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Goodness-of-Fit Methods for Complete and Right-Censored Data.

Description

This package implements both graphical tools and goodness-of-fit tests for complete and right-censored data. It has implemented:

- 1. Kolmogorov-Smirnov, Cramér-von Mises, and Anderson-Darling tests, which use the empirical distribution function for complete data and are extended for right-censored data.
- 2. Generalized chi-squared-type test, which is based on the squared differences between observed and expected counts using random cells with right-censored data.
- 3. A series of graphical tools such as probability or cumulative hazard plots to guide the decision about the most suitable parametric model for the data.

Details

The GofCens package can be used to check the goodness of fit of the following 8 distributions. The list shows the parametrizations of the survival functions.

1. Exponential Distribution $[Exp(\beta)]$

$$S(t) = e^{-\frac{t}{\beta}}$$

2. Weibull Distribution [Wei(α , β)]

$$S(t) = e^{-\left(\frac{t}{\beta}\right)^{\alpha}}$$

3. Gumbel Distribution [Gum(μ , β)]

$$S(t) = 1 - e^{-e^{-\frac{t-\mu}{\beta}}}$$

4. Log-Logistic Distribution [LLogis(α, β)]

$$S(t) = \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{t}{\beta}\right)^{\alpha}}$$

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5. Logistic Distribution [Logis(μ , β)]

$$S(t) = \frac{e^{-\frac{t-\mu}{\beta}}}{1 + e^{-\frac{t-\mu}{\beta}}}$$

6. Log-Normal Distribution [LN(μ , β)]

$$S(t) = \int_{\frac{\log t - \mu}{\beta}}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$$

7. Normal Distribution $[N(\mu, \beta)]$

$$S(t) = \int_{t}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\beta \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\beta^2}} dx$$

8. 4-Param. Beta Distribution [Beta(α, γ, a, b)]

$$S(t) = 1 - \frac{B_{(\alpha,\gamma,a,b)}(t)}{B(\alpha,\gamma)}$$

The list of the parameters of the theoretical distribution can be set manually using the argument params of each function. In that case, the correspondence is: α is the shape value, γ is the shape 2 value, μ is the location value and β is the scale value.

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ADcens

Anderson-Darling test for complete and right-censored data

Description

ADcens computes the Anderson-Darling test statistic and p-value for complete and right-censored data against eight possible distributions using bootstrapping.

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Usage

Arguments

times	Numeric vector of times until the event of interest.
cens	Status indicator (1, exact time; 0, right-censored time). If not provided, all times are assumed to be exact.
distr	A string specifying the name of the distribution to be studied. The possible distributions are the exponential ("exponential"), the Weibull ("weibull"), the Gumbel ("gumbel"), the normal ("normal"), the lognormal ("lognormal"), the logistic ("logistic"), the loglogistic ("loglogistic"), and the beta ("beta") distribution.
betaLimits	Two-components vector with the lower and upper bounds of the Beta distribution. This argument is only required, if the beta distribution is considered.
igumb	Two-components vector with the initial values for the estimation of the Gumbel distribution parameters.
degs	Integer indicating the number of decimal places of the numeric results of the output.
BS	Number of bootstrap samples.
params	List specifying the parameters of the theoretical distribution. By default, parameters are set to NULL and estimated with the maximum likelihood method. This argument is only considered, if all parameters of the studied distribution are specified.
outp	Indicator of how the output will be displayed. The possible formats are list and table.
prnt	Logical to indicate if the estimations of the Anderson-Darling statistic and p-value should be printed. Default is TRUE.
tol	Precision of survival times.

Details

When dealing with complete data, we recommend to use the function ad.test of the **goftest** package.

The parameter estimation is acomplished with the fitdistcens function of the **fitdistrplus** package.

The precision of the survival times is important mainly in the data generation step of the bootstrap samples.

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Value

If prnt = TRUE, a list containing the following components:

Distribution Null distribution.

AD Value of Anderson-Darling statistic.

p-value Estimated p-value.

Parameters List with the maximum likelihood estimates of the parameters of the distribution

under study.

The list is also returned invisibly.

Warning

If the amount of data is large, the execution time of the function can be elevated. The parameter BS can limit the number of random censored samples generated and reduce the execution time.

Author(s)

K. Langohr, M. Besalú, M. Francisco, G. Gómez.

References

G. Marsaglia and J. Marsaglia. *Evaluating the Aderson-Darling Distrinution*. In: Journal os Statistical Software, Articles, 9 (2) (2004), 1-5.

See Also

Function ad.test (Package **goftest**) for complete data and function gofcens for statistics and p-value of th Kolmogorov-Smirnov, Cramér von-Mises and Anderson-Darling together for right-censored data.

Examples

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General chi-squared statistics for right-censored data.

Description

Function chisquens computes the general chi-squared test statistic for right-censored data introduced by Kim (1993) and the respective p-value using bootstrapping.

Usage

Arguments

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times	Numeric vector of times until the event of interest.
cens	Status indicator (1, exact time; 0, right-censored time). If not provided, all times are assumed to be exact.
М	Number indicating the number of cells that will be considered.
distr	A string specifying the name of the distribution to be studied. The possible distributions are the exponential ("exponential"), the Weibull ("weibull"), the Gumbel ("gumbel"), the normal ("normal"), the lognormal ("lognormal"), the logistic ("logistic"), and the beta ("beta") distribution.
betaLimits	Two-components vector with the lower and upper bounds of the Beta distribution. This argument is only required, if the beta distribution is considered.
igumb	Two-components vector with the initial values for the estimation of the Gumbel distribution parameters.
degs	Integer indicating the number of decimal places of the numeric results of the output.
BS	Number of bootstrap samples.
params	List specifying the parameters of the theoretical distribution. By default, parameters are set to NULL and estimated with the maximum likelihood method. This argument is only considered, if all parameters of the studied distribution are specified.
outp	Indicator of how the output will be displayed. The possible formats are list and table.
prnt	Logical to indicate if the estimations of the Anderson-Darling statistic and p-value should be printed. Default is TRUE.
tol	Precision of survival times.

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Details

The function implements the test introduced by Kim (1993) and returns the value of the test statistic.

The cell boundaries of the test are obtained via the quantiles, which are based on the Kaplan-Meier estimate of the distribution function. In the presence of right-censored data, it is possible that not all quantiles are estimated, and in this case, the value of M provided by the user is reduced.

The parameter estimation is acomplished with the fitdistcens function of the **fitdistrplus** package.

The precision of the survival times is important mainly in the data generation step of the bootstrap samples.

Value

If prnt = TRUE, a list containing the following components:

Distribution Null distribution.

Statistic Value of the test statistic.

p-value Estimated p-value.

Parameters The values of the parameters of the null distribution. If the user has set the

parameters manually, these will be the returned parameters, otherwise the max-

imum likelihood estimates are returned.

CellNumber Vector with two values: the original cell number introduced by the user and the

final cell number used.

The list is also returned invisibly.

Author(s)

K. Langohr, M. Besalú, M. Francisco, G. Gómez.

References

J. H. Kim. *Chi-Square Goodness-of-Fit Tests for Randomly Censored Data*. In: The Annals of Statistics, 21 (3) (1993), 1621-1639.

Examples

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cumhazPlot	Cumulative hazard plots to check the goodness of fit of parametric models	
	models	

Description

Function cumhazPlot uses the cumulative hazard plot to check if a certain distribution is an appropriate choice for the data.

Usage

```
cumhazPlot(times, cens = rep(1, length(times)), distr = "all6", colour = 1, betaLimits = c(0, 1), igumb = c(10, 10), ggp = FALSE, m = NULL, prnt = TRUE, degs = 3, ...)
```

Arguments

times	Numeric vector of times until the event of interest.
cens	Status indicator (1, exact time; 0, right-censored time). If not provided, all times are assumed to be exact.
distr	A string specifying the names of the distributions to be studied. The possible distributions are the exponential ("exponential"), the Weibull ("weibull"), the Gumbel ("gumbel"), the normal ("normal"), the lognormal ("lognormal"), the logistic ("logistic"), the loglogistic ("loglogistic"), and the beta ("beta") distribution. By default, distr is set to "all6", which means that the cumulative hazard plots are drawn for the Weibull, loglogistic, lognormal, Gumbel, logistic, and normal distributions.
colour	Colour of the points. Default colour: black.
betaLimits	Two-components vector with the lower and upper bounds of the Beta distribution. This argument is only required, if the beta distribution is considered.
igumb	Two-components vector with the initial values for the estimation of the Gumbel distribution parameters.
ggp	Logical to use or not the ggplot2 package to draw the plots. Default is FALSE.
m	Optional layout for the plots to be displayed.
prnt	Logical to indicate if the maximum likelihood estimates of the parameters of all distributions considered should be printed. Default is TRUE.
degs	Integer indicating the number of decimal places of the numeric results of the output.
	Optional arguments for function par, if ggplo = FALSE.

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Details

The cumulative hazard plot is based on transforming the cumulative hazard function Λ in such a way that it becomes linear in t or $\log(t)$. This transformation is specific for each distribution. The function uses the data to compute the Nelson-Aalen estimator of the cumulative hazard function, $\widehat{\Lambda}$, and the maximum likelihood estimators of the parameters of the theoretical distribution under study. If the distribution fits the data, the plot is expected to be a straight line.

The parameter estimation is acomplished with the fitdistcens function of the **fitdistrplus** package.

Value

```
If prnt = TRUE:
```

Parameter estimates

A list with the maximum likelihood estimates of the parameters of all distributions considered.

Author(s)

K. Langohr, M. Besalú, M. Francisco, G. Gómez.

Examples

```
# Complete data and default distributions
set.seed(123)
x <- rlogis(1000, 50, 5)
cumhazPlot(x, lwd = 2)

# Censored data comparing three distributions
data(nba)
cumhazPlot(nba$survtime, nba$cens, distr = c("expo", "normal", "gumbel"))</pre>
```

CvMcens

Cramér-von Mises test for complete and right-censored data

Description

CvMcens computes the Cramér-von Mises statistic and p-value for complete and right-censored data against eight possible distributions.

Usage

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Arguments

times Numeric vector of times until the event of interest.

cens Status indicator (1, exact time; 0, right-censored time). If not provided, all times

are assumed to be exact.

distr A string specifying the name of the distribution to be studied. The possible dis-

tributions are the exponential ("exponential"), the Weibull ("weibull"), the Gumbel ("gumbel"), the normal ("normal"), the lognormal ("lognormal"), the logistic ("logistic"), the loglogistic ("loglogistic"), and the beta ("beta")

distribution.

betaLimits Two-components vector with the lower and upper bounds of the Beta distribu-

tion. This argument is only required, if the beta distribution is considered.

igumb Two-components vector with the initial values for the estimation of the Gumbel

distribution parameters.

degs Integer indicating the number of decimal places of the numeric results of the

output.

BS Number of bootstrap samples.

params List specifying the parameters of the theoretical distribution. By default, pa-

rameters are set to NULL and estimated with the maximum likelihood method. This argument is only considered, if all parameters of the studied distribution

are specified.

outp Indicator of how the output will be displayed. The possible formats are list

and table.

prnt Logical to indicate if the estimations of the Anderson-Darling statistic and p-

value should be printed. Default is TRUE.

tol Precision of survival times.

Details

Koziol and Green (1976) proposed a Cramér-von Mises statistic for randomly censored data. This function reproduces this test for a given survival data and a theorical distribution. In presence of ties, different authors provide slightly different definitions of the product-limit estimator, what might provide different values of the test statistic. When dealing with complete data, we recommend to use the function cvm. test of the **goftest** package.

The parameter estimation is acomplished with the fitdistcens function of the **fitdistrplus** package.

The precision of the survival times is important mainly in the data generation step of the bootstrap samples.

Value

If prnt = TRUE, a list containing the following components:

Distribution Null distribution.

CvM Value of Cramér-von Mises statistic.

p-value Estimated p-value.

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Parameters List with the maximum likelihood estimates of the parameters of the distribution under study.

The list is also returned invisibly.

Warning

If the amount of data is large, the execution time of the function can be elevated. The parameter BS can limit the number of random censored samples generated and reduce the execution time.

Author(s)

K. Langohr, M. Besalú, M. Francisco, G. Gómez.

References

- J. A. Koziol and S. B. Green. A Cramér-von Mises statistic for randomly censored data. In: Biometrika, 63 (3) (1976), 465-474.
- A. N. Pettitt and M. A. Stephens. *Modified Cramér-von Mises statistics for censored data*. In: Biometrika, 63 (2) (1976), 291-298.

See Also

Function cvm. test (Package **goftest**) for complete data and **gofcens** for statistics and p-value of Kolmogorov-Smirnov, Cramér von-Mises and Anderson-Darling together for right-censored data.

Examples

gofcens

Kolmogorov-Smirnov, Cramér-von Mises, and Anderson-Darling statistics for complete and right-censored data

Description

gofcens computes the Kolmogorov-Smirnov, Cramér-von Mises, and Anderson-Darling statistics ans p-values for complete and right-censored data against eight possible distributions.

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Usage

Arguments

ti	imes	Numeric vector of times until the event of interest.
ce	ens	Status indicator (1, exact time; 0, right-censored time). If not provided, all times are assumed to be exact.
di	istr	A string specifying the name of the distribution to be studied. The possible distributions are the exponential ("exponential"), the Weibull ("weibull"), the Gumbel ("gumbel"), the normal ("normal"), the lognormal ("lognormal"), the logistic ("logistic"), and the beta ("beta") distribution.
be	etaLimits	Two-components vector with the lower and upper bounds of the Beta distribution. This argument is only required, if the beta distribution is considered.
ig	gumb	Two-components vector with the initial values for the estimation of the Gumbel distribution parameters.
de	egs	Integer indicating the number of decimal places of the numeric results of the output.
BS	5	Number of bootstrap samples.
pa	arams	List specifying the parameters of the theoretical distribution. By default, parameters are set to NULL and estimated with the maximum likelihood method. This argument is only considered, if all parameters of the studied distribution are specified.
οι	ıtp	Indicator of how the output will be displayed. The possible formats are list

Details

Fleming et al. (1980) proposed a modified Kolmogorov-Smirnov test to be used with right-censored data. Koziol and Green (1976) proposed a Cramér-von Mises statistic for randomly censored data. This function reproduces this test for a given survival data and a theorical distribution. In presence of ties, different authors provide slightly different definitions of the product-limit estimator, what might provide different values of the test statistic.

When dealing with complete data, we recommend the use of functions ks.test of the **stats** package and cvm.test and ad.test of the **goftest** package.

Value

A list containing the following components

and table.

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Distribution Null distribution.

Tests statistics

Values of the Kolmogovor-Smirnov, Cramér-von Mises, and Anderson-Darling

test statistics.

p-value P-values associated with each test.

Parameters List with the maximum likelihood estimates of the parameters of the distribution

under study.

Warning

If the amount of data is large, the execution time of the function can be elevated. The parameter BS can limit the number of random censored samples generated and reduce the execution time.

Author(s)

K. Langohr, M. Besalú, M. Francisco, G. Gómez.

References

- T. R. Fleming et al. *Modified Kolmogorov-Smirnov test procedure with application to arbitrarily right-censored data*. In: Biometrics 36 (1980), 607-625.
- J. A. Koziol and S. B. Green. *A Cramér-von Mises statistic for randomly censored data*. In: Biometrika, 63 (3) (1976), 465-474.
- A. N. Pettitt and M. A. Stephens. *Modified Cramér-von Mises statistics for censored data*. In: Biometrika, 63 (2) (1976), 291-298.

See Also

ks.test (Package stats), cvm.test (Package goftest), and ad.test (Package goftest) for complete data, and KScens for the Kolmogorov-Smirnov test for right-censored data, which returns the p-value.

Examples

```
## Not run:
# Complete data
set.seed(123)
gofcens(times = rweibull(100, 12, scale = 4), distr = "weibull", BS = 499)
# Censored data
library(survival)
colonsamp <- colon[sample(nrow(colon), 100), ]
gofcens(colonsamp$time, colonsamp$status, distr = "normal")
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

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kmPlot	Plot of the Kaplen-Meier and parametric estimations
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Description

Function kmPlot is a function that generates a plot that combines a Kaplan-Meier survival curve and a parametric survival curve in the same graph. It is useful for comparing non-parametric survival estimates with the fitted parametric survival model.

Usage

```
kmPlot(times, cens = rep(1, length(times)), distr = "all6", colour = 1, betaLimits = c(0, 1), igumb = c(10, 10), ggp = FALSE, m = NULL, prnt = TRUE, degs = 3, ...)
```

Arguments

times	Numeric vector of times until the event of interest.
cens	Status indicator (1, exact time; 0, right-censored time). If not provided, all times are assumed to be exact.
distr	A string specifying the name of the distribution to be studied. The possible distributions are the Weibull ("weibull"), the Gumbel ("gumbel"), the normal ("normal"), the lognormal ("lognormal"), the logistic ("logistic"), the loglogistic ("loglogistic"), the exponential ("exponential") and the beta ("beta") distribution. Default is "all6" and includes the first 6 listed which are the most used distributions.
colour	Vector indicating the colours of the displayed plots.
betaLimits	Two-components vector with the lower and upper bounds of the Beta distribution. This argument is only required, if the beta distribution is considered.
igumb	Two-components vector with the initial values for the estimation of the Gumbel distribution parameters.
ggp	Logical to use or not the ggplot2 package to draw the plots. Default is FALSE.
m	Optional layout for the plots to be displayed.
prnt	Logical to indicate if the maximum likelihood estimates of the parameters should be printed. Default is TRUE.
degs	Integer indicating the number of decimal places of the numeric results of the output.
• • •	Optional arguments for function par, if ggp = FALSE.

Details

The parameter estimation is acomplished with the fitdistcens function of the **fitdistrplus** package.

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Value

If prnt = TRUE, a list containing the following components

Distribution Distribution under study.

Parameters List with the maximum likelihood estimates of the parameters of the distribution

under study.

Author(s)

K. Langohr, M. Besalú, M. Francisco, G. Gómez.

References

Peterson Jr, Arthur V. Expressing the Kaplan-Meier estimator as a function of empirical subsurvival functions. In: Journal of the American Statistical Association 72.360a (1977): 854-858.

Examples

KScens

Kolmogorov-Smirnov test for complete and right-censored data

Description

Function KScens computes the Kolmogorov-Smirnov statistic and p-value for complete and right-censored data against eight possible distributions.

Usage

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Arguments

times Numeric vector of times until the event of interest. Status indicator (1, exact time; 0, right-censored time). If not provided, all times cens are assumed to be exact. A string specifying the name of the distribution to be studied. The possible disdistr tributions are the exponential ("exponential"), the Weibull ("weibull"), the Gumbel ("gumbel"), the normal ("normal"), the lognormal ("lognormal"), the logistic ("logistic"), the loglogistic ("loglogistic"), and the beta ("beta") distribution. betaLimits Two-components vector with the lower and upper bounds of the Beta distribution. This argument is only required, if the beta distribution is considered. igumb Two-components vector with the initial values for the estimation of the Gumbel distribution parameters. degs Integer indicating the number of decimal places of the numeric results of the output. List specifying the parameters of the theoretical distribution. By default, paparams rameters are set to NULL and estimated with the maximum likelihood method. This argument is only considered, if all parameters of the studied distribution are specified. Indicator of how the output will be displayed. The possible formats are list outp and table. Logical to indicate if the estimations of the Kolmogorov-Smirnov statistic and prnt p-value should be printed. Default is TRUE.

Details

Fleming et al. (1980) proposed a modified Kolmogorov-Smirnov test to use with right-censored data. This function reproduces this test for a given survival data and a theorical distribution. The p-value is computed following the results of Koziol and Byar (1975) and the output of the function follows the notation of Fleming et al. (1980).

In presence of ties, different authors provide slightly different definitions of $\widehat{F}_n(t)$, with which other values of the test statistic might be obtained.

When dealing with complete data, we recommend to use the function ks.test of the stats package.

The parameter estimation is acomplished with the fitdistcens function of the **fitdistrplus** package.

Value

If prnt = TRUE, a list containing the following components:

Distribution Null distribution.

p-value P-value.

A Value of the modified Kolmogorov-Smirnov statistic.

F(y_m) Estimation of the image of the last recorded time.

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y_m Last recorded time.

Parameters List with the maximum likelihood estimates of the parameters of the distribution

under study.

The list is also returned invisibly.

Author(s)

K. Langohr, M. Besalú, M. Francisco, G. Gómez.

References

T. R. Fleming et al. *Modified Kolmogorov-Smirnov test procedure with application to arbitrarily right-censored data*. In: Biometrics 36 (1980), 607-625.

J.A. Koziol and P. Byar. *Percentage Points of the Asymptotic Distributions of One and Two Sample K-S statistics for Truncated or Censored Data*. In: Technometrics 17 (4) (1975), 507-510.

See Also

Function ks.test (Package **stats**) for complete data and gofcens for statistics and p-value of Kolmogorov-Smirnov, Cramér von-Mises and Anderson-Darling together for right-censored data.

Examples

```
# Complete data
set.seed(123)
KScens(times = rweibull(1000, 12, scale = 4), distr = "weibull", outp = "table")
# Censored data
library(survival)
colonsamp <- colon[sample(nrow(colon),100),]
KScens(colonsamp$time, colonsamp$status, distr = "norm", outp = "list")

data(nba)
KScens(nba$survtime, nba$cens, "logis", degs = 2)
KScens(nba$survtime, nba$cens, "beta", betaLimits = c(0, 80))</pre>
```

nba

Survival times of former NBA players.

Description

Survival times of former NBA players after their NBA career.

Usage

```
data("nba")
```

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Format

A data frame with 3962 observations on the following 3 variables.

```
id Player ID survtime Time (in years) from end of NBA career until either death or July 31, 2019. cens Death indicator (1, exact survival time; 0, right-censored survival time).
```

Details

The survival times of former NBA players were analyzed by Martínez et al. (2022).

Source

J. A. Martínez, K. Langohr, J. Felipo, L. Consuegra and M. Casals. *Data set on mortality of national basketball association (NBA) players*. In: Data in Brief, 45 (2022).

Examples

```
data(nba)
cumhazPlot(nba$survtime, nba$cens)
```

probPlot

Probability plots to check the goodness of fit of parametric models

Description

probPlot provides four types of probability plots: P-P plot, Q-Q plot, Stabilised probability plot, and Empirically Rescaled plot to check if a certain distribution is an appropriate choice for the data.

Usage

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Arguments

times	Numeric vector of times until the event of interest.
cens	Status indicator (1, exact time; 0, right-censored time). If not provided, all times are assumed to be exact.
distr	A string specifying the name of the distribution to be studied. The possible distributions are the exponential ("exponential"), the Weibull ("weibull"), the Gumbel ("gumbel"), the normal ("normal"), the lognormal ("lognormal"), the logistic ("logistic"), the loglogistic ("loglogistic"), and the beta ("beta") distribution.
plots	Vector stating the plots to be displayed. Possible choices are the P-P plot ("PP"), the Q-Q plot ("QQ"), the Stabilised Probability plot ("SP"), and the Empirically Rescaled plot ("ER"). By default, all four plots are displayed.
colour	Vector indicating the colours of the displayed plots. The vector will be recycled if its length is smaller than the number of plots to be displayed.
betaLimits	Two-components vector with the lower and upper bounds of the Beta distribution. This argument is only required, if the beta distribution is considered.
igumb	Two-components vector with the initial values for the estimation of the Gumbel distribution parameters.
mtitle	Logical to add or not the title "Probability plots for a distr distribution" to the plot. Default is TRUE.
ggp	Logical to use or not the ggplot2 package to draw the plots. Default is FALSE.
m	Optional layout for the plots to be displayed.
prnt	$Logical\ to\ indicate\ if\ the\ maximum\ likelihood\ estimates\ of\ the\ parameters\ should\ be\ printed.\ Default\ is\ TRUE.$
degs	Integer indicating the number of decimal places of the numeric results of the output.
params	List specifying the parameters of the theoretical distribution. By default, parameters are set to NULL and estimated with the maximum likelihood method. This argument is only considered, if all parameters of the studied distribution are specified.
	Optional arguments for function par, if ggp = FALSE.

Details

By default, function probPlot draws four plots: P-P plot, SP plot, Q-Q plot, and EP plot. Following, a description is given for each plot.

The **Probability-Probability plot** (P-P plot) depicts the empirical distribution, $\widehat{F}(t)$, which is obtained with the Kaplan-Meier estimator if data are right-censored, versus the theoretical cumulative distribution function (cdf), $\widehat{F}_0(t)$. If the data come from the chosen distribution, the points of the resulting graph are expected to lie on the identity line.

The **Stabilised Probability plot** (SP plot), proposed by Michael (1983), is a transformation of the P-P plot. It stabilises the variance of the plotted points. If $F_0 = F$ and the parameters of F_0 are known, $\widehat{F_0}(t)$ corresponds to the cdf of a uniform order statistic, and the arcsin transformation

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stabilises its variance. If the data come from distribution F_0 , the SP plot will resemble the identity line.

The **Quartile-Quartile plot** (Q-Q plot) is similar to the P-P plot, but it represents the sample quantiles versus the theoretical ones, that is, it plots t versus $\widehat{F}_0^{-1}(\widehat{F}(t))$. Hence, if F_0 fits the data well, the resulting plot will resemble the identity line.

A drawback of the Q-Q plot is that the plotted points are not evenly spread. Waller and Turnbull (1992) proposed the **Empirically Rescaled plot** (EP plot), which plots $\widehat{F}_u(t)$ against $\widehat{F}_u(\widehat{F}_0^{-1}(\widehat{F}(t)))$, where $\widehat{F}_u(t)$ is the empirical cdf of the points corresponding to the uncensored observations. Again, if \widehat{F}_0 fits the data well, the ER plot will resemble the identity line.

By default, all four probability plots are drawn and the maximum likelihood estimates of the parameters of the chosen parametric model are returned. The parameter estimation is acomplished with the fitdistcens function of the **fitdistrplus** package.

Value

If prnt = TRUE, a list containing the following components

Distribution Distribution under study.

Parameters List with the maximum likelihood estimates of the parameters of the distribution

under study.

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