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ackley_function	<i>Generator for the Ackley function.</i>
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### Description

Generator for the Ackley function.

### Usage

```
ackley_function(dimensions)
```

### Arguments

dimensions      Size of parameter space.

### Value

A soo\_function.

**Examples**

```
f <- ackley_function(2)
plot(f, rank=TRUE)
```

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bbob2009\_function      *(Noisy) BBOB 2009 test function generator.*

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**Description**

(Noisy) BBOB 2009 test function generator.

**Usage**

```
bbob2009_function(dimensions, fid, iid)

noisy_bbob2009_function(dimensions, fid, iid,
  noiseSeed = 1L)
```

**Arguments**

dimensions	Size of parameter space.
fid	Function ID, valid values are 1 to 24.
iid	Instance ID, defaults to 1L.
noiseSeed	Seed for the noise random number generator, defaults to 1L.

**Value**

A `soo_function`.

**Note**

Due to the way the instances are generated, the function value at the optimal parameter settings (as returned by `global_minimum`) may differ slightly from the optimal function value. These differences are in the order of  $10^{-16}$ .

Also note that the random number generator used for the noisy test functions is shared by all instantiated test functions. This means that if you run multiple trials in parallel within the same interpreter, your results will not necessarily be repeatable.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

For a complete description of the 24 test functions and much more background information please see the [BBOB homepage](#)

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branin_function	<i>Generatore for the Branin test function.</i>
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**Description**

This function is a 2D test function. The generator does not take any parameters. The only exists so that the interface is consistent with all other test functions.

**Usage**

```
branin_function()
```

**Value**

A soo\_function.

**Examples**

```
f <- branin_function()
plot(f, rank=TRUE)
```

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counting_function	<i>Return a new function which is identical to the soofunction passed in except that all function evaluations are counted.</i>
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**Description**

Return a new function which is identical to the soofunction passed in except that all function evaluations are counted.

**Usage**

```
counting_function(fun)
```

**Arguments**

fun            A test function (class soo\_function).

**See Also**

[number\\_of\\_evaluations](#), [reset\\_evaluation\\_counter](#)

**Examples**

```
f <- counting_function(double_sum_function(5))
number_of_evaluations(f)
y <- f(random_parameters(1, f))
number_of_evaluations(f)
reset_evaluation_counter(f)
number_of_evaluations(f)
y <- f(random_parameters(21, f))
number_of_evaluations(f)
```

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discus_function	<i>Discus test function generator.</i>
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**Description**

The discus test function is similar to a high condition ellipsoid. It is defined as

**Usage**

```
discus_function(dimensions)
```

**Arguments**

dimensions      Size of parameter space.

**Details**

$$f(x) = 10^6 x_1^2 + x'x.$$

**Value**

A soo\_function.

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double_sum_function	<i>Double sum test function generator.</i>
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**Description**

Double sum test function generator.

**Usage**

```
double_sum_function(dimensions)
```

**Arguments**

dimensions      Size of parameter space.

**Value**

A soo\_function.

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ellipsoidal\_function    *Generator for ellipsoidal test functions.*

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**Description**

The ellipsoidal test function is a badly conditioned variant of the sphere function.

**Usage**

```
ellipsoidal_function(dimensions)
```

**Arguments**

dimensions      Size of parameter space.

**Value**

A soo\_function.

**Examples**

```
f <- ellipsoidal_function(2)
plot(f, rank=TRUE)

##'
```

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function\_id            *Get a short id for the function that can be used in filenames and such.*

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**Description**

Get a short id for the function that can be used in filenames and such.

**Usage**

```
function_id(fn)

## S3 method for class 'soo_function'
function_id(fn)
```

**Arguments**

fn                    Function to name.

**Value**

ID of function. Guaranteed to be unique among all test functions.

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function\_name                    *Get a pretty function name for a benchmark function.*

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**Description**

Get a pretty function name for a benchmark function.

**Usage**

```
function_name(fn)

## S3 method for class 'soo_function'
function_name(fn)
```

**Arguments**

fn                    Function to name.

**Value**

Name of function.

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global\_minimum                    *Retrieve the global minimum of a function.*

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**Description**

Retrieve the global minimum of a function.

**Usage**

```
global_minimum(fn)

## S3 method for class 'soo_function'
global_minimum(fn)
```

**Arguments**

fn                    Function to query.

**Value**

List with two elements. `par` contains the location of the global minimum in the parameter space (possibly as a list if there are multiple global minima) and `value` the function value of the global minimum.

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`goldstein_price_function`

*Generator for the Goldstein-Price function.*

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**Description**

Generator for the Goldstein-Price function.

**Usage**

```
goldstein_price_function()
```

**Value**

A `soo_function`.

**Examples**

```
f <- ackley_function(2)
plot(f, rank=TRUE)
```

---

`griewank_function`

*Griewank test function generator.*

---

**Description**

Griewank test function generator.

**Usage**

```
griewank_function(dimensions)
```

**Arguments**

`dimensions`      Size of parameter space.

**Value**

A `soo_function`.



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is_soo_function	<i>Check if a function is a SOO function.</i>
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**Description**

Check if a function is a SOO function.

**Usage**

```
is_soo_function(fn)
```

**Arguments**

fn	Function to check.
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**Value**

TRUE if fn is a proper SOO function, else FALSE.

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kotanchek_function	<i>Kotanchek test function generator.</i>
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**Description**

Kotanchek test function generator.

**Usage**

```
kotanchek_function(dimensions)
```

**Arguments**

dimensions	Size of parameter space.
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**Value**

A soo\_function.

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lower_bounds	<i>Retrieve the lower or upper bounds of a test function.</i>
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**Description**

Retrieve the lower or upper bounds of a test function.

**Usage**

```
lower_bounds(fn)
upper_bounds(fn)

## S3 method for class 'soo_function'
lower_bounds(fn)

## S3 method for class 'soo_function'
upper_bounds(fn)
```

**Arguments**

fn                    Function to query.

**Value**

Vector of lower or upper bounds of test function.

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mexican_hat_function	<i>Mexican hat test function generator.</i>
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**Description**

The Mexican hat function is defined slightly differently by different people. The definition used here is

**Usage**

```
mexican_hat_function(dimensions)
```

**Arguments**

dimensions            Size of parameter space.

**Details**

$$f(x) = -(1 - x'x) * \exp\left(-\frac{x'x}{2}\right)$$

Note that we have flipped the sign of the function so that it is a minimization problem like all other SOO functions.

**Value**

A soo\_function.

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number\_of\_evaluations *Return the number of times a test function has been evaluated.*

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**Description**

The test function must be wrapped by [counting\\_function](#) for this to work.

**Usage**

```
number_of_evaluations(fun)
```

**Arguments**

fun            A counting\_function as returned by [counting\\_function](#).

**Value**

The current value of the evaluation counter.

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number\_of\_parameters *Return the parameter space size of a function.*

---

**Description**

Return the parameter space size of a function.

**Usage**

```
number_of_parameters(fn)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'soo_function'
number_of_parameters(fn)
```

**Arguments**

fn                    Function.

**Value**

Expected length of first argument. I.e. the size of the parameter space of the function fn.

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plot.soo\_function        *Plot a test function in 2D.*

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**Description**

Plot a test function in 2D.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'soo_function'
plot(x, lower = lower_bounds(x),
     upper = upper_bounds(x), n = 10000L,
     main = function_name(x), xlab = expression(x[1]),
     ylab = expression(x[2]), log = FALSE, rank = FALSE,
     show = c("image", "contour"), ...,
     image_args = list(useRaster = TRUE),
     contour_args = list())
```

**Arguments**

x	Function to plot.
lower	Lower bounds of x1 and x2.
upper	Upper bounds of x1 and x2.
n	Number of locations at which to sample the function.
xlab	Label of x (x1) axes.
ylab	Label of y (x2) axes.
main	Main title of plot.
log	If TRUE, the z axes is plotted on log scale.
rank	If TRUE, instead of the y values, their ranks are drawn.
show	A vector of parts to plot. Defaults to c("image", "contour") and can be any subset.
...	Ignored.
image_args	List of further arguments passed to image().
contour_args	List of further arguments passed to contour().

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**Examples**

```
par(mfrow=c(2, 2))
f <- sphere_function(2)
plot(f)
plot(f, show="contour")
plot(f, rank=TRUE)
plot(f, log=TRUE)
```

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plot3d

*Plot a test function in 3D.*

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**Description**

Plot a test function in 3D.

**Usage**

```
plot3d(x, lower = lower_bounds(x),
       upper = upper_bounds(x), n = 10000L,
       main = function_name(x), xlab = expression(x[1]),
       ylab = expression(x[2]), log = FALSE, rank = FALSE,
       ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	Function to plot.
lower	Lower bounds of x1 and x2.
upper	Upper bounds of x1 and x2.
n	Number of locations at which to sample the function.
xlab	Label of x (x1) axes.
ylab	Label of y (x2) axes.
main	Main title of plot.
log	If TRUE, the z axes is plotted on log scale.
rank	If TRUE, instead of the y values, their ranks are drawn.
...	Passed to persp3d.default.

**Author(s)**

Olaf Mersmann <olafm@datensplitter.net>

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```
print.soo_function      Print a SOO function.
```

---

**Description**

Print a SOO function.

**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

x	A soo_function object.
...	Ignored.

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```
random_parameters      Generate random parameters for a given function. Given a test func-  
tion fn, generate n random parameter settings for that function.
```

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**Description**

Generate random parameters for a given function.

Given a test function fn, generate n random parameter settings for that function.

**Usage**

```
random_parameters(n, fn)
```

**Arguments**

n	Number of parameters to generate.
fn	Test function.

**Value**

A matrix containing the parameter settings in the *columns* of the matrix.

**Examples**

```
fn <- ackley_function(10)  
X <- random_parameters(100, fn)  
str(X)  
y <- fn(X)
```

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`random_rotation_matrix`*Generate a random d-dimensional rotation matrix.*

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**Description**

The algorithm used to randomly create the rotation matrix is due to R Salomon (see reference). No guarantee is given that the generated rotation matrices are uniformly distributed in any sense.

**Usage**

```
random_rotation_matrix(d)
```

**Arguments**

`d`                    Dimension of desired rotation matrix.

**Value**

A random  $d \times d$  rotation matrix.

**References**

Salomon R. Re-evaluating genetic algorithm performance under coordinate rotation of benchmark functions. A survey of some theoretical and practical aspects of genetic algorithms. *Biosystems*. 1996;39(3):263-78.

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`rastrigin_function`     *Rastrigin test function generator.*

---

**Description**

Rastrigin test function generator.

**Usage**

```
rastrigin_function(dimensions)
```

**Arguments**

`dimensions`        Size of parameter space.

**Value**

A `soo_function`.

reset\_evaluation\_counter

*Reset the evaluation counter of a test function.*

---

**Description**

The test function must be wrapped by [counting\\_function](#) for this to work.

**Usage**

```
reset_evaluation_counter(fun)
```

**Arguments**

fun            A [counting\\_function](#) as returned by [counting\\_function](#).

**Value**

The current value of the evaluation counter.

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rosenbrock\_function    *Rosenbrock test function generator.*

---

**Description**

Rosenbrock test function generator.

**Usage**

```
rosenbrock_function(dimensions)
```

**Arguments**

dimensions    Size of parameter space.

**Value**

A [soo\\_function](#).



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`rotate_parameter_space`*Rotate the parameter space of a SOO function.*

---

**Description**

This function is a simple parameter space transformation. Given a function  $f(x)$  it returns a new function  $f_r(x) = f(Rx)$ , where  $R$  is a random rotation matrix.

**Usage**

```
rotate_parameter_space(fn)
```

**Arguments**

`fn`                    A `soo_function` object.

**Details**

If you want repeatable results, make sure you explicitly set a seed before calling `rotate_parameter_space`.

**Value**

A new `soo_function` object where the parameter space has been randomly rotated.

**Examples**

```
f <- ackley_function(2)
f_r <- rotate_parameter_space(f)
par(mfrow=c(1, 2))
plot(f)
plot(f_r)
```

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`soo_function`*Define a new soo\_function object.*

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**Description**

Define a new `soo_function` object.

**Usage**

```
soo_function(name, id, fun, dimensions, lower_bounds,
             upper_bounds, best_value, best_par)
```

**Arguments**

name	Name of function.
id	Short id for the function. Must be unique to the function instance and should not contain any other characters than [a-z0-9] and '-'.
fun	Function definition.
dimensions	Size of parameter space.
lower_bounds	Lower bounds of the parameter space.
upper_bounds	Upper bounds of the parameter space.
best_value	Best known function value.
best_par	Parameter settings that correspond to best_value. If there are multiple global minima, this should be a list with one entry for each minimum.

**Value**

A soo\_function object.

**Examples**

```
## Given the following simple benchmark function:
f_my_sphere <- function(x)
  sum((x-1)*(x-1))

## we can define a corresponding 2d soo_function:
f <- soo_function("My Sphere", "my-sphere-2d", f_my_sphere, 2,
  c(-10, -10), c(10, 10),
  0, c(1, 1))

## And then plot it:
plot(f)
```

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sphere_function	<i>Sphere test function generator.</i>
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**Description**

The sphere function is arguably the simplest test function. It is defined as

**Usage**

```
sphere_function(dimensions)
```

**Arguments**

dimensions	Size of parameter space.
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**Details**

$$f(x) = x'x.$$

**Value**

A soo\_function.

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weierstrass\_function *Generator for the Weierstrass function.*

---

**Description**

Generator for the Weierstrass function.

**Usage**

```
weierstrass_function(dimensions)
```

**Arguments**

dimensions      Size of parameter space.

**Value**

A soo\_function.

**Examples**

```
f <- weierstrass_function(2)
plot(f, rank=TRUE)
```

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