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# Description

An R-package for fast, easy, and reliable maximum likelihood estimation for a selection of parametric univariate densities.

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#### **Details**

Data analysis often requires the estimation of univariate densities. Maximum likelihood estimation is sensible for almost every univariate density used in practice. Moreover, the maximum likelihood estimator is typically consistent and efficient.

The purpose of this package is to

- Support maximum likelihood estimation of a large selection of densities.
- Supports plenty of generics such as plot and AIC to aid your data analysis.

Read the vignettes to learn more about univariateML: browseVignettes(package = "univariateML")

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#### See Also

Useful links:

- https://github.com/JonasMoss/univariateML
- https://jonasmoss.github.io/univariateML/
- Report bugs at https://github.com/JonasMoss/univariateML/issues

abalone

Abalone data

### Description

Physical measurements of 4177 abalones, a species of sea snail.

#### Usage

abalone

### **Format**

A tibble with 4,177 observations and 9 variables:

sex Sex of the abalone, F is female, M male, and I infant.

length Longest shell measurement.

diameter Diameter perpendicular to length.

height Height with with meat in shell.

whole\_weight Grams whole abalone.

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```
shucked_weight Grams weight of meat.
viscera_weight Grams gut weight (after bleeding).
shell_weight Grams after being dried.
rings +1.5 gives the age in years.
```

#### **Details**

See the web page https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets/Abalone for more information about the data set.

#### Source

Dua, D. and Graff, C. (2019). UCI Machine Learning Repository https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/. Irvine, CA: University of California, School of Information and Computer Science.

#### References

Ko, V., Hjort, N. L., & Hobaek Haff, I. (2019). Focused information criteria for copulas. Scandinavian Journal of Statistics.

### **Examples**

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bootstrapml

Parametric Bootstrap on Distributions Fitted with Maximum Likelihood

### Description

The parametric bootstrap is a resampling technique using random variates from a known parametric distribution. In this function the distribution of the random variates is completely determined by the unvariateML object object.

```
bootstrapml(
  object,
  reps = 1000,
  map = identity,
  reducer = stats::quantile,
  ...
)
```

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### **Arguments**

object	A univariateML object.
reps	Positive integer. The number of bootstrap samples.
map	A function of the parameters of the univariateML object. Defaults to the identity.
reducer	A reducer function. Defaults to stats::quantile with default argument probs

... Passed to reducer.

= c(0.025, 0.975).

#### **Details**

For each bootstrap iteration a maximum likelihood estimate is calculated using the ml\*\*\* function specified by object. The resulting numeric vector is then passed to map. The values returned by map is collected in an array and the reducer is called on each row of the array.

By default the map function is the identity and the default reducer is the quantile function taking the argument probs, which defaults to c(0.025, 0.975). This corresponds to a 95\ basic percentile confidence interval and is also reported by confint()

*Note:* The default confidence intervals are percentile intervals, not empirical intervals. These confidence intervals will in some cases have poor coverage as they are not studentized, see e.g. Carpenter, J., & Bithell, J. (2000).

#### Value

The transposed map-reduced bootstrap samples.

#### References

Efron, B., & Tibshirani, R. J. (1994). An introduction to the bootstrap. CRC press.

Carpenter, J., & Bithell, J. (2000). Bootstrap confidence intervals: when, which, what? A practical guide for medical statisticians. Statistics in medicine, 19(9), 1141-1164.

#### See Also

confint() for an application of bootstrapml.

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```
## The mean of a gamma distribution is shape/rate. Now we calculate a
## parametric bootstrap confidence interval for the mean with confidence
## limits c(0.05, 0.95)

bootstrapml(object, map = function(x) x[1] / x[2], probs = c(0.05, 0.95))

# 5% 95%
# 17.33962 18.31253

## Print a histogram of the bootstrapped estimates from an exponential.
object <- mlexp(mtcars$qsec)
hist(bootstrapml(object, reducer = identity))</pre>
```

confint.univariateML Confidence Intervals for Maximum Likelihood Estimates

### **Description**

Computes a confidence interval for one or more parameters in a unvariateML object.

#### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'univariateML'
confint(object, parm = NULL, level = 0.95, Nreps = 1000, ...)
```

### Arguments

object	An object of class univariateML.
parm	Vector of strings; the parameters to calculate a confidence interval for. Each parameter must be a member of names(object).
level	The confidence level.
Nreps	Number of bootstrap iterations. Passed to bootstrapml().
	Additional arguments passed to bootstrapml().

### Details

confint.univariateML is a wrapper for bootstrapml() that computes confidence intervals for the main parameters of object. The main parameters of object are the members of names(object). For instance, the main parameters of an object obtained from mlnorm are mean and sd. The confidence intervals are parametric bootstrap percentile intervals with limits (1-level)/2 and 1 - (1-level).

#### Value

A matrix or vector with columns giving lower and upper confidence limits for each parameter in parm.

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#### See Also

stats::confint() for the generic function and bootstrapml() for the function used to calculate
the confidence intervals.

### Examples

```
object <- mlinvgauss(airquality$Wind)
confint(object) # 95% confidence interval for mean and shape
confint(object, "mean") # 95% confidence interval for the mean parameter
# confint(object, "variance") # Fails since 'variance isn't a main parameter.</pre>
```

egypt

Mortality data from ancient Egypt

### Description

Age at death of 141 Roman era Egyptian mummies.

### Usage

egypt

#### **Format**

A tibble with 141 observations and 2 variables:

```
age Age at death.
```

sex Sex of deceased; 82 males and 49 females.

#### **Details**

This data was collected by Spiegelberg (1901) and analyzed by Karl Pearson (1902) in the first volume of Biometrika. It was analyzed by Claeskens & Hjort (2008) and the data is based on their transcription.

#### References

Spiegelberg, W. (1901). Aegyptische und Griechische Eigennamen aus Mumientiketten der Römischen Kaiserzeit.

Pearson, K. (1902). On the change in expectation of life in man during a period of circa 2000 years. Biometrika, 1(2), 261-264.

Claeskens, G., & Hjort, N. L. (2008). Model selection and model averaging. Cambridge University Press.

#### See Also

The source of the data is https://feb.kuleuven.be/public/u0043181/modelselection/datasets/egyptlives\_data.txt

#### **Examples**

egypt

MaximumLikelihoodDistribution

Maximum likelihood estimated distribution

### **Description**

Density, distribution function, quantile function and random generation for a univariate distribution estimated by maximum likelihood.

### Usage

```
dml(x, obj, log = FALSE)
pml(q = q, obj, lower.tail = TRUE, log.p = FALSE)
qml(p = p, obj, lower.tail = TRUE, log.p = FALSE)
rml(n = n, obj)
```

#### **Arguments**

vector of quantiles.
an univariateML object.
logical; if TRUE, the probabilities p are gives as log(p).
logical; if TRUE (default), the probabilities are $P[X \leq x]$ otherwise, $P[X > x]$
vector of probabilities.
number of observations. If $length(n) > 1$ , the length is taken to be the number required.

### Details

dml is the density, pml is the distribution function, qml is the quantile function, and rml is the random variable generator.

These functions work like their counterparts in stats, e.g. Normal. The univariateML object contains both maximum likelihood estimates and the identity of the model these estimates were calculated under. These functions are wrappers around underlying density, distribution, quantile and random generation functions where unknown parameters are filled with the maximum likelihood estimates. See the example.

#### Value

dml gives the density, pml gives the distribution function, qml gives the quantile function, and rml generates random deviates.

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### **Examples**

```
## Simple example
obj <- mlnorm(airquality$Wind)
dml(0.5, obj) == dnorm(0.5, mean = obj[1], sd = obj[2])
obj <- mlbetapr(airquality$Wind)

# Plot the logarithm of the beta prime distribution.
plot(function(x) dml(x, obj, log = TRUE),
    from = 0, to = 20,
    main = "Logarithm of Density", ylab = NA, lwd = 2
)</pre>
```

mlbeta

Beta distribution maximum likelihood estimation

### **Description**

Uses stat::nlm to estimate the parameters of the Beta distribution.

### Usage

```
mlbeta(x, na.rm = FALSE, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

x a (non-empty) numeric vector of data values.
 na.rm logical. Should missing values be removed?
 ... start contains optional starting parameter values for the minimization, passed to the stats::nlm function. type specifies whether a dedicated "gradient", "hessian", or "none" should be passed to stats::nlm.

### Details

For the density function of the Beta distribution see Beta.

For type, the option none is fastest.

#### Value

mlbeta returns an object of class univariateML. This is a named numeric vector with maximum likelihood estimates for shape1 and shape2 and the following attributes:

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#### References

Johnson, N. L., Kotz, S. and Balakrishnan, N. (1995) Continuous Univariate Distributions, Volume 2, Chapter 25. Wiley, New York.

#### See Also

Beta for the Beta density, nlm for the optimizer this function uses.

#### **Examples**

```
AIC(mlbeta(USArrests$Rape / 100))
```

mlbetapr

Beta prime distribution maximum likelihood estimation

### **Description**

This function does not estimate the scale parameter for the BetaPrime distribution. Transforms the data and uses stat::nlm to estimate the parameters of the Beta distribution.

### Usage

```
mlbetapr(x, na.rm = FALSE, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

x a (non-empty) numeric vector of data values.na.rm logical. Should missing values be removed?... passed to mlbeta.

### Details

For the density function of the Beta prime distribution see BetaPrime.

For type, the option none is fastest.

#### Value

mlbetapr returns an object of class univariateML. This is a named numeric vector with maximum likelihood estimates for shape1 and shape2 and the following attributes:

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#### References

Johnson, N. L., Kotz, S. and Balakrishnan, N. (1995) Continuous Univariate Distributions, Volume 2, Chapter 25. Wiley, New York.

#### See Also

BetaPrime for the Beta prime density, nlm for the optimizer this function uses, mlbeta for the Beta distribution maximum likelihood estimator.

### **Examples**

```
AIC(mlbetapr(USArrests$Rape))
```

mlcauchy

Cauchy distribution maximum likelihood estimation

#### **Description**

Calculates the estimates using nlm and an exponential transform of the location parameter. If n < 5, an exact solution is reported. In the edge case where no maximum likelihood estimator exists and error is thrown.

#### Usage

```
mlcauchy(x, na.rm = FALSE, ...)
```

### Arguments

x a (non-empty) numeric vector of data values.
na.rm logical. Should missing values be removed?
... currently affects nothing.

#### **Details**

For the density function of the Cauchy distribution see Cauchy.

#### Value

mlcauchy returns an object of class univariateML. This is a named numeric vector with maximum likelihood estimates for location and scale and the following attributes:

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#### References

Johnson, N. L., Kotz, S. and Balakrishnan, N. (1995) Continuous Univariate Distributions, Volume 1, Chapter 16. Wiley, New York.

#### See Also

Cauchy for the Cauchy density, nlm for the optimizer this function uses.

### **Examples**

```
mlcauchy(airquality$Temp)
```

mlexp

Exponential distribution maximum likelihood estimation

#### **Description**

The maximum likelihood estimate of rate is the inverse sample mean.

### Usage

```
mlexp(x, na.rm = FALSE, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

x a (non-empty) numeric vector of data values.
 na.rm logical. Should missing values be removed? If FALSE, the function fails when x contains missing values.
 currently affects nothing.

#### **Details**

For the density function of the exponential distribution see Exponential.

### Value

mlexp returns an object of class univariateML. This is a named numeric vector with maximum likelihood estimates for rate and the following attributes:

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#### References

Johnson, N. L., Kotz, S. and Balakrishnan, N. (1995) Continuous Univariate Distributions, Volume 1, Chapter 19. Wiley, New York.

#### See Also

Exponential for the exponential density.

### **Examples**

```
mlexp(precip)
```

Gamma distribution maximum likelihood estimation

#### **Description**

Uses Newton-Raphson to estimate the parameters of the Gamma distribution.

### Usage

```
mlgamma(x, na.rm = FALSE, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

x a (non-empty) numeric vector of data values.

na.rm logical. Should missing values be removed?

... rel.tol is the relative accuracy requested, defaults to .Machine\$double.eps^0.25.

iterlim is a positive integer specifying the maximum number of iterations to be performed before the program is terminated (defaults to 100).

#### **Details**

For the density function of the Gamma distribution see GammaDist.

#### Value

mlgamma returns an object of class univariateML. This is a named numeric vector with maximum likelihood estimates for shape and rate and the following attributes:

model	The name of the model.
density	The density associated with the estimates.
logLik	The loglikelihood at the maximum.
support	The support of the density.
n	The number of observations.
call	The call as captured my match.call

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#### References

Choi, S. C, and R. Wette. "Maximum likelihood estimation of the parameters of the gamma distribution and their bias." Technometrics 11.4 (1969): 683-690.

Johnson, N. L., Kotz, S. and Balakrishnan, N. (1995) Continuous Univariate Distributions, Volume 1, Chapter 17. Wiley, New York.

#### See Also

GammaDist for the Gamma density.

#### **Examples**

```
mlgamma(precip)
```

mlged

Generalized Error distribution maximum likelihood estimation

### Description

Joint maximum likelihood estimation as implemented by fGarch::gedFit.

#### Usage

```
mlged(x, na.rm = FALSE, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

x a (non-empty) numeric vector of data values.
na.rm logical. Should missing values be removed?
... currently affects nothing.

#### **Details**

For the density function of the Student t-distribution see ged.

#### Value

mlged returns an object of class univariateML. This is a named numeric vector with maximum likelihood estimates for the parameters mean, sd, nu and the following attributes:

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#### References

Nelson D.B. (1991); Conditional Heteroscedasticity in Asset Returns: A New Approach, Econometrica, 59, 347-370.

Fernandez C., Steel M.F.J. (2000); On Bayesian Modelling of Fat Tails and Skewness, Preprint.

#### See Also

ged for the Student t-density.

#### **Examples**

```
mlged(precip)
```

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Gumbel distribution maximum likelihood estimation

#### **Description**

Uses Newton-Raphson to estimate the parameters of the Gumbel distribution.

#### Usage

```
mlgumbel(x, na.rm = FALSE, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

a (non-empty) numeric vector of data values. Χ logical. Should missing values be removed? na.rm sigma0 is an optional starting value defaulting to 1. rel. tol is the relative accu-. . .

racy requested, defaults to .Machine\$double.eps^0.25. iterlim is a positive integer specifying the maximum number of iterations to be performed before the

program is terminated (defaults to 100).

#### **Details**

For the density function of the Gumbel distribution see Gumbel.

#### Value

mlgumbel returns an object of class univariateML. This is a named numeric vector with maximum likelihood estimates for mu and s and the following attributes:

model The name of the model. The density associated with the estimates. density logLik The loglikelihood at the maximum.

support The support of the density. 16 mlinvgamma

```
n The number of observations.

call The call as captured my match.call shape and sigma.
```

#### References

Johnson, N. L., Kotz, S. and Balakrishnan, N. (1995) Continuous Univariate Distributions, Volume 2, Chapter 22. Wiley, New York.

#### See Also

Gumbel for the Gumbel density.

### **Examples**

```
mlgumbel(precip)
```

mlinvgamma

Inverse Gamma distribution maximum likelihood estimation

### **Description**

Transforms the data and uses Newton-Raphson to estimate the parameters of the Gamma distribution.

### Usage

```
mlinvgamma(x, na.rm = FALSE, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

```
x a (non-empty) numeric vector of data values.
na.rm logical. Should missing values be removed?
... passed to mlgamma.
```

#### **Details**

For the density function of the inverse Gamma distribution see InvGamma.

#### Value

A named numeric vector with maximum likelihood estimates for alpha and beta.

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#### References

Choi, S. C, and R. Wette. "Maximum likelihood estimation of the parameters of the gamma distribution and their bias." Technometrics 11.4 (1969): 683-690.

Johnson, N. L., Kotz, S. and Balakrishnan, N. (1995) Continuous Univariate Distributions, Volume 1, Chapter 17. Wiley, New York.

Witkovsky, V. (2001). "Computing the Distribution of a Linear Combination of Inverted Gamma Variables". Kybernetika. 37 (1): 79–90

#### See Also

InvGamma for the Inverse Gamma density.

#### **Examples**

```
mlinvgamma(precip)
```

mlinvgauss

Inverse Gaussian (Wald) maximum likelihood estimation

#### **Description**

The maximum likelihood estimate of mean is the empirical mean and the maximum likelihood estimate of 1/shape is the difference between the mean of reciprocals and the reciprocal of the mean.

### Usage

```
mlinvgauss(x, na.rm = FALSE, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

x a (non-empty) numeric vector of data values.
na.rm logical. Should missing values be removed?
... currently affects nothing.

#### **Details**

For the density function of the Inverse Gamma distribution see InverseGaussian.

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#### Value

mlinvgauss returns an object of class univariateML. This is a named numeric vector with maximum likelihood estimates for mean and shape and the following attributes:

model The name of the model.

density The density associated with the estimates.

logLik The loglikelihood at the maximum.

support The support of the density.

n The number of observations.

call The call as captured my match.call

#### References

Johnson, N. L., Kotz, S. and Balakrishnan, N. (1995) Continuous Univariate Distributions, Volume 1, Chapter 15. Wiley, New York.

#### See Also

InverseGaussian for the Inverse Gaussian density.

### Examples

```
mlinvgauss(precip)
```

mlinvweibull

Inverse Weibull distribution maximum likelihood estimation

### **Description**

The maximum likelihood estimate of shape and rate are calculated by calling mlweibull on the transformed data.

### Usage

```
mlinvweibull(x, na.rm = FALSE, ...)
```

### Arguments

x a (non-empty) numeric vector of data values.na.rm logical. Should missing values be removed?... passed to mlweibull.

#### **Details**

For the density function of the log normal distribution see InverseWeibull.

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#### Value

mlinvweibull returns an object of class univariateML. This is a named numeric vector with maximum likelihood estimates for shape and rate and the following attributes:

model The name of the model.

density The density associated with the estimates.

logLik The loglikelihood at the maximum.

support The support of the density.

n The number of observations.

call The call as captured my match.call

#### References

Kleiber, C. and Kotz, S. (2003), Statistical Size Distributions in Economics and Actuarial Sciences, Wiley.

Klugman, S. A., Panjer, H. H. and Willmot, G. E. (2012), Loss Models, From Data to Decisions, Fourth Edition, Wiley.

Dutang, C., Goulet, V., & Pigeon, M. (2008). actuar: An R package for actuarial science. Journal of Statistical Software, 25(7), 1-37.

#### See Also

InverseWeibull for the Inverse Weibull density.

#### **Examples**

mlinvweibull(precip)

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Kumaraswamy distribution maximum likelihood estimation

#### Description

Uses Newton-Raphson to estimate the parameters of the Kumaraswamy distribution.

### Usage

```
mlkumar(x, na.rm = FALSE, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

x a (non-empty) numeric vector of data values. na.rm logical. Should missing values be removed?

a0 is an optional starting value for the a parameter. rel.tol is the relative accuracy requested, defaults to .Machine\$double.eps^0.25. iterlim is a positive integer specifying the maximum number of iterations to be performed before the

program is terminated (defaults to 100).

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#### **Details**

For the density function of the Kumaraswamy distribution see Kumaraswamy.

#### Value

mlkumar returns an object of class univariateML. This is a named numeric vector with maximum likelihood estimates for a and b and the following attributes:

model The name of the model.

density The density associated with the estimates.

logLik The loglikelihood at the maximum.

support The support of the density.

n The number of observations.

call The call as captured my match.call

#### References

Jones, M. C. "Kumaraswamy's distribution: A beta-type distribution with some tractability advantages." Statistical Methodology 6.1 (2009): 70-81.

Kumaraswamy, Ponnambalam. "A generalized probability density function for double-bounded random processes." Journal of Hydrology 46.1-2 (1980): 79-88.

#### See Also

Kumaraswamy for the Kumaraswamy density.

#### **Examples**

```
AIC(mlkumar(USArrests$Rape / 100))
```

mllaplace

Laplace distribution maximum likelihood estimation

### Description

The maximum likelihood estimate of mu is the sample median while the maximum likelihood estimate of sigma is mean absolute deviation from the median.

### Usage

```
mllaplace(x, na.rm = FALSE, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

x a (non-empty) numeric vector of data values.
na.rm logical. Should missing values be removed?

... currently affects nothing.

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#### **Details**

For the density function of the Laplace distribution see Laplace.

#### Value

mllaplace returns an object of class univariateML. This is a named numeric vector with maximum likelihood estimates for mu and sigma and the following attributes:

model The name of the model.

density The density associated with the estimates.

logLik The loglikelihood at the maximum.

support The support of the density.n The number of observations.

call The call as captured my match.call

#### References

Johnson, N. L., Kotz, S. and Balakrishnan, N. (1995) Continuous Univariate Distributions, Volume 2, Chapter 24. Wiley, New York.

#### See Also

Laplace for the Laplace density.

### **Examples**

```
mllaplace(precip)
```

mllgamma

Log-gamma distribution maximum likelihood estimation

### Description

The maximum likelihood estimate of shapelog and ratelog are calculated by calling mlgamma() on the transformed data.

### Usage

```
mllgamma(x, na.rm = FALSE, ...)
```

### Arguments

x a (non-empty) numeric vector of data values.
na.rm logical. Should missing values be removed?
... passed to mlgamma.

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### **Details**

For the density function of the log normal distribution see Loggamma.

#### Value

mllgamma returns an object of class univariateML. This is a named numeric vector with maximum likelihood estimates for shapelog and ratelog and the following attributes:

model The name of the model.

density The density associated with the estimates.

logLik The loglikelihood at the maximum.

support The support of the density.

n The number of observations.

call The call as captured my match.call

#### References

Hogg, R. V. and Klugman, S. A. (1984), Loss Distributions, Wiley.

Dutang, C., Goulet, V., & Pigeon, M. (2008). actuar: An R package for actuarial science. Journal of Statistical Software, 25(7), 1-37.

#### See Also

Loggamma for the log normal density.

### Examples

```
mllgamma(precip)
```

mlllogis

Log-logistic distribution maximum likelihood estimation

### **Description**

The maximum likelihood estimate of shape and rate are calculated by transforming the data back to the logistic model and applying mllogis.

#### Usage

```
mlllogis(x, na.rm = FALSE, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

```
x a (non-empty) numeric vector of data values.
na.rm logical. Should missing values be removed?
... passed to mllogis.
```

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#### **Details**

For the density function of the log-logistic distribution see Loglogistic

#### Value

mlllogis returns an object of class univariateML. This is a named numeric vector with maximum likelihood estimates for shape and rate and the following attributes:

model The name of the model.

density The density associated with the estimates.

logLik The loglikelihood at the maximum.

The support of the density.

The number of observations.

call The call as captured my match.call

#### References

Kleiber, C. and Kotz, S. (2003), Statistical Size Distributions in Economics and Actuarial Sciences, Wiley.

Klugman, S. A., Panjer, H. H. and Willmot, G. E. (2012), Loss Models, From Data to Decisions, Fourth Edition, Wiley.

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#### See Also

Loglogistic for the log-logistic density.

### **Examples**

```
mllnorm(precip)
```

mllnorm

Log-normal distribution maximum likelihood estimation

### **Description**

The maximum likelihood estimate of meanlog is the empirical mean of the log-transformed data and the maximum likelihood estimate of sdlog is the square root of the biased sample variance based on the log-transformed data.

```
mllnorm(x, na.rm = FALSE, ...)
```

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### **Arguments**

X	a (non-empty) numeric vector of data values.
na.rm	logical. Should missing values be removed?
	currently affects nothing.

#### **Details**

For the density function of the log normal distribution see Lognormal.

#### Value

mllonorm returns an object of class univariateML. This is a named numeric vector with maximum likelihood estimates for meanlog and sdlog and the following attributes:

model The name of the model.

density The density associated with the estimates.

logLik The loglikelihood at the maximum.

support The support of the density.

n The number of observations.

call The call as captured my match.call

#### References

Johnson, N. L., Kotz, S. and Balakrishnan, N. (1995) Continuous Univariate Distributions, Volume 1, Chapter 14. Wiley, New York.

#### See Also

Lognormal for the log normal density.

#### **Examples**

```
mllnorm(precip)
```

mllogis	Logistic distribution maximum likelihood estimation	

### Description

Calculates the estimates using nlm with an exponential transform of the location parameter.

```
mllogis(x, na.rm = FALSE, ...)
```

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### **Arguments**

X	a (non-empty) numeric vector of data values.
na.rm	logical. Should missing values be removed?
	currently affects nothing.

### **Details**

For the density function of the logistic distribution see Logistic.

#### Value

mllogis returns an object of class univariateML. This is a named numeric vector with maximum likelihood estimates for location and scale and the following attributes:

model The name of the model.

density The density associated with the estimates.

logLik The loglikelihood at the maximum.

support The support of the density.

n The number of observations.

call The call as captured my match.call

#### References

Johnson, N. L., Kotz, S. and Balakrishnan, N. (1995) Continuous Univariate Distributions, Volume 2, Chapter 23. Wiley, New York.

#### See Also

Logistic for the Logistic density, nlm for the optimizer this function uses.

### **Examples**

```
mllogis(precip)
```

mllogitnorm	Logit-Normal distribution maximum likelihood estimation

### Description

The maximum likelihood estimate of mu is the empirical mean of the logit transformed data and the maximum likelihood estimate of sigma is the square root of the logit transformed biased sample variance.

```
mllogitnorm(x, na.rm = FALSE, ...)
```

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### **Arguments**

Χ	a (non-empty) numeric vector of data values.
na.rm	logical. Should missing values be removed?
	currently affects nothing.

#### **Details**

For the density function of the logit-normal distribution see dlogitnorm.

#### Value

mllogitnorm returns an object of class univariateML. This is a named numeric vector with maximum likelihood estimates for mu and sigma and the following attributes:

model	The name of the model.
density	The density associated with the estimates.
logLik	The loglikelihood at the maximum.
support	The support of the density.
n	The number of observations.
call	The call as captured my match.call

#### References

Atchison, J., & Shen, S. M. (1980). Logistic-normal distributions: Some properties and uses. Biometrika, 67(2), 261-272.

#### See Also

link[dlogitnorm]dlogitnormfor the normal density.

### **Examples**

```
AIC(mllogitnorm(USArrests$Rape / 100))
```

mllomax	Lomax distribution maximum likelihood estimation	

### Description

Uses Newton-Raphson to estimate the parameters of the Lomax distribution.

```
mllomax(x, na.rm = FALSE, ...)
```

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### **Arguments**

X	a (non-empty) numeric vector of data values.
na.rm	logical. Should missing values be removed?
	lambda0 an optional starting value for the lambda parameter. Defaults to median(x). rel.tol is the relative accuracy requested, defaults to .Machine\$double.eps^0.25. iterlim is a positive integer specifying the maximum number of iterations to be performed before the program is terminated (defaults to 100).

### **Details**

For the density function of the Lomax distribution see Lomax. The maximum likelihood estimate will frequently fail to exist. This is due to the parameterization of the function which does not take into account that the density converges to an exponential along certain values of the parameters, see vignette("Distribution Details", package = "univariateML").

### Value

mllomax returns an object of class univariateML. This is a named numeric vector with maximum likelihood estimates for lambda and kappa and the following attributes:

model	The name of the model.
density	The density associated with the estimates.
logLik	The loglikelihood at the maximum.
support	The support of the density.
n	The number of observations.
call	The call as captured my match.call

#### References

Kleiber, Christian; Kotz, Samuel (2003), Statistical Size Distributions in Economics and Actuarial Sciences, Wiley Series in Probability and Statistics, 470, John Wiley & Sons, p. 60

### See Also

Lomax for the Lomax density.

```
set.seed(3)
mllomax(extraDistr::rlomax(100, 2, 4))
```

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mlnaka	Nakagami distribution maximum likelihood estimation
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#### **Description**

The maximum likelihood estimates of shape and scale are calculated by calling mlgamma on the transformed data.

#### Usage

```
mlnaka(x, na.rm = FALSE, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

x a (non-empty) numeric vector of data values.
na.rm logical. Should missing values be removed?
... passed to mlgamma.

#### **Details**

For the density function of the Nakagami distribution see Nakagami.

### Value

mlgamma returns an object of class univariateML. This is a named numeric vector with maximum likelihood estimates for shape and rate and the following attributes:

model The name of the model.

density The density associated with the estimates.

logLik The loglikelihood at the maximum.

support The support of the density.

n The number of observations.

call The call as captured my match.call

#### References

Choi, S. C, and R. Wette. "Maximum likelihood estimation of the parameters of the gamma distribution and their bias." Technometrics 11.4 (1969): 683-690.

Johnson, N. L., Kotz, S. and Balakrishnan, N. (1995) Continuous Univariate Distributions, Volume 1, Chapter 17. Wiley, New York.

#### See Also

Nakagami for the Nakagami distribution. GammaDist for the closely related Gamma density. See mlgamma for the machinery underlying this function.

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### **Examples**

```
mlgamma(precip)
```

mlnorm

Normal distribution maximum likelihood estimation

### **Description**

The maximum likelihood estimate of mean is the empirical mean and the maximum likelihood estimate of sd is the square root of the biased sample variance.

#### Usage

```
mlnorm(x, na.rm = FALSE, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

x a (non-empty) numeric vector of data values.na.rm logical. Should missing values be removed?currently affects nothing.

#### **Details**

For the density function of the normal distribution see Normal.

#### Value

mlnorm returns an object of class univariateML. This is a named numeric vector with maximum likelihood estimates for mean and sd and the following attributes:

model The name of the model.

density The density associated with the estimates.

logLik The loglikelihood at the maximum.

support The support of the density.

n The number of observations.

call The call as captured my match.call

### References

Johnson, N. L., Kotz, S. and Balakrishnan, N. (1995) Continuous Univariate Distributions, Volume 1, Chapter 13. Wiley, New York.

#### See Also

Normal for the normal density.

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### **Examples**

```
mlnorm(precip)
```

mlpareto

Pareto distribution maximum likelihood estimation

### Description

The maximum likelihood estimate of b is the minimum of x and the maximum likelihood estimate of a is 1/(mean(log(x)) - log(b)).

#### Usage

```
mlpareto(x, na.rm = FALSE, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

x a (non-empty) numeric vector of data values.na.rm logical. Should missing values be removed?currently affects nothing.

#### **Details**

For the density function of the Pareto distribution see Pareto.

### Value

mlpareto returns an object of class univariateML. This is a named numeric vector with maximum likelihood estimates for a and b and the following attributes:

model The name of the model.

density The density associated with the estimates.

logLik The loglikelihood at the maximum.

support The support of the density.

n The number of observations.

call The call as captured my match.call

#### References

Johnson, N. L., Kotz, S. and Balakrishnan, N. (1995) Continuous Univariate Distributions, Volume 1, Chapter 20. Wiley, New York.

#### See Also

Pareto for the Pareto density.

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### **Examples**

```
mlpareto(precip)
```

mlpower

Power distribution maximum likelihood estimation

### **Description**

The maximum likelihood estimate of alpha is the maximum of x + epsilon (see the details) and the maximum likelihood estimate of beta is  $1/(\log(alpha)-mean(\log(x)))$ .

#### Usage

```
mlpower(x, na.rm = FALSE, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

x a (non-empty) numeric vector of data values.
na.rm logical. Should missing values be removed?

 $\dots$  epsilon is a positive number added to max(x) as an to the maximum likelihood.

Defaults to .Machine\$double.eps^0.5.

#### **Details**

For the density function of the power distribution see PowerDist. The maximum likelihood estimator of alpha does not exist, strictly speaking. This is because x is supported c(0, alpha) with an open endpoint on alpha in the extraDistr implementation of dpower. If the endpoint was closed, max(x) would have been the maximum likelihood estimator. To overcome this problem, we add a possibly user specified epsilon to max(x).

### Value

mlpower returns an object of class univariateML. This is a named numeric vector with maximum likelihood estimates for alpha and beta and the following attributes:

model The name of the model.

density The density associated with the estimates.

logLik The loglikelihood at the maximum.

support The support of the density.

n The number of observations.

call The call as captured my match.call

### References

Arslan, G. "A new characterization of the power distribution." Journal of Computational and Applied Mathematics 260 (2014): 99-102.

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#### See Also

PowerDist for the power density. Pareto for the closely related Pareto distribution.

### **Examples**

```
mlpower(precip)
```

mlrayleigh

Rayleigh distribution maximum likelihood estimation

### **Description**

Calculates the sigma parameter as the square root of half the empirical second moment.

### Usage

```
mlrayleigh(x, na.rm = FALSE, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

x a (non-empty) numeric vector of data values.
na.rm logical. Should missing values be removed?
... currently affects nothing.

#### **Details**

For the density function of the Rayleigh distribution see Rayleigh.

### Value

mlrayleigh returns an object of class univariateML. This is a named numeric vector with maximum likelihood estimates for sigma and the following attributes:

model The name of the model.

density The density associated with the estimates.

logLik The loglikelihood at the maximum.

support The support of the density.

n The number of observations.

call The call as captured my match.call

### References

Johnson, N. L., Kotz, S. and Balakrishnan, N. (1995) Continuous Univariate Distributions, Volume 1, Chapter 18. Wiley, New York.

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#### See Also

Rayleigh for the Rayleigh density.

#### **Examples**

```
mlrayleigh(precip)
```

mlsged

Skew Generalized Error distribution maximum likelihood estimation

### **Description**

Joint maximum likelihood estimation as implemented by fGarch::sgedFit.

### Usage

```
mlsged(x, na.rm = FALSE, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

x a (non-empty) numeric vector of data values.na.rm logical. Should missing values be removed?currently affects nothing.

#### **Details**

For the density function of the Student t-distribution see sged.

### Value

mlsged returns an object of class univariateML. This is a named numeric vector with maximum likelihood estimates for the parameters mean, sd, nu, xi, and the following attributes:

model The name of the model.

density The density associated with the estimates.

logLik The loglikelihood at the maximum.

support The support of the density.

n The number of observations.

call The call as captured my match.call

### References

Nelson D.B. (1991); Conditional Heteroscedasticity in Asset Returns: A New Approach, Econometrica, 59, 347–370.

Fernandez C., Steel M.F.J. (2000); On Bayesian Modelling of Fat Tails and Skewness, Preprint.

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#### See Also

sged for the Student t-density.

#### **Examples**

```
mlsged(precip)
```

mlsnorm

Skew Normal distribution maximum likelihood estimation

### **Description**

Joint maximum likelihood estimation as implemented by fGarch::snormFit.

#### Usage

```
mlsnorm(x, na.rm = FALSE, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

x a (non-empty) numeric vector of data values.na.rm logical. Should missing values be removed?currently affects nothing.

#### **Details**

For the density function of the Student t distribution see dsnorm.

#### Value

mlsnorm returns an object of class univariateML. This is a named numeric vector with maximum likelihood estimates for the parameters mean, sd, xi and the following attributes:

model The name of the model.

density The density associated with the estimates.

logLik The loglikelihood at the maximum.

support The support of the density.

n The number of observations.

call The call as captured my match.call

#### References

Fernandez C., Steel M.F.J. (2000); On Bayesian Modelling of Fat Tails and Skewness, Preprint.

#### See Also

dsnorm for the Student-t density.

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### **Examples**

```
mlsnorm(precip)
```

mlsstd

Skew Student t-distribution maximum likelihood estimation

### **Description**

Joint maximum likelihood estimation as implemented by fGarch::sstdFit.

#### Usage

```
mlsstd(x, na.rm = FALSE, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

x a (non-empty) numeric vector of data values.
na.rm logical. Should missing values be removed?
... currently affects nothing.

#### Details

For the density function of the skew Student t-distribution see sstd.

#### Value

mlsstd returns an object of class univariateML. This is a named numeric vector with maximum likelihood estimates for the parameters mean, sd, nu, xi and the following attributes:

model The name of the model.

density The density associated with the estimates.

logLik The loglikelihood at the maximum.

support The support of the density.

n The number of observations.

call The call as captured my match.call

#### References

Fernandez C., Steel M.F.J. (2000); On Bayesian Modelling of Fat Tails and Skewness, Preprint.

### See Also

sstd for the Skew Student t-density.

```
mlsstd(precip)
```

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Student-t distribution maximum likelihood estimation

### Description

Joint maximum likelihood estimation as implemented by fGarch::stdFit.

#### Usage

```
mlstd(x, na.rm = FALSE, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

x a (non-empty) numeric vector of data values.na.rm logical. Should missing values be removed?currently affects nothing.

#### **Details**

For the density function of the Student t-distribution see std.

#### Value

mlstd returns an object of class univariateML. This is a named numeric vector with maximum likelihood estimates for the parameters mean, sd, nu and the following attributes:

model The name of the model.

density The density associated with the estimates.

logLik The loglikelihood at the maximum.

support The support of the density.

n The number of observations.

call The call as captured my match.call

### References

Johnson, N. L., Kotz, S. and Balakrishnan, N. (1995) Continuous Univariate Distributions, Volume 1, Chapter 13. Wiley, New York.

#### See Also

```
std for the Student-t density.
```

```
mlstd(precip)
```

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mlunif Unif	rm distribution maximum likelihood estimation
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### **Description**

The estimates are min(x) and max(x).

### Usage

```
mlunif(x, na.rm = FALSE, ...)
```

### Arguments

x a (non-empty) numeric vector of data values.na.rm logical. Should missing values be removed?currently affects nothing.

#### **Details**

For the density function of the logistic distribution see Uniform.

#### Value

mlunif returns an object of class univariateML. This is a named numeric vector with maximum likelihood estimates for min and max and the following attributes:

model The name of the model.

density The density associated wi

density The density associated with the estimates.

logLik The loglikelihood at the maximum.

support The support of the density.n The number of observations.

call The call as captured my match.call

#### References

Johnson, N. L., Kotz, S. and Balakrishnan, N. (1995) Continuous Univariate Distributions, Volume 2, Chapter 26. Wiley, New York.

#### See Also

Uniform for the uniform density.

```
mlunif(precip)
```

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Weibull distribution maximum likelihood estimation

#### **Description**

Uses Newton-Raphson to estimate the parameters of the Weibull distribution.

### Usage

```
mlweibull(x, na.rm = FALSE, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

a (non-empty) numeric vector of data values. Х na.rm logical. Should missing values be removed?

shape0 is an optional starting value for the shape parameter. rel. tol is the relative accuracy requested, defaults to .Machine\$double.eps^0.25. iterlim is a positive integer specifying the maximum number of iterations to be performed

before the program is terminated (defaults to 100).

#### **Details**

For the density function of the Weibull distribution see Weibull.

#### Value

mlweibull returns an object of class univariateML. This is a named numeric vector with maximum likelihood estimates for shape and scale and the following attributes:

model The name of the model. density The density associated with the estimates. The loglikelihood at the maximum.

The support of the density. support The number of observations. n

call The call as captured my match.call

#### References

logLik

Johnson, N. L., Kotz, S. and Balakrishnan, N. (1995) Continuous Univariate Distributions, Volume 1, Chapter 21. Wiley, New York.

#### See Also

Weibull for the Weibull density.

```
BIC(mlweibull(precip))
```

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ml\_input\_checker

Input Checker for ML functions

### **Description**

Checks that x in the ML functions is numeric and has only one dimension.

### Usage

```
ml_input_checker(x)
```

#### **Arguments**

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input to a ML\*\*\* function.

#### Value

NULL

model\_select

Fit multiple models and select the best fit

### **Description**

Selects the best model by log-likelihood, AIC, or BIC.

### Usage

```
model_select(
   x,
   models = univariateML_models,
   criterion = c("aic", "bic", "loglik"),
   na.rm = FALSE,
   ...
)
```

### **Arguments**

```
x a (non-empty) numeric vector of data values.

models a character vector containing the distribution models to select from; see print(univariateML_models).

criterion the model selection criterion. Must be one of "aic", "bic", and "loglik".

na.rm logical. Should missing values be removed?
```

.. unused.

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#### Value

model\_select returns an object of class univariateML. This is a named numeric vector with maximum likelihood estimates for the parameters of the best fitting model and the following attributes:

model The name of the model.

density The density associated with the estimates.

logLik The loglikelihood at the maximum.

support The support of the density.n The number of observations.

call The call as captured my match.call

#### See Also

Johnson, N. L., Kotz, S. and Balakrishnan, N. (1995) Continuous Univariate Distributions, Volume 1, Chapter 17. Wiley, New York.

### **Examples**

```
model_select(precip)
```

plot.univariateML

Plot, Lines and Points Methods for Maximum Likelihood Estimates

### **Description**

The plot, lines, and points methods for univariateML objects.

#### Usage

```
## $3 method for class 'univariateML'
plot(x, range = NULL, ...)
## $3 method for class 'univariateML'
lines(x, range = NULL, ...)
## $3 method for class 'univariateML'
points(x, range = NULL, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

```
x a univariateML object.range of x values to plot, i.e. c(lower, upper).... parameters passed to plot, lines, or points.
```

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### Value

An invisible copy of x.

### **Examples**

```
plot(mlweibull(datasets::precip), main = "Annual Precipitation in US Cities")
lines(mlgamma(datasets::precip), lty = 2)
rug(datasets::precip)
```

ProbabilityPlots

Probability Plots Using Maximum Likelihood Estimates

### Description

Make quantile-quantile plots and probability-probability plots using maximum likelihood estimation.

### Usage

```
ppmlplot(y, obj, plot.it = TRUE, datax = FALSE, ...)
ppmlline(...)

ppmlpoints(y, obj, plot.it = TRUE, datax = TRUE, ...)

qqmlplot(y, obj, plot.it = TRUE, datax = FALSE, ...)

qqmlline(y, obj, datax = FALSE, probs = c(0.25, 0.75), qtype = 7, ...)

qqmlpoints(y, obj, plot.it = TRUE, datax = TRUE, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

у	Numeric vector; The data to plot on the y axis when datax is FALSE.
obj	Either an univariateML object or a function that returns a univariateML object when called with y as its only argument.
plot.it	Logical; should the result be plotted?
datax	Logical; should y be plotted on the x-axis? Defaults to FALSE in qqmlplot and ppmlplot but TRUE in qqmlpoints and ppmlpoints.
	Graphical parameters.
probs	Numeric vector of length two, representing probabilities. Corresponding quantile pairs define the line drawn.
qtype	The type of quantile computation used in quantile.

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#### **Details**

qqmlplot produces a quantile-quantile plot (Q-Q plot) of the values in y with respect to the distribution defined by obj, which is either a univariateML object or a function returning a univariateML object when called with y. qqmlline adds a line to a "theoretical", quantile-quantile plot which passes through the probs quantiles, by default the first and third quartiles. qqmlpointsbehaves like stats::points and adds a Q-Q plot to an existing plot.

ppmlplot, ppmlline, and ppmlpoints produce probability-probability plots (or P-P plots). They behave similarly to the quantile-quantile plot functions.

This function is modeled after gqnorm.

Graphical parameters may be given as arguments to all the functions below.

#### Value

For qqmlplot, qqmlpoints, ppmlplot, and ppmlpoints, a list with components x (plotted on the x axis) and y (plotted on the y axis). qqmlline and ppmlline returns nothing.

#### References

M. B. Wilk, R. Gnadadesikan, Probability plotting methods for the analysis for the analysis of data, Biometrika, Volume 55, Issue 1, March 1968, Pages 1–17, https://doi.org/10.1093/biomet/55.1.1

### **Examples**

```
## Make a single probability plot with a line.

obj <- mlgamma(Nile)
qqmlplot(Nile, obj)
qqmlline(Nile, obj)

## Make multiple probability plots. datax = TRUE must be used to make this
## look good.

ppmlplot(airquality$Wind, mlgamma, main = "Many P-P plots")
ppmlpoints(airquality$Wind, mlexp, col = "red")
ppmlpoints(airquality$Wind, mlweibull, col = "purple")
ppmlpoints(airquality$Wind, mllnorm, col = "blue")</pre>
```

#### **Description**

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### Format

An object of class character of length 29.

# Examples

print(univariateML\_models)

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