

# Package ‘VeccTMVN’

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**Description** Under a different representation of the multivariate normal (MVN) probability, we can use the Vecchia approximation to sample the integrand at a linear complexity with respect to  $n$ . Additionally, both the SOV algorithm from Genz (92) and the exponential-tilting method from Botev (2017) can be adapted to linear complexity. The reference for the method implemented in this package is Jian Cao and Matthias Katzfuss (2024) ``Linear-Cost Vecchia Approximation of Multivariate Normal Probabilities" <doi:10.48550/arXiv.2311.09426>. Two major references for the development of our method are Alan Genz (1992) ``Numerical Computation of Multivariate Normal Probabilities" <doi:10.1080/10618600.1992.10477010> and Z. I. Botev (2017) ``The Normal Law Under Linear Restrictions: Simulation and Estimation via Minimax Tilt- ing" <doi:10.48550/arXiv.1603.04166>.

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FIC_reorder_univar	<i>Univariate ordering under FIC approximation, first m chosen by m iter of dense univariate reordering</i>
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## Description

Univariate ordering under FIC approximation, first m chosen by m iter of dense univariate reordering

## Usage

```
FIC_reorder_univar(
  a,
  b,
  m,
  locs = NULL,
  covName = NULL,
  covParms = NULL,
  covMat = NULL
)
```

## Arguments

a	lower bound vector for TMVN
b	upper bound vector for TMVN
m	Vecchia conditioning set size
locs	location (feature) matrix n X d
covName	covariance function name from the ‘GpGp’ package

covParms            parameters for ‘covName’  
 covMat             dense covariance matrix, not needed when ‘locs’ is not null

**Value**

a vector of new order based on FIC assumption and maxmin ordering

**Examples**

```
library(VecciTMVN)
n1 <- 5
n2 <- 5
n <- n1 * n2
m <- 5
locs <- as.matrix(expand.grid((1:n1) / n1, (1:n2) / n2))
covparms <- c(2, 0.1, 0)
cov_name <- "matern15_isotropic"
a <- rep(-Inf, n)
b <- seq(from = -3, to = 3, length.out = n)
cat("The output order should be roughly 1 to ", n)
cat(FIC_reorder_univar(a, b, m, locs, cov_name, covparms))
```

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find_nn_corr	<i>Find ordered nearest neighbors based on a correlation Matrix. Assuming the absolute value of the correlation is monotonically decreasing with distance. Returns an <math>n \times (m + 1)</math> matrix similar to ‘GpGp::find_ordered_nn’.</i>
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**Description**

Find ordered nearest neighbors based on a correlation Matrix. Assuming the absolute value of the correlation is monotonically decreasing with distance. Returns an  $n \times (m + 1)$  matrix similar to ‘GpGp::find\_ordered\_nn’.

**Usage**

```
find_nn_corr(corrMat, m)
```

**Arguments**

corrMat            the correlation matrix  
 m                  the number of nearest neighbors

**Value**

an  $n \times (m + 1)$  matrix

**Examples**

```

library(GpGp)
library(VecciTMVN)
set.seed(123)
d <- 3
n <- 100
locs <- matrix(runif(d * n), n, d)
covparms <- c(2, 0.01, 0)
cov_mat <- GpGp::matern15_isotropic(covparms, locs)
m <- 10
NNarray_test <- GpGp::find_ordered_nn(locs, m = m)
NNarray <- find_nn_corr(cov_mat, m)
cat("Number of mismatch is", sum(NNarray != NNarray_test, na.rm = TRUE))

```

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get_sp_inv_chol	<i>Get the inverse upper Cholesky factor under the Vecchia approximation</i>
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**Description**

Get the inverse upper Cholesky factor under the Vecchia approximation

**Usage**

```
get_sp_inv_chol(covMat, NNarray)
```

**Arguments**

covMat	the covariance matrix
NNarray	$n \times (m + 1)$ matrix representing the nearest neighbor indices among previous observations. This is typically the return of <code>GpGp::find_ordered_nn</code>

**Value**

upper Cholesky of the inverse of 'covMat'

**Examples**

```

library(GpGp)
n1 <- 10
n2 <- 10
n <- n1 * n2
locs <- as.matrix(expand.grid((1:n1) / n1, (1:n2) / n2))
covparms <- c(2, 0.3, 0)
cov_mat <- GpGp::matern15_isotropic(covparms, locs)
m <- 30
NNarray <- GpGp::find_ordered_nn(locs, m = m)
# Vecchia approx -----

```

```

U_Vecc <- get_sp_inv_chol(cov_mat, NNarray)
U <- solve(chol(cov_mat))
cat("Frobenius norm of the difference is", sqrt(sum((U - U_Vecc)^2)))

```

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loglk\_censor\_MVN      *Compute censored multivariate normal (MVN) log-probabilities that have spatial covariance matrices using Vecchia approximation*

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### Description

Compute censored multivariate normal (MVN) log-probabilities that have spatial covariance matrices using Vecchia approximation

### Usage

```

loglk_censor_MVN(
  locs,
  indCensor,
  y,
  bCensor,
  covName = NULL,
  covParms = NULL,
  m = 30,
  NLevel1 = 10,
  NLevel2 = 1000,
  verbose = TRUE
)

```

### Arguments

locs	location (feature) matrix n X d
indCensor	indices of locations that have only censored observations
y	observed (not censored) values, of length n
bCensor	upper bound, above which observations are not censored, can be different for different locations, of length 1 or n
covName	covariance function name from the 'GpGp' package
covParms	parameters for 'covName'
m	Vecchia conditioning set size
NLevel1	first level Monte Carlo sample size
NLevel2	second level Monte Carlo sample size
verbose	verbose level

### Value

estimated MVN probability and estimation error

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mvrandn	<i>Simulate truncated multivariate normal (TMVN) using the Vecchia approximation</i>
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## Description

Simulate truncated multivariate normal (TMVN) using the Vecchia approximation

## Usage

```
mvrandn(  
  lower,  
  upper,  
  mean,  
  locs = NULL,  
  covName = "matern15_isotropic",  
  covParms = c(1, 0.1, 0),  
  m = 30,  
  sigma = NULL,  
  N = 1000,  
  verbose = FALSE  
)
```

## Arguments

lower	lower bound vector for TMVN
upper	upper bound vector for TMVN
mean	MVN mean
locs	location (feature) matrix $n \times d$
covName	covariance function name from the 'GpGp' package
covParms	parameters for 'covName'
m	Vecchia conditioning set size
sigma	dense covariance matrix, not needed when 'locs' is not null
N	number of samples required
verbose	verbose level

## Value

$n \times N$  matrix of generated samples

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mvrandt	<i>Simulate truncated multivariate normal (TMVT) using the Vecchia approximation</i>
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### Description

Simulate truncated multivariate normal (TMVT) using the Vecchia approximation

### Usage

```
mvrandt(  
  lower,  
  upper,  
  delta,  
  df,  
  locs = NULL,  
  covName = "matern15_isotropic",  
  covParms = c(1, 0.1, 0),  
  m = 30,  
  sigma = NULL,  
  N = 1000,  
  verbose = FALSE  
)
```

### Arguments

lower	lower bound vector for TMVT
upper	upper bound vector for TMVT
delta	MVT shifting parameter
df	degrees of freedom
locs	location (feature) matrix n X d
covName	covariance function name from the 'GpGp' package
covParms	parameters for 'covName'
m	Vecchia conditioning set size
sigma	dense covariance matrix, not needed when 'locs' is not null
N	number of samples required
verbose	verbose level

### Value

n X N matrix of generated samples

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pmvn *Compute multivariate normal (MVN) probabilities that have spatial covariance matrices using Vecchia approximation*

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### Description

Compute multivariate normal (MVN) probabilities that have spatial covariance matrices using Vecchia approximation

### Usage

```
pmvn(
  lower,
  upper,
  mean,
  locs = NULL,
  covName = "matern15_isotropic",
  covParms = c(1, 0.1, 0),
  m = 30,
  sigma = NULL,
  reorder = 0,
  NLevel1 = 12,
  NLevel2 = 10000,
  verbose = FALSE,
  retlog = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

lower	lower bound vector for TMVN
upper	upper bound vector for TMVN
mean	MVN mean
locs	location (feature) matrix n X d
covName	covariance function name from the ‘GpGp’ package
covParms	parameters for ‘covName’
m	Vecchia conditioning set size
sigma	dense covariance matrix, not needed when ‘locs’ is not null
reorder	whether to reorder integration variables. ‘0’ for no, ‘1’ for FIC-based univariate ordering, ‘2’ for Vecchia-based univariate ordering, and ‘3’ for univariate reordering, which appeared faster than ‘2’
NLevel1	first level Monte Carlo sample size
NLevel2	second level Monte Carlo sample size
verbose	verbose or not



retlog TRUE or FALSE for whether to return loglk or not  
 ... could be m\_ord for conditioning set size for reordering

### Value

estimated MVN probability and estimation error

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pmvn_MLMC	<i>Applying the multi-level Monte Carlo (MLMC) technique to the pmvn function The function uses NLevel1 = 1 for m = m2 and the same exponential tilting parameter as m = m1 to compute one MC estimate. This MC estimate is used to correct the bias from the Vecchia approximation</i>
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### Description

Applying the multi-level Monte Carlo (MLMC) technique to the pmvn function The function uses NLevel1 = 1 for m = m2 and the same exponential tilting parameter as m = m1 to compute one MC estimate. This MC estimate is used to correct the bias from the Vecchia approximation

### Usage

```
pmvn_MLMC(
  lower,
  upper,
  mean,
  locs = NULL,
  covName = "matern15_isotropic",
  covParms = c(1, 0.1, 0),
  m1 = 30,
  m2 = 100,
  sigma = NULL,
  reorder = 0,
  NLevel1 = 12,
  NLevel2 = 10000,
  verbose = FALSE,
  retlog = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

lower	lower bound vector for TMVN
upper	upper bound vector for TMVN
mean	MVN mean
locs	location (feature) matrix n X d

covName	covariance function name from the ‘GpGp’ package
covParms	parameters for ‘covName’
m1	the smaller Vecchia conditioning set size for Level 1 MC
m2	the bigger Vecchia conditioning set size for Level 2 MC
sigma	dense covariance matrix, not needed when ‘locs’ is not null
reorder	whether to reorder integration variables. ‘0’ for no, ‘1’ for FIC-based univariate ordering, ‘2’ for Vecchia-based univariate ordering, and ‘3’ for univariate reordering, which appeared faster than ‘2’
NLevel1	first level Monte Carlo sample size
NLevel2	second level Monte Carlo sample size
verbose	verbose or not
retlog	TRUE or FALSE for whether to return loglk or not
...	could be m_ord for conditioning set size for reordering

**Value**

estimated MVN probability and estimation error

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pmvt	<i>Compute multivariate Student-t (MVT) probabilities that have spatial covariance matrices using Vecchia approximation</i>
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**Description**

Compute multivariate Student-t (MVT) probabilities that have spatial covariance matrices using Vecchia approximation

**Usage**

```
pmvt(
  lower,
  upper,
  delta,
  df,
  locs = NULL,
  covName = "matern15_isotropic",
  covParms = c(1, 0.1, 0),
  m = 30,
  sigma = NULL,
  reorder = 0,
  NLevel1 = 12,
  NLevel2 = 10000,
  verbose = FALSE,
  retlog = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

lower	lower bound vector for TMVT
upper	upper bound vector for TMVT
delta	MVT shifting parameter
df	degrees of freedom
locs	location (feature) matrix $n \times d$
covName	covariance function name from the ‘GpGp’ package
covParms	parameters for ‘covName’
m	Vecchia conditioning set size
sigma	dense covariance matrix, not needed when ‘locs’ is not null
reorder	whether to reorder integration variables. ‘0’ for no, ‘1’ for FIC-based univariate ordering, ‘2’ for Vecchia-based univariate ordering, and ‘3’ for univariate reordering, which appeared faster than ‘2’
NLevel1	first level Monte Carlo sample size
NLevel2	second level Monte Carlo sample size
verbose	verbose or not
retlog	TRUE or FALSE for whether to return loglk or not
...	could be m_ord for conditioning set size for reordering

**Value**

estimated MVT probability and estimation error

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pmvt_MLMC	<i>Applying the multi-level Monte Carlo (MLMC) technique to the pmvt function The function uses NLevel1 = 1 for <math>m = m_2</math> and the same exponential tilting parameter as <math>m = m_1</math> to compute one MC estimate. This MC estimate is used to correct the bias from the Vecchia approximation</i>
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**Description**

Applying the multi-level Monte Carlo (MLMC) technique to the pmvt function The function uses NLevel1 = 1 for  $m = m_2$  and the same exponential tilting parameter as  $m = m_1$  to compute one MC estimate. This MC estimate is used to correct the bias from the Vecchia approximation

**Usage**

```

pmvt_MLMC(
  lower,
  upper,
  delta,
  df,
  locs = NULL,
  covName = "matern15_isotropic",
  covParms = c(1, 0.1, 0),
  m1 = 30,
  m2 = 100,
  sigma = NULL,
  reorder = 0,
  NLevel1 = 12,
  NLevel2 = 10000,
  verbose = FALSE,
  retlog = FALSE,
  ...
)

```

**Arguments**

lower	lower bound vector for TMVT
upper	upper bound vector for TMVT
delta	MVT shifting parameter
df	degrees of freedom
locs	location (feature) matrix n X d
covName	covariance function name from the ‘GpGp’ package
covParms	parameters for ‘covName’
m1	the smaller Vecchia conditioning set size for Level 1 MC
m2	the bigger Vecchia conditioning set size for Level 2 MC
sigma	dense covariance matrix, not needed when ‘locs’ is not null
reorder	whether to reorder integration variables. ‘0’ for no, ‘1’ for FIC-based univariate ordering, ‘2’ for Vecchia-based univariate ordering, and ‘3’ for univariate reordering, which appeared faster than ‘2’
NLevel1	first level Monte Carlo sample size
NLevel2	second level Monte Carlo sample size
verbose	verbose or not
retlog	TRUE or FALSE for whether to return loglk or not
...	could be m_ord for conditioning set size for reordering

**Value**

estimated MVT probability and estimation error

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ptmvrاندn	<i>Simulate partially censored multivariate normal (MVN) at censored locations using the Vecchia approximation</i>
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**Description**

Simulate partially censored multivariate normal (MVN) at censored locations using the Vecchia approximation

**Usage**

```
ptmvrاندn(
  locs,
  indCensor,
  y,
  bCensor,
  covName = NULL,
  covParms = NULL,
  m = 30,
  N = 1000,
  verbose = TRUE,
  reorder = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

locs	location (feature) matrix $n \times d$
indCensor	indices of locations that have only censored observations
y	observed (not censored) values, of length $n$
bCensor	upper bound, above which observations are not censored, can be different for different locations, of length 1 or $n$
covName	covariance function name from the ‘GpGp’ package
covParms	parameters for ‘covName’
m	Vecchia conditioning set size
N	number of samples required
verbose	verbose level
reorder	whether to Vecchia univariate variable reordering

**Value**

$n \times N$  matrix of generated samples

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univar_order	<i>Univariate variable reordering, described in Genz and Bretz (2009) If failed due to PD singularity, the unfinished order will be returned and a warning will be issued</i>
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**Description**

Univariate variable reordering, described in Genz and Bretz (2009) If failed due to PD singularity, the unfinished order will be returned and a warning will be issued

**Usage**

```
univar_order(a, b, sigma)
```

**Arguments**

a	lower integration limits
b	upper integration limits
sigma	covariance matrix

**Value**

the new order

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VeccTMVN

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**Description**

Compute multivariate normal probabilities and sample from multivariate truncated normal distribution, taking advantage of the Vecchia approximation

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Vecc_reorder	<i>Univariate ordering under Vecchia approximation</i>
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**Description**

Univariate ordering under Vecchia approximation

**Usage**

```
Vecc_reorder(
  a,
  b,
  m,
  locs = NULL,
  covName = NULL,
  covParms = NULL,
  covMat = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>a</code>	lower bound vector for TMVN
<code>b</code>	upper bound vector for TMVN
<code>m</code>	Vecchia conditioning set size
<code>locs</code>	location (feature) matrix $n \times d$
<code>covName</code>	covariance function name from the ‘GpGp’ package
<code>covParms</code>	parameters for ‘covName’
<code>covMat</code>	dense covariance matrix, not needed when ‘locs’ is not null

**Value**

new order, nearest neighbor matrix, and coefficient matrix

**Examples**

```
library(lhs)
library(GpGp)
library(VeccTMVN)
set.seed(123)
n <- 100
m <- 5
locs <- lhs::geneticLHS(n, 2)
covparms <- c(1, 0.1, 0)
cov_name <- "matern15_isotropic"
cov_mat <- get(cov_name)(covparms, locs)
a <- rep(-Inf, n)
```

```
b <- runif(n)
odr_TN <- TruncatedNormal::cholperm(cov_mat, a, b)$perm
rslt <- Vecc_reorder(a, b, m,
  locs = locs, covName = cov_name,
  covParms = covparms
)
# compare order
cat(rslt$order)
cat(odr_TN)
```



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