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Examples

```
OwenT(2, 0.5)
OwenT(2, 0.5, fun = "mOwenT") # modified arctangent series (default)
OwenT(2, 0.5, fun = "tOwenT") # tetrachoric series
OwenT(2, 0.5, fun = "vOwenT") # Vasicek's series

rho <- 0.6
a <- rho/sqrt(1 - rho^2)
OwenT(0.3, a)
OwenT(0.3, a, fun = "tOwenT")
OwenT(c(-1, 0.5, 4), a, fun = "vOwenT")

OwenT(2, c(-1, -0.5, 0, 0.5, 1), fun = "vOwenT")

Phi2xy(2, 1.3, 0.5)
Phi2xy(-2, 0.5, -0.3, fun = "tOwenT")
Phi2xy(c(1, 2, -1.5), c(-1, 1, 2.3), 0.5, fun = "vOwenT")
Phi2xy(1, 2, c(-1, -0.5, 0, 0.5, 1))
Phi2xy(c(1, 2), c(-1, 3), c(-0.5, 0.8))
```

OwenT

Owen's T Function

Description

Computes Owen's T function using the modified Euler's arctangent series, tetrachoric series or Vasicek's series. Includes user-configurable controls for maximum iterations and silent modes to safeguard extreme numerical edge cases.

Usage

```
OwenT(h, a, opt = TRUE, fun = c("mOwenT", "tOwenT", "vOwenT"))
```

Arguments

h	Numeric scalar or vector.
a	Numeric scalar or vector.
opt	If TRUE, an optimized calculation is performed.
fun	The name of the internal function being used.

Details

If h and a are both vectors, they must be of the same length. If one of h and a is a vector and the other is a scalar, the latter is replicated to the length of the former. The calculation is performed component-wise.

The parameter fun specifies which series is used:

“mOwenT”: modified Euler's arctangent series (default).

“**tOwenT**”: tetrachoric series.

“**vOwenT**”: Vasicek’s series.

The `opt` parameter enables verification of results in the published article; otherwise, it is no longer necessary and may be removed at a later date.

If `fun = "mOwenT"` and `opt = TRUE`, the external arctangent function is used, otherwise all necessary values are calculated on the fly, but usually more iterations are needed.

If `fun = "tOwenT"` or `fun = "vOwenT"`, and `opt = TRUE`, then the parameters transformation is performed when it makes sense, which significantly reduces the number of iterations.

The maximum number of allowed iterations can be controlled globally via `options(Phi2rho.maxIter = value)`, which defaults to 5000. If a component fails to converge within this limit, its iteration counter in the ‘`nIter`’ attribute is set to -1 and a warning is issued. Warnings can be suppressed globally by setting `options(Phi2rho.silent = TRUE)`.

Value

The value of computed function is returned, scalar or vector. The attribute ‘`nIter`’ of returned value means the number of iterations. If a component does not converge within the maximum iteration limit, its ‘`nIter`’ value is set to -1.

Note

Function is ready to work with the **Rmpfr** package, which enables using arbitrary precision numbers instead of double precision ones. Assuming **Rmpfr** is loaded, it is sufficient to be called with parameters ‘`h`’ and ‘`a`’, which have class ‘`mpfr`’ and the same precision.

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See Also

[Phi2xy](#)

Examples

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rho <- 0.6
a <- rho/sqrt(1 - rho^2)
OwenT(0.3, a)
OwenT(0.3, a, fun = "tOwenT")
OwenT(c(-1, 0.5, 4), a, fun = "vOwenT")

OwenT(2, c(-1, -0.5, 0, 0.5, 1), fun = "vOwenT")
```

Phi2xy

Bivariate Normal Integral

Description

Computes the bivariate normal integral $\Phi_2(x, y, \rho)$.

Usage

```
Phi2xy(x, y, rho, opt = TRUE, fun = c("mOwenT", "tOwenT", "vOwenT"))
```

Arguments

x	Numeric scalar or vector.
y	Numeric scalar or vector.
rho	Numeric scalar or vector.
opt	If TRUE, an optimized calculation is performed.
fun	The name of the internal function being used.

Details

The parameter ‘rho’ (or at least one of its components) must be from the interval $[-1, 1]$.

Vector parameters must be of the same length, and any scalar parameters are replicated to the same length. The calculation is performed component-wise.

The parameter fun specifies which series is used:

“**mOwenT**”: modified Euler’s arctangent series (default).

“**tOwenT**”: tetrachoric series.

“**vOwenT**”: Vasicek’s series.

The `opt` parameter enables checking the results in the submitted article and may be dropped later.

If `fun = "mOwenT"` and `opt = TRUE`, the external arctangent function is used, otherwise all necessary values are calculated on the fly, but usually more iterations are needed.

If `fun = "tOwenT"` or `fun = "vOwenT"`, and `opt = TRUE`, then the parameters transformation is performed when it makes sense, which significantly reduces the number of iterations.

The maximum number of allowed iterations can be controlled globally via `options(Phi2rho.maxIter = value)`, which defaults to 5000. If a component fails to converge within this limit, its iteration counter in the `'nIter'` attribute is set to -1 and a warning is issued. Warnings can be suppressed globally by setting `options(Phi2rho.silent = TRUE)`.

Value

The value of computed function is returned, scalar or vector. The attribute `'nIter'` of returned value means the number of iterations. If a component does not converge within the maximum iteration limit, its `'nIter'` value is set to -1.

Note

Function is ready to work with the **Rmpfr** package, which enables using arbitrary precision numbers instead of double precision ones. Assuming **Rmpfr** is loaded, it is sufficient to be called with parameters `'x'`, `'y'` and `'rho'`, which have class `'mpfr'` and the same precision.

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See Also

[OwenT](#)

Examples

```
Phi2xy(2, 1.3, 0.5)
Phi2xy(-2, 0.5, -0.3, fun = "tOwenT")
Phi2xy(c(1, 2, -1.5), c(-1, 1, 2.3), 0.5, fun = "vOwenT")
Phi2xy(1, 2, c(-1, -0.5, 0, 0.5, 1))
Phi2xy(c(1, 2), c(-1,3), c(-0.5, 0.8))
```

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