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ALC_RNAmf

*find the next point by ALC criterion***Description**

The function acquires the new point by the Active learning Cohn (ALC) criterion. It calculates the ALC criterion $\frac{\Delta\sigma_L^2(l, \mathbf{x})}{\sum_{j=1}^l C_j} = \frac{\int_{\Omega} \sigma_L^{*2}(\xi) - \tilde{\sigma}_L^{*2}(\xi; l, \mathbf{x}) d\xi}{\sum_{j=1}^l C_j}$, where f_L is the highest-fidelity simulation code, $\sigma_L^{*2}(\xi)$ is the posterior variance of $f_L(\xi)$, C_j is the simulation cost at fidelity level j , and $\tilde{\sigma}_L^{*2}(\xi; l, \mathbf{x})$ is the posterior variance based on the augmented design combining the current design and a new input location $\mathbf{x}$ at each fidelity level lower than or equal to l . The integration is approximated by MC integration using uniform reference samples.

A new point is acquired on Xcand. If Xcand=NULL and Xref=NULL, a new point is acquired on unit hypercube $[0, 1]^d$.

Usage

```
ALC_RNAmf(Xref = NULL, Xcand = NULL, fit, mc.sample = 100,
cost = NULL, optim = TRUE, parallel = FALSE, ncore = 1, trace=TRUE)
```

Arguments

Xref	vector or matrix of reference location to approximate the integral of ALC. If Xref=NULL, $100 \times d$ points from 0 to 1 are generated by Latin hypercube design. Default is NULL.
Xcand	vector or matrix of candidate set which could be added into the current design only when optim=FALSE. Xcand is the set of the points where ALC criterion is evaluated. If Xcand=NULL, Xref is used. Default is NULL. See details.
fit	object of class RNAmf.
mc.sample	a number of mc samples generated for the imputation through MC approximation. Default is 100.
cost	vector of the costs for each level of fidelity. If cost=NULL, total costs at all levels would be 1. cost is encouraged to have a ascending order of positive value. Default is NULL.
optim	logical indicating whether to optimize AL criterion by optim's gradient-based L-BFGS-B method. If optim=TRUE, $5 \times d$ starting points are generated by Latin hypercube design for optimization. If optim=FALSE, AL criterion is optimized on the Xcand. Default is TRUE.
parallel	logical indicating whether to compute the AL criterion in parallel or not. If parallel=TRUE, parallel computation is utilized. Default is FALSE.
ncore	a number of core for parallel. It is only used if parallel=TRUE. Default is 1.
trace	logical indicating whether to print the computational time for each step. If trace=TRUE, the computation time for each step is printed. Default is TRUE.

Details

Xref plays a role of ξ to approximate the integration. To impute the posterior variance based on the augmented design $\tilde{\sigma}_L^{*2}(\xi; l, \mathbf{x})$, MC approximation is used. Due to the nested assumption, imputing $y_{n_s+1}^{[s]}$ for each $1 \leq s \leq l$ by drawing samples from the posterior distribution of $f_s(\mathbf{x}_{n_s+1}^{[s]})$ based on the current design allows to compute $\tilde{\sigma}_L^{*2}(\xi; l, \mathbf{x})$. Inverse of covariance matrix is computed by the Sherman-Morrison formula. For details, see Heo and Sung (2025, <doi:10.1080/00401706.2024.2376173>).

To search for the next acquisition $\mathbf{x}^*$ by maximizing AL criterion, the gradient-based optimization can be used by `optim=TRUE`. Firstly, $\tilde{\sigma}_L^{*2}(\xi; l, \mathbf{x})$ is computed on the $5 \times d$ number of points. After that, the point minimizing $\tilde{\sigma}_L^{*2}(\xi; l, \mathbf{x})$ serves as a starting point of optimization by L-BFGS-B method. Otherwise, when `optim=FALSE`, AL criterion is optimized only on Xcand.

The point is selected by maximizing the ALC criterion: $\operatorname{argmax}_{l \in \{1, \dots, L\}; \mathbf{x} \in \Omega} \frac{\Delta \sigma_L^2(l, \mathbf{x})}{\sum_{j=1}^l C_j}$.

Value

- ALC: list of ALC criterion integrated on Xref when each data point on Xcand is added at each level l if `optim=FALSE`. If `optim=TRUE`, ALC returns NULL.
- cost: a copy of cost.
- Xcand: a copy of Xcand.
- chosen: list of chosen level and point.
- time: a scalar of the time for the computation.

Examples

```
library(lhs)
library(doParallel)
library(foreach)

### simulation costs ###
cost <- c(1, 3)

### 1-d Perdikaris function in Perdikaris, et al. (2017) ###
# low-fidelity function
f1 <- function(x) {
  sin(8 * pi * x)
}

# high-fidelity function
f2 <- function(x) {
  (x - sqrt(2)) * (sin(8 * pi * x))^2
}

### training data ###
n1 <- 13
n2 <- 8

### fix seed to reproduce the result ###
set.seed(1)
```

```

### generate initial nested design ###
X <- NestedX(c(n1, n2), 1)
X1 <- X[[1]]
X2 <- X[[2]]

### n1 and n2 might be changed from NestedX ###
### assign n1 and n2 again ###
n1 <- nrow(X1)
n2 <- nrow(X2)

y1 <- f1(X1)
y2 <- f2(X2)

### n=100 uniform test data ###
x <- seq(0, 1, length.out = 100)

### fit an RNAmf ###
fit.RNAmf <- RNAmf(list(X1, X2), list(y1, y2), kernel = "sqex", constant=TRUE)

### predict ###
predy <- predict(fit.RNAmf, x)$mu
predsig2 <- predict(fit.RNAmf, x)$sig2

### active learning with optim=TRUE ###
alc.RNAmf.optim <- ALC_RNAmf(
  Xref = x, Xcand = x, fit.RNAmf, cost = cost,
  optim = TRUE, parallel = TRUE, ncore = 2
)
print(alc.RNAmf.optim$time) # computation time of optim=TRUE

### active learning with optim=FALSE ###
alc.RNAmf <- ALC_RNAmf(
  Xref = x, Xcand = x, fit.RNAmf, cost = cost,
  optim = FALSE, parallel = TRUE, ncore = 2
)
print(alc.RNAmf$time) # computation time of optim=FALSE

### visualize ALC ###
oldpar <- par(mfrow = c(1, 2))
plot(x, alc.RNAmf$ALC$ALC1,
  type = "l", lty = 2,
  xlab = "x", ylab = "ALC criterion augmented at the low-fidelity level",
  ylim = c(min(c(alc.RNAmf$ALC$ALC1, alc.RNAmf$ALC$ALC2)),
    max(c(alc.RNAmf$ALC$ALC1, alc.RNAmf$ALC$ALC2)))
)
points(alc.RNAmf$chosen$Xnext,
  alc.RNAmf$ALC$ALC1[which(x == drop(alc.RNAmf$chosen$Xnext))],
  pch = 16, cex = 1, col = "red"
)
plot(x, alc.RNAmf$ALC$ALC2,
  type = "l", lty = 2,
  xlab = "x", ylab = "ALC criterion augmented at the high-fidelity level",

```

```

      ylim = c(min(c(alc.RNAmf$ALC$ALC1, alc.RNAmf$ALC$ALC2)),
                max(c(alc.RNAmf$ALC$ALC1, alc.RNAmf$ALC$ALC2)))
    )
  par(oldpar)

```

ALD_RNAmf

find the next point by ALD criterion

Description

The function acquires the new point by the Active learning Decomposition (ALD) criterion. It calculates the ALD criterion $\frac{V_l(\mathbf{x})}{\sum_{j=1}^l C_j}$, where $V_l(\mathbf{x})$ is the contribution of GP emulator at each fidelity level l and C_j is the simulation cost at level j . For details, see Heo and Sung (2025, <[doi:10.1080/00401706.2024.2376173](https://doi.org/10.1080/00401706.2024.2376173)>).

A new point is acquired on Xcand. If Xcand=NULL, a new point is acquired on unit hypercube $[0, 1]^d$.

Usage

```

ALD_RNAmf(Xcand = NULL, fit, mc.sample = 100, cost = NULL,
           optim = TRUE, parallel = FALSE, ncore = 1, trace=TRUE)

```

Arguments

Xcand	vector or matrix of candidate set which could be added into the current design only used when optim=FALSE. Xcand is the set of the points where ALD criterion is evaluated. If Xcand=NULL, $100 \times d$ number of points from 0 to 1 are generated by Latin hypercube design. Default is NULL.
fit	object of class RNAmf.
mc.sample	a number of mc samples generated for the MC approximation in 3 levels case. Default is 100.
cost	vector of the costs for each level of fidelity. If cost=NULL, total costs at all levels would be 1. cost is encouraged to have an ascending order of positive value. Default is NULL.
optim	logical indicating whether to optimize AL criterion by optim's gradient-based L-BFGS-B method. If optim=TRUE, $5 \times d$ starting points are generated by Latin hypercube design for optimization. If optim=FALSE, AL criterion is optimized on the Xcand. Default is TRUE.
parallel	logical indicating whether to compute the AL criterion in parallel or not. If parallel=TRUE, parallel computation is utilized. Default is FALSE.
ncore	a number of core for parallel. It is only used if parallel=TRUE. Default is 1.
trace	logical indicating whether to print the computational time for each step. If trace=TRUE, the computation time for each step is printed. Default is FALSE.

Value

- ALD: list of ALD criterion computed at each point of Xcand at each level if optim=FALSE. If optim=TRUE, ALD returns NULL.
- cost: a copy of cost.
- Xcand: a copy of Xcand.
- chosen: list of chosen level and point.
- time: a scalar of the time for the computation.

Examples

```
library(lhs)
library(doParallel)
library(foreach)

### simulation costs ###
cost <- c(1, 3)

### 1-d Perdikaris function in Perdikaris, et al. (2017) ###
# low-fidelity function
f1 <- function(x) {
  sin(8 * pi * x)
}

# high-fidelity function
f2 <- function(x) {
  (x - sqrt(2)) * (sin(8 * pi * x))^2
}

### training data ###
n1 <- 13
n2 <- 8

### fix seed to reproduce the result ###
set.seed(1)

### generate initial nested design ###
X <- NestedX(c(n1, n2), 1)
X1 <- X[[1]]
X2 <- X[[2]]

### n1 and n2 might be changed from NestedX ###
### assign n1 and n2 again ###
n1 <- nrow(X1)
n2 <- nrow(X2)

y1 <- f1(X1)
y2 <- f2(X2)

### n=100 uniform test data ###
x <- seq(0, 1, length.out = 100)
```

```

### fit an RNAmf ###
fit.RNAmf <- RNAmf(list(X1, X2), list(y1, y2), kernel = "sqex", constant=TRUE)

### predict ###
predy <- predict(fit.RNAmf, x)$mu
predsig2 <- predict(fit.RNAmf, x)$sig2

### active learning with optim=TRUE ###
ald.RNAmf.optim <- ALD_RNAmf(
  Xcand = x, fit.RNAmf, cost = cost,
  optim = TRUE, parallel = TRUE, ncore = 2
)
print(ald.RNAmf.optim$time) # computation time of optim=TRUE

### active learning with optim=FALSE ###
ald.RNAmf <- ALD_RNAmf(
  Xcand = x, fit.RNAmf, cost = cost,
  optim = FALSE, parallel = TRUE, ncore = 2
)
print(ald.RNAmf$time) # computation time of optim=FALSE

### visualize ALD ###
oldpar <- par(mfrow = c(1, 2))
plot(x, ald.RNAmf$ALD$ALD1,
  type = "l", lty = 2,
  xlab = "x", ylab = "ALD criterion at the low-fidelity level",
  ylim = c(min(c(ald.RNAmf$ALD$ALD1, ald.RNAmf$ALD$ALD2)),
    max(c(ald.RNAmf$ALD$ALD1, ald.RNAmf$ALD$ALD2)))
)
points(ald.RNAmf$chosen$Xnext,
  ald.RNAmf$ALD$ALD1[which(x == drop(ald.RNAmf$chosen$Xnext))],
  pch = 16, cex = 1, col = "red"
)
plot(x, ald.RNAmf$ALD$ALD2,
  type = "l", lty = 2,
  xlab = "x", ylab = "ALD criterion at the high-fidelity level",
  ylim = c(min(c(ald.RNAmf$ALD$ALD1, ald.RNAmf$ALD$ALD2)),
    max(c(ald.RNAmf$ALD$ALD1, ald.RNAmf$ALD$ALD2)))
)
par(oldpar)

```

ALMC_RNAmf

find the next point by ALMC criterion

Description

The function acquires the new point by the hybrid approach, referred to as Active learning MacKay-Cohn (ALMC) criterion. It finds the optimal input location $\mathbf{x}^*$ by maximizing $\sigma_L^{*2}(\mathbf{x})$, the posterior predictive variance at the highest-fidelity level L . After selecting $\mathbf{x}^*$, it finds the optimal

fidelity level by maximizing ALC criterion at $\mathbf{x}^*$, $\text{argmax}_{l \in \{1, \dots, L\}} \frac{\Delta \sigma_l^2(l, \mathbf{x}^*)}{\sum_{j=1}^l C_j}$, where C_j is the simulation cost at level j . See [ALC_RNAmf](#). For details, see Heo and Sung (2025, <doi:10.1080/00401706.2024.2376173>).

A new point is acquired on Xcand. If Xcand=NULL and Xref=NULL, a new point is acquired on unit hypercube $[0, 1]^d$.

Usage

```
ALMC_RNAmf(Xref = NULL, Xcand = NULL, fit, mc.sample = 100,
cost = NULL, optim = TRUE, parallel = FALSE, ncore = 1, trace=TRUE)
```

Arguments

Xref	vector or matrix of reference location to approximate the integral of ALC. If Xref=NULL, $100 \times d$ points from 0 to 1 are generated by Latin hypercube design. Default is NULL.
Xcand	vector or matrix of candidate set which could be added into the current design only when optim=FALSE. Xcand is the set of the points where ALM criterion is evaluated. If Xcand=NULL, Xref is used. Default is NULL.
fit	object of class RNAmf.
mc.sample	a number of mc samples generated for the imputation through MC approximation. Default is 100.
cost	vector of the costs for each level of fidelity. If cost=NULL, total costs at all levels would be 1. cost is encouraged to have a ascending order of positive value. Default is NULL.
optim	logical indicating whether to optimize AL criterion by optim's gradient-based L-BFGS-B method. If optim=TRUE, $5 \times d$ starting points are generated by Latin hypercube design for optimization. If optim=FALSE, AL criterion is optimized on the Xcand. Default is TRUE.
parallel	logical indicating whether to compute the AL criterion in parallel or not. If parallel=TRUE, parallel computation is utilized. Default is FALSE.
ncore	a number of core for parallel. It is only used if parallel=TRUE. Default is 1.
trace	logical indicating whether to print the computational time for each step. If trace=TRUE, the computation time for each step is printed. Default is TRUE.

Value

- ALMC: vector of ALMC criterion $\frac{\Delta \sigma_l^2(l, \mathbf{x}^*)}{\sum_{j=1}^l C_j}$ for $1 \leq l \leq L$.
- ALM: vector of ALM criterion computed at each point of Xcand at the highest fidelity level if optim=FALSE. If optim=TRUE, ALM returns NULL.
- ALC: list of ALC criterion integrated on Xref when each data point on Xcand is added at each level l if optim=FALSE. If optim=TRUE, ALC returns NULL.
- cost: a copy of cost.
- Xcand: a copy of Xcand.
- chosen: list of chosen level and point.
- time: a scalar of the time for the computation.

Examples

```

library(lhs)
library(doParallel)
library(foreach)

### simulation costs ###
cost <- c(1, 3)

### 1-d Perdikaris function in Perdikaris, et al. (2017) ###
# low-fidelity function
f1 <- function(x) {
  sin(8 * pi * x)
}

# high-fidelity function
f2 <- function(x) {
  (x - sqrt(2)) * (sin(8 * pi * x))^2
}

### training data ###
n1 <- 13
n2 <- 8

### fix seed to reproduce the result ###
set.seed(1)

### generate initial nested design ###
X <- NestedX(c(n1, n2), 1)
X1 <- X[[1]]
X2 <- X[[2]]

### n1 and n2 might be changed from NestedX ###
### assign n1 and n2 again ###
n1 <- nrow(X1)
n2 <- nrow(X2)

y1 <- f1(X1)
y2 <- f2(X2)

### n=100 uniform test data ###
x <- seq(0, 1, length.out = 100)

### fit an RNAmf ###
fit.RNAmf <- RNAmf(list(X1, X2), list(y1, y2), kernel = "sqex", constant=TRUE)

### predict ###
predy <- predict(fit.RNAmf, x)$mu
predsig2 <- predict(fit.RNAmf, x)$sig2

### active learning with optim=TRUE ###
almc.RNAmf.optim <- ALMC_RNAmf(
  Xref = x, Xcand = x, fit.RNAmf, cost = cost,

```

```

    optim = TRUE, parallel = TRUE, ncore = 2
  )
  print(almc.RNAmf.optim$time) # computation time of optim=TRUE

  ### active learning with optim=FALSE ###
  almc.RNAmf <- ALMC_RNAmf(
    Xref = x, Xcand = x, fit.RNAmf, cost = cost,
    optim = FALSE, parallel = TRUE, ncore = 2
  )
  print(almc.RNAmf$time) # computation time of optim=FALSE

  ### visualize ALMC ###
  oldpar <- par(mfrow = c(1, 2))
  plot(x, almc.RNAmf$ALM,
    type = "l", lty = 2,
    xlab = "x", ylab = "ALM criterion at the high-fidelity level"
  )
  points(almc.RNAmf$chosen$Xnext,
    almc.RNAmf$ALM[which(x == drop(almc.RNAmf$chosen$Xnext))],
    pch = 16, cex = 1, col = "red"
  )
  plot(x, almc.RNAmf$ALC$ALC1,
    type = "l", lty = 2,
    ylim = c(min(c(almc.RNAmf$ALC$ALC1, almc.RNAmf$ALC$ALC2)),
      max(c(almc.RNAmf$ALC$ALC1, almc.RNAmf$ALC$ALC2))),
    xlab = "x", ylab = "ALC criterion augmented at each level on the optimal input location"
  )
  lines(x, almc.RNAmf$ALC$ALC2, type = "l", lty = 2)
  points(almc.RNAmf$chosen$Xnext,
    almc.RNAmf$ALC$ALC1[which(x == drop(almc.RNAmf$chosen$Xnext))],
    pch = 16, cex = 1, col = "red"
  )
  points(almc.RNAmf$chosen$Xnext,
    almc.RNAmf$ALC$ALC2[which(x == drop(almc.RNAmf$chosen$Xnext))],
    pch = 16, cex = 1, col = "red"
  )
  par(oldpar)

```

ALM_RNAmf

find the next point by ALM criterion

Description

The function acquires the new point by the Active learning MacKay (ALM) criterion. It calculates the ALM criterion $\frac{\sigma_l^{*2}(\mathbf{x})}{\sum_{j=1}^l C_j}$, where $\sigma_l^{*2}(\mathbf{x})$ is the posterior predictive variance at each fidelity level l and C_j is the simulation cost at level j . For details, see Heo and Sung (2025, <doi:10.1080/00401706.2024.2376173>).

A new point is acquired on Xcand. If Xcand=NULL, a new point is acquired on unit hypercube $[0, 1]^d$.

Usage

```
ALM_RNAmf(Xcand = NULL, fit, cost = NULL, optim = TRUE,
parallel = FALSE, ncore = 1, trace=TRUE)
```

Arguments

Xcand	vector or matrix of candidate set which could be added into the current design only used when optim=FALSE. Xcand is the set of the points where ALM criterion is evaluated. If Xcand=NULL, $100 \times d$ number of points from 0 to 1 are generated by Latin hypercube design. Default is NULL.
fit	object of class RNAmf.
cost	vector of the costs for each level of fidelity. If cost=NULL, total costs at all levels would be 1. cost is encouraged to have a ascending order of positive value. Default is NULL.
optim	logical indicating whether to optimize AL criterion by optim's gradient-based L-BFGS-B method. If optim=TRUE, $5 \times d$ starting points are generated by Latin hypercube design for optimization. If optim=FALSE, AL criterion is optimized on the Xcand. Default is TRUE.
parallel	logical indicating whether to compute the AL criterion in parallel or not. If parallel=TRUE, parallel computation is utilized. Default is FALSE.
ncore	a number of core for parallel. It is only used if parallel=TRUE. Default is 1.
trace	logical indicating whether to print the computational time for each step. If trace=TRUE, the computation time for each step is printed. Default is FALSE.

Value

- ALM: list of ALM criterion computed at each point of Xcand at each level if optim=FALSE. If optim=TRUE, ALM returns NULL.
- cost: a copy of cost.
- Xcand: a copy of Xcand.
- chosen: list of chosen level and point.
- time: a scalar of the time for the computation.

Examples

```
library(lhs)
library(doParallel)
library(foreach)

### simulation costs ###
cost <- c(1, 3)

### 1-d Perdikaris function in Perdikaris, et al. (2017) ###
# low-fidelity function
f1 <- function(x) {
  sin(8 * pi * x)
```

```

}

# high-fidelity function
f2 <- function(x) {
  (x - sqrt(2)) * (sin(8 * pi * x))^2
}

### training data ###
n1 <- 13
n2 <- 8

### fix seed to reproduce the result ###
set.seed(1)

### generate initial nested design ###
X <- NestedX(c(n1, n2), 1)
X1 <- X[[1]]
X2 <- X[[2]]

### n1 and n2 might be changed from NestedX ###
### assign n1 and n2 again ###
n1 <- nrow(X1)
n2 <- nrow(X2)

y1 <- f1(X1)
y2 <- f2(X2)

### n=100 uniform test data ###
x <- seq(0, 1, length.out = 100)

### fit an RNAmf ###
fit.RNAmf <- RNAmf(list(X1, X2), list(y1, y2), kernel = "sqex", constant=TRUE)

### predict ###
predy <- predict(fit.RNAmf, x)$mu
predsig2 <- predict(fit.RNAmf, x)$sig2

### active learning with optim=TRUE ###
alm.RNAmf.optim <- ALM_RNAmf(
  Xcand = x, fit.RNAmf, cost = cost,
  optim = TRUE, parallel = TRUE, ncore = 2
)
print(alm.RNAmf.optim$time) # computation time of optim=TRUE

### active learning with optim=FALSE ###
alm.RNAmf <- ALM_RNAmf(
  Xcand = x, fit.RNAmf, cost = cost,
  optim = FALSE, parallel = TRUE, ncore = 2
)
print(alm.RNAmf$time) # computation time of optim=FALSE

### visualize ALM ###
oldpar <- par(mfrow = c(1, 2))

```

```

plot(x, alm.RNAmf$ALM$ALM1,
     type = "l", lty = 2,
     xlab = "x", ylab = "ALM criterion at the low-fidelity level",
     ylim = c(min(c(alm.RNAmf$ALM$ALM1, alm.RNAmf$ALM$ALM2)),
               max(c(alm.RNAmf$ALM$ALM1, alm.RNAmf$ALM$ALM2))))
)
points(alm.RNAmf$chosen$Xnext,
       alm.RNAmf$ALM$ALM1[which(x == drop(alm.RNAmf$chosen$Xnext))],
       pch = 16, cex = 1, col = "red")
)
plot(x, alm.RNAmf$ALM$ALM2,
     type = "l", lty = 2,
     xlab = "x", ylab = "ALM criterion at the high-fidelity level",
     ylim = c(min(c(alm.RNAmf$ALM$ALM1, alm.RNAmf$ALM$ALM2)),
               max(c(alm.RNAmf$ALM$ALM1, alm.RNAmf$ALM$ALM2))))
)
par(oldpar)

```

NestedX

*Constructing nested design sets for the RNA model.***Description**

The function constructs nested design sets with multiple fidelity levels $\mathcal{X}_l \subseteq \dots \subseteq \mathcal{X}_1$ for use in [RNAmf](#).

Usage

```
NestedX(n, d)
```

Arguments

- | | |
|---|--|
| n | A vector specifying the number of design points at each fidelity level l . Thus, the vector must have a positive value $n_1, \dots, n_l$ where $n_1 > \dots > n_l$. |
| d | A positive integer specifying the dimension of the design. |

Details

The procedure replace the points of lower level design $\mathcal{X}_{l-1}$ with the closest points from higher level design $\mathcal{X}_l$. The length of $\mathcal{X}_{l-1}$ may be larger than the user specified size. For details, see "[NestedDesign](#)".

Value

A list containing the nested design sets at each level, i.e., $\mathcal{X}_1, \dots, \mathcal{X}_l$.

References

L. Le Gratiet and J. Garnier (2014). Recursive co-kriging model for design of computer experiments with multiple levels of fidelity. *International Journal for Uncertainty Quantification*, 4(5), 365-386; doi:[10.1615/Int.J.UncertaintyQuantification.2014006914](https://doi.org/10.1615/Int.J.UncertaintyQuantification.2014006914)

Examples

```
### number of design points ###
n1 <- 30
n2 <- 15

### dimension of the design ###
d <- 2

### fix seed to reproduce the result ###
set.seed(1)

### generate the nested design ###
NX <- NestedX(c(n1, n2), d)

### visualize nested design ###
plot(NX[[1]], col="red", pch=1, xlab="x1", ylab="x2")
points(NX[[2]], col="blue", pch=4)
```

predict.RNAmf

prediction of the RNAmf emulator with multiple fidelity levels.

Description

The function computes the posterior mean and variance of RNA models with multiple fidelity levels by fitted model from [RNAmf](#).

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'RNAmf'
predict(object, x, ...)
```

Arguments

object	An object of class RNAmf fitted by RNAmf .
x	A vector or matrix of new input locations for prediction.
...	Additional arguments for compatibility with generic method predict.

Details

From the fitted model from [RNAmf](#), the posterior mean and variance are calculated based on the closed-form expression derived by a recursive fashion. The formulas depend on its kernel choices. For further details, see Heo and Sung (2025, <[doi:10.1080/00401706.2024.2376173](https://doi.org/10.1080/00401706.2024.2376173)>).

Value

- mu: A list of vectors containing the predictive posterior mean at each fidelity level.
- sig2: A list of vectors containing the predictive posterior variance at each fidelity level.
- time: A scalar indicating the computation time.

See Also

[RNAmf](#) for model fitting.

Examples

```
### two levels example ###
library(lhs)

### Perdikaris function ###
f1 <- function(x) {
  sin(8 * pi * x)
}

f2 <- function(x) {
  (x - sqrt(2)) * (sin(8 * pi * x))^2
}

### training data ###
n1 <- 13
n2 <- 8

### fix seed to reproduce the result ###
set.seed(1)

### generate initial nested design ###
X <- NestedX(c(n1, n2), 1)
X1 <- X[[1]]
X2 <- X[[2]]

### n1 and n2 might be changed from NestedX ###
### assign n1 and n2 again ###
n1 <- nrow(X1)
n2 <- nrow(X2)

y1 <- f1(X1)
y2 <- f2(X2)

### n=100 uniform test data ###
x <- seq(0, 1, length.out = 100)

### fit an RNAmf ###
fit.RNAmf <- RNAmf(list(X1, X2), list(y1, y2), kernel = "sqex", constant=TRUE)

### predict ###
predy <- predict(fit.RNAmf, x)$mu[[2]]
```

```

predsig2 <- predict(fit.RNAmf, x)$sig2[[2]]

### RMSE ###
print(sqrt(mean((predy - f2(x))^2)))

### visualize the emulation performance ###
plot(x, predy,
     type = "l", lwd = 2, col = 3, # emulator and confidence interval
     ylim = c(-2, 1)
)
lines(x, predy + 1.96 * sqrt(predsig2 * length(y2) / (length(y2) - 2)), col = 3, lty = 2)
lines(x, predy - 1.96 * sqrt(predsig2 * length(y2) / (length(y2) - 2)), col = 3, lty = 2)

curve(f2(x), add = TRUE, col = 1, lwd = 2, lty = 2) # high fidelity function

points(X1, y1, pch = 1, col = "red") # low-fidelity design
points(X2, y2, pch = 4, col = "blue") # high-fidelity design

### three levels example ###
### Branin function ###
branin <- function(xx, l){
  x1 <- xx[1]
  x2 <- xx[2]
  if(l == 1){
    10*sqrt((-1.275*(1.2*x1+0.4)^2/pi^2+5*(1.2*x1+0.4)/pi+(1.2*x2+0.4)-6)^2 +
    (10-5/(4*pi))*cos((1.2*x1+0.4))+ 10) + 2*(1.2*x1+1.9) - 3*(3*(1.2*x2+2.4)-1) - 1 - 3*x2 + 1
  }else if(l == 2){
    10*sqrt((-1.275*(x1+2)^2/pi^2+5*(x1+2)/pi+(x2+2)-6)^2 +
    (10-5/(4*pi))*cos((x1+2))+ 10) + 2*(x1-0.5) - 3*(3*x2-1) - 1
  }else if(l == 3){
    (-1.275*x1^2/pi^2+5*x1/pi+x2-6)^2 + (10-5/(4*pi))*cos(x1)+ 10
  }
}

output.branin <- function(x, l){
  factor_range <- list("x1" = c(-5, 10), "x2" = c(0, 15))

  for(i in 1:length(factor_range)) x[i] <- factor_range[[i]][1] + x[i] * diff(factor_range[[i]])
  branin(x[1:2], l)
}

### training data ###
n1 <- 20; n2 <- 15; n3 <- 10

### fix seed to reproduce the result ###
set.seed(1)

### generate initial nested design ###
X <- NestedX(c(n1, n2, n3), 2)
X1 <- X[[1]]
X2 <- X[[2]]
X3 <- X[[3]]

```



```

### n1, n2 and n3 might be changed from NestedX ###
### assign n1, n2 and n3 again ###
n1 <- nrow(X1)
n2 <- nrow(X2)
n3 <- nrow(X3)

y1 <- apply(X1,1,output.branin, l=1)
y2 <- apply(X2,1,output.branin, l=2)
y3 <- apply(X3,1,output.branin, l=3)

### n=10000 grid test data ###
x <- as.matrix(expand.grid(seq(0, 1, length.out = 100),seq(0, 1, length.out = 100)))

### fit an RNAmf ###
fit.RNAmf <- RNAmf(list(X1, X2, X3), list(y1, y2, y3), kernel = "sqex", constant=TRUE)

### predict ###
pred.RNAmf <- predict(fit.RNAmf, x)
predy <- pred.RNAmf$mu[[3]]
predsig2 <- pred.RNAmf$sig2[[3]]

### RMSE ###
print(sqrt(mean((predy - apply(x,1,output.branin, l=3))^2)))

### visualize the emulation performance ###
x1 <- x2 <- seq(0, 1, length.out = 100)
oldpar <- par(mfrow=c(1,2))
image(x1, x2, matrix(apply(x,1,output.branin, l=3), ncol=100),
      zlim=c(0,310), main="Branin function")
image(x1, x2, matrix(predy, ncol=100),
      zlim=c(0,310), main="RNAmf prediction")
par(oldpar)

### predictive variance ###
print(predsig2)

```

RNAmf

Fitting the Recursive Non-Additive model with multiple fidelity levels

Description

The function fits RNA models with designs of multiple fidelity levels. The estimation method is based on MLE. Available kernel choices include the squared exponential kernel, and the Matern kernel with smoothness parameter 1.5 and 2.5. The function returns the fitted model at each level $1, \dots, l$, the number of fidelity levels l , the kernel choice, whether constant mean or not, and the computation time.

Usage

```
RNAmf(X_list, y_list, kernel = "sqex", constant = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>x_list</code>	A list of the matrices of input locations for all fidelity levels.
<code>y_list</code>	A list of the vectors or matrices of response values for all fidelity levels.
<code>kernel</code>	A character specifying the kernel type to be used. Choices are "sqex"(squared exponential), "matern1.5", or "matern2.5". Default is "sqex".
<code>constant</code>	A logical indicating for constant mean of GP (<code>constant=TRUE</code>) or zero mean (<code>constant=FALSE</code>). Default is <code>TRUE</code> .
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments for compatibility with <code>optim</code> .

Details

Consider the model $\begin{cases} f_1(\mathbf{x}) = W_1(\mathbf{x}), \\ f_l(\mathbf{x}) = W_l(\mathbf{x}, f_{l-1}(\mathbf{x})) \end{cases}$ for $l \geq 2$, where f_l is the simulation code at fidelity level l , and $W_l(\mathbf{x}) \sim GP(\alpha_l, \tau_l^2 K_l(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'))$ is GP model. Hyperparameters $(\alpha_l, \tau_l^2, \boldsymbol{\theta}_l)$ are estimated by maximizing the log-likelihood via an optimization algorithm "L-BFGS-B". For `constant=FALSE`, $\alpha_l = 0$.

Covariance kernel is defined as: $K_l(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \prod_{j=1}^d \phi(x_j, x'_j; \theta_{lj})$ with $\phi(x, x'; \theta) = \exp\left(-\frac{(x-x')^2}{\theta}\right)$ for squared exponential kernel; `kernel="sqex"`, $\phi(x, x'; \theta) = \left(1 + \frac{\sqrt{3}|x-x'|}{\theta}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}|x-x'|}{\theta}\right)$ for Matern kernel with the smoothness parameter of 1.5; `kernel="matern1.5"` and $\phi(x, x'; \theta) = \left(1 + \frac{\sqrt{5}|x-x'|}{\theta} + \frac{5(x-x')^2}{3\theta^2}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{\sqrt{5}|x-x'|}{\theta}\right)$ for Matern kernel with the smoothness parameter of 2.5; `kernel="matern2.5"`.

For further details, see Heo and Sung (2025, <[doi:10.1080/00401706.2024.2376173](https://doi.org/10.1080/00401706.2024.2376173)>).

Value

A list of class `RNAmf` with:

- `fits`: A list of fitted Gaussian process models $f_l(x)$ at each level $1, \dots, l$. Each element contains: $\begin{cases} f_1 \text{ for } (X_1, y_1), \\ f_l \text{ for } ((X_l, f_{l-1}(X_l)), y_l), \end{cases}$
- `level`: The number of fidelity levels l .
- `kernel`: A copy of `kernel`.
- `constant`: A copy of `constant`.
- `time`: A scalar indicating the computation time.

See Also

[predict.RNAmf](#) for prediction.

Examples

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### Perdikaris function ###
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n1 <- 13
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### fix seed to reproduce the result ###
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X1 <- X[[1]]
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### assign n1 and n2 again ###
n1 <- nrow(X1)
n2 <- nrow(X2)

y1 <- f1(X1)
y2 <- f2(X2)

### fit an RNAmf ###
fit.RNAmf <- RNAmf(list(X1, X2), list(y1, y2), kernel = "sqex", constant=TRUE)

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### Branin function ###
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  }else if(l == 3){
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  }
}

```

```

    }
  }

output.branin <- function(x, l){
  factor_range <- list("x1" = c(-5, 10), "x2" = c(0, 15))

  for(i in 1:length(factor_range)) x[i] <- factor_range[[i]][1] + x[i] * diff(factor_range[[i]])
  branin(x[1:2], l)
}

### training data ###
n1 <- 20; n2 <- 15; n3 <- 10

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X3 <- X[[3]]

### n1, n2 and n3 might be changed from NestedX ###
### assign n1, n2 and n3 again ###
n1 <- nrow(X1)
n2 <- nrow(X2)
n3 <- nrow(X3)

y1 <- apply(X1,1,output.branin, l=1)
y2 <- apply(X2,1,output.branin, l=2)
y3 <- apply(X3,1,output.branin, l=3)

### fit an RNAmf ###
fit.RNAmf <- RNAmf(list(X1, X2, X3), list(y1, y2, y3), kernel = "sqex", constant=TRUE)

```

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