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## Description

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<code>as_double_matrix</code>	<i>Convert input to a matrix with "double" storage mode (<code>base::storage.mode()</code>).</i>
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**Description**

Convert input to a matrix with "double" storage mode (`base::storage.mode()`).

**Usage**

```
as_double_matrix(x)
```

**Arguments**

`x`                    `data.frame()`/`matrix()`  
A numerical data frame or matrix with at least 1 row and 2 columns.

**Value**

`x` is coerced to a numerical `matrix()`.

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<code>attsurf2df</code>	<i>Convert a list of attainment surfaces to a single EAF <code>data.frame</code>.</i>
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**Description**

Convert a list of attainment surfaces to a single EAF `data.frame`.

**Usage**

```
attsurf2df(x)
```

**Arguments**

`x`                    `list()`  
List of `data.frames` or matrices. The names of the list give the percentiles of the attainment surfaces. This is the format returned by `eaf_as_list()`.

**Value**

`data.frame()`  
Data frame with as many columns as objectives and an additional column percentiles.

**See Also**[eaf\\_as\\_list\(\)](#)**Examples**

```

data(SPEA2relativeRichmond)
attsurfs <- eaf_as_list(eaf(SPEA2relativeRichmond, percentiles = c(0,50,100)))
str(attsurfs)
eaf_df <- attsurf2df(attsurfs)
str(eaf_df)

```

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choose_eafdiff	<i>Interactively choose according to empirical attainment function differences</i>
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**Description**

Interactively choose according to empirical attainment function differences

**Usage**

```
choose_eafdiff(x, left = stop("'left' must be either TRUE or FALSE"))
```

**Arguments**

x	matrix() Matrix of rectangles representing EAF differences returned by <a href="#">eafdiff()</a> with rectangles=TRUE.
left	logical(1) With left=TRUE return the rectangles with positive differences, otherwise return those with negative differences but differences are converted to positive.

**Value**

matrix() where the first 4 columns give the coordinates of two corners of each rectangle and the last column. In both cases, the last column gives the positive differences in favor of the chosen side.

**Examples**

```

extdata_dir <- system.file(package="moocore", "extdata")
A1 <- read_datasets(file.path(extdata_dir, "wrots_l10w10_dat"))
A2 <- read_datasets(file.path(extdata_dir, "wrots_l10w100_dat"))
# Choose A1
rectangles <- eafdiff(A1, A2, intervals = 5, rectangles = TRUE)
rectangles <- choose_eafdiff(rectangles, left = TRUE)
reference <- c(max(A1[, 1], A2[, 1]), max(A1[, 2], A2[, 2]))
x <- split.data.frame(A1[,1:2], A1[,3])
hv_A1 <- sapply(split.data.frame(A1[, 1:2], A1[, 3]),

```

```

                                hypervolume, reference=reference)
hv_A2 <- sapply(split.data.frame(A2[, 1:2], A2[, 3]),
                hypervolume, reference=reference)
print(fivenum(hv_A1))
print(fivenum(hv_A2))
whv_A1 <- sapply(split.data.frame(A1[, 1:2], A1[, 3]),
                whv_rect, rectangles=rectangles, reference=reference)
whv_A2 <- sapply(split.data.frame(A2[, 1:2], A2[, 3]),
                whv_rect, rectangles=rectangles, reference=reference)
print(fivenum(whv_A1))
print(fivenum(whv_A2))

```

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compute\_eafdiff\_call *Same as [eafdiff\(\)](#) but performs no checks and does not transform the input or the output. This function should be used by other packages that want to avoid redundant checks and transformations.*

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### Description

Same as [eafdiff\(\)](#) but performs no checks and does not transform the input or the output. This function should be used by other packages that want to avoid redundant checks and transformations.

### Usage

```
compute_eafdiff_call(x, y, cumsizes_x, cumsizes_y, intervals, ret)
```

### Arguments

x, y	matrix data.frame() Data frames corresponding to the input data of left and right sides, respectively. Each data frame has at least three columns, the last one is the set of each point. See also <a href="#">read_datasets()</a> .
cumsizes_x, cumsizes_y	Cumulative size of the different sets of points in x and y.
intervals	integer(1) The absolute range of the differences $[0, 1]$ is partitioned into the number of intervals provided.
ret	("points" "rectangles" "polygons") The format of the returned EAF differences.

### Value

With `rectangle=FALSE`, a data.frame containing points where there is a transition in the value of the EAF differences. With `rectangle=TRUE`, a matrix where the first 4 columns give the coordinates of two corners of each rectangle. In both cases, the last column gives the difference in terms of sets in x minus sets in y that attain each point (i.e., negative values are differences in favour y).

**See Also**

[as\\_double\\_matrix\(\)](#) [transform\\_maximise\(\)](#)

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compute_eaf_call	<i>Same as <a href="#">eaf()</a> but performs no checks and does not transform the input or the output. This function should be used by other packages that want to avoid redundant checks and transformations.</i>
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**Description**

Same as [eaf\(\)](#) but performs no checks and does not transform the input or the output. This function should be used by other packages that want to avoid redundant checks and transformations.

**Usage**

```
compute_eaf_call(x, cumsizes, percentiles)
```

**Arguments**

x	<code>matrix()</code> / <code>data.frame()</code> Matrix or data frame of numerical values that represents multiple sets of points, where each row represents a point. If <code>sets</code> is missing, the last column of <code>x</code> gives the sets.
cumsizes	<code>integer()</code> Cumulative size of the different sets of points in <code>x</code> .
percentiles	<code>numeric()</code> Vector indicating which percentiles are computed. NULL computes all.

**Value**

`data.frame()`  
A data frame containing the exact representation of EAF. The last column gives the percentile that corresponds to each point. If `groups` is not NULL, then an additional column indicates to which group the point belongs.

**See Also**

[as\\_double\\_matrix\(\)](#) [transform\\_maximise\(\)](#)

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CPFs	<i>Conditional Pareto fronts obtained from Gaussian processes simulations.</i>
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**Description**

The data has the only goal of providing an example of use of `vorob_t()` and `vorob_dev()`. It has been obtained by fitting two Gaussian processes on 20 observations of a bi-objective problem, before generating conditional simulation of both GPs at different locations and extracting non-dominated values of coupled simulations.

**Usage**

CPFs

**Format**

A data frame with 2967 observations on the following 3 variables.

f1 first objective values.

f2 second objective values.

set indices of corresponding conditional Pareto fronts.

**Source**

Mickaël Binois, David Ginsbourger, Olivier Roustant (2015). “Quantifying uncertainty on Pareto fronts with Gaussian process conditional simulations.” *European Journal of Operational Research*, 243(2), 386–394. doi:10.1016/j.ejor.2014.07.032.

**Examples**

```
data(CPFs)
vorob_t(CPFs, reference = c(2, 200))
```

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eaf	<i>Exact computation of the Empirical Attainment Function (EAF)</i>
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**Description**

This function computes the EAF given a set of 2D or 3D points and a vector set that indicates to which set each point belongs.

**Usage**

```
eaf(x, sets, percentiles = NULL, maximise = FALSE, groups = NULL)
```

### Arguments

x	matrix() data.frame() Matrix or data frame of numerical values that represents multiple sets of points, where each row represents a point. If sets is missing, the last column of x gives the sets.
sets	integer() Vector that indicates the set of each point in x. If missing, the last column of x is used instead.
percentiles	numeric() Vector indicating which percentiles are computed. NULL computes all.
maximise	logical() Whether the objectives must be maximised instead of minimised. Either a single logical value that applies to all objectives or a vector of logical values, with one value per objective.
groups	factor() Indicates that the EAF must be computed separately for data belonging to different groups.

### Details

Given a set  $A \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ , the attainment function of  $A$ , denoted by  $\alpha_A: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ , specifies which points in the objective space are weakly dominated by  $A$ , where  $\alpha_A(\vec{z}) = 1$  if  $\exists \vec{a} \in A, \vec{a} \leq \vec{z}$ , and  $\alpha_A(\vec{z}) = 0$ , otherwise.

Let  $\mathcal{A} = \{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$  be a multi-set of  $n$  sets  $A_i \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ , the EAF (Grunert da Fonseca et al. 2001; Grunert da Fonseca and Fonseca 2010) is the function  $\hat{\alpha}_{\mathcal{A}}: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow [0, 1]$ , such that:

$$\hat{\alpha}_{\mathcal{A}}(\vec{z}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_{A_i}(\vec{z})$$

The EAF is a coordinate-wise non-decreasing step function, similar to the empirical cumulative distribution function (ECDF) (López-Ibáñez et al. 2025). Thus, a finite representation of the EAF can be computed as the set of minima, in terms of Pareto optimality, with a value of the EAF not smaller than a given  $t/n$ , where  $t = 1, \dots, n$  (Fonseca et al. 2011). Formally, the EAF can be represented by the sequence  $(L_1, L_2, \dots, L_n)$ , where:

$$L_t = \min\{\vec{z} \in \mathbb{R}^d : \hat{\alpha}_{\mathcal{A}}(\vec{z}) \geq t/n\}$$

It is also common to refer to the  $k\% \in [0, 100]$  percentile. For example, the *median* (or 50%) attainment surface corresponds to  $L_{\lceil n/2 \rceil}$  and it is the lower boundary of the vector space attained by at least 50% of the input sets  $A_i$ . Similarly,  $L_1$  is called the *best* attainment surface ( $\frac{1}{n}\%$ ) and represents the lower boundary of the space attained by at least one input set, whereas  $L_{100}$  is called the *worst* attainment surface (100%) and represents the lower boundary of the space attained by all input sets.

In the current implementation, the EAF is computed using the algorithms proposed by Fonseca et al. (2011), which have complexity  $O(m \log m + nm)$  in 2D and  $O(n^2 m \log m)$  in 3D, where  $n$  is the number of input sets and  $m$  is the total number of input points.

**Value**

```
data.frame()
```

A data frame containing the exact representation of EAF. The last column gives the percentile that corresponds to each point. If groups is not NULL, then an additional column indicates to which group the point belongs.

**Note**

There are several examples of data sets in `system.file(package="moocore", "extdata")`. The current implementation only supports two and three dimensional points.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Carlos M. Fonseca, Andreia P. Guerreiro, Manuel López-Ibáñez, Luís Paquete (2011). “On the Computation of the Empirical Attainment Function.” In R H C Takahashi, Kalyanmoy Deb, Elizabeth F. Wanner, Salvatore Greco (eds.), *Evolutionary Multi-criterion Optimization, EMO 2011*, volume 6576 of *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, 106–120. Springer, Berlin~/ Heidelberg. doi:10.1007/9783642198939\_8.

Viviane Grunert da Fonseca, Carlos M. Fonseca (2010). “The Attainment-Function Approach to Stochastic Multiobjective Optimizer Assessment and Comparison.” In Thomas Bartz-Beielstein, Marco Chiarandini, Luís Paquete, Mike Preuss (eds.), *Experimental Methods for the Analysis of Optimization Algorithms*, 103–130. Springer, Berlin~/ Heidelberg. doi:10.1007/978364202538-9\_5.

Viviane Grunert da Fonseca, Carlos M. Fonseca, Andreia O. Hall (2001). “Inferential Performance Assessment of Stochastic Optimisers and the Attainment Function.” In Eckart Zitzler, Kalyanmoy Deb, Lothar Thiele, Carlos A. Coello Coello, David Corne (eds.), *Evolutionary Multi-criterion Optimization, EMO 2001*, volume 1993 of *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, 213–225. Springer, Berlin~/ Heidelberg. doi:10.1007/3540447199\_15.

Manuel López-Ibáñez, Diederick Vermetten, Johann Dreö, Carola Doerr (2025). “Using the Empirical Attainment Function for Analyzing Single-objective Black-box Optimization Algorithms.” *IEEE Transactions on Evolutionary Computation*. doi:10.1109/TEVC.2024.3462758.

**See Also**

```
read\_datasets\(\)
```

**Examples**

```
extdata_path <- system.file(package="moocore", "extdata")  
  
x <- read_datasets(file.path(extdata_path, "example1_dat"))  
# Compute full EAF (sets is the last column)
```

```

str(eaf(x))

# Compute only best, median and worst
str(eaf(x[,1:2], sets = x[,3], percentiles = c(0, 50, 100)))

x <- read_datasets(file.path(extdata_path, "spherical-250-10-3d.txt"))
y <- read_datasets(file.path(extdata_path, "uniform-250-10-3d.txt"))
x <- rbind(data.frame(x, groups = "spherical"),
           data.frame(y, groups = "uniform"))
# Compute only median separately for each group
z <- eaf(x[,1:3], sets = x[,4], groups = x[,5], percentiles = 50)
str(z)

```

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eafdiff

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*Compute empirical attainment function differences*


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### Description

Calculate the differences between the empirical attainment functions of two data sets.

### Usage

```
eafdiff(x, y, intervals = NULL, maximise = FALSE, rectangles = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

<code>x, y</code>	<code>matrix data.frame()</code> Data frames corresponding to the input data of left and right sides, respectively. Each data frame has at least three columns, the last one is the set of each point. See also <a href="#">read_datasets()</a> .
<code>intervals</code>	<code>integer(1)</code> The absolute range of the differences $[0, 1]$ is partitioned into the number of intervals provided.
<code>maximise</code>	<code>logical()</code> Whether the objectives must be maximised instead of minimised. Either a single logical value that applies to all objectives or a vector of logical values, with one value per objective.
<code>rectangles</code>	<code>logical(1)</code> If TRUE, the output is in the form of rectangles of the same color.

### Details

This function calculates the differences between the EAFs of two data sets.

**Value**

With `rectangle=FALSE`, a `data.frame` containing points where there is a transition in the value of the EAF differences. With `rectangle=TRUE`, a `matrix` where the first 4 columns give the coordinates of two corners of each rectangle. In both cases, the last column gives the difference in terms of sets in  $x$  minus sets in  $y$  that attain each point (i.e., negative values are differences in favour  $y$ ).

**See Also**

[read\\_datasets\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
A1 <- read_datasets(text='
3 2
2 3

2.5 1
1 2

1 2
')

A2 <- read_datasets(text='
4 2.5
3 3
2.5 3.5

3 3
2.5 3.5

2 1
')
d <- eafdiff(A1, A2)
str(d)
d
```

```
d <- eafdiff(A1, A2, rectangles = TRUE)
str(d)
d
```

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eaf_as_list	<i>Convert an EAF data frame to a list of data frames, where each element of the list is one attainment surface. The function <a href="#">attsurf2df()</a> can be used to convert the list into a single data frame.</i>
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### Description

Convert an EAF data frame to a list of data frames, where each element of the list is one attainment surface. The function [attsurf2df\(\)](#) can be used to convert the list into a single data frame.

### Usage

```
eaf_as_list(eaf)
```

### Arguments

eaf	<code>data.frame()</code> / <code>matrix()</code> Data frame or matrix that represents the EAF.
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### Value

```
list()
```

A list of data frames. Each `data.frame` represents one attainment surface.

### See Also

[eaf\(\)](#) [attsurf2df\(\)](#)

### Examples

```
extdata_path <- system.file(package="moo", "extdata")
x <- read_datasets(file.path(extdata_path, "example1_dat"))
attsurfs <- eaf_as_list(eaf(x, percentiles = c(0, 50, 100)))
str(attsurfs)
```

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epsilon	<i>Epsilon metric</i>
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**Description**

Computes the epsilon metric, either additive or multiplicative.

**Usage**

```
epsilon_additive(x, reference, maximise = FALSE)
```

```
epsilon_mult(x, reference, maximise = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

x	matrix() data.frame() Matrix or data frame of numerical values, where each row gives the coordinates of a point.
reference	matrix data.frame Reference set as a matrix or data.frame of numerical values.
maximise	logical() Whether the objectives must be maximised instead of minimised. Either a single logical value that applies to all objectives or a vector of logical values, with one value per objective.

**Details**

The epsilon metric of a set  $A \subset \mathbb{R}^m$  with respect to a reference set  $R \subset \mathbb{R}^m$  is defined as

$$\epsilon(A, R) = \max_{r \in R} \min_{a \in A} \max_{1 \leq i \leq m} \epsilon(a_i, r_i)$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are objective vectors of length  $m$ .

In the case of minimization of objective  $i$ ,  $\epsilon(a_i, b_i)$  is computed as  $a_i/b_i$  for the multiplicative variant (respectively,  $a_i - b_i$  for the additive variant), whereas in the case of maximization of objective  $i$ ,  $\epsilon(a_i, b_i) = b_i/a_i$  for the multiplicative variant (respectively,  $b_i - a_i$  for the additive variant). This allows computing a single value for problems where some objectives are to be maximized while others are to be minimized. Moreover, a lower value corresponds to a better approximation set, independently of the type of problem (minimization, maximization or mixed). However, the meaning of the value is different for each objective type. For example, imagine that objective 1 is to be minimized and objective 2 is to be maximized, and the multiplicative epsilon computed here for  $\epsilon(A, R) = 3$ . This means that  $A$  needs to be multiplied by  $1/3$  for all  $a_1$  values and by  $3$  for all  $a_2$  values in order to weakly dominate  $R$ .

The multiplicative variant can be computed as  $\exp(\epsilon_{+}(\log(A), \log(R)))$ , which makes clear that the computation of the multiplicative version for zero or negative values doesn't make sense. See the examples below.

The current implementation uses the naive algorithm that requires  $O(m \cdot |A| \cdot |R|)$ , where  $m$  is the number of objectives (dimension of vectors).

**Value**

numeric(1) A single numerical value.

**Author(s)**

Manuel López-Ibáñez

**References**

Eckart Zitzler, Lothar Thiele, Marco Laumanns, Carlos M. Fonseca, Viviane Grunert da Fonseca (2003). "Performance Assessment of Multiobjective Optimizers: an Analysis and Review." *IEEE Transactions on Evolutionary Computation*, 7(2), 117–132. doi:10.1109/TEVC.2003.810758.

**Examples**

```
# Fig 6 from Zitzler et al. (2003).
A1 <- matrix(c(9,2,8,4,7,5,5,6,4,7), ncol=2, byrow=TRUE)
A2 <- matrix(c(8,4,7,5,5,6,4,7), ncol=2, byrow=TRUE)
A3 <- matrix(c(10,4,9,5,8,6,7,7,6,8), ncol=2, byrow=TRUE)
if (requireNamespace("graphics", quietly = TRUE)) {
  plot(A1, xlab=expression(f[1]), ylab=expression(f[2]),
       panel.first=grid(nx=NULL), pch=4, cex=1.5, xlim = c(0,10), ylim=c(0,8))
  points(A2, pch=0, cex=1.5)
  points(A3, pch=1, cex=1.5)
  legend("bottomleft", legend=c("A1", "A2", "A3"), pch=c(4,0,1),
        pt.bg="gray", bg="white", bty = "n", pt.cex=1.5, cex=1.2)
}
epsilon_mult(A1, A3) # A1 epsilon-dominates A3 => e = 9/10 < 1
epsilon_mult(A1, A2) # A1 weakly dominates A2 => e = 1
epsilon_mult(A2, A1) # A2 is epsilon-dominated by A1 => e = 2 > 1
# Equivalence between additive and multiplicative
exp(epsilon_additive(log(A2), log(A1)))

# A more realistic example
extdata_path <- system.file(package="moocore", "extdata")
path.A1 <- file.path(extdata_path, "ALG_1_dat.xz")
path.A2 <- file.path(extdata_path, "ALG_2_dat.xz")
A1 <- read_datasets(path.A1)[,1:2]
A2 <- read_datasets(path.A2)[,1:2]
ref <- filter_dominated(rbind(A1, A2))
epsilon_additive(A1, ref)
epsilon_additive(A2, ref)
# Multiplicative version of epsilon metric
ref <- filter_dominated(rbind(A1, A2))
epsilon_mult(A1, ref)
epsilon_mult(A2, ref)
```

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hv_approx	<i>Approximate the hypervolume indicator.</i>
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### Description

Approximate the value of the hypervolume metric with respect to a given reference point assuming minimization of all objectives. The default method="DZ2019-HW" is deterministic and ignores the parameter seed, while method="DZ2019-MC" relies on Monte-Carlo sampling (Deng and Zhang 2019). Both methods tend to get more accurate with higher values of nsamples, but the increase in accuracy is not monotonic.

### Usage

```

hv_approx(
  x,
  reference,
  maximise = FALSE,
  nsamples = 100000L,
  seed = NULL,
  method = c("DZ2019-HW", "DZ2019-MC")
)

```

### Arguments

x	matrix() data.frame() Matrix or data frame of numerical values, where each row gives the coordinates of a point.
reference	numeric() Reference point as a vector of numerical values.
maximise	logical() Whether the objectives must be maximised instead of minimised. Either a single logical value that applies to all objectives or a vector of logical values, with one value per objective.
nsamples	integer(1) Number of samples for Monte-Carlo sampling.
seed	integer(1) Random seed.
method	character(1) Method to generate the sampling weights. See 'Details'.

### Details

This function implements the method proposed by Deng and Zhang (2019) to approximate the hypervolume:

$$\widehat{HV}_r(A) = \frac{2\pi^{\frac{m}{2}}}{\Gamma(\frac{m}{2})} \frac{1}{m2^m} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \max_{y \in A} s(w^{(i)}, y)^m$$

where  $m$  is the number of objectives,  $n$  is the number of weights  $w^{(i)}$  sampled,  $\Gamma(\cdot)$  is the gamma function `gamma()`, i.e., the analytical continuation of the factorial function, and  $s(w, y) = \min_{k=1}^m (r_k - y_k) / w_k$ .

In the default method="DZ2019-HW", the weights  $w^{(i)}, i = 1 \dots n$  are defined using a deterministic low-discrepancy sequence. The weight values depend on their number (nsamples), thus increasing the number of weights may not necessarily increase accuracy because the set of weights would be different. In method="DZ2019-MC", the weights  $w^{(i)}, i = 1 \dots n$  are sampled from the unit normal vector such that each weight  $w = \frac{|x|}{\|x\|_2}$  where each component of  $x$  is independently sampled from the standard normal distribution. The original source code in C++/MATLAB for both methods can be found at <https://github.com/Ksrma/Hypervolume-Approximation-using-polar-coordinate>.

### Value

A single numerical value.

### Author(s)

Manuel López-Ibáñez

### References

Jingda Deng, Qingfu Zhang (2019). "Approximating Hypervolume and Hypervolume Contributions Using Polar Coordinate." *IEEE Transactions on Evolutionary Computation*, **23**(5), 913–918. doi:10.1109/tevc.2019.2895108.

### Examples

```
x <- matrix(c(5, 5, 4, 6, 2, 7, 7, 4), ncol=2, byrow=TRUE)
hypervolume(x, ref=10)
hv_approx(x, ref=10, seed=42, method="DZ2019-MC")
hv_approx(x, ref=10, method="DZ2019-HW")
```

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hv\_contributions

*Hypervolume contribution of a set of points*

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### Description

Computes the hypervolume contribution of each point of a set of points with respect to a given reference point. The hypervolume contribution of point  $\vec{p} \in X$  is  $\text{hvc}(\vec{p}) = \text{hyp}(X) - \text{hyp}(X \setminus \{\vec{p}\})$ . Dominated points have zero contribution but they may influence the contribution of other points. Duplicated points have zero contribution even if not dominated, because removing one of the duplicates does not change the hypervolume of the remaining set.

**Usage**

```
hv_contributions(x, reference, maximise = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

x	matrix() data.frame() Matrix or data frame of numerical values, where each row gives the coordinates of a point.
reference	numeric() Reference point as a vector of numerical values.
maximise	logical() Whether the objectives must be maximised instead of minimised. Either a single logical value that applies to all objectives or a vector of logical values, with one value per objective.

**Details**

The current implementation uses the  $O(n \log n)$  dimension-sweep algorithm for 2D and the naive algorithm that requires calculating the hypervolume  $|X| + 1$  times for dimensions larger than 2.

For details about the hypervolume, see [hypervolume\(\)](#).

**Value**

numeric()  
A numerical vector

**Author(s)**

Manuel López-Ibáñez

**References**

Carlos M. Fonseca, Luís Paquete, Manuel López-Ibáñez (2006). “An improved dimension-sweep algorithm for the hypervolume indicator.” In *Proceedings of the 2006 Congress on Evolutionary Computation (CEC 2006)*, 1157–1163. doi:10.1109/CEC.2006.1688440.

Nicola Beume, Carlos M. Fonseca, Manuel López-Ibáñez, Luís Paquete, Jan Vahrenhold (2009). “On the complexity of computing the hypervolume indicator.” *IEEE Transactions on Evolutionary Computation*, 13(5), 1075–1082. doi:10.1109/TEVC.2009.2015575.

**See Also**

[hypervolume\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
x <- matrix(c(5,1, 1,5, 4,2, 4,4, 5,1), ncol=2, byrow=TRUE)
hv_contributions(x, reference=c(6,6))
# hvc[(5,1)] = 0 = duplicated
# hvc[(1,5)] = 3 = (4 - 1) * (6 - 5)
# hvc[(4,2)] = 2 = (5 - 4) * (4 - 2)
# hvc[(4,4)] = 0 = dominated
# hvc[(5,1)] = 0 = duplicated

data(SPEA2minstoptimeRichmond)
# The second objective must be maximized
# We calculate the hypervolume contribution of each point of the union of all sets.
hv_contributions(SPEA2minstoptimeRichmond[, 1:2], reference = c(250, 0),
                 maximise = c(FALSE, TRUE))

# Duplicated points show zero contribution above, even if not
# dominated. However, filter_dominated removes all duplicates except
# one. Hence, there are more points below with nonzero contribution.
hv_contributions(filter_dominated(SPEA2minstoptimeRichmond[, 1:2], maximise = c(FALSE, TRUE)),
                 reference = c(250, 0), maximise = c(FALSE, TRUE))
```

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HybridGA

*Results of Hybrid GA on Vanzyl and Richmond water networks*


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**Description**

Results of Hybrid GA on Vanzyl and Richmond water networks

**Usage**

HybridGA

**Format**

A list with two data frames, each of them with three columns, as produced by `read_datasets()`.

`$vanzyl` data frame of results on Vanzyl network

`$richmond` data frame of results on Richmond network. The second column is filled with NA

**Source**

Manuel López-Ibáñez (2009). *Operational Optimisation of Water Distribution Networks*. Ph.D. thesis, School of Engineering and the Built Environment, Edinburgh Napier University, UK. <https://lopez-ibanez.eu/publications#LopezIbanezPhD..>

**Examples**

```
data(HybridGA)
print(HybridGA$vanzyl)
print(HybridGA$richmond)
```

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hypervolume	<i>Hypervolume metric</i>
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**Description**

Compute the hypervolume metric with respect to a given reference point assuming minimization of all objectives.

**Usage**

```
hypervolume(x, reference, maximise = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

x	matrix() data.frame() Matrix or data frame of numerical values, where each row gives the coordinates of a point.
reference	numeric() Reference point as a vector of numerical values.
maximise	logical() Whether the objectives must be maximised instead of minimised. Either a single logical value that applies to all objectives or a vector of logical values, with one value per objective.

**Details**

The hypervolume of a set of multidimensional points  $A \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  with respect to a reference point  $\vec{r} \in \mathbb{R}^d$  is the volume of the region dominated by the set and bounded by the reference point (Zitzler and Thiele 1998). Points in  $A$  that do not strictly dominate  $\vec{r}$  do not contribute to the hypervolume value, thus, ideally, the reference point must be strictly dominated by all points in the true Pareto front.

More precisely, the hypervolume is the **Lebesgue measure** of the union of axis-aligned hyperrectangles (**orthotopes**), where each hyperrectangle is defined by one point from  $\vec{a} \in A$  and the reference point. The union of axis-aligned hyperrectangles is also called an *orthogonal polytope*.

The hypervolume is compatible with Pareto-optimality (Knowles and Corne 2002; Zitzler et al. 2003), that is,  $\nexists A, B \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ , such that  $A$  is better than  $B$  in terms of Pareto-optimality and  $\text{hyp}(A) \leq \text{hyp}(B)$ . In other words, if a set is better than another in terms of Pareto-optimality, the hypervolume of the former must be strictly larger than the hypervolume of the latter. Conversely, if the hypervolume of a set is larger than the hypervolume of another, then we know for sure than the latter set cannot be better than the former in terms of Pareto-optimality.

For 2D and 3D, the algorithms used (Fonseca et al. 2006; Beume et al. 2009) have  $O(n \log n)$  complexity, where  $n$  is the number of input points. The 3D case uses the HV3D<sup>+</sup> algorithm (Guerreiro and Fonseca 2018), which has the same complexity as the HV3D algorithm (Fonseca et al. 2006; Beume et al. 2009), but it is faster in practice.

For 4D, the algorithm used is HV4D<sup>+</sup> (Guerreiro and Fonseca 2018), which has  $O(n^2)$  complexity. Compared to the **original implementation**, this implementation correctly handles weakly dominated points and has been further optimized for speed.

For 5D or higher, it uses a recursive algorithm (Fonseca et al. 2006) with HV4D<sup>+</sup> as the base case, resulting in a  $O(n^{d-2})$  time complexity and  $O(n)$  space complexity in the worst-case, where  $d$  is the dimension of the points. Experimental results show that the pruning techniques used may reduce the time complexity even further. The original proposal (Fonseca et al. 2006) had the HV3D algorithm as the base case, giving a time complexity of  $O(n^{d-2} \log n)$ . Andreia P. Guerreiro enhanced the numerical stability of the algorithm by avoiding floating-point comparisons of partial hypervolumes.

## Value

`numeric(1)` A single numerical value.

## Author(s)

Manuel López-Ibáñez

## References

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**Examples**

```

data(SPEA2minstoptimeRichmond)
# The second objective must be maximized
# We calculate the hypervolume of the union of all sets.
hypervolume(SPEA2minstoptimeRichmond[, 1:2], reference = c(250, 0),
            maximise = c(FALSE, TRUE))

```

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igd	<i>Inverted Generational Distance (IGD and IGD+) and Averaged Hausdorff Distance</i>
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**Description**

Functions to compute the inverted generational distance (IGD and IGD+) and the averaged Hausdorff distance between nondominated sets of points.

**Usage**

```

igd(x, reference, maximise = FALSE)

igd_plus(x, reference, maximise = FALSE)

avg_hausdorff_dist(x, reference, maximise = FALSE, p = 1L)

```

**Arguments**

x	matrix() data.frame() Matrix or data frame of numerical values, where each row gives the coordinates of a point.
reference	matrix data.frame Reference set as a matrix or data.frame of numerical values.
maximise	logical() Whether the objectives must be maximised instead of minimised. Either a single logical value that applies to all objectives or a vector of logical values, with one value per objective.
p	integer(1) Hausdorff distance parameter (default: 1L).

**Details**

The generational distance (GD) of a set  $A$  is defined as the distance between each point  $a \in A$  and the closest point  $r$  in a reference set  $R$ , averaged over the size of  $A$ . Formally,

$$GD_p(A, R) = \left( \frac{1}{|A|} \sum_{a \in A} \min_{r \in R} d(a, r)^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

where the distance in our implementation is the Euclidean distance:

$$d(a, r) = \sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^m (a_k - r_k)^2}$$

The inverted generational distance (IGD) is calculated as  $IGD_p(A, R) = GD_p(R, A)$ .

The modified inverted generational distance (IGD+) was proposed by Ishibuchi et al. (2015) to ensure that IGD+ is weakly Pareto compliant, similarly to `epsilon_additive()` or `epsilon_mult()`. It modifies the distance measure as:

$$d^+(r, a) = \sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^m (\max\{r_k - a_k, 0\})^2}$$

The average Hausdorff distance ( $\Delta_p$ ) was proposed by Schütze et al. (2012) and it is calculated as:

$$\Delta_p(A, R) = \max\{IGD_p(A, R), IGD_p(R, A)\}$$

IGDX (Zhou et al. 2009) is the application of IGD to decision vectors instead of objective vectors to measure closeness and diversity in decision space. One can use the functions `igd()` or `igd_plus()` (recommended) directly, just passing the decision vectors as data.

There are different formulations of the GD and IGD metrics in the literature that differ on the value of  $p$ , on the distance metric used and on whether the term  $|A|^{-1}$  is inside (as above) or outside the exponent  $1/p$ . GD was first proposed by Van Veldhuizen and Lamont (1998) with  $p = 2$  and the term  $|A|^{-1}$  outside the exponent. IGD seems to have been mentioned first by Coello Coello and Reyes-Sierra (2004), however, some people also used the name D-metric for the same concept with  $p = 1$  and later papers have often used IGD/GD with  $p = 1$ . Schütze et al. (2012) proposed to place the term  $|A|^{-1}$  inside the exponent, as in the formulation shown above. This has a significant effect for GD and less so for IGD given a constant reference set. IGD+ also follows this formulation. We refer to Ishibuchi et al. (2015) and Bezerra et al. (2017) for a more detailed historical perspective and a comparison of the various variants.

Following Ishibuchi et al. (2015), we always use  $p = 1$  in our implementation of IGD and IGD+ because (1) it is the setting most used in recent works; (2) it makes irrelevant whether the term  $|A|^{-1}$  is inside or outside the exponent  $1/p$ ; and (3) the meaning of IGD becomes the average Euclidean distance from each reference point to its nearest objective vector. It is also slightly faster to compute.

GD should never be used directly to compare the quality of approximations to a Pareto front, because it is not weakly Pareto-compliant and often contradicts Pareto optimality.

IGD is still popular due to historical reasons, but we strongly recommend IGD+ instead of IGD, because IGD contradicts Pareto optimality in some cases (see examples below) whereas IGD+ is weakly Pareto-compliant.

The average Hausdorff distance  $\Delta_p(A, R)$  is also not weakly Pareto-compliant, as shown in the examples below.

## Value

`numeric(1)` A single numerical value.

**Author(s)**

Manuel López-Ibáñez

**References**

Leonardo C. T. Bezerra, Manuel López-Ibáñez, Thomas Stützle (2017). “An Empirical Assessment of the Properties of Inverted Generational Distance Indicators on Multi- and Many-objective Optimization.” In Heike Trautmann, Günter Rudolph, Kathrin Klamroth, Oliver Schütze, Margaret M. Wiecek, Yaochu Jin, Christian Grimme (eds.), *Evolutionary Multi-criterion Optimization, EMO 2017*, volume 10173 of *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, 31–45. Springer International Publishing, Cham, Switzerland. doi:10.1007/9783319541570\_3.

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**Examples**

```
# Example 4 from Ishibuchi et al. (2015)
ref <- matrix(c(10,0,6,1,2,2,1,6,0,10), ncol=2, byrow=TRUE)
A <- matrix(c(4,2,3,3,2,4), ncol=2, byrow=TRUE)
B <- matrix(c(8,2,4,4,2,8), ncol=2, byrow=TRUE)
if (requireNamespace("graphics", quietly = TRUE)) {
  plot(ref, xlab=expression(f[1]), ylab=expression(f[2]),
       panel.first=grid(nx=NULL), pch=23, bg="gray", cex=1.5)
  points(A, pch=1, cex=1.5)
  points(B, pch=19, cex=1.5)
  legend("topright", legend=c("Reference", "A", "B"), pch=c(23,1,19),
       pt.bg="gray", bg="white", bty = "n", pt.cex=1.5, cex=1.2)
}
```

```

cat("A is better than B in terms of Pareto optimality,\n however, IGD(A)=",
    igd(A, ref), "> IGD(B)=", igd(B, ref),
    "and AvgHausdorff(A)=", avg_hausdorff_dist(A, ref),
    "> AvgHausdorff(B)=", avg_hausdorff_dist(B, ref),
    ", which both contradict Pareto optimality.\nBy contrast, IGD+(A)=",
    igd_plus(A, ref), "< IGD+(B)=", igd_plus(B, ref), ", which is correct.\n")
# A less trivial example.
extdata_path <- system.file(package="moocore","extdata")
path.A1 <- file.path(extdata_path, "ALG_1_dat.xz")
path.A2 <- file.path(extdata_path, "ALG_2_dat.xz")
A1 <- read_datasets(path.A1)[,1:2]
A2 <- read_datasets(path.A2)[,1:2]
ref <- filter_dominated(rbind(A1, A2))
igd(A1, ref)
igd(A2, ref)

# IGD+ (Pareto compliant)
igd_plus(A1, ref)
igd_plus(A2, ref)

# Average Hausdorff distance
avg_hausdorff_dist(A1, ref)
avg_hausdorff_dist(A2, ref)

```

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is_nondominated	<i>Identify, remove and rank dominated points according to Pareto optimality</i>
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## Description

Identify nondominated points with `is_nondominated()` and remove dominated ones with `filter_dominated()`. `pareto_rank()` ranks points according to Pareto-optimality, which is also called nondominated sorting (Deb et al. 2002).

## Usage

```

is_nondominated(x, maximise = FALSE, keep_weakly = FALSE)

filter_dominated(x, maximise = FALSE, keep_weakly = FALSE)

pareto_rank(x, maximise = FALSE)

```

## Arguments

x	<code>matrix()</code> / <code>data.frame()</code> Matrix or data frame of numerical values, where each row gives the coordinates of a point.
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maximise	logical() Whether the objectives must be maximised instead of minimised. Either a single logical value that applies to all objectives or a vector of logical values, with one value per objective.
keep_weakly	logical(1) If FALSE, return FALSE for any duplicates of nondominated points. Which of the duplicates is identified as nondominated is unspecified due to the sorting not being stable in this version.

### Details

Given  $n$  points of dimension  $m$ , the current implementation uses the well-known  $O(n \log n)$  dimension-sweep algorithm (Kung et al. 1975) for  $m \leq 3$  and the naive  $O(mn^2)$  algorithm for  $m \geq 4$ .

pareto\_rank() is meant to be used like rank(), but it assigns ranks according to Pareto dominance. Duplicated points are kept on the same front. When ncol(data) == 2, the code uses the  $O(n \log n)$  algorithm by Jensen (2003).

### Value

is\_nondominated() returns a logical vector of the same length as the number of rows of data, where TRUE means that the point is not dominated by any other point.

filter\_dominated returns a matrix or data.frame with only mutually nondominated points.

pareto\_rank() returns an integer vector of the same length as the number of rows of data, where each value gives the rank of each point.

### Author(s)

Manuel López-Ibáñez

### References

Kalyanmoy Deb, A Pratap, S Agarwal, T Meyarivan (2002). “A fast and elitist multi-objective genetic algorithm: NSGA-II.” *IEEE Transactions on Evolutionary Computation*, **6**(2), 182–197. doi:10.1109/4235.996017.

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### Examples

```
S = matrix(c(1,1,0,1,1,0,1,0), ncol = 2, byrow = TRUE)
is_nondominated(S)

is_nondominated(S, maximise = TRUE)

filter_dominated(S)
```

```

filter_dominated(S, keep_weakly = TRUE)

path_A1 <- file.path(system.file(package="moocore"), "extdata", "ALG_1_dat.xz")
set <- read_datasets(path_A1)[,1:2]
is_nondom <- is_nondominated(set)
cat("There are ", sum(is_nondom), " nondominated points\n")

if (requireNamespace("graphics", quietly = TRUE)) {
  plot(set, col = "blue", type = "p", pch = 20)
  ndset <- filter_dominated(set)
  points(ndset[order(ndset[,1]),], col = "red", pch = 21)
}

ranks <- pareto_rank(set)
str(ranks)
if (requireNamespace("graphics", quietly = TRUE)) {
  colors <- colorRampPalette(c("red", "yellow", "springgreen", "royalblue"))(max(ranks))
  plot(set, col = colors[ranks], type = "p", pch = 20)
}

```

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largest\_eafdifff

*Identify largest EAF differences*


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## Description

Given a list of datasets, return the indexes of the pair with the largest EAF differences according to the method proposed by Diaz and López-Ibáñez (2021).

## Usage

```
largest_eafdifff(x, maximise = FALSE, intervals = 5L, reference, ideal = NULL)
```

## Arguments

x	list() A list of matrices or data frames with at least 3 columns (last column indicates the set).
maximise	logical() Whether the objectives must be maximised instead of minimised. Either a single logical value that applies to all objectives or a vector of logical values, with one value per objective.
intervals	integer(1) The absolute range of the differences $[0, 1]$ is partitioned into the number of intervals provided.
reference	numeric() Reference point as a vector of numerical values.

`ideal`            `numeric()`  
 Ideal point as a vector of numerical values. If NULL, it is calculated as minimum (or maximum if maximising that objective) of each objective in the input data.

### Value

`list()`  
 A list with two components `pair` and `value`.

### References

Juan Esteban Diaz, Manuel López-Ibáñez (2021). “Incorporating Decision-Maker’s Preferences into the Automatic Configuration of Bi-Objective Optimisation Algorithms.” *European Journal of Operational Research*, **289**(3), 1209–1222. doi:10.1016/j.ejor.2020.07.059.

### Examples

```
# FIXME: This example is too large, we need a smaller one.
data(tp1s50x20_1_MWT)
nadir <- apply(tp1s50x20_1_MWT[,2:3], 2L, max)
x <- largest_eafdiff(split.data.frame(tp1s50x20_1_MWT[,2:4], tp1s50x20_1_MWT[, 1L]),
                    reference = nadir)
str(x)
```

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<code>normalise</code>	<i>Normalise points</i>
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### Description

Normalise points per coordinate to a range, e.g.,  $c(1, 2)$ , where the minimum value will correspond to 1 and the maximum to 2. If bounds are given, they are used for the normalisation.

### Usage

```
normalise(x, to_range = c(1, 2), lower = NA, upper = NA, maximise = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

`x`            `matrix()`/`data.frame()`  
 Matrix or data frame of numerical values, where each row gives the coordinates of a point.

`to_range`    `numerical(2)`  
 Normalise values to this range. If the objective is maximised, it is normalised to  $c(\text{to\_range}[1], \text{to\_range}[0])$  instead.

`lower, upper` `numerical()`  
 Bounds on the values. If NA, the maximum and minimum values of each coordinate are used.

`maximise`      `logical()`  
 Whether the objectives must be maximised instead of minimised. Either a single logical value that applies to all objectives or a vector of logical values, with one value per objective.

**Value**

`matrix()`  
 A numerical matrix

**Author(s)**

Manuel López-Ibáñez

**Examples**

```
data(SPEA2minstoptimeRichmond)
# The second objective must be maximized
head(SPEA2minstoptimeRichmond[, 1:2])

head(normalise(SPEA2minstoptimeRichmond[, 1:2], maximise = c(FALSE, TRUE)))

head(normalise(SPEA2minstoptimeRichmond[, 1:2], to_range = c(0,1), maximise = c(FALSE, TRUE)))
```

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`rbind_datasets`      *Combine datasets x and y by row taking care of making all sets unique.*

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**Description**

Combine datasets x and y by row taking care of making all sets unique.

**Usage**

```
rbind_datasets(x, y)
```

**Arguments**

`x, y`      `matrix|data.frame()`  
 Each dataset has at least three columns, the last one is the set of each point. See also [read\\_datasets\(\)](#).

**Value**

`matrix()|data.frame()`  
 A dataset.

**Examples**

```
x <- data.frame(f1 = 5:10, f2 = 10:5, set = 1:6)
y <- data.frame(f1 = 15:20, f2 = 20:15, set = 1:6)
rbind_datasets(x,y)
```

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read_datasets	<i>Read several data sets</i>
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**Description**

Reads a text file in table format and creates a matrix from it. The file may contain several sets, separated by empty lines. Lines starting by '#' are considered comments and treated as empty lines. The function adds an additional column set to indicate to which set each row belongs.

**Usage**

```
read_datasets(file, col_names, text)
```

**Arguments**

file	character() Filename that contains the data. Each row of the table appears as one line of the file. If it does not contain an <i>absolute</i> path, the file name is <i>relative</i> to the current working directory, <code>base::getwd()</code> . Tilde-expansion is performed where supported. Files compressed with xz are supported.
col_names	character() Vector of optional names for the variables. The default is to use "V" followed by the column number.
text	character() If file is not supplied and this is, then data are read from the value of text via a text connection. Notice that a literal string can be used to include (small) data sets within R code.

**Value**

matrix()  
A numerical matrix of the data in the file. An extra column set is added to indicate to which set each row belongs.

**Warning**

A known limitation is that the input file must use newline characters native to the host system, otherwise they will be, possibly silently, misinterpreted. In GNU/Linux the program dos2unix may be used to fix newline characters.

**Note**

There are several examples of data sets in `system.file(package="moocore", "extdata")`.

**Author(s)**

Manuel López-Ibáñez

**See Also**

`utils::read.table()`

**Examples**

```
extdata_path <- system.file(package="moocore", "extdata")
A1 <- read_datasets(file.path(extdata_path, "ALG_1_dat.xz"))
str(A1)

read_datasets(text="1 2\n3 4\n5 6\n7 8\n", col_names=c("obj1", "obj2"))
```

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SPEA2minstoptimeRichmond

*Results of SPEA2 when minimising electrical cost and maximising the minimum idle time of pumps on Richmond water network.*

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**Description**

Results of SPEA2 when minimising electrical cost and maximising the minimum idle time of pumps on Richmond water network.

**Usage**

```
SPEA2minstoptimeRichmond
```

**Format**

A data frame as produced by `read_datasets()`. The second column measures time in seconds and corresponds to a maximisation problem.

**Source**

Manuel López-Ibáñez (2009). *Operational Optimisation of Water Distribution Networks*. Ph.D. thesis, School of Engineering and the Built Environment, Edinburgh Napier University, UK. <https://lopez-ibanez.eu/publications#LopezIbanezPhD>.

**Examples**

```
data(SPEA2minstoptimeRichmond)
str(SPEA2minstoptimeRichmond)
```

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SPEA2relativeRichmond *Results of SPEA2 with relative time-controlled triggers on Richmond water network.*

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**Description**

Results of SPEA2 with relative time-controlled triggers on Richmond water network.

**Usage**

```
SPEA2relativeRichmond
```

**Format**

A data frame as produced by `read_datasets()`.

**Source**

Manuel López-Ibáñez (2009). *Operational Optimisation of Water Distribution Networks*. Ph.D. thesis, School of Engineering and the Built Environment, Edinburgh Napier University, UK. <https://lopez-ibanez.eu/publications#LopezIbanezPhD>.

**Examples**

```
data(SPEA2relativeRichmond)
str(SPEA2relativeRichmond)
```

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SPEA2relativeVanzy1 *Results of SPEA2 with relative time-controlled triggers on Vanzy1's water network.*

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**Description**

Results of SPEA2 with relative time-controlled triggers on Vanzy1's water network.

**Usage**

```
SPEA2relativeVanzy1
```

**Format**

An object of class `data.frame` with 107 rows and 3 columns.

**Source**

Manuel López-Ibáñez (2009). *Operational Optimisation of Water Distribution Networks*. Ph.D. thesis, School of Engineering and the Built Environment, Edinburgh Napier University, UK. <https://lopez-ibanez.eu/publications#LopezIbanezPhD>.

**Examples**

```
data(SPEA2relativeVanzyl)
str(SPEA2relativeVanzyl)
```

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tpls50x20_1_MWT	<i>Various strategies of Two-Phase Local Search applied to the Permutation Flowshop Problem with Makespan and Weighted Tardiness objectives.</i>
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**Description**

Various strategies of Two-Phase Local Search applied to the Permutation Flowshop Problem with Makespan and Weighted Tardiness objectives.

**Usage**

```
tpls50x20_1_MWT
```

**Format**

A data frame with 1511 observations of 4 variables:

algorithm TPLS search strategy

Makespan first objective values.

WeightedTardiness second objective values.

run index of the run.

**Source**

J r mie Dubois-Lacoste, Manuel L pez-Ib n ez, Thomas St tzle (2011). "Improving the Anytime Behavior of Two-Phase Local Search." *Annals of Mathematics and Artificial Intelligence*, **61**(2), 125–154. doi:10.1007/s1047201192350.

**Examples**

```
data(tpls50x20_1_MWT)
str(tpls50x20_1_MWT)
```

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transform_maximise	<i>Transform matrix according to maximise parameter</i>
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**Description**

Transform matrix according to maximise parameter

**Usage**

```
transform_maximise(x, maximise)
```

**Arguments**

x	matrix() data.frame() Matrix or data frame of numerical values, where each row gives the coordinates of a point.
maximise	logical() Whether the objectives must be maximised instead of minimised. Either a single logical value that applies to all objectives or a vector of logical values, with one value per objective.

**Value**

x transformed such that every column where maximise is TRUE is multiplied by -1.

**Examples**

```
x <- data.frame(f1=1:10, f2=101:110)
rownames(x) <- letters[1:10]
transform_maximise(x, maximise=c(FALSE,TRUE))
transform_maximise(x, maximise=TRUE)
x <- as.matrix(x)
transform_maximise(x, maximise=c(FALSE,TRUE))
transform_maximise(x, maximise=TRUE)
```

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vorob_t	<i>Vorob'ev threshold, expectation and deviation</i>
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**Description**

Compute Vorob'ev threshold, expectation and deviation. Also, displaying the symmetric deviation function is possible. The symmetric deviation function is the probability for a given target in the objective space to belong to the symmetric difference between the Vorob'ev expectation and a realization of the (random) attained set.

**Usage**

```
vorob_t(x, sets, reference, maximise = FALSE)
```

```
vorob_dev(x, sets, reference, ve = NULL, maximise = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

x	matrix() data.frame() Matrix or data frame of numerical values that represents multiple sets of points, where each row represents a point. If sets is missing, the last column of x gives the sets.
sets	integer() Vector that indicates the set of each point in x. If missing, the last column of x is used instead.
reference	numeric() Reference point as a vector of numerical values.
maximise	logical() Whether the objectives must be maximised instead of minimised. Either a single logical value that applies to all objectives or a vector of logical values, with one value per objective.
ve	matrix() Vorob'ev expectation, e.g., as returned by <code>vorob_t()</code> .

**Details**

Let  $\mathcal{A} = \{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$  be a multi-set of  $n$  sets  $A_i \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  of mutually nondominated vectors, with finite (but not necessarily equal) cardinality. If bounded by a reference point  $\vec{r}$  that is strictly dominated by any point in any set, then these sets can be seen as samples from a random closed set (Molchanov 2005).

Let the  $\beta$ -quantile be the subset of the empirical attainment function  $\mathcal{Q}_\beta = \{\vec{z} \in \mathbb{R}^d : \hat{\alpha}_{\mathcal{A}}(\vec{z}) \geq \beta\}$ .

The Vorob'ev *expectation* is the  $\beta^*$ -quantile set  $\mathcal{Q}_{\beta^*}$  such that the mean value hypervolume of the sets is equal (or as close as possible) to the hypervolume of  $\mathcal{Q}_{\beta^*}$ , that is,  $\text{hyp}(\mathcal{Q}_\beta) \leq \mathbb{E}[\text{hyp}(\mathcal{A})] \leq \text{hyp}(\mathcal{Q}_{\beta^*}), \forall \beta > \beta^*$ . Thus, the Vorob'ev expectation provides a definition of the notion of *mean* nondominated set.

The value  $\beta^* \in [0, 1]$  is called the Vorob'ev *threshold*. Large differences from the median quantile (0.5) indicate a skewed distribution of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

The Vorob'ev *deviation* is the mean hypervolume of the symmetric difference between the Vorob'ev expectation and any set in  $\mathcal{A}$ , that is,  $\mathbb{E}[\text{hyp}(\mathcal{Q}_{\beta^*} \ominus \mathcal{A})]$ , where the symmetric difference is defined as  $A \ominus B = (A \setminus B) \cup (B \setminus A)$ . Low deviation values indicate that the sets are very similar, in terms of the location of the weakly dominated space, to the Vorob'ev expectation.

For more background, see Binois et al. (2015); Molchanov (2005); Chevalier et al. (2013).

**Value**

`vorob_t` returns a list with elements `threshold`, `ve`, and `avg_hyp` (average hypervolume)

`vorob_dev` returns the Vorob'ev deviation.

**Author(s)**

Mickaël Binois

**References**

Mickaël Binois, David Ginsbourger, Olivier Roustant (2015). “Quantifying uncertainty on Pareto fronts with Gaussian process conditional simulations.” *European Journal of Operational Research*, **243**(2), 386–394. doi:10.1016/j.ejor.2014.07.032.

Clément Chevalier, David Ginsbourger, Julien Bect, Ilya Molchanov (2013). “Estimating and Quantifying Uncertainties on Level Sets Using the Vorob’ev Expectation and Deviation with Gaussian Process Models.” In Dariusz Ucinski, Anthony C. Atkinson, Maciej Patan (eds.), *mODa 10—Advances in Model-Oriented Design and Analysis*, 35–43. Springer International Publishing, Heidelberg, Germany. doi:10.1007/9783319002187\_5.

Ilya Molchanov (2005). *Theory of Random Sets*. Springer.

**Examples**

```
data(CPFs)
res <- vorob_t(CPFs, reference = c(2, 200))
res$threshold
res$avg_hyp
# Now print Vorob'ev deviation
vd <- vorob_dev(CPFs, ve = res$ve, reference = c(2, 200))
vd
```

whv\_hype

*Approximation of the (weighted) hypervolume by Monte-Carlo sampling (2D only)*

**Description**

Return an estimation of the hypervolume of the space dominated by the input data following the procedure described by Auger et al. (2009). A weight distribution describing user preferences may be specified.

**Usage**

```
whv_hype(
  x,
  reference,
  ideal,
  maximise = FALSE,
  nsamples = 100000L,
  seed = NULL,
  dist = "uniform",
  mu = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	<code>matrix()</code> <code>data.frame()</code> Matrix or data frame of numerical values, where each row gives the coordinates of a point.
<code>reference</code>	<code>numeric()</code> Reference point as a vector of numerical values.
<code>ideal</code>	<code>numeric()</code> Ideal point as a vector of numerical values.
<code>maximise</code>	<code>logical()</code> Whether the objectives must be maximised instead of minimised. Either a single logical value that applies to all objectives or a vector of logical values, with one value per objective.
<code>nsamples</code>	<code>integer(1)</code> Number of samples for Monte-Carlo sampling.
<code>seed</code>	<code>integer(1)</code> Random seed.
<code>dist</code>	<code>character(1)</code> Weight distribution type. See Details.
<code>mu</code>	<code>numeric()</code> Parameter of the weight distribution. See Details.

**Details**

The current implementation only supports 2 objectives.

A weight distribution (Auger et al. 2009) can be provided via the `dist` argument. The ones currently supported are:

- "uniform" corresponds to the default hypervolume (unweighted).
- "point" describes a goal in the objective space, where the parameter `mu` gives the coordinates of the goal. The resulting weight distribution is a multivariate normal distribution centred at the goal.
- "exponential" describes an exponential distribution with rate parameter  $1/\mu$ , i.e.,  $\lambda = \frac{1}{\mu}$ .

**Value**

A single numerical value.

**References**

Anne Auger, Johannes Bader, Dimo Brockhoff, Eckart Zitzler (2009). "Articulating User Preferences in Many-Objective Problems by Sampling the Weighted Hypervolume." In Franz Rothlauf (ed.), *Proceedings of the Genetic and Evolutionary Computation Conference, GECCO 2009*, 555–562. ACM Press, New York, NY.

**See Also**

[read\\_datasets\(\)](#), [eafdiff\(\)](#), [whv\\_rect\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
whv_hype(matrix(2, ncol=2), reference = 4, ideal = 1, seed = 42)
whv_hype(matrix(c(3,1), ncol=2), reference = 4, ideal = 1, seed = 42)
whv_hype(matrix(2, ncol=2), reference = 4, ideal = 1, seed = 42,
  dist = "exponential", mu=0.2)
whv_hype(matrix(c(3,1), ncol=2), reference = 4, ideal = 1, seed = 42,
  dist = "exponential", mu=0.2)
whv_hype(matrix(2, ncol=2), reference = 4, ideal = 1, seed = 42,
  dist = "point", mu=c(2.9,0.9))
whv_hype(matrix(c(3,1), ncol=2), reference = 4, ideal = 1, seed = 42,
  dist = "point", mu=c(2.9,0.9))
```

whv\_rect

*Compute (total) weighted hypervolume given a set of rectangles***Description**

Calculates the hypervolume weighted by a set of rectangles (with zero weight outside the rectangles). The function `total_whv_rect()` calculates the total weighted hypervolume as `hypervolume() + scalefactor * abs(prod(reference - ideal)) * whv_rect()`. The details of the computation are given by Diaz and López-Ibáñez (2021).

**Usage**

```
whv_rect(x, rectangles, reference, maximise = FALSE)
```

```
total_whv_rect(
  x,
  rectangles,
  reference,
  maximise = FALSE,
  ideal = NULL,
  scalefactor = 0.1
)
```

**Arguments**

x	matrix() data.frame() Matrix or data frame of numerical values, where each row gives the coordinates of a point.
rectangles	matrix() Weighted rectangles that will bias the computation of the hypervolume. Maybe generated by <code>eafdiff()</code> with <code>rectangles=TRUE</code> or by <code>choose_eafdiff()</code> .
reference	numeric() Reference point as a vector of numerical values.

maximise	logical() Whether the objectives must be maximised instead of minimised. Either a single logical value that applies to all objectives or a vector of logical values, with one value per objective.
ideal	numeric() Ideal point as a vector of numerical values. If NULL, it is calculated as minimum (or maximum if maximising that objective) of each objective in the input data.
scalefactor	numeric(1) Real value within (0, 1] that scales the overall weight of the differences. This is parameter $\psi$ ( $\psi$ ) in Diaz and López-Ibáñez (2021).

### Details

TODO

### Value

numeric(1) A single numerical value.

### References

Juan Esteban Diaz, Manuel López-Ibáñez (2021). “Incorporating Decision-Maker’s Preferences into the Automatic Configuration of Bi-Objective Optimisation Algorithms.” *European Journal of Operational Research*, **289**(3), 1209–1222. doi:10.1016/j.ejor.2020.07.059.

### See Also

[read\\_datasets\(\)](#), [eafdiff\(\)](#), [choose\\_eafdiff\(\)](#), [whv\\_hype\(\)](#)

### Examples

```
rectangles <- as.matrix(read.table(header=FALSE, text='
1.0 3.0 2.0 Inf 1
2.0 3.5 2.5 Inf 2
2.0 3.0 3.0 3.5 3
'))
whv_rect (matrix(2, ncol=2), rectangles, reference = 6)
whv_rect (matrix(c(2, 1), ncol=2), rectangles, reference = 6)
whv_rect (matrix(c(1, 2), ncol=2), rectangles, reference = 6)

total_whv_rect (matrix(2, ncol=2), rectangles, reference = 6, ideal = c(1,1))
total_whv_rect (matrix(c(2, 1), ncol=2), rectangles, reference = 6, ideal = c(1,1))
total_whv_rect (matrix(c(1, 2), ncol=2), rectangles, reference = 6, ideal = c(1,1))
```

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write_datasets	<i>Write data sets</i>
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**Description**

Write data sets to a file in the same format as [read\\_datasets\(\)](#).

**Usage**

```
write_datasets(x, file = "")
```

**Arguments**

x	matrix data.frame() Dataset with at least three columns, the last one is the set of each point. See also <a href="#">read_datasets()</a> .
file	Either a character string naming a file or a connection open for writing. "" indicates output to the console.

**Value**

No return value, called for side effects

**See Also**

[utils::write.table\(\)](#), [read\\_datasets\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
x <- read_datasets(text="1 2\n3 4\n\n5 6\n7 8\n", col_names=c("obj1", "obj2"))  
write_datasets(x)
```

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