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DiscreteWeibull-package

*Discrete Weibull distributions (type I and 3)*

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**See Also**

[ddweibull](#), [estdweibull](#), [Edweibull](#), [ddweibull3](#), [estdweibull3](#), [Edweibull3](#)

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Discrete Weibull (Type 1)

*The type 1 discrete Weibull distribution*

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**Description**

Probability mass function, distribution function, quantile function and random generation for the discrete Weibull distribution with parameters  $q$  and  $\beta$

**Usage**

```
ddweibull(x, q, beta, zero = FALSE)
pdweibull(x, q, beta, zero = FALSE)
qdweibull(p, q, beta, zero = FALSE)
rdweibull(n, q, beta, zero = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

x	vector of quantiles
p	vector of probabilities
q	first parameter
beta	second parameter
zero	TRUE, if the support contains 0; FALSE otherwise
n	sample size

**Details**

The discrete Weibull distribution has probability mass function given by  $P(X = x; q, \beta) = q^{(x-1)\beta} - q^{x\beta}$ ,  $x = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ , if zero=FALSE; or  $P(X = x; q, \beta) = q^{x\beta} - q^{(x+1)\beta}$ ,  $x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , if zero=TRUE. The cumulative distribution function is  $F(x; q, \beta) = 1 - q^{x\beta}$  if zero=FALSE;  $F(x; q, \beta) = 1 - q^{(x+1)\beta}$  otherwise

**Value**

ddweibull gives the probability function, pdweibull gives the distribution function, qdweibull gives the quantile function, and rdweibull generates random values.

**Author(s)**

Alessandro Barbiero

**Examples**

```
# Ex.1
x<-1:10
q<-0.6
beta<-0.8
ddweibull(x, q, beta)
t<-qdweibull(0.99, q, beta)
t
```

```

pdweibull(t, q, beta)
#
x<-0:10
ddweibull(x, q, beta, zero=TRUE)
t<-qdweibull(0.99, q, beta, zero=TRUE)
t
pdweibull(t, q, beta, zero=TRUE)

# Ex.2
q<-0.4
beta<-0.7
n<-100
x<-rdweibull(n, q, beta)
tabulate(x)/sum(tabulate(x))
y<-1:round(max(x))
# compare with
ddweibull(y, q, beta)

```

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## Discrete Weibull (Type 3)

*The type 3 discrete Weibull distribution*

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### Description

Probability mass function, distribution function, quantile function, random generation, and hazard function for the type 3 discrete Weibull distribution with parameters  $c$  and  $\beta$

### Usage

```

ddweibull3(x, c, beta)
pdweibull3(x, c, beta)
qdweibull3(p, c, beta)
rdweibull3(n, c, beta)
hdweibull3(x, c, beta)

```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	vector of values/quantiles
<code>p</code>	vector of probabilities
<code>c</code>	first parameter
<code>beta</code>	second parameter
<code>n</code>	sample size

### Details

The type 3 discrete Weibull distribution is characterized by the following cumulative distribution function:  $F(x; c, \beta) = 1 - \exp(-c \sum_{j=0}^{x+1} j^\beta)$ , for  $x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , with  $c > 0$  and  $\beta \geq -1$ .

### Value

`ddweibull3` gives the probability function, `pdweibull3` gives the distribution function, `qdweibull3` gives the quantile function, `hdweibull3` gives the hazard function, and `rdweibull` generates random values.

**Author(s)**

Alessandro Barbiero

**Examples**

```

# ddweibull3
x<-0:10
c<-0.3
beta<-0.75
p<-ddweibull3(x,c,beta)
p
plot(x,p,type="b",ylab=expression(P(X)==x))
# pdweibull3
x<-0:10
c<-0.5
beta<-0.5
p<-pdweibull3(x,c,beta)
p
cumsum(ddweibull3(x,c,beta))
plot(x,p,type="s",ylab=expression(P(X<=x)))
# qdweibull3
p<-c(1:9)/10
p
c<-0.1
beta<-0.5
qdweibull3(p,c,beta)
pdweibull3(10,c,beta)
pdweibull3(9,c,beta)
# rdweibull3
n<-20
c<-0.25
beta<--0.25
x<-rdweibull3(n,c,beta)
x
beta<-0
x<-rdweibull3(n,c,beta)
x
beta<-0.25
x<-rdweibull3(n,c,beta)
x
n<-1000
x<-rdweibull3(n,c,beta)
obs<-c(sum(x==0),tabulate(x))
obs<-obs/sum(obs)
theo<-ddweibull3(min(x):max(x),c,beta)
barplot(rbind(obs,theo),beside=TRUE,names.arg=min(x):max(x),
ylab="relative frequency/probability",col=1:2)
legend(24,0.1,c("observed","theoretical"),pch=15,col=1:2)
#hdweibull3
x<-0:15
c<-0.5
hn<-hdweibull3(x,c,beta=-0.5)
h0<-hdweibull3(x,c,beta=0)
hp<-hdweibull3(x,c,beta=0.5)
plot(x,hn,type="b",ylim=c(0,1),ylab="hazard rate")
points(x,h0,type="b",col=2)

```

```
points(x, hp, type="b", col=3)
legend(11, 0.5, c("beta<0", "beta=0", "beta>0"), col=1:3, pch=21)
```

Edweibull

*Expected values*

## Description

First and second order moments, variance and expected value of the reciprocal for the type 1 discrete Weibull distribution

## Usage

```
Edweibull(q, beta, eps = 1e-04, nmax = 1000, zero = FALSE)
E2dweibull(q, beta, eps = 1e-04, nmax = 1000, zero = FALSE)
Vdweibull(q, beta, eps = 1e-04, nmax = 1000, zero = FALSE)
ERdweibull(q, beta, eps = 1e-04, nmax = 1000)
```

## Arguments

q	first parameter
beta	second parameter
eps	error threshold for the numerical computation of the expected value
nmax	maximum value considered for the numerical computation of the expected value
zero	TRUE, if the support contains 0; FALSE otherwise

## Details

The expected values are numerically computed considering a truncated support: integer values smaller than or equal to  $2 \min(nmax; F^{-1}(1 - eps; q, \beta))$ , where  $F^{-1}$  is the inverse of the cumulative distribution function (implemented by the function [qdweibull](#))

## Value

the (approximate) expected values of the discrete Weibull distribution: Edweibull gives the first order moment, E2dweibull the second order moment, Vdweibull the variance, ERdweibull the expected value of the reciprocal (only if zero is FALSE)

## Author(s)

Alessandro Barbiero

## Examples

```
q<-0.75
beta<-1.25
Edweibull(q, beta)
E2dweibull(q, beta)
Vdweibull(q, beta)
ERdweibull(q, beta)
# if beta=1...
beta<-1
```

```
Edweibull(q, beta)
# which equals...
1/(1-q)
```

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Edweibull3

*Expected values*


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## Description

First and second order moments for the type 3 discrete Weibull distribution

## Usage

```
Edweibull3(c, beta, eps = 1e-04)
E2dweibull3(c, beta, eps = 1e-04)
```

## Arguments

c	first parameter
beta	second parameter
eps	error threshold for the numerical computation of the expected value

## Details

The expected values are numerically computed considering a truncated support: integer values smaller than or equal to  $2F^{-1}(1 - \text{eps}; c, \beta)$ , where  $F^{-1}$  is the inverse of the cumulative distribution function (implemented by the function [qdweibull3](#))

## Value

the (approximate) expected values of the discrete Weibull distribution: Edweibull3 gives the first order moment, E2dweibull3 the second order moment

## Author(s)

Alessandro Barbiero

## Examples

```
c<-0.4
beta<-0.25
Edweibull3(c,beta)
c<-0.4
beta<--0.75
Edweibull3(c,beta) # may require too much time
Edweibull3(c,beta,eps=0.001) # try with a smaller eps->worse approximation
c<-rep(0.1,11)
beta<-(0:10)/10
Edweibull3(c,beta)
c<-rep(0.5,11)
beta<-(-5:5)/10
Edweibull3(c,beta)
# E2dweibull3
```

```

c<-0.4
beta<-0.25
E2dweibull3(c,beta)
c<-rep(0.1,11)
beta<-(0:10)/10
Edweibull3(c,beta)
c<-rep(0.8,11)
beta<-(-5:5)/11
E2dweibull3(c,beta)

```

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estdweibull

*Estimation of parameters*


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## Description

Estimation of the parameters of the type 1 discrete Weibull distribution

## Usage

```
estdweibull(x, method = "ML", zero = FALSE, eps = 1e-04, nmax=1000)
```

## Arguments

x	the vector of sample values
method	"ML" for the maximum likelihood method; "M" for the method of moments; "P" for the method of proportions
zero	TRUE, if the support contains 0; FALSE otherwise
eps	error threshold for the computation of the moments of the distribution
nmax	maximum value considered for the numerical computation of the expected value

## Value

the vector of the estimates of  $q$  and  $\beta$

## Author(s)

Alessandro Barbiero

## See Also

[ddweibull](#)

## Examples

```

# Ex1
n<-10
q<-0.5
beta<-0.8
x<-rdweibull(n, q, beta)
estdweibull(x, "ML") # maximum likelihood method
# it may return some harmless warnings
# that depend on the optimization function used in the maximization routine

```

```

estdweibull(x, "M") # method of moments
estdweibull(x, "P") # method of proportion
# the estimates provided by the three methods may be quite different
# from the true values... and to each other
# change the sample size
n<-100
q<-0.5
beta<-0.8
x<-rdweibull(n, q, beta)
estdweibull(x, "ML") # maximum likelihood method
estdweibull(x, "M") # method of moments
estdweibull(x, "P") # method of proportion
# the estimates should be closer to the true values
# ...and to each other

# When the estimation methods fail...
# Ex2
# only 1s and 2s
x<-c(1,1,1,1,1,1,2,2,2,2)
estdweibull(x, "ML") # fails!
estdweibull(x, "M") # fails!
estdweibull(x, "P") # fails!

# Ex3
# no 1s
x<-c(2,2,3,4,5,5,5,6,6,8,10)
estdweibull(x, "ML") # works
estdweibull(x, "M") # works
estdweibull(x, "P") # fails!

```

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estdweibull3

*Estimation of parameters*


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## Description

Estimation of the parameters of the type 3 discrete Weibull distribution

## Usage

```
estdweibull3(x, method = "P", eps = 1e-04)
```

## Arguments

x	the vector of sample values
method	"ML" for the maximum likelihood method; "M" for the method of moments; "P" for the method of proportions
eps	error threshold for the computation of the moments of the distribution

## Value

the vector of the estimates of  $c$  and  $\beta$

**Author(s)**

Alessandro Barbiero

**See Also**[ddweibull3](#)**Examples**

```

# Ex1
x<-c(0,0,0,0,0,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,2,2,2,2,3,3,4,6)
estdweibull3(x,"P")
estdweibull3(x,"ML")
estdweibull3(x,"M")
# Ex 2
n<-20
c<-1/3
beta<-2/3
x<-rdweibull3(n,c,beta)
estdweibull3(x,"P")
par<-estdweibull3(x,"ML")
par
-loglikedw3(par,x)
par<-estdweibull3(x,"M")
par
lossdw3(par,x)
n<-50
x<-rdweibull3(n,c,beta)
estdweibull3(x,"P")
estdweibull3(x,"ML")
estdweibull3(x,"M")
n<-100
x<-rdweibull3(n,c,beta)
estdweibull3(x,"P")
estdweibull3(x,"ML")
estdweibull3(x,"M")
n<-1000
x<-rdweibull3(n,c,beta)
estdweibull3(x,"P")
estdweibull3(x,"ML")
estdweibull3(x,"M")
# Ex 3: a piece of simulation study
nSim<-100
n<-50
c<-0.2
beta<-0.7
par<-matrix(0,nSim,2)
for(i in 1:nSim)
{
  x<-rdweibull3(n,c,beta)
  par[i,]<-estdweibull3(x,"ML")
}
op<-par(mfrow=c(1,2))
boxplot(par[,1],xlab=expression(hat(c)[ML]))
abline(h=c)
boxplot(par[,2],xlab=expression(hat(beta)[ML]))

```

```
abline(h=beta)
op<-par()
```

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loglikedw	<i>Loglikelihood function</i>
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## Description

Loglikelihood function (changed in sign) for the type 1 discrete Weibull distribution

## Usage

```
loglikedw(par, x, zero = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

par	the vector of parameters, $q$ and $\beta$
x	the vector of sample values
zero	TRUE, if the support contains 0; FALSE otherwise

## Value

the value of the loglikelihood function (changed in sign) for the observed sample  $x$  under the parameters  $par$

## Author(s)

Alessandro Barbiero

## See Also

[estdweibull](#)

## Examples

```
x<-c(1,1,1,2,2,2,2,2,2,3,4,4,5,6,8)
-loglikedw(c(0.8,1),x) # loglikelihood function for q=0.8 and beta=1
-loglikedw(c(0.4,2),x) # loglikelihood function for q=0.4 and beta=2
par<-estdweibull(x,"ML")# parameter estimates derived by the ML method
par
-loglikedw(par,x) # the maximum value of the loglikelihood function
```

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loglikedw3	<i>Loglikelihood function</i>
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**Description**

Loglikelihood function (changed in sign) for the type 3 discrete Weibull distribution

**Usage**

```
loglikedw3(par, x)
```

**Arguments**

par	the vector of parameters, $c$ and $\beta$
x	the vector of sample values

**Value**

the value of the loglikelihood function (changed in sign) for the observed sample  $x$  under the parameters  $par$

**Author(s)**

Alessandro Barbiero

**See Also**

[estdweibull13](#)

**Examples**

```
n<-20
c<-1/3
beta<-2/3
x<-rdweibull13(n,c,beta)
par<-estdweibull13(x,"ML")
par
-loglikedw3(par,x)
```

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lossdw	<i>Loss function</i>
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**Description**

Loss function for the method of moments (type 1 discrete Weibull)

**Usage**

```
lossdw(par, x, zero = FALSE, eps = 1e-04, nmax=1000)
```

**Arguments**

par	vector of parameters $q$ and $\beta$
x	the vector of sample values
zero	TRUE, if the support contains 0; FALSE otherwise
eps	error threshold for the numerical computation of the expected value
nmax	maximum value considered for the numerical computation of the expected value

**Details**

The loss function is given by  $L(x; q, \beta) = [m_1 - E(X; q, \beta)]^2 + [m_2 - E(X^2; q, \beta)]^2$ , where  $E(\cdot)$  denotes the expected value,  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  are the first and second order sample moments respectively.

**Value**

the value of the quadratic loss function

**Author(s)**

Alessandro Barbiero

**See Also**

[Edweibull](#)

**Examples**

```
x<-c(1,1,1,1,1,2,2,2,3,4)
lossdw(c(0.5,1),x)
par<-estdweibull(x,"M") # parameter estimates derived by the method of moments
par
lossdw(par,x) # the loss is zero using these estimates
```

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lossdw3

*Loss function*


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**Description**

Loss function for the method of moments (type 3 discrete Weibull)

**Usage**

```
lossdw3(par, x, eps = 1e-04)
```

**Arguments**

par	vector of parameters $q$ and $\beta$
x	the vector of sample values
eps	error threshold for the numerical computation of the expected value

**Details**

The loss function is given by  $L(x; c, \beta) = [m_1 - E(X; c, \beta)]^2 + [m_2 - E(X^2; c, \beta)]^2$ , where  $E(\cdot)$  denotes the expected value,  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  are the first and second order sample moments respectively.

**Value**

the value of the quadratic loss function

**Author(s)**

Alessandro Barbiero

**See Also**

[Edweibull3](#)

**Examples**

```
n<-25
c<-1/3
beta<-2/3
x<-rdweibull3(n,c,beta)
par<-estdweibull3(x,"M")
par
lossdw3(par,x)
```

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varFisher

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*Observed Fisher information matrix*


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**Description**

Observed Fisher information matrix on a sample from the type 1 discrete Weibull distribution

**Usage**

```
varFisher(x, zero = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

x	a vector of sample values
zero	TRUE, if the support contains 0; FALSE otherwise

**Value**

a list of two matrices: the observed Fisher information matrix, and its inverse, which contains asymptotic variances and covariances of the maximum likelihood estimators of  $q$  and  $\beta$

**Author(s)**

Alessandro Barbiero

**See Also**[estdweibull](#)**Examples**

```
x<-rdweibull(100, 2/3, 3/2)
estdweibull(x, "ML")
IF<-varFisher(x)[[2]]
diag(IF)
diag(IF)/length(x) # asymptotic variances of ML estimators
```

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