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Important Functions

- fit_one_layer: conducts MCMC sampling of hyperparameters for a one layer GP
- fit_two_layer: conducts MCMC sampling of hyperparameters and hidden layer for a two layer deep GP
- fit_three_layer: conducts MCMC sampling of hyperparameters and hidden layers for a three layer deep GP
- continue: collects additional MCMC samples
- trim: cuts off burn-in and optionally thins samples
- predict: calculates posterior mean and variance over a set of input locations (optionally calculates EI or entropy)
- plot: produces trace plots, hidden layer plots, and posterior predictive plots
- ALC: calculates active learning Cohn over set of input locations using reference grid
- · IMSE: calculates integrated mean-squared error over set of input locations

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References

Sauer, A. (2023). Deep Gaussian process surrogates for computer experiments. *Ph.D. Dissertation, Department of Statistics, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.* http://hdl.handle.net/10919/114845

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Sauer, A., Cooper, A., & Gramacy, R. B. (2023). Vecchia-approximated deep Gaussian processes for computer experiments. *Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics, 32*(3), 824-837. arXiv:2204.02904

Gramacy, R. B., Sauer, A. & Wycoff, N. (2022). Triangulation candidates for Bayesian optimization. *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 35,* 35933-35945. arXiv:2112.07457

Booth, A., Renganathan, S. A. & Gramacy, R. B. (2024). Contour location for reliability in airfoil simulation experiments using deep Gaussian processes. *In Review.* arXiv:2308.04420

Barnett, S., Beesley, L. J., Booth, A. S., Gramacy, R. B., & Osthus D. (2024). Monotonic warpings for additive and deep Gaussian processes. *In Review.* arXiv:2408.01540

Examples

- # See vignette, ?fit_one_layer, ?fit_two_layer, ?fit_three_layer,
- # ?ALC, or ?IMSE for examples
- # Many more examples including real-world computer experiments are available at:
- # https://bitbucket.org/gramacylab/deepgp-ex/

Description

Acts on a gp, dgp2, or dgp3 object. Current version requires squared exponential covariance (cov = "exp2"). Calculates ALC over the input locations x_new using specified reference grid. If no reference grid is specified, x_new is used as the reference. Optionally utilizes SNOW parallelization. User should select the point with the highest ALC to add to the design.

Usage

```
ALC(object, x_new, ref, cores)
## S3 method for class 'gp'
ALC(object, x_new = NULL, ref = NULL, cores = 1)
## S3 method for class 'dgp2'
ALC(object, x_new = NULL, ref = NULL, cores = 1)
## S3 method for class 'dgp3'
```

ALC(object, x_new = NULL, ref = NULL, cores = 1)

Arguments

| object | object of class gp, dgp2, or dgp3 |
|--------|--|
| x_new | matrix of possible input locations, if object has been run through predict the previously stored x_new is used |
| ref | optional reference grid for ALC approximation, if ref = NULL then x_new is used |
| cores | number of cores to utilize in parallel, by default no parallelization is used |

Details

Not yet implemented for Vecchia-approximated fits or Matern kernels.

All iterations in the object are used in the calculation, so samples should be burned-in. Thinning the samples using trim will speed up computation. This function may be used in two ways:

- Option 1: called on an object with only MCMC iterations, in which case x_new must be specified
- Option 2: called on an object that has been predicted over, in which case the x_new from predict is used

In Option 2, it is recommended to set store_latent = TRUE for dgp2 and dgp3 objects so latent mappings do not have to be re-calculated. Through predict, the user may specify a mean mapping (mean_map = TRUE) or a full sample from the MVN distribution over w_new (mean_map = FALSE). When the object has not yet been predicted over (Option 1), the mean mapping is used.

ALC

SNOW parallelization reduces computation time but requires more memory storage. C code derived from the "laGP" package (Robert B Gramacy and Furong Sun).

Value

list with elements:

- value: vector of ALC values, indices correspond to x_new
- time: computation time in seconds

References

Sauer, A., Gramacy, R.B., & Higdon, D. (2023). Active learning for deep Gaussian process surrogates. *Technometrics, 65,* 4-18. arXiv:2012.08015

Seo, S, M Wallat, T Graepel, and K Obermayer. 2000. Gaussian Process Regression: Active Data Selection and Test Point Rejection. In Mustererkennung 2000, 2734. New York, NY: SpringerVerlag.

Gramacy, RB and F Sun. (2016). laGP: Large-Scale Spatial Modeling via Local Approximate Gaussian Processes in R. *Journal of Statistical Software* 72 (1), 1-46. doi:10.18637/jss.v072.i01

Examples

```
# Additional examples including real-world computer experiments are available at:
# https://bitbucket.org/gramacylab/deepgp-ex/
```

```
# -----
# Example 1: toy step function, runs in less than 5 seconds
# -----
f <- function(x) {</pre>
   if (x \le 0.4) return(-1)
   if (x \ge 0.6) return(1)
   if (x > 0.4 \& x < 0.6) return(10*(x-0.5))
}
x \le seq(0.05, 0.95, length = 7)
y \le sapply(x, f)
x_{new} <- seq(0, 1, length = 100)
# Fit model and calculate ALC
fit <- fit_two_layer(x, y, nmcmc = 100, cov = "exp2")</pre>
fit <- trim(fit, 50)</pre>
fit <- predict(fit, x_new, cores = 1, store_latent = TRUE)</pre>
alc <- ALC(fit)
```

```
# Example 2: damped sine wave
```

continue

```
f <- function(x) {</pre>
    exp(-10*x) * (cos(10*pi*x - 1) + sin(10*pi*x - 1)) * 5 - 0.2
}
# Training data
x <- seq(0, 1, length = 30)</pre>
y \le f(x) + rnorm(30, 0, 0.05)
# Testing data
xx <- seq(0, 1, length = 100)</pre>
yy <- f(xx)
plot(xx, yy, type = "1")
points(x, y, col = 2)
# Conduct MCMC (can replace fit_two_layer with fit_one_layer/fit_three_layer)
fit <- fit_two_layer(x, y, D = 1, nmcmc = 2000, cov = "exp2")</pre>
plot(fit)
fit <- trim(fit, 1000, 2)
# Option 1 - calculate ALC from MCMC iterations
alc <- ALC(fit, xx)
# Option 2 - calculate ALC after predictions
fit <- predict(fit, xx, cores = 1, store_latent = TRUE)</pre>
alc <- ALC(fit)
# Visualize fit
plot(fit)
par(new = TRUE) # overlay ALC
plot(xx, alc$value, type = 'l', lty = 2, axes = FALSE, xlab = '', ylab = '')
# Select next design point
x_new <- xx[which.max(alc$value)]</pre>
```

continue

Continues MCMC sampling

Description

Acts on a gp, gpvec, dgp2, dgp2vec, dgp3, or dgp3vec object. Continues MCMC sampling of hyperparameters and hidden layers using settings from the original object. Appends new samples to existing samples. When vecchia = TRUE, this function provides the option to update Vecchia ordering/conditioning sets based on latent layer warpings through the specification of re_approx = TRUE.

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continue

Usage

```
continue(object, new_mcmc, verb, re_approx, ...)
## S3 method for class 'gp'
continue(object, new_mcmc = 1000, verb = TRUE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'dgp2'
continue(object, new_mcmc = 1000, verb = TRUE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'dgp3'
continue(object, new_mcmc = 1000, verb = TRUE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'gpvec'
continue(object, new_mcmc = 1000, verb = TRUE, re_approx = FALSE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'dgp2vec'
continue(object, new_mcmc = 1000, verb = TRUE, re_approx = FALSE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'dgp2vec'
continue(object, new_mcmc = 1000, verb = TRUE, re_approx = FALSE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'dgp3vec'
continue(object, new_mcmc = 1000, verb = TRUE, re_approx = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

| object | <pre>object from fit_one_layer, fit_two_layer, or fit_three_layer</pre> |
|-----------|---|
| new_mcmc | number of new MCMC iterations to conduct and append |
| verb | logical indicating whether to print iteration progress |
| re_approx | logical indicating whether to re-randomize the ordering and update Vecchia nearest-neighbor conditioning sets (only for fits with vecchia = TRUE) |
| | N/A |

Details

See fit_one_layer, fit_two_layer, or fit_three_layer for details on MCMC. The resulting object will have nmcmc equal to the previous nmcmc plus new_mcmc. It is recommended to start an MCMC fit then investigate trace plots to assess burn-in. The primary use of this function is to gather more MCMC iterations in order to obtain burned-in samples.

Specifying re_approx = TRUE updates random orderings and nearest-neighbor conditioning sets (only for vecchia = TRUE fits). In one-layer, there is no latent warping but the Vecchia approximation is still re-randomized and nearest-neighbors are adjusted accordingly. In two- and three-layers, the latest samples of hidden layers are used to update nearest-neighbors. If you update the Vecchia approximation, you should later remove previous samples (updating the approximation effectively starts a new chain). When re_approx = FALSE the previous orderings and conditioning sets are used (maintaining the continuity of the previous chain).

Value

object of the same class with the new iterations appended

Examples

See ?fit_two_layer for an example

crps

Calculates CRPS

Description

Calculates continuous ranked probability score (lower CRPS indicate better fits, better uncertainty quantification).

Usage

crps(y, mu, s2)

Arguments

| У | response vector |
|----|--------------------------------|
| mu | predicted mean |
| s2 | predicted point-wise variances |

References

Gneiting, T, and AE Raftery. 2007. Strictly Proper Scoring Rules, Prediction, and Estimation. *Journal of the American Statistical Association 102* (477), 359-378.

Examples

- # Additional examples including real-world computer experiments are available at:
- # https://bitbucket.org/gramacylab/deepgp-ex/

fit_one_layer

MCMC sampling for one layer GP

Description

Conducts MCMC sampling of hyperparameters for a one layer GP. Length scale parameter theta governs the strength of the correlation and nugget parameter g governs noise. In Matern covariance, v governs smoothness.

fit_one_layer

Usage

```
fit_one_layer(
 х,
 у,
 nmcmc = 10000,
 sep = FALSE,
 verb = TRUE,
 g_0 = 0.001,
  theta_0 = 0.1,
  true_g = NULL,
  settings = NULL,
 cov = c("matern", "exp2"),
 v = 2.5,
 vecchia = FALSE,
 m = min(25, length(y) - 1),
 ordering = NULL
)
```

Arguments

| x | vector or matrix of input locations |
|----------|--|
| У | vector of response values |
| nmcmc | number of MCMC iterations |
| sep | logical indicating whether to use separable (sep = TRUE) or isotropic (sep = FALSE) lengthscales |
| verb | logical indicating whether to print iteration progress |
| g_0 | initial value for g |
| theta_0 | initial value for theta |
| true_g | if true nugget is known it may be specified here (set to a small value to make fit deterministic). Note - values that are too small may cause numerical issues in matrix inversions. |
| settings | hyperparameters for proposals and priors (see details) |
| cov | covariance kernel, either Matern or squared exponential ("exp2") |
| v | Matern smoothness parameter (only used if cov = "matern") |
| vecchia | logical indicating whether to use Vecchia approximation |
| m | size of Vecchia conditioning sets (only used if vecchia = TRUE) |
| ordering | optional ordering for Vecchia approximation, must correspond to rows of x, de- faults to random |

Details

Utilizes Metropolis Hastings sampling of the length scale and nugget parameters with proposals and priors controlled by settings. When true_g is set to a specific value, the nugget is not estimated. When vecchia = TRUE, all calculations leverage the Vecchia approximation with specified conditioning set size m. Vecchia approximation is only implemented for cov = "matern".

NOTE on OpenMP: The Vecchia implementation relies on OpenMP parallelization for efficient computation. This function will produce a warning message if the package was installed without OpenMP (this is the default for CRAN packages installed on Apple machines). To set up OpenMP parallelization, download the package source code and install using the gcc/g++ compiler.

Proposals for g and theta follow a uniform sliding window scheme, e.g.

g_star <- runif(1, l * g_t / u, u * g_t / l),</pre>

with defaults l = 1 and u = 2 provided in settings. To adjust these, set settings = list($l = new_l$, $u = new_u$). Priors on g and theta follow Gamma distributions with shape parameters (alpha) and rate parameters (beta) controlled within the settings list object. Defaults have been updated with package version 1.1.3. Default priors differ for noisy/deterministic settings and depend on whether monowarp = TRUE. All default values are visible in the internal deepgp:::check_settings function. These priors are designed for x scaled to [0, 1] and y scaled to have mean 0 and variance 1. These may be adjusted using the settings input.

The output object of class gp is designed for use with continue, trim, and predict.

Value

a list of the S3 class gp or gpvec with elements:

- x: copy of input matrix
- y: copy of response vector
- nmcmc: number of MCMC iterations
- settings: copy of proposal/prior settings
- v: copy of Matern smoothness parameter (v = 999 indicates cov = "exp2")
- g: vector of MCMC samples for g
- theta: vector of MCMC samples for theta
- tau2: vector of MLE estimates for tau2 (scale parameter)
- 11: vector of MVN log likelihood for each Gibbs iteration
- time: computation time in seconds

References

Sauer, A. (2023). Deep Gaussian process surrogates for computer experiments. *Ph.D. Dissertation, Department of Statistics, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.*

Sauer, A., Gramacy, R.B., & Higdon, D. (2023). Active learning for deep Gaussian process surrogates. *Technometrics, 65,* 4-18. arXiv:2012.08015

Sauer, A., Cooper, A., & Gramacy, R. B. (2023). Vecchia-approximated deep Gaussian processes for computer experiments. *Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics, 32*(3), 824-837. arXiv:2204.02904

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fit_three_layer

Examples

```
# Additional examples including real-world computer experiments are available at:
# https://bitbucket.org/gramacylab/deepgp-ex/
# Booth function (inspired by the Higdon function)
f <- function(x) {</pre>
  i <- which(x <= 0.58)
  x[i] <- sin(pi * x[i] * 6) + cos(pi * x[i] * 12)
  x[-i] < 5 * x[-i] - 4.9
  return(x)
}
# Training data
x <- seq(0, 1, length = 25)</pre>
y <- f(x)
# Testing data
xx <- seq(0, 1, length = 200)</pre>
yy <- f(xx)
plot(xx, yy, type = "1")
points(x, y, col = 2)
# Example 1: full model (nugget fixed)
fit <- fit_one_layer(x, y, nmcmc = 2000, true_g = 1e-6)</pre>
plot(fit)
fit <- trim(fit, 1000, 2)
fit <- predict(fit, xx, cores = 1)</pre>
plot(fit)
# Example 2: full model (nugget estimated, EI calculated)
fit <- fit_one_layer(x, y, nmcmc = 2000)</pre>
plot(fit)
fit <- trim(fit, 1000, 2)
fit <- predict(fit, xx, cores = 1, EI = TRUE)</pre>
plot(fit)
par(new = TRUE) # overlay EI
plot(xx[order(xx)], fit$EI[order(xx)], type = 'l', lty = 2,
axes = FALSE, xlab = '', ylab = '')
# Example 3: Vecchia approximated model (nugget estimated)
fit <- fit_one_layer(x, y, nmcmc = 2000, vecchia = TRUE, m = 10)</pre>
plot(fit)
fit <- trim(fit, 1000, 2)
fit <- predict(fit, xx, cores = 1)</pre>
plot(fit)
```

fit_three_layer

MCMC sampling for three layer deep GP

Description

Conducts MCMC sampling of hyperparameters, hidden layer z, and hidden layer w for a three layer deep GP. Separate length scale parameters theta_z, theta_w, and theta_y govern the correlation strength of the inner layer, middle layer, and outer layer respectively. Nugget parameter g governs noise on the outer layer. In Matern covariance, v governs smoothness.

Usage

```
fit_three_layer(
 х,
 у,
 nmcmc = 10000,
 D = ifelse(is.matrix(x), ncol(x), 1),
 verb = TRUE,
 w_0 = NULL,
 z_0 = NULL,
 g_0 = 0.001,
  theta_y_0 = 0.1,
  theta_w_0 = 0.1,
  theta_z_0 = 0.1,
  true_g = NULL,
  settings = NULL,
 cov = c("matern", "exp2"),
 v = 2.5,
 vecchia = FALSE,
 m = min(25, length(y) - 1),
 ordering = NULL
)
```

Arguments

| х | vector or matrix of input locations |
|-----------|--|
| У | vector of response values |
| nmcmc | number of MCMC iterations |
| D | integer designating dimension of hidden layers, defaults to dimension of x |
| verb | logical indicating whether to print iteration progress |
| w_0 | initial value for hidden layer w (must be matrix of dimension $nrow(x)$ by D or dimension $nrow(x) - 1$ by D). Defaults to the identity mapping. |
| z_0 | initial value for hidden layer z (must be matrix of dimension nrow(x) by D or dimension nrow(x) - 1 by D). Defaults to the identity mapping. |
| g_0 | initial value for g |
| theta_y_0 | initial value for theta_y (length scale of outer layer) |
| theta_w_0 | initial value for theta_w (length scale of middle layer), may be single value or vector of length D |
| theta_z_0 | initial value for theta_z (length scale of inner layer), may be single value or vector of length D |

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| true_g | if true nugget is known it may be specified here (set to a small value to make fit deterministic). Note - values that are too small may cause numerical issues in matrix inversions. |
|----------|--|
| settings | hyperparameters for proposals and priors (see details) |
| cov | covariance kernel, either Matern or squared exponential ("exp2") |
| v | Matern smoothness parameter (only used if cov = "matern") |
| vecchia | logical indicating whether to use Vecchia approximation |
| m | size of Vecchia conditioning sets (only used if vecchia = TRUE) |
| ordering | optional ordering for Vecchia approximation, must correspond to rows of x, de- faults to random, is applied to x, w, and z |

Details

pmx = TRUE option not yet implemented for three-layer DGP.

Maps inputs x through hidden layer z then hidden layer w to outputs y. Conducts sampling of the hidden layers using Elliptical Slice sampling. Utilizes Metropolis Hastings sampling of the length scale and nugget parameters with proposals and priors controlled by settings. When true_g is set to a specific value, the nugget is not estimated. When vecchia = TRUE, all calculations leverage the Vecchia approximation with specified conditioning set size m. Vecchia approximation is only implemented for cov = "matern".

NOTE on OpenMP: The Vecchia implementation relies on OpenMP parallelization for efficient computation. This function will produce a warning message if the package was installed without OpenMP (this is the default for CRAN packages installed on Apple machines). To set up OpenMP parallelization, download the package source code and install using the gcc/g++ compiler.

Proposals for g, theta_y, theta_w, and theta_z follow a uniform sliding window scheme, e.g.

g_star <- runif(1, 1 * g_t / u, u * g_t / l),</pre>

with defaults l = 1 and u = 2 provided in settings. To adjust these, set settings = list($l = new_l$, $u = new_u$). Priors on g, theta_y, theta_w, and theta_z follow Gamma distributions with shape parameters (alpha) and rate parameters (beta) controlled within the settings list object. Defaults have been updated with package version 1.1.3. Default priors differ for noisy/deterministic settings and depend on whether monowarp = TRUE. All default values are visible in the internal deepgp:::check_settings function. These priors are designed for x scaled to [0, 1] and y scaled to have mean 0 and variance 1. These may be adjusted using the settings input.

In the current version, the three-layer does not have any equivalent setting for monowarp = TRUE or pmx = TRUE as in fit_two_layer.

When $w_0 = NULL$ and/or $z_0 = NULL$, the hidden layers are initialized at x (i.e. the identity mapping). The default prior mean of the inner hidden layer z is zero, but may be adjusted to x using settings = list(z_prior_mean = x). The prior mean of the middle hidden layer w is set at zero is is not user adjustable. If w_0 and/or z_0 is of dimension nrow(x) - 1 by D, the final row is predicted using kriging. This is helpful in sequential design when adding a new input location and starting the MCMC at the place where the previous MCMC left off.

The output object of class dgp3 or dgp3vec is designed for use with continue, trim, and predict.

Value

a list of the S3 class dgp3 or dgp3vec with elements:

- x: copy of input matrix
- y: copy of response vector
- nmcmc: number of MCMC iterations
- settings: copy of proposal/prior settings
- v: copy of Matern smoothness parameter (v = 999 indicates cov = "exp2")
- g: vector of MCMC samples for g
- theta_y: vector of MCMC samples for theta_y (length scale of outer layer)
- theta_w: matrix of MCMC samples for theta_w (length scale of middle layer)
- theta_z: matrix of MCMC samples for theta_z (length scale of inner layer)
- tau2: vector of MLE estimates for tau2 (scale parameter of outer layer)
- w: list of MCMC samples for middle hidden layer w
- z: list of MCMC samples for inner hidden layer z
- 11: vector of MVN log likelihood of the outer layer for reach Gibbs iteration
- time: computation time in seconds

References

Sauer, A. (2023). Deep Gaussian process surrogates for computer experiments. *Ph.D. Dissertation, Department of Statistics, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.*

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Examples

```
# Additional examples including real-world computer experiments are available at:
# https://bitbucket.org/gramacylab/deepgp-ex/
```

```
# G function in 2 dimensions (https://www.sfu.ca/~ssurjano/gfunc.html)
f <- function(xx, a = (c(1:length(xx)) - 1) / 2) {
    new1 <- abs(4 * xx - 2) + a
    new2 <- 1 + a
    prod <- prod(new1 / new2)
    return((prod - 1) / 0.86)
}
# Training data
d <- 2
n <- 30</pre>
```

fit_two_layer

```
x <- matrix(runif(n * d), ncol = d)</pre>
y \le apply(x, 1, f)
# Testing data
n_test <- 500
xx <- matrix(runif(n_test * d), ncol = d)</pre>
yy <- apply(xx, 1, f)
i <- interp::interp(xx[, 1], xx[, 2], yy)</pre>
image(i, col = heat.colors(128))
contour(i, add = TRUE)
contour(i, level = -0.5, col = 4, add = TRUE) # potential failure limit
points(x)
# Example 1: full model (nugget estimated, entropy calculated)
fit <- fit_three_layer(x, y, nmcmc = 2000)</pre>
plot(fit)
fit <- trim(fit, 1000, 2)
fit <- predict(fit, xx, entropy_limit = -0.5, cores = 1)</pre>
plot(fit)
i <- interp::interp(xx[, 1], xx[, 2], fit$entropy)</pre>
image(i, col = heat.colors(128), main = "Entropy")
# Example 2: Vecchia approximated model (nugget fixed)
# (Vecchia approximation is faster for larger data sizes)
fit <- fit_three_layer(x, y, nmcmc = 2000, vecchia = TRUE,</pre>
                        m = 10, true_g = 1e-6)
plot(fit)
fit <- trim(fit, 1000, 2)</pre>
fit <- predict(fit, xx, cores = 1)</pre>
plot(fit)
```

fit_two_layer MCMC sampling for two layer deep GP

Description

Conducts MCMC sampling of hyperparameters and hidden layer w for a two layer deep GP. Separate length scale parameters theta_w and theta_y govern the correlation strength of the hidden layer and outer layer respectively. Nugget parameter g governs noise on the outer layer. In Matern covariance, v governs smoothness.

Usage

```
fit_two_layer(
    x,
    y,
    nmcmc = 10000,
```

```
D = ifelse(is.matrix(x), ncol(x), 1),
 monowarp = FALSE,
 pmx = FALSE,
 verb = TRUE,
 w_0 = NULL,
 g_0 = 0.001,
 theta_y_0 = 0.1,
 theta_w_0 = 0.1,
 true_g = NULL,
 settings = NULL,
 cov = c("matern", "exp2"),
 v = 2.5,
 vecchia = FALSE,
 m = min(25, length(y) - 1),
 ordering = NULL
)
```

Arguments

| x | vector or matrix of input locations |
|-----------|---|
| У | vector of response values |
| nmcmc | number of MCMC iterations |
| D | integer designating dimension of hidden layer, defaults to dimension of x |
| monowarp | indicates whether warpings should be forced to be monotonic. Input may be a matrix of grid points (or a vector which will be applied to every dimension) for interpolation of the cumulative sum, an integer specifying the number of grid points to use over the range [0, 1], or simply the boolean TRUE which triggers 50 grid points over the range [0, 1]. |
| pmx | "prior mean x", logical indicating whether w should have prior mean of x (TRUE, requires $D = ncol(x)$) or prior mean zero (FALSE). pmx = TRUE is recommended for higher dimensions. May be numeric, in which case the specified argument is used as the scale (tau2) in the latent w layer (default is 1). Small values encourage identity mappings. |
| verb | logical indicating whether to print iteration progress |
| w_0 | initial value for hidden layer w (must be matrix of dimension $nrow(x)$ by D or dimension $nrow(x) - 1$ by D). Defaults to the identity mapping. |
| g_0 | initial value for g |
| theta_y_0 | initial value for theta_y (length scale of outer layer) |
| theta_w_0 | initial value for theta_w (length scale of inner layer), may be single value or vector of length D |
| true_g | if true nugget is known it may be specified here (set to a small value to make fit deterministic). Note - values that are too small may cause numerical issues in matrix inversions. |
| settings | hyperparameters for proposals and priors (see details) |
| cov | covariance kernel, either Matern or squared exponential ("exp2") |

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| v | Matern smoothness parameter (only used if cov = "matern") |
|----------|---|
| vecchia | logical indicating whether to use Vecchia approximation |
| m | size of Vecchia conditioning sets (only used if vecchia = TRUE) |
| ordering | optional ordering for Vecchia approximation, must correspond to rows of x, de- faults to random, is applied to x and w |

Details

Maps inputs x through hidden layer w to outputs y. Conducts sampling of the hidden layer using Elliptical Slice sampling. Utilizes Metropolis Hastings sampling of the length scale and nugget parameters with proposals and priors controlled by settings. When true_g is set to a specific value, the nugget is not estimated. When vecchia = TRUE, all calculations leverage the Vecchia approximation with specified conditioning set size m. Vecchia approximation is only implemented for cov = "matern".

When monowarp = TRUE, each input dimension is warped separately and monotonically. This requires D = ncol(x). Monotonic warpings trigger separable lengthscales on the outer layer (theta_y). As a default, monotonic warpings use the reference grid: seq(0, 1, length = 50). The grid size may be controlled by passing a numeric integer to monowarp (i.e., monowarp = 100 uses the grid seq(0, 1, length = 100)). Alternatively, any user-specified grid may be passed as the argument to monowarp.

When pmx = TRUE, the prior on the latent layer is set at x (rather than the default of zero). This requires D = ncol(x). If pmx is set to a numeric value, then that value is used as the scale parameter on the latent layer. Specifying a small value here encourages an identity mapping.

NOTE on OpenMP: The Vecchia implementation relies on OpenMP parallelization for efficient computation. This function will produce a warning message if the package was installed without OpenMP (this is the default for CRAN packages installed on Apple machines). To set up OpenMP parallelization, download the package source code and install using the gcc/g++ compiler.

Proposals for g, theta_y, and theta_w follow a uniform sliding window scheme, e.g.

g_star <- runif(1, 1 * g_t / u, u * g_t / l),</pre>

with defaults l = 1 and u = 2 provided in settings. To adjust these, set settings = list($l = new_l$, $u = new_u$). Priors on g, theta_y, and theta_w follow Gamma distributions with shape parameters (alpha) and rate parameters (beta) controlled within the settings list object. Defaults have been updated with package version 1.1.3. Default priors differ for noisy/deterministic settings and depend on whether monowarp = TRUE. All default values are visible in the internal deepgp:::check_settings function. These priors are designed for x scaled to [0, 1] and y scaled to have mean 0 and variance 1. These may be adjusted using the settings input.

When $w_0 = NULL$, the hidden layer is initialized at x (i.e. the identity mapping). If w_0 is of dimension nrow(x) - 1 by D, the final row is predicted using kriging. This is helpful in sequential design when adding a new input location and starting the MCMC at the place where the previous MCMC left off.

The output object of class dgp2 or dgp2vec is designed for use with continue, trim, and predict.

Value

a list of the S3 class dgp2 or dgp2vec with elements:

- x: copy of input matrix
- y: copy of response vector
- nmcmc: number of MCMC iterations
- settings: copy of proposal/prior settings
- v: copy of Matern smoothness parameter (v = 999 indicates cov = "exp2")
- g: vector of MCMC samples for g
- theta_y: vector of MCMC samples for theta_y (length scale of outer layer)
- theta_w: matrix of MCMC samples for theta_w (length scale of inner layer)
- tau2: vector of MLE estimates for tau2 (scale parameter of outer layer)
- w: list of MCMC samples for hidden layer w
- 11: vector of MVN log likelihood of the outer layer for reach Gibbs iteration
- time: computation time in seconds

References

Sauer, A. (2023). Deep Gaussian process surrogates for computer experiments. *Ph.D. Dissertation, Department of Statistics, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.*

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Examples

- # Additional examples including real-world computer experiments are available at:
- # https://bitbucket.org/gramacylab/deepgp-ex/

```
# Booth function (inspired by the Higdon function)
f <- function(x) {
    i <- which(x <= 0.58)
    x[i] <- sin(pi * x[i] * 6) + cos(pi * x[i] * 12)
    x[-i] <- 5 * x[-i] - 4.9
    return(x)
}
# Training data
x <- seq(0, 1, length = 25)
y <- f(x)
# Testing data
xx <- seq(0, 1, length = 200)</pre>
```

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```
yy < -f(xx)
plot(xx, yy, type = "1")
points(x, y, col = 2)
# Example 1: full model (nugget estimated, using continue)
fit <- fit_two_layer(x, y, nmcmc = 1000)</pre>
plot(fit)
fit <- continue(fit, 1000)</pre>
plot(fit, hidden = TRUE) # trace plots and ESS samples
fit <- trim(fit, 1000, 2)
fit <- predict(fit, xx, cores = 1)</pre>
plot(fit)
# Example 2: Vecchia approximated model (nugget estimated)
# (Vecchia approximation is faster for larger data sizes)
fit <- fit_two_layer(x, y, nmcmc = 2000, vecchia = TRUE, m = 10)</pre>
plot(fit, hidden = TRUE) # trace plots and ESS samples
fit <- trim(fit, 1000, 2)
fit <- predict(fit, xx, cores = 1)</pre>
plot(fit)
# Example 3: Vecchia approximated model, re-approximated after burn-in
fit <- fit_two_layer(x, y, nmcmc = 1000, vecchia = TRUE, m = 10)</pre>
fit <- continue(fit, 1000, re_approx = TRUE)</pre>
plot(fit, hidden = TRUE) # trace plots and ESS samples
fit <- trim(fit, 1000, 2)
fit <- predict(fit, xx, cores = 1)</pre>
plot(fit)
# Example 4: full model with monotonic warpings (nugget estimated)
fit <- fit_two_layer(x, y, nmcmc = 2000, monowarp = TRUE)</pre>
plot(fit, hidden = TRUE) # trace plots and ESS samples
fit <- trim(fit, 1000, 2)
fit <- predict(fit, xx, cores = 1)</pre>
plot(fit)
```

IMSE

Integrated Mean-Squared (prediction) Error for Sequential Design

Description

Acts on a gp, dgp2, or dgp3 object. Current version requires squared exponential covariance (cov = "exp2"). Calculates IMSE over the input locations x_new. Optionally utilizes SNOW parallelization. User should select the point with the lowest IMSE to add to the design.

Usage

```
IMSE(object, x_new, cores)
## S3 method for class 'gp'
IMSE(object, x_new = NULL, cores = 1)
## S3 method for class 'dgp2'
IMSE(object, x_new = NULL, cores = 1)
## S3 method for class 'dgp3'
IMSE(object, x_new = NULL, cores = 1)
```

Arguments

| object | object of class gp, dgp2, or dgp3 |
|--------|--|
| x_new | matrix of possible input locations, if object has been run through predict the previously stored x_new is used |
| cores | number of cores to utilize in parallel, by default no parallelization is used |

Details

Not yet implemented for Vecchia-approximated fits or Matern kernels.

All iterations in the object are used in the calculation, so samples should be burned-in. Thinning the samples using trim will speed up computation. This function may be used in two ways:

- Option 1: called on an object with only MCMC iterations, in which case x_new must be specified
- Option 2: called on an object that has been predicted over, in which case the x_new from predict is used

In Option 2, it is recommended to set store_latent = TRUE for dgp2 and dgp3 objects so latent mappings do not have to be re-calculated. Through predict, the user may specify a mean mapping (mean_map = TRUE) or a full sample from the MVN distribution over w_new (mean_map = FALSE). When the object has not yet been predicted over (Option 1), the mean mapping is used.

SNOW parallelization reduces computation time but requires more memory storage.

Value

list with elements:

- value: vector of IMSE values, indices correspond to x_new
- time: computation time in seconds

References

Sauer, A., Gramacy, R.B., & Higdon, D. (2023). Active learning for deep Gaussian process surrogates. *Technometrics, 65,* 4-18. arXiv:2012.08015

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Binois, M, J Huang, RB Gramacy, and M Ludkovski. 2019. "Replication or Exploration? Sequential Design for Stochastic Simulation Experiments." *Technometrics* 61, 7-23. Taylor & Francis. doi:10.1080/00401706.2018.1469433

Examples

```
# Additional examples including real-world computer experiments are available at:
# https://bitbucket.org/gramacylab/deepgp-ex/
```

```
# Example 1: toy step function, runs in less than 5 seconds
# -----
f <- function(x) {</pre>
   if (x \le 0.4) return(-1)
   if (x \ge 0.6) return(1)
   if (x > 0.4 \& x < 0.6) return(10*(x-0.5))
}
x <- seq(0.05, 0.95, length = 7)</pre>
y \le sapply(x, f)
x_new <- seq(0, 1, length = 100)</pre>
# Fit model and calculate IMSE
fit <- fit_one_layer(x, y, nmcmc = 100, cov = "exp2")</pre>
fit <- trim(fit, 50)</pre>
fit <- predict(fit, x_new, cores = 1, store_latent = TRUE)</pre>
imse <- IMSE(fit)</pre>
# -----
# Example 2: Higdon function
# -----
f <- function(x) {</pre>
   i <- which(x <= 0.48)
   x[i] <- 2 * sin(pi * x[i] * 4) + 0.4 * cos(pi * x[i] * 16)
   x[-i] <- 2 * x[-i] - 1
   return(x)
}
# Training data
x <- seq(0, 1, length = 30)
y \le f(x) + rnorm(30, 0, 0.05)
# Testing data
xx <- seq(0, 1, length = 100)
yy <- f(xx)
plot(xx, yy, type = "1")
points(x, y, col = 2)
# Conduct MCMC (can replace fit_three_layer with fit_one_layer/fit_two_layer)
```

plot

plot

Plots object from deepgp package

Description

Acts on a gp, gpvec, dgp2, dgp2vec, dgp3, or dgp3vec object. Generates trace plots for outer log likelihood, length scale, and nugget hyperparameters. Generates plots of hidden layers for one-dimensional inputs or monotonic warpings. Generates plots of the posterior mean and estimated 90% prediction intervals for one-dimensional inputs; generates heat maps of the posterior mean and point-wise variance for two-dimensional inputs.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'gp'
plot(x, trace = NULL, predict = NULL, ...)
## S3 method for class 'gpvec'
plot(x, trace = NULL, predict = NULL, ...)
## S3 method for class 'dgp2'
plot(x, trace = NULL, hidden = NULL, predict = NULL, ...)
## S3 method for class 'dgp2vec'
plot(x, trace = NULL, hidden = NULL, predict = NULL, ...)
## S3 method for class 'dgp3'
plot(x, trace = NULL, hidden = NULL, predict = NULL, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'dgp3vec'
plot(x, trace = NULL, hidden = NULL, predict = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

| х | object of class gp, gpvec, dgp2, dgp2vec, dgp3, or dgp3vec |
|---------|---|
| trace | logical indicating whether to generate trace plots (default is TRUE if the object has not been through predict) |
| predict | logical indicating whether to generate posterior predictive plot (default is TRUE if the object has been through predict) |
| ••• | N/A |
| hidden | logical indicating whether to generate plots of hidden layers (two or three layer only, default is FALSE) |

Details

Trace plots are useful in assessing burn-in. If there are too many hyperparameters to plot them all, then it is most useful to visualize the log likelihood (e.g., plot(fit\$11, type = "1")).

Hidden layer plots are colored on a gradient - red lines represent earlier iterations and yellow lines represent later iterations - to help assess burn-in of the hidden layers. Only every 100th sample is plotted.

Examples

See ?fit_one_layer, ?fit_two_layer, or ?fit_three_layer
for examples

predict

Predict posterior mean and variance/covariance

Description

Acts on a gp, dgp2, or dgp3 object. Calculates posterior mean and variance/covariance over specified input locations. Optionally calculates expected improvement (EI) or entropy over candidate inputs. Optionally utilizes SNOW parallelization.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'gp'
predict(
   object,
   x_new,
   lite = TRUE,
   return_all = FALSE,
```

predict

```
EI = FALSE,
 entropy_limit = NULL,
 cores = 1,
  • • •
)
## S3 method for class 'dgp2'
predict(
 object,
 x_new,
 lite = TRUE,
  store_latent = FALSE,
 mean_map = TRUE,
  return_all = FALSE,
 EI = FALSE,
  entropy_limit = NULL,
 cores = 1,
  • • •
)
## S3 method for class 'dgp3'
predict(
 object,
 x_new,
 lite = TRUE,
  store_latent = FALSE,
 mean_map = TRUE,
  return_all = FALSE,
 EI = FALSE,
  entropy_limit = NULL,
  cores = 1,
  . . .
)
## S3 method for class 'gpvec'
predict(
 object,
 x_new,
 m = object$m,
 ordering_new = NULL,
 lite = TRUE,
  return_all = FALSE,
 EI = FALSE,
 entropy_limit = NULL,
 cores = 1,
  . . .
)
```

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predict

```
## S3 method for class 'dgp2vec'
predict(
 object,
 x_new,
 m = object$m,
 ordering_new = NULL,
 lite = TRUE,
  store_latent = FALSE,
 mean_map = TRUE,
 return_all = FALSE,
 EI = FALSE,
 entropy_limit = NULL,
 cores = 1,
  . . .
)
## S3 method for class 'dgp3vec'
predict(
 object,
 x_new,
 m = object$m,
 ordering_new = NULL,
 lite = TRUE,
 store_latent = FALSE,
 mean_map = TRUE,
 return_all = FALSE,
 EI = FALSE,
 entropy_limit = NULL,
 cores = 1,
  . . .
)
```

,

Arguments

| object | <pre>object from fit_one_layer, fit_two_layer, or fit_three_layer with burn- in already removed</pre> |
|---------------|--|
| x_new | matrix of predictive input locations |
| lite | logical indicating whether to calculate only point-wise variances (lite = TRUE) or full covariance (lite = FALSE) |
| return_all | logical indicating whether to return mean and point-wise variance prediction for ALL samples (only available for lite = TRUE) |
| EI | logical indicating whether to calculate expected improvement (for minimizing the response) |
| entropy_limit | optional limit state for entropy calculations (separating passes and failures), de- fault value of NULL bypasses entropy calculations |
| cores | number of cores to utilize in parallel |
| | N/A |

| store_latent | logical indicating whether to store and return mapped values of latent layers (two or three layer models only) |
|--------------|---|
| mean_map | logical indicating whether to map hidden layers using conditional mean (mean_map = TRUE) or using a random sample from the full MVN distribution (two or three layer models only), mean_map = FALSE is not yet implemented for fits with vecchia = TRUE |
| m | size of Vecchia conditioning sets (only for fits with vecchia = TRUE), defaults to the m used for MCMC |
| ordering_new | optional ordering for Vecchia approximation, must correspond to rows of x_new, defaults to random, is applied to all layers in deeper models |

Details

All iterations in the object are used for prediction, so samples should be burned-in. Thinning the samples using trim will speed up computation. Posterior moments are calculated using conditional expectation and variance. As a default, only point-wise variance is calculated. Full covariance may be calculated using lite = FALSE.

Expected improvement is calculated with the goal of minimizing the response. See Chapter 7 of Gramacy (2020) for details. Entropy is calculated based on two classes separated by the specified limit. See Sauer (2023, Chapter 3) for details.

SNOW parallelization reduces computation time but requires more memory storage.

Value

object of the same class with the following additional elements:

- x_new: copy of predictive input locations
- mean: predicted posterior mean, indices correspond to x_new locations
- s2: predicted point-wise variances, indices correspond to x_new locations (only returned when lite = TRUE)
- mean_all: predicted posterior mean for each sample (column indices), only returned when return_all = TRUE
- s2_all predicted point-wise variances for each sample (column indices), only returned when return-all = TRUE
- Sigma: predicted posterior covariance, indices correspond to x_new locations (only returned when lite = FALSE)
- EI: vector of expected improvement values, indices correspond to x_new locations (only returned when EI = TRUE)
- entropy: vector of entropy values, indices correspond to x_new locations (only returned when entropy_limit is numeric)
- w_new: list of hidden layer mappings (only returned when store_latent = TRUE), list index corresponds to iteration and row index corresponds to x_new location (two or three layer models only)
- z_new: list of hidden layer mappings (only returned when store_latent = TRUE), list index corresponds to iteration and row index corresponds to x_new location (three layer models only)

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Computation time is added to the computation time of the existing object.

References

Sauer, A. (2023). Deep Gaussian process surrogates for computer experiments. *Ph.D. Dissertation, Department of Statistics, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.*

Sauer, A., Gramacy, R.B., & Higdon, D. (2023). Active learning for deep Gaussian process surrogates. *Technometrics, 65,* 4-18. arXiv:2012.08015

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Examples

```
# See ?fit_one_layer, ?fit_two_layer, or ?fit_three_layer
# for examples
```

rmse

Calculates RMSE

Description

Calculates root mean square error (lower RMSE indicate better fits).

Usage

rmse(y, mu)

Arguments

| У | response vector |
|----|-----------------|
| mu | predicted mean |

Examples

Additional examples including real-world computer experiments are available at:

https://bitbucket.org/gramacylab/deepgp-ex/

score

Description

Calculates score, proportional to the multivariate normal log likelihood. Higher scores indicate better fits. Only applicable to noisy data. Requires full covariance matrix (e.g. predict with lite = FALSE).

Usage

score(y, mu, sigma)

Arguments

| У | response vector |
|-------|----------------------|
| mu | predicted mean |
| sigma | predicted covariance |

References

Gneiting, T, and AE Raftery. 2007. Strictly Proper Scoring Rules, Prediction, and Estimation. *Journal of the American Statistical Association 102* (477), 359-378.

Examples

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sq_dist

Calculates squared pairwise distances

Description

Calculates squared pairwise euclidean distances using C.

Usage

sq_dist(X1, X2 = NULL)

Arguments

| X1 | matrix of input locations |
|----|--|
| X2 | matrix of second input locations (if NULL, distance is calculated between X1 and |
| | itself) |

trim

Details

C code derived from the "laGP" package (Robert B Gramacy and Furong Sun).

Value

symmetric matrix of squared euclidean distances

References

Gramacy, RB and F Sun. (2016). laGP: Large-Scale Spatial Modeling via Local Approximate Gaussian Processes in R. *Journal of Statistical Software* 72 (1), 1-46. doi:10.18637/jss.v072.i01

Examples

x <- seq(0, 1, length = 10) d2 <- sq_dist(x)</pre>

trim

Trim/Thin MCMC iterations

Description

Acts on a gp, gpvec, dgp2, dgp2vec, dgp3vec, or dgp3 object. Removes the specified number of MCMC iterations (starting at the first iteration). After these samples are removed, the remaining samples are optionally thinned.

Usage

```
trim(object, burn, thin)
## S3 method for class 'gp'
trim(object, burn, thin = 1)
## S3 method for class 'gpvec'
trim(object, burn, thin = 1)
## S3 method for class 'dgp2'
trim(object, burn, thin = 1)
## S3 method for class 'dgp2vec'
trim(object, burn, thin = 1)
## S3 method for class 'dgp3'
trim(object, burn, thin = 1)
## S3 method for class 'dgp3'
trim(object, burn, thin = 1)
## S3 method for class 'dgp3vec'
trim(object, burn, thin = 1)
```

Arguments

| object | <pre>object from fit_one_layer, fit_two_layer, or fit_three_layer</pre> |
|--------|--|
| burn | integer specifying number of iterations to cut off as burn-in |
| thin | integer specifying amount of thinning (thin = 1 keeps all iterations, thin = 2 keeps every other iteration, thin = 10 keeps every tenth iteration, etc.) |

Details

The resulting object will have nmcmc equal to the previous nmcmc minus burn divided by thin. It is recommended to start an MCMC fit then investigate trace plots to assess burn-in. Once burn-in has been achieved, use this function to remove the starting iterations. Thinning reduces the size of the resulting object while accounting for the high correlation between consecutive iterations.

Value

object of the same class with the selected iterations removed

Examples

```
# See ?fit_one_layer, ?fit_two_layer, or ?fit_three_layer
```

for examples

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