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Description Provides an 'R' interface to a 'Rust' implementation of the Shuffled Complex Evolution - University of Arizona (SCE-UA) global optimization algorithm (Duan et al., 1992). SCE-UA combines simplex search, competitive evolution, and complex shuffling to solve nonlinear, non-convex, continuous parameter estimation problems. The method is commonly used for calibrating hydrological and environmental models and follows the algorithm proposed by Duan et al. (1992)
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sceua	<i>Minimize a function with SCE-UA</i>
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Description

Find the parameter set that minimizes an objective function using the Shuffled Complex Evolution - University of Arizona (SCE-UA) algorithm (Duan et al., 1992).

Usage

```
sceua(
  fn,
  lower,
  upper,
  initial = NULL,
  max_evaluations = 10000L,
  kstop = 5L,
  pcento = 0.01,
  complexes = 2L,
  points_per_complex = NULL,
  simplex_size = NULL,
  evolution_steps = NULL,
  min_complexes = NULL,
  parameter_epsilon = 0.001,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

fn	Function to minimize. Must accept a single numeric vector of parameters and return a scalar numeric value.
lower	Numeric vector of lower bounds. Must have the same length as upper.

<code>upper</code>	Numeric vector of upper bounds. Must have the same length as <code>lower</code> .
<code>initial</code>	Optional initial parameter vector. If provided, it is included in the initial population.
<code>max_evaluations</code>	Maximum number of function evaluations.
<code>kstop</code>	Number of shuffling loops over which the objective value must change by <code>pcento</code> before convergence.
<code>pcento</code>	Objective convergence threshold.
<code>complexes</code>	Number of complexes in the initial population.
<code>points_per_complex</code>	Number of points in each complex. Defaults to $2 * n + 1$ where n is the number of parameters.
<code>simplex_size</code>	Number of points in each sub-complex. Defaults to $n + 1$.
<code>evolution_steps</code>	Number of evolution steps allowed for each complex before shuffling. Defaults to <code>points_per_complex</code> .
<code>min_complexes</code>	Minimum number of complexes required. Defaults to <code>complexes</code> .
<code>parameter_epsilon</code>	Parameter convergence threshold.
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments passed to <code>fn</code> .

Details

The R wrapper draws the internal SCE-UA seed from R's global random number generator. Call `set.seed()` before `sceua()` for reproducible results.

Value

An object of class `sceua`: a list with components:

- `par`: best parameter vector.
- `value`: objective value at `par`.
- `counts`: number of function evaluations.
- `iterations`: number of shuffling loops.
- `termination`: reason for termination.
- `history`: a `data.frame` with one row per shuffling loop.

References

Duan, Q., Sorooshian, S., and Gupta, V.K., 1992. Effective and efficient global optimization for conceptual rainfall-runoff models. *Water Resour. Res.* 28 (4), 1015-1031.

Examples

```
set.seed(1234)
# Two-dimensional sphere
result <- scea(
  fn = function(x) sum(x^2),
  lower = c(-5, -5),
  upper = c(5, 5),
  max_evaluations = 5000,
  kstop = 5,
  pcento = 1e-8,
  complexes = 5
)
result
```

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