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# **paramspace Documentation**

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## YAML TOOLS

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This is the documentation of the *paramspace* package.

It currently is very much *Work in Progress*; in its current state, it only contains an API reference.

In the meantime, refer to the [README on the project page](#) for installation instructions, example usage, and development information.

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**Note:** If you find any errors in this documentation or would like to contribute to the project, a visit to the [project page](#) is appreciated.

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## SUPPORTED YAML TAGS

YAML allows defining custom so-called tags which can be distinguished during loading and serialization of objects. `paramspace` makes heavy use of this possibility, as it greatly simplifies the definition and usage of configuration files.

### 1.1 `paramspace`-related tags

The `paramspace.yaml` module implements constructors and representers for the following classes:

- `!pspace` constructs a `ParamSpace`
- `!pdim` constructs a `ParamDim`
- `!coupled-pdim` constructs a `CoupledParamDim`

This is a very convenient way of defining these objects.

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**Hint:** For the `ParamDim` and derived classes, there additionally are the `!pdim-default` and `!coupled-pdim-default` tags. These do not create a `ParamDim` objects but directly return the default value. By adding the `-default` in the end, they can be quickly deactivated inside the configuration file (as an alternative to commenting them out).

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### 1.2 Python builtins and basic operators

`paramspace.yaml` adds YAML constructors for a number of frequently used Python built-in functions and operators. Having these available while specifying configurations can make the definition of configurations files more versatile.

**Warning:** The YAML tags provided here are only meant to allow basic operations, i.e. summing two parameters to create a third. Don't overdo it. Configuration files should remain easy to read.

The tags shown below call the equivalent Python builtin or the operators defined in the `operator` Python module. Example:

```
any:      !any      [false, 0, true]    # == True
all:      !all      [true, 5, 0]       # == False
```

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```
abs:      !abs      -1      # +1
int:      !int      1.23    # 1
round:    !round    9.87    # 10
sum:      !sum      [1, 2, 3] # 6
prod:     !prod     [2, 3, 4] # 24

min:      !min      [1, 2, 3] # 1
max:      !max      [1, 2, 3] # 3

sorted:   !sorted   [2, 1, 3] # [1, 2, 3]
isorted:  !isorted  [2, 1, 3] # [3, 2, 1]

# Operators
add:      !add      [1, 2]   # 1 + 2
sub:      !sub      [2, 1]   # 2 - 1
mul:      !mul      [3, 4]   # 3 * 4
mod:      !mod      [3, 2]   # 3 % 2
pow:      !pow      [2, 4]   # 2 ** 4
truediv:  !truediv  [3, 2]   # 3 // 2
floordiv: !floordiv [3, 2]   # 3 / 2
pow_mod:  !pow      [2, 4, 3] # 2 ** 4 % 3

not:      !not      [true]
and:      !and      [true, false]
or:       !or       [true, false]
xor:      !xor      [true, true]

lt:       !lt       [1, 2]   # 1 < 2
le:       !le       [2, 2]   # 2 <= 2
eq:       !eq       [3, 3]   # 3 == 3
ne:       !ne       [3, 1]   # 3 != 1
ge:       !ge       [2, 2]   # 2 >= 2
gt:       !gt       [4, 3]   # 4 > 3

negate:   !negate   [1]      # -1
invert:   !invert   [true]   # ~true
contains: !contains [[1,2,3], 4] # 4 in [1,2,3] == False

concat:   !concat   [[1,2,3], [4,5], [6,7,8]] # [...] + [...] + [...] + ...

format1:  !format   ["{} is not {}", foo, bar]
format2:  !format
    fstr: "{some_key:}: {some_value:}"
    some_key: fish
    some_value: spam
format3:  !format
    fstr: "results: {stats[mean]:.2f} ± {stats[std]:.2f}"
    stats:
        mean: 1.632
        std: 0.026
```



## 1.3 Recursively updating maps

While YAML already provides the `<<` operator to update a mapping, this operator does not work recursively. The `!rec-update` YAML tag supplies exactly that functionality using the `recursive_update()` function.

```
some_map: &some_map
  foo: bar
  spam: fish
some_other_map: &some_other_map
  foo:
    bar: baz
    baz: bar
  fish: spam

# Create a new map by recursively updating the first map with
# the second one (uses deep copies to avoid side effects)
merged: !rec-update [<<: *some_map, <<: *some_other_map]
# NOTE: Need to use ^^-- inheritance here, otherwise this will
#       result in empty mappings (for some reason)
```

**Warning:** Always include via `<<: *my_ref!`

If supplying references to mappings (as shown in the example), the references **have** to be included using `<<: *my_ref!`

Otherwise, if using the simple `*my_ref` as argument, the YAML parser does not properly resolve the reference to the anchor but only returns an empty mapping.



## PARAMSPACE PACKAGE

This package provides classes to conveniently define hierarchically structured parameter spaces and iterate over them. To that end, any dict-like object can be populated with *ParamDim* objects to create a parameter dimension at that key. When creating a *ParamSpace* from this dict, it becomes possible to iterate over all points in the space created by the parameter dimensions, i.e. the *parameter space*.

Furthermore, the *paramspace.yaml* module provides possibilities to define the parameter space fully from YAML configuration files, using custom YAML tags.

### 2.1 Submodules

#### 2.1.1 paramspace.paramdim module

The ParamDim classes define parameter dimensions along which discrete values can be assumed. While they provide iteration abilities on their own, they make sense mostly to use as objects in a dict that is converted to a ParamSpace.

**class** `paramspace.paramdim.Masked` (*value*)

Bases: `object`

To indicate a masked value in a ParamDim

**\_\_init\_\_** (*value*)

Initialize a Masked object that is a placeholder for the given value

**Parameters** *value* – The value to mask

**property** *value*

**classmethod** `to_yaml` (*representer*, *node*: `paramspace.paramdim.Masked`)

**Parameters**

- **representer** (`ruamel.yaml.representer`) – The representer module
- **node** (`Masked`) – The node, i.e. an instance of this class

**Returns** the scalar value that this object masks

**exception** `paramspace.paramdim.MaskedValueError`

Bases: `ValueError`

Raised when trying to set the state of a ParamDim to a masked value

**args**

**with\_traceback** ()

Exception.with\_traceback(tb) – set self.\_\_traceback\_\_ to tb and return self.

```
class paramspace.paramdim.ParamDimBase(*, default, values: Iterable = None, order: float =
None, name: str = None, as_type: str = None, as-
sert_unique: bool = True, **kwargs)
```

Bases: object

The ParamDim base class.

```
_OMIT_ATTR_IN_EQ = ()
```

```
_REPR_ATTRS = ()
```

```
_VKWARGS = ('values', 'range', 'linspace', 'logspace')
```

```
__init__(*, default, values: Iterable = None, order: float = None, name: str = None, as_type: str =
None, assert_unique: bool = True, **kwargs) → None
```

Initialise a parameter dimension object.

### Parameters

- **default** – default value of this parameter dimension
- **values** (*Iterable, optional*) – Which discrete values this parameter dimension can take. This argument takes precedence over any constructors given in the kwargs (like *range*, *linspace*, ...).
- **order** (*float, optional*) – If given, this allows to specify an order within a ParamSpace that includes this ParamDim object. If not, will use *np.inf* instead.
- **name** (*str, optional*) – If given, this is an *additional* name of this ParamDim object, and can be used by the ParamSpace to access this object.
- **as\_type** (*str, optional*) – If given, casts the individual created values to a certain python type. The following string values are possible: *str*, *int*, *bool*, *float*
- **assert\_unique** (*bool, optional*) – Whether to assert uniqueness of the values among them.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Constructors for the *values* argument, valid keys are *range*, *linspace*, and *logspace*; corresponding values are expected to be iterables and are passed to *range(\*args)*, *np.linspace(\*args)*, or *np.logspace(\*args)*, respectively.

**Raises TypeError** – For invalid arguments

```
_init_vals(*, as_type: str, assert_unique: bool, **kwargs)
```

Parses the arguments and invokes *\_set\_vals*

**property name**

The name value.

**property order**

The order value.

**property default**

The default value.

**property values**

The values that are iterated over.

### Returns

the values this parameter dimension can take. If None, the values are not yet set.

**Return type** tuple

**property coords**

Returns the coordinates of this parameter dimension, i.e., the combined default value and the sequence of iteration values.

**Returns** coordinates associated with the indices of this dimension

**Return type** tuple

**property pure\_coords**

Returns the pure coordinates of this parameter dimension, i.e., the combined default value and the sequence of iteration values, but with masked values resolved.

**Returns** coordinates associated with the indices of this dimension

**Return type** tuple

**property num\_values**

The number of values available.

**Returns** The number of available values

**Return type** int

**property num\_states**

The number of possible states, i.e., including the default state

**Returns** The number of possible states

**Return type** int

**property state**

The current iterator state

**Returns**

**The state of the iterator; if it is None, the** ParamDim is not inside an iteration.

**Return type** Union[int, None]

**property current\_value**

If in an iteration, returns the value according to the current state. Otherwise, returns the default value.

**\_\_eq\_\_** (*other*) → bool

Check for equality between self and other

**Parameters** *other* – the object to compare to

**Returns** Whether the two objects are equivalent

**Return type** bool

**abstract \_\_len\_\_** () → int

Returns the effective length of the parameter dimension, i.e. the number of values that will be iterated over

**Returns** The number of values to be iterated over

**Return type** int

**\_\_str\_\_** () → str

**Returns**

**Returns the string representation of the ParamDimBase-derived** object

**Return type** str

**\_\_repr\_\_** () → str

### Returns

**Returns the string representation of the ParamDimBase-derived object**

**Return type** str

**`__parse_repr_attrs()`** → dict

For the `__repr__` method, collects some attributes into a dict

**`__iter__()`**

Iterate over available values

**`__next__()`**

Move to the next valid state and return the corresponding parameter value.

**Returns** The current value (inside an iteration)

**`abstract enter_iteration()`** → None

Sets the state to the first possible one, symbolising that an iteration has started.

**Returns** None

**Raises** **StopIteration** – If no iteration is possible

**`abstract iterate_state()`** → None

Iterates the state of the parameter dimension.

**Returns** None

**Raises** **StopIteration** – Upon end of iteration

**`abstract reset()`** → None

Called after the end of an iteration and should reset the object to a state where it is possible to start another iteration over it.

**Returns** None

**`__parse_value(val, *, as_type: str = None)`**

Parses a single value and ensures it is of correct type.

**`__set_values(values: Iterable, *, assert_unique: bool, as_type: str = None)`**

This function sets the values attribute; it is needed for the values setter function that is overwritten when changing the property in a derived class.

### Parameters

- **values** (*Iterable*) – The iterable to set the values with
- **assert\_unique** (*bool*) – Whether to assert uniqueness of the values
- **as\_type** (*str, optional*) – The following values are possible: str, int, bool, float. If not given, will leave the values as they are.

### Raises

- **AttributeError** – If the attribute is already set
- **ValueError** – If the iterator is invalid

### Deleted Parameters:

**as\_float (bool, optional):** If given, makes sure that values are of type float; this is needed for the numpy initializers

**`__rec_tuple_conv(obj: list)`**

Recursively converts a list-like object into a tuple, replacing all occurrences of lists with tuples.

```

_YAML_UPDATE = {}
_YAML_REMOVE_IF = {'name': (None,), 'order': (None,)}
classmethod to_yaml(representer, node)

```

#### Parameters

- **representer** (*ruamel.yaml.representer*) – The representer module
- **node** (*type(self)*) – The node, i.e. an instance of this class

**Returns** a yaml mapping that is able to recreate this object

```

classmethod from_yaml(constructor, node)
    The default constructor for ParamDim-derived objects

```

```

_abc_impl = <_abc_data object>

```

```

class paramspace.paramdim.ParamDim(*, mask: Union[bool, Tuple[bool]] = False, **kwargs)
    Bases: paramspace.paramdim.ParamDimBase

```

The ParamDim class.

```

_OMIT_ATTR_IN_EQ = ('_mask_cache', '_inside_iter', '_target_of')
_REPR_ATTRS = ('mask',)
yaml_tag = '!pdim'
_YAML_UPDATE = {'mask': 'mask'}
_YAML_REMOVE_IF = {'mask': (None, False), 'name': (None,), 'order': (None,)}
__init__(*, mask: Union[bool, Tuple[bool]] = False, **kwargs)
    Initialize a regular parameter dimension.

```

#### Parameters

- **mask** (*Union[bool, Tuple[bool]]*, *optional*) – Which values of the dimension to mask, i.e., skip in iteration. Note that masked values still count to the length of the parameter dimension!
- **\*\*kwargs** – Passed to ParamDimBase.\_\_init\_\_. Possible arguments:
  - **default**: default value of this parameter dimension
  - **values (Iterable, optional): Which discrete values this parameter dimension can take.** This argument takes precedence over any constructors given in the kwargs (like range, linspace, ...).
  - **order (float, optional): If given, this allows to specify an order** within a ParamSpace that includes this ParamDim. If not given, np.inf will be used, i.e., dimension is last.
  - **name (str, optional): If given, this is an *additional* name** of this ParamDim object, and can be used by the ParamSpace to access this object.
  - **\*\*kwargs: Constructors for the values argument, valid keys are range, linspace, and logspace;** corresponding values are expected to be iterables and are passed to range(\*args), np.linspace(\*args), or np.logspace(\*args), respectively.

**property target\_of**

Returns the list that holds all the CoupledParamDim objects that point to this instance of ParamDim.

**property state**

The current iterator state

**Returns**

The state of the iterator; if it is `None`, the `ParamDim` is not inside an iteration.

**Return type** `Union[int, None]`

**property mask\_tuple**

Returns a tuple representation of the current mask

**property mask**

Returns `False` if no value is masked or a tuple of booleans that represents the mask

**property num\_masked**

Returns the number of unmasked values

**\_\_len\_\_()**  $\rightarrow$  `int`

Returns the effective length of the parameter dimension, i.e. the number of values that will be iterated over.

**Returns** The number of values to be iterated over

**Return type** `int`

**enter\_iteration()**  $\rightarrow$  `None`

Sets the state to the first possible one, symbolising that an iteration has started.

**Raises** `StopIteration` – If no iteration is possible because all values are masked.

**iterate\_state()**  $\rightarrow$  `None`

Iterates the state of the parameter dimension.

**Raises** `StopIteration` – Upon end of iteration

**reset()**  $\rightarrow$  `None`

Called after the end of an iteration and should reset the object to a state where it is possible to start another iteration over it.

**Returns** `None`

**\_VKWARGS** = ('values', 'range', 'linspace', 'logspace')

**\_\_eq\_\_(other)**  $\rightarrow$  `bool`

Check for equality between self and other

**Parameters** `other` – the object to compare to

**Returns** Whether the two objects are equivalent

**Return type** `bool`

**\_\_iter\_\_()**

Iterate over available values

**\_\_next\_\_()**

Move to the next valid state and return the corresponding parameter value.

**Returns** The current value (inside an iteration)

**\_\_repr\_\_()**  $\rightarrow$  `str`

**Returns**

Returns the string representation of the `ParamDimBase`-derived object

**Return type** `str`

**\_\_str\_\_()**  $\rightarrow$  `str`



### Returns

Returns the string representation of the ParamDimBase-derived object

Return type str

**`_abc_impl`** = `<_abc_data object>`

**`_init_vals`** (\*, *as\_type: str*, *assert\_unique: bool*, *\*\*kwargs*)  
Parses the arguments and invokes `_set_vals`

**`_parse_repr_attrs`** () → dict  
For the `__repr__` method, collects some attributes into a dict

**`_parse_value`** (*val*, \*, *as\_type: str = None*)  
Parses a single value and ensures it is of correct type.

**`_rec_tuple_conv`** (*obj: list*)  
Recursively converts a list-like object into a tuple, replacing all occurrences of lists with tuples.

**`_set_values`** (*values: Iterable*, \*, *assert\_unique: bool*, *as\_type: str = None*)  
This function sets the values attribute; it is needed for the values setter function that is overwritten when changing the property in a derived class.

### Parameters

- **`values`** (*Iterable*) – The iterable to set the values with
- **`assert_unique`** (*bool*) – Whether to assert uniqueness of the values
- **`as_type`** (*str*, *optional*) – The following values are possible: str, int, bool, float. If not given, will leave the values as they are.

### Raises

- **`AttributeError`** – If the attribute is already set
- **`ValueError`** – If the iterator is invalid

### Deleted Parameters:

**`as_float (bool, optional)`**: If given, makes sure that values are of type float; this is needed for the numpy initializers

### **`property coords`**

Returns the coordinates of this parameter dimension, i.e., the combined default value and the sequence of iteration values.

**Returns** coordinates associated with the indices of this dimension

Return type tuple

### **`property current_value`**

If in an iteration, returns the value according to the current state. Otherwise, returns the default value.

### **`property default`**

The default value.

### **`classmethod from_yaml (constructor, node)`**

The default constructor for ParamDim-derived objects

### **`property name`**

The name value.

**property num\_states**

The number of possible states, i.e., including the default state

**Returns** The number of possible states

**Return type** int

**property num\_values**

The number of values available.

**Returns** The number of available values

**Return type** int

**property order**

The order value.

**property pure\_coords**

Returns the pure coordinates of this parameter dimension, i.e., the combined default value and the sequence of iteration values, but with masked values resolved.

**Returns** coordinates associated with the indices of this dimension

**Return type** tuple

**classmethod to\_yaml (representer, node)**

**Parameters**

- **representer** (*ruamel.yaml.representer*) – The representer module
- **node** (*type(self)*) – The node, i.e. an instance of this class

**Returns** a yaml mapping that is able to recreate this object

**property values**

The values that are iterated over.

**Returns**

the values this parameter dimension can take. If None, the values are not yet set.

**Return type** tuple

```
class paramspace.paramdim.CoupledParamDim(*, default=None, target_pdim:
    paramspace.paramdim.ParamDim = None,
    target_name: Union[str, Sequence[str]] =
    None, use_coupled_default: bool = None,
    use_coupled_values: bool = None, **kwargs)
```

Bases: *paramspace.paramdim.ParamDimBase*

A CoupledParamDim object is recognized by the ParamSpace and its state moves alongside with another ParamDim's state.

```
_OMIT_ATTR_IN_EQ = ()
```

```
_REPR_ATTRS = ('target_pdim', 'target_name', '_use_coupled_default', '_use_coupled_val
```

```
yaml_tag = '!coupled-pdim'
```

```
_YAML_UPDATE = {'target_name': '_target_name_as_list'}
```

```
_YAML_REMOVE_IF = {'assert_unique': (True, False), 'default': (None,), 'name': (Non
```

```
__init__(*, default=None, target_pdim: paramspace.paramdim.ParamDim = None, target_name: Union[str, Sequence[str]] = None, use_coupled_default: bool = None, use_coupled_values: bool = None, **kwargs)
```

Initialize a coupled parameter dimension.

If the *default* or any values-setting argument is set, those will be used. If that is not the case, the respective parts from the coupled dimension will be used.

#### Parameters

- **default** (*None, optional*) – The default value. If not given, will use the one from the coupled object.
- **target\_pdim** (*ParamDim, optional*) – The ParamDim object to couple to
- **target\_name** (*Union[str, Sequence[str]], optional*) – The *name* of the ParamDim object to couple to; needs to be within the same ParamSpace and the ParamSpace needs to be able to resolve it using this name.
- **use\_coupled\_default** (*bool, optional*) – DEPRECATED
- **use\_coupled\_values** (*bool, optional*) – DEPRECATED
- **\*\*kwargs** – Passed to ParamDimBase.\_\_init\_\_

**Raises** **TypeError** – If neither target\_pdim nor target\_name were given or or both were given

```
__len__() → int
```

Returns the effective length of the parameter dimension, i.e. the number of values that will be iterated over; corresponds to that of the target ParamDim

**Returns** The number of values to be iterated over

**Return type** int

```
enter_iteration() → None
```

Does nothing, as state has no effect for CoupledParamDim

```
iterate_state() → None
```

Does nothing, as state has no effect for CoupledParamDim

```
reset() → None
```

Does nothing, as state has no effect for CoupledParamDim

**property target\_name**

The ParamDim object this CoupledParamDim couples to.

**property \_target\_name\_as\_list**

For the safe yaml representer, the target\_name cannot be a tuple.

This property returns it as str or list of strings.

```
_VKWARGS = ('values', 'range', 'linspace', 'logspace')
```

```
__eq__(other) → bool
```

Check for equality between self and other

**Parameters** **other** – the object to compare to

**Returns** Whether the two objects are equivalent

**Return type** bool

```
__iter__() →
```

Iterate over available values

`__next__()`

Move to the next valid state and return the corresponding parameter value.

**Returns** The current value (inside an iteration)

`__repr__()` → str

**Returns**

**Returns the string representation of the ParamDimBase-derived object**

**Return type** str

`__str__()` → str

**Returns**

**Returns the string representation of the ParamDimBase-derived object**

**Return type** str

`_abc_impl = <_abc_data object>`

`_init_vals(*, as_type: str, assert_unique: bool, **kwargs)`

Parses the arguments and invokes `_set_vals`

`_parse_repr_attrs()` → dict

For the `__repr__` method, collects some attributes into a dict

`_parse_value(val, *, as_type: str = None)`

Parses a single value and ensures it is of correct type.

`_rec_tuple_conv(obj: list)`

Recursively converts a list-like object into a tuple, replacing all occurrences of lists with tuples.

`_set_values(values: Iterable, *, assert_unique: bool, as_type: str = None)`

This function sets the values attribute; it is needed for the values setter function that is overwritten when changing the property in a derived class.

**Parameters**

- **values** (*Iterable*) – The iterable to set the values with
- **assert\_unique** (*bool*) – Whether to assert uniqueness of the values
- **as\_type** (*str, optional*) – The following values are possible: str, int, bool, float. If not given, will leave the values as they are.

**Raises**

- **AttributeError** – If the attribute is already set
- **ValueError** – If the iterator is invalid

**Deleted Parameters:**

**as\_float (bool, optional):** If given, makes sure that values are of type float; this is needed for the numpy initializers

**property coords**

Returns the coordinates of this parameter dimension, i.e., the combined default value and the sequence of iteration values.

**Returns** coordinates associated with the indices of this dimension

**Return type** tuple

**classmethod** `from_yaml (constructor, node)`

The default constructor for ParamDim-derived objects

**property** `name`

The name value.

**property** `num_states`

The number of possible states, i.e., including the default state

**Returns** The number of possible states

**Return type** int

**property** `num_values`

The number of values available.

**Returns** The number of available values

**Return type** int

**property** `order`

The order value.

**property** `pure_coords`

Returns the pure coordinates of this parameter dimension, i.e., the combined default value and the sequence of iteration values, but with masked values resolved.

**Returns** coordinates associated with the indices of this dimension

**Return type** tuple

**classmethod** `to_yaml (representer, node)`

**Parameters**

- **representer** (`ruamel.yaml.representer`) – The representer module
- **node** (`type(self)`) – The node, i.e. an instance of this class

**Returns** a yaml mapping that is able to recreate this object

**property** `target_pdim`

The ParamDim object this CoupledParamDim couples to.

**property** `default`

The default value.

**Returns** the default value this parameter dimension can take.

**Raises** **RuntimeError** – If no ParamDim was associated yet

**property** `values`

The values that are iterated over.

If `self._use_coupled_values` is set, will be those of the coupled pdim.

**Returns** The values of this CoupledParamDim or the target ParamDim

**Return type** tuple

**property** `state`

The current iterator state of the target ParamDim

**Returns**

**The state of the iterator; if it is None, the** ParamDim is not inside an iteration.

**Return type** Union[int, None]

**property** `current_value`

If in an iteration, returns the value according to the current state. Otherwise, returns the default value.

**property** `mask`

Return the coupled object's mask value

## 2.1.2 paramspace.paramspace module

Implementation of the ParamSpace class

**class** `paramspace.paramspace.ParamSpace` (*d: dict*)

Bases: `object`

The ParamSpace class holds dict-like data in which some entries are ParamDim objects. These objects each define one parameter dimension.

The ParamSpace class then allows to iterate over the space that is created by the parameter dimensions: at each point of the space (created by the cartesian product of all dimensions), one manifestation of the underlying dict-like data is returned.

**yaml\_tag** = `'!pspace'`

**\_\_init\_\_** (*d: dict*)

Initialize a ParamSpace object from a given mapping or sequence.

**Parameters** *d* (*Union[MutableMapping, MutableSequence]*) – The mapping or sequence that will form the parameter space. It is crucial that this object is mutable.

**\_gather\_paramdims** ()

Gathers ParamDim objects by recursively going through the dict

**static** **\_unique\_dim\_names** (*kv\_pairs: Sequence[Tuple]*) → *List[Tuple[str, paramspace.paramdim.ParamDim]]*

Given a sequence of key-value pairs, tries to create a unique string representation of the entries, such that it can be used as a unique mapping from names to parameter dimension objects.

**Parameters** *kv\_pairs* (*Sequence[Tuple]*) – Pairs of (path, ParamDim), where the path is a Tuple of strings.

**Returns** The now unique (name, ParamDim) pairs

**Return type** *List[Tuple[str, ParamDim]]*

**Raises** **ValueError** – For invalid names, i.e.: failure to find a unique representation.

**\_get\_dim** (*name: Union[str, Tuple[str]]*) → *paramspace.paramdim.ParamDimBase*

Get the ParamDim object with the given name or location.

Note that coupled parameter dimensions cannot be accessed via this method.

**Parameters** *name* (*Union[str, Tuple[str]]*) – If a string, will look it up by that name, which has to match completely. If it is a tuple of strings, the location is looked up instead.

**Returns** the parameter dimension object

**Return type** *ParamDimBase*

**Raises**

- **KeyError** – If the ParamDim could not be found
- **ValueError** – If the parameter dimension name was ambiguous

**property default**

Returns the dictionary with all parameter dimensions resolved to their default values.

If an object is Masked, it will resolve it.

**property current\_point**

Returns the dictionary with all parameter dimensions resolved to the values, depending on the point in parameter space at which the iteration is.

Note that unlike `.default`, this does not resolve the value if it is Masked.

**property dims**

Returns the ParamDim objects of this ParamSpace. The keys of this dictionary are the unique names of the dimensions, created during initialization.

**property dims\_by\_loc**

Returns the ParamDim objects of this ParamSpace, keys being the paths to the objects in the dictionary.

**property coupled\_dims**

Returns the CoupledParamDim objects of this ParamSpace. The keys of this dictionary are the unique names of the dimensions, created during initialization.

**property coupled\_dims\_by\_loc**

Returns the CoupledParamDim objects found in this ParamSpace, keys being the paths to the objects in the dictionary.

**property coords**

Returns the coordinates of all parameter dimensions as dict. This does not include the coupled dimensions!

As the coordinates are merely collected from the parameter dimensions, they may include Masked objects.

Note that the coordinates are converted to lists to make interfacing with `xarray.DataArray` easier.

**property pure\_coords**

Returns the pure coordinates of all parameter dimensions as dict. This does not include the coupled dimensions!

Unlike the `.coords` property, the pure coordinates are cleaned of any Masked values.

Note that the coordinates are converted to lists to make interfacing with `xarray.DataArray` easier.

**property current\_coords**

Returns the current coordinates of all parameter dimensions.

This is a shortcut for the `get_dim_values` method without arguments.

**property num\_dims**

Returns the number of parameter space dimensions. Coupled dimensions are not counted here!

**property num\_coupled\_dims**

Returns the number of coupled parameter space dimensions.

**property volume**

Returns the active volume of the parameter space, i.e. not counting coupled parameter dimensions or masked values

**property full\_volume**

Returns the full volume, i.e. ignoring whether parameter dimensions are masked.

**property shape**

Returns the shape of the parameter space, not counting masked values of parameter dimensions. If a dimension is fully masked, it is still represented as of length 1, representing the default value being used.

**Returns** The iterator shape

**Return type** Tuple[int]

**property full\_shape**

Returns the shape of the parameter space, ignoring masked values

**Returns** The shape of the fully unmasked iterator

**Return type** Tuple[int]

**property states\_shape**

Returns the shape of the parameter space, including default states for each parameter dimension and ignoring masked ones.

**Returns** The shape tuple

**Return type** Tuple[int]

**property max\_state\_no**

Returns the highest possible state number

**property state\_vector**

Returns a tuple of all current parameter dimension states

**property state\_no**

Returns the current state number by visiting the active parameter dimensions and querying their state numbers.

**\_\_eq\_\_** (*other*) → bool

Tests the equality of two ParamSpace objects.

**\_\_str\_\_** () → str

Returns a parsed, human-readable information string

**\_\_repr\_\_** () → str

Returns the raw string representation of the ParamSpace.

**get\_info\_str** () → str

Returns a string that gives information about shape and size of this ParamSpace.

**\_parse\_dims** (\*, *mode: str = 'names', join\_str: str = '-> ', prefix: str = '\* ') → str*

Returns a multi-line string of dimension names or locations.

This function is intended mostly for internal representation, thus defaulting to the longer join strings.

**classmethod to\_yaml** (*representer, node*)

In order to dump a ParamSpace as yaml, basically only the `_dict` attribute needs to be saved. It can be plugged into a constructor without any issues. However, to make the string representation a bit simpler, the `OrderedDict` is resolved to an `unordered` one.

**Parameters**

- **representer** (*ruamel.yaml.representer*) – The representer module
- **node** (*type(self)*) – The node, i.e. an instance of this class

**Returns** a yaml mapping that is able to recreate this object

**classmethod from\_yaml** (*constructor, node*)

The default constructor for a ParamSpace object

**get** (*key, default=None*)

Returns a `_copy_` of the item in the underlying dict

**pop** (*key, default=None*)

Pops an item from the underlying dict, if it is not a ParamDim



`__iter__()` → dict

Move to the next valid point in parameter space and return the corresponding dictionary.

**Returns** The current value of the iteration

**Raises** `StopIteration` – When the iteration has finished

`iterator` (\*, *with\_info*: Union[str, Tuple[str]] = None, *omit\_pt*: bool = False) → Generator[dict, None, None]

Returns an iterator (more precisely: a generator) yielding all unmasked points of the parameter space.

To control which information is returned at each point, the *with\_info* and *omit\_pt* arguments can be used. By default, the generator will return a single dictionary.

Note that an iteration is also possible for zero-volume parameter spaces, i.e. where no parameter dimensions were defined.

#### Parameters

- **with\_info** (Union[str, Tuple[str]], optional) – Can pass strings here that are to be returned as the second value. Possible values are: 'state\_no', 'state\_vector', 'state\_no\_str', and 'current\_coords'. To get multiple, add them to a tuple.
- **omit\_pt** (bool, optional) – If true, the current value is omitted and only the information is returned.

#### Returns

**yields point after point of the** ParamSpace and the corresponding information

**Return type** Generator[dict, None, None]

`reset()` → None

Resets the paramter space and all of its dimensions to the initial state, i.e. where all states are None.

`_next_state()` → bool

Iterates the state of the parameter dimensions managed by this ParamSpace.

Important: this assumes that the parameter dimensions already have been prepared for an iteration and that `self.state_no == 0`.

**Returns** Returns False when iteration finishes

**Return type** bool

`_gen_iter_rv` (pt, \*, *with\_info*: Sequence[str]) → tuple

Is used during iteration to generate the iteration return value, adding additional information if specified.

Note that pt can also be None if iterate is a dry\_run

#### property state\_map

Returns an inverse mapping, i.e. an n-dimensional array where the indices along the dimensions relate to the states of the parameter dimensions and the content of the array relates to the state numbers.

#### Returns

**A mapping of indices and coordinates to the state** number. Note that it is not ensured that the coordinates are unique, so it `_might_` not be possible to use location-based indexing.

**Return type** xr.DataArray

**Raises** `RuntimeError` – If – for an unknown reason – the iteration did not cover all of the state mapping. Should not occur.

### **property active\_state\_map**

Returns a subset of the state map, where masked coordinates are removed and only the active coordinates are present.

Note that this array has to be re-calculated every time, as the mask status of the ParamDim objects is not controlled by the ParamSpace and can change without notice.

Also: the indices will no longer match the states of the dimensions! Values of the DataArray should only be accessed via the coordinates!

#### **Returns**

**A reduced state map which only includes active, i.e.: unmasked coordinates.**

**Return type** `xr.DataArray`

**get\_state\_vector** (\*, *state\_no*: *int*) → `Tuple[int]`

Returns the state vector that corresponds to a state number

**Parameters** *state\_no* (*int*) – The state number to look for in the inverse mapping

**Returns** the state vector corresponding to the state number

**Return type** `Tuple[int]`

**get\_dim\_values** (\*, *state\_no*: *int* = *None*, *state\_vector*: *Tuple[int]* = *None*) → `collections.OrderedDict`

Returns the current parameter dimension values or those of a certain state number or state vector.

**\_calc\_state\_no** (*state\_vector*: *Tuple[int]*) → *int*

**set\_mask** (*name*: *Union[str, Tuple[str]]*, *mask*: *Union[bool, Tuple[bool]]*, *invert*: *bool* = *False*) → *None*

Set the mask value of the parameter dimension with the given name.

#### **Parameters**

- **name** (*Union[str, Tuple[str]]*) – the name of the dim, which can be a tuple of strings or a string. If name is a string, it will be converted to a tuple, regarding the ‘/’ character as splitting string. The tuple is compared to the paths of the dimensions, starting from the back; thus, not the whole path needs to be given, it just needs to be enough to resolve the dimension names unambiguously. For names at the root level that could be ambiguous, a leading “/” in the string argument or an empty string in the tuple-form of the argument needs to be set to symbolise the dimension being at root level. Also, the ParamDim’s custom name attribute can be used to identify it.
- **mask** (*Union[bool, Tuple[bool]]*) – The new mask values. Can also be a slice, the result of which defines the True values of the mask.
- **invert** (*bool, optional*) – If set, the mask will be inverted `_after_` application.

**set\_masks** (\**mask\_specs*) → *None*

Sets multiple mask specifications after another. Note that the order is maintained and that sequential specifications can apply to the same parameter dimensions.

**Parameters** *\*mask\_specs* – Can be tuples/lists or dicts which will be unpacked (in the given order) and passed to `.set_mask`

**activate\_subspace** (\*, *allow\_default*: *bool* = *False*, *reset\_all\_others*: *bool* = *True*, *\*\*selector*) → *None*

Selects a subspace of the parameter space and makes only that part active for iteration.

This is a wrapper around `set_mask`, implementing more arguments and also checking if any dimension is reduced to a default value, which might cause problems elsewhere.

### Parameters

- **allow\_default** (*bool, optional*) – If True, a `ValueError` is raised when any of the dimensions is completely masked or when the index 0 is used during selecting of a mask.
- **reset\_all\_others** (*bool, optional*) – If True, resets all masks before activating the subspace. If False, the previously applied masks are untouched.
- **\*\*selector** – A dict specifying the *active* states. A key of the key-value pairs should be the name of the dimension, the value should be a dict with one of the following keys:
  - `idx`: to select by index
  - `loc`: to select by coordinate values
  - **\*\*tol\_kwargs**: passed on to `np.isclose` when comparing coordinate values.

Non-sequence values will be put into lists. Alternatively, slices can be specified, which are applied on the list of all available indices or coordinates, respectively. As a shorthand, not specifying a dict but directly a list or a slice defaults to `loc`-behaviour.

**Raises** `ValueError` – Description

## 2.1.3 paramspace.tools module

This module provides general methods needed by the `ParamSpan` and `ParamSpace` classes.

`paramspace.tools.log`

The local logger instance

`paramspace.tools.SKIP`

A global `paramspace.tools.Skip` object to signify a Skip operation in the `recursive_*` functions. Not supported everywhere.

**class** `paramspace.tools.Skip`

Bases: `object`

A Skip object can be used to indicate that no action should be taken.

It is used in the `recursive_*` functions like `paramspace.tools.recursive_update()` to indicate that a value is to be skipped.

`paramspace.tools.create_indices` (\*, *from\_range: list = None, unique: bool = False, sort: bool = True, append: list = None, remove: list = None*) → `List[int]`

Generates a list of integer elements.

### Parameters

- **from\_range** (*list, optional*) – range arguments to use as the basis of the list
- **unique** (*bool, optional*) – Whether to ascertain uniqueness of elements
- **sort** (*bool, optional*) – Whether to sort the list before returning
- **append** (*list, optional*) – Additional elements to append to the list
- **remove** (*list, optional*) – Elements to remove all occurrences of

**Returns** The generated list

**Return type** `List[int]`

`paramspace.tools.recursive_contains` (*obj*: *Union[Mapping, Sequence]*, \*, *keys*: *Sequence*) → *bool*  
 Checks whether the given keysequence is reachable in the *obj*.

**Parameters**

- **obj** (*Union[Mapping, Sequence]*) – The object to check recursively
- **keys** (*Sequence*) – The sequence of keys to check for

**Returns** Whether the key sequence is reachable

**Return type** *bool*

`paramspace.tools.recursive_getitem` (*obj*: *Union[Mapping, Sequence]*, \*, *keys*: *Sequence*)  
 Go along the sequence of *keys* through *obj* and return the target item.

**Parameters**

- **obj** (*Union[Mapping, Sequence]*) – The object to get the item from
- **keys** (*Sequence*) – The sequence of keys to follow

**Returns** The target item from *obj*, specified by *keys*

**Raises**

- **IndexError** – If any index in the key sequence was not available
- **KeyError** – If any key in the key sequence was not available

`paramspace.tools.recursive_update` (*obj*: *Union[Mapping, List]*, *upd*: *Union[Mapping, List]*, \*, *try\_list\_conversion*: *bool* = *False*, *no\_convert*: *Sequence[type]* = (*<class 'str'>*,)) → *Union[Mapping, List]*

Recursively update items in *obj* with the values from *upd*.

Be aware that objects are not copied from *upd* to *obj*, but only assigned. This means:

- the given *obj* will be changed in place
- changing mutable elements in *obj* will also change them in *upd*

After the update, *obj* holds all entries of *upd* plus those that it did not have in common with *upd*.

If recursion is possible is determined by type; it is only done for types mappings (dicts) or lists.

To indicate that a value in a list should not be updated, an instance of the `tools.Skip` class, e.g. the `tools.SKIP` object, can be passed instead.

**Parameters**

- **obj** (*Union[Mapping, List]*) – The object to update.
- **upd** (*Union[Mapping, List]*) – The object to use for updating.
- **try\_list\_conversion** (*bool*, *optional*) – If true, it is tried to convert an entry in *obj* to a list if it is a list in *upd*
- **no\_convert** (*Sequence[type]*, *optional*) – For these types, conversion is skipped and an empty list is generated instead.

**Returns** The updated *obj*

**Return type** *Union[Mapping, List]*

`paramspace.tools.recursive_setitem` (*d*: *dict*, \*, *keys*: *Tuple[str]*, *val*, *create\_key*: *bool* = *False*)  
 Recursively goes through dict-like *d* along the *keys* sequence in *keys* and sets the value to the child entry.

**Parameters**

- **d** (*dict*) – The dict-like object to invoke setitem on
- **keys** (*tuple*) – The key sequence pointing to the node to set the value of
- **val** – The value to set at d[the] [key] [sequence]
- **create\_key** (*bool*, *optional*) – Whether to create the key if it does not already exist. Default: False.

**Raises** **KeyError** – On missing entry at keys.

`paramspace.tools.recursive_collect` (*obj: Union[Mapping, Sequence]*, \*, *select\_func: Callable*, *prepend\_info: Sequence = None*, *info\_func: Callable = None*, *stop\_recursion\_types: Sequence[type] = None*, *\_parent\_keys: tuple = None*) → list

Go recursively through a mapping or sequence and collect selected elements.

The `select_func` is called on each value. If it returns `True`, that value will be collected to a list, which is returned at the end.

Additionally, some information can be gathered about these elements, controlled by `prepend_info`.

With `prepend_info`, information can be prepended to the return value. Then, not only the values but also these additional items can be gathered:

- `keys`: prepends the key
- `info_func`: prepends the return value of `info_func(val)`

The resulting return value is then a list of tuples (in that order).

#### Parameters

- **obj** (*Union[Mapping, Sequence]*) – The object to recursively search
- **select\_func** (*Callable*) – Each element is passed to this function; if `True` is returned, the element is collected and search ends here.
- **prepend\_info** (*Sequence, optional*) – If given, additional info about the selected elements can be gathered in two ways:
  1. By passing `keys`, the sequence of keys to get to this element is appended;
  2. by passing `info_func`, the `info_func` function is called on the argument and that value is added to the information tuple.
- **info\_func** (*Callable, optional*) – The function used to prepend info
- **stop\_recursion\_types** (*Sequence[type], optional*) – Can specify types here that will not be further recursed through. NOTE that strings are never recursed through further.
- **\_parent\_keys** (*tuple, optional*) – Used to track the keys; not public!

**Returns** the collected elements, as selected by `select_func(val)` or – if `prepend_info` was set – tuples of (`info`, `element`), where the requested information is in the first entries of the tuple

**Return type** list

**Raises** **ValueError** – Raised if invalid `prepend_info` entries were set

`paramspace.tools.recursive_replace` (*obj: Union[Mapping, Sequence]*, \*, *select\_func: Callable*, *replace\_func: Callable*, *stop\_recursion\_types: Sequence[type] = None*) → Union[Mapping, Sequence]

Go recursively through a mapping or sequence and call a replace function on each element that the select

function returned true on.

For passing arguments to any of the two, use lambda functions.

#### Parameters

- **cont** (*Union[Mapping, Sequence]*) – The object to walk through recursively
- **select\_func** (*Callable*) – The function that each value is passed to. If it returns True, the element will be replaced using the `replace_func`.
- **replace\_func** (*Callable*) – Called if the `select_func` returned True. The return value replaces the existing object at the selected position inside `obj`.
- **stop\_recursion\_types** (*Sequence[type], optional*) – Can specify types here that will not be further recursed through. NOTE that strings are never recursed through further.

**Returns** The updated mapping where each element that was selected was replaced by the return value of the replacement function.

**Return type** Union[Mapping, Sequence]

`paramspace.tools.is_iterable(obj) → bool`

Whether the given object is iterable or not.

This is tested simply by invoking `iter(obj)` and returning False if this operation raises a `TypeError`.

**Parameters** `obj` – The object to test

**Returns** True if iterable, False else

**Return type** bool

`paramspace.tools.get_key_val_iter(obj: Union[Mapping, Sequence]) → Iterator`

Given an object – assumed dict- or sequence-like – returns a (key, value) iterator.

**Parameters** `obj` (*Union[Mapping, Sequence]*) – The object to generate the key-value iterator from

**Returns** An iterator that emits (key, value) tuples

**Return type** Iterator

## 2.1.4 paramspace.yaml module

This module registers various YAML constructors and representers, notably those for *ParamSpace* and *ParamDim*.

Furthermore, it defines a shared `ruamel.yaml.YAML` object that can be imported and used for loading and storing YAML files using the representers and constructors.

## 2.1.5 paramspace.yaml\_constructors module

Defines the yaml constructors for the generation of *ParamSpace* and *ParamDim* during loading of YAML files.

Note that they are not registered in this module but in the *paramspace.yaml* module.

`paramspace.yaml_constructors.pspace(loader, node) → paramspace.paramspace.ParamSpace`  
yaml constructor for creating a *ParamSpace* object from a mapping.

Suggested tag: `!pspace`

`paramspace.yaml_constructors.pspace_unsorted(loader, node)` → `paramspace.paramspace.ParamSpace`  
 yaml constructor for creating a ParamSpace object from a mapping.

Unlike the regular constructor, this one does NOT sort the input before instantiating ParamSpace.

Suggested tag: `!pspace-unsorted`

`paramspace.yaml_constructors.pdim(loader, node)` → `paramspace.paramdim.ParamDim`  
 constructor for creating a ParamDim object from a mapping

Suggested tag: `!pdim`

`paramspace.yaml_constructors.pdim_default(loader, node)` → `paramspace.paramdim.ParamDim`  
 constructor for creating a ParamDim object from a mapping, but only return the default value.

Suggested tag: `!pdim-default`

`paramspace.yaml_constructors.coupled_pdim(loader, node)` → `paramspace.paramdim.CoupledParamDim`  
 constructor for creating a CoupledParamDim object from a mapping

Suggested tag: `!coupled-pdim`

`paramspace.yaml_constructors.coupled_pdim_default(loader, node)` → `paramspace.paramdim.CoupledParamDim`  
 constructor for creating a CoupledParamDim object from a mapping, but only return the default value.

Suggested tag: `!coupled-pdim-default`

`paramspace.yaml_constructors._pspace_constructor(loader, node, sort_if_mapping: bool = True)` → `paramspace.paramspace.ParamSpace`  
 Constructor for instantiating ParamSpace from a mapping or a sequence

`paramspace.yaml_constructors._pdim_constructor(loader, node)` → `paramspace.paramdim.ParamDim`  
 Constructor for creating a ParamDim object from a mapping

For it to be incorporated into a ParamSpace, one parent (or higher) of this node needs to be tagged such that the `pspace_constructor` is invoked.

`paramspace.yaml_constructors._coupled_pdim_constructor(loader, node)` → `paramspace.paramdim.ParamDim`  
 Constructor for creating a ParamDim object from a mapping

For it to be incorporated into a ParamSpace, one parent (or higher) of this node needs to be tagged such that the `pspace_constructor` is invoked.

`paramspace.yaml_constructors._slice_constructor(loader, node)`  
 Constructor for slices

`paramspace.yaml_constructors._range_constructor(loader, node)`  
 Constructor for range

`paramspace.yaml_constructors._list_constructor(loader, node)`  
 Constructor for lists, where node can be a mapping or sequence

`paramspace.yaml_constructors._func_constructor(loader, node, *, func: Callable, unpack: bool = True)`

A constructor that constructs a scalar, mapping, or sequence from the given node and subsequently applies the given function on it.

## Parameters

- **loader** – The selected YAML loader
- **node** – The node from which to construct a Python object
- **func** (*Callable*) – The callable to invoke on the resulting
- **unpack** (*bool*, *optional*) – Whether to unpack sequences or mappings into the func call

`paramspace.yaml_constructors.recursively_sort_dict` (*d: dict*) → `collections.OrderedDict`  
 Recursively sorts a dictionary by its keys, transforming it to an `OrderedDict` in the process.

From: <http://stackoverflow.com/a/22721724/1827608>

**Parameters** *d* (*dict*) – The dictionary to be sorted

**Returns** the recursively sorted dict

**Return type** `OrderedDict`

## 2.1.6 paramspace.yaml\_representers module

This module implements custom YAML representer functions

`paramspace.yaml_representers._slice_representer` (*representer, node: slice*)  
 Represents a Python slice object using the `!slice` YAML tag.

**Parameters**

- **representer** (*ruamel.yaml.representer*) – The representer module
- **node** (*slice*) – The node, i.e. a slice instance

**Returns** a yaml sequence that is able to recreate a slice

`paramspace.yaml_representers._range_representer` (*representer, node: range*)  
 Represents a Python range object using the `!range` YAML tag.

**Parameters**

- **representer** (*ruamel.yaml.representer*) – The representer module
- **node** (*range*) – The node, i.e. a range instance

**Returns** a yaml sequence that is able to recreate a range

- `genindex`
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