

# Package ‘iIneq’

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**Description** Computes individual contributions to the overall Gini and Theil's T and Theil's L measures and their decompositions by groups such as race, gender, national origin, with the three functions of `iGini()`, `iTheiT()`, and `iTheilL()`. For details, see Tim F. Liao (2019) <[doi:10.1177/0049124119875961](https://doi.org/10.1177/0049124119875961)>.

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iGini

*Individual decomposition of the Gini Index***Description**

The function computes individual components of the Gini index and their group-based decompositions. It takes as input an outcome variable, a grouping variable, and an optional sampling weight. It returns a data matrix of three columns containing individual contributions and their between- and within-group components. Because iGini is computationally insensitive, parallel processing is recommended, and the number of cores can be specified.

**Usage**

```
iGini(x, g, w=rep(1,length(x)),core=1)
```

**Arguments**

x	Input continuous variable such as income.
g	A grouping variable containing integers, such as gender coded 1 & 2.
w	An optional sampling weight variable.
core	An optional input for specifying the number of processing cores in your computer. When specified, you will need to have the <b>doParallel</b> package and the <b>foreach</b> package installed for conducting parallel processing to speed up the computation.

**Value**

The function outputs three variables, *g.i*, *g.ikb*, and *g.ikw*.

<i>g.i</i>	This variable gives the individual contributions to the overall Gini index.
<i>g.ikb</i>	This variable provides for each individual component of the Gini its between-group subcomponent.
<i>g.ikw</i>	This variable provides for each individual component of the Gini its within-group subcomponent. The <i>g.ikb</i> and <i>g.ikw</i> sum up to <i>g.i</i> for each <i>i</i> observation.

**References**

Tim F. Liao. 2019. "Individual Components of Three Inequality Measures for Analyzing Shapes of Inequality." *Sociological Methods & Research* Advance online publication. doi:10.1177/0049124119875961

**Examples**

```
data(ChickWeight)
attach(ChickWeight)
iGini.result <- iGini(weight,Diet,core=1)
```

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`iTheilL`*Individual decomposition of Theil's L Index*

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**Description**

The function computes individual components of Theil's L index (or Theil's second measure) and their group-based decompositions. It takes as input an outcome variable, a grouping variable, and an optional sampling weight. It returns a data matrix of three columns containing individual contributions and their between- and within-group components.

**Usage**

```
iTheilL(x, g, w=rep(1,length(x)))
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	Input continuous variable such as income.
<code>g</code>	A grouping variable containing integers, such gender coded 1 & 2.
<code>w</code>	An optional sampling weight variable.

**Value**

The function outputs three variables, *g.i*, *g.ikb*, and *g.ikw*.

<code>g.i</code>	This variable gives the individual contributions to the overall Gini index.
<code>g.ikb</code>	This variable provides for each individual component of the Gini its between-group subcomponent.
<code>g.ikw</code>	This variable provides for each individual component of the Gini its within-group subcomponent. The <i>g.ikb</i> and <i>g.ikw</i> sum up to <i>g.i</i> for each <i>i</i> observation.

**References**

Tim F. Liao. 2019. "Individual Components of Three Inequality Measures for Analyzing Shapes of Inequality." *Sociological Methods & Research* Advance online publication. doi:10.1177/0049124119875961

**Examples**

```
data(ChickWeight)
attach(ChickWeight)
iTheilL.result <- iTheilL(weight,Diet)
```

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`iTheilT`*Individual decomposition of Theil's T Index*

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**Description**

The function computes individual components of Theil's T index (or Theil's first measure) and their group-based decompositions. It takes as input an outcome variable, a grouping variable, and an optional sampling weight. It returns a data matrix of three columns containing individual contributions and their between- and within-group components.

**Usage**

```
iTheilT(x, g, w=rep(1,length(x)))
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	Input continuous variable such as income.
<code>g</code>	A grouping variable containing integers, such gender coded 1 & 2.
<code>w</code>	An optional sampling weight variable.

**Value**

The function outputs three variables, `g.i`, `g.ikb`, and `g.ikw`.

<code>g.i</code>	This variable gives the individual contributions to the overall Gini index.
<code>g.ikb</code>	This variable provides for each individual component of the Gini its between-group subcomponent.
<code>g.ikw</code>	This variable provides for each individual component of the Gini its within-group subcomponent. The <code>g.ikb</code> and <code>g.ikw</code> sum up to <code>g.i</code> for each <code>i</code> observation.

**References**

Tim F. Liao. 2019. "Individual Components of Three Inequality Measures for Analyzing Shapes of Inequality." *Sociological Methods & Research* Advance online publication. doi:10.1177/0049124119875961

**Examples**

```
data(ChickWeight)
attach(ChickWeight)
iTheilT.result <- iTheilT(weight,Diet)
```

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