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## Description

This package provides tools for multivariate t distributions (MTD):

- Calculation of distances/divergences between MTD:
  - Renyi divergence, Bhattacharyya distance, Hellinger distance: diststudent
  - Kullback-Leibler divergence: kldstudent
- Tools for MTD:
  - Probability density: dmtd
  - Simulation from a MTD: rmtd
  - Plot of the density of a MTD with 2 variables: plotmtd, contourmtd

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#### References

- S. Kotz and Saralees Nadarajah (2004), Multivariate t Distributions and Their Applications, Cambridge University Press.
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#### See Also

Useful links:

- https://forgemia.inra.fr/imhorphen/mstudentd
- Report bugs at https://forgemia.inra.fr/imhorphen/mstudentd/-/issues

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contourmtd	Contour Plot of the Bivariate t Density	

#### **Description**

Draws the contour plot of the probability density of the multivariate t distribution with 2 variables with location parameter mu and scatter matrix Sigma.

## Usage

## Arguments

numeric. The degrees of freedom.
length 2 numeric vector.
symmetric, positive-definite square matrix of order 2. The scatter matrix.
x-and y- limits.
z- limits. If NULL, it is the range of the values of the density on the $x$ and $y$ values within x1im and y1im.
number of points for the discretisation.
number of points for the discretisation among the x- and y- axes.
main and sub title, as for title.
arguments to be passed to the contour function.
tolerance (relative to largest variance) for numerical lack of positive-definiteness in Sigma, for the estimation of the density. see dmtd.
additional arguments to plot.window, title, Axis and box, typically graphical parameters such as cex.axis.

#### Value

Returns invisibly the probability density function.

#### Author(s)

Pierre Santagostini, Nizar Bouhlel

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#### References

S. Kotz and Saralees Nadarajah (2004), Multivariate t Distributions and Their Applications, Cambridge University Press.

#### See Also

```
dmtd: probability density of a multivariate t density plotmtd: 3D plot of a bivariate t density.
```

### **Examples**

diststudent

Distance/Divergence between Centered Multivariate t Distributions

## Description

Computes the distance or divergence (Renyi divergence, Bhattacharyya distance or Hellinger distance) between two random vectors distributed according to multivariate \$t\$ distributions (MTD) with zero mean vector.

#### Usage

#### **Arguments**

nu1	numéric. The degrees of freedom of the first distribution.
Sigma1	symmetric, positive-definite matrix. The correlation matrix of the first distribution.
nu2	numéric. The degrees of freedom of the second distribution.
Sigma2	symmetric, positive-definite matrix. The correlation matrix of the second distribution.
dist	character. The distance or divergence used. One of "renyi" (default), "battacharyya" or "hellinger".
bet	numeric, positive and not equal to 1. Order of the Renyi divergence. Ignored if distance="bhattacharyya" or distance="hellinger".
eps	numeric. Precision for the computation of the partial derivative of the Lauricella <i>D</i> -hypergeometric function (see Details). Default: 1e-06.

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#### **Details**

Given  $X_1$ , a random vector of  $R^p$  distributed according to the MTD with parameters  $(\nu_1, \mathbf{0}, \Sigma_1)$  and  $X_2$ , a random vector of  $R^p$  distributed according to the MTD with parameters  $(\nu_2, \mathbf{0}, \Sigma_2)$ .

Let  $\delta_1 = \frac{\nu_1 + p}{2}\beta$ ,  $\delta_2 = \frac{\nu_2 + p}{2}(1 - \beta)$  and  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_p$  the eigenvalues of the square matrix  $\Sigma_1 \Sigma_2^{-1}$  sorted in increasing order:

$$\lambda_1 < \dots < \lambda_{p-1} < \lambda_p$$

The Renyi divergence between  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  is:

$$D_{R}^{\beta}(\mathbf{X}_{1}||\mathbf{X}_{1}) = \frac{1}{\beta - 1} \left[ \beta \ln \left( \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{\nu_{1} + p}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{\nu_{2}}{2}\right) \nu_{2}^{\frac{p}{2}}}{\Gamma\left(\frac{\nu_{2} + p}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{\nu_{1}}{2}\right) \nu_{1}^{\frac{p}{2}}} \right) + \ln \left( \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{\nu_{2} + p}{2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{\nu_{2}}{2}\right)} \right) + \ln \left( \frac{\Gamma\left(\delta_{1} + \delta_{2} - \frac{p}{2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\delta_{1} + \delta_{2}\right)} \right) - \frac{\beta}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{p} \ln \lambda_{i} + \ln F_{D} \right]$$

with  $F_D$  given by:

• If 
$$\frac{\nu_1}{\nu_2}\lambda_1 > 1$$
:  $F_D = F_D^{(p)}\left(\delta_1, \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}, \dots, \frac{1}{2}}_{p_1}; \delta_1 + \delta_2; 1 - \frac{\nu_2}{\nu_1 \lambda_1}, \dots, 1 - \frac{\nu_2}{\nu_1 \lambda_p}\right)$ 

• If 
$$\frac{\nu_1}{\nu_2}\lambda_p < 1$$
:  $F_D = \prod_{i=1}^p \left(\frac{\nu_1}{\nu_2}\lambda_i\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} F_D^{(p)}\left(\delta_2, \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}, \dots, \frac{1}{2}}_{p}; \delta_1 + \delta_2; 1 - \frac{\nu_1}{\nu_2}\lambda_1, \dots, 1 - \frac{\nu_1}{\nu_2}\lambda_p\right)$ 

• If 
$$\frac{\nu_1}{\nu_2}\lambda_1 < 1$$
 and  $\frac{\nu_1}{\nu_2}\lambda_p > 1$ :

$$F_D = \left(\frac{\nu_2}{\nu_1} \frac{1}{\lambda_p}\right)^{\delta_2} \prod_{i=1}^p \left(\frac{\nu_1}{\nu_2} \lambda_i\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} F_D^{(p)} \left(\delta_2, \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}, \dots, \frac{1}{2}}_{p}, \delta_1 + \delta_2 - \frac{p}{2}; \delta_1 + \delta_2; 1 - \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_p}, \dots, 1 - \frac{\lambda_{p-1}}{\lambda_p}, 1 - \frac{\nu_2}{\nu_1} \frac{1}{\lambda_p}\right)$$

where  $F_D^{(p)}$  is the Lauricella D-hypergeometric function defined for p variables:

$$F_D^{(p)}(a;b_1,...,b_p;g;x_1,...,x_p) = \sum_{m_1>0} ... \sum_{m_p>0} \frac{(a)_{m_1+...+m_p}(b_1)_{m_1}...(b_p)_{m_p}}{(g)_{m_1+...+m_p}} \frac{x_1^{m_1}}{m_1!}...\frac{x_p^{m_p}}{m_p!}$$

Its computation uses the lauricella function.

The Bhattacharyya distance is given by:

$$D_B(\mathbf{X}_1||\mathbf{X}_2) = \frac{1}{2}D_R^{1/2}(\mathbf{X}_1||\mathbf{X}_2)$$

And the Hellinger distance is given by:

$$D_H(\mathbf{X}_1||\mathbf{X}_2) = 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}D_R^{1/2}(\mathbf{X}_1||\mathbf{X}_2)\right)$$

#### Value

A numeric value: the Renyi divergence between the two distributions, with two attributes attr(, "epsilon") (precision of the result of the Lauricella *D*-hypergeometric function,see Details) and attr(, "k") (number of iterations).

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#### Author(s)

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#### References

N. Bouhlel and D. Rousseau (2023), Exact Rényi and Kullback-Leibler Divergences Between Multivariate t-Distributions, IEEE Signal Processing Letters. doi:10.1109/LSP.2023.3324594

#### **Examples**

```
nu1 <- 2
Sigma1 <- matrix(c(2, 1.2, 0.4, 1.2, 2, 0.6, 0.4, 0.6, 2), nrow = 3)
nu2 <- 4
Sigma2 <- matrix(c(1, 0.3, 0.1, 0.3, 1, 0.4, 0.1, 0.4, 1), nrow = 3)
# Renyi divergence
diststudent(nu1, Sigma1, nu2, Sigma2, bet = 0.25)
diststudent(nu2, Sigma2, nu1, Sigma1, bet = 0.25)
# Bhattacharyya distance
diststudent(nu1, Sigma1, nu2, Sigma2, dist = "bhattacharyya")
diststudent(nu2, Sigma2, nu1, Sigma1, dist = "bhattacharyya")
# Hellinger distance
diststudent(nu1, Sigma1, nu2, Sigma2, dist = "hellinger")
diststudent(nu2, Sigma2, nu1, Sigma1, dist = "hellinger")</pre>
```

dmtd

Density of a Multivariate t Distribution

#### **Description**

Density of the multivariate (p variables) t distribution (MTD) with degrees of freedom nu, mean vector mu and correlation matrix Sigma.

#### Usage

```
dmtd(x, nu, mu, Sigma, tol = 1e-6)
```

#### **Arguments**

Х	length $p$ numeric vector.
nu	numeric. The degrees of freedom.
mu	length $p$ numeric vector. The mean vector.
Sigma	symmetric, positive-definite square matrix of order $p$ . The correlation matrix.
tol	tolerance (relative to largest variance) for numerical lack of positive-definiteness
	in Sigma.

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#### **Details**

The density function of a multivariate t distribution with p variables is given by:

$$f(\mathbf{x}|\nu, \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{\nu+p}{2}\right)|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{-1/2}}{\Gamma\left(\frac{\nu}{2}\right)(\nu\pi)^{p/2}} \left(1 + \frac{1}{\nu}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})\right)^{-\frac{\nu+p}{2}}$$

When p = 1 (univariate case) it becomes:

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

#### Value

The value of the density.

#### Author(s)

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#### References

S. Kotz and Saralees Nadarajah (2004), Multivariate t Distributions and Their Applications, Cambridge University Press.

#### **Examples**

```
nu <- 1
mu <- c(0, 1, 4)
Sigma <- matrix(c(0.8, 0.3, 0.2, 0.3, 0.2, 0.1, 0.2, 0.1, 0.2), nrow = 3)
dmtd(c(0, 1, 4), nu, mu, Sigma)
dmtd(c(1, 2, 3), nu, mu, Sigma)

# Univariate
dmtd(1, 3, 0, 1)
dt(1, 3)</pre>
```

kldstudent

Kullback-Leibler Divergence between Centered Multivariate t Distributions

## Description

Computes the Kullback-Leibler divergence between two random vectors distributed according to multivariate t distributions (MTD) with zero location vector.

#### Usage

```
kldstudent(nu1, Sigma1, nu2, Sigma2, eps = 1e-06)
```

#### **Arguments**

nu1 numeric. The degrees of freedom of the first distribution.

Sigma1 symmetric, positive-definite matrix. The scatter matrix of the first distribution.

nu2 numeric. The degrees of freedom of the second distribution.

Sigma2 symmetric, positive-definite matrix. The scatter matrix of the second distribu-

tion.

eps numeric. Precision for the computation of the partial derivative of the Lauricella

D-hypergeometric function (see Details). Default: 1e-06.

#### **Details**

Given  $X_1$ , a random vector of  $\mathbb{R}^p$  distributed according to the centered MTD with parameters  $(\nu_1, 0, \Sigma_1)$  and  $X_2$ , a random vector of  $\mathbb{R}^p$  distributed according to the MCD with parameters  $(\nu_2, 0, \Sigma_2)$ .

Let  $\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_p$  the eigenvalues of the square matrix  $\Sigma_1 \Sigma_2^{-1}$  sorted in increasing order:

$$\lambda_1 < \dots < \lambda_{p-1} < \lambda_p$$

The Kullback-Leibler divergence of  $X_1$  from  $X_2$  is given by:

$$D_{KL}(\mathbf{X}_1 || \mathbf{X}_2) = \ln \left( \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{\nu_1 + p}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{\nu_2}{2}\right) \nu_2^{\frac{p}{2}}}{\Gamma\left(\frac{\nu_2 + p}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{\nu_1}{2}\right) \nu_1^{\frac{p}{2}}} \right) + \frac{\nu_2 - \nu_1}{2} \left[ \psi\left(\frac{\nu_1 + p}{2}\right) - \psi\left(\frac{\nu_1}{2}\right) \right] - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^p \ln \lambda_i - \frac{\nu_2 + p}{2} \times D$$

where  $\psi$  is the digamma function (see Special) and D is given by:

• If 
$$\frac{\nu_1}{\nu_2}\lambda_1 > 1$$
:

$$D = \prod_{i=1}^{p} \left(\frac{\nu_2}{\nu_1} \frac{1}{\lambda_i}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial a} \left\{ F_D^{(p)} \left(\frac{\nu_1 + p}{2}, \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}, \dots, \frac{1}{2}}_{p}; a + \underbrace{\frac{\nu_1 + p}{2}}_{p}; 1 - \underbrace{\frac{\nu_2}{\nu_1} \frac{1}{\lambda_1}}_{1}, \dots, 1 - \underbrace{\frac{\nu_2}{\nu_1} \frac{1}{\lambda_p}}_{1}\right) \right\} \Big|_{a=0}$$

• If 
$$\frac{\nu_1}{\nu_2}\lambda_p < 1$$
:

$$D = \frac{\partial}{\partial a} \left\{ F_D^{(p)} \left( a, \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}, \dots, \frac{1}{2}}_{p}; a + \frac{\nu_1 + p}{2}; 1 - \frac{\nu_1}{\nu_2} \lambda_1, \dots, 1 - \frac{\nu_1}{\nu_2} \lambda_p \right) \right\} \bigg|_{a=0}$$

• If 
$$\frac{\nu_1}{\nu_2}\lambda_1 < 1$$
 and  $\frac{\nu_1}{\nu_2}\lambda_p > 1$ :

$$D = -\ln\left(\frac{\nu_1}{\nu_2}\lambda_p\right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial a} \left\{ F_D^{(p)}\left(a, \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}, \dots, \frac{1}{2}, a + \frac{\nu_1}{2}}_{p}; a + \frac{\nu_1 + p}{2}; 1 - \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_p}, \dots, 1 - \frac{\lambda_{p-1}}{\lambda_p}, 1 - \frac{\nu_2}{\nu_1} \frac{1}{\lambda_p}\right) \right\} \Big|_{a=0}$$

 ${\cal F}_D^{(p)}$  is the Lauricella D-hypergeometric function defined for p variables:

$$F_D^{(p)}\left(a;b_1,...,b_p;g;x_1,...,x_p\right) = \sum_{m_1 \geq 0} ... \sum_{m_p \geq 0} \frac{(a)_{m_1 + ... + m_p}(b_1)_{m_1}...(b_p)_{m_p}}{(g)_{m_1 + ... + m_p}} \frac{x_1^{m_1}}{m_1!} ... \frac{x_p^{m_p}}{m_p!}$$

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#### Value

A numeric value: the Kullback-Leibler divergence between the two distributions, with two attributes attr(, "epsilon") (precision of the partial derivative of the Lauricella D-hypergeometric function, see Details) and attr(, "k") (number of iterations).

#### Author(s)

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#### References

N. Bouhlel and D. Rousseau (2023), Exact Rényi and Kullback-Leibler Divergences Between Multivariate t-Distributions, IEEE Signal Processing Letters. doi:10.1109/LSP.2023.3324594

#### **Examples**

```
nu1 <- 2
Sigma1 <- matrix(c(2, 1.2, 0.4, 1.2, 2, 0.6, 0.4, 0.6, 2), nrow = 3)
nu2 <- 4
Sigma2 <- matrix(c(1, 0.3, 0.1, 0.3, 1, 0.4, 0.1, 0.4, 1), nrow = 3)
kldstudent(nu1, Sigma1, nu2, Sigma2)
kldstudent(nu2, Sigma2, nu1, Sigma1)</pre>
```

lauricella

Lauricella D-Hypergeometric Function

## Description

Computes the Lauricella *D*-hypergeometric Function function.

#### Usage

```
lauricella(a, b, g, x, eps = 1e-06)
```

## Arguments

a	numeric.
b	numeric vector.
g	numeric.
X	numeric vector. x must have the same length as b.
eps	numeric. Precision for the nested sums (default 1e-06).

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#### **Details**

If n is the length of the b and x vectors, the Lauricella D-hypergeometric Function function is given by:

$$F_D^{(n)}\left(a,b_1,...,b_n,g;x_1,...,x_n\right) = \sum_{m_1 \geq 0} ... \sum_{m_n \geq 0} \frac{(a)_{m_1+...+m_n}(b_1)_{m_1}...(b_n)_{m_n}}{(g)_{m_1+...+m_n}} \frac{x_1^{m_1}}{m_1!}...\frac{x_n^{m_n}}{m_n!}$$

where  $(x)_p$  is the Pochhammer symbol (see pochhammer).

If  $|x_i| < 1, i = 1, ..., n$ , this sum converges. Otherwise there is an error.

The eps argument gives the required precision for its computation. It is the attr(, "epsilon") attribute of the returned value.

Sometimes, the convergence is too slow and the required precision cannot be reached. If this happens, the attr(, "epsilon") attribute is the precision that was really reached.

#### Value

A numeric value: the value of the Lauricella function, with two attributes attr(, "epsilon") (precision of the result) and attr(, "k") (number of iterations).

#### Author(s)

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#### References

N. Bouhlel and D. Rousseau, Exact Rényi and Kullback-Leibler Divergences Between Multivariate t-Distributions. IEEE Signal Processing Letters Processing Letters, vol. 26 no. 7, July 2019. doi:10.1109/LSP.2019.2915000

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Logarithm of the Pochhammer Symbol

#### **Description**

Computes the logarithm of the Pochhammer symbol.

#### Usage

lnpochhammer(x, n)

#### **Arguments**

x numeric.

n positive integer.

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#### **Details**

The Pochhammer symbol is given by:

$$(x)_n = \frac{\Gamma(x+n)}{\Gamma(x)} = x(x+1)...(x+n-1)$$

So, if n > 0:

$$log((x)_n) = log(x) + log(x+1) + ... + log(x+n-1)$$

If 
$$n = 0$$
,  $log((x)_n) = log(1) = 0$ 

#### Value

Numeric value. The logarithm of the Pochhammer symbol.

#### Author(s)

Pierre Santagostini, Nizar Bouhlel

#### See Also

pochhammer()

#### **Examples**

lnpochhammer(2, 0)
lnpochhammer(2, 1)
lnpochhammer(2, 3)

plotmtd

Plot of the Bivariate t Density

#### **Description**

Plots the probability density of the multivariate t distribution with 2 variables with location parameter mu and scatter matrix Sigma.

## Usage

```
plotmtd(nu, mu, Sigma, xlim = c(mu[1] + c(-10, 10)*Sigma[1, 1]),

ylim = c(mu[2] + c(-10, 10)*Sigma[2, 2]), n = 101,

xvals = NULL, yvals = NULL, xlab = "x", ylab = "y",

zlab = "f(x,y)", col = "gray", tol = 1e-6, ...)
```

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#### **Arguments**

nu	numeric. The degrees of freedom.
mu	length 2 numeric vector. The mean vector.
Sigma	symmetric, positive-definite square matrix of order 2. The correlation matrix.
xlim, ylim	x-and y- limits.
n	A one or two element vector giving the number of steps in the $x$ and $y$ grid, passed to plot3d.function.
xvals, yvals	The values at which to evaluate x and y. If used, xlim and/or ylim are ignored.
xlab, ylab, zlab	The axis labels.
col	The color to use for the plot. See plot3d.function.
tol	tolerance (relative to largest variance) for numerical lack of positive-definiteness in Sigma, for the estimation of the density. see dmtd.
	Additional arguments to pass to plot3d. function.

#### Value

Returns invisibly the probability density function.

#### Author(s)

Pierre Santagostini, Nizar Bouhlel

## References

S. Kotz and Saralees Nadarajah (2004), Multivariate t Distributions and Their Applications, Cambridge University Press.

#### See Also

```
dmtd: probability density of a multivariate t density contourmtd: contour plot of a bivariate t density. plot3d. function: plot a function of two variables.
```

## **Examples**

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Pochhammer Symbol

## Description

Computes the Pochhammer symbol.

## Usage

```
pochhammer(x, n)
```

## Arguments

x numeric.

n positive integer.

#### **Details**

The Pochhammer symbol is given by:

$$(x)_n = \frac{\Gamma(x+n)}{\Gamma(x)} = x(x+1)...(x+n-1)$$

## Value

Numeric value. The value of the Pochhammer symbol.

## Author(s)

Pierre Santagostini, Nizar Bouhlel

## Examples

pochhammer(2, 0)

pochhammer(2, 1)

pochhammer(2, 3)

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rmtd

Simulate from a Multivariate t Distribution

#### **Description**

Produces one or more samples from the multivariate (p variables) t distribution (MTD) with degrees of freedom nu, mean vector mu and correlation matrix Sigma.

#### **Usage**

```
rmtd(n, nu, mu, Sigma, tol = 1e-6)
```

#### **Arguments**

n integer. Number of observations. numeric. The degrees of freedom. nu length p numeric vector. The mean vector mu symmetric, positive-definite square matrix of order p. The correlation matrix. Sigma tol

tolerance for numerical lack of positive-definiteness in Sigma (for myrnorm, see

Details).

#### **Details**

A sample from a MTD with parameters  $\nu$ ,  $\mu$  and  $\Sigma$  can be generated using:

$$X = \mu + \frac{Y}{\sqrt{\frac{u}{\nu}}}$$

where Y is a random vector distributed among a centered Gaussian density with covariance matrix  $\Sigma$  (generated using myrnorm) and u is distributed among a Chi-squared distribution with  $\nu$  degrees of freedom.

#### Value

A matrix with p columns and n rows.

#### Author(s)

Pierre Santagostini, Nizar Bouhlel

#### References

S. Kotz and Saralees Nadarajah (2004), Multivariate t Distributions and Their Applications, Cambridge University Press.

#### See Also

dmtd: probability density of a MTD.

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## Examples

```
nu <- 3
mu <- c(0, 1, 4)
Sigma <- matrix(c(1, 0.6, 0.2, 0.6, 1, 0.3, 0.2, 0.3, 1), nrow = 3)
x <- rmtd(10000, nu, mu, Sigma)
head(x)
dim(x)
mu; colMeans(x)
nu/(nu-2)*Sigma; var(x)</pre>
```

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