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cdf *The cumulative distribution function*

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### Description

[Stable]

### Usage

```
cdf(x, q, ..., log = FALSE)

## S3 method for class 'distribution'
cdf(x, q, ...)
```

### Arguments

|     |  |
|-----|--|
| x   | The distribution(s).                                       |
| q   | The quantile at which the cdf is calculated.               |
| ... | Additional arguments passed to methods.                    |
| log | If TRUE, probabilities will be given as log probabilities. |

covariance

*Covariance*

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**Description****[Stable]**

A generic function for computing the covariance of an object.

**Usage**

```
covariance(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|     |                                       |
|-----|---------------------------------------|
| x   | An object.                            |
| ... | Additional arguments used by methods. |

**See Also**

[covariance.distribution\(\)](#), [variance\(\)](#)

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covariance.distribution

*Covariance of a probability distribution*

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**Description****[Stable]**

Returns the empirical covariance of the probability distribution. If the method does not exist, the covariance of a random sample will be returned.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'distribution'  
covariance(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|     |                                       |
|-----|---------------------------------------|
| x   | The distribution(s).                  |
| ... | Additional arguments used by methods. |

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density.distribution    *The probability density/mass function*

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### Description

#### [Stable]

Computes the probability density function for a continuous distribution, or the probability mass function for a discrete distribution.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'distribution'  
density(x, at, ..., log = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

|     |  |
|-----|--|
| x   | The distribution(s).                                       |
| at  | The point at which to compute the density/mass.            |
| ... | Additional arguments passed to methods.                    |
| log | If TRUE, probabilities will be given as log probabilities. |

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dist\_bernoulli    *The Bernoulli distribution*

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### Description

#### [Stable]

Bernoulli distributions are used to represent events like coin flips when there is single trial that is either successful or unsuccessful. The Bernoulli distribution is a special case of the [Binomial\(\)](#) distribution with  $n = 1$ .

### Usage

```
dist_bernoulli(prob)
```

### Arguments

|      |   |
|------|---|
| prob | The probability of success on each trial, prob can be any value in $[0, 1]$ . |
|------|---|

## Details

We recommend reading this documentation on <https://pkg.mitchelloharawild.com/distributional/>, where the math will render nicely.

In the following, let  $X$  be a Bernoulli random variable with parameter  $p = p$ . Some textbooks also define  $q = 1 - p$ , or use  $\pi$  instead of  $p$ .

The Bernoulli probability distribution is widely used to model binary variables, such as 'failure' and 'success'. The most typical example is the flip of a coin, when  $p$  is thought as the probability of flipping a head, and  $q = 1 - p$  is the probability of flipping a tail.

**Support:**  $\{0, 1\}$

**Mean:**  $p$

**Variance:**  $p \cdot (1 - p) = p \cdot q$

**Probability mass function (p.m.f):**

$$P(X = x) = p^x(1 - p)^{1-x} = p^x q^{1-x}$$

**Cumulative distribution function (c.d.f):**

$$P(X \leq x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ 1 - p & 0 \leq x < 1 \\ 1 & x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

**Moment generating function (m.g.f):**

$$E(e^{tX}) = (1 - p) + pe^t$$

## Examples

```
dist <- dist_bernoulli(prob = c(0.05, 0.5, 0.3, 0.9, 0.1))
```

```
dist
```

```
mean(dist)
```

```
variance(dist)
```

```
skewness(dist)
```

```
kurtosis(dist)
```

```
generate(dist, 10)
```

```
density(dist, 2)
```

```
density(dist, 2, log = TRUE)
```

```
cdf(dist, 4)
```

```
quantile(dist, 0.7)
```

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`dist_beta`*The Beta distribution*

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**Description****[Stable]****Usage**`dist_beta(shape1, shape2)`**Arguments**`shape1, shape2` The non-negative shape parameters of the Beta distribution.**See Also**[stats::Beta](#)**Examples**

```
dist <- dist_beta(shape1 = c(0.5, 5, 1, 2, 2), shape2 = c(0.5, 1, 3, 2, 5))
```

```
dist
mean(dist)
variance(dist)
skewness(dist)
kurtosis(dist)
```

```
generate(dist, 10)
```

```
density(dist, 2)
density(dist, 2, log = TRUE)
```

```
cdf(dist, 4)
```

```
quantile(dist, 0.7)
```

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`dist_binomial`*The Binomial distribution*

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**Description****[Stable]**

Binomial distributions are used to represent situations that can be thought of as the result of  $n$  Bernoulli experiments (here the  $n$  is defined as the size of the experiment). The classical example is  $n$  independent coin flips, where each coin flip has probability  $p$  of success. In this case, the individual probability of flipping heads or tails is given by the Bernoulli( $p$ ) distribution, and the probability of having  $x$  equal results ( $x$  heads, for example), in  $n$  trials is given by the Binomial( $n$ ,  $p$ ) distribution. The equation of the Binomial distribution is directly derived from the equation of the Bernoulli distribution.

**Usage**

```
dist_binomial(size, prob)
```

**Arguments**

|      |   |
|------|---|
| size | The number of trials. Must be an integer greater than or equal to one. When size = 1, the Binomial distribution reduces to the Bernoulli distribution. Often called $n$ in textbooks. |
| prob | The probability of success on each trial, prob can be any value in $[0, 1]$ .   |

**Details**

We recommend reading this documentation on <https://pkg.mitchelloharawild.com/distributional/>, where the math will render nicely.

The Binomial distribution comes up when you are interested in the portion of people who do a thing. The Binomial distribution also comes up in the sign test, sometimes called the Binomial test (see `stats::binom.test()`), where you may need the Binomial C.D.F. to compute p-values.

In the following, let  $X$  be a Binomial random variable with parameter size =  $n$  and  $p = p$ . Some textbooks define  $q = 1 - p$ , or called  $\pi$  instead of  $p$ .

**Support:**  $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, n\}$

**Mean:**  $np$

**Variance:**  $np \cdot (1 - p) = np \cdot q$

**Probability mass function (p.m.f):**

$$P(X = k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1 - p)^{n-k}$$

**Cumulative distribution function (c.d.f):**

$$P(X \leq k) = \sum_{i=0}^{\lfloor k \rfloor} \binom{n}{i} p^i (1 - p)^{n-i}$$

**Moment generating function (m.g.f):**

$$E(e^{tX}) = (1 - p + pe^t)^n$$



**Examples**

```
dist <- dist_binomial(size = 1:5, prob = c(0.05, 0.5, 0.3, 0.9, 0.1))

dist
mean(dist)
variance(dist)
skewness(dist)
kurtosis(dist)

generate(dist, 10)

density(dist, 2)
density(dist, 2, log = TRUE)

cdf(dist, 4)

quantile(dist, 0.7)
```

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dist\_burr

*The Burr distribution*

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**Description**

[Stable]

**Usage**

```
dist_burr(shape1, shape2, rate = 1, scale = 1/rate)
```

**Arguments**

shape1, shape2, scale  
parameters. Must be strictly positive.

rate  
an alternative way to specify the scale.

**See Also**

[actuar::Burr](#)

**Examples**

```
dist <- dist_burr(shape1 = c(1,1,1,2,3,0.5), shape2 = c(1,2,3,1,1,2))
dist

mean(dist)
variance(dist)
support(dist)
```

```

generate(dist, 10)

density(dist, 2)
density(dist, 2, log = TRUE)

cdf(dist, 4)

quantile(dist, 0.7)

```

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dist\_categorical      *The Categorical distribution*

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## Description

### [Stable]

Categorical distributions are used to represent events with multiple outcomes, such as what number appears on the roll of a dice. This is also referred to as the 'generalised Bernoulli' or 'multinoulli' distribution. The Categorical distribution is a special case of the `Multinomial()` distribution with  $n = 1$ .

## Usage

```
dist_categorical(prob, outcomes = NULL)
```

## Arguments

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| prob     | A list of probabilities of observing each outcome category. |
| outcomes | The values used to represent each outcome.                  |

## Details

We recommend reading this documentation on <https://pkg.mitchelloharawild.com/distributional/>, where the math will render nicely.

In the following, let  $X$  be a Categorical random variable with probability parameters  $p = \{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k\}$ .

The Categorical probability distribution is widely used to model the occurrence of multiple events. A simple example is the roll of a dice, where  $p = \{1/6, 1/6, 1/6, 1/6, 1/6, 1/6\}$  giving equal chance of observing each number on a 6 sided dice.

**Support:**  $\{1, \dots, k\}$

**Mean:**  $p$

**Variance:**  $p \cdot (1 - p) = p \cdot q$

**Probability mass function (p.m.f):**

$$P(X = i) = p_i$$

**Cumulative distribution function (c.d.f):**

The `cdf()` of a categorical distribution is undefined as the outcome categories aren't ordered.

**Examples**

```
dist <- dist_categorical(prob = list(c(0.05, 0.5, 0.15, 0.2, 0.1), c(0.3, 0.1, 0.6)))

dist

generate(dist, 10)

density(dist, 2)
density(dist, 2, log = TRUE)

# The outcomes aren't ordered, so many statistics are not applicable.
cdf(dist, 4)
quantile(dist, 0.7)
mean(dist)
variance(dist)
skewness(dist)
kurtosis(dist)

dist <- dist_categorical(
  prob = list(c(0.05, 0.5, 0.15, 0.2, 0.1), c(0.3, 0.1, 0.6)),
  outcomes = list(letters[1:5], letters[24:26])
)

generate(dist, 10)

density(dist, "a")
density(dist, "z", log = TRUE)
```

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dist\_cauchy

*The Cauchy distribution*

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**Description****[Stable]**

The Cauchy distribution is the student's t distribution with one degree of freedom. The Cauchy distribution does not have a well defined mean or variance. Cauchy distributions often appear as priors in Bayesian contexts due to their heavy tails.

**Usage**

```
dist_cauchy(location, scale)
```

**Arguments**

location, scale location and scale parameters.

**Details**

We recommend reading this documentation on <https://pkg.mitchelloharawild.com/distributional/>, where the math will render nicely.

In the following, let  $X$  be a Cauchy variable with mean location =  $x_0$  and scale =  $\gamma$ .

**Support:**  $R$ , the set of all real numbers

**Mean:** Undefined.

**Variance:** Undefined.

**Probability density function (p.d.f):**

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi\gamma \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{x-x_0}{\gamma} \right)^2 \right]}$$

**Cumulative distribution function (c.d.f):**

$$F(t) = \frac{1}{\pi} \arctan \left( \frac{t-x_0}{\gamma} \right) + \frac{1}{2}$$

**Moment generating function (m.g.f):**

Does not exist.

**See Also**

[stats::Cauchy](#)

**Examples**

```
dist <- dist_cauchy(location = c(0, 0, 0, -2), scale = c(0.5, 1, 2, 1))
```

```
dist
mean(dist)
variance(dist)
skewness(dist)
kurtosis(dist)
```

```
generate(dist, 10)
```

```
density(dist, 2)
density(dist, 2, log = TRUE)
```

```
cdf(dist, 4)
```

```
quantile(dist, 0.7)
```

dist\_chisq

*The (non-central) Chi-Squared Distribution***Description****[Stable]**

Chi-square distributions show up often in frequentist settings as the sampling distribution of test statistics, especially in maximum likelihood estimation settings.

**Usage**

```
dist_chisq(df, ncp = 0)
```

**Arguments**

df                   degrees of freedom (non-negative, but can be non-integer).  
ncp                   non-centrality parameter (non-negative).

**Details**

We recommend reading this documentation on <https://pkg.mitchelloharawild.com/distributional/>, where the math will render nicely.

In the following, let  $X$  be a  $\chi^2$  random variable with  $df = k$ .

**Support:**  $R^+$ , the set of positive real numbers

**Mean:**  $k$

**Variance:**  $2k$

**Probability density function (p.d.f):**

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-(x-\mu)^2/2\sigma^2}$$

**Cumulative distribution function (c.d.f):**

The cumulative distribution function has the form

$$F(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-(x-\mu)^2/2\sigma^2} dx$$

but this integral does not have a closed form solution and must be approximated numerically. The c.d.f. of a standard normal is sometimes called the "error function". The notation  $\Phi(t)$  also stands for the c.d.f. of a standard normal evaluated at  $t$ . Z-tables list the value of  $\Phi(t)$  for various  $t$ .

**Moment generating function (m.g.f):**

$$E(e^{tX}) = e^{\mu t + \sigma^2 t^2 / 2}$$

**See Also**[stats::Chisquare](#)**Examples**

```
dist <- dist_chisq(df = c(1,2,3,4,6,9))

dist
mean(dist)
variance(dist)
skewness(dist)
kurtosis(dist)

generate(dist, 10)

density(dist, 2)
density(dist, 2, log = TRUE)

cdf(dist, 4)

quantile(dist, 0.7)
```

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|                 |                                    |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| dist_degenerate | <i>The degenerate distribution</i> |
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**Description****[Stable]**

The degenerate distribution takes a single value which is certain to be observed. It takes a single parameter, which is the value that is observed by the distribution.

**Usage**

```
dist_degenerate(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    The value of the distribution.

**Details**

We recommend reading this documentation on <https://pkg.mitchelloharawild.com/distributional/>, where the math will render nicely.

In the following, let  $X$  be a degenerate random variable with value  $x = k_0$ .

**Support:**  $R$ , the set of all real numbers

**Mean:**  $k_0$

**Variance:** 0

**Probability density function (p.d.f):**

$$f(x) = 1 \text{ for } x = k_0$$

$$f(x) = 0 \text{ for } x \neq k_0$$

**Cumulative distribution function (c.d.f):**

The cumulative distribution function has the form

$$F(x) = 0 \text{ for } x < k_0$$

$$F(x) = 1 \text{ for } x \geq k_0$$

**Moment generating function (m.g.f):**

$$E(e^{tX}) = e^{k_0 t}$$

## Examples

```
dist_degenerate(x = 1:5)
```

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|                  |                                     |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| dist_exponential | <i>The Exponential Distribution</i> |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|

---

## Description

[Stable]

## Usage

```
dist_exponential(rate)
```

## Arguments

rate            vector of rates.

## See Also

[stats::Exponential](#)

**Examples**

```

dist <- dist_exponential(rate = c(2, 1, 2/3))

dist
mean(dist)
variance(dist)
skewness(dist)
kurtosis(dist)

generate(dist, 10)

density(dist, 2)
density(dist, 2, log = TRUE)

cdf(dist, 4)

quantile(dist, 0.7)

```

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dist\_f

*The F Distribution*


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**Description****[Stable]****Usage**

```
dist_f(df1, df2, ncp = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

df1, df2           degrees of freedom. Inf is allowed.  
ncp                 non-centrality parameter. If omitted the central F is assumed.

**Details**

We recommend reading this documentation on <https://pkg.mitchelloharawild.com/distributional/>, where the math will render nicely.

In the following, let  $X$  be a Gamma random variable with parameters shape =  $\alpha$  and rate =  $\beta$ .

**Support:**  $x \in (0, \infty)$

**Mean:**  $\frac{\alpha}{\beta}$

**Variance:**  $\frac{\alpha}{\beta^2}$

**Probability density function (p.m.f):**

$$f(x) = \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta x}$$



**Cumulative distribution function (c.d.f):**

$$f(x) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha, \beta x)}{\Gamma\alpha}$$

**Moment generating function (m.g.f):**

$$E(e^{tX}) = \left(\frac{\beta}{\beta - t}\right)^\alpha, t < \beta$$

**See Also**

[stats::FDist](#)

**Examples**

```
dist <- dist_f(df1 = c(1,2,5,10,100), df2 = c(1,1,2,1,100))

dist
mean(dist)
variance(dist)
skewness(dist)
kurtosis(dist)

generate(dist, 10)

density(dist, 2)
density(dist, 2, log = TRUE)

cdf(dist, 4)

quantile(dist, 0.7)
```

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 dist\_gamma

*The Gamma distribution*


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**Description****[Stable]**

Several important distributions are special cases of the Gamma distribution. When the shape parameter is 1, the Gamma is an exponential distribution with parameter  $1/\beta$ . When the *shape* =  $n/2$  and *rate* =  $1/2$ , the Gamma is equivalent to a chi squared distribution with  $n$  degrees of freedom. Moreover, if we have  $X_1$  is  $Gamma(\alpha_1, \beta)$  and  $X_2$  is  $Gamma(\alpha_2, \beta)$ , a function of these two variables of the form  $\frac{X_1}{X_1+X_2} Beta(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)$ . This last property frequently appears in another distributions, and it has extensively been used in multivariate methods. More about the Gamma distribution will be added soon.

**Usage**

```
dist_gamma(shape, rate, scale = 1/rate)
```

**Arguments**

shape, scale      shape and scale parameters. Must be positive, scale strictly.  
rate                an alternative way to specify the scale.

**Details**

We recommend reading this documentation on <https://pkg.mitchelloharawild.com/distributional/>, where the math will render nicely.

In the following, let  $X$  be a Gamma random variable with parameters shape =  $\alpha$  and rate =  $\beta$ .

**Support:**  $x \in (0, \infty)$

**Mean:**  $\frac{\alpha}{\beta}$

**Variance:**  $\frac{\alpha}{\beta^2}$

**Probability density function (p.m.f):**

$$f(x) = \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta x}$$

**Cumulative distribution function (c.d.f):**

$$f(x) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha, \beta x)}{\Gamma \alpha}$$

**Moment generating function (m.g.f):**

$$E(e^{tX}) = \left( \frac{\beta}{\beta - t} \right)^\alpha, t < \beta$$

**See Also**

[stats::GammaDist](#)

**Examples**

```
dist <- dist_gamma(shape = c(1,2,3,5,9,7.5,0.5), rate = c(0.5,0.5,0.5,1,2,1,1))
```

```
dist
mean(dist)
variance(dist)
skewness(dist)
kurtosis(dist)
```

```
generate(dist, 10)
```

```
density(dist, 2)
density(dist, 2, log = TRUE)
```

```

cdf(dist, 4)

quantile(dist, 0.7)

```

---

dist\_geometric

*The Geometric Distribution*


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## Description

### [Stable]

The Geometric distribution can be thought of as a generalization of the `dist_bernoulli()` distribution where we ask: "if I keep flipping a coin with probability  $p$  of heads, what is the probability I need  $k$  flips before I get my first heads?" The Geometric distribution is a special case of Negative Binomial distribution.

## Usage

```
dist_geometric(prob)
```

## Arguments

prob                    probability of success in each trial.  $0 < \text{prob} \leq 1$ .

## Details

We recommend reading this documentation on <https://pkg.mitchelloharawild.com/distributional/>, where the math will render nicely.

In the following, let  $X$  be a Geometric random variable with success probability  $p = p$ . Note that there are multiple parameterizations of the Geometric distribution.

**Support:**  $0 < p < 1, x = 0, 1, \dots$

**Mean:**  $\frac{1-p}{p}$

**Variance:**  $\frac{1-p}{p^2}$

**Probability mass function (p.m.f):**

$$P(X = x) = p(1 - p)^x,$$

**Cumulative distribution function (c.d.f):**

$$P(X \leq x) = 1 - (1 - p)^{x+1}$$

**Moment generating function (m.g.f):**

$$E(e^{tX}) = \frac{pe^t}{1 - (1 - p)e^t}$$

**See Also**

[stats::Geometric](#)

**Examples**

```
dist <- dist_geometric(prob = c(0.2, 0.5, 0.8))

dist
mean(dist)
variance(dist)
skewness(dist)
kurtosis(dist)

generate(dist, 10)

density(dist, 2)
density(dist, 2, log = TRUE)

cdf(dist, 4)

quantile(dist, 0.7)
```

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 dist\_gev

*The Generalized Extreme Value Distribution*


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**Description**

The GEV distribution function with parameters  $\text{location} = a$ ,  $\text{scale} = b$  and  $\text{shape} = s$  is

**Usage**

```
dist_gev(location, scale, shape)
```

**Arguments**

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| location | the location parameter $a$ of the GEV distribution. |
| scale    | the scale parameter $b$ of the GEV distribution.    |
| shape    | the shape parameter $s$ of the GEV distribution.    |

**Details**

$$F(x) = \exp \left[ -\{1 + s(x - a)/b\}^{-1/s} \right]$$

for  $1 + s(x - a)/b > 0$ , where  $b > 0$ . If  $s = 0$  the distribution is defined by continuity, giving

$$F(x) = \exp \left[ -\exp \left( -\frac{x - a}{b} \right) \right]$$

The support of the distribution is the real line if  $s = 0$ ,  $x \geq a - b/s$  if  $s \neq 0$ , and  $x \leq a - b/s$  if  $s < 0$ .

The parametric form of the GEV encompasses that of the Gumbel, Frechet and reverse Weibull distributions, which are obtained for  $s = 0$ ,  $s > 0$  and  $s < 0$  respectively. It was first introduced by Jenkinson (1955).

## References

Jenkinson, A. F. (1955) The frequency distribution of the annual maximum (or minimum) of meteorological elements. *Quart. J. R. Met. Soc.*, **81**, 158–171.

## See Also

[gev](#)

## Examples

```
dist <- dist_gev(location = 0, scale = 1, shape = 0)
```

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dist\_gh

*The generalised g-and-h Distribution*

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## Description

**[Stable]**

The generalised g-and-h distribution is a flexible distribution used to model univariate data, similar to the g-k distribution. It is known for its ability to handle skewness and heavy-tailed behavior.

## Usage

```
dist_gh(A, B, g, h, c = 0.8)
```

## Arguments

|   |   |
|---|---|
| A | Vector of A (location) parameters.  |
| B | Vector of B (scale) parameters. Must be positive.   |
| g | Vector of g parameters.   |
| h | Vector of h parameters. Must be non-negative.   |
| c | Vector of c parameters (used for generalised g-and-h). Often fixed at 0.8 which is the default. |

## Details

We recommend reading this documentation on <https://pkg.mitchelloharawild.com/distributional/>, where the math will render nicely.

In the following, let  $X$  be a g-and-h random variable with parameters  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $g$ ,  $h$ , and  $c$ .

**Support:**  $(-\infty, \infty)$

**Mean:** Not available in closed form.

**Variance:** Not available in closed form.

**Probability density function (p.d.f):**

The g-and-h distribution does not have a closed-form expression for its density. Instead, it is defined through its quantile function:

$$Q(u) = A + B \left( 1 + c \frac{1 - \exp(-gz(u))}{1 + \exp(-gz(u))} \right) \exp(hz(u)^2/2)z(u)$$

where  $z(u) = \Phi^{-1}(u)$

**Cumulative distribution function (c.d.f):**

The cumulative distribution function is typically evaluated numerically due to the lack of a closed-form expression.

## See Also

[gk::dgh](#), [dist\\_gk](#)

## Examples

```
dist <- dist_gh(A = 0, B = 1, g = 0, h = 0.5)
dist
```

```
mean(dist)
variance(dist)
support(dist)
generate(dist, 10)
```

```
density(dist, 2)
density(dist, 2, log = TRUE)
```

```
cdf(dist, 4)
```

```
quantile(dist, 0.7)
```

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|         |                                 |
|---------|---------------------------------|
| dist_gk | <i>The g-and-k Distribution</i> |
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## Description

### [Stable]

The g-and-k distribution is a flexible distribution often used to model univariate data. It is particularly known for its ability to handle skewness and heavy-tailed behavior.

## Usage

```
dist_gk(A, B, g, k, c = 0.8)
```

## Arguments

|   |  |
|---|--|
| A | Vector of A (location) parameters.                               |
| B | Vector of B (scale) parameters. Must be positive.                |
| g | Vector of g parameters.  |
| k | Vector of k parameters. Must be at least -0.5.                   |
| c | Vector of c parameters. Often fixed at 0.8 which is the default. |

## Details

We recommend reading this documentation on <https://pkg.mitchelloharawild.com/distributional/>, where the math will render nicely.

In the following, let  $X$  be a g-k random variable with parameters A, B, g, k, and c.

**Support:**  $(-\infty, \infty)$

**Mean:** Not available in closed form.

**Variance:** Not available in closed form.

### Probability density function (p.d.f):

The g-k distribution does not have a closed-form expression for its density. Instead, it is defined through its quantile function:

$$Q(u) = A + B \left( 1 + c \frac{1 - \exp(-gz(u))}{1 + \exp(-gz(u))} \right) (1 + z(u)^2)^k z(u)$$

where  $z(u) = \Phi^{-1}(u)$ , the standard normal quantile of  $u$ .

### Cumulative distribution function (c.d.f):

The cumulative distribution function is typically evaluated numerically due to the lack of a closed-form expression.

## See Also

[gk::dgk](#), [dist\\_gh](#)

**Examples**

```

dist <- dist_gk(A = 0, B = 1, g = 0, k = 0.5)
dist

mean(dist)
variance(dist)
support(dist)
generate(dist, 10)

density(dist, 2)
density(dist, 2, log = TRUE)

cdf(dist, 4)

quantile(dist, 0.7)

```

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dist\_gpd

*The Generalized Pareto Distribution*


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**Description**

The GPD distribution function with parameters location =  $a$ , scale =  $b$  and shape =  $s$  is

**Usage**

```
dist_gpd(location, scale, shape)
```

**Arguments**

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| location | the location parameter $a$ of the GPD distribution. |
| scale    | the scale parameter $b$ of the GPD distribution.    |
| shape    | the shape parameter $s$ of the GPD distribution.    |

**Details**

$$F(x) = 1 - (1 + s(x - a)/b)^{-1/s}$$

for  $1 + s(x - a)/b > 0$ , where  $b > 0$ . If  $s = 0$  the distribution is defined by continuity, giving

$$F(x) = 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{x - a}{b}\right)$$

The support of the distribution is  $x \geq a$  if  $s \geq 0$ , and  $a \leq x \leq a - b/s$  if  $s < 0$ .

The Pickands–Balkema–De Haan theorem states that for a large class of distributions, the tail (above some threshold) can be approximated by a GPD.



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

```
dist <- dist_gpd(location = 0, scale = 1, shape = 0)
```

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| dist_gumbel | <i>The Gumbel distribution</i> |
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**Description****[Stable]**

The Gumbel distribution is a special case of the Generalized Extreme Value distribution, obtained when the GEV shape parameter  $\xi$  is equal to 0. It may be referred to as a type I extreme value distribution.

**Usage**

```
dist_gumbel(alpha, scale)
```

**Arguments**

|       |                                       |
|-------|---------------------------------------|
| alpha | location parameter.                   |
| scale | parameter. Must be strictly positive. |

**Details**

We recommend reading this documentation on <https://pkg.mitchelloharawild.com/distributional/>, where the math will render nicely.

In the following, let  $X$  be a Gumbel random variable with location parameter  $\mu = \mu$ , scale parameter  $\sigma = \sigma$ .

**Support:**  $R$ , the set of all real numbers.

**Mean:**  $\mu + \sigma\gamma$ , where  $\gamma$  is Euler's constant, approximately equal to 0.57722.

**Median:**  $\mu - \sigma \ln(\ln 2)$ .

**Variance:**  $\sigma^2\pi^2/6$ .

**Probability density function (p.d.f):**

$$f(x) = \sigma^{-1} \exp[-(x - \mu)/\sigma] \exp\{-\exp[-(x - \mu)/\sigma]\}$$

for  $x$  in  $R$ , the set of all real numbers.

**Cumulative distribution function (c.d.f):**

In the  $\xi = 0$  (Gumbel) special case

$$F(x) = \exp\{-\exp[-(x - \mu)/\sigma]\}$$

for  $x$  in  $R$ , the set of all real numbers.

**See Also**

[actuar::Gumbel](#)

**Examples**

```
dist <- dist_gumbel(alpha = c(0.5, 1, 1.5, 3), scale = c(2, 2, 3, 4))
dist

mean(dist)
variance(dist)
skewness(dist)
kurtosis(dist)
support(dist)
generate(dist, 10)

density(dist, 2)
density(dist, 2, log = TRUE)

cdf(dist, 4)

quantile(dist, 0.7)
```

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dist\_hypergeometric    *The Hypergeometric distribution*

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**Description****[Stable]**

To understand the HyperGeometric distribution, consider a set of  $r$  objects, of which  $m$  are of the type I and  $n$  are of the type II. A sample with size  $k$  ( $k < r$ ) with no replacement is randomly chosen. The number of observed type I elements observed in this sample is set to be our random variable  $X$ .

**Usage**

```
dist_hypergeometric(m, n, k)
```

**Arguments**

|   |   |
|---|---|
| m | The number of type I elements available.  |
| n | The number of type II elements available. |
| k | The size of the sample taken.             |

**Details**

We recommend reading this documentation on <https://pkg.mitchelloharawild.com/distributional/>, where the math will render nicely.

In the following, let  $X$  be a HyperGeometric random variable with success probability  $p = p = m/(m+n)$ .

**Support:**  $x \in \{\max(0, k-n), \dots, \min(k, m)\}$

**Mean:**  $\frac{km}{n+m} = kp$

**Variance:**  $\frac{km(n)(n+m-k)}{(n+m)^2(n+m-1)} = kp(1-p)(1 - \frac{k-1}{m+n-1})$

**Probability mass function (p.m.f):**

$$P(X = x) = \frac{\binom{m}{x} \binom{n}{k-x}}{\binom{m+n}{k}}$$

**Cumulative distribution function (c.d.f):**

$$P(X \leq k) \approx \Phi\left(\frac{x - kp}{\sqrt{kp(1-p)}}\right)$$

**See Also**

[stats::Hypergeometric](#)

**Examples**

```
dist <- dist_hypergeometric(m = rep(500, 3), n = c(50, 60, 70), k = c(100, 200, 300))
```

```
dist
mean(dist)
variance(dist)
skewness(dist)
kurtosis(dist)
```

```
generate(dist, 10)
```

```
density(dist, 2)
density(dist, 2, log = TRUE)
```

```
cdf(dist, 4)
```

```
quantile(dist, 0.7)
```

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| dist_inflated | <i>Inflate a value of a probability distribution</i> |
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**Description****[Stable]****Usage**

```
dist_inflated(dist, prob, x = 0)
```

**Arguments**

|      |   |
|------|---|
| dist | The distribution(s) to inflate.                                     |
| prob | The added probability of observing x.                               |
| x    | The value to inflate. The default of $x = 0$ is for zero-inflation. |

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|--------------------------|---|
| dist_inverse_exponential | <i>The Inverse Exponential distribution</i> |
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**Description****[Stable]****Usage**

```
dist_inverse_exponential(rate)
```

**Arguments**

|      |  |
|------|--|
| rate | an alternative way to specify the scale. |
|------|--|

**See Also**

[actuar::InverseExponential](#)

**Examples**

```
dist <- dist_inverse_exponential(rate = 1:5)
dist

mean(dist)
variance(dist)
support(dist)
generate(dist, 10)

density(dist, 2)
density(dist, 2, log = TRUE)

cdf(dist, 4)

quantile(dist, 0.7)
```

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dist\_inverse\_gamma      *The Inverse Gamma distribution*

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**Description**

[Stable]

**Usage**

```
dist_inverse_gamma(shape, rate = 1/scale, scale)
```

**Arguments**

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| shape, scale | parameters. Must be strictly positive.   |
| rate         | an alternative way to specify the scale. |

**See Also**

[actuar::InverseGamma](#)

**Examples**

```
dist <- dist_inverse_gamma(shape = c(1,2,3,3), rate = c(1,1,1,2))
dist

mean(dist)
variance(dist)
support(dist)
generate(dist, 10)
```

```
density(dist, 2)
density(dist, 2, log = TRUE)

cdf(dist, 4)

quantile(dist, 0.7)
```

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dist\_inverse\_gaussian *The Inverse Gaussian distribution*

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## Description

[Stable]

## Usage

```
dist_inverse_gaussian(mean, shape)
```

## Arguments

mean, shape      parameters. Must be strictly positive. Infinite values are supported.

## See Also

[actuar::InverseGaussian](#)

## Examples

```
dist <- dist_inverse_gaussian(mean = c(1,1,1,3,3), shape = c(0.2, 1, 3, 0.2, 1))
dist

mean(dist)
variance(dist)
support(dist)
generate(dist, 10)

density(dist, 2)
density(dist, 2, log = TRUE)

cdf(dist, 4)

quantile(dist, 0.7)
```

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| dist_logarithmic | <i>The Logarithmic distribution</i> |
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**Description****[Stable]****Usage**

```
dist_logarithmic(prob)
```

**Arguments**

prob                    parameter.  $0 \leq \text{prob} < 1$ .

**See Also**

[actuar::Logarithmic](#)

**Examples**

```
dist <- dist_logarithmic(prob = c(0.33, 0.66, 0.99))
dist
```

```
mean(dist)
variance(dist)
support(dist)
generate(dist, 10)
```

```
density(dist, 2)
density(dist, 2, log = TRUE)
```

```
cdf(dist, 4)
```

```
quantile(dist, 0.7)
```

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| dist_logistic | <i>The Logistic distribution</i> |
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**Description****[Stable]**

A continuous distribution on the real line. For binary outcomes the model given by  $P(Y = 1|X) = F(X\beta)$  where  $F$  is the Logistic [cdf\(\)](#) is called *logistic regression*.

**Usage**

```
dist_logistic(location, scale)
```

**Arguments**

location, scale location and scale parameters.

**Details**

We recommend reading this documentation on <https://pkg.mitchelloharawild.com/distributional/>, where the math will render nicely.

In the following, let  $X$  be a Logistic random variable with location =  $\mu$  and scale =  $s$ .

**Support:**  $R$ , the set of all real numbers

**Mean:**  $\mu$

**Variance:**  $s^2\pi^2/3$

**Probability density function (p.d.f):**

$$f(x) = \frac{e^{-\left(\frac{x-\mu}{s}\right)}}{s[1 + \exp\left(-\left(\frac{x-\mu}{s}\right)\right)]^2}$$

**Cumulative distribution function (c.d.f):**

$$F(t) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\left(\frac{t-\mu}{s}\right)}}$$

**Moment generating function (m.g.f):**

$$E(e^{tX}) = e^{\mu t} \beta(1 - st, 1 + st)$$

where  $\beta(x, y)$  is the Beta function.

**See Also**

[stats::Logistic](#)

**Examples**

```
dist <- dist_logistic(location = c(5,9,9,6,2), scale = c(2,3,4,2,1))
```

```
dist
mean(dist)
variance(dist)
skewness(dist)
kurtosis(dist)
```

```
generate(dist, 10)
```

```
density(dist, 2)
```



```
density(dist, 2, log = TRUE)

cdf(dist, 4)

quantile(dist, 0.7)
```

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| dist_lognormal | <i>The log-normal distribution</i> |
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## Description

### [Stable]

The log-normal distribution is a commonly used transformation of the Normal distribution. If  $X$  follows a log-normal distribution, then  $\ln X$  would be characterised by a Normal distribution.

## Usage

```
dist_lognormal(mu = 0, sigma = 1)
```

## Arguments

|       |   |
|-------|---|
| mu    | The mean (location parameter) of the distribution, which is the mean of the associated Normal distribution. Can be any real number. |
| sigma | The standard deviation (scale parameter) of the distribution. Can be any positive number.   |

## Details

We recommend reading this documentation on <https://pkg.mitchelloharawild.com/distributional/>, where the math will render nicely.

In the following, let  $Y$  be a Normal random variable with mean  $\mu = \mu$  and standard deviation  $\sigma = \sigma$ . The log-normal distribution  $X = \exp(Y)$  is characterised by:

**Support:**  $R_+$ , the set of all real numbers greater than or equal to 0.

**Mean:**  $e^{\mu + \sigma^2/2}$

**Variance:**  $(e^{\sigma^2} - 1)e^{2\mu + \sigma^2}$

**Probability density function (p.d.f):**

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-(\ln x - \mu)^2 / 2\sigma^2}$$

**Cumulative distribution function (c.d.f):**

The cumulative distribution function has the form

$$F(x) = \Phi((\ln x - \mu)/\sigma)$$

Where  $\Phi$  is the CDF of a standard Normal distribution,  $N(0,1)$ .

**See Also**

[stats::Lognormal](#)

**Examples**

```
dist <- dist_lognormal(mu = 1:5, sigma = 0.1)

dist
mean(dist)
variance(dist)
skewness(dist)
kurtosis(dist)

generate(dist, 10)

density(dist, 2)
density(dist, 2, log = TRUE)

cdf(dist, 4)

quantile(dist, 0.7)

# A log-normal distribution X is exp(Y), where Y is a Normal distribution of
# the same parameters. So log(X) will produce the Normal distribution Y.
log(dist)
```

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dist\_missing

*Missing distribution*

---

**Description****[Maturing]**

A placeholder distribution for handling missing values in a vector of distributions.

**Usage**

```
dist_missing(length = 1)
```

**Arguments**

length            The number of missing distributions

**Examples**

```
dist <- dist_missing(3L)

dist
mean(dist)
variance(dist)
```

```
generate(dist, 10)

density(dist, 2)
density(dist, 2, log = TRUE)

cdf(dist, 4)

quantile(dist, 0.7)
```

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| dist_mixture | <i>Create a mixture of distributions</i> |
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### Description

**[Maturing]**

### Usage

```
dist_mixture(..., weights = numeric())
```

### Arguments

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| ...     | Distributions to be used in the mixture.       |
| weights | The weight of each distribution passed to .... |

### Examples

```
dist_mixture(dist_normal(0, 1), dist_normal(5, 2), weights = c(0.3, 0.7))
```

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| dist_multinomial | <i>The Multinomial distribution</i> |
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### Description

**[Stable]**

The multinomial distribution is a generalization of the binomial distribution to multiple categories. It is perhaps easiest to think that we first extend a `dist_bernoulli()` distribution to include more than two categories, resulting in a `dist_categorical()` distribution. We then extend repeat the Categorical experiment several ( $n$ ) times.

### Usage

```
dist_multinomial(size, prob)
```

**Arguments**

|      |  |
|------|--|
| size | The number of draws from the Categorical distribution. |
| prob | The probability of an event occurring from each draw.  |

**Details**

We recommend reading this documentation on <https://pkg.mitchelloharawild.com/distributional/>, where the math will render nicely.

In the following, let  $X = (X_1, \dots, X_k)$  be a Multinomial random variable with success probability  $p = p$ . Note that  $p$  is vector with  $k$  elements that sum to one. Assume that we repeat the Categorical experiment size =  $n$  times.

**Support:** Each  $X_i$  is in  $0, 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

**Mean:** The mean of  $X_i$  is  $np_i$ .

**Variance:** The variance of  $X_i$  is  $np_i(1 - p_i)$ . For  $i \neq j$ , the covariance of  $X_i$  and  $X_j$  is  $-np_i p_j$ .

**Probability mass function (p.m.f):**

$$P(X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_k = x_k) = \frac{n!}{x_1! x_2! \dots x_k!} p_1^{x_1} \cdot p_2^{x_2} \cdot \dots \cdot p_k^{x_k}$$

**Cumulative distribution function (c.d.f):**

Omitted for multivariate random variables for the time being.

**Moment generating function (m.g.f):**

$$E(e^{tX}) = \left( \sum_{i=1}^k p_i e^{t_i} \right)^n$$

**See Also**

[stats::Multinomial](#)

**Examples**

```
dist <- dist_multinomial(size = c(4, 3), prob = list(c(0.3, 0.5, 0.2), c(0.1, 0.5, 0.4)))

dist
mean(dist)
variance(dist)

generate(dist, 10)

# TODO: Needs fixing to support multiple inputs
# density(dist, 2)
# density(dist, 2, log = TRUE)
```

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`dist_multivariate_normal`*The multivariate normal distribution*

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## Description

**[Stable]**

## Usage

```
dist_multivariate_normal(mu = 0, sigma = diag(1))
```

## Arguments

`mu` A list of numeric vectors for the distribution's mean.  
`sigma` A list of matrices for the distribution's variance-covariance matrix.

## See Also

[mvtnorm::dmvnorm](#), [mvtnorm::qmvnorm](#)

## Examples

```
dist <- dist_multivariate_normal(mu = list(c(1,2)), sigma = list(matrix(c(4,2,2,3), ncol=2)))
dimnames(dist) <- c("x", "y")
dist

mean(dist)
variance(dist)
support(dist)
generate(dist, 10)

density(dist, cbind(2, 1))
density(dist, cbind(2, 1), log = TRUE)

cdf(dist, 4)

quantile(dist, 0.7)
quantile(dist, 0.7, type = "marginal")
```

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 dist\_negative\_binomial

*The Negative Binomial distribution*


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**Description****[Stable]**

A generalization of the geometric distribution. It is the number of failures in a sequence of i.i.d. Bernoulli trials before a specified number of successes (size) occur. The probability of success in each trial is given by prob.

**Usage**

```
dist_negative_binomial(size, prob)
```

**Arguments**

|      |   |
|------|---|
| size | target for number of successful trials, or dispersion parameter (the shape parameter of the gamma mixing distribution). Must be strictly positive, need not be integer. |
| prob | probability of success in each trial. $0 < \text{prob} \leq 1$ .  |

**Details**

We recommend reading this documentation on <https://pkg.mitchelloharawild.com/distributional/>, where the math will render nicely.

In the following, let  $X$  be a Negative Binomial random variable with success probability  $\text{prob} = p$  and the number of successes  $\text{size} = r$ .

**Support:**  $\{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

**Mean:**  $\frac{pr}{1-p}$

**Variance:**  $\frac{pr}{(1-p)^2}$

**Probability mass function (p.m.f):**

$$f(k) = \binom{k+r-1}{k} \cdot (1-p)^r p^k$$

**Cumulative distribution function (c.d.f):**

Too nasty, omitted.

**Moment generating function (m.g.f):**

$$\left( \frac{1-p}{1-pe^t} \right)^r, t < -\log p$$

**See Also**[stats::NegBinomial](#)**Examples**

```
dist <- dist_negative_binomial(size = 10, prob = 0.5)

dist
mean(dist)
variance(dist)
skewness(dist)
kurtosis(dist)
support(dist)

generate(dist, 10)

density(dist, 2)
density(dist, 2, log = TRUE)

cdf(dist, 4)

quantile(dist, 0.7)
```

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`dist_normal`*The Normal distribution*

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**Description****[Stable]**

The Normal distribution is ubiquitous in statistics, partially because of the central limit theorem, which states that sums of i.i.d. random variables eventually become Normal. Linear transformations of Normal random variables result in new random variables that are also Normal. If you are taking an intro stats course, you'll likely use the Normal distribution for Z-tests and in simple linear regression. Under regularity conditions, maximum likelihood estimators are asymptotically Normal. The Normal distribution is also called the gaussian distribution.

**Usage**

```
dist_normal(mu = 0, sigma = 1, mean = mu, sd = sigma)
```

**Arguments**

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| <code>mu, mean</code>  | The mean (location parameter) of the distribution, which is also the mean of the distribution. Can be any real number.   |
| <code>sigma, sd</code> | The standard deviation (scale parameter) of the distribution. Can be any positive number. If you would like a Normal distribution with <b>variance</b> $\sigma^2$ , be sure to take the square root, as this is a common source of errors. |

**Details**

We recommend reading this documentation on <https://pkg.mitchelloharawild.com/distributional/>, where the math will render nicely.

In the following, let  $X$  be a Normal random variable with mean  $\mu = \mu$  and standard deviation  $\sigma = \sigma$ .

**Support:**  $R$ , the set of all real numbers

**Mean:**  $\mu$

**Variance:**  $\sigma^2$

**Probability density function (p.d.f):**

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-(x-\mu)^2/2\sigma^2}$$

**Cumulative distribution function (c.d.f):**

The cumulative distribution function has the form

$$F(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-(x-\mu)^2/2\sigma^2} dx$$

but this integral does not have a closed form solution and must be approximated numerically. The c.d.f. of a standard Normal is sometimes called the "error function". The notation  $\Phi(t)$  also stands for the c.d.f. of a standard Normal evaluated at  $t$ . Z-tables list the value of  $\Phi(t)$  for various  $t$ .

**Moment generating function (m.g.f):**

$$E(e^{tX}) = e^{\mu t + \sigma^2 t^2 / 2}$$

**See Also**

[stats::Normal](#)

**Examples**

```
dist <- dist_normal(mu = 1:5, sigma = 3)
```

```
dist
mean(dist)
variance(dist)
skewness(dist)
kurtosis(dist)
```

```
generate(dist, 10)
```

```
density(dist, 2)
density(dist, 2, log = TRUE)
```

```
cdf(dist, 4)
```

```
quantile(dist, 0.7)
```



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|             |                                |
|-------------|--------------------------------|
| dist_pareto | <i>The Pareto distribution</i> |
|-------------|--------------------------------|

---

**Description****[Stable]****Usage**

```
dist_pareto(shape, scale)
```

**Arguments**

```
shape, scale    parameters. Must be strictly positive.
```

**See Also**

[actuar::Pareto](#)

**Examples**

```
dist <- dist_pareto(shape = c(10, 3, 2, 1), scale = rep(1, 4))
dist
```

```
mean(dist)
variance(dist)
support(dist)
generate(dist, 10)
```

```
density(dist, 2)
density(dist, 2, log = TRUE)
```

```
cdf(dist, 4)
```

```
quantile(dist, 0.7)
```

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|                 |                                |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| dist_percentile | <i>Percentile distribution</i> |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|

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**Description****[Stable]****Usage**

```
dist_percentile(x, percentile)
```

**Arguments**

x                    A list of values  
 percentile        A list of percentiles

**Examples**

```
dist <- dist_normal()
percentiles <- seq(0.01, 0.99, by = 0.01)
x <- vapply(percentiles, quantile, double(1L), x = dist)
dist_percentile(list(x), list(percentiles*100))
```

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dist\_poisson                    *The Poisson Distribution*

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**Description****[Stable]**

Poisson distributions are frequently used to model counts.

**Usage**

```
dist_poisson(lambda)
```

**Arguments**

lambda                vector of (non-negative) means.

**Details**

We recommend reading this documentation on <https://pkg.mitchelloharawild.com/distributional/>, where the math will render nicely.

In the following, let  $X$  be a Poisson random variable with parameter  $\text{lambda} = \lambda$ .

**Support:**  $\{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

**Mean:**  $\lambda$

**Variance:**  $\lambda$

**Probability mass function (p.m.f):**

$$P(X = k) = \frac{\lambda^k e^{-\lambda}}{k!}$$

**Cumulative distribution function (c.d.f):**

$$P(X \leq k) = e^{-\lambda} \sum_{i=0}^{\lfloor k \rfloor} \frac{\lambda^i}{i!}$$

**Moment generating function (m.g.f):**

$$E(e^{tX}) = e^{\lambda(e^t - 1)}$$

**See Also**[stats::Poisson](#)**Examples**

```
dist <- dist_poisson(lambda = c(1, 4, 10))

dist
mean(dist)
variance(dist)
skewness(dist)
kurtosis(dist)

generate(dist, 10)

density(dist, 2)
density(dist, 2, log = TRUE)

cdf(dist, 4)

quantile(dist, 0.7)
```

---

dist\_poisson\_inverse\_gaussian

*The Poisson-Inverse Gaussian distribution*

---

**Description**

[Stable]

**Usage**

```
dist_poisson_inverse_gaussian(mean, shape)
```

**Arguments**

mean, shape      parameters. Must be strictly positive. Infinite values are supported.

**See Also**[actuar::PoissonInverseGaussian](#)

**Examples**

```
dist <- dist_poisson_inverse_gaussian(mean = rep(0.1, 3), shape = c(0.4, 0.8, 1))
dist

mean(dist)
variance(dist)
support(dist)
generate(dist, 10)

density(dist, 2)
density(dist, 2, log = TRUE)

cdf(dist, 4)

quantile(dist, 0.7)
```

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|             |                              |
|-------------|------------------------------|
| dist_sample | <i>Sampling distribution</i> |
|-------------|------------------------------|

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**Description**

[Stable]

**Usage**

```
dist_sample(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    A list of sampled values.

**Examples**

```
# Univariate numeric samples
dist <- dist_sample(x = list(rnorm(100), rnorm(100, 10)))

dist
mean(dist)
variance(dist)
skewness(dist)
generate(dist, 10)

density(dist, 1)

# Multivariate numeric samples
dist <- dist_sample(x = list(cbind(rnorm(100), rnorm(100, 10))))
dimnames(dist) <- c("x", "y")
```

```
dist
mean(dist)
variance(dist)
generate(dist, 10)
quantile(dist, 0.4) # Returns the marginal quantiles
cdf(dist, matrix(c(0.3,9), nrow = 1))
```

---

dist\_studentized\_range

*The Studentized Range distribution*

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## Description

### [Stable]

Tukey's studentized range distribution, used for Tukey's honestly significant differences test in ANOVA.

## Usage

```
dist_studentized_range(nmeans, df, nranges)
```

## Arguments

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| nmeans  | sample size for range (same for each group).                      |
| df      | degrees of freedom for $s$ (see below).                           |
| nranges | number of <i>groups</i> whose <b>maximum</b> range is considered. |

## Details

We recommend reading this documentation on <https://pkg.mitchelloharawild.com/distributional/>, where the math will render nicely.

**Support:**  $R^+$ , the set of positive real numbers.

Other properties of Tukey's Studentized Range Distribution are omitted, largely because the distribution is not fun to work with.

## See Also

[stats::Tukey](#)

**Examples**

```

dist <- dist_studentized_range(nmeans = c(6, 2), df = c(5, 4), nranges = c(1, 1))

dist

cdf(dist, 4)

quantile(dist, 0.7)

```

---

dist\_student\_t      *The (non-central) location-scale Student t Distribution*

---

**Description****[Stable]**

The Student's T distribution is closely related to the `Normal()` distribution, but has heavier tails. As  $\nu$  increases to  $\infty$ , the Student's T converges to a Normal. The T distribution appears repeatedly throughout classic frequentist hypothesis testing when comparing group means.

**Usage**

```
dist_student_t(df, mu = 0, sigma = 1, ncp = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

|       |  |
|-------|--|
| df    | degrees of freedom ( $> 0$ , maybe non-integer). $df = \text{Inf}$ is allowed.   |
| mu    | The location parameter of the distribution. If $ncp == 0$ (or <code>NULL</code> ), this is the median.   |
| sigma | The scale parameter of the distribution.   |
| ncp   | non-centrality parameter $\delta$ ; currently except for <code>rt()</code> , only for $\text{abs}(ncp) \leq 37.62$ . If omitted, use the central t distribution. |

**Details**

We recommend reading this documentation on <https://pkg.mitchelloharawild.com/distributional/>, where the math will render nicely.

In the following, let  $X$  be a **central** Students T random variable with  $df = \nu$ .

**Support:**  $R$ , the set of all real numbers

**Mean:** Undefined unless  $\nu \geq 2$ , in which case the mean is zero.

**Variance:**

$$\frac{\nu}{\nu - 2}$$

Undefined if  $\nu < 1$ , infinite when  $1 < \nu \leq 2$ .

**Probability density function (p.d.f):**

$$f(x) = \frac{\Gamma(\frac{\nu+1}{2})}{\sqrt{\nu\pi}\Gamma(\frac{\nu}{2})} \left(1 + \frac{x^2}{\nu}\right)^{-\frac{\nu+1}{2}}$$

**See Also**

[stats::TDist](#)

**Examples**

```
dist <- dist_student_t(df = c(1,2,5), mu = c(0,1,2), sigma = c(1,2,3))

dist
mean(dist)
variance(dist)

generate(dist, 10)

density(dist, 2)
density(dist, 2, log = TRUE)

cdf(dist, 4)

quantile(dist, 0.7)
```

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|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| dist_transformed | <i>Modify a distribution with a transformation</i> |
|------------------|--|

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**Description****[Maturing]**

The [density\(\)](#), [mean\(\)](#), and [variance\(\)](#) methods are approximate as they are based on numerical derivatives.

**Usage**

```
dist_transformed(dist, transform, inverse)
```

**Arguments**

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| dist      | A univariate distribution vector.   |
| transform | A function used to transform the distribution. This transformation should be monotonic over appropriate domain. |
| inverse   | The inverse of the transform function.  |

**Examples**

```
# Create a log normal distribution
dist <- dist_transformed(dist_normal(0, 0.5), exp, log)
density(dist, 1) # dlnorm(1, 0, 0.5)
cdf(dist, 4) # plnorm(4, 0, 0.5)
quantile(dist, 0.1) # qlnorm(0.1, 0, 0.5)
generate(dist, 10) # rlnorm(10, 0, 0.5)
```

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|                |                                |
|----------------|--------------------------------|
| dist_truncated | <i>Truncate a distribution</i> |
|----------------|--------------------------------|

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**Description****[Stable]**

Note that the samples are generated using inverse transform sampling, and the means and variances are estimated from samples.

**Usage**

```
dist_truncated(dist, lower = -Inf, upper = Inf)
```

**Arguments**

```
dist          The distribution(s) to truncate.
lower, upper  The range of values to keep from a distribution.
```

**Examples**

```
dist <- dist_truncated(dist_normal(2,1), lower = 0)

dist
mean(dist)
variance(dist)

generate(dist, 10)

density(dist, 2)
density(dist, 2, log = TRUE)

cdf(dist, 4)

quantile(dist, 0.7)

if(requireNamespace("ggdist")) {
  library(ggplot2)
  ggplot() +
    ggdist::stat_dist_halfeye(
```



```

aes(y = c("Normal", "Truncated"),
    dist = c(dist_normal(2,1), dist_truncated(dist_normal(2,1), lower = 0)))
)
}

```

dist\_uniform

*The Uniform distribution***Description****[Stable]**

A distribution with constant density on an interval.

**Usage**

```
dist_uniform(min, max)
```

**Arguments**

min, max            lower and upper limits of the distribution. Must be finite.

**Details**

We recommend reading this documentation on <https://pkg.mitchelloharawild.com/distributional/>, where the math will render nicely.

In the following, let  $X$  be a Poisson random variable with parameter  $\lambda = \lambda$ .

**Support:**  $[a, b]$

**Mean:**  $\frac{1}{2}(a + b)$

**Variance:**  $\frac{1}{12}(b - a)^2$

**Probability mass function (p.m.f):**

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{b-a} \text{ for } x \in [a, b]$$

$$f(x) = 0 \text{ otherwise}$$

**Cumulative distribution function (c.d.f):**

$$F(x) = 0 \text{ for } x < a$$

$$F(x) = \frac{x-a}{b-a} \text{ for } x \in [a, b]$$

$$F(x) = 1 \text{ for } x > b$$

**Moment generating function (m.g.f):**

$$E(e^{tX}) = \frac{e^{tb} - e^{ta}}{t(b-a)} \text{ for } t \neq 0$$

$$E(e^{tX}) = 1 \text{ for } t = 0$$

**See Also**

[stats::Uniform](#)

**Examples**

```
dist <- dist_uniform(min = c(3, -2), max = c(5, 4))

dist
mean(dist)
variance(dist)
skewness(dist)
kurtosis(dist)

generate(dist, 10)

density(dist, 2)
density(dist, 2, log = TRUE)

cdf(dist, 4)

quantile(dist, 0.7)
```

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dist\_weibull

*The Weibull distribution*

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**Description**

**[Stable]**

Generalization of the gamma distribution. Often used in survival and time-to-event analyses.

**Usage**

```
dist_weibull(shape, scale)
```

**Arguments**

shape, scale      shape and scale parameters, the latter defaulting to 1.

**Details**

We recommend reading this documentation on <https://pkg.mitchelloharawild.com/distributional/>, where the math will render nicely.

In the following, let  $X$  be a Weibull random variable with success probability  $p = p$ .

**Support:**  $R^+$  and zero.

**Mean:**  $\lambda \Gamma(1 + 1/k)$ , where  $\Gamma$  is the gamma function.

**Variance:**  $\lambda[\Gamma(1 + \frac{2}{k}) - (\Gamma(1 + \frac{1}{k}))^2]$

**Probability density function (p.d.f):**

$$f(x) = \frac{k}{\lambda} \left(\frac{x}{\lambda}\right)^{k-1} e^{-(x/\lambda)^k}, x \geq 0$$

**Cumulative distribution function (c.d.f):**

$$F(x) = 1 - e^{-(x/\lambda)^k}, x \geq 0$$

**Moment generating function (m.g.f):**

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^n \lambda^n}{n!} \Gamma(1 + n/k), k \geq 1$$

**See Also**

[stats::Weibull](#)

**Examples**

```
dist <- dist_weibull(shape = c(0.5, 1, 1.5, 5), scale = rep(1, 4))

dist
mean(dist)
variance(dist)
skewness(dist)
kurtosis(dist)

generate(dist, 10)

density(dist, 2)
density(dist, 2, log = TRUE)

cdf(dist, 4)

quantile(dist, 0.7)
```

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 dist\_wrap

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*Create a distribution from p/d/q/r style functions*


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**Description****[Maturing]**

If a distribution is not yet supported, you can vectorise p/d/q/r functions using this function. `dist_wrap()` stores the distributions parameters, and provides wrappers which call the appropriate p/d/q/r functions.

Using this function to wrap a distribution should only be done if the distribution is not yet available in this package. If you need a distribution which isn't in the package yet, consider making a request at <https://github.com/mitchelloharawild/distributional/issues>.

**Usage**

```
dist_wrap(dist, ..., package = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| dist    | The name of the distribution used in the functions (name that is prefixed by p/d/q/r)  |
| ...     | Named arguments used to parameterise the distribution.   |
| package | The package from which the distribution is provided. If NULL, the calling environment's search path is used to find the distribution functions. Alternatively, an arbitrary environment can also be provided here. |

**Examples**

```
dist <- dist_wrap("norm", mean = 1:3, sd = c(3, 9, 2))

density(dist, 1) # dnorm()
cdf(dist, 4) # pnorm()
quantile(dist, 0.975) # qnorm()
generate(dist, 10) # rnorm()

library(actuar)
dist <- dist_wrap("invparalogis", package = "actuar", shape = 2, rate = 2)
density(dist, 1) # actuar::dinvparalogis()
cdf(dist, 4) # actuar::pinvparalogis()
quantile(dist, 0.975) # actuar::qinvparalogis()
generate(dist, 10) # actuar::rinvparalogis()
```

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family.distribution    *Extract the name of the distribution family*

---

**Description**

**[Experimental]**

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'distribution'
family(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|        |                                       |
|--------|---------------------------------------|
| object | The distribution(s).                  |
| ...    | Additional arguments used by methods. |

**Examples**

```
dist <- c(
  dist_normal(1:2),
  dist_poisson(3),
  dist_multinomial(size = c(4, 3),
    prob = list(c(0.3, 0.5, 0.2), c(0.1, 0.5, 0.4)))
)
family(dist)
```

---

generate.distribution *Randomly sample values from a distribution*

---

**Description****[Stable]**

Generate random samples from probability distributions.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'distribution'
generate(x, times, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|       |                                       |
|-------|---------------------------------------|
| x     | The distribution(s).                  |
| times | The number of samples.                |
| ...   | Additional arguments used by methods. |

---

hdr *Compute highest density regions*

---

**Description**

Used to extract a specified prediction interval at a particular confidence level from a distribution.

**Usage**

```
hdr(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|     |                                       |
|-----|---------------------------------------|
| x   | Object to create hilo from.           |
| ... | Additional arguments used by methods. |

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|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| hdr.distribution | <i>Highest density regions of probability distributions</i> |
|------------------|---|

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**Description****[Maturing]**

This function is highly experimental and will change in the future. In particular, improved functionality for object classes and visualisation tools will be added in a future release.

Computes minimally sized probability intervals highest density regions.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'distribution'
hdr(x, size = 95, n = 512, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|      |   |
|------|---|
| x    | The distribution(s).  |
| size | The size of the interval (between 0 and 100).               |
| n    | The resolution used to estimate the distribution's density. |
| ...  | Additional arguments used by methods.                       |

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|      |                          |
|------|--------------------------|
| hilo | <i>Compute intervals</i> |
|------|--------------------------|

---

**Description****[Stable]**

Used to extract a specified prediction interval at a particular confidence level from a distribution.

The numeric lower and upper bounds can be extracted from the interval using `<hilo>$lower` and `<hilo>$upper` as shown in the examples below.

**Usage**

```
hilo(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|     |                                       |
|-----|---------------------------------------|
| x   | Object to create hilo from.           |
| ... | Additional arguments used by methods. |

**Examples**

```
# 95% interval from a standard normal distribution
interval <- hilo(dist_normal(0, 1), 95)
interval

# Extract the individual quantities with `lower`, `upper`, and `level`
interval$lower
interval$upper
interval$level
```

---

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| hilo.distribution | <i>Probability intervals of a probability distribution</i> |
|-------------------|--|

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**Description****[Stable]**

Returns a hilo central probability interval with probability coverage of size. By default, the distribution's [quantile\(\)](#) will be used to compute the lower and upper bound for a centered interval

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'distribution'
hilo(x, size = 95, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|      |   |
|------|---|
| x    | The distribution(s).                          |
| size | The size of the interval (between 0 and 100). |
| ...  | Additional arguments used by methods.         |

**See Also**

[hdr.distribution\(\)](#)

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|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| is_distribution | <i>Test if the object is a distribution</i> |
|-----------------|---|

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**Description****[Stable]**

This function returns TRUE for distributions and FALSE for all other objects.

**Usage**

```
is_distribution(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    An object.

**Value**

TRUE if the object inherits from the distribution class.

**Examples**

```
dist <- dist_normal()
is_distribution(dist)
is_distribution("distributional")
```

---

|        |                            |
|--------|----------------------------|
| is_hdr | <i>Is the object a hdr</i> |
|--------|----------------------------|

---

**Description**

Is the object a hdr

**Usage**

```
is_hdr(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    An object.

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|         |                             |
|---------|-----------------------------|
| is_hilo | <i>Is the object a hilo</i> |
|---------|-----------------------------|

---

**Description**

Is the object a hilo

**Usage**

```
is_hilo(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    An object.



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|          |   |
|----------|---|
| kurtosis | <i>Kurtosis of a probability distribution</i> |
|----------|---|

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**Description****[Stable]****Usage**

```
kurtosis(x, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'distribution'
kurtosis(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|     |                                       |
|-----|---------------------------------------|
| x   | The distribution(s).                  |
| ... | Additional arguments used by methods. |

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|            |   |
|------------|---|
| likelihood | <i>The (log) likelihood of a sample matching a distribution</i> |
|------------|---|

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**Description****[Stable]****Usage**

```
likelihood(x, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'distribution'
likelihood(x, sample, ..., log = FALSE)
```

```
log_likelihood(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| x      | The distribution(s).                                    |
| ...    | Additional arguments used by methods.                   |
| sample | A list of sampled values to compare to distribution(s). |
| log    | If TRUE, the log-likelihood will be computed.           |



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|          |                                  |
|----------|----------------------------------|
| new_dist | <i>Create a new distribution</i> |
|----------|----------------------------------|

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**Description****[Maturing]**

Allows extension package developers to define a new distribution class compatible with the distributional package.

**Usage**

```
new_dist(..., class = NULL, dimnames = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| ...      | Parameters of the distribution (named).                    |
| class    | The class of the distribution for S3 dispatch.             |
| dimnames | The names of the variables in the distribution (optional). |

---

|         |                                |
|---------|--------------------------------|
| new_hdr | <i>Construct hdr intervals</i> |
|---------|--------------------------------|

---

**Description**

Construct hdr intervals

**Usage**

```
new_hdr(
  lower = list_of(.ptype = double()),
  upper = list_of(.ptype = double()),
  size = double()
)
```

**Arguments**

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| lower, upper | A list of numeric vectors specifying the region's lower and upper bounds. |
| size         | A numeric vector specifying the coverage size of the region.              |

**Value**

A "hdr" vector

**Author(s)**

Mitchell O'Hara-Wild

**Examples**

```
new_hdr(lower = list(1, c(3,6)), upper = list(10, c(5, 8)), size = c(80, 95))
```

---

new\_hilo

*Construct hilo intervals*

---

**Description**

**[Stable]**

Class constructor function to help with manually creating hilo interval objects.

**Usage**

```
new_hilo(lower = double(), upper = double(), size = double())
```

**Arguments**

lower, upper     A numeric vector of values for lower and upper limits.  
size             Size of the interval between [0, 100].

**Value**

A "hilo" vector

**Author(s)**

Earo Wang & Mitchell O'Hara-Wild

**Examples**

```
new_hilo(lower = rnorm(10), upper = rnorm(10) + 5, size = 95)
```

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new\_support\_region      *Create a new support region vector*

---

**Description**

Create a new support region vector

**Usage**

```
new_support_region(x = numeric(), limits = list(), closed = list())
```

**Arguments**

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| x      | A list of prototype vectors defining the distribution type.     |
| limits | A list of value limits for the distribution.                    |
| closed | A list of logical(2L) indicating whether the limits are closed. |

---

parameters              *Extract the parameters of a distribution*

---

**Description**

**[Experimental]**

**Usage**

```
parameters(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'distribution'
parameters(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|     |                                       |
|-----|---------------------------------------|
| x   | The distribution(s).                  |
| ... | Additional arguments used by methods. |

**Examples**

```
dist <- c(
  dist_normal(1:2),
  dist_poisson(3),
  dist_multinomial(size = c(4, 3),
    prob = list(c(0.3, 0.5, 0.2), c(0.1, 0.5, 0.4)))
)
parameters(dist)
```

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quantile.distribution *Distribution Quantiles*

---

**Description**

[Stable]

Computes the quantiles of a distribution.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'distribution'  
quantile(x, p, ..., log = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

|     |  |
|-----|--|
| x   | The distribution(s).                                       |
| p   | The probability of the quantile.                           |
| ... | Additional arguments passed to methods.                    |
| log | If TRUE, probabilities will be given as log probabilities. |

---

skewness *Skewness of a probability distribution*

---

**Description**

[Stable]

**Usage**

```
skewness(x, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'distribution'  
skewness(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|     |                                       |
|-----|---------------------------------------|
| x   | The distribution(s).                  |
| ... | Additional arguments used by methods. |

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|         |  |
|---------|--|
| support | <i>Region of support of a distribution</i> |
|---------|--|

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**Description****[Experimental]****Usage**

```
support(x, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'distribution'
support(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|     |                                       |
|-----|---------------------------------------|
| x   | The distribution(s).                  |
| ... | Additional arguments used by methods. |

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|          |                 |
|----------|-----------------|
| variance | <i>Variance</i> |
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**Description****[Stable]**

A generic function for computing the variance of an object.

**Usage**

```
variance(x, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'numeric'
variance(x, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'matrix'
variance(x, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'numeric'
covariance(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|     |                                       |
|-----|---------------------------------------|
| x   | An object.                            |
| ... | Additional arguments used by methods. |

**Details**

The implementation of `variance()` for numeric variables coerces the input to a vector then uses `stats::var()` to compute the variance. This means that, unlike `stats::var()`, if `variance()` is passed a matrix or a 2-dimensional array, it will still return the variance (`stats::var()` returns the covariance matrix in that case).

**See Also**

`variance.distribution()`, `covariance()`

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`variance.distribution` *Variance of a probability distribution*

---

**Description****[Stable]**

Returns the empirical variance of the probability distribution. If the method does not exist, the variance of a random sample will be returned.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'distribution'  
variance(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|                  |                                       |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <code>x</code>   | The distribution(s).                  |
| <code>...</code> | Additional arguments used by methods. |



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