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Description Provides tools for likelihood-based inference in one-dimensional stochastic differential equations with mixed effects using expectation–maximization (EM) algorithms. The package supports Wiener and Ornstein–Uhlenbeck diffusion processes with user-specified drift functions, allowing flexible parametric forms including polynomial, exponential, and trigonometric structures. Estimation is performed via Markov chain Monte Carlo EM.

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datasim01	<i>Simulated diffusion dataset 01</i>
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Description

A simulated dataset consisting of discretely observed trajectories generated from a one-dimensional Wiener diffusion model with random effects in the drift term.

Usage

```
data(datasim01)
```

Format

A data frame with observations from multiple experimental units and the following variables:

t Observation time.

unit Unit identifier.

Y Observed process value.

Details

The data were generated from the stochastic differential equation

$$dY_k(t) = a_k t dt + \sigma dW_k(t),$$

where the unit-specific random effects follow a normal distribution

$$a_k \sim \mathcal{N}(10, 3),$$

and the diffusion variance is given by $\sigma^2 = 500$.

The process was simulated for $K = 50$ units, each observed at $n = 200$ equally spaced time points, with initial condition $Y_{k0} = 1$.

Value

A data frame with simulated data.

Source

Simulated data generated for illustrative purposes.

References

None.

Examples

```
data(datasim01)
plot_paths(df = datasim01)
```

datasim02

Simulated diffusion dataset 02

Description

A simulated dataset consisting of discretely observed trajectories generated from a one-dimensional Wiener diffusion model with random effects in the drift term.

Usage

```
data(datasim02)
```

Format

A data frame with observations from multiple experimental units and the following variables:

t Observation time.
 unit Unit identifier.
 Y Observed process value.

Details

The data were generated from the stochastic differential equation

$$dY_k(t) = a_k \sin(\pi t) dt + \sigma dW_k(t),$$

where the unit-specific random effects follow a normal distribution

$$a_k \sim \mathcal{N}(10, 3),$$

and the diffusion variance is given by $\sigma^2 = 50$.

The integrated drift used for simulation is given by

$$\mu_{\Delta}(a_k, t_i, t_{i-1}) = \frac{a_k}{\pi} \{ \cos(\pi t_{i-1}) - \cos(\pi t_i) \}.$$

The process was simulated for $K = 50$ units, each observed at $n = 200$ equally spaced time points, with initial condition $Y_{k0} = 1$.

Value

A data frame with simulated data.

Source

Simulated data generated for illustrative purposes.

References

None.

Examples

```
data(datasim02)
plot_paths(df = datasim02)
```

datasim03

Simulated diffusion dataset 03

Description

A simulated dataset consisting of discretely observed trajectories generated from a one-dimensional Ornstein–Uhlenbeck diffusion model with a time-dependent mean function and random effects.

Usage

```
data(datasim03)
```

Format

A data frame with observations from multiple experimental units and the following variables:

- t Observation time.
- unit Unit identifier.
- Y Observed process value.

Details

The data were generated from the stochastic differential equation

$$dY_k(t) = \lambda\{a_k t - Y_k(t)\} dt + \sigma dW_k(t),$$

where the unit-specific random effects follow a normal distribution

$$a_k \sim \mathcal{N}(10, 3),$$

the mean-reversion parameter is given by $\lambda = 0.75$, and the diffusion variance satisfies $\sigma^2 = 500$.

The process was simulated for $K = 30$ units, each observed at $n = 200$ equally spaced time points over the interval $[0, 10]$, with initial condition $Y_k(0) = 0$.

Value

A data frame with simulated data.

Source

Simulated data generated for illustrative purposes.

References

None.

Examples

```
data(datasim03)
plot_paths(df = datasim03)
```

fit_ou

Inference about the parameters of an Ornstein–Uhlenbeck process

Description

Implements the EM algorithm to perform inference on the parameters of an Ornstein–Uhlenbeck process with mixed drift effects.

Usage

```
fit_ou(df,
       mu = "at^1",
       tol = 1e-4,
       max_iter = 100,
       theta = NULL,
       M = 100,
       verbose = TRUE,
       mu_cond = NULL,
       n_mcmc = 1000,
       burnin = 500)
```

Arguments

df	Data frame with the observed data. It must include the columns t (time), unit (unit identifier) and Y (the observed trajectory).
mu	Functional form of the drift. Supported drifts include "at^p", "exp(at)", "cos(at)" and "sin(at)". The default is "at^1".
tol	Convergence tolerance for the EM algorithm. The algorithm stops when the maximum absolute difference between the parameter estimates at two consecutive EM iterations is smaller than tol.

max_iter	Maximum number of EM iterations.
theta	Optional named vector of initial parameter values. If NULL, default initial values are used.
M	Number of Monte Carlo samples used to approximate the conditional expectations in the E-step.
verbose	Logical indicating whether to print EM iteration progress.
mu_cond	Optional user-supplied function defining the conditional mean of the process. If NULL, it is constructed automatically from mu.
n_mcmc	Number of MCMC iterations used in the E-step to sample the random effects.
burnin	Number of initial MCMC iterations discarded.

Details

The model is a one-dimensional Ornstein–Uhlenbeck diffusion defined by

$$dY_{kt} = \lambda\{\mu(t, a_k) - Y_{kt}\} dt + \sigma dW_{kt},$$

where $\mu(t, a_k)$ is a user-specified drift function depending on a unit-specific random effect $a_k \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_a, \sigma_a^2)$.

The parameter λ controls the strength of mean reversion toward the time-dependent mean.

For discretely observed trajectories, the conditional mean is given by

$$E\{Y_{kt_i} \mid Y_{kt_{i-1}}, a_k\} = Y_{kt_{i-1}} e^{-\lambda \Delta t_i} + \lambda \int_{t_{i-1}}^{t_i} e^{-\lambda(t_i-s)} \mu(s, a_k) ds.$$

The function mu_cond represents this conditional mean. If not provided, it is constructed automatically from the drift specification supplied through mu using closed-form expressions.

Value

A named numeric vector containing the estimated model parameters:

mu_a	Estimated mean of the random effects distribution.
sigma2_a	Estimated variance of the random effects distribution.
sigma2	Estimated diffusion variance of the process.
lambda	Estimated mean reversion parameter.

Examples

```
library(mixeddiffusion)
data(datasim03)
plot_paths(df = datasim03)
fit <- fit_ou(df = datasim03, mu = "at^1",
             verbose = FALSE, max_iter = 1)
fit
```

Description

Implement the EM algorithm to perform inference on the parameters of a Wiener process with mixed drift effects.

Usage

```
fit_wiener(df,  
  mu = "at^1",  
  tol = 1e-4,  
  max_iter = 100,  
  theta = NULL,  
  M = 100,  
  verbose = TRUE,  
  mu_dlt = NULL,  
  n_mcmc = 1000,  
  burnin = 500)
```

Arguments

df	Data frame with the observed data. It must include the columns t (time), unit (unit identifier) and Y (the observed trajectory).
mu	Functional form of the drift. Supported drifts include "at^p", "exp(at)", "cos(at)" and "sin(at)". The default is "at^1".
tol	Convergence tolerance for the EM algorithm. The algorithm stops when the maximum absolute difference between the parameter estimates at two consecutive EM iterations is smaller than tol.
max_iter	Maximum number of EM iterations.
theta	Optional named vector of initial parameter values. If NULL, default initial values are used.
M	Number of Monte Carlo samples used to approximate the conditional expectations in the E-step.
verbose	Logical indicating whether to print EM iteration progress.
mu_dlt	Optional user-supplied function defining the integrated drift term. If NULL, it is constructed automatically from mu.
n_mcmc	Number of MCMC iterations used in the E-step to sample the random effects.
burnin	Number of initial MCMC iterations discarded.

Details

The model is a one-dimensional Wiener diffusion defined by

$$dY_{kt} = \mu(t, a_k)dt + \sigma dW_{kt}$$

,

where $\mu(t, a_k)$ is a user-specified drift function depending on a unit-specific random effect $a_k \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_a, \sigma_a^2)$.

For discretely observed trajectories, the mean of the increments is given by the integrated drift

$$\mu_{\Delta}(a_k, t_i, t_{i-1}) = \int_{t_{i-1}}^{t_i} \mu(s, a_k) ds.$$

The function `mu_dlt` represents this integrated drift. If not provided, it is constructed automatically from `mu` using closed-form expressions for common drift specifications.

Value

A named numeric vector containing the estimated model parameters:

<code>mu_a</code>	Estimated mean of the random effects distribution.
<code>sigma2_a</code>	Estimated variance of the random effects distribution.
<code>sigma2</code>	Estimated diffusion variance of the Wiener process.

Examples

```
library(mixeddiffusion)
data(datasim01)
plot_paths(df = datasim01)
fit <- fit_wiener(df = datasim01, mu = "at^1",
                 verbose = FALSE, max_iter = 1)
fit

# mu(ak,t) = ak*sin(pi*t)
data(datasim02)
plot_paths(df = datasim02)
mu_dlt_new <- function(ak,ti,ti_1){
  value <- -ak*(cos(pi*ti) - cos(pi*ti_1))
  return(value)
}

fit <- fit_wiener(df = datasim02, mu_dlt = mu_dlt_new,
                 verbose = FALSE, max_iter = 1)
fit
```

`plot_paths`*Plot panel trajectories*

Description

Plots multiple trajectories from panel or longitudinal data grouped by unit.

Usage

```
plot_paths(df,  
  col = NULL,  
  lwd = 1,  
  xlab = "t",  
  ylab = "Y",  
  main = NULL,  
  ...)
```

Arguments

<code>df</code>	Data frame containing the observed data. It must include the columns <code>t</code> (time), <code>unit</code> (unit identifier) and <code>Y</code> (observed values).
<code>col</code>	Optional vector of colors, one per unit. If <code>NULL</code> , a grayscale palette is used.
<code>lwd</code>	Line width used for the trajectories.
<code>xlab</code>	Label for the x-axis.
<code>ylab</code>	Label for the y-axis.
<code>main</code>	Optional main title for the plot.
<code>...</code>	Additional graphical parameters passed to <code>plot</code> .

Value

A ggplot graph.

Examples

```
data(datasim02)  
plot_paths(datasim02)
```

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