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BKP-package

*Beta Kernel Process Modeling*

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## Description

The **BKP** package provides tools for Bayesian nonparametric modeling of binary/binomial and categorical/multinomial response data using the Beta Kernel Process (BKP), the Dirichlet Kernel Process (DKP), and their scalable global-local approximations, TwinBKP and TwinDKP. These methods estimate latent probability surfaces by combining kernel-based smoothing with conjugate posterior updates.

The package supports model fitting, posterior prediction with uncertainty quantification, posterior simulation, and visualization in one- and two-dimensional input spaces. It also provides flexible prior specification, multiple kernel choices, hyperparameter tuning, and twinning-based global-local computation for scalable BKP and DKP modeling.

## Main Functions

Core functionality is organized as follows:

**Model fitting** Use `fit_BKP` and `fit_DKP` for full BKP and DKP models, and `fit_TwinBKP` and `fit_TwinDKP` for scalable global-local approximations using twinning-selected global subsets and local nearest-neighbour updates.

**Prediction** Use `predict` with fitted BKP, DKP, TwinBKP, or TwinDKP objects for posterior inference at new input locations, including posterior means, variances, and credible intervals. Decision labels, when needed, can be obtained from posterior means or method-specific outputs.

**Simulation** Use `simulate` with fitted model objects to generate posterior draws of latent success probabilities or class-probability vectors.

**Visualization** Use `plot` with fitted model objects to visualize predictions and associated uncertainty in one- and two-dimensional input spaces. For inputs with more than two dimensions, users can select one or two dimensions to display via the `dims` argument. TwinBKP and TwinDKP plots can optionally highlight the selected global subset.

**Summaries and printing** Use `summary` and `print` to summarize or display fitted model objects and associated results.

**Extraction** Use `fitted`, `parameter`, and `quantile` to extract fitted posterior means, model parameters, and posterior quantiles.

**Utilities** Use `kernel_matrix` to construct kernel matrices, `get_prior` to construct BKP or DKP prior parameters, and `loss_fun` to evaluate leave-one-out tuning losses.

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fit\_BKP

*Fit a Beta Kernel Process (BKP) Model***Description**

Fit a Beta Kernel Process (BKP) model for binary or binomial response data. The model estimates a covariate-dependent success probability surface by combining kernel-based smoothing with conjugate Beta posterior updates.

**Usage**

```
fit_BKP(
  X,
  y,
  m,
  Xbounds = NULL,
  prior = c("noninformative", "fixed", "adaptive"),
  r0 = 2,
  p0 = mean(y/m),
  kernel = c("gaussian", "matern52", "matern32", "wendland"),
  loss = c("brier", "log_loss"),
  n_multi_start = NULL,
  theta = NULL,
  isotropic = TRUE,
  n_threads = 1,
  ess = c("none", "shepard")
)
```

**Arguments**

X	A numeric input matrix or data frame of size $n \times d$ , where each row is an input or covariate vector.
y	A numeric vector of observed success counts of length n.
m	A numeric vector of total binomial trial counts of length n. Each element of y must be between 0 and the corresponding element of m.
Xbounds	Optional $d \times 2$ numeric matrix giving the lower and upper bounds of each input dimension. When supplied, X is normalized to $[0, 1]^d$ before fitting. If NULL, X is assumed to be already normalized to $[0, 1]^d$ .
prior	Type of prior specification. Options are "noninformative" (default), "fixed", and "adaptive".
r0	Positive scalar prior precision used when prior = "fixed" or prior = "adaptive". Default is 2.
p0	Prior mean used when prior = "fixed". It must be a scalar in (0, 1). The default is the empirical mean $\text{mean}(y / m)$ .

kernel	Kernel function used for local weighting. Options are "gaussian" (default), "matern52", "matern32", and "wendland".
loss	Leave-one-out loss used for kernel hyperparameter tuning. Options are "brier" (default) and "log_loss".
n_multi_start	Number of initial points used in multi-start derivative-free optimization of the kernel lengthscale parameters. If NULL, the default is $10p$ , where $p = 1$ for isotropic kernels and $p = d$ for anisotropic kernels.
theta	Optional positive kernel lengthscale parameter. When <code>isotropic = TRUE</code> , this must be a scalar. When <code>isotropic = FALSE</code> , this can be either a scalar, which is broadcast to all dimensions, or a numeric vector of length $d$ . If NULL, the lengthscale parameters are selected by minimizing the specified leave-one-out loss.
isotropic	Logical. If TRUE (default), use a single shared lengthscale across input dimensions. If FALSE, use separate per-dimension lengthscales.
n_threads	Number of OpenMP threads used for multi-start optimization. Default is 1. This argument only affects fitting when <code>theta = NULL</code> .
ess	Effective-sample-size calibration for the kernel-weighted data contribution. Use "none" (default) for the standard BKP posterior update. Use "shepard" to rescale the kernel-weighted data contribution so that its effective trial size is $\rho(\mathbf{x})m_S(\mathbf{x})$ , where $m_S(\mathbf{x})$ is a Shepard interpolation of the observed trial sizes on the normalized input scale and $\rho(\mathbf{x}) = \max_i k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_i)$ . This calibration preserves the kernel-weighted empirical proportion and changes only the data precision, not the prior parameters.

## Details

Inputs are normalized to  $[0, 1]^d$  using Xbounds. For a location  $\mathbf{x}$ , BKP computes kernel weights  $k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_i)$  between  $\mathbf{x}$  and the training inputs. These weights are used to update a local Beta prior with kernel-weighted binomial counts:

$$\alpha_n(\mathbf{x}) = \alpha_0(\mathbf{x}) + \sum_i k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_i)y_i,$$

$$\beta_n(\mathbf{x}) = \beta_0(\mathbf{x}) + \sum_i k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_i)(m_i - y_i).$$

If `theta = NULL`, the kernel lengthscale parameters are selected by leave-one-out cross-validation using the specified loss. Optimization is performed over log-transformed lengthscales using a multi-start derivative-free search. If `theta` is supplied, optimization is skipped and the model is fitted using the supplied lengthscale parameter.

If `ess = "shepard"`, only the kernel-weighted data contribution is rescaled to match the local effective-sample-size target; the prior parameters are not rescaled. Shepard calibration requires unique training input locations on the normalized input scale.

The returned object stores posterior parameters evaluated at the training inputs. Posterior inference at new inputs is performed by `predict.BKP`.

**Value**

A list of class "BKP" containing the fitted model, with the following components:

theta\_opt Optimized or user-specified kernel lengthscale parameter(s).

kernel Kernel function used.

isotropic Logical flag indicating whether a shared lengthscale or per-dimension lengthscales were used.

loss Loss function used for hyperparameter tuning.

loss\_min Loss value at the selected or user-specified lengthscale parameter(s).

X Original input matrix.

Xnorm Input matrix normalized to  $[0, 1]^d$ .

Xbounds Normalization bounds for each input dimension.

y Observed success counts, stored as a one-column matrix.

m Observed binomial trial counts, stored as a one-column matrix.

prior Prior specification used.

r0 Prior precision parameter.

p0 Prior mean used when prior = "fixed".

alpha0 Prior Beta  $\alpha$  shape parameters evaluated at the training inputs.

beta0 Prior Beta  $\beta$  shape parameters evaluated at the training inputs.

alpha\_n Posterior Beta  $\alpha$  shape parameters evaluated at the training inputs.

beta\_n Posterior Beta  $\beta$  shape parameters evaluated at the training inputs.

ess Effective-sample-size calibration method used.

ess\_info ESS calibration diagnostics, or NULL when ess = "none".

**References**

Zhao J, Qing K, Xu J (2025). *BKP: An R Package for Beta Kernel Process Modeling*. arXiv. doi:10.48550/arXiv.2508.10447.

**See Also**

[fit\\_DKP](#) for Dirichlet Kernel Process modeling of categorical or multinomial responses; [fit\\_TwinBKP](#) for the scalable global-local TwinBKP approximation; [predict.BKP](#), [plot.BKP](#), [simulate.BKP](#), and [summary.BKP](#) for downstream methods.

**Examples**

```
#----- 1D Example -----
set.seed(123)

# Define true success probability function
true_pi_fun <- function(x) {
  (1 + exp(-x^2) * cos(10 * (1 - exp(-x)) / (1 + exp(-x)))) / 2
}
```

```

n <- 30
Xbounds <- matrix(c(-2,2), nrow = 1)
X <- tgp::lhs(n = n, rect = Xbounds)
true_pi <- true_pi_fun(X)
m <- sample(100, n, replace = TRUE)
y <- rbinom(n, size = m, prob = true_pi)

# Fit BKP model
# A fixed theta is used here only to keep the example fast and reproducible.
# In practice, omit theta to select it by leave-one-out cross-validation.
model1 <- fit_BKP(X, y, m, Xbounds = Xbounds, theta = 0.04)
print(model1)

#----- 2D Example -----
# Define 2D latent function and probability transformation
true_pi_fun <- function(X) {
  if(is.null(nrow(X))) X <- matrix(X, nrow=1)
  m <- 8.6928
  s <- 2.4269
  x1 <- 4*X[,1]- 2
  x2 <- 4*X[,2]- 2
  a <- 1 + (x1 + x2 + 1)^2 *
    (19- 14*x1 + 3*x1^2- 14*x2 + 6*x1*x2 + 3*x2^2)
  b <- 30 + (2*x1- 3*x2)^2 *
    (18- 32*x1 + 12*x1^2 + 48*x2- 36*x1*x2 + 27*x2^2)
  f <- log(a*b)
  f <- (f- m)/s
  return(pnorm(f)) # Transform to probability
}

n <- 100
Xbounds <- matrix(c(0, 0, 1, 1), nrow = 2)
X <- tgp::lhs(n = n, rect = Xbounds)
true_pi <- true_pi_fun(X)
m <- sample(100, n, replace = TRUE)
y <- rbinom(n, size = m, prob = true_pi)

# Fit BKP model
# A fixed theta is used here only to keep the example fast and reproducible.
# In practice, omit theta to select it by leave-one-out cross-validation.
model2 <- fit_BKP(X, y, m, Xbounds = Xbounds, theta = 0.08)
print(model2)

```

## Description

Fit a Dirichlet Kernel Process (DKP) model for categorical or multinomial count response data. The model estimates covariate-dependent class-probability surfaces by combining kernel-based smoothing with conjugate Dirichlet posterior updates.

## Usage

```
fit_DKP(
  X,
  Y,
  Xbounds = NULL,
  prior = c("noninformative", "fixed", "adaptive"),
  r0 = 2,
  p0 = NULL,
  kernel = c("gaussian", "matern52", "matern32", "wendland"),
  loss = c("brier", "log_loss"),
  n_multi_start = NULL,
  theta = NULL,
  isotropic = TRUE,
  n_threads = 1,
  ess = c("none", "shepard")
)
```

## Arguments

X	A numeric input matrix or data frame of size $n \times d$ , where each row is an input or covariate vector.
Y	A numeric matrix or data frame of observed multinomial counts, with dimension $n \times q$ . Each row corresponds to one input location and each column corresponds to one class. Entries must be nonnegative, and each row must have a positive row sum. Row sums represent the multinomial trial sizes.
Xbounds	Optional $d \times 2$ numeric matrix giving the lower and upper bounds of each input dimension. When supplied, X is normalized to $[0, 1]^d$ before fitting. If NULL, X is assumed to be already normalized to $[0, 1]^d$ .
prior	Type of prior specification. Options are "noninformative" (default), "fixed", and "adaptive".
r0	Positive scalar prior precision used when prior = "fixed" or prior = "adaptive". Default is 2.
p0	Prior class-probability vector used when prior = "fixed". It must be a non-negative finite numeric vector of length $q$ and sum to one. If NULL, it is set to the empirical class-proportion vector <code>colMeans(Y / rowSums(Y))</code> .
kernel	Kernel function used for local weighting. Options are "gaussian" (default), "matern52", "matern32", and "wendland".
loss	Leave-one-out loss used for kernel hyperparameter tuning. Options are "brier" (default) and "log_loss".

n_multi_start	Number of initial points used in multi-start derivative-free optimization of the kernel lengthscale parameters. If NULL, the default is $10p$ , where $p = 1$ for isotropic kernels and $p = d$ for anisotropic kernels.
theta	Optional positive kernel lengthscale parameter. When isotropic = TRUE, this must be a scalar. When isotropic = FALSE, this can be either a scalar, which is broadcast to all dimensions, or a numeric vector of length $d$ . If NULL, the lengthscale parameters are selected by minimizing the specified leave-one-out loss.
isotropic	Logical. If TRUE (default), use a single shared lengthscale across input dimensions. If FALSE, use separate per-dimension lengthscales.
n_threads	Number of OpenMP threads used for multi-start optimization. Default is 1. This argument only affects fitting when theta = NULL.
ess	Effective-sample-size calibration for the kernel-weighted class-count contribution. Use "none" (default) for the standard DKP posterior update. Use "shepard" to rescale the kernel-weighted class-count contribution so that its effective trial size is $\rho(\mathbf{x})m_S(\mathbf{x})$ , where $m_S(\mathbf{x})$ is a Shepard interpolation of the observed row sums $\text{rowSums}(Y)$ on the normalized input scale and $\rho(\mathbf{x}) = \max_i k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_i)$ . This calibration preserves the kernel-weighted empirical class proportions and changes only the data precision, not the prior parameters.

## Details

Inputs are normalized to  $[0, 1]^d$  using Xbounds. For a location  $\mathbf{x}$ , DKP computes kernel weights  $k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_i)$  between  $\mathbf{x}$  and the training inputs. These weights are used to update a local Dirichlet prior with kernel-weighted multinomial counts:

$$\alpha_{n,s}(\mathbf{x}) = \alpha_{0,s}(\mathbf{x}) + \sum_i k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_i) Y_{i,s}, \quad s = 1, \dots, q.$$

Equivalently,

$$\boldsymbol{\alpha}_n(\mathbf{x}) = \boldsymbol{\alpha}_0(\mathbf{x}) + \sum_i k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_i) \mathbf{Y}_i.$$

The posterior class-probability vector at  $\mathbf{x}$  follows a Dirichlet distribution with concentration vector  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}_n(\mathbf{x})$ .

If theta = NULL, the kernel lengthscale parameters are selected by leave-one-out cross-validation using the specified loss. Optimization is performed over log-transformed lengthscales using a multi-start derivative-free search. If theta is supplied, optimization is skipped and the model is fitted using the supplied lengthscale parameter.

If ess = "shepard", only the kernel-weighted class-count contribution is rescaled to match the local effective-sample-size target; the prior parameters are not rescaled. Shepard calibration requires unique training input locations on the normalized input scale.

The returned object stores posterior Dirichlet concentration parameters evaluated at the training inputs. Posterior inference at new inputs is performed by `predict.DKP`.

## Value

A list of class "DKP" containing the fitted model, with the following components:

theta\_opt Optimized or user-specified kernel lengthscale parameter(s).  
 kernel Kernel function used.  
 isotropic Logical flag indicating whether a shared lengthscale or per-dimension lengthscales were used.  
 loss Loss function used for hyperparameter tuning.  
 loss\_min Loss value at the selected or user-specified lengthscale parameter(s).  
 X Original input matrix.  
 Xnorm Input matrix normalized to  $[0, 1]^d$ .  
 Xbounds Normalization bounds for each input dimension.  
 Y Observed multinomial count matrix.  
 prior Prior specification used.  
 r0 Prior precision parameter.  
 p0 Prior class-probability vector used when prior = "fixed".  
 alpha0 Prior Dirichlet concentration parameters evaluated at the training inputs.  
 alpha\_n Posterior Dirichlet concentration parameters evaluated at the training inputs.  
 ess Effective-sample-size calibration method used.  
 ess\_info ESS calibration diagnostics, or NULL when ess = "none".

## References

Zhao J, Qing K, Xu J (2025). *BKP: An R Package for Beta Kernel Process Modeling*. arXiv. doi:10.48550/arXiv.2508.10447.

## See Also

[fit\\_BKP](#) for Beta Kernel Process modeling of binary or binomial responses; [fit\\_TwinDKP](#) for the scalable global-local TwinDKP approximation; [predict.DKP](#), [plot.DKP](#), [simulate.DKP](#), and [summary.DKP](#) for downstream methods.

## Examples

```
#----- 1D Example -----
set.seed(123)

# Define true class probability function (3-class)
true_pi_fun <- function(X) {
  p1 <- 1/(1+exp(-3*X))
  p2 <- (1 + exp(-X^2) * cos(10 * (1 - exp(-X)) / (1 + exp(-X)))) / 2
  return(matrix(c(p1/2, p2/2, 1 - (p1+p2)/2), nrow = length(p1)))
}

n <- 30
Xbounds <- matrix(c(-2, 2), nrow = 1)
X <- tgp::lhs(n = n, rect = Xbounds)
true_pi <- true_pi_fun(X)
m <- sample(150, n, replace = TRUE)
```

```

# Generate multinomial responses
Y <- t(sapply(1:n, function(i) rmultinom(1, size = m[i], prob = true_pi[i, ])))

# Fit DKP model
# A fixed theta is used here only to keep the example fast and reproducible.
# In practice, omit theta to select it by leave-one-out cross-validation.
model1 <- fit_DKP(X, Y, Xbounds = Xbounds, theta = 0.04)
print(model1)

#----- 2D Example -----
# Define latent function and transform to 3-class probabilities
true_pi_fun <- function(X) {
  if (is.null(nrow(X))) X <- matrix(X, nrow = 1)
  m <- 8.6928; s <- 2.4269
  x1 <- 4 * X[,1] - 2
  x2 <- 4 * X[,2] - 2
  a <- 1 + (x1 + x2 + 1)^2 *
    (19 - 14*x1 + 3*x1^2 - 14*x2 + 6*x1*x2 + 3*x2^2)
  b <- 30 + (2*x1 - 3*x2)^2 *
    (18 - 32*x1 + 12*x1^2 + 48*x2 - 36*x1*x2 + 27*x2^2)
  f <- (log(a*b) - m)/s
  p1 <- pnorm(f) # Transform to probability
  p2 <- sin(pi * X[,1]) * sin(pi * X[,2])
  return(matrix(c(p1/2, p2/2, 1 - (p1+p2)/2), nrow = length(p1)))
}

n <- 100
Xbounds <- matrix(c(0, 0, 1, 1), nrow = 2)
X <- tgp::lhs(n = n, rect = Xbounds)
true_pi <- true_pi_fun(X)
m <- sample(150, n, replace = TRUE)

# Generate multinomial responses
Y <- t(sapply(1:n, function(i) rmultinom(1, size = m[i], prob = true_pi[i, ])))

# Fit DKP model
# A fixed theta is used here only to keep the example fast and reproducible.
# In practice, omit theta to select it by leave-one-out cross-validation.
model2 <- fit_DKP(X, Y, Xbounds = Xbounds, theta = 0.08)
print(model2)

```

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fit\_TwinBKP

*Fit a Twin Beta Kernel Process Model*


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## Description

Fit a Twin Beta Kernel Process (TwinBKP) model for binary or binomial response data. TwinBKP is a scalable global-local approximation to the full [fit\\_BKP](#) model. It uses a twinning-selected

global subset to capture the broad input-response structure and local nearest-neighbour updates to refine posterior inference near each target location.

### Usage

```
fit_TwinBKP(
  X,
  y,
  m,
  Xbounds = NULL,
  prior = c("noninformative", "fixed", "adaptive"),
  r0 = 2,
  p0 = mean(y/m),
  global_kernel = c("gaussian", "matern52", "matern32", "wendland"),
  local_kernel = c("wendland"),
  loss = c("brier", "log_loss"),
  n_multi_start = NULL,
  isotropic = TRUE,
  n_threads = 1,
  theta_g = NULL,
  theta_l = NULL,
  g = NULL,
  l = NULL,
  twins = 5,
  store_kernel = FALSE
)
```

### Arguments

X	A numeric input matrix or data frame of size $n \times d$ , where each row is an input or covariate vector.
y	A numeric vector of observed success counts of length n.
m	A numeric vector of total binomial trial counts of length n. Each element of y must be between 0 and the corresponding element of m.
Xbounds	Optional $d \times 2$ numeric matrix giving the lower and upper bounds of each input dimension. When supplied, X is normalized to $[0, 1]^d$ before fitting. If NULL, X is assumed to be already normalized to $[0, 1]^d$ .
prior	Type of prior specification. Options are "noninformative" (default), "fixed", and "adaptive".
r0	Positive scalar prior precision used when prior = "fixed" or prior = "adaptive". Default is 2.
p0	Prior mean used when prior = "fixed". It must be a scalar in $(0, 1)$ . The default is the empirical mean $\text{mean}(y / m)$ .
global_kernel	Kernel function used for the global subset contribution. Options are "gaussian" (default), "matern52", "matern32", and "wendland".

local_kernel	Kernel function used for the local-neighbour contribution. Currently only "wendland" is supported, corresponding to the compactly supported local kernel used by the TwinBKP approximation.
loss	Leave-one-out loss used for kernel hyperparameter tuning. Options are "brier" (default) and "log_loss".
n_multi_start	Number of initial points used in multi-start optimization of the global kernel lengthscale parameter(s). If NULL, the default from fit_BKP is used on the selected global subset.
isotropic	Logical. If TRUE (default), use a single shared lengthscale across input dimensions. If FALSE, use separate per-dimension lengthscales.
n_threads	Number of OpenMP threads used for global-subset hyperparameter optimization when theta_g = NULL. Default is 1.
theta_g	Optional positive global kernel lengthscale parameter. When isotropic = TRUE, this must be a scalar. When isotropic = FALSE, this can be either a scalar, which is broadcast to all dimensions, or a numeric vector of length d. If NULL, the global lengthscale parameter is selected by fitting a BKP model on the selected global subset.
theta_l	Optional positive scalar specifying the local Wendland kernel range. If NULL, it is set to the empirical covering radius of the global subset on the normalized input scale.
g	Target global subset size. If NULL, the default is $\min\{n-1, 50d, \max(\lfloor \sqrt{n} \rfloor, 10d)\}$ .
l	Number of local non-global neighbours used at each training or prediction location. If NULL, the default is $\min\{n -  G , \max(25, 3d)\}$ after the global subset has been selected.
twins	Number of Twinning runs used to identify the global subset. Larger values may improve the selected global subset at additional computational cost. Default is 5.
store_kernel	Logical. If TRUE, store dense diagnostic kernel matrices K, K_global, and K_local. This option is intended for testing and diagnostics only. The default FALSE avoids dense $n \times n$ kernel storage and preserves the scalable memory behavior of TwinBKP.

## Details

TwinBKP first normalizes the input matrix to  $[0, 1]^d$ . The global subset is selected by `twin_select_global_rcpp()` using the augmented representation `cbind(Xnorm, y / m)`, so the selected points represent both the normalized input distribution and the empirical response surface.

Given the selected global subset  $G$ , TwinBKP uses the union of  $G$  and a location-specific set of  $l$  nearest non-global neighbours for posterior aggregation. The global contribution uses `global_kernel` and `theta_g`; the local contribution uses the compactly supported `local_kernel` and `theta_l`. Local neighbours are found with a kd-tree over the non-global training points via **nanoflann**.

If `theta_g = NULL`, the global lengthscale parameter is selected by leave-one-out cross-validation on the selected global subset, using the specified loss. If `theta_g` is supplied, global tuning is skipped and the supplied value is used.

By default, TwinBKP aggregates posterior pseudo-counts row-wise and does not store dense  $n \times n$  kernel matrices. Fitting posterior aggregation costs  $O(n(g + l))$ . Prediction at  $t$  new input points costs  $O(t(\log n + g + l))$  for fixed input dimension. When `store_kernel = TRUE`, dense diagnostic matrices are additionally stored and memory use increases to  $O(n^2)$ .

Effective-sample-size calibration is currently available for full BKP and DKP models. TwinBKP uses the uncalibrated global-local posterior update to preserve the intended scalable approximation.

## Value

A list of class "TwinBKP" containing the fitted TwinBKP model, with the following components:

- `theta_opt` Alias for `theta_g`, retained for consistency with `fit_BKP`.
- `theta_g` Optimized or user-specified global kernel lengthscale parameter(s).
- `theta_l` Local kernel range parameter used for the nearest-neighbour local component.
- `kernel` Alias for `global_kernel`, retained for consistency with `fit_BKP`.
- `global_kernel` Kernel function used for the global subset contribution.
- `local_kernel` Kernel function used for the local-neighbour contribution.
- `isotropic` Logical flag indicating whether the global kernel uses one shared lengthscale or per-dimension lengthscales.
- `loss` Loss function used for global lengthscale tuning.
- `loss_min` Loss value at the selected or user-specified global lengthscale parameter(s).
- `X` Original training input matrix.
- `Xnorm` Training input matrix normalized to  $[0, 1]^d$ .
- `Xbounds` Normalization bounds for each input dimension.
- `y` Observed success counts, stored as a one-column matrix.
- `m` Observed binomial trial counts, stored as a one-column matrix.
- `prior` Prior specification used in the TwinBKP posterior update.
- `r0` Prior precision parameter.
- `p0` Prior mean used when `prior = "fixed"`.
- `alpha0` Prior Beta  $\alpha$  shape parameters evaluated at the training inputs.
- `beta0` Prior Beta  $\beta$  shape parameters evaluated at the training inputs.
- `alpha_n` Posterior Beta  $\alpha$  shape parameters evaluated at the training inputs.
- `beta_n` Posterior Beta  $\beta$  shape parameters evaluated at the training inputs.
- `global_indices` One-based indices of the selected global subset.
- `control` A list of fitting controls and realized Twinning settings, including `g_target`, `g`, `l`, `r`, `twins`, `u1`, `leaf_size`, `n_multi_start`, `n_threads`, and `store_kernel`.
- `diagnostics` A list of diagnostic objects. It contains `twin_info` from the C++ Twinning routine and, when `store_kernel = TRUE`, dense matrices `K`, `K_global`, and `K_local`. When `store_kernel = FALSE`, these kernel matrices are `NULL`.

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## See Also

`fit_BKP` for the full BKP model, `fit_DKP` for multinomial responses, `fit_TwinDKP` for the multinomial TwinDKP analogue, and `predict.TwinBKP`, `plot.TwinBKP`, `simulate.TwinBKP`, and `summary.TwinBKP` for downstream methods.

## Examples

```
#----- 1D Example -----
set.seed(123)

# Define true success probability function
true_pi_fun <- function(x) {
  (1 + exp(-x^2) * cos(10 * (1 - exp(-x)) / (1 + exp(-x)))) / 2
}

n <- 200
Xbounds <- matrix(c(-2, 2), nrow = 1)
X <- tgp::lhs(n = n, rect = Xbounds)
true_pi <- true_pi_fun(X)
m <- sample(100, n, replace = TRUE)
y <- rbinom(n, size = m, prob = true_pi)

# Fit TwinBKP model
# A fixed theta is used here only to keep the example fast and reproducible.
# In practice, omit theta to select it by leave-one-out cross-validation.
model1 <- fit_TwinBKP(
  X, y, m,
  Xbounds = Xbounds,
  theta_g = 0.04,
  g = 20,
  twins = 1,
  n_threads = 1
)

#----- 2D Example -----
# Define 2D latent function and probability transformation
true_pi_fun <- function(X) {
  if(is.null(nrow(X))) X <- matrix(X, nrow=1)
  m <- 8.6928
```

```

s <- 2.4269
x1 <- 4*X[,1]- 2
x2 <- 4*X[,2]- 2
a <- 1 + (x1 + x2 + 1)^2 *
  (19- 14*x1 + 3*x1^2- 14*x2 + 6*x1*x2 + 3*x2^2)
b <- 30 + (2*x1- 3*x2)^2 *
  (18- 32*x1 + 12*x1^2 + 48*x2- 36*x1*x2 + 27*x2^2)
f <- log(a*b)
f <- (f- m)/s
return(pnorm(f)) # Transform to probability
}

n <- 200
Xbounds <- matrix(c(0, 0, 1, 1), nrow = 2)
X <- tgp::lhs(n = n, rect = Xbounds)
true_pi <- true_pi_fun(X)
m <- sample(100, n, replace = TRUE)
y <- rbinom(n, size = m, prob = true_pi)

# Fit TwinBKP model
# A fixed theta is used here only to keep the example fast and reproducible.
# In practice, omit theta to select it by leave-one-out cross-validation.
model2 <- fit_TwinBKP(
  X, y, m,
  Xbounds = Xbounds,
  theta_g = 0.08,
  g = 20,
  twins = 1,
  n_threads = 1
)

```

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fit\_TwinDKP

*Fit a Twin Dirichlet Kernel Process Model*


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## Description

Fit a Twin Dirichlet Kernel Process (TwinDKP) model for categorical or multinomial count response data. TwinDKP is a scalable global-local approximation to the full [fit\\_DKP](#) model. It uses a twinning-selected global subset to capture the broad input-response structure and local nearest-neighbour updates to refine posterior inference near each target location.

## Usage

```

fit_TwinDKP(
  X,
  Y,
  Xbounds = NULL,
  prior = c("noninformative", "fixed", "adaptive"),
  r0 = 2,

```

```

p0 = NULL,
global_kernel = c("gaussian", "matern52", "matern32", "wendland"),
local_kernel = c("wendland"),
loss = c("brier", "log_loss"),
n_multi_start = NULL,
isotropic = TRUE,
n_threads = 1,
theta_g = NULL,
theta_l = NULL,
g = NULL,
l = NULL,
twins = 5,
store_kernel = FALSE
)

```

### Arguments

X	A numeric input matrix or data frame of size $n \times d$ , where each row is an input or covariate vector.
Y	A numeric matrix or data frame of observed multinomial counts, with dimension $n \times q$ . Each row corresponds to one input location and each column corresponds to one class. Entries must be nonnegative, and each row must have a positive row sum. Row sums represent the multinomial trial sizes.
Xbounds	Optional $d \times 2$ numeric matrix giving the lower and upper bounds of each input dimension. When supplied, X is normalized to $[0, 1]^d$ before fitting. If NULL, X is assumed to be already normalized to $[0, 1]^d$ .
prior	Type of prior specification. Options are "noninformative" (default), "fixed", and "adaptive".
r0	Positive scalar prior precision used when prior = "fixed" or prior = "adaptive". Default is 2.
p0	Prior class-probability vector used when prior = "fixed". It must be a non-negative finite numeric vector of length $q$ and sum to one. If NULL, it is set to the empirical class-proportion vector <code>colMeans(Y / rowSums(Y))</code> .
global_kernel	Kernel function used for the global subset contribution. Options are "gaussian" (default), "matern52", "matern32", and "wendland".
local_kernel	Kernel function used for the local-neighbour contribution. Currently only "wendland" is supported, corresponding to the compactly supported local kernel used by the TwinDKP approximation.
loss	Leave-one-out loss used for kernel hyperparameter tuning. Options are "brier" (default) and "log_loss".
n_multi_start	Number of initial points used in multi-start optimization of the global kernel lengthscales parameter(s). If NULL, the default from <code>fit_DKP</code> is used on the selected global subset.
isotropic	Logical. If TRUE (default), use a single shared lengthscales across input dimensions. If FALSE, use separate per-dimension lengthscales.

n_threads	Number of OpenMP threads used for global-subset hyperparameter optimization when theta_g = NULL. Default is 1.
theta_g	Optional positive global kernel lengthscale parameter. When isotropic = TRUE, this must be a scalar. When isotropic = FALSE, this can be either a scalar, which is broadcast to all dimensions, or a numeric vector of length d. If NULL, the global lengthscale parameter is selected by fitting a DKP model on the selected global subset.
theta_l	Optional positive scalar specifying the local Wendland kernel range. If NULL, it is set to the empirical covering radius of the global subset on the normalized input scale.
g	Target global subset size. If NULL, the default is $\min\{n-1, 50d, \max(\lfloor \sqrt{n} \rfloor, 10d)\}$ .
l	Number of local non-global neighbours used at each training or prediction location. If NULL, the default is $\min\{n -  G , \max(25, 3d)\}$ after the global subset has been selected.
twins	Number of Twinning runs used to identify the global subset. Larger values may improve the selected global subset at additional computational cost. Default is 5.
store_kernel	Logical. If TRUE, store dense diagnostic kernel matrices K, K_global, and K_local. This option is intended for testing and diagnostics only. The default FALSE avoids dense $n \times n$ kernel storage and preserves the scalable memory behavior of TwinDKP.

## Details

TwinDKP first normalizes the input matrix to  $[0, 1]^d$ . The global subset is selected by `twin_select_global_rcpp()` using the augmented representation `cbind(Xnorm, Y / rowSums(Y))`, so the selected points represent both the normalized input distribution and the empirical class-probability surface.

Given the selected global subset  $G$ , TwinDKP uses the union of  $G$  and a location-specific set of  $l$  nearest non-global neighbours for posterior aggregation. The global contribution uses `global_kernel` and `theta_g`; the local contribution uses the compactly supported `local_kernel` and `theta_l`. Local neighbours are found with a kd-tree over the non-global training points via **nanoflann**.

If `theta_g = NULL`, the global lengthscale parameter is selected by leave-one-out cross-validation on the selected global subset, using the specified loss. If `theta_g` is supplied, global tuning is skipped and the supplied value is used.

By default, TwinDKP aggregates posterior pseudo-counts row-wise and does not store dense  $n \times n$  kernel matrices. Fitting posterior aggregation costs  $O(n(g + l))$ . Prediction at  $t$  new input points costs  $O(t(\log n + g + l))$  for fixed input dimension. When `store_kernel = TRUE`, dense diagnostic matrices are additionally stored and memory use increases to  $O(n^2)$ .

Effective-sample-size calibration is currently available for full BKP and DKP models. TwinDKP uses the uncalibrated global-local posterior update to preserve the intended scalable approximation.

## Value

A list of class "TwinDKP" containing the fitted TwinDKP model, with the following components:

`theta_opt` Alias for `theta_g`, retained for consistency with `fit_DKP`.

`theta_g` Optimized or user-specified global kernel lengthscale parameter(s).  
`theta_l` Local kernel range parameter used for the nearest-neighbour local component.  
`kernel` Alias for `global_kernel`, retained for consistency with `fit_DKP`.  
`global_kernel` Kernel function used for the global subset contribution.  
`local_kernel` Kernel function used for the local-neighbour contribution.  
`isotropic` Logical flag indicating whether the global kernel uses one shared lengthscale or per-dimension lengthscales.  
`loss` Loss function used for global lengthscale tuning.  
`loss_min` Loss value at the selected or user-specified global lengthscale parameter(s).  
`X` Original training input matrix.  
`Xnorm` Training input matrix normalized to  $[0, 1]^d$ .  
`Xbounds` Normalization bounds for each input dimension.  
`Y` Observed multinomial count matrix.  
`prior` Prior specification used in the TwinDKP posterior update.  
`r0` Prior precision parameter.  
`p0` Prior class-probability vector used when `prior = "fixed"`.  
`alpha0` Prior Dirichlet concentration parameters evaluated at the training inputs.  
`alpha_n` Posterior Dirichlet concentration parameters evaluated at the training inputs.  
`prob` Posterior mean class-probability matrix, computed as normalized rows of `alpha_n`.  
`global_indices` One-based indices of the selected global subset.  
`control` A list of fitting controls and realized Twinning settings, including `g_target`, `g`, `l`, `r`, `twins`, `u1`, `leaf_size`, `n_multi_start`, `n_threads`, and `store_kernel`.  
`diagnostics` A list of diagnostic objects. It contains `twin_info` from the C++ Twinning routine and, when `store_kernel = TRUE`, dense matrices `K`, `K_global`, and `K_local`. When `store_kernel = FALSE`, these kernel matrices are `NULL`.

## References

- Zhao J, Qing K, Xu J (2025). *BKP: An R Package for Beta Kernel Process Modeling*. arXiv. doi:10.48550/arXiv.2508.10447.
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## See Also

[fit\\_DKP](#) for the full DKP model, [fit\\_TwinBKP](#) for the binomial TwinBKP analogue, [fit\\_BKP](#) for binary or binomial responses, and [predict.TwinDKP](#), [plot.TwinDKP](#), [simulate.TwinDKP](#), and [summary.TwinDKP](#) for downstream methods.

**Examples**

```

#----- 1D Example -----
set.seed(123)

# Define true class probability function (3-class)
true_pi_fun <- function(X) {
  p1 <- 1/(1+exp(-3*X))
  p2 <- (1 + exp(-X^2) * cos(10 * (1 - exp(-X)) / (1 + exp(-X)))) / 2
  return(matrix(c(p1/2, p2/2, 1 - (p1+p2)/2), nrow = length(p1)))
}

n <- 200
Xbounds <- matrix(c(-2, 2), nrow = 1)
X <- tgp::lhs(n = n, rect = Xbounds)
true_pi <- true_pi_fun(X)
m <- sample(150, n, replace = TRUE)

# Generate multinomial responses
Y <- t(sapply(1:n, function(i) rmultinom(1, size = m[i], prob = true_pi[i, ])))

# Fit TwinDKP model
# A fixed theta is used here only to keep the example fast and reproducible.
# In practice, omit theta to select it by leave-one-out cross-validation.
model1 <- fit_TwinDKP(
  X, Y,
  Xbounds = Xbounds,
  theta_g = 0.04,
  g = 20,
  twins = 1,
  n_threads = 1
)
print(model1)

#----- 2D Example -----
# Define latent function and transform to 3-class probabilities
true_pi_fun <- function(X) {
  if (is.null(nrow(X))) X <- matrix(X, nrow = 1)
  m <- 8.6928; s <- 2.4269
  x1 <- 4 * X[,1] - 2
  x2 <- 4 * X[,2] - 2
  a <- 1 + (x1 + x2 + 1)^2 *
    (19 - 14*x1 + 3*x1^2 - 14*x2 + 6*x1*x2 + 3*x2^2)
  b <- 30 + (2*x1 - 3*x2)^2 *
    (18 - 32*x1 + 12*x1^2 + 48*x2 - 36*x1*x2 + 27*x2^2)
  f <- (log(a*b) - m)/s
  p1 <- pnorm(f) # Transform to probability
  p2 <- sin(pi * X[,1]) * sin(pi * X[,2])
  return(matrix(c(p1/2, p2/2, 1 - (p1+p2)/2), nrow = length(p1)))
}

n <- 200

```

```

Xbounds <- matrix(c(0, 0, 1, 1), nrow = 2)
X <- tgp::lhs(n = n, rect = Xbounds)
true_pi <- true_pi_fun(X)
m <- sample(150, n, replace = TRUE)

# Generate multinomial responses
Y <- t(sapply(1:n, function(i) rmultinom(1, size = m[i], prob = true_pi[i, ])))

# Fit TwinDKP model
# A fixed theta is used here only to keep the example fast and reproducible.
# In practice, omit theta to select it by leave-one-out cross-validation.
model2 <- fit_TwinDKP(
  X, Y,
  Xbounds = Xbounds,
  theta_g = 0.08,
  g = 20,
  twins = 1,
  n_threads = 1
)
print(model2)

```

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fitted

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*Extract Fitted Posterior Means from BKP Package Model Objects*


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## Description

Extract posterior fitted values from fitted BKP, DKP, TwinBKP, or TwinDKP model objects. For BKP and TwinBKP objects, this returns the posterior mean success probability at each training input. For DKP and TwinDKP objects, this returns the posterior mean class-probability vector at each training input.

## Usage

```

## S3 method for class 'BKP'
fitted(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'DKP'
fitted(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'TwinBKP'
fitted(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'TwinDKP'
fitted(object, ...)

```

**Arguments**

object            A fitted model object of class BKP, DKP, TwinBKP, or TwinDKP, typically returned by `fit_BKP`, `fit_DKP`, `fit_TwinBKP`, or `fit_TwinDKP`.

...                Additional arguments. Currently unused.

**Details**

The `fitted()` method extracts posterior means already stored in the fitted model object. For BKP and TwinBKP, the fitted value at a training input is computed from the corresponding Beta posterior shape parameters. For DKP and TwinDKP, fitted values are obtained by normalizing the corresponding Dirichlet posterior concentration parameters across classes.

**Value**

For BKP and TwinBKP objects, a numeric vector containing posterior mean success probabilities at the training inputs. For DKP and TwinDKP objects, a numeric matrix containing posterior mean class probabilities at the training inputs, with one row per training input and one column per class.

**References**

Zhao J, Qing K, Xu J (2025). *BKP: An R Package for Beta Kernel Process Modeling*. arXiv. doi:10.48550/arXiv.2508.10447.

**See Also**

`fit_BKP`, `fit_DKP`, `fit_TwinBKP`, and `fit_TwinDKP` for model fitting; `predict` for posterior prediction at new input locations.

**Examples**

```
# ----- BKP and TwinBKP -----
set.seed(123)

# Define true success probability function
true_pi_fun <- function(x) {
  (1 + exp(-x^2) * cos(10 * (1 - exp(-x)) / (1 + exp(-x)))) / 2
}

n <- 30
Xbounds <- matrix(c(-2, 2), nrow = 1)
X <- tgp::lhs(n = n, rect = Xbounds)
true_pi <- true_pi_fun(X)
m <- sample(100, n, replace = TRUE)
y <- rbinom(n, size = m, prob = true_pi)

# Fit BKP model
# A fixed theta is used here only to keep the example fast and reproducible.
# In practice, omit theta to select it by leave-one-out cross-validation.
model <- fit_BKP(X, y, m, Xbounds = Xbounds, theta = 0.04)
```

```

# Extract fitted values
fitted(model)

## Not run:
# Larger TwinBKP example
n <- 1000
X <- tgp::lhs(n = n, rect = Xbounds)
true_pi <- true_pi_fun(X)
m <- sample(100, n, replace = TRUE)
y <- rbinom(n, size = m, prob = true_pi)

# Fit TwinBKP model using the default global lengthscale tuning
model <- fit_TwinBKP(
  X, y, m,
  Xbounds = Xbounds
)

# Extract fitted values
fitted(model)

## End(Not run)

# ----- DKP and TwinDKP -----
# Define true class probability function (3-class)
true_pi_fun <- function(X) {
  p1 <- 1/(1+exp(-3*X))
  p2 <- (1 + exp(-X^2) * cos(10 * (1 - exp(-X)) / (1 + exp(-X)))) / 2
  return(matrix(c(p1/2, p2/2, 1 - (p1+p2)/2), nrow = length(p1)))
}

n <- 30
Xbounds <- matrix(c(-2, 2), nrow = 1)
X <- tgp::lhs(n = n, rect = Xbounds)
true_pi <- true_pi_fun(X)
m <- sample(150, n, replace = TRUE)

# Generate multinomial responses
Y <- t(sapply(1:n, function(i) rmultinom(1, size = m[i], prob = true_pi[i, ])))

# Fit DKP model
# A fixed theta is used here only to keep the example fast and reproducible.
# In practice, omit theta to select it by leave-one-out cross-validation.
model <- fit_DKP(X, Y, Xbounds = Xbounds, theta = 0.04)

# Extract fitted values
fitted(model)

## Not run:
# Larger TwinDKP example
n <- 1000
X <- tgp::lhs(n = n, rect = Xbounds)
true_pi <- true_pi_fun(X)
m <- sample(150, n, replace = TRUE)

```

```

# Generate multinomial responses
Y <- t(sapply(1:n, function(i) rmultinom(1, size = m[i], prob = true_pi[i, ])))

# Fit TwinDKP model using the default global lengthscale tuning
model <- fit_TwinDKP(
  X, Y,
  Xbounds = Xbounds
)

# Extract fitted values
fitted(model)

## End(Not run)

```

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get\_prior

---

*Construct Prior Parameters for BKP and DKP Models*


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## Description

Construct prior shape parameters for Beta Kernel Process (BKP) and Dirichlet Kernel Process (DKP) models. The function supports prior = "noninformative", "fixed", and "adaptive" prior specifications.

## Usage

```

get_prior(
  prior = c("noninformative", "fixed", "adaptive"),
  model = c("BKP", "DKP"),
  r0 = 2,
  p0 = NULL,
  y = NULL,
  m = NULL,
  Y = NULL,
  K = NULL
)

```

## Arguments

prior	Type of prior specification. Options are "noninformative" (default), "fixed", and "adaptive".
model	A character string specifying the model type: "BKP" (binary outcome) or "DKP" (multi-class outcome).
r0	Positive scalar prior precision used when prior = "fixed" or prior = "adaptive". Default is 2.

$p_0$	For BKP, a scalar in $(0, 1)$ specifying the prior mean of success probability when <code>prior = "fixed"</code> . For DKP, a numeric vector of length equal to the number of classes specifying the global prior mean, which must sum to 1.
$y$	A numeric vector of observed success counts of length $n$ .
$m$	A numeric vector of total binomial trial counts of length $n$ . Each element of $y$ must be between 0 and the corresponding element of $m$ .
$Y$	A numeric matrix of observed class counts ( $n \times q$ ), required only when <code>model = "DKP"</code> , where $n$ is the number of observations and $q$ the number of classes.
$K$	Optional precomputed kernel matrix, typically obtained from <code>kernel_matrix</code> . For adaptive priors, $K$ is required and must have one column per observed training input. The number of rows of $K$ determines the number of locations at which prior parameters are evaluated. For noninformative and fixed priors, if $K = \text{NULL}$ , the output length is inferred from $y/m$ for BKP or from $Y$ for DKP when available; otherwise a single prior row is returned.

## Details

The noninformative prior sets all Beta or Dirichlet shape parameters to 1.

The fixed prior uses a common prior distribution at every evaluated location. For BKP, this is a Beta prior with shape parameters  $r_0 * p_0$  and  $r_0 * (1 - p_0)$ . For DKP, this is a Dirichlet prior with concentration vector  $r_0 * p_0$ .

The adaptive prior estimates location-specific prior means from the observed data. BKP uses kernel smoothing of the observed proportions  $y / m$ , while DKP uses kernel smoothing of the row-normalized class counts in  $Y$ . In both cases, the adaptive prior precision is scaled by the local kernel mass.

## Value

- If `model = "BKP"`: a list with
  - `alpha0` Vector of prior alpha parameters for the Beta distribution, length  $n$ .
  - `beta0` Vector of prior beta parameters for the Beta distribution, length  $n$ .
- If `model = "DKP"`: a matrix `alpha0` of prior Dirichlet parameters at each input location ( $n \times q$ ).

## References

Zhao J, Qing K, Xu J (2025). *BKP: An R Package for Beta Kernel Process Modeling*. arXiv. doi:10.48550/arXiv.2508.10447.

## See Also

`fit_BKP` for fitting Beta Kernel Process models, `fit_DKP` for fitting Dirichlet Kernel Process models, `predict.BKP` and `predict.DKP` for making predictions, `kernel_matrix` for computing kernel matrices used in prior construction.

**Examples**

```

# ----- BKP -----
set.seed(123)

n <- 10
X <- matrix(runif(n * 2), ncol = 2)
y <- rbinom(n, size = 5, prob = 0.6)
m <- rep(5, n)
K <- kernel_matrix(X, theta = 0.2, kernel = "gaussian")

# Adaptive BKP prior evaluated at the rows of K
prior_bkp <- get_prior(
  model = "BKP",
  prior = "adaptive",
  r0 = 2,
  y = y,
  m = m,
  K = K
)

# Fixed BKP prior; with K = NULL, output length is inferred from y/m
prior_bkp_fixed <- get_prior(
  model = "BKP",
  prior = "fixed",
  r0 = 2,
  p0 = 0.5,
  y = y,
  m = m
)

# ----- DKP -----
n <- 15
q <- 3
X <- matrix(runif(n * 2), ncol = 2)

true_pi <- t(apply(X, 1, function(x) {
  raw <- c(
    exp(-sum((x - 0.2)^2)),
    exp(-sum((x - 0.5)^2)),
    exp(-sum((x - 0.8)^2))
  )
  raw / sum(raw)
}))

m <- sample(10:20, n, replace = TRUE)
Y <- t(sapply(seq_len(n), function(i) {
  rmultinom(1, size = m[i], prob = true_pi[i, ])
}))
K <- kernel_matrix(X, theta = 0.2, kernel = "gaussian")

# Adaptive DKP prior evaluated at the rows of K
prior_dkp <- get_prior(

```

```

    model = "DKP",
    prior = "adaptive",
    r0 = 2,
    Y = Y,
    K = K
  )

# Fixed DKP prior; with K = NULL, output rows are inferred from Y
prior_dkp_fixed <- get_prior(
  model = "DKP",
  prior = "fixed",
  r0 = 2,
  p0 = rep(1 / q, q),
  Y = Y
)

```

kernel\_matrix

*Compute Kernel Matrix Between Input Locations***Description**

Computes the kernel matrix between two sets of input locations using a specified kernel function. Supports both isotropic and anisotropic lengthscales. Available kernels include the Gaussian, Matérn 5/2, Matérn 3/2, and Wendland compactly supported kernel.

**Usage**

```

kernel_matrix(
  X,
  Xprime = NULL,
  theta = 0.1,
  kernel = c("gaussian", "matern52", "matern32", "wendland"),
  isotropic = TRUE
)

```

**Arguments**

<code>X</code>	A numeric matrix (or vector) of input locations with shape $n \times d$ .
<code>Xprime</code>	An optional numeric matrix of input locations with shape $m \times d$ . If <code>NULL</code> (default), it is set to <code>X</code> , resulting in a symmetric matrix.
<code>theta</code>	A positive numeric value or vector specifying the kernel lengthscale(s). If <code>isotropic = TRUE</code> (default), this must be a scalar shared by all input dimensions. If <code>isotropic = FALSE</code> , this can be a scalar (broadcasted) or a vector of length <code>d</code> for per-dimension scaling.
<code>kernel</code>	A character string specifying the kernel function. Must be one of "gaussian", "matern52", "matern32", or "wendland".
<code>isotropic</code>	Logical. If <code>TRUE</code> (default), use a single shared lengthscale across dimensions. If <code>FALSE</code> , use per-dimension lengthscales.

**Details**

Let  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{x}'$  denote two input points. The scaled Euclidean distance is

$$h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'; \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \left\| \frac{\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'}{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \right\|_2.$$

For isotropic kernels,  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  is a scalar shared by all input dimensions. For anisotropic kernels,  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  is a vector of dimension-specific lengthscales.

The available kernels are

- **Gaussian:**

$$k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \exp(-h^2).$$

- **Matérn 5/2:**

$$k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \left( 1 + \sqrt{5}h + \frac{5}{3}h^2 \right) \exp(-\sqrt{5}h).$$

- **Matérn 3/2:**

$$k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \left( 1 + \sqrt{3}h \right) \exp(-\sqrt{3}h).$$

- **Wendland:**

$$k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = (\zeta h + 1) \max(0, 1 - h)^\zeta, \quad \zeta = \lfloor d/2 \rfloor + 3.$$

The returned matrix has one row for each row of  $X$  and one column for each row of  $X_{\text{prime}}$ . If  $X_{\text{prime}} = \text{NULL}$ , the function returns the symmetric kernel matrix for  $X$ .

**Value**

A numeric matrix of size  $n \times m$ , where each element  $K_{ij}$  gives the kernel similarity between input  $X_i$  and  $X'_j$ .

**References**

Zhao J, Qing K, Xu J (2025). *BKP: An R Package for Beta Kernel Process Modeling*. arXiv. doi:10.48550/arXiv.2508.10447.

Rasmussen, C. E., & Williams, C. K. I. (2006). *Gaussian Processes for Machine Learning*. MIT Press. <https://gaussianprocess.org/gpml/>.

Wendland, H. (1995). Piecewise polynomial, positive definite and compactly supported radial functions of minimal degree. *Advances in Computational Mathematics*, 4(1), 389–396. doi:10.1007/BF02123482.

**Examples**

```
set.seed(123)

X <- matrix(runif(20), ncol = 2)

# Compute kernel matrices for all implemented kernels
kernels <- c("gaussian", "matern52", "matern32", "wendland")
K_list <- lapply(kernels, function(k) {
  kernel_matrix(X, theta = 0.2, kernel = k)
```

```

})
names(K_list) <- kernels

# Inspect part of the Gaussian and Wendland kernel matrices
K_list$gaussian[1:3, 1:3]
K_list$wendland[1:3, 1:3]

# Anisotropic lengthscales
K_aniso <- kernel_matrix(
  X,
  theta = c(0.1, 0.3),
  kernel = "matern52",
  isotropic = FALSE
)

# Cross-kernel matrix between two input sets
Xprime <- matrix(runif(10), ncol = 2)
K_cross <- kernel_matrix(X, Xprime, theta = 0.2, kernel = "gaussian")
dim(K_cross)

```

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loss\_fun

*Leave-One-Out Loss for BKP and DKP Models*


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## Description

Computes the leave-one-out cross-validation loss used for kernel hyperparameter tuning in BKP and DKP models. The input  $\gamma$  represents  $\log_{10}$ -transformed kernel lengthscale parameters, with  $\theta = 10^\gamma$ . The function supports Brier score and log-loss under noninformative, fixed, and adaptive prior specifications.

## Usage

```

loss_fun(
  gamma,
  Xnorm,
  y = NULL,
  m = NULL,
  Y = NULL,
  model = c("BKP", "DKP"),
  prior = c("noninformative", "fixed", "adaptive"),
  r0 = 2,
  p0 = NULL,
  loss = c("brier", "log_loss"),
  kernel = c("gaussian", "matern52", "matern32", "wendland"),
  isotropic = TRUE,
  ess = c("none", "shepard")
)

```

**Arguments**

gamma	A numeric vector of log10-transformed kernel hyperparameters.
Xnorm	A numeric matrix of normalized input features ( $[\emptyset, 1]^d$ ).
y	A numeric vector of observed success counts of length $n$ .
m	A numeric vector of total binomial trial counts of length $n$ . Each element of $y$ must be between 0 and the corresponding element of $m$ .
Y	A numeric matrix of observed class counts ( $n \times q$ ), required only when <code>model = "DKP"</code> , where $n$ is the number of observations and $q$ the number of classes.
model	A character string specifying the model type: "BKP" (binary outcome) or "DKP" (multi-class outcome).
prior	Type of prior specification. Options are "noninformative" (default), "fixed", and "adaptive".
r0	Positive scalar prior precision used when <code>prior = "fixed"</code> or <code>prior = "adaptive"</code> . Default is 2.
p0	For BKP, a scalar in $(0, 1)$ specifying the prior mean of success probability when <code>prior = "fixed"</code> . For DKP, a numeric vector of length equal to the number of classes specifying the global prior mean, which must sum to 1.
loss	Leave-one-out loss used for kernel hyperparameter tuning. Options are "brier" (default) and "log_loss".
kernel	Kernel function used for local weighting. Options are "gaussian" (default), "matern52", "matern32", and "wendland".
isotropic	Logical. If TRUE (default), use a single shared lengthscale across input dimensions. If FALSE, use separate per-dimension lengthscales.
ess	Effective-sample-size calibration for leave-one-out data contributions. Use "none" (default) for the standard LOOCV loss. Use "shepard" to apply the same data-precision rescaling as in model fitting, with the Shepard target computed in leave-one-out form.

**Details**

The kernel lengthscale parameter is represented on the log10 scale:  $\theta = 10^\gamma$ . The function first computes the kernel matrix using `kernel_matrix` and then sets its diagonal entries to zero, so that each fitted value is computed with the corresponding observation excluded. This implements leave-one-out cross-validation without repeatedly refitting the model.

For `model = "BKP"`, the loss compares the leave-one-out posterior mean success probability with the empirical proportion  $y / m$ . For `model = "DKP"`, the loss compares the leave-one-out posterior mean class-probability vector with the empirical class-proportion vector  $Y / \text{rowSums}(Y)$ .

If `ess = "shepard"`, the same data-precision rescaling used in model fitting is applied in leave-one-out form. This option requires unique training input locations on the normalized input scale.

**Value**

A single numeric value giving the average leave-one-out loss to be minimized. For BKP, the Brier score and log-loss are averaged over observations. For DKP, class-wise losses are summed within each observation and then averaged over observations.

## References

Zhao J, Qing K, Xu J (2025). *BKP: An R Package for Beta Kernel Process Modeling*. arXiv. doi:10.48550/arXiv.2508.10447.

## See Also

[fit\\_BKP](#) for fitting BKP models, [fit\\_DKP](#) for fitting DKP models, [get\\_prior](#) for constructing prior parameters, [kernel\\_matrix](#) for computing kernel matrices.

## Examples

```
# ----- BKP -----
set.seed(123)

n <- 10
Xnorm <- matrix(runif(2 * n), ncol = 2)
m <- rep(10, n)
pi_true <- runif(n)
y <- rbinom(n, size = m, prob = pi_true)
loss_bkp <- loss_fun(gamma = log10(0.2), Xnorm = Xnorm, y = y, m = m)

# ----- DKP -----
n <- 10
q <- 3
Xnorm <- matrix(runif(2 * n), ncol = 2)
m <- rep(10, n)
p0 <- rep(1 / q, q)
Y <- matrix(rmultinom(n, size = 10, prob = rep(1/q, q)), nrow = n, byrow = TRUE)
loss_dkp <- loss_fun(gamma = log10(0.2), Xnorm = Xnorm, Y = Y, model = "DKP")
```

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parameter

*Extract Model Parameters from Fitted BKP Package Models*

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## Description

Extract key fitted parameters from BKP, DKP, TwinBKP, and TwinDKP model objects. For full BKP and DKP models, this includes the fitted kernel lengthscale parameter(s) and posterior shape or concentration parameters. For TwinBKP and TwinDKP models, the returned list also includes global-local approximation parameters, selected global subset indices, and fitting controls.

## Usage

```
parameter(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'BKP'
parameter(object, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'DKP'
parameter(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'TwinBKP'
parameter(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'TwinDKP'
parameter(object, ...)
```

### Arguments

**object** A fitted model object of class BKP, DKP, TwinBKP, or TwinDKP, typically returned by `fit_BKP`, `fit_DKP`, `fit_TwinBKP`, or `fit_TwinDKP`.

**...** Additional arguments. Currently unused.

### Value

A named list containing fitted model parameters. Common entries are:

- `theta`: Fitted kernel lengthscale parameter(s). For TwinBKP and TwinDKP, this is an alias for the global lengthscale `theta_g`.
- `alpha_n`: Posterior Beta  $\alpha$  shape parameters for BKP and TwinBKP, or posterior Dirichlet concentration parameters for DKP and TwinDKP.
- `beta_n`: Posterior Beta  $\beta$  shape parameters, returned for BKP and TwinBKP objects.

For TwinBKP and TwinDKP objects, the returned list also includes `theta_g`, `theta_l`, `global_kernel`, `local_kernel`, `global_indices`, and `control`.

### References

Zhao J, Qing K, Xu J (2025). *BKP: An R Package for Beta Kernel Process Modeling*. arXiv. doi:10.48550/arXiv.2508.10447.

### See Also

`fit_BKP`, `fit_DKP`, `fit_TwinBKP`, and `fit_TwinDKP` for model fitting; `fitted` for posterior mean extraction.

### Examples

```
# ----- BKP and TwinBKP -----
set.seed(123)

# Define true success probability function
true_pi_fun <- function(x) {
  (1 + exp(-x^2) * cos(10 * (1 - exp(-x)) / (1 + exp(-x)))) / 2
}

n <- 30
Xbounds <- matrix(c(-2, 2), nrow = 1)
```

```

X <- tgp::lhs(n = n, rect = Xbounds)
true_pi <- true_pi_fun(X)
m <- sample(100, n, replace = TRUE)
y <- rbinom(n, size = m, prob = true_pi)

# Fit BKP model
# A fixed theta is used here only to keep the example fast and reproducible.
# In practice, omit theta to select it by leave-one-out cross-validation.
model <- fit_BKP(X, y, m, Xbounds = Xbounds, theta = 0.04)

# Extract posterior parameters
parameter(model)

## Not run:
# Larger TwinBKP example
n <- 1000
X <- tgp::lhs(n = n, rect = Xbounds)
true_pi <- true_pi_fun(X)
m <- sample(100, n, replace = TRUE)
y <- rbinom(n, size = m, prob = true_pi)

# Fit TwinBKP model using the default global lengthscale tuning
model <- fit_TwinBKP(
  X, y, m,
  Xbounds = Xbounds
)

# Extract posterior and kernel parameters
parameter(model)

## End(Not run)

# ----- DKP and TwinDKP -----
# Define true class probability function (3-class)
true_pi_fun <- function(X) {
  p1 <- 1/(1+exp(-3*X))
  p2 <- (1 + exp(-X^2) * cos(10 * (1 - exp(-X)) / (1 + exp(-X)))) / 2
  return(matrix(c(p1/2, p2/2, 1 - (p1+p2)/2), nrow = length(p1)))
}

n <- 30
Xbounds <- matrix(c(-2, 2), nrow = 1)
X <- tgp::lhs(n = n, rect = Xbounds)
true_pi <- true_pi_fun(X)
m <- sample(150, n, replace = TRUE)

# Generate multinomial responses
Y <- t(sapply(1:n, function(i) rmultinom(1, size = m[i], prob = true_pi[i, ])))

# Fit DKP model
# A fixed theta is used here only to keep the example fast and reproducible.
# In practice, omit theta to select it by leave-one-out cross-validation.
model <- fit_DKP(X, Y, Xbounds = Xbounds, theta = 0.04)

```

```

# Extract model parameters
parameter(model)

## Not run:
# Larger TwinDKP example
n <- 1000
X <- tgp::lhs(n = n, rect = Xbounds)
true_pi <- true_pi_fun(X)
m <- sample(150, n, replace = TRUE)

# Generate multinomial responses
Y <- t(sapply(1:n, function(i) rmultinom(1, size = m[i], prob = true_pi[i, ])))

# Fit TwinDKP model using the default global lengthscale tuning
model <- fit_TwinDKP(
  X, Y,
  Xbounds = Xbounds
)

# Extract posterior and kernel parameters
parameter(model)

## End(Not run)

```

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plot

*Plot Fitted BKP Package Model Objects*


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## Description

Visualize fitted BKP, DKP, TwinBKP, and TwinDKP model objects according to the selected input dimension(s). For one-dimensional plots, the methods show posterior mean probability curves, credible intervals, and observed proportions or class frequencies. For two-dimensional plots, the methods generate posterior summary surfaces over a prediction grid. For higher-dimensional inputs, users must specify one or two dimensions through `dims`.

## Usage

```

## S3 method for class 'BKP'
plot(
  x,
  only_mean = FALSE,
  n_grid = 80,
  dims = NULL,
  engine = c("base", "ggplot"),
  ...
)

```

```

## S3 method for class 'DKP'
plot(
  x,
  only_mean = FALSE,
  n_grid = 80,
  dims = NULL,
  engine = c("base", "ggplot"),
  ...
)

## S3 method for class 'TwinBKP'
plot(
  x,
  only_mean = FALSE,
  n_grid = 80,
  dims = NULL,
  engine = c("base", "ggplot"),
  show_global = TRUE,
  ...
)

## S3 method for class 'TwinDKP'
plot(
  x,
  only_mean = FALSE,
  n_grid = 80,
  dims = NULL,
  engine = c("base", "ggplot"),
  show_global = TRUE,
  ...
)

```

### Arguments

x	A fitted model object of class "BKP", "DKP", "TwinBKP", or "TwinDKP", typically returned by <code>fit_BKP</code> , <code>fit_DKP</code> , <code>fit_TwinBKP</code> , or <code>fit_TwinDKP</code> .
only_mean	Logical. If TRUE, only the predicted mean surface is plotted for 2D inputs. This applies to BKP, DKP, TwinBKP, and TwinDKP models. Default is FALSE.
n_grid	Positive integer specifying the number of grid points per dimension for constructing the prediction grid. Larger values produce smoother and more detailed surfaces, but increase computation time. Default is 80.
dims	Integer vector indicating which input dimensions to plot. Must have length 1 (for 1D) or 2 (for 2D). If NULL (default), all dimensions are used when their number is $\leq 2$ .
engine	Character string specifying the plotting backend. Either "base" or "ggplot". The default "base" uses the package's original base/lattice plotting implementation, whereas "ggplot" uses <b>ggplot2</b> -based graphics when available. This argument applies to both 1D and 2D plots.

... Additional arguments passed to internal plotting routines (currently unused).

show\_global Logical. For TwinBKP and TwinDKP objects, if TRUE, highlight the selected global subset used by the twinning-based approximation. Default is TRUE.

### Details

The plotting behavior depends on the dimensionality of the input covariates:

- **1D inputs:**
  - For BKP (binary/binomial data), the function plots the posterior mean curve with a shaded 95% credible interval, overlaid with the observed proportions ( $y/m$ ).
  - For DKP (categorical/multinomial data), it plots one curve per class, each with a shaded credible interval and the observed class frequencies.
  - For classification tasks, an optional curve of the maximum posterior class probability can be displayed to visualize decision confidence.
- **2D inputs:**
  - For BKP, DKP, TwinBKP, and TwinDKP models, the function generates contour plots over a 2D prediction grid.
  - Users can choose to plot only the predictive mean surface (`only_mean = TRUE`) or a set of four summary plots (`only_mean = FALSE`):
    1. Predictive mean
    2. 97.5th percentile (upper bound of 95% credible interval)
    3. Predictive variance
    4. 2.5th percentile (lower bound of 95% credible interval)
  - For DKP, these surfaces are generated separately for each class.
  - For classification tasks, predictive class probabilities can also be visualized as the maximum posterior probability surface.
- **Input dimensions greater than 2:**
  - The function does not automatically support visualization and will terminate with an error.
  - Users must specify which dimensions to visualize via the `dims` argument (length 1 or 2).

For TwinBKP and TwinDKP objects, the plotting behavior is analogous to their full-model counterparts, with optional highlighting of the selected global subset.

### Value

Invisibly returns NULL. The function is called for its side effect of producing plots.

### References

Zhao J, Qing K, Xu J (2025). *BKP: An R Package for Beta Kernel Process Modeling*. arXiv. doi:10.48550/arXiv.2508.10447.

### See Also

[fit\\_BKP](#), [fit\\_DKP](#), [fit\\_TwinBKP](#), and [fit\\_TwinDKP](#) for model fitting; [predict.BKP](#), [predict.DKP](#), [predict.TwinBKP](#), and [predict.TwinDKP](#) for generating predictions from fitted models.

**Examples**

```

#----- BKP and TwinBKP -----
#----- 1D Example -----
set.seed(123)

# Define true success probability function
true_pi_fun <- function(x) {
  (1 + exp(-x^2) * cos(10 * (1 - exp(-x)) / (1 + exp(-x)))) / 2
}

n <- 30
Xbounds <- matrix(c(-2,2), nrow=1)
X <- tgp::lhs(n = n, rect = Xbounds)
true_pi <- true_pi_fun(X)
m <- sample(100, n, replace = TRUE)
y <- rbinom(n, size = m, prob = true_pi)

# Fit BKP model
# A fixed theta is used here only to keep the example fast and reproducible.
# In practice, omit theta to select it by leave-one-out cross-validation.
model1 <- fit_BKP(X, y, m, Xbounds = Xbounds, theta = 0.04)

# Plot results
plot(model1)

## Not run:
# Larger TwinBKP example
n <- 1000
X <- tgp::lhs(n = n, rect = Xbounds)
true_pi <- true_pi_fun(X)
m <- sample(100, n, replace = TRUE)
y <- rbinom(n, size = m, prob = true_pi)

# Fit TwinBKP model using the default global lengthscale tuning
model1 <- fit_TwinBKP(X, y, m, Xbounds = Xbounds)

# Plot results
plot(model1)

## End(Not run)

#----- 2D Example -----
# Define 2D latent function and probability transformation
true_pi_fun <- function(X) {
  if(is.null(nrow(X))) X <- matrix(X, nrow=1)
  m <- 8.6928
  s <- 2.4269
  x1 <- 4*X[,1]- 2
  x2 <- 4*X[,2]- 2
  a <- 1 + (x1 + x2 + 1)^2 *
    (19- 14*x1 + 3*x1^2- 14*x2 + 6*x1*x2 + 3*x2^2)
  b <- 30 + (2*x1- 3*x2)^2 *

```

```

    (18- 32*x1 + 12*x1^2 + 48*x2- 36*x1*x2 + 27*x2^2)
    f <- log(a*b)
    f <- (f- m)/s
    return(pnorm(f)) # Transform to probability
  }

n <- 100
Xbounds <- matrix(c(0, 0, 1, 1), nrow = 2)
X <- tgp::lhs(n = n, rect = Xbounds)
true_pi <- true_pi_fun(X)
m <- sample(100, n, replace = TRUE)
y <- rbinom(n, size = m, prob = true_pi)

# Fit BKP model
# A fixed theta is used here only to keep the example fast and reproducible.
# In practice, omit theta to select it by leave-one-out cross-validation.
model2 <- fit_BKP(X, y, m, Xbounds = Xbounds, theta = 0.08)

# Plot results
plot(model2)

## Not run:
# Larger TwinBKP example
n <- 1000
X <- tgp::lhs(n = n, rect = Xbounds)
true_pi <- true_pi_fun(X)
m <- sample(100, n, replace = TRUE)
y <- rbinom(n, size = m, prob = true_pi)

# Fit TwinBKP model using the default global lengthscale tuning
model2 <- fit_TwinBKP(X, y, m, Xbounds = Xbounds)

# Plot results
plot(model2)

## End(Not run)

#----- DKP and TwinDKP -----
#----- 1D Example -----
# Define true class probability function (3-class)
true_pi_fun <- function(X) {
  p1 <- 1/(1+exp(-3*X))
  p2 <- (1 + exp(-X^2) * cos(10 * (1 - exp(-X)) / (1 + exp(-X)))) / 2
  return(matrix(c(p1/2, p2/2, 1 - (p1+p2)/2), nrow = length(p1)))
}

n <- 30
Xbounds <- matrix(c(-2, 2), nrow = 1)
X <- tgp::lhs(n = n, rect = Xbounds)
true_pi <- true_pi_fun(X)
m <- sample(150, n, replace = TRUE)

# Generate multinomial responses

```

```

Y <- t(sapply(1:n, function(i) rmultinom(1, size = m[i], prob = true_pi[i, ])))

# Fit DKP model
# A fixed theta is used here only to keep the example fast and reproducible.
# In practice, omit theta to select it by leave-one-out cross-validation.
model1 <- fit_DKP(X, Y, Xbounds = Xbounds, theta = 0.04)

# Plot results
plot(model1)

## Not run:
# Larger TwinDKP example
n <- 1000
X <- tgp::lhs(n = n, rect = Xbounds)
true_pi <- true_pi_fun(X)
m <- sample(150, n, replace = TRUE)

# Generate multinomial responses
Y <- t(sapply(1:n, function(i) rmultinom(1, size = m[i], prob = true_pi[i, ])))

# Fit TwinDKP model using the default global lengthscale tuning
model1 <- fit_TwinDKP(X, Y, Xbounds = Xbounds)

# Plot results
plot(model1)

## End(Not run)

#----- 2D Example -----
# Define latent function and transform to 3-class probabilities
true_pi_fun <- function(X) {
  if (is.null(nrow(X))) X <- matrix(X, nrow = 1)
  m <- 8.6928; s <- 2.4269
  x1 <- 4 * X[,1] - 2
  x2 <- 4 * X[,2] - 2
  a <- 1 + (x1 + x2 + 1)^2 *
    (19 - 14*x1 + 3*x1^2 - 14*x2 + 6*x1*x2 + 3*x2^2)
  b <- 30 + (2*x1 - 3*x2)^2 *
    (18 - 32*x1 + 12*x1^2 + 48*x2 - 36*x1*x2 + 27*x2^2)
  f <- (log(a*b) - m)/s
  p1 <- pnorm(f) # Transform to probability
  p2 <- sin(pi * X[,1]) * sin(pi * X[,2])
  return(matrix(c(p1/2, p2/2, 1 - (p1+p2)/2), nrow = length(p1)))
}

n <- 100
Xbounds <- matrix(c(0, 0, 1, 1), nrow = 2)
X <- tgp::lhs(n = n, rect = Xbounds)
true_pi <- true_pi_fun(X)
m <- sample(150, n, replace = TRUE)

# Generate multinomial responses
Y <- t(sapply(1:n, function(i) rmultinom(1, size = m[i], prob = true_pi[i, ])))

```

```

# Fit DKP model
# A fixed theta is used here only to keep the example fast and reproducible.
# In practice, omit theta to select it by leave-one-out cross-validation.
model2 <- fit_DKP(X, Y, Xbounds = Xbounds, theta = 0.08)

# Plot results
plot(model2)

## Not run:
# Larger TwinDKP example
n <- 1000
X <- tgp::lhs(n = n, rect = Xbounds)
true_pi <- true_pi_fun(X)
m <- sample(150, n, replace = TRUE)

# Generate multinomial responses
Y <- t(sapply(1:n, function(i) rmultinom(1, size = m[i], prob = true_pi[i, ])))

# Fit TwinDKP model using the default global lengthscale tuning
model2 <- fit_TwinDKP(X, Y, Xbounds = Xbounds)

# Plot results
plot(model2)

## End(Not run)

```

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predict

*Posterior Prediction for BKP Package Model Objects*


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## Description

Generate posterior summaries from fitted BKP, DKP, TwinBKP, and TwinDKP model objects at training or new input locations. For BKP and TwinBKP models, summaries can be returned either for the latent success probability or for a future success count under the Beta-Binomial posterior predictive distribution. For DKP and TwinDKP models, summaries can be returned either for the latent class probability vector or for future class counts using marginal Beta-Binomial posterior predictive distributions.

## Usage

```

## S3 method for class 'BKP'
predict(
  object,
  Xnew = NULL,
  CI_level = 0.95,
  threshold = 0.5,
  type = c("probability", "count"),

```

```

    Mnew = NULL,
    ...
)

## S3 method for class 'DKP'
predict(
  object,
  Xnew = NULL,
  CI_level = 0.95,
  type = c("probability", "count"),
  Mnew = NULL,
  ...
)

## S3 method for class 'TwinBKP'
predict(
  object,
  Xnew = NULL,
  CI_level = 0.95,
  threshold = 0.5,
  type = c("probability", "count"),
  Mnew = NULL,
  ...
)

## S3 method for class 'TwinDKP'
predict(
  object,
  Xnew = NULL,
  CI_level = 0.95,
  type = c("probability", "count"),
  Mnew = NULL,
  ...
)

```

### Arguments

object	A fitted model object of class "BKP", "DKP", "TwinBKP", or "TwinDKP", typically returned by <a href="#">fit_BKP</a> , <a href="#">fit_DKP</a> , <a href="#">fit_TwinBKP</a> , or <a href="#">fit_TwinDKP</a> .
Xnew	A numeric vector or matrix of new input locations at which to generate predictions. If NULL, predictions are returned for the training data.
CI_level	Numeric between 0 and 1 specifying the credible level for posterior intervals (default 0.95 for 95% credible interval).
threshold	Numeric between 0 and 1 specifying the classification threshold for binary predictions based on posterior mean, used for BKP and TwinBKP models. Default is 0.5.
type	Character string specifying the prediction target. The default "probability" returns posterior summaries for latent success probabilities (BKP and TwinBKP)

	or latent class probabilities (DKP). The option "count" returns posterior predictive summaries for future counts under the Beta-Binomial distribution (BKP and TwinBKP) or marginal Beta-Binomial distributions for each multinomial class (DKP).
Mnew	Positive integer trial size used when type = "count". It can be either a scalar, applied to all prediction points, or a vector with the same length as the number of prediction points. If Xnew = NULL and Mnew = NULL, the training trial sizes object\$m (BKP and TwinBKP) or rowSums(object\$Y) (DKP) are used.
...	Additional arguments passed to generic predict methods (currently not used; included for S3 method consistency).

### Value

A list containing posterior or posterior predictive summaries:

X The original training input locations.

Xnew The input locations at which predictions are returned. If Xnew = NULL, predictions are returned at the training input locations.

alpha\_n Posterior shape or concentration parameters:

- For BKP and TwinBKP, a vector of posterior Beta  $\alpha$  shape parameters.
- For DKP and TwinDKP, a matrix of posterior Dirichlet concentration parameters, with rows corresponding to prediction locations and columns corresponding to classes.

beta\_n Posterior Beta  $\beta$  shape parameters, returned for BKP and TwinBKP objects.

mean Mean of the prediction target:

- For BKP and TwinBKP with type = "probability", the posterior mean of the latent success probability.
- For BKP and TwinBKP with type = "count", the posterior predictive mean of a future success count.
- For DKP and TwinDKP with type = "probability", a matrix of posterior mean class probabilities.
- For DKP and TwinDKP with type = "count", a matrix of marginal posterior predictive mean class counts.

variance Variance of the prediction target:

- For BKP and TwinBKP with type = "probability", the posterior variance of the latent success probability.
- For BKP and TwinBKP with type = "count", the posterior predictive variance of a future success count.
- For DKP and TwinDKP with type = "probability", a matrix of marginal posterior variances for class probabilities.
- For DKP and TwinDKP with type = "count", a matrix of marginal posterior predictive variances for class counts.

lower Lower bound of the credible or predictive interval:

- For BKP and TwinBKP with type = "probability", the lower Beta posterior quantile for the latent success probability.

- For BKP and TwinBKP with `type = "count"`, the lower Beta-Binomial posterior predictive quantile for a future success count.
- For DKP and TwinDKP with `type = "probability"`, a matrix of lower marginal posterior quantiles for class probabilities.
- For DKP and TwinDKP with `type = "count"`, a matrix of lower marginal Beta-Binomial posterior predictive quantiles for class counts.

`upper` Upper bound of the credible or predictive interval:

- For BKP and TwinBKP with `type = "probability"`, the upper Beta posterior quantile for the latent success probability.
- For BKP and TwinBKP with `type = "count"`, the upper Beta-Binomial posterior predictive quantile for a future success count.
- For DKP and TwinDKP with `type = "probability"`, a matrix of upper marginal posterior quantiles for class probabilities.
- For DKP and TwinDKP with `type = "count"`, a matrix of upper marginal Beta-Binomial posterior predictive quantiles for class counts.

`class` Predicted class label, returned only when applicable:

- For BKP and TwinBKP, a binary class label based on the posterior mean and threshold, returned only for binary classification data with `m = 1` and `type = "probability"`.
- For DKP and TwinDKP, the class with the largest posterior mean probability, returned only for one-hot classification data and `type = "probability"`.

`threshold` The classification threshold, returned for BKP and TwinBKP classification predictions.

`CI_level` The specified credible interval level.

`type` The prediction target, either `"probability"` or `"count"`.

`Mnew` The trial sizes used for count prediction, returned only when `type = "count"`.

`ess` Effective-sample-size calibration method inherited from the fitted model, returned for BKP and DKP objects.

`ess_info` ESS diagnostics for BKP and DKP predictions when available. TwinBKP and TwinDKP use uncalibrated global-local posterior updates and do not return ESS diagnostics.

## References

Zhao J, Qing K, Xu J (2025). *BKP: An R Package for Beta Kernel Process Modeling*. arXiv. doi:10.48550/arXiv.2508.10447.

## See Also

`fit_BKP`, `fit_DKP`, `fit_TwinBKP`, and `fit_TwinDKP` for model fitting; `plot.BKP`, `plot.DKP`, `plot.TwinBKP`, and `plot.TwinDKP` for visualization.

## Examples

```
#----- BKP and TwinBKP -----
set.seed(123)

# Define true success probability function
```

```

true_pi_fun <- function(x) {
  (1 + exp(-x^2) * cos(10 * (1 - exp(-x)) / (1 + exp(-x)))) / 2
}

n <- 30
Xbounds <- matrix(c(-2,2), nrow=1)
X <- tgp::lhs(n = n, rect = Xbounds)
true_pi <- true_pi_fun(X)
m <- sample(100, n, replace = TRUE)
y <- rbinom(n, size = m, prob = true_pi)

# Fit BKP model
# A fixed theta is used here only to keep the example fast and reproducible.
# In practice, omit theta to select it by leave-one-out cross-validation.
model <- fit_BKP(X, y, m, Xbounds = Xbounds, theta = 0.04)

# Prediction on training data
predict(model)

# Prediction on new data
Xnew <- matrix(seq(-2, 2, length = 10), ncol = 1) #new data points
predict(model, Xnew = Xnew)

# Posterior predictive summaries for future success counts
Mnew <- sample(100, nrow(Xnew), replace = TRUE)
predict(model, Xnew = Xnew, type = "count", Mnew = Mnew)

## Not run:
# Larger TwinBKP example
n <- 1000
X <- tgp::lhs(n = n, rect = Xbounds)
true_pi <- true_pi_fun(X)
m <- sample(100, n, replace = TRUE)
y <- rbinom(n, size = m, prob = true_pi)

# Fit TwinBKP model using the default global lengthscale tuning
model <- fit_TwinBKP(
  X, y, m,
  Xbounds = Xbounds
)

# Prediction on training data
predict(model)

# Prediction on new data
predict(model, Xnew = Xnew)

# Posterior predictive summaries for future success counts
predict(model, Xnew = Xnew, type = "count", Mnew = Mnew)

## End(Not run)

#----- DKP and TwinDKP -----

```

```

# Define true class probability function (3-class)
true_pi_fun <- function(X) {
  p1 <- 1/(1+exp(-3*X))
  p2 <- (1 + exp(-X^2) * cos(10 * (1 - exp(-X)) / (1 + exp(-X)))) / 2
  return(matrix(c(p1/2, p2/2, 1 - (p1+p2)/2), nrow = length(p1)))
}

n <- 30
Xbounds <- matrix(c(-2, 2), nrow = 1)
X <- tgp::lhs(n = n, rect = Xbounds)
true_pi <- true_pi_fun(X)
m <- sample(150, n, replace = TRUE)

# Generate multinomial responses
Y <- t(sapply(1:n, function(i) rmultinom(1, size = m[i], prob = true_pi[i, ])))

# Fit DKP model
# A fixed theta is used here only to keep the example fast and reproducible.
# In practice, omit theta to select it by leave-one-out cross-validation.
model <- fit_DKP(X, Y, Xbounds = Xbounds, theta = 0.04)

# Prediction on training data
predict(model)

# Prediction on new data
Xnew = matrix(seq(-2, 2, length = 10), ncol = 1) #new data points
predict(model, Xnew)

# Posterior predictive summaries for future success counts
Mnew <- sample(100, nrow(Xnew), replace = TRUE)
predict(model, Xnew = Xnew, type = "count", Mnew = Mnew)

## Not run:
# Larger TwinDKP example
n <- 1000
X <- tgp::lhs(n = n, rect = Xbounds)
true_pi <- true_pi_fun(X)
m <- sample(150, n, replace = TRUE)

# Generate multinomial responses
Y <- t(sapply(1:n, function(i) rmultinom(1, size = m[i], prob = true_pi[i, ])))

# Fit TwinDKP model using the default global lengthscale tuning
model <- fit_TwinDKP(
  X, Y,
  Xbounds = Xbounds
)

# Prediction on training data
predict(model)

# Prediction on new data
predict(model, Xnew)

```

```
# Posterior predictive summaries for future success counts
Mnew <- sample(100, nrow(Xnew), replace = TRUE)
predict(model, Xnew = Xnew, type = "count", Mnew = Mnew)

## End(Not run)
```

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print

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*Print Methods for BKP Package Objects*


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## Description

Provides formatted console output for fitted BKP, DKP, TwinBKP, and TwinDKP model objects, their summaries, predictions, and simulations. The following specialized methods are supported:

- `print.BKP`, `print.DKP`, `print.TwinBKP`, and `print.TwinDKP` display fitted model objects.
- `print.summary_BKP`, `print.summary_DKP`, `print.summary_TwinBKP`, and `print.summary_TwinDKP` display model summaries.
- `print.predict_BKP`, `print.predict_DKP`, `print.predict_TwinBKP`, and `print.predict_TwinDKP` display posterior predictive results.
- `print.simulate_BKP`, `print.simulate_DKP`, `print.simulate_TwinBKP`, and `print.simulate_TwinDKP` display posterior simulations.

## Usage

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

```
## S3 method for class 'simulate_DKP'  
print(x, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'TwinBKP'  
print(x, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'predict_TwinBKP'  
print(x, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'summary_TwinBKP'  
print(x, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'simulate_TwinBKP'  
print(x, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'TwinDKP'  
print(x, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'predict_TwinDKP'  
print(x, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'summary_TwinDKP'  
print(x, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'simulate_TwinDKP'  
print(x, ...)
```

### Arguments

x	An object of class "BKP", "DKP", "TwinBKP", or "TwinDKP", or a derived object such as a summary, prediction, or simulation object returned by the corresponding S3 methods.
...	Additional arguments passed to the generic print method (currently unused; included for S3 consistency).

### Value

Invisibly returns the input object. Called for the side effect of printing human-readable summaries to the console.

### References

Zhao J, Qing K, Xu J (2025). *BKP: An R Package for Beta Kernel Process Modeling*. arXiv. doi:10.48550/arXiv.2508.10447.

### See Also

[fit\\_BKP](#), [fit\\_DKP](#), [fit\\_TwinBKP](#), and [fit\\_TwinDKP](#) for model fitting; [summary.BKP](#), [summary.DKP](#), [summary.TwinBKP](#), and [summary.TwinDKP](#) for model summaries; [predict.BKP](#), [predict.DKP](#),

`predict.TwinBKP`, and `predict.TwinDKP` for posterior prediction; `simulate.BKP`, `simulate.DKP`, `simulate.TwinBKP`, and `simulate.TwinDKP` for posterior simulations.

## Examples

```
#----- BKP and TwinBKP -----
set.seed(123)

# Define true success probability function
true_pi_fun <- function(x) {
  (1 + exp(-x^2) * cos(10 * (1 - exp(-x)) / (1 + exp(-x)))) / 2
}

n <- 30
Xbounds <- matrix(c(-2,2), nrow = 1)
X <- tgp::lhs(n = n, rect = Xbounds)
true_pi <- true_pi_fun(X)
m <- sample(100, n, replace = TRUE)
y <- rbinom(n, size = m, prob = true_pi)

# Fit BKP model
# A fixed theta is used here only to keep the example fast and reproducible.
# In practice, omit theta to select it by leave-one-out cross-validation.
model <- fit_BKP(X, y, m, Xbounds = Xbounds, theta = 0.04)
print(model) # fitted object
print(summary(model)) # summary
print(predict(model)) # predictions
print(simulate(model, nsim = 3)) # posterior simulations

## Not run:
# Larger TwinBKP example
n <- 1000
X <- tgp::lhs(n = n, rect = Xbounds)
true_pi <- true_pi_fun(X)
m <- sample(100, n, replace = TRUE)
y <- rbinom(n, size = m, prob = true_pi)

# Fit TwinBKP model using the default global lengthscale tuning
model <- fit_TwinBKP(
  X, y, m,
  Xbounds = Xbounds
)
print(model) # fitted object
print(summary(model)) # summary
print(predict(model)) # predictions
print(simulate(model, nsim = 3)) # posterior simulations

## End(Not run)

#----- DKP and TwinDKP -----
# Define true class probability function (3-class)
true_pi_fun <- function(X) {
  p1 <- 1/(1+exp(-3*X))
```

```

    p2 <- (1 + exp(-X^2) * cos(10 * (1 - exp(-X)) / (1 + exp(-X)))) / 2
    return(matrix(c(p1/2, p2/2, 1 - (p1+p2)/2), nrow = length(p1)))
  }

n <- 30
Xbounds <- matrix(c(-2, 2), nrow = 1)
X <- tgp::lhs(n = n, rect = Xbounds)
true_pi <- true_pi_fun(X)
m <- sample(150, n, replace = TRUE)

# Generate multinomial responses
Y <- t(sapply(1:n, function(i) rmultinom(1, size = m[i], prob = true_pi[i, ])))

# Fit DKP model
# A fixed theta is used here only to keep the example fast and reproducible.
# In practice, omit theta to select it by leave-one-out cross-validation.
model <- fit_DKP(X, Y, Xbounds = Xbounds, theta = 0.04)
print(model)           # fitted object
print(summary(model)) # summary
print(predict(model))  # predictions
print(simulate(model, nsim = 3)) # posterior simulations

## Not run:
# Larger TwinDKP example
n <- 1000
X <- tgp::lhs(n = n, rect = Xbounds)
true_pi <- true_pi_fun(X)
m <- sample(150, n, replace = TRUE)

# Generate multinomial responses
Y <- t(sapply(1:n, function(i) rmultinom(1, size = m[i], prob = true_pi[i, ])))

# Fit TwinDKP model using the default global lengthscale tuning
model <- fit_TwinDKP(
  X, Y,
  Xbounds = Xbounds
)
print(model)           # fitted object
print(summary(model)) # summary
print(predict(model))  # predictions
print(simulate(model, nsim = 3)) # posterior simulations

## End(Not run)

```

**Description**

Compute posterior quantiles from fitted BKP, DKP, TwinBKP, and TwinDKP model objects. For BKP and TwinBKP objects, this returns posterior quantiles of the latent success probability. For DKP and TwinDKP objects, this returns marginal posterior quantiles for each class probability.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'BKP'
quantile(x, probs = c(0.025, 0.5, 0.975), ...)

## S3 method for class 'DKP'
quantile(x, probs = c(0.025, 0.5, 0.975), ...)

## S3 method for class 'TwinBKP'
quantile(x, probs = c(0.025, 0.5, 0.975), ...)

## S3 method for class 'TwinDKP'
quantile(x, probs = c(0.025, 0.5, 0.975), ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	A fitted model object of class "BKP", "DKP", "TwinBKP", or "TwinDKP", typically returned by <code>fit_BKP</code> , <code>fit_DKP</code> , <code>fit_TwinBKP</code> , or <code>fit_TwinDKP</code> .
<code>probs</code>	Numeric vector of probabilities specifying which posterior quantiles to return. Defaults to <code>c(0.025, 0.5, 0.975)</code> .
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments (currently unused).

**Details**

For BKP and TwinBKP models, posterior quantiles are computed from the corresponding Beta posterior for the latent success probability. For DKP and TwinDKP models, marginal posterior quantiles for each class probability are computed from the Beta marginal distributions of the posterior Dirichlet distribution. These are marginal class-wise quantiles, not joint Dirichlet credible regions.

**Value**

For BKP and TwinBKP: a numeric vector if `length(probs) = 1`, or a numeric matrix if `length(probs) > 1`, of posterior quantiles. Rows correspond to observations, and columns correspond to the requested probabilities.

For DKP and TwinDKP: a numeric matrix if `length(probs) = 1`, or a three-dimensional array if `length(probs) > 1`, of marginal posterior quantiles for class probabilities. Dimensions correspond to observations  $\times$  classes  $\times$  probabilities.

**References**

Zhao J, Qing K, Xu J (2025). *BKP: An R Package for Beta Kernel Process Modeling*. arXiv. doi:10.48550/arXiv.2508.10447.

**See Also**

[fit\\_BKP](#), [fit\\_DKP](#), [fit\\_TwinBKP](#), and [fit\\_TwinDKP](#) for model fitting; [predict.BKP](#), [predict.DKP](#), [predict.TwinBKP](#), and [predict.TwinDKP](#) for posterior prediction.

**Examples**

```
# ----- BKP and TwinBKP -----
set.seed(123)

# Define true success probability function
true_pi_fun <- function(x) {
  (1 + exp(-x^2) * cos(10 * (1 - exp(-x)) / (1 + exp(-x)))) / 2
}

n <- 30
Xbounds <- matrix(c(-2, 2), nrow = 1)
X <- tgp::lhs(n = n, rect = Xbounds)
true_pi <- true_pi_fun(X)
m <- sample(100, n, replace = TRUE)
y <- rbinom(n, size = m, prob = true_pi)

# Fit BKP model
# A fixed theta is used here only to keep the example fast and reproducible.
# In practice, omit theta to select it by leave-one-out cross-validation.
model <- fit_BKP(X, y, m, Xbounds = Xbounds, theta = 0.04)

# Extract posterior quantiles
quantile(model)

## Not run:
# Larger TwinBKP example
n <- 1000
X <- tgp::lhs(n = n, rect = Xbounds)
true_pi <- true_pi_fun(X)
m <- sample(100, n, replace = TRUE)
y <- rbinom(n, size = m, prob = true_pi)

# Fit TwinBKP model using the default global lengthscale tuning
model <- fit_TwinBKP(
  X, y, m,
  Xbounds = Xbounds
)

# Extract posterior quantiles
quantile(model)

## End(Not run)

# ----- DKP and TwinDKP -----
# Define true class probability function (3-class)
true_pi_fun <- function(X) {
  p1 <- 1/(1+exp(-3*X))
```

```

    p2 <- (1 + exp(-X^2) * cos(10 * (1 - exp(-X)) / (1 + exp(-X)))) / 2
    return(matrix(c(p1/2, p2/2, 1 - (p1+p2)/2), nrow = length(p1)))
  }

n <- 30
Xbounds <- matrix(c(-2, 2), nrow = 1)
X <- tgp::lhs(n = n, rect = Xbounds)
true_pi <- true_pi_fun(X)
m <- sample(100, n, replace = TRUE)

# Generate multinomial responses
Y <- t(sapply(1:n, function(i) rmultinom(1, size = m[i], prob = true_pi[i, ])))

# Fit DKP model
# A fixed theta is used here only to keep the example fast and reproducible.
# In practice, omit theta to select it by leave-one-out cross-validation.
model <- fit_DKP(X, Y, Xbounds = Xbounds, theta = 0.04)

# Extract posterior quantiles
quantile(model)

## Not run:
# Larger TwinDKP example
n <- 1000
X <- tgp::lhs(n = n, rect = Xbounds)
true_pi <- true_pi_fun(X)
m <- sample(100, n, replace = TRUE)

# Generate multinomial responses
Y <- t(sapply(1:n, function(i) rmultinom(1, size = m[i], prob = true_pi[i, ])))

# Fit TwinDKP model using the default global lengthscale tuning
model <- fit_TwinDKP(
  X, Y,
  Xbounds = Xbounds
)

# Extract posterior quantiles
quantile(model)

## End(Not run)

```

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 simulate

*Simulate from Fitted BKP Package Models*


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### Description

Generate random posterior draws from fitted BKP, DKP, TwinBKP, and TwinDKP model objects at training or new input locations.

For BKP and TwinBKP models, posterior samples are generated from Beta distributions for latent success probabilities. Optionally, binary class labels can be derived by applying a user-specified classification threshold.

For DKP and TwinDKP models, posterior samples are generated from Dirichlet distributions for latent class-probability vectors. If the training responses are single-label, that is, one-hot encoded, class labels are additionally assigned using the maximum posterior simulated probability.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'BKP'
simulate(object, nsim = 1, seed = NULL, Xnew = NULL, threshold = NULL, ...)

## S3 method for class 'DKP'
simulate(object, nsim = 1, seed = NULL, Xnew = NULL, ...)

## S3 method for class 'TwinBKP'
simulate(object, nsim = 1, seed = NULL, Xnew = NULL, threshold = NULL, ...)

## S3 method for class 'TwinDKP'
simulate(object, nsim = 1, seed = NULL, Xnew = NULL, ...)
```

### Arguments

object	A fitted model object of class "BKP", "DKP", "TwinBKP", or "TwinDKP", typically returned by <code>fit_BKP</code> , <code>fit_DKP</code> , <code>fit_TwinBKP</code> , or <code>fit_TwinDKP</code> .
nsim	Number of posterior samples to generate. The default is 1.
seed	Optional integer seed for reproducibility.
Xnew	A numeric vector or matrix of new input locations at which posterior simulations are generated. If NULL, simulations are generated at the training input locations.
threshold	Classification threshold for binary decisions, used for BKP and TwinBKP models. When specified, posterior draws exceeding the threshold are classified as 1, and those below or equal to the threshold are classified as 0. The default is NULL.
...	Additional arguments passed to the corresponding <code>predict</code> method when Xnew is supplied.

### Value

A list containing posterior simulations:

**samples** For BKP and TwinBKP, a numeric matrix with one row per simulation location and one column per posterior draw. Each entry is a simulated latent success probability.

For DKP and TwinDKP, a numeric array with dimensions simulation locations  $\times$  classes  $\times$  posterior draws. Each slice contains simulated latent class probabilities from the posterior Dirichlet distribution.

**mean** Posterior mean at the simulation locations. For BKP and TwinBKP, this is a numeric vector of success-probability means. For DKP and TwinDKP, this is a matrix of class-probability means.

`class` Simulated class labels when applicable. For BKP and TwinBKP, this is returned when `threshold` is supplied. For DKP and TwinDKP, this is returned when the training response is one-hot encoded.

`X` The original training input locations.

`Xnew` The new input locations used for simulation. If NULL, simulations are returned at the training input locations.

`threshold` The binary classification threshold, returned for BKP and TwinBKP simulations when supplied.

`ess` Effective-sample-size calibration method inherited from the fitted model, returned for BKP and DKP objects.

`ess_info` ESS diagnostics for BKP and DKP simulations when available. TwinBKP and TwinDKP do not support ESS calibration and do not return this component.

## References

Zhao J, Qing K, Xu J (2025). *BKP: An R Package for Beta Kernel Process Modeling*. arXiv. doi:10.48550/arXiv.2508.10447.

## See Also

[fit\\_BKP](#), [fit\\_DKP](#), [fit\\_TwinBKP](#), and [fit\\_TwinDKP](#) for model fitting; [predict.BKP](#), [predict.DKP](#), [predict.TwinBKP](#), and [predict.TwinDKP](#) for posterior prediction.

## Examples

```
# ----- BKP and TwinBKP -----
set.seed(123)

# Define true success probability function
true_pi_fun <- function(x) {
  (1 + exp(-x^2) * cos(10 * (1 - exp(-x)) / (1 + exp(-x)))) / 2
}

n <- 30
Xbounds <- matrix(c(-2,2), nrow = 1)
X <- tgp::lhs(n = n, rect = Xbounds)
true_pi <- true_pi_fun(X)
m <- sample(100, n, replace = TRUE)
y <- rbinom(n, size = m, prob = true_pi)

# Fit BKP model
# A fixed theta is used here only to keep the example fast and reproducible.
# In practice, omit theta to select it by leave-one-out cross-validation.
model <- fit_BKP(X, y, m, Xbounds = Xbounds, theta = 0.04)

# Simulate 5 posterior draws of success probabilities
Xnew <- matrix(seq(-2, 2, length.out = 5), ncol = 1)
simulate(model, Xnew = Xnew, nsim = 5)

# Simulate binary classifications (threshold = 0.5)
```

```

simulate(model, Xnew = Xnew, nsim = 5, threshold = 0.5)

## Not run:
# Larger TwinBKP example
n <- 1000
X <- tgp::lhs(n = n, rect = Xbounds)
true_pi <- true_pi_fun(X)
m <- sample(100, n, replace = TRUE)
y <- rbinom(n, size = m, prob = true_pi)

# Fit TwinBKP model using the default global lengthscale tuning
model <- fit_TwinBKP(
  X, y, m,
  Xbounds = Xbounds
)

# Simulate 5 posterior draws of success probabilities
simulate(model, Xnew = Xnew, nsim = 5)

# Simulate binary classifications (threshold = 0.5)
simulate(model, Xnew = Xnew, nsim = 5, threshold = 0.5)

## End(Not run)

# ----- DKP and TwinDKP -----
# Define true class probability function (3-class)
true_pi_fun <- function(X) {
  p1 <- 1/(1+exp(-3*X))
  p2 <- (1 + exp(-X^2) * cos(10 * (1 - exp(-X)) / (1 + exp(-X)))) / 2
  return(matrix(c(p1/2, p2/2, 1 - (p1+p2)/2), nrow = length(p1)))
}

n <- 30
Xbounds <- matrix(c(-2, 2), nrow = 1)
X <- tgp::lhs(n = n, rect = Xbounds)
true_pi <- true_pi_fun(X)
m <- sample(150, n, replace = TRUE)

# Generate multinomial responses
Y <- t(sapply(1:n, function(i) rmultinom(1, size = m[i], prob = true_pi[i, ])))

# Fit DKP model
# A fixed theta is used here only to keep the example fast and reproducible.
# In practice, omit theta to select it by leave-one-out cross-validation.
model <- fit_DKP(X, Y, Xbounds = Xbounds, theta = 0.04)

# Simulate 5 draws from posterior Dirichlet distributions at new point
Xnew <- matrix(seq(-2, 2, length.out = 5), ncol = 1)
simulate(model, Xnew = Xnew, nsim = 5)

## Not run:
# Larger TwinDKP example
n <- 1000

```

```

X <- tgp::lhs(n = n, rect = Xbounds)
true_pi <- true_pi_fun(X)
m <- sample(150, n, replace = TRUE)

# Generate multinomial responses
Y <- t(sapply(1:n, function(i) rmultinom(1, size = m[i], prob = true_pi[i, ])))

# Fit TwinDKP model using the default global lengthscale tuning
model <- fit_TwinDKP(
  X, Y,
  Xbounds = Xbounds
)

# Simulate 5 draws from posterior Dirichlet distributions at new point
simulate(model, Xnew = Xnew, nsim = 5)

## End(Not run)

```

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summary

*Summarize Fitted BKP Package Models*


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## Description

Provides a structured summary of fitted BKP, DKP, TwinBKP, and TwinDKP model objects. The summary reports model dimensions, kernel settings, optimized hyperparameters, prior specification, loss information, approximation settings when applicable, and posterior summaries at the training input locations.

## Usage

```

## S3 method for class 'BKP'
summary(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'DKP'
summary(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'TwinBKP'
summary(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'TwinDKP'
summary(object, ...)

```

## Arguments

object	A fitted model object of class "BKP", "DKP", "TwinBKP", or "TwinDKP", typically returned by <code>fit_BKP</code> , <code>fit_DKP</code> , <code>fit_TwinBKP</code> , or <code>fit_TwinDKP</code> .
...	Additional arguments passed to the generic summary method (currently unused).

**Value**

A list containing model configuration, prior information, kernel hyperparameters, loss information, and posterior summaries at the training inputs.

For BKP and TwinBKP, posterior summaries are returned as vectors of posterior means and variances for the latent success probabilities.

For DKP and TwinDKP, posterior summaries are returned as matrices of marginal posterior means and variances for class probabilities.

For TwinBKP and TwinDKP, the list additionally includes global-local approximation fields such as `global_kernel`, `local_kernel`, `theta_g`, `theta_l`, `global_size`, `global_target`, `local_size`, and `twins`.

**References**

Zhao J, Qing K, Xu J (2025). *BKP: An R Package for Beta Kernel Process Modeling*. arXiv. doi:10.48550/arXiv.2508.10447.

**See Also**

`fit_BKP`, `fit_DKP`, `fit_TwinBKP`, and `fit_TwinDKP` for model fitting; `predict.BKP`, `predict.DKP`, `predict.TwinBKP`, and `predict.TwinDKP` for posterior prediction.

**Examples**

```
# ----- BKP and TwinBKP -----
set.seed(123)

# Define true success probability function
true_pi_fun <- function(x) {
  (1 + exp(-x^2) * cos(10 * (1 - exp(-x)) / (1 + exp(-x)))) / 2
}

n <- 30
Xbounds <- matrix(c(-2, 2), nrow = 1)
X <- tgp::lhs(n = n, rect = Xbounds)
true_pi <- true_pi_fun(X)
m <- sample(100, n, replace = TRUE)
y <- rbinom(n, size = m, prob = true_pi)

# Fit BKP model
# A fixed theta is used here only to keep the example fast and reproducible.
# In practice, omit theta to select it by leave-one-out cross-validation.
model <- fit_BKP(X, y, m, Xbounds = Xbounds, theta = 0.04)
summary(model)

## Not run:
# Larger TwinBKP example
n <- 1000
X <- tgp::lhs(n = n, rect = Xbounds)
true_pi <- true_pi_fun(X)
m <- sample(100, n, replace = TRUE)
```

```

y <- rbinom(n, size = m, prob = true_pi)

# Fit TwinBKP model using the default global lengthscale tuning
model <- fit_TwinBKP(
  X, y, m,
  Xbounds = Xbounds
)
summary(model)

## End(Not run)

# ----- DKP and TwinDKP -----
# Define true class probability function (3-class)
true_pi_fun <- function(X) {
  p1 <- 1/(1+exp(-3*X))
  p2 <- (1 + exp(-X^2) * cos(10 * (1 - exp(-X)) / (1 + exp(-X)))) / 2
  return(matrix(c(p1/2, p2/2, 1 - (p1+p2)/2), nrow = length(p1)))
}

n <- 30
Xbounds <- matrix(c(-2, 2), nrow = 1)
X <- tgp::lhs(n = n, rect = Xbounds)
true_pi <- true_pi_fun(X)
m <- sample(150, n, replace = TRUE)

# Generate multinomial responses
Y <- t(sapply(1:n, function(i) rmultinom(1, size = m[i], prob = true_pi[i, ])))

# Fit DKP model
# A fixed theta is used here only to keep the example fast and reproducible.
# In practice, omit theta to select it by leave-one-out cross-validation.
model <- fit_DKP(X, Y, Xbounds = Xbounds, theta = 0.04)
summary(model)

## Not run:
# Larger TwinDKP example
n <- 1000
X <- tgp::lhs(n = n, rect = Xbounds)
true_pi <- true_pi_fun(X)
m <- sample(150, n, replace = TRUE)

# Generate multinomial responses
Y <- t(sapply(1:n, function(i) rmultinom(1, size = m[i], prob = true_pi[i, ])))

# Fit TwinDKP model using the default global lengthscale tuning
model <- fit_TwinDKP(
  X, Y,
  Xbounds = Xbounds
)
summary(model)

## End(Not run)

```

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