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add.segments

Function to add horizontal line segments to an existing plot

Description

Adds horizontal line segments to an existing plot. The segments are centered at x with height y . The x values are assumed to be equally spaced, so that $\text{diff}(x)$ is a constant ' dx '. The line segments go from $x \pm \text{half.width.factor} * dx$, so if $\text{half.width.factor} = .5$ there will be no gaps between segments. The default is to leave a small gap.

This function was originally used to add reference lines to side-by-side boxplots.

Usage

AddSegments(x , y , $\text{half.width.factor} = 0.45$, ...)

Arguments

x	A numeric vector giving the midpoints of the line segments.
y	A numeric vector of the same length as x giving the vertical position of the line segments
half.width.factor	See 'description' above.
...	graphical parameters controlling the type of lines used in the line segments

Value

Called for its side effect.

Author(s)

Steven L. Scott

See Also

[boxplot.true](#)

Examples

```
x <- rnorm(100)
y <- rnorm(100, 1)
boxplot(list(x=x,y=y))
AddSegments(1:2, c(0, 1)) ## add segments to the boxplot
```

ar1.coefficient.prior *Normal prior for an AR1 coefficient*

Description

A (possibly truncated) Gaussian prior on the autoregression coefficient in an AR1 model.

Usage

```
Ar1CoefficientPrior(mu = 0, sigma = 1, force.stationary = TRUE,
  force.positive = FALSE, initial.value = mu)
```

Arguments

<code>mu</code>	The mean of the prior distribution.
<code>sigma</code>	The standard deviation of the prior distribution.
<code>force.stationary</code>	Logical. If TRUE then the prior support for the AR1 coefficient will be truncated to (-1, 1).
<code>force.positive</code>	Logical. If TRUE then the prior for the AR1 coefficient will be truncated so that zero support is given to values less than zero.
<code>initial.value</code>	The initial value of the parameter being modeled in the MCMC algorithm.

Details

The `Ar1CoefficientPrior()` syntax is preferred, as it more closely matches R's syntax for other constructors.

Author(s)

Steven L. Scott <stevescott@google.com>

References

Gelman, Carlin, Stern, Rubin (2003), "Bayesian Data Analysis", Chapman and Hall.

<code>beta.prior</code>	<i>Beta prior for a binomial proportion</i>
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Description

Specifies beta prior distribution for a binomial probability parameter.

Usage

```
BetaPrior(a = 1, b = 1, mean = NULL, sample.size = NULL)
```

Arguments

<code>a</code>	A positive real number interpretable as a prior success count.
<code>b</code>	A positive real number interpretable as a prior failure count.
<code>mean</code>	A positive real number representing $a/(a+b)$.
<code>sample.size</code>	A positive real number representing $a+b$.

Details

The distribution should be specified either with `a` and `b`, or with `mean` and `sample.size`.

Author(s)

Steven L. Scott <stevescott@google.com>

References

Gelman, Carlin, Stern, Rubin (2003), "Bayesian Data Analysis", Chapman and Hall.

boxplot.mcmc.matrix *Plot the distribution of a matrix*

Description

Plot the marginal distribution of each element in the Monte Carlo distribution of a matrix (e.g. a variance matrix or transition probability matrix). Rows and columns in the boxplots correspond to rows and columns in the matrix being plotted.

Usage

```
BoxplotMcmcMatrix(X, ylim = range(X), col.names,
                  row.names, truth, colors = NULL,
                  las = 0, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>X</code>	3 dimensional array. The first dimension is the Monte Carlo index (e.g. MCMC iteration). The second and third dimensions are the row and column of the matrix being plotted. E.g. $X[i, j, k]$ is Monte Carlo draw i of matrix element j, k .
<code>ylim</code>	2-vector giving the lower and upper limits of the vertical axis.
<code>col.names</code>	(optional) character vector giving the names of matrix columns (third dimension of X).
<code>row.names</code>	(optional) character vector giving the names of matrix rows (second dimension of X).
<code>truth</code>	(optional) scalar or matrix giving the values of reference lines to be plotted on each boxplot. If a scalar then the same value will be used for each boxplot. If a matrix then the rows and columns of the matrix correspond to the second and third dimension of X .
<code>colors</code>	A vector of colors to use for the boxplots. Each row uses the same color scheme.
<code>las</code>	Controls the orientation of axis labels. See the <code>las</code> section in the help page for <code>par</code> .
<code>...</code>	Extra arguments passed to <code>boxplot</code>

Value

Called for its side effect, which is to draw a set of side-by-side boxplots on the current graphics device.

Author(s)

Steven L. Scott

See Also[boxplot.true](#), [boxplot](#)**Examples**

```
X <- array(rnorm(1000 * 3 * 4), dim=c(1000, 3, 4))
dimnames(X)[[2]] <- paste("row", 1:3)
dimnames(X)[[3]] <- paste("col", 1:4)
BoxplotMcmcMatrix(X)
```

```
truth <- 0
BoxplotMcmcMatrix(X, truth=truth)
```

```
truth <- matrix(rnorm(12), ncol=4)
BoxplotMcmcMatrix(X, truth=truth)
```

`boxplot.true`*side-by-side boxplots from a matrix, with optional reference values*

Description

Plots side-by-side boxplots of the columns of the matrix `x`. Each boxplot can have its own reference line (`truth`) and standard error lines `se.truth`, if desired. This function was originally written to display MCMC output, where the reference lines were true values used to test an MCMC simulation.

Usage

```
BoxplotTrue(x, truth = NULL, vnames = NULL, center = FALSE,
            se.truth = NULL, color = "white", ...)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	The matrix whose columns are to be plotted.
<code>truth</code>	(optional) A vector of reference values with length equal to <code>ncol(x)</code> .
<code>vnames</code>	(optional) character vector giving the column names of <code>x</code> .
<code>center</code>	(optional) logical. If <code>truth</code> is supplied then <code>center=TRUE</code> will center each column of <code>x</code> around <code>truth</code> to show the variation around the reference line.
<code>se.truth</code>	(optional) numeric vector of length <code>ncol(x)</code> . If <code>truth</code> is supplied then additional reference lines will be drawn at <code>truth +/- 2*se.truth</code> .
<code>color</code>	(optional) vector of colors for each boxplot.
<code>...</code>	additional arguments to boxplot .

Value

called for its side effect

Author(s)

Steven L. Scott

See Also

[boxplot.matrix](#), [boxplot](#),

Examples

```
x <- t(matrix(rnorm(5000, 1:5, 1:5), nrow=5))
BoxplotTrue(x, truth=1:5, se.truth=1:5, col=rainbow(5), vnames =
  c("EJ", "TK", "JT", "OtherEJ", "TJ") )
```

check.data

Checking data formats

Description

Checks that data matches a concept

Usage

```
check.scalar.probability(x)
check.positive.scalar(x)
check.nonnegative.scalar(x)
check.probability.distribution(x)
```

Arguments

x An object to be checked.

Details

If the object does not match the concept being checked, [stop](#) is called. Otherwise TRUE is returned.

Author(s)

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 compare.den

Compare several density estimates.

Description

Produces multiple density plots on a single axis, to compare the columns of a matrix or the elements of a list.

Usage

```
CompareDensities(x,
                 legend.text = NULL,
                 legend.location = "topright",
                 legend.title = NULL,
                 xlim = NULL,
                 ylim = NULL,
                 xlab = "parameter",
                 ylab = "density",
                 main = "",
                 lty = NULL,
                 col = "black",
                 axes = TRUE,
                 na.rm = TRUE,
                 ...)
```

Arguments

x	matrix or list of numeric vectors. A density plot is produced for each column of the matrix or element of the list.
legend.text	(optional) character vector giving names of each density plot.
legend.location	Entry that can be passed to legend .
legend.title	The legend title.
xlim	(optional) horizontal range of the plotting region. If omitted the region will be sized to fit all the observations in x.
ylim	(optional) vertical range of the plotting region. If omitted the region will be sized to fit all empirical density plots.
xlab	label to be placed on the horizontal axis
ylab	label to be placed on the vertical axis
main	main title for the plot
lty	The line types to use for the different densities. See par . If NULL then a different line type will be used for each density.
col	vector of colors for the densities to be plotted.
axes	Logical. Should axes and a box be drawn around the figure?

na.rm Logical value indicating whether NA's should be removed.
 ... Other graphical parameters passed to [plot.density](#), and [lines](#).

Value

Called for its side effect, which is to produce multiple density plots on the current graphics device.

Author(s)

Steven L. Scott

See Also

[density](#)

Examples

```
x <- t(matrix(rnorm(5000, 1:5, 1:5), nrow=5))
CompareDensities(x, legend.text=c("EJ", "TK", "JT", "OtherEJ", "TJ"),
                 col=rainbow(5), lwd=2)
```

compare.many.densities

Compare several density estimates.

Description

Produce a plot that compares the kernel density estimates for each element in a series of Monte Carlo draws of a vector or matrix.

Usage

```
CompareManyDensities(list.of.arrays,
                      style = c("density", "box"),
                      main = "",
                      color = NULL,
                      gap = 0,
                      burn = 0,
                      suppress.labels = FALSE,
                      x.same.scale = TRUE,
                      y.same.scale = FALSE,
                      xlim = NULL,
                      ylim = NULL,
                      legend.location = c("top", "right"),
                      legend.cex = 1,
                      reflines = NULL,
                      ...)
```

Arguments

<code>list.of.arrays</code>	A list of arrays representing the MCMC draws of the vector or matrix in question. Each list element represents a different group. The first index in each list element represents the Monte Carlo draw number (or iteration). The remaining indices represent the variables to be plotted. If the first list element has variable names assigned to its indices, these will be used to label the plots.
<code>style</code>	The style of plot to use for comparing distributions.
<code>main</code>	The main title of the plot.
<code>color</code>	A vector of colors to be used for representing the groups.
<code>gap</code>	The gap (in lines) between plots.
<code>burn</code>	The number of MCMC iterations to be discarded as burn-in.
<code>supress.labels</code>	Logical. If FALSE then the dimnames (if any) of the first element in <code>list.of.arrays</code> will be used to annotate the plot. If TRUE then no labels will be used.
<code>x.same.scale</code>	Logical indicating whether the same horizontal scale should be used for all the plots.
<code>y.same.scale</code>	Logical indicating whether the same vertical scale should be used for all the plots. This argument is ignored if <code>style == "box"</code> .
<code>xlim</code>	Either NULL, or a pair of numbers giving limits for the horizontal axis. If <code>xlim</code> is set then the same <code>xlim</code> values will be used for all plots and the <code>x.same.scale</code> argument will be ignored.
<code>ylim</code>	Either NULL, or a pair of numbers giving limits for the vertical axis. If <code>ylim</code> is set then the same <code>ylim</code> values will be used for all plots and the <code>y.same.scale</code> argument will be ignored. This argument is ignored if <code>style == "box"</code> .
<code>legend.location</code>	The location of the legend, either on top or at the right. It can also be NULL in which case no legend will appear. The legend names will be taken from <code>names(list.of.arrays)</code> . If it does not have names, then no legend will be produced.
<code>legend.cex</code>	The relative scale factor to use for the legend text.
<code>reflines</code>	This can be NULL, in which case no reference lines are drawn, it can be a single real number in which case a reference line will be drawn at that value in each panel, or it can be a vector with length equal to the number of panels, in which case a reference line will be drawn at each panel-specific value.
<code>...</code>	Extra arguments passed to CompareDen .

Author(s)

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See Also[density](#), [CompareManyTs](#)

Examples

```
x <- array(rnorm(9000), dim = c(1000, 3, 3))
dimnames(x) <- list(NULL, c("Larry", "Moe", "Curly"), c("Larry", "Eric", "Sergey"))
y <- array(rnorm(9000), dim = c(1000, 3, 3))
z <- array(rnorm(9000), dim = c(1000, 3, 3))
data <- list(x = x, y = y, z = z)
CompareManyDensities(data, color = c("red", "blue", "green"))
CompareManyDensities(data, style = "box")

x <- matrix(rnorm(5000), nrow = 1000)
colnames(x) <- c("Larry", "Moe", "Curly", "Shemp", "???)")
y <- matrix(rnorm(5000), nrow = 1000)
z <- matrix(rnorm(5000), nrow = 1000)
data <- list(x = x, y = y, z = z)
CompareManyDensities(data, color = c("red", "blue", "green"))
CompareManyDensities(data, style = "box")
```

compare.many.ts

Compares several density estimates.

Description

Produce a plot that compares the kernel density estimates for each element in a series of Monte Carlo draws of a vector or matrix.

Usage

```
CompareManyTs(list.of.ts, burn = 0, type = "l", gap = 0,
              boxes = TRUE, thin = 1, labels = NULL,
              same.scale = TRUE, ylim = NULL, refline = NULL,
              color = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

list.of.ts	A list of time series matrices, data.frames or 3-dimensional arrays, all of the same size. The list elements correspond to groups. The first index of the array in each list element corresponds to time. The subsequent indices correspond to variables to be plotted.
burn	The number of initial observations to be discarded as burn-in (when plotting MCMC output).
type	The plotting type to use when plotting the time series. See plot .
gap	The amount of space to put between plots.
boxes	Logical. Should boxes be drawn around the plots?
thin	Plot every thin'th observation. This can reduce the amount of time it takes to make the plot if there are many long time series.
labels	A character vector to use as labels for individual plots.

same.scale	Logical. If TRUE then all plots are shown on the same vertical scale, and vertical axes are drawn. If FALSE then each plot gets its own scale.
ylim	The scale of the vertical axis. If non-NULL then same.scale will be set to TRUE.
refline	The scalar value at which a thin dotted horizontal line should be plotted in each panel. This is useful for highlighting zero, for example.
color	A vector of colors to use for the plots.
...	Extra arguments passed to 'plot' and 'axis'.

Author(s)

Steven L. Scott

See Also

[PlotManyTs](#), [CompareManyDensities](#)

Examples

```
x <- array(rnorm(9000), dim = c(1000, 3, 3))
dimnames(x) <- list(NULL, c("Larry", "Moe", "Curly"), c("Larry", "Eric", "Sergey"))
y <- array(rnorm(9000), dim = c(1000, 3, 3))
z <- array(rnorm(9000), dim = c(1000, 3, 3))
data <- list(x = x, y = y, z = z)
CompareManyTs(data, color = c("red", "blue", "green"))

x <- matrix(rnorm(5000), nrow = 1000)
colnames(x) <- c("Larry", "Moe", "Curly", "Shemp", "???", "?")
y <- matrix(rnorm(5000), nrow = 1000)
z <- matrix(rnorm(5000), nrow = 1000)
data <- list(x = x, y = y, z = z)
CompareManyTs(data, color = c("red", "blue", "green"))
```

compare.vector.distribution

Boxplots to compare distributions of vectors

Description

Uses boxplots to compare distributions of vectors.

Usage

```
CompareVectorBoxplots(draws, main = NULL, colors = NULL, burn = 0)
```

Arguments

draws	A list of MCMC draws. Each list element is a matrix with rows corresponding to MCMC iterations and columns to variables. The matrices can have different numbers of rows, but should have the same numbers of columns.
main	Main title of the plot.
colors	Colors to use for the boxplots. The length must match the number entries in draws.
burn	The number of initial MCMC iterations to discard before making the plot.

Details

Creates side-by-side boxplots with the dimensions of each vector grouped together.

Examples

```
x <- matrix(rnorm(300, mean = 1:3, sd = .4), ncol = 3, byrow = TRUE)
y <- matrix(rnorm(600, mean = 3:1, sd = .2), ncol = 3, byrow = TRUE)
CompareVectorBoxplots(list(x = x, y = y), colors = c("red", "blue"))
```

dirichlet.prior	<i>Dirichlet prior for a multinomial distribution</i>
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Description

Specifies Dirichlet prior for a discrete probability distribution.

Usage

```
DirichletPrior(prior.counts, initial.value = NULL)
```

Arguments

prior.counts	A vector of positive numbers representing prior counts.
initial.value	The initial value in the MCMC algorithm of the distribution being modeled.

Author(s)

Steven L. Scott <stevescott@google.com>

References

Gelman, Carlin, Stern, Rubin (2003), "Bayesian Data Analysis", Chapman and Hall.

`discrete-uniform-prior`*Discrete prior distributions*

Description

Prior distributions over a discrete quantities.

Usage

```
PointMassPrior(location)
PoissonPrior(mean, lower.limit = 0, upper.limit = Inf)
DiscreteUniformPrior(lower.limit, upper.limit)
```

Arguments

<code>location</code>	The location of the point mass.
<code>mean</code>	The mean of the Poisson distribution.
<code>lower.limit</code>	The smallest value within the support of the distribution. The prior probability for numbers less than <code>lower.limit</code> is zero.
<code>upper.limit</code>	The largest value within the support of the distribution. The prior probability for numbers greater than <code>upper.limit</code> is zero.

Value

Each function returns a prior object whose class is the same as the function name. All of these inherit from "DiscreteUniformPrior" and from "Prior".

The `PoissonPrior` assumes a potentially truncated Poisson distribution with the given mean.

Author(s)

Steven L. Scott <stevescott@google.com>

Examples

```
## Specify an exact number of trees in a Bart model (see the BoomBart
## package).

ntrees <- PointMassPrior(200)

## Uniform prior between 50 and 100 trees, including the endpoints.
ntrees <- DiscreteUniformPrior(50, 100)

## Truncated Poisson prior, with a mean of 20, a lower endpoint of 1,
## and an upper endpoint of 50.
ntrees <- PoissonPrior(20, 1, 50)
```



```

on.exit({par(opar); layout(1)})
hist(x, xlim = scale, axes = FALSE, main = "")
mtext("X", side = 3, line = 1)
box()
plot(x, y, xlim = scale, ylim = scale, axes = FALSE)
box()
axis(3)
axis(4)
plot(y, x, xlim = scale, ylim = scale, axes = FALSE, pch = 2, col = 2)
box()
axis(1)
axis(2)
hist(y, xlim = scale, axes = FALSE, main = "")
mtext("Y", side = 1, line = 1)
box()
AddExternalLegend(legend.labels = c("foo", "bar"),
                  pch = 1:2,
                  col = 1:2,
                  legend.cex = 1.5)
}

## Now call example.plot().
example.plot()

## Because of the call to on.exit(), in example.plot,
## the original plot layout is restored.
hist(1:10)

```

gamma.prior

Gamma prior distribution

Description

Specifies gamma prior distribution.

Usage

```
GammaPrior(a = NULL, b = NULL, prior.mean = NULL, initial.value = NULL)
```

Arguments

a	The shape parameter in the Gamma(a, b) distribution.
b	The scale parameter in the Gamma(a, b) distribution.
prior.mean	The mean of the Gamma(a, b) distribution, which is a/b.
initial.value	The initial value in the MCMC algorithm of the variable being modeled.

Details

The mean of the Gamma(a, b) distribution is a/b and the variance is a/b^2 . If `prior.mean` is not NULL, then one of either a or b must be non-NULL as well.

GammaPrior is the conjugate prior for a Poisson mean or an exponential rate. For a Poisson mean a corresponds to a prior sum of observations and b to a prior number of observations. For an exponential rate the roles are reversed a represents a number of observations and b the sum of the observed durations. The gamma distribution is a generally useful for parameters that must be positive.

The gamma distribution is the conjugate prior for the reciprocal of a Gaussian variance, but `SdPrior` should usually be used in that case.

Author(s)

Steven L. Scott <stevescott@google.com>

References

Gelman, Carlin, Stern, Rubin (2003), "Bayesian Data Analysis", Chapman and Hall.

GenerateFactorData *Generate a data frame of all factor data*

Description

This function is mainly intended for example code and unit testing. It generates a `data.frame` containing all factor data.

Usage

```
GenerateFactorData(factor.levels.list, sample.size)
```

Arguments

`factor.levels.list` A list of character vectors giving factor level names. The names attribute of this list becomes the set of variables names for the return data frame.

`sample.size` The desired number of rows in the returned data frame.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
foo <- GenerateFactorData(list(a = c("foo", "bar", "baz"),
                              b = c("larry", "moe", "curly", "shemp")),
                          50)

head(foo)
#   a   b
# 1 bar curly
# 2 foo curly
# 3 bar  moe
# 4 bar  moe
# 5 baz curly
# 6 bar curly
```

is.even

Check whether a number is even or odd.

Description

Check whether a number is even or odd.

Usage

```
IsEven(x)
IsOdd(x)
```

Arguments

x An integer or vector of integers.

Value

Logical indicating whether the argument is even (or odd).

Author(s)

Steven L. Scott

Examples

```
IsEven(2) ## TRUE
IsOdd(2)  ## FALSE
```

`markov.prior`*Prior for a Markov chain*

Description

The conjugate prior distribution for the parameters of a homogeneous Markov chain. The rows in the transition probability matrix modeled with independent Dirichlet priors. The distribution of the initial state is modeled with its own independent Dirichlet prior.

Usage

```
MarkovPrior(prior.transition.counts = NULL,  
            prior.initial.state.counts = NULL,  
            state.space.size = NULL,  
            uniform.prior.value = 1)
```

Arguments

`prior.transition.counts`

A matrix of the same dimension as the transition probability matrix being modeled. Entry (i, j) represents the "prior count" of transitions from state i to state j.

`prior.initial.state.counts`

A vector of positive numbers representing prior counts of initial states.

`state.space.size`

If both `prior.transition.counts` and `prior.initial.state.counts` are missing, then they will be filled with an object of dimension `state.space.size` where all entries are set to `uniform.prior.value`.

`uniform.prior.value`

The default value to use for entries of `prior.transition.counts` and `prior.initial.state.counts`, when they are not supplied by the user.

Author(s)

Steven L. Scott <stevescott@google.com>

References

Gelman, Carlin, Stern, Rubin (2003), "Bayesian Data Analysis", Chapman and Hall.

match_data_frame	<i>MatchDataFrame</i>
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Description

Given two data frames with the same data, but with rows and columns in potentially different orders, produce a pair of permutations such that `data2[row.permutation, column.permutation]` matches `data1`.

Usage

```
MatchDataFrame(data.to.match, data.to.permute)
```

Arguments

`data.to.match` The data frame to be matched.
`data.to.permute`
The data frame to be permuted.

Value

Returns a list with two elements.

`column.permutation`

A vector of indices such that the columns of `data2[, column.permutation]` match the columns of `data1`. The matching is based on column names.

`row.permutation`

A vector of indices such that the rows of `data2[row.permutation, column.permutation]` match the rows of `data1`. The matching is done by converting rows to strings, and matching the strings.

Author(s)

Steven L. Scott <stevescott@google.com>

Examples

```
x1 <- data.frame(larry = rnorm(10), moe = 1:10, curly = rpois(10, 2))
x2 <- x1[c(1:5, 10:6), c(3, 1, 2)]

m <- MatchDataFrame(x1, x2)
x2[m$row.permutation, m$column.permutation] == x1 ## all TRUE
```

mvn.diagonal.prior *diagonal MVN prior*

Description

A multivariate normal prior distribution formed by the product of independent normal margins.

Usage

```
MvnDiagonalPrior(mean.vector, sd.vector)
```

Arguments

mean.vector	A vector giving the mean of the prior distribution.
sd.vector	The standard deviations of the components in the distribution. I.e. the square root of the diagonal of the variance matrix.

Author(s)

Steven L. Scott <stevescott@google.com>

References

Gelman, Carlin, Stern, Rubin (2003), "Bayesian Data Analysis", Chapman and Hall.

mvn.independent.sigma.prior
Independence prior for the MVN

Description

A prior for the parameters of the multivariate normal distribution that assumes Sigma to be a diagonal matrix with elements modeled by independent inverse Gamma priors.

Usage

```
MvnIndependentSigmaPrior(mvn.prior, sd.prior.list)
```

Arguments

mvn.prior	An object of class MvnPrior that is the prior distribution for the multivariate normal mean parameter.
sd.prior.list	A list of SdPrior objects modeling the diagonal elements of the multivariate normal variance matrix. The off-diagonal elements are assumed to be zero.

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References

Gelman, Carlin, Stern, Rubin (2003), "Bayesian Data Analysis", Chapman and Hall.

mvn.prior

Multivariate normal prior

Description

A multivariate normal prior distribution.

Usage

MvnPrior(mean, variance)

Arguments

mean A vector giving the mean of the prior distribution.
variance A symmetric positive definite matrix giving the variance of the prior distribution.

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References

Gelman, Carlin, Stern, Rubin (2003), "Bayesian Data Analysis", Chapman and Hall.

normal.inverse.gamma.prior

Normal inverse gamma prior

Description

The NormalInverseGammaPrior is the conjugate prior for the mean and variance of the scalar normal distribution. The model says that

$$\frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sim \text{Gamma}(df/2, ss/2) \mid \mu \sim N(\mu_0, \sigma^2/\kappa)$$

Usage

```
NormalInverseGammaPrior(mu.guess, mu.guess.weight = .01,
  sigma.guess, sigma.guess.weight = 1, ...)
```

Arguments

mu.guess	The mean of the prior distribution. This is μ_0 in the description above.
mu.guess.weight	The number of observations worth of weight assigned to mu.guess. This is κ in the description above.
sigma.guess	A prior estimate at the value of sigma. This is $\sqrt{ss/df}$.
sigma.guess.weight	The number of observations worth of weight assigned to sigma.guess. This is df .
...	blah

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References

Gelman, Carlin, Stern, Rubin (2003), "Bayesian Data Analysis", Chapman and Hall.

```
normal.inverse.wishart.prior
  Normal inverse Wishart prior
```

Description

The NormalInverseWishartPrior is the conjugate prior for the mean and variance of the multivariate normal distribution. The model says that

$$\Sigma^{-1} \sim Wishart(\nu, S) | \mu | \sigma \sim N(\mu_0, \Sigma/\kappa)$$

The $Wishart(S, \nu)$ distribution is parameterized by S , the *inverse* of the sum of squares matrix, and the scalar degrees of freedom parameter ν .

The distribution is improper if $\nu < \dim(S)$.

Usage

```
NormalInverseWishartPrior(mean.guess,
  mean.guess.weight = .01,
  variance.guess,
  variance.guess.weight = nrow(variance.guess) + 1)
```


Arguments

- mean.guess The mean of the prior distribution. This is μ_0 in the description above.
- mean.guess.weight The number of observations worth of weight assigned to mean.guess. This is κ in the description above.
- variance.guess A prior estimate at the value of Σ . This is S^{-1}/ν in the notation above.
- variance.guess.weight The number of observations worth of weight assigned to variance.guess. This is df .

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References

Gelman, Carlin, Stern, Rubin (2003), "Bayesian Data Analysis", Chapman and Hall.

normal.prior *Normal (scalar Gaussian) prior distribution*

Description

Specifies an inverse Gamma prior for a variance parameter, but inputs are defined in terms of a standard deviation.

Usage

```
NormalPrior(mu, sigma, initial.value = mu)
```

Arguments

- mu The mean of the prior distribution.
- sigma The standard deviation of the prior distribution.
- initial.value The initial value of the parameter being modeled in the MCMC algorithm.

Author(s)

Steven L. Scott <stevescott@google.com>

References

Gelman, Carlin, Stern, Rubin (2003), "Bayesian Data Analysis", Chapman and Hall.

pairs.density *Pairs plot for posterior distributions.*

Description

A pairs plot showing the posterior distribution of the given list of Monte Carlo draws. Plots above the diagonal show the posterior distribution on a scale just wide enough to fit the plots. The diagonal shows a marginal density plot, and the subdiagonal shows the distribution with all plots on a common scale.

Usage

```
PairsDensity(draws,
             nlevels = 20,
             lty = NULL,
             color = NULL,
             subset = NULL,
             labels,
             legend.location = "top",
             legend.cex = 1,
             label.cex = 1,
             ...)
```

Arguments

draws	Either a matrix or a list of matrices. If a list is provided then each list element is plotted as a separate set of contours, and all matrices must have the same number of columns (though the number of rows can differ).
nlevels	The number of contour levels to plot.
lty	The line types to use for the different elements in draws.
color	The color to use for different elements in draws.
subset	If draws is a list, then this can be a numerical vector. If draws has names, then subset can be a character vector naming which elements to include. If NULL then all elements of draws are plotted.
labels	If labels is missing and the first element of draws has non-NULL colnames then these will be used to label the pairs plot. If a character vector of length <code>ncol(draws[[1]])</code> then this character vector will be used in place of the colnames. If NULL then no labels will be used.
legend.location	Either "top", or "right" specifying the location for the legend, or NULL, indicating that no legend is desired. if draws is a matrix or a singleton list then no legend is produced.
legend.cex	Scale factor to use for the legend labels.
label.cex	Scale factor to use for the row and column labels.
...	Extra arguments (graphical parameters), passed to plot , PlotDensityContours , axis , and AddExternalLegend .

Author(s)

Steven L. Scott

See Also[pairs](#), [CompareDensities](#), [CompareManyDensities](#)**Examples**

```
## You can see the pairs plot for a single set of draws.
y <- matrix(rnorm(5000, mean = 1:5), ncol = 5, byrow = TRUE)
PairsDensity(y)

## You can also compare two or more sets of draws.
z <- matrix(rnorm(2500, mean = 2:6), ncol = 5, byrow = TRUE)
PairsDensity(list("first set" = y, "second set" = z))
```

plot.density.contours *Contour plot of a bivariate density.*

Description

Contour plot of one or more bivariate densities. This function was originally created to implement PairsDensity, but might be useful on its own.

Usage

```
PlotDensityContours(draws,
                    x.index = 1,
                    y.index = 2,
                    xlim = NULL,
                    ylim = NULL,
                    nlevels = 20,
                    subset = NULL,
                    color = NULL,
                    lty = NULL,
                    axes = TRUE,
                    ...)
```

Arguments

draws	Either a matrix or a list of matrices. If a list is provided then each list element is plotted as a separate set of contours, and all matrices must have the same number of columns (though the number of rows can differ).
x.index	The index of the parameter to plot on the horizontal axis.

y.index	The index of the beta coefficient to plot on the vertical axis.
xlim	Limits on the horizontal axis. If NULL then the plot is just wide enough to fit the contours.
ylim	Limits on the vertical axis. If NULL then the plot is just tall enough to fit the contours.
nlevels	The number of contour levels to plot.
subset	If draws is a list, then this can be a numerical vector. If draws has names, then subset can be a character vector naming which elements to include. If NULL then all elements of draws are plotted.
color	The color to use for different elements in draws.
lty	The line types to use for the different elements in draws.
axes	Logical. Should x and y axes be drawn?
...	Extra arguments passed to contour .

Author(s)

Steven L. Scott

See Also[contour](#), [kde2d](#)**Examples**

```
## You can see the pairs plot for a single set of draws.
y <- matrix(rnorm(5000, mean = 1:5), ncol = 5, byrow = TRUE)
PlotDensityContours(y, 3, 1)

## You can also compare two or more sets of draws.
z <- matrix(rnorm(2500, mean = 2:6), ncol = 5, byrow = TRUE)
PlotDensityContours(list("first set" = y, "second set" = z), 3, 1)
```

plot.dynamic.distribution

Plots the pointwise evolution of a distribution over an index set.

Description

Produces an dynamic distribution plot where gray scale shading is used to show the evolution of a distribution over an index set. This function is particularly useful when the index set is too large to do side-by-side boxplots.

Usage

```
PlotDynamicDistribution(curves,
                       x = 1:ncol(curves),
                       quantile.step=.01,
                       xlim = range(x),
                       xlab = "X",
                       ylim = range(curves),
                       ylab = "distribution",
                       add=FALSE,
                       ...)
```

Arguments

curves	A matrix where each row represents a curve (e.g. a simulation of a time series from a posterior distribution) and columns represent different points in the index set. For example, a long time series would be a wide matrix.
x	An optional vector of ordinates 'curves' will be plotted against. Good choices for x are numeric, Date (see as.Date).
quantile.step	Each color step in the plot corresponds to this difference in quantiles. Smaller values make prettier plots, but the plots take longer to produce.
xlim	The x limits (x1, x2) of the plot. Note that $x1 > x2$ is allowed and leads to a "reversed axis".
xlab	Label for the horizontal axis.
ylim	The y limits (y1, y2) of the plot. Note that $y1 > y2$ is allowed and leads to a "reversed axis".
ylab	Label for the vertical axis.
add	Logical. If true then add the plot to the current plot. Otherwise a fresh plot will be created.
...	Extra arguments to pass on to plot

Details

The function works by passing many calls to [polygon](#). Each polygon is associated with a quantile level, with darker shading near the median.

Value

This function is called for its side effect, which is to produce a plot on the current graphics device.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
x <- t(matrix(rnorm(1000 * 100, 1:100, 1:100), nrow=100))
## x has 1000 rows, and 100 columns. Column i is N(i, i^2) noise.

PlotDynamicDistribution(x)
time <- as.Date("2010-01-01", format = "%Y-%m-%d") + (0:99 - 50)*7
PlotDynamicDistribution(x, time)
```

plot.macf

*Plots individual autocorrelation functions for many-valued time series***Description**

Produces individual autocorrelation functions for many-valued time series such as those produced by highly multivariate MCMC output. Cross-correlations such as those produced by [acf](#) are not shown.

Usage

```
PlotMacf(x, lag.max = 40, gap = 0.5, main = NULL, boxes = TRUE,
        xlab = "lag", ylab = "ACF", type = "h")
```

Arguments

x	matrix or 3-way array of MCMC output (or other time series). The first dimension represents discrete time.
lag.max	maximum lag to use when computing ACF's.
gap	non-negative scalar. gap between plots
main	character. main title for the plot
boxes	logical. Should boxes be drawn around the plots
xlab	character label for horizontal axis.
ylab	character label for vertical axis.
type	type of line plot to show. Defaults to "h". See plot.default for other options.

Value

Called for its side effect

Author(s)

Steven L. Scott

See Also

[acf](#), [plot.many.ts](#).

Examples

```
x <- matrix(rnorm(1000), ncol=10)
PlotMacf(x)
```

plot.many.ts *Multiple time series plots*

Description

Plots many time series plots on the same graphical device. Each plot gets its own frame. Scales can be adjusted to see variation in each plot (each plot gets its own scale), or variation between plots (common scale).

Usage

```
PlotManyTs(x, type = "l", gap = 0, boxes = TRUE, truth = NULL,
           thin = 1, labs, same.scale = TRUE, ylim = NULL,
           refline = NULL, color = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

x	matrix or 3-dimensional array to be plotted
type	type of line plots to produce. See plot.default for other options.
gap	number of lines of space to put between plots.
boxes	logical. Should boxes be drawn around each plot?
truth	A vector or matrix of reference values to be added to each plot as a horizontal line. The dimension should match <code>dim(x)[-1]</code>
thin	Frequency of observations to plot. E.g. <code>thin=10</code> means plot every 10 th observation. Thinning can speed things up when plotting large amounts MCMC output.
labs	(optional) character vector giving the title (e.g. variable name) for each plot.
same.scale	logical. If true then plots are drawn with a common vertical axis, which is displayed on alternating rows of the plot. If false each plot gets its own axis, which is not displayed.
ylim	
refline	a vector or scalar value to use as a reference line. This is a supplement to the <code>truth</code> argument. It can be useful when comparing true values (used in a simulation), estimated values (e.g. point estimates of parameters) and MCMC output.
color	Vector of colors to use in the plots.
...	extra arguments to be passed to plot and axis .

Value

Called for its side effect.

Author(s)

Steven L. Scott

See Also[plot.ts](#) (for plotting a small number of time series) [plot.macf](#)**Examples**

```
x <- matrix(rnorm(1000), ncol=10)
PlotManyTs(x)

PlotManyTs(x, same = FALSE)
```

sd.prior

Prior for a standard deviation or variance

Description

Specifies an inverse Gamma prior for a variance parameter, but inputs are defined in terms of a standard deviation.

Usage

```
SdPrior(sigma.guess, sample.size = .01, initial.value = sigma.guess,
        fixed = FALSE, upper.limit = Inf)
```

Arguments

sigma.guess	A prior guess at the value of the standard deviation.
sample.size	The weight given to sigma.guess. Interpretable as a prior observation count.
initial.value	The initial value of the parameter in the MCMC algorithm.
fixed	Logical. Some algorithms allow you to fix sigma at a particular value. If TRUE then sigma will remain fixed at initial.value, if supported.
upper.limit	If positive, this is the upper limit on possible values of the standard deviation parameter. Otherwise the upper limit is assumed infinite. Not supported by all MCMC algorithms.

Author(s)

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References

Gelman, Carlin, Stern, Rubin (2003), "Bayesian Data Analysis", Chapman and Hall.

thin	<i>Thin the rows of a matrix</i>
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Description

Systematic sampling of every thin'th row of a matrix or vector. Useful for culling MCMC output or denoising a plot.

Usage

```
thin(x, thin)
```

Arguments

x	The array to be thinned. The first dimension is the one sampled over.
thin	The frequency of observations to keep. With thin=10 you will keep every 10th observation.

Value

The thinned vector, matrix, or array is returned.

Author(s)

Steven L. Scott

Examples

```
x <- rnorm(100)
thin(x, 10)
# returns a 10 vector

y <- matrix(rnorm(200), ncol=2)
thin(y, 10)
# returns a 10 by 2 matrix
```

uniform.prior	<i>Uniform prior distribution</i>
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Description

Specifies a uniform prior distribution on a real-valued scalar parameter.

Usage

```
UniformPrior(lo = 0, hi = 1, initial.value = NULL)
```

Arguments

lo	The lower limit of support.
hi	The upper limit of support.
initial.value	The initial value of the parameter in question to use in the MCMC algorithm. If NULL then the mean $(lo + hi)/2$ is used.

Author(s)

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References

Gelman, Carlin, Stern, Rubin (2003), "Bayesian Data Analysis", Chapman and Hall.

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