

# The Matérn-model

## Parametrisation

This model is the Gaussian field with Matérn correlation function on a regular `nrow x ncol` -lattice. On an infinite lattice, the correlation function is

$$\text{Corr}(d) = \frac{1}{2^{\nu-1}\Gamma(\nu)} (\kappa d)^{\nu} K_{\nu}(\kappa d), \quad \alpha = \nu + d/2,$$

where  $K_{\nu}$  is the modified Bessel function and  $\Gamma(\cdot)$  is the Gamma-function. The range is *defined* to be

$$r = \sqrt{8\nu}/\kappa$$

which about the distance where the covariance function becomes about 0.1.

The boundary conditions are so that the values are taken to be 0 outside the lattice. No further boundary options are available at this time.

## Hyperparameters

The hyperparameters are the precision parameter  $\tau$  and the range  $r$ ,

$$\theta = (\tau, r)$$

The latent field has marginal variance  $1/\tau$  and range (as defined above)  $r$ . Note that  $\nu$  is fixed parameter and the model is available only for  $\nu = 1, 2, 3$  ( $\nu = 0$  is not yet ready). The hyperparameters are represented internally as

$$(\log \tau, \log r)$$

the prior are assigned to these quantities.

## Specification

The `matern2d` model is specified inside the `f()` function as:

```
f(<whatever>, model="matern2d", nrow=<n.of rows>, ncol=<n.of columns>,  
    nu = <value for nu, one of 1,2 or 3>, hyper = <hyper>)
```

## Hyperparameter spesification and default values

**doc** Matern covariance function on a regular grid

**hyper**

**theta1**

**hyperid** 35001

**name** log precision

**short.name** prec

**initial** 4

**fixed** FALSE

**prior** loggamma

**param** 1 5e-05

**to.theta** function(x) log(x)

**from.theta** function(x) exp(x)

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    theta2
      hyperid 35002
      name log range
      short.name range
      initial 2
      fixed FALSE
      prior loggamma
      param 1 0.01
      to.theta function(x) log(x)
      from.theta function(x) exp(x)

constr FALSE

nrow.ncol TRUE

augmented FALSE

aug.factor 1

aug.constr

n.div.by

n.required FALSE

set.default.values TRUE

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## Example

```

nrow=20
ncol=30
n = nrow*ncol
s.noise = 1

zi.mat = matrix(NA,nrow=nrow,ncol=ncol)
i=1:nrow
for(j in 1:ncol)
  zi.mat[i,j] = 3*exp(-(i-j)^2/4)

## iid noise
noise.mat=matrix(rnorm(nrow*ncol, sd=s.noise),nrow,ncol)

## make simulated data with no spatial component
y.mat = zi.mat + noise.mat

## convert matrices to the internal representation in INLA
y = inla.matrix2vector(y.mat)
node = 1:n
formula= y ~ 1+ f(node, model="matern2d", nu=1, nrow=nrow, ncol=ncol,
  hyper = list(range = list(param =c(1, 1),
    prior = "loggamma",

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                                initial=1),
                                prec = list(param=c(1, 1))))
data=data.frame(y=y,node=node)

## fit the model
result=inla(formula, family="gaussian", data=data, verbose=TRUE,
            control.predictor = list(compute = TRUE),
            control.family = list(hyper = list(theta = list(initial = log(1/s.noise^2),
                                                            fixed = FALSE))),
            keep=T)

## plot the posterior mean for 'predictor' and compare with the truth
dev.new()
INLA:::inla.display.matrix(zi.mat)
dev.new()
INLA:::inla.display.matrix(INLA:::inla.vector2matrix(result$summary.linear.predictor$mean,nrow

```

## Notes

All indexes in the R-INLA library are one-dimensional so an appropriate mapping is required to get it into the ordering defined internally in `inla`; see `?inla.matrix2vector`, `?inla.vector2matrix`, `?inla.node2lattice` and `?inla.lattice2node`.

This model has much similarity with `rw2d`; please read the documentation for `rw2d`.