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computeOverallRisk

Calculate Overall Risk Summaries

## **Description**

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Compare estimated f function when all predictors are at a particular quantile to when all are at a second fixed quantile

## Usage

```
computeOverallRisk(
  object,
  qs = seq(0.25, 0.75, by = 0.05),
  q.fixed = 0.5,
  nsamples = 1000,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

```
object an object of class gpr obtained from gvagpr function
qs vector of quantiles at which to calculate the overall risk summary
q.fixed a second quantile at which to compare the estimated f function
nsamples (positive integer), number of posterior samples to draw and save, defaults to
1000
... unused argument
```

## Value

a data frame containing the (posterior mean) estimate and posterior standard deviation of the overall risk measures

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#### References

Bobb J (2023). \_bkmr: Bayesian Kernel Machine Regression\_. R package version 0.2.2, <a href="https://github.com/jenfb/bkmr">https://github.com/jenfb/bkmr</a>

#### See Also

gvagpr

#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
## First generate dataset
set.seed(111)
dat <- bkmr::SimData(n = 50, M = 4)
y <- dat$y
Z <- dat$Z
X <- dat$X

set.seed(111)
priors <- list(lengthscale = 'horseshoe')
fout <- vbayesGP::gvagpr(y = y, Z = Z, X = X, priors = priors, covstr = 'diagonal')
risks.overall <- vbayesGP::computeOverallRisk(fout, qs = seq(0.25, 0.75, by = 0.05), q.fixed = 0.5)
plot(risk.overall)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

computePPIPs

Compute pseudo posterior inclusion probabilities (PPIPs) from VGPR model or VGPMIM fits

## **Description**

Compute pseudo posterior inclusion probabilities (PPIPs) using Sequential-2-Means from Variational Gaussian Process Regression (VGPR) model fit or Variational Gaussian Process Multiple Index Model (VGPMIM) fit

#### Usage

```
computePPIPs(object, nsamples = 1000, ntuning = 10)
```

#### **Arguments**

object an object of class gpr or gpmim

nsamples (positive integer), number of posterior samples to draw and save, defaults to

1000

ntuning the number of chosen values of the tuning parameter for variable selection

#### Value

a data frame including the variable-specific PPIPs for VGPR fit with horseshoe prior

#### Author(s)

Seongil Jo

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#### References

Li, H. and Pati, D. (2017). "Variable Selection Using Shrinkage Priors", Computational Statistics and Data Analysis, 107, 107-119.

## See Also

```
gvagpr, gvagpmim
```

computeSingVarInt

Single Variable Interaction Summaries

## Description

Compare the single-predictor health risks when all of the other predictors in Z are fixed to their a specific quantile to when all of the other predictors in Z are fixed to their a second specific quantile.

## Usage

```
computeSingVarInt(
  object,
  which.z,
  qs.diff = c(0.25, 0.75),
  qs.fixed = c(0.25, 0.75),
  nsamples = 1000,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

| object   | an object of class gpr obtained from gvagpr function   |
|----------|--|
| which.z  | vector indicating which variables (columns of Z) for which the summary should be computed              |
| qs.diff  | vector indicating the two quantiles at which to compute the single-predictor risk summary              |
| qs.fixed | vector indicating the two quantiles at which to fix all of the remaining exposures in $\ensuremath{Z}$ |
| nsamples | (positive integer), number of posterior samples to draw and save, defaults to $1000$                   |
| • • •    | unused argument  |

## Value

a data frame containing the (posterior mean) estimate and posterior standard deviation of the single-predictor risk measures

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## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
## First generate dataset
set.seed(111)
dat <- bkmr::SimData(n = 50, M = 4)
y <- dat$y
Z <- dat$Z
X <- dat$X

set.seed(111)
priors <- list(lengthscale = 'horseshoe')
fout <- vbayesGP::gvagpr(y = y, Z = Z, X = X, priors = priors, covstr = 'diagonal')
risks.int <- computeSingVarInt(fout)
plot(risks.int)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

computeSingVarRisk

Single Variable Risk Summaries

## **Description**

Compute summaries of the risks associated with a change in a single variable in Z from a single level (quantile) to a second level (quantile), for the other variables in Z fixed to a specific level (quantile)

## Usage

```
computeSingVarRisk(
  object,
  which.z,
  qs.diff = c(0.25, 0.75),
  q.fixed = c(0.25, 0.5, 0.75),
  nsamples = 1000,
  ...
)
```

#### **Arguments**

| object   | an object of class gpr obtained from <b>gvagpr</b> function.                                |
|----------|---|
| which.z  | vector indicating which variables (columns of Z) for which the summary should be computed   |
| qs.diff  | vector indicating the two quantiles q_1 and q_2 at which to compute $f(z_{q2}) - f(z_{q1})$ |
| q.fixed  | vector of quantiles at which to fix the remaining predictors in Z                           |
| nsamples | (positive integer), number of posterior samples to draw and save, defaults to $1000$        |
|          | unused argument   |

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#### Value

a data frame containing the (posterior mean) estimate and posterior standard deviation of the single-predictor risk measures

#### References

Bobb J (2023). \_bkmr: Bayesian Kernel Machine Regression\_. R package version 0.2.2, <a href="https://github.com/jenfb/bkmr">https://github.com/jenfb/bkmr</a>

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
## First generate dataset
set.seed(111)
dat <- bkmr::SimData(n = 50, M = 4)
y <- dat$y
Z <- dat$Z
X <- dat$X

set.seed(111)
fout <- vbayesGP::gvagpr(y = y, Z = Z, X = X, priors = priors, covstr = 'diagonal')
risks.singvar <- computeSingVarRisk(fout)
plot(risk.singvar)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

extractELB0

Extract ELBO from gpr, ggpr, or gpmim model fits

## **Description**

Compute the expected lower bound (ELBO) using the posterior samples for class "gpr" of "gpmim"

## Usage

```
extractELBO(object, nsamples = 1000)
```

## **Arguments**

object an object of class gpr or gpmim.

nsamples (positive integer), number of posterior samples to draw and save, defaults to

1000.

## Author(s)

Seongil Jo

#### See Also

```
gvagpr, gvagpmim
```

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extractPostSamps

Extract Posterior Samples from gpr, ggpr, or gpmim model fits

#### **Description**

Generate the posterior samples for class "gpr" or "gpmim"

#### Usage

```
extractPostSamps(object, nsamples = 1000)
```

## **Arguments**

object an object of class gpr or gpmim.

nsamples (positive integer), number of posterior samples to draw and save, defaults to

1000.

#### Value

a data frame including posterior samples for all parameters. If family is gaussian, the posterior samples contain  $\beta$ ,  $\sigma^2$ ,  $\lambda_f$ , and  $\gamma$ . If family is not gaussian, the posterior samples also contain  $f_i$ ,  $i=1,\ldots,N$ . If object\$id is not NULL, the data frame also includes  $b_i$ ,  $i=1,\ldots,N$ .

#### Author(s)

Seongil Jo

#### See Also

gvagpr, gvagpmim

fitted.gpmim

Extract GPMIM Fitted Values

## Description

**fitted** is a generic function which extracts fitted values of nonparametric part from an object of class "gpmim"

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'gpmim'
fitted(object, nsamples = 1000, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

object an object of class gpmim.

nsamples (positive integer) number of posterior samples. Default value is 1000.

... unused argument.

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#### Value

fmean posterior mean of nonparametric part.

fcov posterior variance of nonparametric part.

an object of class "gprfit", which has the associated method:

\* plot (i.e., plot.gprfit)

## Author(s)

Seongil Jo

## See Also

gvagpmim

fitted.gpr

Extract GPR and GGPR Model Fitted Values

## **Description**

**fitted** is a generic function which extracts fitted values of nonparametric part from an object of class "gpr"

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'gpr'
fitted(object, nsamples = 1000, ...)
```

## Arguments

object an object of class gpr.

nsamples (positive integer) number of posterior samples. Default value is 1000.

... unused argument.

#### Value

fmean posterior mean of nonparametric part.

fcov posterior variance of nonparametric part.
an object of class "gprfit", which has the associated method:
\* plot (i.e., plot.gprfit)

## Author(s)

Seongil Jo

## See Also

```
gvagpr, gvaggpr
```

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| gvaggpr | Gaussian Variational Approximation to Generalized Gaussian Pro- |
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|         | cess Regression   |

## Description

Fits the Bayesian kernel machine regression for generalized linear model using Gaussian variational approximation algorithm.

## Usage

```
gvaggpr(
   y,
   X,
   Z,
   id = NULL,
   random.slope = NULL,
   family = binomial,
   priors = list(),
   covstr = c("diagonal", "full"),
   control = list(),
   verbose = TRUE,
   seed = sample.int(.Machine$integer.max, 1)
)
```

## **Arguments**

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| у            | a vector of response of length n.  |  |
| X            | an n-by-p matrix of covariates for parametric term. Should not contain an intercept.   |  |
| Z            | an n-by-M matrix of predictor variables to be included in nonparametric part.  |  |
| id           | optional vector (of length n) of grouping factors for fitting a model with random effects (including both a random intercept and a random slope). If NULL then no random effects will be included.   |  |
| random.slope | a column index of the matrix (X) including covariates for random slope. If NULL and id is given, the model considers the random intercept only.  |  |
| family       | a description of the error distribution and link function to be used in the model. Currently implemented for binomial family. (See family of base for details of family functions.)  |  |
| priors       | a list giving the prior information. The list includes the following parameters (with default values in parentheses): alam (0.1) and blam (0.01) giving the hyper parameters for $\lambda_f$ , lam0 (1) and tau0 (1) giving the hyper parameters of the horseshoe prior. |  |
| covstr       | Either "diagonal" (the default) or "full", indicating which covariance structure of variational distribution for global parameters is used. The "diagonal" option uses a fully factorized Gaussian for the approximation whereas the "full" option                       |  |

uses a Gaussian with a full-rank covariance matrix for the approximation.

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control a named list of parameters to control the algorithm's behavior. The list in-

cludes the following parameters (with default values in parentheses): max\_iter (100000) giving the maximum number of iterations, rho (0.95) giving the decaying constant, eps (1e-6) giving the small positive constant added to ensure the denominator of the step size is positive and the initial step size is nonzero, nws (2500) giving rolling window size for calculating the moving average of

the lower bounds, nsp (100) giving the maximum patience parameter.

verbose TRUE or FALSE: flag indicating whether to print intermediate diagnostic infor-

mation during the model fitting.

seed The seed for random number generation. The default is generated from 1 to the

maximum integer supported by **R** on the machine.

#### **Details**

Jo and Lee (2023+) proposed the Bayesian semiparametric generalized linear model with Gaussian process prior based on the Radial basis function (RBF) kernel:

$$y_i \sim Bern(p_i), \log(p_i/(1+p_i)) = x_i^{\top} \beta + f(z_i),$$
  
 $f = (f(z_1), \dots, f(z_D))^{\top} \sim GP(0, \sigma^2 \lambda_f K_D), z_i = (z_{i1}, \dots, z_{iM})^{\top},$ 

where  $K_D$  denotes the RBF kernel given as

1) Equal lengthscale parameter:

$$K_D = \left(\exp\left(-\gamma \sum_{m=1}^{M} \|z_i - z_j\|^2\right)\right)_{i,j=1}^{D}$$

2) Varying lengthscale parameters:

$$K_D = \left(\exp\left(-\sum_{m=1}^{M} \gamma_m ||z_i - z_j||^2\right)\right)_{i,j=1}^D$$

For the parameters, the following priors are used:

$$\pi(\beta) \propto 1,$$

$$\pi(\lambda_f) = Gamma(a_{\lambda}, b_{\lambda}),$$

1) Normal prior:

$$\pi(\gamma) = N_+(0, \tau_0^2)$$

2) Independent Normal priors:

$$\pi(\gamma_m) = N_+(0, \tau_0^2), m = 1, \dots, M$$

3) Horseshoe prior:

$$\pi(\gamma_m \mid \lambda_m, \tau_\gamma) = N_+(0, \lambda_m^2 \tau_\gamma^2), \ m = 1, \dots, M$$
$$\pi(\lambda_m) = C_+(0, \lambda_0), \ m = 1, \dots, M$$
$$\pi(\tau_\gamma) = C_+(0, \tau_0),$$

where  $a_{\lambda}, b_{\lambda}, \lambda_0$  and  $\tau_0$  are positive constants specified by users.

For more details, see Jo and Lee (2023+).

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#### Value

```
an object of class "gpr", which has the associated methods:
  * extractELBO
  * fitted (i.e., fitted.gpr)
  * summary (i.e., summary.gpr)
  * predict (i.e., predict.gpr)
  * plot (i.e., plot.gpr)
```

#### Author(s)

Seongil Jo and Woojoo Lee

#### References

Jo, S., and Lee, W. (2023+), "Gaussian variational inference for Bayesian kernel machine regression with exponential families", *preprint*.

Jo, S., and Lee, W. (2023+), "Gaussian variational inference for Bayesian kernel machine regression with Horseshoe prior for estimating high-dimensional exposures", *preprint*.

Titsias, M. K. and L\'azaro-Gredilla, M. (2014), "Doubly stochastic variational Bayes for non-conjugate inference", *Proceedings of the 31st ICML*.

Bobb, J. F., Valeri, L., Claus, H. B., Christiani, D. C., Wright, R. O., Mazumdar, M., Godleski, J. J., and Coull, B. A. (2015). "Bayesian Kernel Machine Regression for Estimating the Health Effects of Multi-Pollutant Mixtures", *Biostatistics*, 16, 493-508.

Chen, H., Zheng, L., Kontai, R. A., and Raskutti, G. (2022), "Gaussian process parameter estimation using mini-batch stochastic gradient descent: convergence guarantees and empirical benefits", *Journal of Machine Learning Research*, 23, 1-59.

#### See Also

extractELBO, fitted.gpr, predict.gpr, plot.gpr, summary.gpr

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
sdat <- bkmr::SimData()
y <- sdat$y
X <- sdat$X
Z <- sdat$Z

fout <- vbayesGP::gvaggpr(y, X, Z, priors = list(lengthscale = 'normal'), family = binomial)
plot(fout)
summary(fout)
vbayesGP::extractELBO(fout) # ELBO
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

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| gvagpmim Gaussian Variational Approximation to Gaussian Process Multiple Index Model | gvagpmim |
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## **Description**

Fits the Bayesian kernel machine multiple index model using Gaussian variational approximation algorithm.

## Usage

```
gvagpmim(
   y,
   X,
   Z,
   m.index = NULL,
   id = NULL,
   random.slope = NULL,
   priors = list(),
   covstr = c("diagonal", "fullrank", "sparseprec"),
   control = list(),
   minibatch = FALSE,
   verbose = TRUE,
   seed = sample.int(.Machine$integer.max, 1)
)
```

#### **Arguments**

| У            | a vector of response of length n.   |
|--------------|---|
| Χ            | a matrix of covariates for parametric term. Should not contain an intercept.  |
| Z            | a matrix or a list of predictor variables to be included in nonparametric part.   |
| m.index      | a list of column indices grouping the predictor variables in nonparametric part. If $Z$ is a matrix, $m$ . index must be given.   |
| id           | optional vector (of length n) of grouping factors for fitting a model with random effects (including both a random intercept and a random slope). If NULL then no random effects will be included.  |
| random.slope | a column index of the matrix $(X)$ including covariates for random slope. If NULL and id is given, the model considers the random intercept only.   |
| priors       | a list giving the prior information. The list includes the following parameters (with default values in parentheses): asig (0.001) and bsig (0.001) giving the hyper parameters for $\sigma^2$ , alam (0.1) and blam (0.01) giving the hyper parameters for $\lambda_f$ , lam0 (1) and tau0 (1) giving the hyper parameters of the horseshoe prior. |
| covstr       | Either "diagonal" (the default), "fullrank", or "sparseprec", indicating which covariance structure of variational distribution is used. The "diagonal" option uses   |

a fully factorized Gaussian for the approximation whereas the "fullrank" option uses a Gaussian with a full-rank covariance matrix. For the mixed model, the "sparseprec" option utilizes a Gaussian with sparse precision matrix whereas the "fullrank" option uses a Gaussian with a block-diagonal covariance matrix.

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control a named list of parameters to control the algorithm's behavior. The list includes the following parameters (with default values in parentheses): max\_iter

(100000) giving the maximum number of iterations, rho (0.95) giving the decaying constant, eps (1e-6) giving the small positive constant added to ensure the denominator of the step size is positive and the initial step size is nonzero, nws (2500) giving rolling window size for calculating the moving average of

the lower bounds, nsp (100) giving the maximum patience parameter.

minibatch TRUE or FALSE: If TRUE, nbatch (the number of batch) should be given in

control argument and max\_iter denotes the number of epoch. Default value is n/100. Note. this option is not applicable for the "sparseprec" option of

covstr and the random effects models.

verbose TRUE or FALSE: flag indicating whether to print intermediate diagnostic infor-

mation during the model fitting.

seed The seed for random number generation. The default is generated from 1 to the

maximum integer supported by  $\mathbf{R}$  on the machine.

#### **Details**

Jo and Lee (2023+) proposed the Bayesian semiparametric regression model with Gaussian process prior based on the Radial basis function (RBF) kernel:

$$y_i = x_i^{\top} \beta + f^M(z_{i1}^{\top} \alpha_1, \dots, z_{iM}^{\top} \alpha_M) + \epsilon_i, \quad \epsilon_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0, \sigma^2),$$
$$f_i^M = f^M(z_{i1}^{\top} \alpha_1, \dots, z_{iM}^{\top} \alpha_M),$$
$$f^M = (f_1^M, \dots, f_D^M)^{\top} \sim GP(0, \sigma^2 \lambda_f K_D),$$

where  $K_D$  denotes the RBF kernel given as

Varying lengthscale parameters:

$$K_D = \left( \exp\left( -\sum_{m=1}^{M} ((z_{im} - z_{jm})^{\top} D_m^{-1} \gamma_m)^2 \right) \right)_{i,j=1}^{D}, \ \gamma_m = (\gamma_{m1}, \dots, \gamma_{mL_m})^{\top},$$

where  $D_m$  is a non-singular matrix for constraints.

Jo and Lee (2023+) also proposed the Bayesian semiparametric mixed effects regression model with Gaussian process prior based on the Radial basis function (RBF) kernel:

$$y_{ir} = x_{ir}^{\mathsf{T}}\beta + f^{M}(z_{ir1}^{\mathsf{T}}\alpha_{1}, \dots, z_{irM}^{\mathsf{T}}\alpha_{M}) + u_{ir}^{\mathsf{T}}b_{i} + \epsilon_{ir}, \quad \epsilon_{ir} \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0, \sigma^{2}),$$
$$b_{i} = (b_{i1}, \dots, b_{iq})^{\mathsf{T}} \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0, \Sigma_{b}).$$

For the parameters, the following priors are used:

$$\pi(\beta) \propto 1,$$
 
$$\pi(\sigma^{-2}) = Gamma(a_{\sigma}, b_{\sigma}),$$
 
$$\pi(\lambda_f) = Gamma(a_{\lambda}, b_{\lambda}),$$

1) Independent Normal priors:

$$\pi(\gamma_{ml}) = N(0, \tau_0^2), \ m = 1, \dots, M, \ l = 1, \dots, L_m - 1$$
  
$$\pi(\gamma_{mL_m}) = N_+(0, \tau_0^2), \ m = 1, \dots, M$$

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#### 2) Horseshoe prior:

$$\pi(\gamma_{ml} \mid \lambda_{ml}, \tau_m, \tau_{\gamma}) = N(0, \lambda_{ml}^2 \tau_m^2 \tau_{\gamma}^2), \ m = 1, \dots, M, \ l = 1, \dots, L_m - 1$$

$$\pi(\gamma_{mL_m} \mid \lambda_{mL_m}, \tau_m, \tau_{\gamma}) = N_+(0, \lambda_{mL_m}^2 \tau_m^2 \tau_{\gamma}^2), \ m = 1, \dots, M$$

$$\pi(\lambda_{ml}) = C_+(0, \lambda_0), \ m = 1, \dots, M, \ l = 1, \dots, L_m,$$

$$\pi(\tau_m) = C_+(0, \tau_0), \ m = 1, \dots, M,$$

$$\pi(\tau_{\gamma}) = C_+(0, \tau_{\gamma,0}),$$

where  $a_{\sigma}, b_{\sigma}, a_{\lambda}, b_{\lambda}, \lambda_0, \tau_0$  and  $\tau_{\gamma,0}$  are positive constants specified by users.

For more details, see Jo and Lee (2023+).

#### Value

an object of class "gpmim", which has the associated methods:

- \* extractELBO
- \* fitted (i.e., fitted.gpmim)
- \* summary (i.e., summary.gpmim)
- \* predict (i.e., predict.gpmim)
- \* plot (i.e., plot.gpmim)

#### Author(s)

Seongil Jo and Woojoo Lee

#### References

Jo, S., and Lee, W. (2023+), "Gaussian variational inference for Bayesian kernel machine regression with Horseshoe prior for estimating high-dimensional exposures", *preprint*.

Titsias, M. K. and L\'azaro-Gredilla, M. (2014), "Doubly stochastic variational Bayes for non-conjugate inference", *Proceedings of the 31st ICML*.

Bobb, J. F., Valeri, L., Claus, H. B., Christiani, D. C., Wright, R. O., Mazumdar, M., Godleski, J. J., and Coull, B. A. (2015). "Bayesian Kernel Machine Regression for Estimating the Health Effects of Multi-Pollutant Mixtures", *Biostatistics*, 16, 493-508.

Chen, H., Zheng, L., Kontai, R. A., and Raskutti, G. (2022), "Gaussian process parameter estimation using mini-batch stochastic gradient descent: convergence guarantees and empirical benefits", *Journal of Machine Learning Research*, 23, 1-59.

McGee, G., Wilson, A., Webster, T. F., Coull, B. A. (2021), "Bayesian multiple index models for environmental mixtures", *Biometrics*, 1-13.

#### See Also

extractELBO, fitted.gpmim, predict.gpmim, plot.gpmim, summary.gpmim

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## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
sdat <- bkmr::SimData(M = 13)
y <- sdat$y
X <- sdat$X
Z <- sdat$Z
m.index <- list(1:5, 6:13)

fout <- vbayesGP::gvagpmim(y, X, Z, m.index, priors = list(lengthscale = 'normal'))
plot(fout)
summary(fout)
vbayesGP::extractELBO(fout) # ELBO
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

gvagpr

Gaussian Variational Approximation to Gaussian Process Regression

## **Description**

Fits the Bayesian kernel machine regression using Gaussian variational approximation algorithm.

## Usage

```
gvagpr(
   y,
   X,
   Z,
   id = NULL,
   random.slope = NULL,
   priors = list(),
   covstr = c("diagonal", "fullrank", "sparseprec"),
   control = list(),
   minibatch = FALSE,
   verbose = TRUE,
   seed = sample.int(.Machine$integer.max, 1)
)
```

## **Arguments**

| у            | a vector of response of length n.  |
|--------------|--|
| X            | an n-by-p matrix of covariates for parametric term. Should not contain an intercept.   |
| Z            | an n-by-M matrix of predictor variables to be included in nonparametric part.  |
| id           | optional vector (of length n) of grouping factors for fitting a model with random effects (including both a random intercept and a random slope). If NULL then no random effects will be included. |
| random.slope | a column index of the matrix $(X)$ including covariates for random slope. If NULL and id is given, the model considers the random intercept only.  |

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priors a list giving the prior information. The list includes the following parameters

(with default values in parentheses): asig (0.001) and bsig (0.001) giving the hyper parameters for  $\sigma^2$ , alam (0.1) and blam (0.01) giving the hyper parameters for  $\lambda_f$ , lam0 (1) and tau0 (1) giving the hyper parameters of the

horseshoe prior.

covstr Either "diagonal" (the default), "fullrank", or "sparseprec", indicating which co-

variance structure of variational distribution is used. The "diagonal" option uses a fully factorized Gaussian for the approximation whereas the "fullrank" option uses a Gaussian with a full-rank covariance matrix. For the mixed model, the "sparseprec" option utilizes a Gaussian with sparse precision matrix whereas the

"fullrank" option uses a Gaussian with a block-diagonal covariance matrix.

control a named list of parameters to control the algorithm's behavior. The list in-

cludes the following parameters (with default values in parentheses): max\_iter (100000) giving the maximum number of iterations, rho (0.95) giving the decaying constant, eps (1e-6) giving the small positive constant added to ensure the denominator of the step size is positive and the initial step size is nonzero, nws (2500) giving rolling window size for calculating the moving average of

the lower bounds, nsp (100) giving the maximum patience parameter.

minibatch TRUE or FALSE: If TRUE, nbatch (the number of batch) should be given in control argument and max\_iter denotes the number of epoch. Default value is n/100. Note. this option is not applicable for the "sparseprec" option of

covstr and the random effects models.

verbose TRUE or FALSE: flag indicating whether to print intermediate diagnostic infor-

mation during the model fitting.

seed The seed for random number generation. The default is generated from 1 to the

maximum integer supported by **R** on the machine.

#### Details

Jo and Lee (2023+) proposed the Bayesian semiparametric regression model with Gaussian process prior based on the Radial basis function (RBF) kernel:

$$y_{i} = x_{i}^{\top} \beta + f(z_{i}) + \epsilon_{i}, \quad \epsilon_{i} \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0, \sigma^{2}),$$
$$f = (f(z_{1}), \dots, f(z_{D}))^{\top} \sim GP(0, \sigma^{2} \lambda_{f} K_{D}), \quad z_{i} = (z_{i1}, \dots, z_{iM})^{\top},$$

where  $K_D$  denotes the RBF kernel given as

1) Equal lengthscale parameter:

$$K_D = \left(\exp\left(-\gamma \sum_{m=1}^{M} \|z_i - z_j\|^2\right)\right)_{i,j=1}^{D}$$

2) Varying lengthscale parameters:

$$K_D = \left(\exp\left(-\sum_{m=1}^{M} \gamma_m ||z_{im} - z_{jm}||^2\right)\right)_{i,j=1}^{D}$$

Jo and Lee (2023+) also proposed the Bayesian semiparametric mixed effects regression model with Gaussian process prior based on the Radial basis function (RBF) kernel:

$$y_{ir} = x_{ir}^{\top} \beta + f(z_{ir}) + u_{ir}^{\top} b_i + \epsilon_{ir}, \quad \epsilon_{ir} \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0, \sigma^2),$$

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$$b_i = (b_{i1}, \dots, b_{iq})^{\top} \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0, \Sigma_b).$$

For the parameters, the following priors are used:

$$\pi(\beta) \propto 1,$$

$$\pi(\sigma^{-2}) = Gamma(a_{\sigma}, b_{\sigma}),$$

$$\pi(\lambda_f) = Gamma(a_{\lambda}, b_{\lambda}),$$

1) Normal prior:

$$\pi(\gamma) = N_{+}(0, \tau_0^2)$$

2) Independent Normal priors:

$$\pi(\gamma_m) = N_+(0, \tau_0^2), \ m = 1, \dots, M$$

3) Horseshoe prior:

$$\pi(\gamma_m \mid \lambda_m, \tau_\gamma) = N_+(0, \lambda_m^2 \tau_\gamma^2), \ m = 1, \dots, M$$
$$\pi(\lambda_m) = C_+(0, \lambda_0), \ m = 1, \dots, M$$
$$\pi(\tau_\gamma) = C_+(0, \tau_0),$$

where  $a_{\sigma}, b_{\sigma}, a_{\lambda}, b_{\lambda}, \lambda_0$  and  $\tau_0$  are positive constants specified by users.

For more details, see Jo and Lee (2023+).

#### Value

an object of class "gpr", which has the associated methods:

- \* extractELBO
- \* fitted (i.e., fitted.gpr)
- \* summary (i.e., summary.gpr)
- \* predict (i.e., predict.gpr)
- \* plot (i.e., plot.gpr)

#### Author(s)

Seongil Jo and Woojoo Lee

#### References

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#### See Also

extractELBO, fitted.gpr, predict.gpr, plot.gpr, summary.gpr

#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
sdat <- bkmr::SimData()
y <- sdat$y
X <- sdat$X
Z <- sdat$Z

fout <- vbayesGP::gvagpr(y, X, Z, priors = list(lengthscale = 'normal'), covstr = 'diagonal')
plot(fout)
summary(fout)
vbayesGP::extractELBO(fout) # ELBO
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

nhanes

National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) dataset

## **Description**

The NHANES dataset in the context of an Environmental Mixtures Workshop held in 2018/2019 at the Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University.

## **Format**

'data.frame'

## Source

https://github.com/lizzyagibson/SHARP. Mixtures. Workshop/tree/1f2da3a14bb096d99b2c45a69d11053b0ef60088.

## **Examples**

```
data("nhanes")
head(nhanes)
```

plot.gpmim

Plot Diagnostics for a gpmim Object

## **Description**

Provides a plot of the smoothed evidence lower bound (ELBO) against iterations for checking the convergence.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'gpmim'
plot(x, ...)
```

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## **Arguments**

x gpmim object, result of **gvagpmim**.

... unused argument.

## Author(s)

Seongil Jo

## See Also

gvagpmim

plot.gpr

Plot Diagnostics for a gpr Object

## Description

Provides a plot of the smoothed evidence lower bound (ELBO) against iterations for checking the convergence.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'gpr'
plot(x, ...)
```

## Arguments

x gpr object, result of **gvagpr**.

... unused argument.

## Author(s)

Seongil Jo

## See Also

gvagpr

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plot.gprfitBivar

Plot bivariate predictor-response function on a new grid of points

#### **Description**

Provides a plot of bivariate predictor-response function on a new grid of points

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'gprfitBivar' plot(x, \ldots)
```

## **Arguments**

x gpr object, result of **predictorResponseBivar**.... unused argument.

#### Author(s)

Seongil Jo

#### See Also

gvagpr predictorResponseBivar

```
plot.gprfitBivarLevels
```

Plot interactions

## Description

Provides a plot of the predictor-response function of a single predictor in Z for the second predictor in Z fixed at various quantiles

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'gprfitBivarLevels' plot(x, ...)
```

## Arguments

```
x gpr object, result of predictorResponseBivarLevels.... unused argument.
```

## Author(s)

Seongil Jo

#### See Also

gvagpr predictorResponseBivar

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plot.gprfitUnivar

Plot univariate predictor-response function on a new grid of points

## Description

Provides a plot of univariate predictor-response function on a new grid of points

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'gprfitUnivar' plot(x, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

x gpr object, result of **predictorResponseUnivar**.

... unused argument.

## Author(s)

Seongil Jo

## See Also

gvagpr predictorResponseUnivar

plot.risks

Plot Risk Summaries

## Description

Provides a plot of risk summaries

#### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'risks'
plot(x, ...)
```

## Arguments

 $\begin{array}{lll} \textbf{x} & \textbf{risks object, result of computeOverallRisk, computeSingVarRisk, or computeSingVarInt} \\ \dots & \textbf{unused argument} \end{array}$ 

## Author(s)

Seongil Jo

## See Also

gvagpr computeOverallRisk computeSingVarRisk computeSingVarInt

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predict.gpmim

Extract GPMIM Predicted Values

## **Description**

**predicted** is a generic function which extracts predicted values for nonparametric part from an object of class "gpmim"

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'gpmim'
predict(object, Z_new, nsamples = 1000, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

object an object of class gpmim.

Z\_new a matrix of new predictor values at which to predict new f, where each row

represents a new observation.

nsamples (positive integer) number of posterior samples. Default value is 1000.

... additional arguments affecting the predictions produced.

#### Value

fmean posterior mean of nonparametric part.

fcov posterior variance of nonparametric part.
an object of class "gprfit", which has the associated method:
\* plot (i.e., plot.gprfit)

## Author(s)

Seongil Jo

## See Also

gvagpmim

predict.gpr

Extract GPR and GGPR Model Predicted Values

## **Description**

**predicted** is a generic function which extracts predicted values for nonparametric part from an object of class "gpr"

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'gpr'
predict(object, Z_new, nsamples = 1000, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

object an object of class gpr.

Z\_new a matrix of new predictor values at which to predict new f, where each row

represents a new observation.

nsamples (positive integer) number of posterior samples. Default value is 1000.

. . . additional arguments affecting the predictions produced.

#### Value

```
fmean posterior mean of nonparametric part.

fcov posterior variance of nonparametric part.

an object of class "gprfit", which has the associated method:

* plot (i.e., plot.gprfit)
```

## Author(s)

Seongil Jo

#### See Also

gvagpr, gvaggpr

predictorResponseBivar

Predict the exposure-response function at a new grid of points

## **Description**

Predict the exposure-response function at a new grid of points

## Usage

```
predictorResponseBivar(
   fit,
   z.pairs = NULL,
   ngrid = 50,
   q.fixed = 0.5,
   nsamples = 1000,
   min.plot.dist = 0.5,
   center = TRUE,
   verbose = TRUE,
   ...
)
```

## Arguments

| fit           | an object of class gpr   |
|---------------|--|
| z.pairs       | data frame showing which pairs of predictors to plot   |
| ngrid         | number of grid points in each dimension  |
| q.fixed       | a second quantile at which to compare the estimated f function   |
| nsamples      | (positive integer) number of posterior samples. Default value is 1000  |
| min.plot.dist | specifies a minimum distance that a new grid point needs to be from an observed data point in order to compute the prediction; points further than this will not be computed |
| center        | flag for whether to scale the exposure-response function to have mean zero   |
| verbose       | TRUE or FALSE: flag of whether to print intermediate output to the screen  |
|               | additional arguments affecting the predictions produced  |

#### Value

a long data frame with the name of the first predictor, the name of the second predictor, the value of the first predictor, the value of the second predictor, the posterior mean estimate, and the posterior standard deviation of the estimated exposure response function

## References

Bobb J (2023). \_bkmr: Bayesian Kernel Machine Regression\_. R package version 0.2.2, <a href="https://github.com/jenfb/bkmr:">https://github.com/jenfb/bkmr:</a>

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
## First generate dataset
set.seed(111)
dat <- bkmr::SimData(n = 50, M = 4)
y <- dat$y
Z <- dat$Z
X <- dat$X

set.seed(111)
priors = list(lengthscale = 'horseshoe')
fout <- vbayesGP::gvagpr(y = y, Z = Z, X = X, priors = priors, covstr = 'diagonal')
## Obtain predicted value on new grid of points for each pair of predictors
## Using only a 10-by-10 point grid to make example run quickly
pred.resp.bivar <- vbayesGP::predictorResponseBivar(fit = fout, min.plot.dist = 1, ngrid = 10)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

predictorResponseBivarLevels

Plot cross-sections of the bivariate predictor-response function

#### **Description**

Function to plot the f function of a particular variable at different levels (quantiles) of a second variable

#### Usage

```
predictorResponseBivarLevels(
  object,
  Z = NULL,
  qs = c(0.25, 0.5, 0.75),
  both_pairs = TRUE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

object obtained from running the function predictorResponseBivar

Z an n-by-M matrix of predictor variables to be included in nonparametric part.

qs vector of quantiles at which to fix the second variable

both\_pairs flag indicating whether, if h(z1) is being plotted for z2 fixed at different levels, that they should be plotted in the reverse order as well (for h(z2) at different levels of z1)

## Value

a long data frame with the name of the first predictor, the name of the second predictor, the value of the first predictor, the quantile at which the second predictor is fixed, the posterior mean estimate, and the posterior standard deviation of the estimated exposure response function

#### References

Bobb J (2023). \_bkmr: Bayesian Kernel Machine Regression\_. R package version 0.2.2, <a href="https://github.com/jenfb/bkmr">https://github.com/jenfb/bkmr</a>

#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
## First generate dataset
set.seed(111)
dat <- bkmr::SimData(n = 50, M = 4)
y <- dat$y
Z <- dat$Z
X <- dat$X

set.seed(111)
priors = list(lengthscale = 'horseshoe')
fout <- vbayesGP::gvagpr(y = y, Z = Z, X = X, priors = priors, covstr = 'diagonal')
## Obtain predicted value on new grid of points for each pair of predictors</pre>
```

```
## Using only a 10-by-10 point grid to make example run quickly
pred.resp.bivar <- vbayesGP::predictorResponseBivar(fit = fout, min.plot.dist = 1, ngrid = 10)
pred.resp.bivar.levels <- vbayesGP::predictorResponseBivarLevels(pred.resp.df = pred.resp.bivar,
Z = Z, qs = c(0.1, 0.5, 0.9))
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

predictorResponseBivarPair

Predict bivariate predictor-response function on a new grid of points

## **Description**

Predict bivariate predictor-response function on a new grid of points

## Usage

```
predictorResponseBivarPair(
   fit,
   whichz1 = 1,
   whichz2 = 2,
   whichz3 = NULL,
   prob = 0.5,
   q.fixed = 0.5,
   nsamples = 1000,
   ngrid = 50,
   min.plot.dist = 0.5,
   center = TRUE,
   ...
)
```

## Arguments

| fit           | an object of class gpr   |
|---------------|--|
| whichz1       | vector identifying the first predictor that (column of Z) should be plotted  |
| whichz2       | vector identifying the second predictor that (column of Z) should be plotted   |
| whichz3       | vector identifying the third predictor that will be set to a pre-specified fixed quantile (determined by prob)   |
| prob          | pre-specified quantile to set the third predictor (determined by which 23); defaults to $0.5$ (50th percentile)  |
| q.fixed       | a second quantile at which to compare the estimated f function   |
| nsamples      | (positive integer) number of posterior samples. Default value is 1000  |
| ngrid         | number of grid points in each dimension  |
| min.plot.dist | specifies a minimum distance that a new grid point needs to be from an observed data point in order to compute the prediction; points further than this will not be computed |
| center        | flag for whether to scale the exposure-response function to have mean zero   |
|               | additional arguments affecting the predictions produced  |

#### Value

a data frame with value of the first predictor, the value of the second predictor, the posterior mean estimate, and the posterior standard deviation

## References

Bobb J (2023). \_bkmr: Bayesian Kernel Machine Regression\_. R package version 0.2.2, <a href="https://github.com/jenfb/bkmr">https://github.com/jenfb/bkmr</a>

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
## First generate dataset
set.seed(111)
dat <- bkmr::SimData(n = 50, M = 4)
y <- dat$y
Z <- dat$Z
X <- dat$X

set.seed(111)
priors = list(lengthscale = 'horseshoe')
fout <- vbayesGP::gvagpr(y = y, Z = Z, X = X, priors = priors, covstr = 'diagonal')
## Obtain predicted value on new grid of points
## Using only a 10-by-10 point grid to make example run quickly
pred.resp.bivar12 <- vbayesGP::predictorResponseBivarPair(fit = fout, min.plot.dist = 1, ngrid = 10)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

predictorResponseUnivar

Predict univariate predictor-response function on a new grid of points

#### **Description**

Predict univariate predictor-response function on a new grid of points

## Usage

```
predictorResponseUnivar(
   fit,
   which.z = 1:ncol(Z),
   ngrid = 50,
   q.fixed = 0.5,
   nsamples = 1000,
   min.plot.dist = Inf,
   center = TRUE,
   z.names = colnames(Z),
   ...
)
```

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#### **Arguments**

| fit           | an object of class gpr   |
|---------------|--|
| which.z       | vector identifying which predictors (columns of Z) should be plotted   |
| ngrid         | number of grid points to cover the range of each predictor (column in Z)   |
| q.fixed       | a second quantile at which to compare the estimated f function   |
| nsamples      | (positive integer) number of posterior samples. Default value is 1000  |
| min.plot.dist | specifies a minimum distance that a new grid point needs to be from an observed data point in order to compute the prediction; points further than this will not be computed |
| center        | flag for whether to scale the exposure-response function to have mean zero   |
| z.names       | a vector of names of predictors Z. Default values are colnames(Z).   |
|               | additional arguments affecting the predictions produced.   |

#### Value

a long data frame with the predictor name, predictor value, posterior mean estimate, and posterior standard deviation

#### References

Bobb, J. F., Valeri, L., Claus, H. B., Christiani, D. C., Wright, R. O., Mazumdar, M., Godleski, J. J., and Coull, B. A. (2015). "Bayesian Kernel Machine Regression for Estimating the Health Effects of Multi-Pollutant Mixtures", *Biostatistics*, 16, 493-508.

Bobb J (2023). \_bkmr: Bayesian Kernel Machine Regression\_. R package version 0.2.2, <a href="https://github.com/jenfb/bkmr">https://github.com/jenfb/bkmr</a>:

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
## First generate dataset
set.seed(111)
dat <- bkmr::SimData(n = 50, M = 4)
y <- dat$y
Z <- dat$Z
X <- dat$X

set.seed(111)
priors <- list(lengthscale = 'horseshoe')
fout <- vbayesGP::gvagpr(y = y, Z = Z, X = X, priors = priors, covstr = 'diagonal')
pred.resp.univar <- vbayesGP::predictorResponseUnivar(fout)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

print.gpmim

Print basic summary of gpmim and ggpmim model fit

## **Description**

print method for class "gpmim"

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## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'gpmim'
print(x, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

x an object of class gpmim.

... unused argument.

## Author(s)

Seongil Jo

## See Also

gvagpmim, gvaggpmim

print.gpr

Print basic summary of gpr and ggpr model fit

## Description

print method for class "gpr"

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'gpr'
print(x, ...)
```

## Arguments

x an object of class gpr.

... unused argument.

## Author(s)

Seongil Jo

## See Also

```
gvagpr, gvaggpr
```

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summary.gpmim

Summarizing gpmim and ggpmim model fits

## Description

summary method for class "gpmim"

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'gpmim'
summary(
   object,
   q = c(0.025, 0.975),
   digits = 5,
   nsamples = 1000,
   ntuning = 10,
   ...
)
```

## **Arguments**

object an object of class gpmim

q quantiles of posterior distribution (credible interval) to show

digits the number of digits to show when printing

nsamples (positive integer), number of posterior samples to draw and save, defaults to 1000

ntuning the number of chosen values of the tuning parameter for variable selection, defaults to 10

... unused argument.

#### Author(s)

Seongil Jo

## See Also

gvagpmim, gvaggpmim

summary.gpr

Summarizing gpr and ggpr model fits

## **Description**

```
summary method for class "gpr"
```

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## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'gpr'
summary(
  object,
  q = c(0.025, 0.975),
  digits = 5,
  nsamples = 1000,
  ntuning = 10,
)
```

## **Arguments**

object an object of class gpr quantiles of posterior distribution (credible interval) to show q digits the number of digits to show when printing (positive integer), number of posterior samples to draw and save, defaults to nsamples ntuning the number of chosen values of the tuning parameter for variable selection, defaults to 10 unused argument.

## Author(s)

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Seongil Jo

## See Also

gvagpr, gvaggpr

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