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MixedPoisson-package    *Mixed Poisson Models*

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### Description

The package provides functions, which support to fit parameters of different mixed Poisson models using the Expectation-Maximization (EM) algorithm of estimation, cf. (Ghitany et al., 2012, pp. 6848). In the model the assumptions are: conditional  $N|\theta$  is of distribution  $N|\theta \sim POIS(\lambda\theta)$ , parameter  $\theta$  is a random variable distributed according to the density function  $f_\theta(\cdot)$ ,  $E[\theta] = 1$  and  $\lambda = \exp(\mathbf{x}'_i\beta)$  – the regression component. The E-step is carried out through the numerical integration using Laquerre quadrature. The M-step estimates the parameters  $\beta$  using GLM Poisson with pseudo values from E-step and mixing parameters using optimize function.

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### References

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est.delta

*Estimation of delta parameter of inverse-Gaussian distribution*

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### Description

The function estimates the value of the parameter delta using optimize.

**Usage**

`est.delta(t)`

**Arguments**

`t` the vector of values

**Details**

The form of the distribution is as in the function `ll.invGauss`

**Value**

`nu` the estimates of  $\nu$   
`ll.delta.max` the value of loglikelihood

**Author(s)**

Michal Trzesiok

**Examples**

`est.delta(t=c(3,8))`

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`est.gamma`

*Estimation of gamma parameter of Gamma distribution*

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**Description**

The function estimates the value of the parameter gamma using `optimize`.

**Usage**

`est.gamma(t)`

**Arguments**

`t` the vector of values

**Details**

The form of the distribution is as in the function `ll.gamma`

**Value**

`gamma` the estimates of  $\gamma$   
`ll.gamma.max` the value of loglikelihood

**Author(s)**

Michal Trzesiok

**Examples**

```
est.gamma(t=c(3,8))
```

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est.nu

*Estimation of nu parameter of log-normal distribution*

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**Description**

The function estimates the value of the parameter nu using optimize.

**Usage**

```
est.nu(t)
```

**Arguments**

t                    the vector of values

**Details**

The form of the distribution is as in the function `ll.lognorm`

**Value**

nu                    the estimates of  $\nu$   
ll.nu.max            the value of loglikelihood

**Author(s)**

Michal Trzesiok

**Examples**

```
est.nu(t=c(3,8))
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Gamma.density	<i>Gamma density</i>
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**Description**

The function returns the vector of values of density function for of Gamma distribution with one parameter  $\gamma$ .

**Usage**

```
Gamma.density(theta, gamma.par)
```

**Arguments**

theta	the vector of values
gamma.par	the parameter of Gamma distribution

**Details**

The pdf of Gamma is of the form  $f_{\theta}(\theta) = \frac{\gamma^{\gamma}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \theta^{\gamma-1} \exp(-\gamma\theta)$

**Value**

```
Gamma.density(theta, nu)
the density – the vector of values
```

**Author(s)**

Michal Trzesiok

**Examples**

```
Gamma.density(c(2,3,5,4,6,7,4), 5)
```

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invGauss.density	<i>inverse-Gaussian Density</i>
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**Description**

The function returns the vector of values of density function for of inverse-Gaussian distribution with one parameter  $\delta$ .

**Usage**

```
invGauss.density(theta, delta)
```

**Arguments**

theta            the vector of values  
 delta            the parameter of inverse-Gaussian distribution

**Details**

The pdf of inverse-Gaussian is of the form  $f_{\theta}(\theta) = \frac{\delta}{2\pi} \exp(\delta^2)\theta^{-\frac{3}{2}} \exp(-\frac{\delta^2}{2}(\frac{1}{\theta} + \theta))$

**Value**

invGauss.density(theta, delta)  
 the density – the vector of values

**Author(s)**

Michal Trzesniok

**Examples**

```
invGauss.density(c(2,3,5,4,6,7,6), 5)
```

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lambda_m_step	<i>Estimation of Lambda in M-step – Expectation-Maximization (EM) algorithm</i>
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**Description**

The function fits the GLM Poisson with given offset.

**Usage**

```
lambda_m_step(variable, X, offset)
```

**Arguments**

variable        the vector of numbers  
 X                model matrix of the form  $X = model.matrix(regressor)$ . In the model without regressor the X could be defined as  $X = as.matrix(rep(1, length(variable)))$   
 offset         offset in GLM Poisson

**Details**

It fits the GLM Poisson, where  $variable \sim 1$  and the offset is given as the vector of the variable's length. The results are used in M-step of EM algorithm, cf. [Karlis, 2012] pp. 6850.

**Value**

lambda	$\hat{\lambda} = \hat{\beta}X$
beta	regressor parameters
glm	output of glm

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
set.seed(1234)
variable=rpois(50,4)
X=as.matrix(rep(1, length(variable)))
t=pseudo_values(variable, mixing=c("invGauss"), lambda=4, delta=1, n=100)
lambda_m_step(variable, X, offset=t$pseudo_values)
```

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lambda_start	<i>Estimation of starting lambda in Expectation-Maximization (EM) algorithm</i>
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**Description**

The function fits the GLM Poisson without regressors.

**Usage**

```
lambda_start(variable, X)
```

**Arguments**

variable	the vector of numbers
X	model matrix of the form $X = model.matrix(\text{regressor})$ . In the model without regressor the X could be defined as $X = as.matrix(rep(1, length(variable)))$

**Details**

It fits the GLM Poisson, where  $variable \sim 1$ . The results are taken as the starting value of EM algorithm.

**Value**

lambda	$\hat{\lambda} = \hat{\beta}X$
beta	regressor parameters
glm	output of glm

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
set.seed(1234)
variable=rpois(50,4)
X=as.matrix(rep(1, length(variable)))
t=pseudo_values(variable, mixing=c("invGauss"), lambda=4, delta=1, n=100)
lambda_m_step(variable, X, offset=t$pseudo_values)
```

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ll.gamma

*Gamma Log-likelihood*

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**Description**

The function returns the value of log-likelihood function for of Gamma distribution with one parameter  $\gamma$ .

**Usage**

```
ll.gamma(gamma.par, t)
```

**Arguments**

gamma.par	$\gamma$ parameter
t	the vector of values

**Details**

The pdf of Gamma is of the form  $f_{\theta}(\theta) = \frac{\gamma^{\gamma}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \theta^{\gamma-1} \exp(-\gamma\theta)$

**Value**

ll.gamma      the value

**Author(s)**

Michal Trzesiok

**Examples**

```
ll.gamma(1, c(3,8))
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ll.invGauss	<i>Inverse-Gaussian Log-likelihood</i>
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**Description**

The function returns the value of log-likelihood function for of inverse-Gaussian distribution with one parameter  $\delta$ .

**Usage**

```
ll.invGauss(delta, t)
```

**Arguments**

delta	$\delta$ parameter
t	the vector of values

**Details**

The pdf of inverse-Gaussian is of the form  $f_{\theta}(\theta) = \frac{\delta}{2\pi} \exp(\delta^2)\theta^{-\frac{3}{2}} \exp(-\frac{\delta^2}{2}(\frac{1}{\theta} + \theta))$

**Value**

ll.invGauss the value

**Author(s)**

Michal Trzesiok

**Examples**

```
ll.invGauss(1, c(3,8))
```

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ll.lognorm	<i>Log-normal Log-likelihood</i>
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**Description**

The function returns the value of log-likelihood function of log-normal distribution with one parameter  $\nu$ .

**Usage**

```
ll.lognorm(nu, t)
```

**Arguments**

nu                     $\nu$  parameter  
t                      the vector of values

**Details**

The pdf of log-normal is of the form  $f_{\theta}(\theta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\nu\theta}} \exp\left[-\frac{(\log(\theta) + \frac{\nu^2}{2})^2}{2\nu^2}\right]$

**Value**

ll.lognorm        the value

**Author(s)**

Michal Trzeziok

**Examples**

ll.lognorm(1, c(3,8))

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lognorm.density        *Log-normal Density*

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**Description**

The function returns the vector of values of density function for of log-normal distribution with one parameter  $\nu$ .

**Usage**

lognorm.density(theta, nu)

**Arguments**

theta                the vector of values  
nu                    the parameter of log-normal distribution

**Details**

The pdf of log-normal is of the form  $f_{\theta}(\theta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\nu\theta}} \exp\left[-\frac{(\log(\theta) + \frac{\nu^2}{2})^2}{2\nu^2}\right]$

**Value**

lognorm.density(theta, nu)  
the density – the vector of values

**Author(s)**

Michal Trzesiok

**Examples**

```
lognorm.density(c(2,3,5,4,6,7,6), 5)
```

pg.dist

*Poisson-Gamma Distribution (Negative-Binomial)***Description**

The function fits a mixed Poisson distribution, in which the random parameter follows Gamma distribution (the negative-binomial distribution). As the method of estimation Expectation-maximization algorithm is used. In M-step the analytical formulas taken from [Karlis, 2005] are applied.

**Usage**

```
pg.dist(variable, alpha.start, beta.start, epsilon)
```

**Arguments**

variable	The count variable.
alpha.start	The starting value of the parameter alpha. Default to 1.
beta.start	The starting value of the parameter beta. Default to 0.3
epsilon	Default to epsilon = 10 <sup>-8</sup>

**Details**

This function provides estimated parameters of the model  $N|\lambda \sim Poisson(\lambda)$  where  $\lambda$  parameter is also a random variable follows Gamma distribution with hyperparameters  $\alpha, \beta$ . The pdf of Gamma is of the form  $f_{\lambda}(\lambda) = \frac{\lambda^{\alpha-1} \exp(-\beta\lambda)\beta^{\alpha}}{\Gamma(\alpha)}$ .

**Value**

alpha	the parameter of mixing Gamma distribution
beta	the parameter of mixing Gamma distribution
theta	the value 1/beta
n.iter	the number of steps in EM algorithm

**References**

Karlis, D. (2005). EM algorithm for mixed Poisson and other discrete distributions. Astin bulletin, 35(01), 3-24.

**Examples**

```
library(MASS)
pGamma1 = pg.dist(variable=quine$Days)
print(pGamma1)
```

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pl.dist

*Poisson-Lindley Distribution*


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**Description**

The function fits a mixed Poisson distribution, in which the random parameter follows Lindley distribution. As teh method of estimation Expectation-maximization algorithm is used.

**Usage**

```
pl.dist(variable, p.start, epsilon)
```

**Arguments**

variable	The count variable.
p.start	The starting value of p parameter. Default to 0.1.
epsilon	Default to epsilon = 10 <sup>-8</sup>

**Details**

This function provides estimated parameters of the model  $N|\lambda \sim Poisson(\lambda)$  where  $\lambda$  parameter is also a random variable follows Lindley distribution with hiperparameter  $p$ . The pdf of Lindley is of the form  $f_{\lambda}(\lambda) = \frac{p^2}{p+1}(\lambda + 1) \exp(-\lambda p)$ .

**Value**

p	the parameter of mixing Lindley distribution
n.iter	the number of steps in EM algorithm

**References**

Karlis, D. (2005). EM algorithm for mixed Poisson and other discrete distributions. Astin bulletin, 35(01), 3-24.

**Examples**

```
library(MASS)
pLindley = pl.dist(variable=quine$Days)
print(pLindley)
```

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pseudo\_values                      *Pseudo values – Expectation-Maximization (EM) algorithm*

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### Description

The function returns the pseudo values  $t_i$  defined as the conditional expectation  $E[\theta_i | k_1, \dots, k_n]$ , where  $k_1, \dots, k_n$  are realizations of the count variable N.

### Usage

```
pseudo_values(variable, mixing, lambda, gamma.par, nu, delta, n)
```

### Arguments

variable	the vector of numbers
mixing	the name of mixing distribution – "Gamma", "lognorm", "invGauss"
lambda	$\lambda$ parameter in mixed Poisson model
gamma.par	$\gamma$ parameter in Gamma mixing distribution
nu	$\nu$ parameter in log-normal mixing distribution
delta	$\delta$ parameter in inverse-Gaussian mixing distribution
n	The integer value for the Laguerre quadrature. Default to 100

### Details

The function calculates the vector of pseudo values  $t_i = E[\theta_i | k_1, \dots, k_n]$  in E-step of EM algorithm. It applies the numerical integration using *laguerre.quadrature* in the nominator and the denominator of the formula

The proper parameter  $\gamma, \nu, \delta$  should be chosen according to the mixing distribution.

### Value

pseudo_values	pseudo values $t_1, \dots, t_n$
nominator	nominator in the formula
denominator	denominator in the formula

### Author(s)

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### Examples

```
variable=rpois(30,4)
pseudo_values(variable, mixing="Gamma", lambda=4, gamma.par=0.7, n=100)
```

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