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Description With this tool, a user should be able to quickly implement
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as.list.sdreport	Convert estimates to original list format.	
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## **Description**

Get estimated parameters or standard errors in the same shape as the original parameter list.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'sdreport'
as.list(x, what = "", report = FALSE, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

```
    x Output from sdreport.
    what Select what to convert (Estimate / Std. Error).
    report Get AD reported variables rather than model parameters?
    ... Passed to summary.sdreport.
```

#### **Details**

This function converts the selected column what of summary (x, select = c("fixed", "random"), ...) to the same format as the original parameter list (re-ordered as the template parameter order). The argument what is partially matched among the column names of the summary table. The actual match is added as an attribute to the output.

#### Value

List of same shape as original parameter list.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
example(sdreport)

## Estimates as a parameter list:
as.list(rep, "Est")

## Std Errors in the same list format:
as.list(rep, "Std")

## p-values in the same list format:
as.list(rep, "Pr", p.value=TRUE)

## AD reported variables as a list:
as.list(rep, "Estimate", report=TRUE)

## Bias corrected AD reported variables as a list:
```

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```
as.list(rep, "Est. (bias.correct)", report=TRUE)
## End(Not run)
```

benchmark

Benchmark parallel templates

### **Description**

Benchmark parallel templates

Plot result of parallel benchmark

#### Usage

```
benchmark(obj, n = 10, expr = NULL, cores = NULL)
## S3 method for class 'parallelBenchmark'
plot(x, type = "b", ..., show = c("speedup", "time"), legendpos = "topleft")
```

#### **Arguments**

obj	Object from MakeADFun
n	Number of replicates to obtain reliable results.
expr	Optional expression to benchmark instead of default.
cores	Optional vector of cores.
x	Object to plot
type	Plot type
	Further plot arguments
show	Plot relative speedup or relative time?
legendpos	Position of legend

## **Details**

By default this function will perform timings of the most critical parts of an AD model, specifically

- 1. Objective function of evaluated template.
- 2. Gradient of evaluated template.
- 3. Sparse hessian of evaluated template.
- 4. Cholesky factorization of sparse hessian.

(for pure fixed effect models only the first two). Expressions to time can be overwritten by the user (expr). A plot method is available for Parallel benchmarks.

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#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
runExample("linreg_parallel",thisR=TRUE) ## Create obj
ben <- benchmark(obj,n=100,cores=1:4)
plot(ben)
ben <- benchmark(obj,n=10,cores=1:4,expr=expression(do.call("optim",obj)))
plot(ben)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

checkConsistency

Check consistency and Laplace accuracy

## **Description**

Check consistency of various parts of a TMB implementation. Requires that user has implemented simulation code for the data and optionally random effects. (*Beta version; may change without notice*)

#### Usage

```
checkConsistency(
  obj,
  par = NULL,
  hessian = FALSE,
  estimate = FALSE,
  n = 100,
  observation.name = NULL
)
```

### **Arguments**

obj Object from MakeADFun

par Parameter vector  $(\theta)$  for simulation. If unspecified use the best encountered

parameter of the object.

hessian Calculate the hessian matrix for each replicate?

estimate Estimate parameters for each replicate?

n Number of simulations

observation.name

Optional; Name of simulated observation

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#### **Details**

This function checks that the simulation code of random effects and data is consistent with the implemented negative log-likelihood function. It also checks whether the approximate *marginal* score function is central indicating whether the Laplace approximation is suitable for parameter estimation.

Denote by u the random effects,  $\theta$  the parameters and by x the data. The main assumption is that the user has implemented the joint negative log likelihood  $f_{\theta}(u, x)$  satisfying

$$\int \int \exp(-f_{\theta}(u,x)) \, du \, dx = 1$$

It follows that the joint and marginal score functions are central:

```
1. E_{u,x}\left[\nabla_{\theta}f_{\theta}(u,x)\right]=0
```

2. 
$$E_x \left[ \nabla_{\theta} - \log \left( \int \exp(-f_{\theta}(u, x)) du \right) \right] = 0$$

For each replicate of u and x joint and marginal gradients are calculated. Appropriate centrality tests are carried out by summary.checkConsistency. An asymptotic  $\chi^2$  test is used to verify the first identity. Power of this test increases with the number of simulations n. The second identity holds approximately when replacing the marginal likelihood with its Laplace approximation. A formal test would thus fail eventually for large n. Rather, the gradient bias is transformed to parameter scale (using the estimated information matrix) to provide an estimate of parameter bias caused by the Laplace approximation.

#### Value

List with gradient simulations (joint and marginal)

### Simulation/re-estimation

A full simulation/re-estimation study is performed when estimate=TRUE. By default nlminb will be used to perform the minimization, and output is stored in a separate list component 'estimate' for each replicate. Should a custom optimizer be needed, it can be passed as a user function via the same argument (estimate). The function (estimate) will be called for each simulation as estimate(obj) where obj is the simulated model object. Current default corresponds to estimate = function(obj) nlminb(obj\$par,obj\$fn,obj\$gr).

#### See Also

summary.checkConsistency, print.checkConsistency

#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
runExample("simple")
chk <- checkConsistency(obj)
chk
## Get more details
s <- summary(chk)
s$marginal$p.value ## Laplace exact for Gaussian models
## End(Not run)</pre>
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compile

Compile a C++ template to DLL suitable for MakeADFun.

## Description

Compile a C++ template into a shared object file. OpenMP flag is set if the template is detected to be parallel.

## Usage

```
compile(
   file,
   flags = "",
   safebounds = TRUE,
   safeunload = TRUE,
   openmp = isParallelTemplate(file[1]),
   libtmb = TRUE,
   libinit = TRUE,
   tracesweep = FALSE,
   framework = getOption("tmb.ad.framework"),
   supernodal = FALSE,
   longint = FALSE,
   eigen.disable.warnings = TRUE,
   max.order = NULL,
   ...
)
```

## Arguments

file	C++ file.
flags	Character with compile flags.
safebounds	Turn on preprocessor flag for bound checking?
safeunload	Turn on preprocessor flag for safe DLL unloading?
openmp	Turn on openmp flag? Auto detected for parallel templates.
libtmb	Use precompiled TMB library if available (to speed up compilation)?
libinit	Turn on preprocessor flag to register native routines?
tracesweep	Turn on preprocessor flag to trace AD sweeps? (Silently disables libtmb)
framework	Which AD framework to use ('TMBad' or 'CppAD')
supernodal	Turn on preprocessor flag to use supernodal sparse Cholesky/Inverse from system wide suitesparse library
longint	Turn on preprocessor flag to use long integers for Eigen's SparseMatrix StorageIndex

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eigen.disable.warnings

Turn on preprocessor flag to disable nuisance warnings. Note that this is not

allowed for code to be compiled on CRAN.

max.order Maximum derivative order of compiler generated atomic special functions - see

details.

.. Passed as Makeconf variables.

#### **Details**

TMB relies on R's built in functionality to create shared libraries independent of the platform. A template is compiled by compile("template.cpp"), which will call R's makefile with appropriate preprocessor flags. Compiler and compiler flags can be stored in a configuration file. In order of precedence either via the file pointed at by R\_MAKEVARS\_USER or the file ~/.R/Makevars if it exists. Additional configuration variables can be set with the flags and . . . arguments, which will override any previous selections.

#### Using a custom SuiteSparse installation

Sparse matrix calculations play an important role in TMB. By default TMB uses a small subset of SuiteSparse available through the R package Matrix. This is sufficient for most use cases, however for some very large models the following extra features are worth considering:

- Some large models benefit from an extended set of graph reordering algorithms (especially METIS) not part of Matrix. It is common that these orderings can provide quite big speedups.
- Some large models need sparse matrices with number of nonzeros exceeding the current 32 bit limitation of Matrix. Normally such cases will result in the cholmod error 'problem too large'. SuiteSparse includes 64 bit integer routines to address this problem.

Experimental support for linking to a *custom* SuiteSparse installation is available through two arguments to the compile function. The first argument supernodal=TRUE tells TMB to use the supernodal Cholesky factorization from the system wide SuiteSparse on the C++ side. This will affect the speed of the Laplace approximation when run internally (using arguments intern or integrate to MakeADFun).

The second argument longint=TRUE tells TMB to use 64 bit integers for sparse matrices on the C++ side. This works in combination with supernodal=TRUE from Eigen version 3.4.

On Windows a SuiteSparse installation can be obtained using the Rtools package manager. Start 'Rtools Bash' terminal and run:

```
pacman -Sy
pacman -S mingw-w64-{i686,x86_64}-suitesparse
```

On Linux one should look for the package libsuitesparse-dev.

## Selecting the AD framework

TMB supports two different AD libraries 'CppAD' and 'TMBad' selected via the argument framework which works as a switch to set one of two C++ preprocessor flags: 'CPPAD\_FRAMEWORK' or 'TMBAD\_FRAMEWORK'. The default value of framework can be set from R by options("tmb.ad.framework") or alternatively from the shell via the environment variable 'TMB\_AD\_FRAMEWORK'. Packages linking to TMB should set one of the two C++ preprocessor flags in Makevars.

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#### Order of compiler generated atomic functions

The argument max.order controls the maximum derivative order of special functions (e.g. pbeta) generated by the compiler. By default the value is set to 3 which is sufficient to obtain the Laplace approximation (order 2) and its derivatives (order 3). However, sometimes a higher value may be needed. For example framework='TMBad' allows one to calculate the Hessian of the Laplace approximation, but that requires 4th order derivatives of special functions in use. A too small value will cause the runtime error 'increase TMB\_MAX\_ORDER'. Note that compilation time and binary size increases with max.order.

#### See Also

precompile

config

Get or set internal configuration variables

#### **Description**

Get or set internal configuration variables of user's DLL.

#### Usage

```
config(..., DLL = getUserDLL())
```

#### **Arguments**

... Variables to set

DLL Name of user's DLL. Auto-detected if missing.

#### **Details**

A model compiled with the TMB C++ library has several configuration variables set by default. The variables can be read and modified using this function. The meaning of the variables can be found in the Doxygen documentation.

#### Value

List with current configuration

#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
## Load library
dyn.load(dynlib("mymodel"))
## Read the current settings
config(DLL="mymodel")
## Reduce memory peak of a parallel model by creating tapes in serial
config(tape.parallel=0, DLL="mymodel")
```

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```
obj <- MakeADFun(..., DLL="mymodel")
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

confint.tmbprofile

Profile based confidence intervals.

### **Description**

Calculate confidence interval from a likelihood profile.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'tmbprofile'
confint(object, parm, level = 0.95, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

object Output from tmbprofile.

parm Not used

level Confidence level.

... Not used

### Value

Lower and upper limit as a matrix.

dynlib

Add dynlib extension

## Description

Add the platform dependent dynlib extension. In order for examples to work across platforms DLLs should be loaded by dyn.load(dynlib("name")).

## Usage

```
dynlib(name)
```

## Arguments

name

Library name without extension

#### Value

Character

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*Free memory allocated on the C++ side by* MakeADFun.

#### **Description**

Free memory allocated on the C++ side by MakeADFun.

## Usage

```
FreeADFun(obj)
```

#### **Arguments**

obj

Object returned by MakeADFun

#### **Details**

An object returned by MakeADFun contains pointers to structures allocated on the C++ side. These are managed by R's garbage collector which for the most cases is sufficient. However, because the garbage collector is unaware of the C++ object sizes, it may fail to release memory to the system as frequently as necessary. In such cases one can manually call FreeADFun(obj) to release the resources.

#### **Memory management**

Memory allocated on the C++ side by MakeADFun is represented by external pointers. Each such pointer has an associated 'finalizer' (see reg.finalizer) that deallocates the external pointer when gc() decides the pointer is no longer needed. Deallocated pointers are recognized on the R side as external null pointers <pointer: (nil)>. This is important as it provides a way to prevent the finalizers from freeing pointers that have already been deallocated *even if the deallocation C-code has been unloaded*. The user DLL maintains a list of all external pointers on the C side. Three events can reduce the list:

- Garbage collection of an external pointer that is no longer needed (triggers corresponding finalizer).
- Explicit deallocation of external pointers using FreeADFun() (corresponding finalizers are untriggered but harmless).
- Unload/reload of the user's DLL deallocates all external pointers (corresponding finalizers are untriggered but harmless).

#### Note

This function is normally not needed.

#### **Examples**

```
runExample("simple", thisR = TRUE) ## Create 'obj'
FreeADFun(obj) ## Free external pointers
obj$fn() ## Re-allocate external pointers
```

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gdbsource

Source R-script through gdb to get backtrace.

#### **Description**

Source R-script through gdb to get backtrace.

If gdbsource is run non-interactively (the default) only the relevant information will be printed.

#### Usage

```
gdbsource(file, interactive = FALSE)
## S3 method for class 'backtrace'
print(x, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

file Your R script
interactive Run interactive gdb session?

x Backtrace from gdbsource
... Not used

#### **Details**

This function is useful for debugging templates. If a script aborts e.g. due to an out-of-bound index operation it should be fast to locate the line that caused the problem by running gdbsource(file). Alternatively, If more detailed debugging is required, then gdbsource(file, TRUE) will provide the full backtrace followed by an interactive gdb session where the individual frames can be inspected. Note that templates should be compiled without optimization and with debug information in order to provide correct line numbers:

- On Linux/OS X use compile(cppfile, "-00 -g").
- On Windows use compile(cppfile, "-O1 -g", DLLFLAGS="") (lower optimization level will cause errors).

#### Value

Object of class backtrace

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Gauss Kronrod configuration

### **Description**

Helper function to specify parameters used by the Gauss Kronrod integration available through the argument integrate to MakeADFun.

## Usage

```
GK(...)
```

#### **Arguments**

... See source code

MakeADFun

Construct objective functions with derivatives based on a compiled C++ template.

## Description

Construct objective functions with derivatives based on the users C++ template.

#### Usage

```
MakeADFun(
  data,
  parameters,
 map = list(),
 type = c("ADFun", "Fun", "ADGrad"[!intern && (!is.null(random) || !is.null(profile))]),
  random = NULL,
  profile = NULL,
  random.start = expression(last.par.best[random]),
  hessian = FALSE,
  method = "BFGS",
  inner.method = "newton",
  inner.control = list(maxit = 1000),
  MCcontrol = list(doMC = FALSE, seed = 123, n = 100),
  ADreport = FALSE,
  atomic = TRUE,
  LaplaceNonZeroGradient = FALSE,
  DLL = getUserDLL(),
  checkParameterOrder = TRUE,
  regexp = FALSE,
```

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```
silent = FALSE,
intern = FALSE,
integrate = NULL,
...
)
```

#### **Arguments**

data List of data objects (vectors, matrices, arrays, factors, sparse matrices) required

by the user template (order does not matter and un-used components are al-

lowed).

parameters List of all parameter objects required by the user template (both random and

fixed effects).

map List defining how to optionally collect and fix parameters - see details.

type Character vector defining which operation stacks are generated from the users

template - see details.

random Character vector defining the random effect parameters. See also regexp.

profile Parameters to profile out of the likelihood (this subset will be appended to

random with Laplace approximation disabled).

random.start Expression defining the strategy for choosing random effect initial values as

function of previous function evaluations - see details.

hessian Calculate Hessian at optimum?
method Outer optimization method.

inner.method Inner optimization method (see function "newton").

inner.control List controlling inner optimization.

MCcontrol List controlling importance sampler (turned off by default).

ADreport Calculate derivatives of macro ADREPORT(vector) instead of objective\_function

return value?

atomic Allow tape to contain atomic functions?

LaplaceNonZeroGradient

Allow Taylor expansion around non-stationary point?

DLL Name of shared object file compiled by user (without the conventional exten-

sion, '.so', '.dll',...).

checkParameterOrder

Optional check for correct parameter order.

regexp Match random effects by regular expressions?

silent Disable all tracing information?

intern Do Laplace approximation on C++ side? See details (Experimental - may

change without notice)

integrate Specify alternative integration method(s) for random effects (see details)

... Currently unused.

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#### **Details**

A call to MakeADFun will return an object that, based on the users DLL code (specified through DLL), contains functions to calculate the objective function and its gradient. The object contains the following components:

- par A default parameter.
- fn The likelihood function.
- gr The gradient function.
- report A function to report all variables reported with the REPORT() macro in the user template.
- env Environment with access to all parts of the structure.

and is thus ready for a call to an R optimizer, such as nlminb or optim. Data (data) and parameters (parameters) are directly read by the user template via the macros beginning with DATA\_ and PARAMETER\_. The order of the PARAMETER\_ macros defines the order of parameters in the final objective function. There are no restrictions on the order of random parameters, fixed parameters or data in the template.

#### Value

List with components (fn, gr, etc) suitable for calling an R optimizer, such as nlminb or optim.

#### Parameter mapping

Optionally, a simple mechanism for collecting and fixing parameters from R is available through the map argument. A map is a named list of factors with the following properties:

- names(map) is a subset of names(parameters).
- For a parameter "p" length(map\$p) equals length(parameters\$p).
- Parameter entries with NAs in the factor are fixed.
- Parameter entries with equal factor level are collected to a common value.

More advanced parameter mapping, such as collecting parameters between different vectors etc., must be implemented from the template.

### Specifying random effects

Random effects are specified via the argument random: A component of the parameter list is marked as random if its name is matched by any of the characters of the vector random (Regular expression match is performed if regexp=TRUE). If some parameters are specified as random effects, these will be integrated out of the objective function via the Laplace approximation. In this situation the functions fn and gr automatically perform an optimization of random effects for each function evaluation. This is referred to as the 'inner optimization'. Strategies for choosing initial values of the inner optimization can be controlled via the argument random.start. The default is expression(last.par.best[random]) where last.par.best is an internal full parameter vector corresponding to the currently best likelihood. An alternative choice could be expression(last.par[random]) i.e. the random effect optimum of the most recent - not necessarily best - likelihood evaluation. Further control of the inner optimization can be obtained by

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the argument inner.control which is a list of control parameters for the inner optimizer newton. Depending of the inner optimization problem type the following settings are recommended:

- 1. Quasi-convex: smartsearch=TRUE (the default).
- 2. Strictly-convex: smartsearch=FALSE and maxit=20.
- 3. Quadratic: smartsearch=FALSE and maxit=1.

#### The model environment env

Technically, the user template is processed several times by inserting different types as template parameter, selected by argument type:

- "ADFun" Run through the template with AD-types and produce a stack of operations representing the objective function.
- "Fun" Run through the template with ordinary double-types.
- "ADGrad" Run through the template with nested AD-types and produce a stack of operations representing the objective function gradient.

Each of these are represented by external pointers to C++ structures available in the environment

Further objects in the environment env:

- validpar Function defining the valid parameter region (by default no restrictions). If an invalid parameter is inserted fn immediately return NaN.
- parList Function to get the full parameter vector of random and fixed effects in a convenient list format.
- random An index vector of random effect positions in the full parameter vector.
- last.par Full parameter of the latest likelihood evaluation.
- last.par.best Full parameter of the best likelihood evaluation.
- tracepar Trace every likelihood evaluation ?
- tracemgc Trace maximum gradient component of every gradient evaluation?
- silent Pass 'silent=TRUE' to all try-calls ?

## The argument intern

By passing intern=TRUE the entire Laplace approximation (including sparse matrix calculations) is done within the AD machinery on the C++ side. This requires the model to be compiled using the 'TMBad framework' - see compile. For any serious use of this option one should consider compiling with supernodal=TRUE - again see compile - in order to get performance comparable to R's matrix calculations. The benefit of the 'intern' LA is that it may be faster in some cases and that it provides an autodiff hessian (obj\$he) wrt. the fixed effects which would otherwise not work for random effect models. Another benefit is that it gives access to fast computations with certain hessian structures that do not meet the usual sparsity requirement. A detailed list of options are found in the online doxygen documentation in the 'newton' namespace under the 'newton\_config' struct. All these options can be passed from R via the 'inner.control' argument. However, there are some drawbacks of running the LA on the C++ side. Notably, random effects are no longer visible in the model environment which may break assumptions on the layout of internal vectors ('par', 'last.par', etc). In addition, model debugging becomes harder when calculations are moved to C++.

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#### **Controlling tracing**

A high level of tracing information will be output by default when evaluating the objective function and gradient. This is useful while developing a model, but may eventually become annoying. Disable all tracing by passing silent=TRUE to the MakeADFun call.

#### Note

Do not rely upon the default arguments of any of the functions in the model object obj\$fn, obj\$gr, obj\$he, obj\$report. I.e. always use the explicit form obj\$fn(obj\$par) rather than obj\$fn().

newton

Generalized newton optimizer.

#### **Description**

Generalized newton optimizer used for the inner optimization problem.

## Usage

```
newton(
  par,
  fn,
  gr,
  he,
  trace = 1,
 maxit = 100,
  tol = 1e-08,
  alpha = 1,
  smartsearch = TRUE,
 mgcmax = 1e+60,
  super = TRUE,
  silent = TRUE,
  ustep = 1,
  power = 0.5,
  u0 = 1e-04,
  grad.tol = tol,
  step.tol = tol,
  tol10 = 0.001,
  env = environment(),
)
```

#### **Arguments**

par Initial parameter.
fn Objective function.

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gr Gradient function.

he Sparse hessian function. trace Print tracing information?

maxit Maximum number of iterations.

tol Convergence tolerance.

alpha Newton stepsize in the fixed stepsize case.

smartsearch Turn on adaptive stepsize algorithm for non-convex problems?

mgcmax Refuse to optimize if the maximum gradient component is too steep.

super Supernodal Cholesky?

silent Be silent?

ustep Adaptive stepsize initial guess between 0 and 1.

power Parameter controlling adaptive stepsize.

u0 Parameter controlling adaptive stepsize.

grad.tol Gradient convergence tolerance. step.tol Stepsize convergence tolerance.

tol10 Try to exit if last 10 iterations not improved more than this.

env Environment for cached Cholesky factor.

... Currently unused.

#### Details

If smartsearch=FALSE this function performs an ordinary newton optimization on the function fn using an exact sparse hessian function. A fixed stepsize may be controlled by alpha so that the iterations are given by:

$$u_{n+1} = u_n - \alpha f''(u_n)^{-1} f'(u_n)$$

If smartsearch=TRUE the hessian is allowed to become negative definite preventing ordinary newton iterations. In this situation the newton iterations are performed on a modified objective function defined by adding a quadratic penalty around the expansion point  $u_0$ :

$$f_t(u) = f(u) + \frac{t}{2} ||u - u_0||^2$$

This function's hessian (f''(u) + tI) is positive definite for t sufficiently large. The value t is updated at every iteration: If the hessian is positive definite t is decreased, otherwise increased. Detailed control of the update process can be obtained with the arguments ustep, power and u0.

## Value

List with solution similar to optim output.

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newtonOption Set newton options for a model object	object.
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### **Description**

Inner-problem options can be set for a model object using this function.

### Usage

```
newtonOption(obj, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

obj Object from MakeADFun for which to change settings.

... Parameters for the newton optimizer to set.

#### Value

List of updated parameters.

normalize

Normalize process likelihood using the Laplace approximation.

#### **Description**

If the random effect likelihood contribution of a model has been implemented without proper normalization (i.e. lacks the normalizing constant), then this function can perform the adjustment automatically. In order for this to work, the model must include a flag that disables the data term so that the un-normalized random effect (negative log) density is returned from the model template. Automatic process normalization may be useful if either the normalizing constant is difficult to implement, or if its calulation involves so many operations that it becomes infeasible to include in the AD machinery.

#### Usage

```
normalize(obj, flag, value = 0)
```

#### **Arguments**

obj Model object from MakeADFun without proper normalization of the random ef-

fect likelihood.

flag Flag to disable the data term from the model.

value Value of 'flag' that signifies to not include the data term.

#### Value

Modified model object that can be passed to an optimizer.

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oneStepPredict

Calculate one-step-ahead (OSA) residuals for a latent variable model.

#### **Description**

Calculate one-step-ahead (OSA) residuals for a latent variable model. (Beta version; may change without notice)

### Usage

```
oneStepPredict(
  obj,
  observation.name = NULL,
  data.term.indicator = NULL,
  method = c("oneStepGaussianOffMode", "fullGaussian", "oneStepGeneric",
    "oneStepGaussian", "cdf"),
  subset = NULL,
  conditional = NULL,
  discrete = NULL,
  discreteSupport = NULL,
  range = c(-Inf, Inf),
  seed = 123,
  parallel = FALSE,
  trace = TRUE,
  reverse = (method == "oneStepGaussianOffMode"),
  splineApprox = TRUE,
)
```

### **Arguments**

obj Output from MakeADFun.

observation.name

Character naming the observation in the template.

data.term.indicator

Character naming an indicator data variable in the template (not required by all

methods - see details).

method Method to calculate OSA (see details).

subset Index vector of observations that will be added one by one during OSA. By

default 1:length(observations) (with conditional subtracted).

conditional Index vector of observations that are fixed during OSA. By default the empty

discrete Logical; Are observations discrete? (assumed FALSE by default).

discreteSupport

Possible outcomes of discrete part of the distribution (method="oneStepGeneric" and method="cdf" only).

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Possible range of continuous part of the distribution (method="oneStepGeneric" only).

Randomization seed (discrete case only). If NULL the RNG seed is untouched by this routine (recommended for simulation studies).

Run in parallel using the parallel package?

Logical; Trace progress? More options available for method="oneStepGeneric" - see details.

reverse Do calculations in opposite order to improve stability? (currently enabled by default for oneStepGaussianOffMode method only)

splineApprox Represent one-step conditional distribution by a spline to reduce number of den-

sity evaluations? (method="oneStepGeneric" only).

... Control parameters for OSA method

#### **Details**

Given a TMB latent variable model this function calculates OSA standardized residuals that can be used for goodness-of-fit assessment. The approach is based on a factorization of the joint distribution of the *observations*  $X_1, ..., X_n$  into successive conditional distributions. Denote by

$$F_n(x_n) = P(X_n \le x_n | X_1 = x_1, ..., X_{n-1} = x_{n-1})$$

the one-step-ahead CDF, and by

$$p_n(x_n) = P(X_n = x_n | X_1 = x_1, ..., X_{n-1} = x_{n-1})$$

the corresponding point probabilities (zero for continuous distributions). In case of continuous observations the sequence

$$\Phi^{-1}(F_1(X_1)), ..., \Phi^{-1}(F_n(X_n))$$

will be iid standard normal. These are referred to as the OSA residuals. In case of discrete observations draw (unit) uniform variables  $U_1, ..., U_n$  and construct the randomized OSA residuals

$$\Phi^{-1}(F_1(X_1) - U_1p_1(X_1)), ..., \Phi^{-1}(F_n(X_n) - U_np_n(X_n))$$

These are also iid standard normal.

#### Value

data. frame with OSA *standardized* residuals in column residual. In addition, depending on the method, the output includes selected characteristics of the predictive distribution (current row) given past observations (past rows), notably the *conditional* 

mean Expectation of the current observation

sd Standard deviation of the current observation

Fx CDF at current observation

px Density at current observation

nll Negative log density at current observation

**nlcdf.lower** Negative log of the lower CDF at current observation

**nlcdf.upper** Negative log of the upper CDF at current observation

given past observations. If column randomize is present, it indicates that randomization has been applied for the row.

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#### Choosing the method

The user must specify the method used to calculate the residuals - see detailed list of method descriptions below. We note that all the methods are based on approximations. While the default 'oneStepGaussianoffMode' often represents a good compromise between accuracy and speed, it cannot be assumed to work well for all model classes. As a rule of thumb, if in doubt whether a method is accurate enough, you should always compare with the 'oneStepGeneric' which is considered the most accurate of the available methods.

**method="fullGaussian"** This method assumes that the joint distribution of data *and* random effects is Gaussian (or well approximated by a Gaussian). It does not require any changes to the user template. However, if used in conjunction with subset and/or conditional a data.term.indicator is required - see the next method.

**method="oneStepGeneric"** This method calculates the one-step conditional probability density as a ratio of Laplace approximations. The approximation is integrated (and re-normalized for improved accuracy) using 1D numerical quadrature to obtain the one-step CDF evaluated at each data point. The method works in the continuous case as well as the discrete case (discrete=TRUE).

It requires a specification of a data.term.indicator explained in the following. Suppose the template for the observations given the random effects (u) looks like

```
DATA_VECTOR(x);
...
nll -= dnorm(x(i), u(i), sd(i), true);
...
```

Then this template can be augmented with a data.term.indicator = "keep" by changing the template to

```
DATA_VECTOR(x);
DATA_VECTOR_INDICATOR(keep, x);
...
nll -= keep(i) * dnorm(x(i), u(i), sd(i), true);
...
```

The new data vector (keep) need not be passed from R. It automatically becomes a copy of x filled with ones.

Some extra parameters are essential for the method. Pay special attention to the integration domain which must be set either via range (continuous case) or discreteSupport (discrete case). Both of these can be set simultanously to specify a mixed continuous/discrete distribution. For example, a non-negative distribution with a point mass at zero (e.g. the Tweedie distribution) should have range=c(0, Inf) and discreteSupport=0. Several parameters control accuracy and appropriate settings are case specific. By default, a spline is fitted to the one-step density before integration (splineApprox=TRUE) to reduce the number of density evaluations. However, this setting may have negative impact on accuracy. The spline approximation can then either be disabled or improved by noting that . . . arguments are passed to tmbprofile: Pass e.g. ystep=20, ytol=0.1. Finally, it may be useful to look at the one step predictive distributions on either log scale (trace=2) or natural scale (trace=3) to determine which alternative methods might be appropriate.

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**method="oneStepGaussian"** This is a special case of the generic method where the one step conditional distribution is approximated by a Gaussian (and can therefore be handled more efficiently).

**method="oneStepGaussianOffMode"** This is an approximation of the "oneStepGaussian" method that avoids locating the mode of the one-step conditional density.

**method="cdf"** The generic method can be slow due to the many function evaluations used during the 1D integration (or summation in the discrete case). The present method can speed up this process but requires more changes to the user template. The above template must be expanded with information about how to calculate the negative log of the lower and upper CDF:

```
DATA_VECTOR(x);
DATA_VECTOR_INDICATOR(keep, x);
...
nll -= keep(i) * dnorm(x(i), u(i), sd(i), true);
nll -= keep.cdf_lower(i) * log( pnorm(x(i), u(i), sd(i)) );
nll -= keep.cdf_upper(i) * log( 1.0 - pnorm(x(i), u(i), sd(i)) );
```

The specialized members keep.cdf\_lower and keep.cdf\_upper automatically become copies of x filled with zeros.

#### **Examples**

openmp

Control number of OpenMP threads used by a TMB model.

#### Description

Control number of OpenMP threads used by a TMB model.

#### Usage

```
openmp(n = NULL, max = FALSE, autopar = NULL, DLL = getUserDLL())
```

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#### **Arguments**

n Requested number of threads, or NULL to just read the current value.

max Logical; Set n to OpenMP runtime value 'omp\_get\_max\_threads()'?

autopar Logical; use automatic parallelization - see details.

DLL of a TMB model.

#### **Details**

This function controls the number of parallel threads used by a TMB model compiled with OpenMP. The number of threads is part of the configuration list config() of the DLL. The value only affects parallelization of the DLL. It does *not* affect BLAS/LAPACK specific parallelization which has to be specified elsewhere.

When a DLL is loaded, the number of threads is set to 1 by default. To activate parallelization you have to explicitly call openmp(nthreads) after loading the DLL. Calling openmp(max=TRUE) should normally pick up the environment variable OMP\_NUM\_THREADS, but this may be platform dependent.

An experimental option autopar=TRUE can be set to parallelize models automatically. This requires the model to be compiled with framework="TMBad" and openmp=TRUE without further requirements on the C++ code. If the C++ code already has explicit parallel constructs these will be ignored if automatic parallelization is enabled.

#### Value

Number of threads.

plot.tmbprofile Plot likelihood profile.

#### **Description**

Plot (negative log) likelihood profile with confidence interval added.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'tmbprofile'
plot(x, type = "1", level = 0.95, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

x Output from tmbprofile.

type Plot type.

level Add horizontal and vertical lines depicting this confidence level (NULL disables

the lines).

... Additional plot arguments.

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precompile Precompile the TMB library in order to speed up compilation of templates.	of tem-
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### **Description**

Precompile the TMB library

## Usage

```
precompile(all = TRUE, clean = FALSE, trace = TRUE, get.header = FALSE, ...)
```

## Arguments

all	Precompile all or just the core parts of TMB?
clean	Remove precompiled libraries ?
trace	Trace precompilation process ?
get.header	Create files 'TMB.h' and 'TMB.cpp' in current working directory to be used as part of a project?
	Not used.

## **Details**

Precompilation can be used to speed up compilation of templates. It is only necessary to run precompile() once, typically right after installation of TMB. The function *prepares* TMB for precompilation, while the actual pre-compilation takes place the first time you compile a model after running precompile().

Note that the precompilation requires write access to the TMB package folder. Three versions of the library will be prepared: Normal, parallel and a debugable version.

Precompilation works the same way on all platforms. The only known side-effect of precompilation is that it increases the file size of the generated binaries.

### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
## Prepare precompilation
precompile()
## Perform precompilation by running a model
runExample(all = TRUE)
## End(Not run)
```

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```
print.checkConsistency
```

Print output from checkConsistency

## Description

Print diagnostics output from checkConsistency

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'checkConsistency'
print(x, ...)
```

## Arguments

x Output from checkConsistency

... Not used

print.sdreport

Print brief model summary

## Description

Print parameter estimates and give convergence diagnostic based on gradient and Hessian.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'sdreport' print(x, ...)
```

## Arguments

x Output from sdreport

... Not used

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Rinterface

*Create minimal R-code corresponding to a cpp template.* 

## Description

Create a skeleton of required R-code once the cpp template is ready.

### Usage

```
Rinterface(file)
```

### **Arguments**

file

cpp template file.

## **Examples**

```
file <- system.file("examples/simple.cpp", package = "TMB")
Rinterface(file)</pre>
```

runExample

Run one of the test examples.

## Description

Compile and run a test example (runExample() shows all available examples).

## Usage

```
runExample(
  name = NULL,
  all = FALSE,
  thisR = TRUE,
  clean = FALSE,
  exfolder = NULL,
  dontrun = FALSE,
  subarch = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

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#### **Arguments**

name Character name of example.
all Run all the test examples?

thisR Run inside this R?

clean Cleanup before compile?

exfolder Alternative folder with examples.

dontrun Build only (don't run) and remove temporary object files?

subarch Build in sub-architecture specific folder?

... Passed to compile.

runSymbolicAnalysis

Run symbolic analysis on sparse Hessian

### **Description**

Aggressively tries to reduce fill-in of sparse Cholesky factor by running a full suite of ordering algorithms. NOTE: requires a specialized installation of the package. More information is available at the package URL.

#### Usage

runSymbolicAnalysis(obj)

## Arguments

obj Output from MakeADFun

sdreport General sdreport function.

## Description

After optimization of an AD model, sdreport is used to calculate standard deviations of all model parameters, including non linear functions of random effects and parameters specified through the ADREPORT() macro from the user template.

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#### Usage

```
sdreport(
  obj,
  par.fixed = NULL,
  hessian.fixed = NULL,
  getJointPrecision = FALSE,
  bias.correct = FALSE,
  bias.correct.control = list(sd = FALSE, split = NULL, nsplit = NULL),
  ignore.parm.uncertainty = FALSE,
  getReportCovariance = TRUE,
  skip.delta.method = FALSE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

obj Object returned by MakeADFun

par.fixed Optional. Parameter estimate (will be known to obj when an optimization has

been carried out).

hessian.fixed Optional. Hessian wrt. parameters (will be calculated from obj if missing).

getJointPrecision

Optional. Return full joint precision matrix of random effects and parameters?

bias.correct logical indicating if bias correction should be applied

bias.correct.control

a list of bias correction options; currently sd, split and nsplit are used - see details.

ignore.parm.uncertainty

Optional. Ignore estimation variance of parameters?

getReportCovariance

Get full covariance matrix of ADREPORTed variables?

skip.delta.method

Skip the delta method? (FALSE by default)

#### Details

First, the Hessian wrt. the parameter vector  $(\theta)$  is calculated. The parameter covariance matrix is approximated by

 $V(\hat{\theta}) = -\nabla^2 l(\hat{\theta})^{-1}$ 

where l denotes the log likelihood function (i.e. -obj\$fn). If ignore.parm.uncertainty=TRUE then the Hessian calculation is omitted and a zero-matrix is used in place of  $V(\hat{\theta})$ .

For non-random effect models the standard delta-method is used to calculate the covariance matrix of transformed parameters. Let  $\phi(\theta)$  denote some non-linear function of  $\theta$ . Then

$$V(\phi(\hat{\theta})) \approx \nabla \phi V(\hat{\theta}) \nabla \phi'$$

The covariance matrix of reported variables  $V(\phi(\hat{\theta}))$  is returned by default. This can cause high memory usage if many variables are ADREPORTed. Use getReportCovariance=FALSE to only

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return standard errors. In case standard deviations are not required one can completely skip the delta method using skip.delta.method=TRUE.

For random effect models a generalized delta-method is used. First the joint covariance of random effect and parameter estimation error is approximated by

$$V\left(\begin{array}{c} \hat{u}-u\\ \hat{\theta}-\theta \end{array}\right) \approx \left(\begin{array}{cc} H_{uu}^{-1} & 0\\ 0 & 0 \end{array}\right) + JV(\hat{\theta})J'$$

where  $H_{uu}$  denotes random effect block of the full joint Hessian of obj\$env\$f and J denotes the Jacobian of  $\begin{pmatrix} \hat{u}(\theta) \\ \theta \end{pmatrix}$  wrt.  $\theta$ . Here, the first term represents the expected conditional variance of the estimation error given the data and the second term represents the variance of the conditional mean of the estimation error given the data.

Now the delta method can be applied on a general non-linear function  $\phi(u,\theta)$  of random effects u and parameters  $\theta$ :

$$V\left(\phi(\hat{u},\hat{\theta}) - \phi(u,\theta)\right) \approx \nabla\phi V\left(\begin{array}{c} \hat{u} - u\\ \hat{\theta} - \theta \end{array}\right) \nabla\phi'$$

The full joint covariance is not returned by default, because it may require large amounts of memory.

It may be obtained by specifying getJointPrecision=TRUE, in which case  $V\left(\begin{array}{c} \hat{u}-u\\ \hat{\theta}-\theta \end{array}\right)^{-1}$  will be part of the output. This matrix must be manually inverted using solve(jointPrecision) in order to get the joint covariance matrix. Note, that the parameter order will follow the original order (i.e. obj\$env\$par).

Using  $\phi(\hat{u}, \theta)$  as estimator of  $\phi(u, \theta)$  may result in substantial bias. This may be the case if either  $\phi$  is non-linear or if the distribution of u given x (data) is sufficiently non-symmetric. A generic correction is enabled with bias.correct=TRUE. It is based on the identity

$$E_{\theta}[\phi(u,\theta)|x] = \partial_{\varepsilon} \left( \log \int \exp(-f(u,\theta) + \varepsilon \phi(u,\theta)) \, du \right)_{|\varepsilon=0}$$

stating that the conditional expectation can be written as a marginal likelihood gradient wrt. a nuisance parameter  $\varepsilon$ . The marginal likelihood is replaced by its Laplace approximation.

If bias.correct.control\$sd=TRUE the variance of the estimator is calculated using

$$V_{\theta}[\phi(u,\theta)|x] = \partial_{\varepsilon}^{2} \left( \log \int \exp(-f(u,\theta) + \varepsilon \phi(u,\theta)) \, du \right)_{|\varepsilon=0}$$

A further correction is added to this variance to account for the effect of replacing  $\theta$  by the MLE  $\theta$  (unless ignore.parm.uncertainty=TRUE).

Bias correction can be be performed in chunks in order to reduce memory usage or in order to only bias correct a subset of variables. First option is to pass a list of indices as bias.correct.control\$split. E.g. a list list(1:2,3:4) calculates the first four ADREPORTed variables in two chunks. The internal function obj\$env\$ADreportIndex() gives an overview of the possible indices of ADREPORTed variables.

Second option is to pass the number of chunks as bias.correct.control\$nsplit in which case all ADREPORTed variables are bias corrected in the specified number of chunks. Also note that skip.delta.method may be necessary when bias correcting a large number of variables.

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#### Value

Object of class sdreport

#### See Also

```
summary.sdreport, print.sdreport, as.list.sdreport
```

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
runExample("linreg_parallel", thisR = TRUE) ## Non-random effect example
sdreport(obj)
## End(Not run)
runExample("simple", thisR = TRUE)
                                             ## Random effect example
rep <- sdreport(obj)</pre>
summary(rep, "random")
                                             ## Only random effects
summary(rep, "fixed", p.value = TRUE)
                                             ## Only non-random effects
summary(rep, "report")
                                             ## Only report
## Bias correction
rep <- sdreport(obj, bias.correct = TRUE)</pre>
                                             ## Include bias correction
summary(rep, "report")
```

SR

 $Sequential\ reduction\ configuration$ 

#### **Description**

Helper function to specify an integration grid used by the sequential reduction algorithm available through the argument integrate to MakeADFun.

## Usage

```
SR(x, discrete = FALSE)
```

## **Arguments**

x Breaks defining the domain of integrationdiscrete Boolean defining integration wrt Lebesgue measure (discrete=FALSE) or count-

ing measure discrete=TRUE.

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```
summary.checkConsistency
```

Summarize output from checkConsistency

## Description

Summarize output from checkConsistency

#### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'checkConsistency'
summary(object, na.rm = FALSE, ...)
```

## Arguments

```
object Output from checkConsistency
na.rm Logical; Remove failed simulations?
... Not used
```

#### Value

List of diagnostics

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summary tables of model parameters

## Description

Extract parameters, random effects and reported variables along with uncertainties and optionally Chi-square statistics. Bias corrected quantities are added as additional columns if available.

#### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'sdreport'
summary(
  object,
  select = c("all", "fixed", "random", "report"),
  p.value = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

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## Arguments

object	Output from sdreport
select	Parameter classes to select. Can be any subset of "fixed" $(\hat{\theta})$ , "random" $(\hat{u})$ or "report" $(\phi(\hat{u},\hat{\theta}))$ using notation as sdreport.
p.value	Add column with approximate p-values
	Not used

## Value

matrix

templat	ce Create cpp template to get started	

## Description

Create a cpp template to get started.

## Usage

```
template(file = NULL)
```

## **Arguments**

file Optional name of cpp file.

## **Details**

This function generates a C++ template with a header and include statement. Here is a brief overview of the C++ syntax used to code the objective function. For a full reference see the Doxygen documentation (more information at the package URL).

Macros to read data and declare parameters:

C++ type	R type
vector <type></type>	vector
matrix <type></type>	matrix
Type	numeric(1)
int	integer(1)
vector <int></int>	factor
vector <int></int>	integer
Eigen::SparseMatrix <type></type>	dgTMatrix
array <type></type>	array
matrix <type></type>	matrix
vector <type></type>	vector
array <type></type>	array
	vector <type> matrix<type> Type int vector<int> vector<int> Eigen::SparseMatrix<type> array<type> matrix<type> vector<type></type></type></type></type></int></int></type></type>

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PARAMETER(name) Type numeric(1)

**Explanation** 

Basic calculations:

**Template Syntax** 

REPORT(x) Report x back to R ADREPORT(x) Report x back to R with derivatives vector<Type> v(n1); R equivalent of v=numeric(n1) matrix<Type> m(n1,n2); R equivalent of m=matrix(0,n1,n2) array<Type> a(n1,n2,n3); R equivalent of a=array(0,c(n1,n2,n3))

v+v,v-v,v\*v,v/vPointwise binary operations m\*v Matrix-vector multiply R equivalent of a[,,i] a.col(i) R equivalent of a[,j,i] a.col(i).col(j) a(i,j,k)R equivalent of a[i,j,k] exp(v) Pointwise math R equivalent of m[i,j] m(i,j)R equivalent of sum(v) v.sum() R equivalent of t(m) m.transpose()

Some distributions are available as C++ templates with syntax close to R's distributions:

#### **Function header**

#### Distribution

dnbinom2(x,mu,var,int give\_log=0) dpois(x,lambda,int give\_log=0) dlgamma(y,shape,scale,int give\_log=0) dnorm(x,mean,sd,int give\_log=0) Negative binomial with mean and variance Poisson distribution as in R log-gamma distribution Normal distribution as in R

## **Examples**

template()

TMB. Version Version information on API and ABI.

## Description

The R interface to TMB roughly consists of two components: (1) The 'API' i.e. R functions documented in this manual and (2) C-level entry points, here referred to as the 'ABI', which controls the C++ code. The latter can be shown by getDLLRegisteredRoutines(DLL) where DLL is the shared library generated by the compile function (or by a package linking to TMB). A DLL compiled with one version of TMB can be used with another version of TMB provided that the 'ABI' is the same. We therefore define the 'ABI version' as the oldest ABI compatible version. This number can then be used to tell if re-compilation of a DLL is necessary after updating TMB.

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#### Usage

```
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```

#### Value

List with components package (API version) and abi (ABI version) inspired by corresponding function in the Matrix package.

tmbprofile

Adaptive likelihood profiling.

#### **Description**

Calculate 1D likelihood profiles wrt. single parameters or more generally, wrt. arbitrary linear combinations of parameters (e.g. contrasts).

#### Usage

```
tmbprofile(
  obj,
  name,
  lincomb,
  h = 1e-04,
  ytol = 2,
  ystep = 0.1,
  maxit = ceiling(5 * ytol/ystep),
  parm.range = c(-Inf, Inf),
  slice = FALSE,
  adaptive = TRUE,
  trace = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

#### **Arguments**

obj	Object from MakeADFun that has been optimized.
name	Name or index of a parameter to profile.

lincomb Optional linear combination of parameters to profile. By default a unit vector

corresponding to name.

h Initial adaptive stepsize on parameter axis.

ytol Adjusts the range of the likelihood values.

ystep Adjusts the resolution of the likelihood profile.

maxit Max number of iterations for adaptive algorithm.

parm. range Valid parameter range.

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slice Do slicing rather than profiling?

adaptive Logical; Use adaptive step size?

trace Trace progress? (TRUE, or a numeric value of 1, gives basic tracing: numeric values > 1 give more information)

#### **Details**

Given a linear combination

$$t = \sum_{i=1}^{n} v_i \theta_i$$

of the parameter vector  $\theta$ , this function calculates the likelihood profile of t. By default v is a unit vector determined from name. Alternatively the linear combination may be given directly (lincomb).

#### Value

data.frame with parameter and function values.

Unused

#### See Also

```
plot.tmbprofile, confint.tmbprofile
```

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
runExample("simple",thisR=TRUE)
## Parameter names for this model:
## beta
        beta
                logsdu
                         logsd0
## Profile wrt. sigma0:
prof <- tmbprofile(obj,"logsd0")</pre>
plot(prof)
confint(prof)
## Profile the difference between the beta parameters (name is optional):
prof2 < -tmbprofile(obj,name="beta1 - beta2",lincomb = c(1,-1,0,0))
plot(prof2)
confint(prof2)
## End(Not run)
```

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tmbroot	Compute likelihood profile confidence intervals of a TMB object by root-finding
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## Description

Compute likelihood profile confidence intervals of a TMB object by root-finding in contrast to tmbprofile, which tries to compute somewhat equally spaced values along the likelihood profile (which is useful for visualizing the shape of the likelihood surface), and then (via confint.tmbprofile) extracting a critical value by linear interpolation,

## Usage

```
tmbroot(
  obj,
  name,
  target = 0.5 * qchisq(0.95, df = 1),
  lincomb,
  parm.range = c(NA, NA),
  sd.range = 7,
  trace = FALSE,
  continuation = FALSE
)
```

## Arguments

obj	Object from MakeADFun that has been optimized.
name	Name or index of a parameter to profile.
target	desired deviation from minimum log-likelihood. Default is set to retrieve the 95 if the objective function is a negative log-likelihood function
lincomb	Optional linear combination of parameters to profile. By default a unit vector corresponding to name.
parm.range	lower and upper limits; if NA, a value will be guessed based on the parameter value and $\operatorname{sd.range}$
sd.range	in the absence of explicit parm.range values, the range chosen will be the parameter value plus or minus sd.range times the corresponding standard deviation. May be specified as a two-element vector for different ranges below and above the parameter value.
trace	report information?
continuation	use continuation method, i.e. set starting parameters for non-focal parameters to solutions from previous fits?

## Value

a two-element numeric vector containing the lower and upper limits (or NA if the target is not achieved in the range), with an attribute giving the total number of function iterations used

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## Examples

```
## Not run:
runExample("simple",thisR=TRUE)
logsd0.ci <- tmbroot(obj,"logsd0")
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

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