

# Package: RGN (via r-universe)

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**Type** Package

**Title** Robust-Gauss Newton (RGN) Optimization of Sum-of-Squares  
Objective Function

**Version** 1.0.0

**Description** Implementation of the Robust Gauss-Newton (RGN) algorithm,  
designed for solving optimization problems with a sum of least  
squares objective function. For algorithm details please refer  
to Qin et. al. (2018) <doi:10.1029/2017WR022488>.

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**URL** <https://github.com/ClimateAnalytics/RGN/>

**BugReports** <https://github.com/ClimateAnalytics/RGN/issues>

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**Repository** <https://climateanalytics.r-universe.dev>

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**BassRiverData***Hydrological data for Bass River catchment in Victoria, Australia*

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**Description**

Streamflow, rainfall and PET data for Bass River catchment (227219) in Victoria, Australia. Originally obtained from Francis Chiew.

**Usage**

```
data(BassRiver)
```

**Format**

List containing numerical vectors for precipitation (`Rain.mm`), potential evapotranspiration (`ET.mm`), and runoff (`Runoff.mm.day`), and date vector (`Date`)

**References**

<https://github.com/eachonly/Robust-Gauss-Newton-Algorithm>, <http://www.bom.gov.au/water/hrs/>

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**rgn***Robust Gauss Newton optimization*

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**Description**

`rgn` performs optimization of weighted-sum-of-squares (WSS) objective function using the Robust Gauss Newton algorithm

**Usage**

```
rgn(
  simFunc,
  simTarget = 0,
  weights = NULL,
  par,
  lower,
  upper,
  control = NULL,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| <code>simFunc</code>   | is a function that simulates a (vector) response, with first argument the vector of parameters over which optimization is performed   |
| <code>simTarget</code> | is the target vector that <code>simFunc</code> is trying to match   |
| <code>weights</code>   | is a vector of weights used in the WSS objective function. Defaults to equal weights.   |
| <code>par</code>       | is the vector of initial parameters   |
| <code>lower</code>     | is the lower bounds on parameters   |
| <code>upper</code>     | is the upper bounds on parameters   |
| <code>control</code>   | list of RGN settings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>control\$n.multi</code> is number of multi-starts (i.e. invocations of optimization with different initial parameter estimates). Default is 1.</li> <li>• <code>control\$iterMax</code> is maximum iterations. Default is 100.</li> <li>• <code>control\$dump</code> is level of diagnostic outputs between 0 (none) and 3 (highest). Default is 0.</li> <li>• <code>control\$keep.multi</code> (TRUE/FALSE) controls whether diagnostic output from each multi-start is recorded. Default is FALSE.</li> <li>• <code>control\$logFile</code> is log file name</li> </ul> |
| <code>...</code>       | other arguments to <code>simFunc()</code>   |

## Details

`rgn` minimizes the objective function  $\text{sum}((\text{weights} * (\text{simFunc} - \text{simTarget})^2))$ , which is a sum of squared weighted residuals (`residuals=weights*(simFunc-simTarget)`). Note `simFunc` corresponds to the vector of residuals when default arguments for `simTarget` and `weights` are used.

## Value

List with

- `par`, the optimal parameters
- `value`, the optimal objective function value
- `sim`, the simulated vector using optimal parameters
- `residuals`, the vector of residuals using optimal parameters
- `counts`, the total number of function calls
- `convergence`, an integer code indicating reason for completion. 1 maximum iterations reached, 2 relative reduction in function value small. 3 absolute reduction in function value small 4 relative change in parameters small

## Examples

```
# Example 1: Rosenbrock
simFunc_rosenbrock=function(x) c(1.0-x[1],10.0*(x[2]-x[1]**2))
rgnOut = rgn(simFunc=simFunc_rosenbrock,
             par=c(-1.0, 0.0), lower=c(-1.5, -1.0), upper=c( 1.5, 3.0),
             simTarget=c(0,0))
rgnOut$par #optimal parameters
rgnOut$value #optimal objective function value

# Example 2: Hymod

data("BassRiver") # load Bass River hydrological data
rgnOut = rgn(simFunc=simFunc_hymod,
             par=c(400.,0.5,0.1,0.2,0.1),
             lower=c(1.,0.1,0.05,0.000001,0.000001),
             upper=c(1000.,2.,0.95,0.99999,0.99999),
             simTarget=BassRiverData$Runoff.mm.day[365:length(BassRiverData$Date)],
             stateVal=c(100.0,30.0,27.0,25.0,30.0,0.0,0.0,0.0), # initial states for hymod
             nWarmUp=365, # warmup period
             rain=BassRiverData$Rain.mm, # precip input
             pet=BassRiverData$ET.mm) # PET input
rgnOut$par #optimal parameters
rgnOut$value #optimal objective function value
```

*simFunc\_hymod*

*hymod simulation*

## Description

Simulation of hymod rainfall-runoff model

## Usage

```
simFunc_hymod(
  x,
  rain,
  pet,
  nWarmUp,
  stateVal = c(100, 30, 27, 25, 30, 0, 0, 0)
)
```

## Arguments

|      |                                       |
|------|---------------------------------------|
| x    | parameter values                      |
| rain | precipitation input (mm/day)          |
| pet  | potential evapotranspiration (mm/day) |

nWarmUp            length of warmup period  
stateVal            (optional) initial states

**Value**

Vector of simulated runoff

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