

# Package ‘localrhat’

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**Title** A Local Version of R-hat For MCMC Convergence Diagnostic

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**Description** Implementation of a modified version of the Gelman-Rubin diagnostic for MCMC convergence diagnostic (also known as R-hat), where it is computed on local indicator variables and the supremum over all quantile is consider.

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all_local_rhat	<i>Computation of <math>\hat{R}(x)</math> on a given grid</i>
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### Description

Return the vector of  $\hat{R}(x)$  values that will be used to compute the supremum  $\hat{R}_\infty$ . The function use `grid_for_R` for the grid of values of  $x$ .

### Usage

```
all_local_rhat(chains, max_nb_points = 500)
```

### Arguments

<code>chains</code>	an array of size $n \times m$ where $n$ is the length of the chains and $m \geq 2$ is the number of chains.
<code>max_nb_points</code>	the maximal length of the grid in the case where the total number of samples is larger. By default, <code>max_nb_points = 500</code> .

### Details

The computation of  $\hat{R}_\infty$  require to compute a supremum of  $\hat{R}(x)$  values over the quantiles  $x$ . See the documentation of `grid_for_R` to see how the choice of the different  $x$  is done. Thus, this function combine `grid_for_R` for the computation of the grid and `local_rhat` for the computation of  $\hat{R}(x)$  on a given  $x$  to obtain all the values of  $\hat{R}(x)$  on the generated grid.

### Value

A list that contains the different  $\hat{R}(x)$  values used for the computation of  $\hat{R}_\infty$ .

### References

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### Examples

```
library(localrhat)

N <- 500 # length of chains
M <- 4 # number of chains

# Toy example with 3 i.i.d chains uniform in [-0.5, 0.5] and 1 in [-1, 1]:
chains <- array(c(runif((M-1)*N, -1/2, 1/2), runif(N, -1,1)), c(N,M))

# plot_local_r(grid_for_R(chains), all_local_rhat(chains),
#             xlim = c(-1, 1), ylim=c(0.999,1.1), title ="Gaussian distributions")
```

grid\_for\_R

*Quantile values used for the computation of  $\hat{R}_\infty$* **Description**

Return the set of points that will be used to estimate the supremum of  $\hat{R}(x)$  over  $x$ . The number of different values taken by  $\hat{R}(x)$  can not exceed the number of samples, so the number of points used for the computation is the minimum between  $n \times m$  and a threshold value that can be specified in the argument `max_nb_points`

**Usage**

```
grid_for_R(chains, max_nb_points = 500)
```

**Arguments**

<code>chains</code>	an array of size $n \times m$ where $n$ is the length of the chains and $m \geq 2$ is the number of chains.
<code>max_nb_points</code>	the maximal length of the grid in the case where the total number of samples is larger. By default, <code>max_nb_points = 500</code> .

**Details**

As the computation of local- $\hat{R}$  are based on indicator values  $I(\theta^{(i,j)} \leq x)$  and because the chains are finite, it is enough to evaluate these indicators in  $x = \theta^{(i',j')}$  to obtain all the possible values of  $\hat{R}(x)$ . However, to keep the computation time reasonable, if  $n \times m$  is greater than a given `max_nb_points`, the values are sorted and uniform thinning is apply (which means picking off every  $k$  iterations) so that only `max_nb_points` is kept at the end.

**Value**

A list that contains the different  $x$  used for the computation of  $\hat{R}(x)$ .

**References**

TO INCLUDE

**Examples**

```
library(localrhat)

N <- 500 # length of chains
M <- 4 # number of chains

# Toy example with 3 i.i.d chains uniform in [-0.5, 0.5] and 1 in [-1, 1]:
chains <- array(c(runif((M-1)*N, -1/2, 1/2), runif(N, -1,1)), c(N,M))

# plot_local_r(grid_for_R(chains), all_local_rhat(chains),
```

```
#          xlim = c(-1, 1), ylim=c(0.999,1.1), title ="Gaussian distributions")
```

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local_rhat	<i>Local version of the Gelman Rubin diagnostic <math>\hat{R}</math></i>
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### Description

Compute  $\hat{R}(x)$ , a version of univariate  $\hat{R}$  computed on indicator variables for a given quantile  $x$ .

### Usage

```
local_rhat(x, chains)
```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	a float number corresponding to the quantile used for the computation of $\hat{R}(x)$ .
<code>chains</code>	an array of size $n \times m$ where $n$ is the length of the chains and $m \geq 2$ is the number of chains.

### Details

The function return  $\hat{R}$  computed on  $I(\theta^{(i,j)} \leq x)$  for a given value of  $x$ :

$$\hat{R}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{\frac{n-1}{n}\hat{W}(x) + \hat{B}(x)}{\hat{W}(x)}},$$

with  $\hat{W}(x)$  and  $\hat{B}(x)$  the estimated local within-chain variance and between-chain variance:

$$\hat{W}(x) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m (F_j(x) - F_j^2(x))$$

And

$$\hat{B}(x) = \frac{1}{m^2} \sum_{j < k} (F_j(x) - F_k(x))^2.$$

### Value

The local- $\hat{R}(x)$  computed on the  $m$  chains.

### References

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**Examples**

```
library(localrhat)

N <- 500 # length of chains
M <- 4 # number of chains

# Toy example with 3 i.i.d chains uniform in [-0.5, 0.5] and 1 in [-1, 1]:
chains <- array(c(runif((M-1)*N, -1/2, 1/2), runif(N, -1,1)), c(N,M))

# Quantile to evaluate:
x <- 0.5
# local_rhat(x, chains)
```

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multivariate\_all\_local\_rhat

*Computation of multivariate  $\hat{R}(x)$  on a given grid*


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**Description**

Return the vector of  $\hat{R}(x)$  values that will be used to compute the supremum  $\hat{R}_\infty$  in the multivariate case. See `multivariate_grid_for_R` for the grid computation for  $x$ .

**Usage**

```
multivariate_all_local_rhat(chains, dir = NULL, max_nb_points = 500)
```

**Arguments**

<code>chains</code>	an array of size $n \times d \times m$ , where $n$ is the length of the chains, $m \geq 2$ is the number of chains and $d$ is the dimension.
<code>dir</code>	a binary vector of size $d$ indicating the signs in the indicator variable. For example, <code>dir = c(0, ..., 0)</code> correspond to the computation of $\hat{R}$ on $I\{\theta_1^{(j)} \leq x_1, \dots, \theta_d^{(j)} \leq x_d\}$ . This direction will be used if no arguments is given.
<code>max_nb_points</code>	the maximal length of the grid in the case where the total number of samples is larger. By default, <code>max_nb_points = 500</code> .

**Details**

The computation of  $\hat{R}_\infty$  require to compute a supremum of  $\hat{R}(x)$  values over the quantiles  $x$ . See the documentation of `multivariate_grid_for_R` and `grid_for_R` to see how the choice of the different  $x$  is done. Thus, this function combine `multivariate_grid_for_R` for the computation of the grid and `multivariate_directed_local_rhat` or `multivariate_directed_local_rhat`, depending on if a direction is specified.

**Value**

A list that contains the different  $\hat{R}(x)$  values used for the computation of  $\hat{R}_\infty$ .

## References

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multivariate\_directed\_local\_rhat

*Multivariate  $\hat{R}(x)$  with a specified dependence direction*

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## Description

Compute  $\hat{R}(x)$  in the multivariate case, for a given quantile  $x$  and a given sense for the  $d$  signs in the indicator variable.

## Usage

```
multivariate_directed_local_rhat(x, chains, dir)
```

## Arguments

<code>x</code>	a vector of size $d$ corresponding to the quantile used for the computation of $\hat{R}(x)$ .
<code>chains</code>	an array of size $n \times d \times m$ , where $n$ is the length of the chains, $m \geq 2$ is the number of chains and $d$ is the dimension.
<code>dir</code>	a binary vector of size $d$ indicating the signs in the indicator variable. For example, <code>dir = c(0, ..., 0)</code> correspond to the computation of $\hat{R}$ on $I\{\theta_1^{(j)} \leq x_1, \dots, \theta_d^{(j)} \leq x_d\}$ , and if <code>dir[i] == 1</code> , then the indicator with $\theta_d^{(j)} \geq x_d$ will be used.

## Details

In the multivariate case,  $\hat{R}$  can be computed on  $I\{\theta_1^{(j)} \leq x_1, \dots, \theta_d^{(j)} \leq x_d\}$ , but also with indicator where some " $\leq$ " are replaced by " $\geq$ ", which leads to  $2^{d-1}$  possibilities and potentially as many different results of  $\hat{R}_\infty$ . Here, a 0-1 vector has to be mentioned in the function to specify which indicator to use, indicating which size on each dimension.

## Value

The corresponding multivariate  $\hat{R}(x)$  computed on the given dependence direction.

## References

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**Examples**

```

library("localrhat")
library("MASS") # For Multivariate Normal Distribution
rho <- 0.9
m <- 4
n <- 100
reps <- 50

# Function to generate bivariate normal chains, with one that differs by its sigma:
gen_bvnormal_chains <- function(M, N, rho){
  sig_matrix <- (1-rho) * diag(2) + matrix(rho, nrow=2, ncol=2)
  return (array(c(mvrnorm((M-1)*N, mu = rep(0, 2), Sigma = diag(2)),
                    mvrnorm(N, mu = rep(0, 2), Sigma = sig_matrix)), c(N,2,M)))
}
chains <- gen_bvnormal_chains(m, n, rho)

# Quantile to evaluate:
x <- c(0.5, 0.5)
# multivariate_local_rhat(x, chains)
# multivariate_directed_local_rhat(x, chains)

```

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multivariate\_grid\_for\_R

*Quantile values used for the computation of multivariate  $\hat{R}_\infty$*

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**Description**

Return the set of points that will be used to estimate the supremum of  $\hat{R}(x)$  over  $x \in R^d$ . The function works in the same way as `grid_for_R` in the univariate case, see the corresponding documentation for more details.

**Usage**

```
multivariate_grid_for_R(chains, max_nb_points = 500)
```

**Arguments**

<code>chains</code>	an array of size $n \times d \times m$ , where $n$ is the length of the chains, $m \geq 2$ is the number of chains and $d$ is the dimension.
<code>max_nb_points</code>	the maximal length of the grid in the case where the total number of samples is larger. By default, <code>max_nb_points = 500</code> .

**Value**

A list that contains the different  $x$  used for the computation of  $\hat{R}(x)$ .

**References**

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multivariate\_local\_rhat

*Multivariate version of the local- $\hat{R}$ :  $\hat{R}(x)$*

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**Description**

Compute  $\hat{R}(x)$  in the multivariate case, which correspond to  $\hat{R}$  computed on a multivariate indicator variable for a given quantile  $x$ .

**Usage**

```
multivariate_local_rhat(x, chains)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	a vector of size $d$ corresponding to the quantile used for the computation of $\hat{R}(x)$ .
<code>chains</code>	an array of size $n \times d \times m$ , where $n$ is the length of the chains, $m \geq 2$ is the number of chains and $d$ is the dimension.

**Details**

The function return  $\hat{R}$  computed on

$$I\{\theta_1^{(j)} \leq x_1, \dots, \theta_d^{(j)} \leq x_d\}$$

, for a given value of  $x \in R^d$ .

**Value**

The multivariate  $\hat{R}(x)$  computed on the  $m$  chains.

**References**

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**Examples**

```
library("localrhat")
library("MASS") # For Multivariate Normal Distribution
rho <- 0.9
m <- 4
n <- 100
reps <- 50
```



```
# Function to generate bivariate normal chains, with one that differs by its sigma:
gen_bvnormal_chains <- function(M, N, rho){
  sig_matrix <- (1-rho) * diag(2) + matrix(rho, nrow=2, ncol=2)
  return (array(c(mvrnorm((M-1)*N, mu = rep(0, 2), Sigma = diag(2)),
                  mvrnorm(N, mu = rep(0, 2), Sigma = sig_matrix)), c(N,2,M)))
}
chains <- gen_bvnormal_chains(m, n, rho)

# Quantile to evaluate:
x <- c(0.5, 0.5)
# multivariate_local_rhat(x, chains)
```

rhat\_infinity

*Scalar version of the local Gelman Rubin diagnostic  $\hat{R}(x)$ .***Description**

Compute  $\hat{R}_\infty$ , a scalar summary of the function  $\hat{R}(x)$  corresponding to the supremum over the quantiles  $x$ .

**Usage**

```
rhat_infinity(chains, dir = NULL, max_nb_points = 500)
```

**Arguments**

chains	an array of size $n \times m$ in the univariate case and of size $n \times d \times m$ in the d-variate one, where $n$ is the length of the chains, $m \geq 2$ is the number of chains and $d$ is the dimension.
dir	a vector specifying which indicator to use for the multivariate case. See the function <code>multivariate_directed_local_rhat</code> for more details. If no direction is given, the computation is done on the indicator variable with the " $\leq$ " sign on all dimension.
max_nb_points	the maximal length of the grid in the case where the total number of samples is larger. By default, <code>max_nb_points = 500</code> .

**Details**

$\hat{R}_\infty$  is based on  $\hat{R}(x)$ , the computation of  $\hat{R}$  on  $I(\theta^{(i,j)} \leq x)$  (in the univariate case):

$$R_\infty = \sup_{x \in R} R(x).$$

This require to compute  $\hat{R}(x)$  on different values of  $x$  to estimate this supremum. See the function `all_local_rhat` for more details. In the multivariate case,  $\hat{R}$  can be computed on  $I\{\theta_1^{(j)} \leq x_1, \dots, \theta_d^{(j)} \leq x_d\}$ , but also with indicator where some " $\leq$ " are replaced by " $\geq$ ", which leads to  $2^{d-1}$  possibilities and potentially as many different results of  $\hat{R}_\infty$ . Here, a 0-1 vector can be given in the function to specify which indicator to use.

**Value**

The value of  $\hat{R}_\infty$  computed on the  $m$  chains.

**References**

TO INCLUDE

**Examples**

```
library(localrhat)
library("MASS") # For Multivariate Normal Distribution
rho <- 0.9
m <- 4
n <- 100
reps <- 50

# Function to generate bivariate normal chains, with one that differs by its sigma:
gen_bvnormal_chains <- function(M, N, rho){
  sig_matrix <- (1-rho) * diag(2) + matrix(rho, nrow=2, ncol=2)
  return (array(c(mvrnorm((M-1)*N, mu = rep(0, 2), Sigma = diag(2)),
                    mvrnorm(N, mu = rep(0, 2), Sigma = sig_matrix)), c(N,2,M)))
}

R_values <- c()
for (e in 1:reps){
  chains <- gen_bvnormal_chains(m, n, rho)
  # R_values <- c(R_values, rhat_infinity_max_directions(chains))
}
# R_mat <- matrix(data = R_values, ncol = 1)
# colnames(R_mat) <- "R-hat-inf_max_dir"

# plot_hist(R_mat, bin_size = 0.004,
#           lim_y_axis = 15, vaxis_pos = 1.015,
#           plot_threshold = F)
```

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rhat\_infinity\_max\_directions

*Symmetrical version of  $\hat{R}_\infty$  in the multivariate case.*

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**Description**

Compute the multivariate version of  $\hat{R}_\infty$  in all possible dependence direction and return the maximum values.

**Usage**

```
rhat_infinity_max_directions(chains, max_nb_points = 500, nb_directions = NULL)
```

### Arguments

chains	an array of size $n \times d \times m$ , where $n$ is the length of the chains, $m \geq 2$ is the number of chains and $d$ is the dimension.
max_nb_points	the maximal length of the grid in the case where the total number of samples is larger. By default, max_nb_points = 500.
nb_directions	an integer giving the number of directions to compute $\hat{R}_\infty$ : if given, it has to be between 1 and $2^{d-1}$ and a random set of directions of this size will be used.

### Details

In the multivariate case, the sensitivity of  $R_\infty$  strongly depends on the sign of dependence of the variables. This function implement the naive way to consider all direction, by computing on the  $2^{d-1}$  possible one. **Warning:** this method becomes extremely costly when the dimension grow, and we recommend to avoid it as soon as  $d > 5$  (pending future work on multidimensional improvements). Alternatively, a number of directions can be specified, to avoid computational issues and compute  $R_\infty$  on a subset of the possibilities: then, random directions will be generated to diagnostic the convergence on the corresponding dependence direction.

### Value

The maximum value of all  $\hat{R}_\infty$  computed.

### Examples

```
library(localrhat)
library("MASS") # For Multivariate Normal Distribution
rho <- 0.9
m <- 4
n <- 100
reps <- 50

# Function to generate bivariate normal chains, with one that differs by its sigma:
gen_bvnormal_chains <- function(M, N, rho){
  sig_matrix <- (1-rho) * diag(2) + matrix(rho, nrow=2, ncol=2)
  return (array(c(mvrnorm((M-1)*N, mu = rep(0, 2), Sigma = diag(2)),
                    mvrnorm(N, mu = rep(0, 2), Sigma = sig_matrix)), c(N,2,M)))
}

R_values <- c()
for (e in 1:reps){
  chains <- gen_bvnormal_chains(m, n, rho)
  # R_values <- c(R_values, rhat_infinity_max_directions(chains))
}
# R_mat <- matrix(data = R_values, ncol = 1)
# colnames(R_mat) <- "R-hat-inf_max_dir"

# plot_hist(R_mat, bin_size = 0.005,
#           lim_y_axis = 15, vaxis_pos = 1.025,
#           plot_threshold = F)
```

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trad_rhat	<i>Compute the traditional Gelman-Rubin diagnostic.</i>
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**Description**

Compute the traditional Gelman-Rubin diagnostic.

**Usage**

```
trad_rhat(chains)
```

**Arguments**

chains	an array of size $n \times m$ where $n$ is the length of the chains and $m \geq 2$ is the number of chains.
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**Details**

The function return the tradition Gelman-Rubin diagnostic  $\hat{R}$ .

**Value**

$\hat{R}$  computed on the  $m$  chains.

**References**

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