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Description The benchmarking module for the Iterative Optimization Heuristics Profiler ('IOHprofiler'). This module provides benchmarking in the 'IOHprofiler' format, which can be visualized using the 'IOHanalyzer' module.

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as.character.IOExperimenter

S3 generic as.character function for IOExperimenter

Description

S3 generic as.character function for IOExperimenter

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'IOExperimenter'
as.character(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x	The IOExperimenter to print
...	Arguments for underlying function

Examples

```
as.character(IOExperimenter())
```

```
as.character.IOHproblem
      S3 generic as.character function for IOHproblem
```

Description

S3 generic as.character function for IOHproblem

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'IOHproblem'
as.character(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x	The IOHproblem to print
...	Arguments for underlying function

Examples

```
exp <- IOHexperimenter()
p <- next_problem(exp)
as.character(p)
```

```
benchmark_algorithm  Base procedure for benchmarking a custom algorithm
```

Description

Base procedure for benchmarking a custom algorithm

Usage

```
benchmark_algorithm(user_alg, suite = "PBO", functions = c(1, 2),
  instances = c(1, 2), dimensions = 16, data.dir = NULL,
  algorithm.info = " ", algorithm.name = " ", params.track = NULL,
  repetitions = 5)
```

Arguments

user_alg	Function defining the custom algorithm. Needs to accept one paramter: an IOH-problem object, which has the following properties: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• dimension• function_id• instance
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- suite (Currently 'BBOB' or 'PBO')

And the following functions:

- obj_func
- target_hit
- set_parameters

suite	Which suite to test on
functions	Which function to test on
instances	Which instances to test on
dimensions	Which dimensions to test on
data.dir	Where the data should be stored (defaults to "./data" when not provided)
algorithm.info	Additional information about the algorithm you plan on running
algorithm.name	The name of the algorithm you plan on running
params.track	Which parameters to track. Should be a vector of strings, containing no spaces or commas
repetitions	How many independent runs of the algorithm to do for each problem instance

Examples

```
benchmark_algorithm(IOH_two_rate_GA, params.track = 'Mutation_rate', data.dir = './data')
```

IOHexperimenter *S3 class 'IOHexperimenter'*

Description

S3 class 'IOHexperimenter'

Usage

```
IOHexperimenter(suite = "PBO", dims = NULL, functions = NULL,
  instances = NULL, algorithm.info = " ", algorithm.name = " ",
  data.dir = NULL, param.track = NULL)
```

Arguments

suite	Which suite to use. Available: 'PBO', 'BBOB'
dims	Numerical Which dimensions to use
functions	Numerical Which functions from the selected suite to use
instances	Numerical Which problem instances to use
algorithm.info	Additional information about the algorithm you plan on running

algorithm.name	The name of the algorithm you plan on running
data.dir	Where the data should be stored. Defaults to NULL, meaning no data is stored.
param.track	Which parameters to track. Should be a vector of strings, containing no spaces or commas

Value

A S3 object 'DataSet'

Examples

```
exp <- IOHexperimenter()
```

IOHproblem	<i>get an IOHproblem objects</i>
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Description

If an 'experimenter'-argument is provided, this is the same function as 'next_problem'. If not, this creates a suite consisting of a single function based on the other arguments

Usage

```
IOHproblem(suite = "PBO", functionnr = 1, dim = 16, instance = 1,
  experimenter = NULL)
```

Arguments

suite	The suite to use. Either 'PBO' or 'BBOB'
functionnr	The number of the function to create
dim	The dimension of the function to create
instance	The instance of the function to create
experimenter	(optional) an IOHexperimenter object

Details

An IOHproblem-object has the following attributes:

- "Dimension": The dimension of the problem
- "function_id": The number of the function
- "instance": The number of the function-instance
- suite: The suite of the function. Either 'PBO' or 'BBOB'
- fopt: If known, the optimal value of the function
- lbound: The lower bound of the searchspace
- ubound: The upper bound of the searchspace

- maximization: Boolean indicating whether the function should be maximized or minimized
- params.track: The parameters which are being tracked on this function. Only available if initialized in the underlying IOHexperimenter-object (or when using the ‘benchmark_algorithm’-function)

In addition to these attributes, there are three function-attributes available to use:

- obj_function: The interface to evaluate the function
- target_hit: Boolean indicating if the optimal has been hit (if known)
- set_parameters: Interface to storing the current parameter values (if param.track is initialized), This has two arguments: the list of names of parameters to update (must match those of param.track) and a list of equal length containing their respective values.

Value

An IOHproblem object

Examples

```
p <- IOHproblem()
```

IOH_random_local_search
IOHexperimenter-based wrapper

Description

For easier use with the IOHexperimenter

The simplest stochastic optimization algorithm for discrete problems. A randomly chosen position in the solution vector is perturbed in each iteration. Only improvements are accepted after perturbation.

Usage

```
IOH_random_local_search(IOHproblem, budget = NULL)

random_local_search(dimension, obj_func, target_hit = function() {
  FALSE }, budget = NULL)
```

Arguments

IOHproblem	An IOHproblem object
budget	integer, maximal allowable number of function evaluations
dimension	Dimension of search space
obj_func	The evaluation function
target_hit	Optional, function which enables early stopping if a target value is reached

Examples

```
benchmark_algorithm(IOH_random_local_search, data.dir = NULL)
```

IOH_random_search	<i>IOHexperimenter-based wrapper</i>
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Description

For easier use with the IOHexperimenter
 Random walk in $0, 1^d$ space; Maximization
 Random walk in continuous space;

Usage

```
IOH_random_search(IOHproblem, budget = NULL)

random_search_PB(dim, obj_func, target_hit = function() { FALSE },
  budget = NULL)

random_search(dim, obj_func, target_hit = function() { FALSE },
  budget = NULL, lbound = -1, ubound = 1, maximize = T)
```

Arguments

IOHproblem	An IOHproblem object
budget	Integer, maximal allowable number of function evaluations
dim	Dimension of search space
obj_func	The evaluation function
target_hit	Optional, function which enables early stopping if a target value is reached
lbound	Lower bound of search space. Either single number or vector of size ‘dim‘
ubound	Upper bound of search space. Either single number or vector of size ‘dim‘
maximize	Whether to perform maximization or minimization. The function assumes minimization, achieved by inverting the obj_func when ‘maximize‘ is FALSE

Examples

```
benchmark_algorithm(IOH_random_search, data.dir = NULL)
```

 IOH_self_adaptive_GA *IOHexperimenter-based wrapper*

Description

For easier use with the IOHexperimenter

A genetic algorithm that controls the mutation rate (strength) using the so-called self-adaptation mechanism: the mutation rate is firstly perturbed and then the resulting value is taken to mutate Lambda solution vector. The best solution is selected along with its mutation rate.

Usage

```
IOH_self_adaptive_GA(IOHproblem, lambda_ = 1, budget = NULL)

self_adaptive_GA(dimension, obj_func, lambda_ = 10, budget = NULL,
  set_parameters = NULL, target_hit = function() { FALSE })
```

Arguments

IOHproblem	An IOHproblem object
lambda_	The size of the offspring
budget	How many times the objective function can be evaluated
dimension	Dimension of search space
obj_func	The evaluation function
set_parameters	Function to call to store the value of the registered parameters
target_hit	Optional, function which enables early stopping if a target value is reached

Examples

```
one_comma_two_EA <- function(IOHproblem) { IOH_self_adaptive_GA(IOHproblem, lambda_=2) }

benchmark_algorithm(one_comma_two_EA, params.track = "Mutation_rate",
  algorithm.name = "one_comma_two_EA", data.dir = NULL,
  algorithm.info = "Using one_comma_two_EA with specific parameter" )
```

IOH_two_rate_GA	<i>IOExperimenter-based wrapper</i>
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Description

For easier use with the IOExperimenter

A genetic algorithm that controls the mutation rate (strength) using the so-called 2-rate self-adaptation mechanism: the mutation rate is based on a parameter r . For each generation, half offspring are generated by mutation rate $2r/\text{dim}$, and half by $r/2\text{dim}$. r that the best offspring has been created with will be inherited by probability $3/4$, the other by $1/4$.

Usage

```
IOH_two_rate_GA(IOHproblem, lambda_ = 1, budget = NULL)
```

```
two_rate_GA(dimension, obj_func, target_hit = function() { FALSE },
            lambda_ = 2, budget = NULL, set_parameters = NULL)
```

Arguments

IOHproblem	An IOHproblem object
lambda_	The size of the offspring
budget	How many times the objective function can be evaluated
dimension	Dimension of search space
obj_func	The evaluation function
target_hit	Optional, function which enables early stopping if a target value is reached
set_parameters	Function to call to store the value of the registered parameters

Examples

```
benchmark_algorithm(IOH_two_rate_GA)
```

next_problem	<i>Get the next function of the currently initialized IOExperimenter object</i>
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Description

Get the next function of the currently initialized IOExperimenter object

Usage

```
next_problem(experimenter)
```

Arguments

experimenter The IOExperimenter object

Value

An IOHproblem object if available, NULL otherwise

Examples

```
exp <- IOExperimenter()
p <- next_problem(exp)
```

print.IOExperimenter S3 print function for IOExperimenter

Description

S3 print function for IOExperimenter

Usage

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

Arguments

x The IOExperimenter to print
... Arguments for underlying function

Examples

```
print(IOExperimenter())
```

print.IOHproblem	<i>S3 print function for IOHproblem</i>
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Description

S3 print function for IOHproblem

Usage

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

Arguments

x	The IOHproblem to print
...	Arguments for underlying function

Examples

```
exp <- IOHexperimenter()  
p <- next_problem(exp)  
print(p)
```

reset_problem	<i>Reset the IOHproblem</i>
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Description

Reset the IOHproblem

Usage

```
reset_problem(problem)
```

Arguments

problem	The IOHproblem object
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Value

An IOHproblem object

Examples

```
exp <- IOHexperimenter()  
p <- next_problem(exp)  
IOH_random_search(p)  
p <- reset_problem(p)
```

summary.IOExperimenter

S3 generic summary operator for IOExperimenter

Description

S3 generic summary operator for IOExperimenter

Usage

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

Arguments

object	A IOExperimenter object
...	Arguments passed to other methods

Value

A summary of the IOExperimenter object.

Examples

```
summary(IOExperimenter())
```

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