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error_model_comb1	<i>Residual error model combined 1</i>
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### Description

Residual error model combined 1. Constant error model if no proportional coefficient is provided.  
Proportional error model if no constant (or additive) error coefficient is provided.

### Usage

```
error_model_comb1(f, sigma)
```

### Arguments

f	Numeric vector, output of a pharmacokinetic model
sigma	Numeric vector of the coefficients for the residual error model

### Details

Implements the following function:  $g \leftarrow \text{sigma}[1] + \text{sigma}[2]*f$

### Value

Numeric vector, residual error

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error\_model\_comb2      *Residual error model combined 2*

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**Description**

Residual error model combined 2.

**Usage**

```
error_model_comb2(f, sigma)
```

**Arguments**

f                      Numeric vector, output of a pharmacokinetic model  
sigma                  Numeric vector of the coefficients for the residual error model

**Details**

Implements the following function:  $g \leftarrow \sqrt{\text{sigma}[1]^2 + \text{sigma}[2]^2 * f^2}$

**Value**

Numeric vector, residual error

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error\_model\_mixednm      *Residual error model mixed (idem NONMEM)*

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**Description**

Mixed residual error model, similar to NONMEM implementation.

**Usage**

```
error_model_mixednm(f, sigma)
```

**Arguments**

f                      Numeric vector, output of a pharmacokinetic model  
sigma                  Matrix of the coefficients for the residual error model

**Value**

Numeric vector, residual error

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poso_dose_auc	<i>Estimate the optimal dose for a selected target area under the time-concentration curve (AUC)</i>
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## Description

Estimates the optimal dose for a selected target area under the time-concentration curve (AUC) given a population pharmacokinetic model, a set of individual parameters, and a target AUC.

## Usage

```
poso_dose_auc(
  dat = NULL,
  prior_model = NULL,
  tdm = FALSE,
  time_auc,
  time_dose = NULL,
  target_auc,
  estim_method = "map",
  nocb = FALSE,
  p = NULL,
  greater_than = TRUE,
  starting_time = 0,
  interdose_interval = NULL,
  add_dose = NULL,
  duration = 0,
  starting_dose = 100,
  indiv_param = NULL
)
```

## Arguments

dat	Dataframe. An individual subject dataset following the structure of NONMEM/txode2 event records.
prior_model	A posologyr prior population pharmacokinetics model, a list of six objects.
tdm	A boolean. If TRUE: estimates the optimal dose for a selected target auc over a selected duration following the events from dat, and using Maximum A Posteriori estimation. Setting tdm to TRUE causes the following to occur: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the time_dose argument is required and is used as the starting point for the AUC calculation instead of starting_time;</li> <li>• the arguments estim_method, p, greater_than, interdose_interval, add_dose, indiv_param and starting_time are ignored.</li> </ul>
time_auc	Numeric. A duration. The target AUC is computed from starting_time to starting_time + time_auc. When tdm is set to TRUE the target AUC is computed from time_dose to time_dose + time_auc instead.

time_dose	Numeric. Time when the dose is to be given. Only used and mandatory, when tdm is set to TRUE.
target_auc	Numeric. The target AUC.
estim_method	A character string. An estimation method to be used for the individual parameters. The default method "map" is the Maximum A Posteriori estimation, the method "prior" simulates from the prior population model, and "sir" uses the Sequential Importance Resampling algorithm to estimate the a posteriori distribution of the individual parameters. This argument is ignored if indiv_param is provided, or if tdm is set to TRUE.
nocb	A boolean. for time-varying covariates: the next observation carried backward (nocb) interpolation style, similar to NONMEM. If FALSE, the last observation carried forward (locf) style will be used. Defaults to FALSE.
p	Numeric. The proportion of the distribution of AUC to consider for the optimization. Mandatory for estim_method=sir. This argument is ignored if tdm is set to TRUE.
greater_than	A boolean. If TRUE: targets a dose leading to a proportion p of the AUCs to be greater than target_auc. Respectively, lower if FALSE. This argument is ignored if tdm is set to TRUE.
starting_time	Numeric. First point in time of the AUC, for multiple dose regimen. The default is zero. This argument is ignored if tdm is set to TRUE, and time_dose is used as a starting point instead.
interdose_interval	Numeric. Time for the interdose interval for multiple dose regimen. Must be provided when add_dose is used. This argument is ignored if tdm is set to TRUE.
add_dose	Numeric. Additional doses administered at inter-dose interval after the first dose. Optional. This argument is ignored if tdm is set to TRUE.
duration	Numeric. Duration of infusion, for zero-order administrations.
starting_dose	Numeric. Starting dose for the optimization algorithm.
indiv_param	Optional. A set of individual parameters : THETA, estimates of ETA, and covariates. This argument is ignored if tdm is set to TRUE.

**Value**

A list containing the following components:

- dose** Numeric. An optimal dose for the selected target AUC.
- type\_of\_estimate** Character string. The type of estimate of the individual parameters. Either a point estimate, or a distribution.
- auc\_estimate** A vector of numeric estimates of the AUC. Either a single value (for a point estimate of ETA), or a distribution.
- indiv\_param** A data.frame. The set of individual parameters used for the determination of the optimal dose : THETA, estimates of ETA, and covariates

**Examples**

```

rxode2::setRxThreads(2L) # limit the number of threads

# model
mod_run001 <- list(
ppk_model = rxode2::rxode({
  centr(0) = 0;
  depot(0) = 0;

  TVCl = THETA_C1;
  TVVc = THETA_Vc;
  TVKa = THETA_Ka;

  Cl = TVCl*exp(ETA_C1);
  Vc = TVVc*exp(ETA_Vc);
  Ka = TVKa*exp(ETA_Ka);

  K20 = Cl/Vc;
  Cc = centr/Vc;

  d/dt(depot) = -Ka*depot;
  d/dt(centr) = Ka*depot - K20*centr;
  d/dt(AUC) = Cc;
}),
error_model = function(f,sigma) {
  dv <- cbind(f,1)
  g <- diag(dv**sigma**t(dv))
  return(sqrt(g))
},
theta = c(THETA_C1=4.0, THETA_Vc=70.0, THETA_Ka=1.0),
omega = lotri::lotri({ETA_C1 + ETA_Vc + ETA_Ka ~
  c(0.2,
    0, 0.2,
    0, 0, 0.2)}),
sigma = lotri::lotri({prop + add ~ c(0.05,0.0,0.00)}))
# df_patient01: event table for Patient01, following a 30 minutes intravenous
# infusion
df_patient01 <- data.frame(ID=1,
                           TIME=c(0.0,1.0,14.0),
                           DV=c(NA,25.0,5.5),
                           AMT=c(2000,0,0),
                           EVID=c(1,0,0),
                           DUR=c(0.5,NA,NA))
# estimate the optimal dose to reach an AUC(0-12h) of 45 h.mg/l
poso_dose_auc(dat=df_patient01,prior_model=mod_run001,
time_auc=12,target_auc=45)

```

### Description

Estimates the optimal dose for a selected target concentration at a selected point in time given a population pharmacokinetic model, a set of individual parameters, a selected point in time, and a target concentration.

### Usage

```
poso_dose_conc(
  dat = NULL,
  prior_model = NULL,
  tdm = FALSE,
  time_c,
  time_dose = NULL,
  target_conc,
  endpoint = "Cc",
  estim_method = "map",
  nocb = FALSE,
  p = NULL,
  greater_than = TRUE,
  starting_dose = 100,
  interdose_interval = NULL,
  add_dose = NULL,
  duration = 0,
  indiv_param = NULL
)
```

### Arguments

dat	Dataframe. An individual subject dataset following the structure of NONMEM/rxode2 event records.
prior_model	A posologyr prior population pharmacokinetics model, a list of six objects.
tdm	A boolean. If TRUE: estimates the optimal dose for a selected target concentration at a selected point in time following the events from dat, and using Maximum A Posteriori estimation. Setting tdm to TRUE causes the following to occur: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the arguments estim_method, p, greater_than, interdose_interval, add_dose, indiv_param and starting_time are ignored.</li> </ul>
time_c	Numeric. Point in time for which the dose is to be optimized.
time_dose	Numeric. Time when the dose is to be given.
target_conc	Numeric. Target concentration.
endpoint	Character. The endpoint of the prior model to be optimised for. The default is "Cc", which is the central concentration.
estim_method	A character string. An estimation method to be used for the individual parameters. The default method "map" is the Maximum A Posteriori estimation, the method "prior" simulates from the prior population model, and "sir" uses the

	Sequential Importance Resampling algorithm to estimate the a posteriori distribution of the individual parameters. This argument is ignored if <code>indiv_param</code> is provided or if <code>tdm</code> is set to <code>TRUE</code> .
<code>nocb</code>	A boolean. for time-varying covariates: the next observation carried backward ( <code>nocb</code> ) interpolation style, similar to <code>NONMEM</code> . If <code>FALSE</code> , the last observation carried forward ( <code>locf</code> ) style will be used. Defaults to <code>FALSE</code> .
<code>p</code>	Numeric. The proportion of the distribution of concentrations to consider for the optimization. Mandatory for <code>estim_method=sir</code> . This argument is ignored if <code>tdm</code> is set to <code>TRUE</code> .
<code>greater_than</code>	A boolean. If <code>TRUE</code> : targets a dose leading to a proportion <code>p</code> of the concentrations to be greater than <code>target_conc</code> . Respectively, lower if <code>FALSE</code> . This argument is ignored if <code>tdm</code> is set to <code>TRUE</code> .
<code>starting_dose</code>	Numeric. Starting dose for the optimization algorithm.
<code>interdose_interval</code>	Numeric. Time for the interdose interval for multiple dose regimen. Must be provided when <code>add_dose</code> is used. This argument is ignored if <code>tdm</code> is set to <code>TRUE</code> .
<code>add_dose</code>	Numeric. Additional doses administered at inter-dose interval after the first dose. Optional. This argument is ignored if <code>tdm</code> is set to <code>TRUE</code> .
<code>duration</code>	Numeric. Duration of infusion, for zero-order administrations.
<code>indiv_param</code>	Optional. A set of individual parameters : <code>THETA</code> , estimates of <code>ETA</code> , and covariates. This argument is ignored if <code>tdm</code> is set to <code>TRUE</code> .

## Value

A list containing the following components:

**dose** Numeric. An optimal dose for the selected target concentration.

**type\_of\_estimate** Character string. The type of estimate of the individual parameters. Either a point estimate, or a distribution.

**conc\_estimate** A vector of numeric estimates of the `conc`. Either a single value (for a point estimate of `ETA`), or a distribution.

**indiv\_param** A `data.frame`. The set of individual parameters used for the determination of the optimal dose : `THETA`, estimates of `ETA`, and covariates

## Examples

```
rxode2::setRxThreads(2L) # limit the number of threads
```

```
# model
mod_run001 <- list(
  ppk_model = rxode2::rxode({
    centr(0) = 0;
    depot(0) = 0;

    TVC1 = THETA_C1;
    TVVc = THETA_Vc;
    TVKa = THETA_Ka;
```



```

Cl = TVCl*exp(ETA_Cl);
Vc = TVVc*exp(ETA_Vc);
Ka = TVKa*exp(ETA_Ka);

K20 = Cl/Vc;
Cc = centr/Vc;

d/dt(depot) = -Ka*depot;
d/dt(centr) = Ka*depot - K20*centr;
d/dt(AUC) = Cc;
}),
error_model = function(f,sigma) {
  dv <- cbind(f,1)
  g <- diag(dv**%sigma**%t(dv))
  return(sqrt(g))
},
theta = c(THETA_Cl=4.0, THETA_Vc=70.0, THETA_Ka=1.0),
omega = lotri::lotri({ETA_Cl + ETA_Vc + ETA_Ka ~
  c(0.2,
    0, 0.2,
    0, 0, 0.2)}),
sigma = lotri::lotri({prop + add ~ c(0.05,0.0,0.00)}))
# df_patient01: event table for Patient01, following a 30 minutes intravenous
# infusion
df_patient01 <- data.frame(ID=1,
  TIME=c(0.0,1.0,14.0),
  DV=c(NA,25.0,5.5),
  AMT=c(2000,0,0),
  EVID=c(1,0,0),
  DUR=c(0.5,NA,NA))
# estimate the optimal dose to reach a concentration of 80 mg/l
# one hour after starting the 30-minutes infusion
poso_dose_conc(dat=df_patient01,prior_model=mod_run001,
time_c=1,duration=0.5,target_conc=80)

```

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poso\_estim\_map

*Estimate the Maximum A Posteriori individual parameters*

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## Description

Estimates the Maximum A Posteriori (MAP) individual parameters, also known as Empirical Bayes Estimates (EBE).

## Usage

```

poso_estim_map(
  dat = NULL,
  prior_model = NULL,

```

```

    return_model = TRUE,
    return_ofv = FALSE,
    nocb = FALSE
  )

```

### Arguments

<code>dat</code>	Dataframe. An individual subject dataset following the structure of NONMEM/rxode2 event records.
<code>prior_model</code>	A posologyr prior population pharmacokinetics model, a list of six objects.
<code>return_model</code>	A boolean. Returns a rxode2 model using the estimated ETAs if set to TRUE.
<code>return_ofv</code>	A boolean. Returns a the Objective Function Value (OFV) if set to TRUE.
<code>nocb</code>	A boolean. for time-varying covariates: the next observation carried backward (nocb) interpolation style, similar to NONMEM. If FALSE, the last observation carried forward (locf) style will be used. Defaults to FALSE.

### Value

A named list consisting of one or more of the following elements depending on the input parameters of the function: `$eta` a named vector of the MAP estimates of the individual values of ETA, `$model` an rxode2 model using the estimated ETAs, `$event` the data.table used to solve the returned rxode2 model.

### Examples

```

rxode2::setRxThreads(1) # limit the number of threads

# model
mod_run001 <- list(
  ppk_model = rxode2::rxode({
    centr(0) = 0;
    depot(0) = 0;

    TVC1 = THETA_C1;
    TVVc = THETA_Vc;
    TVKa = THETA_Ka;

    C1 = TVC1*exp(ETA_C1);
    Vc = TVVc*exp(ETA_Vc);
    Ka = TVKa*exp(ETA_Ka);

    K20 = C1/Vc;
    Cc = centr/Vc;

    d/dt(depot) = -Ka*depot;
    d/dt(centr) = Ka*depot - K20*centr;
    d/dt(AUC) = Cc;
  }),
  error_model = function(f,sigma) {
    dv <- cbind(f,1)
  }
)

```

```

    g <- diag(dv**%sigma**%t(dv))
    return(sqrt(g))
  },
  theta = c(THETA_Cl=4.0, THETA_Vc=70.0, THETA_Ka=1.0),
  omega = lotri::lotri({ETA_Cl + ETA_Vc + ETA_Ka ~
    c(0.2,
      0, 0.2,
      0, 0, 0.2)}),
  sigma = lotri::lotri({prop + add ~ c(0.05,0.0,0.00)}))
# df_patient01: event table for Patient01, following a 30 minutes intravenous
# infusion
df_patient01 <- data.frame(ID=1,
                           TIME=c(0.0,1.0,14.0),
                           DV=c(NA,25.0,5.5),
                           AMT=c(2000,0,0),
                           EVID=c(1,0,0),
                           DUR=c(0.5,NA,NA))
# estimate the Maximum A Posteriori individual parameters
poso_estim_map(dat=df_patient01,prior_model=mod_run001)

```

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poso\_estim\_mcmc

*Estimate the posterior distribution of individual parameters by MCMC*

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## Description

Estimates the posterior distribution of individual parameters by Markov Chain Monte Carlo (using a Metropolis-Hastings algorithm)

## Usage

```

poso_estim_mcmc(
  dat = NULL,
  prior_model = NULL,
  return_model = TRUE,
  burn_in = 50,
  n_iter = 1000,
  n_chains = 4,
  nocb = FALSE,
  control = list(n_kernel = c(2, 2, 2), stepsize_rw = 0.4, proba_mcmc = 0.3, nb_max = 3)
)

```

## Arguments

dat	Dataframe. An individual subject dataset following the structure of NONMEM/rxode2 event records.
prior_model	A posology prior population pharmacokinetics model, a list of six objects.
return_model	A boolean. Returns a rxode2 model using the estimated ETAs if set to TRUE.

burn_in	Number of burn-in iterations for the Metropolis-Hastings algorithm.
n_iter	Total number of iterations (following the burn-in iterations) for each Markov chain of the Metropolis-Hastings algorithm.
n_chains	Number of Markov chains
nocb	A boolean. for time-varying covariates: the next observation carried backward (nocb) interpolation style, similar to NONMEM. If FALSE, the last observation carried forward (locf) style will be used. Defaults to FALSE.
control	A list of parameters controlling the Metropolis-Hastings algorithm.

### Value

If `return_model` is set to `FALSE`, a list of one element: a dataframe `$eta` of ETAs from the posterior distribution, estimated by Markov Chain Monte Carlo. If `return_model` is set to `TRUE`, a list of the dataframe of the posterior distribution of ETA, and a `rxode2` model using the estimated distributions of ETAs.

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### References

Comets E, Lavenu A, Lavielle M. Parameter estimation in nonlinear mixed effect models using `saemix`, an R implementation of the SAEM algorithm. *Journal of Statistical Software* 80, 3 (2017), 1-41.

### Examples

```
# model
mod_run001 <- list(
  ppk_model = rxode2::rxode({
    centr(0) = 0;
    depot(0) = 0;

    TVCl = THETA_C1;
    TVVc = THETA_Vc;
    TVKa = THETA_Ka;

    C1 = TVCl*exp(ETA_C1);
    Vc = TVVc*exp(ETA_Vc);
    Ka = TVKa*exp(ETA_Ka);

    K20 = C1/Vc;
    Cc = centr/Vc;

    d/dt(depot) = -Ka*depot;
    d/dt(centr) = Ka*depot - K20*centr;
    d/dt(AUC) = Cc;
  }),
  error_model = function(f,sigma) {
```

```

    dv <- cbind(f,1)
    g <- diag(dv**%sigma**%t(dv))
    return(sqrt(g))
  },
  theta = c(THETA_Cl=4.0, THETA_Vc=70.0, THETA_Ka=1.0),
  omega = lotri::lotri({ETA_Cl + ETA_Vc + ETA_Ka ~
    c(0.2,
      0, 0.2,
      0, 0, 0.2)}),
  sigma = lotri::lotri({prop + add ~ c(0.05,0.0,0.00)}))
# df_patient01: event table for Patient01, following a 30 minutes intravenous
# infusion
df_patient01 <- data.frame(ID=1,
                           TIME=c(0.0,1.0,14.0),
                           DV=c(NA,25.0,5.5),
                           AMT=c(2000,0,0),
                           EVID=c(1,0,0),
                           DUR=c(0.5,NA,NA))
# estimate the posterior distribution of population parameters
poso_estim_mcmc(dat=df_patient01,prior_model=mod_run001,
n_iter=50,n_chains=2)

```

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poso\_estim\_sir

*Estimate the posterior distribution of individual parameters by SIR*

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## Description

Estimates the posterior distribution of individual parameters by Sequential Importance Resampling (SIR)

## Usage

```

poso_estim_sir(
  dat = NULL,
  prior_model = NULL,
  n_sample = 10000,
  n_resample = 1000,
  return_model = TRUE,
  nocb = FALSE
)

```

## Arguments

dat	Dataframe. An individual subject dataset following the structure of NONMEM/rxode2 event records.
prior_model	A posologyr prior population pharmacokinetics model, a list of six objects.
n_sample	Number of samples from the S-step

n_resample	Number of samples from the R-step
return_model	A boolean. Returns a rxode2 model using the estimated ETAs if set to TRUE.
nocb	A boolean. for time-varying covariates: the next observation carried backward (nocb) interpolation style, similar to NONMEM. If FALSE, the last observation carried forward (locf) style will be used. Defaults to FALSE.

## Value

If `return_model` is set to FALSE, a list of one element: a dataframe `$eta` of ETAs from the posterior distribution, estimated by Sequential Importance Resampling. If `return_model` is set to TRUE, a list of the dataframe of the posterior distribution of ETA, and a rxode2 model using the estimated distributions of ETAs.

## Examples

```
# model
mod_run001 <- list(
  ppk_model = rxode2::rxode({
    centr(0) = 0;
    depot(0) = 0;

    TVCl = THETA_C1;
    TVVc = THETA_Vc;
    TVKa = THETA_Ka;

    Cl = TVCl*exp(ETA_C1);
    Vc = TVVc*exp(ETA_Vc);
    Ka = TVKa*exp(ETA_Ka);

    K20 = Cl/Vc;
    Cc = centr/Vc;

    d/dt(depot) = -Ka*depot;
    d/dt(centr) = Ka*depot - K20*centr;
    d/dt(AUC) = Cc;
  }),
  error_model = function(f,sigma) {
    dv <- cbind(f,1)
    g <- diag(dv%%sigma%%t(dv))
    return(sqrt(g))
  },
  theta = c(THETA_C1=4.0, THETA_Vc=70.0, THETA_Ka=1.0),
  omega = lotri::lotri({ETA_C1 + ETA_Vc + ETA_Ka ~
    c(0.2,
      0, 0.2,
      0, 0, 0.2)}),
  sigma = lotri::lotri({prop + add ~ c(0.05,0.0,0.00)}))
# df_patient01: event table for Patient01, following a 30 minutes intravenous
# infusion
df_patient01 <- data.frame(ID=1,
  TIME=c(0.0,1.0,14.0),
```

```
DV=c(NA, 25.0, 5.5),
AMT=c(2000, 0, 0),
EVID=c(1, 0, 0),
DUR=c(0.5, NA, NA))
# estimate the posterior distribution of population parameters
poso_estim_sir(dat=df_patient01, prior_model=mod_run001,
n_sample=1e3, n_resample=1e2)
```

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poso_inter_cmin	<i>Estimate the optimal inter-dose interval for a given dose and a selected target trough concentration</i>
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**Description**

Estimates the optimal inter-dose interval for a selected target trough concentration (Cmin), given a dose, a population pharmacokinetic model, a set of individual parameters, and a target concentration.

**Usage**

```
poso_inter_cmin(
  dat = NULL,
  prior_model = NULL,
  dose,
  target_cmin,
  endpoint = "Cc",
  estim_method = "map",
  nocb = FALSE,
  p = NULL,
  greater_than = TRUE,
  starting_interval = 12,
  add_dose = 10,
  duration = 0,
  indiv_param = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

dat	Dataframe. An individual subject dataset following the structure of NONMEM/rxode2 event records.
prior_model	A posologyr prior population pharmacokinetics model, a list of six objects.
dose	Numeric. The dose given.
target_cmin	Numeric. Target trough concentration (Cmin).
endpoint	Character. The endpoint of the prior model to be optimised for. The default is "Cc", which is the central concentration.

<code>estim_method</code>	A character string. An estimation method to be used for the individual parameters. The default method "map" is the Maximum A Posteriori estimation, the method "prior" simulates from the prior population model, and "sir" uses the Sequential Importance Resampling algorithm to estimate the a posteriori distribution of the individual parameters. This argument is ignored if <code>indiv_param</code> is provided.
<code>nocb</code>	A boolean. for time-varying covariates: the next observation carried backward ( <code>nocb</code> ) interpolation style, similar to NONMEM. If FALSE, the last observation carried forward ( <code>locf</code> ) style will be used. Defaults to FALSE.
<code>p</code>	Numeric. The proportion of the distribution of concentrations to consider for the optimization. Mandatory for <code>estim_method=sir</code> .
<code>greater_than</code>	A boolean. If TRUE: targets a dose leading to a proportion <code>p</code> of the concentrations to be greater than <code>target_conc</code> . Respectively, lower if FALSE.
<code>starting_interval</code>	Numeric. Starting inter-dose interval for the optimization algorithm.
<code>add_dose</code>	Numeric. Additional doses administered at inter-dose interval after the first dose.
<code>duration</code>	Numeric. Duration of infusion, for zero-order administrations.
<code>indiv_param</code>	Optional. A set of individual parameters : THETA, estimates of ETA, and covariates.

## Value

A list containing the following components:

**interval** Numeric. An inter-dose interval to reach the target trough concentration before each dosing of a multiple dose regimen.

**type\_of\_estimate** Character string. The type of estimate of the individual parameters. Either a point estimate, or a distribution.

**conc\_estimate** A vector of numeric estimates of the conc. Either a single value (for a point estimate of ETA), or a distribution.

**indiv\_param** A data.frame. The set of individual parameters used for the determination of the optimal dose : THETA, estimates of ETA, and covariates

## Examples

```
rxode2::setRxThreads(2L) # limit the number of threads

# model
mod_run001 <- list(
  ppk_model = rxode2::rxode({
    centr(0) = 0;
    depot(0) = 0;

    TVC1 = THETA_C1;
    TVVc = THETA_Vc;
    TVKa = THETA_Ka;
```



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Cl = TVCl*exp(ETA_Cl);
Vc = TVVc*exp(ETA_Vc);
Ka = TVKa*exp(ETA_Ka);

K20 = Cl/Vc;
Cc = centr/Vc;

d/dt(depot) = -Ka*depot;
d/dt(centr) = Ka*depot - K20*centr;
d/dt(AUC) = Cc;
}),
error_model = function(f,sigma) {
  dv <- cbind(f,1)
  g <- diag(dv**sigma**t(dv))
  return(sqrt(g))
},
theta = c(THETA_Cl=4.0, THETA_Vc=70.0, THETA_Ka=1.0),
omega = lotri::lotri({ETA_Cl + ETA_Vc + ETA_Ka ~
  c(0.2,
    0, 0.2,
    0, 0, 0.2)}),
sigma = lotri::lotri({prop + add ~ c(0.05,0.0,0.00)})
# df_patient01: event table for Patient01, following a 30 minutes intravenous
# infusion
df_patient01 <- data.frame(ID=1,
  TIME=c(0.0,1.0,14.0),
  DV=c(NA,25.0,5.5),
  AMT=c(2000,0,0),
  EVID=c(1,0,0),
  DUR=c(0.5,NA,NA))
# estimate the optimal interval to reach a cmin of of 2.5 mg/l
# before each administration
poso_inter_cmin(dat=df_patient01,prior_model=mod_run001,
dose=1500,duration=0.5,target_cmin=2.5)

```

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poso\_simu\_pop

*Estimate the prior distribution of population parameters*

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## Description

Estimates the prior distribution of population parameters by Monte Carlo simulations

## Usage

```

poso_simu_pop(
  dat = NULL,
  prior_model = NULL,
  n_simul = 1000,

```

```

    return_model = TRUE
  )

```

### Arguments

<code>dat</code>	Dataframe. An individual subject dataset following the structure of NONMEM/rxode2 event records.
<code>prior_model</code>	A posologyr prior population pharmacokinetics model, a list of six objects.
<code>n_simul</code>	An integer, the number of simulations to be run. For <code>n_simul = 0</code> , all ETAs are set to 0.
<code>return_model</code>	A boolean. Returns a rxode2 model using the simulated ETAs if set to TRUE.

### Value

If `return_model` is set to FALSE, a list of one element: a dataframe `$eta` of the individual values of ETA. If `return_model` is set to TRUE, a list of the dataframe of the individual values of ETA, and a rxode2 model using the simulated ETAs.

### Examples

```

# model
mod_run001 <- list(
  ppk_model = rxode2::rxode({
    centr(0) = 0;
    depot(0) = 0;

    TVCl = THETA_C1;
    TVVc = THETA_Vc;
    TVKa = THETA_Ka;

    C1 = TVCl*exp(ETA_C1);
    Vc = TVVc*exp(ETA_Vc);
    Ka = TVKa*exp(ETA_Ka);

    K20 = C1/Vc;
    Cc = centr/Vc;

    d/dt(depot) = -Ka*depot;
    d/dt(centr) = Ka*depot - K20*centr;
    d/dt(AUC) = Cc;
  }),
  error_model = function(f,sigma) {
    dv <- cbind(f,1)
    g <- diag(dv**sigma**t(dv))
    return(sqrt(g))
  },
  theta = c(THETA_C1=4.0, THETA_Vc=70.0, THETA_Ka=1.0),
  omega = lotri::lotri({ETA_C1 + ETA_Vc + ETA_Ka ~
    c(0.2,
      0, 0.2,
      0, 0, 0.2)}),

```

```

sigma = lotri::lotri({prop + add ~ c(0.05,0.0,0.00)})
# df_patient01: event table for Patient01, following a 30 minutes intravenous
# infusion
df_patient01 <- data.frame(ID=1,
                           TIME=c(0.0,1.0,14.0),
                           DV=c(NA,25.0,5.5),
                           AMT=c(2000,0,0),
                           EVID=c(1,0,0),
                           DUR=c(0.5,NA,NA))
# estimate the prior distribution of population parameters
poso_simu_pop(dat=df_patient01,prior_model=mod_run001,n_simul=100)

```

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poso_time_cmin	<i>Predict time to a selected trough concentration</i>
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### Description

Predicts the time needed to reach a selected trough concentration (Cmin) given a population pharmacokinetic model, a set of individual parameters, a dose, and a target Cmin.

### Usage

```

poso_time_cmin(
  dat = NULL,
  prior_model = NULL,
  tdm = FALSE,
  target_cmin,
  dose = NULL,
  endpoint = "Cc",
  estim_method = "map",
  nocb = FALSE,
  p = NULL,
  greater_than = TRUE,
  from = 0.2,
  last_time = 72,
  add_dose = NULL,
  interdose_interval = NULL,
  duration = 0,
  indiv_param = NULL
)

```

### Arguments

dat	Dataframe. An individual subject dataset following the structure of NONMEM/rxode2 event records.
prior_model	A posologyr prior population pharmacokinetics model, a list of six objects.

tdm	<p>A boolean. If TRUE: computes the predicted time to reach the target trough concentration (Cmin) following the last event from dat, and using Maximum A Posteriori estimation. Setting tdm to TRUE causes the following to occur:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the simulation starts at the time of the last recorded dose (from the TDM data) plus from;</li> <li>• the simulation stops at the time of the last recorded dose (from the TDM data) plus last_time;</li> <li>• the arguments dose, duration, estim_method, p, greater_than, interdose_interval, add_dose, indiv_param and starting_time are ignored.</li> </ul>
target_cmin	Numeric. Target trough concentration (Cmin).
dose	Numeric. Dose administered. This argument is ignored if tdm is set to TRUE.
endpoint	Character. The endpoint of the prior model to be optimised for. The default is "Cc", which is the central concentration.
estim_method	A character string. An estimation method to be used for the individual parameters. The default method "map" is the Maximum A Posteriori estimation, the method "prior" simulates from the prior population model, and "sir" uses the Sequential Importance Resampling algorithm to estimate the a posteriori distribution of the individual parameters. This argument is ignored if indiv_param is provided, or if tdm is set to TRUE.
nocb	A boolean. For time-varying covariates: the next observation carried backward (nocb) interpolation style, similar to NONMEM. If FALSE, the last observation carried forward (locf) style will be used. Defaults to FALSE.
p	Numeric. The proportion of the distribution of Cmin to consider for the estimation. Mandatory for estim_method=sir. This argument is ignored if tdm is set to TRUE.
greater_than	A boolean. If TRUE: targets a time leading to a proportion p of the cmins to be greater than target_cmin. Respectively, lower if FALSE. This argument is ignored if tdm is set to TRUE.
from	Numeric. Starting time for the simulation of the individual time-concentration profile. The default value is 0.2. When tdm is set to TRUE the simulation starts at the time of the last recorded dose plus from.
last_time	Numeric. Ending time for the simulation of the individual time-concentration profile. The default value is 72. When tdm is set to TRUE the simulation stops at the time of the last recorded dose plus last_time.
add_dose	Numeric. Additional doses administered at inter-dose interval after the first dose. Optional. This argument is ignored if tdm is set to TRUE.
interdose_interval	Numeric. Time for the inter-dose interval for multiple dose regimen. Must be provided when add_dose is used. This argument is ignored if tdm is set to TRUE.
duration	Numeric. Duration of infusion, for zero-order administrations. This argument is ignored if tdm is set to TRUE.
indiv_param	Optional. A set of individual parameters : THETA, estimates of ETA, and covariates.

## Value

A list containing the following components:

**time** Numeric. Time needed to reach the selected Cmin.

**type\_of\_estimate** Character string. The type of estimate of the individual parameters. Either a point estimate, or a distribution.

**cmin\_estimate** A vector of numeric estimates of the Cmin. Either a single value (for a point estimate of ETA), or a distribution.

**indiv\_param** A data.frame. The set of individual parameters used for the determination of the time needed to reach a selected Cmin: THETA, estimates of ETA, and covariates

## Examples

```
rxode2::setRxThreads(2L) # limit the number of threads

# model
mod_run001 <- list(
  ppk_model = rxode2::rxode({
    centr(0) = 0;
    depot(0) = 0;

    TVCl = THETA_C1;
    TVVc = THETA_Vc;
    TVKa = THETA_Ka;

    Cl = TVCl*exp(ETA_C1);
    Vc = TVVc*exp(ETA_Vc);
    Ka = TVKa*exp(ETA_Ka);

    K20 = Cl/Vc;
    Cc = centr/Vc;

    d/dt(depot) = -Ka*depot;
    d/dt(centr) = Ka*depot - K20*centr;
    d/dt(AUC) = Cc;
  }),
  error_model = function(f,sigma) {
    dv <- cbind(f,1)
    g <- diag(dv%%sigma%%t(dv))
    return(sqrt(g))
  },
  theta = c(THETA_C1=4.0, THETA_Vc=70.0, THETA_Ka=1.0),
  omega = lotri::lotri({ETA_C1 + ETA_Vc + ETA_Ka ~
    c(0.2,
      0, 0.2,
      0, 0, 0.2)}),
  sigma = lotri::lotri({prop + add ~ c(0.05,0.0,0.00)}))
# df_patient01: event table for Patient01, following a 30 minutes intravenous
# infusion
df_patient01 <- data.frame(ID=1,
  TIME=c(0.0,1.0,14.0),
```

```
DV=c(NA,25.0,5.5),
AMT=c(2000,0,0),
EVID=c(1,0,0),
DUR=c(0.5,NA,NA))
# predict the time needed to reach a concentration of 2.5 mg/l
# after the administration of a 2500 mg dose over a 30 minutes
# infusion
poso_time_cmin(dat=df_patient01,prior_model=mod_run001,
dose=2500,duration=0.5,from=0.5,target_cmin=2.5)
```

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