

# Package ‘ABCoptim’

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## Description

This is an implementation of Karaboga (2005) ABC optimization algorithm. It was developed upon the basic version programmed in C and distributed at the algorithm's official website (see the references).

## Details

Please consider that this version is in alpha state of development, thus any evident (precision) error should be blamed to the package author (not to the algorithm itself)

Please visit the project home for more information: <https://github.com/gvegayon/ABCOptim>.

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## References

D. Karaboga, *An Idea based on Honey Bee Swarm for Numerical Optimization*, tech. report TR06,Erciyes University, Engineering Faculty, Computer Engineering Department, 2005 [http://mf.erciyes.edu.tr/abc/pub/tr06\\_2005.pdf](http://mf.erciyes.edu.tr/abc/pub/tr06_2005.pdf)

Artificial Bee Colony (ABC) Algorithm (website) <http://mf.erciyes.edu.tr/abc/index.htm>

Basic version of the algorithm implemented in C (ABC's official website) <http://mf.erciyes.edu.tr/abc/form.aspx>

## Examples

```
## Not run:  
  demo(ABCOptim) # Some functions...  
  
## End(Not run)
```

**Description**

Implements Karaboga (2005) Artificial Bee Colony (ABC) Optimization algorithm.

**Usage**

```
abc_optim(par, fn, ..., FoodNumber = 20, lb = rep(-Inf, length(par)),
          ub = rep(+Inf, length(par)), limit = 100, maxCycle = 1000,
          optiinteger = FALSE, criter = 50, parscale = rep(1, length(par)),
          fnscale = 1)

## S3 method for class 'abc_answer'
print(x, ...)
```

```
abc_cpp(par, fn, ..., FoodNumber = 20, lb = rep(-Inf, length(par)),
         ub = rep(+Inf, length(par)), limit = 100, maxCycle = 1000,
         criter = 50, parscale = rep(1, length(par)), fnscale = 1)

## S3 method for class 'abc_answer'
plot(x, y = NULL,
     main = "Trace of the Objective Function", xlab = "Number of iteration",
     ylab = "Value of the objective Function", type = "l", ...)
```

**Arguments**

par	Initial values for the parameters to be optimized over
fn	A function to be minimized, with first argument of the vector of parameters over which minimization is to take place. It should return a scalar result.
...	In the case of abc_*, further arguments to be passed to 'fn', otherwise, further arguments passed to the method.
FoodNumber	Number of food sources to exploit. Notice that the param NP has been deprecated.
lb	Lower bound of the parameters to be optimized.
ub	Upper bound of the parameters to be optimized.
limit	Limit of a food source.
maxCycle	Maximum number of iterations.
optiinteger	Whether to optimize binary parameters or not.
criter	Stop criteria (numer of unchanged results) until stopping
parscale	Numeric vector of length length(par). Scale applied to the parameters (see <a href="#">optim</a> ).

fnscale	Numeric scalar. Scale applied function. If <code>fnscale &lt; 0</code> , then the problem becomes a maximization problem (see <code>optim</code> ).
x	An object of class <code>abc_answer</code> .
y	Ignored
main	Passed to <code>plot</code> .
xlab	Passed to <code>plot</code> .
ylab	Passed to <code>plot</code> .
type	Passed to <code>plot</code> .

### Details

This implementation of the ABC algorithm was developed based on the basic version written in C and published at the algorithm's official website (see references).

`abc_optim` and `abc_cpp` are two different implementations of the algorithm, the former using pure R code, and the later using C++, via the **Rcpp** package. Besides of the output, another important difference between the two implementations is speed, with `abc_cpp` showing between 50% and 100% faster performance.

Upper and Lower bounds (`ub`, `lb`) equal to infinite will be replaced by either `.Machine$double.xmax` or `-.Machine$double.xmax`.

If `D` (the number of parameters to be optimized) is greater than one, then `lb` and `ub` can be either scalars (assuming that all the parameters share the same boundaries) or vectors (the parameters have different boundaries each other).

The `plot` method shows the trace of the objective function as the algorithm unfolds. The line is merely the result of the objective function evaluated at each point (row) of the `hist` matrix return by `abc_optim/abc_cpp`.

For now, the function will return with error if `...` was passed to `abc_optim/abc_cpp`, since those arguments are not stored with the result.

### Value

An list of class `abc_answer`, holding the following elements:

<code>Foods</code>	Numeric matrix. Last position of the bees.
<code>f</code>	Numeric vector. Value of the function evaluated at each set of <code>Foods</code> .
<code>fitness</code>	Numeric vector. Fitness of each <code>Foods</code> .
<code>trial</code>	Integer vector. Number of trials at each <code>Foods</code> .
<code>value</code>	Numeric scalar. Value of the function evaluated at the optimum.
<code>par</code>	Numeric vector. Optimum found.
<code>counts</code>	Integer scalar. Number of cycles.
<code>hist</code>	Numeric matrix. Trace of the global optimums.

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## Examples

```
# EXAMPLE 1: The minimum is at (pi,pi) -----
fun <- function(x) {
  -cos(x[1])*cos(x[2])*exp(-((x[1] - pi)^2 + (x[2] - pi)^2))
}

abc_optim(rep(0,2), fun, lb=-10, ub=10, criter=50)

# This should be equivalent
abc_cpp(rep(0,2), fun, lb=-10, ub=10, criter=50)

# We can also turn this into a maximization problem, and get the same
# results
fun <- function(x) {
  # We've removed the '-' from the equation
  cos(x[1])*cos(x[2])*exp(-((x[1] - pi)^2 + (x[2] - pi)^2))
}

abc_cpp(rep(0,2), fun, lb=-10, ub=10, criter=50, fnscale = -1)

# EXAMPLE 2: 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

ans <- abc_optim(50, fw, lb=-100, ub=100, criter=100)
ans[c("par", "counts", "value")]

# EXAMPLE 3: 5D sphere, global minimum at about (0,0,0,0,0) -----
fs <- function(x) sum(x^2)

ans <- abc_optim(rep(10,5), fs, lb=-100, ub=100, criter=200)
ans[c("par", "counts", "value")]

# EXAMPLE 4: An Ordinary Linear Regression -----

set.seed(1231)
k <- 4
n <- 5e2
```

```
# Data generating process
w <- matrix(rnorm(k), ncol=1) # This are the model parameters
X <- matrix(rnorm(k*n), ncol = k) # This are the controls
y <- X %*% w # This is the observed data

# Objective function
fun <- function(x) {
  sum((y - X%*%x)^2)
}

# Running the regression
ans <- abc_optim(rep(0,k), fun, lb = -10000, ub=10000)

# Here are the outcomes: Both columns should be the same
cbind(ans$par, w)
#           [,1]      [,2]
# [1,] -0.08051177 -0.08051177
# [2,]  0.69528553  0.69528553
# [3,] -1.75956316 -1.75956316
# [4,]  0.36156427  0.36156427

# This is just like OLS, with no constant
coef(lm(y~0+X))
#           X1           X2           X3           X4
#-0.08051177  0.69528553 -1.75956316  0.36156427
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