

# Package ‘cmaes’

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`bias_function`      *Create a biased test function...*

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### Description

Create a biased test function

### Usage

```
bias_function(f, bias)
```

### Arguments

<code>f</code>	test function
<code>bias</code>	bias value.

### Details

Returns a new biased test function defined as

$$g(x) = f(x) + bias.$$

### Value

The biased test function.

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`cma_es`      *Covariance matrix adapting evolutionary strategy*

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### Description

Global optimization procedure using a covariance matrix adapting evolutionary strategy.

### Usage

```
cma_es(par, fn, ..., lower, upper, control=list())  
cmaES(...)
```

**Arguments**

par	Initial values for the parameters to be optimized over.
fn	A function to be minimized (or maximized), with first argument the vector of parameters over which minimization is to take place. It should return a scalar result.
...	Further arguments to be passed to fn.
lower	Lower bounds on the variables.
upper	Upper bounds on the variables.
control	A list of control parameters. See ‘Details’.

**Details**

cma\_es: Note that arguments after ... must be matched exactly. By default this function performs minimization, but it will maximize if control\$fnscale is negative. It can usually be used as a drop in replacement for optim, but do note, that no sophisticated convergence detection is included. Therefore you need to choose maxit appropriately.

If you set vectorize==TRUE, fn will be passed matrix arguments during optimization. The columns correspond to the lambda new individuals created in each iteration of the ES. In this case fn must return a numeric vector of lambda corresponding function values. This enables you to do up to lambda function evaluations in parallel.

The control argument is a list that can supply any of the following components:

fnscale An overall scaling to be applied to the value of fn during optimization. If negative, turns the problem into a maximization problem. Optimization is performed on fn(par)/fnscale.

maxit The maximum number of iterations. Defaults to  $100 * D^2$ , where  $D$  is the dimension of the parameter space.

stopfitness Stop if function value is smaller than or equal to stopfitness. This is the only way for the CMA-ES to “converge”.

keep.best return the best overall solution and not the best solution in the last population. Defaults to true.

sigma Initial variance estimates. Can be a single number or a vector of length  $D$ , where  $D$  is the dimension of the parameter space.

mu Population size.

lambda Number of offspring. Must be greater than or equal to mu.

weights Recombination weights

damps Damping for step-size

cs Cumulation constant for step-size

ccum Cumulation constant for covariance matrix

vectorized Is the function fn vectorized?

ccov.1 Learning rate for rank-one update

ccov.mu Learning rate for rank-mu update

diag.sigma Save current step size  $\sigma$  in each iteration.

`diag.eigen` Save current principle components of the covariance matrix  $C$  in each iteration.

`diag.pop` Save current population in each iteration.

`diag.value` Save function values of the current population in each iteration.

## Value

`cma_es`: A list with components:

**par** The best set of parameters found.

**value** The value of `fn` corresponding to `par`.

**counts** A two-element integer vector giving the number of calls to `fn`. The second element is always zero for call compatibility with `optim`.

**convergence** An integer code. 0 indicates successful convergence. Possible error codes are  
1 indicates that the iteration limit `maxit` had been reached.

**message** Always set to NULL, provided for call compatibility with `optim`.

**diagnostic** List containing diagnostic information. Possible elements are:

**sigma** Vector containing the step size  $\sigma$  for each iteration.

**eigen**  $d \times niter$  matrix containing the principle components of the covariance matrix  $C$ .

**pop** An  $d \times \mu \times niter$  array containing all populations. The last dimension is the iteration and the second dimension the individual.

**value** A  $niter \times \mu$  matrix containing the function values of each population. The first dimension is the iteration, the second one the individual.

These are only present if the respective diagnostic control variable is set to TRUE.

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## See Also

[extract\\_population](#)

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extract_population	<i>Extract the iter-th population...</i>
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**Description**

Extract the iter-th population

**Usage**

```
extract_population(res, iter)
```

**Arguments**

res	A cma_es result object.
iter	Which population to return.

**Details**

Return the population of the iter-th iteration of the CMA-ES algorithm. For this to work, the populations must be saved in the result object. This is achieved by setting `diag.pop=TRUE` in the control list. Function values are included in the result if present in the result object.

**Value**

A list containing the population as the `par` element and possibly the function values in `value` if they are present in the result object.

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f_rand	<i>Random function...</i>
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**Description**

Random function

**Usage**

```
f_rand(x)
```

**Arguments**

x	parameter vector.
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**Details**

$$f(x) = \text{runif}(1)$$

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f\_rastrigin

*Rastrigin function...*

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**Description**

Rastrigin function

**Usage**

f\_rastrigin(x)

**Arguments**

x                    parameter vector.

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f\_rosenbrock

*Rosenbrock function...*

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**Description**

Rosenbrock function

**Usage**

f\_rosenbrock(x)

**Arguments**

x                    parameter vector.

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f_sphere	<i>Sphere function...</i>
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**Description**

Sphere function

**Usage**

f\_sphere(x)

**Arguments**

x                    parameter vector.

**Details**

$$f(x) = x'x$$

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rotate_function	<i>Create a rotated test function...</i>
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**Description**

Create a rotated test function

**Usage**

rotate\_function(f, M)

**Arguments**

f                    test function.  
M                    orthogonal square matrix defining the rotation.

**Details**

Returns a new rotated test function defined as

$$g(x) = f(Mx).$$

**Value**

The rotated test function.

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shift_function	<i>shift_function</i>
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**Description**

Returns a new function

$$g(x) = f(x - offset).$$

**Usage**

```
shift_function(f, offset)
```

**Arguments**

f	test function
offset	offset.

**Value**

The shifted test function.

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