## Package 'INLAtools'

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Description Contain code to work with a C struct, in short cgeneric, to define a Gaussian Markov random (GMRF) model. The cgeneric contain code to specify GMRF elements such as the graph and the precision matrix, and also the initial and prior for its parameters, useful for model inference. It can be accessed from a C program and is the recommended way to implement new GMRF models in the 'INLA' package (<a href="https://www.r-inla.org">https://www.r-inla.org</a>).

The 'INLAtools' implement functions to evaluate each one of the model specifications from R.

The implemented functionalities leverage the use of 'cgeneric' models and provide a way to debug the code as well to work with the prior for the model parameters and to sample from it.

A very useful functionality is the Kronecker product method that creates a new model from multiple cgeneric models.

It also works with the rgeneric, the R version of the cgeneric intended to easy try implementation of new GMRF models. The Kronecker between two cgeneric models was used in Sterrantino et. al. (2024) <doi:10.1007/s10260-025-00788-y>, and can be used to build the spatio-temporal intrinsic interaction models for what the needed constraints are automatically set.

URL https://github.com/eliaskrainski/INLAtools

BugReports https://github.com/eliaskrainski/INLAtools/issues

Additional repositories https://inla.r-inla-download.org/R/testing

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## Description

A GMRF is defined from model parameters  $\theta$  that would parametrize a (sparse) precision matrix. The elements of a GMR are:

- graph to define the non-zero precision matrix pattern. only the upper triangle including the diagonal is needed.
- Q vector where the
  - first element (N) is the size of the matrix,

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- second element (M) is the number of non-zero elements in the upper part (including) diagonal

- the remaining (M) elements are the actual precision (upper triangle plus diagonal) elements whose order shall follow the graph definition.
- mu the mean vector,
- initial vector with
  - first element as the number of the parameters in the model
  - remaining elements should be the initials for the model parameters.
- log.norm.const log of the normalizing constant.
- log.prior log of the prior for the model parameters.

## Usage

```
cgeneric(model, ...)
## S3 method for class 'character'
cgeneric(model, ...)
## S3 method for class '`function`'
cgeneric(model, ...)
## S3 method for class 'cgeneric'
cgeneric(model, ...)
## S3 method for class 'inla.cgeneric'
cgeneric(model, ...)
cgenericBuilder(...)
```

#### **Arguments**

model	object class for what a cgeneric method exists. E.g., if it is a character, a specific function will be called. E.g. cgeneric("iid",") calls cgeneric_iid().
	arguments passed from the cgeneric() methods. FIt should include n and debug. For cgenericBuild it should model as a character string with the name of the C function and shlib as the path to the shared object containing such function. If shlib is not provided it can be built using inla_shlib from the arguments, package (character with the R package containing it), useINLAprecomp (logical to indicate if INLA contains it and to use it).
debug	integer, used as verbose in debug.
package	character giving the name of the package that contains the cgeneric model.
useINLAprecomp	logical, indicating if it is to use the shared object previously copied and compiled by INLA.

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#### Value

a method to build a cgeneric should return a named list of cgeneric class that contains a named list f that contains (at least):

- model a character always equal to cgeneric,
- n an integer greater than 0, and
- cgeneric as a named list that contains the data needed to define the model. Each element on ...\$f\$cgeneric is also a named list containing ints, doubles, characters, matrices and smatrices.
- (possible) extraconstr as a named list with: A as a n times k matrix and e as a length k vector.
- (possible) bm\_mapper (TO DO) mapper for inlabru package.

The cgeneric\_shlib function returns a character with the path to the shared lib.

#### **Functions**

- cgeneric(cgeneric): Returns the model object unchanged.
- cgeneric(inla.cgeneric): Converts a regular inla.cgeneric object to cgeneric.

#### Note

The graph and Q non-zero pattern should match, its elements should be ordered by row, and only its upper part stored.

## See Also

```
INLA::cgeneric() and methods()
```

cgeneric\_generic0

Build an cgeneric object for a generic 0 model. See details.

## **Description**

Build data needed to implement a model whose precision has a conditional precision parameter. This uses the C interface in the 'INLA' package, that can be used as a linear predictor model component with an 'f' term.

#### Usage

```
cgeneric_generic0(R, param, constr = TRUE, scale = TRUE, ...)
cgeneric_iid(n, param, constr = FALSE, ...)
```

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## Arguments

R	the structure matrix for the model definition.	
param	length two vector with the parameters a and p for the PC-prior distribution de fined from	
	$P(\sigma > a) = p$	
	where $\sigma$ can be interpreted as marginal standard deviation of the process if scale = TRUE. See details.	
constr	logical indicating if it is to add a sum-to-zero constraint. Default is TRUE.	
scale	logical indicating if it is to scale the model. See detais.	

arguments (debug, useINLAprecomp, shlib) passed on to cgeneric().

n integer required to specify the model size

#### **Details**

The precision matrix is defined as

$$Q = \tau R$$

where the structure matrix R is supplied by the user and  $\tau$  is the precision parameter. Following Sørbie and Rue (2014), if scale = TRUE the model is scaled so that

$$Q = \tau s R$$

where s is the geometric mean of the diagonal elements of the generalized inverse of R.

$$s = \exp \sum_{i} \log((R^{-})_{ii})/n$$

If the model is scaled, the geometric mean of the marginal variances, the diagonal of  $Q^{-1}$ , is one. Therefore, when the model is scaled,  $\tau$  is the marginal precision, otherwise  $\tau$  is the conditional precision.

#### Value

a cgeneric object, see cgeneric().

#### **Functions**

• cgeneric\_iid(): The cgeneric\_iid uses the cgeneric\_generic0 with the structure matrix as the identity.

#### References

Sigrunn Holbek Sørbye and Håvard Rue (2014). Scaling intrinsic Gaussian Markov random field priors in spatial modelling. Spatial Statistics, vol. 8, p. 39-51.

#### See Also

```
prior.cgeneric()
```

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#### **Examples**

```
## structured precision matrix model definition
R <- Matrix(toeplitz(c(2,-1,0,0,0)))
R
mR <- cgeneric("generic0", R = R,
    param = c(1, 0.05), scale = FALSE)
graph(mR)
prec(mR, theta = 0)</pre>
```

cgeneric\_get

cgeneric\_get *is an internal function used by* graph, pred, initial, mu *or* prior *methods for* cgeneric.

## Description

The generic\_get retrieve a model property specified by cmd on an cgeneric object. The functions listed below are for each cmd case.

## Usage

```
cgeneric_get(
 model,
  cmd = c("graph", "Q", "initial", "mu", "log_prior"),
  theta,
  optimize = TRUE
)
## S3 method for class 'cgeneric'
initial(model)
## S3 method for class 'cgeneric'
mu(model, theta)
## S3 method for class 'cgeneric'
graph(model, optimize)
## S3 method for class 'cgeneric'
prec(model, theta, optimize)
## S3 method for class 'cgeneric'
prior(model, theta)
```

#### **Arguments**

```
model a cgeneric object.

cmd an string to specify which model element to get
```

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theta numeric vector with the model parameters. If missing, the initial() will be

used.

optimize logical indicating if it is to be returned only the elements and not as a sparse

matrix.

#### Value

depends on cmd

numeric scalar (if numeric vector is provided for theta) or vector (if numeric matrix is provided for theta).

#### **Functions**

- initial(cgeneric): Retrive the initial parameter(s) of an cgeneric model.
- mu(cgeneric): Evaluate the mean for an cgeneric model.
- graph(cgeneric): Retrieve the graph of an cgeneric object
- prec(cgeneric): Retrieve the precision of an cgeneric object
- prior(cgeneric): Evaluate the prior for an cgeneric model

#### See Also

check the examples in cgeneric\_generic0()

#### **Examples**

```
old.par <- par(no.readonly = TRUE)</pre>
## Setting the prior parameters
prior.par <- c(1, 0.5) \# P(sigma > 1) = 0.5
cmodel <- cgeneric(</pre>
  model = "iid", n = 10,
  param = prior.par)
## prior summaries: sigma and log-precision
(lamb <- -log(prior.par[2])/prior.par[1])</pre>
(smedian \leftarrow qexp(0.5, lamb))
(smean <- 1/lamb)
## mode: at the minimum of - log-prior
(lpmode <- optimize(function(x)</pre>
  -prior(cmodel, theta = x),
  c(-10, 30))$minimum)
## mean: integral of x*f(x)dx
(lpmean <- integrate(function(x)</pre>
  exp(prior(cmodel, theta = matrix(x, 1)))*x,
  -10, 30)$value)
## prior visualization: log(precision) and sigma
par(mfrow = c(1, 2))
plot(function(x)
```

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```
exp(prior(cmodel, theta = matrix(x, nrow=1))),
 -3, 3, n = 601, xlab = "log-precision",
 ylab = "density")
abline(v = lpmode, lwd = 3, col = 2)
rug(-2*log(smedian), lwd = 3, col = 3)
rug(lpmean, lwd = 3, col = 4)
plot(function(x)
exp(prior(cmodel,
 theta = matrix(
   -2*log(x),
   nrow = 1)) + log(2) - log(x)),
 1/100, 10, n = 1000,
 xlab = expression(sigma),
 ylab = "density")
plot(function(x) dexp(x, lamb),
  1/100, 10, n = 1000,
  add = TRUE, lty = 2, col = 2)
rug(smedian, lwd = 3, col = 3)
rug(smean, lwd = 3, col = 4)
par(old.par)
```

extraconstr

Kronecker (product) between extraconstr, implemented for kronecker() methods.

## Description

Kronecker (product) between extraconstr, implemented for kronecker() methods.

## Usage

```
kronecker_extraconstr(c1, c2, n1, n2)
```

#### **Arguments**

c1, c2	named list with two elements: A and e, where nrow(A) should be equal to
	length(e). These are constraint definitions.
n1. n2	integer with each model's length

#### Value

The constraint definition for the whole latent model built from the Kronecker product. A length two named list. 'A' a matrix and 'e' a vector where nrow(A) = length(e) and nrol(A) = (n1\*n2).

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Search a function and retrieve it.

#### **Description**

Search a function and retrieve it.

## Usage

```
findGetFunction(fName, package, debug = FALSE)
```

## **Arguments**

fName character with the name of the function package character with the package name

debug logical indicating if it is to print intermediate progress finding

#### **Details**

if 'missing(package)' it will search on the loaded packages, first in the exported functions, and then among the non-exported ones. NOTE: 'package' can include any installed package, see installed.packages()

#### Value

function. The (first) package name where it was found is returned as an attribute named "package"

```
inla.cgeneric.sample Draw samples from hyperparameters of a cgeneric model component from an inla output, like inla::inla.iidkd.sample().
```

## **Description**

Draw samples from hyperparameters of a cgeneric model component from an inla output, like inla::inla.iidkd.sample().

## Usage

```
inla.cgeneric.sample(
  n = 10000,
  result,
  name,
  model,
  from.theta,
  simplify = FALSE
)
```

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## **Arguments**

n integer as the sample size.

result an inla output.

name character with the name of the model component in the set of random effects.

model a cgeneric model

from. theta a function to convert from theta to the desired output for each sample.

simplify logical (see ?sapply).

## Value

matrix (if n>1 and length(from.theta)>1) or numeric vector otherwise.

#### See Also

```
prior.cgeneric()
```

is.zero

Define the is.zero method

## **Description**

Define the is.zero method

## Usage

```
is.zero(x, tol)
## Default S3 method:
is.zero(x, tol)
## S3 method for class 'matrix'
is.zero(x, tol)
## S3 method for class 'Matrix'
is.zero(x, tol)
```

## **Arguments**

x an R object

tol numeric to be used as (absolute) tolerance. if missing (default) it will consider

x = = 0.

## Value

logical

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#### Methods (by class)

- is.zero(default): The is.zero.default definition
- is.zero(matrix): The is.zero.matrix definition
- is.zero(Matrix): The is.zero.Matrix definition

kronecker

Kronecker (product) between cgeneric/rgeneric models, implemented as kronecker() methods.

#### **Description**

Kronecker (product) between cgeneric/rgeneric models, implemented as kronecker() methods.

#### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'cgeneric,cgeneric'
kronecker(X, Y, FUN = "*", make.dimnames = FALSE, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'cgeneric,rgeneric'
kronecker(X, Y, FUN = "*", make.dimnames = FALSE, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'rgeneric,cgeneric'
kronecker(X, Y, FUN = "*", make.dimnames = FALSE, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'rgeneric,rgeneric'
kronecker(X, Y, FUN = "*", make.dimnames = FALSE, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

```
X cgeneric or rgeneric
Y cgeneric or rgeneric
FUN see kronecker()
make.dimnames see kronecker()
... see kronecker()
```

#### Value

if 'X' and 'Y' are cgeneric return a cgeneric, else a rgeneric.

#### **Examples**

```
R <- Matrix(crossprod(diff(diag(4))))
m1 <- cgeneric("generic0", R = R, param = c(1, NA),
    scale = FALSE, useINLAprecomp = FALSE)
m2 <- cgeneric("iid", n = 3, param = c(1, 0.5),
    useINLAprecomp = FALSE)
k21 <- kronecker(m2, m1, useINLAprecomp = FALSE)
prec(k21, theta = 0.0)</pre>
```

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## Description

For a given model object query the initial, mu, log prior, graph or precision prec can be evaluated/retrieved.

## Usage

```
initial(model)
mu(model, theta)
prior(model, theta)
graph(model, optimize)
prec(model, theta, optimize)
## Default S3 method:
prec(model, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'Matrix'
vcov(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'inla'
prec(model, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

model	object to represent a model
theta	numeric vector. For prior it can be a numeric matrix, with number of lines equal the size of theta and each column as a different case.
optimize	logical indicating if it is to be returned only the elements and not as a sparse matrix.
	additional arguments passed on
object	Matrix supposed to be a sparse precision matrix

#### Value

the result of the desired query of the 'cgeneric' model. 'graph' and 'prec' can be either a vector (if optimize = TRUE) or a sparse matrix.

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#### **Functions**

- initial(): Retrieve the initial model parameter(s)
- mu(): Evaluate the model's mean
- prior(): Evaluate the log-prior for a given theta
- graph(): Retrieve the models' graph
- prec(): Retrieve the precision for a given theta
- prec(default): The default precision method computes the inverse of the variance
- vcov(Matrix): The vcov method for sparse matrices
- prec(inla): Define the prec method for an inla output object

#### See Also

```
prior.cgeneric()
```

multi\_generic\_model

Combine two or more cgeneric or rgeneric models

#### **Description**

Constructs a multiple kronecker product model from a list of model objects. The resulting model contains a corresponding inlabru::bm\_multi() mapper. This can be used as an alternative to a binary tree of kronecker product models.

#### Usage

```
multi_generic_model(models, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

models A list of cgeneric or rgeneric models, optionally with names
... Arguments passed on to every kronecker() call.

#### **Details**

The last model in the list has the slowest index variation, and the first model has the fastest index variation. This matches the latent variable ordering of standard INLA: f() model components with (main, group, replicate).

#### Value

A 'cgeneric' or 'rgeneric' model object, containing a multi-kronecker product model, with a corresponding inlabru::bm\_multi() mapper.

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#### **Examples**

```
R1 <- Matrix(crossprod(diff(diag(4))))
m1 <- cgeneric("generic0", R = R1, param = c(1, NA),
    scale = FALSE, useINLAprecomp = FALSE)
R2 <- Matrix(crossprod(diff(diag(3))))
m2 <- cgeneric("generic0", R = R2, param = c(1, NA),
    scale = FALSE, useINLAprecomp = FALSE)
m3 <- cgeneric("iid", n = 2, param = c(1, 0.5),
    useINLAprecomp = FALSE)
multi123 <- multi_generic_model(
    list(m1 = m1, m2 = m2, m3 = m3),
    useINLAprecomp = FALSE
)
prec(multi123, theta = 0.0)
if(!is.na(packageCheck("inlabru", "2.13.0.9005"))) {
    print(multi123$mapper)
}</pre>
```

packageCheck

To check package version and load

#### **Description**

To check package version and load

## Usage

```
packageCheck(name, minimum_version, quietly = FALSE)
```

#### **Arguments**

#### Note

Original in inlabru package function check\_package\_version\_and\_load

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Organize data for the latent GMRF R interface for INLA.

## **Description**

Organize data for the latent GMRF R interface for INLA.

The rgeneric default method.

#### Usage

```
rgeneric(model, debug = FALSE, compile = TRUE, optimize = TRUE, ...)
## Default S3 method:
rgeneric(model, debug = FALSE, compile = TRUE, optimize = TRUE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'rgeneric'
rgeneric(model, ...)
## S3 method for class 'inla.rgeneric'
rgeneric(model, ...)
## S3 method for class 'rgeneric'
graph(model, ...)
## S3 method for class 'rgeneric'
prec(model, ...)
## S3 method for class 'rgeneric'
initial(model)
## S3 method for class 'rgeneric'
mu(model, theta)
## S3 method for class 'rgeneric'
prior(model, theta)
```

## **Arguments**

model	a rgeneric model object
debug	logical indicating debug state.
compile	logical indicating to compile the model.
optimize	logical indicating if only the elements of the precision matrix are returned.
• • •	additional parameter such as 'theta' If 'theta' is not supplied, initial will be taken.
theta	the parameter.

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## Value

rgeneric/inla.rgeneric object.

## **Functions**

- rgeneric(rgeneric): Returns the model object unchanged.
- rgeneric(inla.rgeneric): Converts a regular inla.rgeneric object to rgeneric.
- graph(rgeneric): The graph method for 'rgeneric'
- prec(rgeneric): The precision method for an rgeneric object.
- initial(rgeneric): The initial method for 'rgeneric'
- mu(rgeneric): The mu method for 'rgeneric'
- prior(rgeneric): The prior metho for 'rgeneric'

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To store in i,j,x sparse matrix format

## Description

To store in i,j,x sparse matrix format

## Usage

```
Sparse(A, unique = TRUE, na.rm = FALSE, zeros.rm = FALSE)
```

## **Arguments**

A	matrix or Matrix
unique	logical (default is TRUE) to ensure that the internal representation is unique and there are no duplicated entries. (Do not change this unless you know what you are doing.)
na.rm	logical (default is FALSE) indicating if it is to replace 'NA's in the matrix with zeros.
zeros.rm	logical (default is FALSE) indicating if it is to remove zeros in the matrix. Applied after na.rm.

## Note

This is based in INLA::inla.as.sparse(), but allow all combinations of 'na.rm' and 'zeros.rm'.

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perPadding Padding (a list of) sparse matrices.
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#### **Description**

Padding (a list of) sparse matrices.

## Usage

```
upperPadding(M, relative = FALSE, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

```
M 'Matrix' (or a list of them).
relative logical. If 'M" is a list, it indicates if it is to be returned a relative index and the value for each matrix. See details.
... additional arguments passed to Sparse.
```

## **Details**

This is useful to prepare a matrix, or a list of, sparse matrices for use in some 'cgeneric' code.

Define a graph of the union of the supplied matrices and return the row ordered diagonal plus upper triangle after padding with zeroes each one so that all the returned matrices have the same pattern.

If relative=FALSE, each columns of 'xx' is the elements of the corresponding matrix after being padded to fill the pattern of the union graph. If relative=TRUE, each element of 'xx' would be a list with a relative index, 'r', for each non-zero elements of each matrix is returned relative to the union graph, the non-lower elements, 'x', of the corresponding matrix, and a vector, 'o', with the number of non-zero elements for each line of each resulting matrix.

#### Value

If a unique matrix is given, return the upper triangle considering the 'T' representation in the dgTMatrix, from the Matrix package. If a list of matrices is given, return a list of two elements: 'graph' and 'xx'. The 'graph' is the union of the graph from each matrix. If relative=FALSE, 'xx' is a matrix with number of column equals the number of matrices imputed. If relative=TRUE, it is a list of length equal the number of matrices imputed. See details.

#### **Examples**

```
A <- sparseMatrix(
    i = c(1, 1, 2, 3, 3, 5),
    j = c(2, 5, 3, 4, 5, 5),
    x = -c(0:3,NA,1), symmetric = TRUE)
A
upperPadding(A)
upperPadding(A, na.rm = TRUE)
upperPadding(A, zeros.rm = TRUE)</pre>
```

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```
upperPadding(A, na.rm = TRUE, zeros.rm = TRUE)
B <- Diagonal(nrow(A), -colSums(A, na.rm = TRUE))
B
upperPadding(list(a = A, b = B), na.rm = TRUE, zeros.rm = TRUE)
upperPadding(list(a = A, b = B), relative = TRUE)</pre>
```

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