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Description Provides functions to perform the fitting of an adaptive mixture of Student-t distributions to a target density through its kernel function as described in Ardia et al. (2009) <doi:10.18637/jss.v029.i03>. The mixture approximation can then be used as the importance density in importance sampling or as the candidate density in the Metropolis-Hastings algorithm to obtain quantities of interest for the target density itself.

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AdMit

*Adaptive Mixture of Student-t Distributions***Description**

Function which performs the fitting of an adaptive mixture of Student-t distributions to approximate a target density through its kernel function

Usage

```
AdMit(KERNEL, mu0, Sigma0 = NULL, control = list(), ...)
```

Arguments

KERNEL	kernel function of the target density on which the adaptive mixture is fitted. This function should be vectorized for speed purposes (i.e., its first argument should be a matrix and its output a vector). Moreover, the function must contain the logical argument <code>log</code> . If <code>log = TRUE</code> , the function returns (natural) logarithm values of the kernel function. NA and NaN values are not allowed. (See <i>*Details*</i> for examples of KERNEL implementation.)
mu0	initial value in the first stage optimization (for the location of the first Student-t component) in the adaptive mixture, or location of the first Student-t component if Sigma0 is not NULL.
Sigma0	scale matrix of the first Student-t component (square, symmetric and positive definite). Default: Sigma0 = NULL, i.e., the scale matrix of the first Student-t component is estimated by the function AdMit.
control	control parameters (see <i>*Details*</i>).
...	further arguments to be passed to KERNEL.

Details

The argument KERNEL is the kernel function of the target density, and it should be vectorized for speed purposes.

As a first example, consider the kernel function proposed by Gelman-Meng (1991):

$$k(x_1, x_2) = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}[Ax_1^2x_2^2 + x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 2Bx_1x_2 - 2C_1x_1 - 2C_2x_2]\right)$$

where commonly used values are $A = 1$, $B = 0$, $C_1 = 3$ and $C_2 = 3$.

A vectorized implementation of this function might be:

```
GelmanMeng <- function(x, A = 1, B = 0, C1 = 3, C2 = 3, log = TRUE)
{
  if (is.vector(x))
    x <- matrix(x, nrow = 1)
  r <- -.5 * (A * x[,1]^2 * x[,2]^2 + x[,1]^2 + x[,2]^2
```

```

      - 2 * B * x[,1] * x[,2] - 2 * C1 * x[,1] - 2 * C2 * x[,2])
    if (!log)
      r <- exp(r)
    as.vector(r)
  }

```

This way, we may supply a point (x_1, x_2) for x and the function will output a single value (i.e., the kernel estimated at this point). But the function is vectorized, in the sense that we may supply a $(N \times 2)$ matrix of values for x , where rows of x are points (x_1, x_2) and the output will be a vector of length N , containing the kernel values for these points. Since the AdMit procedure evaluates KERNEL for a large number of points, a vectorized implementation is important. Note also the additional argument `log = TRUE` which is used for numerical stability.

As a second example, consider the following (simple) econometric model:

$$y_t \sim i.i.d. N(\mu, \sigma^2) \quad t = 1, \dots, T$$

where μ is the mean value and σ is the standard deviation. Our purpose is to estimate $\theta = (\mu, \sigma)$ within a Bayesian framework, based on a vector y of T observations; the kernel thus consists of the product of the prior and the likelihood function. As previously mentioned, the kernel function should be vectorized, i.e., treat a $(N \times 2)$ matrix of points θ for which the kernel will be evaluated. Using the common (Jeffreys) prior $p(\theta) = \frac{1}{\sigma}$ for $\sigma > 0$, a vectorized implementation of the kernel function might be:

```

KERNEL <- function(theta, y, log = TRUE)
{
  if (is.vector(theta))
    theta <- matrix(theta, nrow = 1)

  ## sub function which returns the log-kernel for a given
  ## thetai value (i.e., a given row of theta)
  KERNEL_sub <- function(thetai)
  {
    if (thetai[2] > 0) ## check if sigma>0
  { ## if yes, compute the log-kernel at thetai
      r <- - log(thetai[2])
      + sum(dnorm(y, thetai[1], thetai[2], TRUE))
    }
  else
  { ## if no, returns -Infinity
      r <- -Inf
    }
  }
  as.numeric(r)
}

## 'apply' on the rows of theta (faster than a for loop)
r <- apply(theta, 1, KERNEL_sub)
if (!log)
  r <- exp(r)

```

```

    as.numeric(r)
}

```

Since this kernel function also depends on the vector y , it must be passed to `KERNEL` in the `AdMit` function. This is achieved via the argument `...`, i.e., `AdMit(KERNEL, mu = c(0,1), y = y)`.

To gain even more speed, implementation of `KERNEL` might rely on C or Fortran code using the functions `.C` and `.Fortran`. An example is provided in the file `'AdMitJSS.R'` in the package's folder.

The argument `control` is a list that can supply any of the following components:

`Ns` number of draws used in the evaluation of the importance sampling weights (integer number not smaller than 100). Default: `Ns = 1e5`.

`Np` number of draws used in the optimization of the mixing probabilities (integer number not smaller than 100 and not larger than `Ns`). Default: `Np = 1e3`.

`Hmax` maximum number of Student-t components in the adaptive mixture (integer number not smaller than one). Default: `Hmax = 10`.

`df` degrees of freedom parameter of the Student-t components (real number not smaller than one). Default: `df = 1`.

`CVtol` tolerance for the relative change of the coefficient of variation (real number in $[0,1]$). The adaptive algorithm stops if the new component leads to a relative change in the coefficient of variation that is smaller or equal than `CVtol`. Default: `CVtol = 0.1`, i.e., 10%.

`weightNC` weight assigned to the new Student-t component of the adaptive mixture as a starting value in the optimization of the mixing probabilities (real number in $[0,1]$). Default: `weightNC = 0.1`, i.e., 10%.

`trace` tracing information on the adaptive fitting procedure (logical). Default: `trace = FALSE`, i.e., no tracing information.

`IS` should importance sampling be used to estimate the mode and the scale matrix of the Student-t components (logical). Default: `IS = FALSE`, i.e., use numerical optimization instead.

`ISpercent` vector of percentage(s) of largest weights used to estimate the mode and the scale matrix of the Student-t components of the adaptive mixture by importance sampling (real number(s) in $[0,1]$). Default: `ISpercent = c(0.05, 0.15, 0.3)`, i.e., 5%, 15% and 30%.

`ISscale` vector of scaling factor(s) used to rescale the scale matrix of the mixture components (real positive numbers). Default: `ISscale = c(1, 0.25, 4)`.

`trace.mu` Tracing information on the progress in the optimization of the mode of the mixture components (non-negative integer number). Higher values may produce more tracing information (see the source code of the function `optim` for further details). Default: `trace.mu = 0`, i.e., no tracing information.

`maxit.mu` maximum number of iterations used in the optimization of the modes of the mixture components (positive integer). Default: `maxit.mu = 500`.

`reltol.mu` relative convergence tolerance used in the optimization of the modes of the mixture components (real number in $[0,1]$). Default: `reltol.mu = 1e-8`.

`trace.p`, `maxit.p`, `reltol.p` the same as for the arguments above, but for the optimization of the mixing probabilities of the mixture components.

Value

A list with the following components:

CV: vector (of length H) of coefficients of variation of the importance sampling weights.

mi t: list (of length 4) containing information on the fitted mixture of Student-t distributions, with the following components:

p: vector (of length H) of mixing probabilities. mu: matrix (of size $H \times d$) containing the vectors of modes (in row) of the mixture components. Sigma: matrix (of size $H \times d^2$) containing the scale matrices (in row) of the mixture components. df: degrees of freedom parameter of the Student-t components.

where $H(\geq 1)$ is the number of components in the adaptive mixture of Student-t distributions and $d(\geq 1)$ is the dimension of the first argument in KERNEL.

summary: data frame containing information on the optimization procedures. It returns for each component of the adaptive mixture of Student-t distribution: 1. the method used to estimate the mode and the scale matrix of the Student-t component ('USER' if Sigma0 is provided by the user; numerical optimization: 'BFGS', 'Nelder-Mead'; importance sampling: 'IS', with percentage(s) of importance weights used and scaling factor(s)); 2. the time required for this optimization; 3. the method used to estimate the mixing probabilities ('NLMINB', 'BFGS', 'Nelder-Mead', 'NONE'); 4. the time required for this optimization; 5. the coefficient of variation of the importance sampling weights.

Note

By using AdMit you agree to the following rules:

- You must cite Ardia et al. (2009a,b) in working papers and published papers that use AdMit. Use `citation("AdMit")`.
- You must place the following URL in a footnote to help others find AdMit: <https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=AdMit>.
- You assume all risk for the use of AdMit.

Further details and examples of the R package AdMit can be found in Ardia et al. (2009a,b). See also the package vignette by typing `vignette("AdMit")`.

Further details on the core algorithm are given in Hoogerheide (2006), Hoogerheide, Kaashoek, van Dijk (2007) and Hoogerheide, van Dijk (2008).

The adaptive mixture mi t returned by the function AdMit is used by the function AdMitIS to perform importance sampling using mi t as the importance density or by the function AdMitMH to perform independence chain Metropolis-Hastings sampling using mi t as the candidate density.

Please cite the package in publications. Use `citation("AdMit")`.

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See Also

[AdMitIS](#) for importance sampling using an adaptive mixture of Student-t distributions as the importance density, [AdMitMH](#) for the independence chain Metropolis-Hastings algorithm using an adaptive mixture of Student-t distributions as the candidate density.

Examples

```
## NB : Low number of draws for speedup. Consider using more draws!
## Gelman and Meng (1991) kernel function
GelmanMeng <- function(x, A = 1, B = 0, C1 = 3, C2 = 3, log = TRUE)
{
  if (is.vector(x))
    x <- matrix(x, nrow = 1)
  r <- -.5 * (A * x[,1]^2 * x[,2]^2 + x[,1]^2 + x[,2]^2
             - 2 * B * x[,1] * x[,2] - 2 * C1 * x[,1] - 2 * C2 * x[,2])
  if (!log)
    r <- exp(r)
  as.vector(r)
}

## Run AdMit (with default values)
set.seed(1234)
```

```

outAdMit <- AdMit(GelmanMeng, mu0 = c(0.0, 0.1), control = list(Ns = 1e4))
print(outAdMit)

## Run AdMit (using importance sampling to estimate
## the modes and the scale matrices)
set.seed(1234)
outAdMit <- AdMit(KERNEL = GelmanMeng,
                  mu0 = c(0.0, 0.1),
                  control = list(IS = TRUE, Ns = 1e4))
print(outAdMit)

```

AdMitIS	<i>Importance Sampling using an Adaptive Mixture of Student-t Distributions as the Importance Density</i>
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Description

Performs importance sampling using an adaptive mixture of Student-t distributions as the importance density

Usage

```
AdMitIS(N = 1e5, KERNEL, G = function(theta){theta}, mit = list(), ...)
```

Arguments

N	number of draws used in importance sampling (positive integer number). Default: N = 1e5.
KERNEL	kernel function of the target density on which the adaptive mixture of Student-t distributions is fitted. This function should be vectorized for speed purposes (i.e., its first argument should be a matrix and its output a vector). Moreover, the function must contain the logical argument <code>log</code> . If <code>log = TRUE</code> , the function returns (natural) logarithm values of the kernel function. NA and NaN values are not allowed. (See the function <code>AdMit</code> for examples of KERNEL implementation.)
G	function of interest used in importance sampling (see <i>*Details*</i>).
mit	list containing information on the mixture approximation (see <i>*Details*</i>).
...	further arguments to be passed to KERNEL and/or G.

Details

The `AdMitIS` function estimates $E_p[g(\theta)]$, where p is the target density, g is an (integrable w.r.t. p) function and E denotes the expectation operator, by importance sampling using an adaptive mixture of Student-t distributions as the importance density.

By default, the function `G` is given by:

```
G <- function(theta)
{
  theta
}
```

and therefore, AdMitIS estimates the mean of `theta` by importance sampling. For other definitions of `G`, see `*Examples*`.

The argument `mit` is a list containing information on the mixture approximation. The following components must be provided:

`p` vector (of length H) of mixing probabilities.

`mu` matrix (of size $H \times d$) containing the vectors of modes (in row) of the mixture components.

`Sigma` matrix (of size $H \times d^2$) containing the scale matrices (in row) of the mixture components.

`df` degrees of freedom parameter of the Student-t components (real number not smaller than one).

where $H(\geq 1)$ is the number of components of the adaptive mixture of Student-t distributions and $d(\geq 1)$ is the dimension of the first argument in `KERNEL`. Typically, `mit` is estimated by the function `AdMit`.

Value

A list with the following components:

`ghat`: a vector containing the importance sampling estimates. `NSE`: a vector containing the numerical standard error of the components of `ghat`. `RNE`: a vector containing the relative numerical efficiency of the components of `ghat`.

Note

Further details and examples of the R package `AdMit` can be found in Ardia, Hoogerheide, van Dijk (2009a,b). See also the package vignette by typing `vignette("AdMit")`.

Further information on importance sampling can be found in Geweke (1989) or Koop (2003).

Please cite the package in publications. Use `citation("AdMit")`.

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See Also

`AdMit` for fitting an adaptive mixture of Student-t distributions to a target density through its KERNEL function, `AdMitMH` for the independence chain Metropolis-Hastings algorithm using an adaptive mixture of Student-t distributions as the candidate density.

Examples

```
## NB : Low number of draws for speedup. Consider using more draws!
## Gelman and Meng (1991) kernel function
GelmanMeng <- function(x, A = 1, B = 0, C1 = 3, C2 = 3, log = TRUE)
{
  if (is.vector(x))
    x <- matrix(x, nrow = 1)
  r <- -.5 * (A * x[,1]^2 * x[,2]^2 + x[,1]^2 + x[,2]^2
            - 2 * B * x[,1] * x[,2] - 2 * C1 * x[,1] - 2 * C2 * x[,2])
  if (!log)
    r <- exp(r)
  as.vector(r)
}

## Run the AdMit function to fit the mixture approximation
set.seed(1234)
outAdMit <- AdMit(KERNEL = GelmanMeng,
                 mu0 = c(0.0, 0.1), control = list(Ns = 1e4))

## Use importance sampling with the mixture approximation as the
## importance density
outAdMitIS <- AdMitIS(N = 1e4, KERNEL = GelmanMeng, mit = outAdMit$mit)
print(outAdMitIS)
```

AdMitMH

Independence Chain Metropolis-Hastings Algorithm using an Adaptive Mixture of Student-t Distributions as the Candidate Density

Description

Performs independence chain Metropolis-Hastings (M-H) sampling using an adaptive mixture of Student-t distributions as the candidate density

Usage

```
AdMitMH(N = 1e5, KERNEL, mit = list(), ...)
```

Arguments

<code>N</code>	number of draws generated by the independence chain M-H algorithm (positive integer number). Default: $N = 1e5$.
<code>KERNEL</code>	kernel function of the target density on which the adaptive mixture is fitted. This function should be vectorized for speed purposes (i.e., its first argument should be a matrix and its output a vector). Moreover, the function must contain the logical argument <code>log</code> . If <code>log = TRUE</code> , the function returns (natural) logarithm values of kernel function. NA and NaN values are not allowed. (See the function AdMit for examples of <code>KERNEL</code> implementation.)
<code>mi t</code>	list containing information on the mixture approximation (see <i>*Details*</i>).
<code>...</code>	further arguments to be passed to <code>KERNEL</code> .

Details

The argument `mi t` is a list containing information on the adaptive mixture of Student-t distributions. The following components must be provided:

`p` vector (of length H) of mixing probabilities.

`mu` matrix (of size $H \times d$) containing the vectors of modes (in row) of the mixture components.

`Sigma` matrix (of size $H \times d^2$) containing the scale matrices (in row) of the mixture components.

`df` degrees of freedom parameter of the Student-t components (real number not smaller than one).

where $H(\geq 1)$ is the number of components and $d(\geq 1)$ is the dimension of the first argument in `KERNEL`. Typically, `mi t` is estimated by the function [AdMit](#).

Value

A list with the following components:

`draws`: matrix (of size $N \times d$) of draws generated by the independence chain M-H algorithm, where $N(\geq 1)$ is the number of draws and $d(\geq 1)$ is the dimension of the first argument in `KERNEL`.

`accept`: acceptance rate of the independence chain M-H algorithm.

Note

Further details and examples of the R package `AdMit` can be found in Ardia, Hoogerheide and van Dijk (2009a,b). See also the package vignette by typing `vignette("AdMit")`.

Further information on the Metropolis-Hastings algorithm can be found in Chib and Greenberg (1995) and Koop (2003).

Please cite the package in publications. Use `citation("AdMit")`.

Author(s)

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See Also

[AdMitIS](#) for importance sampling using an adaptive mixture of Student-t distributions as the importance density, [AdMit](#) for fitting an adaptive mixture of Student-t distributions to a target density through its KERNEL function; the package coda for MCMC output analysis.

Examples

```
## NB : Low number of draws for speedup. Consider using more draws!
## Gelman and Meng (1991) kernel function
GelmanMeng <- function(x, A = 1, B = 0, C1 = 3, C2 = 3, log = TRUE)
{
  if (is.vector(x))
    x <- matrix(x, nrow = 1)
  r <- -.5 * (A * x[,1]^2 * x[,2]^2 + x[,1]^2 + x[,2]^2
             - 2 * B * x[,1] * x[,2] - 2 * C1 * x[,1] - 2 * C2 * x[,2])
  if (!log)
    r <- exp(r)
  as.vector(r)
}

## Run the AdMit function to fit the mixture approximation
set.seed(1234)
outAdMit <- AdMit(KERNEL = GelmanMeng,
                 mu0 = c(0.0, 0.1), control = list(Ns = 1e4))

## Run M-H using the mixture approximation as the candidate density
outAdMitMH <- AdMitMH(N = 1e4, KERNEL = GelmanMeng, mit = outAdMit$mit)
options(digits = 4, max.print = 40)
print(outAdMitMH)

## Use functions provided by the package coda to obtain
## quantities of interest for the density whose kernel is 'GelmanMeng'
library("coda")
draws <- as.mcmc(outAdMitMH$draws)
draws <- window(draws, start = 1001)
colnames(draws) <- c("X1", "X2")
summary(draws)
summary(draws)$stat[,3]^2 / summary(draws)$stat[,4]^2 ## RNE
```

```
plot(draws)
```

 Mit

Mixture of Student-t Distributions

Description

Density function or random generation for an adaptive mixture of Student-t distributions

Usage

```
dMit(theta, mit = list(), log = TRUE)
rMit(N = 1, mit = list())
```

Arguments

theta	matrix (of size $N \times d$, where $N, d \geq 1$) of real values.
mit	list containing information on the mixture approximation (see *Details*).
log	logical; if log = TRUE, returns (natural) logarithm values of the density. Default: log = TRUE.
N	number of draws (positive integer number).

Details

dMit returns the density values while rMit generates draws from a mixture of Student-t distributions.

The argument mit is a list containing information on the adaptive mixture of Student-t distributions. The following components must be provided:

p vector (of length H) of mixture probabilities.

mu matrix (of size $H \times d$) containing the vectors of modes (in row) of the mixture components.

Sigma matrix (of size $H \times d^2$) containing the scale matrices (in row) of the mixture components.

df degrees of freedom parameter of the Student-t components (integer number not smaller than one).

where $H(\geq 1)$ is the number of components and $d(\geq 1)$ is the dimension of the mixture approximation. Typically, mit is estimated by the function [AdMit](#). If the mit = list(), a Student-t distribution located at $\text{rep}(\theta, d)$ with scale matrix $\text{diag}(d)$ and one degree of freedom parameter is used.

Value

Vector (of length N of density values, or matrix (of size $N \times d$) of random draws, where $d(\geq 1)$ is the dimension of the mixture approximation.

Note

Further details and examples of the R package AdMit can be found in Ardia, Hoogerheide, van Dijk (2009a,b). See also the package vignette by typing `vignette("AdMit")`.

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See Also

[AdMit](#) for fitting an adaptive mixture of Student-t distributions to a given function KERNEL, [AdMitIS](#) for importance sampling using an adaptive mixture of Student-t distributions as the importance density, [AdMitMH](#) for the independence chain Metropolis-Hastings using an adaptive mixture of Student-t distributions as the candidate density.

Examples

```
## NB : Low number of draws for speedup. Consider using more draws!
## One dimensional two components mixture of Student-t distributions
mit <- list(p = c(0.5, 0.5),
           mu = matrix(c(-2.0, 0.5), 2, 1, byrow = TRUE),
           Sigma = matrix(0.1, 2),
           df = 10)

## Generate draws from the mixture
hist(rMit(1e4, mit = mit), nclass = 100, freq = FALSE)
x <- seq(from = -5.0, to = 5.0, by = 0.01)
## Add the density to the histogram
lines(x, dMit(x, mit = mit, log = FALSE), col = "red", lwd = 2)

## Two dimensional (one component mixture) Student-t distribution
mit <- list(p = 1,
           mu = matrix(0.0, 1.0, 2.0),
           Sigma = matrix(c(1.0, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0), 1, 4),
           df = 10)

## Function used to plot the mixture in two dimensions
dMitPlot <- function(x1, x2, mit = mit)
{
  dMit(cbind(x1, x2), mit = mit, log = FALSE)
}
x1 <- x2 <- seq(from = -10.0, to = 10.0, by = 0.1)
```

```
thexlim <- theylim <- range(x1)
z <- outer(x1, x2, FUN = dMitPlot, mit = mit)
## Contour plot of the mixture
contour(x1, x2, z, nlevel = 20, las = 1,
        col = rainbow(20),
        xlim = thexlim, ylim = theylim)
par(new = TRUE)
## Generate draws from the mixture
plot(rMit(1e4, mit = mit), pch = 20, cex = 0.3,
     xlim = thexlim, ylim = theylim, col = "red", las = 1)
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