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Description Fits joint species distribution models ('jSDM') in a hierarchical Bayesian framework (Warton et al. 2015 <doi:10.1016/j.tree.2015.09.007>). The Gibbs sampler is written in C++. It uses 'Rcpp', 'Armadillo' and 'GSL' to maximize computation efficiency.

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jSDM-package	<i>joint species distribution models</i>
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Description

jSDM is an R package for fitting joint species distribution models in a hierarchical Bayesian framework.

Details

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frogs	<i>frogs dataset</i>
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Description

Presence or absence of 9 species of frogs on 104 sites, 3 covariates collected on those site and their coordinates.

Usage

```
frogs
```

Format

frogs is a data frame with 104 observations on the following 14 variables.

Species_ 1 to 9 indicate by a 0 the absence of the species on one site and by a 1 its presence

Covariates_ 1 and 3 continuous variables

Covariates_ 2 discrete variables

x a numeric vector of first coordinates corresponding to each site

y a numeric vector of second coordinates corresponding to each site

Source

Wilkinson, D. P.; Golding, N.; Guillera-Arroita, G.; Tingley, R. and McCarthy, M. A. (2018) *A comparison of joint species distribution models for presence-absence data*. Methods in Ecology and Evolution.

Examples

```
data(frogs, package="jSDM")
head(frogs)
```

get_residual_cor	<i>Calculate the residual correlation matrix from a LVM.</i>
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Description

This function use coefficients (λ_j^l) with $j = 1, \dots, n_{species}$ and $l = 1, \dots, n_{latent}$ corresponding to latent variables to calculate the variance-covariance matrix which controls correlation between species.

Usage

```
get_residual_cor(mod)
```

Arguments

mod An object of class "jSDM"

Value

cov.mean Average over the MCMC samples of the variance-covariance matrix.
 cov.median Median over the MCMC samples of the variance-covariance matrix.
 cor.mean Average over the MCMC samples of the residual correlation matrix.
 cor.median Median over the MCMC samples of the residual correlation matrix.

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 written by Francis K. Hui <fhui28@gmail.com>.

Examples

```
# frogs data
data(frogs, package="jSDM")

# Arranging data
PA_frogs <- frogs[,4:12]

# Normalized continuous variables
Env_frogs <- cbind(scale(frogs[,1]),frogs[,2],scale(frogs[,3]))
colnames(Env_frogs) <- colnames(frogs[,1:3])

# Parameter inference
# Increase the number of iterations to reach MCMC convergence
mod_jSDM_block_frogs <- jSDM::jSDM_probit_block (
  # Response variable
  presence_site_sp = as.matrix(PA_frogs),
  # Explanatory variables
  site_suitability = ~.,
  site_data = as.data.frame(Env_frogs), n_latent=2,
  # Chains
  burnin=1000, mcmc=1000, thin=1,
  # Starting values
  alpha_start=0, beta_start=0,
  lambda_start=0, W_start=0,
  V_alpha_start=1,
  # Priors
  shape=0.5, rate=0.0005,
  mu_beta=0, V_beta=1.0E6,
  mu_lambda=0, V_lambda=10,
  # Various
  seed=1234, verbose=1)

# Calcul of residual correlation between species
result <- get_residual_cor(mod_jSDM_block_frogs)
result$cov.mean
result$cor.mean
```

jSDM_binomial

Binomial logistic regression model

Description

The `jSDM_binomial` function performs a Binomial logistic regression in a Bayesian framework. The function calls a Gibbs sampler written in C++ code which uses an adaptive Metropolis algorithm to estimate the conditional posterior distribution of model's parameters.

Usage

```
jSDM_binomial(presences, trials, suitability, data,
burnin = 5000, mcmc = 10000, thin = 10,
beta_start, mubeta = 0, Vbeta = 1e+06, seed = 1234, ropt = 0.44, verbose = 1)
```

Arguments

presences	A vector indicating the number of successes (or presences) for each observation.
trials	A vector indicating the number of trials for each observation. t_n should be superior or equal to y_n , the number of successes for observation n . If $t_n = 0$, then $y_n = 0$.
suitability	A one-sided formula of the form ' $\sim x_1 + \dots + x_p$ ' with p terms specifying the explicative variables for the suitability process of the model.
data	A data frame containing the model's explicative variables.
burnin	The number of burnin iterations for the sampler.
mcmc	The number of Gibbs iterations for the sampler. Total number of Gibbs iterations is equal to $\text{burnin} + \text{mcmc}$. $\text{burnin} + \text{mcmc}$ must be divisible by 10 and superior or equal to 100 so that the progress bar can be displayed.
thin	The thinning interval used in the simulation. The number of mcmc iterations must be divisible by this value.
beta_start	Starting values for beta parameters of the suitability process. If <code>beta_start</code> takes a scalar value, then that value will serve for all of the betas.
mubeta	Means of the priors for the β parameters of the suitability process. <code>mubeta</code> must be either a scalar or a p -length vector. If <code>mubeta</code> takes a scalar value, then that value will serve as the prior mean for all of the betas. The default value is set to 0 for an uninformative prior.
Vbeta	Variances of the Normal priors for the β parameters of the suitability process. <code>Vbeta</code> must be either a scalar or a p -length vector. If <code>Vbeta</code> takes a scalar value, then that value will serve as the prior variance for all of the betas. The default variance is large and set to $1.0E6$ for an uninformative flat prior.
seed	The seed for the random number generator. Default to 1234.
ropt	Target acceptance rate for the adaptive Metropolis algorithm. Default to 0.44.
verbose	A switch (0,1) which determines whether or not the progress of the sampler is printed to the screen. Default is 1: a progress bar is printed, indicating the step (in %) reached by the Gibbs sampler.

Details

We model an ecological process where the presence or absence of the species is explained by habitat suitability.

Ecological process:

$$y_i \sim \text{Binomial}(\theta_i, t_i)$$

$$\text{logit}(\theta_i) = X_i\beta$$

Value

mcmc	An mcmc object that contains the posterior sample. This object can be summarized by functions provided by the coda package. The posterior sample of the deviance D , with $D = -2 \log(\prod_i P(y_i \beta, t_i))$, is also provided.
theta_latent	Predictive posterior mean of the probability associated to the suitability process for each observation.
spec	Model's specifications

Author(s)

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References

Gelfand, A. E.; Schmidt, A. M.; Wu, S.; Silander, J. A.; Latimer, A. and Rebelo, A. G. (2005) Modelling species diversity through species level hierarchical modelling. *Applied Statistics*, 54, 1-20.

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See Also

[plot.mcmc](#), [summary.mcmc](#)

Examples

```
#####
# jSDM_binomial()
# Example with simulated data
#####

#####
#== Load libraries
library(jSDM)

#####
#== Data simulation

# = Number of sites
```

```

nsite <- 200

# Set seed for repeatability
seed <- 1234

# Number of visits associated to each site
set.seed(seed)
visits <- rpois(nsite,3)
visits[visits==0] <- 1

# Ecological process (suitability)
set.seed(seed)
x1 <- rnorm(nsite,0,1)
set.seed(2*seed)
x2 <- rnorm(nsite,0,1)
X <- cbind(rep(1,nsite),x1,x2)
beta.target <- c(-1,1,-1)
logit.theta <- X %*% beta.target
theta <- inv_logit(logit.theta)
set.seed(seed)
Y <- rbinom(nsite,visits,theta)

# Data-sets
data.obs <- data.frame(Y,visits,x1,x2)

#=====  

#== Site-occupancy model

mod_jSDM_binomial <- jSDM_binomial(presences=data.obs$Y,
                                  trials=data.obs$visits,
                                  suitability=~x1+x2,
                                  data=data.obs,
                                  burnin=1000, mcmc=1000, thin=1,
                                  beta_start=0,
                                  mubeta=0, Vbeta=1.0E6,
                                  seed=1234, ropt=0.44, verbose=1)

#=====  

#== Outputs

# Parameter estimates
summary(mod_jSDM_binomial$mcmc)
pdf(file=file.path(tempdir(), "Posteriors_jSDM_binomial.pdf"))
plot(mod_jSDM_binomial$mcmc)
dev.off()

#== glm resolution to compare
mod_glm <- glm(cbind(Y,visits-Y)~x1+x2,family="binomial",data=data.obs)
summary(mod_glm)

# Predictions
summary(mod_jSDM_binomial$theta_latent)
pdf(file=file.path(tempdir(), "Pred-Init.pdf"))

```

```
plot(theta, mod_jSDM_binomial$theta_latent)
abline(a=0 ,b=1, col="red")
dev.off()
```

jSDM_probit_block *Binomial probit regression model*

Description

The `jSDM_probit_block` function performs a Binomial probit regression in a Bayesian framework. The function calls a Gibbs sampler written in C++ code which uses conjugate priors to estimate the conditional posterior distribution of model's parameters.

Usage

```
jSDM_probit_block(presence_site_sp, site_suitability,
  site_data, n_latent=2, burnin=5000, mcmc=15000, thin=10,
  alpha_start=0, beta_start=0, lambda_start=0, W_start=0,
  V_alpha_start=1, shape=0.5, rate=0.0005,
  mu_beta=0, V_beta=1.0E6, mu_lambda=0, V_lambda=10,
  seed=1234, verbose=1)
```

Arguments

<code>presence_site_sp</code>	A matrix $n_{site} \times n_{species}$ indicating the presence by a 1 (or the absence by a 0) of each species on each site.
<code>n_latent</code>	An integer indicating the number of latent variables.
<code>site_suitability</code>	A one-sided formula of the form ' $\sim x_1 + \dots + x_p$ ' with p terms specifying the explicative variables for the suitability process of the model.
<code>site_data</code>	A data frame containing the model's explicative variables by site.
<code>burnin</code>	The number of burnin iterations for the sampler.
<code>mcmc</code>	The number of Gibbs iterations for the sampler. Total number of Gibbs iterations is equal to <code>burnin+mcmc</code> . <code>burnin+mcmc</code> must be divisible by 10 and superior or equal to 100 so that the progress bar can be displayed.
<code>thin</code>	The thinning interval used in the simulation. The number of mcmc iterations must be divisible by this value.
<code>beta_start</code>	Starting values for beta parameters of the suitability process for each species must be either a scalar or a $p \times n_{species}$ matrix. If <code>beta_start</code> takes a scalar value, then that value will serve for all of the betas.
<code>lambda_start</code>	Starting values for lambda parameters corresponding to the latent variables for each species must be either a scalar or a $n_{latent} \times n_{species}$ upper triangular matrix with strictly positive values on the diagonal. If <code>lambda_start</code> takes a scalar value, then that value will serve for all of the lambdas except those concerned by the constraints explained above.

alpha_start	Starting values for random site effect parameters must be either a scalar or a nsite-length vector. If alpha_start takes a scalar value, then that value will serve for all of the alphas.
V_alpha_start	Starting value for variance of random site effect must be a strictly positive scalar.
W_start	Starting values for latent variables must be either a scalar or a $n_{site} \times n_{latent}$ matrix. If W_start takes a scalar value, then that value will serve for all of the Ws.
shape	Shape parameter of the Inverse-Gamma prior for the random site effect variance V_alpha. Must be a strictly positive scalar. Default to 0.5 for weak informative prior.
rate	Rate parameter of the Inverse-Gamma prior for the random site effect variance V_alpha. Must be a strictly positive scalar. Default to 0.0005 for weak informative prior.
mu_beta	Means of the Normal priors for the β parameters of the suitability process. mubeta must be either a scalar or a p-length vector. If mubeta takes a scalar value, then that value will serve as the prior mean for all of the betas. The default value is set to 0 for an uninformative prior.
V_beta	Variances of the Normal priors for the β parameters of the suitability process. Vbeta must be either a scalar or a $p \times p$ symmetric positive semi-definite square matrix. If Vbeta takes a scalar value, then that value will serve as the prior variance for all of the betas, so the variance covariance matrix used in this case is diagonal with the specified value on the diagonal. The default variance is large and set to 1.0E6 for an uninformative flat prior.
mu_lambda	Means of the Normal priors for the λ parameters corresponding to the latent variables. muLambda must be either a scalar or a n_latent-length vector. If muLambda takes a scalar value, then that value will serve as the prior mean for all of the lambdas. The default value is set to 0 for an uninformative prior.
V_lambda	Variances of the Normal priors for the λ parameters corresponding to the latent variables. Vlambda must be either a scalar or a $n_{latent} \times n_{latent}$ symmetric positive semi-definite square matrix. If Vlambda takes a scalar value, then that value will serve as the prior variance for all of the lambdas, so the variance covariance matrix used in this case is diagonal with the specified value on the diagonal. The default variance is large and set to 10 for an uninformative flat prior.
seed	The seed for the random number generator. Default to 1234.
verbose	A switch (0,1) which determines whether or not the progress of the sampler is printed to the screen. Default is 1: a progress bar is printed, indicating the step (in %) reached by the Gibbs sampler.

Details

We model an ecological process where the presence or absence of the species is explained by habitat suitability.

Ecological process:

$$y_{i,j} \sim \text{Bernoulli}(\theta_{i,j})$$

$$\text{probit}(\theta_{i,j}) = \beta_{0j} + X_i\beta_j + W_i\lambda_j + \alpha_i$$

Value

mcmc.alpha	An mcmc object that contains the posterior samples for alphas. This object can be summarized by functions provided by the coda package.
mcmc.Valpha	An mcmc object that contains the posterior samples for variance of random site effect.
mcmc.latent	A list by latent variable of mcmc objects that contains the posterior samples for latent variables W_s .
mcmc.sp	A list by species of mcmc objects that contains the posterior samples for betas and lambdas.
mcmc.Deviance	The posterior sample of the deviance D , with $D = -2 \log(\prod_{i,j} P(y_{i,j} \beta_j, \lambda_j, \alpha_i, W_i))$, is also provided.
Z_latent	Predictive posterior mean of the latent variable Z .
probit_theta_pred	Predictive posterior mean of the probability to each species to be present on each site, transformed by probit link function.
model_spec	Model's specifications

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References

Chib, S. and Greenberg, E. (1998) Analysis of multivariate probit models. *Biometrika*, 85, 347-361.
 Warton, D. I.; Blanchet, F. G.; O'Hara, R. B.; O'Hara, R. B.; Ovaskainen, O.; Taskinen, S.; Walker, S. C. and Hui, F. K. C. (2015) So Many Variables: Joint Modeling in Community Ecology. *Trends in Ecology & Evolution*, 30, 766-779.

See Also

[plot.mcmc](#), [summary.mcmc](#)

Examples

```
#####
# jSDM_probit_block()
# Example with simulated data
#####

#####
#== Load libraries
library(jSDM)

#####
#== Data simulation

# = Number of sites
```

```

nsite <- 50

# Set seed for repeatability
seed <- 1234
set.seed(seed)

# Number of species
nsp <- 5

# Number of latent variables
n_latent <- 2

# Ecological process (suitability)
x1 <- rnorm(nsite,0,1)
x2 <- rnorm(nsite,0,1)
X <- data.frame(Int=rep(1,nsite),x1=x1,x2=x2)
W <- cbind(rnorm(nsite,0,1),rnorm(nsite,0,1))
data <- cbind(X,W)
beta.target <- t(matrix(runif(nsp*ncol(X),-2,2), byrow=TRUE, nrow=nsp))
l.zero <- 0
l.diag <- runif(2,0,2)
l.other <- runif(nsp*n_latent-3,-2,2)
lambda.target <- t(matrix(c(l.diag[1],l.zero,
l.other[1],l.diag[2],l.other[-1]), byrow=TRUE, nrow=nsp))
param.target <- rbind(beta.target,lambda.target)
Valpha.target <- 0.5
V <- 1
alpha.target <- rnorm(nsite,0,sqrt(Valpha.target))
probit_theta <- as.matrix(X) %*% beta.target + W %*% lambda.target + alpha.target
e <- matrix(rnorm(nsp*nsite,0,sqrt(V)),nsite,nsp)
Z_true <- probit_theta + e
Y <- matrix(NA, nsite,nsp)
for (i in 1:nsite){
  for (j in 1:nsp){
    if ( Z_true[i,j] > 0) {Y[i,j] <- 1}
    else {Y[i,j] <- 0}
  }
}

#=====  

#== Site-occupancy model

# Increase number of iterations (burnin and mcmc) to get convergence
mod_jSDM_probit_block <- jSDM::jSDM_probit_block ( presence_site_sp = Y ,
  site_suitability = ~ x1 + x2,
  site_data = X[,-1], n_latent=2,
  burnin=3000, mcmc=3000, thin=3,
  alpha_start=0, beta_start=0,
  lambda_start=0, W_start=0,
  V_alpha_start=1,
  shape=0.5, rate=0.0005,
  mu_beta=0, V_beta=1.0E6,
  mu_lambda=0, V_lambda=10,

```

```

seed=1234, verbose=1)

# =====
# Result analysis
# =====

#=====
#== Outputs

#= Parameter estimates

## alpha
summary(mod_jSDM_probit_block$mcmc.alpha)
pdf(file=file.path(tempdir(), "Posteriors_alpha_jSDM_probit_block.pdf"))
plot(alpha.target,
summary(mod_jSDM_probit_block$mcmc.alpha)[[1]][, "Mean"],
xlab = "alphas target", ylab = "alphas estimated")
abline(a=0,b=1,col='red')
dev.off()

## Valpha
summary(mod_jSDM_probit_block$mcmc.Valpha)
pdf(file=file.path(tempdir(), "Posteriors_Valpha_jSDM_probit_block.pdf"))
par(mfrow=c(1,2))
coda::traceplot(mod_jSDM_probit_block$mcmc.Valpha)
coda::densplot(mod_jSDM_probit_block$mcmc.Valpha)
abline(v=Valpha.target,col='red')
dev.off()

## beta_j
summary(mod_jSDM_probit_block$mcmc.sp$sp_1[,1:ncol(X)])
pdf(file=file.path(tempdir(), "Posteriors_beta_jSDM_probit_block.pdf"))
par(mfrow=c(ncol(X),2))
for (j in 1:nsp) {
  for (p in 1:ncol(X)) {
    coda::traceplot(coda::as.mcmc(mod_jSDM_probit_block$mcmc.sp[[paste0("sp_",j)]][,p]))
    coda::densplot(coda::as.mcmc(mod_jSDM_probit_block$mcmc.sp[[paste0("sp_",j)]][,p]),
main = paste(colnames(mod_jSDM_probit_block$mcmc.sp[[paste0("sp_",j)]])[p], " species : ", j))
    abline(v=beta.target[p,j],col='red')
  }
}
dev.off()

## lambda_j
summary(mod_jSDM_probit_block$mcmc.sp$sp_1[, (ncol(X)+1):(ncol(X)+n_latent)])
summary(mod_jSDM_probit_block$mcmc.sp$sp_2[, (ncol(X)+1):(ncol(X)+n_latent)])
pdf(file=file.path(tempdir(), "Posteriors_lambda_jSDM_probit_block.pdf"))
par(mfrow=c(n_latent*2,2))
for (j in 1:nsp) {
  for (l in 1:n_latent) {
    coda::traceplot(coda::as.mcmc(mod_jSDM_probit_block$mcmc.sp[[paste0("sp_",j)]][,ncol(X)+l]))
    coda::densplot(coda::as.mcmc(mod_jSDM_probit_block$mcmc.sp[[paste0("sp_",j)]][,ncol(X)+l]),

```

```

    main=paste(colnames(mod_jSDM_probit_block$mcmc.sp[[paste0("sp_",j)]])[ncol(X)+1],"",
    species : ",j))
    abline(v=lambda.target[l,j],col='red')
  }
}
dev.off()

## W latent variables
pdf(file=file.path(tempdir(), "Posteriors_lv_jSDM_probit_block.pdf"))
par(mfrow=c(1,2))
for (l in 1:n_latent) {
  plot(W[,l],
  summary(mod_jSDM_probit_block$mcmc.latent[[paste0("lv_",l)]][[1]]["Mean"],
  main = paste0("Latent variable W_", l),
  xlab =paste0("W_", l, " target"), ylab =paste0("W_", l, " estimated"))
  abline(a=0,b=1,col='red')
}
dev.off()

## Deviance
summary(mod_jSDM_probit_block$mcmc.Deviance)
plot(mod_jSDM_probit_block$mcmc.Deviance)

# Predictions

pdf(file=file.path(tempdir(), "Pred-Init.pdf"))
## probit_theta
summary(mod_jSDM_probit_block$probit_theta_pred)
par(mfrow=c(1,1))
plot(probit_theta,mod_jSDM_probit_block$probit_theta_pred)
abline(a=0,b=1,col='red')

## Z
summary(mod_jSDM_probit_block$Z_latent)
plot(Z_true,mod_jSDM_probit_block$Z_latent)
abline(a=0,b=1,col='red')
dev.off()

```

logit

Generalized logit and inverse logit function

Description

Compute generalized logit and generalized inverse logit functions.

Usage

```

logit(x, min = 0, max = 1)
inv_logit(x, min = 0, max = 1)

```

Arguments

x	value(s) to be transformed
min	Lower end of logit interval
max	Upper end of logit interval

Details

The generalized logit function takes values on [min, max] and transforms them to span [-Inf,Inf] it is defined as:

$$y = \log\left(\frac{p}{(1-p)}\right)$$

where

$$p = \frac{(x - \text{min})}{(\text{max} - \text{min})}$$

The generalized inverse logit function provides the inverse transformation:

$$x = p'(\text{max} - \text{min}) + \text{min}$$

where

$$p' = \frac{\exp(y)}{(1 + \exp(y))}$$

Value

Transformed value(s).

Author(s)

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Examples

```
x <- seq(0,10, by=0.25)
xt <- jSDM::logit(x, min=0, max=10)
cbind(x,xt)
y <- jSDM::inv_logit(xt, min=0, max=10)
cbind(x,xt,y)
```

plot_residual_cor *Plot the residual correlation matrix from a LVM.*

Description

Plot the posterior mean estimator of residual correlation matrix reordered by first principal component.

Usage

```
plot_residual_cor(mod)
```

Arguments

mod An object of class "jSDM".

Author(s)

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Examples

```
# frogs data
data(frogs, package="jSDM")

# Arranging data
PA_frogs <- frogs[,4:12]

# Normalized continuous variables
Env_frogs <- cbind(scale(frogs[,1]),frogs[,2],scale(frogs[,3]))
colnames(Env_frogs) <- colnames(frogs[,1:3])

# Parameter inference
# Increase the number of iterations to reach MCMC convergence
mod_jSDM_block_frogs <- jSDM::jSDM_probit_block (
  # Response variable
  presence_site_sp = as.matrix(PA_frogs),
  # Explanatory variables
  site_suitability = ~.,
  site_data = as.data.frame(Env_frogs), n_latent=2,
  # Chains
  burnin=1000, mcmc=1000, thin=1,
  # Starting values
  alpha_start=0, beta_start=0,
  lambda_start=0, W_start=0,
  V_alpha_start=1,
  # Priors
  shape=0.5, rate=0.0005,
  mu_beta=0, V_beta=1.0E6,
```

```

mu_lambda=0, V_lambda=10,
# Various
seed=1234, verbose=1)

# Representation of residual correlation between species
jSDM::plot_residual_cor(mod_jSDM_block_frogs)

```

predict.jSDM

Predict method for models fitted with jSDM

Description

Predicted values for models fitted with jSDM

Usage

```

## S3 method for class 'jSDM'
predict(object, newdata=NULL, Id_species, Id_sites, type="mean",
        probs=c(0.025,0.975), ...)

```

Arguments

object	An object of class "jSDM".
newdata	An optional data frame in which to look for variables with which to predict. If omitted, the fitted values are used.
Id_species	An vector of character or integer indicating for which species the probabilities of presence on chosen sites will be predicted.
Id_sites	An vector of integer indicating for which sites the probabilities of presence of specified species will be predicted.
type	Type of prediction. Can be "mean" for predictive posterior mean, "quantile" for producing sample quantiles from the predictive posterior corresponding to the given probabilities (see probs argument) or "posterior" for the full predictive posterior for each prediction. Using "quantile" or "posterior" might lead to memory problem depending on the number of predictions and the number of samples for the jSDM model's parameters.
probs	Numeric vector of probabilities with values in [0,1] and used when type="quantile".
...	Further arguments passed to or from other methods.

Value

Return a vector for the predictive posterior mean when type="mean", a data-frame with the mean and quantiles when type="quantile" or an mcmc object (see coda package) with posterior distribution for each prediction when type="posterior".

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See Also

[jSDM](#)

Examples

```
# frogs data
data(frogs, package="jSDM")

# Arranging data
PA_frogs <- frogs[,4:12]

# Normalized continuous variables
Env_frogs <- cbind(scale(frogs[,1]),frogs[,2],scale(frogs[,3]))
colnames(Env_frogs) <- colnames(frogs[,1:3])

# Parameter inference
# Increase the number of iterations to reach MCMC convergence
mod_jSDM_block_frogs <- jSDM::jSDM_probit_block(
  # Response variable
  presence_site_sp = as.matrix(PA_frogs),
  # Explanatory variables
  site_suitability = ~.,
  site_data = as.data.frame(Env_frogs), n_latent=2,
  # Chains
  burnin=1000, mcmc=1000, thin=1,
  # Starting values
  alpha_start=0, beta_start=0,
  lambda_start=0, W_start=0,
  V_alpha_start=1,
  # Priors
  shape=0.5, rate=0.0005,
  mu_beta=0, V_beta=1.0E6,
  mu_lambda=0, V_lambda=10,
  # Various
  seed=1234, verbose=1)

# Select site and species for predictions
## 30 sites
Id_sites <- sample.int(nrow(PA_frogs), 30)
## 5 species
Id_species <- sample(colnames(PA_frogs), 5)

# Predictions
theta_pred <- jSDM::predict.jSDM(mod_jSDM_block_frogs,
  Id_species=Id_species, Id_sites=Id_sites, type="mean")
hist(theta_pred, main="Predicted theta with simulated covariates")
```

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