

Package ‘mlrintermbo’

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See Also

Useful links:

- <https://github.com/mb706/mlrintermbo>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/mb706/mlrintermbo/issues>

makeMlr3Surrogate *Create Surrogate Learner*

Description

Creates the default mlrMBO surrogate learners as an `mlr3::Learner`.

This imitates the behaviour of mlrCPO when no learner argument is given to `mbo()` / `initSMBO()`.

Usage

```
makeMlr3Surrogate(  
  is.numeric = TRUE,  
  is.noisy = TRUE,  
  has.dependencies = !is.numeric  
)
```

Arguments

<code>is.numeric</code>	(logical(1)) Whether only numeric parameters are present. If so, a <code>LearnerRegrKM</code> (DiceKriging package) is constructed. Otherwise a <code>LearnerRegrRanger</code> (random forest from the ranger package) is constructed. Default is TRUE.
<code>is.noisy</code>	(logical(1)) Whether to use nugget estimation. Only considered when <code>is.numeric</code> is TRUE. Default is TRUE.
<code>has.dependencies</code>	(logical(1)) Whether to anticipate missing values in the surrogate model design. This adds out-of-range imputation to the model. If more elaborate imputation is desired, it may be desirable to set this to FALSE and instead perform custom imputation using mlr3pipelines . Default is !numeric.

Examples

```
# DiceKriging Learner:  
makeMlr3Surrogate()  
  
# mlr3pipelines Graph: imputation %>>% 'ranger' (randomForest):  
makeMlr3Surrogate(is.numeric = FALSE)  
  
# just the 'ranger' Learner:  
makeMlr3Surrogate(is.numeric = FALSE, has.dependencies = FALSE)
```

OptimInstanceMultiCrit

OptimInstanceMultiCrit Class

Description

bbotk's OptimInstanceMultiCrit class. Re-exported since bbotk will change the name.

OptimInstanceSingleCrit

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Optimizer

Optimizer Class

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OptimizerInterMBO

Tuner and Optimizer using mlrMBO

Description

mlrMBO tuning object.

mlrMBO must not be loaded directly into R when using mlr3, for various reasons. TunerInterMBO and OptimizerInterMBO take care that this does not happen.

Format

[R6::R6Class](#) object inheriting from Tuner (mlr3tuning package) or Optimizer (bbotk package).

Construction

To optimize an objective (using the `bbotk` package), use the `OptimizerInterMBO` object, ideally obtained through the `bbotk::opt()` function: `opt("intermbo")`.

To tune a machine learning method represented by a `mlr3::Learner` object, use the `TunerInterMBO` obtained ideally through `mlr3tuning::tnr()`: `tnr("intermbo")`.

Both have following optional arguments:

- `n.objectives` :: `integer(1)`
Number of objectives to optimize. Default is 1 for ordinary ("single objective") optimization, but can be greater than 1 for multi-objective optimization. See `mlrMBO::setMBOControlMultiObj()` for details on multi-objective optimization in `mlrMBO`.
- `on.surrogate.error` :: `character(1)`
What to do when fitting or predicting the surrogate model fails. One of "stop" (throw error), "warn", and "quiet" (ignore and propose a random point).
The surrogate model may fail sometimes, for example when the size of the initial design is too small or when the objective function returns constant values. In practice this is usually safe to ignore for single iterations (i.e. "warn" or "quiet"), but be aware that MBO effectively degrades to random search when the surrogate model fails for all iterations.

Configuration Parameters

The `ParamSet` of the optimizer / tuner reflects the possible configuration options of `mlrMBO`. The control parameters map directly to the arguments of `mlrMBO::makeMBOControl()`, `mlrMBO::setMBOControlInfill()`, `mlrMBO::setMBOControlMultiObj()`, `mlrMBO::setMBOControlMultiPoint()`, and `mlrMBO::setMBOControlTermination()`.

Examples

```
library("paradox")
library("bbotk")

# silly example function: minimize x^2 for -1 < x < 1
domain <- ps(x = p_dbl(lower = -1, upper = 1))
codomain <- ps(y = p_dbl(tags = "minimize"))
objective <- ObjectiveRfun$new(function(xs) list(y = xs$x^2), domain, codomain)

# initialize instance
instance <- OptimInstanceSingleCrit$new(objective, domain, trm("evals", n_evals = 6))

# use intermbo optimizer
#
# Also warn on surrogate model errors
# (this is the default and can be omitted)
optser <- opt("intermbo", on.surrogate.error = "warn")

# optimizer has hyperparameters from mlrMBO
optser$param_set$values$final.method <- "best.predicted"

# optimization happens here.
optser$optimize(instance)
```

instance\$result

TuningInstanceMultiCrit

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mlr3tuning's TuningInstanceMultiCrit class. Re-exported since mlr3tuning will change the name.

TuningInstanceSingleCrit

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