

Package ‘bridgedist’

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Title An Implementation of the Bridge Distribution with Logit-Link as
in Wang and Louis (2003)

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Description An implementation of the bridge distribution with logit-link in
R. In Wang and Louis (2003) <[DOI:10.1093/biomet/90.4.765](https://doi.org/10.1093/biomet/90.4.765)>, such a univariate
bridge distribution was derived as the distribution of the random intercept that
'bridged' a marginal logistic regression and a conditional logistic regression.
The conditional and marginal regression coefficients are a scalar multiple
of each other. Such is not the case if the random intercept distribution was
Gaussian.

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Description

Density, distribution function, quantile function and random generation for the bridge distribution with parameter ϕ . See Wang and Louis (2003).

Usage

```
dbridge(x, phi = 1/2, log = FALSE)
```

```
pbridge(q, phi = 1/2, lower.tail = TRUE, log.p = FALSE)
```

```
qbridge(p, phi = 1/2, lower.tail = TRUE, log.p = FALSE)
```

```
rbridge(n, phi = 1/2)
```

Arguments

<code>x, q</code>	vector of quantiles.
<code>phi</code>	ϕ parameter. The ϕ must be between 0 and 1. A ϕ of $1/\sqrt{1+3/\pi^2}$ gives unit variance.
<code>log, log.p</code>	logical; if TRUE, probabilities p are given as $\log(p)$.
<code>lower.tail</code>	logical; if TRUE (default), probabilities are $P[X \leq x]$, otherwise, $P[X > x]$.
<code>p</code>	vector of probabilities.
<code>n</code>	number of observations. If $\text{length}(n) > 1$, the length is taken to be the number required.

Details

If ϕ is omitted, the default value 1/2 is assumed.

The Bridge distribution parameterized by ϕ has distribution function

$$F(q) = 1 - 1/(\phi * \pi) * (\pi/2 - \text{atan}((\exp(\phi * q) + \cos(\phi * \pi))/\sin(\phi * \pi)))$$

and density

$$f(x) = 1/(2 * \pi) * \sin(\phi * \pi)/(\cosh(\phi * x) + \cos(\phi * \pi)).$$

The mean is μ and the variance is $\pi^2(\phi^{-2} - 1)/3$.

Value

dbridge gives the density, pbridge gives the distribution function, qbridge gives the quantile function, and rbridge generates random deviates.

The length of the result is determined by n for rbridge, and is the maximum of the lengths of the numerical arguments for the other functions.

The numerical arguments other than n are recycled to the length of the result. Only the first elements of the logical arguments are used.

Note

Consult the vignette for some figures comparing the normal, logistic, and bridge distributions.

Source

[dpq]bridge are calculated directly from the definitions.

rbridge uses inversion.

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See Also

[Distributions](#) for other standard distributions.

Examples

```
## Confirm unit variance for phi = 1/sqrt(1+3/pi^2)
var(rbridge(1e5, phi = 1/sqrt(1+3/pi^2))) # approximately 1
```

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