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cocons-package	<i>Covariate-based Covariance Functions for Nonstationary Gaussian Processes</i>
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## Description

Estimation and prediction of nonstationary Gaussian processes with modular covariate-based covariance functions. Routines for handling large datasets are also provided.

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coco

*coco Class*

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**Description**

Creates a coco object

**Usage**

```
coco(type, data, locs, z, model.list, info, output = list())
```

**Arguments**

type	One of two available types "dense" or "sparse". See description.
data	A data.frame with covariates information, where colnames(data) matches model.list specification
locs	a matrix with locs matching data
z	A vector with response values
model.list	A list specifying a model for each aspect of the spatial structure.
info	A list specifying characteristics of the coco object
output	empty or an output from optimparallel output, including as well boundaries

**Value**

Creates a coco object

**Author(s)**

Federico Blasi

**See Also**

[spam::cov.wend1\(\)](#)

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coco-class	<i>An S4 class to store information</i>
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### Description

An S4 class to store information

### Slots

`type` One of two available types "dense" or "sparse". See description.  
`data` A data.frame with covariates information, where `colnames(data)` matches `model.list` specification  
`locs` a matrix with locs matching data  
`z` A vector with response values  
`model.list` A list specifying a model for each aspect of the spatial structure.  
`info` a list with information about the coco object  
`output` an output from `optimparallel` output, including as well boundaries information as another element of the list

### Author(s)

Federico Blasi

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cocoOptim	<i>Optimizer for object class coco</i>
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### Description

Optimizer based on `Optimparallel` L-BFGS-B optimizer for coco class.

### Usage

```
cocoOptim(coco.object, boundaries = list(),
ncores = parallel::detectCores(), optim.control, optim.type, ...)
```

### Arguments

<code>coco.object</code>	a coco object. See <code>?coco()</code>
<code>boundaries</code>	if provided, a list with lower, init, and upper values. if not is computed based on <code>generic_fast_init_boundaries()</code>
<code>ncores</code>	number of cores for the optimization routine.
<code>optim.control</code>	number of cores for the optimization routine.
<code>optim.type</code>	Optimization approach.
<code>...</code>	extra arguments passed to the <code>optimparallel</code> function

**Value**

a coco object with an updated output slot, with extra information with boundaries information

**Author(s)**

Federico Blasi

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cocoPredict	<i>Prediction for object class coco</i>
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**Description**

Prediction for a fitted coco object.

**Usage**

```
cocoPredict(coco.object, newdataset, newlocs, type = 'mean')
```

**Arguments**

coco.object	a coco object
newdataset	a data.frame including covariates present in model.list
newlocs	a matrix with locations related to newdataset
type	whether "mean" or "pred", which gives a point prediction as well as the prediction uncertainty

**Value**

a list with mean predictions and CRPS values, latter if specified.

**Author(s)**

Federico Blasi

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cocoSim	<i>Marginal simulation of Gaussian processes with nonstationary covariance function</i>
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### Description

simulates a Gaussian process with nonstationary covariance function from an coco object.

### Usage

```
cocoSim(coco.object, pars, n, seed, standardize,
        type = 'classic', sim.type = NULL, cond.info = NULL)
```

### Arguments

coco.object	a vector of length p, where p is the number of parameters for
pars	a vector of length p, where p is the number of parameters for each of the models
n	number of realizations to simulate
seed	seed number. default set to NULL.
standardize	logical argument describing whether provided covariates should be standardize (TRUE) or not (FALSE). By default set to TRUE
type	wether parameters are related to a classical parameterization ('classic') or a difference parameterization 'diff' . Default set to 'classic'.
sim.type	if set 'cond' then a conditional simulation takes place.
cond.info	a list containing information to perform a conditional simulation.

### Value

a list() with the structure needed to fit cov.rns functions

### Author(s)

Federico Blasi

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cov_rns	<i>Dense covariance function (difference parameterization)</i>
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**Description**

Dense covariance function (difference parameterization)

**Usage**

```
cov_rns(theta, locs, x_covariates, smooth_limits)
```

**Arguments**

theta	vector of parameters
locs	a matrix with locations
x_covariates	design data.frame
smooth_limits	smooth limits

**Value**

dense covariance matrix

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cov_rns_classic	<i>Dense covariance function (classic parameterization)</i>
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**Description**

Dense covariance function (classic parameterization)

**Usage**

```
cov_rns_classic(theta, locs, x_covariates)
```

**Arguments**

theta	vector of parameters
locs	a matrix with locations
x_covariates	design data.frame

**Value**

dense covariance matrix with classic parameterization

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`cov_rns_pred`*Dense covariance function*

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**Description**

Dense covariance function

**Usage**

```
cov_rns_pred(  
  theta,  
  locs,  
  locs_pred,  
  x_covariates,  
  x_covariates_pred,  
  smooth_limits  
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>theta</code>	vector of parameters
<code>locs</code>	a matrix with locations
<code>locs_pred</code>	a matrix with prediction locations
<code>x_covariates</code>	design data.frame
<code>x_covariates_pred</code>	design data.frame at prediction locations
<code>smooth_limits</code>	smooth limits

**Value**

dense covariance matrix

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`cov_rns_taper_optimized_predict_range`*Sparse covariance function*

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**Description**

Sparse covariance function

**Usage**

```
cov_rns_taper_optimized_predict_range(  
  theta,  
  locs,  
  locs_pred,  
  x_covariates,  
  x_covariates_pred,  
  colindices,  
  rowpointers,  
  smooth_limits  
)
```

**Arguments**

theta	vector of parameters
locs	a matrix with locations
locs_pred	a matrix with prediction locations
x_covariates	design data.frame
x_covariates_pred	design data.frame at prediction locations
colindices	from spam object
rowpointers	from spam object
smooth_limits	smooth limits

**Value**

sparse covariance matrix at locs

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cov\_rns\_taper\_optimized\_range  
*Sparse covariance function*

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**Description**

Sparse covariance function

**Usage**

```
cov_rns_taper_optimized_range(  
  theta,  
  locs,  
  x_covariates,  
  colindices,  
  rowpointers,  
  smooth_limits  
)
```

**Arguments**

theta	vector of parameters
locs	a matrix with locations
x_covariates	design data.frame
colindices	from spam object
rowpointers	from spam object
smooth_limits	smooth limits

**Value**

sparse covariance matrix between locs and pred\_locs

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getAIC

*Retrieve AIC*

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**Description**

Retrieve the Akaike information criterion from a fitted coco object

**Usage**

```
getAIC(coco.object)
```

**Arguments**

coco.object    a fitted coco object.

**Value**

a list with the associated AIC value

**Author(s)**

Federico Blasi

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getBIC	<i>Retrieve BIC</i>
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**Description**

Retrieve BIC from a fitted coco object

**Usage**

```
getBIC(coco.object)
```

**Arguments**

coco.object      a fitted coco object.

**Value**

a list with the associated BIC value

**Author(s)**

Federico Blasi

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getBoundaries	<i>Simple build of boundaries</i>
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**Description**

provides a generic set of upper and lower bounds for the L-BFGS-B routine

**Usage**

```
getBoundaries(x, lower.value, upper.value)
```

**Arguments**

x                      a coco.object or a par.pos list (as output from getDesignMatrix)  
lower.value          if provided, provides a vector filled with values lower.value.  
upper.value          if provided, provides a vector filled with values upper.value.

**Value**

a list with boundaries and simple init values for the optim L-BFGS-B routine

**Author(s)**

Federico Blasi

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getBoundariesV2      *Simple build of boundaries (v2)*

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**Description**

provides a generic set of upper and lower bounds for the L-BFGS-B routine

**Usage**

```
getBoundariesV2(coco.object, mean.limits, std.dev.limits,
scale.limits, aniso.limits, tilt.limits, smooth.limits, nugget.limits)
```

**Arguments**

coco.object	a coco object
mean.limits	a vector of c(lower,init,upper) values for the associated param.
std.dev.limits	a vector of c(lower,init,upper) values for the associated param.
scale.limits	a vector of c(lower,init,upper) values for the associated param.
aniso.limits	a vector of c(lower,init,upper) values for the associated param.
tilt.limits	a vector of c(lower,init,upper) values for the associated param.
smooth.limits	a vector of c(lower,init,upper) values for the associated param.
nugget.limits	a vector of c(lower,init,upper) values for the associated param.

**Value**

a list with boundaries for the optim L-BFGS-B routine

**Author(s)**

Federico Blasi

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getBoundariesV3      *Simple build of boundaries (v3)*

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**Description**

provides a generic set of upper and lower bounds for the L-BFGS-B routine

**Usage**

```
getBoundariesV3(coco.object, mean.limits, global.lower,
std.dev.max.effects,
scale.max.effects, aniso.max.effects, tilt.max.effects,
smooth.max.effects, nugget.max.effects)
```

**Arguments**

coco.object	a coco object
mean.limits	a vector of c(lower,init,upper) values for the associated param.
global.lower	a vector of c(lower,init,upper) values for the associated param.
std.dev.max.effects	a vector of c(lower,init,upper) values for the associated param.
scale.max.effects	a vector of c(lower,init,upper) values for the associated param.
aniso.max.effects	a vector of c(lower,init,upper) values for the associated param.
tilt.max.effects	a vector of c(lower,init,upper) values for the associated param.
smooth.max.effects	a vector of c(lower,init,upper) values for the associated param.
nugget.max.effects	a vector of c(lower,init,upper) values for the associated param.

**Value**

a list with boundaries for the optim L-BFGS-B routine

**Author(s)**

Federico Blasi

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getCIs

*Compute Confidence Intervals for an coco object*

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**Description**

Compute confidence intervals for a (fitted) coco object

**Usage**

```
getCIs(coco.object, inv.hess, alpha = 0.05)
```

**Arguments**

coco.object	a coco class (fitted) object
inv.hess	Inverse of the Hessian
alpha	confidence level

**Value**

a matrix with confidence intervals for each parameter in the model

**Author(s)**

Federico Blasi

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getCondNumber	<i>Computes the condition number of the associated correlation matrix of the fitted coco object</i>
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**Description**

Compute the trend of the (fitted) coco object

**Usage**

```
getCondNumber(coco.object)
```

**Arguments**

coco.object     a coco class (fitted) object

**Value**

the condition number

**Author(s)**

Federico Blasi

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getCovMatrix	<i>Covariance matrix from a fitted coco object</i>
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**Description**

Retrieves the associated covariance matrix from a fitted coco object

**Usage**

```
getCovMatrix(coco.object, type = 'global', index = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

coco.object     a coco class (fitted) object

type            whether 'global' to retrieve the regular covariance matrix, or 'local' to retrieve global covariance based on the local aspect of a specific location (not implemented yet)

index           index to perform local covariance matrix (not implemented yet)

**Value**

a vector with the adjusted trend

**Author(s)**

Federico Blasi

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getCRPS

*Based on a set of predictions retrieves the Logrank*

---

**Description**

Retrieves the estimated spatial effects of the spatial structure

**Usage**

```
getCRPS(z.pred, mean.pred, sd.pred)
```

**Arguments**

z.pred	...
mean.pred	...
sd.pred	...

**Value**

retrieves CRPS

**Author(s)**

Federico Blasi

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getDesignMatrix

*Create an efficient design matrix based on a list of aspect models*

---

**Description**

Creates a unique design matrix based on model specification for each of the different potentially spatially varying aspects.

**Usage**

```
getDesignMatrix(model.list, data)
```

**Arguments**

`model.list` a list of formulas, one for each source of nonstationarity, specifying the models.  
`data` a data.frame

**Value**

a list() with two elements: a design matrix of dimension (n x p), and a par.pos object, indexing columns of the design matrix referred to each aspect models.

**Author(s)**

Federico Blasi

**Examples**

```
model.list <- list( "mean" = 0,  
                  "std.dev" = as.formula(" ~ 1 + lati_s * long_s"),  
                  "scale" = as.formula(" ~ 1 + elev_s"),  
                  "aniso" = as.formula(" ~ 1 + elev_s"),  
                  "tilt" = as.formula(" ~ 1 + elev_s"),  
                  "smooth" = as.formula(" ~ 1"),  
                  "nugget" = -Inf)
```

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getEstims

*Retrieve estimates from a fitted coco object*

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**Description**

Retrieve estimates from a fitted coco object

**Usage**

```
getEstims(coco.object)
```

**Arguments**

`coco.object` a fitted coco object.

**Value**

a list with the estimates parameters for the different aspects

**Author(s)**

Federico Blasi

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getHessian	<i>getHessian</i>
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**Description**

returns the approximate (observed) Hessian (inverse of Fisher Information Matrix)

**Usage**

```
getHessian(coco.object, ncores = parallel::detectCores() - 1,  
eps = .Machine$double.eps^(1/4))
```

**Arguments**

coco.object	a fitted coco object
ncores	number of cores used for the computation
eps	...

**Value**

a symmetric matrix pxp of the approximated (observed) Hessian

**Author(s)**

Federico Blasi

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getLoglik	<i>Retrieve the loglikelihood value</i>
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**Description**

Retrieve the loglikelihood value from a fitted coco object.

**Usage**

```
getLoglik(coco.object)
```

**Arguments**

coco.object	a coco class (fitted) object
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**Value**

wrap for value from a OptimParallel object

**Author(s)**

Federico Blasi

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 getLogRank

*Based on a set of predictions retrieves the Logrank*


---

**Description**

Retrieves the estimated spatial effects of the spatial structure

**Usage**

```
getLogRank(z.pred, mean.pred, sd.pred)
```

**Arguments**

z.pred	...
mean.pred	...
sd.pred	...

**Value**

retrieves LogRank

**Author(s)**

Federico Blasi

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 getModelLists

*Builds the necessary input for building covariance matrices*


---

**Description**

Returns a list of parameter vectors for each of the aspects.

**Usage**

```
getModelLists(theta, par.pos, type = 'diff')
```

**Arguments**

theta	a vector of length p, where p is the number of parameters for each of the models
par.pos	a list detailing in which position of each aspect the elements of theta should be placed. Expected to be output of getDesignMatrix
type	whether parameters are related to a classical parameterization ('classic') or a difference parameterization 'diff'. Default set to 'diff'.

**Value**

a list() of different spatial aspects and mean required for the cov.rns functions

**Author(s)**

Federico Blasi

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getModHess	<i>Retrieves the modified inverse of the hessian</i>
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**Description**

Compute confidence intervals for a (fitted) coco object

**Usage**

```
getModHess(coco.object, inv.hess)
```

**Arguments**

coco.object	a coco class (fitted) object
inv.hess	Inverse of the Hessian

**Value**

the modified inverse of the hessian matrix

**Author(s)**

Federico Blasi

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GetNeg2loglikelihood	<i>GetNeg2loglikelihood</i>
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**Description**

compute the negative 2 log likelihood based on theta

**Usage**

```
GetNeg2loglikelihood(theta, par.pos, locs, x_covariates,  
smooth.limits, z, n, lambda)
```

**Arguments**

theta	a vector with parameters values
par.pos	par.pos list
locs	spatial location matrix
x_covariates	design matrix
smooth.limits	smooth.limits
z	a vector of observed values
n	dim(z)[1]
lambda	regularization parameter

**Value**

value

**Author(s)**

Federico Blasi

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GetNeg2loglikelihoodProfile

*GetNeg2loglikelihoodProfile*

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**Description**

compute the negative 2 log likelihood based on theta

**Usage**

```
GetNeg2loglikelihoodProfile(theta, par.pos, locs, x_covariates,
smooth.limits, z, n, x_betas, lambda)
```

**Arguments**

theta	a vector with parameters values
par.pos	par.pos list
locs	spatial location matrix
x_covariates	design matrix
smooth.limits	smooth.limits
z	a vector of observed values
n	dim(z)[1]
x_betas	design matrix for the trend
lambda	regularization parameter

**Value**

value

**Author(s)**

Federico Blasi

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GetNeg2loglikelihoodTaper  
*GetNeg2loglikelihoodTaper*

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**Description**

compute the negative 2 log likelihood based on theta

**Usage**

```
GetNeg2loglikelihoodTaper(theta, par.pos, ref_taper, locs,
x_covariates, smooth.limits, cholS, z, n, lambda)
```

**Arguments**

theta	a vector with parameters values
par.pos	par.pos list
ref_taper	spam object based on a taper based covariance function
locs	spatial location matrix
x_covariates	design matrix
smooth.limits	smooth.limits
cholS	Cholesky object from spam
z	a vector of observed values
n	dim(z)[1]
lambda	regularization parameter

**Value**

value

**Author(s)**

Federico Blasi

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GetNeg2loglikelihoodTaperProfile  
*GetNeg2loglikelihoodTaperProfile*

---

**Description**

compute the negative 2 log likelihood based on theta

**Usage**

```
GetNeg2loglikelihoodTaperProfile(theta, par.pos, ref_taper,  
locs, x_covariates, smooth.limits, cholS, z, n, lambda)
```

**Arguments**

theta	a vector with parameters values
par.pos	par.pos list
ref_taper	spam object based on a taper based covariance function
locs	spatial location matrix
x_covariates	design matrix
smooth.limits	smooth.limits
cholS	Cholesky object from spam
z	a vector of observed values
n	dim(z)[1]
lambda	regularization parameter

**Value**

value

**Author(s)**

Federico Blasi

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getScale	<i>Fast and simple standardization for the design matrix</i>
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**Description**

Centers and scale the design matrix

**Usage**

```
getScale(x, mean.vector = NULL, sd.vector = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

x	a coco object, or a n x p matrix with covariate information to introduce, where the first column is a column of ones.
mean.vector	if provided, it centers covariates based on this information
sd.vector	if provided, it scales covariates based on this information

**Value**

a list with a scaled design matrix of dimension n x (p+1), and a set of mean and sd vectors employed to scale the matrix

**Author(s)**

Federico Blasi

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getSpatEffects	<i>Retrieves the estimated spatial effects of the spatial structure</i>
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**Description**

Retrieves the estimated surfaces for different sources of nonstationarity

**Usage**

```
getSpatEffects(coco.object)
```

**Arguments**

coco.object	an coco class (fitted) object
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**Value**

a list with the different estimated surfaces

**Author(s)**

Federico Blasi

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getTrend	<i>Computes the trend of the coco object</i>
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**Description**

Compute the trend of the (fitted) coco object

**Usage**

getTrend(coco.object)

**Arguments**

coco.object     a coco class (fitted) object

**Value**

a vector with the adjusted trend

**Author(s)**

Federico Blasi

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holes	<i>Holes Data Set</i>
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**Description**

Description of the holes data set.

**Usage**

holes

**Format**

A data frame with rows and variables:

**var1** Description of var1**var2** Description of var2**Source**

Source of the data

**Examples**

```
data(holes)
```

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is.formula                    *check whether an object belongs to a formula class*

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**Description**

check whether an object belongs to a formula class

**Usage**

```
is.formula(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    an R object

**Value**

TRUE/FALSE

**Author(s)**

Federico Blasi

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plot,coco,missing-method  
*Plot Method for Coco Class*

---

**Description**

This method plots objects of class coco.

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'coco,missing'  
plot(x, y, ..., type = NULL, index = NULL, factr = 0.1, plot.control = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

x	An object of class coco.
y	Not used.
...	Additional arguments passed to the plot function.
type	The type of plot.
index	For plotting local correlation plots.
factr	Factor rate for size of ellipses.
plot.control	Additional plot control parameters.

**Value**

A plot is created.

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plotOptimInfo	<i>Plot log info detailed</i>
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**Description**

plot output of optim

**Usage**

```
plotOptimInfo(coco.object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

coco.object	an optimized coco.object
...	arguments for par()

**Value**

Outputs a sequence of plots detailing parameters during the optimization routine

**Author(s)**

Federico Blasi

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print	<i>Print Method for Coco Class</i>
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**Description**

This method prints objects of class 'coco'.

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'coco'  
print(x, inv.hess = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	An object of class 'coco'.
inv.hess	inverse of the approximated hessian matrix (getHessian)
...	Additional arguments to be passed to plot.

**Value**

print the coco object

**Author(s)**

Federico Blasi

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show	<i>Show Method for Coco Class</i>
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**Description**

This method show objects of class 'coco'.

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'coco'  
show(object)
```

**Arguments**

object	An object of class 'coco'.
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**Value**

A plot is created.

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`stripes`*Stripes Data Set*

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**Description**

Description of the stripes data set.

**Usage**`stripes`**Format**

A data frame with rows and variables:

**var1** Description of var1**var2** Description of var2**Source**

Source of the data

**Examples**`data(stripes)`

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