

# Package ‘fastOnlineCpt’

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**Description** Implementation of a simple algorithm designed for online multivariate changepoint detection of a mean in sparse changepoint settings. The algorithm is based on a modified cusum statistic and guarantees control of the type I error on any false discoveries, while featuring  $O(1)$  time and  $O(1)$  memory updates per series as well as a proven detection delay.

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addData	<i>Add new <math>p</math>-dimensional data point, where <math>p</math> is the number of time series being monitored.</i>
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### Description

Add new  $p$ -dimensional data point, where  $p$  is the number of time series being monitored.

### Usage

```
addData(obj, data)

## S4 method for signature 'fastOnlineCpt'
addData(obj, data)
```

### Arguments

obj	An object of the class "fastOnlineCpt".
data	The new data of dimension $n \times p$ to be added, where $n$ is the number of new time points being added.

### Value

An object of the class "fastOnlineCpt".

### References

Hahn, G. (2021). Online multivariate changepoint detection with type I error control and constant time/memory updates per series. Under review.

### Examples

```
library(fastOnlineCpt)
alpha <- 0.01
halfspent <- 100
spending_sequence <- function(n) { (n/(n+halfspent) - (n-1)/(n-1+halfspent)) * alpha }
obj <- fastOnlineCpt(spending_sequence)
p <- 10
n <- 50
data <- matrix(rnorm(p*n,mean=0),ncol=n)
obj <- addData(obj,data)
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checkCpt	<i>Test if a changepoint has occurred.</i>
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**Description**

Test if a changepoint has occurred.

**Usage**

```
checkCpt(obj, screenOutput = TRUE)

## S4 method for signature 'fastOnlineCpt'
checkCpt(obj, screenOutput = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

obj	An object of the class "fastOnlineCpt".
screenOutput	Boolean variable to indicate if the test result for a changepoint should be printed on the screen (default TRUE).

**Value**

An object of the class "fastOnlineCpt".

**References**

Hahn, G. (2021). Online multivariate changepoint detection with type I error control and constant time/memory updates per series. Under review.

**Examples**

```
library(fastOnlineCpt)
alpha <- 0.01
halfspent <- 100
spending_sequence <- function(n) { (n/(n+halfspent) - (n-1)/(n-1+halfspent)) * alpha }
obj <- fastOnlineCpt(spending_sequence)
p <- 10
n <- 50
data <- matrix(rnorm(p*n,mean=0),ncol=n)
obj <- addData(obj,data)
obj <- checkCpt(obj)
data <- matrix(rnorm(p*n,mean=1),ncol=n)
obj <- addData(obj,data)
obj <- checkCpt(obj)
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fastOnlineCpt	<i>Initialize a new object of the class "fastOnlineCpt". This object allows one to add data in an online fashion and test for a changepoint.</i>
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### Description

Initialize a new object of the class "fastOnlineCpt". This object allows one to add data in an online fashion and test for a changepoint.

### Usage

```
fastOnlineCpt(spending_sequence)
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### Arguments

spending\_sequence

A function  $f(n)$  of one argument which for every  $n$  returns a testing threshold such that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f(n) = \alpha$ , where  $\alpha$  is the desired level of the test over the (possibly infinite) time horizon.

### Value

A new object of the class "fastOnlineCpt".

### References

Hahn, G. (2021). Online multivariate changepoint detection with type I error control and constant time/memory updates per series. Under review.

### Examples

```
library(fastOnlineCpt)
alpha <- 0.01
halfspent <- 100
spending_sequence <- function(n) { (n/(n+halfspent) - (n-1)/(n-1+halfspent)) * alpha }
obj <- fastOnlineCpt(spending_sequence)
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fastOnlineCpt-class	<i>S4 class providing functionality to detect multivariate changepoints in an online setting.</i>
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### Description

Provides method "addData" to add new incoming data for one or more time points, "checkCpt" to test for a changepoint, "lastCptTest" to query the last test result of the function "checkCpt", and "resetAlgorithm" to reset the algorithm in order to detect a new changepoint.

**Slots**

spending\_sequence A function handle which returns a testing level used in multiple testing.  
 data Environment variable to store incoming data as a matrix.  
 T The current time point.  
 S Internal variable of the algorithm (modified cusum statistic).  
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 nTest Internal variable of the algorithm (counter for the multiple testing correction).  
 lastCptTest Internal variable to store the last test result, which can be queried with a member function.

**References**

Hahn, G. (2021). Online multivariate changepoint detection with type I error control and constant time/memory updates per series. Under review.

**Examples**

```
library(fastOnlineCpt)
alpha <- 0.01
halfspent <- 100
spending_sequence <- function(n) { (n/(n+halfspent) - (n-1)/(n-1+halfspent)) * alpha }
obj <- fastOnlineCpt(spending_sequence)
```

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lastCptTest	<i>Return the last result of the changepoint test performed with the function "checkCpt" as a vector.</i>
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**Description**

Return the last result of the changepoint test performed with the function "checkCpt" as a vector.

**Usage**

```
lastCptTest(obj)

## S4 method for signature 'fastOnlineCpt'
lastCptTest(obj)
```

**Arguments**

obj An object of the class "fastOnlineCpt".

**Value**

A 5-dimensional vector containing the number of the test, the value of the Z-statistic, the p-value, the available testing level, and the changepoint location if a changepoint has been detected or NA otherwise. If no previous test has been performed, NA is returned.

**References**

Hahn, G. (2021). Online multivariate changepoint detection with type I error control and constant time/memory updates per series. Under review.

**Examples**

```
library(fastOnlineCpt)
alpha <- 0.01
halfspent <- 100
spending_sequence <- function(n) { (n/(n+halfspent) - (n-1)/(n-1+halfspent)) * alpha }
obj <- fastOnlineCpt(spending_sequence)
p <- 10
n <- 50
data <- matrix(rnorm(p*n,mean=0),ncol=n)
obj <- addData(obj,data)
obj <- checkCpt(obj)
print(lastCptTest(obj))
data <- matrix(rnorm(p*n,mean=1),ncol=n)
obj <- addData(obj,data)
obj <- checkCpt(obj)
print(lastCptTest(obj))
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resetAlgorithm	<i>Reset the algorithm in order to detect a new changepoint. The algorithm can be reset at any point in time. To ensure valid multiple testing corrections, the time horizon is not reset to zero.</i>
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**Description**

Reset the algorithm in order to detect a new changepoint. The algorithm can be reset at any point in time. To ensure valid multiple testing corrections, the time horizon is not reset to zero.

**Usage**

```
resetAlgorithm(obj)

## S4 method for signature 'fastOnlineCpt'
resetAlgorithm(obj)
```

**Arguments**

obj                    An object of the class "fastOnlineCpt".

**Value**

An object of the class "fastOnlineCpt".

**References**

Hahn, G. (2021). Online multivariate changepoint detection with type I error control and constant time/memory updates per series. Under review.

**Examples**

```
library(fastOnlineCpt)
alpha <- 0.01
halfspent <- 100
spending_sequence <- function(n) { (n/(n+halfspent) - (n-1)/(n-1+halfspent)) * alpha }
obj <- fastOnlineCpt(spending_sequence)
p <- 10
n <- 50
data <- matrix(rnorm(p*n,mean=0),ncol=n)
obj <- addData(obj,data)
obj <- resetAlgorithm(obj)
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