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example1_rosen_bfgs	<i>Example 1: Minimize Rosenbrock function using BFGS</i>
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Description

Minimize Rosenbrock function using BFGS.

Usage

```
example1_rosen_bfgs(print = TRUE)
```

Arguments

`print` whether the results should be printed.

Examples

```
fr <- function(x) { ## Rosenbrock Banana function
  x1 <- x[1]
  x2 <- x[2]
  100 * (x2 - x1 * x1)^2 + (1 - x1)^2
}
grr <- function(x) { ## Gradient of 'fr'
  x1 <- x[1]
  x2 <- x[2]
  c(-400 * x1 * (x2 - x1 * x1) - 2 * (1 - x1),
    200 * (x2 - x1 * x1))
}
res <- optim(c(-1.2,1), fr, grr, method = "BFGS", control = list(trace=TRUE), hessian = TRUE)
res

## corresponding C++ implementation:
example1_rosen_bfgs()
```

`example1_rosen_grad_hess_check`

Example 1: Gradient/Hessian checks for the implemented C++ class of Rosenbrock function

Description

Gradient/Hessian checks for the implemented C++ class of Rosenbrock function.

Usage

```
example1_rosen_grad_hess_check()
```

`example1_rosen_nograd_bfgs`

Example 1: Minimize Rosenbrock function (with numerical gradient) using BFGS

Description

Minimize Rosenbrock function (with numerical gradient) using BFGS.

Usage

```
example1_rosen_nograd_bfgs()
```

Examples

```
fr <- function(x) {  ## Rosenbrock Banana function
  x1 <- x[1]
  x2 <- x[2]
  100 * (x2 - x1 * x1)^2 + (1 - x1)^2
}
```

```
optim(c(-1.2,1), fr, NULL, method = "BFGS")
```

```
## corresponding C++ implementation:
example1_rosen_nograd_bfgs()
```

example1_rosen_other_methods

Example 1: Minimize Rosenbrock function using other methods

Description

Minimize Rosenbrock function using other methods ("Nelder-Mead"/"CG"/"L-BFGS-B"/"SANN").

Usage

```
example1_rosen_other_methods()
```

Examples

```
fr <- function(x) { ## Rosenbrock Banana function
  x1 <- x[1]
  x2 <- x[2]
  100 * (x2 - x1 * x1)^2 + (1 - x1)^2
}
grr <- function(x) { ## Gradient of 'fr'
  x1 <- x[1]
  x2 <- x[2]
  c(-400 * x1 * (x2 - x1 * x1) - 2 * (1 - x1),
    200 * (x2 - x1 * x1))
}

optim(c(-1.2,1), fr)

## These do not converge in the default number of steps
optim(c(-1.2,1), fr, grr, method = "CG")
optim(c(-1.2,1), fr, grr, method = "CG", control = list(type = 2))

optim(c(-1.2,1), fr, grr, method = "L-BFGS-B")

optim(c(-1.2,1), fr, method = "SANN")

## corresponding C++ implementation:
example1_rosen_other_methods()
```

example2_tsp_sann

Example 2: Solve Travelling Salesman Problem (TSP) using SANN

Description

Solve Travelling Salesman Problem (TSP) using SANN.

Usage

```
example2_tsp_sann(distmat, x)
```

Arguments

```
distmat      a distance matrix for storing all pair of locations.
x            initial route.
```

Examples

```
## Combinatorial optimization: Traveling salesman problem
library(stats) # normally loaded

eurodistmat <- as.matrix(eurodist)

distance <- function(sq) { # Target function
  sq2 <- embed(sq, 2)
  sum(eurodistmat[cbind(sq2[,2], sq2[,1])])
}

genseq <- function(sq) { # Generate new candidate sequence
  idx <- seq(2, NROW(eurodistmat)-1)
  changepoints <- sample(idx, size = 2, replace = FALSE)
  tmp <- sq[changepoints[1]]
  sq[changepoints[1]] <- sq[changepoints[2]]
  sq[changepoints[2]] <- tmp
  sq
}

sq <- c(1:nrow(eurodistmat), 1) # Initial sequence: alphabetic
distance(sq)
# rotate for conventional orientation
loc <- -cmdscale(eurodist, add = TRUE)$points
x <- loc[,1]; y <- loc[,2]
s <- seq_len(nrow(eurodistmat))
tspinit <- loc[sq,]

plot(x, y, type = "n", asp = 1, xlab = "", ylab = "",
     main = "initial solution of traveling salesman problem", axes = FALSE)
arrows(tspinit[s,1], tspinit[s,2], tspinit[s+1,1], tspinit[s+1,2],
       angle = 10, col = "green")
text(x, y, labels(eurodist), cex = 0.8)

## The original R optimization:
## set.seed(123) # chosen to get a good soln relatively quickly
## res <- optim(sq, distance, genseq, method = "SANN",
##             control = list(maxit = 30000, temp = 2000, trace = TRUE,
##                             REPORT = 500))
## res # Near optimum distance around 12842

## corresponding C++ implementation:
set.seed(4) # chosen to get a good soln relatively quickly
```

```
res <- example2_tsp_sann(eurodistmat, sq)

tspres <- loc[res$par,]
plot(x, y, type = "n", asp = 1, xlab = "", ylab = "",
     main = "optim() 'solving' traveling salesman problem", axes = FALSE)
arrows(tspres[s,1], tspres[s,2], tspres[s+1,1], tspres[s+1,2],
       angle = 10, col = "red")
text(x, y, labels(eurodist), cex = 0.8)
```

```
example3_flb_25_dims_box_con
```

Example 3: Minimize a function using L-BFGS-B with 25-dimensional box constrained

Description

Minimize a function using L-BFGS-B with 25-dimensional box constrained.

Usage

```
example3_flb_25_dims_box_con()
```

Examples

```
flb <- function(x)
{ p <- length(x); sum(c(1, rep(4, p-1)) * (x - c(1, x[-p])^2)^2) }
## 25-dimensional box constrained
optim(rep(3, 25), flb, NULL, method = "L-BFGS-B",
      lower = rep(2, 25), upper = rep(4, 25)) # par[24] is *not* at boundary

## corresponding C++ implementation:
example3_flb_25_dims_box_con()
```

```
example4_wild_fun
```

Example 4: Minimize a "wild" function using SANN and BFGS

Description

Minimize a "wild" function using SANN and BFGS.

Usage

```
example4_wild_fun()
```

Examples

```
## "wild" function , global minimum at about -15.81515
fw <- function (x)
  10*sin(0.3*x)*sin(1.3*x^2) + 0.00001*x^4 + 0.2*x+80
plot(fw, -50, 50, n = 1000, main = "optim() minimising 'wild function'")

res <- optim(50, fw, method = "SANN",
             control = list(maxit = 20000, temp = 20, parscale = 20))
res
## Now improve locally {typically only by a small bit}:
(r2 <- optim(res$par, fw, method = "BFGS"))
points(r2$par, r2$value, pch = 8, col = "red", cex = 2)

## corresponding C++ implementation:
example4_wild_fun()
```

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