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disproportionality      *Apportionment disproportionality*

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**Description**

Function to measure distance from proportionality for allocations of indivisibilities such as parliamentary seats.

**Usage**

```
disproportionality(s, v, measure = "mixture", ignore_zeros = TRUE, k = 2,
                  eta = 2, alpha = 2, thresh = NULL, powind = "shapley shubik")
```

**Arguments**

s	numeric, vector of seats (allocated indivisibilities)
v	numeric, vector of votes (claims)
measure	character, name of the disproportionality measure; see Details.
ignore_zeros	logical: should parties with zero seats and votes be ignored?
k	numeric, k value for the Generalized Gallagher index (k-index)
eta	numeric, eta value for the Atkinson index
alpha	numeric, alpha value for the Generalized Entropy
thresh	numeric, threshold for parliamentary majority for the Fragnelli and the Gambarelli & Biella indexes
powind	character, power index for the Fragnelli and the Gambarelli & Biella indexes, defaults to the Shapley-Shubik index, "shapley shubik". no other power indexes implemented yet.

**Details**

Argument measure takes the following values

"dhondt" for the D'Hondt index

$$\delta = \max_i \frac{s_i}{v_i}$$

"monroe" for the Monroe index

$$I_M = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_i (s_i - v_i)^2}{1 + \sum_i v_i^2}}$$

"maxdev" for the Maximum Absolute Deviation

$$I_{MAD} = \max_i \{|s_i - v_i|\}$$

"rae" for the Rae index

$$I_{Rae} = \frac{1}{p} \sum_i |s_i - v_i|$$

"loosemore hanby" for the Loosemore & Hanby index

$$I_{LH} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i |s_i - v_i|$$

"grofman" for the Grofman index

$$I_{Grof} = \frac{1}{e} \sum_i |s_i - v_i|; e = \frac{1}{\sum_i v_i^2}$$

"lijphart" for the Lijphart index

$$I_L = \frac{|s_a - v_a| + |s_b - v_b|}{2}; v_a > v_b > \dots$$

"gallagher" for the Gallagher index

$$I_{Gal} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \sum_i (s_i - v_i)^2}$$

"kindex" for the Generalized Gallagher index aka k-index

$$I_K = \sqrt[k]{\frac{1}{k} \sum_i (s_i - v_i)^k}$$

"gatev" for the Gatev index

$$I_{Gat} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_i (s_i - v_i)^2}{\sum_i (s_i^2 + v_i^2)}}$$

"ryabtsev" for the Ryabtsev index

$$I_{Ryb} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_i (s_i - v_i)^2}{\sum_i (s_i + v_i)^2}}$$

"szalai" for the Szalai index

$$I_{Sz} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{p} \sum_i \left( \frac{s_i - v_i}{s_i + v_i} \right)^2}$$

"weighted szalai" for the Weighted Szalai index

$$I_{WSz} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \sum_i \frac{(s_i - v_i)^2}{s_i + v_i}}$$

"aleskerov" for the Aleskerov & Platonov index

$$I_{AP} = \frac{\sum_i k_i \frac{s_i}{v_i}}{\sum_i k_i}; \quad k_i = \mathbf{1} \left( \frac{s_i}{v_i} > 1 \right)$$

"gini" for the Gini coefficient of inequality

"atkinson" for the Atkinson index

$$I_A = 1 - \left[ \sum_i v_i \left( \frac{s_i}{v_i} \right)^{(1-\eta)} \right]^{\frac{1}{1-\eta}}$$

"gen entropy" for the Generalized Entropy index

$$I_{GE} = \frac{1}{\alpha^2 - \alpha} \left[ \sum_i v_i \left( \frac{s_i}{v_i} \right)^\alpha - 1 \right]$$

"sainte lague" for the Sainte-Laguë index

$$I_{SL} = \sum_i \frac{(s_i - v_i)^2}{v_i}$$

"cox shugart" for the Cox & Shugart index

$$I_{CS} = \frac{\sum_i (s_i - \bar{s})(v_i - \bar{v})}{\sum_i (v_i - \bar{v})^2}$$

"farina" for the Farina index

$$I_{Far} = \arccos \left[ \frac{\sum_i s_i v_i}{\sqrt{\sum_i s_i^2 \sum_i v_i^2}} \right] \frac{10}{9}$$

"ortona" for the Ortona index

$$I_O = \frac{\sum_i |s_i - v_i|}{\sum_i |u_i - v_i|}; u_i = \mathbf{1}(s_i = \max_i s_i)$$

"fragnelli" for the Fragnelli index

$$I_{Frag} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i |\varphi_i(s) - \varphi_i(v)|; \varphi \text{ is Shapley - Shubik index}$$

"gambarelli biella" for the Gambarelli & Biella index

$$I_{GB} = \max_i \{|s_i - v_i|, |\varphi_i(s) - \varphi_i(v)|\}$$

"cosine" for the Cosine Dissimilarity index

$$I_{CD} = 1 - \frac{\sum_i s_i v_i}{\sqrt{\sum_i s_i^2} \sqrt{\sum_i v_i^2}}$$

"mixture" for the Mixture D'Hondt index

$$\pi_{DH}^* = 1 - \frac{1}{\max_i s_i / v_i}$$

Argument powind currently only takes a single value "shapley shubik" for the Shapley-Shubik index.

## Value

A named list of two items:

measure	character, the measure used
distance	numeric, distance from proportionality

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## Examples

```
seatdist::disproportionality(v=c(60,28,12)*1e3,
                             s=c(6,3,1),
                             measure="gallagher")

# $measure
# [1] "Gallagher"

# $distance
# [1] 0.02
```

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giveseats

*Allocate indivisibilities*

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## Description

Function for proportional allocation of indivisibilities such as parliamentary seats

## Usage

```
giveseats(v, ns, method, thresh = 0, quota = NA)
```

## Arguments

v	numeric, vector of votes (claims)
ns	numeric, number of seats (indivisibilities) to allocate
method	character, name of the allocation algorithm to use (see Details)
thresh	numeric, threshold of exclusion; if in [0,1], treated as a fraction; if in (1, 100), treated as a percent; if larger than 100, treated as a vote count
quota	character, quota for method="largest remainders"; see Details

## Details

Argument method takes the following values

Divisor methods: "dh" for the D'Hondt method, for which the xth divisor value is x

"je" for the Jefferson method which is equivalent to the D'Hondt method

"hb" for the Hagenbach-Bischoff method which is equivalent to the D'Hondt method

"ad" for the Adams method, for which the xth divisor equals x-1

"sd" for the Smallest Divisors method, an alias of the Adams method

"no" for the Nohlen method, for which the xth divisor is x+1

"im" for the Imperiali method, for which the xth divisor is (x+1)/2

"sl" for the Sainte-Lague method, for which the xth divisor is 2x-1

"we" for the Webster method which is equivalent to the Sainte-Lague method

"hu" for the Hungarian Sainte-Lague method, which is identical to the Sainte-Lague method with the exception of the 1st divisor which equals to 1.5

"msl" for the Modified Sainte-Lague method for which the 1st divisor is 1 and all the subsequent divisors are (2x-1)/5/7

"da" for the Danish method, for which the xth divisor is 3x-2

"hh" for the Huntington-Hill method for which the xth divisor is

$$\sqrt{x(x-1)}$$

"ep" for the Equal Proportions method, an alias of the Huntington-Hill method

Largest remainders method can be called with method="lr" but requires to set the quota argument to one of

"ha" for the Hare quota  $e/l$  where e is the size of the number of votes and l the number of seats

"dr" for the Droop quota

$$\left\lfloor 1 + \frac{e}{l+1} \right\rfloor$$

"hb" for the Hagenbach-Bischoff quota  $e/(l+1)$

"im" for the Imperiali quota  $e/(l+2)$

"rei" for the Reinforced Imperiali quota  $e/(l+3)$

Under the largest remainder method it is possible that more than the available number of seats will be assigned in the first round (under the Imperiali and Reinforced Imperiali quotas) in which case the function terminates with an error message.

## Value

A named list of two items:

method	character, name of the apportionment method used
seats	numeric vector with seats

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**Examples**

```
seatdist::giveseats(v=c(A=60, B=28, C=12)*1e3, ns=1e1,  
                    method="lr", quota="hb", thresh=5e-2)  
  
# thresh treated as a fraction  
# $method  
# "Largest Remainders with Hagenbach-Bischoff quota"  
  
# $seats  
# A B C  
# 6 3 1
```



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