

Package ‘nimble’

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Description A system for writing hierarchical statistical models largely compatible with 'BUGS' and 'JAGS', writing nimbleFunctions to operate models and do basic R-style math, and compiling both models and nimbleFunctions via custom-generated C++. 'NIMBLE' includes default methods for MCMC, particle filtering, Monte Carlo Expectation Maximization, and some other tools. The nimbleFunction system makes it easy to do things like implement new MCMC samplers from R, customize the assignment of samplers to different parts of a model from R, and compile the new samplers automatically via C++ alongside the samplers 'NIMBLE' provides. 'NIMBLE' extends the 'BUGS'/'JAGS' language by making it extensible: New distributions and functions can be added, including as calls to external compiled code. Although most people think of MCMC as the main goal of the 'BUGS'/'JAGS' language for writing models, one can use 'NIMBLE' for writing arbitrary other kinds of model-generic algorithms as well. A full User Manual is available at <<http://r-nimble.org>>.

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ADNimbleList	<i>EXPERIMENTAL</i> Data type for the return value of <code>nimDerivs</code>
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Description

`nimbleList` definition for the type of `nimbleList` returned by `nimDerivs`.

Usage

ADNimbleList

Format

An object of class `list` of length 1.

Fields

`value` The value of the function evaluated at the given input arguments.
`gradient` The gradient of the function evaluated at the given input arguments.
`hessian` The Hessian of the function evaluated at the given input arguments.
`thirdDerivs` Currently unused.

See Also

`nimDerivs`

<code>as.carAdjacency</code>	<i>Convert CAR structural parameters to adjacency, weights, num format</i>
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Description

This will convert alternate representations of CAR process structure into (adj, weights, num) form required by `dcar_normal`. Two alternate representations are handled:

Usage

```
as.carAdjacency(...)
```

Arguments

... Either: a symmetric matrix of un-normalized weights, or two lists specifying adjacency indices and the corresponding un-normalized weights.

Details

A single matrix argument will be interpreted as a matrix of symmetric un-normalized weights;

Two lists will be interpreted as (the first) a list of numeric vectors specifying the adjacency (neighboring) indices of each CAR process component, and (the second) a list of numeric vectors giving the un-normalized weights for each of these neighboring relationships.

Author(s)

Daniel Turek

<code>asRow</code>	<i>Turn a numeric vector into a single-row or single-column matrix</i>
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Description

Turns a numeric vector into a matrix that has 1 row or 1 column. Part of NIMBLE language.

Usage

```
asRow(x)
```

```
asCol(x)
```

Arguments

x Numeric to be turned into a single row or column matrix

Details

In the NIMBLE language, some automatic determination of how to turn vectors into single-row or single-column matrices is done. For example, in `A %*% x`, where `A` is a matrix and `x` a vector, `x` will be turned into a single-column matrix unless it is known at compile time that `A` is a single column, in which case `x` will be turned into a single-row matrix. However, if it is desired that `x` be turned into a single row but `A` cannot be determined at compile time to be a single column, then one can use `A %*% asRow(x)` to force this conversion.

Author(s)

Perry de Valpine

autoBlock	<i>Automated parameter blocking procedure for efficient MCMC sampling</i>
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Description

Runs NIMBLE's automated blocking procedure for a given model object, to dynamically determine a blocking scheme of the continuous-valued model nodes. This blocking scheme is designed to produce efficient MCMC sampling (defined as number of effective samples generated per second of algorithm runtime). See Turek, et al (2015) for details of this algorithm. This also (optionally) compares this blocked MCMC against several static MCMC algorithms, including all univariate sampling, blocking of all continuous-valued nodes, NIMBLE's default MCMC configuration, and custom-specified blockings of parameters.

Usage

```
autoBlock(Rmodel, autoIt = 20000, run = list("all", "default"),
  setSeed = TRUE, verbose = FALSE, makePlots = FALSE, round = TRUE)
```

Arguments

Rmodel	A NIMBLE model object, created from nimbleModel .
autoIt	The number of MCMC iterations to run intermediate MCMC algorithms, through the course of the procedure. Default 20,000.
run	List of additional MCMC algorithms to compare against the automated blocking MCMC. These may be specified as: the character string 'all' to denote blocking all continuous-valued nodes; the character string 'default' to denote NIMBLE's default MCMC configuration; a named list element consisting of a quoted code block, which when executed returns an MCMC configuration object for comparison; a custom-specified blocking scheme, specified as a named list element which itself is a list of character vectors, where each character vector specifies the nodes in a particular block. Default is <code>c('all', 'default')</code> .
setSeed	Logical specifying whether to call <code>set.seed(0)</code> prior to beginning the blocking procedure. Default TRUE.

verbose	Logical specifying whether to output considerable details of the automated block procedure, through the course of execution. Default FALSE.
makePlots	Logical specifying whether to plot the hierarchical clustering dendrograms, through the course of execution. Default FALSE.
round	Logical specifying whether to round the final output results to two decimal places. Default TRUE.

Details

This method allows for fine-tuned usage of the automated blocking procedure. However, the main entry point to the automatic blocking procedure is intended to be through either `buildMCMC(..., autoBlock = TRUE)`, or `configureMCMC(..., autoBlock = TRUE)`.

Value

Returns a named list containing elements:

- `summary`: A data frame containing a numerical summary of the performance of all MCMC algorithms (including that from automated blocking)
- `autoGroups`: A list specifying the parameter blockings converged on by the automated blocking procedure
- `conf`: A NIMBLE MCMC configuration object corresponding to the results of the automated blocking procedure

Author(s)

Daniel Turek

References

Turek, D., de Valpine, P., Paciorek, C., and Anderson-Bergman, C. (2015). Automated Parameter Blocking for Efficient Markov-Chain Monte Carlo Sampling. arXiv: 1503.05621.

See Also

`configureMCMC` `buildMCMC`

BUGSdeclClass-class *BUGSdeclClass* contains the information extracted from one BUGS declaration

Description

BUGSdeclClass contains the information extracted from one BUGS declaration

buildAuxiliaryFilter *Create an auxiliary particle filter algorithm to estimate log-likelihood.*

Description

Create an auxiliary particle filter algorithm for a given NIMBLE state space model.

Usage

```
buildAuxiliaryFilter(model, nodes, control = list())
```

Arguments

model	A NIMBLE model object, typically representing a state space model or a hidden Markov model
nodes	A character vector specifying the latent model nodes over which the particle filter will stochastically integrate to estimate the log-likelihood function
control	A list specifying different control options for the particle filter. Options are described in the details section below.

Details

The control argument can be specified as follows.

lookahead The lookahead function used to calculate auxiliary weights. Can choose between 'mean' and 'simulate'. Defaults to 'simulate'.

saveAll Indicates whether to save state samples for all time points (TRUE), or only for the most recent time point (FALSE)

smoothing Decides whether to save smoothed estimates of latent states, i.e., samples from $f(x[1:t]|y[1:t])$ if `smoothing = TRUE`, or instead to save filtered samples from $f(x[t]|y[1:t])$ if `smoothing = FALSE`. `smoothing = TRUE` only works if `saveAll = TRUE`.

timeIndex An integer used to manually specify which dimension of the latent state variable indexes time. This need only be set if the number of time points is less than or equal to the size of the latent state at each time point.

initModel A logical value indicating whether to initialize the model before running the filtering algorithm. Defaults to TRUE.

The auxiliary particle filter modifies the bootstrap filter ([buildBootstrapFilter](#)) by adding a lookahead step to the algorithm: before propagating particles from one time point to the next via the transition equation, the auxiliary filter calculates a weight for each pre-propogated particle by predicting how well the particle will agree with the next data point. These pre-weights are used to conduct an initial resampling step before propagation.

The resulting specialized particle filter algorithm will accept a single integer argument (`m`, default 10,000), which specifies the number of random 'particles' to use for estimating the log-likelihood. The algorithm returns the estimated log-likelihood value, and saves unequally weighted samples from the posterior distribution of the latent states in the `mvWSamples` `modelValues` object, with

corresponding logged weights in `mvWSamples['wts',]`. An equally weighted sample from the posterior can be found in the `mvEWSamp` `modelValues` object.

The auxiliary particle filter uses a lookahead function to select promising particles before propagation. This function can either be the expected value of the latent state at the next time point (`lookahead = 'mean'`) or a simulation from the distribution of the latent state at the next time point (`lookahead = 'simulate'`), conditioned on the current particle.

`@section returnESS() Method:` Calling the `returnESS()` method of an auxiliary particle filter after that filter has been `run()` for a given model will return a vector of ESS (effective sample size) values, one value for each time point.

Author(s)

Nicholas Michaud

References

Pitt, M.K., and Shephard, N. (1999). Filtering via simulation: Auxiliary particle filters. *Journal of the American Statistical Association* 94(446): 590-599.

See Also

Other particle filtering methods: [buildBootstrapFilter](#), [buildEnsembleKF](#), [buildLiuWestFilter](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
model <- nimbleModel(code = ...)
my_AuxF <- buildAuxiliaryFilter(model, 'x[1:100]',
  control = list(saveAll = TRUE, lookahead = 'mean'))
Cmodel <- compileNimble(model)
Cmy_AuxF <- compileNimble(my_AuxF, project = model)
logLike <- Cmy_AuxF$run(m = 100000)
ESS <- Cmy_AuxF$returnESS(m = 100000)
hist(as.matrix(Cmy_AuxF$mvEWSamples, 'x'))

## End(Not run)
```

`buildBootstrapFilter` Create a bootstrap particle filter algorithm to estimate log-likelihood.

Description

Create a bootstrap particle filter algorithm for a given NIMBLE state space model.

Usage

```
buildBootstrapFilter(model, nodes, control = list())
```

Arguments

model	A nimble model object, typically representing a state space model or a hidden Markov model
nodes	A character vector specifying the latent model nodes over which the particle filter will stochastically integrate over to estimate the log-likelihood function
control	A list specifying different control options for the particle filter. Options are described in the details section below.

Details

Each of the control() list options are described in detail here:

thresh A number between 0 and 1 specifying when to resample: the resampling step will occur when the effective sample size is less than thresh times the number of particles. Defaults to 0.8.

saveAll Indicates whether to save state samples for all time points (TRUE), or only for the most recent time point (FALSE)

smoothing Decides whether to save smoothed estimates of latent states, i.e., samples from $f(x[1:t]|y[1:t])$ if smoothing = TRUE, or instead to save filtered samples from $f(x[t]|y[1:t])$ if smoothing = FALSE. smoothing = TRUE only works if saveAll = TRUE.

timeIndex An integer used to manually specify which dimension of the latent state variable indexes time. Only needs to be set if the number of time points is less than or equal to the size of the latent state at each time point.

initModel A logical value indicating whether to initialize the model before running the filtering algorithm. Defaults to TRUE.

The bootstrap filter starts by generating a sample of estimates from the prior distribution of the latent states of a state space model. At each time point, these particles are propagated forward by the model's transition equation. Each particle is then given a weight proportional to the value of the observation equation given that particle. The weights are used to draw an equally-weighted sample of the particles at this time point. The algorithm then proceeds to the next time point. Neither the transition nor the observation equations are required to be normal for the bootstrap filter to work.

The resulting specialized particle filter algorithm will accept a single integer argument (m, default 10,000), which specifies the number of random 'particles' to use for estimating the log-likelihood. The algorithm returns the estimated log-likelihood value, and saves unequally weighted samples from the posterior distribution of the latent states in the mvWSamples modelValues object, with corresponding logged weights in mvWSamples['wts',]. An equally weighted sample from the posterior can be found in the mvEWSamp modelValues object.

returnESS() Method

Calling the returnESS() method of a bootstrap filter after that filter has been run() for a given model will return a vector of ESS (effective sample size) values, one value for each time point.

Author(s)

Daniel Turek and Nicholas Michaud

References

Gordon, N.J., D.J. Salmond, and A.F.M. Smith. (1993). Novel approach to nonlinear/non-Gaussian Bayesian state estimation. *IEEE Proceedings F (Radar and Signal Processing)*. Vol. 140. No. 2. IET Digital Library, 1993.

See Also

Other particle filtering methods: [buildAuxiliaryFilter](#), [buildEnsembleKF](#), [buildLiuWestFilter](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
model <- nimbleModel(code = ...)
my_BootF <- buildBootstrapFilter(model, 'x[1:100]')
Cmodel <- compileNimble(model)
Cmy_BootF <- compileNimble(my_BootF, project = model)
logLike <- Cmy_BootF$run(m = 100000)
ESS <- Cmy_BootF$returnESS()
boot_X <- as.matrix(Cmy_BootF$mvEWSamples)

## End(Not run)
```

buildEnsembleKF	<i>Create an Ensemble Kalman filter algorithm to sample from latent states.</i>
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Description

Create an Ensemble Kalman filter algorithm for a given NIMBLE state space model.

Usage

```
buildEnsembleKF(model, nodes, control = list())
```

Arguments

model	A NIMBLE model object, typically representing a state space model or a hidden Markov model
nodes	A character vector specifying the latent model nodes which the Ensemble Kalman filter will estimate.
control	A list specifying different control options for the particle filter. Options are described in the details section below.

Details

The `control()` list option is described in detail below:

saveAll Indicates whether to save state samples for all time points (TRUE), or only for the most recent time point (FALSE)

timeIndex An integer used to manually specify which dimension of the latent state variable indexes time. Only needs to be set if the number of time points is less than or equal to the size of the latent state at each time point.

initModel A logical value indicating whether to initialize the model before running the filtering algorithm. Defaults to TRUE.

Runs an Ensemble Kalman filter to estimate a latent state given observations at each time point. The ensemble Kalman filter is a Monte Carlo approximation to a Kalman filter that can be used when the model's transition equations do not follow a normal distribution. Latent states ($x[t]$) and observations ($y[t]$) can be scalars or vectors at each time point, and sizes of observations can vary from time point to time point. In the BUGS model, the observations ($y[t]$) must be equal to some (possibly nonlinear) deterministic function of the latent state ($x[t]$) plus an additive error term. Currently only normal and multivariate normal error terms are supported. The transition from $x[t]$ to $x[t+1]$ does not have to be normal or linear. Output from the posterior distribution of the latent states is stored in `mvSamples`.

Author(s)

Nicholas Michaud

References

Houtekamer, P.L., and H.L. Mitchell. (1998). Data assimilation using an ensemble Kalman filter technique. *Monthly Weather Review*, 126(3), 796-811.

See Also

Other particle filtering methods: [buildAuxiliaryFilter](#), [buildBootstrapFilter](#), [buildLiuWestFilter](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
model <- nimbleModel(code = ...)
my_ENKFF <- buildEnsembleKF(model, 'x')
Cmodel <- compileNimble(model)
Cmy_ENKFF <- compileNimble(my_ENKFF, project = model)
Cmy_ENKFF$run(m = 100000)
ENKF_X <- as.matrix(Cmy_ENKFF$mvSamples, 'x')
hist(ENKF_X)

## End(Not run)
```

buildLiuWestFilter *Create a Liu and West particle filter algorithm.*

Description

Create a Liu and West particle filter algorithm for a given NIMBLE state space model.

Usage

```
buildLiuWestFilter(model, nodes, params = NULL, control = list())
```

Arguments

model	A NIMBLE model object, typically representing a state space model or a hidden Markov model
nodes	A character vector specifying the latent model nodes over which the particle filter will stochastically integrate over to estimate the log-likelihood function
params	A character vector specifying the top-level parameters to estimate the posterior distribution of. If unspecified, parameter nodes are specified as all stochastic top level nodes which are not in the set of latent nodes specified in nodes.
control	A list specifying different control options for the particle filter. Options are described in the details section below.

Details

Each of the control() list options are described in detail below:

- d** A discount factor for the Liu-West filter. Should be close to, but not above, 1.
- saveAll** Indicates whether to save state samples for all time points (TRUE), or only for the most recent time point (FALSE)
- timeIndex** An integer used to manually specify which dimension of the latent state variable indexes time. Only needs to be set if the number of time points is less than or equal to the size of the latent state at each time point.
- initModel** A logical value indicating whether to initialize the model before running the filtering algorithm. Defaults to TRUE.

The Liu and West filter samples from the posterior distribution of both the latent states and top-level parameters for a state space model. Each particle in the Liu and West filter contains values not only for latent states, but also for top level parameters. Latent states are propagated via an auxiliary step, as in the auxiliary particle filter ([buildAuxiliaryFilter](#)). Top-level parameters are propagated from one time point to the next through a smoothed kernel density based on previous particle values.

The resulting specialized particle filter algorithm will accept a single integer argument (*m*, default 10,000), which specifies the number of random 'particles' to use for sampling from the posterior distributions. The algorithm saves unequally weighted samples from the posterior distribution of the latent states and top-level parameters in `mvWSamples`, with corresponding logged

weights in `mvWSamples['wts',]`. An equally weighted sample from the posterior can be found in `mvEWSamples`.

Note that if `saveAll=TRUE`, the top-level parameter samples given in the `mvWSamples` output will correspond to the weights from the final time point.

Author(s)

Nicholas Michaud

References

Liu, J., and M. West. (2001). Combined parameter and state estimation in simulation-based filtering. *Sequential Monte Carlo methods in practice*. Springer New York, pages 197-223.

See Also

Other particle filtering methods: [buildAuxiliaryFilter](#), [buildBootstrapFilter](#), [buildEnsembleKF](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
model <- nimbleModel(code = ...)
my_LWF <- buildLiuWestFilter(model, 'x[1:100]', params = 'sigma_x')
Cmodel <- compileNimble(model)
Cmy_LWF <- compileNimble(my_LWF, project = model)
Cmy_LWF$run(100000)
lw_X <- as.matrix(Cmy_LWF$mvEWSamples, 'x')

# samples from posterior of a top level parameter named sigma_x:
lw_sigma_x <- as.matrix(Cmy_LWF$mvEWSamples, 'sigma_x')

## End(Not run)
```

buildMCEM

Builds an MCEM algorithm from a given NIMBLE model

Description

Takes a NIMBLE model and builds an MCEM algorithm for it. The user must specify which latent nodes are to be integrated out in the E-Step. All other stochastic non-data nodes will be maximized over. If the nodes do not have positive density on the entire real line, then box constraints can be used to enforce this. The M-step is done by a nimble MCMC sampler. The E-step is done by a call to R's `optim` with `method = 'L-BFGS-B'` if the nodes are constrained, or `method = 'BFGS'` if the nodes are unconstrained.

Usage

```
buildMCEM(model, latentNodes, burnIn = 500, mcmcControl = list(adaptInterval
  = 100), boxConstraints = list(), buffer = 10^-6, alpha = 0.25,
  beta = 0.25, gamma = 0.05, C = 0.001, numReps = 300, verbose = TRUE)
```

Arguments

model	a nimble model
latentNodes	character vector of the names of the stochastic nodes to integrated out. Names can be expanded, but don't need to be. For example, if the model contains <code>x[1]</code> , <code>x[2]</code> and <code>x[3]</code> then one could provide either <code>latentNodes = c('x[1]', 'x[2]', 'x[3]')</code> or <code>latentNodes = 'x'</code> .
burnIn	burn-in used for MCMC sampler in E step
mcmcControl	list passed to <code>configureMCMC</code> , which builds the MCMC sampler. See <code>help(configureMCMC)</code> for more details
boxConstraints	list of box constraints for the nodes that will be maximized over. Each constraint is a list in which the first element is a character vector of node names to which the constraint applies and the second element is a vector giving the lower and upper limits. Limits of <code>-Inf</code> or <code>Inf</code> are allowed. Any nodes that are not given constraints will have their constraints automatically determined by NIMBLE
buffer	A buffer amount for extending the <code>boxConstraints</code> . Many functions with boundary constraints will produce <code>NaN</code> or <code>-Inf</code> when parameters are on the boundary. This problem can be prevented by shrinking the boundary a small amount.
alpha	probability of a type one error - here, the probability of accepting a parameter estimate that does not increase the likelihood. Default is 0.25.
beta	probability of a type two error - here, the probability of rejecting a parameter estimate that does increase the likelihood. Default is 0.25.
gamma	probability of deciding that the algorithm has converged, that is, that the difference between two Q functions is less than C, when in fact it has not. Default is 0.05.
C	determines when the algorithm has converged - when C falls above a $(1-\text{gamma})$ confidence interval around the difference in Q functions from time point $t-1$ to time point t , we say the algorithm has converged. Default is 0.001.
numReps	number of bootstrap samples to use for asymptotic variance calculation.
verbose	logical indicating whether to print additional logging information

Details

`buildMCEM` calls the NIMBLE compiler to create the MCMC and objective function as `nimbleFunctions`. If the given model has already been used in compiling other `nimbleFunctions`, it is possible you will need to create a new copy of the model for `buildMCEM` to use. Uses an ascent-based MCEM algorithm, which includes rules for automatically increasing the number of MC samples as iterations increase, and for determining when convergence has been reached. Constraints for parameter values can be provided. If constraints are not provided, they will be automatically determined by NIMBLE.

Value

an R list with two elements:

- `run` A function that when called runs the MCEM algorithm. This function takes the arguments listed in `run` Arguments below.

- `estimateCov` An EXPERIMENTAL function that when called estimates the asymptotic covariance of the parameters. The covariance is estimated using the method of Louis (1982). This function takes the arguments listed in `estimateCov Arguments` below.

run Arguments

- `initM` starting number of iterations for the algorithm.

estimateCov Arguments

- `MLEs` named vector of MLE values. Must have a named MLE value for each stochastic, non-data, non-latent node. If the `run()` method has already been called, MLEs do not need to be provided.
- `useExistingSamples` logical argument. If TRUE and the `run()` method has previously been called, the covariance estimation will use MCMC samples from the last step of the MCEM algorithm. Otherwise, an MCMC algorithm will be run for 10,000 iterations, and those samples will be used. Defaults to FALSE.

Author(s)

Clifford Anderson-Bergman and Nicholas Michaud

References

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Examples

```
## Not run:
pumpCode <- nimbleCode({
  for (i in 1:N){
    theta[i] ~ dgamma(alpha,beta);
    lambda[i] <- theta[i]*t[i];
    x[i] ~ dpois(lambda[i])
  }
  alpha ~ dexp(1.0);
  beta ~ dgamma(0.1,1.0);
})

pumpConsts <- list(N = 10,
  t = c(94.3, 15.7, 62.9, 126, 5.24,
  31.4, 1.05, 1.05, 2.1, 10.5))

pumpData <- list(x = c(5, 1, 5, 14, 3, 19, 1, 1, 4, 22))

pumpInits <- list(alpha = 1, beta = 1,
  theta = rep(0.1, pumpConsts$N))
```

```

pumpModel <- nimbleModel(code = pumpCode, name = 'pump', constants = pumpConsts,
                        data = pumpData, inits = pumpInits)

# Want to maximize alpha and beta (both which must be positive) and integrate over theta
box = list( list(c('alpha','beta'), c(0, Inf)))

pumpMCEM <- buildMCEM(model = pumpModel, latentNodes = 'theta[1:10]',
                    boxConstraints = box)
MLEs <- pumpMCEM$run(initM = 1000)
cov <- pumpMCEM$estimateCov()

## End(Not run)
# Could also use latentNodes = 'theta' and buildMCEM() would figure out this means 'theta[1:10]'

```

buildMCMC

Create an MCMC function, from an MCMCconf object

Description

Accepts a single required argument, which may be of class `MCMCconf`, or inherit from class `modelBaseClass` (a NIMBLE model object). Returns an MCMC function; see details section.

Usage

```
buildMCMC(conf, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>conf</code>	An object of class <code>MCMCconf</code> that specifies the model, samplers, monitors, and thinning intervals for the resulting MCMC function. See <code>configureMCMC</code> for details of creating <code>MCMCconf</code> objects. Alternatively, <code>MCMCconf</code> may be a NIMBLE model object, in which case an MCMC function corresponding to the default MCMC configuration for this model is returned.
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments to be passed to <code>configureMCMC</code> if <code>conf</code> is a NIMBLE model object

Details

Calling `buildMCMC(conf)` will produce an uncompiled (R) R `mcmc` function object, say `'Rmcmc'`.

The uncompiled MCMC function will have arguments:

`niter`: The number of iterations to run the MCMC.

`reset`: Boolean specifying whether to reset the internal MCMC sampling algorithms to their initial state (in terms of self-adapting tuning parameters), and begin recording posterior sample chains anew. Specifying `reset=FALSE` allows the MCMC algorithm to continue running from where it left off, appending additional posterior samples to the already existing sample chains. Generally, `reset=FALSE` should only be used when the MCMC has already been run (default = `TRUE`).

`simulateAll`: Boolean specifying whether to simulate into all stochastic nodes. This will overwrite the current values in all stochastic nodes (default = FALSE).

`time`: Boolean specifying whether to record runtimes of the individual internal MCMC samplers. When `time=TRUE`, a vector of runtimes (measured in seconds) can be extracted from the MCMC using the method `mcmc$getTimes()` (default = FALSE).

`progressBar`: Boolean specifying whether to display a progress bar during MCMC execution (default = TRUE). The progress bar can be permanently disabled by setting the system option `nimbleOptions(MCMCprogressBar = FALSE)`.

Samples corresponding to the `monitors` and `monitors2` from the `MCMCconf` are stored into the interval variables `mvSamples` and `mvSamples2`, respectively. These may be accessed and converted into R matrix objects via: `as.matrix(mcmc$mvSamples)` `as.matrix(mcmc$mvSamples2)`

The uncompiled (R) MCMC function may be compiled to a compiled MCMC object, taking care to compile in the same project as the R model object, using: `Cmcmc <- compileNimble(Rmcmc, project=Rmodel)`

The compiled function will function identically to the uncompiled object, except acting on the compiled model object.

Calculating WAIC

After the MCMC has been run, calling the `calculateWAIC()` method of the MCMC object will return the WAIC for the model, calculated using the posterior samples from the MCMC run.

`calculateWAIC()` has a single argument:

`burnIn`: The number of iterations to subtract from the beginning of the posterior samples of the MCMC object for WAIC calculation. Defaults to 0.

The `calculateWAIC` method calculates the WAIC of the model that the MCMC was performed on. The WAIC (Watanabe, 2010) is calculated from Equations 5, 12, and 13 in Gelman (2014). Note that the set of all parameters monitored by the `mcmc` object will be treated as *theta* for the purposes of e.g. Equation 5 from Gelman (2014). All parameters downstream of the monitored parameters that are necessary to calculate $p(y|theta)$ will be simulated from the posterior samples of *theta*.

Author(s)

Daniel Turek

Examples

```
## Not run:
code <- nimbleCode({
  mu ~ dnorm(0, 1)
  x ~ dnorm(mu, 1)
})
Rmodel <- nimbleModel(code)
conf <- configureMCMC(Rmodel)
Rmcmc <- buildMCMC(conf)
Cmodel <- compileNimble(Rmodel)
Cmcmc <- compileNimble(Rmcmc, project=Rmodel)
Cmcmc$run(10000)
samples <- as.matrix(Cmcmc$mvSamples)
head(samples)
```

```
WAIC <- Cmcmc$calculateWAIC(burnIn = 1000)

## End(Not run)
```

 CAR-Normal

The CAR-Normal Distribution

Description

Density function and random generation for the improper (intrinsic) Gaussian conditional autoregressive (CAR) distribution.

Usage

```
dcar_normal(x, adj, weights, num, tau, c = CAR_calcNumIslands(adj, num),
  zero_mean = 0, log = FALSE)

rcar_normal(n = 1, adj, weights, num, tau, c = CAR_calcNumIslands(adj, num),
  zero_mean = 0)
```

Arguments

x	vector of values.
adj	vector of indices of the adjacent locations (neighbors) of each spatial location. This is a sparse representation of the full adjacency matrix.
weights	vector of symmetric unnormalized weights associated with each pair of adjacent locations, of the same length as adj. If omitted, all weights are taken to be one.
num	vector giving the number of neighbors of each spatial location, with length equal to the total number of locations.
tau	scalar precision of the Gaussian CAR prior.
c	integer number of constraints to impose on the improper density function. If omitted, c is calculated as the number of disjoint groups of spatial locations in the adjacency structure. Note that c should be equal to the number of eigenvalues of the precision matrix that are zero. For example if the neighborhood structure is based on a second-order Markov random field in one dimension has two zero eigenvalue and in two dimensions has three zero eigenvalues. See Rue and Held (2005) for more information.
zero_mean	integer specifying whether to set the mean of all locations to zero during MCMC sampling of a node specified with this distribution in BUGS code (default 0). This argument is used only in BUGS model code when specifying models in NIMBLE. If 0, the overall process mean is included implicitly in the value of each location in a BUGS model; if 1, then during MCMC sampling, the mean of all locations is set to zero at each MCMC iteration, and a separate intercept term should be included in the BUGS model. Note that centering during MCMC as implemented in NIMBLE follows the ad hoc approach of WinBUGS and does not sample under the constraint that the mean is zero as discussed on p. 36 of Rue and Held (2005). See details.

log logical; if TRUE, probability density is returned on the log scale.
 n number of observations.

Details

When specifying a CAR distribution in BUGS model code, the `zero_mean` parameter should be specified as either 0 or 1 (rather than TRUE or FALSE).

Note that because the distribution is improper, `rcar_normal` does not generate a sample from the distribution, though as discussed in Rue and Held (2005), it is possible to generate a sample from the distribution under constraints imposed based on the eigenvalues of the precision matrix that are zero.

Value

`dcar_normal` gives the density, and `rcar_normal` returns the current process values, since this distribution is improper.

Author(s)

Daniel Turek

References

Banerjee, S., Carlin, B.P., and Gelfand, A.E. (2015). *Hierarchical Modeling and Analysis for Spatial Data*, 2nd ed. Chapman and Hall/CRC.

Rue, H. and L. Held (2005). *Gaussian Markov Random Fields*, Chapman and Hall/CRC.

See Also

[Distributions](#) for other standard distributions

Examples

```
x <- c(1, 3, 3, 4)
num <- c(1, 2, 2, 1)
adj <- c(2, 1,3, 2,4, 3)
weights <- c(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1)
lp <- dcar_normal(x, adj, weights, num, tau = 1)
```

CAR_calcNumIslands	<i>Calculate number of islands (distinct connected groups) of CAR adjacency matrix.</i>
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Description

Calculate number of islands (distinct connected groups) of CAR adjacency matrix.

Usage

```
CAR_calcNumIslands(adj, num)
```

Arguments

adj	vector of indices of the adjacent locations (neighbors) of each spatial location. This is a sparse representation of the full adjacency matrix.
num	vector giving the number of neighbors of each spatial location, with length equal to the total number of locations.

Author(s)

Daniel Turek

Categorical

The Categorical Distribution

Description

Density and random generation for the categorical distribution

Usage

```
dcat(x, prob, log = FALSE)
```

```
rcat(n = 1, prob)
```

Arguments

x	non-negative integer-value numeric value.
prob	vector of probabilities, internally normalized to sum to one.
log	logical; if TRUE, probability density is returned on the log scale.
n	number of observations.

Details

See the BUGS manual for mathematical details.

Value

dcat gives the density and rcat generates random deviates.

Author(s)

Christopher Paciorek

See Also

[Distributions](#) for other standard distributions

Examples

```
probs <- c(1/4, 1/10, 1 - 1/4 - 1/10)
x <- rcat(n = 30, probs)
dcat(x, probs)
```

checkInterrupt	<i>Check for interrupt (e.g. Ctrl-C) during nimbleFunction execution. Part of the NIMBLE language.</i>
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Description

Check for interrupt (e.g. Ctrl-C) during nimbleFunction execution. Part of the NIMBLE language.

Usage

```
checkInterrupt()
```

Details

During execution of nimbleFunctions that take a long time, it is nice to occasionally check if the user has entered an interrupt and bail out of execution if so. This function does that. During uncompiled nimbleFunction execution, it does nothing. During compiled execution, it calls `R_checkUserInterrupt()` of the R headers.

Author(s)

Perry de Valpine

CmodelBaseClass-class	<i>Class CmodelBaseClass</i>
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Description

Classes used internally in NIMBLE and not expected to be called directly by users.

CnimbleFunctionBase-class
Class CnimbleFunctionBase

Description

Classes used internally in NIMBLE and not expected to be called directly by users.

codeBlockClass-class *Class* codeBlockClass

Description

Classes used internally in NIMBLE and not expected to be called directly by users.

combine_MCMC_comparison_results
Combine multiple objects returned by compareMCMCs

Description

Useful for running different cases separately and combining them.

Usage

```
combine_MCMC_comparison_results(..., name = "MCMCresults")
```

Arguments

...	objects returned by compareMCMCs
name	(default "MCMCresults") name to be given to the resulting set of comparisons. This will be used in the html generated by make_MCMC_comparison_pages . It is simply a list name and thus can easily be modified later.

Value

An object in the same format as returned by [compareMCMCs](#) with `summary = TRUE`.

See Also

[compareMCMCs](#), [rename_MCMC_comparison_method](#), [make_MCMC_comparison_pages](#), [reshape_comparison_results](#).

compareMCMCs	<i>Run multiple MCMCs (packages or NIMBLE cases) for multiple models and return summary results</i>
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Description

Manages the input and output for multiple calls to `MCMCsuite` to generate comparisons among MCMCs

Usage

```
compareMCMCs(modelInfo, MCMCs = c("nimble"), MCMCdefs, BUGSdir, stanDir,
  stanInfo, doSamplePlots = FALSE, verbose = TRUE, summary = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

modelInfo	A set of model information for which one or more MCMCs should be run. Can take one of several formats: (1) a character vector of names of classic WinBUGS examples. (2) for one model, a list with elements <code>code</code> (containing the model code as returned by <code>nimbleCode</code>), <code>data</code> (containing a list of data that can be provided to <code>nimbleModel</code>), <code>constants</code> (containing a list of constants to be provided to <code>nimbleModel</code>), <code>inits</code> (containing a list of initial values that can be provided to <code>nimbleModel</code> ; this is optional unless it is needed to match names in some of the other arguments, as described below), and <code>name</code> (a character name; this is optional). (3) for multiple models, a list of lists formatted as per option (2). See <code>nimbleModel</code> about handling of data vs. constants. In particular, if both are provided in <code>data</code> , then <code>nimbleModel</code> will try to determine which is which.
MCMCs	An object acceptable as the <code>MCMCs</code> argument to <code>MCMCsuite</code> . This specifies the set of MCMCs to be run. Valid entries include <code>'jags'</code> , <code>'nimble'</code> , <code>'nimble_RW'</code> , <code>'nimble_slice'</code> , <code>'autoBlock'</code> , <code>'stan'</code> , <code>'winbugs'</code> , <code>'openbugs'</code> , or a name provided in the <code>MCMCdefs</code> list.
MCMCdefs,	An optional object acceptable as the <code>MCMCdefs</code> argument to <code>MCMCsuite</code> .
BUGSdir	
stanDir	If <code>models</code> is a character vector of WinBUGS example names, <code>BUGSdir</code> can optionally provide the directory (as a character string) where to find them. If missing, they will be looked up in the installed <code>nimble</code> package using <code>getBUGSexampleDir</code> .
stanInfo	Optional base directory in which Stan model code will be found (but <code>stanInfo</code> can override this).
stanInfo	A list of information for finding and using the Stan code for each model. If names of list elements are provided, they will be used to match either the character vector of names provided for <code>models</code> (option (1)) or the list names of <code>models</code> (options (2) or (3)). If names are not provided, the <code>models</code> will be used in order. Each element must be a list that can or must include (i) <code>dir</code> (optional: the subdirectory to use, instead of <code>stanDir</code> ; often the subdirectory is the model name). (ii) <code>codeFile</code> (optional: the name of the stan code file, to which <code>".stan"</code> will be appended if not already there; if omitted, this will be set to the value

of `modelName`. (iii) `data` (optional: the name of a the stan data file, to which ".data.R" will be appended if not already there; if omitted, the system will try using `stanCodeFile` with ".data.R" appended). (iv) `inits` (optional: the name of a the stan inits file, to which ".init.R" will be appended if not already there; if omitted, the system will try using `stanCodeFile` with ".init.R" appended). (v) `modelName` (optional: a name for the model; if omitted, a value from the `models` argument will be used). (vi) `stanParameterRules` (optional: a list whose names are BUGS variable names, with each element a list with element `StanSourceName` to give the corresponding Stan variable name and `transform` to give a function that converts a value of the Stan variable to a value of the BUGS variable).

<code>doSamplePlots</code>	(default FALSE) This is passed to MCMCsuite as both the <code>makePlots</code> and <code>savePlots</code> argument.
<code>verbose</code>	(default FALSE) If TRUE, a message will be shown about which model is being worked on.
<code>summary</code>	(default TRUE) If TRUE, the return value will be a list with elements <code>summary</code> , <code>timing</code> and <code>efficiency</code> . If FALSE, the return value will be the return value generated by MCMCsuite . Among other things, the latter contains the actual samples.
<code>...</code>	additional arguments to be passed to MCMCsuite .

Details

`compareMCMCs` wraps a call to [MCMCsuite](#)

Value

If `summary` is FALSE, `compareMCMCs` returns the object returned by [MCMCsuite](#), which comes from [MCMCsuiteClass](#). If `summary` is TRUE, it returns a list with elements `timing`, `efficiency`, and `summary`.

See Also

[MCMCsuiteClass](#), [updateMCMCcomparisonWithHighOrderESS](#), [make_MCMC_comparison_pages](#), [reshape_comparison_results](#), [combine_MCMC_comparison_results](#), [rename_MCMC_comparison_method](#), [reshape_comparison_results](#).

compileNimble

compile NIMBLE models and nimbleFunctions

Description

`compile` a collection of models and `nimbleFunctions`: generate C++, compile the C++, load the result, and return an interface object

Usage

```
compileNimble(..., project, dirName = NULL, projectName = "",
  control = list(), resetFunctions = FALSE,
  showCompilerOutput = nimbleOptions("showCompilerOutput"))
```

Arguments

...	An arbitrary set of NIMBLE models and nimbleFunctions, or lists of them. If given as named parameters, those names may be used in the return list.
project	Optional NIMBLE model or nimbleFunction already associated with a project, which the current units for compilation should join. If not provided, a new project will be created and the current compilation units will be associated with it.
dirName	Optional directory name in which to generate the C++ code. If not provided, a temporary directory will be generated using R's tempdir function.
projectName	Optional character name for labeling the project if it is new
control	A list mostly for internal use. See details.
resetFunctions	Logical value stating whether nimbleFunctions associated with an existing project should all be reset for compilation purposes. See details.
showCompilerOutput	Logical value indicating whether details of C++ compilation should be printed.

Details

This is the main function for calling the NIMBLE compiler. A set of compiler calls and output will be seen. Compiling in NIMBLE does 4 things: 1. It generates C++ code files for all the model and nimbleFunction components. 2. It calls the system's C++ compiler. 3. It loads the compiled object(s) into R using dyn.load. And 4. it generates R objects for using the compiled model and nimbleFunctions.

When the units for compilation provided in ... include multiple models and/or nimbleFunctions, models are compiled first, in the order in which they are provided. Groups of nimbleFunctions that were specialized from the same nimbleFunction generator (the result of a call to nimbleFunction, which then takes setup arguments and returns a specialized nimbleFunction) are then compiled as a group, in the order of first appearance.

The behavior of adding new compilation units to an existing project is limited. For example, one can compile a model in one call to compileNimble and then compile a nimbleFunction that uses the model (i.e. was given the model as a setup argument) in a second call to compileNimble, with the model provided as the project argument. Either the uncompiled or compiled model can be provided. However, compiling a second nimbleFunction and adding it to the same project will only work in limited circumstances. Basically, the limitations occur because it attempts to re-use already compiled pieces, but if these do not have all the necessary information for the new compilation, it gives up. An attempt has been made to give up in a controlled manner and provide somewhat informative messages.

When compilation is not allowed or doesn't work, try using resetFunctions = TRUE, which will force recompilation of all nimbleFunctions in the new call. Previously compiled nimbleFunctions will be unaffected, and their R interface objects should continue to work. The only cost is additional

compilation time for the current compilation call. If that doesn't work, try re-creating the model and/or the nimbleFunctions from their generators. An alternative possible fix is to compile multiple units in one call, rather than sequentially in multiple calls.

The control list can contain the following named elements, each with TRUE or FALSE: `debug`, which sets a debug mode for the compiler for development purposes; `debugCpp`, which inserts an output message before every line of C++ code for debugging purposes; `compileR`, which determines whether the R-only steps of compilation should be executed; `writeCpp`, which determines whether the C++ files should be generated; `compileCpp`, which determines whether the C++ should be compiled; `loadSO`, which determines whether the DLL or shared object should be loaded and interfaced; and `returnAsList`, which determines whether calls to the compiled nimbleFunction should return only the returned value of the call (`returnAsList = FALSE`) or whether a list including the input arguments, possibly modified, should be returned in a list with the returned value of the call at the end (`returnAsList = TRUE`). The control list is mostly for developer use, although `returnAsArgs` may be useful to a user. An example of developer use is that one can have the compiler write the C++ files but not compile them, then modify them by hand, then have the C++ compiler do the subsequent steps without over-writing the files.

See NIMBLE User Manual for examples

Value

If there is only one compilation unit (one model or nimbleFunction), an R interface object is returned. This object can be used like the uncompiled model or nimbleFunction, but execution will call the corresponding compiled objects or functions. If there are multiple compilation units, they will be returned as a list of interface objects, in the order provided. If names were included in the arguments, or in a list if any elements of `...` are lists, those names will be used for the corresponding element of the returned list. Otherwise an attempt will be made to generate names from the argument code. For example `compileNimble(A = fun1, B = fun2, project = myModel)` will return a list with named elements A and B, while `compileNimble(fun1, fun2, project = myModel)` will return a list with named elements fun1 and fun2.

Author(s)

Perry de Valpine

configureMCMC

Build the MCMCconf object for construction of an MCMC object

Description

Creates a default MCMC configuration for a given model. The resulting object is suitable as an argument to `buildMCMC`. The assignment of sampling algorithms may be controlled using the `rules` argument, if provided.

Usage

```
configureMCMC(model, nodes, control = list(), monitors, thin = 1,
  monitors2 = character(), thin2 = 1, useConjugacy = TRUE,
  onlyRW = FALSE, onlySlice = FALSE, multivariateNodesAsScalars = FALSE,
  print = FALSE, autoBlock = FALSE, oldConf,
  rules = getNimbleOption("MCMCdefaultSamplerAssignmentRules"),
  warnNoSamplerAssigned = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

model	A NIMBLE model object, created from nimbleModel
nodes	An optional character vector, specifying the nodes and/or variables for which samplers should be created. Nodes may be specified in their indexed form, <code>y[1, 3]</code> . Alternatively, nodes specified without indexing will be expanded fully, e.g., <code>x</code> will be expanded to <code>x[1]</code> , <code>x[2]</code> , etc. If missing, the default value is all non-data stochastic nodes. If <code>NULL</code> , then no samplers are added.
control	An optional list of control arguments to sampler functions. If a control list is provided, the elements will be provided to all sampler functions which utilize the named elements given. For example, the standard Metropolis-Hastings random walk sampler (sampler_RW) utilizes control list elements <code>adaptive</code> , <code>adaptInterval</code> , and <code>scale</code> . (Internally it also uses <code>targetNode</code> , but this should not generally be provided as a control list element). The default values for control list arguments for samplers (if not otherwise provided as an argument to <code>configureMCMC()</code>) are in the setup code of the sampling algorithms.
monitors	A character vector of node names or variable names, to record during MCMC sampling. This set of monitors will be recorded with thinning interval <code>thin</code> , and the samples will be stored into the <code>mvSamples</code> object. The default value is all top-level stochastic nodes of the model – those having no stochastic parent nodes.
thin	The thinning interval for <code>monitors</code> . Default value is one.
monitors2	A character vector of node names or variable names, to record during MCMC sampling. This set of monitors will be recorded with thinning interval <code>thin2</code> , and the samples will be stored into the <code>mvSamples2</code> object. The default value is an empty character vector, i.e. no values will be recorded.
thin2	The thinning interval for <code>monitors2</code> . Default value is one.
useConjugacy	A logical argument, with default value <code>TRUE</code> . If specified as <code>FALSE</code> , then no conjugate samplers will be used, even when a node is determined to be in a conjugate relationship.
onlyRW	A logical argument, with default value <code>FALSE</code> . If specified as <code>TRUE</code> , then Metropolis-Hastings random walk samplers (sampler_RW) will be assigned for all non-terminal continuous-valued nodes. Discrete-valued nodes are assigned a slice sampler (sampler_slice), and terminal nodes are assigned a posterior_predictive sampler (sampler_posterior_predictive).
onlySlice	A logical argument, with default value <code>FALSE</code> . If specified as <code>TRUE</code> , then a slice sampler is assigned for all non-terminal nodes. Terminal nodes are still assigned a posterior_predictive sampler.

<code>multivariateNodesAsScalars</code>	A logical argument, with default value <code>FALSE</code> . If specified as <code>TRUE</code> , then non-terminal multivariate stochastic nodes will have scalar samplers assigned to each of the scalar components of the multivariate node. The default value of <code>FALSE</code> results in a single block sampler assigned to the entire multivariate node. Note, multivariate nodes appearing in conjugate relationships will be assigned the corresponding conjugate sampler (provided <code>useConjugacy == TRUE</code>), regardless of the value of this argument.
<code>print</code>	A logical argument, specifying whether to print the ordered list of default samplers.
<code>autoBlock</code>	A logical argument specifying whether to use an automated blocking procedure to determine blocks of model nodes for joint sampling. If <code>TRUE</code> , an MCMC configuration object will be created and returned corresponding to the results of the automated parameter blocking. Default value is <code>FALSE</code> .
<code>oldConf</code>	An optional <code>MCMCconf</code> object to modify rather than creating a new <code>MCMCconf</code> from scratch
<code>rules</code>	An object of class <code>samplerAssignmentRules</code> , which governs the assignment of MCMC sampling algorithms to stochastic model nodes. The default set of sampler assignment rules is specified by the nimble option <code>\`MCMCdefaultSamplerAssignmentRules\`</code> .
<code>warnNoSamplerAssigned</code>	A logical argument, with default value <code>TRUE</code> . This specifies whether to issue a warning when no sampler is assigned to a node, meaning there is no matching sampler assignment rule.
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments to be passed to the <code>autoBlock()</code> function when <code>autoBlock = TRUE</code>

Details

See `MCMCconf` for details on how to manipulate the `MCMCconf` object

Author(s)

Daniel Turek

See Also

[samplerAssignmentRules](#), [buildMCMC](#)

Description

Calculations to handle censoring

Usage

```
dconstraint(x, cond, log = FALSE)
```

```
rconstraint(n = 1, cond)
```

Arguments

x	value indicating whether cond is TRUE or FALSE
cond	logical value
log	logical; if TRUE, probability density is returned on the log scale.
n	number of observations (only n=1 is handled currently).

Details

Used for working with constraints in BUGS code. See the NIMBLE manual for additional details.

Value

`dconstraint` gives the density and `rconstraint` generates random deviates, but these are unusual as the density is 1 if `x` matches `cond` and 0 otherwise and the deviates are simply the value of `cond`

Author(s)

Christopher Paciorek

See Also

[Distributions](#) for other standard distributions

Examples

```
constr <- 3 > 2 && 4 > 0
x <- rconstraint(1, constr)
dconstraint(x, constr)
dconstraint(0, 3 > 4)
dconstraint(1, 3 > 4)
rconstraint(1, 3 > 4)
```

decide

Makes the Metropolis-Hastings acceptance decision, based upon the input (log) Metropolis-Hastings ratio

Description

This function returns a logical TRUE/FALSE value, indicating whether the proposed transition should be accepted (TRUE) or rejected (FALSE).

Usage

```
decide(logMetropolisRatio)
```

Arguments

logMetropolisRatio

The log of the Metropolis-Hastings ratio, which is calculated from model probabilities and forward/reverse transition probabilities. Calculated as the ratio of the model probability under the proposal to that under the current values multiplied by the ratio of the reverse transition probability to the forward transition probability.

Details

The Metropolis-Hastings accept/reject decisions is made as follows. If logMetropolisRatio is greater than 0, accept (return TRUE). Otherwise draw a uniform random number between 0 and 1 and accept if it is less than $\exp(\logMetropolisRatio)$. The proposed transition will be rejected (return FALSE). If logMetropolisRatio is NA, NaN, or -Inf, a reject (FALSE) decision will be returned.

Author(s)

Daniel Turek

decideAndJump	<i>Creates a nimbleFunction for executing the Metropolis-Hastings jumping decision, and updating values in the model, or in a carbon copy modelValues object, accordingly.</i>
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Description

This nimbleFunction generator must be specialized to three required arguments: a model, a modelValues, and a character vector of node names.

Usage

```
decideAndJump(model, mvSaved, calcNodes)
```

Arguments

model	An uncompiled or compiled NIMBLE model object.
mvSaved	A modelValues object containing identical variables and logProb variables as the model. Can be created by <code>modelValues(model)</code> .
calcNodes	A character vector representing a set of nodes in the model (and hence also the modelValues) object.

Details

Calling `decideAndJump(model, mvSaved, calcNodes)` will generate a specialized `nimbleFunction` with four required numeric arguments:

`modelLP1`: The model log-probability associated with the newly proposed value(s)

`modelLP0`: The model log-probability associated with the original value(s)

`propLP1`: The log-probability associated with the proposal forward-transition

`propLP0`: The log-probability associated with the proposal reverse-transition

Executing this function has the following effects: – Calculate the (log) Metropolis-Hastings ratio, as $\log\text{MHR} = \text{modelLP1} - \text{modelLP0} - \text{propLP1} + \text{propLP0}$ – Make the proposal acceptance decision based upon the (log) Metropolis-Hastings ratio – If the proposal is accepted, the values and associated `logProbs` of all `calcNodes` are copied from the model object into the `mvSaved` object – If the proposal is rejected, the values and associated `logProbs` of all `calcNodes` are copied from the `mvSaved` object into the model object – Return a logical value, indicating whether the proposal was accepted

Author(s)

Daniel Turek

`declare` *Explicitly declare a variable in run-time code of a nimbleFunction*

Description

Explicitly declare a variable in run-time code of a `nimbleFunction`, for cases when its dimensions cannot be inferred before it is used. Works in R and NIMBLE.

Usage

```
declare(name, def)
```

Arguments

<code>name</code>	Name of a variable to declare, without quotes
<code>def</code>	NIMBLE type declaration, of the form <code>TYPE(nDim, sizes)</code> , where <code>TYPE</code> is integer, double, or logical, <code>nDim</code> is the number of dimensions, and <code>sizes</code> is an optional vector of sizes concatenated with <code>c</code> . If <code>nDim</code> is omitted, it defaults to 0, indicating a scalar. If <code>sizes</code> are provided, they should not be changed subsequently in the function, including by assignment. Omitting <code>nDim</code> results in a scalar. For logical, only scalar is currently supported.

Details

In a run-time function of a nimbleFunction (either the run function or a function provided in methods when calling nimbleFunction), the dimensionality and numeric type of a variable is inferred when possible from the statement first assigning into it. E.g. `A <- B + C` infers that A has numeric types, dimensions and sizes taken from `B + C`. However, if the first appearance of A is e.g. `A[i] <- 5`, A must have been explicitly declared. In this case, `declare(A, double(1))` would make A a 1-dimensional (i.e. vector) double.

When sizes are not set, they can be set by a call to `setSize` or by assignment to the whole object. Sizes are not automatically extended if assignment is made to elements beyond the current sizes. In compiled nimbleFunctions doing so can cause a segfault and crash the R session.

This part of the NIMBLE language is needed for compilation, but it also runs in R. When run in R, it works by the side effect of creating or modifying name in the calling environment.

Author(s)

NIMBLE development team

Examples

```
declare(A, logical())      ## scalar logical, the only kind allowed
declare(B, integer(2, c(10, 10))) ## 10 x 10 integer matrix
declare(C, double(3))     ## 3-dimensional double array with no sizes set.
```

```
deregisterDistributions
```

Remove user-supplied distributions from use in NIMBLE BUGS models

Description

Deregister distributional information originally supplied by the user for use in BUGS model code

Usage

```
deregisterDistributions(distributionsNames)
```

Arguments

```
distributionsNames
```

a character vector giving the names of the distributions to be deregistered

Author(s)

Christopher Paciorek

Description

Density and random generation for the Dirichlet distribution

Usage

```
ddirch(x, alpha, log = FALSE)
```

```
rdirch(n = 1, alpha)
```

Arguments

x	vector of values.
alpha	vector of parameters of same length as x
log	logical; if TRUE, probability density is returned on the log scale.
n	number of observations (only n=1 is handled currently).

Details

See Gelman et al., Appendix A or the BUGS manual for mathematical details.

Value

ddirch gives the density and rdirch generates random deviates.

Author(s)

Christopher Paciorek

References

Gelman, A., Carlin, J.B., Stern, H.S., and Rubin, D.B. (2004) *Bayesian Data Analysis*, 2nd ed. Chapman and Hall/CRC.

See Also

[Distributions](#) for other standard distributions

Examples

```
alpha <- c(1, 10, 30)
x <- rdirch(1, alpha)
ddirch(x, alpha)
```

distributionInfo	<i>Get information about a distribution</i>
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Description

Give information about each BUGS distribution

Usage

```

getDistributionInfo(dist)

isUserDefined(dist)

pqDefined(dist)

getType(dist, params = NULL, valueOnly = is.null(params) && !includeParams,
        includeParams = !is.null(params))

getParamNames(dist, includeValue = TRUE)

```

Arguments

dist	a character vector of length one, giving the name of the distribution (as used in BUGS code), e.g. 'dnorm'
params	an optional character vector of names of parameters for which dimensions are desired (possibly including 'value' and alternate parameters)
valueOnly	a logical indicating whether to only return the dimension of the value of the node
includeParams	a logical indicating whether to return dimensions of parameters. If TRUE and 'params' is NULL then dimensions of all parameters, including the dimension of the value of the node, are returned
includeValue	a logical indicating whether to return the string 'value', which is the name of the node value

Details

NIMBLE provides various functions to give information about a BUGS distribution. In some cases, functions of the same name and similar functionality operate on the node(s) of a model as well (see `help(modelBaseClass)`).

`getDistributionInfo` returns an internal data structure (a reference class object) providing various information about the distribution. The output is not very user-friendly, but does contain all of the information that NIMBLE has about the distribution.

`isDiscrete` tests if a BUGS distribution is a discrete distribution.

`isUserDefined` tests if a BUGS distribution is a user-defined distribution.

`pqAvail` tests if a BUGS distribution provides distribution ('p') and quantile ('q') functions.

`getDimension` provides the dimension of the value and/or parameters of a BUGS distribution. The return value is a numeric vector with an element for each parameter/value requested.

`getType` provides the type (numeric, logical, integer) of the value and/or parameters of a BUGS distribution. The return value is a character vector with an element for each parameter/value requested. At present, all quantities are stored as numeric (double) values, so this function is of little practical use but could be exploited in the future.

`getParamNames` provides the value and/or parameter names of a BUGS distribution.

Author(s)

Christopher Paciorek

Examples

```
distInfo <- getDistributionInfo('dnorm')
distInfo
distInfo$range

isDiscrete('dbin')

isUserDefined('dbin')

pqDefined('dgamma')
pqDefined('dmnorm')

getDimension('dnorm')
getDimension('dnorm', includeParams = TRUE)
getDimension('dnorm', c('var', 'sd'))
getDimension('dcat', includeParams = TRUE)
getDimension('dwish', includeParams = TRUE)

getType('dnorm')
getType('dnorm', includeParams = TRUE)
getType('dnorm', c('var', 'sd'))
getType('dcat', includeParams = TRUE)
getType('dwish', includeParams = TRUE)

getParamNames('dnorm', includeValue = FALSE)
getParamNames('dmnorm')
```

eigenNimbleList

eigenNimbleList definition

Description

`nimbleList` definition for the type of `nimbleList` returned by `nimEigen`.

Usage

```
eigenNimbleList
```

Format

An object of class `list` of length 1.

Author(s)

NIMBLE development team

See Also

[nimEigen](#)

Exponential

The Exponential Distribution

Description

Density, distribution function, quantile function and random generation for the exponential distribution with rate (i.e., mean of $1/\text{rate}$) or scale parameterizations.

Usage

```
dexp_nimble(x, rate = 1/scale, scale = 1, log = FALSE)
```

```
rexp_nimble(n = 1, rate = 1/scale, scale = 1)
```

```
pexp_nimble(q, rate = 1/scale, scale = 1, lower.tail = TRUE,
  log.p = FALSE)
```

```
qexp_nimble(p, rate = 1/scale, scale = 1, lower.tail = TRUE,
  log.p = FALSE)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	vector of values.
<code>rate</code>	vector of rate values.
<code>scale</code>	vector of scale values.
<code>log</code>	logical; if TRUE, probability density is returned on the log scale.
<code>n</code>	number of observations.
<code>q</code>	vector of quantiles.
<code>lower.tail</code>	logical; if TRUE (default) probabilities are $P[X \leq x]$; otherwise, $P[X > x]$.
<code>log.p</code>	logical; if TRUE, probabilities <code>p</code> are given by user as $\log(p)$.
<code>p</code>	vector of probabilities.

Details

NIMBLE's exponential distribution functions use Rmath's functions under the hood, but are parameterized to take both rate and scale and to use 'rate' as the core parameterization in C, unlike Rmath, which uses 'scale'. See Gelman et al., Appendix A or the BUGS manual for mathematical details.

Value

dexp_nimble gives the density, pexp_nimble gives the distribution function, qexp_nimble gives the quantile function, and rexp_nimble generates random deviates.

Author(s)

Christopher Paciorek

References

Gelman, A., Carlin, J.B., Stern, H.S., and Rubin, D.B. (2004) *Bayesian Data Analysis*, 2nd ed. Chapman and Hall/CRC.

See Also

[Distributions](#) for other standard distributions

Examples

```
x <- rexp_nimble(50, scale = 3)
dexp_nimble(x, scale = 3)
```

flat

The Improper Uniform Distribution

Description

Improper flat distribution for use as a prior distribution in BUGS models

Usage

```
dflat(x, log = FALSE)
```

```
rflat(n = 1)
```

```
dhalfflat(x, log = FALSE)
```

```
rhalfflat(n = 1)
```

Arguments

x	vector of values.
log	logical; if TRUE, probability density is returned on the log scale.
n	number of observations.

Value

dflat gives the pseudo-density value of 1, while rflat and rhalfflat return NaN, since one cannot simulate from an improper distribution. Similarly, dhalfflat gives a pseudo-density value of 1 when x is non-negative.

Author(s)

Christopher Paciorek

See Also

[Distributions](#) for other standard distributions

Examples

```
dflat(1)
```

getBound

Get value of bound of a stochastic node in a model

Description

Part of the NIMBLE language

Usage

```
getBound(model, node, bound, nodeFunctionIndex)
```

Arguments

model	A NIMBLE model object
node	The name of a stochastic node in the model
bound	Either 'lower' or 'upper' indicating the desired bound for the node
nodeFunctionIndex	For internal NIMBLE use only

Details

For nodes that do not involve truncation of the distribution this will return the lower or upper bound of the distribution, which may be a constant or for a limited number of distributions a parameter or functional of a parameter (at the moment in NIMBLE, the only case where a bound is a parameter is for the uniform distribution. For nodes that are truncated, this will return the desired bound, which may be a functional of other quantities in the model or may be a constant.

getBUGSexampleDir	<i>Get the directory path to one of the classic BUGS examples installed with NIMBLE package</i>
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Description

NIMBLE comes with some of the classic BUGS examples. getBUGSexampleDir looks up the location of an example from its name.

Usage

```
getBUGSexampleDir(example)
```

Arguments

example	The name of the classic BUGS example.
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Value

Character string of the fully pathed directory of the BUGS example.

Author(s)

Christopher Paciorek

getDefinition	<i>Get nimbleFunction definition</i>
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Description

Returns a list containing the nimbleFunction definition components (setup function, run function, and other member methods) for the supplied nimbleFunction generator or specialized instance.

Usage

```
getDefinition(nf)
```

Arguments

nf A nimbleFunction generator, or a compiled or un-compiled specialized nimble-Function.

Author(s)

Daniel Turek

getLoadingNamespace *return the namespace in which a nimbleFunction is being loaded*

Description

nimbleFunction constructs and evals a reference class definition. When nimbleFunction is used in package source code, this can lead to problems finding things due to namespace issues. Using `where = getLoadingNamespace()` in a nimbleFunction in package source code should solve this problem.

Usage

getLoadingNamespace()

Details

nimbleFunctions defined in the NIMBLE source code use `where = getLoadingNamespace()`. Please let the NIMBLE developers know if you encounter problems with this.

getNimbleOption *Get NIMBLE Option*

Description

Allow the user to get the value of a global `_option_` that affects the way in which NIMBLE operates

Usage

getNimbleOption(x)

Arguments

x a character string holding an option name

Value

The value of the option.

Author(s)

Christopher Paciorek

Examples

```
getNimbleOption('verifyConjugatePosteriors')
```

getParam *Get value of a parameter of a stochastic node in a model*

Description

Part of the NIMBLE language

Usage

```
getParam(model, node, param, nodeFunctionIndex)
```

Arguments

model	A NIMBLE model object
node	The name of a stochastic node in the model
param	The name of a parameter for the node
nodeFunctionIndex	For internal NIMBLE use only

Details

For example, suppose node 'x[1:5]' follows a multivariate normal distribution (dmnorm) in a model declared by BUGS code. `getParam(model, 'x[1:5]', 'mean')` would return the current value of the mean parameter (which may be determined from other nodes). The parameter requested does not have to be part of the parameterization used to declare the node. Rather, it can be any parameter known to the distribution. For example, one can request the scale or rate parameter of a gamma distribution, regardless of which one was used to declare the node.

getsize	<i>Returns number of rows of modelValues</i>
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Description

Returns the number of rows of NIMBLE modelValues object. Works in R and NIMBLE.

Usage

```
getsize(container)
```

Arguments

container modelValues object

Details

See the User Manual or `help(modelValuesBaseClass)` for information about modelValues objects

Author(s)

Clifford Anderson-Bergman

Examples

```
mvConf <- modelValuesConf(vars = 'a', types = 'double', sizes = list(a = 1) )
mv <- modelValues(mvConf)
  resize(mv, 10)
  getsize(mv)
```

identityMatrix	<i>Create an Identity matrix</i>
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Description

Returns a d-by-d identity matrix (square matrix of 0's, with 1's on the main diagonal).

Usage

```
identityMatrix(d)
```

Arguments

d The size of the identity matrix to return, will return a d-by-d matrix

Details

This function can be used in NIMBLE run code.

Value

A d-by-d identity matrix

Author(s)

Daniel Turek

Examples

```
Id <- identityMatrix(d = 3)
```

initializeModel	<i>Performs initialization of nimble model node values and log probabilities</i>
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Description

Performs initialization of nimble model node values and log probabilities

Usage

```
initializeModel(model, silent = FALSE)
```

Arguments

model	A setup argument, which specializes an instance of this nimble function to a particular model.
silent	logical indicating whether to suppress logging information

Details

This nimbleFunction may be used at the beginning of nimble algorithms to perform model initialization. The intended usage is to specialize an instance of this nimbleFunction in the setup function of an algorithm, then execute that specialized function at the beginning of the algorithm run function. The specialized function takes no arguments.

Executing this function ensures that all right-hand-side only nodes have been assigned real values, that all stochastic nodes have a real value, or otherwise have their simulate() method called, that all deterministic nodes have their simulate() method called, and that all log-probabilities have been calculated with the current model values. An error results if model initialization encounters a problem, for example a missing right-hand-side only node value.

Author(s)

Daniel Turek

Examples

```
myNewAlgorithm <- nimbleFunction(
  setup = function(model, ...) {
    my_initializeModel <- initializeModel(model)
    ....
  },
  run = function(...) {
    my_initializeModel()
    ....
  }
)
```

Interval

*Interval calculations***Description**

Calculations to handle censoring

Usage

```
dinterval(x, t, c, log = FALSE)
```

```
rinterval(n = 1, t, c)
```

Arguments

x	vector of interval indices.
t	vector of values.
c	vector of one or more values delineating the intervals.
log	logical; if TRUE, probability density is returned on the log scale.
n	number of observations.

Details

Used for working with censoring in BUGS code. Taking *c* to define the endpoints of two or more intervals (with implicit endpoints of plus/minus infinity), *x* (or the return value of `rinterval`) gives the non-negative integer valued index of the interval in which *t* falls. See the NIMBLE manual for additional details.

Value

`dinterval` gives the density and `rinterval` generates random deviates, but these are unusual as the density is 1 if `x` indicates the interval in which `t` falls and 0 otherwise and the deviates are simply the interval(s) in which `t` falls.

Author(s)

Christopher Paciorek

See Also

[Distributions](#) for other standard distributions

Examples

```
endpoints <- c(-3, 0, 3)
vals <- c(-4, -1, 1, 5)
x <- rinterval(4, vals, endpoints)
dinterval(x, vals, endpoints)
dinterval(c(1, 5, 2, 3), vals, endpoints)
```

Inverse-Gamma

The Inverse Gamma Distribution

Description

Density, distribution function, quantile function and random generation for the inverse gamma distribution with rate or scale (mean = scale / (shape - 1)) parameterizations.

Usage

```
dinvgamma(x, shape, scale = 1, rate = 1/scale, log = FALSE)

rinvgamma(n = 1, shape, scale = 1, rate = 1/scale)

pinvgamma(q, shape, scale = 1, rate = 1/scale, lower.tail = TRUE,
  log.p = FALSE)

qinvgamma(p, shape, scale = 1, rate = 1/scale, lower.tail = TRUE,
  log.p = FALSE)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	vector of values.
<code>shape</code>	vector of shape values, must be positive.
<code>scale</code>	vector of scale values, must be positive.
<code>rate</code>	vector of rate values, must be positive.

log	logical; if TRUE, probability density is returned on the log scale.
n	number of observations.
q	vector of quantiles.
lower.tail	logical; if TRUE (default) probabilities are $P[X \leq x]$; otherwise, $P[X > x]$.
log.p	logical; if TRUE, probabilities p are given by user as $\log(p)$.
p	vector of probabilities.

Details

The inverse gamma distribution with parameters shape = α and scale = σ has density

$$f(x) = \frac{s^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} x^{-(\alpha+1)} e^{-\sigma/x}$$

for $x \geq 0$, $\alpha > 0$ and $\sigma > 0$. (Here $\Gamma(\alpha)$ is the function implemented by R's [gamma\(\)](#) and defined in its help.

The mean and variance are $E(X) = \frac{\sigma}{\alpha} - 1$ and $Var(X) = \frac{\sigma^2}{(\alpha-1)^2(\alpha-2)}$, with the mean defined only for $\alpha > 1$ and the variance only for $\alpha > 2$.

See Gelman et al., Appendix A or the BUGS manual for mathematical details.

Value

dinvgamma gives the density, pinvgamma gives the distribution function, qinvgamma gives the quantile function, and rinvgamma generates random deviates.

Author(s)

Christopher Paciorek

References

Gelman, A., Carlin, J.B., Stern, H.S., and Rubin, D.B. (2004) *Bayesian Data Analysis*, 2nd ed. Chapman and Hall/CRC.

See Also

[Distributions](#) for other standard distributions

Examples

```
x <- rinvgamma(50, shape = 1, scale = 3)
dinvgamma(x, shape = 1, scale = 3)
```

Inverse-Wishart *The Inverse Wishart Distribution*

Description

Density and random generation for the Inverse Wishart distribution, using the Cholesky factor of either the scale matrix or the rate matrix.

Usage

```
dinvwish_chol(x, cholesky, df, scale_param = TRUE, log = FALSE)
```

```
rinvwish_chol(n = 1, cholesky, df, scale_param = TRUE)
```

Arguments

x	vector of values.
cholesky	upper-triangular Cholesky factor of either the scale matrix (when scale_param is TRUE) or rate matrix (otherwise).
df	degrees of freedom.
scale_param	logical; if TRUE the Cholesky factor is that of the scale matrix; otherwise, of the rate matrix.
log	logical; if TRUE, probability density is returned on the log scale.
n	number of observations (only n=1 is handled currently).

Details

See Gelman et al., Appendix A for mathematical details. The rate matrix as used here is defined as the inverse of the scale matrix, S^{-1} , given in Gelman et al.

Value

dinvwish_chol gives the density and rinvwish_chol generates random deviates.

Author(s)

Christopher Paciorek

References

Gelman, A., Carlin, J.B., Stern, H.S., and Rubin, D.B. (2004) *Bayesian Data Analysis*, 2nd ed. Chapman and Hall/CRC.

See Also

[Distributions](#) for other standard distributions

Examples

```
df <- 40
ch <- chol(matrix(c(1, .7, .7, 1), 2))
x <- rwish_chol(1, ch, df = df)
dwish_chol(x, ch, df = df)
```

is.nf *check if a nimbleFunction*

Description

Checks an object to determine if it is a `nimbleFunction` (i.e., a function created by `nimbleFunction` using setup code).

Usage

```
is.nf(f, inputIsName = FALSE)
```

Arguments

f	object to be tested
inputIsName	logical indicating whether the function is provided as the character name of the function or the function object itself

See Also

[nimbleFunction](#) for how to create a `nimbleFunction`

is.nl *check if a nimbleList*

Description

Checks an object to determine if it is a `nimbleList` (i.e., a list created by `nlDef$new()`).

Usage

```
is.nl(l)
```

Arguments

l	object to be tested
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See Also

[nimbleList](#) for how to create a `nimbleList`

makeBoundInfo	<i>Make an object of information about a model-bound pairing for getBound. Used internally</i>
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Description

Creates a simple getBound_info object, which has a list with a boundID and a type. Unlike makeParamInfo this is more bare-bones, but keeping it for parallelism with getParam.

Usage

```
makeBoundInfo(model, nodes, bound)
```

Arguments

model	A model such as returned by nimbleModel .
nodes	A character string naming a stochastic nodes, such as 'mu'.
bound	A character string naming a bound of the distribution, either 'lower' or 'upper'.

Details

This is used internally by [getBound](#). It is not intended for direct use by a user or even a nimble-Function programmer.

makeParamInfo	<i>Make an object of information about a model-parameter pairing for getParam. Used internally</i>
---------------	--

Description

Creates a simple getParam_info object, which has a list with a paramID and a type

Usage

```
makeParamInfo(model, nodes, param)
```

Arguments

model	A model such as returned by nimbleModel .
nodes	A character string naming one or more stochastic nodes, such as "mu", "c('mu', 'beta[2]')", or "eta[1:3, 2]". getParam only works for one node at a time, but if it is indexed (nodes[i]), then makeParamInfo sets up the information for the entire vector nodes. The processing pathway is used by the NIMBLE compiler.
param	A character string naming a parameter of the distribution followed by node, such as "mean", "rate", "lambda", or whatever parameter names are relevant for the distribution of the node.

Details

This is used internally by `getParam`. It is not intended for direct use by a user or even a nimble-Function programmer.

```
make_MCMC_comparison_pages
    Make html pages summarizing results from compareMCMCs
```

Description

This function is extensible: new html elements can be provided, but at the moment it is not very user-friendly to do so.

Usage

```
make_MCMC_comparison_pages(comparisonResults, dir = ".", pageComponents,
    modelNames = names(comparisonResults), control, plot = TRUE)
```

Arguments

<code>comparisonResults</code>	An object returned by <code>compareMCMCs</code> (or <code>combine_MCMC_comparison_results</code> or <code>rename_MCMC_comparison_method</code>).
<code>dir</code>	Directory in which to generate html output (default is current working directory)
<code>pageComponents</code>	An optional named list indicating which components to include in the html page for each MCMC method. Each element should be TRUE or FALSE. Options include: <code>timing</code> (default FALSE): a table of computation times, which is not very useful by itself without information about mixing. <code>efficiencySummary</code> (default FALSE): A summary of minimum and mean MCMC efficiencies (over all top-level parameters), defined as effective sample size / computation time. <code>efficiencySummaryAllParams</code> (default TRUE): Like <code>efficiencySummary</code> , but with the addition of a figure that shows the MCMC efficiency for each top-level parameter. <code>efficiencySummaryAllParams</code> (default TRUE): Like <code>efficiencySummaryAllParams</code> , but showing MCMC Pace, defined as 1/MCMC Efficiency. <code>efficiencyDetails</code> (default TRUE) grid of efficiency barplots for each top-level parameter. <code>posteriorSummary</code> (default TRUE): grid of mean, median, and 95% credible interval for each top-level parameter.
<code>modelNames</code>	names to use for the models. By default these will be taken from <code>comparisonResults</code> .
<code>control</code>	Optional list with elements <code>makeTopPage</code> and/or <code>mainPageName</code> . <code>makeTopPage</code> has to do with whether an html index page should be generated to link to the results from each model in the <code>comparisonResults</code> . <code>makeTopPage</code> can take values 'yes', 'no', and 'if_needed', where the last case indicates to make an index page only if there is more than one model in <code>comparisonResults</code> . <code>mainPageName</code> gives a name for the html file if it is generated, with default 'main' (to which '.html') is appended.

`plot` If TRUE, the html files are actually generated. If FALSE, they are not generated, and instead a list with the figures is returned. Each element of the list can be rendered as the argument of `print` or `plot`.

Details

Effective sample size (ESS) is calculated using the coda packages `effectiveSize` function. In cases of poor mixing, this can over-estimate ESS by not using a sufficiently high-order autoregressive model in the estimation procedure. See [updateMCMCcomparisonWithHighOrderESS](#) for other options.

Value

See argument `plot`

MCMCconf-class	<i>Class</i> MCMCconf
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Description

Objects of this class configure an MCMC algorithm, specific to a particular model. Objects are normally created by calling `configureMCMC`. Given an MCMCconf object, the actual MCMC function can be built by calling `buildMCMC(conf)`. See documentation below for method `initialize()` for details of creating an MCMCconf object.

Methods

`addMonitors(..., ind = 1, print = TRUE)` Adds variables to the list of monitors.

Arguments:

`...`: One or more character vectors of indexed nodes, or variables, which are to be monitored. These are added onto the current monitors list.

`print`: A logical argument, specifying whether to print all current monitors.

Details: See the `initialize()` function

`addMonitors2(..., print = TRUE)` Adds variables to the list of monitors2.

Arguments:

`...`: One or more character vectors of indexed nodes, or variables, which are to be monitored. These are added onto the current monitors2 list.

`print`: A logical argument, specifying whether to print all current monitors.

Details: See the `initialize()` function

`addSampler(target, type = "RW", control = list(), print = FALSE, name)` Adds a sampler to the list of samplers contained in the MCMCconf object.

Arguments:

`target`: The target node or nodes to be sampled. This may be specified as a character vector of model node and/or variable names. This argument is required.

`type`: The type of sampler to add, specified as either a character string or a `nimbleFunction` object. If the character argument `type='newSamplerType'`, then either `newSamplerType` or

sampler_newSamplertype must correspond to a nimbleFunction (i.e. a function returned by nimbleFunction, not a specialized nimbleFunction). Alternatively, the type argument may be provided as a nimbleFunction itself rather than its name. In that case, the 'name' argument may also be supplied to provide a meaningful name for this sampler. The default value is 'RW' which specifies scalar adaptive Metropolis-Hastings sampling with a normal proposal distribution. This default will result in an error if 'target' specifies more than one target node.

control: A list of control arguments specific to the sampler function. These will override those specified in the control list argument to configureMCMC().

print: Logical argument, specifying whether to print the details of the newly added sampler, as well as its position in the list of MCMC samplers.

name: Optional character string name for the sampler, which is used by the printSamplers method. If 'name' is not provided, the 'type' argument is used to generate the sampler name.

Details: A single instance of the newly configured sampler is added to the end of the list of samplers for this MCMCconf object.

Invisibly returns a list of the current sampler configurations, which are samplerConf reference class objects.

getMonitors() Returns a character vector of the current monitors

Details: See the initialize() function

getMonitors2() Returns a character vector of the current monitors2

Details: See the initialize() function

getSamplerDefinition(ind) Returns the nimbleFunction definition of an MCMC sampler.

Arguments:

ind: A numeric vector or character vector. A numeric vector may be used to specify the index of the sampler definition to return, or a character vector may be used to indicate a target node for which the sampler acting on this nodes will be printed. For example, getSamplerDefinition('x[2]') will return the definition of the sampler whose target is model node 'x[2]'. If more than one sampler function is specified, only the first is returned.

Returns a list object, containing the setup function, run function, and additional member methods for the specified nimbleFunction sampler.

getSamplers(ind) Returns a list of samplerConf objects.

Arguments:

ind: A numeric vector or character vector. A numeric vector may be used to specify the indices of the samplerConf objects to return, or a character vector may be used to indicate a set of target nodes and/or variables, for which all samplers acting on these nodes will be returned. For example, getSamplers('x') will return all samplerConf objects whose target is model node 'x', or whose targets are contained (entirely or in part) in the model variable 'x'. If omitted, then all samplerConf objects in this MCMC configuration object are returned.

initialize(model, nodes, control = list(), rules, monitors, thin = 1, monitors2 = character(), thin

Creates a MCMC configuration for a given model. The resulting object is suitable as an argument to buildMCMC.

Arguments:

model: A NIMBLE model object, created from nimbleModel(...)

nodes: An optional character vector, specifying the nodes for which samplers should be created. Nodes may be specified in their indexed form, 'y[1, 3]', or nodes specified without

indexing will be expanded fully, e.g., 'x' will be expanded to 'x[1]', 'x[2]', etc. If missing, the default value is all non-data stochastic nodes. If NULL, then no samplers are added.

control: An optional list of control arguments to sampler functions. If a control list is provided, the elements will be provided to all sampler functions which utilize the named elements given. For example, the standard Metropolis-Hastings random walk sampler (sampler_RW) utilizes control list elements 'adaptive', 'adaptInterval', 'scale'. The default values for control list arguments for samplers (if not otherwise provided as an argument to configureMCMC() or addSampler()) are contained in the setup code of each sampling algorithm.

monitors: A character vector of node names or variable names, to record during MCMC sampling. This set of monitors will be recorded with thinning interval 'thin', and the samples will be stored into the 'mvSamples' object. The default value is all top-level stochastic nodes of the model – those having no stochastic parent nodes.

monitors2: A character vector of node names or variable names, to record during MCMC sampling. This set of monitors will be recorded with thinning interval 'thin2', and the samples will be stored into the 'mvSamples2' object. The default value is an empty character vector, i.e. no values will be recorded.

thin: The thinning interval for 'monitors'. Default value is one.

thin2: The thinning interval for 'monitors2'. Default value is one.

useConjugacy: A logical argument, with default value TRUE. If specified as FALSE, then no conjugate samplers will be used, even when a node is determined to be in a conjugate relationship.

onlyRW: A logical argument, with default value FALSE. If specified as TRUE, then Metropolis-Hastings random walk samplers will be assigned for all non-terminal continuous-valued nodes. Discrete-valued nodes are assigned a slice sampler, and terminal nodes are assigned a posterior_predictive sampler.

onlySlice: A logical argument, with default value FALSE. If specified as TRUE, then a slice sampler is assigned for all non-terminal nodes. Terminal nodes are still assigned a posterior_predictive sampler.

multivariateNodesAsScalars: A logical argument, with default value FALSE. If specified as TRUE, then non-terminal multivariate stochastic nodes will have scalar samplers assigned to each of the scalar components of the multivariate node. The default value of FALSE results in a single block sampler assigned to the entire multivariate node. Note, multivariate nodes appearing in conjugate relationships will be assigned the corresponding conjugate sampler (provided useConjugacy == TRUE), regardless of the value of this argument.

warnNoSamplerAssigned: A logical argument, with default value TRUE. This specifies whether to issue a warning when no sampler is assigned to a node, meaning there is no matching sampler assignment rule.

print: A logical argument, specifying whether to print the ordered list of default samplers.

printMonitors() Prints all current monitors and monitors2

Details: See the initialize() function

printSamplers(ind, displayControlDefaults = FALSE, displayNonScalars = FALSE, displayConjugateDepen

Prints details of the MCMC samplers.

Arguments:

ind: A numeric vector or character vector. A numeric vector may be used to specify the indices of the samplers to print, or a character vector may be used to indicate a set of target nodes and/or variables, for which all samplers acting on these nodes will be printed. For

example, `printSamplers('x')` will print all samplers whose target is model node 'x', or whose targets are contained (entirely or in part) in the model variable 'x'. If omitted, then all samplers are printed.

`displayConjugateDependencies`: A logical argument, specifying whether to display the dependency lists of conjugate samplers (default FALSE).

`displayNonScalars`: A logical argument, specifying whether to display the values of non-scalar control list elements (default FALSE).

`removeSamplers(ind, print = FALSE)` Removes one or more samplers from an MCMCconf object.

Arguments:

`ind`: A numeric vector or character vector specifying the samplers to remove. A numeric vector may specify the indices of the samplers to be removed. Alternatively, a character vector may be used to specify a set of model nodes and/or variables, and all samplers whose 'target' is among these nodes will be removed. If omitted, then all samplers are removed.

`print`: A logical argument, default value FALSE, specifying whether to print the current list of samplers once the removal has been done.

`resetMonitors()` Resets the current monitors and monitors2 lists to nothing.

Details: See the `initialize()` function

`setSamplers(ind, print = FALSE)` Sets the ordering of the list of MCMC samplers.

Arguments:

`ind`: A numeric vector or character vector. A numeric vector may be used to specify the indices for the new list of MCMC samplers, in terms of the current ordered list of samplers. For example, if the MCMCconf object currently has 3 samplers, then the ordering may be reversed by calling `MCMCconf$setSamplers(3:1)`, or all samplers may be removed by calling `MCMCconf$setSamplers(numeric(0))`.

Alternatively, a character vector may be used to specify a set of model nodes and/or variables, and the sampler list will be modified to only those samplers acting on these target nodes.

As another alternative, a list of `samplerConf` objects may be used as the argument, in which case this ordered list of `samplerConf` objects will define the samplers in this MCMC configuration object, completely over-writing the current list of samplers. No checking is done to ensure the validity of the contents of these `samplerConf` objects; only that all elements of the list argument are, in fact, `samplerConf` objects.

`print`: A logical argument, default value TRUE, specifying whether to print the new list of samplers.

`setThin(thin, print = TRUE)` Sets the value of `thin`.

Arguments:

`thin`: The new value for the thinning interval 'thin'.

`print`: A logical argument, specifying whether to print all current monitors.

Details: See the `initialize()` function

`setThin2(thin2, print = TRUE)` Sets the value of `thin2`.

Arguments:

`thin2`: The new value for the thinning interval 'thin2'.

`print`: A logical argument, specifying whether to print all current monitors.

Details: See the `initialize()` function

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See Also[configureMCMC](#)**Examples**

```
code <- nimbleCode({
  mu ~ dnorm(0, 1)
  x ~ dnorm(mu, 1)
})
Rmodel <- nimbleModel(code)
conf <- configureMCMC(Rmodel)
conf$setSamplers(1)
conf$addSampler(target = 'x', type = 'slice', control = list(adaptInterval = 100))
conf$addMonitors('mu')
conf$addMonitors2('x')
conf$setThin(5)
conf$setThin2(10)
conf$printMonitors()
conf$printSamplers()
```

MCMCsuite

*Executes multiple MCMC algorithms and organizes results.***Description**

Creates, runs, and organizes output from a suite of MCMC algorithms, all applied to the same model, data, and initial values. This can include WinBUGS, OpenBUGS, JAGS and Stan MCMCs, as well as NIMBLE MCMC algorithms. Trace plots and density plots for the MCMC samples may also be generated and saved.

Usage

```
MCMCsuite(code, constants = list(), data = list(), inits = list(),
  monitors = character(), niter = 10000, burnin = 2000, thin = 1,
  summaryStats = c("mean", "median", "sd", "CI95_low", "CI95_upp"),
  calculateEfficiency = FALSE, MCMCs = "nimble", MCMCdefs = list(),
  winbugs_directory = "C:/WinBUGS14", winbugs_program = "WinBUGS",
  openbugs_directory = "C:/OpenBUGS323", openbugs_program = "OpenBUGS",
  stan_model = "", stan_inits = NULL, stan_data = NULL,
  stanNameMaps = list(), makePlot = TRUE, savePlot = TRUE,
  plotName = "MCMCsuite", setSeed = TRUE,
  check = getNimbleOption("checkModel"), debug = FALSE)
```

Arguments

<code>code</code>	The quoted code expression representing the model, such as the return value from a call to <code>nimbleCode</code>). No default value, this is a required argument.
<code>constants</code>	A named list giving values of constants for the model. This is the same as the <code>constants</code> argument which would be passed to <code>nimbleModel</code> . Default value is <code>list()</code> .
<code>data</code>	A named list giving the data values for the model. This is the same as the <code>data</code> argument which would be passed to <code>nimbleModel</code> or <code>model\$setData</code> . Default value is <code>list()</code> .
<code>inits</code>	A named list giving the initial values for the model. This is the same as the <code>inits</code> argument which would be passed to <code>nimbleModel</code> or <code>model\$setInits</code> . Default value is <code>list()</code> .
<code>monitors</code>	A character vector giving the node names or variable names to monitor. The samples corresponding to these nodes will be stored in the output samples, will have summary statistics calculated, and density and trace plots generated. Default value is all top-level stochastic nodes of the model.
<code>niter</code>	Number of MCMC iterations to run. This applies to all MCMC algorithms in the suite. Default value is 10,000.
<code>burnin</code>	Number of initial, post-thinning, MCMC iterations to discard. Default value is 2,000.
<code>thin</code>	Thinning interval for the MCMC samples. This applies to all MCMC algorithms in the suite. The thinning occurs prior to the <code>burnin</code> samples being discarded. Default value is 1.
<code>summaryStats</code>	A character vector, specifying the summary statistics to calculate on the MCMC samples. Each element may be the character name of an existing R function (possibly user-defined) which acts on a numeric vector and returns a scalar (e.g., <code>mean</code> or <code>sd</code> , or a character string which when parsed and evaluated will define such a function (e.g., <code>function(x) mean(sqrt(x))</code>). Default value is <code>c('mean', 'median', 'sd', 'CI95_low', 'CI95_upp')</code> , where the final two elements are functions which calculate the limits of a 95 percent Bayesian credible interval.
<code>calculateEfficiency</code>	A logical, specifying whether to calculate the efficiency for each MCMC algorithm. Efficiency is defined as the effective sample size (ESS) of each model parameter divided by the algorithm runtime (in seconds). Default is <code>FALSE</code> .
<code>MCMCs</code>	A character vector specifying the MCMC algorithms to run. <code>'winbugs'</code> specifies WinBUGS; <code>'openbugs'</code> specifies OpenBUGS; <code>'jags'</code> specifies JAGS; <code>'stan'</code> specifies Stan; in this case, must also provide the <code>'stan_model'</code> argument; <code>'nimble'</code> specifies NIMBLE's default MCMC algorithm; <code>'nimble_noConj'</code> specifies NIMBLE's default MCMC algorithm without the use of any conjugate Gibbs sampling; <code>'nimble_RW'</code> specifies NIMBLE MCMC algorithm using only random walk Metropolis-Hastings ('RW') samplers; <code>'nimble_slice'</code> specifies NIMBLE MCMC algorithm using only slice ('slice') samplers; <code>'autoBlock'</code> specifies NIMBLE MCMC algorithm with block sampling of dynamically determined parameter groups attempting to maximize sampling efficiency; Anything

	else will be interpreted as NIMBLE MCMC algorithms, and must have associated entries in the MCMCdefs argument. Default value is 'nimble', which specifies NIMBLE's default MCMC algorithm.
MCMCdefs	A named list of MCMC definitions. The names of list elements should correspond to any custom MCMC algorithms specified in the MCMCs argument. The list elements should be quoted expressions, enclosed in braces. When executed, the internal code must return an MCMC configuration object, specifying the corresponding MCMC algorithm; in particular, setting the appropriate samplers. The code may assume existence of the R model object Rmodel, and must <i>*return*</i> the MCMC configuration object. Therefore, the final line of such a code block would frequently be a standalone MCMCconf, to return this object.
winbugs_directory	A character string giving the directory of the executable WinBUGS program for the WinBUGS MCMC. This argument will be passed directly to the bugs(...) call, from the R2WinBUGS library. Default value is 'C:/WinBUGS14'.
winbugs_program	A character string giving the name of the WinBUGS program, for the WinBUGS MCMC. This argument will be passed directly to the bugs(...) call, from the R2WinBUGS library. Default value is 'WinBUGS'.
openbugs_directory	A character string giving the directory of the executable OpenBUGS program for the OpenBUGS MCMC. This argument will be passed directly to the bugs(...) call, from the R2WinBUGS library. Default value is 'C:/OpenBUGS323'.
openbugs_program	A character string giving the name of the OpenBUGS program, for the OpenBUGS MCMC. This argument will be passed directly to the bugs(...) call, from the R2WinBUGS library. Default value is 'OpenBUGS'.
stan_model	A character string specifying the location and name of the model file ('modelName.stan') for use with the Stan MCMC program. This argument must include the '.stan' extension, and must be provided whenever the MCMCs argument includes 'stan'.
stan_inits	A character string specifying the location and name of the inits file ('modelName.init.R') for use with the Stan MCMC program. This argument must include the '.init.R' extension, and must be provided whenever the MCMCs argument includes 'stan'. If omitted, it will attempt to locate an inits file in the same directory as the Stan model file.
stan_data	A character string specifying the location and name of the data file (in the form 'modelName.data.R') for use with the Stan MCMC program. This argument must include the '.data.R' extension, and must be provided whenever the MCMCs argument includes 'stan'. If omitted, it will attempt to locate a data file in the same directory as the Stan model file.
stanNameMaps	A list specifying name mappings between Stan and WinBUGS/OpenBUGS. The syntax for list elements is list(BUGS_PARAM_NAME = list(StanSourceName = 'STAN_PARAM_NAME', transform = function(x) TRANSFORMATION_FUNCTION(x))). The transformation is optional.
makePlot	Logical argument, specifying whether to generate the trace plots and posterior density plots, for each monitored node. Default value is TRUE.

savePlot	Logical argument, specifying whether to save the trace plots and density plots. Plots will be saved into the current working directory. Only used when makePlot == TRUE. Default value is TRUE.
plotName	Character string, giving the file name for saving the trace plots and density plots. Only used when makePlot == TRUE and savePlot == TRUE. Default value is 'MCMCsuite'.
setSeed	Logical argument, specifying whether to set.seed(0) prior to MCMC sampling. Default value is TRUE.
check	Logical argument, specifying whether to check the model object for missing or invalid values. Default is given by the NIMBLE option 'checkModel', see help on nimbleOptions for details.
debug	Logical argument, specifying whether to enter a browser() at the onset of executing each MCMC algorithm. For use in debugging individual MCMC algorithms, if necessary. Default value is FALSE.
...	For internal use only

Details

Creates and runs an MCMC Suite. By default, this will execute the specified MCMCs, record all samples, generate summary statistics, and create and save trace plots and posterior density plots. This default behavior can be altered via a variety of arguments. Following execution of the MCMC algorithms, returns a named list containing samples, summary, and timing elements. See the NIMBLE User Manual for more information about the organization of the return object.

Value

Returns a named list containing elements: samples: A 3-dimensional array containing samples from each MCMC algorithm. summary: A 3-dimensional array containing summary statistics for each variable and algorithm. timing: A numeric vector containing timing information. efficiency: Minimum and mean sampling efficiencies for each algorithm (only provided if option calculateEfficiency = TRUE). See the NIMBLE User Manual for more information about the organization of the return object.

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Examples

```
## Not run:
code <- nimbleCode({
  mu ~ dnorm(0, 1)
  x ~ dnorm(mu, 1)
})
output <- MCMCsuite(code,
  data = list(x=3),
  inits = list(mu=0),
  niter = 10000,
  monitors = 'mu',
```

```
MCMCs = c('nimble', 'nimble_RW'),
summaryStats = c('mean', 'sd', 'max', 'function(x) max(abs(x))'),
makePlot = FALSE)

## End(Not run)
```

MCMCsuiteClass-class *Class* MCMCsuiteClass

Description

Objects of this class create, run, and organize output from a suite of MCMC algorithms, all applied to the same model, data, and initial values. This can include WinBUGS, OpenBUGS, JAGS and Stan MCMCs, as well as NIMBLE MCMC algorithms. Trace plots and density plots for the MCMC samples may also be generated and saved.

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See Also

[MCMCsuite](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
code <- nimbleCode({
  mu ~ dnorm(0, 1)
  x ~ dnorm(mu, 1)
})
output <- MCMCsuite(code,
  data = list(x=3),
  inits = list(mu=0),
  niter = 10000,
  monitors = 'mu',
  MCMCs = c('nimble', 'nimble_RW'),
  summaryStats = c('mean', 'sd', 'max', 'function(x) max(abs(x))'),
  makePlot = FALSE)

## End(Not run)
```

modelBaseClass-class *Class* modelBaseClass

Description

This class underlies all NIMBLE model objects: both R model objects created from the return value of `nimbleModel()`, and compiled model objects. The model object contains a variety of member functions, for providing information about the model structure, setting or querying properties of the model, or accessing various internal components of the model. These member functions of the `modelBaseClass` are commonly used in the body of the `setup` function argument to `nimbleFunction()`, to aid in preparation of node vectors, `nimbleFunctionLists`, and other runtime inputs. See documentation for `nimbleModel` for details of creating an R model object.

Methods

`check()` Checks for errors in model specification and for missing values that prevent use of calculate/simulate on any nodes

`checkBasics()` Checks for size/dimension mismatches and for presence of NAs in model variables (the latter is not an error but a note of this is given to the user)

`checkConjugacy(nodeVector)` Determines whether or not the input nodes appear in conjugate relationships

Arguments:

`nodeVector`: A character vector specifying one or more node or variable names. If omitted, all stochastic non-data nodes are checked for conjugacy.

Details: The return value is a named list, with an element corresponding to each conjugate node. The list names are the conjugate node names, and list elements are the control list arguments required by the corresponding MCMC conjugate sampler functions. If no model nodes are conjugate, an empty list is returned.

`expandNodeNames(nodes, env = parent.frame(), returnScalarComponents = FALSE, returnType = "names", ...)`
 Takes a vector of names of nodes or variables and returns the unique and expanded names in the model, i.e. 'x' expands to 'x[1]', 'x[2]', ...

Arguments:

`nodes`: a vector of names of nodes (or variables) to be expanded. Alternatively, can be a vector of integer graph IDs, but this use is intended only for advanced users

`returnScalarComponents`: should multivariate nodes (i.e. `dmnorm` or `dmulti`) be broken up into scalar components?

`returnType`: return type. Options are 'names' (character vector) or 'ids' (graph IDs)

`sort`: should names be topologically sorted before being returned?

`unique`: should names be the unique names or should original ordering of nodes (after expansion of any variable names into node names) be preserved

`getDependencies(nodes, omit = character(), self = TRUE, determOnly = FALSE, stochOnly = FALSE, include = FALSE, ...)`
 Returns a character vector of the nodes dependent upon the input argument nodes, sorted topologically according to the model graph. Additional input arguments provide flexibility in the values returned.

Arguments:

`nodes`: Character vector of node names, with index blocks allowed, and/or variable names, the dependents of which will be returned.

`omit`: Character vector of node names, which will be omitted from the nodes returned. In addition, dependent nodes subsequent to these omitted nodes will not be returned. The omitted nodes argument serves to stop the downward search within the hierarchical model structure, and excludes the specified node.

`self`: Logical argument specifying whether to include the input argument nodes in the return vector of dependent nodes. Default is TRUE.

`determOnly`: Logical argument specifying whether to return only deterministic nodes. Default is FALSE.

`stochOnly`: Logical argument specifying whether to return only stochastic nodes. Default is FALSE.

`includeData`: Logical argument specifying whether to include 'data' nodes (set via the member method `setData`). Default is TRUE.

`dataOnly`: Logical argument specifying whether to return only 'data' nodes. Default is FALSE.

`includeRHSonly`: Logical argument specifying whether to include right-hand-side-only nodes (model nodes which never appear on the left-hand-side of `~` or `<-` in the model code). These nodes are neither stochastic nor deterministic, but instead function as variable inputs to the model. Default is FALSE.

`downstream`: Logical argument specifying whether the downward search through the model hierarchical structure should continue beyond the first and subsequent stochastic nodes encountered, hence returning all nodes downstream of the input nodes. Default is FALSE.

`returnType`: Character argument specific type object returned. Options are 'names' (returns character vector) and 'ids' (returns numeric graph IDs for model)

`returnScalar Componentets`: Logical argument specifying whether multivariate nodes should return full node name (i.e. 'x[1:2]') or should break down into scalar componentets (i.e. 'x[1]' and 'x[2]')

Details: The downward search for dependent nodes propagates through deterministic nodes, but by default will halt at the first level of stochastic nodes encountered.

`getDependenciesList(returnNames = TRUE, sort = TRUE)` Returns a list of all neighbor relationships. Each list element gives the one-step dependencies of one vertex, and the element name is the vertex label (integer ID or character node name)

Arguments:

`returnNames`: If TRUE (default), list names and element contents are returns as character node names, e.g. 'x[1]'. If FALSE, everything is returned using graph IDs, which are unique integer labels for each node.

`sort`: If TRUE (default), each list element is returned in topologically sorted order. If FALSE, they are returned in arbitrary order.

Details: This provides a fairly raw representation of the graph (model) structure that may be useful for inspecting what NIMBLE has created from model code.

`getDimension(node, params = NULL, valueOnly = is.null(params) && !includeParams, includeParams = !i`
Determines the dimension of the value and/or parameters of the node

Arguments:

`node`: A character vector specifying a single node

params: an optional character vector of names of parameters for which dimensions are desired (possibly including 'value' and alternate parameters)

valueOnly: a logical indicating whether to only return the dimension of the value of the node

includeParams: a logical indicating whether to return dimensions of parameters. If TRUE and 'params' is NULL then dimensions of all parameters, including the dimension of the value of the node, are returned

Details: The return value is a numeric vector with an element for each parameter/value requested.

`getDistribution(nodes)` Returns the names of the distributions for the requested node or nodes

Arguments:

nodes: A character vector specifying one or more node or variable names.

Details: The return value is a character vector with an element for each node indicated in the input. Note that variable names are expanded to their constituent node names, so the length of the output may be longer than that of the input.

`getDownstream(...)` Identical to `getDependencies(..., downstream = TRUE)`

Details: See documentation for member method `getDependencies`.

`getNodeNames(determOnly = FALSE, stochOnly = FALSE, includeData = TRUE, dataOnly = FALSE, includeRH`

Returns a character vector of all node names in the model, in topologically sorted order. A variety of logical arguments allow for flexible subsetting of all model nodes.

Arguments:

determOnly: Logical argument specifying whether to return only deterministic nodes. Default is FALSE.

stochOnly: Logical argument specifying whether to return only stochastic nodes. Default is FALSE.

includeData: Logical argument specifying whether to include 'data' nodes (set via the member method `setData`). Default is TRUE.

dataOnly: Logical argument specifying whether to return only 'data' nodes. Default is FALSE.

includeRHOnly: Logical argument specifying whether to include right-hand-side-only nodes (model nodes which never appear on the left-hand-side of `~` or `<-` in the model code). Default is FALSE.

topOnly: Logical argument specifying whether to return only top-level nodes from the hierarchical model structure.

latentOnly: Logical argument specifying whether to return only latent (mid-level) nodes from the hierarchical model structure.

endOnly: Logical argument specifying whether to return only end nodes from the hierarchical model structure.

returnType: Character argument specific type object returned. Options are 'names' (returns character vector) and 'ids' (returns numeric graph IDs for model)

returnScalar Componentets: Logical argument specifying whether multivariate nodes should return full node name (i.e. 'x[1:2]') or should break down into scalar componentets (i.e. 'x[1]' and 'x[2]')

Details: Multiple logical input arguments may be used simultaneously. For example, `model$getNodeNames(endOnly = TRUE, dataOnly = TRUE)` will return all end-level nodes from the model which are designated as 'data'.

`getVarNames(includeLogProb = FALSE, nodes)` Returns the names of all variables in a model, optionally including the logProb variables

Arguments:

`logProb`: Logical argument specifying whether or not to include the logProb variables. Default is FALSE.

`nodes`: An optional character vector supplying a subset of nodes for which to extract the variable names and return the unique set of variable names

`isBinary(nodes)` Determines whether one or more nodes represent binary random variables

Arguments:

`nodes`: A character vector specifying one or more node or variable names.

Details: The return value is a character vector with an element for each node indicated in the input. Note that variable names are expanded to their constituent node names, so the length of the output may be longer than that of the input.

`isData(nodes)` Returns a vector of logical TRUE / FALSE values, corresponding to the 'data' flags of the input node names.

Arguments:

`nodes`: A character vector of node or variable names.

Details: The variable or node names specified is expanded into a vector of model node names. A logical vector is returned, indicating whether each model node has been flagged as containing 'data'.

`isDetermin(nodes)` Determines whether one or more nodes are deterministic

Arguments:

`nodes`: A character vector specifying one or more node or variable names.

Details: The return value is a character vector with an element for each node indicated in the input. Note that variable names are expanded to their constituent node names, so the length of the output may be longer than that of the input.

`isDiscrete(nodes)` Determines whether one or more nodes represent discrete random variables

Arguments:

`nodes`: A character vector specifying one or more node or variable names.

Details: The return value is a character vector with an element for each node indicated in the input. Note that variable names are expanded to their constituent node names, so the length of the output may be longer than that of the input.

`isEndNode(nodes)` Determines whether one or more nodes are end nodes (nodes with no stochastic dependences)

Arguments:

`nodes`: A character vector specifying one or more node or variable names.

Details: The return value is logical vector with an element for each node indicated in the input. Note that variable names are expanded to their constituent node names, so the length of the output may be longer than that of the input.

`isMultivariate(nodes)` Determines whether one or more nodes represent multivariate nodes

Arguments:

`nodes`: A character vector specifying one or more node or variable names.

Details: The return value is a logical vector with an element for each node indicated in the input. Note that variable names are expanded to their constituent node names, so the length of the output may be longer than that of the input.

`isStoch(nodes)` Determines whether one or more nodes are stochastic

Arguments:

`nodes`: A character vector specifying one or more node or variable names.

Details: The return value is a character vector with an element for each node indicated in the input. Note that variable names are expanded to their constituent node names, so the length of the output may be longer than that of the input.

`isTruncated(nodes)` Determines whether one or more nodes are truncated

Arguments:

`nodes`: A character vector specifying one or more node or variable names.

Details: The return value is a character vector with an element for each node indicated in the input. Note that variable names are expanded to their constituent nodes names, so the length of the output may be longer than that of the input

`isUnivariate(nodes)` Determines whether one or more nodes represent univariate random variables

Arguments:

`nodes`: A character vector specifying one or more node or variable names.

Details: The return value is a character vector with an element for each node indicated in the input. Note that variable names are expanded to their constituent nodes names, so the length of the output may be longer than that of the input

`newModel(data = NULL, inits = NULL, modelName = character(), replicate = FALSE, check = getNimbleOp`

Returns a new R model object, with the same model definition (as defined from the original model code) as the existing model object.

Arguments:

`data`: A named list specifying data nodes and values, for use in the newly returned model. If not provided, the `data` argument from the creation of the original R model object will be used.

`inits`: A named list specifying initial values, for use in the newly returned model. If not provided, the `inits` argument from the creation of the original R model object will be used.

`replicate`: Logical specifying whether to replicate all current values and data flags from the current model in the new model. If TRUE, then the `data` and `inits` arguments are not used. Default value is FALSE.

`check`: A logical indicating whether to check the model object for missing or invalid values. Default is given by the NIMBLE option `'checkModel'`, see help on `'nimbleOptions'` for details.

`modelName`: An optional character string, used to set the internal name of the model object. If provided, this name will propagate throughout the generated C++ code, serving to improve readability.

Details: The newly created model object will be identical to the original model in terms of structure and functionality, but entirely distinct in terms of the internal values.

`resetData()` Resets the `'data'` property of ALL model nodes to FALSE. Subsequent to this call, the model will have no nodes flagged as `'data'`.

`setData(..., warnAboutMissingNames = TRUE)` Sets the `'data'` flag for specified nodes to TRUE, and also sets the value of these nodes to the value provided. This is the exclusive method for specifying `'data'` nodes in a model object. When a `'data'` argument is provided to `'nimbleModel()'`, it uses this method to set the data nodes.

Arguments:

...: Arguments may be provided as named elements with numeric values or as character names of model variables. These may be provided in a single list, a single character vector, or as multiple arguments. When a named element with a numeric value is provided, the size and dimension must match the corresponding model variable. This value will be copied to the model variable and any non-NA elements will be marked as data. When a character name is provided, the value of that variable in the model is not changed but any currently non-NA values are marked as data. Examples: `setData('x', y = 1:10)` will mark both `x` and `y` as data and will set the value of `y` to `1:10`. `setData(list('x', y = 1:10))` is equivalent. `setData(c('x','y'))` or `setData('x','y')` will mark both `x` and `y` as data.

Details: If a provided value (or the current value in the model when only a name is specified) contains some NA values, then the model nodes corresponding to these NAs will not have their value set, and will not be designated as 'data'. Only model nodes corresponding to numeric values in the argument list elements will be designated as data. Designating a deterministic model node as 'data' will result in an error. Designating part of a multivariate node as 'data' and part as non-data (NA) will result in an error; multivariate nodes must be entirely data, or entirely non-data.

`setInits(inits)` Sets initial values (or more generally, any named list of value elements) into the model

Arguments:

`inits`: A named list. The names of list elements must correspond to model variable names. The elements of the list must be of class `numeric`, with size and dimension each matching the corresponding model variable.

`topologicallySortNodes(nodes, returnType = "names")` Sorts the input list of node names according to the topological dependence ordering of the model structure.

Arguments:

`nodes`: A character vector of node or variable names, which is to be topologically sorted. Alternatively can be a numeric vector of graphIDs

`returnType`: character vector indicating return type. Choices are "names" or "ids"

Details: This function merely reorders its input argument. This may be important prior to calls such as `simulate(model, nodes)` or `calculate(model, nodes)`, to enforce that the operation is performed in topological order.

Author(s)

Daniel Turek

Examples

```
code <- nimbleCode({
  mu ~ dnorm(0, 1)
  x[1] ~ dnorm(mu, 1)
  x[2] ~ dnorm(mu, 1)
})
Rmodel <- nimbleModel(code)
modelVars <- Rmodel$getVarNames() ## returns 'mu' and 'x'
modelNodes <- Rmodel$getNodeNames() ## returns 'mu', 'x[1]' and 'x[2]'
Rmodel$resetData()
```

```
Rmodel$setData(list(x = c(1.2, NA))) ## flags only 'x[1]' node as data
Rmodel$isData(c('mu', 'x[1]', 'x[2]')) ## returns c(FALSE, TRUE, FALSE)
```

modelDefClass-class *Class for NIMBLE model definition*

Description

Class for NIMBLE model definition that is not usually needed directly by a user.

Details

See ?modelBaseClass for information about creating NIMBLE BUGS models.

modelValues *Create a NIMBLE modelValues Object*

Description

Builds modelValues object from a model values configuration object, which can include a NIMBLE model

Usage

```
modelValues(conf, m = 1)
```

Arguments

conf	An object which includes information for building modelValues. Can either be a NIMBLE model (see help(modelBaseClass)) or the object returned from modelValuesConf
m	The number of rows to create in the modelValues object. Can later be changed with resize

Details

See the User Manual or help(modelValuesBaseClass) for information about manipulating NIMBLE modelValues object returned by this function

Author(s)

NIMBLE development team

Examples

```

#From model object:
code <- nimbleCode({
  a ~ dnorm(0,1)
  for(i in 1:3){
    for(j in 1:3)
      b[i,j] ~ dnorm(0,1)
  }
})
Rmodel <- nimbleModel(code)
Rmodel_mv <- modelValues(Rmodel, m = 2)
#Custom modelValues object:
mvConf <- modelValuesConf(vars = c('x', 'y'),
  types = c('double', 'int'),
  sizes = list(x = 3, y = c(2,2)))
custom_mv <- modelValues(mvConf, m = 2)
custom_mv['y',]

```

```

modelValuesBaseClass-class
      Class modelValuesBaseClass

```

Description

modelValues are NIMBLE containers built to store values from models. They can either be built directly from a model or be custom built via the modelValuesConf function. They consist of rows, where each row can be thought of as a set of values from a model. Like most nimble objects, and unlike most R objects, they are passed by reference instead of by value.

See user manual for more details.

Examples

```

mvConf <- modelValuesConf(vars = c('a', 'b'),
  types = c('double', 'double'),
  sizes = list(a = 1, b = c(2,2) ) )
mv <- modelValues(mvConf)
as.matrix(mv)
resize(mv, 2)
as.matrix(mv)
mv['a',1] <- 1
mv['a',2] <- 2
mv['b',1] <- matrix(0, nrow = 2, ncol = 2)
mv['b',2] <- matrix(1, nrow = 2, ncol = 2)
mv['a',]
as.matrix(mv)
basicModelCode <- nimbleCode({
  a ~ dnorm(0,1)
  for(i in 1:4)
    b[i] ~ dnorm(0,1)

```

```

})
basicModel <- nimbleModel(basicModelCode)
basicMV <- modelValues(basicModel, m = 2) # m sets the number of rows
basicMV['b',]

```

modelValuesConf	<i>Create the confs for a custom NIMBLE modelValues object</i>
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Description

Builds an R-based modelValues conf object

Usage

```

modelValuesConf(symTab, className, vars, types, sizes, modelDef = NA,
  where = globalenv())

```

Arguments

symTab	For internal use only
className	For internal use only
vars	A vector of character strings naming each variable in the modelValues object
types	A vector of character strings describing the type of data for the modelValues object. Options include 'double' (for real-valued variables) and 'int'.
sizes	A list in which the named items of the list match the var arguments and each item is a numeric vector of the dimensions
modelDef	For internal use only
where	For internal use only

Details

See the User Manual or `help(modelValuesBaseClass)` and `help(modelValues)` for information

Author(s)

Clifford Anderson-Bergman

Examples

```

#Custom modelValues object:
mvConf <- modelValuesConf(vars = c('x', 'y'),
  types = c('double', 'int'),
  sizes = list(x = 3, y = c(2,2)))
custom_mv <- modelValues(mvConf, m = 2)
custom_mv['y',]

```

```
ModifiedRmmParseKeywords2
  [[' = 'outputCppArrayIndex2',
```

Description

```
  [[' = 'outputCppArrayIndex2',
```

Usage

```
ModifiedRmmParseKeywords2
```

Format

An object of class list of length 40.

Multinomial *The Multinomial Distribution*

Description

Density and random generation for the multinomial distribution

Usage

```
dmulti(x, size = sum(x), prob, log = FALSE)
```

```
rmulti(n = 1, size, prob)
```

Arguments

x	vector of values.
size	number of trials.
prob	vector of probabilities, internally normalized to sum to one, of same length as x
log	logical; if TRUE, probability density is returned on the log scale.
n	number of observations (only n=1 is handled currently).

Details

See Gelman et al., Appendix A or the BUGS manual for mathematical details.

Value

dmulti gives the density and rmulti generates random deviates.

Author(s)

Christopher Paciorek

References

Gelman, A., Carlin, J.B., Stern, H.S., and Rubin, D.B. (2004) *Bayesian Data Analysis*, 2nd ed. Chapman and Hall/CRC.

See Also

[Distributions](#) for other standard distributions

Examples

```
size <- 30
probs <- c(1/4, 1/10, 1 - 1/4 - 1/10)
x <- rmulti(1, size, probs)
dmulti(x, size, probs)
```

Multivariate-t

The Multivariate t Distribution

Description

Density and random generation for the multivariate t distribution, using the Cholesky factor of either the precision matrix (i.e., inverse scale matrix) or the scale matrix.

Usage

```
dmvt_chol(x, mu, cholesky, df, prec_param = TRUE, log = FALSE)
```

```
rmvt_chol(n = 1, mu, cholesky, df, prec_param = TRUE)
```

Arguments

x	vector of values.
mu	vector of values giving the location of the distribution.
cholesky	upper-triangular Cholesky factor of either the precision matrix (i.e., inverse scale matrix) (when <code>prec_param</code> is TRUE) or scale matrix (otherwise).
df	degrees of freedom.
prec_param	logical; if TRUE the Cholesky factor is that of the precision matrix; otherwise, of the scale matrix.
log	logical; if TRUE, probability density is returned on the log scale.
n	number of observations (only n=1 is handled currently).

Details

See Gelman et al., Appendix A or the BUGS manual for mathematical details. The 'precision' matrix as used here is defined as the inverse of the scale matrix, Σ^{-1} , given in Gelman et al.

Value

`dmvt_chol` gives the density and `rmvt_chol` generates random deviates.

Author(s)

Peter Sujan

References

Gelman, A., Carlin, J.B., Stern, H.S., and Rubin, D.B. (2004) *Bayesian Data Analysis*, 2nd ed. Chapman and Hall/CRC.

See Also

[Distributions](#) for other standard distributions

Examples

```
mu <- c(-10, 0, 10)
scalemat <- matrix(c(1, .9, .3, .9, 1, -0.1, .3, -0.1, 1), 3)
ch <- chol(scalemat)
x <- rmvt_chol(1, mu, ch, df = 1, prec_param = FALSE)
dmvt_chol(x, mu, ch, df = 1, prec_param = FALSE)
```

MultivariateNormal *The Multivariate Normal Distribution*

Description

Density and random generation for the multivariate normal distribution, using the Cholesky factor of either the precision matrix or the covariance matrix.

Usage

```
dmnorm_chol(x, mean, cholesky, prec_param = TRUE, log = FALSE)
```

```
rmnorm_chol(n = 1, mean, cholesky, prec_param = TRUE)
```

Arguments

x	vector of values.
mean	vector of values giving the mean of the distribution.
cholesky	upper-triangular Cholesky factor of either the precision matrix (when prec_param is TRUE) or covariance matrix (otherwise).
prec_param	logical; if TRUE the Cholesky factor is that of the precision matrix; otherwise, of the covariance matrix.
log	logical; if TRUE, probability density is returned on the log scale.
n	number of observations (only n=1 is handled currently).

Details

See Gelman et al., Appendix A or the BUGS manual for mathematical details. The rate matrix as used here is defined as the inverse of the scale matrix, S^{-1} , given in Gelman et al.

Value

dmnorm_chol gives the density and rmnorm_chol generates random deviates.

Author(s)

Christopher Paciorek

References

Gelman, A., Carlin, J.B., Stern, H.S., and Rubin, D.B. (2004) *Bayesian Data Analysis*, 2nd ed. Chapman and Hall/CRC.

See Also

[Distributions](#) for other standard distributions

Examples

```
mean <- c(-10, 0, 10)
covmat <- matrix(c(1, .9, .3, .9, 1, -0.1, .3, -0.1, 1), 3)
ch <- chol(covmat)
x <- rmnorm_chol(1, mean, ch, prec_param = FALSE)
dmnorm_chol(x, mean, ch, prec_param = FALSE)
```

nfMethod	<i>access (call) a member function of a nimbleFunction</i>
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Description

Internal function for accessing a member function (method) of a nimbleFunction. Normally a user will write `nf$method(x)` instead of `nfMethod(nf, method)(x)`.

Usage

```
nfMethod(nf, methodName)
```

Arguments

nf	a specialized nimbleFunction, i.e. one that has already had setup parameters processed
methodName	a character string giving the name of the member function to call

Details

nimbleFunctions have a default member function called `run`, and may have other member functions provided via the `methods` argument to `nimbleFunction`. As an internal step, the NIMBLE compiler turns `nf$method(x)` into `nfMethod(nf, method)(x)`, but a NIMBLE user or programmer would not normally need to use `nfMethod` directly.

Value

a function that can be called.

Author(s)

NIMBLE development team

nfVar	<i>Access or set a member variable of a nimbleFunction</i>
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Description

Access or set a member variable of a specialized nimbleFunction, i.e. a variable passed to or created during the setup function that is used in run code or preserved by `setupOutputs`. Works in R for any variable and in NIMBLE for numeric variables.

Usage

```
nfVar(nf, varName)
```

```
nfVar(nf, varName) <- value
```

Arguments

nf	a specialized nimbleFunction, i.e. a function returned by executing a function returned from nimbleFunction with setup arguments
varName	a character string naming a variable in the setup function.
value	value to set the variable to.

Details

Internal way to access or set a member variable of a nimbleFunction created during setup. Normally in NIMBLE code you would use `nf$var` instead of `nfVar(nf, var)`.

When `nimbleFunction` is called and a setup function is provided, then `nimbleFunction` returns a function. That function is a generator that should be called with arguments to the setup function and returns another function with `run` and possibly other member functions. The member functions can use objects created or passed to `setup`. During internal processing, the NIMBLE compiler turns some cases of `nf$var` into `nfVar(nf, var)`. These provide direct access to setup variables (member data). `nfVar` is not typically called by a NIMBLE user or programmer.

For internal access to methods of `nf`, see [nfMethod](#).

For more information, see `?nimbleFunction` and the NIMBLE User Manual.

Value

whatever `varName` is in the `nimbleFunction` `nf`.

Author(s)

NIMBLE development team

Examples

```

nfGen1 <- nimbleFunction(
  setup = function(A) {
    B <- matrix(rnorm(4), nrow = 2)
    setupOutputs(B) ## preserves B even though it is not used in run-code
  },
  run = function() {
    print('This is A', A, '\n')
  })

nfGen2 <- nimbleFunction(
  setup = function() {
    nf1 <- nfGen1(1000)
  },
  run = function() {
    print('accessing A:', nfVar(nf1, 'A'))
    nfVar(nf1, 'B')[2,2] <<- -1000
    print('accessing B:', nfVar(nf1, 'B'))
  })

nf2 <- nfGen2()

```

nf2\$run()

nimble

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Description

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nimble-internal

Functions and Classes Internal to NIMBLE

Description

Functions and classes used internally in NIMBLE and not expected to be called directly by users. Some functions and classes not intended for direct use are documented and/or exported because they are used within Reference Class methods for classes programmatically generated by NIMBLE.

Author(s)

NIMBLE Development Team

nimble-math

Mathematical functions for BUGS and nimbleFunction programming

Description

Mathematical functions for use in BUGS code and in nimbleFunction programming (i.e., nimbleFunction run code). See Chapter 5 of the User Manual for more details.

Author(s)

NIMBLE Development Team

Description

These functions can be used in `nimbleFunctions` and compiled using `compileNimble`.

Usage

```
nimC(...)
```

```
nimRep(x, ...)
```

```
nimSeq(from, to, by, length.out)
```

Arguments

<code>...</code>	values to be concatenated.
<code>x</code>	vector of values to be replicated (<code>rep</code>) or logical array or vector (<code>which</code>) or object whose length is wanted (<code>length</code>) or input value (<code>diag</code>).
<code>from</code>	starting value of sequence.
<code>to</code>	end value of sequence.
<code>by</code>	increment of the sequence.
<code>length.out</code>	desired length of the sequence.

Details

For `c`, `rep`, `seq`, these functions are NIMBLE's version of similar R functions, e.g., `nimRep` for `rep`. In a `nimbleFunction`, either the R name (e.g., `rep`) or the NIMBLE name (e.g., `nimRep`) can be used. If the R name is used, it will be converted to the NIMBLE name. For `which`, `length`, `diag`, simply use the standard name without "nim". These functions largely mimic (see exceptions below) the behavior of their R counterparts, but they can be compiled in a `nimbleFunction` using `compileNimble`.

`nimC` is NIMBLE's version of `c` and behaves identically.

`nimRep` is NIMBLE's version of `rep`. It should behave identically to `rep`. There are no NIMBLE versions of `rep.int` or `rep.len`.

`nimSeq` is NIMBLE's version of `seq`. It behaves like `seq` with support for `from`, `to`, `by` and `length.out` arguments. The `along.with` argument is not supported. There are no NIMBLE versions of `seq.int`, `seq_along` or `seq_len`, with the exception that `seq_along` can take a `nimbleFunctionList` as an argument to provide the index range of a for-loop (User Manual Ch. 13).

`which` behaves like the R version but without support for `arr.ind` or `useNames` arguments.

`diag` behaves like the R version but without support for the `nrow` and `ncol` arguments.

`length` behaves like the R version.

nimbleCode	<i>Turn BUGS model code into an object for use in nimbleModel or readBUGSmodel</i>
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Description

Simply keeps model code as an R call object, the form needed by `nimbleModel` and optionally usable by `readBUGSmodel`.

Usage

```
nimbleCode(code)
```

Arguments

code expression providing the code for the model

Details

It is equivalent to use the R function `quote`. `nimbleCode` is simply provided as a more readable alternative for NIMBLE users not familiar with `quote`.

Author(s)

Daniel Turek

Examples

```
code <- nimbleCode({
  x ~ dnorm(mu, sd = 1)
  mu ~ dnorm(0, sd = prior_sd)
})
```

nimbleExternalCall	<i>EXPERIMENTAL Create a nimbleFunction that wraps a call to external compiled code</i>
--------------------	---

Description

Given C header information, a function that takes scalars or pointers can be called from a compiled `nimbleFunction`. If non-scalar return values are needed, an argument can be selected to behave as the return value in `nimble`.

Usage

```
nimbleExternalCall(prototype, returnType, Cfun, headerFile, oFile)
```

Arguments

prototype	Argument type information. This can be provided as an R function using <code>nimbleFunction</code> type declarations or as a list of <code>nimbleType</code> objects.
returnType	Return object type information. This can be provided similarly to <code>prototype</code> as either a <code>nimbleFunction</code> type declaration or as a <code>nimbleType</code> object. In the latter case, the name will be ignored. If there is no return value, this should be <code>void()</code> .
Cfun	Name of the external function (character).
headerFile	Name (possibly including file path) of the header file where Cfun is declared.
oFile	Name (possibly including path) of the <code>.o</code> file where Cfun has been compiled. Spaces in the path may cause problems.

Details

This is an experimental feature with limited functionality. The only argument types allowed in Cfun are `double`, `int`, and `bool`, corresponding to `nimbleFunction` types `double`, `integer`, and `logical`, respectively.

If the dimensionality is greater than zero, the arguments in Cfun should be pointers. This means it will typically be necessary to pass additional integer arguments telling Cfun the size(s) of non-scalar arguments.

The return argument can only be a scalar or `void`. Since non-scalar arguments are passed by pointer, you can use an argument to return results from Cfun. If you wish to have a `nimbleFunction` that uses one argument of Cfun as a return object, you can wrap the result of `nimbleExternalCall` in another `nimbleFunction` that allocates the return object. This is useful for using Cfun in a `nimbleModel`. See example below.

Note that a `nimbleExternalCall` can only be executed in a compiled `nimbleFunction`, not an uncompiled one.

If you have problems with spaces in file paths (e.g. for `oFile`), try compiling everything locally by including `dirName = "."` as an argument to `compileNimble`.

Value

A `nimbleFunction` that takes the indicated input arguments, calls Cfun, and returns the result.

Author(s)

Perry de Valpine

See Also

[nimbleRcall](#) for calling arbitrary R code from compiled `nimbleFunctions`.

Examples

```

## Not run:
sink('add1.h')
cat('
  extern "C" {
    void my_internal_function(double *p, double*ans, int n);
  }
')
sink()
sink('add1.cpp')
cat('
#include <stdio>
#include "add1.h"
void my_internal_function(double *p, double *ans, int n) {
  printf("In my_internal_function\\n");
  /* cat reduces the double slash to single slash */
  for(int i = 0; i < n; i++)
    ans[i] = p[i] + 1.0;
}
')
sink()
system('g++ add1.cpp -c -o add1.o')
Radd1 <- nimbleExternalCall(function(x = double(1), ans = double(1),
n = integer()){}, Cfun = 'my_internal_function',
headerFile = file.path(getwd(), 'add1.h'), returnType = void(),
oFile = file.path(getwd(), 'add1.o'))
## If you need to use a function with non-scalar return object in model code,
## you can wrap it in another nimbleFunction like this:
model_add1 <- nimbleFunction(
  run = function(x = double(1)) {
    ans <- numeric(length(x))
    Radd1(x, ans, length(x))
    return(ans)
  }
  returnType(double(1))
)
demoCode <- nimbleCode({
  for(i in 1:4) {x[i] ~ dnorm(0,1)} ## just to get a vector
  y[1:4] <- model_add1(x[1:4])
})
demoModel <- nimbleModel(demoCode, inits = list(x = rnorm(4)),
check = FALSE, calculate = FALSE)
CdemoModel <- compileNimble(demoModel, showCompilerOutput = TRUE)

## End(Not run)

```

Description

create a nimbleFunction from a setup function, run function, possibly other methods, and possibly inheritance via contains

Usage

```
nimbleFunction(setup = NULL, run = function() { }, methods = list(),
  globalSetup = NULL, contains = NULL, enableDerivs = list(), name = NA,
  check = getNimbleOption("checkNimbleFunction"),
  where = getNimbleFunctionEnvironment())
```

Arguments

setup	An optional R function definition for setup processing.
run	An optional NIMBLE function definition the executes the primary job of the nimbleFunction
methods	An optional named list of NIMBLE function definitions for other class methods.
globalSetup	For internal use only
contains	An optional object returned from nimbleFunctionVirtual that defines arguments and returnTypes for run and/or methods, to which the current nimbleFunction must conform
enableDerivs	EXPERIMENTAL A list of names of function methods to enable derivatives for. Currently only for developer use.
name	An optional name used internally, for example in generated C++ code. Usually this is left blank and NIMBLE provides a name.
check	Boolean indicating whether to check the run code for function calls that NIMBLE cannot compile. Checking can be turned off for all calls to nimbleFunction using <code>nimbleOptions(checkNimbleFunction = FALSE)</code> .
where	An optional where argument passed to <code>setRefClass</code> for where the reference class definition generated for this nimbleFunction will be stored. This is needed due to R package namespace issues but should never need to be provided by a user.

Details

This is the main function for defining nimbleFunctions. A lot of information is provided in the NIMBLE User Manual, so only a brief summary will be given here.

If a setup function is provided, then `nimbleFunction` returns a generator: a function that when called with arguments for the setup function will execute that function and return a specialized nimbleFunction. The run and other methods can be called using `$` like in other R classes, e.g. `nf$run()`. The methods can use objects that were created in or passed to the setup function.

If no setup function is provided, then `nimbleFunction` returns a function that executes the run function. It is not a generator in this case, and no other methods can be provided.

If one wants a generator but does not need any setup arguments or code, `setup = TRUE` can be used.

See the NIMBLE User Manual for examples.

For more information about the `contains` argument, see the section on `nimbleFunctionLists`.

Author(s)

NIMBLE development team

`nimbleFunctionBase-class`
Class nimbleFunctionBase

Description

Classes used internally in NIMBLE and not expected to be called directly by users.

`nimbleFunctionList-class`
Create a list of nimbleFunctions

Description

Create an empty list of `nimbleFunctions` that all will inherit from a base class.

Details

See the User Manual for information about creating and populating a `nimbleFunctionList`.

Author(s)

NIMBLE development team

`nimbleFunctionVirtual` *create a virtual nimbleFunction, a base class for other nimbleFunctions*

Description

define argument types and returnType for the run function and any methods, to be used in the contains argument of nimbleFunction

Usage

```
nimbleFunctionVirtual(contains = NULL, run = function() { },  
  methods = list(), name = NA)
```

Arguments

contains	Not yet functional
run	A NIMBLE function that will only be used to inspect its argument types and returnType.
methods	An optional named list of NIMBLE functions that will also only be used for inspecting argument types and returnTypes.
name	An optional name used internally by the NIMBLE compiled. This is usually omitted and NIMBLE provides one.

Details

See the NIMBLE User Manual section on nimbleFunctionLists for explanation of how to use a virtual nimbleFunction.

Value

An object that can be passed as the contains argument to nimbleFunction or as the argument to nimbleFunctionList

Author(s)

NIMBLE development team

See Also

[nimbleFunction](#)

nimbleList	<i>create a nimbleList</i>
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Description

create a nimbleList from a nimbleList definition

Usage

```
nimbleList(..., name = NA, predefined = FALSE,  
           where = getNimbleFunctionEnvironment())
```

Arguments

...	arbitrary set of names and types for the elements of the list or a single R list of type nimbleType.
name	optional character providing a name used internally, for example in generated C++ code. Usually this is left blank and NIMBLE provides a name.
predefined	logical for internal use only.
where	optional argument passed to setRefClass for where the reference class definition generated for this nimbleFunction will be stored. This is needed due to R package namespace issues but should never need to be provided by a user.

Details

This function creates a definition for a nimbleList. The types argument defines the names, types, and dimensions of the elements of the nimbleList. Elements of nimbleLists can be either basic types (e.g., integer, double) or other nimbleList definitions. The types argument can be either a series of expressions of the form name = type(dim), or a list of [nimbleType](#) objects.

nimbleList returns a definition, which can be used to create instances of this type of nimbleList via the new() member function.

Definitions can be created in R's general environment or in nimbleFunction setup code. Instances can be created using the new() function in R's global environment, in nimbleFunction setup code, or in nimbleFunction run code.

Instances of nimbleList definitions can be used as arguments to run code of nimbleFunctions, and as the return type of nimbleFunctions.

Author(s)

NIMBLE development team

Examples

```
exampleNimListDef <- nimbleList(x = integer(0), Y = double(2))

nimbleListTypes <- list(nimbleType(name = 'x', type = 'integer', dim = 0),
                       nimbleType(name = 'Y', type = 'double', dim = 2))

## this nimbleList definition is identical to the one created above
exampleNimListDef <- nimbleList(nimbleListTypes)
```

nimbleModel

Create a NIMBLE model from BUGS code

Description

processes BUGS model code and optional constants, data, and initial values. Returns a NIMBLE model or model definition.

Usage

```
nimbleModel(code, constants = list(), data = list(), inits = list(),
            dimensions = list(), returnDef = FALSE, where = globalenv(),
            debug = FALSE, check = getNimbleOption("checkModel"), calculate = TRUE,
            name, userEnv = parent.frame())
```

Arguments

code	code for the model in the form returned by <code>nimbleCode</code> or (equivalently) quote
constants	named list of constants in the model. Constants cannot be subsequently modified. For compatibility with JAGS and BUGS, one can include data values with constants and <code>nimbleModel</code> will automatically distinguish them based on what appears on the left-hand side of expressions in code.
data	named list of values for the data nodes. Data values can be subsequently modified. Providing this argument also flags nodes as having data for purposes of algorithms that inspect model structure. Values that are NA will not be flagged as data.
inits	named list of starting values for model variables. Unlike JAGS, should only be a single list, not a list of lists.
dimensions	named list of dimensions for variables. Only needed for variables used with empty indices in model code that are not provided in constants or data.
returnDef	logical indicating whether the model should be returned (FALSE) or just the model definition (TRUE).
where	argument passed to <code>setRefClass</code> , indicating the environment in which the reference class definitions generated for the model and its <code>modelValues</code> should be created. This is needed for managing package namespace issues during package loading and does not normally need to be provided by a user.

debug	logical indicating whether to put the user in a browser for debugging. Intended for developer use.
check	logical indicating whether to check the model object for missing or invalid values. Default is given by the NIMBLE option 'checkModel', see help on nimbleOptions for details.
calculate	logical indicating whether to run calculate on the model after building it; this will calculate all deterministic nodes and logProbability values given the current state of all nodes. Default is TRUE. For large models, one might want to disable this, but note that deterministic nodes, including nodes introduced into the model by NIMBLE, may be NA.
name	optional character vector giving a name of the model for internal use. If omitted, a name will be provided.
userEnv	environment in which if-then-else statements in BUGS code will be evaluated if needed information not found in constants; intended primarily for internal use only

Details

See the User Manual or `help(modelBaseClass)` for information about manipulating NIMBLE models created by `nimbleModel`, including methods that operate on models, such as `getDependencies`.

The user may need to provide dimensions for certain variables as in some cases NIMBLE cannot automatically determine the dimensions and sizes of variables. See the User Manual for more information.

As noted above, one may lump together constants and data (as part of the constants argument (unlike R interfaces to JAGS and BUGS where they are provided as the data argument). One may not provide lumped constants and data as the data argument.

For variables that are a mixture of data nodes and non-data nodes, any values passed in via `inits` for components of the variable that are data will be ignored. All data values should be passed in through `data` (or `constants` as just discussed).

Author(s)

NIMBLE development team

Examples

```
code <- nimbleCode({
  x ~ dnorm(mu, sd = 1)
  mu ~ dnorm(0, sd = prior_sd)
})
constants = list(prior_sd = 1)
data = list(x = 4)
Rmodel <- nimbleModel(code, constants = constants, data = data)
```

nimbleOptions	<i>NIMBLE Options Settings</i>
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Description

Allow the user to set and examine a variety of global `_options_` that affect the way in which NIMBLE operates. Call `nimbleOptions()` with no arguments to see a list of available options.

Usage

```
nimbleOptions(...)
```

Arguments

... any options to be defined as one or more 'name = value' pairs. Options can also be passed by giving a single unnamed argument that is a named list.

Details

`nimbleOptions` mimics `options`. Invoking `nimbleOptions()` with no arguments returns a list with the current values of the options. To access the value of a single option, one should use `getNimbleOption()`.

Value

When invoked with no arguments, a list with the current values of all options.

Author(s)

Christopher Paciorek

Examples

```
nimbleOptions(verifyConjugatePosteriors = FALSE)
```

nimbleRcall	<i>EXPERIMENTAL Make an R function callable from compiled nimble-Functions (including nimbleModels).</i>
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Description

Normally compiled `nimbleFunctions` call other compiled `nimbleFunctions`. `nimbleRcall` enables any R function (with viable argument types and return values) to be called (and evaluated in R) from compiled `nimbleFunctions`.

Usage

```
nimbleRcall(prototype, returnType, Rfun, envir = .GlobalEnv)
```

Arguments

prototype	Argument type information for Rfun. This can be provided as an R function using <code>nimbleFunction</code> type declarations or as a list of <code>nimbleType</code> objects.
returnType	Return object type information. This can be provided similarly to <code>prototype</code> as either a <code>nimbleFunction</code> type declaration or as a <code>nimbleType</code> object. In the latter case, the name will be ignored. If there is no return value this should be <code>void()</code> .
Rfun	The name of an R function to be called from compiled <code>nimbleFunction</code> s.
envir	The environment where the <code>nimbleFunction</code> wrapping the call to Rfun should be created.

Details

This is an experimental feature. The `nimbleFunction` returned by `nimbleRcall` can be used in other `nimbleFunction`s. When called from a compiled `nimbleFunction` (including from a model), arguments will be copied according to the declared types, the function named by Rfun will be called, and the returned object will be copied if necessary. The example below shows use of an R function in a compiled `nimbleModel`.

A `nimbleFunction` returned by `nimbleRcall` can only be used in a compiled `nimbleFunction`. Rfun itself should work in an uncompiled `nimbleFunction`.

Value

A `nimbleFunction` that wraps a call to Rfun with type-declared arguments and return object.

Author(s)

Perry de Valpine

See Also

[nimbleExternalCall](#) for calling externally provided C (or other) compiled code.

Examples

```
## Not run:
## Say we want an R function that adds 2 to every value in a vector
add2 <- function(x) {
  x + 2
}
Radd2 <- nimbleRcall(function(x = double(1)){}, Rfun = 'add2',
returnType = double(1), envir = .GlobalEnv)
demoCode <- nimbleCode({
  for(i in 1:4) {x[i] ~ dnorm(0,1)}
  z[1:4] <- Radd2(x[1:4])
})
```

```

})
demoModel <- nimbleModel(demoCode, inits = list(x = rnorm(4)),
  check = FALSE, calculate = FALSE)
CdemoModel <- compileNimble(demoModel)

## End(Not run)

```

nimbleType-class *create a nimbleType object*

Description

Create a `nimbleType` object, with information on the name, type, and dimension of an object to be placed in a `nimbleList`.

Arguments

name	The name of the object, given as a character string.
type	The type of the object, given as a character string.
dim	The dimension of the object, given as an integer. This can be left blank if the object is a <code>nimbleList</code> .

Details

This function creates `nimbleType` objects, which can be used to define the elements of a `nimbleList`.

The `type` argument can be chosen from among `character`, `double`, `integer`, and `logical`, or can be the name of a previously created `nimbleList` definition.

See the NIMBLE User Manual for additional examples.

Author(s)

NIMBLE development team

Examples

```

nimbleTypeList <- list()
nimbleTypeList[[1]] <- nimbleType(name = 'x', type = 'integer', dim = 0)
nimbleTypeList[[2]] <- nimbleType(name = 'Y', type = 'double', dim = 2)

```

nimCat	<i>cat function for use in nimbleFunctions</i>
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Description

cat function for use in nimbleFunctions

Usage

```
nimCat(...)
```

Arguments

... an arbitrary set of arguments that will be printed in sequence.

Details

cat in nimbleFunction run-code imitates the R function `cat`. It prints its arguments in order. No newline is inserted, so include `"\n"` if one is desired.

When an uncompiled nimbleFunction is executed, R's cat is used. In a compiled nimbleFunction, a C++ output stream is used that will generally format output similarly to R's cat. Non-scalar numeric objects can be included, although their output will be formatted slightly different in uncompiled and compiled nimbleFunctions.

In nimbleFunction run-time code, cat is identical to print except the latter appends a newline at the end.

nimCat is the same as cat, and the latter is converted to the former when a nimbleFunction is defined.

See Also

[print](#)

Examples

```
ans <- matrix(1:4, nrow = 2) ## R code, not NIMBLE code
nimCat('Answer is ', ans) ## would work in R or NIMBLE
```

nimCopy

*Copying function for NIMBLE***Description**

Copies values from a NIMBLE model or modelValues object to another NIMBLE model or modelValues. Work in R and NIMBLE. The NIMBLE keyword copy is identical to nimCopy

Usage

```
nimCopy(from, to, nodes = NULL, nodesTo = NULL, row = NA, rowTo = NA,
        logProb = FALSE)
```

Arguments

from	Either a NIMBLE model or modelValues object
to	Either a NIMBLE model or modelValues object
nodes	The nodes of object from which will be copied from
nodesTo	The nodes of object to which will be copied to. If nodesTo == NA, will automatically be set to nodes
row	If from is a modelValues, the row which will be copied from
rowTo	If to is a modelValues, the row which will be copied to. If rowTo == NA, will automatically be set to row
logProb	A logical value indicating whether the log probabilities of the given nodes should also be copied (i.e. if nodes = 'x' and logProb = TRUE, then both 'x' and 'logProb_x' will be copied)

Details

See the User Manual for more details

Author(s)

Clifford Anderson-Bergman

Examples

```
# Building model and modelValues object
simpleModelCode <- nimbleCode({
  for(i in 1:100)
  x[i] ~ dnorm(0,1)
})
rModel <- nimbleModel(simpleModelCode)
rModelValues <- modelValues(rModel)

#Setting model nodes
```

```

rModel$x <- rnorm(100)
#Using nimCopy in R.
nimCopy(from = rModel, to = rModelValues, nodes = 'x', rowTo = 1)

#Use of nimCopy in a simple nimbleFunction
cCopyGen <- nimbleFunction(
  setup = function(model, modelValues, nodeNames){},
  run = function(){
    nimCopy(from = model, to = modelValues, nodes = nodeNames, rowTo = 1)
  }
)

rCopy <- cCopyGen(rModel, rModelValues, 'x')
## Not run:
cModel <- compileNimble(rModel)
cCopy <- compileNimble(rCopy, project = rModel)
cModel[['x']] <- rnorm(100)

cCopy$run() ## execute the copy with the compiled function

## End(Not run)

```

nimDerivs

Nimble Derivatives

Description

EXPERIMENTAL Computes the value, gradient, and Hessian of a given nimbleFunction method. The R version is currently unimplemented.

Usage

```
nimDerivs(nimFxn = NA, order = nimC(0, 1, 2))
```

Arguments

nimFxn	a call to a nimbleFunction method with arguments included.
order	an integer vector with values within the set 0, 1, 2, corresponding to whether the function value, gradient, and Hessian should be returned respectively.

nimDim	<i>return sizes of an object whether it is a vector, matrix or array</i>
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Description

R's regular `dim` function returns `NULL` for a vector. It is useful to have this function that treats a vector similarly to a matrix or array. Works in R and NIMBLE. In NIMBLE `dim` is identical to `nimDim`, not to R's `dim`

Usage

```
nimDim(obj)
```

Arguments

`obj` objects for which the sizes are requested

Value

a vector of sizes in each dimension

Author(s)

NIMBLE development team

Examples

```
x <- rnorm(4)
dim(x)
nimDim(x)
y <- matrix(x, nrow = 2)
dim(y)
nimDim(y)
```

nimEigen	<i>Spectral Decomposition of a Matrix</i>
----------	---

Description

Computes eigenvalues and eigenvectors of a numeric matrix.

Usage

```
nimEigen(x, only.values = FALSE)
```

Arguments

- | | |
|-------------|---|
| x | a symmetric numeric matrix (double or integer) whose spectral decomposition is to be computed. |
| only.values | if TRUE, only the eigenvalues are computed, otherwise both eigenvalues and eigenvectors are computed; default is FALSE. |

Details

Computes the spectral decomposition of a symmetric numeric matrix using the Eigen C++ template library. Unlike the `eigen` function in base R, `nimEigen` only works for symmetric matrices. In a `nimbleFunction`, `eigen` is identical to `nimEigen`.

Additionally, `returnType(eigenNimbleList())` can be used within a `link{nimbleFunction}` to specify that the function will return a `nimbleList` generated by the `nimEigen` function. `eigenNimbleList()` can also be used to define a nested `nimbleList` element. See the User Manual for usage examples.

Value

The spectral decomposition of `x` is returned as a `nimbleList` with elements:

- values vector containing the eigenvalues of `x`, sorted in decreasing order. Since `x` is required to be symmetric, all eigenvalues will be real numbers.
- vectors. matrix with columns containing the eigenvectors of `x`, or an empty matrix if `only.values` is TRUE.

Author(s)

NIMBLE development team

See Also

[nimSvd](#) for singular value decompositions in NIMBLE.

Examples

```
eigenvaluesDemoFunction <- nimbleFunction(
  setup = function(){
    demoMatrix <- diag(4) + 2
  },
  run = function(){
    eigenvalues <- eigen(demoMatrix)$values
    returnType(double(1))
    return(eigenvalues)
  })
```

nimMatrix

Creates matrix or array objects for use in nimbleFunctions

Description

In a nimbleFunction, `matrix` and `array` are identical to `nimMatrix` and `nimArray`, respectively

Usage

```
nimMatrix(value = 0, nrow = NA, ncol = NA, init = TRUE,
          fillZeros = TRUE, recycle = TRUE, type = "double")
```

```
nimArray(value = 0, dim = c(1, 1), init = TRUE, fillZeros = TRUE,
         recycle = TRUE, nDim, type = "double")
```

Arguments

<code>value</code>	value(s) for initialization (default = 0). This can be a vector, matrix or array, but it will be used as a vector.
<code>nrow</code>	the number of rows in a matrix (default = 1)
<code>ncol</code>	the number of columns in a matrix (default = 1)
<code>init</code>	logical, whether to initialize values (default = TRUE)
<code>fillZeros</code>	logical, whether to initialize any elements not filled by (possibly recycled) value with 0 (or FALSE for <code>nimLogical</code>) (default = TRUE)
<code>recycle</code>	logical, whether value should be recycled to fill the entire contents of the new object (default = TRUE)
<code>type</code>	character representing the data type, i.e. 'double', 'integer', or 'logical' (default = 'double')
<code>dim</code>	vector of dimension sizes in an array (default = <code>c(1, 1)</code>)
<code>nDim</code>	number of dimensions in an array. This is only necessary for <code>compileNimble</code> if the length of <code>dim</code> cannot be determined during compilation.

Details

These functions are similar to R's `matrix` and `array` functions, but they can be used in a `nimbleFunction` and compiled using `compileNimble`. Largely for compilation purposes, finer control is provided over initialization behavior, similarly to `nimNumeric`, `nimInteger`, and `nimLogical`. If `init = FALSE`, no initialization will be done, and `value`, `fillZeros` and `recycle` will be ignored. If `init=TRUE` and `recycle=TRUE`, then `fillZeros` will be ignored, and `value` will be repeated (according to R's recycling rule) as much as necessary to fill the object. If `init=TRUE` and `recycle=FALSE`, then if `fillZeros=TRUE`, values of 0 (or FALSE for `nimLogical`) will be filled in after `value`. Compiled code will be more efficient if unnecessary initialization is not done, but this may or may not be noticeable depending on the situation.

When used in a `nimbleFunction` (in `run` or other member function), `matrix` and `array` are immediately converted to `nimMatrix` and `nimArray`, respectively.

The `nDim` argument is only necessary for a use like `dim <- c(2, 3, 4); A <- nimArray(0, dim = dim, nDim = 3)`. It is necessary because the NIMBLE compiler must determine during compilation that `A` will be a 3-dimensional numeric array. However, the compiler doesn't know for sure what the length of `dim` will be at run time, only that it is a vector. On the other hand, `A <- nimArray(0, dim = c(2, 3, 4))` is allowed because the compiler can directly determine that a vector of length three is constructed inline for the `dim` argument.

Author(s)

Daniel Turek and Perry de Valpine

See Also

[nimNumeric](#) [nimInteger](#) [nimLogical](#)

nimNumeric	<i>Creates numeric, integer or logical vectors for use in nimbleFunctions</i>
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Description

In a `nimbleFunction`, `numeric`, `integer` and `logical` are identical to `nimNumeric`, `nimInteger` and `nimLogical`, respectively.

Usage

```
nimNumeric(length = 0, value = 0, init = TRUE, fillZeros = TRUE,
           recycle = TRUE)
```

```
nimInteger(length = 0, value = 0, init = TRUE, fillZeros = TRUE,
           recycle = TRUE)
```

```
nimLogical(length = 0, value = 0, init = TRUE, fillZeros = TRUE,
           recycle = TRUE)
```

Arguments

<code>length</code>	the length of the vector (default = 0)
<code>value</code>	value(s) for initializing the vector (default = 0). This may be a vector, matrix or array but will be used as a vector.
<code>init</code>	logical, whether to initialize elements of the vector (default = TRUE)
<code>fillZeros</code>	logical, whether to initialize any elements not filled by (possibly recycled) value with 0 (or FALSE for <code>nimLogical</code>) (default = TRUE)
<code>recycle</code>	logical, whether <code>value</code> should be recycled to fill the entire length of the new vector (default = TRUE)

Details

These functions are similar to R's `numeric`, `integer`, `logical` functions, but they can be used in a `nimbleFunction` and then compiled using `compileNimble`. Largely for compilation purposes, finer control is provided over initialization behavior. If `init = FALSE`, no initialization will be done, and `value`, `fillZeros` and `recycle` will be ignored. If `init=TRUE` and `recycle=TRUE`, then `fillZeros` will be ignored, and `value` will be repeated (according to R's recycling rule) as much as necessary to fill a vector of length `length`. If `init=TRUE` and `recycle=FALSE`, then if `fillZeros=TRUE`, values of 0 (or `FALSE` for `nimLogical`) will be filled in after `value` up to length `length`. Compiled code will be more efficient if unnecessary initialization is not done, but this may or may not be noticeable depending on the situation.

When used in a `nimbleFunction` (in `run` or other member function), `numeric`, `integer` and `logical` are immediately converted to `nimNumeric`, `nimInteger` and `nimLogical`, respectively.

Author(s)

Daniel Turek, Chris Paciorek, Perry de Valpine

See Also

[nimMatrix](#), [nimArray](#)

nimOptim

Nimble wrapper around R's builtin [optim](#).

Description

Nimble wrapper around R's builtin [optim](#).

Usage

```
nimOptim(par, fn, gr = "NULL", ..., method = "Nelder-Mead", lower = -Inf,
         upper = Inf, control = nimOptimDefaultControl(), hessian = FALSE)
```

Arguments

<code>par</code>	Initial values for the parameters to be optimized over.
<code>fn</code>	A function to be minimized (or maximized), with first argument the vector of parameters over which minimization is to take place. It should return a scalar result.
<code>gr</code>	A function to return the gradient for the "BFGS", "CG" and "L-BFGS-B" methods.
<code>...</code>	IGNORED
<code>method</code>	The method to be used. See 'Details' section of optim . One of: "Nelder-Mead", "BFGS", "CG", "L-BFGS-B". Note that the R methods "SANN", "Brent" are not supported.

lower	Vector or scalar of lower bounds for parameters.
upper	Vector or scalar of upper bounds for parameters.
control	A list of control parameters. See Details section of optim .
hessian	Logical. Should a Hessian matrix be returned?

Value

[optimResultNimbleList](#)

See Also

[optim](#)

`nimOptimDefaultControl`

Creates a default control argument for [nimOptim](#).

Description

Creates a default control argument for [nimOptim](#).

Usage

`nimOptimDefaultControl()`

Value

[optimControlNimbleList](#)

See Also

[nimOptim](#), [optim](#)

`nimPrint`

print function for use in nimbleFunctions

Description

print function for use in nimbleFunctions

Usage

`nimPrint(...)`

Arguments

... an arbitrary set of arguments that will be printed in sequence.

Details

The keyword `print` in `nimbleFunction` run-time code will be automatically turned into `nimPrint`. This is a function that prints its arguments in order using `cat` in R, or using `std::cout` in C++ code generated by compiling `nimbleFunctions`. Non-scalar numeric objects can be included, although their output will be formatted slightly different in uncompiled and compiled `nimbleFunctions`.

See Also

[cat](#)

Examples

```
ans <- matrix(1:4, nrow = 2) ## R code, not NIMBLE code
nimPrint('Answer is ', ans) ## would work in R or NIMBLE
```

`nimStop`

Halt execution of a nimbleFunction function method. Part of the NIMBLE language

Description

Halt execution of a `nimbleFunction` function method. Part of the NIMBLE language

Usage

```
nimStop(msg)
```

Arguments

`msg` Character object to be output as an error message

Details

The NIMBLE `stop` is similar to the native R `stop`, but it takes only one argument, the error message to be output. During uncompiled NIMBLE execution, `nimStop` simply calls R's `stop` function. During compiled execution it calls the `error` function from the R headers. `stop` is an alias for `nimStop` in the NIMBLE language

Author(s)

Perry de Valpine

nimSvd	<i>Singular Value Decomposition of a Matrix</i>
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Description

Computes singular values and, optionally, left and right singular vectors of a numeric matrix.

Usage

```
nimSvd(x, vectors = "full")
```

Arguments

x	a symmetric numeric matrix (double or integer) whose spectral decomposition is to be computed.
vectors	character that determines whether to calculate left and right singular vectors. Can take values 'none', 'thin' or 'full'. Defaults to 'full'. See details.

Details

Computes the singular value decomposition of a numeric matrix using the Eigen C++ template library.

The vectors character argument determines whether to compute no left and right singular vectors ('none'), thinned left and right singular vectors ('thin'), or full left and right singular vectors ('full'). For a matrix x with dimensions n and p, setting vectors = 'thin' will do the following (quoted from eigen website): In case of a rectangular n-by-p matrix, letting m be the smaller value among n and p, there are only m singular vectors; the remaining columns of U and V do not correspond to actual singular vectors. Asking for thin U or V means asking for only their m first columns to be formed. So U is then a n-by-m matrix, and V is then a p-by-m matrix. Notice that thin U and V are all you need for (least squares) solving.

Setting vectors = 'full' will compute full matrices for U and V, so that U will be of size n-by-n, and V will be of size p-by-p.

In a nimbleFunction, svd is identical to nimSvd.

returnType(svdNimbleList()) can be used within a link{nimbleFunction} to specify that the function will return a [nimbleList](#) generated by the nimSvd function. svdNimbleList() can also be used to define a nested [nimbleList](#) element. See the User Manual for usage examples.

Value

The singular value decomposition of x is returned as a [nimbleList](#) with elements:

- d length m vector containing the singular values of x, sorted in decreasing order.
- v matrix with columns containing the left singular vectors of x, or an empty matrix if vectors = 'none'.
- u matrix with columns containing the right singular vectors of x, or an empty matrix if vectors = 'none'.

Author(s)

NIMBLE development team

See Also

[nimEigen](#) for spectral decompositions.

Examples

```
singularValuesDemoFunction <- nimbleFunction(
  setup = function(){
    demoMatrix <- diag(4) + 2
  },
  run = function(){
    singularValues <- svd(demoMatrix)$d
    returnType(double(1))
    return(singularValues)
  })
```

nodeFunctions	<i>calculate, calculateDiff, simulate, or get the current log probabilities (densities) a set of nodes in a NIMBLE model</i>
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Description

calculate, calculateDiff, simulate, or get the current log probabilities (densities) of one or more nodes of a NIMBLE model and (for calculate and getLogProb) return the sum of their log probabilities (or densities). Part of R and NIMBLE.

Usage

```
calculate(model, nodes, nodeFxnVector, nodeFunctionIndex)
```

```
calculateDiff(model, nodes, nodeFxnVector, nodeFunctionIndex)
```

```
getLogProb(model, nodes, nodeFxnVector, nodeFunctionIndex)
```

```
simulate(model, nodes, includeData = FALSE, nodeFxnVector, nodeFunctionIndex)
```

Arguments

model	A NIMBLE model, either the compiled or uncompiled version
nodes	A character vector of node names, with index blocks allowed, such as 'x', 'y[2]', or 'z[1:3, 2:4]'
nodeFxnVector	An optional vector of nodeFunctions on which to operate, in lieu of model and nodes

nodeFunctionIndex	For internal NIMBLE use only
includeData	A logical argument specifying whether data nodes should be simulated into (only relevant for <code>simulate</code>)

Details

These functions expands the nodes and then process them in the model in the order provided. Expanding nodes means turning `'y[1:2]'` into `c('y[1]','y[2]')` if `y` is a vector of scalar nodes. Calculation is defined for a stochastic node as executing the log probability (density) calculation and for a deterministic node as calculating whatever function was provided on the right-hand side of the model declaration.

Difference calculation (`calculateDiff`) executes the operation(s) on the model as `calculate`, but it returns the sum of the difference between the new log probabilities and the previous ones.

Simulation is defined for a stochastic node as drawing a random value from its distribution, and for deterministic node as equivalent to `calculate`.

`getLogProb` collects and returns the sum of the log probabilities of nodes, using the log probability values currently stored in the model (as generated from the most recent call to `calculate` on each node)

These functions can be used from R or in NIMBLE run-time functions that will be compiled. When executed in R (including when an uncompiled `nimbleFunction` is executed), they can be slow because the nodes are expanded each time. When compiled in NIMBLE, the nodes are expanded only once during compilation, so execution will be much faster.

It is common to want the nodes to be provided in topologically sorted order, so that they will be calculated or simulated following the order of the model graph. Functions such as `model$getDependencies(nodes, ...)` return nodes in topologically sorted order. They can be directly sorted by `model$topologicallySortNodes(nodes)`, but if so it is a good idea to expand names first by `model$topologicallySortNodes(model$expandNodeNames(nodes))`

Value

`calculate` and `getLogProb` return the sum of the log probabilities (densities) of the calculated nodes, with a contribution of 0 from any deterministic nodes

`calculateDiff` returns the sum of the difference between the new and old log probabilities (densities) of the calculated nodes, with a contribution of 0 from any deterministic nodes.

`simulate` returns `NULL`.

Author(s)

NIMBLE development team

optimControlNimbleList

EXPERIMENTAL Data type for the control parameter of [nimOptim](#)

Description

[nimbleList](#) definition for the type of [nimbleList](#) input as the control parameter to [nimOptim](#). See [optim](#) for details.

Usage

optimControlNimbleList

Format

An object of class list of length 1.

See Also

[optim](#), [nimOptim](#)

optimDefaultControl *Creates a default control argument for [optim](#) (just an empty list).*

Description

Creates a default control argument for [optim](#) (just an empty list).

Usage

optimDefaultControl()

Value

an empty list.

See Also

[nimOptim](#), [optim](#)

optimResultNimbleList *EXPERIMENTAL* Data type for the return value of [nimOptim](#)

Description

[nimbleList](#) definition for the type of [nimbleList](#) returned by [nimOptim](#).

Usage

```
optimResultNimbleList
```

Format

An object of class `list` of length 1.

Fields

`par` The best set of parameters found.

`value` The value of `fn` corresponding to `par`.

`counts` A two-element integer vector giving the number of calls to `fn` and `gr` respectively.

`convergence` An integer code. 0 indicates successful completion. Possible error codes are 1 indicates that the iteration limit `maxit` had been reached. 10 indicates degeneracy of the Nelder-Mead simplex. 51 indicates a warning from the "L-BFGS-B" method; see component message for further details. 52 indicates an error from the "L-BFGS-B" method; see component message for further details.

`message` A character string giving any additional information returned by the optimizer, or `NULL`.

`hessian` Only if argument `hessian` is true. A symmetric matrix giving an estimate of the Hessian at the solution found.

See Also

[optim](#), [nimOptim](#)

`rankSample` *Generates a weighted sample (with replacement) of ranks*

Description

Takes a set of non-negative weights (do not need to sum to 1) and returns a sample with size elements of the integers `1:length(weights)`, where the probability of being sampled is proportional to the value of `weights`. An important note is that the output vector will be sorted in ascending order. Also, right now it works slightly odd syntax (see example below). Later releases of NIMBLE will contain more natural syntax.

Usage

```
rankSample(weights, size, output, silent = FALSE)
```

Arguments

weights	A vector of numeric weights. Does not need to sum to 1, but must be non-negative
size	Size of sample
output	An R object into which the values will be placed. See example below for proper use
silent	Logical indicating whether to suppress logging information

Details

If invalid weights provided (i.e. negative weights or weights sum to 1), sets `output = rep(1, size)` and prints warning. `rankSample` can be used inside nimble functions.

`rankSample` first samples from the joint distribution size uniform(0,1) distributions by conditionally sampling from the rank statistics. This leads to a sorted sample of uniform(0,1)'s. Then, a cdf vector is constructed from weights. Because the sample of uniforms is sorted, `rankSample` walks down the cdf in linear time and fills out the sample.

Author(s)

Clifford Anderson-Bergman

Examples

```
set.seed(1)
sampInts = NA #sampled integers will be placed in sampInts
rankSample(weights = c(1, 1, 2), size = 10, sampInts)
sampInts
# [1] 1 1 2 2 2 2 2 3 3 3
rankSample(weights = c(1, 1, 2), size = 10000, sampInts)
table(sampInts)
#sampInts
#  1    2    3
#2434 2492 5074

#Used in a nimbleFunction
sampGen <- nimbleFunction(setup = function(){
  x = 1:2
},
run = function(weights = double(1), k = integer() ){
  rankSample(weights, k, x)
  returnType(integer(1))
  return(x)
})
rSamp <- sampGen()
rSamp$run(1:4, 5)
#[1] 3 3 4 4 4
```

readBUGSmodel	<i>Create a NIMBLE BUGS model from a variety of input formats, including BUGS model files</i>
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Description

readBUGSmodel processes inputs providing the model and values for constants, data, initial values of the model in a variety of forms, returning a NIMBLE BUGS R model

Usage

```
readBUGSmodel(model, data = NULL, inits = NULL, dir = NULL,
  useInits = TRUE, debug = FALSE, returnComponents = FALSE,
  check = getNimbleOption("checkModel"), calculate = TRUE)
```

Arguments

model	one of (1) a character string giving the file name containing the BUGS model code, with relative or absolute path, (2) an R function whose body is the BUGS model code, or (3) the output of nimbleCode. If a file name, the file can contain a 'var' block and 'data' block in the manner of the JAGS versions of the BUGS examples but should not contain references to other input data files nor a const block. The '.bug' or '.txt' extension can be excluded.
data	(optional) (1) character string giving the file name for an R file providing the input constants and data as R code [assigning individual objects or as a named list], with relative or absolute path, or (2) a named list providing the input constants and data. If neither is provided, the function will look for a file named 'name_of_model-data' including extensions .R, .r, or .txt.
inits	(optional) (1) character string giving the file name for an R file providing starting values as R code [assigning individual objects or as a named list], with relative or absolute path, or (2) a named list providing the starting values. Unlike JAGS, this should provide a single set of starting values, and therefore if provided as a list should be a simple list and not a list of lists.
dir	(optional) character string giving the directory where the (optional) files are located
useInits	boolean indicating whether to set the initial values, either based on inits or by finding the '-inits' file corresponding to the input model file
debug	logical indicating whether to put the user in a browser for debugging when readBUGSmodel calls nimbleModel. Intended for developer use.
returnComponents	logical indicating whether to return pieces of model object without building the model. Default is FALSE.
check	logical indicating whether to check the model object for missing or invalid values. Default is given by the NIMBLE option 'checkModel', see help on nimbleOptions for details.

`calculate` logical indicating whether to run `calculate` on the model after building it; this will calculate all deterministic nodes and `logProbability` values given the current state of all nodes. Default is `TRUE`. For large models, one might want to disable this, but note that deterministic nodes, including nodes introduced into the model by NIMBLE, may be NA.

Details

Note that `readBUGSmodel` should handle most common ways of providing information on a model as used in BUGS and JAGS but does not handle input model files that refer to additional files containing data. Please see the BUGS examples provided with JAGS (<http://sourceforge.net/projects/mcmc-jags/files/Examples/>) for examples of supported formats. Also, `readBUGSmodel` takes both constants and data via the 'data' argument, unlike `nimbleModel`, in which these are distinguished. The reason for allowing both to be given via 'data' is for backwards compatibility with the BUGS examples, in which constants and data are not distinguished.

Value

returns a NIMBLE BUGS R model

Author(s)

Christopher Paciorek

Examples

```
code <- nimbleCode({
  x ~ dnorm(mu, sd = 1)
  mu ~ dnorm(0, sd = prior_sd)
})
data = list(prior_sd = 1, x = 4)
model <- readBUGSmodel(code, data = data, inits = list(mu = 0))
model$x
model[['mu']]
model$calculate('x')
```

`registerDistributions` *Add user-supplied distributions for use in NIMBLE BUGS models*

Description

Register distributional information so that NIMBLE can process user-supplied distributions in BUGS model code

Usage

```
registerDistributions(distributionsInput, userEnv = parent.frame())
```

Arguments

distributionsInput	either a list or character vector specifying the user-supplied distributions. If a list, it should be a named list of lists in the form of that shown in <code>nimble:::distributionsInputList</code> with each list having required field <code>BUGSdist</code> and optional fields <code>Rdist</code> , <code>altParams</code> , <code>discrete</code> , <code>pqAvail</code> , <code>types</code> , and with the name of the list the same as that of the density function. Alternatively, simply a character vector providing the names of the density functions for the user-supplied distributions.
userEnv	environment in which to look for the <code>nimbleFunctions</code> that provide the distribution; this will generally not need to be set by the user as it will default to the environment from which this function was called.

Details

When `distributionsInput` is a list of lists, see below for more information on the structure of the list. When `distributionsInput` is a character vector, the distribution is assumed to be of standard form, with parameters assumed to be the arguments provided in the density `nimbleFunction`, no alternative parameterizations, and the distribution assumed to be continuous with range from minus infinity to infinity. The availability of distribution and quantile functions is inferred from whether appropriately-named functions exist in the global environment.

Finally, note that one no longer needs to explicitly call `registerDistributions` as it will be called automatically when the user-supplied distribution is used for the first time in BUGS code. However, if one wishes to provide alternative parameterizations, to provide a range, or to indicate a distribution is discrete, then one still must explicitly register the distribution using `registerDistributions` with the argument in the list format.

Format of the component lists when `distributionsInput` is a list of lists:

- `BUGSdist` a character string in the form of the density name (starting with 'd') followed by the names of the parameters in parentheses. When alternative parameterizations are given in `Rdist`, this should be an exhaustive list of the unique parameter names from all possible parameterizations, with the default parameters specified first.
- `Rdist` an optional character vector with one or more alternative specifications of the density; each alternative specification can be an alternative name for the density, a different ordering of the parameters, different parameter name(s), or an alternative parameterization. In the latter case, the character string in parentheses should provide a given reparameterization as comma-separated name = value pairs, one for each default parameter, where name is the name of the default parameter and value is a mathematical expression relating the default parameter to the alternative parameters or other default parameters. The default parameters should correspond to the input arguments of the `nimbleFunctions` provided as the density and random generation functions. The mathematical expression can use any of the math functions allowed in NIMBLE (see the User Manual) as well as user-supplied `nimbleFunctions` without setup code. The names of your `nimbleFunctions` for the distribution functions must match the function name in the `Rdist` entry (or if missing, the function name in the `BUGSdist` entry)
- `discrete` a optional logical indicating if the distribution is that of a discrete random variable. If not supplied, distribution is assumed to be for a continuous random variable.
- `pqAvail` an optional logical indicating if distribution (CDF) and quantile (inverse CDF) functions are provided as `nimbleFunctions`. These are required for one to be able to use truncated

versions of the distribution. Only applicable for univariate distributions. If not supplied, assumed to be FALSE.

- `altParams` a character vector of comma-separated 'name = value' pairs that provide the mathematical expressions relating non-canonical parameters to canonical parameters (canonical parameters are those passed as arguments to your distribution functions). These inverse functions are used for MCMC conjugacy calculations when a conjugate relationship is expressed in terms of non-default parameters (such as the precision for normal-normal conjugacy). If not supplied, the system will still function but with a possible loss of efficiency in certain algorithms.
- `types` a character vector of comma-separated 'name = input' pairs indicating the type and dimension of the random variable and parameters (including default and alternative parameters). 'input' should take the form 'double(d)' or 'integer(d)', where 'd' is 0 for scalars, 1 for vectors, 2 for matrices. Note that since NIMBLE uses doubles for numerical calculations and the default type is `double(0)`, one should generally use 'double' and one need only specify the type for non-scalars. 'name' should be either 'value' to indicate the random variable itself or the parameter name to indicate a given parameter.
- `range` a vector of two values giving the range of the distribution for possible use in future algorithms (not used currently). When the lower or upper limit involves a strict inequality (e.g., $x > 0$), you should simply treat it as a non-strict inequality ($x \geq 0$), and set the lower value to 0). Also we do not handle ranges that are functions of parameters, so simply use the smallest/largest possible values given the possible parameter values. If not supplied this is taken to be $(-\text{Inf}, \text{Inf})$.

Author(s)

Christopher Paciorek

Examples

```
dmyexp <- nimbleFunction(
  run = function(x = double(0), rate = double(0), log = integer(0)) {
    returnType(double(0))
    logProb <- log(rate) - x*rate
    if(log) {
      return(logProb)
    } else {
      return(exp(logProb))
    }
  })
rmyexp <- nimbleFunction(
  run = function(n = integer(0), rate = double(0)) {
    returnType(double(0))
    if(n != 1) nimPrint("rmyexp only allows n = 1; using n = 1.")
    dev <- runif(1, 0, 1)
    return(-log(1-dev) / rate)
  }
)
registerDistributions(list(
  dmyexp = list(
    BUGSdist = "dmyexp(rate, scale)",
```

```

        Rdist = "dmyexp(rate = 1/scale)",
        altParams = "scale = 1/rate",
        pqAvail = FALSE)))
code <- nimbleCode({
  y ~ dmyexp(rate = r)
  r ~ dunif(0, 100)
})
m <- nimbleModel(code, inits = list(r = 1), data = list(y = 2))
calculate(m, 'y')
m$r <- 2
calculate(m, 'y')
m$resetData()
simulate(m, 'y')
m$y

# alternatively, simply specify a character vector with the
# name of one or more 'd' functions
deregisterDistributions('dmyexp')
registerDistributions('dmyexp')

# or simply use in BUGS code without registration
deregisterDistributions('dmyexp')
m <- nimbleModel(code, inits = list(r = 1), data = list(y = 2))

# example of Dirichlet-multinomial registration to illustrate
# use of 'types' (note that registration is not actually needed
# in this case)
ddirchmulti <- nimbleFunction(
  run = function(x = double(1), alpha = double(1), size = double(0),
    log = integer(0, default = 0)) {
    returnType(double(0))
    logProb <- lgamma(size) - sum(lgamma(x)) + lgamma(sum(alpha)) -
      sum(lgamma(alpha)) + sum(lgamma(alpha + x)) - lgamma(sum(alpha) +
        size)
    if(log) return(logProb)
    else return(exp(logProb))
  })

rdirchmulti <- nimbleFunction(
  run = function(n = integer(0), alpha = double(1), size = double(0)) {
    returnType(double(1))
    if(n != 1) print("rdirchmulti only allows n = 1; using n = 1.")
    p <- rdirch(1, alpha)
    return(rmulti(1, size = size, prob = p))
  })

registerDistributions(list(
  ddirchmulti = list(
    BUGSdist = "ddirchmulti(alpha, size)",
    types = c('value = double(1)', 'alpha = double(1)')
  )
))

```

```
rename_MCMC_comparison_method
```

Rename a method in an object returned by compareMCMCs

Description

Switches one label for a new one in the timing, efficiency, summary, and samples (if present) elements of a compareMCMCs result.

Usage

```
rename_MCMC_comparison_method(oldname, newname, comparison)
```

Arguments

oldname	(character) Existing name for the method (which would have been determined from inputs to compareMCMCs).
newname	(character) New name for the method
comparison	An object returned by compareMCMCs .

Details

One of the main purposes of renaming a method is that the method names are used in html results generated by [make_MCMC_comparison_pages](#).

Value

An object in the same format as comparison.

See Also

[compareMCMCs](#), [codecombine_MCMC_comparison_results](#), [make_MCMC_comparison_pages](#), [reshape_comparison_resul](#)

```
reshape_comparison_results
```

Convert comparison results to a more general format

Description

Useful for making new kinds of figures or other needs

Usage

```
reshape_comparison_results(oneComparisonResult, includeVars = TRUE,
  includeEfficiency = TRUE, includeTiming = TRUE)
```


Arguments

- `oneComparisonResult`
An object returned by `compareMCMCs` (or `combine_MCMC_comparison_results` or `rename_MCMC_comparison_method`).
- `includeVars` (default TRUE): whether to include the summary elements for each variable
- `includeEfficiency`
(default TRUE): whether to include the efficiency for each variable
- `includeTiming` (default TRUE): whether to include the timing for each variable (which is the same for all variables from the same MCMC method)

Details

This is used internally by `make_MCMC_comparison_pages` but could also be useful to users who want to do their own thing with results from `compareMCMCs`.

Value

A data frame with the content from `oneComparisonResult` reshaped

<code>resize</code>	<i>Resizes a <code>modelValues</code> object</i>
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Description

Adds or removes rows to a `modelValues` object. If rows are added to a `modelValues` object, the default values are NA. Works in both R and NIMBLE.

Usage

```
resize(container, k)
```

Arguments

- `container` `modelValues` object
- `k` number of rows that `modelValues` is set to

Details

See the User Manual or `help(modelValuesBaseClass)` for information about `modelValues` objects

Author(s)

Clifford Anderson-Bergman

Examples

```

mvConf <- modelValuesConf(vars = c('a', 'b'),
                          types = c('double', 'double'),
                          sizes = list(a = 1, b = c(2,2) ) )
mv <- modelValues(mvConf)
as.matrix(mv)
resize(mv, 3)
as.matrix(mv)

```

Rmatrix2mvOneVar *Set values of one variable of a modelValues object from an R matrix*

Description

Normally a modelValues object is accessed one "row" at a time. This function allows all rows for one variable to set from a matrix with one dimension more than the variable to be set.

Usage

```
Rmatrix2mvOneVar(mat, mv, varName, k)
```

Arguments

mat	Input matrix
mv	modelValues object to be modified.
varName	Character string giving the name of the variable on mv to be set
k	Number of rows to use

Details

This function may be deprecated in the future when a more natural system for interacting with modelValues objects is developed.

RmodelBaseClass-class *Class RmodelBaseClass*

Description

Classes used internally in NIMBLE and not expected to be called directly by users.

run.time	<i>Time execution of NIMBLE code</i>
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Description

Time execution of NIMBLE code

Usage

```
run.time(code)
```

Arguments

code code to be timed

Details

Function for use in nimbleFunction run code; when nimbleFunctions are run in R, this simply wraps system.time.

Author(s)

NIMBLE Development Team

runMCMC	<i>Run one or more chains of an MCMC algorithm and extract samples</i>
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Description

Takes as input an MCMC algorithm (ideally a compiled one for speed) and runs the MCMC with one or more chains, automatically extracting the samples.

Usage

```
runMCMC(mcmc, niter = 10000, nburnin = 0, nchains = 1, inits,  
      setSeed = FALSE, progressBar = TRUE, silent = FALSE,  
      returnCodaMCMC = FALSE)
```

Arguments

<code>mcmc</code>	A NIMBLE MCMC algorithm. See details.
<code>niter</code>	Number of iterations to run each MCMC chain (default = 10000).
<code>nburnin</code>	Number of initial samples to discard from each MCMC chain (default = 0).
<code>nchains</code>	Number of MCMC chains to run (default = 1).
<code>inits</code>	Optional argument to specify initial values for each chain. See details.
<code>setSeed</code>	Logical argument. If TRUE, then R's random number seed is set to <code>i</code> (using <code>set.seed(i)</code>) at the onset of each MCMC chain number <code>i</code> (default = FALSE).
<code>progressBar</code>	Logical argument. If TRUE, an MCMC progress bar is displayed during execution of each MCMC chain (default = TRUE).
<code>silent</code>	Logical argument. If TRUE, then all output is suppressed during execution. This overrides the <code>progressBar</code> argument (default = FALSE).
<code>returnCodaMCMC</code>	Logical argument. If TRUE, then a coda <code>mcmc</code> object is returned instead of an R matrix of samples, or when <code>nchains > 1</code> a coda <code>mcmc.list</code> object is returned containing <code>nchains</code> <code>mcmc</code> objects (default = FALSE).

Details

The `mcmc` argument can be a compiled or uncompiled NIMBLE MCMC algorithm, which is generated using `buildMCMC`. Using a compiled algorithm will give substantially faster execution.

If provided, the `inits` argument can be one of three things: (1) a function to generate initial values, which will be executed to generate initial values at the beginning of each MCMC chain, (2) a single named list of initial values which, will be used for each chain, or (3) a list of length `nchains`, each element being a named list of initial values which be used for one MCMC chain. The `inits` argument may also be omitted, in which case the current values in the `model` object will be used as the initial values of the first chain, and subsequent chains will begin using starting values where the previous chain ended.

Other aspects of the MCMC algorithm, such as sampler assignments and thinning, must be specified in advance using the MCMC configuration object (created using `configureMCMC`), which is then used to build the MCMC algorithm (using `buildMCMC`) argument.

The `niter` argument specifies the number of pre-thinning MCMC iterations, and the `nburnin` argument will remove post-thinning samples.

The MCMC option `mcmc$run(..., reset = FALSE)`, used to continue execution of an MCMC chain, is not available through `runMCMC()`.

Value

When `nchains = 1`, a matrix of MCMC samples. When `nchains > 1`, a list of length `nchains`, where each list element is a matrix of MCMC samples. If `returnCodaMCMC = TRUE`, then a coda `mcmc` or `mcmc.list` object is returned instead.

Author(s)

Daniel Turek

See Also

[configureMCMC](#) [buildMCMC](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
code <- nimbleCode({
  mu ~ dnorm(0, sd = 1000)
  sigma ~ dunif(0, 1000)
  for(i in 1:10) {
    x[i] ~ dnorm(mu, sd = sigma)
  }
})
Rmodel <- nimbleModel(code)
Rmodel$setData(list(x = c(2, 5, 3, 4, 1, 0, 1, 3, 5, 3)))
Rmcmc <- buildMCMC(Rmodel)
Cmodel <- compileNimble(Rmodel)
Cmcmc <- compileNimble(Rmcmc, project = Rmodel)
inits <- function() list(mu = rnorm(1,0,1), sigma = runif(1,0,10))
samplesList <- runMCMC(Cmcmc, niter = 10000, nchains = 3, inits = inits)

## End(Not run)
```

samplerAssignmentRules-class

Class samplerAssignmentRules

Description

Objects of this class specify an ordered set of rules for assigning MCMC sampling algorithms to the stochastic nodes in a BUGS model. This feature can be enabled by setting the NIMBLE option `MCMCuseSamplerAssignmentRules` to `TRUE`. The rules can be modified to alter under what circumstances various samplers are assigned, and with what precedence. When assigning samplers to each stochastic node, the set of rules is traversed beginning with the first, until a matching rule is found. When a matching rule is found, the sampler specified by that rule is assigned (or general code for sampler assignment is executed), and the assignment process proceeds to the next stochastic node. That is, a maximum of one rule can be invoked for each stochastic node. If no matching rule is found, an (optional) warning is issued and no sampler is assigned. Objects of this class may be passed using the `rules` argument to [configureMCMC](#) to customize the sampler assignment process. See documentation below for method `initialize()` for details of creating a `samplerAssignmentRules` object, and methods `addRule()` and `reorder()` for adding and modifying the sampler assignment rules. The default behaviour of `configureMCMC` can be modified by setting the nimble option `\MCMCsamplerAssignmentRules\` to a customized `samplerAssignmentRules` object. The default behaviour of `configureMCMC` can be restored using `nimbleOptions(MCMCdefaultSamplerAssignmentRules = samplerAssignmentRules())`.

Methods

`addRule(condition, sampler, position, name, print = FALSE)` Add a new rule for assigning sampler(s) to the `samplerAssignmentRules` object. A rule consists of two parts: (1) a 'condition' which determines when the rule is invoked, and (2) a 'sampler' which governs the assignment of sampler(s) when the rule is invoked. New rules can be inserted at an arbitrary position in the ordered set of rules.

Arguments:

`condition`: The 'condition' argument must be a quoted R expression object, which will be evaluated and interpreted as a logical to control whether or not the rule is invoked. The condition will be evaluated in an environment which contains the BUGS 'model' object, the 'node' name to which the rules (and hence the sampler assignment process) are being applied, and other sampler assignment related arguments of `configureMCMC()` (e.g., 'useConjugacy' and 'multivariateNodesAsScalars'). Thus, the condition expression may involve these names, as well as methods of BUGS model objects. Creating an R expression object will generally use the function `quote(...)`. For example: `addRule(condition = quote(model$isBinary(node)), ...)`. Model-specific rules for particular nodes could be specified as: `addRule(condition = quote(node == 'x' || node == 'y'), ...)`, or `addRule(condition = quote(grepl('^sigma', node)), ...)`. Rules for specific distributions can be created as: `addRule(condition = quote(model`

`sampler`: The 'sampler' argument controls the sampler assignment process, once a rule is invoked (i.e., the 'condition' evaluated to TRUE). The 'sampler' argument must take one of three different forms: (1) a character string giving the name of an MCMC nimbleFunction sampler, (2) an unspecialized nimbleFunction object which is a valid MCMC sampler, or (3) an arbitrary quoted R expression object, which will be executed to perform the sampler assignment process, and should generally make use of the method `addSampler()`. Example (1): `addRule(..., sampler = 'slice')`, for assigning a 'slice' sampler when the rule is invoked. Example (2): `addRule(..., sampler = my_sampler_nimbleFunction)`, for assigning the sampling algorithm defined in the object `my_sampler_nimbleFunction`. Note the same behaviour will result from: `addRule(..., sampler = 'my_sampler_nimbleFunction')`, which will be also more informative when the list of assignment rules is printed. Example (3): `addRule(..., sampler = quote(`

`position`: Index of the position to add the new rule. By default, new rules are added at the end of the current ordered set of rules (giving it the lowest priority in the sampler assignment process). Specifying a position inserts the new rule at that position, and does not over-write an existing rule.

`name`: Optional character string name for the sampler to be added, which is used by subsequent print methods. If 'name' is not provided, the 'sampler' argument is used to generate the name. Note, if the 'sampler' argument is provided as an R expression making use of the `addSampler` method, then the 'name' argument will not be passed on to the MCMC configuration object, and instead any call(s) to `addSampler` can explicitly make use of its own 'name' argument.

`print`: Logical argument (default = FALSE). If TRUE, the newly-added sampler assignment rule is printed.

`initialize(empty = FALSE, print = FALSE)` Creates a new `samplerAssignmentRules` object, which is a container for an ordered set of rules for MCMC sampler assignments. Objects of this class may be passed using the 'rules' argument to `configureMCMC()`, to customize the process of assigning samplers to stochastic model nodes. By default, new `samplerAssignmentRules` objects are initialized having an exact copy of the default sampler assignment rules used by NIMBLE, and can thereafter be modified using the `addRule()` and `reorder()` methods.

Arguments:

empty: Logical argument (default = FALSE). If TRUE, then a new samplerAssignmentRules object is created containing no rules. The default behaviour creates new objects containing an exact copy of the default sampler assignment rules used by NIMBLE.

print: Logical argument (default = FALSE). If TRUE, the ordered list of sampler assignment rules is printed.

printRules(ind) Prints the ordered set of sampler assignment rules.

Arguments:

ind: A set of indices, specifying which sampler assignment rules to print. If omitted, all rules are printed.

reorder(ind, print = FALSE) Reorder the current ordered list of sampler assignment rules. This method can be used to reorder the existing rules, as well as delete one or more rules.

Arguments:

ind: The indices of the current set of rules to keep. Assuming there are 10 rules, `reorder(1:5)` will remove the final five rules, `reorder(c(10,1:9))` will move the last (lowest priority) rule to the first position (highest priority), and `reorder(8)` deletes all rules except the eighth, making it the only (and hence first, highest priority) rule.

print: Logical argument (default = FALSE). If TRUE, the resulting ordered list of sampler assignment rules is printed.

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See Also

[configureMCMC](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
## enable the use of samplerAssignmentRules:
nimbleOptions(MCMCuseSamplerAssignmentRules = TRUE)

## omitting empty=TRUE creates a copy of nimble's default rules
my_rules <- samplerAssignmentRules(empty = TRUE)

my_rules$addRule(quote(model$isEndNode(node)), "posterior_predictive")
my_rules$addRule(quote(model$isDiscrete(node)), "my_new_discrete_sampler")
my_rules$addRule(TRUE, "RW") ## default catch-all sampler assignment

## print the ordered set of sampler assignment rules
my_rules$printRules()

## assign samplers according to my_rules object
conf <- configureMCMC(Rmodel, rules = my_rules)
conf$printSamplers()

## view the current (default) assignment rules used by configureMCMC()
```

```
nimbleOptions(MCMCdefaultSamplerAssignmentRules)

## change default behaviour of configureMCMC() to use my_rules
nimbleOptions(MCMCdefaultSamplerAssignmentRules = my_rules)

## reset configureMCMC() to use default rules
nimbleOptions(MCMCdefaultSamplerAssignmentRules = samplerAssignmentRules())

## End(Not run)
```

sampler_BASE

MCMC Sampling Algorithms

Description

Details of the MCMC sampling algorithms provided with the NIMBLE MCMC engine

Usage

```
sampler_BASE()

sampler_posterior_predictive(model, mvSaved, target, control)

sampler_binary(model, mvSaved, target, control)

sampler_categorical(model, mvSaved, target, control)

sampler_RW(model, mvSaved, target, control)

sampler_RW_block(model, mvSaved, target, control)

sampler_RW_llFunction(model, mvSaved, target, control)

sampler_slice(model, mvSaved, target, control)

sampler_ess(model, mvSaved, target, control)

sampler_AF_slice(model, mvSaved, target, control)

sampler_crossLevel(model, mvSaved, target, control)

sampler_RW_llFunction_block(model, mvSaved, target, control)

sampler_RW_PF(model, mvSaved, target, control)

sampler_RW_PF_block(model, mvSaved, target, control)

sampler_RW_multinomial(model, mvSaved, target, control)
```



```
sampler_RW_dirichlet(model, mvSaved, target, control)
```

```
sampler_CAR_normal(model, mvSaved, target, control)
```

Arguments

model	(uncompiled) model on which the MCMC is to be run
mvSaved	modelValues object to be used to store MCMC samples
target	node(s) on which the sampler will be used
control	named list that controls the precise behavior of the sampler, with elements specific to sampler type. The default values for control list are specified in the setup code of each sampling algorithm. Descriptions of each sampling algorithm, and the possible customizations for each sampler (using the control argument) appear below.

sampler_base

base class for new samplers

When you write a new sampler for use in a NIMBLE MCMC (see User Manual), you must include `contains = sampler_BASE`.

binary sampler

The binary sampler performs Gibbs sampling for binary-valued (discrete 0/1) nodes. This can only be used for nodes following either a `dbern(p)` or `dbinom(p, size=1)` distribution.

The binary sampler accepts no control list arguments.

RW sampler

The RW sampler executes adaptive Metropolis-Hastings sampling with a normal proposal distribution (Metropolis, 1953), implementing the adaptation routine given in Shaby and Wells, 2011. This sampler can be applied to any scalar continuous-valued stochastic node, and can optionally sample on a log scale.

The RW sampler accepts the following control list elements:

- `log`. A logical argument, specifying whether the sampler should operate on the log scale. (default = FALSE)
- `reflective`. A logical argument, specifying whether the normal proposal distribution should reflect to stay within the range of the target distribution. (default = FALSE)
- `adaptive`. A logical argument, specifying whether the sampler should adapt the scale (proposal standard deviation) throughout the course of MCMC execution to achieve a theoretically desirable acceptance rate. (default = TRUE)
- `adaptInterval`. The interval on which to perform adaptation. Every `adaptInterval` MCMC iterations (prior to thinning), the RW sampler will perform its adaptation procedure. This updates the scale variable, based upon the sampler's achieved acceptance rate over the past `adaptInterval` iterations. (default = 200)

- scale. The initial value of the normal proposal standard deviation. If `adaptive = FALSE`, scale will never change. (default = 1)

The RW sampler cannot be used with options `log=TRUE` and `reflective=TRUE`, i.e. it cannot do reflective sampling on a log scale.

RW_block sampler

The `RW_block` sampler performs a simultaneous update of one or more model nodes, using an adaptive Metropolis-Hastings algorithm with a multivariate normal proposal distribution (Roberts and Sahu, 1997), implementing the adaptation routine given in Shaby and Wells, 2011. This sampler may be applied to any set of continuous-valued model nodes, to any single continuous-valued multivariate model node, or to any combination thereof.

The `RW_block` sampler accepts the following control list elements:

- `adaptive`. A logical argument, specifying whether the sampler should adapt the scale (a coefficient for the entire proposal covariance matrix) and `propCov` (the multivariate normal proposal covariance matrix) throughout the course of MCMC execution. If only the scale should undergo adaptation, this argument should be specified as `TRUE`. (default = `TRUE`)
- `adaptScaleOnly`. A logical argument, specifying whether adaptation should be done only for scale (`TRUE`) or also for `propCov` (`FALSE`). This argument is only relevant when `adaptive = TRUE`. When `adaptScaleOnly = FALSE`, both scale and `propCov` undergo adaptation; the sampler tunes the scaling to achieve a theoretically good acceptance rate, and the proposal covariance to mimic that of the empirical samples. When `adaptScaleOnly = TRUE`, only the proposal scale is adapted. (default = `FALSE`)
- `adaptInterval`. The interval on which to perform adaptation. Every `adaptInterval` MCMC iterations (prior to thinning), the `RW_block` sampler will perform its adaptation procedure, based on the past `adaptInterval` iterations. (default = 200)
- `scale`. The initial value of the scalar multiplier for `propCov`. If `adaptive = FALSE`, scale will never change. (default = 1)
- `propCov`. The initial covariance matrix for the multivariate normal proposal distribution. This element may be equal to the character string `'identity'`, in which case the identity matrix of the appropriate dimension will be used for the initial proposal covariance matrix. (default = `'identity'`)

RW_llFunction sampler

Sometimes it is useful to control the log likelihood calculations used for an MCMC updater instead of simply using the model. For example, one could use a sampler with a log likelihood that analytically (or numerically) integrates over latent model nodes. Or one could use a sampler with a log likelihood that comes from a stochastic approximation such as a particle filter, allowing composition of a particle MCMC (PMCMC) algorithm (Andrieu et al., 2010). The `RW_llFunction` sampler handles this by using a Metropolis-Hastings algorithm with a normal proposal distribution and a user-provided log-likelihood function. To allow compiled execution, the log-likelihood function must be provided as a specialized instance of a `nimbleFunction`. The log-likelihood function may use the same model as the MCMC as a `setup` argument, but if so the state of the model should be unchanged during execution of the function (or you must understand the implications otherwise).

The `RW_llFunction` sampler accepts the following control list elements:

- `adaptive`. A logical argument, specifying whether the sampler should adapt the scale (proposal standard deviation) throughout the course of MCMC execution. (default = TRUE)
- `adaptInterval`. The interval on which to perform adaptation. (default = 200)
- `scale`. The initial value of the normal proposal standard deviation. (default = 1)
- `llFunction`. A specialized nimbleFunction that accepts no arguments and returns a scalar double number. The return value must be the total log-likelihood of all stochastic dependents of the target nodes – and, if `includesTarget = TRUE`, of the target node(s) themselves – or whatever surrogate is being used for the total log-likelihood. This is a required element with no default.
- `includesTarget`. Logical variable indicating whether the return value of `llFunction` includes the log-likelihood associated with target. This is a required element with no default.

slice sampler

The slice sampler performs slice sampling of the scalar node to which it is applied (Neal, 2003). This sampler can operate on either continuous-valued or discrete-valued scalar nodes. The slice sampler performs a 'stepping out' procedure, in which the slice is iteratively expanded to the left or right by an amount `sliceWidth`. This sampler is optionally adaptive, governed by a control list element, whereby the value of `sliceWidth` is adapted towards the observed absolute difference between successive samples.

The slice sampler accepts the following control list elements:

- `adaptive`. A logical argument, specifying whether the sampler will adapt the value of `sliceWidth` throughout the course of MCMC execution. (default = TRUE)
- `adaptInterval`. The interval on which to perform adaptation. (default = 200)
- `sliceWidth`. The initial value of the width of each slice, and also the width of the expansion during the iterative 'stepping out' procedure. (default = 1)
- `sliceMaxSteps`. The maximum number of expansions which may occur during the 'stepping out' procedure. (default = 100)

ess sampler

The ess sampler performs elliptical slice sampling of a single node, which must follow a multivariate normal distribution (Murray, 2010). The algorithm is an extension of slice sampling (Neal, 2003), generalized to the multivariate normal context. An auxiliary variable is used to identify points on an ellipse (which passes through the current node value) as candidate samples, which are accepted contingent upon a likelihood evaluation at that point. This algorithm requires no tuning parameters and therefore no period of adaptation, and may result in very efficient sampling from multivariate Gaussian distributions.

The ess sampler accepts no control list arguments.

AF_slice sampler

The automated factor slice sampler conducts a slice sampling algorithm on one or more model nodes. The sampler uses the eigenvectors of the posterior covariance between these nodes as an orthogonal basis on which to perform its 'stepping Out' procedure. The sampler is adaptive in updating both the width of the slices and the values of the eigenvectors. The sampler can be applied

to be applied to any set of continuous or discrete-valued model nodes, to any single continuous or discrete-valued multivariate model node, or to any combination thereof. The automated factor slice sampler accepts the following control list elements:

- `sliceWidths`. A numeric vector of initial slice widths. The length of the vector must be equal to the sum of the lengths of all nodes being used by the automated factor slice sampler. Defaults to a vector of 1's.
- `sliceAdaptFactorMaxIter`. The number of iterations for which the factors (eigenvectors) will continue to adapt to the posterior correlation. (default = 15000)
- `sliceAdaptFactorInterval`. The interval on which to perform factor adaptation. (default = 1000)
- `sliceAdaptWidthMaxIter`. The maximum number of iterations for which to adapt the widths for a given set of factors. (default = 512)
- `sliceAdaptWidthTolerance`. The tolerance for when widths no longer need to adapt, between 0 and 0.5. (default = 0.1)
- `sliceMaxSteps`. The maximum number of expansions which may occur during the 'stepping out' procedure. (default = 100)

crossLevel sampler

This sampler is constructed to perform simultaneous updates across two levels of stochastic dependence in the model structure. This is possible when all stochastic descendents of node(s) at one level have conjugate relationships with their own stochastic descendents. In this situation, a Metropolis-Hastings algorithm may be used, in which a multivariate normal proposal distribution is used for the higher-level nodes, and the corresponding proposals for the lower-level nodes undergo Gibbs (conjugate) sampling. The joint proposal is either accepted or rejected for all nodes involved based upon the Metropolis-Hastings ratio.

The requirement that all stochastic descendents of the target nodes must themselves have only conjugate descendents will be checked when the MCMC algorithm is built. This sampler is useful when there is strong dependence across the levels of a model that causes problems with convergence or mixing.

The crossLevel sampler accepts the following control list elements:

- `adaptive`. Logical argument, specifying whether the multivariate normal proposal distribution for the target nodes should be adapted. (default = TRUE)
- `adaptInterval`. The interval on which to perform adaptation. (default = 200)
- `scale`. The initial value of the scalar multiplier for `propCov`. (default = 1)
- `propCov`. The initial covariance matrix for the multivariate normal proposal distribution. This element may be equal to the character string 'identity' or any positive definite matrix of the appropriate dimensions. (default = 'identity')

RW_llFunction_block sampler

Sometimes it is useful to control the log likelihood calculations used for an MCMC updater instead of simply using the model. For example, one could use a sampler with a log likelihood that analytically (or numerically) integrates over latent model nodes. Or one could use a sampler with a log likelihood that comes from a stochastic approximation such as a particle filter, allowing composition of a particle MCMC (PMCMC) algorithm (Andrieu et al., 2010) (but see samplers listed below for

NIMBLE's direct implementation of PMCMC). The `RW_IIFunctionBlock` sampler handles this by using a Metropolis-Hastings algorithm with a multivariate normal proposal distribution and a user-provided log-likelihood function. To allow compiled execution, the log-likelihood function must be provided as a specialized instance of a `nimbleFunction`. The log-likelihood function may use the same model as the MCMC as a setup argument, but if so the state of the model should be unchanged during execution of the function (or you must understand the implications otherwise).

The `RW_IIFunctionBlock` sampler accepts the following control list elements:

- `adaptive`. A logical argument, specifying whether the sampler should adapt the proposal covariance throughout the course of MCMC execution. (default is `TRUE`)
- `adaptScaleOnly`. A logical argument, specifying whether adaption should be done only for scale (`TRUE`) or also for `propCov` (`FALSE`). This argument is only relevant when `adaptive = TRUE`. When `adaptScaleOnly = FALSE`, both scale and `propCov` undergo adaptation; the sampler tunes the scaling to achieve a theoretically good acceptance rate, and the proposal covariance to mimic that of the empirical samples. When `adaptScaleOnly = TRUE`, only the proposal scale is adapted. (default = `FALSE`)
- `adaptInterval`. The interval on which to perform adaptation. (default = 200)
- `scale`. The initial value of the scalar multiplier for `propCov`. If `adaptive = FALSE`, scale will never change. (default = 1)
- `propCov`. The initial covariance matrix for the multivariate normal proposal distribution. This element may be equal to the character string 'identity', in which case the identity matrix of the appropriate dimension will be used for the initial proposal covariance matrix. (default = 'identity')
- `IIFunction`. A specialized `nimbleFunction` that accepts no arguments and returns a scalar double number. The return value must be the total log-likelihood of all stochastic dependents of the target nodes – and, if `includesTarget = TRUE`, of the target node(s) themselves – or whatever surrogate is being used for the total log-likelihood. This is a required element with no default.
- `includesTarget`. Logical variable indicating whether the return value of `IIFunction` includes the log-likelihood associated with target. This is a required element with no default.

RW_PF sampler

The particle filter sampler allows the user to perform PMCMC (Andrieu et al., 2010), integrating over latent nodes in the model to sample top-level parameters. The `RW_PF` sampler uses a Metropolis-Hastings algorithm with a univariate normal proposal distribution for a scalar parameter. Note that latent states can be sampled as well, but the top-level parameter being sampled must be a scalar. A bootstrap or auxiliary particle filter can be used to integrate over latent states.

The `RW_PF` sampler accepts the following control list elements:

- `adaptive`. A logical argument, specifying whether the sampler should adapt the scale (proposal standard deviation) throughout the course of MCMC execution to achieve a theoretically desirable acceptance rate. (default = `TRUE`)
- `adaptInterval`. The interval on which to perform adaptation. Every `adaptInterval` MCMC iterations (prior to thinning), the `RW` sampler will perform its adaptation procedure. This updates the scale variable, based upon the sampler's achieved acceptance rate over the past `adaptInterval` iterations. (default = 200)

- `scale`. The initial value of the normal proposal standard deviation. If `adaptive = FALSE`, `scale` will never change. (default = 1)
- `pfNparticles`. The number of particles to use in the approximation to the log likelihood of the data (default = 1000).
- `latents`. Character vector specifying the latent model nodes over which the particle filter will stochastically integrate over to estimate the log-likelihood function.
- `pfType`. Character argument specifying the type of particle filter that should be used for likelihood approximation. Choose from "bootstrap" and "auxiliary". Defaults to "bootstrap".
- `pfLookahead`. Optional character argument specifying the lookahead function for the auxiliary particle filter. Choose from "simulate" and "mean". Only applicable if `pfType` is set to "auxiliary".
- `pfResample`. A logical argument, specifying whether to resample log likelihood given current parameters at beginning of each MCMC step, or whether to use log likelihood from previous step.
- `pfOptimizeNparticles`. A logical argument, specifying whether to automatically determine the optimal number of particles to use, based on Pitt and Shephard (2011). This will override any value of `pfNparticles` specified above.

RW_PF_block sampler

The particle filter sampler allows the user to perform PMCMC (Andrieu et al., 2010), integrating over latent nodes in the model to sample top-level parameters. The `RW_PF_block` sampler uses a Metropolis-Hastings algorithm with a multivariate normal proposal distribution. A bootstrap or auxiliary particle filter can be used to integrate over latent states.

The `RW_PF_block` sampler accepts the following control list elements:

- `adaptive`. A logical argument, specifying whether the sampler should adapt the proposal covariance throughout the course of MCMC execution. (default = TRUE)
- `adaptScaleOnly`. A logical argument, specifying whether adaption should be done only for `scale` (TRUE) or also for `propCov` (FALSE). This argument is only relevant when `adaptive = TRUE`. When `adaptScaleOnly = FALSE`, both `scale` and `propCov` undergo adaptation; the sampler tunes the scaling to achieve a theoretically good acceptance rate, and the proposal covariance to mimic that of the empirical samples. When `adaptScaleOnly = TRUE`, only the proposal scale is adapted. (default = FALSE)
- `adaptInterval`. The interval on which to perform adaptation. (default = 200)
- `scale`. The initial value of the scalar multiplier for `propCov`. If `adaptive = FALSE`, `scale` will never change. (default = 1)
- `propCov`. The initial covariance matrix for the multivariate normal proposal distribution. This element may be equal to the 'identity', in which case the identity matrix of the appropriate dimension will be used for the initial proposal covariance matrix. (default is 'identity')
- `pfNparticles`. The number of particles to use in the approximation to the log likelihood of the data (default = 1000).
- `latents`. Character vector specifying the latent model nodes over which the particle filter will stochastically integrate to estimate the log-likelihood function.

- `pfResample`. A logical argument, specifying whether to resample log likelihood given current parameters at beginning of each mcmc step, or whether to use log likelihood from previous step.
- `pfType`. Character argument specifying the type of particle filter that should be used for likelihood approximation. Choose from "bootstrap" and "auxiliary". Defaults to "bootstrap".
- `pfLookahead`. Optional character argument specifying the lookahead function for the auxiliary particle filter. Choose from "simulate" and "mean". Only applicable if `pfType` = "auxiliary".
- `pfOptimizeNparticles`. A logical argument, specifying whether to automatically determine the optimal number of particles to use, based on Pitt and Shephard (2011). This will override any value of `pfNparticles` specified above.

RW_multinomial sampler

This sampler is designed for sampling multinomial target distributions. The sampler performs a series of Metropolis-Hastings steps between pairs of groups. Proposals are generated via a draw from a binomial distribution, whereafter the proposed number density is moved from one group to another group. The acceptance or rejection of these proposals follows a standard Metropolis-Hastings procedure. Probabilities for the random binomial proposals are adapted to a target acceptance rate of 0.5.

The `RW_multinomial` sampler accepts the following control list elements:

- `adaptive`. A logical argument, specifying whether the sampler should adapt the binomial proposal probabilities throughout the course of MCMC execution. (default = TRUE)
- `adaptInterval`. The interval on which to perform adaptation. A minimum value of 100 is required. (default = 200)

RW_dirichlet sampler

This sampler is designed for sampling non-conjugate Dirichlet distributions. The sampler performs a series of Metropolis-Hastings updates (on the log scale) to each component of a gamma-reparameterization of the target Dirichlet distribution. The acceptance or rejection of these proposals follows a standard Metropolis-Hastings procedure.

The `RW_dirichlet` sampler accepts the following control list elements:

- `adaptive`. A logical argument, specifying whether the sampler should independently adapt the scale (proposal standard deviation, on the log scale) for each componentwise Metropolis-Hastings update, to achieve a theoretically desirable acceptance rate for each. (default = TRUE)
- `adaptInterval`. The interval on which to perform adaptation. Every `adaptInterval` MCMC iterations (prior to thinning), the sampler will perform its adaptation procedure. (default = 200)
- `scale`. The initial value of the proposal standard deviation (on the log scale) for each component of the reparameterized Dirichlet distribution. If `adaptive` = FALSE, the proposal standard deviations will never change. (default = 1)

CAR_normal sampler

The CAR_normal sampler operates uniquely on improper (intrinsic) Gaussian conditional autoregressive (CAR) nodes, those with a dcar_normal prior distribution. It internally assigns one of three univariate samplers to each dimension of the target node: a posterior predictive, conjugate, or RW sampler; however these component samplers are specialized to operate on dimensions of a dcar_normal distribution.

The CAR_normal sampler accepts the following control list elements:

- `adaptive`. A logical argument, specifying whether any component RW samplers should adapt the scale (proposal standard deviation), to achieve a theoretically desirable acceptance rate. (default = TRUE)
- `adaptInterval`. The interval on which to perform adaptation for any component RW samplers. Every `adaptInterval` MCMC iterations (prior to thinning), component RW samplers will perform an adaptation procedure. This updates the scale variable, based upon the sampler's achieved acceptance rate over the past `adaptInterval` iterations. (default = 200)
- `scale`. The initial value of the normal proposal standard deviation for any component RW samplers. If `adaptive = FALSE`, `scale` will never change. (default = 1)

posterior_predictive sampler

The posterior_predictive sampler is only appropriate for use on terminal stochastic nodes. Note that such nodes play no role in inference but have often been included in BUGS models to accomplish posterior predictive checks. NIMBLE allows posterior predictive values to be simulated independently of running MCMC, for example by writing a `nimbleFunction` to do so. This means that in many cases where terminal stochastic nodes have been included in BUGS models, they are not needed when using NIMBLE.

The posterior_predictive sampler functions by calling the `simulate()` method of relevant node, then updating model probabilities and deterministic dependent nodes. The application of a posterior_predictive sampler to any non-terminal node will result in invalid posterior inferences. The posterior_predictive sampler will automatically be assigned to all terminal, non-data stochastic nodes in a model by the default MCMC configuration, so it is uncommon to manually assign this sampler.

The posterior_predictive sampler accepts no control list arguments.

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See Also

[configureMCMC](#) [addSampler](#) [buildMCMC](#) [runMCMC](#)

Examples

```
## y[1] ~ dbern() or dbinom():
# mcmcConf$addSampler(target = 'y[1]', type = 'binary')

# mcmcConf$addSampler(target = 'a', type = 'RW',
#   control = list(log = TRUE, adaptive = FALSE, scale = 3))
# mcmcConf$addSampler(target = 'b', type = 'RW',
#   control = list(adaptive = TRUE, adaptInterval = 200))
# mcmcConf$addSampler(target = 'p', type = 'RW',
#   control = list(reflective = TRUE))

## a, b, and c all continuous-valued:
# mcmcConf$addSampler(target = c('a', 'b', 'c'), type = 'RW_block')

# mcmcConf$addSampler(target = 'p', type = 'RW_llFunction',
#   control = list(llFunction = RllFun, includesTarget = FALSE))

# mcmcConf$addSampler(target = 'y[1]', type = 'slice',
#   control = list(adaptive = FALSE, sliceWidth = 3))
# mcmcConf$addSampler(target = 'y[2]', type = 'slice',
#   control = list(adaptive = TRUE, sliceMaxSteps = 1))

# mcmcConf$addSampler(target = 'x[1:10]', type = 'ess') ## x[1:10] ~ dnorm()

# mcmcConf$addSampler(target = 'x[1:5]', type = 'RW_multinomial') ## x[1:5] ~ dmulti()

# mcmcConf$addSampler(target = 'p[1:5]', type = 'RW_dirichlet') ## p[1:5] ~ ddirch()

## y[1] is a posterior predictive node:
# mcmcConf$addSampler(target = 'y[1]', type = 'posterior_predictive')
```

setAndCalculate	<i>Creates a nimbleFunction for setting the values of one or more model nodes, calculating the associated deterministic dependents and log-Prob values, and returning the total sum log-probability.</i>
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Description

This nimbleFunction generator must be specialized to any model object and one or more model nodes. A specialized instance of this nimbleFunction will set the values of the target nodes in the specified model, calculate the associated logProbs, calculate the values of any deterministic dependents, calculate the logProbs of any stochastic dependents, and return the sum log-probability associated with the target nodes and all stochastic dependent nodes.

Usage

```
setAndCalculate(model, targetNodes)

setAndCalculateDiff(model, targetNodes)
```

Arguments

model	An uncompiled or compiled NIMBLE model. This argument is required.
targetNodes	A character vector containing the names of one or more nodes or variables in the model. This argument is required.

Details

Calling setAndCalculate(model, targetNodes) or setAndCalculateDiff(model, targetNodes) will return a nimbleFunction object whose run function takes a single, required argument:

targetValues: A vector of numeric values which will be put into the target nodes in the specified model object. The length of this numeric vector must exactly match the number of target nodes.

The difference between setAndCalculate and setAndCalculateDiff is the return value of their run functions. In the former, run returns the sum of the log probabilities of the targetNodes with the provided targetValues, while the latter returns the difference between that sum with the new targetValues and the previous values in the model.

Author(s)

Daniel Turek

Examples

```
code <- nimbleCode({ for(i in 1:3) { x[i] ~ dnorm(0,1); y[i] ~ dnorm(0, 1)}})
Rmodel <- nimbleModel(code)
my_setAndCalc <- setAndCalculate(Rmodel, c('x[1]', 'x[2]', 'y[1]', 'y[2]'))
lp <- my_setAndCalc$run(c(1.2, 1.4, 7.6, 8.9))
```

setAndCalculateOne	<i>Creates a nimbleFunction for setting the value of a scalar model node, calculating the associated deterministic dependents and logProb values, and returning the total sum log-probability.</i>
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Description

This nimbleFunction generator must be specialized to any model object and any scalar model node. A specialized instance of this nimbleFunction will set the value of the target node in the specified model, calculate the associated logProb, calculate the values of any deterministic dependents, calculate the logProbs of any stochastic dependents, and return the sum log-probability associated with the target node and all stochastic dependent nodes.

Usage

```
setAndCalculateOne(model, targetNode)
```

Arguments

model	An uncompiled or compiled NIMBLE model. This argument is required.
targetNode	The character name of any scalar node in the model object. This argument is required.

Details

Calling `setAndCalculateOne(model, targetNode)` will return a function with a single, required argument:

`targetValue`: The numeric value which will be put into the target node, in the specified model object.

Author(s)

Daniel Turek

Examples

```
code <- nimbleCode({ for(i in 1:3) x[i] ~ dnorm(0, 1) })
Rmodel <- nimbleModel(code)
my_setAndCalc <- setAndCalculateOne(Rmodel, 'x[1]')
lp <- my_setAndCalc$run(2)
```

setSize	<i>set the size of a numeric variable in NIMBLE</i>
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Description

set the size of a numeric variable in NIMBLE. This works in R and NIMBLE, but in R it usually has no effect.

Usage

```
setSize(numObj, ..., copy = TRUE, fillZeros = TRUE)
```

Arguments

numObj	This is the object to be resized
...	sizes, provided as scalars, in order, or as a single vector
copy	logical indicating whether values should be preserved (in column-major order)
fillZeros	logical indicating whether newly allocated space should be initialized with zeros (in compiled code)

Details

This function is part of the NIMBLE language. Its purpose is to explicitly resize a multivariate object (vector, matrix or array), currently up to 4 dimensions. Explicit resizing is not needed when an entire object is assigned to. For example, in `Y <- A %*% B`, where A and B are matrices, Y will be resized automatically. Explicit resizing is necessary when assignment will be by indexed elements or blocks, if the object is not already an appropriate size for the assignment. E.g. prior to `Y[5:10] <- A %*% B`, one can use `setSize` to ensure that Y has a size (length) of at least 10.

This does work in uncompiled (R) and well as compiled execution, but in some cases it is only necessary for compiled execution. During uncompiled execution, it may not catch bugs due to resizing because some R objects will be dynamically resized during assignments anyway.

If preserving values in the resized object and/or initializing new values with 0 is not necessary, then setting these arguments to `FALSE` will yield slightly more efficient compiled code.

Author(s)

NIMBLE development team

setupOutputs	<i>Explicitly declare objects created in setup code to be preserved and compiled as member data</i>
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Description

Normally a nimbleFunction determines what objects from setup code need to be preserved for run code or other member functions. setupOutputs allows explicit declaration for cases when an object created in setup output is not use in member functions.

Arguments

... An arbitrary set of names

Details

Normally any object created in setup code whose name appears in run or another member function is included in the save results of setup code. When the nimbleFunction is compiled, such objects will become member data of the resulting C++ class. If it is desired to force an object to become member data even if it does not appear in a member function, declare it using setupOutputs. E.g. setupOutputs(a, b) declares that a and b should be preserved.

The setupOutputs line will be removed from the setup code. It is really a marker during nimble-Function creation of what should be preserved.

simNodes	<i>Basic nimbleFunctions for calculate, simulate, and getLogProb with a set of nodes</i>
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Description

simulate, calculate, or get existing log probabilities for the current values in a NIMBLE model

Usage

```
simNodes(model, nodes)
```

```
calcNodes(model, nodes)
```

```
getLogProbNodes(model, nodes)
```

Arguments

model A NIMBLE model

nodes A set of nodes. If none are provided, default is all model\$getNodeNames()

Details

These are basic nimbleFunctions that take a model and set of nodes and return a function that will call `calculate`, `simulate`, or `getLogProb` on those nodes. Each is equivalent to a direct call from R, but in nimbleFunction form they can be compiled and can be put into a nimbleFunctionList. For example, `myCalc <- calcNodes(model, nodes); ans <- myCalc()` is equivalent to `ans <- calculate(model, nodes)`, but one can also do `CmyCalc <- compileNimble(myCalc)` to get a faster version.

In nimbleFunctions, for only one set of nodes, it is equivalent or slightly better to simply use `calculate(model, nodes)` in the run-time code. The compiler will process the model-nodes combination in the same way as would occur by creating a specialized `calcNodes` in the setup code. However, if there are multiple sets of nodes, one can do the following:

Setup code: `myCalcs <- nimbleFunctionList(calcNodes); myCalcs[[1]] <- calcNodes(model, nodes[[1]]); myC`

Run code: `for(i in seq_along(myCalcs)) {ans[i] <- myCalcs[[i]]()}`

Author(s)

Perry de Valpine

simNodesMV

Basic nimbleFunctions for using a NIMBLE model with sets of stored values

Description

simulate, calculate, or get the existing log probabilities for values in a `modelValues` object using a NIMBLE model

Usage

`simNodesMV(model, mv, nodes)`

`calcNodesMV(model, mv, nodes)`

`getLogProbNodesMV(model, mv, nodes)`

Arguments

`model` A nimble model.

`mv` A `modelValues` object in which multiple sets of model variables and their corresponding `logProb` values are or will be saved. `mv` must include the nodes provided

`nodes` A set of nodes. If none are provided, default is all `model$getNodeNames()`

Details

simNodesMV simulates values in the given nodes and saves them in mv. calcNodesMV calculates these nodes for each row of mv and returns a vector of the total log probabilities (densities) for each row. getLogProbNodesMV is like calcNodesMV without actually doing the calculations.

Each of these will expand variables or index blocks and topologically sort them so that each node's parent nodes are processed before itself.

getLogProbMV should be used carefully. It is generally for situations where the logProb values are guaranteed to have already been calculated, and all that is needed is to query them. The risk is that a program may have changed the values in the nodes, in which case getLogProbMV would collect logProb values that are out of date with the node values.

Value

from simNodesMV: NULL. from calcNodesMV and getLogProbMV: a vector of the sum of log probabilities (densities) from any stochastic nodes in nodes.

Run time arguments

- m
(simNodesMV only). Number of simulations requested.
- saveLP
(calcNodesMV only). Whether to save the logProb values in mv. Should be given as TRUE unless there is a good reason not to.

Author(s)

Clifford Anderson-Bergman

Examples

```
code <- nimbleCode({
  for(i in 1:5)
  x[i] ~ dnorm(0,1)
})

myModel <- nimbleModel(code)
myMV <- modelValues(myModel)

Rsim <- simNodesMV(myModel, myMV)
Rcalc <- calcNodesMV(myModel, myMV)
Rglp <- getLogProbNodesMV(myModel, myMV)
## Not run:
cModel <- compileNimble(myModel)
Csim <- compileNimble(Rsim, project = myModel)
Ccalc <- compileNimble(Rcalc, project = myModel)
Cglp <- compileNimble(Rglp, project = myModel)
Csim$run(10)
Ccalc$run(saveLP = TRUE)
Cglp$run() #Gives identical answers to Ccalc because logProbs were saved
```

```

Csim$run(10)
Ccalc$run(saveLP = FALSE)
Cglp$run() #Gives wrong answers because logProbs were not saved

## End(Not run)

```

```

singleVarAccessClass-class
      Class singleVarAccessClass

```

Description

Classes used internally in NIMBLE and not expected to be called directly by users.

```

svdNimbleList      svdNimbleList definition

```

Description

nimbleList definition for the type of nimbleList returned by [nimSvd](#).

Usage

```
svdNimbleList
```

Format

An object of class list of length 1.

Author(s)

NIMBLE development team

See Also

[nimSvd](#)

 t *The t Distribution*

Description

Density, distribution function, quantile function and random generation for the t distribution with df degrees of freedom, allowing non-zero location, mu, and non-unit scale, sigma

Usage

```
dt_nonstandard(x, df = 1, mu = 0, sigma = 1, log = FALSE)
```

```
rt_nonstandard(n, df = 1, mu = 0, sigma = 1)
```

```
pt_nonstandard(q, df = 1, mu = 0, sigma = 1, lower.tail = TRUE,
log.p = FALSE)
```

```
qt_nonstandard(p, df = 1, mu = 0, sigma = 1, lower.tail = TRUE,
log.p = FALSE)
```

Arguments

x	vector of values.
df	vector of degrees of freedom values.
mu	vector of location values.
sigma	vector of scale values.
log	logical; if TRUE, probability density is returned on the log scale.
n	number of observations.
q	vector of quantiles.
lower.tail	logical; if TRUE (default) probabilities are $P[X \leq x]$; otherwise, $P[X > x]$.
log.p	logical; if TRUE, probabilities p are given by user as log(p).
p	vector of probabilities.

Details

See Gelman et al., Appendix A or the BUGS manual for mathematical details.

Value

dt_nonstandard gives the density, pt_nonstandard gives the distribution function, qt_nonstandard gives the quantile function, and rt_nonstandard generates random deviates.

Author(s)

Christopher Paciorek

References

Gelman, A., Carlin, J.B., Stern, H.S., and Rubin, D.B. (2004) *Bayesian Data Analysis*, 2nd ed. Chapman and Hall/CRC.

See Also

[Distributions](#) for other standard distributions

Examples

```
x <- rt_nonstandard(50, df = 1, mu = 5, sigma = 1)
dt_nonstandard(x, 3, 5, 1)
```

testBUGSmodel	<i>Tests BUGS examples in the NIMBLE system</i>
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Description

testBUGSmodel builds a BUGS model in the NIMBLE system and simulates from the model, comparing the values of the nodes and their log probabilities in the uncompiled and compiled versions of the model

Usage

```
testBUGSmodel(example = NULL, dir = NULL, model = NULL, data = NULL,
  inits = NULL, useInits = TRUE, debug = FALSE)
```

Arguments

example	(optional) example character vector indicating name of BUGS example to test; can be null if model is provided
dir	(optional) character vector indicating directory in which files are contained, by default the classic-bugs directory if the installed package is used; to use the current working directory, set this to ""
model	(optional) one of (1) a character string giving the file name containing the BUGS model code, (2) an R function whose body is the BUGS model code, or (3) the output of nimbleCode. If a file name, the file can contain a 'var' block and 'data' block in the manner of the JAGS versions of the BUGS examples but should not contain references to other input data files nor a const block. The '.bug' or '.txt' extension can be excluded.
data	(optional) one of (1) character string giving the file name for an R file providing the input constants and data as R code [assigning individual objects or as a named list] or (2) a named list providing the input constants and data. If neither is provided, the function will look for a file named example-data including extensions .R, .r, or .txt.

<code>inits</code>	(optional) (1) character string giving the file name for an R file providing the initial values for parameters as R code [assigning individual objects or as a named list] or (2) a named list providing the values. If neither is provided, the function will look for a file named <code>example-init</code> or <code>example-inits</code> including extensions <code>.R</code> , <code>.r</code> , or <code>.txt</code> .
<code>useInits</code>	boolean indicating whether to test model with initial values provided via <code>inits</code>
<code>debug</code>	logical indicating whether to put the user in a browser for debugging when <code>testBUGSmodel</code> calls <code>readBUGSmodel</code> . Intended for developer use.

Details

Note that testing without initial values may cause warnings when parameters are sampled from improper or fat-tailed distributions

Author(s)

Christopher Paciorek

Examples

```
## Not run:
testBUGSmodel('pump')

## End(Not run)
```

```
toEigenCalls      [[ = 'sizeDoubleBracket', ## for nimbleFunctionList, this will always
                    go through chainedCall(nfList[[i]], 'foo')(arg1, arg2) ## NEVER
                    GETS MARKED WITH TOEIGENIZE
```

Description

```
[[ = 'sizeDoubleBracket', ## for nimbleFunctionList, this will always go through chainedCall(nfList[[i]],
'foo')(arg1, arg2) ## NEVER GETS MARKED WITH TOEIGENIZE
```

Usage

```
toEigenCalls
```

Format

An object of class `list` of length 149.

```
updateMCMCcomparisonWithHighOrderESS
```

Re-estimate effective sample size from results of compareMCMCs

Description

By default the effective sample sizes (ESS) (and MCMC efficiencies) are estimated from the coda package. This function estimates them either using the same method as coda but allowing higher-order AR models or using the method provided in Stan via package rstan.

Usage

```
updateMCMCcomparisonWithHighOrderESS(mcmcResults, logVars = "",
  includeBurninTime = TRUE, StanESS = FALSE)
```

Arguments

mcmcResults	An object returned by compareMCMCs
logVars	Names of any variables for which ESS should be calculated after log transformation. This is useful if different methods use models in which the same variance component is set up either as standard deviation, variance, or precision. Calculating ESS on a log scale arguably makes these more comparable than converting one into another for comparisons.
includeBurninTime	(default TRUE) If TRUE, the time spent on burnin (or warmup) is included in the denominator of MCMC efficiency. If false, only the time spent generating samples that are used for estimation of ESS is included.
StanESS	(default FALSE) If FALSE, ESS will be estimated by the same method as in the coda package, but allowing higher-order auto-regressive models to be considered. If TRUE, the method in Stan will be used via the monitor function in package rstan.

Value

A list of the same format as mcmcResults

```
valueInCompiledNimbleFunction
```

get or set value of member data from a compiled nimbleFunction using a multi-interface

Description

Most `nimbleFunction`s written for direct user interaction allow standard R-object-like access to member data using `$` or ``[[``. However, sometimes compiled `nimbleFunction`s contained within other compiled `nimbleFunction`s are interfaced with a light-weight system called a multi-interface. `valueInCompiledNimbleFunction` provides a way to get or set values in such cases.

Usage

```
valueInCompiledNimbleFunction(cnf, name, value)
```

Arguments

<code>cnf</code>	Compiled <code>nimbleFunction</code> object
<code>name</code>	Name of the member data
<code>value</code>	If provided, the value to assign to the member data. If omitted, the value of the member data is returned.

Details

The member data of a `nimbleFunction` are the objects created in setup code that are used in run code or other member functions.

Whether multi-interfaces are used for nested `nimbleFunction`s is controlled by the `buildInterfacesForCompiledNestedNimbleFunction` option in [nimbleOptions](#).

To see an example of a multi-interface, see `samplerFunctions` in a compiled MCMC interface object.

Author(s)

Perry de Valpine

values	<i>Access or set values for a set of nodes in a model</i>
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Description

Get or set values for a set of nodes in a model

Usage

```
values(model, nodes, accessorIndex)
```

```
values(model, nodes, accessorIndex) <- value
```

Arguments

<code>model</code>	a NIMBLE model object, either compiled or uncompiled
<code>nodes</code>	a vector of node names, allowing index blocks that will be expanded
<code>accessorIndex</code>	For internal NIMBLE use only
<code>value</code>	value to set the node(s) to

Details

Access or set values for a set of nodes in a NIMBLE model.

Calling `values(model, nodes)` returns a vector of the concatenation of values from the nodes requested `P <- values(model, nodes)` is a newer syntax for `getValues(P, model, values)`, which still works and modifies `P` in the calling environment.

Calling `values(model, nodes) <- P` sets the value of the nodes in the model, in sequential order from the vector `P`.

In both uses, when requested nodes are from matrices or arrays, the values will be handled following column-wise order.

The older function `getValues(P, model, nodes)` is equivalent to `P <- values(model, nodes)`, and the older function `setValues(P, model, nodes)` is equivalent to `values(model, nodes) <- P`

These functions work in R and in NIMBLE run-time code that can be compiled.

Value

A vector of values concatenated from the provided nodes in the model

Author(s)

NIMBLE development team

Wishart

The Wishart Distribution

Description

Density and random generation for the Wishart distribution, using the Cholesky factor of either the scale matrix or the rate matrix.

Usage

```
dwish_chol(x, cholesky, df, scale_param = TRUE, log = FALSE)
```

```
rwish_chol(n = 1, cholesky, df, scale_param = TRUE)
```

Arguments

x	vector of values.
cholesky	upper-triangular Cholesky factor of either the scale matrix (when <code>scale_param</code> is TRUE) or rate matrix (otherwise).
df	degrees of freedom.
scale_param	logical; if TRUE the Cholesky factor is that of the scale matrix; otherwise, of the rate matrix.
log	logical; if TRUE, probability density is returned on the log scale.
n	number of observations (only <code>n=1</code> is handled currently).

Details

See Gelman et al., Appendix A or the BUGS manual for mathematical details. The rate matrix as used here is defined as the inverse of the scale matrix, S^{-1} , given in Gelman et al.

Value

`dwish_chol` gives the density and `rwish_chol` generates random deviates.

Author(s)

Christopher Paciorek

References

Gelman, A., Carlin, J.B., Stern, H.S., and Rubin, D.B. (2004) *Bayesian Data Analysis*, 2nd ed. Chapman and Hall/CRC.

See Also

[Distributions](#) for other standard distributions

Examples

```
df <- 40
ch <- chol(matrix(c(1, .7, .7, 1), 2))
x <- rwish_chol(1, ch, df = df)
dwish_chol(x, ch, df = df)
```

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