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Description It is well known that the distribution of a Gaussian ratio does not follow a Gaussian distribution. The lack of awareness among users of vegetation indices about this non-Gaussian nature could lead to incorrect statistical modeling and interpretation. This package provides tools to accurately handle and analyse such ratios: density function, parameter estimation, simulation. An example on the study of chlorophyll fluorescence can be found in A. El Ghaziri et al. (2023) [<doi:10.3390/rs15020528>](https://doi.org/10.3390/rs15020528).

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dnormratio	<i>Ratio of two Gaussian distributions</i>
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Description

Density of the ratio of two Gaussian distributions.

Usage

```
dnormratio(z, bet, rho, delta)
```

Arguments

`z` length p numeric vector.

`bet, rho, delta` numeric values. The parameters (β, ρ, δ) of the distribution, see Details.

Details

Let two independant random variables $X \sim N(\mu_x, \sigma_x)$ and $Y \sim N(\mu_y, \sigma_y)$.

If we denote $\beta = \frac{\mu_x}{\mu_y}$, $\rho = \frac{\sigma_y}{\sigma_x}$ and $\delta_y = \frac{\sigma_y}{\mu_y}$, the probability distribution function of the ratio $Z = \frac{X}{Y}$ is given by:

$$f_Z(z; \beta, \rho, \delta_y) = \frac{\rho}{\pi(1 + \rho^2 z^2)} \left[\exp\left(-\frac{\rho^2 \beta^2 + 1}{2\delta_y^2}\right) + \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} q \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{q}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{\rho^2(z - \beta)^2}{2\delta_y^2(1 + \rho^2 z^2)}\right) \right]$$

$$\text{with } q = \frac{1 + \beta \rho^2 z}{\delta_y \sqrt{1 + \rho^2 z^2}} \text{ and } \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{q}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^{\frac{q}{\sqrt{2}}} \exp(-t^2) dt$$

Value

Numeric: the value of density.

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References

El Ghaziri, A., Bouhlel, N., Sapoukhina, N., Rousseau, D., On the importance of non-Gaussianity in chlorophyll fluorescence imaging. *Remote Sensing* 15(2), 528 (2023). [doi:10.3390/rs15020528](https://doi.org/10.3390/rs15020528)

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See Also

[rnormratio\(\)](#): sample simulation.
[estparnormratio\(\)](#): parameter estimation.

Examples

```
# First example
beta1 <- 0.15
rho1 <- 5.75
delta1 <- 0.22
dnormratio(0, bet = beta1, rho = rho1, delta = delta1)
dnormratio(0.5, bet = beta1, rho = rho1, delta = delta1)
curve(dnormratio(x, bet = beta1, rho = rho1, delta = delta1), from = -0.1, to = 0.7)

# Second example
beta2 <- 2
rho2 <- 2
delta2 <- 2
dnormratio(0, bet = beta2, rho = rho2, delta = delta2)
dnormratio(0.5, bet = beta2, rho = rho2, delta = delta2)
curve(dnormratio(x, bet = beta2, rho = rho2, delta = delta2), from = -0.1, to = 0.7)
```

Description

Estimation of the parameters of a ratio $Z = \frac{X}{Y}$, X and Y being two independant random variables distributed according to Gaussian distributions, using the EM (estimation-maximization) algorithm.

Usage

```
estparnormratio(z, eps = 1e-6)
```

Arguments

z	numeric matrix or data frame.
eps	numeric. Precision for the estimation of the parameters.

Details

Let a random variable: $Z = \frac{X}{Y}$,

X and Y being normally distributed: $X \sim N(\mu_x, \sigma_x)$ and $Y \sim N(\mu_y, \sigma_y)$.

The density probability of Z is:

$$f_Z(z; \beta, \rho, \delta_y) = \frac{\rho}{\pi(1 + \rho^2 z^2)} \exp\left(-\frac{\rho^2 \beta^2 + 1}{2\delta_y^2}\right) {}_1F_1\left(1, \frac{1}{2}; \frac{1}{2\delta_y^2} \frac{(1 + \beta\rho^2 z)^2}{1 + \rho^2 z^2}\right)$$

with: $\beta = \frac{\mu_x}{\mu_y}$, $\rho = \frac{\sigma_y}{\sigma_x}$, $\delta_y = \frac{\sigma_y}{\mu_y}$.

and ${}_1F_1(a, b; x)$ is the confluent hypergeometric function (Kummer's function):

$${}_1F_1(a, b; x) = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{(a)_n}{(b)_n} \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

The parameters β , ρ , δ_y of the Z distribution are estimated with the EM algorithm, as presented in El Ghaziri et al. The computation uses the `kummerM` function.

This uses an iterative algorithm.

The precision for the estimation of the parameters is given by the `eps` parameter.

Value

A list of 3 elements `beta`, `rho`, `delta`: the estimated parameters of the Z distribution $\hat{\beta}$, $\hat{\rho}$, $\hat{\delta}_y$, with two attributes `attr(, "epsilon")` (precision of the result) and `attr(, "k")` (number of iterations).

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References

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See Also

`dnormratio()`: probability density of a normal ratio.

`rnormratio()`: sample simulation.

Examples

```
# First example
beta1 <- 0.15
rho1 <- 5.75
delta1 <- 0.22

set.seed(1234)
z1 <- rnormratio(800, bet = beta1, rho = rho1, delta = delta1)

estparnormratio(z1)

# Second example
```

```

beta2 <- 0.24
rho2 <- 4.21
delta2 <- 0.25

set.seed(1234)
z2 <- rnormratio(800, bet = beta2, rho = rho2, delta = delta2)

estparnormratio(z2)

```

kummerM*Confluent D-Hypergeometric Function***Description**

Computes the Kummer's function, or confluent hypergeometric function.

Usage

```
kummerM(a, b, z, eps = 1e-06)
```

Arguments

a	numeric.
b	numeric
z	numeric vector.
eps	numeric. Precision for the sum (default 1e-06).

Details

The Kummer's confluent hypergeometric function is given by:

$${}_1F_1(a, b; z) = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{(a)_n}{(b)_n} \frac{z^n}{n!}$$

where $(z)_p$ is the Pochhammer symbol (see [pochhammer](#)).

The `eps` argument gives the required precision for its computation. It is the `attr(, "epsilon")` attribute of the returned value.

Value

A numeric value: the value of the Kummer's function, with two attributes `attr(, "epsilon")` (precision of the result) and `attr(, "k")` (number of iterations).

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References

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Inpochhammer

Logarithm of the Pochhammer Symbol

Description

Computes the logarithm of the Pochhammer symbol.

Usage

`Inpochhammer(x, n)`

Arguments

<code>x</code>	numeric.
<code>n</code>	positive integer.

Details

The Pochhammer symbol is given by:

$$(x)_n = \frac{\Gamma(x+n)}{\Gamma(x)} = x(x+1)\dots(x+n-1)$$

So, if $n > 0$:

$$\log((x)_n) = \log(x) + \log(x+1) + \dots + \log(x+n-1)$$

If $n = 0$, $\log((x)_n) = \log(1) = 0$

Value

Numeric value. The logarithm of the Pochhammer symbol.

Author(s)

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See Also

[pochhammer](#), [kummerM](#)

Examples

```
Inpochhammer(2, 0)
Inpochhammer(2, 1)
Inpochhammer(2, 3)
```

pochhammer

Pochhammer Symbol

Description

Computes the Pochhammer symbol.

Usage

`pochhammer(x, n)`

Arguments

x numeric.

n positive integer.

Details

The Pochhammer symbol is given by:

$$(x)_n = \frac{\Gamma(x+n)}{\Gamma(x)} = x(x+1)\dots(x+n-1)$$

Value

Numeric value. The value of the Pochhammer symbol.

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See Also

[lnpochhammer](#), [kummerM](#)

Examples

```
pochhammer(2, 0)
pochhammer(2, 1)
pochhammer(2, 3)
```

rnormratio*Ratio of two Gaussian distributions***Description**

Simulate data from a ratio of two Gaussian distributions.

Usage

```
rnormratio(n, bet, rho, delta)
```

Arguments

n integer. Number of observations. If `length(n) > 1`, the length is taken to be the number required.

bet, rho, delta numeric values. The parameters (β, ρ, δ) of the distribution, see Details.

Details

Let two random variables $X \sim N(\mu_x, \sigma_x)$ and $Y \sim N(\mu_y, \sigma_y)$

with probability densities f_X and f_Y .

The parameters of the distribution of the ratio $Z = \frac{X}{Y}$ are: $\beta = \frac{\mu_x}{\mu_y}$, $\rho = \frac{\sigma_y}{\sigma_x}$, $\delta_y = \frac{\sigma_y}{\mu_y}$.

μ_x , σ_x , μ_y and σ_y are computed from β , ρ and δ_y (by fixing arbitrarily $\mu_x = 1$) and two random samples (x_1, \dots, x_n) and (y_1, \dots, y_n) are simulated.

Then $\left(\frac{x_1}{y_1}, \dots, \frac{x_n}{y_n} \right)$ is returned.

Value

A numeric vector: the produced sample.

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References

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See Also

[dnormratio\(\)](#): probability density of a normal ratio.

[estparnormratio\(\)](#): parameter estimation.

Examples

```
# First example
beta1 <- 0.15
rho1 <- 5.75
delta1 <- 0.22
rnormratio(20, bet = beta1, rho = rho1, delta = delta1)

# Second example
beta2 <- 0.24
rho2 <- 4.21
delta2 <- 0.25
rnormratio(20, bet = beta2, rho = rho2, delta = delta2)
```

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