DART Tutorial Section 3: DART Runtime Control and Documentation
DART Philosophy: configurable at run-time

Use F90 namelist facility to do this.

Each F90 module can have its own associated namelist file.

All namelists combined in a single file, *input.nml*, in *work* directory.

Documentation of modules including namelists in html files.

cov_cutoff_mod.f90

Code for module *cov_cutoff_mod*

cov_cutoff_mod.html

Documentation for module.

cov_cutoff_mod.nml

Run-time control for module.
Section 1 Lorenz 63 example:
• Observed x, y, z components.
• Observation of x only impacted ensemble for x, etc.

Let’s convert to a multivariate filter:
• Observations of x will impact ensembles for x, y and z.

To do this, will modify a namelist setting:
• Change will be made in file *models/lorenz_63/work/input.nml*.
• Modification to &assim_tools_nml.
• Namelist parameter of interest is *cutoff*. 
Open a browser and look at file 
*assimilation_code/modules/assimilation/assim_tools_mod.html*

Has a variety of sections:
- Overview;
- List of other modules used;
- Public interface (how to use this in another module);
- Details of public interfaces and variables;
- Namelist (what we’re interested in for now).

The namelist section lists all runtime control variables for *assim_tools*.
- Gives description of each;
- *cutoff* controls distance to which observation has impact;

Originally very small: observation of x only impacts x.

Make it very big: all observations impact all state variables.
Example: Changing to a multivariate filter.

Edit `models/lorenz_63/work/input.nml` – it contains namelists for all modules used with Lorenz 63. The program `filter` uses namelists from many modules, one of which is the `assim_tools` namelist.

Modify `assim_tools_nml` namelist parameter `cutoff`; when program `filter` is run again, it will incorporate this modification.

```nml
&assim_tools_nml
  filter_kind = 1,
  cutoff = 0.00001,
  sort_obs_inc = .false.,
  spread_restoration = .false.,
  sampling_error_correction = .false.,
  adaptive_localization_threshold = -1,
  distribute_mean = .false.,
  output_localization_diagnostics = .false.,
  localization_diagnostics_file = 'localization_diagnostics',
  print_every_nth_obs = 0
/
```

Example `input.nml.xxxxxx_default` files for each program are automatically constructed by compilation tool (Section 11). It is usually convenient to have one `input.nml` containing all the settings for the commonly-used programs.
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