

# Package ‘hommel’

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Hommel's Method

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## Description

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**Details**

The starting point of the package is the [hommel](#) function. See examples there.

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**References**

Hommel, G. (1988). A stagewise rejective multiple test procedure based on a modified Bonferroni test. *Biometrika*, 75(2), 383-386.

Meijer, R. J., Krebs, T. J., & Goeman, J. J. (2019). Hommel's procedure in linear time. *Biometrical Journal*, 61(1), 73-82.

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Concentration set	<i>Concentration set calculation</i>
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**Description**

Calculates the concentration set threshold. The concentration set is the subset of the p-values that contains all discoveries at confidence level  $1-\alpha$ .

**Usage**

```
concentration (hommel, alpha=0.05, what = c("p", "z", "u"))
```

**Arguments**

hommel	The hommel object for the complete multiple testing problem.
alpha	The type I error allowed.
what	The scale of the number returned: p: maximal p-value; z: maximal p-value rank; u: maximal category

**Value**

P-values over a certain threshold contribute no discoveries in this data set at this level of alpha and may be disregarded. The function returns either (1) the p-value threshold p; (2) the rank z of that p-value; or (3) the category u of that p-value.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Goeman, J. J., Meijer, R. J., Krebs, T. J., & Solari, A. (2019). Simultaneous control of all false discovery proportions in large-scale multiple hypothesis testing. *Biometrika*, 106(4), 841-856.

**Examples**

```
#Generate a vector of pvalues
set.seed(102)
m <- 10
pvalues <- c(runif(0.5*m,0,0.02), runif(0.5*m,0,1))

# First step: create a hommel object.
# Use Simes'test (simes = TRUE) or Hommel's robust test (simes = FALSE)
hom <- hommel(pvalues, simes = TRUE)

# Find the concentration set bound
threshold <- concentration(hom)

# Find the concentration set itself
set <- pvalues <= threshold
sum(set)
```

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hommel

*Calculates adjusted p-values of Hommel's method efficiently.*

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**Description**

Calculates adjusted p-values of Hommel's method efficiently.

**Usage**

```
hommel (p, simes = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

p	A vector of p-values.
simes	If TRUE, the Simes test is used (Hommel's method), if FALSE Hommel's robust test is used.

**Value**

Returns a `hommel-class` object.

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**References**

Hommel, G. (1988). A stagewise rejective multiple test procedure based on a modified Bonferroni test. *Biometrika*, 75(2), 383-386.

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**Examples**

```
#Generate a vector of pvalues
set.seed(102)
m <- 10
pvalues <- c(runif(0.5*m,0,0.02), runif(0.5*m,0,1))

# First step: create a hommel object.
# Use Simes'test (simes = TRUE) or Hommel's robust test (simes = FALSE)
hom <- hommel(pvalues, simes = TRUE)

hom
summary(hom)

# retrieve familywise error adjusted p-values
p.adjust(hom)

# Find lower confidence bounds
# for the number of false null hypotheses (discoveries)
# In any subset of interest
discoveries(hom, 1:2)
```

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hommel class	<i>Class "hommel" for storing the result of Hommel's multiple testing method.</i>
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### Description

The class `hommel` is the output of a call to `hommel`. It stores the adjusted p-values of all elementary hypotheses, as well as information needed to quickly calculate other results about the underlying closed testing procedure.

### Slots

These slots are not meant to be directly accessed by the user.

**p:** Object of class "numeric". Stores original (unadjusted) p-values for all hypotheses.

**sorter:** Object of class "integer". Stores the permutation to sort p.

**jumpalpha:** Object of class "numeric". Stores the alpha-values where the function h jumps.

**adjusted:** Object of class "numeric". Stores adjusted p-values for all elementary hypotheses.

**simesfactor:** Object of class "numeric". The denominator of the local test that is used.

**simes:** Object of class "logical". Is TRUE if the adjusted p-values are calculated based on Simes' test that assumes the Simes inequality. If FALSE if they are based on Hommel's robust test.

### Methods

**p.adjust** (`hommel`): Retrieves adjusted pvalues for all elementary hypotheses.

**summary** (`hommel`, `alpha=0.05`): Summarizes the results of `hommel`'s method for the specified level of alpha.

### Author(s)

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### References

Hommel, G. (1988). A stagewise rejective multiple test procedure based on a modified Bonferroni test. *Biometrika*, 75(2), 383-386.

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### See Also

[tdp](#), [concentration](#).

**Examples**

```

#Generate a vector of pvalues
set.seed(102)
m <- 10
pvalues <- c(runif(0.5*m,0,0.02), runif(0.5*m,0,1))

# First step: create a hommel object.
# Use Simes'test (simes = TRUE) or Hommel's robust test (simes = FALSE)
hommel <- hommel(pvalues, simes = TRUE)

hommel
summary(hommel)

# retrieve familywise error adjusted p-values
p.adjust(hommel)

# Find lower confidence bounds
# for the number of false null hypotheses (discoveries)
# In any subset of interest
discoveries(hommel, 1:2)

```

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Local test

*P-values and adjusted p-values of local tests*


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**Description**

An intersection hypothesis is defined for any collection of null hypotheses as the hypothesis that is true if and only if the proportion of null hypotheses are less than the selected threshold. A test for an intersection hypothesis is called a local test. This function calculates familywise error adjusted p-values for local tests. Familywise error control is over all possible local tests simultaneously.

**Usage**

```
localtest (hommel, ix, tdp)
```

**Arguments**

hommel	The hommel object for the complete multiple testing problem.
ix	The selection of hypotheses defining the intersection hypothesis. Any selector that works on the original vector of p-values (index, negative index, logical, names) is allowed. If ix is missing, the global null hypothesis is used.
tdp	The threshold value for the intersection hypothesis which should be a proportion.

**Value**

Returns the familywise error adjusted p-value.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Meijer, R. J., Krebs, T. J., & Goeman, J. J. (2019). Hommel's procedure in linear time. *Biometrical Journal*, 61(1), 73-82.

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**Examples**

```
#Generate a vector of pvalues
set.seed(102)
m <- 10
pvalues <- c(runif(0.5*m,0,0.02), runif(0.5*m,0,1))

# First step: create a hommel object.
hom <- hommel(pvalues, simes = TRUE)

# Test any intersection hypothesis of interest against any chosen threshold
localtest(hom, tdp=0.2)
localtest(hom, 1:3, 0.8)
```

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True Discoveries

*Confidence bounds for the number of discoveries*

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**Description**

Calculates (1-alpha) lower confidence bounds for the number of false null hypotheses (discoveries) or for the true discovery proportion, and (1-alpha) upper confidence bounds for the false discovery proportions. These bounds are for arbitrary subsets, and are simultaneous over all subsets. They are valid even if the subset is chosen after seeing the data.

**Usage**

```
discoveries (hommel, ix, incremental=FALSE, alpha=0.05)
fdp (hommel, ix, incremental=FALSE, alpha=0.05)
tdp (hommel, ix, incremental=FALSE, alpha=0.05)
```

**Arguments**

**hommel** The hommel object for the complete multiple testing problem.

**ix** The selection of hypotheses considered. Any selector that works on the original vector of p-values (index, negative index, logical, names) is allowed. If missing, all hypotheses are selected.

`incremental` If TRUE, the number of discoveries (of `fdp` or `tdp`) is reported for incremental sets formed by adding the indices from `ix` in order. If FALSE, reports the number of discoveries in the full set only.

`alpha` The type I error allowed.

### Value

Returns a single integer (discoveries) or proportion (`fdp`, `tdp`), or a vector if `incremental = TRUE`. These represent the lower confidence bound (discoveries, `tdp`) or upper confidence bound (`fdp`). The confidence intervals are one-sided: the upper confidence bound for discoveries is the size of the set, and for `tdp` 1. The lower bound for `fdp` is 0.

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### References

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### Examples

```
#Generate a vector of pvalues
set.seed(102)
m <- 10
pvalues <- c(runif(0.5*m,0,0.02), runif(0.5*m,0,1))

# First step: create a hommel object.
# Use Simes'test (simes = TRUE) or Hommel's robust test (simes = FALSE)
hom <- hommel(pvalues, simes = TRUE)

hom
summary(hom)

# Find lower confidence bounds
# for the number of false null hypotheses (discoveries)
# In any subset of interest
discoveries(hom, 1:2)

# a bound for the false discovery proportion:
set <- 1:5
fdp(hom, set)

# or incremental for sets ix = (1), (1,2), (1,2,3), (1,2,3,4) and (1,2,3,4,5)
fdp(hom, set, incremental = TRUE)

# use alpha=0.5 to obtain a conservative point estimate
tdp(hom, set, alpha=0.5)
```

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