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SAFER-package

*Sensitivity analysis for everybody with R*


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## Description

Range of tools for Global Sensitivity Analysis (GSA).

## Details

It implements several established GSA methods, including method of Morris, regional sensitivity analysis, variance-based sensitivity analysis (Sobol') and FAST. It also includes new approaches and visualization tools to complement these established methods.

SAFER is also available in Matlab/Octave version through a Toolbox called SAFE. SAFE and SAFER are open source and freely available from the following website: <http://bristol.ac.uk/cabot/resources/safe-toolbox/>.

### BEFORE STARTING

An introduction to the SAFE Toolbox is provided in the paper: Pianosi, F., Sarrazin, F., Wagener, T. (2015), A Matlab toolbox for Global Sensitivity Analysis, *Environmental Modelling & Software*, 70, 80-85. The paper is freely available at: <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1364815215001188>. We recommend reading this (short) paper before getting started.

### TO GET STARTED

To get started using SAFER, we suggest opening one of the workflow scripts and running the code step by step. The header of each workflow script gives a short description of the method and case study model, and of the main steps and purposes of that workflow, as well as references for further reading. The name of each workflow is composed as: workflow\_<method>\_<model>

Implemented models are:

- the hydrological Hymod model (see documentation and help of functions `help("hymod")` and `system.file("docs", "Hymod_structure.pdf", package = "SAFER")`)
- the hydrological HBV model (see documentation and help of functions in `help("hmv")` and `system.file("docs", "HBV_structure.pdf", package = "SAFER")`)

- the Ishigami and Homma test function (see help of functions in `help("ishigami_homma")`)
- the Sobol' g-function (see help of functions in `help("sobol_g_function")`)

Implemented methods are:

- eet (elementary effects test, or method of Morris)
- fast (Fourier amplitude sensitivity test)
- rsa (regional sensitivity analysis)
- vbsa (variance-based sensitivity analysis, or method of Sobol')

Furthermore, SAFER includes additional workflow scripts:

- visual: how to use visualisation functions for qualitative GSA

There are a 8 workflows in the demo folder of the package:

- `workflow_eet_hbv` This script provides an application example of the Elementary Effects Test to the HBV rainfall-runoff model.
- `workflow_eet_hymod` This script provides a basic application example of the Elementary Effects Test. The application example is the rainfall-runoff Hymod model.
- `workflow_fast_gsobol` This script provides an application example of the Fourier Amplitude Sensitivity Test (FAST). The application example is the Sobol g-function.
- `workflow_fast_hymod` This script provides an application example of the Fourier Amplitude Sensitivity Test (FAST). The application example is the rainfall-runoff Hymod model.
- `workflow_rsa_hymod` This script provides an application example of regional sensitivity analysis. The application example is the rainfall-runoff Hymod model.
- `workflow_vbsa_hymod` This script provides an application example of Variance Based Sensitivity Analysis (VBSA) The application example is the rainfall-runoff Hymod model
- `workflow_vbsa_ishigami_homma` This script applies Variance-Based Sensitivity Analysis to the Ishigami-Homma function.
- `workflow_visual_ishigami_homma` This script provides an application example of how to use several visualization tools (scatter plots, coloured scatter plots, parallel coordinate plots, Andres' plot) to learn about sensitivity. The application example is the Ishigami-Homma function.

The command to find the list of demo in the package is `demo(package = "SAFER")`

The command to start a demo is `demo("workflow_visual_ishigami_homma")`

The command to find the location of the demo folder is `system.file("demo", package = "SAFER")`

SAFER depends on the package `calibrater` that is available on Jonty Rougier's webpage <http://www.maths.bris.ac.uk/~mazjcr/#software>.

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AAT_sampling	<i>Random sampling in the M-dimension space of the input factors of a model.</i>
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### Description

This function performs random sampling in the M-dimension space of the input factors of a model. To this purpose, the function first perform uniform sampling in the unit hypercube in  $R^M$ ; then, project the sampled points along each direction.

### Usage

```
AAT_sampling(samp_strat, M, distr_fun, distr_par, N)
```

### Arguments

samp_strat	string, sampling strategy. Options: "rsu": random uniform, "lhs": latin hypercube.
M	positive integer, number of inputs.
distr_fun	string (eg: "unif") if all inputs have the same pdf, or vector of M strings (eg: c("unif", "norm")) containing the probability distribution function of each input.
distr_par	row vector if all input pdfs have the same parameters, list of M vectors otherwise containing the parameters of the probability distribution function.
N	positive integer, number of samples.

### Value

X matrix (N, M) of samples. Each row is a point in the input space. In contrast to [OAT\\_sampling](#), rows do not follow any specific order, and all components (columns) differ from point (row) to point.

### See Also

[OAT\\_sampling](#)

### Examples

```
# Example 1: 2 inputs, both from Unif[0,3]
N <- 1000
M <- 2
distr_fun <- "unif"
distr_par <- c(0, 3)
samp_strat <- "lhs"
X <- AAT_sampling(samp_strat, M, distr_fun, distr_par, N)
# Plot results:
plot(X, xlab = expression(x[1]), ylab = expression(x[2]))
#
# Example 2: 2 inputs, one from Unif[0,3], one from Unif[1,5]
distr_fun <- "unif"
distr_par <- list(c(0, 3), c(1, 5))
X <- AAT_sampling(samp_strat, M, distr_fun, distr_par, N)
```

```

# Plot results:
plot(X, xlab = expression(x[1]), ylab = expression(x[2]))

#####
# Some more comments about sampling
#####

# If you want to see the difference between Latin-Hypercube, Sobol and
# Monte Carlo sampling strategy, you can use the following code:

N <- 100
dist_type <- "unif"
dist_param <- c(0, 1)
X1 <- AAT_sampling("rsu", 2, dist_type, dist_param, N)
X2 <- AAT_sampling("lhs", 2, dist_type, dist_param, N)
par(mfrow = c(1, 2))
plot(X1, xlab = expression(x[1]), ylab = expression(x[2]), main = ("Random Uniform"))
plot(X2, xlab = expression(x[1]), ylab = expression(x[2]), main = ("Latin Hypercube"))
# Example with a Normal distribution on the vertical axis:
dist_type <- c("unif", "norm")
dist_param <- list(c(0, 1), c(5, 1))
X1 <- AAT_sampling("rsu", 2, dist_type, dist_param, N)
X2 <- AAT_sampling("lhs", 2, dist_type, dist_param, N)
par(mfrow = c(1, 2))
plot(X1, xlab = expression(x[1]), ylab = expression(x[2]), main = ("Random Uniform"))
plot(X2, xlab = expression(x[1]), ylab = expression(x[2]), main = ("Latin Hypercube"))

```

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AAT\_sampling\_extend      *Create an expanded sample  $X_{\text{new}}$  starting from a sample  $X$*

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## Description

This function create an expanded sample  $X_{\text{new}}$  starting from a sample  $X$  and using latin hypercube and the maximin criterion.

## Usage

```
AAT_sampling_extend(X, distr_fun, distr_par, N_new, nrep = 10)
```

## Arguments

$X$	matrix (N,M) of initial samples.
distr_fun	string (eg: "unif") if all inputs have the same pdf, or vector of M strings (eg: c("unif", "norm")) containing the probability distribution function of each input.
distr_par	row vector if all input pdfs have the same parameters, list of M vectors otherwise containing the parameters of the probability distribution function.
$N_{\text{new}}$	positive integer, new dimension of the sample (must be > N)
nrep	scalar, number of replicate to select the maximin hypercube (default value: 10)

## Value

$X_{\text{new}}$  matrix ( $N_{\text{new}}$ , M) of expanded sample.

See Also

[AAT\\_sampling](#)

Examples

```
# Example 1: 2 inputs, both from Unif[0,3]
N <- 1000
M <- 2
distr_fun <- "unif"
distr_par <- c(0, 3)
samp_strat <- "lhs"
X <- AAT_sampling(samp_strat, M, distr_fun, distr_par, N)
# Plot results:
plot(X, xlab = expression(x[1]), ylab = expression(x[2]))
#
# Adding up new samples
N2 <- 500 # increase of base sample size
# (that means: N2 * (M+2) new samples that will need to be evaluated)
Xext <- AAT_sampling_extend(X, distr_fun, distr_par, 2 * (N + N2)) # extended sample
# (it includes the already evaluated samples X and the new ones)
Xnew <- Xext[-(1:(2 * N)),] # extract the new input samples that need to be evaluated
# Plot results:
par(mfrow = c(1, 2))
plot(X, xlab = expression(x[1]), ylab = expression(x[2]), main = "X")
plot(Xnew, xlab = expression(x[1]), ylab = expression(x[2]), main = "X new")
```

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Andres_plots	<i>Andres_plots</i>
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Description

This function creates the validation plots first proposed by Andres (1993) (see also applications in Tang et al. (2007))

Usage

```
Andres_plots(X, Y, X_ref, idx, fun_test, ...)
```

Arguments

X	matrix NxM set of input samples
Y	vector N set of output samples
X_ref	vector M reference values for the inputs
idx	scalar. Index of input to be analyzed
fun_test	character. Name of the function implementing the model: $Y = f(X)$
...	other parameters needed in output_def

## References

Andres, T.H. (1997). Sampling methods and sensitivity analysis for large parameter sets. *Journal of Statistical Computation and Simulation*, 57(1-4), 77-110.

Tang, Y., Reed, P., Van Werkhoven, K. and Wagener, T. (2007). Advancing the identification and evaluation of distributed rainfall-runoff models using global sensitivity analysis. *Water Resources Research*.

## Examples

```
# Step 1 (setup the model)

fun_test <- "ishigami_homma_function"
M <- 3
distr_fun <- "unif"
distrpar <- c(-pi, pi)

# Step 2 (sampling and model evaluation)

N <- 3000
X <- AAT_sampling("lhs", M, distr_fun, distrpar, N)
Y <- model_evaluation(fun_test, X)

# Step 3 (Andres' visualization test)

Xref <- c(2,2,2)
idx <- 1
Andres_plots(X, Y, Xref, idx, fun_test)
```

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boxplot1	<i>Boxplot of vectors Boxplots when the mean, lower values and upper values are specified.</i>
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## Description

Boxplot of vectors Boxplots when the mean, lower values and upper values are specified.

## Usage

```
boxplot1(a, al = NULL, au = NULL, labels = NULL, col = 2:(length(a) + 1), ylim = NULL, ...)
```

## Arguments

a	vector (M) of mean values to be plotted
al	vector (M) of lower values to be plotted. Default al = NULL
au	vector (M) of upper values to be plotted. Default au = NULL
labels	labels for the x-axis of the boxplot
col	colors for the plot. Default col = 2:(length(a) + 1)
ylim	limits of the y-axis. Default ylim = NULL
...	others arguments to be passed in <a href="#">plot</a>

**See Also**

[boxplot2](#) [boxplot](#) [plot](#)

**Examples**

```
# Setup the model and define input ranges
myfun <- "ishigami_homma_function"
M <- 3
DistrFun <- "unif"
DistrPar <- c(-pi, pi)
# Sample parameter space using the resampling strategy proposed by
# (Saltelli, 2008; for reference and more details, see help of functions
# vbsa_resampling and vbsa_indices)
SampStrategy <- "lhs"
N <- 3000 # Base sample size.
# Comment: the base sample size N is not the actual number of input
# samples that will be evaluated. In fact, because of the resampling
# strategy, the total number of model evaluations to compute the two
# variance-based indices is equal to N*(M+2)
X <- AAT_sampling(SampStrategy, M, DistrFun, DistrPar, 2 * N)
XABC <- vbsa_resampling(X)
# Run the model and compute selected model output at sampled parameter
# sets:
YA <- model_evaluation(myfun, XABC$XA) # size (N,1)
YB <- model_evaluation(myfun, XABC$XB) # size (N,1)
YC <- model_evaluation(myfun, XABC$XC) # size (N*M,1)
# Compute main (first-order) and total effects:
ind <- vbsa_indices(YA, YB, YC)
Si <- ind[1,]
STi <- ind[2,]
# Plot results:
# plot main and total separately
par(mfrow = c(1, 2))
boxplot1(Si, main = "Si")
boxplot1(STi, main = "STi")
```

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boxplot2

*Boxplot of vectors with two groups Boxplots when the mean, lower values and upper values are specified for two groups a and b.*

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**Description**

Boxplot of vectors with two groups Boxplots when the mean, lower values and upper values are specified for two groups a and b.

**Usage**

```
boxplot2(a, b, al = NULL, au = NULL, bl = NULL, bu = NULL,
  labels = NULL, leg = NULL, col = 2:3, ylim = NULL, ...)
```



**Arguments**

a	vector (M) of mean values to be plotted
b	vector (M) of mean values to be plotted
a1	vector (M) of lower values to be plotted. Default a1 = NULL
au	vector (M) of upper values to be plotted. Default au = NULL
b1	vector (M) of lower values to be plotted. Default b1 = NULL
bu	vector (M) of upper values to be plotted. Default bu = NULL
labels	labels for the x-axis of the boxplot
leg	names for the legend. Default leg = NULL
col	colors for the plot. Default col = 2:3
ylim	limits of the y-axis. Default ylim = NULL
...	others arguments to be passed in <a href="#">plot</a>

**See Also**

[boxplot1](#) [boxplot](#) [plot](#)

**Examples**

```
# Setup the model and define input ranges
myfun <- "ishigami_homma_function"
M <- 3
DistrFun <- "unif"
DistrPar <- c(-pi, pi)
# Sample parameter space using the resampling strategy proposed by
# (Saltelli, 2008; for reference and more details, see help of functions
# vbsa_resampling and vbsa_indices)
SampStrategy <- "lhs"
N <- 3000 # Base sample size.
# Comment: the base sample size N is not the actual number of input
# samples that will be evaluated. In fact, because of the resampling
# strategy, the total number of model evaluations to compute the two
# variance-based indices is equal to N*(M+2)
X <- AAT_sampling(SampStrategy, M, DistrFun, DistrPar, 2 * N)
XABC <- vbsa_resampling(X)
# Run the model and compute selected model output at sampled parameter
# sets:
YA <- model_evaluation(myfun, XABC$XA) # size (N,1)
YB <- model_evaluation(myfun, XABC$XB) # size (N,1)
YC <- model_evaluation(myfun, XABC$XC) # size (N*M,1)
# Compute main (first-order) and total effects:
ind <- vbsa_indices(YA, YB, YC)
Si <- ind[1,]
STi <- ind[2,]
# Plot results:
boxplot2(Si, STi, leg = c("main effects", "total effects"))
```

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EET_convergence	<i>Mean and standard deviation of Elementary Effects</i>
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### Description

Compute mean and standard deviation of Elementary Effects (EEs) using an increasing number of samples.

### Usage

```
EET_convergence(EE, rr, Nboot = 0, alfa = 0.05)
```

### Arguments

EE	matrix (r, M) of r elementary effects
rr	vector (R), sample sizes at which indices will be estimated (must be a vector of integer positive values not exceeding r)
Nboot	scalar, number of resamples used for bootstrapping (default: 0)
alfa	scalar, significance level for the confidence intervals estimated by bootstrapping (default: 0.05)

### Value

List containing:

- m\_r mean of EEs at different sampling size
- s\_r standard deviation of EEs at different sampling size

If Nboot > 1 it also contains

- m\_lb\_r lower bound of EEs mean at different sampling size
- m\_ub\_r upper bound of EEs mean at different sampling size
- s\_lb\_r lower bound of EEs std.dev. at different sampling size
- s\_ub\_r upper bound of EEs std.dev. at different sampling size
- m\_sd\_r standard deviation of EEs mean at different sampling size
- s\_sd\_r standard deviation of EEs std.dev. at different sampling size.

All output arguments are matrices of size (R,M)

### See Also

[EET\\_indices](#) [EET\\_plot](#)

### Examples

```
# See the demo
# demo("workflow_eet_hymod")
# or
# demo("workflow_eet_hbv")
```

EET\_indices

*Mean and standard deviation of Elementary Effects***Description**

This function computes mean and standard deviation of Elementary Effects (EEs)

**Usage**

```
EET_indices(r, xrange, X, Y, design_type, Nboot = 0, alfa = 0.05)
```

**Arguments**

<code>r</code>	scalar, number of sampling point
<code>xrange</code>	list of M vectors of length 2 containing the input ranges
<code>X</code>	matrix ( $r \times (M + 1)$ ), M matrix of sampling datapoints where EE must be computed
<code>Y</code>	vector ( $r \times (M + 1)$ ) vector of output values
<code>design_type</code>	string, design type (string) Options: "trajectory", "radial"
<code>Nboot</code>	scalar, number of resamples used for bootstrapping (default:0) - scalar
<code>alfa</code>	scalar, significance level for the confidence intervals estimated by bootstrapping (default: 0.05)

**Value**

List containing:

- `mi` vector (M) mean of the elementary effects
- `sigma` vector (M) standard deviation of the elementary effects
- `EE` matrix ( $r, M$ ) of elementary effects

If `Nboot > 1` it also contains

- `mi_sd` vector (M) standard deviation of `mi` across `Nboot` estimations
- `sigma_sd` vector (M) standard deviation of `sigma` across `Nboot` estimations
- `mi_lb` vector (M) lower bound of `mi` (at level `alfa`) across `Nboot` estimations
- `sigma_lb` vector (M) lower bound of `sigma` across `Nboot` estimations
- `mi_ub` vector (M) upper bound of `mi` (at level `alfa`) across `Nboot` estimations
- `sigma_ub` vector (M) upper bound of `sigma` across `Nboot` estimations.

**See Also**

[EET\\_convergence](#) [EET\\_plot](#)

**Examples**

```
# See the demo
# demo("workflow_eet_hymod")
# or
# demo("workflow_eet_hbv")
```

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EET_plot	<i>EET plot Plot the mean and the standard deviation of the elementary effects.</i>
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## Description

EET plot Plot the mean and the standard deviation of the elementary effects.

## Usage

```
EET_plot(m, s, ml = NULL, mu = NULL, sl = NULL, su = NULL,
  labels = NULL, xlim = NULL, ylim = NULL, xlab = "Mean of EEs",
  ylab = "Sd of EEs", col = 1:length(m), pch = 15:19, ...)
```

## Arguments

m	vector (M) mean of the elementary effects
s	vector (M) standard deviation of the elementary effects
ml	vector (M) lower bound of mi (at level alfa) across Nboot estimations. Default ml = NULL
mu	vector (M) upper bound of mi (at level alfa) across Nboot estimations. Default mu = NULL
sl	vector (M) lower bound of sigma across Nboot estimations. Default sl = NULL
su	vector (M) upper bound of sigma across Nboot estimations. Default su = NULL
labels	labels for legend. Default labels = NULL
xlim	limits of the x-axis. Default xlim = NULL
ylim	limits of the y-axis. Default ylim = NULL
xlab	label for the x-axis. Default xlab = 'Mean of EEs'
ylab	label for the x-axis. Default ylab = 'Sd of EEs'
col	colors for the plot. Default col = 1:length(m)
pch	symbols to use when plotting points. Default pch = 15:19
...	others arguments to be passed in <a href="#">plot</a>

## See Also

[EET\\_indices](#) [EET\\_convergence](#) [plot](#)

## Examples

```
# See the demo
# demo("workflow_eet_hymod")
# or
# demo("workflow_eet_hbv")
```

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FAST_indices	<i>Main effect (first-order) sensitivity index for the Fourier Amplitude Sensitivity Test (FAST)</i>
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## Description

Computes main effect (first-order) sensitivity index according to the Fourier Amplitude Sensitivity Test (FAST; Cukier et al., 1978).

## Usage

```
FAST_indices(Y, M, Nharm = 4, omega = generate_FAST_frequency(M))
```

## Arguments

Y	vector (N), set of model output samples
M	scalar, number of inputs
Nharm	scalar, interference factor, i.e. the number of higher harmonics to be considered (default is 4)
omega	vector (M), angular frequencies associated to inputs (default values computed by function <a href="#">generate_FAST_frequency</a> )

## Value

List containing:

- Si (vector of length M) of main effect (first-order) sensitivity indices
- V (scalar) total output variance
- A (vector N) Fourier coefficients
- B (vector N) Fourier coefficients
- Vi (vector of length M) output variances from each input

## References

Cukier, R.I., Levine, H.B., and Shuler, K.E. (1978), Nonlinear Sensitivity Analysis of Multiparameter Model Systems, Journal of Computational Physics, 16, 1-42.

Saltelli, A., Tarantola, S. and Chan, K.P.S. (1999), A Quantitative Model-Independent Method of Global Sensitivity Analysis of Model Output, Technometrics, 41(1), 39-56.

## See Also

[FAST\\_sampling](#) [generate\\_FAST\\_frequency](#)

**Examples**

```

fun_test <- 'sobol_g_function'
# Define input distribution and ranges:
M <- 5 # may range from 5 to 11
distr_fun <- 'unif'
distrpar <- c(0, 1)
a <- 9

## Step 1: Choose sampling size #

Nfast <- 2^5 + 1 # this value just for a quick example
# it would be preferred: Nfast<- 2^13 + 1
## Step 2: Approximate first-order variance-based indices by FAST

# FAST
Fsamp <- FAST_sampling(distr_fun, distrpar, M, N = Nfast)
X <- Fsamp$X
s <- Fsamp$s
# Run the model and compute selected model output at sampled parameter
# sets:
Y <- model_evaluation(fun_test, X, a = a)
# Estimate indices:
Si_fast <- FAST_indices(Y, M)

```

FAST\_sampling

*Sampling for the Fourier Amplitude Sensitivity Test (FAST)***Description**

Implements sampling for the Fourier Amplitude Sensitivity Test (FAST; Cukier et al., 1978) and returns a matrix X of N input samples.

**Usage**

```

FAST_sampling(distr_fun, distr_par, M, Nharm = 4,
  omega = generate_FAST_frequency(M), N = 2 * Nharm * max(omega) + 1)

```

**Arguments**

distr_fun	string (eg: 'unif') if all inputs have the same pdf, or vector of M strings (eg: c('unif', 'norm')) containing the probability distribution function of each input.
distr_par	row vector if all input pdfs have the same parameters, list of M vectors otherwise containing the parameters of the probability distribution function.
M	scalar, number of inputs
Nharm	scalar, interference factor, i.e. the number of higher harmonics to be considered (default is 4, taken from Saltelli et al. (1999; page 42))
omega	vector (M), angular frequencies associated to inputs (default values computed by function <a href="#">generate_FAST_frequency</a> )
N	odd scalar, number of samples (default is $2 * Nharm * \max(\omega) + 1$ which is the minimum sampling size according to Cukier et al. (1978))

**Value**

X matrix of N input samples.

**References**

Cukier, R.I., Levine, H.B., and Shuler, K.E. (1978), Nonlinear Sensitivity Analysis of Multiparameter Model Systems, Journal of Computational Physics, 16, 1-42.

Saltelli, A., Tarantola, S. and Chan, K.P.S. (1999), A Quantitative Model-Independent Method of Global Sensitivity Analysis of Model Output, Technometrics, 41(1), 39-56.

**See Also**

[FAST\\_sampling\\_unif](#) [generate\\_FAST\\_frequency](#)

**Examples**

```
fun_test <- 'sobol_g_function'
# Define input distribution and ranges:
M <- 5 # may range from 5 to 11
distr_fun <- 'unif'
distrpar <- c(0, 1)
a <- 9

## Step 1: Choose sampling size

# suggested values of Nfast

Nfast <- 2^13 + 1
## Step 2: Approximate first-order variance-based indices by FAST

# FAST
Fsamp <- FAST_sampling(distr_fun, distrpar, M, N = Nfast)
X <- Fsamp$X
s <- Fsamp$s
```

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FAST\_sampling\_unif      *Sampling for the Fourier Amplitude Sensitivity Test (FAST)*


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**Description**

Implements sampling for the Fourier Amplitude Sensitivity Test (FAST; Cukier et al., 1978) and returns a matrix X of N input samples. Inputs are assumed to be uniformly distributed in the unit hypercube [0,1]<sup>M</sup>. Samples are taken along the search curve defined by transformations

$$x_i(s) = G_i(\sin(\omega_i * s)) \quad i = 1, \dots, M$$

where  $s$  is a scalar variable that varies in  $(-\frac{1}{\pi}, \frac{1}{\pi})$  Notes: Here we use the curve proposed by Saltelli et al. (1999):

$$x_i(s) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\pi} * \arcsin(\sin(\omega_i * s))$$

**Usage**

```
FAST_sampling_unif(M, Nharm = 4, omega = generate_FAST_frequency(M), N = 2
  * Nharm * max(omega) + 1)
```

**Arguments**

M	scalar, number of inputs
Nharm	scalar, interference factor, i.e. the number of higher harmonics to be considered (default is 4, taken from Saltelli et al. (1999; page 42))
omega	vector (M), angular frequencies associated to inputs (default values computed by function <a href="#">generate_FAST_frequency</a> )
N	odd scalar, number of samples (default is $2 * Nharm * \max(\omega) + 1$ which is the minimum sampling size according to Cukier et al. (1978))

**References**

- Cukier, R.I., Levine, H.B., and Shuler, K.E. (1978), Nonlinear Sensitivity Analysis of Multiparameter Model Systems, *Journal of Computational Physics*, 16, 1-42.
- Saltelli, A., Tarantola, S. and Chan, K.P.S. (1999), A Quantitative Model-Independent Method of Global Sensitivity Analysis of Model Output, *Technometrics*, 41(1), 39-56.

**See Also**

[FAST\\_sampling](#) [generate\\_FAST\\_frequency](#)

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generate\_FAST\_frequency

*Generate FAST frequency*

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**Description**

Generate frequency set free of interferences through (at least) 4th order (vector (M))

**Usage**

```
generate_FAST_frequency(M)
```

**Arguments**

M	integer scalar between 4 and 50, number of inputs
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**Details**

For  $M > 4$ , frequencies are computed based on the recursive algorithm by Cukier et al. (1975) which is free of interferences through the 4th order. For  $M \leq 4$ , we use values from the literature that guarantee higher order interferences free: if  $M = 2$  use values from Sec. 3.1 in Xu, C. and G. Gertner (2007) (free of interference through 10th order), if  $M = 4$  use values from Table III in Cukier et al. (1975) (free of interferences through 6th order).



## References

Cukier et al. (1975) Study of the sensitivity of coupled reaction systems to uncertainties in rate coefficients. III. Analysis of the approximations, J. Chem. Phys. 63, 1140

Xu, C. and G. Gertner (2007), Extending a global sensitivity analysis technique to models with correlated parameters, Computational Statistics and Data Analysis, 51, 5579-5590.

## Examples

```
M <- 5
generate_FAST_frequency(M)
```

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hbvdata	<i>hbvdata</i>
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## Description

The case study area is the Nezinscot River at Turner center, Maine, USA (USGS 01055500, see <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis/nwismap>)

## Format

Data frame with 20454 rows and 7 columns

## Details

- date vector T of dates of the time series
- prec vector T time series of precipitation
- ept vector T time series of evapotranspiration
- flow vector T time series of observed flow
- temp vector T time series of temperature, it is the mean of t1 and t2
- t1 vector T time series of temperature t1
- t2 vector T time series of temperature t2

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hbv_snow_objfun	<i>hbv_snow_objfun</i>
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## Description

This function simulates the snow accumulation/melting process (via the internal function `snow_routine` and the rainfall-runoff process (via the HBV model by Seibert (1997)) and returns 6 objective functions (see Kollat et al, 2002).

## Usage

```
hbv_snow_objfun(param, dat, warmup, Case)
```

## Arguments

param	vector (13) of model parameters. Snow routine parameters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ts = threshold temperature [C]</li> <li>• CFMAX = degree day factor [mm/C]</li> <li>• CFR = refreezing factor [-]</li> <li>• CWH = Water holding capacity of snow [-]</li> <li>• temp = temperature [C]</li> </ul> HBV parameters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BETA = Exponential parameter in soil routine [-]</li> <li>• LP = evapotranspiration limit [-]</li> <li>• FC = field capacity [mm]</li> <li>• PERC = maximum flux from Upper to Lower Zone [mm/Dt]</li> <li>• K0 = Near surface flow coefficient (ratio) [1/Dt]</li> <li>• K1 = Upper Zone outflow coefficient (ratio) [1/Dt]</li> <li>• K2 = Lower Zone outflow coefficient (ratio) [1/Dt]</li> <li>• UZL = Near surface flow threshold [mm]</li> </ul>
dat	dataset containing time series of precipitation (prec), evapotranspiration (ept), observed flow (flow) and temperature (temp)
warmup	scalar, warmup time
Case	scalar, 1 or 2, indicates the preferred path. Case = 1: runoff from the upper zone, Case = 2: percolation.

## Value

List containing:

- f = vector (6) of objective functions 1: AME, 2: NSE, 3: BIAS, 4: TRMSE, 5: SFDCE, 6: RMSE
- Q\_sim = vector (N) time series of simulated flow
- STATES = matrix (N, 5) time series of simulated storages (all in mm) 1: water content of snowpack (snow component) 2: water content of snowpack (liquid component) 3: water content of soil (soil moisture) 4: water content of upper reservoir of flow routing routine 5: water content of lower reservoir of flow routing routine
- FLUXES = matrix (N, 8) time series of simulated fluxes (all in mm/Dt) 1: refreezing 2: snowmelt 3: actual evapotranspiration 4: recharge (water flux from soil moisture accounting module to flow routing module) 5: percolation (water flux from upper to lower reservoir of the flow routing module) 6: runoff from upper reservoir 7: runoff from lower reservoir

## References

- Seibert, J. (1997). "Estimation of Parameter Uncertainty in the HBV Model". *Nordic Hydrology*. 28(4/5). 247-262.
- Kollat, J.B., Reed, P.M., Wagener, T. (2002). "When are multiobjective calibration trade-offs in hydrologic models meaningful?". *Water resources research*, VOL. 48, W03520.

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hymod_MulObj	<i>Hymod RMSE and BIAS</i>
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**Description**

This function runs the rainfall-runoff Hymod model and returns 2 metrics of model performance: RMSE and BIAS

**Usage**

```
hymod_MulObj(x, dat)
```

**Arguments**

x	vector 5 of model parameters (Smax, beta, alfa, Rs, Rf)
dat	dataset containing rain vector T time series of rainfall, evap vector T time series of potential evaporation, flow vector T time series of observed flow.

**Value**

Y vector (2) of objective functions (RMSE, BIAS)

**See Also**

[hymod\\_sim](#)

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hymod_nse	<i>Hymod Nash-Sutcliffe Efficiency</i>
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**Description**

This function runs the rainfall-runoff Hymod model and returns the associated Nash-Sutcliffe Efficiency

**Usage**

```
hymod_nse(x, dat)
```

**Arguments**

x	vector 5 of model parameters (Smax, beta, alfa, Rs, Rf)
dat	dataset containing rain vector T time series of rainfall, evap vector T time series of potential evaporation, flow vector T time series of observed flow.

**Value**

y Nash-Sutcliffe Efficiency

**See Also**

[hymod\\_sim](#)

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hymod_sim	<i>Hymod rainfall-runoff model</i>
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### Description

This function simulates the Hymod rainfall-runoff model [Boyle, 2001; Wagener et al., 2002]

### Usage

```
hymod_sim(rain, evap, param)
```

### Arguments

rain	vector (T) time series of rainfall
evap	vector (T) time series of potential evaporation
param	5 elements vector of model parameters (Smax, beta, alfa, Rs, Rf)

### References

Boyle, D. (2001). Multicriteria calibration of hydrological models. PhD thesis, Dep. of Hydrol. and Water Resour., Univ. of Ariz., Tucson.

Wagener, T., Boyle, D., Lees, M., Wheater, H., Gupta, H., and Sorooshian, S. (2001). A framework for development and application of hydrological models. Hydrol. Earth Syst. Sci., 5, 13-26.

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ishigami_homma_function	<i>Ishigami Homma function</i>
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### Description

This function does Ishigami Homma

### Usage

```
ishigami_homma_function(x)
```

### Arguments

x	vector (M) of inputs
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### Value

Y matrix (N, P) of associated model outputs (P being the number of scalar model outputs associated to each sampled input combination), comp\_time total computing time for model evaluation (sec)

### Examples

```
# See the demo
# demo("workflow_visual_ishigami_homma")
# or
# demo("workflow_vbsa_ishigami_homma")
```

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LeafCatch

*Leaf Catch*


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**Description**

Leaf Catch daily rainfall, evaporation and flow.

**Format**

Data frame with 14610 rows and 3 columns

**Details**

- rain vector (T) time series of rainfall (mm/h).
- evaporation vector (T) time series of potential evaporation (mm/h).
- flow vector T time series of observed flow (m3/s).

**Examples**

```
data(LeafCatch)
```

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model\_evaluation

*Model evaluation*


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**Description**

This function does model evaluation

**Usage**

```
model_evaluation(fun_test, X, ...)
```

**Arguments**

fun_test	name of the function implementing the model (string)
X	matrix (N, M) of N sampled input factors
...	other parameters to be passed in fun_test

**Value**

Y matrix (N, P) of associated model outputs (P being the number of scalar model outputs associated to each sampled input combination), comp\_time total computing time for model evaluation (sec)

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Morris\_orientation\_matrix  
*Morris orientation matrix*

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### Description

This function builds a Morris orientation matrix

### Usage

```
Morris_orientation_matrix(k, p)
```

### Arguments

k                      integer positive scalar, number of inputs  
 p                      integer positive even scalar, number of levels

### Value

Bstar matrix of  $(k + 1)$  datapoints in the  $k$ -dimensional input space (to be used for computing one Elementary Effect for each of the  $k$  inputs)

### Examples

```
# Example in two-dimensional space (k = 2):
#
p <- 4
plot(1, xlim = c(0,1), ylim = c(0, 1), type = "n", xlab = "", ylab = "")
Bstar <- Morris_orientation_matrix(2,p)
lines(Bstar[,1], Bstar[,2], col = "red")
points(Bstar[,1],Bstar[,2], col = "red", pch = 20)
# if you want to generate more datapoints:
Bstar <- Morris_orientation_matrix(2,p)
lines(Bstar[,1], Bstar[,2], col = "red")
points(Bstar[,1],Bstar[,2], col = "red", pch = 20)
Bstar <- Morris_orientation_matrix(2,p)
lines(Bstar[,1], Bstar[,2], col = "red")
points(Bstar[,1],Bstar[,2], col = "red", pch = 20)
Bstar <- Morris_orientation_matrix(2,p)
lines(Bstar[,1], Bstar[,2], col = "red")
points(Bstar[,1],Bstar[,2], col = "red", pch = 20)
```

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Morris\_sampling                      *Morris Sampling*

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### Description

This function builds a matrix  $X$  of input samples to be used for the Elementary Effects Test, using a One-At-the-Time sampling strategy as described in Campolongo et al. (2011).

**Usage**

```
Morris_sampling(r, xmin, xmax, L)
```

**Arguments**

r	positive integer number, number of elementary effects.
xmin	vector (M). Lower bounds of input ranges.
xmax	vector (M). Upper bounds of input ranges.
L	positive, even number. Number of levels in the sampling grid

**Value**

X matrix of sampling datapoints where EE must be computed. This is a matrix with  $r * (M + 1)$  rows and M columns. Each row is a point in the input space. Rows are sorted in r blocks, each including M + 1 rows. Within each block, points (rows) differ in one component at the time. Thus, each block can be used to compute one Elementary Effect (EE\_i) for each model input ( $i = 1, \dots, M$ ).

**References**

Morris, M.D. (1991), Factorial sampling plans for preliminary computational experiments, Technometrics, 33(2).

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OAT_sampling	<i>One-At-the-Time sampling strategy</i>
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**Description**

This function builds a matrix X of input samples to be used for the Elementary Effects Test, using a One-At-the-Time sampling strategy as described in Campolongo et al. (2011).

**Usage**

```
OAT_sampling(r, M, distr_fun, distr_par, samp_strat, des_type)
```

**Arguments**

r	positive integer number , number of elementary effects
M	positive integer number , number of inputs
distr_fun	probability distribution function of each input. list (eg: "unif") if all inputs have the same pdf or a list of length M strings (eg: list("unif", "norm")) otherwise. See help of <a href="#">AAT_sampling</a> to check supported PDF types.
distr_par	parameters of the probability distribution function - row vector if all input pdfs have the same parameters - list of M vectors otherwise
samp_strat	sampling strategy - string Options: "rsu": random uniform, "lhs": latin hypercube.
des_type	design type - string. Options: "trajectory", "radial"

**Value**

X matrix of sampling datapoints where EE must be computed. This is a matrix with  $r * (M + 1)$  rows and M columns. Each row is a point in the input space. Rows are sorted in r blocks, each including M + 1 rows. Within each block, points (rows) differ in one component at the time. Thus, each block can be used to compute one Elementary Effect (EE<sub>i</sub>) for each model input ( $i = 1, \dots, M$ ).

**References**

Campolongo F., Saltelli, A. and J. Cariboni (2011), From screening to quantitative sensitivity analysis. A unified approach, Computer Physics Communications, 182(4), 978-988.

**See Also**

[AAT\\_sampling](#)

**Examples**

```
# Example 1: 2 inputs, both from Unif[0,3]
r <- 10
M <- 2
distr_fun <- "unif"
distr_par <- c(0, 3)
samp_strat <- "lhs"
des_type <- "trajectory"
X <- OAT_sampling(r, M, distr_fun, distr_par, samp_strat, des_type)
# Plot results:
plot(X[,1], X[,2], col = rep(rainbow(r), each = M + 1), pch = 19,
     xlab = expression(x[1]), ylab = expression(x[2]))
for(k in 0:(r-1)){
  segments(X[c(1,3) + (M+1) * k, 1], X[c(1,3) + (M+1) * k, 2],
    X[2 + (M+1) * k, 1], X[2 + (M+1) * k, 2], lty = 2, col = "gray")
}
# Example 2: 2 inputs, one from Unif[0,3], one from Unif[1,5]
distr_fun <- "unif"
distr_par <- list(c(0, 3), c(1, 5))
X <- OAT_sampling(r, M, distr_fun, distr_par, samp_strat, des_type)
plot(X[,1], X[,2], col = rep(rainbow(r), each = M + 1), pch = 19,
     xlab = expression(x[1]), ylab = expression(x[2]))
for(k in 0:(r-1)){
  segments(X[c(1,3) + (M+1) * k, 1], X[c(1,3) + (M+1) * k, 2],
    X[2 + (M+1) * k, 1], X[2 + (M+1) * k, 2], lty = 2, col = "gray")
}
```

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plot\_convergence

*Plot convergence Draws the plot to analyse the convergence*

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**Description**

Plot convergence Draws the plot to analyse the convergence



**Usage**

```
plot_convergence(n, est, estl = NULL, estu = NULL, ex = NULL,
  labels = NULL, ylim = NULL, col = 1:M, lty = 1:(M - 1), ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>n</code>	vector $P$ of number of model evaluations
<code>est</code>	matrix ( $P$ , $M$ ) with the mean of the indices.
<code>estl</code>	matrix ( $P$ , $M$ ) with the lower bound of the estimates of the indices. Default <code>estl = NULL</code>
<code>estu</code>	matrix ( $P$ , $M$ ) with the lower bound of the estimates of the indices. Default <code>estu = NULL</code>
<code>ex</code>	exact values to be drawn as a line. Default <code>ex = NULL</code>
<code>labels</code>	labels for legend. Default <code>labels = NULL</code>
<code>ylim</code>	limits of the y-axis. Default <code>ylim = NULL</code>
<code>col</code>	colors for the plot. Default <code>col = 1:M</code>
<code>lty</code>	line type. Default <code>lty = 1:(M-1)</code>
<code>...</code>	others arguments to be passed in <a href="#">plot</a>

**Examples**

```
# Setup the model and define input ranges
fun_test <- "ishigami_homma_function"
M <- 3
distr_fun <- "unif"
distrpar <- c(-pi, pi)
# Compute the exact values of the output variance (V) and of
# the first-order (Si_ex) and total-order (STi_ex)
# variance-based sensitivity indices (this is possible in this
# very specific case because V, Si_ex and STi_ex can be computed
# analytically)
ihfun <- ishigami_homma_function(runif(M))
Si_ex <- attributes(ihfun)$Si_ex
STi_ex <- attributes(ihfun)$STi_ex
# Sample parameter space:
SampStrategy <- "lhs"
N <- 3000
X <- AAT_sampling(SampStrategy, M, distr_fun, distrpar, 2 * N)
# Apply resampling strategy for the efficient approximation of the indices:
XABC <- vbsa_resampling(X)
# Run the model and compute selected model output at sampled parameter
# sets:
YA <- model_evaluation(fun_test, XABC$XA) # size (N,1)
YB <- model_evaluation(fun_test, XABC$XB) # size (N,1)
YC <- model_evaluation(fun_test, XABC$XC) # size (N*M,1)
# Analyze convergence of sensitivity indices:
NN <- seq(N / 5, N, by = N/5)
conv <- vbsa_convergence(c(YA, YB, YC), M, NN)
Si <- conv$Si
STi <- conv$STi
par(mfrow = c(1, 2))
plot_convergence(NN * (M + 2), Si, ex = Si_ex,
```

```

xlab = "model evals", ylab = "main effect")
plot_convergence(NN * (M + 2), STi, ex = STi_ex,
xlab = "model evals", ylab = "total effect")
# With bootstrap
Nboot <- 100
conv100 <- vbsa_convergence(c(YA, YB, YC), M, NN, Nboot)
Si100 <- conv100$Si
STi100 <- conv100$STi
Si100_lb <- conv100$Si_lb
Si100_ub <- conv100$Si_ub
STi100_lb <- conv100$STi_lb
STi100_ub <- conv100$STi_ub
par(mfrow = c(1, 2))
plot_convergence(NN * (M + 2), Si100, Si100_lb, Si100_ub, ex = Si_ex,
xlab = "model evals", ylab = "main effect")
plot_convergence(NN * (M + 2), STi100, STi100_lb, STi100_ub, ex = STi_ex,
xlab = "model evals", ylab = "total effect")

```

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RSA\_convergence\_thres *Regional Sensitivity Analysis (with threshold)*

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## Description

This function computes and plots the sensitivity indices obtained by [RSA\\_indices\\_thres](#) using an increasing number of output samples.

## Usage

```

RSA_convergence_thres(X, Y, NN, threshold = NULL, flag = 1, Nboot = 0,
  alfa = 0.05)

```

## Arguments

X	matrix (N, M) set of inputs samples
Y	matrix (N, P) set of output samples
NN	vector (R) of subsample sizes at which indices will be estimated (max(NN) must not exceed N)
threshold	vector (P) threshold for output values. Default value: threshold = median(Y)
flag	scalar specify the statistic to assess the distance between CDFs flag = 1: stat maximum vertical distance (see mvd below), flag = 2: stat area between curves (see spread below) flag = 3: stat input range reduction (see irr below) Default value: flag = 1
Nboot	scalar, number of resamples used for bootstrapping. Default Nboot = 0, i.e. no bootstrapping.
alfa	scalar significance level for the confidence intervals estimated by bootstrapping. Default: 0.05

**Value**

List containing:

- stat distance measure between CDFs for each input vector (M).

If Nboot > 1 it also contains

- stat\_lb lower bound of vector (stat) from bootstrapping vector (M)
- stat\_ub upper bound of stat from bootstrapping vector (M)

**See Also**

[RSA\\_plot\\_thres](#) [RSA\\_indices\\_thres](#)

**Examples**

```
# See the demo
# demo("workflow_rsa_hymod")
```

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RSA_indices_groups	<i>Regional Sensitivity Analysis (with grouping)</i>
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**Description**

Computation function for Regional Sensitivity Analysis (with grouping). It splits the samples in a dataset X into ngroups sub-sets corresponding to ngroup equally spaced values of Y (as first proposed by Wagener et al., 2001). Then assess the distance between the CDFs of X in the different datasets by a statistic (maximum or median) of the maximum vertical distance between the CDFs, i.e.

**Usage**

```
RSA_indices_groups(X, Y, ngroup = 10, flag = 1, Nboot = 0, alfa = 0.05)
```

**Arguments**

X	matrix (N, M) set of inputs samples
Y	matrix (N, P) set of output samples
ngroup	number of groups considered (default: 10)
flag	scalar, 1 or 2. Statistic for the definition of the RSA index. flag = 1: median (default), flag = 2: maximum (see 'spread' below)
Nboot	scalar, number of resamples used for bootstrapping. Default Nboot = 0, i.e. no bootstrapping.
alfa	scalar significance level for the confidence intervals estimated by bootstrapping. Default: 0.05

**Details**

$$stat = \max(\max_x(|F_i(x) - F_j(x)|))$$

or

$$stat = \text{median}(\max_x(|F_i(x) - F_j(x)|))$$

where  $F_i()$  is the CDF of X in i-th dataset and  $F_j()$  is the CDF in the j-th dataset.

**Value**

List containing:

- stat vector (M) distance measure between CDFs for each input
- idxb vector N respective group of the samples
- Yk vector ngroup + 1 range of Y in each group

You can easily derive the n\_groups datasets  $X_i$  as:  $X_i = X[idx == i]$

If Nboot > 1 it also contains

- stat\_lb vector (M) lower bound of vector (stat) from bootstrapping
- stat\_ub vector (M) upper bound of stat from bootstrapping

**References**

Wagener, T., Boyle, D. P., Lees, M. J., Wheater, H. S., Gupta, H. V., and Sorooshian, S. (2001): A framework for development and application of hydrological models, Hydrol. Earth Syst. Sci., 5, 13-26.

**See Also**

[RSA\\_plot\\_groups](#) [RSA\\_indices\\_thres](#)

**Examples**

```
# See the demo
# demo("workflow_rsa_hymod")
```

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RSA_indices_thres	<i>Regional Sensitivity Analysis (with threshold)</i>
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**Description**

Computation function for Regional Sensitivity Analysis (with threshold). It splits the samples in a dataset X into two datasets (Xb and Xnb) depending on whether the associated sample in Y satisfies the condition:  $Y(i, j) < threshold(j)$  for  $j = 1, \dots, P$ . Then assess the distance between the CDFs of Xb and Xnb by a suitable measure (maximum vertical distance, area between curves, etc.). Use the function [RSA\\_plot\\_thres](#) to visualize results.

**Usage**

```
RSA_indices_thres(X, Y, threshold = NULL, flag = 1, Nboot = 0,
  alfa = 0.05)
```

**Arguments**

X	matrix (N, M) set of inputs samples
Y	matrix (N, P) set of output samples
threshold	vector (P) threshold for output values. Default value: threshold = median(Y)
flag	scalar specify the statistic to assess the distance between CDFs flag = 1: stat maximum vertical distance (see mvd below), flag = 2: stat area between curves (see spread below) flag = 3: stat input range reduction (see irr below) Default value: flag = 1
Nboot	scalar, number of resamples used for bootstrapping. Default Nboot = 0, i.e. no bootstrapping.
alfa	scalar significance level for the confidence intervals estimated by bootstrapping. Default: 0.05

**Value**

List containing:

- stat vector (M) distance measure between CDFs for each input
- idxb vector N indices of samples satisfying the condition.

You can easily derive the two datasets Xb and Xnb as: Xb = X[idxb, ], Xnb = X[!idxb, ]. If Nboot > 1 it also contains

- stat\_lb vector (M) lower bound of vector (stat) from bootstrapping
- stat\_ub vector (M) upper bound of stat from bootstrapping vector

**See Also**

[RSA\\_plot\\_thres](#) [RSA\\_convergence\\_thres](#)

**Examples**

```
# See the demo
# demo("workflow_rsa_hymod")
```

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RSA\_plot\_groups

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*Plotting function for Regional Sensitivity Analysis with grouping*


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**Description**

Plotting function for Regional Sensitivity Analysis with grouping. Plot Ng CDFs of the samples in X with different colours.

**Usage**

```
RSA_plot_groups(X, idx, Yk, n_col = 5, labels = NULL, col = rainbow(1:Ng),
...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>X</code>	matrix (N, M) set of input samples
<code>idx</code>	vector (N) index of group to which input samples belong
<code>Yk</code>	vector (Ng + 1) range of Y in each group
<code>n_col</code>	scalar number of panels per row in the plot (default: min(5, M))
<code>labels</code>	vector (M) labels for the horizontal axis (default: c("X1", "X2", ...))
<code>col</code>	color of the lines in the plot (default rainbow(Ng))
<code>...</code>	other

**See Also**

[RSA\\_indices\\_groups](#) [RSA\\_plot\\_thres](#)

**Examples**

```
# See the demo
# demo("workflow_rsa_hymod")
```

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RSA\_plot\_thres

*Plotting function for Regional Sensitivity Analysis*


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**Description**

This function plots Regional Sensitivity Analysis

**Usage**

```
RSA_plot_thres(X, idxb, n_col = 5, labels = NULL, str_legend = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

<code>X</code>	matrix (N, M) set of input samples
<code>idxb</code>	vector (N) indices of samples satisfying the condition
<code>n_col</code>	scalar number of panels per row in the plot (default: min(5,M))
<code>labels</code>	vector (M) labels for the horizontal axis (default: c("#1", "#2", ...))
<code>str_legend</code>	vector (2) text for legend (default: no legend)

**See Also**

[RSA\\_indices\\_thres](#) [RSA\\_convergence\\_thres](#)

**Examples**

```
# See the demo
# demo("workflow_rsa_hymod")
```

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scatter_plots	<i>Scatter plots of y against X</i>
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**Description**

This function produces scatter plots of the model output  $y$  against model inputs  $x(1), x(2), \dots, x(M)$

**Usage**

```
scatter_plots(X, Y, ...)
```

**Arguments**

X	matrix (N, M) of N inputs samples
Y	vector N of associated output samples
...	parameters to be passed in the plot see <a href="#">plot</a>

**Examples**

```
#####
# Step 1 (setup the model)
#####
fun_test <- "ishigami_homma_function"
M <- 3
distr_fun <- "unif"
distrpar <- c(-pi, pi)
# #####
# Step 2 (sampling and model evaluation)
# #####
N <- 3000
X <- AAT_sampling("lhs", M, distr_fun, distrpar, N)
Y <- model_evaluation(fun_test, X)
# #####
## Step 3 (Scatter plots)
# #####
# Use scatter plots of inputs againsts output to visually assess
# direct effects:
scatter_plots(X,Y)
```

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scatter_plots_interaction	<i>scatter plots of <math>x(i)</math> against all other <math>x(j)</math></i>
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**Description**

This function produces scatter plots of input  $x(i)$  against all other inputs  $x(j) (j = 1, \dots, M; j \neq i)$ , where the color of the marker is proportional to the value of the model output  $y$

**Usage**

```
scatter_plots_interaction(X, Y, col = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

X	matrix (N, M) of N inputs samples
Y	vector (N) of associated output samples
col	vector of length two of column interactions. Default col = NULL, all the possible combinations are plotted.
...	parameters to be passed in the plot see <a href="#">plot</a>

**Examples**

```
#####
# Step 1 (setup the model)
#####
fun_test <- "ishigami_homma_function"
M <- 3
distr_fun <- "unif"
distrpar <- c(-pi, pi)
# #####
# Step 2 (sampling and model evaluation)
# #####
N <- 3000
X <- AAT_sampling("lhs", M, distr_fun, distrpar, N)
Y <- model_evaluation(fun_test, X)
# #####
# Step 3 (Scatter plots)
# #####
# Use coloured scatter plots of one input against another on to assess
# interactions:
# plot x(i1) against x(i3)
dev.new()
scatter_plots_interaction(X, Y, col = c(1, 3))
# Put all possible combinations into one figure:
# Customize titles:
dev.new()
colnames(X) <- c("x(1)", "x(2)", "x(3)")
scatter_plots_interaction(X, Y)
```

sobol\_g\_function

*Sobol' g-function***Description**

Implements the Sobol' g-function, a standard benchmark function in the Sensitivity Analysis literature (see for instance Sec. 3.6 in Saltelli et al. (2008)).

**Usage**

```
sobol_g_function(x, a)
```

**Arguments**

x	vector (M) of inputs $x(1), x(2), \dots, x(M)$ . $x(i) \sim Unif(0, 1)$ for all $i$
a	vector (M) or scalar



**Value**

y scalar output. Two attributes V scalar output variance (exact value computed analytically), Si\_ex vector (3), first-order sensitivity indices (exact value computed analytically)

**References**

Saltelli et al. (2008) Global Sensitivity Analysis, The Primer, Wiley.

**Examples**

```
a <- 9 # options for the (fixed) parameters
M <- 5 # options for the number of inputs
y <- sobol_g_function(runif(M), a)
Si_ex <- attributes(y)$Si_ex
```

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vbsa_convergence	<i>Variance-based first-order and total effects indices</i>
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**Description**

This function computes the variance-based first-order indices (or main effects) and total effects indices (Homma and Saltelli, 1996) using an increasing number of output samples.

**Usage**

```
vbsa_convergence(Y, M, NN, Nboot = 0, alfa = 0.05)
```

**Arguments**

Y	vector of $N * (M + 2)$ model output samples $Y = c(YA, YB, YC)$
M	scalar number of inputs
NN	vector (R), sample sizes at which indices will be estimated (must be a vector of integer positive values not exceeding N)
Nboot	scalar, number of resamples used for bootstrapping (default: 0)
alfa	scalar, significance level for the confidence intervals estimated by bootstrapping (default: 0.05)

**Value**

List containing:

- Si estimates of the main effects at different sampling size
- STi estimates of the total effects at different sampling size.

If Nboot > 1 it also contains

- Si\_sd standard deviation of main effects at different sampling size
- STi\_sd standard deviation of total effects at different sampling size
- Si\_lb lower bound of main effects at different sampling size
- STi\_lb lower bound of total effects at different sampling size

- Si\_ub upper bound of main effects at different sampling size
- STi\_ub upper bound of total effects at different sampling size.

All output arguments are matrices of size (R, M)

See Also

[vbsa\\_indices](#) [vbsa\\_resampling](#)

Examples

```
fun_test <- "ishigami_homma_function"
M <- 3
distrfun <- "unif"
distrpar <- c(-pi, pi)
N <- 1000
sampstrat <- "lhs"
X <- AAT_sampling(sampstrat, M, distrfun, distrpar, 2 * N)
XABC <- vbsa_resampling(X)
YA <- model_evaluation(fun_test, XABC$XA)
YB <- model_evaluation(fun_test, XABC$XB)
YC <- model_evaluation(fun_test, XABC$XC)
Y <- c(YA, YB, YC)
NN <- seq(N/10, N, by = N / 10)
SiSTi <- vbsa_convergence(Y, M, NN)
```

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vbsa_indices	<i>Variance-based first-order indices and total effects indices</i>
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Description

This function computes the variance-based first-order indices (or main effects) and total effects indices (Homma and Saltelli, 1996). The indices are approximated by the estimator suggested e.g. in Saltelli et al. (2008) and (2010).

Usage

```
vbsa_indices(YA, YB, YC, Nboot = 0, alfa = 0.05)
```

Arguments

YA	vector (N), set of output samples
YB	vector (N), set of output samples (independent from YA)
YC	vector (N*M), set of output samples from resampling (*)
Nboot	scalar, number of resamples used for bootstrapping (default: 0)
alfa	scalar, significance level for the confidence intervals estimated by bootstrapping (default: 0.05)

## Details

### NOTES:

(\*) By default, here we use the estimators described by Saltelli et al. (2008) and Saltelli et al. (2010) (see comments in the code for specific references to the equations implemented here!). These are obtained from 3 sets of output samples (YA, YB and YC), which are obtained by model evaluation against three input matrices XA, XB and XC generated by the [vbsa\\_resampling](#) function: - see example below about how to use [vbsa\\_resampling](#) - see help of [vbsa\\_resampling](#) to learn more about XA, XB and XC.

(\*\*) If bootstrapping is used, Si and STi are the average of the respective Nboot estimates obtained at each bootstrap resampling.

## Value

List containing:

- Si estimates of the main effects at different sampling size
- STi estimates of the total effects at different sampling size

If Nboot > 1 it also contains

- Si\_sd standard deviation of main effects at different sampling size
- STi\_sd standard deviation of total effects at different sampling size
- Si\_lb lower bound of main effects at different sampling size
- STi\_lb lower bound of total effects at different sampling size
- Si\_ub upper bound of main effects at different sampling size
- STi\_ub upper bound of total effects at different sampling size.

All output arguments are matrices of size (R, M)

## References

Homma, T. and A., Saltelli (1996). Importance measures in global sensitivity analysis of nonlinear models. Reliability Engineering & System Safety, 52(1), 1-17.

Saltelli et al. (2008), Global Sensitivity Analysis, The Primer, Wiley.

Saltelli et al. (2010), Variance based sensitivity analysis of model output. Design and estimator for the total sensitivity index, Computer Physics Communications, 181, 259-270.

## See Also

[vbsa\\_resampling](#)

## Examples

```
fun_test <- "ishigami_homma_function"
M <- 3
distrfun <- "unif"
distrpar <- c(-pi, pi)
N <- 1000
sampstrat <- "lhs"
X <- AAT_sampling(sampstrat, M, distrfun, distrpar, 2 * N)
XABC <- vbsa_resampling(X)
YA <- model_evaluation(fun_test, XABC$XA)
```

```
YB <- model_evaluation(fun_test, XABC$XB)
YC <- model_evaluation(fun_test, XABC$XC)
SiSTi <- vbsa_indices(YA,YB,YC)
```

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vbsa_resampling	<i>Resampling strategy needed to build the approximators of the first-order and total order sensitivity indices</i>
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## Description

This function implements the resampling strategy needed to build the approximators of the first-order (main effects) and total order sensitivity indices (e.g. Saltelli et al. 2008; 2010). This function is meant to be used in combination with [vbsa\\_indices](#).

## Usage

```
vbsa_resampling(X)
```

## Arguments

**X** matrix (NX, M) of NX input samples

## Value

List containing:

- XA matrix (N, M) first  $N = NX / 2$  rows of X
- XB matrix (N, M) last  $N = NX / 2$  rows of X
- XC matrix (N\*M, M) Block matrix of M recombinations of XA and XB, each block  $XC_i$  is a (N, M) matrix whose columns are all taken from XB exception made for i-th, which is taken from XA.

## References

Saltelli et al. (2008), Global Sensitivity Analysis, The Primer, Wiley.

Saltelli et al. (2010), Variance based sensitivity analysis of model output. Design and estimator for the total sensitivity index, Computer Physics Communications, 181, 259-270.

## See Also

[vbsa\\_indices](#)

## Examples

```
fun_test <- "ishigami_homma_function"
M <- 3
distrfun <- "unif"
distrpar <- c(-pi, pi)
N <- 1000
sampstrat <- "lhs"
X <- AAT_sampling(sampstrat, M, distrfun, distrpar, 2 * N)
XABC <- vbsa_resampling(X)
```

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