL,  
  int_time = NULL,  
  max_treedepth = NULL,  
  metric = NULL,  
  metric_file = NULL,  
  stepsize = NULL,  
)
```

```

    stepsize_jitter = NULL
  )

```

Arguments

<code>fn</code>	Function to estimate parameters for
<code>par_inits</code>	Initial values for parameters (must be specified if <code>n_pars</code> is <code>NULL</code>)
<code>n_pars</code>	Number of parameters to estimate (must be specified if <code>par_inits</code> is <code>NULL</code>)
<code>additional_args</code>	List of additional arguments to pass to the function
<code>algorithm</code>	(string) The sampling algorithm. One of "hmc" or "fixed_param".
<code>engine</code>	(string) The HMC engine to use, one of "nuts" or "static"
<code>grad_fun</code>	Function calculating gradients w.r.t. each parameter
<code>lower</code>	Lower bound constraint(s) for parameters
<code>upper</code>	Upper bound constraint(s) for parameters
<code>eval_standalone</code>	(logical) Whether to evaluate the function in a separate R session. Defaults to (<code>parallel_chains > 1</code>). Must be <code>TRUE</code> if <code>parallel_chains > 1</code> .
<code>globals</code>	(optional) a logical, a character vector, or a named list to control how globals are handled when evaluating functions in a separate R session. Ignored if <code>eval_standalone = FALSE</code> . For details, see section 'Globals used by future expressions' in the help for <code>future::future()</code> .
<code>packages</code>	(optional) a character vector specifying packages to be attached in the R environment evaluating the function. Ignored if <code>eval_standalone = FALSE</code> .
<code>seed</code>	Random seed
<code>refresh</code>	Number of iterations for printing
<code>quiet</code>	(logical) Whether to suppress Stan's output
<code>output_dir</code>	Directory to store outputs
<code>output_basename</code>	Basename to use for output files
<code>sig_figs</code>	Number of significant digits to use for printing
<code>num_chains</code>	(positive integer) The number of Markov chains to run. The default is 4.
<code>parallel_chains</code>	(positive integer) The number of chains to run in parallel, the default is 1.
<code>num_samples</code>	(positive integer) The number of post-warmup iterations to run per chain.
<code>num_warmup</code>	(positive integer) The number of warmup iterations to run per chain.
<code>save_warmup</code>	(logical) Should warmup iterations be saved? The default is <code>FALSE</code> .
<code>thin</code>	(positive integer) The period between saved samples. This should typically be left at its default (no thinning) unless memory is a problem.
<code>adapt_engaged</code>	(logical) Do warmup adaptation? The default is <code>TRUE</code> .
<code>adapt_gamma</code>	(positive real) Adaptation regularization scale.

adapt_delta	(real in $(0, 1)$) The adaptation target acceptance statistic.
adapt_kappa	(positive real) Adaptation relaxation exponent.
adapt_t0	(positive real) Adaptation iteration offset.
adapt_init_buffer	(nonnegative integer) Width of initial fast timestep adaptation interval during warmup.
adapt_term_buffer	(nonnegative integer) Width of final fast timestep adaptation interval during warmup.
adapt_window	(nonnegative integer) Initial width of slow timestep/metric adaptation interval.
int_time	(positive real) Total integration time
max_treedepth	(positive integer) The maximum allowed tree depth for the NUTS engine.
metric	(string) One of "diag_e", "dense_e", or "unit_e", specifying the geometry of the base manifold.
metric_file	(character vector) The paths to JSON or Rdump files (one per chain) compatible with CmdStan that contain precomputed inverse metrics.
stepsize	(positive real) The <i>initial</i> step size for the discrete approximation to continuous Hamiltonian dynamics.
stepsize_jitter	(real in $(0, 1)$) Allows step size to be "jittered" randomly during sampling to avoid any poor interactions with a fixed step size and regions of high curvature.

Value

StanMCMC object

stan_variational	<i>stan_variational</i>
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Description

Estimate parameters using Stan's variational inference algorithms

Usage

```
stan_variational(
  fn,
  par_inits = NULL,
  n_pars = NULL,
  additional_args = list(),
  algorithm = "meanfield",
  grad_fun = NULL,
  lower = -Inf,
  upper = Inf,
```

```

eval_standalone = FALSE,
globals = TRUE,
packages = NULL,
seed = NULL,
refresh = NULL,
quiet = FALSE,
output_dir = NULL,
output_basename = NULL,
sig_figs = NULL,
iter = NULL,
grad_samples = NULL,
elbo_samples = NULL,
eta = NULL,
adapt_engaged = NULL,
adapt_iter = NULL,
tol_rel_obj = NULL,
eval_elbo = NULL,
output_samples = NULL
)

```

Arguments

fn	Function to estimate parameters for
par_inits	Initial values for parameters (must be specified if n_pars is NULL)
n_pars	Number of parameters to estimate (must be specified if par_inits is NULL)
additional_args	List of additional arguments to pass to the function
algorithm	(string) The variational inference algorithm. One of "meanfield" or "fullrank".
grad_fun	Function calculating gradients w.r.t. each parameter
lower	Lower bound constraint(s) for parameters
upper	Upper bound constraint(s) for parameters
eval_standalone	(logical) Whether to evaluate the function in a separate R session. Defaults to FALSE.
globals	(optional) a logical, a character vector, or a named list to control how globals are handled when evaluating functions in a separate R session. Ignored if eval_standalone = FALSE. For details, see section 'Globals used by future expressions' in the help for <code>future::future()</code> .
packages	(optional) a character vector specifying packages to be attached in the R environment evaluating the function. Ignored if eval_standalone = FALSE.
seed	Random seed
refresh	Number of iterations for printing
quiet	(logical) Whether to suppress Stan's output
output_dir	Directory to store outputs

output_basename	Basename to use for output files
sig_figs	Number of significant digits to use for printing
iter	(positive integer) The <i>maximum</i> number of iterations.
grad_samples	(positive integer) The number of samples for Monte Carlo estimate of gradients.
elbo_samples	(positive integer) The number of samples for Monte Carlo estimate of ELBO (objective function).
eta	(positive real) The step size weighting parameter for adaptive step size sequence.
adapt_engaged	(logical) Do warmup adaptation?
adapt_iter	(positive integer) The <i>maximum</i> number of adaptation iterations.
tol_rel_obj	(positive real) Convergence tolerance on the relative norm of the objective.
eval_elbo	(positive integer) Evaluate ELBO every Nth iteration.
output_samples	(positive integer) Number of approximate posterior samples to draw and save.

Value

StanVariational object

stan_versions	<i>stan_versions</i>
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Description

stan_versions

Usage

stan_versions()

Value

A named list with the Stan and Stan Math library versions

summary-StanLaplace *Summary method for objects of class StanLaplace.*

Description

Summary method for objects of class StanLaplace.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'StanLaplace'  
summary(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object	A StanLaplace object.
...	Additional arguments, currently unused.

summary-StanMCMC *Summary method for objects of class StanMCMC.*

Description

Summary method for objects of class StanMCMC.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'StanMCMC'  
summary(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object	A StanMCMC object.
...	Additional arguments, currently unused.

summary-StanOptimize *Summary method for objects of class StanOptimize.*

Description

Summary method for objects of class StanOptimize.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'StanOptimize'  
summary(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object	A StanOptimize object.
...	Additional arguments, currently unused.

summary-StanPathfinder *Summary method for objects of class StanPathfinder.*

Description

Summary method for objects of class StanPathfinder.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'StanPathfinder'  
summary(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object	A StanPathfinder object.
...	Additional arguments, currently unused.

summary-StanVariational

Summary method for objects of class StanVariational.

Description

Summary method for objects of class StanVariational.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'StanVariational'
summary(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object	A StanVariational object.
...	Additional arguments, currently unused.

unconstrain_draws *Unconstrain all parameter draws.*

Description

Unconstrain all parameter draws.

Usage

```
unconstrain_draws(stan_object, draws = NULL)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'StanBase'
unconstrain_draws(stan_object, draws = NULL)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'StanOptimize'
unconstrain_draws(stan_object, draws = NULL)
```

Arguments

stan_object	A StanBase object.
draws	(optional) A posterior::draws_* object to be unconstrained (instead of the draws in the StanBase object).

unconstrain_variables *Unconstrain a vector of variables.*

Description

Unconstrain a vector of variables.

Usage

```
unconstrain_variables(stan_object, variables)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'StanBase'  
unconstrain_variables(stan_object, variables)
```

Arguments

stan_object	A StanBase object.
variables	Vector of variables to be unconstrained.

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