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EHVI

EHVI: Constrained Expected Hypervolume Improvement

Description

Multi-objective Expected Hypervolume Improvement with respect to the current Pareto front. It's based on the crit_EHI function of the GPareto package. However, the present implementation accounts for inequalty constrains embeded into a mkm model.

Usage

```
EHVI(x, model, control = NULL)
```

Arguments

x a vector representing the input for which one wishes to calculate EHI,
model An object of class mkm.

control An optional list of control parameters, some of them passed to the crit_EHI function. One can control:

minimization logical indicating if the EHVI is minimizing all objectives (TRUE, by default) or maximizing all objectives (FALSE). Mixed information not currently accepted, if the user needs so, it should invert the functions prior Kriging modeling

paretoFront object of class ps containing the actual Pareto set. If not provided a Pareto set is built based on the current observations of model.

nb.samp default: 50
seed default: 42
refPoint default: min or max values for the Pareto front for each objective

Value

The Constrained Expected Hypervolume Improvement at x.

Examples

```
grid <- expand.grid(seq(0, 1, , 50),seq(0, 1, , 50))
### this computation may take some time ###
ehvi <- apply(grid, 1, EHVI, model)
contour(matrix(ehvi, 50))
points(model@design, col=ifelse(model@feasible,'blue','red'))
points(grid[which.max(ehvi),], col='green', pch=19)</pre>
```

ΕI

Constrained Expected Emprovement

Description

This functions extends the EI function suplyied by the package DiceOptim. The enxtension allows to the usage of multiple expensive constraints. The constraints must be passed to the EI function embedded in the mkm object. Currently low-cost (explicit) constraints are not allowed.

Usage

```
EI(x, model, control = NULL)
```

Arguments

x A vector representing the input for which one wishes to calculate EI.

model An object of class mkm.

control An optional list of control parameters, some of them passed to the EI function.

One can control:

minimization logical specifying if EI is used in minimiziation or in maximization (default: TRUE)

plugin optional scalar, if not provided, the minimum (or maximum) of the current feasible observations. If there isn't any feasible design plugin is set to NA and the algorithm returns the value of the probabilty of constraints be met

envir optional environment specifying where to assign intermediate values. Default is NULL.

Details

The way that the constraints are handled are based on the probability of feasibility. The strong assumption here is that the cost functions and the constraints are uncorrelated. With that assumption in mind, a simple closed-form solution can be derived that consists in the product of the probability that each constraint will be met and the expected improvemen of the objective. Another important consideration is that, by default, the value of the pluging passed to the EI is the best *feasible* observed value.

References

Forrester, A., Sobester, A., & Keane, A. (2008). Engineering design via surrogate modelling: a practical guide. John Wiley & Sons.

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Examples

HEGO

HEGO: Efficient Global Optimization Algorithm based on the Hypervolume criteria

Description

Executes nsteps iterations of the HEGO method to an object of class mkm. At each step, a kriging model is re-estimated (including covariance parameters re-estimation) based on the initial design points plus the points visited during all previous iterations; then a new point is obtained by maximizing the Expected Hypervolume Improvement criterion (EHVI).

Usage

```
HEGO(model, fun, nsteps, lower = rep(0, model@d), upper = rep(1, model@d),
  quiet = TRUE, control = NULL, optimcontrol = NULL)
```

Arguments

model	An object of class mkm.
fun	The multi-objective and constraint cost function to be optimized. This function must return a vector with the size of model@m + model@j where model@m are the number of objectives and model@j the number of the constraints,
nsteps	An integer representing the desired number of iterations,
lower	Vector of lower bounds for the variables to be optimized over (default: 0 with length model@d),
upper	Vector of upper bounds for the variables to be optimized over (default: $1 \text{ with length model@d}$),
quiet	Logical indicating the verbosity of the routine,
control	An optional list of control parameters, some of them passed to the <pre>crit_EHI</pre> function. One can control:

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minimization logical indicating if the EHVI is minimizing all objectives (TRUE, by default) or maximizing all objectives (FALSE). Mixed information not currently accepted, if the user needs so, it should invert the functions prior Kriging modeling

paretoFront object of class ps containing the actual Pareto set. If not provided a Pareto set is built based on the current observations of model.

nb.samp default: 50 seed default: 42

refPoint default: min or max values for the Pareto front for each objective

optimcontrol

Optional list of control parameters passed to the GenSA function. Please, note that the values are passed as the control parameter inside the GenSA function.

Value

updated mkm model

Examples

```
# ------
# The Nowacki Beam
# -------
n <- 20
d <- 2
fun <- nowacki_beam
doe <- replicate(d,sample(0:n,n))/n
res <- t(apply(doe, 1, fun))
model <- mkm(doe, res, modelcontrol = list(objective = 1:2, lower = rep(0.1,d)))
model <- HEGO(model, fun, 20, quiet = FALSE, control = list(rho = 0.1))
plot(nowacki_beam_tps$set)
points(ps(model@response[which(model@feasible),model@objective])$set, col = 'green', pch = 19)</pre>
```

igd

IGD: Inverted Generational Distance

Description

The IGD is a perfomance measure function of Pareto front fidelity and corresponds to the average distance between all designs in the true set and the closest design of the current set. Thus, the lower the IGD value, the better the front is.

Usage

```
igd(aps, tps, method = "manhattan", norm = TRUE)
```

Arguments

norm

aps	'ps' object containing the 'actual' pareto front
tps	'ps' object containing the 'true' pareto front
method	the distance measure to be used. This must be one of "euclidean" or "manhattan" (default).

Logical indicating if the fronts should be normalized (default = TRUE).

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Value

returns the IGD metric

References

Shimoyama, K., Jeong, S., & Obayashi, S. (2013, June). Kriging-surrogate-based optimization considering expected hypervolume improvement in non-constrained many-objective test problems. In 2013 IEEE *Congress on Evolutionary Computation* (pp. 658-665). IEEE.

Examples

```
aps <- ps(matrix(rnorm(1:1000),ncol=2))
tps <- ps(matrix(rnorm(1:2000),ncol=2))
igd(aps,tps)</pre>
```

max_EHVI

max_EHVI: Maximization of the Expected Hypervolume Improvement criterion

Description

Given an object of class mkm and a set of tuning parameters, max_EHVI performs the maximization of the Expected Hypervolume Improvement criterion and delivers the next point to be visited in an HEGO-like procedure.

Usage

```
max_EHVI(model, lower = rep(0, model@d), upper = rep(1, model@d),
  control = NULL, optimcontrol = NULL)
```

Arguments

model An object of class mkm.

lower Vector of lower bounds for the variables to be optimized over (default: 0 with

length model@d),

upper Vector of upper bounds for the variables to be optimized over (default: 1 with

length model@d),

control An optional list of control parameters, some of them passed to the crit_EHI

function. One can control:

minimization logical indicating if the EHVI is minimizing all objectives (TRUE, by default) or maximizing all objectives (FALSE). Mixed information not currently accepted, if the user needs so, it should invert the functions prior

Kriging modeling

paretoFront object of class ps containing the actual Pareto set. If not provided

a Pareto set is built based on the current observations of model.

nb.samp default: 50 seed default: 42

refPoint default: min or max values for the Pareto front for each objective

optimcontrol Optional list of control parameters passed to the GenSA function. Please, note that the values are passed as the control parameter inside the GenSA function.

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Value

A list with components:

par The best set of parameters found.

value The value of expected hypervolume improvement at par.

Examples

```
# The Nowacki Beam
# -----
n <- 20
d <- 2
doe <- replicate(d, sample(0:n,n))/n
res <- t(apply(doe, 1, nowacki_beam))</pre>
model \leftarrow mkm(doe, res, modelcontrol = list(objective = 1:2, lower=c(0.1,0.1)))
max_EHVI(model)
```

max_EI

max_EI: Maximization of the Constrained Expected Improvement criterion

Description

Given an object of class mkm and a set of tuning parameters, max_EI performs the maximization of the Constrained Expected Improvement criterion and delivers the next point to be visited in an MEGO-like procedure.

Usage

```
max_EI(model, lower = rep(0, model@d), upper = rep(1, model@d),
  control = NULL, optimcontrol = NULL)
```

Arguments

model An object of class mkm.

Vector of lower bounds for the variables to be optimized over (default: 0 with lower

length model@d),

Vector of upper bounds for the variables to be optimized over (default: 1 with upper

length model@d),

An optional list of control parameters, some of them passed to the EI function. control

One can control:

minimization logical specifying if EI is used in minimiziation or in maximiza-

tion (default: TRUE)

plugin optional scalar, if not provided, the minimum (or maximum) of the current feasible observations. If there isn't any feasible design plugin is set to NA and the algorithm returns the value of the probabilty of constraints be

envir optional enviroment specifying where to assign intermediate values. Default is NULL.

optimcontrol Optional list of control parameters passed to the GenSA function. Please, note that the values are passed as the control parameter inside the GenSA function.

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Value

A list with components:

par The best set of parameters found.

value The value of expected hypervolume improvement at par.

Vector. The best set of parameters found.

Examples

MEGO

MEGO: Multi-Objective Efficient Global Optimization Algorithm based on scalarization of the objectives

Description

Executes nsteps iterations of the MEGO method to an object of class mkm. At each step, a weighted kriging model is re-estimated (including covariance parameters re-estimation) based on the initial design points plus the points visited during all previous iterations; then a new point is obtained by maximizing the Constrained Expected Improvement criterion (EI).

Usage

```
MEGO(model, fun, nsteps, lower = rep(0, model@d), upper = rep(1, model@d),
   quiet = TRUE, control = NULL, optimcontrol = NULL)
```

Arguments

model	An object of class mkm.
fun	The multi-objective and constraint cost function to be optimized. This function must return a vector with the size of model@m + model@j where model@m are the number of objectives and model@j the number of the constraints,
nsteps	An integer representing the desired number of iterations,
lower	Vector of lower bounds for the variables to be optimized over (default: 0 with length model@d),
upper	Vector of upper bounds for the variables to be optimized over (default: 1 with length model@d),
quiet	Logical indicating the verbosity of the routine,

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control

An optional list of control parameters, some of them passed to the EI function. One can control:

minimization logical specifying if EI is used in minimiziation or in maximization (default: TRUE)

plugin optional scalar, if not provided, the minimum (or maximum) of the current feasible observations. If there isn't any feasible design plugin is set to NA and the algorithm returns the value of the probabilty of constraints be met

envir optional environment specifying where to assign intermediate values. Default is NULL.

optimcontrol

Optional list of control parameters passed to the GenSA function. Please, note that the values are passed as the control parameter inside the GenSA function.

Value

updated mkm model

References

Knowles, J. (2006). ParEGO: a hybrid algorithm with on-line landscape approximation for expensive multiobjective optimization problems. *IEEE Transactions on Evolutionary Computation*, 10(1), 50-66.

Examples

```
# -----
# The Nowacki Beam
# -----
n <- 20
d <- 2
fun <- nowacki_beam</pre>
doe <- replicate(d,sample(0:n,n))/n</pre>
res <- t(apply(doe, 1, fun))</pre>
model <- mkm(doe, res, modelcontrol = list(objective = 1:2, lower = rep(0.1,d)))</pre>
model <- MEGO(model, fun, 20, quiet = FALSE, control = list(rho = 0.1))</pre>
plot(nowacki_beam_tps$set)
points(ps(model@response[which(model@feasible),model@objective])$set, col = 'green', pch = 19)
#### some single objective optimization ####
n.grid <- 20
x.grid <- y.grid <- seq(0,1,length=n.grid)</pre>
design.grid <- expand.grid(x.grid, y.grid)</pre>
response.grid <- apply(design.grid, 1, DiceKriging::branin)</pre>
z.grid <- matrix(response.grid, n.grid, n.grid)</pre>
# Branin-Hoo function (unconstrained)
n <- 10
d <- 2
doe <- replicate(d,sample(0:n,n))/n</pre>
fun <- DiceKriging::branin</pre>
```

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```
res <- apply(doe, 1, fun)
model <- mkm(doe, res, modelcontrol = list(lower=rep(0.1,d)))</pre>
model <- MEGO(model, fun, 20, quiet = FALSE)</pre>
contour(x.grid,y.grid,z.grid,40)
points(model@design, col=ifelse(model@feasible,'blue','red'))
# -----
# Branin-Hoo function (simple constraint)
n <- 10
d <- 2
doe <- replicate(d,sample(0:n,n))/n</pre>
fun_cost <- DiceKriging::branin</pre>
fun\_cntr \leftarrow function(x) 0.2 - prod(x)
fun <- function(x) return(c(fun_cost(x),fun_cntr(x)))</pre>
res <- t(apply(doe, 1, fun))</pre>
model <- mkm(doe, res, modelcontrol = list(objective = 1, lower=rep(0.1,d)))</pre>
model <- MEGO(model, fun, 10, quiet = FALSE)</pre>
contour(x.grid,y.grid,z.grid,40)
points(model@design, col=ifelse(model@feasible,'blue','red'))
# Branin-Hoo function (narrow constraint)
# -----
n <- 10
d < -2
doe <- replicate(d,sample(0:n,n))/n</pre>
fun_cost <- DiceKriging::branin</pre>
fun_cntr <- function(x){</pre>
g1 <- 0.9 - sum(x)
g2 < -sum(x) - 1.1
g3 < - x[1] + 0.75
g4 <- x[2] - 0.25
return(c(g1,g2,g3,g4))
}
fun <- function(x) return(c(fun_cost(x),fun_cntr(x)))</pre>
res <- t(apply(doe, 1, fun))</pre>
model <- mkm(doe, res, modelcontrol = list(objective = 1, lower=rep(0.1,d)))</pre>
model <- MEGO(model, fun, 10, quiet = FALSE)</pre>
contour(x.grid,y.grid,z.grid,40)
points(model@design, col=ifelse(model@feasible,'blue','red'))
# -----
# Branin-Hoo function (disconnected constraint)
n <- 10
doe <- replicate(d,sample(0:n,n))/n</pre>
Griewank <- function(x) {</pre>
 ii \leftarrow c(1:length(x))
  sum <- sum(x^2/4000)
  prod <- prod(cos(x/sqrt(ii)))</pre>
 y <- sum - prod + 1
 return(y)
fun_cost <- DiceKriging::branin</pre>
fun_cntr <- function(x) 1.6 - Griewank(x*10-5)</pre>
fun <- function(x) return(c(fun_cost(x),fun_cntr(x)))</pre>
res <- t(apply(doe, 1, fun))</pre>
model \leftarrow mkm(doe, res, modelcontrol = list(objective = 1, lower=c(0.1,0.1)))
```

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```
model <- MEGO(model, fun, 20, quiet = FALSE)
contour(x.grid,y.grid,z.grid,40)
points(model@design, col=ifelse(model@feasible,'blue','red'))</pre>
```

mkm

Multi-objective Kriging model

Description

This function creates a multi-objective kriging model. It is based on the km function of the DiceKriging package and creates a structured list of km objects.

Usage

```
mkm(design, response, modelcontrol = NULL)
```

Arguments

design Numeric data.frame of the designs (decision space)

response Numeric data.frame of the observed responses (objectives and constraints) at

each design point.

modelcontrol An optional list of control parameters passed to the km function. One can control:

objective default: 1:ncol(response)

quiet default: TRUE
formula default: ~1

covtype default: "matern5_2" nugget.estim default: FALSE estim.method default: "MLE" optim.method default: "BFGS"

multistart default: 1

gr default: TRUE iso default: FALSE scaling default: FALSE

type default: 'UK'

se.compute default: TRUE light.return default: TRUE bias.correct default: FALSE checkNames default: FALSE

For more details, one can check km.

Value

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Examples

```
# ------
# The Nowacki Beam
# ------
n <- 10
d <- 2
doe <- replicate(d,sample(0:n,n))/n
res <- t(apply(doe, 1, nowacki_beam))
model <- mkm(doe, res, modelcontrol = list(objective = 1:2))</pre>
```

mkm-class

An S4 class of multiple Kriging models

Description

An S4 class of multiple Kriging models

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'mkm'
show(object)
```

Arguments

object

A mkm object.

Methods (by generic)

• show: Custom print for mkm objects

Slots

km A list of km objectives.

objective A Numeric vector representing the index of the objective models in km.

design Numeric data.frame of the designs (decision space).

d,n,m,j Numeric values for the number of dimensions, designs, objectives and constraints, respectively.

response Numeric data.frame of the observed responses (objectives and constraints) at each design point.

feasible Logical vector stating which designs are feasible.

control A list of controls for function backtracking, this list contains all the input parameters that are passed to the km function.

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Description

The package moko provides the user with methods for constrained and unconstraiend multi-objective optimization based on the popular Kriging surrogate model.

Details

The main functions provided by moko are: MEGO, HEGO and VMPF.

Test function: The Nowacki Beam

Description

This function is a variation of the classic multi-objective optimization problem (NOWACKI, 1980). In this problem the aim is to design a tip loaded cantilever eam for minimum cross-sectional aera and lowest bending stress subject to a number of constraints.

Usage

```
nowacki_beam(x, g = c(5, 240, 120, 10), l = 1500, F = 5000, E = 216620, G = 86650, V = 0.27, box = data.frame(b = c(10, 50), h = c(20, 250)))
```

Arguments

Х	vector of length 2 correspon the normalized beath and height of the beam
g	vector of lenght 4 containing the limit of each constraint
1	numeric length of the beam
F	numeric force applied at the beam tip
E	numeric elastic longitudinal moduli
G	numeric elastic transversal moduli
V	numeric poison ratio
box	data.frame structure containing the upper and lower limits for b and h

Value

vector of objective and constrain responses

References

Forrester, A., Sobester, A., & Keane, A. (2008). *Engineering design via surrogate modelling: a practical guide.* John Wiley & Sons.

Examples

```
nowacki_beam(c(0.5,0.5))
```

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nowacki_beam_tps

True pareto front for the nowacki beam problem

Description

True pareto front for the nowacki beam problem

Usage

```
nowacki_beam_tps
```

Format

An object of class ps of length 4.

pdist

Distance betwen vector and matrix

Description

This function computes and returns the minimum distance between a vector and a matrix

Usage

```
pdist(point, set, method = "manhattan")
```

Arguments

point numeric vector set numeric matrix

method the distance measure to be used. This must be one of "euclidean" or "manhattan"

(default).

Value

numeric value indicating the minimum distance between point and set

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predict, mkm-method Predictor for a multiobjective Kriging model

Description

This functions performs predictions for a given dataset into a collection of Kriging models (mkm object)

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'mkm'
predict(object, newdata, modelcontrol = NULL)
```

Arguments

object An object of class mkm

newdata a vector, matrix or data frame containing the points where to perform predic-

tions.

modelcontrol An optional list of control parameters to the mkm function (default: object@control).

Examples

predict_front

Predicted Pareto front

Description

This function creates a predicted pareto front based on the mean of Kriging models. The predicted mean of each objective and constraint is passed to the nsga2R algorithm that.

Usage

```
predict_front(model, lower, upper, control = NULL, modelcontrol = NULL)
```

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Arguments

model Object of class mkm. Vector of lower bounds for the variables to be optimized over (default: 0 with lower length model@d). upper Vector of upper bounds for the variables to be optimized over (default: 1 with length model@d). control An optional list of control parameters that controlls the optimization algorithm. One can control: popsize (default: 200); generations (default: 30); cdist (default: 1/model@d); mprob (default: 15); mdist (defult: 20).

modelcontrol

An optional list of control parameters to the mkm function (default: object@control).

Value

object of class ps containing the predicted Pareto front

Examples

```
# ------
# The Nowacki Beam
# -------
n <- 100
doe <- cbind(sample(0:n,n),sample(0:n,n))/n
res <- t(apply(doe, 1, nowacki_beam))
model <- mkm(doe, res, modelcontrol = list(objective = 1:2, lower=c(0.1,0.1)))
pf <- predict_front(model, c(0,0), c(1,1))
plot(nowacki_beam_tps$set)
points(pf$set, col='blue')</pre>
```

ps

Creates a pareto set from given data

Description

Return those points which are not dominated by another point in y This is the Pareto front approximation of the design set.

Usage

```
ps(y, minimization = TRUE, light.return = FALSE)
```

Arguments

y design space data

minimization logical representing if the set is to be minimized or not

light.return logical indicating if the indexes should be writen on the 'ps' object

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Value

S3 class object that contains information of the Pareto set

Examples

```
aps <- ps(matrix(rnorm(1:1000),ncol=2))
print(aps)</pre>
```

radviz

Plot a multiresponse or multivariate dataset indo a 2d radViz graph

Description

Description

Usage

```
radviz(data, ...)
```

Arguments

data data.frame containing the variables or observations to be ploted opitional plotting argumentos passed to points function.

Examples

```
data <- data.frame(matrix(rnorm(1:50),ncol=5))
radviz(data, col='red')</pre>
```

Tchebycheff

Augmented Tchebycheff function

Description

The Augmented Tchebycheff function (KNOWLES, 2006) is a scalarizing function witch the advantages of having a non-linear term. That causes points on nonconvex regions of the Pareto front can be minimizers of this function and, thus, nonsupported solutions can be obtained.

Usage

```
Tchebycheff(y, s = 100, rho = 0.1)
```

Arguments

у	Numerical matrix or data.frame containing the responses (on each column) to be scalarized.
S	Numerical integer (default: 100) setting the number of partitions the vector lambda has.
rho	A small positive value (default: 0.1) setting the "strenght" of the non-linear term.

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References

Knowles, J. (2006). ParEGO: a hybrid algorithm with on-line landscape approximation for expensive multiobjective optimization problems. *IEEE Transactions on Evolutionary Computation*, 10(1), 50-66.

Examples

```
grid <- expand.grid(seq(0, 1, , 50),seq(0, 1, , 50))
  res <- t(apply(grid, 1, nowacki_beam))
  plot(nowacki_beam_tps$x, xlim=c(0,1), ylim=c(0,1))
  grid <- grid[which(as.logical(apply(res[,-(1:2)] < 0, 1, prod))),]
  res <- res[which(as.logical(apply(res[,-(1:2)] < 0, 1, prod))),1:2]
  for (i in 1:10){
    sres <- Tchebycheff(res[,1:2], s=100, rho=0.1)
    points(grid[which.min(sres),], col='green')
}</pre>
```

test_functions

Test functions for optimization

Description

This page is a collection of test functions commonly used to test optimization algorithms

Usage

```
Shaffer1(x)
Shaffer2(x)
Fonseca(x)
Kursawe(x)
Viennet(x)
Binh(x)
```

Arguments

x, numeric value (or vector for multivariable functions)

References

```
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Test_functions_for_optimization
http://www.sfu.ca/~ssurjano/optimization.html
```

VMPF

Examples

```
#function should be evaluated in the -A < x < A interval, #where A is from 10 to 10^5 and \length(x) = 1 Shaffer1(0)

#function should be evaluated in the -5 < x < 10 interval \length(x) = 1 Shaffer2(0)

#function should be evaluated in the -20 < x < 20 interval and \length(x) >= 1 Fonseca(rep(0,10))

#function should be evaluated in the -5 < x < 5 interval and \length(x) == 3 Kursawe(rep(0,3))

#function should be evaluated in the -3 < x < 3 interval and \length(x) == 2 Viennet(c(0.5,0.5))

#function should be evaluated in the 0 < x < (5,3) interval and \length(x) == 2 Binh(c(0,0))
```

VMPF

VMPF: Variance Minimization of the Predicted Front

Description

Executes nsteps iterations of the VMPF algorithm to an object of class mkm. At each step, a multi-objective kriging model is re-estimated (including covariance parameters re-estimation).

Usage

```
VMPF(model, fun, nsteps, lower = rep(0, model@d), upper = rep(1, model@d),
  quiet = TRUE, control = NULL, modelcontrol = NULL)
```

Arguments

model	An object of class mkm,
fun	The multi-objective and constraint cost function to be optimized. This function must return a vector with the size of model@m + model@j where model@m are the number of objectives and model@j the number of the constraints,
nsteps	An integer representing the desired number of iterations,
lower	Vector of lower bounds for the variables to be optimized over (default: 0 with length model@d),
upper	Vector of upper bounds for the variables to be optimized over (default: 1 with length model@d),
quiet	Logical indicating the verbosity of the routine,
control	An optional list of control parameters that controlls the optimization algorithm. One can control:
	popsize (default: 200);
	generations (default: 30);

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cdist (default: 1/model@d);
mprob (default: 15);
mdist (defult: 20).
An optional list of control parameters to the mkm function (default: object@control).
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Details

modelcontrol

The infill point is sampled from the most uncertain design of a predicted Pareto set. This set is predicted using nsga-2 algorithm and the mean value of the mkm predictor.

Value

an updated object of class mkm.

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