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hermite-package

*Generalized Hermite distribution***Description**

Probability mass, distribution and quantile functions; random generation; and regression models for the generalized Hermite distribution.

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The package implements probability mass function [dhermite](#), distribution function [phermite](#), quantile function [qhermite](#) and random generation [rhermite](#) for the generalized Hermite distribution. The probability mass function is usually parametrized in terms of the mean  $\mu$  and the index of dispersion  $d = \frac{\sigma^2}{\mu}$ :

$$P(X = x) = P(X = 0) \frac{\mu^x (m-d)^x}{(m-1)^x} \sum_{j=0}^{[x/m]} \frac{(d-1)^j (m-1)^{(m-1)j}}{m^j \mu^{(m-1)j} (m-d)^{mj} (x-mj)! j!}$$

where  $P(X = 0) = \exp(\mu(-1 + \frac{d-1}{m}))$ ,  $m$  is the degree of the generalized Poisson distribution and  $[x/m]$  is the integer part of  $x/m$ .

The package is able to fit Hermite regression models as well, by means of the function [glm.hermite](#), also in the presence of covariates.

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### See Also

[Distributions](#) for some other distributions, [qhermite](#), [phermite](#), [rhermite](#), [hermite-package](#), [glm.hermite](#)

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dhermite

*Probability mass function for the generalized Hermite distribution*

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### Description

Probability mass function for the generalized Hermite distribution with parameters a, b and m.

### Usage

```
dhermite(x, a, b, m=2)
```

### Arguments

x	vector of non-negative integer quantiles.
a	first parameter for the Hermite distribution.
b	second parameter for the Hermite distribution.
m	degree of the generalized Hermite distribution. Its default value is 2, corresponding to the standard Hermite distribution.

### Value

Probability for a generalized Hermite random variable with parameters a, b and m of taking x counts.

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## See Also

[Distributions](#) for some other distributions, [qhermite](#), [phermite](#), [rhermite](#), [hermite-package](#), [glm.hermite](#)

## Examples

```
d <- dhermite(3, 0.8, 0.3)
```

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glm.hermite

*Maximum likelihood estimation and Hermite regression*

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## Description

glm.hermite is used to fit generalized linear models with count responses following a Hermite distribution, specified by giving a symbolic description of the linear predictor. A summary method providing the most meaningful information on the fitted model is available for objects of class glm.hermite.

## Usage

```
glm.hermite(formula, data, link="log", start=NULL, m = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

formula	symbolic description of the model. A typical predictor has the form $\text{response} \sim \text{terms}$ where response is the (numeric) response vector and terms is a series of terms which specifies a linear predictor for response.
data	an optional data frame containing the variables in the model.
link	character specification of link function: "log" or "identity". By default link="log".
start	a vector containing the starting values for the parameters of the specified model. Its default value is NULL.
m	value for parameter m. Its default value is NULL, and in that case it will be estimated inside the function.

**Value**

glm.hermite returns an object of class `glm.hermite`, which is a list including the following components:

- `coefs` the vector of coefficients.
- `data` an optional data frame containing the variables in the model.
- `loglik` log-likelihood of the fitted model.
- `vcov` covariance matrix of all coefficients in the model (derived from the Hessian of the `maxLik` output).
- `hess` Hessian matrix, returned by the `maxLik` output.
- `fitted.values` the fitted mean values, obtained by transforming the linear predictors by the inverse of the link function.
- `wLikelihood` ratio test statistic.
- `pvalLikelihood` ratio test p-value.

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### See Also

[Distributions](#) for some other distributions, [qhermite](#), [phermite](#), [rhermite](#), [hermite-package](#)

### Examples

```
data <- c(rep(0,122), rep(1,40), rep(2,14), rep(3,16), rep(4,6), rep(5,2))
mle1 <- glm.hermite(data~1, link="log", start=NULL, m=3)
mle1
```

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hi\_let

*High-LET Radiation Exposure*

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### Description

This data corresponds to an experimental simulation of in vitro whole body irradiation for high-LET radiation exposure, where peripheral blood samples were exposed to 10 different doses of 1480MeV oxygen ions. For each dose, the number of dicentric chromosomes per blood cell were scored.

### Usage

```
hi_let
```

### Format

A data frame with 7413 rows and 3 columns.

### Source

DiGiorgio M. et al. (2004) Chromosome aberrations induced in human lymphocytes by heavy-charged particles in track segment mode. *Radiation Protection Dosimetry*, 108, 47-53.

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hot100

*Hot 100 hits*

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## Description

This data corresponds to the 965 "number 1" hits on the Hot 100 chart over the period January 1955 to December 2003. For a recording that reaches the number one spot, *Weeks* measures the number of weeks that it stays at number one. The covariates are: *Elvis* = 1 if the recording was by Elvis Presley, = 0 otherwise; *Beatles* = 1 if the recording was by the Beatles, = 0 otherwise; *Group* = 1 if the recording was by a band, = 0 otherwise; *Female* = 1 if the artist was a solo female, = 0 otherwise; *Male* = 1 if the artist was a solo male, = 0 otherwise; *Inst* = 1 if the recording was purely instrumental, = 0 otherwise; and *NonCon* = 1 if the recording topped the charts in nonconsecutive weeks, = 0 otherwise.

## Usage

hot100

## Format

A data frame with 965 rows and 9 columns.

## Source

<http://web.uvic.ca/~dgiles/downloads/data/hot100.xls>

## References

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phermite

*Distribution function for the generalized Hermite distribution***Description**

Distribution function for the generalized Hermite distribution with parameters  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $m$ .

**Usage**

```
phermite(q, a, b, m=2, lower.tail=TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>q</code>	vector of non-negative integer quantiles.
<code>a</code>	first parameter for the Hermite distribution.
<code>b</code>	second parameter for the Hermite distribution.
<code>m</code>	degree of the generalized Hermite distribution. Its default value is 2, corresponding to the standard Hermite distribution.
<code>lower.tail</code>	logical; if TRUE (default), probabilities are $P[X \leq x]$ , otherwise, $P[X > x]$ .

**Value**

Probability for a generalized Hermite random variable with parameters  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $m$  to be lower (or greater) than  $q$ .

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### See Also

[Distributions](#) for some other distributions, [dhermite](#), [qhermite](#), [rhermite](#), [hermite-package](#), [glm.hermite](#)

### Examples

```
d <- phermite(4, 0.8, 0.3, m=3)
```

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qhermite

*Quantile function for the generalized Hermite distribution*

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### Description

Quantile function for the generalized Hermite distribution with parameters a, b and m.

### Usage

```
qhermite(p, a, b, m=2, lower.tail=TRUE)
```

### Arguments

p	vector of probabilities.
a	first parameter for the Hermite distribution.
b	second parameter for the Hermite distribution.
m	degree of the generalized Hermite distribution. Its default value is 2, corresponding to the standard Hermite distribution.
lower.tail	logical; if TRUE (default), probabilities are $P[X \leq x]$ , otherwise, $P[X > x]$ .

### Value

The smallest integer  $x$  such that  $P(X \leq x) \geq p$  (or such that  $P(X \leq x) \geq 1 - p$  if `lower.tail` is set to FALSE), where  $X$  is a generalized Hermite random variable with parameters a, b and m.

### Author(s)

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## Examples

```
d <- qhermite(0.9999987, 0.8, 0.3, m=3)
```

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rhermite

*Random generation for the generalized Hermite distribution*

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## Description

Random generation for the generalized Hermite distribution with parameters a, b and m.

## Usage

```
rhermite(n, a, b, m=2)
```

**Arguments**

n	number of observations.
a	first parameter for the Hermite distribution.
b	second parameter for the Hermite distribution.
m	degree of the generalized Hermite distribution. Its default value is 2, corresponding to the standard Hermite distribution.

**Value**

A vector containing n random deviates from a generalized Hermite distribution.

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