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`ddoublex`*The double exponential (Laplace) distribution*

Description

Density for and random values from double exponential (Laplace) distribution with density $\exp(-\text{abs}(x-\mu)/\lambda)/(2*\lambda)$ for which the median is the ML estimator.

Usage

```
ddoublex(x, mu=0, lambda=1)
rdoublex(n, mu=0, lambda=1)
```

Arguments

| | |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <code>x</code> | numeric vector. |
| <code>mu</code> | numeric. Distribution median. |
| <code>lambda</code> | numeric. Scale parameter. |
| <code>n</code> | integer. Number of random values to be generated. |

Details

ddoublex: density.

rdoublex: random number generation.

Value

`ddoublex` gives out a vector of density values.

`rdoublex` gives out a vector of random numbers generated by the double exponential distribution.

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References

Huber, P. J. and Ronchetti, E. (2009) Robust Statistics (2nd ed.). Wiley, New York.

Examples

```
set.seed(123456)
ddoublex(1:5, lambda=5)
rdoublex(5, mu=10, lambda=5)
```

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| dhuber | <i>Huber's least favourable distribution</i> |
|--------|----------------------------------------------|

Description

Density for and random values from Huber's least favourable distribution, see Huber and Ronchetti (2009).

Usage

```
dhuber(x, k=0.862, mu=0, sigma=1)
edhuber(x, k=0.862, mu=0, sigma=1)
rhuber(n,k=0.862, mu=0, sigma=1)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x | numeric vector. |
| k | numeric. Borderline value of central Gaussian part of the distribution. The default values refers to a 20% contamination neighborhood of the Gaussian distribution. |
| mu | numeric. distribution mean. |
| sigma | numeric. Distribution scale (sigma=1 defines the distribution in standard form, with standard Gaussian centre). |
| n | integer. Number of random values to be generated. |

Details

dhuber: density.

edhuber: density, and computes the contamination proportion corresponding to k.

rhuber: random number generation.

Value

dhuber gives out a vector of density values.

edhuber gives out a list with components val (density values) and eps (contamination proportion).

rhuber gives out a vector of random numbers generated by Huber's least favourable distribution.

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References

Huber, P. J. and Ronchetti, E. (2009) Robust Statistics (2nd ed.). Wiley, New York.

Examples

```
set.seed(123456)
edhuber(1:5,k=1.5)
rhuber(5)
```

pdens

Auxiliary functions for pitman

Description

Auxiliary functions for [pitman](#).

Usage

```
pdens(z, x, dfunction, ...)
sdens(z, x, dfunction, ...)
dens(x, dfunction, ...)
```

Arguments

| | |
|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>z</code> | numeric vector. |
| <code>x</code> | numeric vector. |
| <code>dfunction</code> | a density function defining the distribution for which the Pitman estimator is computed. |
| <code>...</code> | further arguments to be passed on to the density function <code>dfunction</code> . |

Details

dens product of density values at `x`.

pdens vector of $z * \text{dens}(x-z)$.

sdens vector of $\text{dens}(x-z)$.

Value

Numeric value (`dens`) or vector.

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References

Pitman, E.J. (1939) The estimation of the location and scale parameters of a continuous population of any given form. *Biometrika* 30, 391-421.

See Also[pitman](#)**Examples**

```
dens(1:5,dcauchy)
pdens(1:5,0,dcauchy)
sdens(1:5,0:2,dcauchy)
```

 pitman

Pitman location estimator

Description

Pitman estimator of one-dimensional location, optimal with scale assumed to be known. Calculated by brute force (using [integrate](#)).

Usage

```
pitman(y, d=ddoublex, lower=-Inf, upper=Inf, s=mad(y), ...)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| y | numeric vector. Data set. |
| d | a density function defining the distribution for which the Pitman estimator is computed. |
| lower | numeric. Lower bound for the involved integrals (should be $-\text{Inf}$ unless there are numerical problems). |
| upper | numeric. Lower bound for the involved integrals (should be Inf unless there are numerical problems). |
| s | numeric. Estimated or assumed scale/standard deviation. |
| ... | further arguments to be passed on to the density function d. |

Value

The estimated value.

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References

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See Also[smoothm](#)**Examples**

```

set.seed(10001)
y <- rdoublex(7)
pitman(y, ddoublex)
pitman(y, dcauchy)
pitman(y, dnorm)

```

smoothm

*Smoothed and unsmoothed 1-d location M-estimators***Description**

smoothm is an interface for all the smoothed M-estimators introduced in Hampel, Hennig and Ronchetti (2011) for one-dimensional location, the Huber- and Bisquare-M-estimator and the ML-estimator of the Cauchy distribution, calling all the other functions documented on this page.

Usage

```

smoothm(y, method="smhuber",
        k=0.862, sn=sqrt(2.046/length(y)),
        tol=1e-06, s=mad(y), init="median")

sehuber(y, k = 0.862, tol = 1e-06, s=mad(y), init="median")

smhuber(y, k = 0.862, sn=sqrt(2.046/length(y)), tol = 1e-06, s=mad(y),
        smmed=FALSE, init="median")

mbisquare(y, k=4.685, tol = 1e-06, s=mad(y), init="median")

smbisquare(y, k=4.685, tol = 1e-06, sn=sqrt(1.0526/length(y)),
          s=mad(y), init="median")

mlcauchy(y, tol = 1e-06, s=mad(y))

smcauchy(y, tol = 1e-06, sn=sqrt(2/length(y)), s=mad(y))

```

Arguments

| | |
|--------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| y | numeric vector. Data set. |
| method | one of "huber", "smhuber", "bisquare", "smbisquare", "cauchy", "smcauchy", "smmed". See details. |

| | |
|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| k | numeric. Tuning constant. This is used for method one of "huber", "smhuber", "bisquare", "smbisquare" in smoothm and the corresponding functions. Tuning constants are defined for the Huber- and Bisquare M-estimator as in Maronna et al. (2006). The default values refer to a Huber M-estimator which is optimal under 20% contamination (0.862) and to a Bisquare M-estimator with 95% efficiency under the Gaussian model (4.685). |
| sn | numeric. This is used for method one of "smhuber", "smbisquare", "smcauchy", "smmed". This is the smoothing standard error σ_n in Hampel et al. (2011) depending on the sample size and the asymptotic variance of the base estimator. The default value of smoothm and smhuber is based on a Huber estimator with $k=0.862$ under Huber's least favourable distribution for which it is ML. The default value of smbisquare is based on the Bisquare estimator with $k=4.685$ under the Gaussian distribution. The default value of smcauchy is based on the Cauchy ML estimator under the Cauchy distribution. A value that can be used for the smoothed median is $\sqrt{1.056/\text{length}(y)}$, which is based on the median under the double exponential (Laplace) distribution with $1.4826 \text{ MAD}=1$. Note that the distributional "assumptions" for these choices are by no means critical; they should work well under many other distributions as well. |
| tol | numeric. Stopping criterion for algorithms (absolute difference between two successive values). |
| s | numeric. Estimated or assumed scale/standard deviation. |
| init | "median" or "mean". Initial estimator for iteration. Ignored if method=="cauchy" or "smcauchy". |
| smmed | logical. If FALSE, the smoothed Huber estimator is computed, otherwise the smoothed median by smhuber. |

Details

The following estimators can be computed (some computational details are given in Hampel et al. 2011):

Huber estimator. method="huber" and function sehuber compute the standard Huber estimator (Huber and Ronchetti 2009). The only differences from [huber](#) are that s and init can be specified and that the default k is different.

Smoothed Huber estimator. method="smhuber" and function smhuber compute the smoothed Huber estimator (Hampel et al. 2011).

Bisquare estimator. method="bisquare" and function bisquare compute the bisquare M-estimator (Maronna et al. 2006). This uses [psi.bisquare](#).

Smoothed bisquare estimator. method="smbisquare" and function smbisquare compute the smoothed bisquare M-estimator (Hampel et al. 2011). This uses [psi.bisquare](#)

ML estimator for Cauchy distribution. method="cauchy" and function mlcauchy compute the ML-estimator for the Cauchy distribution.

Smoothed ML estimator for Cauchy distribution. method="smcauchy" and function smcauchy compute the smoothed ML-estimator for the Cauchy distribution (Hampel et al. 2011).

Smoothed median. method="smmed" and function smhuber with median=TRUE compute the smoothed median (Hampel et al. 2011).

Value

A list with components

| | |
|--------|-------------------------|
| mu | the location estimator. |
| method | see above. |
| k | see above. |
| sn | see above. |
| tol | see above. |
| s | see above. |

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References

Hampel, F., Hennig, C. and Ronchetti, E. (2011) A smoothing principle for the Huber and other location M-estimators. *Computational Statistics and Data Analysis* 55, 324-337.

Huber, P. J. and Ronchetti, E. (2009) *Robust Statistics* (2nd ed.). Wiley, New York.

Maronna, A.R., Martin, D.R., Yohai, V.J. (2006). *Robust Statistics: Theory and Methods*. Wiley, New York

See Also

[pitman](#), [huber](#), [rlm](#)

Examples

```
library(MASS)
set.seed(10001)
y <- rdouplex(7)
median(y)
huber(y)$mu
smoothm(y)$mu
smoothm(y,method="huber")$mu
smoothm(y,method="bisquare",k=4.685)$mu
smoothm(y,method="smbisquare",k=4.685,sn=sqrt(1.0526/7))$mu
smoothm(y,method="cauchy")$mu
smoothm(y,method="smcauchy",sn=sqrt(2/7))$mu
smoothm(y,method="smmed",sn=sqrt(1.0526/7))$mu
smoothm(y,method="smmed",sn=sqrt(1.0526/7),init="mean")$mu
```


Description

Psi-functions, derivatives and further auxiliary functions used for computing the estimators in [smoothm](#).

Usage

```
psicauchy(x)
psidcauchy(x)
likcauchy(x,mu)
flikcauchy(y,x,mu,sn)
smtfcauchy(x,mu,sn)
smcipsi(y, x, sn=sqrt(2/length(x)))
smcipsid(y, x, sn=sqrt(2/length(x)))
smcpsi(x, sn=sqrt(2/length(x)))
smcpsid(x, sn=sqrt(2/length(x)))
smbpsi(y, x, k=4.685, sn=sqrt(2/length(x)))
smbpsid(y, x, k=4.685, sn=sqrt(2/length(x)))
smbpsii(x, k=4.685, sn=sqrt(2/length(x)))
smbpsidi(x, k=4.685, sn=sqrt(2/length(x)))
smpsi(x,k=0.862,sn=sqrt(2/length(x)))
smpmed(x,sn=sqrt(1/5))
```

Arguments

| | |
|----|------------------------------------------------------------|
| x | numeric vector. |
| mu | numeric. |
| y | numeric vector. |
| sn | numeric. Smoothing constant. See smoothm . |
| k | numeric. Tuning constant. See smoothm . |

Details

psicauchy psi-function for Cauchy ML-estimator at x.

psidcauchy derivative of psicauchy at x.

likcauchy Cauchy likelihood of data x for mode parameter mu.

flikcauchy vector of Gaussian density at y with mean 0 and st. dev. sn times Cauchy log-likelihood of x with mode parameter mu+y.

smtfcauchy integral of flikcauchy with y running from -Inf to Inf.

smcipsi psicauchy(x-y)*dnorm(y, sd=sn).

smcpsid derivative of smcipsi w.r.t. x.

smcpsi psi-function for smoothed Cauchy ML-estimator. Integral of smcipsi with y running from $-\infty$ to ∞ .

smcpsid integral of smcipsid with y running from $-\infty$ to ∞ .

smbpsi $(x-y)*\text{psi.bisquare}(x-y,c=k)*\text{dnorm}(y, sd=sn)$.

smbpsid $\text{psi.bisquare}(x-y,c=k,deriv=1)*\text{dnorm}(y, sd=sn)$.

smbpsii psi-function for smoothed bisquare M-estimator. Integral of smbpsi with y running from $-\infty$ to ∞ .

smbpsidi integral of smbpsid with y running from $-\infty$ to ∞ .

smpsi psi-function for smoothed Huber-estimator at x.

smpmed psi-function for smoothed median at x.

Value

A numeric vector.

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References

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See Also

[smoothm](#), [psi.huber](#), [psi.bisquare](#)

Examples

```
psicauchy(1:5)
psidcauchy(1:5)
likcauchy(1:5,0)
flikcauchy(3,1:5,0,1)
smtfcauchy(1:5,0,1)
smcipsi(1,1:3)
smcpsid(1,1:3)
smcpsi(1:5)
smcpsid(1:5)
smbpsi(1,1:5)
smbpsid(0:4,1:5)
smbpsii(1:5)
smbpsidi(1:5)
smpsi(1:5)
smpmed(1:5)
```

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