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cheby-package

Computes polynomial approximations of arbitrary functions

Description

Package to implement Chebychev and shape-preserving Chebychev approximations in one and two dimensions.

Details

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Generates polynomial approximations of arbitrary functions in one and two dimensions, whilst preserving slope, concavity and higher derivatives wherever specified.

`d1.poly` is the main routine for approximating one-dimensional functions. `sp1.poly` does the same but preserves the sign of an arbitrary number of derivatives. 2-Dimensional Chebychev polynomials are also available with `dn.poly`. Higher order Chebychev and shape-preserving approximations to follow later.

Comments and suggestions are gratefully received by the author.

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References

Judd, Kenneth L (1998) Numerical Methods in Economics

See Also

[d1.poly](#), [sp1.poly](#), [dn.poly](#)

Examples

```
## Compute basic approximations to natural logarithm
RR <- d1.poly( log, c(0,4), 6, 10 )
SS <- sp1.poly( log, c(0,4), 6, 10, n.shape=c(5,10),
               sign.deriv=c(1,-1), solver='NLOPT_LD_SLSQP' )
pp <- seq( 0, 4, length.out=100 )
plot( pp, sapply(pp, RR), lwd=2, col=2, type='l' )
lines( pp, sapply(pp, log), lwd=2, col=1 )
lines( pp, sapply(pp, SS), lwd=2, col=4 )
```

```

legend( 'bottomright', c( 'log', 'Order 6 polynomial approx',
                          'Order 6 shape-preserving polynomial approx' ),
        lwd=2, col=c(1,2,4), bty='n' )

```

d1.grid *Calculate grid of approximating points*

Description

Computes either a Uniform or Chebychev grid of collocation nodes

Usage

```
d1.grid(vRange, iPts, stMethod = "Chebychev")
```

Arguments

vRange	the vector of the range over which the nodes are computed
iPts	number of colocations points
stMethod	Either Chebychev or Uni form

d1.normalize *Normalizes x in [a,b] to [-1,1]*

Description

Normalizes x in [a,b] to [-1,1].

Usage

```
d1.normalize(x, range)
```

Arguments

x	A number in range
range	The range

Value

$2(x-a)/(b-a)-1$

d1.poly

*1-dimensional Chebychev approximation***Description**

Standard Chebychev approximation of an arbitrary function.

Usage

```
d1.poly(fn, range, iOrder, iPts, fn.opts = NULL, fn.vals = NULL,
        grid = NULL, details = FALSE)
```

Arguments

fn	a function $f(x)$ or $f(x, \beta)$ for β a list of function parameters. If the latter, must be coded with second argument a list names opts, i.e. <code>fn <- function(x, opts)</code>
range	the range of the approximation.
iOrder	the order of the polynomial approximation.
iPts	the number of points at which the approximation is computed. Must be at least as large as iOrder.
fn.opts	(optional) options passed to fn
fn.vals	the values of fn on grid. Useful if fn is very slow to evaluate.
grid	(optional) the grid on which the function is to be approximated.
details	If TRUE, returns extra details about the approximation.

Value

A function which approximates the input fn over the interval range. If details=TRUE, return is a list with entries `fn`, `poly`, `fn.deriv`, `poly.deriv`, `residuals`, which are, respectively, the approximating function, the polynomial description over [-1,1], the derivative of the approximation, the polynomial description of the derivative, and the approximation errors.

See Also

[sp1.poly](#)

Examples

```
cube <- function( x, opts ) opts$A * x^3
approx <- d1.poly( cube, c(-4,2), 4, 20, fn.opts=list(A=2) )
sapply( c(-3, -2, 0, .5 ), function( x ) abs( approx(x) - 2 * x ^ 3 ) )
```

dn.poly

*Mutli-dimensional Chebychev approximation***Description**

Standard Chebychev approximation of an arbitrary function. ****Currently only works for two-dimensional approximation****

Usage

```
dn.poly(fn, range, iOrder, iPts, fn.opts = NULL, fn.vals = NULL,
        grid = NULL, details = FALSE)
```

Arguments

fn	a function $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ or $f(x_1, \dots, x_n, \beta)$ for β a list of function parameters. If the latter, must be coded with second argument a list names opts, i.e. <code>fn <-function(x, opts)</code>
range	the range of the approximation, given as a list of vectors. Eg for a 3-dimensional function approximated over $[1,2] * [-1,2] * [0,4]$, would be <code>range = list(c(1,2), c(-1,2), c(0,4))</code>
iOrder	the vector of orders of the polynomial approximation. Eg. to approximate using polynomials of order 3 and 5 in the 1st and 2nd dimensions respectively, would be <code>iOrder=c(5,6)</code>
iPts	the vector of number of points at which the approximation is computed. Must be at least as large as iOrder (element-by-element).
fn.opts	(optional) options passed to fn [NOT YET FUNCTIONAL]
fn.vals	the values of fn on grid. Useful if fn is very slow to evaluate.
grid	(optional) the grid on which the function is to be approximated. Should be submitted as a list of vectors for the grids in each dimension.
details	If TRUE, returns extra details about the approximation.

Value

A function which approximates the input fn over the box defined by range. If details=TRUE, also includes the polynomial description over $[-1,1]$, as well as the approximation errors

See Also

[d1.poly](#)

Examples

```

test.fn <- function( x,y ) x^2*y^.5
ff <- dn.poly( test.fn, list( c(0,4), c(0,4) ), c( 6, 6), c(12,12) )
XX <- seq(0,4,.05)
plot( XX, mapply( test.fn, XX, 1 ), type='l' )
lines( XX, mapply( ff, XX, 1 ), col=2 )
plot( XX, mapply( test.fn, 1, XX ), type='l' )
lines( XX, mapply( ff, 1, XX ), col=2 )

```

sp1.poly

*Shape-preserving polynomial approximation***Description**

Approximates the function fn using shape-preserving polynomials evaluated at the points in grid.

Usage

```

sp1.poly(fn, range, iOrder, iPts, fn.opts = NULL, fn.vals = NULL,
  grid = NULL, n.shape = 0, sign.deriv = NULL, x0 = NULL,
  solver = "NLOPT_LD_SLSQP", tol = 1e-06, details = FALSE,
  quiet = FALSE)

```

Arguments

fn	a function $f(x)$ or $f(x, \beta)$ for β a list of function parameters. If the latter, must be coded with second argument a list names opts, i.e. <code>fn <- function(x, opts)</code>
range	the range of the approximation.
iOrder	the order of the polynomial approximation.
iPts	the number of points at which the approximation is computed. Must be at least as large as iOrder.
fn.opts	(optional) options passed to fn
fn.vals	the values of fn on grid. Useful if fn is very slow to evaluate.
grid	(optional) the grid on which the function is to be approximated.
n.shape	a vector of the number of shape-preserving points for each order of differentiation. For example, to specify the slope at 5 Chebychev points and the concavity at 10, use <code>n.shape=c(5, 10)</code>
sign.deriv	a vector of signs +1, 0, -1 defining the sign of each derivative. For example, for a concave approximation with positive slope <code>sign.deriv=c(1,-1)</code> .
x0	initial guess of the polynomial approximation. Default is the standard Chebychev approximation.
solver	the nlopt solver to use in computing the best fit. Default is NLOPT_LD_SLSQP.
tol	tolerance for solver convergence. Default is 1e-06
details	If TRUE, returns extra details about the approximation.
quiet	Supresses output about success of least-error fitting. Failure will always be reported

Value

A function which approximates `fn`. If `details=TRUE`, return is a list with entries `fn`, `poly`, `fn.deriv`, `poly.deriv`, `residual` which are, respectively, the approximating function, the polynomial description over `[-1,1]`, the derivative of the approximation, the polynomial description of the derivative, and the approximation errors.

References

`nloptr` documentation

See Also

[d1.poly](#)

Examples

```
base <- d1.poly( log, c(0,4), 6, 10, details=TRUE )
sp.compare <- spl.poly( log, c(0,4), 6, 10, details=TRUE )
sp.flat.x0 <- spl.poly( log, c(0,4), 6, 10, x0=c(1,1,1,1,1,1), details=TRUE )
print( base$poly - sp.compare$poly )
print( base$poly - sp.flat.x0$poly )
# Comparison without using shape-preserving methods
sp.concave <- spl.poly( log, c(0,4), 6, 10, n.shape=c(5,10), sign.deriv=c(1,-1) )
pp <- seq( 0, 4, length.out=100 )
plot( pp, sapply(pp, base$fn), lwd=2, col=2, type='l' )
lines( pp, sapply(pp, log), lwd=2, col=1 )
lines( pp, sapply(pp, sp.concave), lwd=2, col=4 )
legend( 'bottomright', c( 'log', 'Order 6 polynomial approx',
  'Order 6 shape-preserving polynomial approx' ), lwd=2,
  col=c(1,2,4), bty='n' )
# Compare the Chebychev and shape-preserving approximations
```

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