

# Package ‘qGaussian’

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**Description** Density, distribution function, quantile function and  
random generation for the q-gaussian distribution with parameters mu and sig.

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**Chaotic***Chaotic, a random number generator of q-Gaussian random variables.***Description**

Given a random number generator of q-Gaussian random variables for a range of q values,  $-8 < q < 3$ , based on deterministic map dynamics. To yield a 'q' value, a characteristic entropic index of the q-gaussian distributions.

**Usage**

```
Chaotic(n,q,v0,z0)
```

**Arguments**

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| <b>n</b>  | number of observations. If length(n) > 1, the length is taken to be the number required. |
| <b>q</b>  | entropic index.  |
| <b>v0</b> | a random seed.   |
| <b>z0</b> | a random seed.   |

**Value**

a number q < 3, and the standard error.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Umeno, K., Sato, A., IEEE Transactions on Information Theory (Volume:59,Issue:5,May 2013).Chaotic Method for Generating q-Gaussian Random Variables.

**See Also**

Distributions for other standard distributions, including dt and dcauchy. [Distributions](#)

**Examples**

```
t=Chaotic(100000,0,.1,.1)
hist(t,breaks=100)
```

## Description

Density, distribution function, quantile function and random generation for the q-gaussian distribution with parameters mu and sig.

## Usage

```
cqgauss(p, q = 0, mu = 0, sig = 1, lower.tail = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| p          | vector of probabilities.   |
| q          | entropic index.  |
| mu         | a value for q-mean.  |
| sig        | a value for q-variance.  |
| lower.tail | logical; if TRUE (default), probabilities are P[X <= x] otherwise, P[X > x]. |

## Details

If q , mu and sig values are not specified, they assume the default values of 0, 0 and 1, respectively. Defining Z=(q-1)/(3-q), the q-gaussian distribution has density written as

$$p(x) = (\text{sig} * \text{Beta}(\alpha/2, 1/2))^{-1} * (1 + Z(x - \mu)^2 / \text{sig}^2)^{-(1 + 1/Z)/2}$$

where  $\alpha = 1 - 1/Z$  when  $q < 1$  and  $1/Z$  when  $1 < q < 3$ .

## Value

dqgauss gives the density, pqgauss gives the distribution function, cqgauss gives the quantile function, and rqgauss generates random deviates.

## Author(s)

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## References

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**See Also**

Distributions for other standard distributions, including dt and dcauchy. [Distributions](#)

**Examples**

```

qv <- c(2.8,2.5,2,1.01,0,-5); nn <- 700
xrg <- sqrt((3-qv[6])/(1-qv[6]))
xr <- seq(-xrg,xrg,by=2*xrg/nn)
y0 <- dqgauss(xr,qv[6])
plot(xr,y0,ty='l',xlim=range(-4.5,4.5),ylab='p(x)',xlab='x')
for (i in 1:5){
  if (qv[i]< 1) xrg <- sqrt((3-qv[i])/(1-qv[i]))
  else xrg <- 4.5
  vby <- 2*xrg/nn
  xr <- seq(-xrg,xrg,by=2*xrg/nn)
  y0 <- dqgauss(xr,qv[i])
  points (xr,y0,ty='l',col=(i+1))
}
legend(2, 0.4, legend =c(expression(paste(q==5)),expression(paste(q==0)),
  expression(paste(q==1.01)),expression(paste(q==2)),expression(paste(q==2.5)),
  expression(paste(q==2.8))),col = c(1,6,5,4,3,2), lty = c(1,1,1,1,1,1))
######
qv <- 0
rr <- rqgauss(2^16,qv)
nn <- 70
xrg <- sqrt((3-qv)/(1-qv))
vby <- 2*xrg/(nn)
xr <- seq(-xrg,xrg,by=vby)
hist (rr,breaks=xr,freq=FALSE,xlab="x",main='')
y <- dqgauss(xr)
lines(xr,y/sum(y*vby),cex=.5,col=2,lty=4)

```

**Description**

Density, distribution function, quantile function and random generation for the q-gaussian distribution with parameters mu and sig.

**Usage**

```
dqgauss(x, q = 0, mu = 0, sig = 1)
```

## Arguments

|     |                         |
|-----|-------------------------|
| x   | vector of quantiles.    |
| q   | entropic index.         |
| mu  | a value for q-mean.     |
| sig | a value for q-variance. |

## Details

If q , mu and sig values are not specified, they assume the default values of 0, 0 and 1, respectively. Defining  $Z=(q-1)/(3-q)$ , the q-gaussian distribution has density written as

$$p(x) = (\text{sig}^* \text{Beta}(\text{alpha}/2, 1/2))^{-1} * (1+Z(x-\mu)^2/\text{sig}^2)^{-(1+1/Z)/2}$$

where  $\text{alpha} = 1 - 1/Z$  when  $q < 1$  and  $1/Z$  when  $1 < q < 3$ .

## Value

dqgauss gives the density, pqgauss gives the distribution function, cqgauss gives the quantile function, and rqgauss generates random deviates.

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## See Also

Distributions for other standard distributions, including dt and dcauchy. [Distributions](#)

## Examples

```
qv <- c(2.8,2.5,2,1.01,0,-5); nn <- 700
xrg <- sqrt((3-qv[6])/(1-qv[6]))
xr <- seq(-xrg,xrg,by=2*xrg/nn)
y0 <- dqgauss(xr,qv[6])
plot(xr,y0,ty='l',xlim=range(-4.5,4.5),ylab='p(x)',xlab='x')
for (i in 1:5){
  if (qv[i]< 1) xrg <- sqrt((3-qv[i])/(1-qv[i]))
  else xrg <- 4.5
  vby <- 2*xrg/nn
```

```

xr <- seq(-xrg,xrg,by=2*xrg/nn)
y0 <- dqgauss(xr,qv[i])
points (xr,y0,ty='l',col=(i+1))
}
legend(2, 0.4, legend =c(expression(paste(q== -5)),expression(paste(q==0)),
expression(paste(q==1.01))),expression(paste(q==2)),expression(paste(q==2.5)),
expression(paste(q==2.8))),col = c(1,6,5,4,3,2), lty = c(1,1,1,1,1,1))
#####
qv <- 0
rr <- rqgauss(2^16,qv)
nn <- 70
xrg <- sqrt((3-qv)/(1-qv))
vby <- 2*xrg/(nn)
xr <- seq(-xrg,xrg,by=vby)
hist (rr,breaks=xr,freq=FALSE,xlab="x",main='')
y <- dqgauss(xr)
lines(xr,y/sum(y*vby),cex=.5,col=2,lty=4)

```

**pqgauss***The q-gaussian Distribution***Description**

Density, distribution function, quantile function and random generation for the q-gaussian distribution with parameters mu and sig.

**Usage**

```
pqgauss(x, q = 0, mu = 0, sig = 1, lower.tail = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| <b>x</b>          | vector of quantiles.   |
| <b>q</b>          | entropic index.  |
| <b>mu</b>         | a value for q-mean.  |
| <b>sig</b>        | a value for q-variance.  |
| <b>lower.tail</b> | logical; if TRUE (default), probabilities are P[X <= x] otherwise, P[X > x]. |

**Details**

If q , mu and sig values are not specified, they assume the default values of 0, 0 and 1, respectively. Defining Z=(q-1)/(3-q), the q-gaussian distribution has density written as

$$p(x) = (\text{sig} * \text{Beta}(\alpha/2, 1/2))^{-1} * (1 + Z(x-\mu)^2/\text{sig}^2)^{-(1+1/Z)/2}$$

where  $\alpha = 1 - 1/Z$  when  $q < 1$  and  $1/Z$  when  $1 < q < 3$ .

## Value

dqgauss gives the density, pqgauss gives the distribution function, cqgauss gives the quantile function, and rqgauss generates random deviates.

## Author(s)

Emerson Luis de Santa Helena , Wagner Santos de Lima

## References

Thistleton, W., Marsh, J. A., Nelson, K., Tsallis, C., (2007) IEEE Transactions on Information Theory, 53(12):4805

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## See Also

Distributions for other standard distributions, including dt and dcauchy. [Distributions](#)

## Examples

```
qv <- c(2.8,2.5,2,1.01,0,-5); nn <- 700
xrg <- sqrt((3-qv[6])/(1-qv[6]))
xr <- seq(-xrg,xrg,by=2*xrg/nn)
y0 <- dqgauss(xr,qv[6])
plot(xr,y0,ty='l',xlim=range(-4.5,4.5),ylab='p(x)',xlab='x')
for (i in 1:5){
  if (qv[i]< 1) xrg <- sqrt((3-qv[i])/(1-qv[i]))
  else xrg <- 4.5
  vby <- 2*xrg/nn
  xr <- seq(-xrg,xrg,by=2*xrg/nn)
  y0 <- dqgauss(xr,qv[i])
  points (xr,y0,ty='l',col=(i+1))
}
legend(2, 0.4, legend =c(expression(paste(q== -5)),expression(paste(q==0)),
  expression(paste(q==1.01)),expression(paste(q==2)),expression(paste(q==2.5)),
  expression(paste(q==2.8))),col = c(1,6,5,4,3,2), lty = c(1,1,1,1,1,1))
######
qv <- 0
rr <- rqgauss(2^16,qv)
nn <- 70
xrg <- sqrt((3-qv)/(1-qv))
vby <- 2*xrg/(nn)
xr <- seq(-xrg,xrg,by=vby)
hist (rr,breaks=xr,freq=FALSE,xlab="x",main='')
y <- dqgauss(xr)
lines(xr,y/sum(y*vby),cex=.5,col=2,lty=4)
```

**qbymc***qbymc, a q value estimator founded upon medcouple.***Description**

Given a random data set, the 'qbymc' uses the medcouple, a robust measure of tail weights, to yield a 'q' value, a characteristic entropic index of the q-gaussian distributions.

**Usage**

```
qbymc(x)
```

**Arguments**

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| x | numeric vector |
|---|----------------|

**Value**

a number  $q < 3$ , and the standard error.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

de Santa Helena, E. L., Nascimento, C. M., and Gerhardt, G. J., (2015) Alternative way to characterize a q-gaussian distribution by a robust heavy tail measurement. Physica A, (435):44-50.

**See Also**

Robustbase for medcouple. [mc](#)

**Examples**

```
set.seed(0002)
rr <- rqgauss(1000,1.333)
qbymc(rr)
```

## Description

Density, distribution function, quantile function and random generation for the q-gaussian distribution with parameters mu and sig.

## Usage

```
rqgauss(n, q = 0, mu = 0, sig = 1, meth = "Box-Muller")
```

## Arguments

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| <b>n</b>    | number of observations. If length(n) > 1, the length is taken to be the number required. |
| <b>q</b>    | entropic index.  |
| <b>mu</b>   | a value for q-mean.  |
| <b>sig</b>  | a value for q-variance.  |
| <b>meth</b> | method used at random generator  |

## Details

If q , mu and sig values are not specified, they assume the default values of 0, 0 and 1, respectively. Defining Z=(q-1)/(3-q), the q-gaussian distribution has density written as

$$p(x) = (\text{sig}^* \text{Beta}(\alpha/2, 1/2))^{-1} * (1 + Z(x - \mu))^2 / (\text{sig}^2)^{(1+1/Z)/2}$$

where  $\alpha = 1 - 1/Z$  when  $q < 1$  and  $1/Z$  when  $1 < q < 3$ .

For different methods use: meth = "Chaotic" , meth = "Quantile" and meth = "Box-Muller"

## Value

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## See Also

Distributions for other standard distributions, including dt and dcauchy. [Distributions](#)

## Examples

```
qv <- c(2.8,2.5,2,1.01,0,-5); nn <- 700
xrg <- sqrt((3-qv[6])/(1-qv[6]))
xr <- seq(-xrg,xrg,by=2*xrg/nn)
y0 <- dqgauss(xr,qv[6])
plot(xr,y0,ty='l',xlim=range(-4.5,4.5),ylab='p(x)',xlab='x')
for (i in 1:5){
  if (qv[i]< 1) xrg <- sqrt((3-qv[i])/(1-qv[i]))
  else xrg <- 4.5
  vby <- 2*xrg/nn
  xr <- seq(-xrg,xrg,by=2*xrg/nn)
  y0 <- dqgauss(xr,qv[i])
  points (xr,y0,ty='l',col=(i+1))
}
legend(2, 0.4, legend =c(expression(paste(q== -5)),expression(paste(q==0)),
  expression(paste(q==1.01)),expression(paste(q==2)),expression(paste(q==2.5)),
  expression(paste(q==2.8))),col = c(1,6,5,4,3,2), lty = c(1,1,1,1,1,1))
######
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lines(xr,y/sum(y*vby),cex=.5,col=2,lty=4)
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