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CautiousLearning-package

*Guaranteed In-Control Control Chart Performance with Cautious Parameter Learning*

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### Description

Functions in this package allow to design, study and apply control charts based on the cautious parameter learning approach described in Capizzi and Masarotto (2019).

On system where the openMP standard is supported, these functions can take advantage of the computing power offered by a multicore workstation. See [omp](#) for the default setting.

### Details

The package includes the following functions:

- Computation of the control limits via stochastic approximation: [x.cl](#), [ewma.cl](#), [cusum.cl](#);
- Estimation errors and conditional run-length simulation: [ruv](#) and [rcr1](#);
- Application to real data: [cautiousLearning](#);
- Controlling the number of used openMP cores and the random number generator seeds: [hasOMP](#), [setOMPThreads](#) and [setSITMSeeds](#).

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### References

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cautiousLearning

*Applications of control charts based on the cautious learning approach*

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### Description

This function applies and, optionally, plots a control chart based on the cautious learning approach described in Capizzi and Masarotto (2019).

### Usage

```
cautiousLearning(chart, x, mu0, s0, plot = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

chart	list with the same elements as those returned by <code>x.cl</code> , <code>ewma.cl</code> and <code>cusum.cl</code> .
x	numeric vector containing the Phase II data.
mu0, s0	estimates of the in-control mean and standard deviation obtained by the Phase I reference sample.
plot	if TRUE the control statistics and the cautious control limits are plotted.

**Value**

The function returns (invisibly when `plot==TRUE`) a numeric matrix containing

column 1 for X and EWMA, columns 1-2 for CUSUM  
control statistic[s]

columns 2-4 for X and EWMA, columns 3-5 for CUSUM  
central line, lower and upper control limits

columns 5-7 for X and EWMA, columns 6-8 for CUSUM  
"cautious" estimates of the mean, standard deviation and critical value, i.e., using the notation in Capizzi and Masarotto (2019),  $\hat{\mu}_{i-d_i}$ ,  $\hat{\sigma}_{i-d_i}$  and  $L_{i-d_i}$ .

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**Examples**

```
## EWMA control chart (nominal ARL=500,
## initial estimates based on 100 in-control observations)
chart <- list(chart = "EWMA",
              lambda = 0.2,
              limit = c(Linf=3.187, Delta=0.427, A=1.5, B=50, m=100))
## Phase I estimates
set.seed(12345)
xic <- rnorm(100, 12, 3)
m0 <- mean(xic)
s0 <- sd(xic)
## Phase II observations (one sigma mean shift starting at i=501)
x <- c(rnorm(500, 12, 3), rnorm(50, 15, 3))
## Monitoring
y <- cautiousLearning(chart, x, m0, s0)
head(y)
tail(y)
```

design

*Design of control charts based on the cautious learning approach***Description**

These functions compute the control limits of  $X$  (`x.cl`), EWMA (`ewma.cl`) and CUSUM (`cusum.cl`) control charts based on the cautious learning approach. The stochastic approximation algorithm, described in the Appendix A of Capizzi and Masarotto (2019), is used.

When openMP is supported, computation can be distributed on multiple cores. See [omp](#).

**Usage**

```
x.cl(m, arl0, alpha = 0.1, beta = 0.05, H = 200, A = 1.5, B = 50,
     Ninit = 1000, Nfinal = 30000)
```

```
ewma.cl(lambda, m, arl0, alpha = 0.1, beta = 0.05, H = 200, A = 1.5, B = 50,
        Ninit = 1000, Nfinal = 30000)
```

```
cusum.cl(k, m, arl0, alpha = 0.1, beta = 0.05, H = 200, A = 1.5, B = 50,
        Ninit = 1000, Nfinal = 30000)
```

**Arguments**

<code>lambda</code>	EWMA smoothing constant.
<code>k</code>	CUSUM reference value.
<code>m</code>	number of in-control observations used to estimate the process mean and standard deviation at the beginning of the monitoring phase.
<code>arl0, alpha, beta, H</code>	desired in-control average run-length and constants defining the empirical guaranteed in-control performance condition. See equations (2) and (6) in Capizzi and Masarotto (2019).
<code>A, B</code>	constants controlling when the parameters estimate are updated. See equation (3) in Capizzi and Masarotto (2019). If <code>A=NA</code> and <code>B=NA</code> , the no-learning control limits are computed.
<code>Ninit, Nfinal</code>	number of iterations used in the stochastic approximation algorithm. See Capizzi and Masarotto (2019), Appendix A.

**Value**

A list with the following elements:

<code>chart</code>	string describing the control chart ("X", "EWMA" or "CUSUM").
<code>lambda</code>	EWMA smoothing constant (only when <code>chart=="EWMA"</code> ).
<code>k</code>	CUSUM reference value (only when <code>chart=="CUSUM"</code> ).
<code>limit</code>	numeric vector of length equal to five containing the constants defining the cautious learning control limits, i.e. $L_\infty$ , $\Delta$ , $A$ , $B$ and $m$ (see equation (3) and (4) in Capizzi and Masarotto (2019)).

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**Examples**

```
## Only for testing: the number of iterations is reduced
## to reduce the computing time
Ninit <- 50
Nfinal <- 100
H <- 50
x.cl(100, 500, Ninit=Ninit, Nfinal=Nfinal, H=H)
x.cl(100, 500, A=NA, B=NA, Ninit=Ninit, Nfinal=Nfinal, H=H)
ewma.cl(0.2, 100, 500, Ninit=Ninit, Nfinal=Nfinal, H=H)
cusum.cl(1, 100, 500, Ninit=Ninit, Nfinal=Nfinal, H=H)

## Using the default number of iterations
x.cl(100, 500)
x.cl(100, 500, A=NA, B=NA)
ewma.cl(0.2, 100, 500)
cusum.cl(1, 100, 500)
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omp

*Support for parallel computation*

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**Description**

The functions can be used

- to check if the current system supports the openMP standard;
- to control the number of used cores;
- to set the seeds of the random number generators.

**Usage**

hasOMP()

setOMPThreads(nthreads)

setSITMOSeeds(seed)

**Arguments**

nthreads	number of OpenMP threads to be used.
seed	number between 0 and 1 used to set the seeds of the random number generators in each threads.

**Details**

Each openMP thread (or the single thread used on systems where openMP is not supported) uses a separate `sitmo` random number generator. See [sitmo-package](#).

**Value**

Function `hasOMP` returns TRUE/FALSE if the system supports/does not support openMP.

Functions `setOMPThreads` and `setSITMOSeeds` do not return any value.

**Note**

When the package is loaded, the following code is automatically executed

- `if (hasOMP()) setOMPThreads(parallel::detectCores())`
- `setSITMOSeeds(runif(1))`

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simulation

*Estimation errors and conditional run-length simulation*

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**Description**

Function `ruv` simulates the standardized estimation errors at the starting of the monitoring phase (see Section 2.3 of Capizzi and Masarotto (2019)).

Function `rcrl` simulates, under different in-control or out-control scenarios, the conditional run-length given the standardized estimation errors. When openMP is supported, computation can be distributed on multiple cores. See [omp](#).

**Usage**

`ruv(n, m)`

`rcrl(n, chart, u, v, tau, delta, omega, maxrl = 100000L)`

**Arguments**

n	number of simulated values.
m	number of in-control observations available at the starting of the monitoring phase.
chart	list with the same elements as those returned by <a href="#">x.cl</a> , <a href="#">ewma.cl</a> and <a href="#">cusum.cl</a> .
u, v	values of the estimation errors (scalars).
tau, delta, omega	when $i < \tau$ , observations are distributed as $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ random variables; when $i \geq \tau$ , observations are distributed as $N(\mu + \delta * \sigma, (\omega * \sigma)^2)$ random variables.
maxrl	run-length are truncated at $i = \text{maxrl}$ .

**Value**

ruv	numeric matrix of dimension $n \times 2$ .
rcrl	integer vector of length n.

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**Examples**

```

ruv(5, 100)
## EWMA control chart (nominal ARL=500,
## initial estimates based on 100 in-control observations)
chart <- list(chart = "EWMA",
             lambda = 0.2,
             limit = c(Linf=3.187, Delta=0.427, A=1.5, B=50, m=100))
rcrl(10, chart, 2, 1, 50, 2, 1)

```

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