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compoisson-package      *Conway-Maxwell Poisson Distribution*

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**Description**

Provides routines for computing the density of the Conway-Maxwell Poisson distribution and fitting parameters to data.

**Details**

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**See Also**

See [dcom](#) for calculating the pmf of the distribution, see [com.fit](#) for fitting parameters.

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com.compute.z      *Compute COM-Poisson Normalizing Constant*

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**Description**

Computes the normalizing constant in the COM-Poisson model for given values of the parameters.

**Usage**

```
com.compute.z(lambda, nu, log.error = 0.001)
com.compute.log.z(lambda, nu, log.error = 0.001)
```

**Arguments**

lambda	Lambda value in COM-Poisson distribution
nu	Nu value in COM-Poisson distribution
log.error	Precision in the log of the normalizing constant

**Details**

com.compute.z computes the COM-Poisson normalizing constant

$$z = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^i}{(j!)^\nu}$$

to the specified precision. If no precision is specified, then the package default is used.

com.compute.log.z is equivalent to log(com.compute.z(lambda, nu)) but provides additional precision.

**Value**

The normalizing constant as a real number with specified precision.

**Author(s)**

Jeffrey Dunn

**References**

Shmueli, G., Minka, T. P., Kadane, J. B., Borle, S. and Boatwright, P., "A useful distribution for fitting discrete data: Revival of the Conway-Maxwell-Poisson distribution," J. Royal Statist. Soc., v54, pp. 127-142, 2005.

**See Also**

[com.fit](#)

**Examples**

```
data(insurance);
fit = com.fit(Lemaire);
z = com.compute.z(fit$lambda, fit$nu);
```

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`com.confint`*Computes a confidence interval for parameter estimates of the COM-Poisson Distribution*

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**Description**

Computes a pivotal bootstrap confidence interval for maximum likelihood parameter estimates.

**Usage**

```
com.confint(data, level=0.95, B=1000, n=1000)
```

**Arguments**

<code>data</code>	the matrix of data to fit
<code>level</code>	the level of the confidence interval
<code>B</code>	number of repetitions of the bootstrap
<code>n</code>	number of data points in each bootstrap sample

**Details**

Uses a standard pivotal confidence interval from a bootstrap sample.

**Value**

A matrix containing the confidence intervals for each parameter

**Author(s)**

Akshaya Jha, Jeffrey Dunn

**References**

Wasserman, L. (2005). "All of Statistics: A Concise Course in Statistical Inference," Springer Texts in Statistics.

**See Also**

[com.fit](#)

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com.expectation	<i>Computes Expectation of a Function of a COM-Poisson Random Variable</i>
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### Description

Computes an expectation of a function of a COM-Poisson random variable.

### Usage

```
com.expectation(f, lambda, nu, log.error = 0.001)
```

### Arguments

f	function taking as a single argument the value of x
lambda	value of lambda parameter
nu	value of nu parameter
log.error	precision in the log of the expectation

### Details

Computes the expectation  $E[f(X)]$  where X is a COM-Poisson random variable.

### Value

The expectation as a real number.

### Author(s)

Jeffrey Dunn

### References

Shmueli, G., Minka, T. P., Kadane, J. B., Borle, S. and Boatwright, P., "A useful distribution for fitting discrete data: Revival of the Conway-Maxwell-Poisson distribution," J. Royal Statist. Soc., v54, pp. 127-142, 2005.

### See Also

[com.mean](#), [com.var](#), [com.fit](#)

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com.fit	<i>Computes COM-Poisson Regression</i>
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**Description**

Computes the maximum likelihood estimates of the COM-Poisson model for given count data.

**Usage**

```
com.fit(x)
```

**Arguments**

x	matrix of count data
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**Details**

The argument x should consist of a matrix where the first column is the level and the second column is the count for the corresponding level.

**Value**

Returns an object containing four fields:

lambda	Estimate of the lambda parameter
nu	Estimate of the nu parameter
z	Normalizing constant
fitted.values	Estimated counts at given levels

**Author(s)**

Jeffrey Dunn

**References**

Shmueli, G., Minka, T. P., Kadane, J. B., Borle, S. and Boatwright, P., "A useful distribution for fitting discrete data: Revival of the Conway-Maxwell-Poisson distribution," J. Royal Statist. Soc., v54, pp. 127-142, 2005.

**See Also**

[com.compute.z](#), [com.loglikelihood](#)

**Examples**

```
data(insurance)
com.fit(Lemaire);
```

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com.log.density	<i>Computes the Log PMF of the COM-Poisson Distribution</i>
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**Description**

Computes the log probability mass function of the COM-Poisson distribution for given values of the parameters.

**Usage**

```
com.log.density(x, lambda, nu, log.z = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

x	level to evaluate the log PMF at
lambda	value of the lambda parameter
nu	value of the nu parameter
log.z	log of the normalizing constant, computed if not specified

**Details**

Computes the log probability mass function of the COM-Poisson distribution

$$\log f(x) = x \log \lambda - \log(Z(\lambda, \nu)) - \nu \sum_{i=1}^x x.$$

**Value**

The log probability that a random COM-Poisson variable X takes value x.

**Author(s)**

Jeffrey Dunn

**References**

Shmueli, G., Minka, T. P., Kadane, J. B., Borle, S. and Boatwright, P., "A useful distribution for fitting discrete data: Revival of the Conway-Maxwell-Poisson distribution," J. Royal Statist. Soc., v54, pp. 127-142, 2005.

**See Also**

[com.loglikelihood](#), [dcom](#)

**Examples**

```
data(insurance);
fit = com.fit(Lemaire);
com.log.density(0, fit$lambda, fit$nu, fit$z);
```

com.loglikelihood      *Computes Log-Likelihood of COM-Poisson*

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**Description**

Given a set of data, computes the log-likelihood of the data under the COM-Poisson distribution for values of the parameters.

**Usage**

```
com.loglikelihood(x, lambda, nu)
```

**Arguments**

x	matrix of count data
lambda	value of lambda parameter
nu	value of nu parameter

**Details**

The argument x should consist of a matrix where the first column is the level and the second column is the count for the corresponding level.

**Value**

The log-likelihood of the data.

**Author(s)**

Jeffrey Dunn

**References**

Shmueli, G., Minka, T. P., Kadane, J. B., Borle, S. and Boatwright, P., "A useful distribution for fitting discrete data: Revival of the Conway-Maxwell-Poisson distribution," J. Royal Statist. Soc., v54, pp. 127-142, 2005.

**See Also**

[com.fit](#), [dcom](#)



**Description**

Computes the difference of two values in log-space.

**Usage**

```
com.log.difference(x, y)
com.log.sum(x, y)
com.log.factorial(x)
```

**Arguments**

x	first value
y	second value

**Details**

com.log.difference computes the difference of two values in log-space,  $\log(e^x - e^y)$ , without significant chance of overflow or underflow.

com.log.sum computes the sum of two values in log-space,  $\log(e^x + e^y)$ , without significant change of overflow or underflow.

com.log.factorial computes  $\log(x!)$  which is equivalent to a summation.

**Value**

The requested computation in log-space.

**Author(s)**

Jeffrey Dunn

**Examples**

```
a = exp(com.log.difference(log(100), log(20))); # a = 80
b = exp(com.log.sum(log(100), log(20))); # b = 120
c = exp(com.log.factorial(4)); # c = 24
```

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`com.mean`*Computes Mean of the COM-Poisson Distribution*

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**Description**

Computes the mean of the COM-Poisson distribution for given values of the parameters.

**Usage**

```
com.mean(lambda, nu)
```

**Arguments**

<code>lambda</code>	value of lambda parameter
<code>nu</code>	value of the nu parameter

**Details**

Uses [com.expectation](#) to compute the first moment of the distribution.

**Value**

The mean of the distribution.

**Author(s)**

Jeffrey Dunn

**References**

Shmueli, G., Minka, T. P., Kadane, J. B., Borle, S. and Boatwright, P., "A useful distribution for fitting discrete data: Revival of the Conway-Maxwell-Poisson distribution," J. Royal Statist. Soc., v54, pp. 127-142, 2005.

**See Also**

[com.expectation](#), [com.var](#)

**Examples**

```
data(insurance)
model = com.fit(Lemaire);
com.mean(model$lambda, model$nu);
```

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`com.var`*Computes Variance of the COM-Poisson Distribution*

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**Description**

Computes the variance of the COM-Poisson distribution for given values of the parameters.

**Usage**

```
com.var(lambda, nu)
```

**Arguments**

<code>lambda</code>	value of lambda parameter
<code>nu</code>	value of the nu parameter

**Details**

Uses [com.expectation](#) to compute the second moment of the distribution and subtracts the squared mean, computed using [com.mean](#).

**Value**

The variance of the distribution.

**Author(s)**

Jeffrey Dunn

**References**

Shmueli, G., Minka, T. P., Kadane, J. B., Borle, S. and Boatwright, P., "A useful distribution for fitting discrete data: Revival of the Conway-Maxwell-Poisson distribution," J. Royal Statist. Soc., v54, pp. 127-142, 2005.

**See Also**

[com.expectation](#), [com.mean](#)

**Examples**

```
data(insurance)
model = com.fit(Lemaire);
com.var(model$lambda, model$nu);
```

compoisson-data

*Insurance Count Datasets*

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**Description**

Two auto insurance datasets compiled from published works. The Lemaire dataset contains published aggregate claim numbers for automobile third-party liability insurance of a Belgian insurance company in the early 1990's. The Buhlmann dataset originates from aggregate accident claims in 1961 for a class of auto insurance in Switzerland.

**Usage**

```
data(insurance)
```

**Format**

Each dataset is a matrix with two columns. The first column contains the levels and the second contains the number of customers who submitted the corresponding level of claims.

**Source**

Lemaire, Jean. "Bonus-Malus Systems for Automobile Insurance". Kluwer Academic Publishers, 1995.

Panjer, Harry. "Actuarial Mathematics (Proceedings of Symposia in Applied Mathematics)". Providence: American Mathematical Society, 1986.

**Examples**

```
data(insurance)
Lemaire
Buhlmann
```

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dcom*The COM-Poisson Distribution*

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**Description**

Probability mass function and random generation for the COM-Poisson distribution for given values of the parameters.

**Usage**

```
dcom(x, lambda, nu, z = NULL)
rcom(n, lambda, nu, log.z = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

x	level to evaluate the PMF at
lambda	value of lambda parameter
nu	value of nu parameter
z	normalizing constant, computed if not specified
n	number of random values to return
log.z	natural log of z

**Details**

Computes the probability mass function of the COM-Poisson distribution

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{Z(\lambda, \nu)} \frac{\lambda^x}{(x!)^\nu}$$

**Value**

dcom gives the probability that a random COM-Poisson variable X takes value x. rcom gives a vector of n random values sampled from the COM-Poisson distribution.

**Author(s)**

Jeffrey Dunn

**References**

Shmueli, G., Minka, T. P., Kadane, J. B., Borle, S. and Boatwright, P., "A useful distribution for fitting discrete data: Revival of the Conway-Maxwell-Poisson distribution," J. Royal Statist. Soc., v54, pp. 127-142, 2005.

**See Also**

[com.loglikelihood](#), [com.log.density](#)

**Examples**

```
data(insurance);
fit = com.fit(Lemaire);
dcom(0, fit$lambda, fit$nu, fit$z);
r = rcom(10, fit$lambda, fit$nu);
```

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