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betablockers	<i>Beta-blockers Data</i>
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Description

Contains the data of the 22-center clinical trial of beta-blockers for reducing mortality after myocardial infarction.

Format

A numeric matrix with four columns:

center: center identification code.

deaths: the number of deaths in the center.

total: the number of patients taking beta-blockers in the center.

treatment: 0 for control, and 1 for treatment.

Source

Aitkin, M. (1999). A general maximum likelihood analysis of variance components in generalized linear models. *Biometrics*, **55**, 117-128.

References

Wang, Y. (2010). Maximum likelihood computation for fitting semiparametric mixture models. *Statistics and Computing*, **20**, 75-86.

See Also

[mlogit,cnmms](#).

Examples

```
data(betablockers)
x = mlogit(betablockers)
cnmms(x)
```

brca	<i>Z-values of BRCA Data</i>
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Description

Contains 3226 z -values computed by Efron (2004) from the data obtained in a well-known microarray experiment concerning two types of genetic mutations causing increased breast cancer risk, BRCA1 and BRCA2.

Format

A numeric vector containing 3226 z -values.

References

Efron, B. (2004). Large-scale simultaneous hypothesis testing: the choice of a null hypothesis. *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, **99**, 96-104.

Wang, Y. (2007). On fast computation of the non-parametric maximum likelihood estimate of a mixing distribution. *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Ser. B*, **69**, 185-198.

Wang, Y. and C.-S. Chee (2012). Density estimation using nonparametric and semiparametric mixtures. *Statistical Modelling: An International Journal*, **12**, 67-92.

See Also

[npsnorm,cnm](#).

Examples

```
data(brca)
x = npsnorm(brca)
plot(cnm(x), x)
```

Description

Function `cnm` can be used to compute the maximum likelihood estimate of a nonparametric mixing distribution (NPMLE) that has a one-dimensional mixing parameter. or simply the mixing proportions with support points held fixed.

Usage

```
cnm(
  x,
  init = NULL,
  model = c("npml", "proportions"),
  maxit = 100,
  tol = 1e-06,
  grid = 100,
  plot = c("null", "gradient", "probability"),
  verbose = 0
)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	a data object of some class that is fully defined by the user. The user needs to supply certain functions as described below.
<code>init</code>	list of user-provided initial values for the mixing distribution <code>mix</code> and the structural parameter <code>beta</code> .
<code>model</code>	the type of model that is to be estimated: the non-parametric MLE (if <code>npml</code>), or mixing proportions only (if <code>proportions</code>).
<code>maxit</code>	maximum number of iterations.
<code>tol</code>	a tolerance value needed to terminate an algorithm. Specifically, the algorithm is terminated, if the increase of the log-likelihood value after an iteration is less than <code>tol</code> .
<code>grid</code>	number of grid points that are used by the algorithm to locate all the local maxima of the gradient function. A larger number increases the chance of locating all local maxima, at the expense of an increased computational cost. The locations of the grid points are determined by the function <code>gridpoints</code> provided by each individual mixture family, and they do not have to be equally spaced. If needed, a <code>gridpoints</code> function may choose to return a different number of grid points than specified by <code>grid</code> .
<code>plot</code>	whether a plot is produced at each iteration. Useful for monitoring the convergence of the algorithm. If <code>"null"</code> , no plot is produced. If <code>"gradient"</code> , it plots the gradient curves and if <code>"probability"</code> , the plot function defined by the user for the class is used.

verbose verbosity level for printing intermediate results in each iteration, including none (= 0), the log-likelihood value (= 1), the maximum gradient (= 2), the support points of the mixing distribution (= 3), the mixing proportions (= 4), and if available, the value of the structural parameter beta (= 5).

Details

A finite mixture model has a density of the form

$$f(x; \pi, \theta, \beta) = \sum_{j=1}^k \pi_j f(x; \theta_j, \beta).$$

where $\pi_j \geq 0$ and $\sum_{j=1}^k \pi_j = 1$.

A nonparametric mixture model has a density of the form

$$f(x; G) = \int f(x; \theta) dG(\theta),$$

where G is a mixing distribution that is completely unspecified. The maximum likelihood estimate of the nonparametric G , or the NPMLE of G , is known to be a discrete distribution function.

Function `cnm` implements the CNM algorithm that is proposed in Wang (2007) and the hierarchical CNM algorithm of Wang and Taylor (2013). The implementation is generic using S3 object-oriented programming, in the sense that it works for an arbitrary family of mixture models defined by the user. The user, however, needs to supply the implementations of the following functions for their self-defined family of mixture models, as they are needed internally by function `cnm`:

`initial(x, beta, mix, kmax)`

`valid(x, beta)`

`logd(x, beta, pt, which)`

`gridpoints(x, beta, grid)`

`suppspace(x, beta)`

`length(x)`

`print(x, ...)`

`weight(x, ...)`

While not needed by the algorithm for finding the solution, one may also implement

`plot(x, mix, beta, ...)`

so that the fitted model can be shown graphically in a user-defined way. Inside `cnm`, it is used when `plot="probability"` so that the convergence of the algorithm can be graphically monitored.

For creating a new class, the user may consult the implementations of these functions for the families of mixture models included in the package, e.g., `npnorm` and `nppois`.

Value

family	the name of the mixture family that is used to fit to the data.
num.iterations	number of iterations required by the algorithm
max.gradient	maximum value of the gradient function, evaluated at the beginning of the final iteration
convergence	convergence code. =0 means a success, and =1 reaching the maximum number of iterations
ll	log-likelihood value at convergence
mix	MLE of the mixing distribution, being an object of the class <code>disc</code> for discrete distributions.
beta	value of the structural parameter, that is held fixed throughout the computation.

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References

Wang, Y. (2007). On fast computation of the non-parametric maximum likelihood estimate of a mixing distribution. *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Ser. B*, **69**, 185-198.

Wang, Y. (2010). Maximum likelihood computation for fitting semiparametric mixture models. *Statistics and Computing*, **20**, 75-86

Wang, Y. and Taylor, S. M. (2013). Efficient computation of nonparametric survival functions via a hierarchical mixture formulation. *Statistics and Computing*, **23**, 713-725.

See Also

[nnls](#), [npsnorm](#), [nppois](#), [cnmms](#).

Examples

```
## Simulated data
x = rnppois(1000, disc(c(1,4), c(0.7,0.3))) # Poisson mixture
(r = cnm(x))
plot(r, x)

x = rnpnorm(1000, disc(c(0,4), c(0.3,0.7)), sd=1) # Normal mixture
plot(cnm(x), x) # sd = 1
plot(cnm(x, init=list(beta=0.5)), x) # sd = 0.5
mix0 = disc(seq(min(x$v),max(x$v), len=100)) # over a finite grid
plot(cnm(x, init=list(beta=0.5, mix=mix0), model="p"),
     x, add=TRUE, col="blue") # An approximate NPML
```

```
## Real-world data
data(thai)
plot(cnm(x <- nppois(thai)), x) # Poisson mixture

data(brca)
```

```
plot(cnm(x <- npnorm(brca)), x) # Normal mixture
```

 cnmms

Maximum Likelihood Estimation of a Semiparametric Mixture Model

Description

Functions `cnmms`, `cnmpl` and `cnmap` can be used to compute the maximum likelihood estimate of a semiparametric mixture model that has a one-dimensional mixing parameter. The types of mixture models that can be computed include finite, nonparametric and semiparametric ones.

Usage

```
cnmms(x, init=NULL, maxit=1000, model=c("spmle", "npmle"), tol=1e-6,
      grid=100, kmax=Inf, plot=c("null", "gradient", "probability"),
      verbose=0)
cnmpl(x, init=NULL, tol=1e-6, tol.npmle=tol*1e-4, grid=100, maxit=1000,
      plot=c("null", "gradient", "probability"), verbose=0)
cnmap(x, init=NULL, maxit=1000, tol=1e-6, grid=100, plot=c("null",
      "gradient"), verbose=0)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	a data object of some class that can be defined fully by the user
<code>init</code>	list of user-provided initial values for the mixing distribution <code>mix</code> and the structural parameter <code>beta</code>
<code>maxit</code>	maximum number of iterations
<code>model</code>	the type of model that is to be estimated: non-parametric MLE (<code>npmle</code>) or semi-parametric MLE (<code>spmle</code>).
<code>tol</code>	a tolerance value that is used to terminate an algorithm. Specifically, the algorithm is terminated, if the relative increase of the log-likelihood value after an iteration is less than <code>tol</code> . If an algorithm converges rapidly enough, then $-\log_{10}(\text{tol})$ is roughly the number of accurate digits in log-likelihood.
<code>grid</code>	number of grid points that are used by the algorithm to locate all the local maxima of the gradient function. A larger number increases the chance of locating all local maxima, at the expense of an increased computational cost. The locations of the grid points are determined by the function <code>gridpoints</code> provided by each individual mixture family, and they do not have to be equally spaced. If needed, an individual <code>gridpoints</code> function may return a different number of grid points than specified by <code>grid</code> .
<code>kmax</code>	upper bound on the number of support points. This is particularly useful for fitting a finite mixture model.

<code>plot</code>	whether a plot is produced at each iteration. Useful for monitoring the convergence of the algorithm. If <code>null</code> , no plot is produced. If <code>gradient</code> , it plots the gradient curves and if <code>probability</code> , the plot function defined by the user of the class is used.
<code>verbose</code>	verbosity level for printing intermediate results in each iteration, including none (= 0), the log-likelihood value (= 1), the maximum gradient (= 2), the support points of the mixing distribution (= 3), the mixing proportions (= 4), and if available, the value of the structural parameter beta (= 5).
<code>tol.npmle</code>	a tolerance value that is used to terminate the computing of the NPMLE internally.

Details

Function `cnmms` can also be used to compute the maximum likelihood estimate of a finite or non-parametric mixture model.

A finite mixture model has a density of the form

$$f(x; \pi, \theta, \beta) = \sum_{j=1}^k \pi_j f(x; \theta_j, \beta).$$

where $\pi_j \geq 0$ and $\sum_{j=1}^k \pi_j = 1$.

A nonparametric mixture model has a density of the form

$$f(x; G) = \int f(x; \theta) dG(\theta),$$

where G is a mixing distribution that is completely unspecified. The maximum likelihood estimate of the nonparametric G , or the NPMLE of G , is known to be a discrete distribution function.

A semiparametric mixture model has a density of the form

$$f(x; G, \beta) = \int f(x; \theta, \beta) dG(\theta),$$

where G is a mixing distribution that is completely unspecified and β is the structural parameter.

Of the three functions, `cnmms` is recommended for most problems; see Wang (2010).

Functions `cnmms`, `cnmpl` and `cnmap` implement the algorithms CNM-MS, CNM-PL and CNM-AP that are described in Wang (2010). Their implementations are generic using S3 object-oriented programming, in the sense that they can work for an arbitrary family of mixture models that is defined by the user. The user, however, needs to supply the implementations of the following functions for their self-defined family of mixture models, as they are needed internally by the functions above:

`initial(x, beta, mix, kmax)`

`valid(x, beta)`

`logd(x, beta, pt, which)`

`gridpoints(x, beta, grid)`

`suppspace(x, beta)`


```
length(x)
print(x, ...)
weight(x, ...)
```

While not needed by the algorithms, one may also implement

```
plot(x, mix, beta, ...)
```

so that the fitted model can be shown graphically in a way that the user desires.

For creating a new class, the user may consult the implementations of these functions for the families of mixture models included in the package, e.g., `cvp` and `mlogit`.

Value

<code>family</code>	the class of the mixture family that is used to fit to the data.
<code>num.iterations</code>	Number of iterations required by the algorithm
<code>grad</code>	For <code>cnmms</code> , it contains the values of the gradient function at the support points and the first derivatives of the log-likelihood with respect to <code>theta</code> and <code>beta</code> . For <code>cnmpl</code> , it contains only the first derivatives of the log-likelihood with respect to <code>beta</code> . For <code>cnmap</code> , it contains only the gradient of <code>beta</code> .
<code>max.gradient</code>	Maximum value of the gradient function, evaluated at the beginning of the final iteration. It is only given by function <code>cnmap</code> .
<code>convergence</code>	convergence code. <code>=0</code> means a success, and <code>=1</code> reaching the maximum number of iterations
<code>ll</code>	log-likelihood value at convergence
<code>mix</code>	MLE of the mixing distribution, being an object of the class <code>disc</code> for discrete distributions
<code>beta</code>	MLE of the structural parameter

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References

Wang, Y. (2007). On fast computation of the non-parametric maximum likelihood estimate of a mixing distribution. *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Ser. B*, **69**, 185-198.

Wang, Y. (2010). Maximum likelihood computation for fitting semiparametric mixture models. *Statistics and Computing*, **20**, 75-86

See Also

[nnls](#), [cnm](#), [cvp](#), [cvps](#), [mlogit](#).

Examples

```
## Compute the MLE of a finite mixture
x = rnpnorm(100, disc=c(0,4), c(0.7,0.3)), sd=1)
for(k in 1:6) plot(cnmms(x, kmax=k), x, add=(k>1), comp="null", col=k+1,
                 main="Finite Normal Mixtures")
legend("topright", 0.3, leg=paste0("k = ",1:6), lty=1, lwd=2, col=2:7)

## Compute a semiparametric MLE
# Common variance problem
x = rcvps(k=50, ni=5:10, mu=c(0,4), pr=c(0.7,0.3), sd=3)
cnmms(x)          # CNM-MS algorithm
cnmpl(x)          # CNM-PL algorithm
cnmap(x)          # CNM-AP algorithm

# Logistic regression with a random intercept
x = rmlogit(k=30, gi=3:5, ni=6:10, pt=c(0,4), pr=c(0.7,0.3),
            beta=c(0,3))
cnmms(x)

data(toxo)        # k = 136
cnmms(mlogit(toxo))
```

cvps

Class 'cvps'

Description

These functions can be used to study a common variance problem (CVP), where univariate observations fall in known groups. Observations in each group are assumed to have the same mean, but different groups may have different means. All observations are assumed to have a common variance, despite their different means, hence giving the name of the problem. It is a random-effects problem.

Usage

```
cvps(x)
rcvp(k, ni=2, mu=0, pr=1, sd=1)
rcvps(k, ni=2, mu=0, pr=1, sd=1)
## S3 method for class 'cvps'
print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x	CVP data in the raw form as an argument in cvps, or an object of class cvps in print.cvps.
k	the number of groups.
ni	a numeric vector that gives the sample size in each group.

mu	a numeric vector for all the theoretical means.
pr	a numeric vector for all the probabilities associated with the theoretical means.
sd	a scalar for the standard deviation that is common to all observations.
...	arguments passed on to function <code>print</code> .

Details

Class `cvps` is used to store the CVP data in a summarized form.

Function `cvps` creates an object of class `cvps`, given a matrix that stores the values (column 2) and their grouping information (column 1).

Function `rcvp` generates a random sample in the raw form for a common variance problem, where the means follow a discrete distribution.

Function `rcvps` generates a random sample in the summarized form for a common variance problem, where the means follow a discrete distribution.

Function `print.cvps` prints the CVP data given in the summarized form.

The raw form of the CVP data is a two-column matrix, where each row represents an observation. The two columns along each row give, respectively, the group membership (`group`) and the value (`x`) of an observation.

The summarized form of the CVP data is a four-column matrix, where each row represents the summarized data for all observations in a group. The four columns along each row give, respectively, the group number (`group`), the number of observations in the group (`ni`), the sample mean of the observations in the group (`mi`), and the residual sum of squares of the observations in the group (`ri`).

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References

Neyman, J. and Scott, E. L. (1948). Consistent estimates based on partially consistent observations. *Econometrica*, **16**, 1-32.

Kiefer, J. and Wolfowitz, J. (1956). Consistency of the maximum likelihood estimator in the presence of infinitely many incidental parameters. *Ann. Math. Stat.*, **27**, 886-906.

Wang, Y. (2010). Maximum likelihood computation for fitting semiparametric mixture models. *Statistics and Computing*, **20**, 75-86.

See Also

[nnls](#), [cnmms](#).

Examples

```
x = rcvps(k=50, ni=5:10, mu=c(0,4), pr=c(0.7,0.3), sd=3)
cnmms(x)           # CNM-MS algorithm
cnmpl(x)           # CNM-PL algorithm
cnmap(x)           # CNM-AP algorithm
```

disc

Class 'disc'

Description

Class `disc` is used to represent an arbitrary univariate discrete distribution with a finite number of support points.

Usage

```
disc(pt, pr=1)
## S3 method for class 'disc'
print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>pt</code>	a numeric vector for support points.
<code>pr</code>	a numeric vector for probability values at the support points.
<code>x</code>	an object of class <code>disc</code> .
<code>...</code>	arguments passed on to function <code>print</code> .

Details

Function `disc` creates an object of class `disc`, given the support points and probability values at these points.

Function `print.disc` prints the discrete distribution.

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See Also

[cnm](#), [cnmms](#).

Examples

```
(d = disc(pt=c(0,4), pr=c(0.3,0.7)))
```

lungcancer

Lung Cancer Data

Description

Contains the data of 14 studies of the effect of smoking on lung cancer.

Format

A numeric matrix with four columns:

study: study identification code.

lungcancer: the number of people diagnosed with lung cancer.

size: the number of people in the study.

smoker: 0 for smoker, and 1 for non-smoker.

Source

Booth, J. G. and Hobert, J. P. (1999). Maximizing generalized linear mixed model likelihoods with an automated Monte Carlo EM algorithm. *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Ser. B*, **61**, 265-285.

References

Wang, Y. (2010). Maximum likelihood computation for fitting semiparametric mixture models. *Statistics and Computing*, **20**, 75-86.

See Also

[mlogit,cnmms](#).

Examples

```
data(lungcancer)
x = mlogit(lungcancer)
cnmms(x)
```

<code>mlogit</code>	<i>Class 'mlogit'</i>
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Description

These functions can be used to fit a binomial logistic regression model that has a random intercept to clustered observations. Observations in each cluster are assumed to have the same intercept, while different clusters may have different intercepts. This is a mixed-effects problem.

Usage

```
mlogit(x)
rmlogit(k, gi=2, ni=2, pt=0, pr=1, beta=1, X)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	a numeric matrix with four or more columns that stores clustered data.
<code>k</code>	the number of groups or clusters.
<code>gi</code>	a numeric vector that gives the sample size in each group.
<code>ni</code>	a numeric vector for the number of Bernoulli trials for each observation.
<code>pt</code>	a numeric vector for all the support points.
<code>pr</code>	a numeric vector for all the probabilities associated with the support points.
<code>beta</code>	a numeric vector for the fixed coefficients of the covariates of the observation.
<code>X</code>	the numeric matrix as the design matrix. If missing, a random matrix is created from a normal distribution.

Details

Class `mlogit` is used to store data for fitting the binomial logistic regression model with a random intercept.

Function `mlogit` creates an object of class `mlogit`, given a matrix with four or more columns that stores, respectively, the group/cluster membership (column 1), the number of ones or successes in the Bernoulli trials (column 2), the number of the Bernoulli trials (column 3), and the covariates (columns 4+).

Function `rmlogit` generates a random sample that is saved as an object of class `mlogit`.

An object of class `mlogit` contains a matrix with four or more columns, that stores, respectively, the group/cluster membership (column 1), the number of ones or successes in the Bernoulli trials (column 2), the number of the Bernoulli trials (column 3), and the covariates (columns 4+).

It also has two additional attributes that facilitate the computing by function `cmmms`. The first attribute is `ui`, which stores the unique values of group memberships, and the second is `gi`, the number of observations in each unique group.

It is convenient to use function `mlogit` to create an object of class `mlogit`.

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References

Kiefer, J. and Wolfowitz, J. (1956). Consistency of the maximum likelihood estimator in the presence of infinitely many incidental parameters. *Ann. Math. Stat.*, **27**, 886-906.

Wang, Y. (2010). Maximum likelihood computation for fitting semiparametric mixture models. *Statistics and Computing*, **20**, 75-86.

See Also

[npls](#), [cnmms](#).

Examples

```
x = rmlogit(k=30, gi=3:5, ni=6:10, pt=c(0,4), pr=c(0.7,0.3),
           beta=c(0,3))
cnmms(x)

### Real-world data
# Random intercept logistic model
data(toxo)
cnmms(mlogit(toxo))

data(betablockers)
cnmms(mlogit(betablockers))

data(lungcancer)
cnmms(mlogit(lungcancer))
```

npnorm	<i>Class 'npnorm'</i>
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Description

Class npnorm can be used to store data that will be processed as those of a nonparametric normal mixture. There are several functions associated with the class.

Usage

```
npnorm(v, w=1)
rnpnorm(n, mix=disc(0), sd=1)
## S3 method for class 'npnorm'
plot(x, mix, beta, breaks=NULL, col="red", len=100,
     add=FALSE, border.col=NULL, border.lwd=1,
```

```
fill="lightgrey", main, lwd=2, lty=1, xlab="Data",
ylab="Density", components=c("proportions", "curves", "null"),
lty.components=2, lwd.components=2, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>v</code>	a numeric vector that stores the values of a sample.
<code>w</code>	a numeric vector that stores the corresponding weights/frequencies of the observations.
<code>n</code>	the sample size.
<code>mix</code>	an object of class <code>disc</code> , for a discrete distribution.
<code>beta</code>	the structural parameter.
<code>sd</code>	a scalar for the component standard deviation that is common to all components.
<code>x</code>	an object of class <code>npnorm</code> .
<code>breaks</code>	the rough number bins used for plotting the histogram.
<code>col</code>	the color of the density curve to be plotted.
<code>len</code>	the number of points roughly used to plot the density curve over the interval of length 8 times the component standard deviation around each component mean.
<code>add</code>	if <code>FALSE</code> , creates a new plot; if <code>TRUE</code> , adds the plot to the existing one.
<code>border.col</code>	color for the border of histogram boxes.
<code>border.lwd</code>	line width for the border of histogram boxes.
<code>fill</code>	color to fill in the histogram boxes.
<code>components</code>	if <code>proportions</code> (default), also show the support points and mixing proportions; if <code>curves</code> , also show the component density curves; if <code>null</code> , components are not shown.
<code>lty.components</code> , <code>lwd.components</code>	line type and width for the component curves.
<code>main</code> , <code>lwd</code> , <code>lty</code> , <code>xlab</code> , <code>ylab</code>	arguments for graphical parameters (see <code>par</code>).
<code>...</code>	arguments passed on to function <code>plot</code> .

Details

Function `npnorm` creates an object of class `npnorm`, given values and weights/frequencies.

Function `rnnpnorm` generates a random sample from a normal mixture and saves the data as an object of class `npnorm`.

Function `plot.npnorm` plots the normal mixture.

When `components="proportions"`, the component means are shown on the horizontal line of density 0. The vertical lines going upwardly at the support points are proportional to the mixing proportions at these points.

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References

Wang, Y. (2007). On fast computation of the non-parametric maximum likelihood estimate of a mixing distribution. *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Ser. B*, **69**, 185-198.

See Also

[nnls](#), [cnm](#), [cnmms](#), [plot.nspmix](#).

Examples

```
mix = disc(pt=c(0,4), pr=c(0.3,0.7)) # a discrete distribution
x = rnpnorm(200, mix, sd=1)
plot(x, mix, beta=1)
```

nppois	Class 'nppois'
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Description

Class nppois is used to store data that will be processed as those of a nonparametric Poisson mixture.

Usage

```
nppois(v, w=1)
rnppois(n, mix=disc(1))
## S3 method for class 'nppois'
plot(x, mix, beta, col="red", add=FALSE,
      components=TRUE, main="nppois", lwd=1, lty=1, xlab="Data",
      ylab="Density", ...)
```

Arguments

v	a numeric vector that stores the values of a sample.
w	a numeric vector that stores the corresponding weights/frequencies of the observations.
n	the sample size.
x	an object of class nppois.
mix	an object of class disc.
beta	the structural parameter, which is not really needed for the Poisson mixture.
col	the color of the density curve to be plotted.
add	if FALSE, creates a new plot; if TRUE, adds the plot to the existing one.
components	if TRUE, also show the support points and mixing proportions.
main, lwd, lty, xlab, ylab	arguments for graphical parameters (see par).
...	arguments passed on to function plot.

Details

Function `nppois` creates an object of class `nppois`, given values and weights/frequencies.

Function `rnppois` generates a random sample from a Poisson mixture and saves the data as an object of class `nppois`.

Function `plot.nppois` plots the Poisson mixture.

When `components=TRUE`, the support points are shown on the horizontal line of density 0. The component density curves, weighted appropriately, are also shown.

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References

Wang, Y. (2007). On fast computation of the non-parametric maximum likelihood estimate of a mixing distribution. *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Ser. B*, **69**, 185-198.

See Also

[nnls](#), [cnm](#), [cnmms](#), [plot.nspmix](#).

Examples

```
mix = disc(pt=c(1,4), pr=c(0.3,0.7))
x = rnppois(200, mix)
plot(x, mix)
```

plot.nspmix

Class 'nspmix'

Description

Class `nspmix` is an object returned by function `cnm`, `cnmms`, `cnmpl` or `cnmap`.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'nspmix'
plot(x, data, type=c("probability","gradient"), ...)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	an object of a mixture model class
<code>data</code>	a data set from the mixture model
<code>type</code>	the type of function to be plotted: the probability model of the mixture family (probability), or the gradient function (gradient).
<code>...</code>	arguments passed on to the plot function called.

Details

Function `plot.nspmix` plots either the mixture model, if the family of the mixture provides an implementation of the generic `plot` function, or the gradient function.

data must belong to a mixture family, as specified by its class.

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References

Wang, Y. (2007). On fast computation of the non-parametric maximum likelihood estimate of a mixing distribution. *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Ser. B*, **69**, 185-198.

Wang, Y. (2010). Maximum likelihood computation for fitting semiparametric mixture models. *Statistics and Computing*, **20**, 75-86

See Also

[nnls](#), [cnm](#), [cnmms](#), [cnmpl](#), [cnmap](#), [npnorm](#), [nppois](#).

Examples

```
## Poisson mixture
x = rnppois(200, disc(c(1,4), c(0.7,0.3)))
r = cnm(x)
plot(r, x, "p")
plot(r, x, "g")

## Normal mixture
x = rnppnorm(200, mix=disc(c(0,4), c(0.3,0.7)), sd=1)
r = cnm(x, init=list(beta=0.5)) # sd = 0.5
plot(r, x, "p")
plot(r, x, "g")
```

plotgrad

Plot the Gradient Function

Description

Function `plotgrad` plots the gradient function or its first derivative of a nonparametric mixture.

Usage

```

plotgrad(
  x,
  mix,
  beta,
  len = 500,
  order = 0,
  col = "blue",
  col2 = "red",
  add = FALSE,
  main = paste0("Class: ", class(x)),
  xlab = expression(theta),
  ylab = paste0("Gradient (order = ", order, ")"),
  cex = 1,
  pch = 1,
  lwd = 1,
  xlim,
  ylim,
  ...
)

```

Arguments

x	a data object of a mixture model class.
mix	an object of class 'disc', for a discrete mixing distribution.
beta	the structural parameter.
len	number of points used to plot the smooth curve.
order	the order of the derivative of the gradient function to be plotted. If 0, it is the gradient function itself.
col	color for the curve.
col2	color for the support points.
add	if FALSE, create a new plot; if TRUE, add the curve and points to the current one.
main, xlab, ylab, cex, pch, lwd, xlim, ylim	arguments for graphical parameters (see par).
...	arguments passed on to function plot.

Details

data must belong to a mixture family, as specified by its class.

The support points are shown on the horizontal line of gradient 0. The vertical lines going downwards at the support points are proportional to the mixing proportions at these points.

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References

- Wang, Y. (2007). On fast computation of the non-parametric maximum likelihood estimate of a mixing distribution. *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Ser. B*, **69**, 185-198.
- Wang, Y. (2010). Maximum likelihood computation for fitting semiparametric mixture models. *Statistics and Computing*, **20**, 75-86

See Also

[plot.nspmix](#), [nnls](#), [cnm](#), [cnmms](#), [npsnorm](#), [nppois](#).

Examples

```
## Poisson mixture
x = rnppois(200, disc(c(1,4), c(0.7,0.3)))
r = cnm(x)
plotgrad(x, r$mix)

## Normal mixture
x = rnpsnorm(200, disc(c(0,4), c(0.3,0.7)), sd=1)
r = cnm(x, init=list(beta=0.5)) # sd = 0.5
plotgrad(x, r$mix, r$beta)
```

thai

Illness Spells and Frequencies of Thai Preschool Children

Description

Contains the results of a cohort study in north-east Thailand in which 602 preschool children participated. For each child, the number of illness spells x , such as fever, cough or running nose, is recorded for all 2-week periods from June 1982 to September 1985. The frequency for each value of x is saved in the data set.

Format

A data frame with 24 rows and 2 variables:

x: values of x .

freq: frequencies for each value of x .

Source

Bohning, D. (2000). *Computer-assisted Analysis of Mixtures and Applications: Meta-analysis, Disease Mapping, and Others*. Boca Raton: Chapman and Hall-CRC.

References

Wang, Y. (2007). On fast computation of the non-parametric maximum likelihood estimate of a mixing distribution. *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Ser. B*, **69**, 185-198.

See Also

[nppois,cnm](#).

Examples

```
data(thai)
x = nppois(thai)
plot(cnm(x), x)
```

toxo

Toxoplasmosis Data

Description

Contains the number of subjects testing positively for toxoplasmosis in 34 cities of El Salvador, with various rainfalls.

Format

A numeric matrix with four columns:

city: city identification code.

y: the number of subjects testing positively for toxoplasmosis.

n: the number of subjects tested.

rainfall: the annual rainfall of the city, in meters.

References

Efron, B. (1986). Double exponential families and their use in generalized linear regression. *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, **81**, 709-721.

Aitkin, M. (1996). A general maximum likelihood analysis of overdispersion in generalised linear models. *Statistics and Computing*, **6**, 251-262.

Wang, Y. (2010). Maximum likelihood computation for fitting semiparametric mixture models. *Statistics and Computing*, **20**, 75-86.

See Also

[mlogit,cnmms](#).

Examples

```
data(toxo)
x = mlogit(toxo)
cnmms(x)
```

whist

Weighted Histograms

Description

Plots or computes the histogram with observations with multiplicities/weights.

Usage

```
whist(
  x,
  w = 1,
  breaks = "Sturges",
  plot = TRUE,
  freq = NULL,
  xlim = NULL,
  ylim = NULL,
  xlab = "Data",
  ylab = NULL,
  main = NULL,
  add = FALSE,
  col = NULL,
  border = NULL,
  lwd = 1,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

x a vector of values for which the histogram is desired.

w a vector of multiplicities/weights for the values in **x**.

breaks, **plot**, **freq**, **xlim**, **ylim**, **xlab**, **ylab**, **main**, **add**, **col**, **border**, **lwd**
These arguments have similar functionalities to their namesakes in function **hist**.

... arguments passed on to function **plot**.

Details

Just like `hist`, `whist` can either plot the histogram or compute the values that define the histogram, by setting `plot` to `TRUE` or `FALSE`.

The histogram can either be the one for frequencies or density, by setting `freq` to `TRUE` or `FALSE`.

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See Also

[hist](#).

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