

Package multivator applied to modular systems such as CIAS

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Abstract

This vignette shows how the **multivator** package may be used to analyze computer model systems such as CIAS, which comprise interchangeable modules. If the different modules require different input parameters, then it is possible to use specify a reasonable mean and covariance structure using the package, and a short example, using synthetic data, is given here.

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1. Introduction

CIAS ([Warren *et al.* 2008](#)) is a system for analyzing climate change in an interdisciplinary context. It has a modular architecture, one benefit of which is that a module may be replaced with another compatible module and results compared.

In CIAS, the modules address various aspects of the global climate system and examples include E3MG which models the global economy, MAGICC which models the physical global climate, and ICLIPS which models the impacts of climate change. The modules exchange information at runtime using the BFG protocol.

One feature of CIAS is that it is possible to replace any module with another functionally equivalent one. Multivariate emulation is useful when considering the behaviour of CIAS used in this way. If one has p different interchangeable modules, then the output of CIAS is a p -variate random variable that may be analyzed using the **multivator** package.

If the interchangeable modules have the same input parameters, then analysis of the type presented in the main vignette is appropriate. If, as is usually the case, the modules have different or incomparable input parameters (possibly with parameter spaces of different dimensionality) then a slight modification is necessary.

2. The package in use

In this vignette, I analyze a small synthetic dataset of the type arising when CIAS is used. Consider the following multivariate design matrix:

```
> cias_mdm
```

	cias1	cias2	A_p1	B_p1	B_p2	C_p1
module_A_run1	0.643	0.214	0.262	0	0	0
module_A_run2	0.167	0.405	0.357	0	0	0
module_A_run3	0.310	0.643	0.548	0	0	0
module_A_run4	0.024	0.976	0.976	0	0	0
module_A_run5	0.071	0.833	0.310	0	0	0
module_A_run6	0.595	0.071	0.119	0	0	0
module_A_run7	0.881	0.452	0.452	0	0	0
module_B_run1	0.500	0.881	0	0.929	0.595	0
module_B_run2	0.786	0.929	0	0.786	0.071	0
module_B_run3	0.976	0.548	0	0.548	0.976	0
module_B_run4	0.119	0.024	0	0.262	0.024	0
module_B_run5	0.833	0.167	0	0.024	0.929	0
module_B_run6	0.214	0.119	0	0.214	0.357	0
module_B_run7	0.405	0.262	0	0.690	0.643	0
module_C_run1	0.738	0.738	0	0	0	0.786
module_C_run2	0.262	0.310	0	0	0	0.357
module_C_run3	0.690	0.690	0	0	0	0.310
module_C_run4	0.548	0.786	0	0	0	0.976
module_C_run5	0.452	0.357	0	0	0	0.452
module_C_run6	0.929	0.595	0	0	0	0.595
module_C_run7	0.357	0.500	0	0	0	0.071

Each row corresponds to a run of CIAS, with one of three modules, A, B, or C. Rows 1-7 used module A, rows 8-14 used module B, and rows 15-21 used module C. Parameters are indicated with column headings; thus CIAS itself has two parameters `cias1` and `cias2`. Module A has one parameter (`A_p1`); B has two (`B_p1` and `B_p2`) and module C has one (`C_p1`).

Now consider the hyperparameter object `cias_mhp`:

```
> summary(cias_mhp)
```

```
Length Class Mode
      1   mhp   S4
```

The following LoF object

```
> cias_LoF
```

```
$A
```

```
function(x){ c(const=1,x[1:2],x[3  ]) }
```

```
$B
```

```
function(x){ c(const=1,x[1:2],x[4:5]) }
```

```
$C
```

```
function(x){ c(const=1,x[1:2],x[6  ]) }
```

specifies a set of basis functions that are appropriate to the multivariate design matrix `cias_mdm`. It is now possible to create some synthetic data from this system:

```
> cias_obs <- obs_maker(cias_mdm, cias_mhp, cias_LoF, cias_beta)
> cias_expt <- experiment(cias_mdm, cias_obs)
```

and so `cias_expt` is an object of class `experiment`, containing a multivariate design matrix and observations.

Now consider the following design matrix:

```
> cias_unknown
```

	cias1	cias2	A_p1	B_p1	B_p2	C_p1	type
m.A	0.5	0.5	0	0	0	0	A
m.B	0.5	0.5	0	0	0	0	B
m.C	0.5	0.5	0	0	0	0	C

The three rows corresponding to an evaluation of the three modules: the CIAS parameters are 0.5, and the module parameters take the notional value of zero.

```
> multem(cias_unknown, cias_expt, cias_mhp, cias_LoF, give=TRUE)
```

```
$mstar
```

	m.A	m.B	m.C
	5.431262	9.833946	22.378877

```
$cstar
```

	m.A	m.B	m.C
m.A	0.44060903	0.03343105	0.01131915
m.B	0.03343105	1.41995186	-0.01392041
m.C	0.01131915	-0.01392041	0.04724244

3. Discussion

The **multivator** package has been used to assess a modular systems such as CIAS, which has the facility to replace an individual module with another performing the same task, but possibly using a different modelling approach.

The system adopted here has some similarities to that of [Kennedy and O'Hagan \(2000\)](#), who gave a way of dealing with a hierarchy of models using a sequential system of basis functions and fitting a Gaussian process to the difference between successive levels in the hierarchy.

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