Confidence Intervals for Percentiles

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Quantiles of the binomial distribution approach

```
set.seed(321)
x <- rexp(120, rate=0.10) # create some data
n <- length(x)

conf2 <- 0.95             # confidence level
low <- (1- conf2)/2
up  <-  1-low

p <- sum(x <= 1/0.10 )/length(x)  # the percentile of this value is of interest

# binomial quantiles approach
sort(x)[qbinom(c(low, up), size=n, prob=p)]
```

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[1]  7.415326 12.551951
```

Bootstrap method (BCa), an approximation to the quantiled of the binomial dist. approach

```
bz <- 10000   # number of bootstraps (ensure (a least) this is > than sample size)

f.quantile <- function(x, ind, ...){
  quantile(x[ind], ...)
}

# the percentiles in the probs vector will be bootstrapped
quant.boot <- boot(x, f.quantile, R = bz, probs = p)

# apply the boo.ci function, note BCa option
boot.ci(quant.boot, c(conf2), type = c("bca") )
```

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BOOTSTRAP CONFIDENCE INTERVAL CALCULATIONS
Based on 10000 bootstrap replicates

CALL :
boot.ci(boot.out = quant.boot, conf = c(conf2), type = c("bca"))

Intervals :
Level       BCa
95%   ( 7.415, 12.552 )
Calculations and Intervals on Original Scale
```

CONCLUSION

REFERENCES

http://stats.stackexchange.com/questions/186957/ is-there-a-reliable-nonparametric-confidence-interval-for-the-mean-of-a-skewed-d

COMPUTING ENVIRONMENT

```
R version 3.2.2 (2015-08-14)
Platform: x86_64-w64-mingw32/x64 (64-bit)
Running under: Windows 8 x64 (build 9200)

locale:
[1] LC_COLLATE=English_United Kingdom.1252
[2] LC_CTYPE=English_United Kingdom.1252
[3] LC_MONETARY=English_United Kingdom.1252
[4] LC_NUMERIC=C
[5] LC_TIME=English_United Kingdom.1252

attached base packages:
[1] stats     graphics  grDevices utils     datasets  methods
[7] base

other attached packages:
[1] boot_1.3-17       DescTools_0.99.18 knitr_1.15

loaded via a namespace (and not attached):
 [1] Rcpp_0.12.8      mvtnorm_1.0-5    digest_0.6.10
 [4] assertthat_0.1   MASS_7.3-45      magrittr_1.5
 [7] evaluate_0.10    stringi_1.1.2    rmarkdown_1.1
[10] tools_3.2.2      stringr_1.1.0    foreign_0.8-65
[13] yaml_2.1.14      manipulate_1.0.1 htmltools_0.3.5
[16] tibble_1.2

[1] "C:/Users\\User\\Documents\\GIT\\confidence-intervals-for-percentilers"
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