FBC: Full Bayesian Calibration

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Introduction

Introduction

FBC is a package that uses the data from both field experiment and computer simulation to calibrate the simulator model ¹. A field experiment relates a set of experimental variables as inputs to a response as output. A computer simulation also relates the same experimental variables as inputs to the response as output but also include calibration inputs. These inputs either represent unknown but fixed physical properties that are governed by the physical system in field experiments (and therefore need not be specified in field experiments) or represent various aspects of the simulation model such as tuning hyperparameter of the model. In both cases, the calibration parameters must be estimated for a simulator model to mimic the physical system adequately. The goal of the calibration is to estimate calibration parameters by fitting a statistical model to the observed data using both field and simulator data. Estimated parameters of the calibration model can be used for inference or calibrated prediction.

The FBC package is a based on the well-known Kennedy and O'Hagan (KOH) calibration model (2001). In the KOH model, field and simulator data are stacked in a single model, where simulator response is fitted using a Gaussian Process (GP) that models the simulator model and field response is fitted using a three-component model that accounts for simulator model using simulator GP, bias-correction using another independent GP, and a Gaussian random error term representing measurement error. Using two independent GPs and a Gaussian random error introduces new hyperparameters to the calibration model that must be estimated along with calibration parameters. In its original formulation, KOH formulates a hierarchical Bayesian framework with two sequential phases. In the first phase, model hyperparameters are predicted using maximum likelihood estimation (MLE) method. In the second phase, Bayesian analysis is employed

¹ The first q columns of matrix Phi in calibrate output represent the MCMC samples of posterior densities for calibration parameters. In our ball example, there is only one calibration parameter (gravity), which is denoted by κ_1 and represented by kappa1 in Phi..

to derive the posterior distribution of calibration parameters while fixing the hyperparameters found in the first phase.

Neither KOH's original formulation nor later suggestions are fully Bayesian as they use MLE methods to estimate hyperparameters and fix the hyperparameters in the second phase which ignores the added uncertainty of the estimated hyperparameters, largely due to computational infeasibility (Kennedy & O'Hagan, 2001; Higdon et al., 2004; Liu et al., 2009). On the other hand, FBC runs a fully Bayesian model that includes both calibration parameters and model hyperparameters in its Bayesian framework. Implementation of the package optimizes the calibration process and memory management to increase computational efficiency. Moreover, the fully implemented Bayesian framework, enables the user to apply the expert knowledge about any of the model parameters using prior specifications. All common prior distribution are implemented in FBC to allows for high degree of flexibility in specifying the prior information or the lack thereof. FBC runs a variation of Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) algorithm called Metropolis-Within-Gibbs algorithm to find the posterior distribution of calibration parameters and model hyperparameters. Furthermore, FBC enables calibrated prediction for new input configurations using the calibration model.

The current vignette is structured into following sections: The first section, Using FBC, explains the package functionality through a simple pedagogic example. Also in this section, the notation for inputs and outputs of both computer and physical experiments are introduced. In the second section, Calibration Model, generalizes the example introduced in the first section to build model components and shows how a calibration model based on KOH model is built internally. Using the general notation, while referencing the example, modelling choices are justified. In the third section, Parameter Estimation, the theoretical results to characterize the posterior distribution of model parameters are presented along with procedure for MCMC-based estimation of parameters. In the fourth section, Calibrated Prediction, the theoretical results to derive calibrated predictions for new input configuration using the estimated parameters are offered. In the fifth section, Implementation, some of the implementation features and choices of FBC package are explained along with its limitations. In the sixth and last section, Applications, three more examples are presented to demonstrate the full functionality and limitations of the FBC package. And finally, the Appendix provides deeper discussion and further details to some of the concepts presented in the sections.

1. FBC Usage

FBC package has two main public functions: calibrate() and predict(). As the name suggests, calibrate() takes the field and simulation data to calibrate the simulator model and predict takes a new input configuration and the calibration model (fbc object) to predict the field response at new input configuration and quantifies the uncertainty in prediction. In addition, FBC has a few helper function to aid in arguments entry and visualization.

1.1 Setup

Building a calibration model requires data from field experiment and computer simulation. To focus on the functionality of the package, we use a simple pedagogic example as experimental setting. In this setting, a wiffle ball is dropped from different heights and the time it takes to hit the ground is measured. This experiment has one experimental input height (h) and one calibration input gravity (g) to produce the response, time (t). Note that in the field experiment, the earth gravity is fixed but unknown to the experimenter (at least to some level of uncertainty) and therefore it is not part of the input data. The field experiment with aforementioned specification has been performed by Derek Bingham and Jason Loeppky (CITATION). The data field is loaded in the package environment under ballField name. To increase robustness, calibrate() requires the training field data to include both field response vector \mathbf{t} and input matrix \mathbf{h} (a vector in ball example) in a single input matrix ballField, where first column always contain the response, followed by experimental input variables as columns in the field data matrix.

Simulation of the ball drop experiment is easy to model using introductory physics results:

$$t = \sqrt{\frac{2h}{g}}$$

We have implemented the above mathematical model as a code that takes h and g as experimental and calibration inputs and returns t as simulator response. Latin Hypercube Design (CITATION) is used to create the input design matrix consisting of two columns: h and g. Similar to the field data, calibrate requires the simulation data to be packaged into a single matrix ballSim, where first column always represents response vector (\mathbf{t}) , followed by experimental and calibration inputs as columns $[\mathbf{h} \quad \mathbf{g}]$.

```
head(ballSim, 3)

> t h g

> [1,] 0.404 0.998 12.220

> [2,] 0.487 0.940 7.909

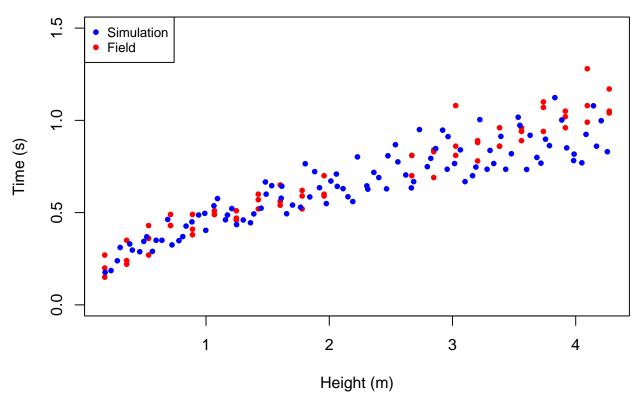
> [3,] 0.450 0.886 8.736

dim(ballSim)

> [1] 100 3
```

Figure 1 shows the distribution of time versus height for both physical and simulation experiments. Note that for higher height values, the simulation responses (blue) underestimate their corresponding field response (red), displaying a systemic bias for simulation model.

Figure 1: Ball Drop Experiments



The ball example is a suitable pedagogical example as it has only one experimental input \mathbf{h}) and one calibration input \mathbf{g} to model response \mathbf{t} . Using this toy example, we demonstrate the functionality of the package without getting to the details of a complex mathematical model. More complex and real-world examples are covered in the last section.

1.2 calibrate()

Arguments: The calibrate() function takes three sets of arguments from user: data, MCMC, and prior specification parameters. Other than data arguments which must be supplied by user, all other arguments have reasonable default values for ball example.

The first and second arguments sim and field must be supplied by user. Both must be either in matrix or dataframe format representing the simulation and field data respectively. In both ballSim and ballField of our ball example, the first column represent the response t and the second column represent experimental input h. Additionally, ballSim has a third column that represents calibration input g. Calibration inputs are implicit in field experiment and are absent in the data matrix ballField.

The second set of arguments consists of MCMC parameters such as number of total iterations nMCMC, number of burn-in iterations to be removed from the beginning of the chain nBurn, and thinning, which indicate the sampling rate to remove the autocorrelation from the sampled draws. For example, when thinning = 50, for every 50 draws from the result only one will be kept in order to remove the correlation between draws.

The third and last set of arguments consists of prior specification for each parameter of the model. The main goal of calibration is to estimate the calibration parameters (g in ball example). However, employing KOH calibration model introduces seven additional classes of hyperparameters to the model. All eight classes of parameters are unknown and must be estimated. As FBC employs a full Bayesian framework, the priors for all model parameters must be specified in advance. Throughout the package implementation and current guide a consistent notation is used to denote parameters: κ (calibration parameters), $\theta_{\bf s}$ (simulator correlation scale parameters), $\theta_{\bf s}$ (simulator correlation smoothness parameters), $\theta_{\bf s}$ (bias-correction correlation smoothness parameters), σ_s^2 (marginal simulator variance), σ_b^2 (marginal bias-correction variance), σ_c^2 (measurement error variance), and μ_b (mean of bias-correction Gaussian Process. All calibration model components along with the introduced parameters are explained in more detail in next section.

For each class of parameters, there are four associated arguments. 1) distribution (suffixed with "dist" in argument names) type which is a character string determining the prior distribution. Currently, FBC supports almost all common distributions and can be chosen from ("uniform", "gaussian", "gamma", "beta", "lognormal", "logistic", "betashift", "exponential", "inversegamma", "jeffreys", "fixed"). "betashift" refers to a beta distribution that is shifted one unit to right to cover [1 2] interval and it is used to specify the priors for correlation smoothness parameters which must be constrained to [1 2] interval. Moreover, choosing "fixed" as distribution will exclude that class of parameters from the MCMC sampling. In this case, the given initial value will be used as fixed parameter value and p1 and p2 arguments are not used. 2) Initial value (suffixed with "init" in argument names) which represent starting point of the parameter(s) in MCMC algorithm. 3) and 4) represent the two parameters (p1 and p2) of the chosen distribution. For example, if "gaussian" distribution is used, p1 and p2 represent mean and variance of the distribution and if "uniform" distribution is used, p1 and p2 represent lower and upper bound of the distribution. Please note that not all distribution types require two arguments. In particular, "exponential" distribution only requires tone parameter (p1) and "jeffreys" requires none. In these cases the unused arguments are ignored.

From the classes of parameters mentioned, the prior for calibration parameters must be specified by user based on field knowledge as these parameters are problem-specific, even though a general vague prior is specified as default values. In contrast, all other parameters have reasonable default values based on literature and can be left unchanged. For this reason and to avoid unwanted complexity, all other priors are specified using a helper function set_hyperPriors(). Using this function without argument (which is the default value of the hyper argument) will specify all parameters based on their default values. However, expert knowledge about one or more of these parameters can be supplied using arguments of the set_hyperPriors() function to change the default prior specifications. The following table summarizes all prior arguments to build the calibration model.

Table 1: Argument names to specify priors for each parameter class.

Parameter Class	Distribution	Initial Value	Shape Parameters
True field calibration inputs (κ)	kappaDist	kappaInit	kappaP1 & kappaP2

Parameter Class	Distribution	Initial Value	Shape Parameters
Simulation GP scale (θ_s)	thetaSDist	thetaSInit	thetaSP1 & thetaSP2
Simulation GP smoothness (α_s)	alphaSDist	alphaSInit	alphaSP1 & alphaSP2
Bias-correction GP scale (θ_b)	thetaBDist	thetaBInit	thetaBP1 $\&$ thetaBP2
Bias-correction GP smoothness (α_b)	alphaBDist	alphaBInit	alphaBP1 &alphaBP2
Simulation marginal variance (σ_s^2)	sigma2SDist	sigma2SInit	sigma2SP1 & sigma2SP2
Bias-correction marginal variance (σ_b^2)	sigma2BDist	sigma2BInit	sigma2BP1 & sigma2BP2
Measurement error variance (σ_{ϵ}^2)	sigma2EDist	sigma2EInit	sigma2EP1 & sigma2EP2
Bias-correction mean (μ_b)	muBDist	muBInit	muBP1 & muBP2

Distribution arguments must be chosen from the string list of implemented prior distributions and initial value and the two shape parameter arguments must be numeric. Note that some classes of parameters may contain more than one parameters. In this case, the argument values can be vector instead of default scaler. In this case all four fields of that parameter class must be in vector format with same length as number of parameters in the same class. For example if there are five calibration parameters, kappaDist can either be a scaler, in which case the distribution for all calibration parameters will be set to that scaler value (and kappaInit, kappaP1, and kappaP2 must be also scaler), or a vector of length five that supplies the distribution types for all calibration parameters (and kappaInit, kappaP1, and kappaP2 must also be vector of length 5).

Moreover, there is a logical argument showProgress that indicate whether function must show the progress in calibration on console. This will put the calibrate() in interactive mode and will show the percentage of the MCMC draws along with sample draws.

Output: The output of the calibrate() function is a fbc object that contains the samples from posterior joint distribution of parameters, along with other model information.

The first and main component of the output is matrix Phi whose columns represent the sample of posterior densities for each unknown parameter of the model in the same order as parameter classes in table 1. Since κ , θ_s , α_s , θ_b , α_b parameter classes may contain more than one parameter, they are suffixed by a number that represents the index of the parameter in the class. For example, if there are 3 calibration inputs, the first p columns of the matrix Phi represent posterior density of calibration parameters and the column headers will be kappa1, kappa2, and kappa3. In the ball example, there is only one calibration parameter g, which is denoted by κ_1 and represented by kappa1 in matrix Phi. Each row of the matrix Phi represents a MCMC draw.

```
head(output$Phi, 3)
    kappa1 thetaS1 thetaS2 alphaS1 alphaS2 thetaB1 alphaB1 sigma2S sigma2B sigma2E
> 1
                                                         1.90
                                                                  0.09
                                                                          0.30
      6.16
               5.14
                       0.69
                                1.94
                                        1.84
                                                 0.68
                                                                                   0.09 - 0.35
 2
      8.72
               4.92
                       1.04
                                1.94
                                        1.97
                                                 0.17
                                                         1.81
                                                                  0.09
                                                                          0.66
                                                                                   0.09 0.24
> 3 13.70
              4.35
                       0.76
                                1.90
                                        1.93
                                                 0.43
                                                         1.79
                                                                  0.10
                                                                          0.44
                                                                                   0.08 0.15
```

All other columns of matrix Phi represent the samples for other model hyperparameters. Table 2 provides an overview of the model parameters and the notation to represent them in ball example. Later sections will explain in detail why are these hyperparameters introduced, what do they represent, and how they are estimated.

Table 2: Notation used in matrix Phi to represent parameters in ball example.

Column	Notation	Description
kappa1	κ_1	Unknown value of true calibration input g
thetaS1	$ heta_{s1}$	Scale parameter of h input for simulator correlation
thetaS2	$ heta_{s2}$	Scale parameter of g input for simulator correlation
alphaS1	$lpha_{s1}$	Smoothness parameter of h input for simulator correlation
alphaS2	$lpha_{s2}$	Smoothness parameter of g input for simulator correlation
thetaB1	$ heta_{b1}$	Scale parameter of h input for bias-correction correlation
alphaB1	$lpha_{b1}$	Smoothness parameter of h input for bias-correction correlation
sigma2S	σ_s^2	Marginal variance of simulator covariance
sigma2B	σ_b^2	Marginal variance of bias-correction covariance
sigma2E	σ_{ϵ}^2	Variance of random measurement error in field
muB	μ_b	bias-correction mean

estimates is a data frame that provides a summary table of all model parameters. summary() function also provides the same statistics given a fbc object. logPost is vector of computed posterior log likelihood given a parameter draw from Phi matrix. Therefore, the length of the logPost vector is same as number of rows in Phi. priors is a nested list that contains prior specifications for all parameters (including calibration parameters). acceptance is a vector of same length as number of unknown parameters and represent the acceptance rate of each parameter in MCMC algorithm. The current implementation of MCMC algorithm employs Metropolis-Within-Gibbs variation, which is a one-dimensional proposal scheme and the optimal acceptance rate must be close to 0.44. vars is a vector of character string with the same length as number of parameters and contains the parameter notation used in code and as column headers. data is a list consisting of training data in the form of vectors and matrices. scale is a numeric vector that contains scaling factors used during calibration to scale the training data. indices is a list of vectors containing the indices of parameters in each row of Phi matrix. priorFns is a list of prior functions that are created during calibration based on given prior specifications. And finally, proposalSD is a numeric vector that represents the final standard deviation of proposal for each parameter.

1.3 predict()

Arguments: Similar to any other predict function, predict() requires a model object argument called object, which in FBC package must be a fbc object, along with an argument representing a new input configuration called newdata. Moreover, current implementation of the predict(), support to different methods of prediction: Maximum A Posteriori ("MAP") and MCMC-based fully Bayesian ("Bayesian") methods. The method can be selected using method argument that can take a character string value of either "MAP" or "Bayesian".

```
predsMAP <- predict(object = output, newdata = matrix(c(2.2, 2.4), ncol = 1), method = "MAP")
predsBayes <- predict(object = output, newdata = matrix(c(2.2, 2.4), ncol = 1), method = "Bayesian")</pre>
```

Output: predict() returns a list consisting of two fields: pred, which is a vector of the predicted response (\hat{t} in ball example) with same length as newdata rows, and se, which is a vector of the predicted response's standard errors, again with the same length as newdata rows.

```
predsMAP
> $pred
> [1] 0.6922523 0.7301342
>
> $se
> [1] 0.077 0.077
predsBayes
> $pred
> [1] 0.695 0.733
>
> $se
> [1] 0.071 0.071
```

In "Bayesian" method, which is the default method, MCMC draws of calibration model parameters are used to form a distribution of each predicted value. In particular, each rows of matrix Phi from the output of the calibration model, is used to predict the response for a single row (a new input configuration) of newdata. Therefore, for each observation a MCMC-based distribution of predicted responses are computed. Then, the predictive mean and variance of this distribution are used to computed point predictions as well as standard errors for predictions.

In "MAP" method, the row of Phi matrix that results in maximum log posterior, is extracted and taken as model parameters to compute both point estimates and standard errors. This method is much faster than the "Bayesian" method as it only computes the prediction for each row of observation once. More detail on theory behind prediction methods can be found in section

1.4 set_hyperPriors():

As mentioned hyperparameters of the calibration model can be set using this function. All hyperparameters have reasonable default values. Therefore set_hyperParameters() can be used without arguments to set the hyperparameters. In fact, the default value of the hyper argument in calibrate() is the function set_hyperParameters() without any argument. Nevertheless, when there is prior belief about structure of correlation structures (either simulator GP or bias-correction GP), these beliefs can be applied to the model in the form of prior specification using set_hyperPriors()

```
priors <- set_hyperPriors(thetaSDist = "beta", thetaBP2 = 6)</pre>
```

1.5 summary() and print():

Both of these generic functions are implemented to work with the output of calibrate() function. In particular, given a fbc object, summary() displays the summary data frame of calibration parameters which is the estimate component of calibrate() output. Similarly, print() will print the data frame in the console.

```
summary(output) # print(output) has exactly the same output
            mean median
                          mode
                                 lwr50
                                        upr50
                                               lwr80
                  8.594
> kappa1
           9.118
                         7.221
                                 7.521 10.233
                                               6.914 12.316 1.995
 thetaS1
                  4.044
                         3.728
                                 3.545
                                        4.576
                                               3.049
> thetaS2
           0.741
                  0.710
                         0.610
                                 0.599
                                        0.839
                                               0.510
                                                       1.017 0.210
> alphaS1
           1.896
                  1.906
                         1.921
                                 1.865
                                        1.927
                                               1.837
                                                       1.946 0.046
> alphaS2
           1.862
                  1.862
                         1.817
                                 1.817
                                        1.911
                                               1.780
                                                       1.946 0.065
> thetaB1
                  0.520
                         0.196
                                 0.287
                                        0.791
                                               0.170
           0.601
                                                       1.190 0.418
                  1.824
                         1.772
                                        1.905
> alphaB1
           1.793
                                 1.719
                                               1.572
                                                       1.961 0.147
> sigma2S
           0.091
                  0.089
                         0.082
                                 0.082
                                        0.098
                                               0.076
                                                       0.107 0.012
> sigma2B
           0.785
                  0.611
                         0.280
                                 0.354
                                        0.984
                                               0.267
                                                       1.545 0.627
> sigma2E
           0.100
                  0.100
                         0.103
                                 0.089
                                        0.109
                                               0.081
                                                       0.120 0.016
          -0.119 -0.118 -0.140 -0.257 0.021 -0.349
                                                      0.136 0.192
```

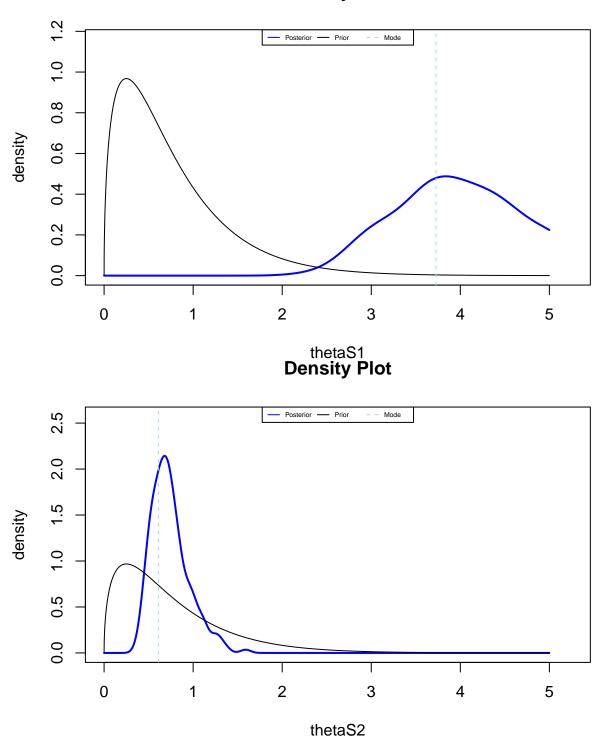
1.6 plot()

As name suggests, the implementation of this generic function enables visualization of a calibration model results. Given a calibration model in the form of a fbc object, plot() can visualize the model in three different mode, which can be chosen by supplying the type argument. In particular, type must be a character string form "density", "trace", and "fits".

Using "density", which is the default value of the type argument, plot() will plot the marginal posterior density distribution for the given parameter. It does so by estimating a density function given the MCMC-based posterior draws of the parameter. It also plots the prior distribution of the given parameter in the same plot for ease of comparison and visualizes the empirical mode of the posterior density. The given parameter must also be given as character string sing the parameter argument. The parameter name is consistent with the notation used throughout the package and current vignette and must be chosen from "kappa", "thetaS", "alphaS", "alphaB", "sigma2S", "sigma2B", "sigma2E", or "muB". The default value for parameter argument is "kappa" (calibration parameters), which usually is the parameter of the interest. Note that parameter argument characterizes the class of parameters and when there is more than one parameter in that class,plot() will plot the density distribution for all parameters in that class in separate plots.

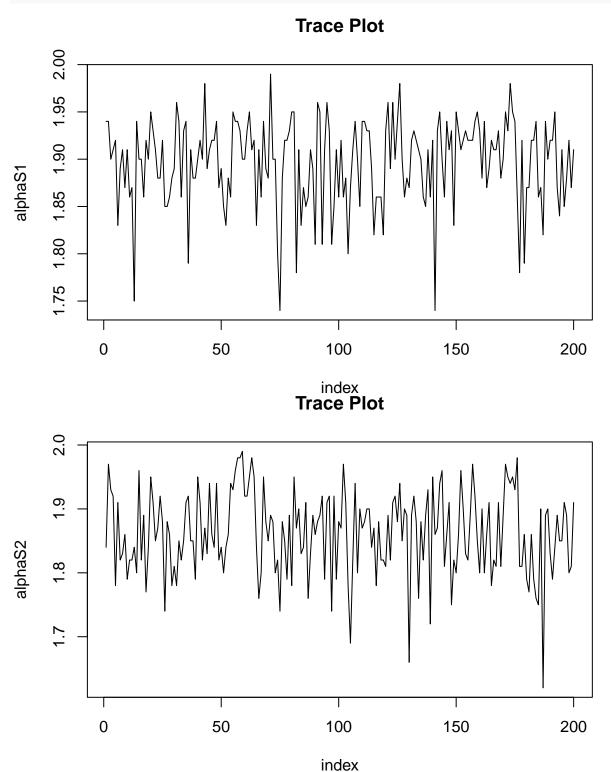
```
# plot other model parameters (note that since there are two correlation scale parameters for
# simulator GP, there will be two plots)
plot(output, parameter = "thetaS")
```





Using "trace" as type argument, plot() will plot the progression of the given parameter as MCMC draws are taken. It is similar to the time series of the parameter but indexed with number of iteration in MCMC rather than time. The trace plot can be used to determine whether there is good mixing in MCMC draws. Using "trace" as type argument also requires supplying the parameter from aforementioned list of possible parameter classes. And similar to density plots, trace plots will be plotted for all of the parameters in the given class in separate plots.

plot the trace of MCMC draws (note that this plot is useful to determine convergence and
stationarity of the parameter draws. This minimal example dhas only few draws!)
plot(output, parameter = "alphaS", type = "trace")

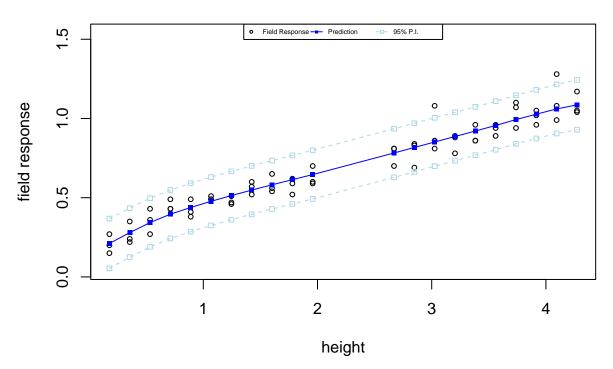


And finally using "fits" as type argument, plot() will plot the fitted values of the response versus all experimental variables in separate plots. The parameter argument is not required for this type and will

be ignored. Fits plots can be used to visually determine the goodness of fits versus actual response in interpolations. Internally, plot() will use predict() function (using "MAP" method) to compute the fitted values for the training input configurations and will plot them in conjunct with actual values. Furthermore, xlab argument can be supplied with a character string to characterize the experimental variables' names.

```
# plot the fitted values of the calibration model. It will plot the fitted values versus all
# experimental inputs, in this example only one!
plot(output, type = "fits", xlab = "height")
```

Fits Plot



There are also three more exported functions in FBC package that are not required to build calibration models or to predict based on calibration models. These functions are used internally in the package but since they offer functionalists that are not supported in base R, they are exported for use.

1.7 correlation():

This function is used to compute the correlation between rows of two given matrices assuming a power exponential correlation family structure. This family is a generalization of correlation where distinct scale and smoothness hyperparameters are used for different dimensions of the given data (columns of given matrices) when computing the correlation. A more thorough definition of power exponential correlation family is explained in section two. correlation() function is more general than R's base correlation function cor(), as it treats different dimensions using separate scale parameters and also allows for use of smoothness parameters (also for different dimensions) when computing the correlation. Note that only the first matrix, characterized by argument X must be supplied and the default value for the second matrix, characterized by Y is NULL. When only a single matrix is supplied, correlation() will compute the correlation of that matrix with itself. Other than the given matrix or matrices, which must have same number of columns, user must supply two vectors with theta and alpha arguments to characterize scale and smoothness parameters. The length of both vectors either must be same and equal to the number of columns in given matrices, or they must be scaler in which case for all dimensions same values of scale or smoothness will be used.

```
<- matrix(c(1, 3, 5,
                  2, 2, 6,
                  1, 4, 1), nrow = 3, byrow = TRUE)
Y
      <- matrix(c(7, 3, 0,
                  2, 2, 4), nrow = 2, byrow = TRUE)
      <- c(1, 2, 3) # scale parameters of correlation structure
sc
      <- c(2, 1, 2) # smoothness parameters of correlation structure
sm
# correlation of a matrix with itself
round(correlation(X, theta = sc, alpha = sm), 5)
          [,1]
                  [,2] [,3]
> [1,] 1.00000 0.00248
> [2,] 0.00248 1.00000
> [3,] 0.00000 0.00000
                          1
# correlation between two matrices
round(correlation(X, Y, theta = sc, alpha = sm), 5)
       [,1]
               [,2]
> [1,]
          0 0.00248
> [2,]
          0 0.00001
> [3,]
          0 0.00000
```

1.6 prior_builder()

This function will create a prior function based on given distribution and distribution parameters. The function has three arguments: prior takes a character string from ("uniform", "gaussian", "gamma", "beta", "lognormal", "logistic", "betashift", "exponential", "inversegamma", "jeffreys", "fixed") and characterizes the type of distribution. When fixed is used, the prior function is simply x = 1. The next two arguments, p1 and p2 characterize the parameters of distribution. For example for gamma distribution p1 and p2 determine shape and scale of the gamma distribution, or for Gaussian distribution, p1 and p2 determine mean and standard deviation of the Gaussian distribution. The output of $prior_builder()$ is a function that given a value, computes the probability density of the chosen distribution. To reduce the load of internal computation, $prior_builder()$ computes the log of density and if used externally must be transformed.

```
# create a prior function for beta(2, 5). Note that the function compute log of priors and must be tran pr_fun <- prior_builder(prior = "beta", p1 = 2, p2 = 5)
round(exp(pr_fun(c(-1, 0, 0.1, 0.5, 0.9, 1, 2))), 3)
> [1] 0.000 0.000 1.968 0.938 0.003 0.000 0.000

# create a prior function for a Uniform distribution with lower bound of -10, and upper bound of 10 pr_fun <- prior_builder(prior = "uniform", p1 = -10, p2 = 10)
round(exp(pr_fun(c(-11, -5, 0, 4, 10, 12))), 3)
> [1] 0.00 0.05 0.05 0.05 0.05 0.00

# create a prior function for Gaussian distribution with mean of 1 and standard deviation of 2 pr_fun <- prior_builder(prior = "gaussian", p1 = 1, p2 = 2)
round(exp(pr_fun(c(-9, -5, -3, -1, 1, 3, 5, 7, 11))), 3)
> [1] 0.000 0.002 0.027 0.121 0.199 0.121 0.027 0.002 0.000
```

1.7 pmode()

This function computes an estimate of the mode of a continuous distribution. It works similar to a histogram, in which the domain of the distribution is broken into same length bins. For each bin, the draws of the distribution that fall within that bin is counted and at the end the mean of the bin with highest count is returned as estimated mode. The function also takes the number of bins through breaks argument. The default value is NULL, which makes pmode to determine the number of required bins dynamically based on number of data points and the domain of the distribution.

```
# find the estimated mode of a vector
vec <- runif(100, 0, 10)
pmode(vec)
> [1] 2.569601
pmode(vec, breaks = 10)
> [1] 2.701477
```

2. Calibration Model

Calibration model is statistical model that represent both field and simulator response as function of input configuration. In this section, we explain the theory behind building a calibration model and relate the notation used in the formulation of calibration model and in the package implementation to our ball example.

2.1 Data

A computer experiment or simulation is simply running a computer code at different input configurations and recording the response. The code is an implementation of the mathematical model that is intended to mimic the physical experiment. In general, a simulation has p experimental inputs but also has q additional calibration inputs that are either tuning parameters or unknown physical properties that are not controllable by field experimenter. Table 2 describes the response and inputs of a computer experiment with m observations using matrix notation. The subscript s is used to denote simulation.

Table 2: Notation used to represent sin	${ m imulation\ data}$	component of cali	ibration model.
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$\overline{Notation}$	Description	Ball Example
\overline{m}	Number of simulation runs	100
p	Number of experimental inputs	1
q	Number of calibration inputs	1
$\mathbf{x_s}$	Simulation input vector containing $(p+q)$ inputs	(h, g) (vector of length 2)
y_s	Univariate simulation response	t (scaler)
X_s	$(m \times (p+q))$ simulation input matrix	$[\mathbf{h} \ \mathbf{g}] \ ((100 \times 2) \ \mathrm{matrix})$
y_s	Vector of m univariate simulation response	\mathbf{t} (vector of length 100)

On the other hand, a physical experiment consists of n observations of a physical property, each with p experimental inputs. The calibration inputs are implicit in physical experiment and their values are unknown

but assumed to be fixed throughout observations. To represent both experiments in a unified structure, the unknown calibration inputs of field experiment κ must be augmented to experimental inputs, so that both physical and computer experiments have (p+q) inputs (h and g in ball example) and a univariate response (t in ball example). Assuming vector $\mathbf{x_f}$ represent experimental input, the augmented input vector is denoted by $\mathbf{x_{\kappa}}$. Since $\mathbf{x_f}$ has p elements and κ has q elements, both will have (p+q) elements similar to $\mathbf{x_s}$. Stacking the input vectors, we can represent all field and augmented input vectors using $\mathbf{X_f}$ and $\mathbf{X_{\kappa}}$. Similarly, vector $\mathbf{y_f}$ represents all field observations. Subscripts f and κ are used to denote field and augmented data respectively.

Elements of vector κ are parameters of the calibration model and will be estimated by calibrate() ².

² The first q columns of matrix Phi in calibrate output represent the MCMC samples of posterior densities for calibration parameters. In our ball example, there is only one calibration parameter (gravity), which is denoted by κ_1 and represented by kappa1 in Phi..

Table 3: Notation used to represent field data component of calibration model.

$\overline{Notation}$	Description	Ball Example
\overline{n}	Number of field observations	63
p	Number of experimental inputs	1
$\mathbf{x_f}$	Field input vector containing p experimental inputs	$h \text{ (scaler)}^3$
κ	Vector of unknown true calibration inputs in field experiment	true value of gravity κ_1
\mathbf{x}_{κ}	Augmented field input vector containing $(p+q)$ inputs ⁴	$(h, \kappa_1)^2$ (vector of length 2)
y_f	Univariate field response	t (scaler)
X_f	$(n \times p)$ field input matrix	\mathbf{h} (vector ² of length 63)
\mathbf{X}_{κ}	$(n \times (p+q))$ augmented field input matrix	$[\mathbf{h} \kappa_{1}]^5$
$\mathbf{y_f}$	Vector of n univariate field response	t (vector of length 63)

All of the data components in Table 2 and 3 are generated internally to build the calibration model. The user is only required to provide two matrices representing the field and simulation datasets in their entirety through sim and field arguments of calibrate().

2.2 KOH Model

Random Functions: KOH models the functional relationship between simulation input and output as a realization of a random function $\eta(\mathbf{x_s})$. Similarly, KOH models the functional relationship between field input and output as a realization of random function $\eta(\mathbf{x_s})$ but acknowledges a systemic model discrepancy and measurement errors. As a result, KOH models the discrepancy by adding a bias-correction term as realization of another random function $\delta_{\kappa}(\mathbf{x_f})$. The error term ϵ is considered to be an independent draw from a normal distribution with zero mean and unknown variance σ_{ϵ}^2 .

$$\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_{\epsilon}^2)$$

$$y_f = \eta(\mathbf{x}_{\kappa}) + \delta_{\kappa}(\mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{f}}) + \epsilon$$

$$y_s = \eta(\mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{s}})$$

Therefore other than κ and σ_{ϵ}^2 parameters, the random functions $\eta(.)$ and $\delta_{\kappa}(.)$ are also unknown and must be specified. KOH models $\eta(.)$ and $\delta_{\kappa}(.)$ by two independent Gaussian Processes (GP).

³ In ball example there is only one experimental input and therefore $\mathbf{x_f}$ is a vector of length one or scaler. Similarly, in its matrix notation, $\mathbf{X_f}$ is a $(n \times 1)$ matrix or a vector of length n..

⁴Note that calibration parameters κ are often assumed to be unchanged throughout field experiment. Therefore, same (κ) vector is augmented to all of the field input configurations..

⁵Since calibration input is fixed for all field observation, $\kappa_1 = (\kappa_1, ..., \kappa_1)$ vector of length 63}] ((100 × 2) matrix)...

$$\eta(.) \sim GP(0, \sigma_s^2.R_s(.,.))$$
 $\delta_{\kappa}(.) \sim GP(0, \sigma_b^2.R_b(.,.))$

Where σ_s^2 and σ_b^2 are marginal variance of simulator and bias-correction GPs, and $R_s(.,.)$ and $R_b(.,.)$ are correlation matrix of simulator GP (using full input matrix $\mathbf{X_s}$ or $\mathbf{X_{\kappa}}$) and bias-correction GP (using field input matrix X_f).

Note that means of GPs are considered to be zero because calibrate() function first standardizes simulation response $\mathbf{y_s}$ (mean zero and standard deviation of one) and then scales field response according to $\mathbf{y_s}$'s scaling factors. Furthermore, the simulator inputs (both experimental and calibration) are scaled to span [0, 1] and the scaling factors of simulation experimental inputs are used to scale field experimental inputs. As a result considering zero mean for both processes seem reasonable. (TODO: look into the effect of constant mean for discrepancy GP).

Correlation Structure: FBC employs a power exponential correlation family to represent the correlation structure of both GPs. Assuming \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{x}' are two rows of full input matrix (either $\mathbf{X_s}$ or \mathbf{X}_{κ}) and $\mathbf{x_f}$ and $\mathbf{x_f}'$ are two rows of field experimental input matrix $(\mathbf{X_f})$, the correlation matrices $R_s(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}')$ and $R_b(\mathbf{x_f}, \mathbf{x_f'})$ are defined as following:

$$R_s(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \prod_{i=1}^{p+q} e^{-\theta_i |x_i - x_i'|^{\alpha_i}}$$

$$R_b(\mathbf{x_f}, \ \mathbf{x_f}') = \prod_{j=1}^p e^{-\theta_j |x_j - x_j'|^{\alpha_j}}$$

Using separable power exponential correlation family introduces two new hyperparameters for each input: scale (θ_i) and smoothness (α_i) . Together, they flexibly determine the shape of correlation structure. Table 4 introduce the notation used for hyperparameters of $\eta(.)$ and $\delta_{\kappa}(.)$.

Table 4: New Parameters To Build KOH Calibration Model.

GP	Hyperparameters	Ball Example (Columns of Phi)
$\eta(.)$	$(\theta_{s1},, \theta_{s(p+q)}, \alpha_{s1},, \alpha_{s(p+q)}, \sigma_s^2)$	(thetaS1, thetaS2,alphaS1,alphaS2, sigma2S)
$\delta_{\kappa}(.)$	$(\theta_{b1},,\theta_{bp},\alpha_{b1},,\alpha_{bp},\sigma_b^2)$	(thetaB1, alphaB1, sigma2B)

Full Model: After augmentation of true calibration inputs (vector κ to field data, both simulation and field experiment have the same input. KOH combines both components to build a joint model. The joint vector of all parameters in the final calibration model is denoted by:

$$\phi = (\kappa_1, \ ..., \ \kappa_q, \ \theta_{s1}, \ ..., \ \theta_{s(p+q)}, \ \alpha_{s1}, \ ..., \ \alpha_{s(p+q)}, \ \theta_{b1}, \ ..., \ \theta_{bp}, \ \alpha_{b1}, \ ..., \ \alpha_{bp}, \ \sigma_s^2, \ \sigma_b^2, \ \sigma_\epsilon^2)$$

Note that in the ball example, the column headers of matrix Phi exactly match to model parameters.

2.3 Model Parameters

Table 5 provides a general overview of all model parameters, the notations, and corresponding parameters in the ball example.

Table 5: General notation used to represent model parameters and an example of corresponding identifiers in Phi matrix.

Parameter	General Notation	Ball Example
True field calibration inputs	$\kappa = (\kappa_1,, \kappa_q)$	(kappa1)
Simulation GP scale	$\theta_s = (\theta_{s,1},,\theta_{s,p+q})$	(thetaS1 thetaS2)
Simulation GP smoothness	$\alpha_s = (\alpha_{s,1},, \alpha_{s,p+q})$	(alphaS1 alphaS2)
Bias-correction GP scale	$\theta_b = (\theta_{b,1},, \theta_{b,p})$	(thetaB1)
Bias-correction GP smoothness	$\alpha_b = (\alpha_{b,1},, \alpha_{b,p})$	(alphaB1)
Simulation marginal variance	σ_s^2	sigma2S
Bias-correction marginal variance	σ_b^2	sigma2B
Measurement error variance	σ^2_ϵ	sigma2E

Each row of matrix Phi represents a draw from joint distribution of parameters (MCMC run) and each column represents a parameter in the model. User-given initial values for parameters are used to initialize the first row of the Phi matrix. Then, each row will be used to find another sample from joint parameter space to fill the next row of Phi until matrix Phi is complete.

3. Parameter Estimation

FBC employs a full Bayesian approach to jointly estimate all parameters. To find the marginal posterior density distribution for each parameter, we need prior specification for each parameter (prior knowledge) and the joint likelihood estimation (full data).

3.1 Bayesian Analysis

Because FBC uses a full Bayesian framework, expert knowledge or opinion can be applied to the model parameters as prior specification. Variety of common prior distributions are implemented in FBC and can be used to specify the priors for each parameter (see section 1.2). There are seven classes of parameters and all have been specified in calibrate() using default values. Of those seven classes, calibration parameters (vector κ) and perhaps measurement error variance (scaler σ_{ϵ}^2) are application-dependent. It is recommended for user to specify the prior arguments for these parameters based on prior knowledge or consensus. Nevertheless, prior for calibration parameters is defaulted to Beta(1.1, 1.1) distribution ⁶. It is close to standard uniform distribution (U(0, 1)) but densities approach to zero sharply as samples approach boundaries. This default

 $^{^6}$ Note that the range of Beta distribution is the span of [0, 1], which is the range of calibration inputs for simulator after scaling.

choice has been made to ensure a somewhat non-informative prior while de-emphasizing on boundary values⁷. For all other classes of parameters reasonable priors have been specified using default values. Priors for correlation scale parameters (vectors θ_s and θ_b) have been set to Gamma(1.1, 0.1) distribution. Similarly, the priors for correlation smoothness parameters (vectors α_s and α_b) have been set to Beta(5, 2) distribution that is shifted one unit to right to span [1, 2] as is the acceptable range for moothness parameters. This choice emphasizes higher (closer to 2 than 1) smoothness parameters. Finally, the priors for marginal simulator and bias-correction and measurement error variances (scalers σ_s^2 , σ_b^2 , and σ_ϵ^2) are set to be Inverse Gamma(1.5, 1.5). This emphasizes very low variances and de-emphasizes higher values.

By representing both data in a joint calibration model, we can compute the conditional likelihood of response given a parameter vector (See Appendix). Therefore, given the prior specifications above, we can derive joint posterior distribution of parameters given data:

$$\mathcal{P}[\phi|\mathcal{D}] \propto L(\mathcal{D}|\phi) \cdot \mathcal{P}[\phi]$$

Where \mathcal{D} represent full data (field and simulation). However, the above formulation is intractable and thus we need a simulation-based method to sample from joint posterior distribution. FBC implements a version of Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) simulation.

3.2 MCMC Simulation

MCMC simulation algorithm is used to draw samples from joint posterior distribution of the parameter space and build Phi matrix row by row. MCMC algorithm creates a Markov chain by updating parameters in each iteration according to a proposal scheme. Then given this parameter vector $(\phi^{(i)})$ and data (\mathcal{D}) , the posterior likelihood can be computed. If posterior probability density of the parameters is larger than the density of a random draw from standard uniform distribution, the algorithm keeps the that parameter configuration by writing the next row of matrix Phi, otherwise updates the new row by last parameter vector. In either case, the new row will be used to generate the next proposal. Note that the first row of Phi, which is needed to start the algorithm, is supplied by user through initial values for the parameters. The detailed algorithm is presented in the Appendix.

3.3 Parameter Posterior Distributions

At the end of the MCMC run, sample of the joint posterior distribution for each parameter (a column in matrix Phi) can be used as an approximation of marginal posterior distribution. Center measures such as mean, mode, or median are provided as parameter estimate depending on the application and distribution shape. Furthermore, 50% and 80% credible sets are formed for each parameters to quantify the uncertainty in estimation. These statistics are provided in summary element in the output of calibrate() and additionally. (TODO: fix estimate->summary)

#output\$estimates

Alternatively, posterior density kernels can be visualized over their assumed prior to investigate the effect of data on priors for each parameter.

plot(output)

⁷Boundary values of [0, 1] corresponds to $-\infty$ and ∞ in the original scale of calibration parameters.

4. Prediction

TODO

5. Implementation

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6. Application

Ball Example

Data:

Spot Weld Example

Description:

Experimental Input: The physical model has three inputs: gauge (G), load (L), and current (C):

- Gauge (G):
- Load (L):
- Current (C):

Calibration Input: The simulation model has one additional input, τ that affects the amount of heat produced in the metal sheets. τ cannot be controlled in the physical experiment and its value is unknown. However it has to be specified for the simulation model as calibration input t:

• Heat generation factor τ : Factor affecting amount of heat produced

Mapping Parameters: To map the spot weld data (both field and simulation data) and parameters to FBC input configuration, we use the dagger † superscript to distinguish process parameters and variables with FBC variables and parameters:

$$x_1 \longrightarrow G$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} x_2 & \longrightarrow & L^{\dagger} \\ x_3 & \longrightarrow & C^{\dagger} \end{array}$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{2} \longrightarrow C^{\dagger}$$

$$\kappa_1 \longrightarrow \tau^{\dagger}$$

Kinetic Example

Implementation of Metropolis within Gibbs algorithm

Let Φ be the matrix of parameter values (columns) indexed by MCMC iterations. Each column represents (after MCMC completes) the posterior density of a parameters. Since all parameters are included in Φ but have overlapping indices, the parameter densities (columns) are renamed to $(\phi_1, ..., \phi_d)$, where d = 4p + 3q + 3 is total number of parameters to have a unique index:

$$(1) ... (d)$$

$$\mathbf{k}_1^* \ \dots \mathbf{k}_q^* \ \mathbf{t}_{s1}^* \ \dots \mathbf{t}_{s(p+q)}^* \ \mathbf{a}_{s1}^* \ \dots \ \mathbf{a}_{s(p+q)}^* \ \mathbf{t}_{b1}^* \ \dots \mathbf{t}_{bp}^* \ \mathbf{a}_{b1}^* \ \dots \mathbf{a}_{bp}^* \ \mathbf{v}_s^* \ \mathbf{v}_b^* \ \mathbf{v}_e^*$$

$$\Phi = \begin{bmatrix} k_1^{(1)} \dots k_q^{(1)} & t_{s1}^{(1)} \dots t_{s(p+q)}^{(1)} & a_{s1}^{(1)} \dots a_{s(p+q)}^{(1)} & t_{b1}^{(1)} \dots t_{bp}^{(1)} & a_{b1}^{(1)} \dots a_{bp}^{(1)} & v_s^{(1)} & v_b^{(1)} & v_e^{(1)} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ k_1^{(N)} \dots k_q^{(N)} & t_{s1}^{(N)} \dots t_{s(p+q)}^{(N)} & a_{s1}^{(N)} \dots a_{s(p+q)}^{(N)} & t_{b1}^{(N)} \dots t_{b(p+q)}^{(N)} & a_{b1}^{(N)} \dots a_{b(p+q)}^{(N)} & v_s^{(N)} & v_b^{(N)} & v_e^{(N)} \end{bmatrix}$$

• Initialize the first row with user-given initial values:

$$\begin{split} \phi^{(1)} &= (\phi_1^{(1)}, \ ..., \ \phi_d^{(1)}) \\ &= (k_1, \ ..., \ k_q, \ \theta_0^{(1)}, \ ..., \ \theta_0^{(p+q)}, \ \alpha_0^{(1)}, \ ..., \ \alpha_0^{(p+q)}, \ \theta_0^{(1)}, \ ..., \ \theta_0^{(p)}, \ \alpha_0^{(p)}, \ ..., \ \alpha_0^{(p)}, \ v_{s0}, \ v_{b0}, \ v_{e0}) \end{split}$$

- At each iteration $i \in (2, ..., N)$, and to update j-th parameter $(j \in (1, ..., d))$ and first (j 1) parameters are already updated):
 - 1. Propose a new value for $\phi_j^{(i)}$ based on its last update ⁸. $\phi_j^{(i-1)}$, called Metropolis Update (MU):

$$\phi_i^* = \mathcal{N}(\phi_i^{(i-1)}, \sigma_p^2)$$

where σ_p^2 is adaptively adjusted ⁹ to ensure (faster) convergence.

2. Form the parameter vector ϕ^* based on MU:

$$\begin{split} \phi^{(last)} &= (\phi_1^{(i)}, ..., \phi_{j-2}^{(i)}, \ \phi_{j-1}^{(i)}, \ \phi_j^{(i-1)}, \ ..., \ \phi_d^{(i-1)}) \\ \phi^* &= (\phi_1^{(i)}, ..., \phi_{j-1}^{(i)}, \ \phi_j^*, \ \phi_{j+1}^{(i-1)}, \ ..., \ \phi_d^{(i-1)}) \end{split}$$

3. Draw a random sample u from U(0,1) and take its log: $\ln(u)$

 $^{^8\}mathrm{If}$ it is first parameter, the last update is the last row $(\phi^{(i-1)}$

⁹Every 50 iterations, acceptance rate (AR) is computed. If AR < 0.44, proposal variance σ_p^2 is decreased, and vice versa. It has been shown that for one-dimensional proposals used in Metropolis within Gibbs algorithm, the optimal acceptance rate is 0.44 (TODO: citation).

4. Compute the difference between the log of joint posterior density given current and last parameter vectors:

$$h(\phi^*, \ \phi^{(last)}) = \ln(L(\mathbf{y}|\phi^*)) + \ln(\mathcal{P}[\phi^*]) - \ln(L(\mathbf{y}|\phi^{(last)})) + \ln(\mathcal{P}[\phi^{(last)}])$$

5. If $h(\phi^*, \phi^{(last)}) > \ln(u)$, set:

$$\phi_i^{(i)} = \phi_i^*$$

otherwise,

$$\phi_i^{(i)} = \phi_i^{(i-1)}$$

6. The update vector now is:

$$\phi^{(last)} \ = (\phi_1^{(i)},...,\phi_{j-1}^{(i)}, \ \phi_j^{(i)}, \ \phi_{j+1}^{(i-1)}, \ ..., \ \phi_d^{(i-1)})$$

- If all parameters are updated, go to next iteration of i
- When iterations of i is completed, return the matrix of Φ that contains joint posterior density distribution of all parameters. Marginal distribution of each parameter can be used for point prediction and uncertainty quantification (credible interval).

Bayesian Analysis

In the Bayesian framework, the joint probability distribution of all parameters and hyperparameters of the calibration model given data $(\mathcal{P}[\phi|y])$ can be derived:

$$L(y|\phi) = |C|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2}y \cdot C^{-1} \cdot y^T}$$

$$\mathcal{P}[\phi|\mathbf{y}] \propto L(\mathbf{y}|\phi) \cdot \mathcal{P}[\phi]$$

Taking the log from both sides will decrease computational load and increase speed:

$$\begin{split} \ln(L(\mathbf{y}|\phi)) &= -\frac{1}{2} \ln(|C|) - \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{y}.C^{-1}.\mathbf{y}^T \\ \ln(\mathcal{P}[\phi|\mathbf{y}]) &\propto \ln(L(\mathbf{y}|\phi)) + \ln(\mathcal{P}[\phi) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \ln(|C|) - \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{y}.C^{-1}.\mathbf{y}^T \qquad \text{(log liklihood given full data: X, y)} \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^q \mathcal{P}[\kappa_i] \qquad \qquad \text{(priors for calibration parameters)} \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^{p+q} \mathcal{P}[\theta_{si}] + \sum_{i=1}^{p+q} \mathcal{P}[\alpha_{si}] + \mathcal{P}[\sigma_s^2] \qquad \qquad \text{(priors for } \eta(.) \text{ hyperparameters)} \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^p \mathcal{P}[\theta_{bi}] + \sum_{i=1}^p \mathcal{P}[\alpha_{bi}] + \mathcal{P}[\sigma_b^2] \qquad \qquad \text{(priors for } \delta_{\kappa}(.) \text{ hyperparameters)} \\ &+ \mathcal{P}[\sigma_s^2] \qquad \qquad \text{(prior for measurement error variance)} \end{split}$$

Above equation is intractable and thus a simulation-based method must be used to sample from posterior distribution. FBC implements a version Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) simulation.

Full Model

KOH model combines simulation and field data to form a joint model using joint dataset:

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{y_f} \\ \mathbf{y_s} \end{bmatrix} = (y_1, \dots, y_{n+m})^T$$
 (joint vector of responses)
$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}_{\kappa} \\ \mathbf{X_s} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x_1} \ \mathbf{x_2} \ \dots \ \mathbf{x_{p+q}} \end{bmatrix}$$
 (joint input matrix)
$$\mathbf{x_i} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n+m}) \quad \forall i \in \{1, 2, \dots, p+q\}$$

Since $\mathbf{X_f}$ is a sub-matrix of \mathbf{X} , we can represent the functional relationship between input and response for full model with $\zeta(.)$, which is considered to be realization of a random function and derived from $\eta(.)$ and $\delta_{\kappa}(.)$:

$$\mathbf{v} = \zeta(\mathbf{X})$$

Because both $\eta(.)$ and $\delta_{\kappa}(.)$ are GPs, $\zeta(.)$ can also be considered a zero mean GP:

$$\zeta(.) \sim GP \ (0, \ C(.,.))$$

Where covariance matrix C is dependent to full input matrix \mathbf{X} and hyperparameters of $\eta(.)$ and $\delta_{\kappa}(.)$, which in turn are dependent to model hyperparameters.

Using matrix notation, input/output relationship of both experiments is presented below in matrix notation. This relations can be used to derive a relationship for joint data:

$$y = \zeta(X) = \eta(X) + \begin{bmatrix} \delta_{\kappa}(X_f) + \mathcal{E} & 0\\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since X_f is a subset of matrix X, the joint response y can be modeled as a random function $\zeta(X)$. In the ball example, the full input matrix X is a (163×2) matrix by stacking X_{κ} on X_s Note that since κ is unknown, the initial value c0 is used internally to build X_{κ} .

Where, C_{η} and C_{δ} are covariance matrices of full input matrix X and original field input matrix X_f . And C is characterized as:

$$C(X,X) = C_{\eta}(X,X) + \begin{bmatrix} C_{\delta}(X_f, X_f) + \sigma_{\epsilon}^2 I_n & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$=\begin{bmatrix} C_{\eta}(X_f,X_f)+C_{\delta}+\sigma_{\epsilon}^2.I_n & C_{\eta}(X_s,X_f) \\ C_{\eta}(X_f,X_s) & C_{\eta}(X_s,X_s) \end{bmatrix}$$

Note that C_s covariance matrix of the full data X is further divided to components $C_{\eta}(X_f, X_f)$, $C_{\eta}(X_s, X_f)$, $C_{\eta}(X_f, X_s)$, and $C_{\eta}(X_s, X_s)$ to optimize the computation.

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