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box.scale

#### Description

calibrated scaling inlier multiplier radius for various outlier detection approaches

#### Usage

```
box.scale(n, alpha=0.05)
```

#### Arguments

n	n
alpha	alpha

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#### Examples

box.scale(20)

bushfire

satellite data on bushfire scars

#### Description

satellite data on bushfire scars

#### Usage

data(bushfire)

#### Format

The format is: num [1:38, 1:5] 111 113 113 110 101 93 92 94 94 100 ...

#### Details

Satellite measurements on five frequency bands corresponding to each of 38 pixels.

#### Source

Maronna RA and Yohai VJ (1995) JASA 90:330.

#### Examples

data(bushfire)
mv.calout.detect(bushfire)

calout.detect

### Description

Various classical and resistant outlier detection procedures are provided in which the outlier misclassification rate for Gaussian samples is fixed over a range of sample sizes.

#### Usage

```
calout.detect(x, alpha = 0.05, method = c("GESD", "boxplot", "medmad",
    "shorth", "hybrid"), k = ((length(x)%2) * floor(length(x)/2) +
    (1 - (length(x)%2)) * (length(x)/2 - 1)), scaling, ftype,
    location, scale, gen.region = function(x, location, scale,
        scaling, alpha) {
        g <- scaling(length(x), alpha)
        location(x) + c(-1, 1) * g * scale(x)
    })
```

#### Arguments

х	data vector, NAs not allowed
alpha	outlier mislabeling rate for Gaussian samples
method	one of c("GESD", "boxplot", "medmad", "shorth"); the first selects generalized extreme studentized deviate (Rosner, 1983); the second selects calibrated boxplot rules; the third selects the method of Hampel in which the sample median is used for location estimation, and the median absolute deviation is used for scale; and the fourth selects Rousseeuw's rule, with the midpoint of the shortest half sample used as location estimator, and the length of this shortest half sample used as scale estimator.
	An important characteristic of the GESD procedure is that the critical values for outlier labeling are calibrated to preserve the overall Type I error rate of the procedure given that there will be k tests, whether or not any outliers are present in the data.
k	for GESD, the prespecified upper limit on the number of outliers suspected in the data; defaults to "half" the sample size.
scaling	for resistant methods, scaling is a sample-size dependent function that tells how many multiples of the scale estimate should be laid off on each side of the lo- cation estimate to demarcate the inlier region; see Davies and Gather (1993) for the general formulation. The main contribution of this program consists in the development of scaling functions that "calibrate" outlier detection in Gaussian samples. The scaling function is assumed to take two arguments, n and alpha, and it should return a real number.
	If method=="boxplot", the default value scaling=box.scale will confine the prob- ability of erroneous detection of one or more outliers in a pure Gaussian sample to alpha. The use of scaling=function(n,alpha) 1.5 gives the standard boxplot outlier labeling rule.
	If method=="medmad", the use of scaling=hamp.scale.4 will confine the outlier mislabeling rate to alpha; whereas the use of scaling=function(n,alpha) 5.2 gives Hampel's rule (Davies and Gather, 1993, p. 790).

	If method=="shorth", the default value scaling=shorth.scale will confine the out- lier mislabeling rate to alpha.
ftype	The type of "fourth" calculation; the standard definition of the fourth uses $0.5 * \text{floor}((n + 3)/2)$ to obtain the sortile of the fourth value; Hoaglin and Iglewicz (1987) give an "ideal" definition of the fourth which reduces the dependence of boxplot-based outlier detection performance (in small samples) on the quantity n mod 4.
location	a function on a vector returning a location estimate
scale	a function on a vector returning a scale estimate
gen.region	a function of x, location, scale, scaling, alpha that returns the inlier region as a 2-vector

#### Value

a list with components ind (indices of outliers in the input vector) val (values of these components) and outlier.region, which is only defined for the resistant methods.

#### References

Davies and Gather (1993 JASA), Rousseeuw and Leroy (1988 Stat Neer), Rosner (1983 Technom), Hoaglin and Iglewicz (1987 JASA), Carey, Walters, Wager and Rosner (1997 Technom)

#### Examples

mv.calout.detect calibrated multivariate outlier detection

#### Description

interface to a parametric multivariate outlier detection algorithm

#### Usage

#### mv.calout.detect

## Arguments

х	data matrix
k	upper bound on number of outliers; defaults to just less than half the sample size
Ci	function computing Ci, the covariance determinant ratio excluding row i. At present, sole option is C.unstr (Caroni and Prescott 1992 Appl Stat).
lamfun	function computing lambda, the critical values for Ci
alpha	false outlier labeling rate
method	string identifying algorithm to use
	reserved for future use

#### Details

bushfire is a dataset distributed by Kosinski to illustrate his method.

#### Value

a list with components

inds	indices of outlying rows
vals	values of outlying rows
k	input parameter k
alpha	input parameter alpha

#### Author(s)

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#### References

C. Caroni and P. Prescott, Journal of the Royal Statistical Society. Series C (Applied Statistics), Vol. 41, No. 2 (1992), pp. 355-364

## Examples

```
data(tcost)
mv.calout.detect(tcost)
data(bushfire)
mv.calout.detect(bushfire)
```

shorth

## Description

generalized length of shortest-half sample

## Usage

shorth(x, Alpha=0.5)

## Arguments

x	data vector, no NAs
Alpha	minimum fraction of data to be covered by scale estimator. if Alpha == $0.5$ , the shorth is calculated

#### Value

a list, say L, with components

shorth	a 2-vector with endpoints of the shortest Alpha-sample
length.shorth	see previous return component L\$shorth[2]-L\$shorth[1]
midpt.shorth	mean(L[["shorth"]])
meanshorth	mean of values in the shorth, studied by Andrews et al (1972) as a location estimator
correction.par	<pre>ity.dep correction factor to be applied to achieve approximate unbiasedness and dimin- ish small-sample parity dependence; L["shorth"]] * L[["correction"]] is approximately unbiased for the Gaussian standard deviation, for 0 &lt; Alpha &lt; 1.</pre>
<pre>bias.correction.gau.5 correction factor to be applied along with correction.parity.dep when Alpha = .5; empirically derived bias correction useful for 10 &lt; N &lt; 2000 and possibly be- yond. To use, divide: (L[["shorth"]] * L[["correction"]] / L[["bias.corr"]]) is approximately unbiased for Gaussian standard deviation, when Alpha=.5.</pre>	
Alpha	coverage fraction used

#### References

Rousseeuw and Leroy, Stat Neer (1988), Gruebel, Ann Stat (1988)

tcost

#### Description

Multivariate data on milk transportation costs

#### Usage

```
data(tcost)
```

#### Format

The format is: num [1:36, 1:3] 16.44 7.19 9.92 4.24 11.2 ...

- attr(\*, "dimnames")=List of 2

..\$: chr [1:36] "1" "2" "3" "4" ...

..\$: chr [1:3] "fuel" "repair" "capital"

#### Details

Extract from Johnson and Wichern example dataset on milk transportation.

#### Source

Johnson and Wichern, Applied Multivariate Statistical Analysis, 3rd edition, p263

#### Examples

```
data(tcost)
mv.calout.detect(tcost)
```

tukeyor

calibrated outlier region based on various algorithms

#### Description

calibrated outlier region based on various algorithms

#### Usage

```
tukeyor(x, alpha=0.05, g=box.scale(length(x), alpha = alpha), ftype="ideal")
```

#### Arguments

Х	х
alpha	alpha
g	g
ftype	ftype

tukeyor

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## Examples

data(tcost)
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