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**Description** The DER (or PaF) income polarization index as proposed by Duclos J. Y., Esteban, J. and Ray D. (2004). ``Polarization: concepts, measurement, estimation". *Econometrica*, 72(6): 1737--1772. <doi:10.1111/j.1468-0262.2004.00552.x>. The index may be computed for a single or for a range of values of the alpha-parameter. Bootstrapping is also available.

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DER-package

*Income Polarization Index*

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**Description**

Description: The PaF income polarization index as proposed by Duclos J. Y., Esteban, J. and Ray D. (2004). "Polarization: concepts, measurement, estimation". *Econometrica*, 72(6): 1737–1772. The index may be computed for a single or for a range of values of the  $\alpha$ -parameter and bootstrapping is also available. In all cases, we first divide the data by  $\mu^{1-\alpha}$ , where  $\mu$  is the mean (income), as described in Duclos, Esteban and Ray (2004). If you want to make the index comparable to the Gini index you should divide the alienation component (and the paf eventually) by 2.

**Details**

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Bootstrapping the decomposed PaF income polarization index

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**Description**

Bootstrapping the decomposed PaF income polarization index

**Usage**

```
paf2.boot(y, a, R = 1000)
```

**Arguments**

y	A numeric vector with income data.
a	The value of $\alpha$ . This can be a number only, between 0.25 and 1.
R	The number of bootstrap resamples to perform.

**Details**

The function computes the decomposed PaF index of Duclos, Esteban and Ray (2004) for a specific value of  $\alpha$ . The decomposition is with respect to the deprivation and surplus components as suggested by Araar (2008). The PaF index, the deprivation and surplus components, and also their bootstrap estimates, the estimated bias and the estimated standard error of each, and the confidence intervals are returned.

**Value**

A list including:

boot	A matrix with the bootstrap estimates.
index	The estimates.
info	A matrix with: the bootstrap based estimates, the bootstrap estimated bias of the estimates, the bootstrap estimated standard errors of the estimates, and the 95% percentile bootstrap confidence intervals for each component.

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**References**

- Araar A. (2008). On the Decomposition of Polarization Indices: Illustrations with Chinese and Nigerian Household Surveys. CIRPEE Working Paper No. 08-06. [https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=11136](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=11136)
- Duclos J. Y., Esteban, J. and Ray D. (2004). Polarization: concepts, measurement, estimation. *Econometrica*, 72(6): 1737–1772.

**See Also**

[paf2](#), [paf.boot](#)

**Examples**

```
y <- rgamma(100, 10, 0.01)
paf2.boot(y, 0.25)
```

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**Description**

Bootstrapping the PaF income polarization index

**Usage**

```
paf.boot(y, a, R = 1000)
```

**Arguments**

y	A numeric vector with income data.
a	The value of $\alpha$ . This can be a number only, between 0.25 and 1.
R	The number of bootstrap resamples to perform.

**Details**

The function compute the PaF index of Duclos, Esteban and Ray (2004) for a specific value of  $\alpha$ , the alienation and identification components, the 1 + normalized covariance, and also their bootstrap estimates, the estimated bias, the estimated standard error of each and the percentile bootstrap confidence interval for the PaF index are returned.

**Value**

A list including:

boot	A matrix with the bootstrap estimates.
index	The estimates.
info	A matrix with: the bootstrap based estimates, the bootstrap estimated bias of the estimates, the bootstrap estimated standard errors of the estimates, and the 95% percentile bootstrap confidence intervals for each component.

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**References**

Duclos J. Y., Esteban, J. and Ray D. (2006). Polarization: concepts, measurement, estimation. In *The Social Economics of Poverty* (pp. 54–102). Routledge.

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## See Also

[paf](#), [paf2.boot](#)

## Examples

```
y <- rgamma(100, 10, 0.01)
paf.boot(y, 0.25)
```

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Many decomposed PaF income polarization indices

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## Description

Many decomposed PaF income polarization indices

## Usage

```
colpafs2(y, a)
```

## Arguments

y	A numeric matrix with income data. The PaF index will be computed for each column sperately.
a	The value of $\alpha$ , a number between 0.25 and 1.

## Details

The function compute the decomposed PaF index of Duclos, Esteban and Ray (2004) for a specific value of  $\alpha$ , for each column of the matrix. The decomposition is with respect to the deprivation and surplus components as suggested by Araar (2008).

## Value

A matrix, where each row contains the PaF index, the deprivation and the surplus components.

## Author(s)

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## References

Araar A. (2008). On the Decomposition of Polarization Indices: Illustrations with Chinese and Nigerian Household Surveys. CIRPEE Working Paper No. 08-06. [https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=1136](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1136)

Duclos J. Y., Esteban, J. and Ray D. (2004). Polarization: concepts, measurement, estimation. *Econometrica*, 72(6): 1737–1772.

**See Also**

[paf2](#), [colpafs](#)

**Examples**

```
y <- matrix( rgamma(100 * 10, 10, 0.01), ncol = 10 )
colpafs2(y, 0.25)
```

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**Description**

Many PaF income polarization indices

**Usage**

```
colpafs(y, a)
```

**Arguments**

y	A numeric matrix with income data. The PaF index will be computed for each column sperately.
a	The value of $\alpha$ , a number between 0.25 and 1.

**Details**

The function compute the PaF index of Duclos, Esteban and Ray (2004) for a specific value of  $\alpha$ , for each column of the matrix.

**Value**

A matrix, where each row contains the PaF index, the alienation (twice the Gini index) and identification components and 1 + the normalized covariance.

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**References**

Duclos J. Y., Esteban, J. and Ray D. (2006). Polarization: concepts, measurement, estimation. In *The Social Economics of Poverty* (pp. 54–102). Routledge.

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## See Also

[paf](#), [colpafs2](#)

## Examples

```
y <- matrix( rgamma(100 * 10, 10, 0.01), ncol = 10 )
colpafs(y, 0.25)
```

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The decomposed PaF income polarization index

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## Description

The decomposed PaF income polarization index

## Usage

```
paf2(y, a)
```

## Arguments

<code>y</code>	A numeric vector with income data.
<code>a</code>	The value of $\alpha$ . This can either be a number or a vector with many values. In any case, the $\alpha$ may take values between 0.25 and 1.

## Details

The function compute the decomposed PaF index of Duclos, Esteban and Ray (2004) for either a specific value, or for a range of values, of  $\alpha$ . The decomposition is with respect to the deprivation and surplus components as suggested by Araar (2008).

## Value

For a single value of  $\alpha$ , the function returns a vector with the PaF index, the deprivation and the surplus components. If a range of values of  $\alpha$  are given, it will return a matrix with the same components, where each row corresponds to a specific value of  $\alpha$ .

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**References**

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**See Also**

[colpafs2](#), [paf](#)

**Examples**

```
y <- rgamma(100, 10, 0.01)
paf(y, 0.25)
paf2( y, 0.25)
```

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The PaF income polarization index

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**Description**

The PaF income polarization index

**Usage**

```
paf(y, a)
pafF(y, a)
```

**Arguments**

y	A numeric vector with income data.
a	The value of $\alpha$ . This can either be a number or a vector with many values. In any case, the $\alpha$ may take values between 0.25 and 1.

**Details**

The functions compute the PaF index of Duclos, Esteban and Ray (2004) for either a specific value, or for a range of values, of  $\alpha$ . The `pafF()` estimates the index using Eq. (8) and (9) in the paper, whereas `paf()` is faster as it uses Eq. (3) of the paper.

**Value**

The `paf()` function, for a single value of  $\alpha$ , returns a vector with the PaF index, the alienation (twice the Gini index) and identification components and 1 + the normalized covariance. If a range of values of  $\alpha$  are given, it will return a matrix with the same components, where each row corresponds to a specific value of  $\alpha$ .

The `pafF()` function returns only the PaF index for either one or more values of  $\alpha$ .



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**References**

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Duclos J. Y., Esteban, J. and Ray D. (2004). Polarization: concepts, measurement, estimation. *Econometrica*, 72(6): 1737–1772.

**See Also**

[paf.boot](#)

**Examples**

```
y <- rgamma(100, 10, 0.01)
paf(y, 0.25)
paf( y, c(0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1) )
```

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