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**Description** Functions for fitting and doing predictions with

Gaussian process models using Vecchia's (1988) approximation. Package also includes functions for reordering input locations, finding ordered nearest neighbors (with help from 'FNN' package), grouping operations, and conditional simulations.

Covariance functions for spatial and spatial-temporal data on Euclidean domains and spheres are provided. The original approximation is due to Vecchia (1988)

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## Description

A dataset containing ocean temperature measurements from three pressure levels (depths), measured by profiling floats from the Argo program. Data collected in Jan, Feb, and March of 2016.

## Usage

argo2016

### **Format**

A data frame with 32436 rows and 6 columns

lon longitude in degrees between 0 and 360

lat latitude in degrees between -90 and 90

day time in days

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```
temp100 Temperature at 100 dbars (roughly 100 meters)temp150 Temperature at 150 dbars (roughly 150 meters)temp200 Temperature at 200 dbars (roughly 200 meters)
```

## **Source**

Mikael Kuusela. Argo program: https://argo.ucsd.edu/

condition\_number

compute condition number of matrix

## Description

compute condition number of matrix

## Usage

```
condition_number(info)
```

## **Arguments**

info

matrix

cond\_sim

Conditional Simulation using Vecchia's approximation

## **Description**

With the prediction locations ordered after the observation locations, an approximation for the inverse Cholesky of the covariance matrix is computed, and standard formulas are applied to obtain a conditional simulation.

## Usage

```
cond_sim(
   fit = NULL,
   locs_pred,
   X_pred,
   y_obs = fit$y,
   locs_obs = fit$locs,
   X_obs = fit$X,
   beta = fit$betahat,
   covparms = fit$covparms,
   covfun_name = fit$covfun_name,
   m = 60,
```

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```
reorder = TRUE,
  st_scale = NULL,
  nsims = 1
)
```

### **Arguments**

fit GpGp\_fit object, the result of fit\_model

locs\_pred prediction locations

X\_pred Design matrix for predictions

y\_obs Observations associated with locs\_obs

locs\_obs observation locations

X\_obs Design matrix for observations

beta Linear mean parameters
covparms Covariance parameters

covfun\_name Name of covariance function

m Number of nearest neighbors to use. Larger m gives better approximations.

reorder TRUE/FALSE for whether reordering should be done. This should generally be

kept at TRUE, unless testing out the effect of reordering.

st\_scale amount by which to scale the spatial and temporal dimensions for the purpose of

selecting neighbors. We recommend setting this manually when using a spatial-temporal covariance function. When lonlat = TRUE, spatial scale is in radians

(earth radius = 1).

nsims Number of conditional simulations to return.

#### **Details**

We can specify either a GpGp\_fit object (the result of fit\_model), OR manually enter the covariance function and parameters, the observations, observation locations, and design matrix. We must specify the prediction locations and the prediction design matrix.

expit

expit function and integral of expit function

## **Description**

expit function and integral of expit function

### Usage

```
expit(x)
intexpit(x)
```

### Arguments

Χ

argument to expit or intexpit function

exponential\_anisotropic2D

Geometrically anisotropic exponential covariance function (two dimensions)

## Description

From a matrix of locations and covariance parameters of the form (variance, L11, L21, L22, nugget), return the square matrix of all pairwise covariances.

## Usage

exponential\_anisotropic2D(covparms, locs)

d\_exponential\_anisotropic2D(covparms, locs)

### **Arguments**

covparms A vector with covariance parameters in the form (variance, L11, L21, L22,

nugget)

locs A matrix with n rows and 2 columns. Each row of locs is a point in R^2.

## Value

A matrix with n rows and n columns, with the i,j entry containing the covariance between observations at locs[i,] and locs[j,].

#### **Functions**

d\_exponential\_anisotropic2D(): Derivatives of anisotropic exponential covariance

### **Parameterization**

The covariance parameter vector is (variance, L11, L21, L22, nugget) where L11, L21, L22, are the three non-zero entries of a lower-triangular matrix L. The covariances are

$$M(x,y) = \sigma^2 exp(-||Lx - Ly||)$$

This means that L11 is interpreted as an inverse range parameter in the first dimension. The nugget value  $\sigma^2 \tau^2$  is added to the diagonal of the covariance matrix. NOTE: the nugget is  $\sigma^2 \tau^2$ , not  $\tau^2$ .

exponential\_anisotropic3D

Geometrically anisotropic exponential covariance function (three dimensions)

## **Description**

From a matrix of locations and covariance parameters of the form (variance, L11, L21, L22, L31, L32, L33, nugget), return the square matrix of all pairwise covariances.

## Usage

```
exponential_anisotropic3D(covparms, locs)
d_exponential_anisotropic3D(covparms, locs)
```

## **Arguments**

covparms A vector with covariance parameters in the form (variance, L11, L21, L22, L31,

L32, L33, nugget)

locs A matrix with n rows and 3 columns. Each row of locs is a point in R^3.

### Value

A matrix with n rows and n columns, with the i,j entry containing the covariance between observations at locs[i,] and locs[j,].

### **Functions**

• d\_exponential\_anisotropic3D(): Derivatives of anisotropic exponential covariance

## **Parameterization**

The covariance parameter vector is (variance, L11, L21, L22, L31, L32, L33, nugget) where L11, L21, L22, L31, L32, L33 are the six non-zero entries of a lower-triangular matrix L. The covariances are

$$M(x,y) = \sigma^2 exp(-||Lx-Ly||)$$

This means that L11 is interpreted as an inverse range parameter in the first dimension. The nugget value  $\sigma^2 \tau^2$  is added to the diagonal of the covariance matrix. NOTE: the nugget is  $\sigma^2 \tau^2$ , not  $\tau^2$ .

exponential\_anisotropic3D\_alt

Geometrically anisotropic exponential covariance function (three dimensions, alternate parameterization)

### **Description**

From a matrix of locations and covariance parameters of the form (variance, B11, B12, B13, B22, B23, B33, smoothness, nugget), return the square matrix of all pairwise covariances.

## Usage

```
exponential_anisotropic3D_alt(covparms, locs)
d_exponential_anisotropic3D_alt(covparms, locs)
```

### **Arguments**

covparms A vector with covariance parameters in the form (variance, B11, B12, B13, B22,

B23, B33, smoothness, nugget)

locs A matrix with n rows and 3 columns. Each row of locs is a point in R<sup>3</sup>.

#### Value

A matrix with n rows and n columns, with the i,j entry containing the covariance between observations at locs[i,] and locs[j,].

#### **Functions**

• d\_exponential\_anisotropic3D\_alt(): Derivatives of anisotropic Matern covariance

## **Parameterization**

The covariance parameter vector is (variance, B11, B12, B13, B22, B23, B33, smoothness, nugget) where B11, B12, B13, B22, B23, B33, transform the three coordinates as

$$u_1 = B11[x_1 + B12x_2 + (B13 + B12B23)x_3]$$
  
 $u_2 = B22[x_2 + B23x_3]$   
 $u_3 = B33[x_3]$ 

(B13,B23) can be interpreted as a drift vector in space over time if first two dimensions are space and third is time. Assuming x is transformed to u and y transformed to v, the covariances are

$$M(x,y) = \sigma^2 exp(-||u - v||)$$

The nugget value  $\sigma^2 \tau^2$  is added to the diagonal of the covariance matrix. NOTE: the nugget is  $\sigma^2 \tau^2$ , not  $\tau^2$ .

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exponential\_isotropic Isotropic exponential covariance function

## **Description**

From a matrix of locations and covariance parameters of the form (variance, range, nugget), return the square matrix of all pairwise covariances.

## Usage

```
exponential_isotropic(covparms, locs)
d_exponential_isotropic(covparms, locs)
d_matern15_isotropic(covparms, locs)
d_matern25_isotropic(covparms, locs)
```

## **Arguments**

covparms A vector with covariance parameters in the form (variance, range, nugget) locs A matrix with n rows and d columns. Each row of locs is a point in R^d.

## Value

A matrix with n rows and n columns, with the i,j entry containing the covariance between observations at locs[i, ] and locs[j, ].

### **Functions**

- d\_exponential\_isotropic(): Derivatives of isotropic exponential covariance
- d\_matern15\_isotropic(): Derivatives of isotropic matern covariance with smoothness 1.5
- d\_matern25\_isotropic(): Derivatives of isotropic matern covariance function with smoothness 2.5

### **Parameterization**

The covariance parameter vector is (variance, range, nugget) =  $(\sigma^2, \alpha, \tau^2)$ , and the covariance function is parameterized as

$$M(x,y) = \sigma^2 exp(-||x-y||/\alpha)$$

The nugget value  $\sigma^2 \tau^2$  is added to the diagonal of the covariance matrix. NOTE: the nugget is  $\sigma^2 \tau^2$ , not  $\tau^2$ .

exponential\_nonstat\_var

Isotropic exponential covariance function, nonstationary variances

## **Description**

From a matrix of locations and covariance parameters of the form (variance, range, nugget, <nonstat variance parameters>), return the square matrix of all pairwise covariances.

### Usage

```
exponential_nonstat_var(covparms, Z)
d_exponential_nonstat_var(covparms, Z)
```

### **Arguments**

covparms	A vector with covariance parameters in the form (variance, range, nugget, <non-stat parameters="" variance="">). The number of nonstationary variance parameters should equal p.</non-stat>
Z	A matrix with n rows and 2 columns for spatial locations + p columns describing spatial basis functions. Each row of locs gives a point in R^2 (two dimensions only!) + the value of p spatial basis functions.

## Value

A matrix with n rows and n columns, with the i,j entry containing the covariance between observations at locs[i,] and locs[j,].

### **Functions**

• d\_exponential\_nonstat\_var(): Derivatives with respect to parameters

### **Parameterization**

This covariance function multiplies the isotropic exponential covariance by a nonstationary variance function. The form of the covariance is

$$C(x,y) = exp(\phi(x) + \phi(y))M(x,y)$$

where M(x,y) is the isotropic exponential covariance, and

$$\phi(x) = c_1 \phi_1(x) + \dots + c_p \phi_p(x)$$

where  $\phi_1,...,\phi_p$  are the spatial basis functions contained in the last p columns of Z, and  $c_1,...,c_p$  are the nonstationary variance parameters.

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exponential_scaledim	Exponential covariance function,	different range parameter for each
	dimension	

## **Description**

From a matrix of locations and covariance parameters of the form (variance, range\_1, ..., range\_d, nugget), return the square matrix of all pairwise covariances.

## Usage

```
exponential_scaledim(covparms, locs)
d_exponential_scaledim(covparms, locs)
```

## Arguments

covparms A vector with covariance parameters in the form (variance, range\_1, ..., range\_d,

nugget)

locs A matrix with n rows and d columns. Each row of locs is a point in R^d.

### Value

A matrix with n rows and n columns, with the i,j entry containing the covariance between observations at locs[i,] and locs[j,].

### **Functions**

• d\_exponential\_scaledim(): Derivatives with respect to parameters

#### **Parameterization**

The covariance parameter vector is (variance, range\_1, ..., range\_d, nugget). The covariance function is parameterized as

$$M(x,y) = \sigma^2 exp(-||D^{-1}(x-y)||)$$

where D is a diagonal matrix with (range\_1, ..., range\_d) on the diagonals. The nugget value  $\sigma^2 \tau^2$  is added to the diagonal of the covariance matrix. NOTE: the nugget is  $\sigma^2 \tau^2$ , not  $\tau^2$ .

## **Description**

From a matrix of locations and covariance parameters of the form (variance, range\_1, range\_2, nugget), return the square matrix of all pairwise covariances.

### Usage

```
exponential_spacetime(covparms, locs)
d_exponential_spacetime(covparms, locs)
```

### **Arguments**

covparms A vector with covariance parameters in the form (variance, range\_1, range\_2,

nugget). range\_1 is the spatial range, and range\_2 is the temporal range.

locs A matrix with n rows and d+1 columns. Each row of locs is a point in  $R^{(d+1)}$ .

The first d columns should contain the spatial coordinates. The last column

contains the times.

#### Value

A matrix with n rows and n columns, with the i,j entry containing the covariance between observations at locs[i,] and locs[j,].

## **Functions**

• d\_exponential\_spacetime(): Derivatives with respect to parameters

### **Parameterization**

The covariance parameter vector is (variance, range\_1, range\_2, nugget). The covariance function is parameterized as

$$M(x,y) = \sigma^2 exp(-||D^{-1}(x-y)||)$$

where D is a diagonal matrix with (range\_1, ..., range\_1, range\_2) on the diagonals. The nugget value  $\sigma^2 \tau^2$  is added to the diagonal of the covariance matrix. NOTE: the nugget is  $\sigma^2 \tau^2$ , not  $\tau^2$ .

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exponential	sphere

Isotropic exponential covariance function on sphere

## **Description**

From a matrix of longitudes and latitudes and a vector covariance parameters of the form (variance, range, nugget), return the square matrix of all pairwise covariances.

## Usage

```
exponential_sphere(covparms, lonlat)
d_exponential_sphere(covparms, lonlat)
```

## **Arguments**

covparms A vector with covariance parameters in the form (variance, range, nugget).

Range parameter assumes that the sphere has radius 1 (units are radians).

lonlat A matrix with n rows and one column with longitudes in (-180,180) and one

column of latitudes in (-90,90). Each row of lonlat describes a point on the

sphere.

### Value

A matrix with n rows and n columns, with the i,j entry containing the covariance between observations at lonlat[i,] and lonlat[j,].

### **Functions**

• d\_exponential\_sphere(): Derivatives with respect to parameters

### Covariances on spheres

The function first calculates the (x,y,z) 3D coordinates, and then inputs the resulting locations into exponential\_isotropic. This means that we construct covariances on the sphere by embedding the sphere in a 3D space. There has been some concern expressed in the literature that such embeddings may produce distortions. The source and nature of such distortions has never been articulated, and to date, no such distortions have been documented. Guinness and Fuentes (2016) argue that 3D embeddings produce reasonable models for data on spheres.

exponential\_spheretime

Exponential covariance function on sphere x time

### **Description**

From a matrix of longitudes, latitudes, and times, and a vector covariance parameters of the form (variance, range\_1, range\_2, nugget), return the square matrix of all pairwise covariances.

## Usage

```
exponential_spheretime(covparms, lonlattime)
d_exponential_spheretime(covparms, lonlattime)
```

### **Arguments**

covparms A vector with covariance parameters in the form (variance, range\_1, range\_2,

nugget), where range\_1 is a spatial range (assuming sphere of radius 1), and

range\_2 is a temporal range.

lonlattime A matrix with n rows and three columns: longitudes in (-180,180), latitudes in

(-90,90), and times. Each row of lonlattime describes a point on the sphere x

time.

### Value

A matrix with n rows and n columns, with the i,j entry containing the covariance between observations at lonlattime[i,] and lonlattime[j,].

## **Functions**

• d\_exponential\_spheretime(): Derivatives with respect to parameters.

## Covariances on spheres

The function first calculates the (x,y,z) 3D coordinates, and then inputs the resulting locations into exponential\_spacetime. This means that we construct covariances on the sphere by embedding the sphere in a 3D space. There has been some concern expressed in the literature that such embeddings may produce distortions. The source and nature of such distortions has never been articulated, and to date, no such distortions have been documented. Guinness and Fuentes (2016) argue that 3D embeddings produce reasonable models for data on spheres.

exponential\_spheretime\_warp

Deformed exponential covariance function on sphere

## **Description**

From a matrix of longitudes, latitudes, times, and a vector covariance parameters of the form (variance, range\_1, range\_2, nugget, <5 warping parameters>), return the square matrix of all pairwise covariances.

### Usage

```
exponential_spheretime_warp(covparms, lonlattime)
d_exponential_spheretime_warp(covparms, lonlattime)
```

### **Arguments**

covparms A vector with covariance parameters in the form (variance, range\_1, range\_2,

nugget, <5 warping parameters>). range\_1 is a spatial range parameter that assumes that the sphere has radius 1 (units are radians). range\_2 is a temporal

range parameter.

lonlattime A matrix with n rows and three columns: longitudes in (-180,180), latitudes in

(-90,90), and times. Each row of lonlattime describes a point on the sphere x

time.

## Value

A matrix with n rows and n columns, with the i,j entry containing the covariance between observations at lonlat[i,] and lonlat[j,].

### **Functions**

• d\_exponential\_spheretime\_warp(): Derivatives with respect to parameters

## Warpings

The function first calculates the (x,y,z) 3D coordinates, and then "warps" the locations to  $(x,y,z)+\Phi(x,y,z)$ , where  $\Phi$  is a warping function composed of gradients of spherical harmonic functions of degree 2. See Guinness (2019, "Gaussian Process Learning via Fisher Scoring of Vecchia's Approximation") for details. The warped locations are input into exponential\_spacetime. The function does not do temporal warping.

exponential\_sphere\_warp

Deformed exponential covariance function on sphere

## **Description**

From a matrix of longitudes and latitudes and a vector covariance parameters of the form (variance, range, nugget, <5 warping parameters>), return the square matrix of all pairwise covariances.

### Usage

```
exponential_sphere_warp(covparms, lonlat)
d_exponential_sphere_warp(covparms, lonlat)
```

### **Arguments**

covparms A vector with covariance parameters in the form (variance, range, nugget, <5

warping parameters>). Range parameter assumes that the sphere has radius 1

(units are radians).

lonlat A matrix with n rows and one column with longitudes in (-180,180) and one

column of latitudes in (-90,90). Each row of lonlat describes a point on the

sphere.

#### Value

A matrix with n rows and n columns, with the i,j entry containing the covariance between observations at lonlat[i,] and lonlat[j,].

### **Functions**

• d\_exponential\_sphere\_warp(): Derivatives with respect to parameters

### Warpings

The function first calculates the (x,y,z) 3D coordinates, and then "warps" the locations to (x,y,z) +  $\Phi(x,y,z)$ , where  $\Phi$  is a warping function composed of gradients of spherical harmonic functions of degree 2. See Guinness (2019, "Gaussian Process Learning via Fisher Scoring of Vecchia's Approximation") for details. The warped locations are input into exponential\_isotropic.

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fast_Gp_sim	Approximate GP simulation	
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### **Description**

Calculates an approximation to the inverse Cholesky factor of the covariance matrix using Vecchia's approximation, then the simulation is produced by solving a linear system with a vector of uncorrelated standard normals

### Usage

```
fast_Gp_sim(covparms, covfun_name = "matern_isotropic", locs, m = 30)
```

## **Arguments**

covparms A vector of covariance parameters appropriate for the specified covariance func-

tion

covfun\_name See GpGp for information about covariance functions.

locs matrix of locations. Row i of locs specifies the location of element i of y, and

so the length of y should equal the number of rows of locs.

m Number of nearest neighbors to use in approximation

#### Value

vector of simulated values

### **Examples**

```
locs <- as.matrix( expand.grid( (1:50)/50, (1:50)/50)) y <- fast_Gp_sim(c(4,0.2,0.5,0), "matern_isotropic", locs, 30) fields::image.plot( matrix(y,50,50))
```

fast\_Gp\_sim\_Linv

Approximate GP simulation with specified Linverse

## **Description**

In situations where we want to do many gaussian process simulations from the same model, we can compute Linverse once and reuse it, rather than recomputing for each identical simulation. This function also allows the user to input the vector of standard normals z.

### Usage

```
fast_Gp_sim_Linv(Linv, NNarray, z = NULL)
```

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## Arguments

Linv Matrix containing the entries of Linverse, usually the output from vecchia\_Linv.

NNarray Matrix of nearest neighbor indices, usually the output from find\_ordered\_nn

Optional vector of standard normals. If not specified, these are computed within the function.

### Value

vector of simulated values

### **Examples**

```
locs <- as.matrix( expand.grid( (1:50)/50, (1:50)/50 ) )
ord <- order_maxmin(locs)
locsord <- locs[ord,]
m <- 10
NNarray <- find_ordered_nn(locsord,m)
covparms <- c(2, 0.2, 1, 0)
Linv <- vecchia_Linv( covparms, "matern_isotropic", locsord, NNarray )
y <- fast_Gp_sim_Linv(Linv,NNarray)
y[ord] <- y
fields::image.plot( matrix(y,50,50) )</pre>
```

find\_ordered\_nn

Find ordered nearest neighbors.

## **Description**

Given a matrix of locations, find the m nearest neighbors to each location, subject to the neighbors coming previously in the ordering. The algorithm uses the kdtree algorithm in the FNN package, adapted to the setting where the nearest neighbors must come from previous in the ordering.

## Usage

```
find_ordered_nn(locs, m, lonlat = FALSE, st_scale = NULL)
```

## **Arguments**

locs	A matrix of locations. Each row of locs contains a location, which can be a
	point in Euclidean space R^d, a point in space-time R^d x T, a longitude and
	latitude (in degrees) giving a point on the sphere, or a longitude, latitude, and
	time giving a point in the sphere-time domain.

m Number of neighbors to return

lonlat TRUE/FALSE whether locations are longitudes and latitudes.

st\_scale

factor by which to scale the spatial and temporal coordinates for distance calculations. The function assumes that the last column of the locations is the temporal dimension, and the rest of the columns are spatial dimensions. The spatial dimensions are divided by st\_scale[1], and the temporal dimension is divided by st\_scale[2], before distances are calculated. If st\_scale is NULL, no scaling is used. We recommend setting st\_scale manually so that each observation gets neighbors that hail multiple directions in space and time.

### Value

An matrix containing the indices of the neighbors. Row i of the returned matrix contains the indices of the nearest m locations to the i'th location. Indices are ordered within a row to be increasing in distance. By convention, we consider a location to neighbor itself, so the first entry of row i is i, the second entry is the index of the nearest location, and so on. Because each location neighbors itself, the returned matrix has m+1 columns.

### **Examples**

 $find\_ordered\_nn\_brute \ \ \textit{Naive brute force nearest neighbor finder}$ 

## Description

Naive brute force nearest neighbor finder

### Usage

```
find_ordered_nn_brute(locs, m)
```

#### **Arguments**

```
locs matrix of locationsm number of neighbors
```

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## Value

An matrix containing the indices of the neighbors. Row i of the returned matrix contains the indices of the nearest m locations to the i'th location. Indices are ordered within a row to be increasing in distance. By convention, we consider a location to neighbor itself, so the first entry of row i is i, the second entry is the index of the nearest location, and so on. Because each location neighbors itself, the returned matrix has m+1 columns.

fisher\_scoring

Fisher scoring algorithm

## **Description**

Fisher scoring algorithm

## Usage

```
fisher_scoring(
  likfun,
  start_parms,
  link,
  silent = FALSE,
  convtol = 1e-04,
  max_iter = 40
)
```

## Arguments

likelihood function, returns likelihood, gradient, and hessian

start\_parms starting values of parameters

link link function for parameters (used for printing)

silent TRUE/FALSE for suppressing output

convtol convergence tolerance on step dot grad

max\_iter maximum number of Fisher scoring iterations

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fit\_model

Estimate mean and covariance parameters

### Description

Given a response, set of locations, (optionally) a design matrix, and a specified covariance function, return the maximum Vecchia likelihood estimates, obtained with a Fisher scoring algorithm.

### Usage

```
fit_model(
 у,
  locs,
 X = NULL
  covfun_name = "matern_isotropic",
 NNarray = NULL,
  start_parms = NULL,
  reorder = TRUE,
  group = TRUE,
 m_{seq} = c(10, 30),
 max_iter = 40,
  fixed_parms = NULL,
  silent = FALSE,
  st_scale = NULL,
  convtol = 1e-04
)
```

### **Arguments**

y response vector

locs matrix of locations. Each row is a single spatial or spatial-temporal location.

If using one of the covariance functions for data on a sphere, the first column should be longitudes (-180,180) and the second column should be latitudes (-90,90). If using a spatial-temporal covariance function, the last column should

contain the times.

X design matrix. Each row contains covariates for the corresponding observation

in y. If not specified, the function sets X to be a matrix with a single column of

ones, that is, a constant mean function.

covfun\_name string name of a covariance function. See GpGp for information about supported

covariance funtions.

NNarray Optionally specified array of nearest neighbor indices, usually from the output

of find\_ordered\_nn. If NULL, fit\_model will compute the nearest neighbors. We recommend that the user not specify this unless there is a good reason to (e.g. if doing a comparison study where one wants to control NNarray across

different approximations).

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start\_parms Optionally specified starting values for parameters. If NULL, fit\_model will select

default starting values.

reorder TRUE/FALSE indicating whether maxmin ordering should be used (TRUE) or

whether no reordering should be done before fitting (FALSE). If you want to use a customized reordering, then manually reorder y, locs, and X, and then set reorder to FALSE. A random reordering is used when nrow(locs) > 1e5.

group TRUE/FALSE for whether to use the grouped version of the approximation

(Guinness, 2018) or not. The grouped version is used by default and is always

recommended.

m\_seq Sequence of values for number of neighbors. By default, a 10-neighbor approxi-

mation is maximized, then a 30-neighbor approximation is maximized using the 10 neighbor estimates as starting values. However, one can specify any sequence

of numbers of neighbors, e.g.  $m_{seq} = c(10, 30, 60, 90)$ .

max\_iter maximum number of Fisher scoring iterations

fixed\_parms Indices of covariance parameters you would like to fix at specific values. If you

decide to fix any parameters, you must specify their values in start\_parms, along with the starting values for all other parameters. For example, to fix the nugget at zero in exponential\_isotropic, set fixed\_parms to c(3), and set start\_parms to c(4.7,3.1,0). The last element of start\_parms (the nugget parameter) is set to zero, while the starting values for the other two parameters

are 4.7 and 3.1.

silent TRUE/FALSE for whether to print some information during fitting.

st\_scale Scaling for spatial and temporal ranges. Only applicable for spatial-temporal

models, where it is used in distance calculations when selecting neighbors. st\_scale must be specified when covfun\_name is a spatial-temporal covari-

ance. See Argo vignette for an example.

convtol Tolerance for exiting the optimization. Fisher scoring is stopped when the dot

product between the step and the gradient is less than convtol.

#### **Details**

fit\_model is a user-friendly model fitting function that automatically performs many of the auxiliary tasks needed for using Vecchia's approximation, including reordering, computing nearest neighbors, grouping, and optimization. The likelihoods use a small penalty on small nuggets, large spatial variances, and small smoothness parameter.

The Jason-3 windspeed vignette and the Argo temperature vignette are useful sources for a use-cases of the fit\_model function for data on sphere. The example below shows a very small example with a simulated dataset in 2d.

### Value

An object of class GpGp\_fit, which is a list containing covariance parameter estimates, regression coefficients, covariance matrix for mean parameter estimates, as well as some other information relevant to the model fit.

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### **Examples**

get\_linkfun

get link function, whether locations are lonlat and space time

## Description

get link function, whether locations are lonlat and space time

## Usage

```
get_linkfun(covfun_name)
```

## **Arguments**

covfun\_name

string name of covariance function

get\_penalty

get penalty function

## **Description**

```
get penalty function
```

## Usage

```
get_penalty(y, X, locs, covfun_name)
```

## **Arguments**

y response
X design matrix
locs locations

covfun\_name string name of covariance function

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get default starting values of covariance parameters

### Description

get default starting values of covariance parameters

### Usage

```
get_start_parms(y, X, locs, covfun_name)
```

### **Arguments**

y response
X design matrix
locs locations

covfun\_name string name of covariance function

GpGp

GpGp: Fast Gaussian Process Computing.

### **Description**

Vecchia's (1988) Gaussian process approximation has emerged among its competitors as a leader in computational scalability and accuracy. This package includes implementations of the original approximation, as well as several updates to it, including the reordered and grouped versions of the approximation outlined in Guinness (2018) and the Fisher scoring algorithm described in Guinness (2019). The package supports spatial models, spatial-temporal models, models on spheres, and some nonstationary models.

#### **Details**

The main functions of the package are fit\_model, and predictions. fit\_model returns estimates of covariance parameters and linear mean parameters. The user is expected to select a covariance function and specify it with a string. Currently supported covariance functions are

- matern\_isotropic
- exponential\_isotropic
- matern\_anisotropic2D
- exponential\_anisotropic2D
- matern\_anisotropic3D
- exponential\_anisotropic3D
- matern\_anisotropic3D\_alt

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- matern45\_isotropic
- matern\_scaledim
- exponential\_scaledim
- matern15\_scaledim
- matern25\_scaledim
- matern35\_scaledim
- matern45\_scaledim
- matern\_spacetime
- exponential\_spacetime
- matern\_nonstat\_var
- exponential\_nonstat\_var
- matern\_sphere
- exponential\_sphere
- matern\_spheretime
- exponential\_spheretime
- matern\_sphere\_warp
- exponential\_sphere\_warp
- matern\_spheretime\_warp
- exponential\_spheretime\_warp

If there are covariates, they can be expressed via a design matrix X, each row containing the covariates corresponding to the same row in locs.

For predictions, the user should specify prediction locations locs\_pred and a prediction design matrix X\_pred.

The vignettes are intended to be helpful for getting a sense of how these functions work.

For Gaussian process researchers, the package also provides access to functions for computing the likelihood, gradient, and Fisher information with respect to covariance parameters; reordering functions, nearest neighbor-finding functions, grouping (partitioning) functions, and approximate simulation functions.

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group\_obs

Automatic grouping (partitioning) of locations

## **Description**

Take in an array of nearest neighbors, and automatically partition the array into groups that share neighbors. This is helpful to speed the computations and improve their accuracy. The function returns a list, with each list element containing one or several rows of NNarray. The algorithm attempts to find groupings such that observations within a group share many common neighbors.

### Usage

```
group_obs(NNarray, exponent = 2)
```

### **Arguments**

NNarray

Matrix of nearest neighbor indices, usually the result of find\_ordered\_nn.

exponent

Within the algorithm, two groups are merged if the number of unique neighbors raised to the exponent power is less than the sum of the unique numbers raised

to the exponent power from the two groups.

#### Value

A list with elements defining the grouping. The list entries are:

- all\_inds: vector of all indices of all blocks.
- last\_ind\_of\_block: The ith entry tells us the location in all\_inds of the last index of the ith block. Thus the length of last\_ind\_of\_block is the number of blocks, and last\_ind\_of\_block can be used to chop all\_inds up into blocks.
- global\_resp\_inds: The ith entry tells us the index of the ith response, as ordered in all\_inds.
- local\_resp\_inds: The ith entry tells us the location within the block of the response index.
- last\_resp\_of\_block: The ith entry tells us the location within local\_resp\_inds and global\_resp\_inds of the last index of the ith block. last\_resp\_of\_block is to global\_resp\_inds and local\_resp\_inds as last\_ind\_of\_block is to all\_inds.

## **Examples**

```
locs <- matrix( runif(200), 100, 2 )  # generate random locations
ord <- order_maxmin(locs)  # calculate an ordering
locsord <- locs[ord,]  # reorder locations
m <- 10
NNarray <- find_ordered_nn(locsord,m)  # m nearest neighbor indices
NNlist2 <- group_obs(NNarray)  # join blocks if joining reduces squares
NNlist3 <- group_obs(NNarray,3)  # join blocks if joining reduces cubes
object.size(NNarray)
object.size(NNlist2)</pre>
```

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```
object.size(NNlist3)
mean( NNlist2[["local_resp_inds"]] - 1 )  # average number of neighbors (exponent 2)
mean( NNlist3[["local_resp_inds"]] - 1 )  # average number of neighbors (exponent 3)

all_inds <- NNlist2$all_inds
last_ind_of_block <- NNlist2$last_ind_of_block
inds_of_block_2 <- all_inds[ (last_ind_of_block[1] + 1):last_ind_of_block[2] ]

local_resp_inds <- NNlist2$local_resp_inds
global_resp_inds <- NNlist2$global_resp_inds
last_resp_of_block <- NNlist2$global_resp_inds
local_resp_inds[(last_resp_of_block
local_resp_inds[(last_resp_of_block[1]+1):last_resp_of_block[2]]

global_resp_inds[(last_resp_of_block[1]+1):last_resp_of_block[2]]

inds_of_block_2[local_resp_of_block_2]

# these last two should be the same</pre>
```

jason3

Windspeed measurements from Jason-3 Satellite

## **Description**

A dataset containing lightly preprocessed windspeed values from the Jason-3 satellite. Observations near clouds and ice have been removed, and the data have been aggregated (averaged) over 10 second intervals. Jason-3 reports windspeeds over the ocean only. The data are from a six day period between August 4 and 9 of 2016.

### Usage

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### **Format**

A data frame with 18973 rows and 4 columns

windspeed wind speed, in maters per second

**lon** longitude in degrees between 0 and 360

lat latitude in degrees between -90 and 90

time time in seconds from midnight August 4

## Source

https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/products/jason-satellite-products

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Multiply approximate inverse Cholesky by a vector

## **Description**

Vecchia's approximation implies a sparse approximation to the inverse Cholesky factor of the covariance matrix. This function returns the result of multiplying that matrix by a vector.

## Usage

```
Linv_mult(Linv, z, NNarray)
```

## **Arguments**

Linv Entries of the sparse inverse Cholesky factor, usually the output from vecchia\_Linv.

z the vector to be multiplied

NNarray A matrix of indices, usually the output from find\_ordered\_nn. Row i contains

the indices of the observations that observation i conditions on. By convention,

the first element of row i is i.

#### Value

the product of the sparse inverse Cholesky factor with a vector

## **Examples**

```
n <- 2000
locs <- matrix( runif(2*n), n, 2 )
covparms <- c(2, 0.2, 0.75, 0.1)
ord <- order_maxmin(locs)
NNarray <- find_ordered_nn(locs,20)
Linv <- vecchia_Linv( covparms, "matern_isotropic", locs, NNarray )
z1 <- rnorm(n)
y <- fast_Gp_sim_Linv(Linv,NNarray,z1)
z2 <- Linv_mult(Linv, y, NNarray)
print( sum( (z1-z2)^2 ) )</pre>
```

Linv\_t\_mult

Multiply transpose of approximate inverse Cholesky by a vector

## **Description**

Vecchia's approximation implies a sparse approximation to the inverse Cholesky factor of the covariance matrix. This function returns the result of multiplying the transpose of that matrix by a vector. L\_mult 29

### Usage

```
Linv_t_mult(Linv, z, NNarray)
```

#### **Arguments**

Linv Entries of the sparse inverse Cholesky factor, usually the output from vecchia\_Linv.

z the vector to be multiplied

NNarray A matrix of indices, usually the output from find\_ordered\_nn. Row i contains

the indices of the observations that observation i conditions on. By convention,

the first element of row i is i.

#### Value

the product of the transpose of the sparse inverse Cholesky factor with a vector

### **Examples**

```
n <- 2000
locs <- matrix( runif(2*n), n, 2 )
covparms <- c(2, 0.2, 0.75, 0.1)
NNarray <- find_ordered_nn(locs,20)
Linv <- vecchia_Linv( covparms, "matern_isotropic", locs, NNarray )
z1 <- rnorm(n)
z2 <- Linv_t_mult(Linv, z1, NNarray)</pre>
```

L\_mult

Multiply approximate Cholesky by a vector

### **Description**

Vecchia's approximation implies a sparse approximation to the inverse Cholesky factor of the covariance matrix. This function returns the result of multiplying the inverse of that matrix by a vector (i.e. an approximation to the Cholesky factor).

### Usage

```
L_mult(Linv, z, NNarray)
```

### **Arguments**

Linv Entries of the sparse inverse Cholesky factor, usually the output from vecchia\_Linv.

z the vector to be multiplied

NNarray A matrix of indices, usually the output from find\_ordered\_nn. Row i contains

the indices of the observations that observation i conditions on. By convention,

the first element of row i is i.

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### Value

the product of the Cholesky factor with a vector

### **Examples**

```
n <- 2000
locs <- matrix( runif(2*n), n, 2 )
covparms <- c(2, 0.2, 0.75, 0.1)
ord <- order_maxmin(locs)
NNarray <- find_ordered_nn(locs,20)
Linv <- vecchia_Linv( covparms, "matern_isotropic", locs, NNarray )
z <- rnorm(n)
y1 <- fast_Gp_sim_Linv(Linv,NNarray,z)
y2 <- L_mult(Linv, z, NNarray)
print( sum( (y1-y2)^2 ) )</pre>
```

L\_t\_mult

Multiply transpose of approximate Cholesky by a vector

## Description

Vecchia's approximation implies a sparse approximation to the inverse Cholesky factor of the covariance matrix. This function returns the result of multiplying the transpose of the inverse of that matrix by a vector (i.e. an approximation to the transpose of the Cholesky factor).

## Usage

```
L_t_mult(Linv, z, NNarray)
```

## **Arguments**

Linv Entries of the sparse inverse Cholesky factor, usually the output from vecchia\_Linv.

z the vector to be multiplied

NNarray A matrix of indices, usually the output from find\_ordered\_nn. Row i contains

the indices of the observations that observation i conditions on. By convention,

the first element of row i is i.

## Value

the product of the transpose of the Cholesky factor with a vector

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### **Examples**

```
n <- 2000
locs <- matrix( runif(2*n), n, 2 )
covparms <- c(2, 0.2, 0.75, 0.1)
NNarray <- find_ordered_nn(locs,20)
Linv <- vecchia_Linv( covparms, "matern_isotropic", locs, NNarray )
z1 <- rnorm(n)
z2 <- L_t_mult(Linv, z1, NNarray)</pre>
```

matern15\_isotropic

*Isotropic Matern covariance function, smoothness* = 1.5

## **Description**

From a matrix of locations and covariance parameters of the form (variance, range, nugget), return the square matrix of all pairwise covariances.

## Usage

```
matern15_isotropic(covparms, locs)
```

### **Arguments**

covparms A vector with covariance parameters in the form (variance, range, nugget)

locs A matrix with n rows and d columns. Each row of locs is a point in R^d.

## Value

A matrix with n rows and n columns, with the i,j entry containing the covariance between observations at locs[i,] and locs[j,].

## **Parameterization**

The covariance parameter vector is (variance, range, nugget) =  $(\sigma^2, \alpha, \tau^2)$ , and the covariance function is parameterized as

$$M(x,y) = \sigma^{2}(1 + ||x - y||)exp(-||x - y||/\alpha)$$

The nugget value  $\sigma^2 \tau^2$  is added to the diagonal of the covariance matrix. NOTE: the nugget is  $\sigma^2 \tau^2$ , not  $\tau^2$ .

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	a covariance function, smoothess = $1.5$ , different range param- r each dimension
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## **Description**

From a matrix of locations and covariance parameters of the form (variance, range\_1, ..., range\_d, nugget), return the square matrix of all pairwise covariances.

## Usage

```
matern15_scaledim(covparms, locs)
d_matern15_scaledim(covparms, locs)
```

## Arguments

covparms	A vector with covariance parameters in the form (variance, range_1,, range_d,

nugget)

locs A matrix with n rows and d columns. Each row of locs is a point in R^d.

### Value

A matrix with n rows and n columns, with the i,j entry containing the covariance between observations at locs[i,] and locs[j,].

## **Functions**

• d\_matern15\_scaledim(): Derivatives with respect to parameters

## **Parameterization**

The covariance parameter vector is (variance, range\_1, ..., range\_d, nugget). The covariance function is parameterized as

$$M(x,y) = \sigma^2(1+||D^{-1}(x-y)||)exp(-||D^{-1}(x-y)||)$$

where D is a diagonal matrix with (range\_1, ..., range\_d) on the diagonals. The nugget value  $\sigma^2 \tau^2$  is added to the diagonal of the covariance matrix. NOTE: the nugget is  $\sigma^2 \tau^2$ , not  $\tau^2$ .

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matern25\_isotropic

*Isotropic Matern covariance function, smoothness* = 2.5

### **Description**

From a matrix of locations and covariance parameters of the form (variance, range, nugget), return the square matrix of all pairwise covariances.

### Usage

```
matern25_isotropic(covparms, locs)
```

### **Arguments**

covparms A vector with covariance parameters in the form (variance, range, nugget)

locs A matrix with n rows and d columns. Each row of locs is a point in R^d.

#### Value

A matrix with n rows and n columns, with the i,j entry containing the covariance between observations at locs[i,] and locs[j,].

## **Parameterization**

The covariance parameter vector is (variance, range, nugget) =  $(\sigma^2, \alpha, \tau^2)$ , and the covariance function is parameterized as

$$M(x,y) = \sigma^{2}(1 + ||x - y||/\alpha + ||x - y||^{2}/3\alpha^{2})exp(-||x - y||/\alpha)$$

The nugget value  $\sigma^2 \tau^2$  is added to the diagonal of the covariance matrix. NOTE: the nugget is  $\sigma^2 \tau^2$ , not  $\tau^2$ .

matern25\_scaledim

 $Matern\ covariance\ function,\ smoothess=2.5,\ different\ range\ parameter\ for\ each\ dimension$ 

## Description

From a matrix of locations and covariance parameters of the form (variance, range\_1, ..., range\_d, nugget), return the square matrix of all pairwise covariances.

### Usage

```
matern25_scaledim(covparms, locs)
d_matern25_scaledim(covparms, locs)
```

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### Arguments

covparms A vector with covariance parameters in the form (variance, range\_1, ..., range\_d,

nugget)

locs A matrix with n rows and d columns. Each row of locs is a point in R^d.

#### Value

A matrix with n rows and n columns, with the i,j entry containing the covariance between observations at locs[i,] and locs[j,].

### **Functions**

• d\_matern25\_scaledim(): Derivatives with respect to parameters

### **Parameterization**

The covariance parameter vector is (variance, range\_1, ..., range\_d, nugget). The covariance function is parameterized as

$$M(x,y) = \sigma^{2}(1 + ||D^{-1}(x-y)|| + ||D^{-1}(x-y)||^{2}/3.0)exp(-||D^{-1}(x-y)||)$$

where D is a diagonal matrix with (range\_1, ..., range\_d) on the diagonals. The nugget value  $\sigma^2 \tau^2$  is added to the diagonal of the covariance matrix. NOTE: the nugget is  $\sigma^2 \tau^2$ , not  $\tau^2$ .

matern35\_isotropic

*Isotropic Matern covariance function, smoothness* = 3.5

## Description

From a matrix of locations and covariance parameters of the form (variance, range, nugget), return the square matrix of all pairwise covariances.

## Usage

```
matern35_isotropic(covparms, locs)
d_matern35_isotropic(covparms, locs)
d_matern45_isotropic(covparms, locs)
```

#### **Arguments**

covparms A vector with covariance parameters in the form (variance, range, nugget)

locs A matrix with n rows and d columns. Each row of locs is a point in R^d.

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### Value

A matrix with n rows and n columns, with the i,j entry containing the covariance between observations at locs[i,] and locs[j,].

## **Functions**

- d\_matern35\_isotropic(): Derivatives of isotropic matern covariance function with smoothness 3.5
- d\_matern45\_isotropic(): Derivatives of isotropic matern covariance function with smoothness 3.5

#### **Parameterization**

The covariance parameter vector is (variance, range, nugget) =  $(\sigma^2, \alpha, \tau^2)$ , and the covariance function is parameterized as

$$M(x,y) = \sigma^{2}(\sum_{j=0}^{3} c_{j}||x - y||^{j}/\alpha^{j})exp(-||x - y||/\alpha)$$

where  $c_0 = 1$ ,  $c_1 = 1$ ,  $c_2 = 2/5$ ,  $c_3 = 1/15$ . The nugget value  $\sigma^2 \tau^2$  is added to the diagonal of the covariance matrix. NOTE: the nugget is  $\sigma^2 \tau^2$ , not  $\tau^2$ .

matern35\_scaledim

Matern covariance function, smoothess = 3.5, different range parameter for each dimension

## Description

From a matrix of locations and covariance parameters of the form (variance, range\_1, ..., range\_d, nugget), return the square matrix of all pairwise covariances.

### Usage

```
matern35_scaledim(covparms, locs)
d_matern35_scaledim(covparms, locs)
d_matern45_scaledim(covparms, locs)
```

### **Arguments**

covparms A vector with covariance parameters in the form (variance, range\_1, ..., range\_d,

nugget)

locs A matrix with n rows and d columns. Each row of locs is a point in R^d.

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#### Value

A matrix with n rows and n columns, with the i,j entry containing the covariance between observations at locs[i,] and locs[j,].

#### **Functions**

- d\_matern35\_scaledim(): Derivatives with respect to parameters
- d\_matern45\_scaledim(): Derivatives with respect to parameters

#### **Parameterization**

The covariance parameter vector is (variance, range\_1, ..., range\_d, nugget). The covariance function is parameterized as

$$M(x,y) = \sigma^2(\sum_{j=0}^{3} c_j ||D^{-1}(x-y)||^j) exp(-||D^{-1}(x-y)||)$$

where c\_0 = 1, c\_1 = 1, c\_2 = 2/5, c\_3 = 1/15. where D is a diagonal matrix with (range\_1, ..., range\_d) on the diagonals. The nugget value  $\sigma^2 \tau^2$  is added to the diagonal of the covariance matrix. NOTE: the nugget is  $\sigma^2 \tau^2$ , not  $\tau^2$ .

matern45\_isotropic

*Isotropic Matern covariance function, smoothness* = 4.5

### **Description**

From a matrix of locations and covariance parameters of the form (variance, range, nugget), return the square matrix of all pairwise covariances.

### Usage

```
matern45_isotropic(covparms, locs)
```

## **Arguments**

covparms A vector with covariance parameters in the form (variance, range, nugget)

locs A matrix with n rows and d columns. Each row of locs is a point in R^d.

### Value

A matrix with n rows and n columns, with the i,j entry containing the covariance between observations at locs[i,] and locs[j,].

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#### **Parameterization**

The covariance parameter vector is (variance, range, nugget) =  $(\sigma^2, \alpha, \tau^2)$ , and the covariance function is parameterized as

$$M(x,y) = \sigma^{2} \left( \sum_{j=0}^{4} c_{j} ||x - y||^{j} / \alpha^{j} \right) exp(-||x - y|| / \alpha)$$

where  $c_0 = 1$ ,  $c_1 = 1$ ,  $c_2 = 3/7$ ,  $c_3 = 2/21$ ,  $c_4 = 1/105$ . The nugget value  $\sigma^2 \tau^2$  is added to the diagonal of the covariance matrix. NOTE: the nugget is  $\sigma^2 \tau^2$ , not  $\tau^2$ .

matern45\_scaledim

Matern covariance function, smoothess = 3.5, different range parameter for each dimension

#### **Description**

From a matrix of locations and covariance parameters of the form (variance, range\_1, ..., range\_d, nugget), return the square matrix of all pairwise covariances.

#### Usage

matern45\_scaledim(covparms, locs)

#### **Arguments**

covparms A vector with covariance parameters in the form (variance, range\_1, ..., range\_d,

nugget)

locs A matrix with n rows and d columns. Each row of locs is a point in R^d.

#### Value

A matrix with n rows and n columns, with the i,j entry containing the covariance between observations at locs[i,] and locs[j,].

## **Parameterization**

The covariance parameter vector is (variance, range\_1, ..., range\_d, nugget). The covariance function is parameterized as

$$M(x,y) = \sigma^{2}(\sum_{j=0}^{4} c_{j}||D^{-1}(x-y)||^{j})exp(-||D^{-1}(x-y)||)$$

where  $c_0 = 1$ ,  $c_1 = 1$ ,  $c_2 = 3/7$ ,  $c_3 = 2/21$ ,  $c_4 = 1/105$ . where D is a diagonal matrix with (range\_1, ..., range\_d) on the diagonals. The nugget value  $\sigma^2 \tau^2$  is added to the diagonal of the covariance matrix. NOTE: the nugget is  $\sigma^2 \tau^2$ , not  $\tau^2$ .

matern\_anisotropic2D Geometrically anisotropic Matern covariance function (two dimensions)

## **Description**

From a matrix of locations and covariance parameters of the form (variance, L11, L21, L22, smoothness, nugget), return the square matrix of all pairwise covariances.

#### Usage

```
matern_anisotropic2D(covparms, locs)
d_matern_anisotropic2D(covparms, locs)
```

#### **Arguments**

covparms A vector with covariance parameters in the form (variance, L11, L21, L22,

smoothness, nugget)

locs A matrix with n rows and 2 columns. Each row of locs is a point in R^2.

#### Value

A matrix with n rows and n columns, with the i,j entry containing the covariance between observations at locs[i,] and locs[j,].

## **Functions**

• d\_matern\_anisotropic2D(): Derivatives of anisotropic Matern covariance

# **Parameterization**

The covariance parameter vector is (variance, L11, L21, L22, smoothness, nugget) where L11, L21, L22, are the three non-zero entries of a lower-triangular matrix L. The covariances are

$$M(x,y) = \sigma^2 2^{1-\nu}/\Gamma(\nu)(||Lx - Ly||)^{\nu} K_{\nu}(||Lx - Ly||)$$

This means that L11 is interpreted as an inverse range parameter in the first dimension. The nugget value  $\sigma^2 \tau^2$  is added to the diagonal of the covariance matrix. NOTE: the nugget is  $\sigma^2 \tau^2$ , not  $\tau^2$ .

matern\_anisotropic3D 39

matern\_anisotropic3D Geometrically anisotropic Matern covariance function (three dimensions)

#### **Description**

From a matrix of locations and covariance parameters of the form (variance, L11, L21, L22, L31, L32, L33, smoothness, nugget), return the square matrix of all pairwise covariances.

# Usage

```
matern_anisotropic3D(covparms, locs)
d_matern_anisotropic3D(covparms, locs)
d_matern_anisotropic3D_alt(covparms, locs)
```

#### Arguments

covparms A vector with covariance parameters in the form (variance, L11, L21, L22, L31,

L32, L33, smoothness, nugget)

locs A matrix with n rows and 3 columns. Each row of locs is a point in R^3.

#### Value

A matrix with n rows and n columns, with the i,j entry containing the covariance between observations at locs[i,] and locs[j,].

#### **Functions**

- d\_matern\_anisotropic3D(): Derivatives of anisotropic Matern covariance
- d\_matern\_anisotropic3D\_alt(): Derivatives of anisotropic Matern covariance

# **Parameterization**

The covariance parameter vector is (variance, L11, L21, L22, L31, L32, L33, smoothness, nugget) where L11, L21, L22, L31, L32, L33 are the six non-zero entries of a lower-triangular matrix L. The covariances are

$$M(x,y) = \sigma^2 2^{1-\nu} / \Gamma(\nu) (||Lx - Ly||)^{\nu} K_{\nu} (||Lx - Ly||)$$

This means that L11 is interpreted as an inverse range parameter in the first dimension. The nugget value  $\sigma^2 \tau^2$  is added to the diagonal of the covariance matrix. NOTE: the nugget is  $\sigma^2 \tau^2$ , not  $\tau^2$ .

matern\_anisotropic3D\_alt

Geometrically anisotropic Matern covariance function (three dimensions, alternate parameterization)

## **Description**

From a matrix of locations and covariance parameters of the form (variance, B11, B12, B13, B22, B23, B33, smoothness, nugget), return the square matrix of all pairwise covariances.

## Usage

matern\_anisotropic3D\_alt(covparms, locs)

## **Arguments**

covparms A vector with covariance parameters in the form (variance, B11, B12, B13, B22,

B23, B33, smoothness, nugget)

locs A matrix with n rows and 3 columns. Each row of locs is a point in R<sup>3</sup>.

### Value

A matrix with n rows and n columns, with the i,j entry containing the covariance between observations at locs[i,] and locs[j,].

#### **Parameterization**

The covariance parameter vector is (variance, B11, B12, B13, B22, B23, B33, smoothness, nugget) where B11, B12, B13, B22, B23, B33, transform the three coordinates as

$$u_1 = B11[x_1 + B12x_2 + (B13 + B12B23)x_3]$$
 
$$u_2 = B22[x_2 + B23x_3]$$
 
$$u_3 = B33[x_3]$$

NOTE: the u\_1 transformation is different from previous versions of this function. NOTE: now (B13,B23) can be interpreted as a drift vector in space over time. Assuming x is transformed to u and y transformed to v, the covariances are

$$M(x,y) = \sigma^2 2^{1-\nu} / \Gamma(\nu) (||u-v||)^{\nu} K_{\nu} (||u-v||)$$

The nugget value  $\sigma^2 \tau^2$  is added to the diagonal of the covariance matrix. NOTE: the nugget is  $\sigma^2 \tau^2$ , not  $\tau^2$ .

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## **Description**

From a matrix of locations and covariance parameters of the form (variance, range, smoothness, category variance, nugget), return the square matrix of all pairwise covariances.

# Usage

```
matern_categorical(covparms, locs)
d_matern_categorical(covparms, locs)
```

# Arguments

covparms	A vector with covariance parameters in the form (variance, range, smoothness,
	category variance, nugget)

locs A matrix with n rows and d columns. Each row of locs gives a point in R^d.

#### Value

A matrix with n rows and n columns, with the i,j entry containing the covariance between observations at locs[i,] and locs[j,].

#### **Functions**

• d\_matern\_categorical(): Derivatives of isotropic Matern covariance

## **Parameterization**

The covariance parameter vector is (variance, range, smoothness, category variance, nugget) =  $(\sigma^2, \alpha, \nu, c^2, \tau^2)$ , and the covariance function is parameterized as

$$M(x,y) = \sigma^2 2^{1-\nu} / \Gamma(\nu) (||x-y||/\alpha)^{\nu} K_{\nu} (||x-y||/\alpha)$$

The nugget value  $\sigma^2 \tau^2$  is added to the diagonal of the covariance matrix. The category variance  $c^2$  is added if two observation from same category NOTE: the nugget is  $\sigma^2 \tau^2$ , not  $\tau^2$ .

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matern\_isotropic

Isotropic Matern covariance function

## **Description**

From a matrix of locations and covariance parameters of the form (variance, range, smoothness, nugget), return the square matrix of all pairwise covariances.

## Usage

```
matern_isotropic(covparms, locs)
d_matern_isotropic(covparms, locs)
```

## Arguments

covparms A vector with covariance parameters in the form (variance, range, smoothness,

nugget)

locs A matrix with n rows and d columns. Each row of locs gives a point in R^d.

# Value

A matrix with n rows and n columns, with the i,j entry containing the covariance between observations at locs[i,] and locs[j,].

# **Functions**

• d\_matern\_isotropic(): Derivatives of isotropic Matern covariance

## Parameterization

The covariance parameter vector is (variance, range, smoothness, nugget) =  $(\sigma^2, \alpha, \nu, \tau^2)$ , and the covariance function is parameterized as

$$M(x,y) = \sigma^2 2^{1-\nu} / \Gamma(\nu) (||x-y||/\alpha)^{\nu} K_{\nu} (||x-y||/\alpha)$$

The nugget value  $\sigma^2\tau^2$  is added to the diagonal of the covariance matrix. NOTE: the nugget is  $\sigma^2\tau^2$ , not  $\tau^2$ .

matern\_nonstat\_var 43

matern\_nonstat\_var

Isotropic Matern covariance function, nonstationary variances

# Description

From a matrix of locations and covariance parameters of the form (variance, range, smoothness, nugget, <nonstat variance parameters>), return the square matrix of all pairwise covariances.

#### Usage

```
matern_nonstat_var(covparms, Z)
d_matern_nonstat_var(covparms, Z)
```

## **Arguments**

covparms A vector with covariance parameters in the form (variance, range, smoothness, nugget, <nonstat variance parameters>). The number of nonstationary variance parameters should equal p.

Z A matrix with n rows and 2 columns for spatial locations + p columns describing

A matrix with n rows and 2 columns for spatial locations + p columns describing spatial basis functions. Each row of locs gives a point in R^2 (two dimensions only!) + the value of p spatial basis functions.

## Value

A matrix with n rows and n columns, with the i,j entry containing the covariance between observations at locs[i,] and locs[j,].

#### **Functions**

• d\_matern\_nonstat\_var(): Derivatives with respect to parameters

#### **Parameterization**

This covariance function multiplies the isotropic Matern covariance by a nonstationary variance function. The form of the covariance is

$$C(x,y) = exp(\phi(x) + \phi(y))M(x,y)$$

where M(x,y) is the isotropic Matern covariance, and

$$\phi(x) = c_1\phi_1(x) + \dots + c_p\phi_p(x)$$

where  $\phi_1, ..., \phi_p$  are the spatial basis functions contained in the last p columns of Z, and  $c_1, ..., c_p$  are the nonstationary variance parameters.

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# Description

From a matrix of locations and covariance parameters of the form (variance, range\_1, ..., range\_d, smoothness, nugget), return the square matrix of all pairwise covariances.

# Usage

```
matern_scaledim(covparms, locs)
d_matern_scaledim(covparms, locs)
```

## **Arguments**

covparms A vector with covariance parameters in the form (variance, range\_1, ..., range\_d,

smoothness, nugget)

locs A matrix with n rows and d columns. Each row of locs is a point in R^d.

#### Value

A matrix with n rows and n columns, with the i,j entry containing the covariance between observations at locs[i,] and locs[j,].

# **Functions**

• d\_matern\_scaledim(): Derivatives with respect to parameters

#### **Parameterization**

The covariance parameter vector is (variance, range\_1, ..., range\_d, smoothness, nugget). The covariance function is parameterized as

$$M(x,y) = \sigma^2 2^{1-\nu} / \Gamma(\nu) (||D^{-1}(x-y)||)^{\nu} K_{\nu} (||D^{-1}(x-y)||)$$

where D is a diagonal matrix with (range\_1, ..., range\_d) on the diagonals. The nugget value  $\sigma^2 \tau^2$  is added to the diagonal of the covariance matrix. NOTE: the nugget is  $\sigma^2 \tau^2$ , not  $\tau^2$ .

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matern\_spacetime

Spatial-Temporal Matern covariance function

#### **Description**

From a matrix of locations and covariance parameters of the form (variance, range\_1, range\_2, smoothness, nugget), return the square matrix of all pairwise covariances.

# Usage

```
matern_spacetime(covparms, locs)
d_matern_spacetime(covparms, locs)
```

#### Arguments

covparms A vector with covariance parameters in the form (variance, range\_1, range\_2,

smoothness, nugget). range\_1 is the spatial range, and range\_2 is the temporal

range.

locs A matrix with n rows and d+1 columns. Each row of locs is a point in R^(d+1).

The first d columns should contain the spatial coordinates. The last column

contains the times.

#### Value

A matrix with n rows and n columns, with the i,j entry containing the covariance between observations at locs[i,] and locs[j,].

#### **Functions**

• d\_matern\_spacetime(): Derivatives with respect to parameters

#### **Parameterization**

The covariance parameter vector is (variance, range\_1, range\_2, smoothness, nugget). The covariance function is parameterized as

$$M(x,y) = \sigma^2 2^{1-\nu}/\Gamma(\nu)(||D^{-1}(x-y)||)^{\nu} K_{\nu}(||D^{-1}(x-y)||)$$

where D is a diagonal matrix with (range\_1, ..., range\_1, range\_2) on the diagonals. The nugget value  $\sigma^2 \tau^2$  is added to the diagonal of the covariance matrix. NOTE: the nugget is  $\sigma^2 \tau^2$ , not  $\tau^2$ .

matern\_spacetime\_categorical

Space-Time Matern covariance function with random effects for categories

## **Description**

From a matrix of locations and covariance parameters of the form (variance, spatial range, temporal range, smoothness, category, nugget), return the square matrix of all pairwise covariances.

#### Usage

matern\_spacetime\_categorical(covparms, locs)
d\_matern\_spacetime\_categorical(covparms, locs)

#### **Arguments**

covparms A vector with covariance parameters in the form (variance, spatial range, tem-

poral range, smoothness, category, nugget)

locs A matrix with n rows and d columns. Each row of locs gives a point in R^d.

## Value

A matrix with n rows and n columns, with the i,j entry containing the covariance between observations at locs[i,] and locs[j,].

#### **Functions**

• d\_matern\_spacetime\_categorical(): Derivatives of isotropic Matern covariance

#### **Parameterization**

The covariance parameter vector is (variance, range, smoothness, category, nugget) =  $(\sigma^2, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \nu, c^2, \tau^2)$ , and the covariance function is parameterized as

$$d = (||x - y||^2/\alpha_1 + |s - t|^2/\alpha_2^2)^{1/2}$$

$$M(x,y) = \sigma^2 2^{1-\nu} / \Gamma(\nu)(d)^{\nu} K_{\nu}(d)$$

(x,s) and (y,t) are the space-time locations of a pair of observations. The nugget value  $\sigma^2 \tau^2$  is added to the diagonal of the covariance matrix. The category variance  $c^2$  is added if two observation from same category NOTE: the nugget is  $\sigma^2 \tau^2$ , not  $\tau^2$ .

matern\_spacetime\_categorical\_local

Space-Time Matern covariance function with local random effects for categories

#### **Description**

From a matrix of locations and covariance parameters of the form (variance, spatial range, temporal range, smoothness, cat variance, cat spatial range, cat temporal range, cat smoothness, nugget), return the square matrix of all pairwise covariances. This is the covariance for the following model for data from cateogory k

$$Y_k(x_i, t_i) = Z_0(x_i, t_i) + Z_k(x_i, t_i) + e_i$$

where  $Z_0$  is Matern with parameters (variance, spatial range, temporal range, smoothness) and  $Z_1,...,Z_K$  are independent Materns with parameters (cat variance, cat spatial range, cat temporal range, cat smoothness), and  $e_1, ..., e_n$  are independent normals with variance (variance \* nugget)

#### Usage

matern\_spacetime\_categorical\_local(covparms, locs)

d\_matern\_spacetime\_categorical\_local(covparms, locs)

#### **Arguments**

covparms A vector with covariance parameters in the form (variance, spatial range, tem-

poral range, smoothness, category, nugget)

locs A matrix with n rows and d columns. Each row of locs gives a point in R^d.

#### Value

A matrix with n rows and n columns, with the i,j entry containing the covariance between observations at locs[i,] and locs[j,].

#### **Functions**

d\_matern\_spacetime\_categorical\_local(): Derivatives of isotropic Matern covariance

#### **Parameterization**

The covariance parameter vector is (variance, range, smoothness, category, nugget) =  $(\sigma^2, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \nu, c^2, \tau^2)$ , and the covariance function is parameterized as

$$d = (||x - y||^2/\alpha_1 + |s - t|^2/\alpha_2^2)^{1/2}$$

$$M(x,y) = \sigma^2 2^{1-\nu} / \Gamma(\nu)(d)^{\nu} K_{\nu}(d)$$

(x,s) and (y,t) are the space-time locations of a pair of observations. The nugget value  $\sigma^2 \tau^2$  is added to the diagonal of the covariance matrix. The category variance  $c^2$  is added if two observation from same category NOTE: the nugget is  $\sigma^2 \tau^2$ , not  $\tau^2$ .

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Isotropic Matern covariance function on sphere

#### **Description**

From a matrix of longitudes and latitudes and a vector covariance parameters of the form (variance, range, smoothness, nugget), return the square matrix of all pairwise covariances.

# Usage

```
matern_sphere(covparms, lonlat)
d_matern_sphere(covparms, lonlat)
```

### **Arguments**

covparms A vector with covariance parameters in the form (variance, range, smoothness,

nugget). Range parameter assumes that the sphere has radius 1 (units are radi-

ans).

lonlat A matrix with n rows and one column with longitudes in (-180,180) and one

column of latitudes in (-90,90). Each row of lonlat describes a point on the

sphere.

#### Value

A matrix with n rows and n columns, with the i,j entry containing the covariance between observations at lonlat[i,] and lonlat[j,].

#### **Functions**

• d\_matern\_sphere(): Derivatives with respect to parameters

## **Matern on Sphere Domain**

The function first calculates the (x,y,z) 3D coordinates, and then inputs the resulting locations into matern\_isotropic. This means that we construct covariances on the sphere by embedding the sphere in a 3D space. There has been some concern expressed in the literature that such embeddings may produce distortions. The source and nature of such distortions has never been articulated, and to date, no such distortions have been documented. Guinness and Fuentes (2016) argue that 3D embeddings produce reasonable models for data on spheres.

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*Matern covariance function on sphere x time* 

## Description

From a matrix of longitudes, latitudes, and times, and a vector covariance parameters of the form (variance, range\_1, range\_2, smoothness, nugget), return the square matrix of all pairwise covariances.

#### Usage

```
matern_spheretime(covparms, lonlattime)
d_matern_spheretime(covparms, lonlattime)
```

# **Arguments**

covparms A vector with covariance parameters in the form (variance, range\_1, range\_2,

smoothness, nugget), where range\_1 is a spatial range (assuming sphere of ra-

dius 1), and range\_2 is a temporal range.

lonlattime A matrix with n rows and three columns: longitudes in (-180,180), latitudes in

(-90,90), and times. Each row of lonlattime describes a point on the sphere x

time.

#### Value

A matrix with n rows and n columns, with the i,j entry containing the covariance between observations at lonlattime[i,] and lonlattime[j,].

## **Functions**

• d\_matern\_spheretime(): Derivatives with respect to parameters

## **Covariances on spheres**

The function first calculates the (x,y,z) 3D coordinates, and then inputs the resulting locations into matern\_spacetime. This means that we construct covariances on the sphere by embedding the sphere in a 3D space. There has been some concern expressed in the literature that such embeddings may produce distortions. The source and nature of such distortions has never been articulated, and to date, no such distortions have been documented. Guinness and Fuentes (2016) argue that 3D embeddings produce reasonable models for data on spheres.

matern\_spheretime\_warp

Deformed Matern covariance function on sphere

## **Description**

From a matrix of longitudes, latitudes, times, and a vector covariance parameters of the form (variance, range\_1, range\_2, smoothness, nugget, <5 warping parameters>), return the square matrix of all pairwise covariances.

#### Usage

```
matern_spheretime_warp(covparms, lonlattime)
d_matern_spheretime_warp(covparms, lonlattime)
```

#### **Arguments**

covparms A vector with covariance parameters in the form (variance, range\_1, range\_2,

smoothness, nugget, <5 warping parameters>). range\_1 is a spatial range parameter that assumes that the sphere has radius 1 (units are radians). range\_2 is

a temporal range parameter.

lonlattime A matrix with n rows and three columns: longitudes in (-180,180), latitudes in

(-90,90), and times. Each row of lonlattime describes a point on the sphere x

time.

#### Value

A matrix with n rows and n columns, with the i,j entry containing the covariance between observations at lonlat[i,] and lonlat[j,].

#### **Functions**

• d\_matern\_spheretime\_warp(): Derivatives with respect to parameters

## Warpings

The function first calculates the (x,y,z) 3D coordinates, and then "warps" the locations to (x,y,z) +  $\Phi(x,y,z)$ , where  $\Phi$  is a warping function composed of gradients of spherical harmonic functions of degree 2. See Guinness (2019, "Gaussian Process Learning via Fisher Scoring of Vecchia's Approximation") for details. The warped locations are input into matern\_spacetime. The function does not do temporal warping.

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matern\_sphere\_warp

Deformed Matern covariance function on sphere

## **Description**

From a matrix of longitudes and latitudes and a vector covariance parameters of the form (variance, range, smoothness, nugget, <5 warping parameters>), return the square matrix of all pairwise covariances.

# Usage

```
matern_sphere_warp(covparms, lonlat)
d_matern_sphere_warp(covparms, lonlat)
```

## Arguments

covparms A vector with covariance parameters in the form (variance, range, smoothness,

nugget, <5 warping parameters>). Range parameter assumes that the sphere has

radius 1 (units are radians).

lonlat A matrix with n rows and one column with longitudes in (-180,180) and one

column of latitudes in (-90,90). Each row of lonlat describes a point on the

sphere.

#### Value

A matrix with n rows and n columns, with the i,j entry containing the covariance between observations at lonlat[i,] and lonlat[j,].

#### **Functions**

• d\_matern\_sphere\_warp(): Derivatives with respect to parameters.

# Warpings

The function first calculates the (x,y,z) 3D coordinates, and then "warps" the locations to (x,y,z) +  $\Phi(x,y,z)$ , where  $\Phi$  is a warping function composed of gradients of spherical harmonic functions of degree 2. See Guinness (2019, "Gaussian Process Learning via Fisher Scoring of Vecchia's Approximation") for details. The warped locations are input into matern\_isotropic.

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order\_coordinate

Sorted coordinate ordering

## Description

Return the ordering of locations sorted along one of the coordinates or the sum of multiple coordinates

### Usage

```
order_coordinate(locs, coordinate)
```

#### **Arguments**

locs A matrix of locations. Each row of locs contains a location, which can be a

point in Euclidean space  $R^d$ , a point in space-time  $R^d \times T$ , a longitude and latitude (in degrees) giving a point on the sphere, or a longitude, latitude, and

time giving a point in the sphere-time domain.

coordinate integer or vector of integers in (1,...,d). If a single integer, coordinates are or-

dered along that coordinate. If multiple integers, coordinates are ordered according to the sum of specified coordinate values. For example, when d=2,

coordinate = c(1,2) orders from bottom left to top right.

#### Value

A vector of indices giving the ordering, i.e. the first element of this vector is the index of the first location.

#### **Examples**

order\_dist\_to\_point

Distance to specified point ordering

#### **Description**

Return the ordering of locations increasing in their distance to some specified location

#### Usage

```
order_dist_to_point(locs, loc0, lonlat = FALSE)
```

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### Arguments

locs A matrix of locations. Each row of locs contains a location, which can be a

point in Euclidean space R^d, a point in space-time R^d x T, a longitude and latitude (in degrees) giving a point on the sphere, or a longitude, latitude, and

time giving a point in the sphere-time domain.

loc0 A vector containing a single location in R^d.

lonlat TRUE/FALSE whether locations are longitudes and latitudes.

#### Value

A vector of indices giving the ordering, i.e. the first element of this vector is the index of the location nearest to loc0.

#### **Examples**

order\_maxmin

Maximum minimum distance ordering

#### **Description**

Return the indices of an approximation to the maximum minimum distance ordering. A point in the center is chosen first, and then each successive point is chosen to maximize the minimum distance to previously selected points

# Usage

```
order_maxmin(locs, lonlat = FALSE, space_time = FALSE, st_scale = NULL)
```

#### **Arguments**

locs A matrix of locations. Each row of locs contains a location, which can be a

point in Euclidean space  $R^d$ , a point in space-time  $R^d \times T$ , a longitude and latitude (in degrees) giving a point on the sphere, or a longitude, latitude, and

time giving a point in the sphere-time domain.

lonlat TRUE/FALSE whether locations are longitudes and latitudes.

space\_time TRUE if locations are euclidean space-time locations, FALSE otherwise. If set

to TRUE, temporal dimension is ignored.

st\_scale two-vector giving the amount by which the spatial and temporal coordinates are

scaled. If NULL, the function uses the locations to automatically select a scaling. If set to FALSE, temporal dimension treated as another spatial dimension (not

recommended).

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#### Value

A vector of indices giving the ordering, i.e. the first element of this vector is the index of the first location.

#### **Examples**

```
# planar coordinates
nvec <- c(50,50)
locs <- as.matrix( expand.grid( 1:nvec[1]/nvec[1], 1:nvec[2]/nvec[2] ) )</pre>
ord <- order_maxmin(locs)</pre>
par(mfrow=c(1,3))
plot(locs[ord[1:100],1], locs[ord[1:100],2], xlim = c(0,1), ylim = c(0,1))
plot(locs[ord[1:300],1], locs[ord[1:300],2], xlim = c(0,1), ylim = c(0,1))
plot(locs[ord[1:900],1], locs[ord[1:900],2], xlim = c(0,1), ylim = c(0,1))
# longitude/latitude coordinates (sphere)
latvals \leftarrow seq(-80, 80, length.out = 40)
lonvals \leftarrow seq( 0, 360, length.out = 81 )[1:80]
locs <- as.matrix( expand.grid( lonvals, latvals ) )</pre>
ord <- order_maxmin(locs, lonlat = TRUE)</pre>
par(mfrow=c(1,3))
plot(locs[ord[1:100],1], locs[ord[1:100],2], xlim = c(0,360), ylim = c(-90,90))
plot(locs[ord[1:300],1], locs[ord[1:300],2], xlim = c(0,360), ylim = c(-90,90))
plot(locs[ord[1:900],1], locs[ord[1:900],2], xlim = c(0,360), ylim = c(-90,90))
```

order\_middleout

Middle-out ordering

#### **Description**

Return the ordering of locations increasing in their distance to the average location

#### Usage

```
order_middleout(locs, lonlat = FALSE)
```

#### **Arguments**

locs

A matrix of locations. Each row of locs contains a location, which can be a point in Euclidean space R^d, a point in space-time R^d x T, a longitude and latitude (in degrees) giving a point on the sphere, or a longitude, latitude, and

time giving a point in the sphere-time domain.

lonlat

TRUE/FALSE whether locations are longitudes and latitudes.

## Value

A vector of indices giving the ordering, i.e. the first element of this vector is the index of the location nearest the center.

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#### **Examples**

pen\_hi

penalize large values of parameter: penalty, 1st deriative, 2nd derivative

# Description

penalize large values of parameter: penalty, 1st deriative, 2nd derivative

## Usage

```
pen_hi(x, tt, aa)
dpen_hi(x, tt, aa)
ddpen_hi(x, tt, aa)
```

## **Arguments**

x argument to penaltytt scale parameter of penaltyaa location parameter of penalty

pen\_lo

penalize small values of parameter: penalty, 1st deriative, 2nd derivative

## **Description**

penalize small values of parameter: penalty, 1st deriative, 2nd derivative

## Usage

```
pen_lo(x, tt, aa)
dpen_lo(x, tt, aa)
ddpen_lo(x, tt, aa)
```

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#### **Arguments**

X	argument to penalty
tt	scale parameter of penalty
aa	location parameter of penalty

pen\_loglo

penalize small values of log parameter: penalty, 1st deriative, 2nd derivative

# Description

penalize small values of log parameter: penalty, 1st deriative, 2nd derivative

## Usage

```
pen_loglo(x, tt, aa)
dpen_loglo(x, tt, aa)
ddpen_loglo(x, tt, aa)
```

## **Arguments**

X	argument to penany
tt	scale parameter of penalty
aa	location parameter of penalty

predictions

Compute Gaussian process predictions using Vecchia's approximations

# Description

With the prediction locations ordered after the observation locations, an approximation for the inverse Cholesky of the covariance matrix is computed, and standard formulas are applied to obtain the conditional expectation.

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#### Usage

```
predictions(
   fit = NULL,
   locs_pred,
   X_pred,
   y_obs = fit$y,
   locs_obs = fit$locs,
   X_obs = fit$X,
   beta = fit$betahat,
   covparms = fit$covparms,
   covfun_name = fit$covfun_name,
   m = 60,
   reorder = TRUE,
   st_scale = NULL
)
```

#### **Arguments**

fit GpGp\_fit object, the result of fit\_model

locs\_pred prediction locations

X\_pred Design matrix for predictions

y\_obs Observations associated with locs\_obs

locs\_obs observation locations

X\_obs Design matrix for observations

beta Linear mean parameters
covparms Covariance parameters

covfun\_name Name of covariance function

m Number of nearest neighbors to use

reorder TRUE/FALSE for whether reordering should be done. This should generally be

kept at TRUE, unless testing out the effect of reordering.

st\_scale amount by which to scale the spatial and temporal dimensions for the purpose of

selecting neighbors. We recommend setting this manually when using a spatial-temporal covariance function. When lonlat = TRUE, spatial scale is in radians

(earth radius = 1).

#### **Details**

We can specify either a GpGp\_fit object (the result of fit\_model), OR manually enter the covariance function and parameters, the observations, observation locations, and design matrix. We must specify the prediction locations and the prediction design matrix.

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sph\_grad\_xyz

compute gradient of spherical harmonics functions

# Description

compute gradient of spherical harmonics functions

# Usage

```
sph_grad_xyz(xyz, Lmax)
```

# Arguments

xyz xyz coordinates of locations on sphere

Lmax largest degree of spherical harmonics. Current only Lmax=2 supported

summary.GpGp\_fit

Print summary of GpGp fit

# Description

Print summary of GpGp fit

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'GpGp_fit'
summary(object, ...)
```

# Arguments

object Object of class "GpGp\_fit", usually the return value from fit\_model
... additional arguments, for compatability with S3 generic 'summary'

test\_likelihood\_object

test\_likelihood\_object

test likelihood object for NA or Inf values

## **Description**

test likelihood object for NA or Inf values

## Usage

```
test_likelihood_object(likobj)
```

#### **Arguments**

likobj likelihood object

vecchia\_grouped\_meanzero\_loglik

Grouped Vecchia approximation to the Gaussian loglikelihood, zero mean

## **Description**

This function returns a grouped version (Guinness, 2018) of Vecchia's (1988) approximation to the Gaussian loglikelihood. The approximation modifies the ordered conditional specification of the joint density; rather than each term in the product conditioning on all previous observations, each term conditions on a small subset of previous observations.

## Usage

```
vecchia_grouped_meanzero_loglik(covparms, covfun_name, y, locs, NNlist)
```

## Arguments

covparms	A vector of covariance parameters appropriate for the specified covariance func-
	tion

covfun\_name See GpGp for information about covariance functions.

y vector of response values

locs matrix of locations. Row i of locs specifies the location of element i of y, and

so the length of y should equal the number of rows of locs.

NNlist A neighbor list object, the output from group\_obs.

#### Value

a list containing

• loglik: the loglikelihood

#### **Examples**

```
n1 <- 20
n2 <- 20
n <- n1*n2
locs <- as.matrix( expand.grid( (1:n1)/n1, (1:n2)/n2 ) )
covparms <- c(2, 0.2, 0.75, 0)
y <- fast_Gp_sim(covparms, "matern_isotropic", locs, 50 )
ord <- order_maxmin(locs)
NNarray <- find_ordered_nn(locs,20)
NNlist <- group_obs(NNarray)
#loglik <- vecchia_grouped_meanzero_loglik( covparms, "matern_isotropic", y, locs, NNlist )</pre>
```

vecchia\_grouped\_profbeta\_loglik

Grouped Vecchia approximation, profiled regression coefficients

## **Description**

This function returns a grouped version (Guinness, 2018) of Vecchia's (1988) approximation to the Gaussian loglikelihood and the profile likelihood estimate of the regression coefficients. The approximation modifies the ordered conditional specification of the joint density; rather than each term in the product conditioning on all previous observations, each term conditions on a small subset of previous observations.

#### Usage

```
vecchia_grouped_profbeta_loglik(covparms, covfun_name, y, X, locs, NNlist)
```

# **Arguments**

covparms	A vector of covariance parameters appropriate for the specified covariance function
covfun_name	See GpGp for information about covariance functions.
у	vector of response values
X	Design matrix of covariates. Row i of X contains the covariates for the observation at row i of locs.
locs	matrix of locations. Row i of locs specifies the location of element i of y, and so the length of y should equal the number of rows of locs.
NNlist	A neighbor list object, the output from group_obs.

#### Value

a list containing

- loglik: the loglikelihood
- betahat: profile likelihood estimate of regression coefficients
- betainfo: information matrix for betahat.

The covariance matrix for \$betahat is the inverse of \$betainfo.

#### **Examples**

```
n1 <- 20
n2 <- 20
n <- n1*n2
locs <- as.matrix( expand.grid( (1:n1)/n1, (1:n2)/n2 ) )
X <- cbind(rep(1,n),locs[,2])
covparms <- c(2, 0.2, 0.75, 0)
y <- fast_Gp_sim(covparms, "matern_isotropic", locs, 50 )
ord <- order_maxmin(locs)
NNarray <- find_ordered_nn(locs,20)
NNlist <- group_obs(NNarray)
#loglik <- vecchia_grouped_profbeta_loglik(
# covparms, "matern_isotropic", y, X, locs, NNlist )</pre>
```

```
vecchia_grouped_profbeta_loglik_grad_info

Grouped Vecchia loglikelihood, gradient, Fisher information
```

# Description

This function returns a grouped version (Guinness, 2018) of Vecchia's (1988) approximation to the Gaussian loglikelihood, the gradient, and Fisher information, and the profile likelihood estimate of the regression coefficients. The approximation modifies the ordered conditional specification of the joint density; rather than each term in the product conditioning on all previous observations, each term conditions on a small subset of previous observations.

## Usage

```
vecchia_grouped_profbeta_loglik_grad_info(
  covparms,
  covfun_name,
  y,
  X,
  locs,
  NNlist
)
```

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## **Arguments**

covparms	A vector of covariance parameters appropriate for the specified covariance function
covfun_name	See GpGp for information about covariance functions.
У	vector of response values
X	Design matrix of covariates. Row i of X contains the covariates for the observation at row i of locs.
locs	matrix of locations. Row i of locs specifies the location of element i of y, and so the length of y should equal the number of rows of locs.
NNlist	A neighbor list object, the output from group_obs.

#### Value

a list containing

- loglik: the loglikelihood
- grad: gradient with respect to covariance parameters
- info: Fisher information for covariance parameters
- betahat: profile likelihood estimate of regression coefs
- betainfo: information matrix for betahat.

The covariance matrix for \$betahat is the inverse of \$betainfo.

# Examples

```
n1 <- 20
n2 <- 20
n <- n1*n2
locs <- as.matrix( expand.grid( (1:n1)/n1, (1:n2)/n2 ) )
X <- cbind(rep(1,n),locs[,2])
covparms <- c(2, 0.2, 0.75, 0)
y <- fast_Gp_sim(covparms, "matern_isotropic", locs, 50 )
ord <- order_maxmin(locs)
NNarray <- find_ordered_nn(locs,20)
NNlist <- group_obs(NNarray)
#loglik <- vecchia_grouped_profbeta_loglik_grad_info(
# covparms, "matern_isotropic", y, X, locs, NNlist )</pre>
```

vecchia\_Linv

Entries of inverse Cholesky approximation

# Description

This function returns the entries of the inverse Cholesky factor of the covariance matrix implied by Vecchia's approximation. For return matrix Linv, Linv[i,] contains the non-zero entries of row i of the inverse Cholesky matrix. The columns of the non-zero entries are specified in NNarray[i,].

### Usage

```
vecchia_Linv(covparms, covfun_name, locs, NNarray, start_ind = 1L)
```

#### **Arguments**

covparms A vector of covariance parameters appropriate for the specified covariance func-

tion

covfun\_name See GpGp for information about covariance functions.

locs matrix of locations. Row i of locs specifies the location of element i of y, and

so the length of y should equal the number of rows of locs.

NNarray A matrix of indices, usually the output from find\_ordered\_nn. Row i contains

the indices of the observations that observation i conditions on. By convention,

the first element of row i is i.

start\_ind Compute entries of Linv only for rows start\_ind until the last row.

#### Value

matrix containing entries of inverse Cholesky

# Examples

```
n1 <- 40  
n2 <- 40  
n <- n1*n2  
locs <- as.matrix( expand.grid( (1:n1)/n1, (1:n2)/n2)) covparms <- c(2, 0.2, 0.75, 0)  
NNarray <- find_ordered_nn(locs,20)  
Linv <- vecchia_Linv(covparms, "matern_isotropic", locs, NNarray)
```

vecchia\_meanzero\_loglik

Vecchia's approximation to the Gaussian loglikelihood, zero mean

# Description

This function returns Vecchia's (1988) approximation to the Gaussian loglikelihood. The approximation modifies the ordered conditional specification of the joint density; rather than each term in the product conditioning on all previous observations, each term conditions on a small subset of previous observations.

#### Usage

```
vecchia_meanzero_loglik(covparms, covfun_name, y, locs, NNarray)
```

#### **Arguments**

covparms A vector of covariance parameters appropriate for the specified covariance func-

tion

covfun\_name See GpGp for information about covariance functions.

y vector of response values

locs matrix of locations. Row i of locs specifies the location of element i of y, and

so the length of y should equal the number of rows of locs.

NNarray A matrix of indices, usually the output from find\_ordered\_nn. Row i contains

the indices of the observations that observation i conditions on. By convention,

the first element of row i is i.

#### Value

a list containing

• loglik: the loglikelihood

#### **Examples**

```
n1 <- 20
n2 <- 20
n <- n1*n2
locs <- as.matrix( expand.grid( (1:n1)/n1, (1:n2)/n2 ) )
covparms <- c(2, 0.2, 0.75, 0)
y <- fast_Gp_sim(covparms, "matern_isotropic", locs, 50 )
ord <- order_maxmin(locs)
NNarray <- find_ordered_nn(locs,20)
#loglik <- vecchia_meanzero_loglik( covparms, "matern_isotropic", y, locs, NNarray )</pre>
```

vecchia\_profbeta\_loglik

Vecchia's approximation to the Gaussian loglikelihood, with profiled regression coefficients.

#### **Description**

This function returns Vecchia's (1988) approximation to the Gaussian loglikelihood, profiling out the regression coefficients. The approximation modifies the ordered conditional specification of the joint density; rather than each term in the product conditioning on all previous observations, each term conditions on a small subset of previous observations.

# Usage

```
vecchia_profbeta_loglik(covparms, covfun_name, y, X, locs, NNarray)
```

#### **Arguments**

covparms

A vector of covariance parameters appropriate for the specified covariance function

covfun\_name

See GpGp for information about covariance functions.

y vector of response values

X Design matrix of covariates. Row i of X contains the covariates for the observation at row i of locs.

locs matrix of locations. Row i of locs specifies the location of element i of y, and so the length of y should equal the number of rows of locs.

NNarray

A matrix of indices, usually the output from find\_ordered\_nn. Row i contains the indices of the observations that observation i conditions on. By convention,

#### Value

a list containing

- loglik: the loglikelihood
- betahat: profile likelihood estimate of regression coefficients

the first element of row i is i.

• betainfo: information matrix for betahat.

The covariance matrix for \$betahat is the inverse of \$betainfo.

#### **Examples**

```
n1 <- 20
n2 <- 20
n <- n1*n2
locs <- as.matrix( expand.grid( (1:n1)/n1, (1:n2)/n2 ) )
X <- cbind(rep(1,n),locs[,2])
covparms <- c(2, 0.2, 0.75, 0)
y <- X %*% c(1,2) + fast_Gp_sim(covparms, "matern_isotropic", locs, 50 )
ord <- order_maxmin(locs)
NNarray <- find_ordered_nn(locs,20)
#loglik <- vecchia_profbeta_loglik( covparms, "matern_isotropic", y, X, locs, NNarray )</pre>
```

```
vecchia_profbeta_loglik_grad_info
```

Vecchia's loglikelihood, gradient, and Fisher information

# Description

This function returns Vecchia's (1988) approximation to the Gaussian loglikelihood, profiling out the regression coefficients, and returning the gradient and Fisher information. Vecchia's approximation modifies the ordered conditional specification of the joint density; rather than each term in the product conditioning on all previous observations, each term conditions on a small subset of previous observations.

#### Usage

```
vecchia_profbeta_loglik_grad_info(covparms, covfun_name, y, X, locs, NNarray)
```

#### **Arguments**

covparms	A vector of covariance parameters appropriate for the specified covariance function
covfun_name	See GpGp for information about covariance functions.
У	vector of response values
X	Design matrix of covariates. Row i of X contains the covariates for the observation at row i of locs.
locs	matrix of locations. Row i of locs specifies the location of element i of y, and so the length of y should equal the number of rows of locs.
NNarray	A matrix of indices, usually the output from find_ordered_nn. Row i contains the indices of the observations that observation i conditions on. By convention, the first element of row i is i.

#### Value

A list containing

- loglik: the loglikelihood
- grad: gradient with respect to covariance parameters
- info: Fisher information for covariance parameters
- betahat: profile likelihood estimate of regression coefs
- betainfo: information matrix for betahat.

The covariance matrix for \$betahat is the inverse of \$betainfo.

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