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Description Functions are provided for the density function, distribution function, quantiles and random number generation for the skew hyperbolic t-distribution. There are also functions that fit the distribution to data. There are functions for the mean, variance, skewness, kurtosis and mode of a given distribution. To assess goodness of fit, there are also functions to generate a Q-Q plot and a P-P plot.

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SkewHyperbolic-package

The Package 'SkewHyperbolic': Summary Information

Description

This package provides a collection of functions for working with the skew hyperbolic Student's t -distribution.

Functions are provided for the density function (`dskewhyp`), distribution function (`pskewhyp`), quantiles (`qskewhyp`) and random number generation (`rskewhyp`). There are also functions that fit the distribution to data (`skewhypFit`). The mean, variance, skewness, kurtosis and mode can be found using the functions `skewhypMean`, `skewhypVar`, `skewhypSkew`, `skewhypKurt` and `skewhypMode` respectively. To assess goodness of fit, there are also functions to generate a Q-Q plot (`qqskewhyp`) and a P-P plot (`ppskewhyp`). S3 methods `print`, `plot` and `summary` are provided for the output of `skewhypFit`.

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References

Aas, K. and Haff, I. H. (2006). The Generalised Hyperbolic Skew Student's t -distribution, *Journal of Financial Econometrics*, **4**, 275–309.

See Also

[dskewhyp](#), [skewhypMean](#), [skewhypFit](#), [skewhypFitStart](#), [skewhypBreaks](#), [qqskewhyp](#), [HyperbolicDist](#).

lrdji

Dow Jones Log Return Data

Description

Log returns of daily closing value data from the dow jones index, from 04/JAN/1999 to 08/JUL/2003. The original data used to calculate these was the dji data set available in the QRMLib package.

Usage

```
data(lrdji)
```

Format

A vector of 1132 observations.

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Source

library(QRMLib) data(dji)

References

McNeil, A. & Ulman, S. (2008). QRMLib <http://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/QRMLib/index.html>

Examples

```
data(lrdji)
##fit a skew hyperbolic students t-distribution to the data
fit<-skewhypFit(lrdji, plot=TRUE, print=TRUE)
```

lrnokeur

Log Returns of the NOK/EUR Exchange Rate

Description

Log returns of daily closing value data of the NOK/EUR (Norwegian Kroner/Euro) exchange rate, from 04/JAN/1999 to 08/JUL/2003. The original data was downloaded from the oanda website. The data was selected to be as similar as possible to the data used in the Aas & Haff article (see References).

Usage

```
data(lrnokeur)
```

Format

A vector of 1647 observations.

Author(s)

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Source

<http://www.oanda.com>

References

Aas, K. and Haff, I. H. (2006). The Generalised Hyperbolic Skew Student's t -distribution, *Journal of Financial Econometrics*, **4**, 275–309.

Examples

```
##Fit the skew hyperbolic students-t distribution to the data
data(lrnokeur)
fit <- skewhypFit(lrnokeur, method="nlm", plot=TRUE, print=TRUE)
```

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| qqskewhyp | <i>Skew Hyperbolic Student's t-Distribution Quantile-Quantile and Percent-Percent Plots</i> |
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Description

qqskewhyp produces a skew hyperbolic t-distribution Q-Q plot of the values in `y`, ppskewhyp produces a skew hyperbolic t-distribution P-P (percent-percent) plot or probability plot of the values in `y`. Graphical parameters may be given as arguments to qqskewhyp and ppskewhyp.

Usage

```
qqskewhyp(y, mu = 0, delta = 1, beta = 1, nu = 1, param = c(mu, delta,
  beta, nu), main = "Skew Hyperbolic Student's-t QQ Plot", xlab =
  "Theoretical Quantiles", ylab = "Sample Quantiles", plot.it = TRUE, line
  = TRUE, ...)
ppskewhyp(y, beta = NULL, delta = NULL, mu = NULL, nu = NULL, param =
  c(mu, delta, beta, nu), main = "Skew Hyperbolic Student's-t P-P Plot",
  xlab = "Uniform Quantiles", ylab =
  "Probability-integral-transformed Data", plot.it = TRUE, line = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-------------------------------|--|
| <code>y</code> | The sample data. |
| <code>mu</code> | Location parameter μ , default is 0. |
| <code>delta</code> | Peakedness parameter δ , default is 1. |
| <code>beta</code> | Skewness parameter β , default is 1. |
| <code>nu</code> | Shape parameter ν , default is 1. |
| <code>param</code> | Specifying the parameters as a vector of the form <code>c(mu, delta, beta, nu)</code> . |
| <code>main, xlab, ylab</code> | Plot labels. |
| <code>plot.it</code> | Logical; if <code>plot.it = TRUE</code> the results will be plotted. |
| <code>line</code> | Logical; if <code>line = TRUE</code> a line is added through the origin with unit slope. |
| <code>...</code> | Further graphical parameters. |

Details

Users may either specify the values of the parameters individually or as a vector. If both forms are specified, then the values specified by the vector `param` will overwrite the other ones.

Value

For `qqskewhyp` and `ppskewhyp`, a list with components:

| | |
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| <code>x</code> | The x coordinates of the points to be plotted. |
| <code>y</code> | The y coordinates of the points to be plotted. |

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References

Aas, K. and Haff, I. H. (2006). The Generalised Hyperbolic Skew Student's *t*-distribution, *Journal of Financial Econometrics*, **4**, 275–309.

See Also

[ppoints](#), [qqplot](#), [dskewhyp](#)

Examples

```
par(mfrow = c(1,2))
param <- c(0,1,20,10)
y <- rskewhyp(500, param=param)
qqskewhyp(y, param=param, main="Skew Hyperbolic\n Q-Q Plot")
ppskewhyp(y, param=param, main="Skew Hyperbolic\n P-P Plot")
```

skewhypBreaks

Break points for the Skew Hyperbolic Student's t-Distribuiton

Description

Utility routines that calculate suitable breakpoints for use in determining the distribution function, and the derivative of the density function.

Usage

```
skewhypBreaks(mu = 0, delta = 1, beta = 1, nu = 1, param =
  c(mu, delta, beta, nu), small = 10^(-6), tiny = 10^(-10),
  deriv = 0.3, ...)
skewhypCalcRange(mu = 0, delta = 1, beta = 1, nu = 1,
  param = c(mu, delta, beta, nu), tol= 10^(-5), ...)
ddskewhyp(x, mu = 0, delta = 1, beta = 1, nu = 1, param =
  c(mu, delta, beta, nu), log = FALSE, tolerance =
  .Machine$double.eps ^ 0.5)
```

Arguments

| | |
|------------------------|---|
| <code>x</code> | Vector of quantiles |
| <code>mu</code> | Location parameter μ , default is 0. |
| <code>delta</code> | Peakedness parameter δ , default is 1. |
| <code>beta</code> | Skewness parameter β , default is 1. |
| <code>nu</code> | Shape parameter ν , default is 1. |
| <code>param</code> | Specifying the parameters as a vector of the form <code>c(mu, delta, beta, nu)</code> . |
| <code>small</code> | Size of a small difference between the distribution function and 0 or 1. |
| <code>tiny</code> | Size of a tiny difference between the distribution function and 0 or 1. |
| <code>deriv</code> | Value between 0 and 1 which determines the point at which the value of the derivative becomes substantial compared to its maximal value, see Details . |
| <code>log</code> | Logical; if <code>log = TRUE</code> , probabilities are given as <code>log(p)</code> . |
| <code>tolerance</code> | Specified level of tolerance when checking if parameter beta is equal to 0 in <code>ddskewhyp</code> . |
| <code>tol</code> | Tolerance used in <code>skewhypCalcRange</code> , see Details . |
| <code>...</code> | Passes additional arguments to uniroot . |

Value

`ddskewhyp` gives the derivative of [dskewhyp](#).

`skewhypBreaks` returns a list with components:

| | |
|------------------------|---|
| <code>xTiny</code> | Value such that the probabilities to the left are less than <code>tiny</code> . |
| <code>xSmall</code> | Value such that probabilities to the left are less than <code>small</code> . |
| <code>lowBreak</code> | Point to the left of the mode such that the derivative of the density at that point is <code>deriv</code> times its maximum value on that side of the mode. |
| <code>highBreak</code> | Point to the right of the mode such that the derivative of the density at that point is <code>deriv</code> times the value of the maximum value on that side of the mode. |
| <code>xLarge</code> | Value such that the probabilities to the right are less than <code>xSmall</code> . |
| <code>xHuge</code> | Value such that probability to the right is less than <code>tiny</code> . |
| <code>modeDist</code> | The mode of the given skewed hyperbolic distribution, calculated by skewhypMode . |

`skewhypCalcRange` returns the quantile values at the endpoints of the region of the density function where the probability is greater than `tol`.

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References

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See Also

[uniroot](#), [dskewhyp](#), [skewhypMode](#)

Examples

```

param <- c(0,1,10,10)
range <- skewhypCalcRange(param=param, tol=10^(-3))

#plots of density and derivative
par(mfrow=c(2,1))
curve(dskewhyp(x, param=param), range[1], range[2], n=1000)
title("Density of the Skew\n Hyperbolic Distribution")
curve(ddskewhyp(x, param=param), range[1], range[2], n=1000)
title("Derivative of the Density\n of the Skew Hyperbolic Distribution")

#plot of the density marking the break points
par(mfrow=c(1,1))
range <- skewhypCalcRange(param=param, tol=10^(-6))
curve(dskewhyp(x, param=param), range[1], range[2], n=1000)
title("Density of the Skew Hyperbolic Distribution\n with Breakpoints")
breaks <- skewhypBreaks(param=param)
abline(v=breaks)

```

SkewHyperbolicDistribution

Skewed Hyperbolic Student's t-Distribution

Description

Density function, distribution function, quantiles and random number generation for the Generalised Hyperbolic Skew Student's t-Distribution, with parameters β (skewness), δ (peakedness), μ (location) and ν (shape).

Usage

```

dskewhyp(x, mu = 0, delta = 1, beta = 1, nu = 1, param = c(mu, delta,
  beta, nu), log = FALSE, tolerance = .Machine$double.eps^0.5)
pskewhyp(q, mu = 0, delta = 1, beta = 1, nu = 1, param =
  c(mu,delta,beta,nu), log = FALSE, lower.tail = TRUE, small = 10^(-6),
  tiny = 10^(-10), subdivisions = 100, accuracy = FALSE, ...)
qskewhyp(p, mu = 0, delta = 1, beta = 1, nu = 1, param =
  c(mu,delta,beta,nu), small = 10^(-6), tiny = 10^(-10), deriv = 0.3,
  nInterpol = 100, subdivisions = 100, ...)
rskewhyp(n, mu = 0, delta = 1, beta = 1, nu = 1, param =
  c(mu,delta,beta,nu), log = FALSE)

```

Arguments

| | |
|--------------------|---|
| <code>x, q</code> | Vector of quantiles. |
| <code>p</code> | Vector of probabilities. |
| <code>n</code> | Number of random variates to be generated. |
| <code>mu</code> | Location parameter μ , default is 0. |
| <code>delta</code> | Peakedness parameter δ , default is 1. |
| <code>beta</code> | Skewness parameter β , default is 1. |

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|---------------------------|--|
| <code>nu</code> | Shape parameter ν , default is 1. |
| <code>param</code> | Specifying the parameters as a vector of the form <code>c(mu, delta, beta, nu)</code> . |
| <code>log</code> | Logical; if <code>log = TRUE</code> , probabilities are given as <code>log(p)</code> . |
| <code>lower.tail</code> | Logical; if <code>lower.tail = TRUE</code> , the cumulative density is taken from the lower tail. |
| <code>tolerance</code> | Specified level of tolerance when checking if parameter <code>beta</code> is equal to 0. |
| <code>small</code> | Size of a small difference between the distribution function and 0 or 1. |
| <code>tiny</code> | Size of a tiny difference between the distribution function and 0 or 1. |
| <code>subdivisions</code> | The maximum number of subdivisions used to integrate the density and determine the accuracy of the distribution function calculation. |
| <code>accuracy</code> | Logical; if <code>accuracy = TRUE</code> , accuracy calculated by <code>integrate</code> to try and determine the accuracy of the distribution function calculation. |
| <code>deriv</code> | Value between 0 and 1 which determines the point at which the value of the derivative becomes substantial compared to its maximal value, see Details . |
| <code>nInterpol</code> | Number of points used in <code>qskewhyp</code> for cubic spline interpolation of the distribution function. |
| <code>...</code> | Passes additional arguments to <code>integrate</code> . |

Details

Users may either specify the values of the parameters individually or as a vector. If both forms are specified, then the values specified by the vector `param` will overwrite the other ones.

The density function is

$$f(x) = \frac{2^{(\frac{1-\nu}{2})} \delta^\nu |\beta|^{(\frac{\nu+1}{2})} K_{(\frac{\nu+1}{2})} \sqrt{(\beta^2(\delta^2 + (x - \mu)^2))} \exp(\beta(x - \mu))}{\Gamma(\frac{\nu}{2}) \sqrt{(\pi)} \sqrt{(\delta^2 + (x - \mu)^2)^{(\frac{\nu+1}{2})}}}$$

when $\beta \neq 0$, and

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

when $\beta = 0$, where $K_{nu}(\cdot)$ is the modified Bessel function of the third kind with order `nu`, and Γ is the gamma function.

`pskewhyp` breaks the real line in to 8 regions in order to determine the integral of `dhyperb`. The breakpoints determining the regions are calculated by `skewhypBreaks`, based on the values of `small`, `tiny`, and `deriv`.

The inner area is divided into two regions above and two below the mode. The breakpoint that divides these is calculated to be where the derivative of the density function is `deriv` times the value of the maximum derivative on that side of the mode. In the extreme tails of the distribution where the probability is `tiny` the probability is taken to be zero. In the remaining regions the integral of the density is calculated using the numerical routine `safeIntegrate` (a wrapper for `integrate`).

`qhyperb` Used the same breakup of the real line as `pskewhyp`. For quantiles that fall in the two extreme regions the quantile is returned as `Inf` or `-Inf` as appropriate. In the remaining

regions `splinefun` is used to fit values of the distribution function calculated by `pskewhyp`. The quantiles are then found by the `uniroot` function.

Note that when small values of ν are used, for example less than ten, and the density is skewed, there are often quite extreme values generated by `rskewhyp`. These look like outliers, but are caused by the heaviness of the skewed tail.

Value

`dskewhyp` gives the density function, `pskewhyp` gives the distribution function, `qskewhyp` gives the quantile function and `rskewhyp` generates random variates.

An estimate of the accuracy of the approximation to the distribution function can be found by setting `accuracy=TRUE` in the call to `pskewhyp` which returns a list with components `value` and `error`.

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References

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See Also

[safeIntegrate](#), [integrate](#) for its shortfalls, [skewhypBreaks](#), [logHist](#). Also [skewhypMean](#) for information on moments and mode, and [skewhypFit](#) for fitting to data.

Examples

```
param <- c(0,1,40,10)
par(mfrow=c(1,2))
range <- skewhypCalcRange(param=param, tol=10^(-2))

#curves of density and distribution
curve(dskewhyp(x, param=param), range[1], range[2], n=1000)
title("Density of the \n Skew Hyperbolic Distribution")
curve(pskewhyp, range[1], range[2], n=500, param=param)
title("Distribution Function of the \n Skew Hyperbolic Distribution")

#curves of density and log density
par(mfrow=c(1,2))
data <- rskewhyp(1000, param=param)
curve(dskewhyp(x, param=param), range(data)[1], range(data)[2],
      n=1000, col=2)
hist(data, freq=FALSE, add=TRUE)
title("Density and Histogram of the\n Skew Hyperbolic Distribution")
logHist(data, main="Log-Density and Log-Histogram of\n the Skew
Hyperbolic Distribution")
curve(dskewhyp(x, param=param, log=TRUE), range(data)[1], range(data)[2],
      n=500, add=TRUE, col=2)
```

skewhypFit

*Fit the Skew Hyperbolic Student's t-Distribution to Data***Description**

Fits a skew hyperbolic t-distribution to given data. Displays the histogram, log-histogram (both with fitted densities), Q-Q plot and P-P plot for the fit which has maximum likelihood.

Usage

```
skewhypFit(x, freq = NULL, breaks = NULL, startValues = "LA",
  paramStart = NULL, method = "Nelder-Mead", hessian = TRUE,
  plots = TRUE, printOut = TRUE, controlBFGS = list(maxit = 200),
  controlNM = list(maxit = 1000), maxitNLM = 1500, ...)
## S3 method for class 'skewhypFit':
plot(x, which = 1:4, plotTitles = paste(c(
  "Histogram of ", "Log-Histogram of ", "Q-Q Plot of ", "P-P Plot of "),
  x$obsName, sep = " "), ask = prod(par("mfcol")) < length(which) &&
  dev.interactive(), ...)
## S3 method for class 'skewhypFit':
print(x, digits = max(3, getOption("digits") - 3), ...)
## S3 method for class 'skewhypFit':
summary(object, ...)
```

Arguments

| | |
|--------------------------|--|
| <code>x</code> | Data Vector for skewhypFit. Object of class "skewhypFit" for plot.skewhypFit, print.skewhypFit and summary.skewhypFit. |
| <code>freq</code> | Vector of weights with length equal to length of x. |
| <code>breaks</code> | Breaks for histogram, defaults to those generated by hist(x, plot=FALSE, right=FALSE). If startValues = "LA" then 30 breaks are used by default. |
| <code>startValues</code> | Code giving the method of determining starting values for finding the maximum likelihood estimates of the parameters. |
| <code>paramStart</code> | If startValues = "US" the user must specify a vector of starting parameter values in the form c(mu, delta, beta, nu). |
| <code>method</code> | Different optimisation methods to consider, see Details . |
| <code>hessian</code> | Logical; if hessian = TRUE the value of the hessian is returned. |
| <code>plots</code> | Logical; if plots = TRUE the histogram, log-histogram, Q-Q and P-P plots are printed. |
| <code>printOut</code> | Logical; if printOut = TRUE results of the fitting are printed. |
| <code>controlBFGS</code> | A list of control parameters for optim when using the "BFGS" optimisation. |
| <code>controlNM</code> | A list of control parameters for optim when using the "Nelder-Mead" optimisation. |
| <code>maxitNLM</code> | A positive integer specifying the maximum number of iterations when using the "nlm" optimisation. |
| <code>which</code> | If a subset of plots is required, specify a subset of the numbers 1:4. |

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| plotTitles | Titles to appear above the plots. |
| ask | Logical; if TRUE the user is asked before plot change, see <code>par(ask = .)</code> . |
| digits | Desired number of digits when the object is printed. |
| object | Object must be of class "skewhypFit" |
| ... | Passes arguments to <code>optim</code> , <code>nlm</code> , <code>hist</code> , <code>logHist</code> , <code>qgskewhyp</code> and <code>ppskewhyp</code> . |

Details

`startValues` can be either "US" (User-supplied) or "LA" (Linear approximation) If `startValues = "US"` then a value for `paramStart` must be supplied. For the details concerning the use of `startValues` and `paramStart` see `skewhypFitStart`.

The three optimisation methods currently available are:

"BFGS" Uses the quasi-Newton method "BFGS" as documented in `optim`.

"Nelder-Mead" Uses an implementation of the Nelder and Mead method as documented in `optim`.

"nlm" Uses the `nlm` function in R.

For the details of how to pass control information using `optim` and `nlm`, see `optim` and `nlm`.

Value

`skewhypFit` returns a list with components:

| | |
|-------------|--|
| param | A vector giving the maximum likelihood estimates of the parameters in the form <code>c(mu, delta, beta, nu)</code> . |
| maxLik | The value of the maximised log-likelihood. |
| hessian | If <code>hessian</code> was set to TRUE, the value of the hessian, not present otherwise. |
| method | Optimisation method used. |
| conv | Convergence code. See <code>optim</code> or <code>nlm</code> for details. |
| iter | Number of iterations of optimisation routine. |
| x | The data used to fit the distribution. |
| xName | Character string with the actual <code>x</code> argument name. |
| paramStart | Starting values of the parameters returned by <code>skewhypFitStart</code> . |
| svName | Name of the method used to find starting values. |
| startValues | Acronym of method used to find starting values. |
| breaks | Cell boundaries found by a call to <code>hist</code> . |
| midpoints | The cell midpoints found by a call to <code>hist</code> . |
| empDens | The estimated density found by a call to <code>hist</code> if <code>startValues = "US"</code> or <code>density</code> if <code>startValues = "LA"</code> . |

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References

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See Also

[optim](#), [nlm](#), [par](#), [hist](#), [logHist](#), [qqskewhyp](#), [ppskewhyp](#), [dskewhyp](#) and [skewhypFitStart](#).

Examples

```
## See how well skewhypFit works
param <- c(0,1,4,10)
data <- rskewhyp(500, param=param)
fit <- skewhypFit(data)
## Use data set NOK/EUR as per Aas&Haff
data(lrnokeur)
nkfit <- skewhypFit(lrnokeur, method = "nlm")
## Use data set DJI
data(lrdji)
djfit <- skewhypFit(lrdji)
```

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| skewhypFitStart | <i>Find Starting Values for Fitting a Skew Hyperbolic Student's t-Distribution</i> |
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Description

Finds starting values for input to a maximum likelihood routine for fitting a skew hyperbolic t-distribution to data.

Usage

```
skewhypFitStart(x, breaks = NULL, startValues = "LA", paramStart = NULL)
skewhypFitStartLA(x, breaks = NULL)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-------------|--|
| x | Data vector. |
| breaks | Breaks for histogram. If missing defaults to those generated by <code>hist(x, right = FALSE, plot = FALSE)</code> . If <code>startValues = "LA"</code> then 30 breaks are used by default. |
| startValues | Code giving the method of determining starting values for finding the maximum likelihood estimates of the parameters. |
| paramStart | If <code>startValues = "US"</code> the user must specify a vector of starting parameter values in the form <code>c(mu, delta, beta, nu)</code> . |

Details

`startValues` can be either "US" (User-supplied) or "LA" (Linear approximation).

If `startValues = "US"` then a value for `paramStart` must be supplied.

If `startValues = "LA"` a linear approximation is made to the log-density in each of the tails, from which the estimates for ν and β are found. The remaining two parameters, δ and μ are found by solving the moment equations for mean and variance. Since the variance does not exist for values of $\nu \leq 4$, the estimate of ν will be at least 4.1. Note that if the distribution is too skewed, there are not enough points in the lighter tail to fit the required linear model, and the method will stop and return a warning. User supplied values will have to be used in this case.

Value

skewhypFitStart returns a list with components:

| | |
|------------|---|
| paramStart | A vector of the form <code>c(mu, delta, beta, nu)</code> giving the generated starting values of the parameters. |
| breaks | The cell boundaries found by a call to <code>hist</code> . |
| midpoints | The cell midpoints found by a call to <code>hist</code> . |
| empDens | The estimated density at the midpoints found by a call to <code>hist</code> if <code>startValues = "US"</code> or <code>density</code> if <code>startValues = "LA"</code> . |
| svName | Name of the method used to find the starting values. |

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References

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See Also

`hist`, `density`, `dskewhyp`, `skewhypFit`

Examples

```
#find starting values to feed to skewhypFit
data(lrnokeur)
skewhypFitStart(lrnokeur, startValues="LA")$paramStart
#user supplied values
skewhypFitStart(lrnokeur, startValues="US",
paramStart=c(0,0.01,0,5))$paramStart
```

skewhypMeanVarMode *Moments and Mode of the Skew Hyperbolic Student's t -Distribution.*

Description

Functions to calculate the mean, variance, skewness, kurtosis and mode of a specified skew hyperbolic t -distribution.

Usage

```
skewhypMean(mu = 0, delta = 1, beta = 1, nu = 1, param = c(mu, delta,
  beta, nu))
skewhypVar(mu = 0, delta = 1, beta = 1, nu = 1, param = c(mu, delta,
  beta, nu))
skewhypSkew(mu = 0, delta = 1, beta = 1, nu = 1, param = c(mu, delta,
  beta, nu))
skewhypKurt(mu = 0, delta = 1, beta = 1, nu = 1, param = c(mu, delta,
  beta, nu))
skewhypMode(mu = 0, delta = 1, beta = 1, nu = 1, param = c(mu, delta,
  beta, nu), tolerance = .Machine$double.eps ^ 0.5)
```

Arguments

| | |
|------------------------|--|
| <code>mu</code> | Location parameter μ , default is 0. |
| <code>delta</code> | Peakedness parameter σ , default is 1. |
| <code>beta</code> | Skewness parameter β , default is 1. Negative values give a negative skew, positive values give a positive skew. |
| <code>nu</code> | Shape parameter ν , default is 1. |
| <code>param</code> | Specifying the parameters as a vector of the form <code>c(mu, delta, beta, nu)</code> . |
| <code>tolerance</code> | A difference smaller than this value is taken to be zero. |

Details

Users may either specify the values of the parameters individually or as a vector. If both forms are specified, then the values specified by the vector `param` will overwrite the other ones.

The moments are calculated as per formulae in Aas&Haff(2006) and the mode is calculated by numerical optimisation of the density function using [optim](#).

Note that the mean does not exist when $\nu = 2$, the variance does not exist for $\nu \leq 4$, the skewness does not exist for $\nu \leq 6$, and the kurtosis does not exist for $\nu \leq 8$.

Value

`skewhypMean` gives the mean of the skew hyperbolic t-distribution, `skewhypVar` the variance, `skewhypSkew` the skewness, `skewhypKurt` the kurtosis and `skewhypMode` the mode.

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References

Aas, K. and Haff, I. H. (2006). The Generalised Hyperbolic Skew Student's *t*-distribution, *Journal of Financial Econometrics*, **4**, 275–309.

See Also

[dskewhyp](#), [optim](#)

Examples

```
param <- c(10, 1, 5, 9)
skewhypMean(param=param)
skewhypVar(param=param)
skewhypSkew(param=param)
skewhypKurt(param=param)
skewhypMode(param=param)
range <- skewhypCalcRange(param=param)
curve(dskewhyp(x, param=param), range[1], range[2])
abline(v=skewhypMode(param=param), col="red")
abline(v=skewhypMean(param=param), col="blue")
```

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