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**Description** Helper functions for MASCOTNUM algorithm template, for design of numerical experiments practice: algorithm template parser to support MASCOTNUM specification  
<<https://www.gdr-mascotnum.fr/template.html>>, 'ask & tell' decoupling injection (inspired by  
<<https://search.r-project.org/CRAN/refmans/sensitivity/html/decoupling.html>>) to use ``crimped'' algorithms (like uniroot(), optim(), ...) from outside R, basic template examples: Brent algorithm for 1 dim root finding and L-BFGS-B from base optim().

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ask_dX	<i>ask&amp;tell component function to 'ask' where objective function gradient evaluation is required.</i>
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### Description

ask&tell component function to 'ask' where objective function gradient evaluation is required.

### Usage

```
ask_dX(
  id = 0,
  dX.tmp = "dX.todo",
  tmp_path = file.path(tempdir(), "..", "asktell.tmp"),
  sleep_step = 0.1,
  sleep_init = 0,
  timeout = 360000,
  trace = function(...) cat(paste0(..., "\n")),
  clean = TRUE
)
```

### Arguments

id	unique identifier for this asktell loop (default: "0")
dX.tmp	temporary "X" values file (default: "dX.todo")
tmp_path	temporary directory to store X.tmp & Y.tmp (default: 'tempdir()../asktell.tmp')
sleep_step	delay between checking X.tmp and Y.tmp (default: 0.1 sec.)

<code>sleep_init</code>	initial delay before checking X.tmp and Y.tmp (default: 0 sec.)
<code>timeout</code>	maximum delay before breaking loop if X.tmp or Y.tmp doesn't appear (default: 36000 sec. = 10 min.) .
<code>trace</code>	function to display asktell loop status (default : 'cat')
<code>clean</code>	should we cleanup temporary files after reading ? (default: TRUE)

## Details

'ask&tell' injection loop to call an external objective function within an inline algorithm (like optim(...)) Main idea: pass 'ask\_Y' as objective function argument of algorithm, which will wait until you call 'tell\_Y' in another R process. In this secondary process, you can read what X is called using 'ask\_X', and when you know what values returns from the external objective, just call 'tell\_Y' to give it.

## Value

input values of objective function to compute externally

## Author(s)

Y. Richet, discussions with D. Sinoquet. Async IO principle was defined by G. Pujol.

## Examples

```
## Not run: ### Assumes you can use two independent R sessions
## In main R session
ask_dY(x=123)
## In another R session
ask_dX() # returns 123
tell_dY(y=456)
## Then ask_dY in main R session returns with value '456'
## End(Not run)
```

`ask_dY`

*ask&tell component function to 'ask' objective function gradient evaluation using finite difference.*

## Description

ask&tell component function to 'ask' objective function gradient evaluation using finite difference.

**Usage**

```
ask_dY(
  x,
  dX = 0.001,
  id = 0,
  dX.tmp = "dX.todo",
  dY.tmp = "dY.done",
  tmp_path = file.path(tempdir(), "...", "asktell.tmp"),
  sleep_step = 0.1,
  sleep_init = 0,
  timeout = 360000,
  trace = function(...) cat(paste0(..., "\n")),
  clean = TRUE,
  force_cleanup = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

x	input values of objective function gradient to compute
dX	finite difference applied to input values to compute gradient
id	unique identifier for this asktell loop (default: "0")
dX.tmp	temporary "X" values file (default: "dX.todo")
dY.tmp	temporary "Y" values file (default: "dY.done")
tmp_path	temporary directory to store X.tmp & Y.tmp (default: 'tempdir()../asktell.tmp')
sleep_step	delay between checking X.tmp and Y.tmp (default: 0.1 sec.)
sleep_init	initial delay before checking X.tmp and Y.tmp (default: 0 sec.)
timeout	maximum delay before breaking loop if X.tmp or Y.tmp doesn't appear (default: 36000 sec. = 10 min.) .
trace	function to display asktell loop status (default : 'cat')
clean	should we cleanup temporary files after reading ? (default: TRUE)
force_cleanup	should we cleanup temporary files before writing (possible conflicting asktell calls) ? (default: FALSE)

**Details**

'ask&tell' injection loop to call an external objective function within an inline algorithm (like optim(...)) Main idea: pass 'ask\_Y' as objective function argument of algorithm, which will wait until you call 'tell\_Y' in another R process. In this secondary process, you can read what X is called using 'ask\_X', and when you know what values returns from the external objective, just call 'tell\_Y' to give it.

**Value**

output value of objective function gradient, as given by tell\_dY() call in parallel session

**Author(s)**

Y. Richet, discussions with D. Sinoquet. Async IO principle was defined by G. Pujol.

**Examples**

```
## Not run: ### Assumes you can use two independent R sessions
## In main R session
ask_dY(x=123)
## In another R session
ask_dX() # returns 123
tell_dY(y=456)
## Then ask_dY in main R session returns with value '456'

## End(Not run)
```

ask\_X

*ask&tell component function to 'ask' where objective function evaluation is required.*

**Description**

ask&tell component function to 'ask' where objective function evaluation is required.

**Usage**

```
ask_X(
  id = 0,
  X.tmp = "X.todo",
  tmp_path = file.path(tempdir(), "...", "asktell.tmp"),
  sleep_step = 0.1,
  sleep_init = 0.1,
  timeout = 360000,
  trace = function(...) cat(paste0(..., "\n")),
  clean = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>id</code>	unique identifier for this asktell loop (default: "0")
<code>X.tmp</code>	temporary "X" values file (default: "X.todo")
<code>tmp_path</code>	temporary directory to store X.tmp & Y.tmp (default: 'tempdir()../asktell.tmp')
<code>sleep_step</code>	delay between checking X.tmp and Y.tmp (default: 0.1 sec.)
<code>sleep_init</code>	initial delay before checking X.tmp and Y.tmp (default: 0 sec.)
<code>timeout</code>	maximum delay before breaking loop if X.tmp or Y.tmp doesn't appear (default: 36000 sec. = 10 min.) .
<code>trace</code>	function to display asktell loop status (default : 'cat')
<code>clean</code>	should we cleanup temporary files after reading ? (default: TRUE)

**Details**

'ask&tell' injection loop to call an external objective function within an inline algorithm (like optim(...)) Main idea: pass 'ask\_Y' as objective function argument of algorithm, which will wait until you call 'tell\_Y' in another R process. In this secondary process, you can read what X is called using 'ask\_X', and when you know what values returns from the external objective, just call 'tell\_Y' to give it.

**Value**

input value of objective function to compute externally

**Author(s)**

Y. Richet, discussions with D. Sinoquet. Async IO principle was defined by G. Pujol.

**Examples**

```
## Not run: ### Assumes you can use two independent R sessions
## In main R session
ask_Y(x=123)
## In another R session
ask_X() # returns 123
tell_Y(y=456)
## Then ask_dY in main R session returns with value '456'

## End(Not run)
```

**ask\_Y**

*ask&tell component function to 'ask' objective function evaluation.*

**Description**

ask&tell component function to 'ask' objective function evaluation.

**Usage**

```
ask_Y(
  x,
  id = 0,
  X.tmp = "X.todo",
  Y.tmp = "Y.done",
  tmp_path = file.path(tempdir(), "..", "asktell.tmp"),
  sleep_step = 0.1,
  sleep_init = 0,
  timeout = 360000,
  trace = function(...) cat(paste0(..., "\n")),
  clean = TRUE,
  force_cleanup = FALSE
)
```

## Arguments

x	input values of objective function to compute
id	unique identifier for this asktell loop (default: "0")
X.tmp	temporary "X" values file (default: "X.todo")
Y.tmp	temporary "Y" values file (default: "Y.done")
tmp_path	temporary directory to store X.tmp & Y.tmp (default: 'tempdir()../asktell.tmp')
sleep_step	delay between checking X.tmp and Y.tmp (default: 0.1 sec.)
sleep_init	initial delay before checking X.tmp and Y.tmp (default: 0 sec.)
timeout	maximum delay before breaking loop if X.tmp or Y.tmp doesn't appear (default: 36000 sec. = 10 min.) .
trace	function to display asktell loop status (default : 'cat')
clean	should we cleanup temporary files after reading ? (default: TRUE)
force_cleanup	should we cleanup temporary files before writing (possible conflicting asktell calls) ? (default: FALSE)

## Details

'ask&tell' injection loop to call an external objective function within an inline algorithm (like optim(...)) Main idea: pass 'ask\_Y' as objective function argument of algorithm, which will wait until you call 'tell\_Y' in another R process. In this secondary process, you can read what X is called using 'ask\_X', and when you know what values returns from the external objective, just call 'tell\_Y' to give it.

## Value

output value of objective function, as given by tell\_Y() call in parallel session

## Author(s)

Y. Richet, discussions with D. Sinoquet. Async IO principle was defined by G. Pujol.

## Examples

```
## Not run: ### Assumes you can use two independent R sessions
## In main R session
ask_Y(x=123)
## In another R session
ask_X() # returns 123
tell_Y(y=456)
## Then ask_Y in main R session returns with value '456'
## End(Not run)
```

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`from01`*Helper function to scale from [0,1] to [min,max]*

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**Description**

Helper function to scale from [0,1] to [min,max]

**Usage**

```
from01(X, inp)
```

**Arguments**

X	values to scale
inp	list containing 'min' and 'max' values

**Value**

X scaled in [inp\$min, inp\$max]

**Examples**

```
from01(data.frame(x=matrix(runif(10))),list(x=list(min=10,max=20)))
```

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`import`
*Dependencies loader, supports many protocols like github:, gitlab:, ... using remotes::instal\_... Will create a local '.lib' directory to store packages installed*

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**Description**

Dependencies loader, supports many protocols like github:, gitlab:, ... using remotes::instal\_... Will create a local '.lib' directory to store packages installed

**Usage**

```
import(..., lib.loc = NULL, trace = function(...) cat(paste0(..., "\n")))
```

**Arguments**

...	dependencies/libraries/packages to load
lib.loc	use to setup a dedicated libPath directory to install packages
trace	display info

**Value**

(list of) load status of packages (TRUE/FALSE)

**Examples**

```
if(interactive()){
  import('VGAM')
}
```

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list.results

*Parse algorithm string result in R list*

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**Description**

Parse algorithm string result in R list

**Usage**

```
list.results(result)
```

**Arguments**

result            templated algorithm result string

**Value**

list of string parsed: extract XML or JSON content

**Examples**

```
list.results(paste0(
  "<HTML name='minimum'>minimum is 0.523431237543406 found at ...</HTML>",
  "<min> 0.523431237543406 </min>",
  "<argmin>[ 0.543459029033452, 0.173028395040855 ]</argmin>"))
```

**max\_input***Helper function to get \$max from 'input' list***Description**

Helper function to get \$max from 'input' list

**Usage**

```
max_input(inp)
```

**Arguments**

inp	lst of objects containing 'max' field (as list)
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**Value**

array of inp\$...\$max values

**Examples**

```
max_input(list(x1=list(min=0,max=1),x2=list(min=2,max=3)))
```

**min\_input***Helper function to get \$min from 'input' list***Description**

Helper function to get \$min from 'input' list

**Usage**

```
min_input(inp)
```

**Arguments**

inp	lst of objects containing 'min' field (as list)
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**Value**

array of inp\$...\$min values

**Examples**

```
min_input(list(x1=list(min=0,max=1),x2=list(min=2,max=3)))
```

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parse.algorithm	<i>Parse algorithm file and returns its (header) indos and methods</i>
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**Description**

Parse algorithm file and returns its (header) indos and methods

**Usage**

```
parse.algorithm(file)
```

**Arguments**

file	Template algorithm file to parse
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**Value**

list of header infos and environment containing methods <constructor>,getInitialDesign,getNextDesign,displayResults

**Examples**

```
parse.algorithm(system.file("Brent.R", package="templr"))
```

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read.algorithm	<i>Read algorithm file and returns one header info</i>
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**Description**

Read algorithm file and returns one header info

**Usage**

```
read.algorithm(file, info = "help")
```

**Arguments**

file	Template algorithm file to read
info	header info to return

**Value**

list of header infos

**Examples**

```
read.algorithm(system.file("Brent.R", package="templr"), "help")
```

<code>run.algorithm</code>	<i>Apply a template algorithm file to an objective function</i>
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## Description

Apply a template algorithm file to an objective function

## Usage

```
run.algorithm(
  algorithm_file,
  objective_function,
  input,
  output = NULL,
  options = NULL,
  work_dir = ".",
  trace = function(...) cat(paste0(..., "\n")),
  silent = FALSE,
  save_data = TRUE
)
```

## Arguments

<code>algorithm_file</code>	templated algorithm file
<code>objective_function</code>	function to apply algorithm on
<code>input</code>	list of input arguments of function (eg. <code>list(x1=list(min=0,max=1),x2=list(min=10,max=20))</code> )
<code>output</code>	list of output names
<code>options</code>	algorithm options to overload default ones
<code>work_dir</code>	working directory to run algorithm. will store output files, images, ..
<code>trace</code>	display running info
<code>silent</code>	quietness
<code>save_data</code>	enable (by default) saving of data (in .Rds) along algorithm iterations.

## Value

algorithm result (and algorithm object & files as attributes)

## Examples

```
run.algorithm(
  system.file("Brent.R", package="templr"),
  function(x) sin(x)-0.75,
  list(x=list(min=0,max=pi/2)),
  work_dir=tempdir()
)
```

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**tell\_dY***ask&tell component function to 'tell' objective function value to waiting 'ask\_Y' call in another R session.*

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## Description

ask&tell component function to 'tell' objective function value to waiting 'ask\_Y' call in another R session.

## Usage

```
tell_dY(
  dy,
  id = 0,
  dY.tmp = "dY.done",
  tmp_path = file.path(tempdir(), "...", "asktell.tmp"),
  trace = function(...) cat(paste0(..., "\n")),
  force_cleanup = FALSE
)
```

## Arguments

dy	output value of objective function gradient to return
id	unique identifier for this asktell loop (default: "0")
dY.tmp	temporary "Y" values file (default: "dY.done")
tmp_path	temporary directory to store X.tmp & Y.tmp (default: 'tempdir()../asktell.tmp')
trace	function to display asktell loop status (default : 'cat')
force_cleanup	should we cleanup temporary files before writing (possible conflicting asktell calls) ? (default: FALSE)

## Details

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## Value

input value of objective function to compute externally

## Author(s)

Y. Richet, discussions with D. Sinoquet. Async IO principle was defined by G. Pujol.

## Examples

```
## Not run: #### Assumes you can use two independent R sessions
## In main R session
ask_dY(x=123)
## In another R session
ask_dX() # returns c(123, 123.123)
tell_dY(dy=c(456,456.123))
## Then ask_dY in main R session returns with value '1'

## End(Not run)
```

**tell\_Y**

*ask&tell component function to 'tell' objective function value to waiting 'ask\_Y' call in another R session.*

## Description

ask&tell component function to 'tell' objective function value to waiting 'ask\_Y' call in another R session.

## Usage

```
tell_Y(
  y,
  id = 0,
  Y.tmp = "Y.done",
  tmp_path = file.path(tempdir(), "...", "asktell.tmp"),
  trace = function(...) cat(paste0(..., "\n")),
  force_cleanup = FALSE
)
```

## Arguments

y	output value of objective function to return
id	unique identifier for this asktell loop (default: "0")
Y.tmp	temporary "Y" values file (default: "Y.done")
tmp_path	temporary directory to store X.tmp & Y.tmp (default: 'tempdir()../asktell.tmp')
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**Examples**

```
## Not run: ### Assumes you can use two independent R sessions
## In main R session
ask_Y(x=123)
## In another R session
ask_X() # returns 123
tell_Y(y=456)
## Then ask_dY in main R session returns with value '456'

## End(Not run)
```

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to01

*Helper function to scale from [min,max] to [0,1]*

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**Description**

Helper function to scale from [min,max] to [0,1]

**Usage**

```
to01(X, inp)
```

**Arguments**

X	values to scale
inp	list containing 'min' and 'max' values

**Value**

X scaled in [0,1]

**Examples**

```
to01(10+10*data.frame(x=matrix(runif(10))),list(x=list(min=10,max=20)))
```

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