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## Description

Efficient estimation of high dimensional orthant probabilities. The package main functions are:

- **ProbaMax**: the main function for high dimensional orthant probabilities. Computes  $P(\max X > t)$ , where  $X$  is a Gaussian vector and  $t$  is the selected threshold. It implements the GANMC algorithm and allows for user-defined sampler and core probability estimates.
- **ProbaMin**: analogous of ProbaMax for the problem  $P(\min X < t)$ , where  $X$  is a Gaussian vector and  $t$  is the selected threshold. It implements the GANMC algorithm and allows for user-defined sampler and core probability estimates.
- **conservativeEstimate**: the main function for conservative estimates computation. Requires the mean and covariance of the posterior field at a discretization design.

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ANMC\_Gauss

ANMC estimate for the remainder

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## Description

Asymmetric nested Monte Carlo estimation of  $P(\max X^{-q} > \text{threshold} | \max X^q \leq \text{threshold})$  where  $X$  is a normal vector. It is used for the bias correction in [ProbaMax](#) and [ProbaMin](#).

## Usage

```
ANMC_Gauss(
  compBdg,
  problem,
  delta = 0.4,
  type = "M",
  trmvnorm = trmvnorm_rej_cpp,
  typeReturn = 0,
  verb = 0
)
```

## Arguments

- |         |  |
|---------|--|
| compBdg | total computational budget in seconds.   |
| problem | list defining the problem with mandatory fields <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• muEq = mean vector of <math>X^q</math>;</li> <li>• sigmaEq = covariance matrix of <math>X^q</math>;</li> <li>• threshold = fixed threshold <math>t</math>;</li> <li>• muEmq = mean vector of <math>X^{-q}</math>;</li> <li>• wwCondQ = “weights” for <math>X^{-q} X^q</math> [the vector <math>\Sigma^{-q,q}(\Sigma^q)^{-1}</math>];</li> </ul> |

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>sigmaCondQChol</code> = Cholesky factorization of the conditional covariance matrix <math>\Sigma^{-q q}</math>;</li> </ul>
<code>delta</code>	total proportion of budget assigned to initial estimate (default 0.4), the actual proportion used might be smaller.
<code>type</code>	type of excursion: "m", for minimum below threshold or "M", for maximum above threshold.
<code>trmvrnorm</code>	<p>function to generate truncated multivariate normal samples, it must have the following signature <code>trmvrnorm(n,mu,sigma,upper,lower,verb)</code>, where</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>n</code>: number of simulations;</li> <li>• <code>mu</code>: mean vector of the Normal variable of dimension <math>d</math>;</li> <li>• <code>sigma</code>: covariance matrix of dimension <math>d \times d</math>;</li> <li>• <code>upper</code>: vector of upper limits of length <math>d</math>;</li> <li>• <code>lower</code>: vector of lower limits of length <math>d</math>;</li> <li>• <code>verb</code>: the level of verbosity 3 basic, 4 extended.</li> </ul> <p>It must return a matrix <math>d \times n</math> of realizations. If not specified, the rejection sampler <code>trmvrnorm_rej_cpp</code> is used.</p>
<code>typeReturn</code>	<p>integer chosen between</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0 a number with only the probability estimation;</li> <li>• 1 light return: a list with the probability estimator, the variance of the estimator, the vectors of conditional quantities used to obtain <math>m^*</math> and the system dependent parameters;</li> <li>• 2 heavy return: the same list as light return with also the computational times and additional intermediate parameters.</li> </ul>
<code>verb</code>	level of verbosity (0,1 for this function), also sets the verbosity of <code>trmvrnorm</code> (to <code>verb-1</code> ).

### Value

A list containing the estimated probability of excursion, see `typeReturn` for details.

### References

- Azzimonti, D. and Ginsbourger, D. (2018). Estimating orthant probabilities of high dimensional Gaussian vectors with an application to set estimation. *Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics*, 27(2), 255-267. Preprint at [hal-01289126](#)
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conservativeEstimate    *Computationally efficient conservative estimate*

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### Description

Computes conservative estimates with two step GANMC procedure for a Gaussian vector. The probability is approximated with a biased low dimensional estimator and the bias is corrected with a MC estimator.

### Usage

```
conservativeEstimate(  
  alpha = 0.95,  
  pred,  
  design,  
  threshold,  
  pn = NULL,  
  type = ">",  
  verb = 1,  
  lightReturn = T,  
  algo = "GANMC"  
)
```

### Arguments

alpha	probability of conservative estimate.
pred	list containing mean vector (pred\$mean) and covariance matrix (pred\$cov).
design	a matrix of size length(pred\$mean)x(input space dimension) that contains the design where pred\$mean was computed.
threshold	threshold, real number.
pn	coverage probability function, vector of the same length as pred\$mean (if not specified it is computed).
type	type of excursion: ">" for excursion above threshold or "<" for below.
verb	level of verbosity, integer from 1–7.
lightReturn	boolean for light return.
algo	choice of algorithm for computing probabilities ("GANMC", "GMC").

### Value

A list containing the conservative estimate (set), the Vorob'ev level (lvs). If lightReturn=FALSE, it also returns the actual probability of the set (proba) and the variance of this estimate (vars).

## References

Azzimonti, D. and Ginsbourger, D. (2018). Estimating orthant probabilities of high dimensional Gaussian vectors with an application to set estimation. *Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics*, 27(2), 255-267. Preprint at [hal-01289126](https://hal.archives-ouvertes.fr/hal-01289126)

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## Examples

```

if (!requireNamespace("DiceKriging", quietly = TRUE)) {
  stop("DiceKriging needed for this example to work. Please install it.",
       call. = FALSE)
}
# Compute conservative estimate of excursion set of testfun below threshold
# Initialize
testfun<-function(x){return(((3*x^2+7*x-3)*exp(-1*(x)^2)*cos(5*pi*x^2)-1.2*x^2))}
mDet<- 1500

# Uniform design points
set.seed(42)
doe<-runif(n = 8)
res<-testfun(doe)
threshold<-0
# create km
smallKm <- DiceKriging::km(design = matrix(doe,ncol=1),
  response = res,covtype = "matern5_2",coef.trend = -1,coef.cov = c(0.05),coef.var = 1.1)
# prediction at newdata
newdata<-data.frame(matrix(seq(0,1,,mDet),ncol=1)); colnames(newdata)<-colnames(smallKm@X)
pred<-DiceKriging::predict.km(object = smallKm,newdata = newdata,type = "UK",cov.compute = TRUE)

## Not run:
# Plot (optional)
plot(seq(0,1,,mDet),pred$mean,type='l')
points(doe,res,pch=10)
abline(h = threshold)
lines(seq(0,1,,mDet),pred$mean+pred$sd,lty=2,col=1)
lines(seq(0,1,,mDet),pred$mean-pred$sd,lty=2,col=1)

## End(Not run)
# Compute the coverage function
pn<-pnorm((threshold-pred$mean)/pred$sd)

## Not run:
pred$cov <- pred$cov + 1e-7*diag(nrow = nrow(pred$cov),ncol = ncol(pred$cov))
CE<-conservativeEstimate(alpha = 0.95,pred = pred,design = as.matrix(newdata),
  threshold = threshold,type = "<",verb=1, pn=pn,algo = "ANMC")
points(newdata[CE$set,],rep(-0.1,mDet)[CE$set],col=4,pch="-",cex=2)

## End(Not run)

```

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get_chronotime	<i>Measure elapsed time with C++11 chrono library</i>
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**Description**

Returns a time indicator that can be used to accurately measure elapsed time. The C++11 clock used is `chrono::high_resolution_clock`.

**Usage**

```
get_chronotime()
```

**Value**

A double with the number of nanoseconds elapsed since a fixed epoch.

**Examples**

```
# Measure 1 second sleep
initT<-get_chronotime()
Sys.sleep(1)
measT<-(get_chronotime()-initT)*1e-9
cat("1 second passed in ",measT," seconds.\n")
```

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MC_Gauss	<i>MC estimate for the remainder</i>
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**Description**

Standard Monte Carlo estimate for  $P(\max X^{-q} > threshold | \max X^q \leq threshold)$  or  $P(\min X^{-q} < threshold | \min X^q \geq threshold)$  where  $X$  is a normal vector. It is used for the bias correction in [ProbaMax](#) and [ProbaMin](#).

**Usage**

```
MC_Gauss(
  compBdg,
  problem,
  delta = 0.1,
  type = "M",
  trmvrnorm = trmvrnorm_rej_cpp,
  typeReturn = 0,
  verb = 0,
  params = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

compBdg	total computational budget in seconds.
problem	list defining the problem with mandatory fields: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• muEq = mean vector of <math>X^q</math>;</li> <li>• sigmaEq = covariance matrix of <math>X^q</math>;</li> <li>• threshold = threshold;</li> <li>• muEmq = mean vector of <math>X^{-q}</math>;</li> <li>• wwCondQ = “weights” for <math>X^{-q} X^q</math> [ the vector <math>\Sigma^{-q,q}(\Sigma^q)^{-1}</math>];</li> <li>• sigmaCondQChol = Cholesky factorization of the conditional covariance matrix <math>\Sigma^{-q q}</math>.</li> </ul>
delta	total proportion of budget assigned to initial estimate (default 0.1), the actual proportion used might be smaller.
type	type of excursion: "n", for minimum below threshold or "M", for maximum above threshold.
trmvrnorm	function to generate truncated multivariate normal samples, it must have the following signature <code>trmvrnorm(n,mu,sigma,upper,lower,verb)</code> , where <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• n: number of simulations;</li> <li>• mu: mean vector of the Normal variable of dimension <math>d</math>;</li> <li>• sigma: covariance matrix of dimension <math>d \times d</math>;</li> <li>• upper: vector of upper limits of length <math>d</math>;</li> <li>• lower: vector of lower limits of length <math>d</math>;</li> <li>• verb: the level of verbosity 3 basic, 4 extended.</li> </ul> <p>It must return a matrix <math>d \times n</math> of realizations. If not specified, the rejection sampler <code>trmvrnorm_rej_cpp</code> is used.</p>
typeReturn	integer: 0 (only the estimate) or 1 (heavy return with variance of the estimate, parameters of the estimator and computational times).
verb	the level of verbosity, also sets the verbosity of <code>trmvrnorm</code> (to <code>verb-1</code> ).
params	system dependent parameters (if NULL they are estimated).

**Value**

A list containing the estimated probability of excursion, see `typeReturn` for details.

**References**

- Azzimonti, D. and Ginsbourger, D. (2018). Estimating orthant probabilities of high dimensional Gaussian vectors with an application to set estimation. *Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics*, 27(2), 255-267. Preprint at [hal-01289126](https://hal.archives-ouvertes.fr/hal-01289126)
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`mvrnormArma`*Sample from multivariate normal distribution with C++*

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## Description

Simulates realizations from a multivariate normal with mean  $\mu$  and covariance matrix  $\sigma$ .

## Usage

```
mvrnormArma(n, mu, sigma, chol)
```

## Arguments

<code>n</code>	number of simulations.
<code>mu</code>	mean vector.
<code>sigma</code>	covariance matrix or Cholesky decomposition of the matrix (see <code>chol</code> ).
<code>chol</code>	integer, if 0 <code>sigma</code> is a covariance matrix, otherwise it is the Cholesky decomposition of the matrix.

## Value

A matrix of size  $dxn$  containing the samples.

## Examples

```
# Simulate 1000 realizations from a multivariate normal vector
mu <- rep(0,200)
Sigma <- diag(rep(1,200))
realizations<-mvrnormArma(n=1000,mu = mu,sigma=Sigma, chol=0)
empMean<-rowMeans(realizations)
empCov<-cov(t(realizations))
# check if the sample mean is close to the actual mean
maxErrorOnMean<-max(abs(mu-empMean))
# check if we can estimate correctly the covariance matrix
maxErrorOnVar<-max(abs(rep(1,200)-diag(empCov)))
maxErrorOnCov<-max(abs(empCov[lower.tri(empCov)]))
## Not run:
plot(density(realizations[2,]))

## End(Not run)
```

ProbaMax

*Probability of exceedance of maximum of Gaussian vector***Description**

Computes  $P(\max X > \text{threshold})$  with choice of algorithm between ANMC\_Gauss and MC\_Gauss. By default, the computationally expensive sampling parts are computed with the Rcpp functions.

**Usage**

```
ProbaMax(
  cBdg,
  threshold,
  mu,
  Sigma,
  E = NULL,
  q = NULL,
  pn = NULL,
  lightReturn = T,
  method = 4,
  verb = 0,
  Algo = "ANMC",
  trmvnorm = trmvnorm_rej_cpp,
  pmvnorm_usr = pmvnorm
)
```

**Arguments**

cBdg	computational budget.
threshold	threshold.
mu	mean vector.
Sigma	covariance matrix.
E	discretization design for the field. If NULL, a simplex-lattice design n,n is used, with n=length(mu). In this case the choice of method=4,5 are not advised.
q	number of active dimensions, it can be either <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• an integer: in this case the optimal q active dimension are chosen;</li> <li>• a numeric vector of length 2: this is the range where to search for the best number of active dimensions;</li> <li>• NULL: q is selected as the best number of active dimensions in the feasible range.</li> </ul>
pn	coverage probability function evaluated with mu, Sigma. If NULL it is computed automatically.
lightReturn	boolean, if TRUE light return.

method	method chosen to select the active dimensions. See <a href="#">selectActiveDims</a> for details.
verb	level of verbosity (0-5), selects verbosity also for <a href="#">ANMC_Gauss</a> (verb-1) and <a href="#">MC_Gauss</a> (verb-1).
Algo	choice of algorithm to compute the remainder $R_q$ ("ANMC" or "MC").
trmvrnorm	function to generate truncated multivariate normal samples, it must have the following signature <code>trmvrnorm(n,mu,sigma,upper,lower,verb)</code> , where <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• n: number of simulations;</li> <li>• mu: mean vector of the Normal variable of dimension <math>d</math>;</li> <li>• sigma: covariance matrix of dimension <math>d \times d</math>;</li> <li>• upper: vector of upper limits of length <math>d</math>;</li> <li>• lower: vector of lower limits of length <math>d</math>;</li> <li>• verb: the level of verbosity 3 basic, 4 extended.</li> </ul> <p>It must return a matrix <math>d \times n</math> of realizations. If not specified, the rejection sampler <a href="#">trmvrnorm_rej_cpp</a> is used.</p>
pmvnorm_usr	function to compute core probability on active dimensions. Inputs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• lower: the vector of lower limits of length <math>d</math>.</li> <li>• upper: the vector of upper limits of length <math>d</math>.</li> <li>• mean: the mean vector of length <math>d</math>.</li> <li>• sigma: the covariance matrix of dimension <math>d</math>.</li> </ul> <p>returns a the probability value with attribute "error", the absolute error. Default is the function <a href="#">pmvnorm</a> from the package <code>mvtnorm</code>.</p>

## Value

A list containing

- probability: The probability estimate
- variance: the variance of the probability estimate
- q: the number of selected active dimensions

If `lightReturn=F` then the list also contains:

- aux\_probabilities: a list with the probability estimates: probability the actual probability,  $p_q$  the biased estimator  $p_q$ ,  $R_q$  the conditional probability  $R_q$
- Eq: the points of the design  $E$  selected for  $p_q$
- indQ: the indices of the active dimensions chosen for  $p_q$
- resRq: The list returned by the MC method used for  $R_q$

## References

- Azzimonti, D. and Ginsbourger, D. (2018). Estimating orthant probabilities of high dimensional Gaussian vectors with an application to set estimation. *Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics*, 27(2), 255-267. Preprint at [hal-01289126](https://hal.archives-ouvertes.fr/hal-01289126)
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- Genz, A. (1992). Numerical computation of multivariate normal probabilities. *Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics*, 1(2):141–149.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# Compute probability  $P(X \in (-\infty, 0])$  with  $X \sim N(0, \Sigma)$ 
d<-200 # example dimension
mu<-rep(0,d) # mean of the normal vector
# correlation structure (Miwa et al. 2003, Craig 2008, Botev 2016)
Sigma<-0.5*diag(d)+ 0.5*rep(1,d)%*%t(rep(1,d))

pANMC<-ProbaMax(cBdg=20, q=min(50,d/2), E=seq(0,1,,d), threshold=0, mu=mu, Sigma=Sigma,
  pn = NULL, lightReturn = TRUE, method = 3, verb = 2, Algo = "ANMC")
proba<-1-pANMC$probability

# Percentage error
abs(1-pANMC$probability-1/(d+1))/(1/(d+1))

# Implement ProbaMax with user defined function for active dimension probability estimate
if(!requireNamespace("TruncatedNormal", quietly = TRUE)) {
  stop("Package TruncatedNormal needed for this example to work. Please install it.",
    call. = FALSE)
}

# define pmvnorm_usr with the function mvNcdf from the package TruncatedNormal
pmvnorm_usr<-function(lower,upper,mean,sigma){
  pMET<-TruncatedNormal::mvNcdf(l = lower-mean,u = upper-mean,Sig = sigma,n = 5e4)
  res<-pMET$prob
  attr(res,"error")<-pMET$relErr
  return(res)
}

pANMC<-ProbaMax(cBdg=20, q=min(50,d/2), E=seq(0,1,,d), threshold=0, mu=mu, Sigma=Sigma,
  pn = NULL, lightReturn = TRUE, method = 3, verb = 2, Algo = "ANMC",pmvnorm_usr=pmvnorm_usr)
proba<-1-pANMC$probability

# Percentage error
abs(1-pANMC$probability-1/(d+1))/(1/(d+1))
```

```

# Implement ProbaMax with user defined function for truncated normal sampling

if(!requireNamespace("tmg", quietly = TRUE)) {
  stop("Package tmg needed for this example to work. Please install it.",
       call. = FALSE)
}
trmvrnorm_usr<-function(n,mu,sigma,upper,lower,verb){
  M<-chol2inv(chol(sigma))
  r=as.vector(M%*%mu)

  if(all(lower==-Inf) && all(upper==Inf)){
    f<- NULL
    g<- NULL
  }else{
    if(all(lower==-Inf)){
      f<-diag(length(mu))
      g<-upper
      initial<-(upper-1)/2
    }else if(all(upper==Inf)){
      f<-diag(length(mu))
      g<- -lower
      initial<-2*(lower+1)
    }else{
      f<-rbind(-diag(length(mu)),diag(length(mu)))
      g<-c(upper, -lower)
      initial<-(upper-lower)/2
    }
  }
  }
  reals_tmg<-tmg::rtmg(n=n,M=M,r=r,initial = initial,f=f,g=g)

  return(t(reals_tmg))
}

pANMC<-ProbaMax(cBdg=20, q=min(50,d/2), E=seq(0,1,,d), threshold=0, mu=mu, Sigma=Sigma,
  pn = NULL, lightReturn = TRUE, method = 3, verb = 2, Algo = "ANMC",trmvrnorm=trmvrnorm_usr)
proba<-1-pANMC$probability

# Percentage error
abs(1-pANMC$probability-1/(d+1))/(1/(d+1))

## End(Not run)

```

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 ProbaMin

*Probability of exceedance of minimum of Gaussian vector*


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### Description

Computes  $P(\min X \leq \text{threshold})$  with choice of algorithm between ANMC\_Gauss and MC\_Gauss. By default, the computationally expensive sampling parts are computed with the Rcpp functions.

**Usage**

```

ProbaMin(
  cBdg,
  threshold,
  mu,
  Sigma,
  E = NULL,
  q = NULL,
  pn = NULL,
  lightReturn = T,
  method = 4,
  verb = 0,
  Algo = "ANMC",
  trmvrnorm = trmvrnorm_rej_cpp,
  pmvnorm_usr = pmvnorm
)

```

**Arguments**

cBdg	computational budget.
threshold	threshold.
mu	mean vector.
Sigma	covariance matrix.
E	discretization design for the field. If NULL, a simplex-lattice design $n,n$ is used, with $n=\text{length}(\mu)$ . In this case the choice of <code>method=4,5</code> are not advised.
q	number of active dimensions, it can be either <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• an integer: in this case the optimal <math>q</math> active dimension are chosen;</li> <li>• a numeric vector of length 2: this is the range where to search for the best number of active dimensions;</li> <li>• NULL: <math>q</math> is selected as the best number of active dimensions in the feasible range.</li> </ul>
pn	coverage probability function evaluated with <code>mu</code> , <code>Sigma</code> . If NULL it is computed automatically.
lightReturn	boolean, if TRUE light return.
method	method chosen to select the active dimensions. See <a href="#">selectActiveDims</a> for details.
verb	level of verbosity (0-5), selects verbosity also for <a href="#">ANMC_Gauss</a> ( <code>verb=1</code> ) and <a href="#">MC_Gauss</a> ( <code>verb=1</code> ).
Algo	choice of algorithm to compute the remainder $R_q$ ("ANMC" or "MC").
trmvrnorm	function to generate truncated multivariate normal samples, it must have the following signature <code>trmvrnorm(n,mu,sigma,upper,lower,verb)</code> , where <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>n</code>: number of simulations;</li> <li>• <code>mu</code>: mean vector of the Normal variable of dimension <math>d</math>;</li> <li>• <code>sigma</code>: covariance matrix of dimension <math>d \times d</math>;</li> </ul>

- upper: vector of upper limits of length  $d$ ;
- lower: vector of lower limits of length  $d$ ;
- verb: the level of verbosity 3 basic, 4 extended.

It must return a matrix  $d \times n$  of realizations. If not specified, the rejection sampler `trmvrnorm_rej_cpp` is used.

`pmvnorm_usr` function to compute core probability on active dimensions. Inputs:

- lower: the vector of lower limits of length  $d$ .
- upper: the vector of upper limits of length  $d$ .
- mean: the mean vector of length  $d$ .
- sigma: the covariance matrix of dimension  $d$ .

returns a the probability value with attribute "error", the absolute error. Default is the function `pmvnorm` from the package `mvtnorm`.

### Value

A list containing

- probability: The probability estimate
- variance: the variance of the probability estimate
- q: the number of selected active dimensions

If `lightReturn=F` then the list also contains:

- aux\_probabilities: a list with the probability estimates: probability the actual probability,  $p_q$  the biased estimator  $p_q$ ,  $R_q$  the conditional probability  $R_q$
- Eq: the points of the design  $E$  selected for  $p_q$
- indQ: the indices of the active dimensions chosen for  $p_q$
- resRq: The list returned by the MC method used for  $R_q$

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## Examples

```

## Not run:
# Compute probability  $P(X \in [0, \infty])$  with  $X \sim N(0, \Sigma)$ 
d<-200      # example dimension
mu<-rep(0,d)  # mean of the normal vector
# correlation structure (Miwa et al. 2003, Craig 2008, Botev 2016)
Sigma<-0.5*diag(d)+ 0.5*rep(1,d)%*%t(rep(1,d))
pANMC<-ProbaMin(cBdg=20, q=min(50,d/2), E=seq(0,1,,d), threshold=0, mu=mu, Sigma=Sigma,
  pn = NULL, lightReturn = TRUE, method = 3, verb = 2, Algo = "ANMC")
proba<-1-pANMC$probability

# Percentage error
abs(1-pANMC$probability-1/(d+1))/(1/(d+1))

# Implement ProbaMin with user defined function for active dimension probability estimate
if(!requireNamespace("TruncatedNormal", quietly = TRUE)) {
  stop("TruncatedNormal needed for this example to work. Please install it.",
    call. = FALSE)
}
# define pmvnorm_usr with the function mvNcdf from the package TruncatedNormal
pmvnorm_usr<-function(lower,upper,mean,sigma){
  pMET<-TruncatedNormal::mvNcdf(l = lower-mean,u = upper-mean,Sig = sigma,n = 5e4)
  res<-pMET$prob
  attr(res,"error")<-pMET$relErr
  return(res)
}
pANMC<-ProbaMin(cBdg=20, q=min(50,d/2), E=seq(0,1,,d), threshold=0, mu=mu, Sigma=Sigma,
  pn = NULL, lightReturn = TRUE, method = 3, verb = 2, Algo = "ANMC",pmvnorm_usr=pmvnorm_usr)
proba<-1-pANMC$probability

# Percentage error
abs(1-pANMC$probability-1/(d+1))/(1/(d+1))

# Implement ProbaMin with user defined function for truncated normal sampling

if(!requireNamespace("tmg", quietly = TRUE)) {
  stop("Package tmg needed for this example to work. Please install it.",
    call. = FALSE)
}
trmvnorm_usr<-function(n,mu,sigma,upper,lower,verb){
  M<-chol2inv(chol(sigma))
  r=as.vector(M%*%mu)

  if(all(lower==Inf) && all(upper==Inf)){
    f<- NULL
    g<- NULL
  }else{
    if(all(lower==Inf)){
      f<--diag(length(mu))
      g<-upper
      initial<-(upper-1)/2
    }
  }
}

```



```

    }else if(all(upper==Inf)){
      f<-diag(length(mu))
      g<- -lower
      initial<-2*(lower+1)
    }else{
      f<-rbind(-diag(length(mu)),diag(length(mu)))
      g<-c(upper,-lower)
      initial<-(upper-lower)/2
    }
  }
}
reals_tmng<-tmg::rtmg(n=n,M=M,r=r,initial = initial,f=f,g=g)

return(t(reals_tmng))
}

pANMC<-ProbaMin(cBdg=20, q=min(50,d/2), E=seq(0,1,,d), threshold=0, mu=mu, Sigma=Sigma,
pn = NULL, lightReturn = TRUE, method = 3, verb = 2, Algo = "ANMC",trmvrnorm=trmvrnorm_usr)
proba<-1-pANMC$probability

# Percentage error
abs(1-pANMC$probability-1/(d+1))/(1/(d+1))

## End(Not run)

```

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selectActiveDims

*Select active dimensions for small dimensional estimate*


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## Description

The function selectActiveDims selects the active dimensions for the computation of  $p_q$  with an heuristic method.

## Usage

```

selectActiveDims(
  q = NULL,
  E,
  threshold,
  mu,
  Sigma,
  pn = NULL,
  method = 1,
  verb = 0,
  pmvnorm_usr = pmvnorm
)

```

**Arguments**

q	either the fixed number of active dimensions or the range where the number of active dimensions is chosen with <code>selectQdims</code> . If NULL the function <code>selectQdims</code> is called.
E	discretization design for the field.
threshold	threshold.
mu	mean vector.
Sigma	covariance matrix.
pn	coverage probability function based on threshold, mu and Sigma. If NULL it is computed.
method	integer chosen between <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0 selects by taking equally spaced indexes in mu;</li> <li>• 1 samples from pn;</li> <li>• 2 samples from <math>pn*(1-pn)</math>;</li> <li>• 3 samples from pn adjusting for the distance (tries to explore all modes);</li> <li>• 4 samples from <math>pn*(1-pn)</math> adjusting for the distance (tries to explore all modes);</li> <li>• 5 samples with uniform probabilities.</li> </ul>
verb	level of verbosity: 0 returns nothing, 1 returns minimal info
pmvnorm_usr	function to compute core probability on active dimensions. Inputs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• lower: the vector of lower limits of length d.</li> <li>• upper: the vector of upper limits of length d.</li> <li>• mean: the mean vector of length d.</li> <li>• sigma: the covariance matrix of dimension d.</li> </ul> returns a the probability value with attribute "error", the absolute error. Default is the function <code>pmvnorm</code> from the package <code>mvtnorm</code> .

**Value**

A vector of integers denoting the chosen active dimensions of the vector mu.

**References**

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selectQdims	<i>Iteratively select active dimensions</i>
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### Description

The function `selectQdims` iteratively selects the number of active dimensions and the dimensions themselves for the computation of  $p_q$ . The number of dimensions is increased until  $p_q - p_{q-1}$  is smaller than the error of the procedure.

### Usage

```
selectQdims(
  E,
  threshold,
  mu,
  Sigma,
  pn = NULL,
  method = 1,
  reducedReturn = T,
  verb = 0,
  limits = NULL,
  pmvnorm_usr = pmvnorm
)
```

### Arguments

<code>E</code>	discretization design for the field.
<code>threshold</code>	threshold.
<code>mu</code>	mean vector.
<code>Sigma</code>	covariance matrix.
<code>pn</code>	coverage probability function based on <code>threshold</code> , <code>mu</code> and <code>Sigma</code> . If <code>NULL</code> it is computed.
<code>method</code>	integer chosen between <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0 selects by taking equally spaced indexes in <code>mu</code>;</li> <li>• 1 samples from <code>pn</code>;</li> <li>• 2 samples from <code>pn*(1-pn)</code>;</li> <li>• 3 samples from <code>pn</code> adjusting for the distance (tries to explore all modes);</li> <li>• 4 samples from <code>pn*(1-pn)</code> adjusting for the distance (tries to explore all modes);</li> <li>• 5 samples with uniform probabilities.</li> </ul>
<code>reducedReturn</code>	boolean to select the type of return. See Value for further details.
<code>verb</code>	level of verbosity: 0 returns nothing, 1 returns minimal info.
<code>limits</code>	numeric vector of length 2 with <code>q_min</code> and <code>q_max</code> . If <code>NULL</code> initialized at <code>c(10,300)</code>

pmvnorm\_usr      function to compute core probability on active dimensions. Inputs:

- lower: the vector of lower limits of length d.
- upper: the vector of upper limits of length d.
- mean: the mean vector of length d.
- sigma: the covariance matrix of dimension d.

returns a the probability value with attribute "error", the absolute error. Default is the function `pmvnorm` from the package `mvtnorm`.

### Value

If `reducedReturn=F` returns a list containing

- `indQ`: the indices of the active dimensions chosen for  $p_q$ ;
- `pq`: the biased estimator  $p_q$  with attribute `error`, the estimated absolute error;
- `Eq`: the points of the design  $E$  selected for  $p_q$ ;
- `muEq`: the subvector of `mu` selected for  $p_q$ ;
- `KEq`: the submatrix of `Sigma` composed by the indexes selected for  $p_q$ .

Otherwise it returns only `indQ`.

### References

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trmvrnorm\_rej\_cpp      *Sample from truncated multivariate normal distribution with C++*

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### Description

Simulates realizations from a truncated multivariate normal with mean `mu`, covariance matrix `sigma` in the bounds `lower` `upper`.

### Usage

```
trmvrnorm_rej_cpp(n, mu, sigma, lower, upper, verb)
```

**Arguments**

n	number of simulations.
mu	mean vector.
sigma	covariance matrix.
lower	vector of lower bounds.
upper	vector of upper bounds.
verb	level of verbosity: if lower than 3 nothing, 3 minimal, 4 extended.

**Value**

A matrix of size  $dxn$  containing the samples.

**References**

Horrace, W. C. (2005). Some results on the multivariate truncated normal distribution. *Journal of Multivariate Analysis*, 94(1):209–221.

Robert, C. P. (1995). Simulation of truncated normal variables. *Statistics and Computing*, 5(2):121–125.

**Examples**

```
# Simulate 1000 realizations from a truncated multivariate normal vector
mu <- rep(0,10)
Sigma <- diag(rep(1,10))
upper <- rep(3,10)
lower <- rep(-0.5,10)
realizations<-trmvnorm_rej_cpp(n=1000,mu = mu,sigma=Sigma, lower =lower, upper= upper,verb=3)
empMean<-rowMeans(realizations)
empCov<-cov(t(realizations))
# check if the sample mean is close to the actual mean
maxErrorOnMean<-max(abs(mu-empMean))
# check if we can estimate correctly the covariance matrix
maxErrorOnVar<-max(abs(rep(1,200)-diag(empCov)))
maxErrorOnCov<-max(abs(empCov[lower.tri(empCov)]))
## Not run:
plot(density(realizations[1,]))
hist(realizations[1,],breaks="FD")

## End(Not run)
```

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