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**Description** Provides an estimation technique for Bayesian quantile regression in ordinal models. Two algorithms are considered - one for an ordinal model with three outcomes and the other for an ordinal model with more than 3 outcomes. It further provides model performance criteria and trace plots for Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) draws.  
Rahman, M. A. (2016) <doi:10.1214/15-BA939>.  
Greenberg, E. (2012) <doi:10.1017/CBO9781139058414>.  
Spiegelhalter, D. J., Best, N. G., Carlin B. P. and Linde A. (2002) <doi:10.1111/1467-9868.00353>.

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alcdf	<i>Asymmetric Laplace Distribution</i>
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## Description

This function computes the cumulative distribution (CDF) for an asymmetric Laplace distribution.

## Usage

```
alcdf(x, mu, sigma, p)
```

## Arguments

x	scalar value.
mu	location parameter of ALD.
sigma	scale parameter of ALD.
p	quantile or skewness parameter, p in (0,1).

**Details**

Computes the cumulative distribution function for the asymmetric Laplace distribution.

$$CDF(x) = F(x) = P(X \leq x)$$

where X is a random variable

**Value**

Returns a scalar with cumulative probability value at point 'x'.

**References**

Rahman, M. A. (2016). "Bayesian Quantile Regression for Ordinal Models." *Bayesian Analysis*, 11(1): 1-24.

Koenker, R. and Machado, J. (1999). "Goodness of Fit and Related Inference Processes for Quantile Regression." *Journal of American Statistics Association*, 94(3): 1296-1309.

Keming, Y. and Zhang, J. (2005). "A Three-Parameter Asymmetric Laplace Distribution." *Communications in Statistics - Theory and Methods*, 34(9): 1867-1879.

**See Also**

cumulative distribution function, asymmetric Laplace distribution

**Examples**

```
set.seed(101)
x <- -0.5428573
mu <- 0.5
sigma <- 1
p <- 0.25
ans <- alcdf(x, mu, sigma, p)

# ans
# 0.1143562
```

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alcdfstdg3

*CDF of a standard Asymmetric Laplace Distribution*

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**Description**

This function computes the CDF of a standard asymmetric Laplace distribution i.e.  $AL(0, 1, p)$ .

**Usage**

```
alcdfstdg3(x, p)
```

**Arguments**

x	scalar value.
p	quantile level or skewness parameter, p in (0,1).

**Details**

Computes the CDF of a standard asymmetric Laplace distribution.

$$CDF(x) = F(x) = P(X \leq x)$$

where X is a random variable that follows AL(0, 1, p).

**Value**

Returns the probability value from the CDF of an asymmetric Laplace distribution.

**References**

Rahman, M. A. (2016). "Bayesian Quantile Regression for Ordinal Models." *Bayesian Analysis*, 11(1): 1-24.

Koenker, R. and Machado, J. (1999). "Goodness of Fit and Related Inference Processes for Quantile Regression." *Journal of American Statistics Association*, 94(3): 1296-1309.

Keming, Y. and Zhang, J. (2005). "A Three-Parameter Asymmetric Laplace Distribution." *Communications in Statistics - Theory and Methods*, 34(9): 1867-1879.

**See Also**

asymmetric Laplace distribution

**Examples**

```
set.seed(101)
x <- -0.5428573
p <- 0.25
ans <- alcdfstdg3(x, p)

# ans
# 0.1663873
```

**Description**

This package serves the following 3 purposes for Ordinal Models under bayesian analysis:

- Package provides an estimation technique for Bayesian quantile regression in ordinal models. Two algorithms are considered
  - one for an ordinal model with three outcomes.
  - second for an ordinal model with more than three outcomes.
- Package provides model performance criteria's.
- It also provides trace plots for Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) draws.

**Details**

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Package **bqror** provides the following functions:

- For an Ordinal Model with three outcomes:

`quan_reg3`, `drawlatent3`, `drawbeta3`, `drawsigma3`, `drawnu3`, `deviance3`, `negLoglikelihood`, `rndald`, `trace_plot3`, `inefficiency_factor3`

- For an Ordinal Model with more than three outcomes:

`quan_regg3`, `qrminfundtheorem`, `qrnegloglikensum`, `drawbetag3`, `drawwg3`, `drawlatentg3`, `drawdeltag3`, `devianceg3`, `alcdfstdg3`, `alcdf`, `trace_plotg3`, `inefficiency_factorg3`

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**References**

Rahman, M. A. (2016). "Bayesian Quantile Regression for Ordinal Models." *Bayesian Analysis*, 11(1): 1-24, <doi:10.1214/15-BA939>.

Spiegelhalter, D. J., Best, N. G., Carlin B. P. and Linde A. (2002). "Bayesian Measures of Model Complexity and Fit." *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society B*, Part 4: 583-639, <doi:10.1111/1467-9868.00353>.

Greenberg, E. (2012). "Introduction to Bayesian Econometrics." Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, <doi:10.1017/CBO9781139058414>.

**See Also**

[rgig](#), [mvrnorm](#), [ginv](#), [rtruncnorm](#), [mvnpdf](#), [rinvgamma](#), [mldivide](#), [rand](#), [qnorm](#), [rexp](#), [rnorm](#), [std](#), [sd](#), [Reshape](#), [setTkProgressBar](#), [tkProgressBar](#).

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data25j3

*data25j3 Data with 300 observations for  $p = 0.25$  with 3 outcomes*

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**Description**

data25j3 Data with 300 observations for  $p = 0.25$  with 3 outcomes

**Usage**

```
data(data25j3)
```

**Details**

Generates 300 observations for the simulation study at the 25<sup>th</sup> quantile. The specifications are  $\beta = (2, 2, 1)$ ,  $X \sim MVN(0_2, \Sigma)$  where  $\Sigma = [1, 0.25; 0.25, 1]$ , and  $\epsilon \sim AL(0, \sigma = 1, p = 0.25)$ .

The errors are generated from an asymmetric Laplace distribution by using its normal–exponential mixture formulation.

The continuous value are classified into 3 categories using the cut-points (0, 4).

**Value**

Returns a list with components

- x: a matrix of covariates.
- y: a matrix of ordinal outcomes.

**References**

Kozumi, H. and Kobayashi, G. (2011). “Gibbs Sampling Methods for Bayesian Quantile Regression.” *Journal of Statistical Computation and Simulation*, 81(11), 1565–1578.

**See Also**

[mvrnorm](#), Asymmetric Laplace Distribution

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data25j4	<i>data25j4 Data with 300 observations for <math>p = 0.25</math> with 4 outcomes</i>
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**Description**

data25j4 Data with 300 observations for  $p = 0.25$  with 4 outcomes

**Usage**

```
data(data25j4)
```

**Details**

Generates 300 observations for the simulation study at the 25<sup>th</sup> quantile. The specifications are  $\beta = (-2, 3, 4)$ ,  $X \sim MVN(0_2, \Sigma)$  where  $\Sigma = [1, 0.25; 0.25, 1]$ , and  $\epsilon \sim AL(0, \sigma = 1, p = 0.25)$ .

The errors are generated from an asymmetric Laplace distribution by using its normal–exponential mixture formulation.

The continuous value are classified into 4 categories using the cut-points (0, 2, 3).

**Value**

Returns a list with components

- x: a matrix of covariates.
- y: a matrix of ordinal outcomes.

**References**

Kozumi, H. and Kobayashi, G. (2011). “Gibbs Sampling Methods for Bayesian Quantile Regression.” *Journal of Statistical Computation and Simulation*, 81(11): 1565–1578.

**See Also**

[mvrnorm](#), Asymmetric Laplace Distribution

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data50j3	<i>data50j3 Data with 300 observations for <math>p = 0.5</math> with 3 outcomes</i>
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**Description**

data50j3 Data with 300 observations for  $p = 0.5$  with 3 outcomes

**Usage**

```
data(data50j3)
```

**Details**

Generates 300 observations for the simulation study at the 50<sup>th</sup> quantile. The specifications are  $\beta = (2, 2, 1)$ ,  $X \sim MVN(0_2, \Sigma)$  where  $\Sigma = [1, 0.25; 0.25, 1]$ , and  $\epsilon \sim AL(0, \sigma = 1, p = 0.50)$ .

The errors are generated from an asymmetric Laplace distribution by using its normal–exponential mixture formulation.

The continuous value are classified into 3 categories using the cut-points (0, 4).

**Value**

Returns a list with components

- x: a matrix of covariates.
- y: a matrix of ordinal outcomes.

**References**

Kozumi, H. and Kobayashi, G. (2011). “Gibbs Sampling Methods for Bayesian Quantile Regression.” *Journal of Statistical Computation and Simulation*, 81(11): 1565–1578.

**See Also**

[mvrnorm](#), Asymmetric Laplace Distribution

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data50j4

*data50j4 Data with 300 observations for  $p = 0.5$  with 4 outcomes*

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**Description**

data50j4 Data with 300 observations for  $p = 0.5$  with 4 outcomes

**Usage**

```
data(data50j4)
```

**Details**

Generates 300 observations for the simulation study at the 50<sup>th</sup> quantile. The specifications are  $\beta = (-2, 3, 4)$ ,  $X \sim MVN(0_2, \Sigma)$  where  $\Sigma = [1, 0.25; 0.25, 1]$ , and  $\epsilon \sim AL(0, \sigma = 1, p = 0.50)$ .

The errors are generated from an asymmetric Laplace distribution by using its normal–exponential mixture formulation.

The continuous value are classified into 4 categories using the cut-points (0, 2, 3).

**Value**

Returns a list with components

- x: a matrix of covariates.
- y: a matrix of ordinal outcomes.



**References**

Kozumi, H. and Kobayashi, G. (2011). “Gibbs Sampling Methods for Bayesian Quantile Regression.” *Journal of Statistical Computation and Simulation*, 81(11): 1565–1578.

**See Also**

[mvrnorm](#), Asymmetric Laplace Distribution

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data75j3

*data75j3 Data with 300 observations for  $p = 0.75$  with 3 outcomes*

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**Description**

data75j3 Data with 300 observations for  $p = 0.75$  with 3 outcomes

**Usage**

```
data(data75j3)
```

**Details**

Generates 300 observations for the simulation study at the 75<sup>th</sup> quantile. The specifications are  $\beta = (2, 2, 1)$ ,  $X \sim MVN(0_2, \Sigma)$  where  $\Sigma = [1, 0.25; 0.25, 1]$ , and  $\epsilon \sim AL(0, \sigma = 1, p = 0.75)$ .

The errors are generated from an asymmetric Laplace distribution by using its normal–exponential mixture formulation.

The continuous value are classified into 3 categories using the cut-points (0, 4).

**Value**

Returns a list with components

- x: a matrix of covariates.
- y: a matrix of ordinal outcomes.

**References**

Kozumi, H. and Kobayashi, G. (2011). “Gibbs Sampling Methods for Bayesian Quantile Regression.” *Journal of Statistical Computation and Simulation*, 81(11): 1565–1578.

**See Also**

[mvrnorm](#), Asymmetric Laplace Distribution

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data75j4	<i>data75j4 Data with 300 observations for <math>p = 0.75</math> with 4 outcomes</i>
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**Description**

data75j4 Data with 300 observations for  $p = 0.75$  with 4 outcomes

**Usage**

```
data(data75j4)
```

**Details**

Generates 300 observations for the simulation study at the 75<sup>th</sup> quantile. The specifications are  $\beta = (-2, 3, 4)$ ,  $X \sim MVN(0_2, \Sigma)$  where  $\Sigma = [1, 0.25; 0.25, 1]$ , and  $\epsilon \sim AL(0, \sigma = 1, p = 0.75)$ .

The errors are generated from an asymmetric Laplace distribution by using its normal–exponential mixture formulation.

The continuous value are classified into 4 categories using the cut-points (0, 2, 3).

**Value**

Returns a list with components

- x: a matrix of covariates.
- y: a matrix of ordinal outcomes.

**References**

Kozumi, H. and Kobayashi, G. (2011). “Gibbs Sampling Methods for Bayesian Quantile Regression.” *Journal of Statistical Computation and Simulation*, 81(11): 1565–1578.

**See Also**

[mvnorm](#), [Asymmetric Laplace Distribution](#)

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deviance3	<i>Deviance Information Criteria for Ordinal Models with 3 outcomes</i>
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**Description**

Function for computing the Deviance Information Criteria for ordinal models with 3 outcomes.

**Usage**

```
deviance3(y, x, gammacp, p, post_mean_beta, post_std_beta, post_mean_sigma,
  post_std_sigma, beta_draws, sigma_draws, burn, iter)
```

**Arguments**

y	dependent variable i.e. ordinal outcome values.
x	covariate matrix of dimension ( $n \times k$ ) including a column of ones.
gammacp	row vector of cutpoints including -Inf and Inf.
p	quantile level or skewness parameter, p in (0,1).
post_mean_beta	mean value of $\beta$ obtained from MCMC draws.
post_std_beta	standard deviation of $\beta$ obtained from MCMC draws.
post_mean_sigma	mean value of $\sigma$ obtained from MCMC draws.
post_std_sigma	standard deviation of $\sigma$ obtained from MCMC draws.
beta_draws	MCMC draw of coefficients, dimension is ( $k \times iter$ ).
sigma_draws	MCMC draw of scale factor, dimension is ( $iter \times 1$ ).
burn	number of discarded MCMC iterations.
iter	total number of MCMC iterations including the burn-in.

**Details**

The Deviance is  $-2 * (\log \text{likelihood})$  and has an important role in statistical model comparison because of its relation with Kullback-Leibler information criteria.

**Value**

Returns a list with components

$$DIC = 2 * avgdeviance - devpostmean$$

$$pd = avgdeviance - devpostmean$$

$$devpostmean = -2 * (\log \text{Likelihood})$$

**References**

Rahman, M. A. (2016). "Bayesian Quantile Regression for Ordinal Models." Bayesian Analysis, 11(1): 1-24.

Spiegelhalter, D. J., Best, N. G., Carlin B. P. and Linde A. (2002). "Bayesian Measures of Model Complexity and Fit." Journal of the Royal Statistical Society B, Part 4: 583-639.

Gelman, A., Carlin, J. B., Stern, H. S., and Rubin, D. B. "Bayesian Data Analysis." 2nd Edition, Chapman and Hall.

**See Also**

decision criteria

**Examples**

```

set.seed(101)
data("data25j3")
x <- data25j3$x
y <- data25j3$y
p <- 0.25
ans <- quan_reg3(y, x, mc = 50, p)
gammacp <- c(-Inf, 0, 4, Inf)
p <- 0.25
post_mean_beta <- ans$post_mean_beta
post_std_beta <- ans$post_std_beta
post_mean_sigma <- ans$post_mean_sigma
post_std_sigma <- ans$post_std_sigma
beta_draws <- ans$beta_draws
sigma_draws <- ans$sigma_draws
mc = 50
burn <- 10
iter <- burn + mc
deviance <- deviance3(y, x, gammacp, p, post_mean_beta, post_std_beta,
post_mean_sigma, post_std_sigma, beta_draws, sigma_draws, burn, iter)

# dic
# 474.4673
# pd
# 5.424001
# devpostmean
# 463.6193

```

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devianceg3

*Deviance Information Criteria for Ordinal Models with more than 3 outcomes*


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**Description**

Function for computing the Deviance Information Criteria for ordinal models with more than 3 outcomes.

**Usage**

```

devianceg3(y, x, deltastore, burn, iter, post_mean_beta, post_mean_delta,
beta_draws, p)

```

**Arguments**

y	dependent variable i.e. ordinal outcome values.
x	covariate matrix of dimension ( $n \times k$ ) including a column of ones.
deltastore	MCMC draws of $\delta$ .

burn	number of discarded MCMC iterations.
iter	total number of samples, including the burn-in.
post_mean_beta	mean value of $\beta$ obtained from MCMC draws.
post_mean_delta	mean value of $\delta$ obtained from MCMC draws.
beta_draws	MCMC draw of coefficients, dimension is $(k \times iter)$ .
p	quantile level or skewness parameter, p in (0,1).

### Details

The Deviance is  $-2 * (\log \text{likelihood})$  and has an important role in statistical model comparison because of its relation with Kullback-Leibler information criteria.

### Value

Returns a list with components

$$DIC = 2 * avgdeviance - devpostmean$$

$$pd = avgdeviance - devpostmean$$

$$devpostmean = -2 * (\log Likelihood)$$

### References

- Rahman, M. A. (2016). "Bayesian Quantile Regression for Ordinal Models." *Bayesian Analysis*, 11(1): 1-24.
- Spiegelhalter, D. J., Best, N. G., Carlin B. P. and Linde A. (2002). "Bayesian Measures of Model Complexity and Fit." *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society B*, Part 4: 583-639.
- Gelman, A., Carlin, J. B., Stern, H. S., and Rubin, D. B. "Bayesian Data Analysis." 2nd Edition, Chapman and Hall.

### See Also

decision criteria

### Examples

```
set.seed(101)
data("data25j4")
x <- data25j4$x
y <- data25j4$y
p <- 0.25
ans <- quan_regg3(y, x, mc = 50, p, 0.1)
mc <- 50
deltastore <- ans$delta_draws
burn <- 0.25*mc
iter <- burn + mc
```

```

post_mean_beta <- ans$post_mean_beta
post_mean_delta <- ans$post_mean_delta
beta_draws <- ans$beta_draws
deviance <- devianceg3(y, x, deltastore, burn, iter,
post_mean_beta, post_mean_delta, beta_draws, p)

# DIC
# 616.2173
# pd
# 24.95203
# devpostmean
# 566.3133

```

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drawbeta3

*Samples  $\beta$  for an Ordinal Model with 3 outcomes*


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### Description

This function samples  $\beta$  from its conditional posterior distribution for an ordinal model with 3 outcomes.

### Usage

```
drawbeta3(z, x, sigma, nu, tau2, theta, invB0, invB0b0)
```

### Arguments

z	dependent variable i.e. ordinal outcome values.
x	covariate matrix of dimension $(n \times k)$ including a column of ones.
sigma	scale factor, a scalar value.
nu	modified scale factor, row vector.
tau2	$2/(p(1-p))$ .
theta	$(1-2p)/(p(1-p))$ .
invB0	inverse of prior covariance matrix of normal distribution.
invB0b0	prior mean pre-multiplied by invB0.

### Details

Function samples a vector of  $\beta$  from a multivariate normal distribution.

### Value

Returns a column vector of  $\beta$  from a multivariate normal distribution.

## References

- Rahman, M. A. (2016). "Bayesian Quantile Regression for Ordinal Models." *Bayesian Analysis*, 11(1): 1-24.
- Becker, R. A., Chambers, J. M. and Wilks, A. R. (1988). "The New S Language. Wadsworth & Brooks/Cole."
- Casella, G., George E. I. (1992). "Explaining the Gibbs Sampler." *The American Statistician*, 46(3): 167-174.
- Geman, S., and Geman, D. (1984). "Stochastic Relaxation, Gibbs Distributions, and the Bayesian Restoration of Images." *IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence*, 6(6): 721-741.

## See Also

Gibbs sampling, normal distribution , [rgig](#)

## Examples

```
set.seed(101)
z <- c(21.01744, 33.54702, 33.09195, -3.677646,
       21.06553, 1.490476, 0.9618205, -6.743081, 21.02186, 0.6950479)
x <- matrix(c(
  1, -0.3010490, 0.8012506,
  1,  1.2764036, 0.4658184,
  1,  0.6595495, 1.7563655,
  1, -1.5024607, -0.8251381,
  1, -0.9733585, 0.2980610,
  1, -0.2869895, -1.0130274,
  1,  0.3101613, -1.6260663,
  1, -0.7736152, -1.4987616,
  1,  0.9961420, 1.2965952,
  1, -1.1372480, 1.7537353),
  nrow = 10, ncol = 3, byrow = TRUE)
sigma <- 1.809417
nu <- c(5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5)
tau2 <- 10.6667
theta <- 2.6667
invB0 <- matrix(c(
  1, 0, 0,
  0, 1, 0,
  0, 0, 1),
  nrow = 3, ncol = 3, byrow = TRUE)
invB0b0 <- c(0, 0, 0)

ans <- drawbeta3(z, x, sigma, nu, tau2, theta, invB0, invB0b0)

# ans
# -0.74441 1.364846 0.7159231
```

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 drawbetag3

*Samples  $\beta$  for an Ordinal Model with more than 3 outcomes*


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### Description

This function samples  $\beta$  from its conditional posterior distribution for an ordinal model with more than 3 outcomes.

### Usage

```
drawbetag3(z, x, w, tau2, theta, invB0, invB0b0)
```

### Arguments

<code>z</code>	Gibbs draw of latent response variable, a column vector.
<code>x</code>	covariate matrix of dimension $(n \times k)$ including a column of ones.
<code>w</code>	latent weights, row vector.
<code>tau2</code>	$2/(p(1-p))$ .
<code>theta</code>	$(1-2p)/(p(1-p))$ .
<code>invB0</code>	inverse of prior covariance matrix of normal distribution.
<code>invB0b0</code>	prior mean pre-multiplied by <code>invB0</code> .

### Details

Function samples a vector of  $\beta$  from a multivariate normal distribution.

### Value

Returns a column vector of  $\beta$  from a multivariate normal distribution.

### References

- Rahman, M. A. (2016). "Bayesian Quantile Regression for Ordinal Models." *Bayesian Analysis*, 11(1): 1-24.
- Becker, R. A., Chambers, J. M. and Wilks, A. R. (1988). "The New S Language. Wadsworth & Brooks/Cole."
- Casella, G., George E. I. (1992). "Explaining the Gibbs Sampler." *The American Statistician*, 46(3): 167-174.
- Geman, S., and Geman, D. (1984). "Stochastic Relaxation, Gibbs Distributions, and the Bayesian Restoration of Images." *IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence*, 6(6): 721-741.

### See Also

Gibbs sampling, normal distribution, [ginv](#), [mvrnorm](#)



**Examples**

```

set.seed(101)
data("data25j4")
x <- data25j4$x
p <- 0.25
n <- dim(x)[1]
k <- dim(x)[2]
w <- array( (abs(rnorm(n, mean = 2, sd = 1))), dim = c (n, 1))
theta <- 2.666667
tau2 <- 10.66667
z <- array( (rnorm(n, mean = 0, sd = 1)), dim = c(n, 1))
b0 <- array(0, dim = c(k, 1))
B0 <- diag(k)
invB0 <- matrix(c(
  1, 0, 0,
  0, 1, 0,
  0, 0, 1),
  nrow = 3, ncol = 3, byrow = TRUE)
invB0b0 <- invB0 %*% b0
ans <- drawbetag3(z, x, w, tau2, theta, invB0, invB0b0)

# ans
# -1.2230077 0.9520024 0.7102855

```

drawdeltag3

*Samples the  $\delta$  for an Ordinal Model with more than 3 outcomes***Description**

This function samples the  $\delta$  using a random-walk Metropolis-Hastings algorithm for an ordinal model with more than 3 outcomes.

**Usage**

```
drawdeltag3(y, x, beta, delta0, d0, D0, tune, Dhat, p)
```

**Arguments**

y	dependent variable i.e. ordinal outcome values..
x	covariate matrix of dimension $(n \times k)$ including a column of ones.
beta	Gibbs draw of coefficients of dimension $(k \times 1)$ .
delta0	initial value for $\delta$ .
d0	prior mean of normal distribution.
D0	prior variance-covariance matrix of normal distribution.
tune	tuning parameter.
Dhat	negative inverse Hessian from maximization of log-likelihood.
p	quantile level or skewness parameter, p in $(0,1)$ .

**Details**

Samples the  $\delta$  using a random-walk Metropolis-Hastings algorithm.

**Value**

Returns a list with components

- `deltaReturn`: a vector with  $\delta$  values using MH algorithm.
- `accept`: an indicator for acceptance of proposed value of  $\delta$ .

**References**

- Rahman, M. A. (2016). "Bayesian Quantile Regression for Ordinal Models." *Bayesian Analysis*, 11(1): 1-24.
- Chib, S., Greenberg E. (1995). "Understanding the Metropolis-Hastings Algorithm." *The American Statistician*, 49(4): 327-335.
- Hastings, W.K. (1970). "Monte Carlo Sampling Methods Using Markov Chains and Their Applications." *Biometrika*, 57: 1317-1340.

**See Also**

NPflow, Gibbs sampling, [mvnpdf](#)

**Examples**

```
set.seed(101)
data("data25j4")
x <- data25j4$x
y <- data25j4$y
p <- 0.25
beta <- c(-1.429465, 1.135585, 2.107666)
delta0 <- c(-0.9026915, -2.2488833)
d0 <- matrix(c(0, 0),
             nrow = 2, ncol = 1, byrow = TRUE)
D0 <- matrix(c(0.25, 0.00, 0.00, 0.25),
            nrow = 2, ncol = 2, byrow = TRUE)
tune <- 0.1
Dhat <- matrix(c(0.046612180, -0.001954257, -0.001954257, 0.083066204),
              nrow = 2, ncol = 2, byrow = TRUE)
p <- 0.25
ans <- drawdeltag3(y, x, beta, delta0, d0, D0, tune, Dhat, p)

# deltareturn
# -0.9097306 -2.232673
# accept
# 1
```

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drawlatent3

*Samples the Latent Variable  $z$  for an Ordinal Model with 3 outcomes*


---

### Description

This function samples the latent variable  $z$  from a truncated normal distribution for an ordinal model with 3 outcomes.

### Usage

```
drawlatent3(y, x, beta, sigma, nu, theta, tau2, gammacp)
```

### Arguments

<code>y</code>	dependent variable i.e. ordinal outcome values.
<code>x</code>	covariate matrix of dimension $(n \times k)$ including a column of ones.
<code>beta</code>	column vector of coefficients of dimension $(k \times 1)$ .
<code>sigma</code>	scale factor, a scalar value.
<code>nu</code>	modified scale factor, row vector.
<code>theta</code>	$(1-2p)/(p(1-p))$ .
<code>tau2</code>	$2/(p(1-p))$ .
<code>gammacp</code>	row vector of cutpoints including $-\text{Inf}$ and $\text{Inf}$ .

### Details

Function samples the latent variable  $z$  from a truncated normal distribution.

### Value

Returns a column vector of values for latent variable  $z$ .

### References

Albert, J. and Chib, S. (1993). "Bayesian Analysis of Binary and Polychotomous Response Data." *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, 88(422): 669–679.

Casella, G., George E. I. (1992). "Explaining the Gibbs Sampler." *The American Statistician*, 46(3): 167-174.

Geman, S., and Geman, D. (1984). "Stochastic Relaxation, Gibbs Distributions, and the Bayesian Restoration of Images." *IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence*, 6(6): 721-741.

### See Also

Gibbs sampling, truncated normal distribution, [rtruncnorm](#)

**Examples**

```

set.seed(101)
data("data25j3")
x <- data25j3$x
y <- data25j3$y
beta <- c(1.7201671, 1.9562172, 0.8334668)
sigma <- 0.9684741
nu <- c(5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5)
theta <- 2.6667
tau2 <- 10.6667
gammacp <- c(-Inf, 0, 4, Inf)
ans <- drawlatent3(y, x, beta, sigma, nu,
theta, tau2, gammacp)

# ans
# 12.79298 20.40747 1.557821
# 26.07846 17.41031 12.86016
# 3.364703 21.61075 2.666627 .. soon

```

---

drawlatentg3

*Samples the Latent Variable z for an Ordinal Models with more than 3 outcomes*


---

**Description**

This function samples the latent variable  $z$  from a truncated normal distribution for an ordinal model with more than 3 outcomes.

**Usage**

```
drawlatentg3(y, x, beta, w, theta, tau2, delta)
```

**Arguments**

y	dependent variable i.e. ordinal outcome values.
x	covariate matrix of dimension $(n \times k)$ including a column of ones.
beta	Gibbs draw of coefficients of dimension $(k \times 1)$ .
w	latent weights vector.
theta	$(1-2p)/(p(1-p))$ .
tau2	$2/(p(1-p))$ .
delta	row vector of cutpoints including $-\text{Inf}$ and $\text{Inf}$ .

**Details**

Function samples the latent variable  $z$  from a truncated normal distribution.

**Value**

Returns a column vector of values for latent variable,  $z$ .

**References**

Albert, J. and Chib, S. (1993). "Bayesian Analysis of Binary and Polychotomous Response Data." *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, 88(422): 669–679.

Casella, G., George E. I. (1992). "Explaining the Gibbs Sampler." *The American Statistician*, 46(3): 167-174.

Geman, S., and Geman, D. (1984). "Stochastic Relaxation, Gibbs Distributions, and the Bayesian Restoration of Images." *IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence*, 6(6): 721-741.

**See Also**

Gibbs sampling, truncated normal distribution, [rtruncnorm](#)

**Examples**

```
set.seed(101)
data("data25j4")
x <- data25j4$x
y <- data25j4$y
p <- 0.25
beta <- c(-1.429465, 1.135585, 2.107666)
w <- 1.114347
theta <- 2.666667
tau2 <- 10.66667
delta <- c(-0.9026915, -2.2488833)
ans <- drawlatentg3(y, x, beta, w, theta, tau2, delta)

# ans
# 0.9812363 -1.09788 -0.9650175 8.396556
# 1.39465 -0.8711435 -0.5836833 -2.792464
# 0.1540086 -2.590724 0.06169976 -1.823058
# 0.06559151 0.1612763 0.161311 4.908488
# 0.6512113 0.1560708 -0.883636 -0.5531435 ... soon
```

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drawnu3

*Samples the scale factor  $\nu$  for an Ordinal Model with 3 outcomes*

---

**Description**

This function samples the  $\nu$  from a generalized inverse Gaussian (GIG) distribution for an ordinal model with 3 outcomes.

**Usage**

```
drawnu3(z, x, beta, sigma, tau2, theta, lambda)
```

**Arguments**

z	Gibbs draw of latent response variable, a column vector.
x	covariate matrix of dimension $(n \times k)$ including a column of ones.
beta	Gibbs draw of coefficients of dimension $(k \times 1)$ .
sigma	scale factor, a scalar.
tau2	$2/(p(1-p))$ .
theta	$(1-2p)/(p(1-p))$ .
lambda	index parameter of GIG distribution which is equal to 0.5

**Details**

Function samples the  $\nu$  from a GIG distribution.

**Value**

Returns a row vector of the  $\nu$  from GIG distribution.

**References**

Rahman, M. A. (2016), "Bayesian Quantile Regression for Ordinal Models." Bayesian Analysis, 11(1), 1-24.

Dagpunar, J. S. (1989). "An Easily Implemented Generalised Inverse Gaussian Generator." Communication Statistics Simulation, 18: 703-710.

**See Also**

GIGrvg, Gibbs sampling, [rgig](#)

**Examples**

```
set.seed(101)
z <- c(21.01744, 33.54702, 33.09195, -3.677646,
       21.06553, 1.490476, 0.9618205, -6.743081, 21.02186, 0.6950479)
x <- matrix(c(
  1, -0.3010490, 0.8012506,
  1,  1.2764036, 0.4658184,
  1,  0.6595495, 1.7563655,
  1, -1.5024607, -0.8251381,
  1, -0.9733585, 0.2980610,
  1, -0.2869895, -1.0130274,
  1,  0.3101613, -1.6260663,
  1, -0.7736152, -1.4987616,
  1,  0.9961420, 1.2965952,
  1, -1.1372480, 1.7537353),
```

```

      nrow = 10, ncol = 3, byrow = TRUE)
beta <- c(-0.74441, 1.364846, 0.7159231)
sigma <- 3.749524
tau2 <- 10.6667
theta <- 2.6667
lambda <- 0.5
ans <- drawnu3(z, x, beta, sigma, tau2, theta, lambda)

# ans
# 5.177456 4.042261 8.950365
# 1.578122 6.968687 1.031987
# 4.13306 0.4681557 5.109653
# 0.1725333

```

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drawsigma3

*Samples the  $\sigma$  for an Ordinal Model with 3 outcomes*


---

## Description

This function samples the  $\sigma$  from an inverse-gamma distribution for an ordinal model with 3 outcomes.

## Usage

```
drawsigma3(z, x, beta, nu, tau2, theta, n0, d0)
```

## Arguments

z	Gibbs draw of latent response variable, a column vector.
x	covariate matrix of dimension $(n \times k)$ including a column of ones.
beta	Gibbs draw of coefficients of dimension $(k \times 1)$ .
nu	modified scale factor, row vector.
tau2	$2/(p(1-p))$ .
theta	$(1-2p)/(p(1-p))$ .
n0	prior hyper-parameter for $\sigma$ .
d0	prior hyper-parameter for $\sigma$ .

## Details

Function samples the  $\sigma$  from an inverse gamma distribution.

## Value

Returns a column vector of the  $\sigma$  from an inverse gamma distribution.

## References

- Albert, J. and Chib, S. (1993). "Bayesian Analysis of Binary and Polychotomous Response Data." *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, 88(422): 669–679.
- Casella, G., George E. I. (1992). "Explaining the Gibbs Sampler." *The American Statistician*, 46(3): 167-174.
- Geman, S., and Geman, D. (1984). "Stochastic Relaxation, Gibbs Distributions, and the Bayesian Restoration of Images." *IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence*, 6(6): 721-741.

## See Also

[rinvgamma](#), Gibbs sampling

## Examples

```
set.seed(101)
z <- c(21.01744, 33.54702, 33.09195, -3.677646,
      21.06553, 1.490476, 0.9618205, -6.743081, 21.02186, 0.6950479)
x <- matrix(c(
  1, -0.3010490, 0.8012506,
  1,  1.2764036, 0.4658184,
  1,  0.6595495, 1.7563655,
  1, -1.5024607, -0.8251381,
  1, -0.9733585, 0.2980610,
  1, -0.2869895, -1.0130274,
  1,  0.3101613, -1.6260663,
  1, -0.7736152, -1.4987616,
  1,  0.9961420, 1.2965952,
  1, -1.1372480, 1.7537353),
  nrow = 10, ncol = 3, byrow = TRUE)
beta <- c(-0.74441, 1.364846, 0.7159231)
nu <- c(5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5)
tau2 <- 10.6667
theta <- 2.6667
n0 <- 5
d0 <- 8
ans <- drawsigma3(z, x, beta, nu, tau2, theta, n0, d0)

# ans
#  3.749524
```



**Description**

This function samples the latent weight  $w$  from a Generalized inverse-Gaussian distribution (GIG) for an ordinal model with more than 3 outcomes.

**Usage**

```
drawwg3(z, x, beta, tau2, theta, lambda)
```

**Arguments**

<code>z</code>	Gibbs draw of latent response variable, a column vector.
<code>x</code>	covariate matrix of dimension $(n \times k)$ including a column of ones.
<code>beta</code>	Gibbs draw of coefficients of dimension $(k \times 1)$ .
<code>tau2</code>	$2/(p(1-p))$ .
<code>theta</code>	$(1-2p)/(p(1-p))$ .
<code>lambda</code>	index parameter of GIG distribution which is equal to 0.5

**Details**

Function samples a vector of the latent weight  $w$  from a GIG distribution.

**Value**

Returns a column vector of  $w$  from a GIG distribution.

**References**

Rahman, M. A. (2016). "Bayesian Quantile Regression for Ordinal Models." *Bayesian Analysis*, 11(1): 1-24.

Casella, G., George E. I. (1992). "Explaining the Gibbs Sampler." *The American Statistician*, 46(3): 167-174.

Geman, S., and Geman, D. (1984). "Stochastic Relaxation, Gibbs Distributions, and the Bayesian Restoration of Images." *IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence*, 6(6): 721-741.

**See Also**

GIGrgv, Gibbs sampling, [rgig](#)

**Examples**

```
set.seed(101)
z <- c(0.9812363, -1.09788, -0.9650175, 8.396556,
1.39465, -0.8711435, -0.5836833, -2.792464,
0.1540086, -2.590724, 0.06169976, -1.823058,
0.06559151, 0.1612763, 0.161311, 4.908488,
0.6512113, 0.1560708, -0.883636, -0.5531435)
x <- matrix(c(
```

```

1, 1.4747905363, 0.167095186,
1, -0.3817326861, 0.041879526,
1, -0.1723095575, -1.414863777,
1, 0.8266428137, 0.399722073,
1, 0.0514888733, -0.105132425,
1, -0.3159992662, -0.902003846,
1, -0.4490888878, -0.070475600,
1, -0.3671705251, -0.633396477,
1, 1.7655601639, -0.702621934,
1, -2.4543678120, -0.524068780,
1, 0.3625025618, 0.698377504,
1, -1.0339179063, 0.155746376,
1, 1.2927374692, -0.155186911,
1, -0.9125108094, -0.030513775,
1, 0.8761233001, 0.988171587,
1, 1.7379728231, 1.180760114,
1, 0.7820635770, -0.338141095,
1, -1.0212853209, -0.113765067,
1, 0.6311364051, -0.061883874,
1, 0.6756039688, 0.664490143),
nrow = 20, ncol = 3, byrow = TRUE)
beta <- c(-1.583533, 1.407158, 2.259338)
tau2 <- 10.66667
theta <- 2.666667
lambda <- 0.5
ans <- drawwg3(z, x, beta, tau2, theta, lambda)

# ans
# 0.16135732
# 0.39333080
# 0.80187227
# 2.27442898
# 0.90358310
# 0.99886987
# 0.41515947 ... soon

```

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inefficiency\_factor3 *Inefficiency Factor for Ordinal Models with 3 outcomes*

---

### Description

This function calculates the inefficiency factor from the MCMC draws of  $(\beta, \sigma)$  for an ordinal model with 3 outcomes. The inefficiency factor is calculated using the batch-means method.

### Usage

```
inefficiency_factor3(beta_draws, nlags = 2, sigma_draws)
```

**Arguments**

beta_draws	Gibbs draw of coefficients of dimension ( <i>kxiter</i> ).
nlags	scalar variable with default = 2.
sigma_draws	Gibbs draw of scale factor.

**Details**

Calculates the inefficiency factor of  $(\beta, \sigma)$  using the batch-means method.

**Value**

Returns a list with components

- inefficiency\_beta: a vector with inefficiency factor for each  $\beta$ .
- inefficiency\_sigma: a vector with inefficiency factor for each  $\sigma$ .

**References**

Greenberg, E. (2012). "Introduction to Bayesian Econometrics." Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.

**See Also**

pracma

**Examples**

```
set.seed(101)
data("data25j3")
x <- data25j3$x
y <- data25j3$y
p <- 0.25
ans <- quan_reg3(y, x, mc = 50, p)
beta_draws <- ans$beta_draws
sigma_draws <- ans$sigma_draws

inefficiency <- inefficiency_factor3(beta_draws, 2, sigma_draws)

# inefficiency_beta
# 1.322590
# 1.287309
# 1.139322
# inefficiency_sigma
# 1.392045
```

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inefficiency\_factorg3 *Inefficiency Factor for Ordinal Models with more than 3 outcomes*

---

### Description

This function calculates the inefficiency factor from the MCMC draws of  $(\beta, \delta)$  for an ordinal model with more than 3 outcomes. The inefficiency factor is calculated using the batch-means method.

### Usage

```
inefficiency_factorg3(beta_draws, nlags = 2, delta_draws)
```

### Arguments

beta_draws	Gibbs draw of coefficients of dimension ( <i>kxiter</i> ).
nlags	scalar variable with default = 2.
delta_draws	Gibbs draw of cut-points.

### Details

Calculates the inefficiency factor of  $(\beta, \delta)$  using the batch-means method.

### Value

Returns a list with components

- inefficiency\_delta: a vector with inefficiency factor for each  $\delta$ .
- inefficiency\_beta: a vector with inefficiency factor for each  $\beta$ .

### References

Greenberg, E. (2012). "Introduction to Bayesian Econometrics." Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.

### See Also

pracma

### Examples

```
set.seed(101)
data("data25j4")
x <- data25j4$x
y <- data25j4$y
p <- 0.25
ans <- quan_regg3(y, x, mc = 50, p, 0.1)
beta_draws <- ans$beta_draws
delta_draws <- ans$delta_draws
```

```
nlags = 2
inefficiency <- inefficiency_factorg3(beta_draws, nlags, delta_draws)

# inefficiency_delta
# 1.433599
# 1.426150
# inefficiency_beta
# 0.6035289
# 1.2967271
# 1.2751728
```

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negLoglikelihood

*NegLoglikelihood function for Ordinal Models with 3 outcomes*

---

### Description

This function computes the negative of the log-likelihood for quantile ordinal model with 3 outcomes where the error is assumed to follow an Asymmetric Laplace distribution.

### Usage

```
negLoglikelihood(y, x, gammacp, beta, sigma, p)
```

### Arguments

y	dependent variable i.e. ordinal outcome values.
x	covariate matrix of dimension $(n \times k)$ including a column of ones.
gammacp	row vector of cutpoints including $-\text{Inf}$ and $\text{Inf}$ .
beta	column vector of coefficients of dimension $(k \times 1)$ .
sigma	scale factor, a scalar.
p	quantile level or skewness parameter, p in $(0,1)$ .

### Details

Computes the negative of the log-likelihood for quantile ordinal model with 3 outcomes where the error is assumed to follow an asymmetric Laplace distribution.

### Value

Returns the negative log-likelihood value.

### References

Rahman, M. A. (2016). "Bayesian Quantile Regression for Ordinal Models." Bayesian Analysis, 11(1): 1-24.

**See Also**

likelihood maximization

**Examples**

```
set.seed(101)
data("data25j3")
x <- data25j3$x
y <- data25j3$y
p <- 0.25
gammacp <- c(-Inf, 0, 4, Inf)
beta <- c(1.7201671, 1.9562172, 0.8334668)
sigma <- 0.9684741
ans <- negLoglikelihood(y, x, gammacp, beta, sigma, p)

# ans
# 231.8096
```

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qrminfundtheorem

*Minimize the negative of log-likelihood*

---

**Description**

This function minimizes the negative of the log-likelihood for an ordinal quantile model with respect to the cut-points  $\delta$  using the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus.

**Usage**

```
qrminfundtheorem(deltain, y, x, beta, cri0, cri1, stepsize, maxiter, h, dh,
  sw, p)
```

**Arguments**

deltain	initialization of cut-points.
y	dependent variable i.e. ordinal outcome values.
x	covariate matrix of dimension $(n \times k)$ including a column of ones.
beta	column vector of coefficients of dimension $(k \times 1)$ .
cri0	initial criterion, $cri0 = 1$ .
cri1	criterion lies between (0.001 to 0.0001).
stepsize	learning rate lies between (0.1, 1).
maxiter	maximum number of iteration.
h	change in value of each $\delta$ , holding other $\delta$ constant for first derivatives.
dh	change in each value of $\delta$ , holding other $\delta$ constant for second derivatives.
sw	iteration to switch from BHHH to inv(-H) algorithm.
p	quantile level or skewness parameter, p in (0,1).

**Details**

First derivative from first principle

$$dy/dx = [f(x + h) - f(x - h)]/2h$$

Second derivative from First principle

$$f'(x - h) = (f(x) - f(x - h))/h$$

$$\begin{aligned} f''(x) &= [(f(x + h) - f(x))/h - (f(x) - f(x - h))/h]/h \\ &= [(f(x + h) + f(x - h) - 2f(x))]/h^2 \end{aligned}$$

cross partial derivatives

$$f(x) = [f(x + dh, y) - f(x - dh, y)]/2dh$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y) &= [(f(x + dh, y + dh) - f(x + dh, y - dh))/2dh - (f(x - dh, y + dh) - f(x - dh, y - dh))/2dh]/2dh \\ &= 0.25*[(f(x + dh, y + dh) - f(x + dh, y - dh)) - (f(x - dh, y + dh) - f(x - dh, y - dh))]/dh^2 \end{aligned}$$

**Value**

Returns a list with components

- `dmin`: a vector with cutpoints that minimize the log-likelihood function.
- `sumlogl`: a scalar with sum of log-likelihood values.
- `logl`: a vector with log-likelihood values.
- `G`: a gradient vector,  $(n \times k)$  matrix with  $i$ -th row as the score for the  $i$ -th unit.
- `H`: represents Hessian matrix.

**References**

Rahman, M. A. (2016). "Bayesian Quantile Regression for Ordinal Models." *Bayesian Analysis*, 11(1): 1-24.

**See Also**

differential calculus, functional maximization, [ginv](#), [mldivide](#)

**Examples**

```

set.seed(101)
deltain <- c(-0.9026915, -2.2488833)
data("data25j4")
x <- data25j4$x
y <- data25j4$y
p <- 0.25
beta <- c(-1.429465, 1.135585, 2.107666)
cri0 <- 1
cri1 <- 0.001
stepsize <- 1
maxiter <- 10
h <- 0.002
dh <- 0.0002
sw <- 20
ans <- qrminfundtheorem(deltain, y, x, beta, cri0, cri1, stepsize, maxiter, h, dh, sw, p)

# deltain
# 0.2674061 -0.6412074
# negsum
# 247.9525
# logl
# -2.30530839
# -1.60437267
# -0.52085599
# -0.93506872
# -0.91064423
# -0.49535299
# -1.53635828
# -1.36311002
# -0.35753865
# -0.55554991.. soon
# G
# 0.84555485 0.00000000
# 0.84555485 0.00000000
# 0.00000000 0.00000000
# -0.32664119 -0.13166332
# -0.32664119 -0.13166332
# -0.32664119 -0.13166332
# 0.93042126 0.00000000
# -0.32664119 -0.13166332
# -0.32664119 -0.13166332
# 0.00000000 0.00000000
# -0.32664119 -0.13166332.. soon
# H
# -47.266464 -2.379509
# -2.379509 -13.830474
# checkoutput
# 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ... soon

```



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qrnegloglikensum      *Negative log-likelihood for Ordinal Models with more than 3 outcomes*

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### Description

Function for calculating negative log-likelihood for Ordinal models with more than 3 outcomes.

### Usage

```
qrnegloglikensum(deltain, y, x, beta, p)
```

### Arguments

deltain	initialization of cut-points.
y	dependent variable i.e. ordinal outcome values.
x	covariate matrix of dimension $(n \times k)$ including a column of ones.
beta	column vector of coefficients of dimension $(k \times 1)$ .
p	quantile level or skewness parameter, p in $(0,1)$ .

### Details

Computes the negtaive of the log-likelihood function using the asymmetric Laplace distribution over the iid random variables.

### Value

Returns a list with components

- nlogl: a vector with likelihood values.
- negsumlogl: a scalar with value of negative log-likelihood.

### References

Rahman, M. A. (2016). "Bayesian Quantile Regression for Ordinal Models." Bayesian Analysis, 11(1): 1-24.

### See Also

likelihood maximization

### Examples

```
set.seed(101)
deltain <- c(-0.9026915, -2.2488833)
data("data25j4")
x <- data25j4$x
y <- data25j4$y
p <- 0.25
beta <- c(-1.429465, 1.135585, 2.107666)
ans <- qrnegloglikensum(deltain, y, x, beta, p)

# nlogl
# 3.36678284
# 2.66584712
# 0.52085599
# 0.60451039
# 0.58008590
# 0.18984750
# 2.79497033
# 1.03255169
# 0.12144529
# 0.55554991... soon

# negsumlogl
# 283.1566
```

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quan\_reg3

*Bayesian Quantile Regression for Ordinal Models with 3 outcomes*

---

### Description

This function estimates the Bayesian Quantile Regression for ordinal model with 3 outcomes and reports the posterior mean and posterior standard deviations of  $(\beta, \sigma)$ .

### Usage

```
quan_reg3(y, x, mc = 15000, p)
```

### Arguments

y	dependent variable i.e. ordinal outcome values.
x	covariate matrix of dimension $(n \times k)$ including a column of ones.
mc	number of MCMC iterations, post burn-in.
p	quantile level or skewness parameter, p in $(0,1)$ .

## Details

Function implements the Bayesian quantile regression for ordinal models with 3 outcomes using a Gibbs sampling procedure.

Function initializes prior and then iteratively samples  $\beta$ ,  $\delta$  and latent variable  $z$ . Burn-in is taken as  $0.25 * mc$  and  $iter = burn-in + mc$ .

## Value

Returns a list with components

- `post_mean_beta`: a vector with mean of sampled  $\beta$  for each covariate.
- `post_mean_sigma`: a vector with mean of sampled  $\sigma$ .
- `post_std_beta`: a vector with standard deviation of sampled  $\beta$  for each covariate.
- `post_std_sigma`: a vector with standard deviation of sampled  $\sigma$ .
- `DIC_result`: results of the DIC criteria.
- `beta_draws`: a matrix with all sampled values for  $\beta$ .
- `sigma_draws`: a matrix with all sampled values for  $\sigma$ .

## References

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## See Also

`tcltk`, `mnorm`, `qnorm`, `ginv`, Gibbs sampling

## Examples

```
set.seed(101)
data("data25j3")
x <- data25j3$x
y <- data25j3$y
p <- 0.25
ans <- quan_reg3(y, x, mc = 50, p)

# post_mean_beta
# 1.7201671 1.9562172 0.8334668
# post_std_beta
# 0.2400355 0.2845326 0.2036498
```

```

# post_mean_sigma
# 0.9684741
# post_std_sigma
# 0.1962351
# Dic_Result
# dic
# 474.4673
# pd
# 5.424001
# devpostmean
# 463.6193
# beta_draws
# 0.0000000 0.000000 0.0000000
# -3.6740670 1.499495 1.3610085
# -1.1006076 2.410271 1.3379175
# -0.5310387 1.604194 0.7830659
# 0.4870828 1.761879 0.6921727
# 0.9481320 1.485709 1.0251322... soon
# sigma_draws
# 2.0000000
# 3.6987793
# 3.2785105
# 2.9769533
# 2.9273486
# 2.5807661
# 2.2654222... soon

```

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quan\_regg3

*Bayesian Quantile Regression for Ordinal Models with more than 3 outcomes*

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### Description

This function estimates the Bayesian Quantile Regression for ordinal models with more than 3 outcomes and reports the posterior mean and posterior standard deviations of  $(\beta, \delta)$ .

### Usage

```
quan_regg3(y, x, mc = 15000, p, tune = 0.1)
```

### Arguments

y	dependent variable i.e. ordinal outcome values.
x	covariate matrix of dimension $(n \times k)$ including a column of ones.
mc	number of MCMC iterations, post burn-in.
p	quantile level or skewness parameter, p in $(0,1)$ .
tune	tuning parameter.

## Details

Function implements the Bayesian quantile regression for ordinal models with more than 3 outcomes using a combination of Gibbs sampling procedure and Metropolis-Hastings algorithm.

Function initialises prior and then iteratively samples  $\beta$ ,  $\delta$  and latent variable  $z$ . Burn-in is taken as  $0.25 * mc$  and  $iter = burn-in + mc$ .

## Value

Returns a list with components:

- `post_mean_beta`: a vector with mean of sampled  $\beta$  for each covariate.
- `post_std_beta`: a vector with standard deviation of sampled  $\beta$  for each covariate.
- `post_mean_delta`: a vector with mean of sampled  $\delta$  for each cut point.
- `post_std_delta`: a vector with standard deviation of sampled  $\delta$  for each cut point.
- `gamma`: a vector of cut points including Inf and -Inf.
- `catt`
- `acceptance_rate`: a scalar to judge the acceptance rate of samples.
- `DIC_result`: results of the DIC criteria.
- `beta_draws`: a matrix with all sampled values for  $\beta$ .
- `delta_draws`: a matrix with all sampled values for  $\delta$ .

## References

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## See Also

`tcltk`, `mnorm`, `qnorm`, `ginv`, Gibbs sampler

**Examples**

```

set.seed(101)
data("data25j4")
x <- data25j4$x
y <- data25j4$y
p <- 0.25
ans <- quan_regg3(y, x, mc = 50, p, 0.1)

# post_mean_beta
# -1.429465 1.135585 2.107666
# post_mean_delta
# -0.9026915 -2.2488833
# post_std_beta
# 0.2205048 0.2254232 0.2138562
# post_std_delta
# 0.08928597 0.15501941
# gamma
# 0.0000000
# 0.4054768
# 0.5109938
# catt
# 0.48870702 0.04928897 0.01202798 0.44997603
# acceptancerate
# 84
# DIC_result
# DIC
# 616.2173
# pd
# 24.95203
# devpostmean
# 566.3133
# beta_draws
# 0.8062498 -5.000849 -1.2760778 -3.4372516 -1.43872552
# 0.3855340 -2.500238 -0.1594546 -1.2534485 -0.04680966
# 0.7940649 -0.552560 0.1777754 0.9850913 0.56634550 ... soon
# delta_draws
# -1.111202 -1.105643 -1.098417 -1.084080 -1.052632
# -2.165620 -2.105090 -2.148234 -2.230976 -2.255488 ... soon

```

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 rndald

*Generates random numbers from an Asymmetric Laplace Distribution*


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**Description**

This function generates a vector of random numbers from an asymmetric Laplace distribution with quantile  $p$ .

**Usage**

```
rndald(sigma, p, n)
```

**Arguments**

sigma	scale factor, a scalar.
p	quantile or skewness parameter, p in (0,1).
n	number of observations

**Details**

Generates a vector of random numbers from an asymmetric Laplace distribution, as a mixture of normal–exponential distributions.

**Value**

Returns a vector ( $n \times 1$ ) of random numbers using an  $AL(0, \sigma, p)$

**References**

- Kozumi, H. and Kobayashi, G. (2011). “Gibbs Sampling Methods for Bayesian Quantile Regression.” *Journal of Statistical Computation and Simulation*, 81(11): 1565–1578.
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**See Also**

asymmetric Laplace distribution

**Examples**

```
set.seed(101)
sigma <- 2.503306
p <- 0.25
n <- 1
ans <- rndald(sigma, p, n)

# ans
# 1.07328
```

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trace\_plot3

*Trace Plots for Ordinal Models with 3 outcomes*

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**Description**

This function generates trace plots of MCMC samples for  $(\beta, \sigma)$  in the quantile regression model with 3 outcomes.

**Usage**

```
trace_plot3(beta_draws, sigma_draws)
```

**Arguments**

beta\_draws      Gibbs draw of  $\beta$  vector of dimension (*kxiter*).  
sigma\_draws      Gibbs draw of scale parameter,  $\sigma$ .

**Details**

Trace plot is a visual depiction of the values generated from the Markov chain versus the iteration number.

**Value**

Returns trace plots for each element of  $\beta$  and  $\sigma$ .

**References**

Rahman, M. A. (2016). "Bayesian Quantile Regression for Ordinal Models." *Bayesian Analysis*, 11(1): 1-24.

**See Also**

traces in MCMC simulations

**Examples**

```
set.seed(101)
data("data25j3")
x <- data25j3$x
y <- data25j3$y
p <- 0.25
ans <- quan_reg3(y, x, mc = 50, p)
beta_draws <- ans$beta_draws
sigma_draws <- ans$sigma_draws
trace_plot3(beta_draws, sigma_draws)
```

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trace\_plotg3

*Trace Plots for Ordinal Models with more than 3 outcomes*

---

**Description**

This function generates trace plots of MCMC samples for  $(\beta, \delta)$  in the quantile regression model with more than 3 outcomes.



**Usage**

```
trace_plotg3(beta_draws, delta_draws)
```

**Arguments**

beta\_draws      Gibbs draw of  $\beta$  vector of dimension (*kxiter*).  
delta\_draws      Gibbs draw of  $\delta$ .

**Details**

Trace plot is a visual depiction of the values generated from the Markov chain versus the iteration number.

**Value**

Returns trace plots for each element of  $\beta$  and  $\delta$ .

**References**

Rahman, M. A. (2016). "Bayesian Quantile Regression for Ordinal Models." *Bayesian Analysis*, 11(1): 1-24.

**See Also**

traces in MCMC simulations

**Examples**

```
set.seed(101)
data("data25j4")
x <- data25j4$x
y <- data25j4$y
p <- 0.25
ans <- quan_regg3(y, x, mc = 50, p, 0.1)
beta_draws <- ans$beta_draws
delta_draws <- ans$delta_draws
trace_plotg3(beta_draws, delta_draws)
```

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