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add_block	<i>Add a block to a LibBi model</i>
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Description

Add a block to a LibBi model. If that block exists, it will be removed first.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'bi_model'  
add_block(x, name, lines, options, ...)
```

Arguments

x	a bi_model object
name	name of the block
lines	character vector, lines in the block
options	any options to the block
...	ignored

Value

a [bi_model](#) object containing the new block

attach_data	<i>Attach a new file or data set to a libbi object</i>
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Description

Adds an (output, obs, etc.) file to a [libbi](#) object. This is useful to recreate a [libbi](#) object from the model and output files of a previous run

The [bi_write](#) options append and overwrite determine what exactly the file will contain at the end of this. If they are both FALSE (the default), any existing file will be ignored. If append is TRUE, the existing data in the file will be preserved, and any data set passed as data and not already in the file will be added. If overwrite is TRUE, existing data in the file will be preserved except for variables that exist in the passed data.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'libbi'
attach_data(
  x,
  file,
  data,
  in_place = FALSE,
  append = FALSE,
  overwrite = FALSE,
  quiet = FALSE,
  time_dim = character(0),
  coord_dims = list(),
  ...
)
```

Arguments

x	a libbi object
file	the type of the file to attach, one of "output", "obs", "input" or "init"
data	name of the file to attach, or a list of data frames that contain the outputs; it will be assumed that this is already thinned
in_place	if TRUE, replace the file in place if it already exists in the libbi object; this can speed up the operation if append=TRUE as otherwise the file will have to be read and used again; it should be used with care, though, as it can render existing libbi objects invalid as the files they are pointing to are changed.
append	if TRUE, will append variables if file exists; default: FALSE
overwrite	if TRUE, will overwrite variables if file exists; default: FALSE
quiet	if TRUE, will suppress the warning message normally given if replace=TRUE and the file exists already
time_dim	the name of the time dimension, if one exists; default: "time"
coord_dims	the names of the coordinate dimension, if any; should be a named list of character vectors, they are matched to variables names
...	any options to bi_write (e.g., 'time_dim')

Value

an updated [libbi](#) object

Examples

```
bi <- libbi(model = system.file(package = "rbi", "PZ.bi"))
example_output <- bi_read(system.file(package = "rbi", "example_output.nc"))
bi <- attach_data(bi, "output", example_output)
```

`bi_contents`*Bi contents*

Description

This function gets the name of all the variables in the passed file, list or [libbi](#) object

Usage

```
bi_contents(read, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>read</code>	either a path to a NetCDF file, or a NetCDF connection created using <code>nc_open</code> , or a libbi object from which to read the output
<code>...</code>	any parameters for bi_open (especially "file")

Value

character vector of variable names

Examples

```
example_output_file <- system.file(package = "rbi", "example_output.nc")
bi_contents(example_output_file)
```

`bi_file_summary`*NetCDF File Summary*

Description

This function prints a little summary of the content of a NetCDF file, as well as its creation time. You can then retrieve variables of interest using [bi_read](#).

Usage

```
bi_file_summary(...)
```

Arguments

<code>...</code>	Any extra parameters to bi_open , especially <code>x</code> and <code>file</code>
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Value

No return value

Examples

```
example_output_file <- system.file(package = "rbi", "example_output.nc")
bi_file_summary(example_output_file)
```

bi_generate_dataset *Bi Generate Dataset*

Description

This function is deprecated and has been renamed to [generate_dataset](#)

Usage

```
bi_generate_dataset(..., output_every = 1)
```

Arguments

...	arguments to be passed to sample.libbi , especially 'model', 'end_time' and 'seed'.
output_every	real; if given, noutputs will be set so that there is output every output_every time steps; if set to 0, only generate an output at the final time

Value

a [libbi](#) object, the generated data set

bi_model *Bi Model*

Description

bi_model creates a model object for Rbi from a libbi file, URL or character vector. Once the instance is created, the model can be fed to a [libbi](#) object.

Usage

```
bi_model(filename, lines, ...)
```

Arguments

filename	the file name of the model file
lines	lines of the model (if no filename is given), a character vector
...	ignored

Value

a {bi_model} object containing the newly created model

See Also

[fix](#), [insert_lines](#), [remove_lines](#), [replace_all](#), [get_name](#), [set_name](#), [write_model](#)

Examples

```
model_file_name <- system.file(package = "rbi", "PZ.bi")
PZ <- bi_model(filename = model_file_name)
```

bi_read

Bi Read

Description

This function reads all variable from a NetCDF file or the output of a [libbi](#) object. The file can be specified as a string to the filepath, in which case a NetCDF connection is opened, or directly as a NetCDF connection.

Usage

```
bi_read(
  x,
  vars,
  dims,
  model,
  type,
  file,
  missval_threshold,
  coord_dims = list(),
  thin,
  verbose = FALSE,
  clear_cache = FALSE,
  init_to_param = FALSE,
  burn = 0
)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	either a path to a NetCDF file, or a NetCDF connection created using <code>nc_open</code> , or a libbi object from which to read the output
<code>vars</code>	variables to read; if not given, all will be read
<code>dims</code>	factors for dimensions
<code>model</code>	model file or a <code>bi_model</code> object (if <code>x</code> is not a <code>libbi</code> object)

type	vector of types of variable to read (out of "param", "state", "noise", "obs"). This needs 'x' to be a <code>libbi</code> object or model to be specified
file	which file to read (if x is given as a <code>libbi</code> object): one of "output" (default), "init", "input", "obs"
missval_threshold	upper threshold for the likelihood
coord_dims	any coord dimensions, given as a named list of character vectors, where each element corresponds to the variable of the same name, and the character vector are the coord dimensions
thin	thinning (keep only 1/thin of samples)
verbose	if TRUE, will print variables as they are read
clear_cache	if TRUE, will clear the cache and re-read the file even if cached data exists
init_to_param	logical; if TRUE, convert states to initial values
burn	number of initial samples to discard; default: 0

Value

a list of data frames and/or numbers that have been read

Examples

```
example_output_file <- system.file(package = "rbi", "example_output.nc")
d <- bi_read(example_output_file)
```

bi_write	<i>Create (e.g., init or observation) files for LibBi</i>
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Description

This function creates (or appends to) a NetCDF file for LibBi from the given list of vectors and/or data frames. Since any files can be passed to `libbi` directly via the `init`, `input` and `obs` options, this is mostly used internally, this is mostly used internally.

Usage

```
bi_write(
  filename,
  variables,
  append = FALSE,
  overwrite = FALSE,
  time_dim,
  coord_dims,
  dim_factors,
  value_column = "value",
  guess_time = FALSE,
  verbose
)
```

Arguments

filename	a path to a NetCDF file to write the variables into, which will be overwritten if it already exists. If necessary, ".nc" will be added to the file name
variables	a list object, the names of which should be the variable names and values should be either single values or data frames
append	if TRUE, will append variables if file exists; default: FALSE
overwrite	if TRUE, will overwrite variables if file exists; default: FALSE
time_dim	the name of the time dimension, if one exists; default: "time"
coord_dims	the names of the coordinate dimension, if any; should be a named list of character vectors, they are matched to variables names
dim_factors	factors that dimensions have; this corresponds to the dims element of a libbi object
value_column	if any variables are data frames, which column contains the values (default: "value")
guess_time	whether to guess time dimension; this would be a numerical column in the data frame given which is not the value_column; only one such column must exist
verbose	if TRUE, will print variables as they are read

Details

The list of variables must follow the following rules. Each element of the list must itself be one of:

- 1) a data frame with a value_column column (see option 'value_column') and any number of other columns indicating one or more dimensions
- 2) a numeric vector of length one, with no dimensions

The name of the list elements itself is used to create the corresponding variable in the NetCDF file.

Value

A list of the time and coord dims, and factors in extra dimensions, if any

Examples

```
filename <- tempfile(pattern = "dummy", fileext = ".nc")
a <- 3
b <- data.frame(
  dim_a = rep(1:3, time = 2), dim_b = rep(1:2, each = 3), value = 1:6
)
variables <- list(a = a, b = b)
bi_write(filename, variables)
bi_file_summary(filename)
```

enable_outputs	<i>Enable outputting variables in a bi_model</i>
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Description

Any variable type given will have any 'has_output=0' option removed in the given model.

Usage

```
enable_outputs(x, type = "all")
```

Arguments

x	a bi_model object
type	either "all" (default), or a vector of variable types that are to have outputs enabled

Value

the updated `bi_model` object

See Also

[bi_model](#)

Examples

```
model_file_name <- system.file(package = "rbi", "PZ.bi")
PZ <- bi_model(filename = model_file_name)
PZ[6] <- "param mu (has_output=0)"
PZ <- enable_outputs(PZ)
```

Equals.bi_model	<i>Check if two models are equal</i>
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Description

Ignores differences in the model name.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'bi_model'
e1 == e2, ...
```

Arguments

e1	a <code>bi_model</code>
e2	a <code>bi_model</code>
...	ignored

Value

TRUE or FALSE, depending on whether the models are equal or not

Examples

```
model_file_name <- system.file(package = "rbi", "PZ.bi")
PZ <- bi_model(filename = model_file_name)
PZ == PZ # TRUE
```

`Extract.bi_model` *Subset model lines*

Description

Extracts a subset of lines from the model.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'bi_model'
x[i, ...]
```

Arguments

x	A <code>bi_model</code>
i	A vector of line numbers
...	ignored

Value

a character string of the extracted model lines(s)

Examples

```
model_file_name <- system.file(package = "rbi", "PZ.bi")
PZ <- bi_model(filename = model_file_name)
PZ[3:4]
```

Extract_assign.bi_model*Subset and replace model lines*

Description

Extracts a subset of lines from the model and assigns new character strings.

Usage

```
## S3 replacement method for class 'bi_model'  
x[i, ...] <- value
```

Arguments

x	A bi_model
i	A vector of line numbers
...	ignored
value	A vector of the same length as i, containing the replacement strings

Value

the updated bi_model object

Examples

```
model_file_name <- system.file(package = "rbi", "PZ.bi")  
PZ <- bi_model(filename = model_file_name)  
PZ[3:4] <- c("const e = 0.4", "const m_l = 0.05")
```

extract_sample*Extract a sample from a LibBi run.*

Description

This function takes the provided [libbi](#) results and extracts a data frame.

Usage

```
extract_sample(x, np, ...)
```

Arguments

- x a [libbi](#) object which has been run, or a list of data frames containing parameter traces (as returned by from `bi_read`)
- np iteration to extract; if set to "last", the last sample will be extracted. If not given a random sample will be extracted
- ... parameters to `bi_read` (e.g., dimensions)

Value

a list of data frames or numeric vectors containing parameters and trajectories

filter*Using the LibBi wrapper to filter*

Description

The method `filter` launches `libbi` to filter state trajectories. See the options to [run.libbi](#) for how to specify the various components of sampling with LibBi, and the LibBi manual for all options that can be passed when the client is `filter`.

If `x` is given as a 'bi_model', a [libbi](#) object will be created from the model. For the help page of the base R `filter` function, see [filter](#).

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'libbi'  
filter(x, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'bi_model'  
filter(x, ...)
```

Arguments

- x a [libbi](#) or `bi_model` object, or the name of a file containing the model
- ... options to be passed to [run.libbi](#)

Value

an updated [libbi](#) object

fix*Fix noise term, state or parameter of a libbi model*

Description

Replaces all variables with fixed values as given ; note that this will not replace differential equations and lead to an error if applied to states that are changed inside an "ode" block

For the help page of the base R `fix` function, see [fix](#).

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'bi_model'
fix(x, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	a bi_model object
<code>...</code>	values to be assigned to the (named) variables

Value

the updated `bi_model` object

See Also

[bi_model](#)

Examples

```
model_file_name <- system.file(package = "rbi", "PZ.bi")
PZ <- bi_model(filename = model_file_name)
PZ <- fix(PZ, alpha = 0)
```

flatten*Flatten list of data frames This function takes a list of data frames (such as, for example, returned by [bi_read](#)) and converts it to a flat data frame*

Description

Flatten list of data frames This function takes a list of data frames (such as, for example, returned by [bi_read](#)) and converts it to a flat data frame

Usage

```
flatten(x)
```

Arguments

x The list of data frames

Value

a data frame containing the flattened data

generate_dataset *Generate Dataset*

Description

This is a wrapper around libbi sample --target joint --nsamples 1, to generate a synthetic dataset from a model. Parameters can be passed via the 'init' option (see [run.libbi](#), otherwise they are generated from the prior specified in the model. The end time should be specified using the "end_time" option. If this is not given, only a parameter set is sampled. Use the 'noutputs' or 'output_every' options to control the number of data points being generated. By default, output_every is set to 1.

Usage

```
generate_dataset(..., output_every = 1)
```

Arguments

... arguments to be passed to [sample.libbi](#), especially 'model', 'end_time' and 'seed'.
output_every real; if given, noutputs will be set so that there is output every output_every time steps; if set to 0, only generate an output at the final time

Value

a libbi object, the generated data set

get_block *Get the contents of a block in a LibBi model*

Description

Returns the contents of a block in a LibBi model as a character vector of lines.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'bi_model'  
get_block(x, name, shell = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

x	a <code>bi_model</code> object
name	name of the block
shell	if TRUE (default:FALSE), will return the shell (i.e., the definition of the block) as well as content; this is useful, e.g., to see options passed to a transition or ode block
...	ignored

Value

a character vector of the lines in the block

`get_const`

Get constants in a LibBi model

Description

Get constants contained in a LibBi model and their values. This will attempt to evaluate any calculation on the right hand side. Failing that, it will be returned verbatim.

Usage

`get_const(model)`

Arguments

model	a <code>bi_model</code> object
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Value

a list of constants (as names) and their values

`get_dims`

Get dimensions in a LibBi model

Description

Get dimensions contained in a LibBi model and their sizes

Usage

`get_dims(model, type)`

Arguments

model	a bi_model object
type	a character vector of one or more types

Value

a list of dimensions (as names) and their sizes

get_name *Get the name of a bi model*

Description

Extracts the name of a bi model (first line of the .bi file).

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'bi_model'  
get_name(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x	a bi_model object
...	ignored

Value

a character string, the name of the model

See Also

[bi_model](#)

Examples

```
model_file_name <- system.file(package = "rbi", "PZ.bi")  
PZ <- bi_model(filename = model_file_name)  
get_name(PZ)
```

get_traces	<i>Get the parameter traces</i>
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Description

This function takes the provided `libbi` object which has been run and returns a data frame with the parameter traces.

Usage

```
get_traces(x, model, burnin, all = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

x	a <code>libbi</code> object which has been run, or a list of data frames containing parameter traces (as returned by <code>bi_read</code>); if it is not a <code>libbi</code> object, either 'all' must be TRUE or a model given
model	a model to get the parameter names from; not needed if 'run' is given as a <code>libbi</code> object or 'all' is set to TRUE
burnin	proportion of iterations to discard as burn-in (if between 0 and 1), or number of samples to discard (if >1)
all	whether all variables in the run file should be considered (otherwise, just parameters)
...	parameters to <code>bi_read</code> (e.g., dimensions)

Value

a data frame with parameter traces; this can be fed to coda routines

insert_lines	<i>Insert lines in a LibBi model</i>
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Description

Inserts one or more lines into a libbi model. If one of `before` or `after` is given, the line(s) will be inserted before or after a given line number or block name, respectively. If one of `at_beginning_of` or `at_end_of` is given, the lines will be inserted at the beginning/end of the block, respectively.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'bi_model'
insert_lines(x, lines, before, after, at_beginning_of, at_end_of, ...)
```

Arguments

x	a bi_model object
lines	vector or line(s)
before	line number before which to insert line(s)
after	line number after which to insert line(s)
at_beginning_of	block at the beginning of which to insert lines(s)
at_end_of	block at the end of which to insert lines(s)
...	ignored

Value

the updated [bi_model](#) object

See Also

[bi_model](#)

Examples

```
model_file_name <- system.file(package = "rbi", "PZ.bi")
PZ <- bi_model(filename = model_file_name)
PZ <- insert_lines(PZ, lines = "noise beta", after = 8)
```

join

Join multiple [libbi](#) objects

Description

This function can be used to join multiple [libbi](#) objects into one (e.g., parallel MCMC runs into one long change)

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'libbi'
join(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x	a libbi object
...	ignored

Value

an joined [libbi](#) object

libbi*LibBi Wrapper*

Description

libbi allows to call LibBi. Upon creating a new libbi object, the following arguments can be given. Once the instance is created, LibBi can be run through the `sample`, `filter`, or `optimise`, or `rewrite` methods. Note that `libbi` objects can be plotted using `plot` if the `rbi.helpers` package is loaded.

Usage

```
libbi(model, path_to_libbi, dims, use_cache = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>model</code>	either a character vector giving the path to a model file (typically ending in ".bi"), or a <code>bi_model</code> object
<code>path_to_libbi</code>	path to LibBi binary; by default it tries to locate the libbi binary using the which Unix command, after having loaded "~/bashrc" if present; if unsuccessful it tries "~/PathToBiBin/libbi"; if unsuccessful again it fails.
<code>dims</code>	any named dimensions, as list of character vectors
<code>use_cache</code>	logical; whether to use the cache (default: true)
<code>...</code>	options passed to <code>run.libbi</code>

Value

a new `libbi` object

See Also

`sample`, `filter`, `optimise`, `rewrite`

Examples

```
bi_object <- libbi(model = system.file(package = "rbi", "PZ.bi"))
```

logLik*Using the LibBi wrapper to logLik*

Description

The method `logLik` extracts the log-likelihood of a `libbi` object. This can be done, for example, after a call to `sample` to inspect the chain log-likelihoods.

For the help page of the base R `logLik` function, see [logLik](#).

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'libbi'  
logLik(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object	a <code>libbi</code> object
...	options to be passed to <code>run.libbi</code>

Value

a vector of log-likelihood

optimise*Using the LibBi wrapper to optimise*

Description

The method `optimise` launches `libbi` to optimise the parameters with respect to the likelihood or posterior distribution. See the options to `run.libbi` for how to specify the various components of sampling with LibBi, and the LibBi manual for all options that can be passed when the client is `optimise`.

If `x` is given as a 'bi_model', a `libbi` object will be created from the model. For the help page of the base R `optimise` function, see [optimise](#).

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'libbi'  
optimise(x, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'bi_model'  
optimise(x, ...)
```

Arguments

- x a [libbi](#) or `link{bi_model}` object, or the name of a file containing the model
- ... options to be passed to [run.libbi](#)

Value

an updated [libbi](#) object

predict

Using the LibBi wrapper to predict

Description

The method `predict` is an alias for `sample(target="prediction")`. Usually, an `init` object or file should be given containing posterior samples.

For the help page of the base R `optimise` function, see [optimise](#).

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'libbi'
predict(x, ...)
```

Arguments

- x a [libbi](#) object
- ... any arguments to be passed to [sample](#)

Value

an updated [libbi](#) object

print_log

Print the log file a [libbi](#) object

Description

This is useful for diagnosis after a [libbi](#) run

Usage

```
print_log(x)
```

Arguments

- x a [libbi](#) object, or the name of the log file of a [libbi](#) run.

Value

nothing (invisible NULL)

read_libbi

Read results of a LibBi run from an RDS file or from a folder. This completely reconstructs the saved LibBi object

Description

This reads all options, files and outputs of a LibBi run from a specified RDS file or folder (if `split = TRUE` has been used with `save_libbi`).

Usage

```
read_libbi(name, ...)
```

Arguments

name	name of the RDS file(s) to read
...	any extra options to pass to <code>libbi</code> when creating the new object

Value

a new `libbi` object

remove_lines

Remove line(s) and/or block(s) in a libbi model

Description

Removes one or more lines in a libbi model.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'bi_model'  
remove_lines(  
  x,  
  what,  
  only,  
  type = c("all", "assignment", "sample"),  
  preserve_shell = FALSE,  
  ...  
)
```

Arguments

x	a bi_model object
what	either a vector of line number(s) to remove, or a vector of blocks to remove (e.g., "parameter")
only	only remove lines assigning given names (as a vector of character strings)
type	which types of lines to remove, either "all", "sample" (i.e., lines with a "~") or "assignment" (lines with a "<" or "=") (default: "all")
preserve_shell	if TRUE (default: FALSE), preserve the definition of a block even if all lines are removed; this is useful to preserve options passed to a transition or ode block
...	ignored

Value

the updated [bi_model](#) object

See Also

[bi_model](#)

Examples

```
model_file_name <- system.file(package = "rbi", "PZ.bi")
PZ <- bi_model(filename = model_file_name)
PZ <- remove_lines(PZ, 2)
```

[remove_vars](#)

Remove variables

Description

Removes variables from the left-hand side of a model

Used by [fix](#) and [to_input](#)

Usage

```
remove_vars(x, vars)
```

Arguments

x	a bi_model object
vars	vector of variables to remove

Value

a bi model object of the new model

the updated [bi_model](#) object

See Also[bi_model](#)

replace_all*Replace all instances of a string with another in a model*

Description

Takes every occurrence of one string and replaces it with another

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'bi_model'  
replace_all(x, from, to, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	a bi_model object
<code>from</code>	string to be replaced (a regular expression)
<code>to</code>	new string (which can refer to the regular expression given as <code>from</code>)
<code>...</code>	ignored

Value

the updated `bi_model` object

See Also[bi_model](#)

rewrite*Using the LibBi wrapper to rewrite*

Description

The method `rewrite` launches LibBi to rewrite a model to inspect its internal representation in LibBi

If `x` is given as a 'bi_model', a [libbi](#) object will be created from the model

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'libbi'  
rewrite(x, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'bi_model'  
rewrite(x, ...)
```

Arguments

- x a `libbi` or `bi_model` object, or the name of a file containing the model
- ... options to be passed to `run.libbi`

Value

a re-written `bi_model` object

run

Using the LibBi wrapper to launch LibBi

Description

The method `run` launches LibBi with a particular set of command line arguments. Normally, this function would not be run by the user, but instead one of the client functions `sample`, `filter`, or `optimise`, or `rewrite`, which pass any options on to `run`. Note that any options specified here are stored in the `libbi` object and do not have to be specified again if another command is run on the object.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'libbi'
run(
  x,
  client,
  proposal = c("model", "prior"),
  model,
  fix,
  config,
  log_file_name = character(0),
  init,
  input,
  obs,
  time_dim = character(0),
  coord_dims = list(),
  thin,
  output_every,
  chain = TRUE,
  seed = TRUE,
  debug = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

x	a <code>libbi</code> object; if this is not given, an empty <code>libbi</code> object will be created
client	client to pass to LibBi
proposal	proposal distribution to use; either "model" (default: proposal distribution in the model) or "prior" (propose from the prior distribution)
model	either a character vector giving the path to a model file (typically ending in ".bi"), or a <code>bi_model</code> object; by default, will use any model given in x
fix	any variable to fix, as a named vector
config	path to a configuration file, containing multiple arguments
log_file_name	path to a file to text file to report the output of LibBi; if set to an empty vector (<code>character(0)</code>) or an empty string (""), which is the default, a temporary log file will be generated
init	initialisation of the model, either supplied as a list of values and/or data frames, or a (netcdf) file name, or a <code>libbi</code> object which has been run (in which case the output of that run is used). If the object given as x has been run before, it will be used here with <code>init-np</code> set to the last iteration of the previous run, unless <code>init</code> is given explicitly.
input	input of the model, either supplied as a list of values and/or data frames, or a (netcdf) file name, or a <code>libbi</code> object which has been run (in which case the output of that run is used as input)
obs	observations of the model, either supplied as a list of values and/or data frames, or a (netcdf) file name, or a <code>libbi</code> object which has been run (in which case the output of that run is used as observations)
time_dim	The time dimension in any R objects that have been passed (<code>init</code> , <code>input</code>) and <code>obs</code> ; if <code>NULL</code> (default), will be guessed from the given observation
coord_dims	The coord dimension(s) in any <code>obs</code> R objects that have been passed; if <code>NULL</code> (default), will be guessed from the given observation file given
thin	any thinning of MCMC chains (1 means all will be kept, 2 skips every other sample etc.); note that LibBi itself will write all data to the disk. Only when the results are read in with <code>bi_read</code> will thinning be applied.
output_every	real; if given, <code>noutputs</code> will be set so that there is output every <code>output_every</code> time steps; if set to 0, only generate an output at the final time
chain	logical; if set to <code>TRUE</code> and x has been run before, the previous output file will be used as <code>init</code> file, and <code>init-np</code> will be set to the last iteration of the previous run (unless <code>target=="prediction"</code>). This is useful for running inference chains.
seed	Either a number (the seed to supply to LibBi), or a logical variable: <code>TRUE</code> if a seed is to be generated for <code>RBi</code> , <code>FALSE</code> if LibBi is to generate its own seed
debug	logical; if <code>TRUE</code> , print more verbose messages and write all variables to the output file, irrespective of their setting of 'has_output'
...	list of additional arguments to pass to the call to LibBi. Any arguments starting with 'enable'/'disable' can be specified as boolean (e.g., 'assert=TRUE' or 'cuda=TRUE'). Any 'dry-' options can be specified with a "dry" argument, e.g., 'dry="parse"'. Any options that would be specified with 'with'/'without' can be specified as character vector to an option named 'with'/'without', respectively, e.g. <code>with="transform-obs-to-state"</code> .

Value

an updated [libbi](#) object, except if client is 'rewrite', in which case invisible NULL will be returned but the rewritten model code printed

See Also

[libbi](#)

sample

Using the LibBi wrapper to sample

Description

The method `sample` launches `libbi` to sample from a (prior, posterior or joint) distribution. See the options to [run.libbi](#) for how to specify the various components of sampling with LibBi, and the LibBi manual for all options that can be passed when the client is `sample`.

If `x` is given as a 'bi_model', a [libbi](#) object will be created from the model. For the help page of the base R `sample` function, see [sample](#).

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'libbi'
sample(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'bi_model'
sample(x, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	a libbi or <code>bi_model</code> object, or the name of a file containing the model
<code>...</code>	options to be passed to run.libbi

Value

an updated [libbi](#) object

sample_obs*Sample observations from a LibBi model that has been run*

Description

Sample observations from a LibBi model that has been run

Usage

```
sample_obs(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x	a libbi object
...	any options to pass to LibBi

Value

the original [libbi](#) object with added variables in the output file for sampled observations

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save_libbi*Write results of a LibBi run to an RDS file*

Description

This saves all options, files and outputs of a LibBi run to an RDS file specified

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'libbi'  
save_libbi(x, name, supplement, split = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

x	a libbi object
name	name of the RDS file(s) to save to. If split=TRUE, this will be taken as a base for the names of the files to be created, e.g. 'dir/name.rds' to create files of the form name_....rds in directory 'dir'.
supplement	any supplementary data to save
split	Logical, defaults to FALSE. Should the objects from the LibBi run be saved separately in a folder.
...	any options to saveRDS

Value

the return value of `saveRDS`, i.e. `NULL` invisibly

`set_name`

Set the name of a bi model

Description

Changes the name of a `bi_model` (first line of the `.bi` file) to the specified name.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'bi_model'
set_name(x, name, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	a <code>bi_model</code> object
<code>name</code>	Name of the model
<code>...</code>	ignored

Value

the updated `bi_model` object

See Also

[bi_model](#)

Examples

```
model_file_name <- system.file(package = "rbi", "PZ.bi")
PZ <- bi_model(filename = model_file_name)
PZ <- set_name(PZ, "new_PZ")
```

simulate	<i>Using the LibBi wrapper to simulate</i>
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Description

The method `simulate` launches LibBi to simulate a model by passing ‘target="joint”’ to LibBi
If `x` is given as a ‘`bi_model`’, a `libbi` object will be created from the model

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'libbi'  
simulate(x, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'bi_model'  
simulate(x, ...)
```

Arguments

`x` a `libbi` or `bi_model` object, or the name of a file containing the model
`...` options to be passed to `run.libbi`

Value

an updated `bi_model` object

summary	<i>Print summary information about a libbi object</i>
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Description

This reads in the output file of the `libbi` object (which has been run before) and prints summary information of parameters

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'libbi'  
summary(  
  object,  
  type = c("param", "state", "noise", "obs"),  
  quantiles = c(0.25, 0.75),  
  na.rm = FALSE,  
  ...  
)
```

Arguments

object	a libbi object
type	one of "param" (default), "state", "noise" or "obs", the variable type to summarise
quantiles	quantiles to calculate (default: quartiles); minimum, median, mean and maximum are always calculated
na.rm	logical; if true, any na and NaN's are removed before calculations are performed
...	ignored

Value

nothing (invisible NULL)

Unequals.bi_model *Check if two models are unequal*

Description

Ignores differences in the model name.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'bi_model'
e1 != e2, ...
```

Arguments

e1	a bi_model
e2	a bi_model
...	ignored

Value

TRUE or FALSE, depending on whether the models are equal or not

Examples

```
model_file_name <- system.file(package = "rbi", "PZ.bi")
PZ <- bi_model(filename = model_file_name)
PZ != PZ # FALSE
```

update	<i>Update a libbi object</i>
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Description

This updates all the time stamps in a libbi object; it is useful after (input, output, etc.) files have been changed outside the object itself.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'libbi'
update(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x	a libbi object
...	ignored

Value

a **libbi** object with updated timestamps

var_names	<i>Get variable names in a LibBi model</i>
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Description

Get variable names of one or more type(s)

This returns all variable names of a certain type ("param", "state", "obs", "noise", "const") contained in the model of a **libbi** object

Usage

```
var_names(x, vars, type, dim = FALSE, opt = FALSE, aux = FALSE)
```

Arguments

x	a bi_model object
vars	a character vector of variable names; if given, only these variables names will be considered
type	a character vector of one or more types
dim	logical; if set to TRUE, names will contain dimensions in brackets
opt	logical; if set to TRUE, names will contain options (e.g., has_output)
aux	logical; if set to TRUE, auxiliary names will be returned

Value

a character vector of variable names

write_model	<i>Writes a bi model to a file.</i>
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Description

Writes a bi model to a file given by `filename`. The extension '.bi' will be added if necessary.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'bi_model'
write_model(x, filename, update.name = TRUE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'libbi'
write_model(x, filename, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	a <code>bi_model</code> object, or a <code>libbi</code> object containing a model
<code>filename</code>	name of the file to be written
<code>update.name</code>	whether to update the model name with the file name
<code>...</code>	ignored

Value

the return value of the `writeLines` call.

See Also

`bi_model`

Examples

```
model_file_name <- system.file(package = "rbi", "PZ.bi")
PZ <- bi_model(filename = model_file_name)
new_file_name <- tempfile("PZ", fileext = ".bi")
write_model(PZ, new_file_name)
```

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