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MVNtestchar-package

Test for Multivariate Normal Distribution Based on a Characterization

#### **Description**

Provides a test of multivariate normality of an unknown sample that does not require estimation of the nuisance parameters, the mean and covariance matrix. Rather, a sequence of transformations removes these nuisance parameters and results in a set of sample matrices that are positive definite. These matrices are uniformly distributed on the space of positive definite matrices in the unit hyper-rectangle if and only if the original data is multivariate normal (Fairweather, 1973, Doctoral dissertation, University of Washington). The package performs a goodness of fit test of this hypothesis. In addition to the test, functions in the package give visualizations of the support region of positive definite matrices for bivariate samples.

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Provides a test of multivariate normality of a sample which does not require estimation of the nuisance parameters, the mean vector and covariance matrix. Rather, a sequence of transformations removes these nuisance parameters, resulting in a set of sample matrices that are positive definite. If, and only if the original data is multivariate normal, these matrices are uniformly distributed on the space of positive definite matrices in the unit hyper-rectangle. The package performs a goodness of fit test of this hypothesis. In addition to the test, functions in the package give visualizations of the support region of positive definite matrices for p equals 2.

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maxv12	Rotatable Plot of Surface of Possible Maximum Values of Off-diagonal Variable

## Description

Rotatable plot of surface of possible maximum values of off-diagonal variable v12 in positive definite  $2 \times 2$  matrix

#### Usage

### **Arguments**

theta	left-right plot rotation parameter in degrees
phi	up-down plot rotation parameter in degrees
inc	increment in degrees of plot rotations
lseq	number of cut points in v1 and in v2
ticktype	simple or detailed ticks on variables
diagnose	Logical. T causes printing of diagnostic content
verbose	Logical. T causes printing of program ID before and after running

## Value

Output is a plot that is rotatable via keyboard input. Upon exit, the latest values of the rotation parameters is listed to facilitate return to the latest plot

## Author(s)

William R. Fairweather

#### See Also

```
support.p2()
```

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slice.v1	Rotatable Plot of Slice Through Support Region in Positive Definite 2 x 2 Matrix

#### **Description**

Rotatable plot of slice through support region in positive definite  $2 \times 2$  matrix at fixed value of diagonal variable v1

## Usage

## **Arguments**

level3	Level of V1 where slice is taken
theta	left-right plot rotation parameter in degrees
phi	up-down plot rotation parameter in degrees
lseq	number of cut points in v1 and in v2
inc	increment in degrees of plot rotations
ticktype	simple or detailed ticks on variables
diagnose	Logical. T causes printing of diagnostic content
verbose	Logical. T causes printing of program ID before and after running

#### Value

Output is a plot that is rotatable via keyboard input. Upon exit, the latest values of the rotation parameters is listed to facilitate return to the latest plot

#### Author(s)

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## See Also

```
support.p2()
```

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slice.v12	Rotatable Plot of Slice Through Support Region in Positive Definite 2 x 2 Matrix
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#### **Description**

Rotatable plot of slice through support region in positive definite 2 x 2 matrix at fixed value of off-diagonal variable v12

## Usage

## **Arguments**

level3	Level of V1 where slice is taken
theta	left-right plot rotation parameter in degrees
phi	up-down plot rotation parameter in degrees
inc	increment in degrees of plot rotations
lseq	number of cut points in v1 and in v2
ticktype	simple or detailed ticks on variables
diagnose	Logical. T causes printing of diagnostic content
verbose	Logical. T causes printing of program ID before and after running

#### Value

Output is a plot that is rotatable via keyboard input. Upon exit, the latest values of the rotation parameters is listed to facilitate return to the latest plot

#### Author(s)

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#### See Also

```
support.p2()
```

```
## Not run: slice.v12(level3 = 0.3, theta = 30, phi = 10, inc = 25, lseq = 100,
    ticktype = "detailed")
## End(Not run)
```

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support.p2	Show Support Region of Positive Definite Matrices with Rank 2

## **Description**

Rotatable plot of support region for positive definite matrix with p=2

#### Usage

#### **Arguments**

theta	left-right plot rotation parameter in degrees
phi	up-down plot rotation parameter in degrees
lseq	number of cut points in v1 and in v2
inc	increment in degrees of plot rotations
ticktype	simple or detailed ticks on variables
diagnose	Logical. T causes printing of diagnostic content
verbose	Logical. T causes printing of program ID before and after running

#### **Details**

Support region for p-variate positive definite matrix distributions is difficult to envision except for p=2. The diagonals of the matrix are V1 and V2 and the off-diagonal variable is V12. In our application 0<=V1,V2<=1, and -1<=V12<=1, so the bounded space is a hyper-rectangle. Each point in this region represents a symmetric pxp matrix, but not all of these are positive definite. This function shades the region of positive definite matrices.

#### Value

Output is a plot that is rotatable via keyboard input. Upon exit, the latest values of the rotation parameters is listed to facilitate return to the latest plot

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testunknown	Process the Samples Whose Distribution is to be Tested
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#### **Description**

Create positive definite matrices without nuisance parameters. Tabulate distribution. Calculate goodness of fit

#### Usage

```
testunknown(x, pvector, k, diagnose.s = FALSE, diagnose = FALSE,
    verbose = TRUE)
```

#### **Arguments**

x Name of matrix or array.pvector Dimensionality of random vectors

k Number of cuts per unit for diagonal elements of matrix. Program uses 2k cuts

per unit for off-diagonal elements

diagnose.s Logical T causes printing of diagnostic terms in internal called function(s)

diagnose Logical. T causes printing of diagnostic content

verbose Logical. T causes printing of function ID before and after running

## Value

a list including elements

Distribution List. Count of pd matrices within individual subcubes of pd space, 1 for each

layer of list

Goodness of fit List. Chi square test of goodness of fit to uniform distribution, 1 for each layer

of list

Call to testunknown function

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#### References

Csorgo, M and Seshadri, V (1970). On the problem of replacing composite hypotheses by equivalent simple ones, Rev. Int. Statist. Instit., 38, 351-368 Csorgo,M and Seshadri,V (1971). Characterizing the Gaussian and exponential laws by mappings onto the unit interval, Z. Wahrscheinlickhkeitstheorie verw. Geb., 18, 333-339. Fairweather, WR (1973). A test for multivariate normality based on a characterization. Dissertation submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy, University of Washington, Seattle WA.

unknown.Bp2

## **Examples**

unknown.Bp2

A Sample From an Unknown Bivariate Distribution

## Description

A 3600 x 2 x 1 array generated from 7200 modified Bernoulli(0,1) variables.

## Usage

```
data("unknown.Bp2")
```

#### **Format**

```
3600 x 2 x 1 array
```

#### **Source**

Generated by the author

## **Examples**

```
data("unknown.Bp2")
```

unknown.Bp4

A Sample From an Unknown Four-variate Distribution

## Description

A 6000 x 4 matrix generated from 24,000 Bernoulli(0,1) variables

## Usage

```
data("unknown.Bp4")
```

#### **Format**

```
6000 x 4 x 1 array
```

## Source

Generated by the author

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## **Examples**

```
data("unknown.Bp4")
```

unknown.Np2

A Sample From an Unknown Bivariate Distribution

## Description

A 2500 x 2 matrix generated from 5000 normal(0,1) variables

#### Usage

```
data("unknown.Np2")
```

#### **Format**

2500 x 2 matrix

#### Source

Generated by the author

## **Examples**

```
data("unknown.Np2")
```

unknown.Np4

A Sample From an Unknown Four-variate Distribution

## **Description**

A 6000 x 4 x 1 array generated from 24000 normal(0,1) variables

## Usage

```
data("unknown.Np4")
```

#### **Format**

```
6000 x 4 x 1 array
```

## Source

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```
data("unknown.Np4")
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