Random walk model of order 2 (RW2)

Parametrization

The random walk model of order 2 (RW2) for the Gaussian vector $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \ldots, x_n)$ is constructed assuming independent second-orderincrements:

$$\Delta^2 x_i = x_i - 2\ x_{i+1} + x_{i+2} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \tau^{-1})$$

The density for $\mathbf{x}$ is derived from its $n-2$ second-order increments as

$$\pi(\mathbf{x}|\tau) \quad \propto \quad \tau^{(n-2)/2} \exp\left\{-\frac{\tau}{2}\sum(\Delta^2 x_i)^2\right\} \tag{1}$$

$$= \quad \tau^{(n-2)/2} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{x}^T\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{x}\right\} \tag{2}$$

where $\mathbf{Q} = \tau\mathbf{R}$ and $\mathbf{R}$ is the structure matrix reflecting the neighbourhood structure of the model.

It is also possible to define a *cyclic* version of the RW2 model.

Hyperparameters

The precision parameter τ is represented as

$$\theta = \log \tau$$

and the prior is defined on θ.

Specification

The RW2 model is specified inside the `f()` function as

```
f(<whatever>,model="rw2",values=<values>,cyclic=<TRUE,FALSE>,
```

The (optional) argument `values` is a numeric or factor vector giving the values assumed by the covariate for which we want the effect to be estimated. See the example for RW1 for an application.

Hyperparameter spesification and defaults

hyper

    theta

        name precision

        short.name prec

        initial 4

        fixed FALSE

        prior loggamma

        param c(1, 1e-04)

constr TRUE

nrow.ncol FALSE

augmented FALSE

aug.factor 1

aug.constr   NULL

n.div.by   NULL

n.required   FALSE

set.default.values   FALSE

Example

```
n=100
z=seq(0,6,length.out=n)
y=sin(z)+rnorm(n,mean=0,sd=0.5)
data=data.frame(y=y,z=z)

formula=y~f(z,model="rw2")
result=inla(formula,data=data,family="gaussian")
```

Notes

The RW2 is a intrinsic with rank deficiency 2.
    There model also supports irregular locations or values.