

# R documentation

of 'ldnbinom.Rd'

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ldnbinom

*Locally D-optimal designs for Negative Binomial model*

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## Description

Finds Locally D-optimal designs for Negative binomial regression model which is defined as  $E(y) = \lambda(x)$  with  $Var(y) = \sigma^2 \lambda(x)(1 + (\lambda(x)/\theta))$ , where  $y \sim NB(\theta, \lambda(x))$ ,  $\lambda(x) = a \exp(-bx)$  and  $a, b$  and  $\sigma$  are unknown parameters.

## Usage

```
ldnbinom(a, b, theta, lb, ub, user.points = NULL, user.weights = NULL,  
..., n.restarts = 1, n.sim = 1, tol = 1e-8, prec = 53)
```

## Arguments

<code>a</code>	initial value for parameter $a$ .
<code>b</code>	initial value for parameter $b$ .
<code>theta</code>	initial value for parameter $\theta$ which is the number of successes in a sequence of Bernoulli trials, must be a Natural number.
<code>lb</code>	lower bound of design interval.
<code>ub</code>	upper bound of design interval.
<code>user.points</code>	(optional) vector of user design points which calculation of its D-efficiency is aimed. Each element of <code>user.points</code> must be within the design interval.
<code>user.weights</code>	(optional) vector of weights which its elements correspond to <code>user.points</code> elements. The sum of weights should be 1; otherwise they will be normalized.
<code>...</code>	(optional) additional parameters will be passed to function <a href="#">curve</a> .
<code>prec</code>	(optional) a number, the maximal precision to be used for D-efficiency calculation, in bite. Must be at least 2 (default 53), see 'Details'.
<code>n.restarts</code>	(optional optimization parameter) number of solver restarts required in optimization process (default 1), see 'Details'.
<code>n.sim</code>	(optional optimization parameter) number of random parameters to generate for every restart of solver in optimization process (default 1), see 'Details'.
<code>tol</code>	(optional optimization parameter) relative tolerance on feasibility and optimality in optimization process (default $1e - 8$ ).

## Details

While D-efficiency is NaN, an increase in the value of `prec` can be beneficial to achieve a numeric value, however, can slow down the calculation speed.

Values of `n.restarts` and `n.sim` should be chosen according to the length of design interval.

## Value

plot of derivative function, see 'Note'.

a list containing the following values:

<code>points</code>	obtained design points
<code>weights</code>	corresponding weights to the obtained design points
<code>det.value</code>	value of Fisher information matrix determinant at the obtained design
<code>user.eff</code>	D-efficiency of user design, if <code>user.design</code> and <code>user.weights</code> are not NULL.

## Note

To verify optimality of obtained design, derivative function (symmetry of Frechet derivative with respect to the x-axis) will be plotted on the design interval. Based on the equivalence theorem (Kiefer, 1974), a design is optimal if and only if its derivative function are equal or less than 0 on the design interval. The equality must be achieved just at the obtained points.

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## See Also

[cfisher](#), [cfderiv](#) and [eff](#).

## Examples

```
ldnbinom(a = 2, b = 3, theta = 10, lb = -3, ub = 3)
## $points: -3.0000000 -0.8115872

## D-efficiency computation:
ldnbinom(a = 2, b = 3, theta = 10, lb = -3, ub = 3, user.points = c(2, -3),
user.weights = rep(.5, 2)) ## $user.eff: 0.06099
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