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anosimPlot

*Permutation Analysis of Similarity (anosim) for Censored Data*

### Description

Plots the permutation histogram and test statistic produced by an anosim (nonparametric multivariate) test of differences between groups.

### Usage

```
anosimPlot(
  ano.out,
  hcol = "light blue",
  title = "Histogram of anosim permutations"
)
```

### Arguments

ano.out	an anosim object. See details and example
hcol	color of histogram
title	title of histogram

### Value

Plots a histogram of the permutation test statistics representing the null hypothesis along with the observed test statistic from the data. The p-value is the proportion of test statistics equal to or more extreme than the observed test statistic.

### References

Helsel, D.R., 2011. Statistics for Censored Environmental Data using Minitab and R, 2nd ed. John Wiley & Sons, USA, N.J.

Oksanen, J., Guillaume, F., 2018. Vegan: ecological diversity. CRAN R-Project. <https://cran.r-project.org/package=vegan>

### See Also

[vegan::anosim](#)

**Examples**

```

data(PbHeron)

# ROS model for each group
PbHeron.high <- with(subset(PbHeron,DosageGroup=="High"),NADA::ros(Blood,BloodCen))
PbHeron.high <- data.frame(PbHeron.high)
PbHeron.high$DosageGroup <- "High"

PbHeron.low <- with(subset(PbHeron,DosageGroup=="Low"),NADA::ros(Blood,BloodCen))
PbHeron.low <- data.frame(PbHeron.low)
PbHeron.low$DosageGroup <- "Low"

PbHeron.ros=rbind(PbHeron.high,PbHeron.low)

# ANOSIM analysis
library(vegan)
PbHeron.anosim <- with(PbHeron.ros,anosim(modeled,DosageGroup))
summary(PbHeron.anosim)

# Plot
anosimPlot(PbHeron.anosim)

```

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atrazine

*Atrazine concentrations in Nebraska ground water*


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**Description**

From the NADA R-Package.

Atrazine concentrations in a series of Nebraska wells before (June) and after (September) the growing season.

Objective is to determine if concentrations increase from June to September. There is one detection limit, at 0.01 ug/L. Used in Chapters 4, 5, and 9 of the Helsel (2011) book.

**Usage**

```
data(atrazine)
```

**Format**

An object of class `data.frame` with 24 rows and 4 columns.

**Source**

Junk et al., 1980. Areal, vertical, and temporal differences in ground water chemistry: II. *Journal of Environmental Quality*. 9(3) 479 - 483.

## References

Helsel, D.R., 2011. 2011. Statistics for Censored Environmental Data Using Minitab and R. 2nd ed. John Wiley and Sons, USA, N.J.

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 ATS

*Akritis-Theil-Sen line for censored data*


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## Description

Computes Kendall's tau and the Akritis-Theil-Sen (ATS) line for censored data, along with the test that the slope (and Kendall's tau) equal zero. For one x variable regression.

## Usage

```
ATS(
  y.var,
  y.cen,
  x.var,
  x.cen = rep(0, times = length(x.var)),
  LOG = TRUE,
  retrans = FALSE,
  xlabel = NULL,
  ylabel = NULL,
  printstat = TRUE
)
```

## Arguments

y.var	The column of y (response variable) values plus detection limits
y.cen	The y-variable indicators, where 1 (or TRUE) indicates a detection limit in the y.var column, and 0 (or FALSE) indicates a detected value in y.var.
x.var	The column of x (explanatory variable) values plus detection limits
x.cen	The x-variable indicators, where 1 (or TRUE) indicates a detection limit in the x.var column, and 0 (or FALSE) indicates a detected value in x.var.
LOG	Indicator of whether to compute the ATS line in the original y units, or for their logarithms. The default is to use the logarithms (LOG = TRUE). To compute in original units, specify the option LOG = FALSE (or LOG = 0).
retrans	Indicator of whether to retransform the plot and line back to original Y-variable units. Not needed when LOG = FALSE. When retrans = FALSE & LOG = TRUE the plot is drawn with logY units (default). When retrans = TRUE & LOG = TRUE the plot is drawn with original Y units.
xlabel	Custom label for the x axis of plots. Default is x variable column name.
ylabel	Custom label for the y axis of plots. Default is y variable column name.
printstat	Logical TRUE/FALSE option of whether to print the resulting statistics in the console window, or not. Default is TRUE.

**Value**

Coefficients (intercept and slope) for the ATS line are printed, along with Kendall's tau correlation coefficient, test statistic S, and the (single) p-value for the test that tau and slope both equal zero. A scatterplot with the fitted trend-line superimposed is also drawn.

**References**

Akritis, M.G., Murphy, S.A., LaValley, M.P., 1995. The Theil-Sen Estimator With Doubly Censored Data and Applications to Astronomy. *Journal of the American Statistical Association* 90, 170–177. <https://doi.org/10.2307/2291140>

Helsel, D.R., 2011. *Statistics for Censored Environmental Data using Minitab and R*, 2nd ed. John Wiley & Sons, USA, N.J.

**Examples**

```
# Both y and x are censored
data(PbHeron)
with(PbHeron, ATS(Blood, BloodCen, Kidney, KidneyCen))

# x is not censored
data(Brumbaugh)
with(Brumbaugh,ATS(Hg, HgCen, PctWetland))
```

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ATSm<sub>ini</sub>
*Kendall's tau and ATS line for censored data*


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**Description**

Computes Kendall's tau and the Akritis-Theil-Sen (ATS) line for censored data. Is called by *censeaken* because it is much faster than the ATS function. It is not expected to be of much use to users on its own. The x variable (time) may not be censored.

**Usage**

```
ATSmini(y.var, y.cen, x.var)
```

**Arguments**

y.var	The column of y (response variable) values plus detection limits.
y.cen	The y-variable indicators, where 1 (or TRUE) indicates a detection limit in the y.var column, and 0 (or FALSE) indicates a detected value in y.var.
x.var	The column of x (time for a trend test) values.

**Value**

Returns the intercept and slope (ATS line), tau (Kendall's tau), p-value and S-value (test statistic).

## References

Akritas, M.G., Murphy, S.A., LaValley, M.P., 1995. The Theil-Sen Estimator With Doubly Censored Data and Applications to Astronomy. *Journal of the American Statistical Association* 90, 170–177. <https://doi.org/10.2307/2291140>

Helsel, D.R., 2011. *Statistics for Censored Environmental Data using Minitab and R*, 2nd ed. John Wiley & Sons, USA, N.J.

## See Also

[NADA::cenken](#)

## Examples

```
# x may not be censored. Use the ATS function when x is censored.
data(Brumbaugh)

with(Brumbaugh, ATSmini(Hg, HgCen, SedLOI))
```

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bestaic

*Find the lowest AIC multiple regression model*

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## Description

Computes  $(2^k - 1)$  censored regression models and their AIC statistics. Prints out the lowest AIC models and the terms used.

## Usage

```
bestaic(y.var, cen.var, x.vars, LOG = TRUE, n.models = 10)
```

## Arguments

y.var	The column of y (response variable) values plus detection limits.
cen.var	The column of indicators, where 1 (or TRUE) indicates a detection limit in the y.var column, and 0 (or FALSE) indicates a detected value is in y.var.
x.vars	One or more uncensored explanatory variable(s). See Details
LOG	Indicator of whether to compute the regression in the original y units, or on their logarithms. The default is to use the logarithms (LOG = TRUE). To compute in original units, specify the option LOG = FALSE (or LOG = 0).
n.models	The number of models with their AIC values to be printed in the console window. All $(2^k - 1)$ models are computed internally. This sets how many "best" (lowest AIC) models have output printed to the console.

**Details**

`x.vars`: If 1 `x` variable only, enter its name. If multiple `x` variables, enter the name of a data frame of columns of the `x` variables. No extra columns unused in the regression allowed. Create this by `x.frame <- data.frame(Temp, Flow, Time)` for 3 variables (temperature, flow and time).

AIC of each model is printed from lowest to highest AIC to help evaluate the 'best' regression model. `n.models` determines how many lines of model info is printed.

LOG: The default is that the `Y` variable will be log transformed (`LOG = TRUE`).

**Value**

Prints number of `x.vars`, lists `x.vars` and AIC values.

**References**

Helsel, D.R., 2011. Statistics for censored environmental data using Minitab and R, 2nd ed. John Wiley & Sons, USA, N.J.

**See Also**

[survival::survreg](#)

**Examples**

```
data(Brumbaugh)

# Multiple regression
bestaic(Brumbaugh$Hg, Brumbaugh$HgCen, Brumbaugh[, c("SedMeHg", "PctWetland", "SedAVS")])
```

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binaryClust

*Cluster Matrix of Binary Censored Data*

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**Description**

Performs clustering of a matrix of 0s and 1s, ie. the censoring indicator columns for multiple variables. If there are multiple detection limits within a column first convert the 0/1 designated to be Below vs Above the highest detection limit in the column. Detection limits may differ among columns.

**Usage**

```
binaryClust(dat.frame, method = "ward.D2", group = NULL, ncluster = NULL)
```



**Arguments**

dat.frame	A data frame containing only the 0/1 columns, one column per chemical parameter.
method	Method of forming clusters. The default is "ward.D2", which is appropriate for a variety of types of data. Another appropriate option is "average" – average distances between cluster centers. See the vegan package for other possible clustering methods.
group	Optional grouping variable. If used, sites being clustered will be represented by their group name, rather than by the row number.
ncluster	Optional number of clusters to be differentiated on the graph. Clusters are fenced off with rectangles.

**Value**

Prints a cluster dendrogram based on clustering method

**References**

Helsel, D.R., 2011. Statistics for Censored Environmental Data using Minitab and R, 2nd ed. John Wiley & Sons, USA, N.J.

**Examples**

```
data(PbHeron)

# without group specified
binaryClust(PbHeron[,4:15])

# With Group argument
binaryClust(PbHeron[,4:15],group=PbHeron$DosageGroup)
```

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binaryDiss	<i>Binary dissimilarity coefficient matrix</i>
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**Description**

Computes a simple matching dissimilarity coefficient

**Usage**

```
binaryDiss(dat.frame)
```

**Arguments**

dat.frame	A data frame containing only the 0/1 columns.
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**Value**

Returns a binary dissimilarity matrix.

**References**

Helsel, D.R., 2011. Statistics for Censored Environmental Data using Minitab and R, 2nd ed. John Wiley & Sons, USA, N.J.

**See Also**

[vegan::designdist](#)

**Examples**

```
data(PbHeron)

binaryDiss(PbHeron$LiverCen)
```

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binaryMDS

*Plot Nonmetric Multidimensional Scaling of binary censored data*

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**Description**

Plots an NMDS of a matrix of 0s and 1s, the censoring indicator columns for multiple variables, to discern the pattern of data below vs. above the detection limit. With multiple detection limits within a column, re-censoring to the highest limit in the column must be done prior to running this function. May have different censoring levels in different columns.

**Usage**

```
binaryMDS(dat.frame, group = NULL, title = NULL, legend.pos = "bottomleft")
```

**Arguments**

<code>dat.frame</code>	A data frame containing only the columns of 0/1 values.
<code>group</code>	Optional grouping variable. Sites will be represented by different colored symbols for each group.
<code>title</code>	Optional title for the NMDS graph.
<code>legend.pos</code>	When <code>group</code> is specified, determines the location of the legend on the graph showing the colors representing each group's data. Default is "bottomleft". Alternatives are "topright" and "centerleft", etc.

## Details

Binary data may not provide sufficient information to discern differences in location on the plot if sample size is small. Prior to running this analysis it is suggested to consult best analysis practice when performing NMDS. As a rule of thumb, an NMDS ordination with a stress value around or above 0.2 is deemed suspect and a stress value approaching 0.3 indicates that the ordination is arbitrary. Stress values equal to or below 0.1 are considered fair, while values equal to or below 0.05 indicate good fit.

## Value

Plots an NMDS of censored data represented as the binary Above vs Below a detection limit for each parameter.

## References

Helsel, D.R., 2011. Statistics for Censored Environmental Data using Minitab and R, 2nd ed. John Wiley & Sons, USA, N.J.

## See Also

[vegan::metaMDS](#)

## Examples

```
data(PbHeron)

# without group specified
binaryMDS(PbHeron[,4:15])

# With Group argument
binaryMDS(PbHeron[,4:15],group=PbHeron$DosageGroup)
```

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binarySim

*Binary similarity coefficient matrix*

---

## Description

Computes a simple matching similarity coefficient

## Usage

```
binarySim(dat.frame)
```

## Arguments

dat.frame      A data frame containing only the 0/1 columns.

**Value**

Returns a binary similarity matrix.

**References**

Helsel, D.R., 2011. Statistics for Censored Environmental Data using Minitab and R, 2nd ed. John Wiley & Sons, USA, N.J.

**See Also**

[vegan::designdist](#)

**Examples**

```
data(PbHeron)

binarySim(PbHeron$LiverCen)
```

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Brumbaugh

*Brumbaugh*

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**Description**

From the NADA R-Package.

Mercury concentrations in fish across the United States.

Objective is to determine if mercury concentrations differ by watershed land use. Can concentrations be related to water and sediment characteristics of the streams?

There are three detection limits, at 0.03, 0.05, and 0.10 ug/g wet weight. Used in Chapters 10, 11 and 12 of the Helsel (2011) book.

**Usage**

```
data(Brumbaugh)
```

**Format**

An object of class `data.frame` with 133 rows and 14 columns.

**Source**

Brumbaugh et al., 2001, USGS Biological Science Report BSR-2001-0009.

**References**

Helsel, D.R., 2011. Statistics for Censored Environmental Data using Minitab and R, 2nd ed. John Wiley & Sons, USA, N.J.

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cboxplot

*Draws censored boxplots*


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### Description

Draws boxplots for left-censored data with one or more detection limit(s). Portions below the maximum detection limit(s) are not shown by default, as their percentiles are not known.

### Usage

```
cboxplot(
  x1,
  x2,
  xgroup = NULL,
  LOG = FALSE,
  show = FALSE,
  ordr = NULL,
  Ylab = yname,
  Xlab = gname,
  Title = NULL,
  dl.loc = "topright",
  dl.col = "red",
  bxcol = "white",
  Ymax = NULL,
  minmax = FALSE,
  printstat = FALSE,
  Hlines = NULL
)
```

### Arguments

x1	The column of x (response variable) values plus detection limits.
x2	The x-variable censoring indicators, where 1 (or TRUE) indicates a detection limit in the y1 column, and 0 (or FALSE) indicates a detected value in y1.
xgroup	An optional column of a grouping variable. Draws side-by-side boxplots if this variable is present.
LOG	TRUE/FALSE indicator of whether to plot the Y axis data on the original scale (FALSE) or log scale (TRUE).
show	TRUE/FALSE indicator of whether to show estimated values computed using ROS for the portion of the box below the maximum DL (TRUE), or just leave the lower portion blank (FALSE).
ordr	A vector indicating the order of boxes to be drawn on the boxplot, if not in alphabetical order (the default). Example: for 4 boxplots for groups A, B, C, D, to change the order to the reverse type ordr = c(4, 3, 2, 1). Example 2: To change the order to A, C, D, B, type ordr = c(1, 3, 4, 2)

Ylab	Y axis label text, if something is wanted other than the Y variable name in the dataset.
Xlab	X axis label text, if something is wanted other than the group variable name in the dataset.
Title	Text to show as the graph title. Default is blank.
dl.loc	Location indicator of where to plot the "MaxDL=" text on some versions of the plot. Possible entries are "topleft", "topright", "topcenter", and the corresponding "bottom" text.
dl.col	Color of the max detection limit line(s), and the legend text stating the max DL. Default is "red", but all standard R colors may be used.
bxcol	Color for interior of boxplots. Specify just one color if all boxes are to be the same color. If a different color is desired for each of three boxplots, as one example, use <code>bxcol = c("red", "white", "blue")</code> etc.
Ymax	Maximum Y value to be shown on the plot. Used to cut off high outliers on plot and better show the bulk of the boxplots.
minmax	TRUE/FALSE indicator of whether to draw outliers individually. Default is to show outliers. Setting <code>minmax = TRUE</code> will draw the whiskers out to the max and min of the dataset.
printstat	Logical TRUE/FALSE option of whether to print the resulting statistics in the console window, or not. Default is TRUE.
Hlines	Data to add horizontal reference lines to the boxplot. Required input is a data frame of 4 columns. See Details.

### Details

If maximum detection limits vary among groups, separate maxDL lines will be drawn for each group's boxplot. If one group has fewer than 3 detected observations its boxplot will not be drawn. Its detection limits will not count when computing the maximum limit. However, if only one boxplot is drawn for the entire dataset by not specifying a group variable, the detection limits from the portion that is the mostly ND group will be used when computing the maximum limit.

The required input to draw additional horizontal lines (Hlines option) is a data frame with 4 columns of input, one row per horizontal line. More than one line may be drawn. Column one is the Y axis value for the line. Column 2 is the line color, column 3 is the line type (lty) and column 4 is the text to be added just above the line. To add one line at a value of 40, for example, use `Hlines = yline`, after defining `yline = data.frame(c(40, "purple", "dotted", "New Health Std"))`. To draw two lines, define `yline` as `yline = data.frame(matrix(c(40, "purple", "dotted", "New Health Std", 70, "blue", "longdash", "Old Health Std"), ncol = 4, byrow=TRUE))`. If no text is wanted use " " for the column 4 entry for that line. See `?par` under `lty` for standard line types.

### Value

Prints a boxplot with detection limit identified and a concatenated list of the maximum detection limit for each group.

## References

Helsel, D.R., 2011. Statistics for censored environmental data using Minitab and R, 2nd ed. John Wiley & Sons, USA, N.J.

## Examples

```
data(PbHeron)
cboxplot(PbHeron$Liver, PbHeron$LiverCen, PbHeron$Group)
```

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cen1way	<i>Peto-Peto one-factor test</i>
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## Description

Performs a Peto-Peto nonparametric test of differences in cdfs between groups. If more than two groups, the test is followed by a nonparametric multiple comparison test. Uses the BH method of adjusting p-values.

## Usage

```
cen1way(x1, x2, group, mcomp.method = "BH", printstat = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

x1	The column of data values plus detection limits
x2	The column of indicators, where 1 (or TRUE) indicates a detection limit in the y1 column, and 0 (or FALSE) indicates a detected value in y1.
group	Grouping or factor variable. Can be either a text or numeric value indicating the group assignment.
mcomp.method	One of the standard methods for adjusting p-values for multiple comparisons. Type ?p.adjust for the list of possible methods. Default is Benjamini-Hochberg "BH" false discover rate.
printstat	Logical TRUE/FALSE option of whether to print the resulting statistics in the console window, or not. Default is TRUE.

## Value

A list of summary statistics for each group evaluated containing the following components:

- N Number of samples
- PctND Percentage of non-detects
- KMmean Kaplan-Meier estimate of the mean
- KMsd Kaplan-Meier estimate of standard deviation
- KMmedian Kaplan-Meier estimate of the median

Peto-Peto test results including Chi-Squared value, degrees of freedom and p-value of the test.

If more than two groups, p-values of the pairwise multiple comparisons, adjusted using the BH false-discovery rate, are reported.

## References

Helsel, D.R., 2011. Statistics for Censored Environmental Data using Minitab and R, 2nd ed. John Wiley & Sons, USA, N.J.

Peto, R., Peto, J., 1972. Asymptotically Efficient Rank Invariant Test Procedures. Journal of the Royal Statistical Society. Series A (General) 135, 185. doi: [10.2307/2344317](https://doi.org/10.2307/2344317)

Benjamini, Y., Hochberg, Y., 1995. Controlling the False Discovery Rate: A Practical and Powerful Approach to Multiple Testing. Journal of the Royal Statistical Society. Series B (Methodological), 57, 289-300.

## Examples

```
data(PbHeron)

# Two Groups
cen1way(PbHeron$Liver, PbHeron$LiverCen, PbHeron$DosageGroup)

# More than two groups
cen1way(PbHeron$Liver, PbHeron$LiverCen, PbHeron$Group)
```

---

cen2means

*Censored data two-group test for difference in means*

---

## Description

Performs a parametric test of differences in means between two groups of censored data, either in original or in log units (the latter becomes a test for difference in geometric means).

## Usage

```
cen2means(x1, x2, group, LOG = TRUE, printstat = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

x1	The column of data values plus detection limits
x2	The column of indicators, where 1 (or TRUE) indicates a detection limit in the y1 column, and 0 (or FALSE) indicates a detected value in y1.
group	Grouping or factor variable. Can be either a text or numeric value indicating the group assignment.
LOG	Indicator of whether to compute tests in the original units, or on their logarithms. The default is to use the logarithms (LOG = TRUE). To compute in original units, specify the option LOG = FALSE (or LOG = 0).
printstat	Logical TRUE/FALSE option of whether to print the resulting statistics in the console window, or not. Default is TRUE.



## Details

Because this is an MLE procedure, when a normal distribution model is used (LOG=FALSE) values may be modeled as below zero. When this happens the means may be too low and the p-values may be unreal (often lower than they should be). Because of this, testing in log units is preferable and is the default.

## Value

Q-Q Plot with Shapiro-Francia test for normality W and p-values. Returns the Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE) test results including Chi-Squared value, degrees of freedom and p-value of the test.

## References

Helsel, D.R., 2011. *Statistics for Censored Environmental Data using Minitab and R*, 2nd ed. John Wiley & Sons, USA, N.J.

Shapiro, S.S., Francia, R.S., 1972. An approximate analysis of variance test for normality. *Journal of the American Statistical Association* 67, 215–216.

## Examples

```
data(PbHeron)
cen2means(PbHeron$Liver, PbHeron$LiverCen, PbHeron$DosageGroup)
```

---

cenanova

*ANOVA for censored data*

---

## Description

Performs a parametric test of differences in means between groups of censored data, followed by a parametric Tukey's multiple comparison test.

## Usage

```
cenanova(x1, x2, group, LOG = TRUE, printstat = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

x1	The column of data values plus detection limits
x2	The column of indicators, where 1 (or TRUE) indicates a detection limit in the y1 column, and 0 (or FALSE) indicates a detected value in y1.
group	Grouping or factor variable. Can be either a text or numeric value indicating the group assignment.
LOG	Indicator of whether to compute tests in the original units, or on their logarithms. The default is to use the logarithms (LOG = TRUE). To compute in original units, specify the option LOG = FALSE (or LOG = 0).

`printstat` Logical TRUE/FALSE option of whether to print the resulting statistics in the console window, or not. Default is TRUE.

### Details

Test is computed using Maximum Likelihood Estimation. When a gaussian distribution model is used (LOG=FALSE) modeled values may fall below zero, producing unreal p-values (often lower than they should be). Because of this, testing in log units is preferable and is the default.

### Value

Returns the Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE) comparison results including Chi-Squared value, degrees of freedom and p-value of the test. Test assumes log-normal(LOG=TRUE) or normal(LOG=FALSE) distribution of residuals from group means.

Tukey's multiple comparison p-values of pairwise differences in group means are also printed.

- Group Names of groups (NOTE: == 0 indicates null hypothesis of "equals zero").
- Estimate Estimated difference between group means.
- Std. Error Standard error of estimate.
- z value Test statistic.
- Pr(>|z|) P-values for test that difference in means equals zero.

### References

Helsel, D.R., 2011. Statistics for Censored Environmental Data using Minitab and R, 2nd ed. John Wiley & Sons, USA, N.J.

```
#' @examples data(PbHeron) cenanova(PbHeron$Liver,PbHeron$LiverCen,PbHeron$DosageGroup)
cenanova(PbHeron$Liver,PbHeron$LiverCen,PbHeron$DosageGroup,LOG=FALSE)
```

### See Also

[survival::survreg](#)

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cenCompareCdfs

*Comparison of empirical cdf of censored data*

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### Description

Plots the empirical cdf and cdfs of three theoretical distributions, fit by maximum likelihood estimation (MLE).

### Usage

```
cenCompareCdfs(x.var, cens.var, dist3 = "norm", Yname = yname)
```

**Arguments**

x.var	The column of y (response variable) values plus detection limits
cens.var	The column of indicators, where 1 (or TRUE) indicates a detection limit in the y.var column, and 0 (or FALSE) indicates a detected value in y.var.
dist3	Name of the third distribution to be plotted, default is norm (normal distribution). Alternate third distribution is weibull (for Weibull distribution). Log-normal and gamma distributions are always used.
Yname	Optional – input text in quotes to be used as the variable name. The default is the name of the y.var input variable.

**Value**

prints a plot of the empirical CDFs with BIC value for each distribution.

**References**

Helsel, D.R., 2011. Statistics for Censored Environmental Data using Minitab and R, 2nd ed. John Wiley & Sons, USA, N.J.

Delignette-Muller, M., Dutang, C., 2015. fitdistrplus : An R Package for Fitting Distributions. Journal of Statistical Software, 64, 1-34. <http://www.jstatsoft.org/v64/i04/>.

**Examples**

```
data(Brumbaugh)
cenCompareCdfs(Brumbaugh$Hg, Brumbaugh$HgCen)

# With Weibull distribution
cenCompareCdfs(Brumbaugh$Hg, Brumbaugh$HgCen, dist3="weibull")

# Using an distribution not supported by this function (yet)
# you will get an error message
## Not run: cenCompareCdfs(Brumbaugh$Hg, Brumbaugh$HgCen, dist3="beta")

# With Yname specified
cenCompareCdfs(Brumbaugh$Hg, Brumbaugh$HgCen, Yname="TCE Conc (ug/L)\nLong Island, NY USA")
```

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cenCompareQQ

*Censored Q-Q Plot comparison*

---

**Description**

Produces three quantile-quantile (Q-Q) plots, also called probability plots, based on three distributions (normal, lognormal and gamma distributions).

**Usage**

```
cenCompareQQ(x.var, cens.var, Yname = yname, printrs1t = TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x.var</code>	The column of $x$ (response variable) values plus detection limits
<code>cens.var</code>	The column of indicators, where 1 (or TRUE) indicates a detection limit in the <code>y.var</code> column, and 0 (or FALSE) indicates a detected value in <code>y.var</code> .
<code>Yname</code>	Optional – input text in quotes to be used as the variable name on all plots. The default <code>Yname</code> is the name of the <code>y.var</code> input variable.
<code>printrs1t</code>	Logical TRUE/FALSE option of whether to print the best distribution in the console window, or not. Default is TRUE.
<code>...</code>	further graphical parameters (from <code>par</code> ), such as <code>srt</code> , <code>family</code> and <code>xpd</code> .

**Details**

Produces three Q-Q plots and reports which one has the highest Shapiro-Francia test statistic ( $W$ ). The distribution with the highest  $W$  is the best fit of the three.

**Value**

Plots three Q-Q plots based on normal, lognormal and gamma distributions and prints the best-fit distribution.

**References**

- Helsel, D.R., 2011. Statistics for censored environmental data using Minitab and R, 2nd ed. John Wiley & Sons, USA, N.J.
- Millard, S.P., 2013. EnvStats: An R Package for Environmental Statistics. Springer-Verlag, New York.
- Shapiro, S.S., Francia, R.S., 1972. An approximate analysis of variance test for normality. Journal of the American Statistical Association 67, 215–216.

**Examples**

```
data(Brumbaugh)
cenCompareQQ(Brumbaugh$Hg, Brumbaugh$HgCen)
```

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cencorreg

*Correlation and Regression with censored data*

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**Description**

Computes three parametric correlation coefficients for one  $X$  variable and the corresponding  $R$  squared for multiple  $X$  variables, and a regression equation for censored data.

**Usage**

```
cencorreg(y.var, cens.var, x.vars, LOG = TRUE, verbose = 2)
```

**Arguments**

<code>y.var</code>	The column of <code>y</code> (response variable) values plus detection limits.
<code>cen.var</code>	The column of indicators, where 1 (or TRUE) indicates a detection limit in the <code>y.var</code> column, and 0 (or FALSE) indicates a detected value is in <code>y.var</code> .
<code>x.vars</code>	One or more uncensored explanatory variable(s). See Details
<code>LOG</code>	Indicator of whether to compute the regression in the original <code>y</code> units, or on their logarithms. The default is to use the logarithms ( <code>LOG = TRUE</code> ). To compute in original units, specify the option <code>LOG = FALSE</code> (or <code>LOG = 0</code> ).
<code>verbose</code>	default <code>verbose=2</code> , see details.

**Details**

`x.vars`: If one `x` variable only, enter its name. If multiple `x` variables, enter the name of a data frame of columns of the `x` variables. Only columns used as `X` variables in the regression are allowed. Create this by `x.frame <- data.frame(Temp, Flow, Time)` for 3 variables (temperature, flow and time) used as the `X` variables in the regression.

AIC and BIC are printed to help evaluate the ‘best’ regression model.

The default is that the `Y` variable will be log transformed.

`verbose` option. Default is 2 which provides full output in the console and qqplots in a graphics window. A value of 1 only provides partial results in the console and no qqplots. A value of 0 provides no output; the returning computations will be stored in the specified object.

**Value**

When `x.vars` is one variable, likelihood, rescaled likelihood and McFaddens correlation coefficient (`R`) are printed. When `x.vars` is a `data.frame` of more than one variable, likelihood, rescaled likelihood and McFaddens coefficient of determination (`R2`) are printed.

Model coefficients (intercept and slopes), Chi-Squared statistic and p-value for the test that all slope coefficients equal zero (overall test), and model AIC and BIC are provided.

A Q-Q plot of model residuals with corresponding Shapiro-Francia `W` and p-value are plotted for evaluation of model distributional assumptions when `verbose=2` (the default).

**References**

Helsel, D.R., 2011. Statistics for censored environmental data using Minitab and R, 2nd ed. John Wiley & Sons, USA, N.J.

Helsel, D.R., 2005. Nondetects and Data Analysis: Statistics for Censored Environmental Data, 1st ed. John Wiley and Sons, USA, N.J.

**See Also**

[survival::survreg](#)

**Examples**

```

data(Brumbaugh)

# One variable
cencorreg(Brumbaugh$Hg, Brumbaugh$HgCen, Brumbaugh$SedMeHg)

# More than one variable for demonstration purposes
cencorreg(Brumbaugh$Hg, Brumbaugh$HgCen, Brumbaugh[, c("SedMeHg", "PctWetland")])

```

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cenperm2

*Censored two-group permutation test*


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**Description**

Performs a permutation test of differences in means between two groups of censored data.

**Usage**

```
cenperm2(y1, y2, grp, R = 9999, alternative = "two.sided", printstat = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

y1	The column of data values plus detection limits
y2	The column of indicators, where 1 (or TRUE) indicates a detection limit in the y1 column, and 0 (or FALSE) indicates a detected value in y1.
grp	Grouping or factor variable. Can be either a text or numeric value indicating the group assignment.
R	The number of permutations used. Default is 9999
alternative	indicates the alternative hypothesis and must be one of "two.sided", "greater" or "less". You may also specify just the initial letter. Default is "two.sided".
printstat	Logical TRUE/FALSE option of whether to print the resulting statistics in the console window, or not. Default is TRUE.

**Details**

Because this is a permutation test it avoids the problem with MLE tests (`cen2means`) that assume a normal distribution. No values are modeled as below zero and p-values are trustworthy. Ranges in means and p-values are due to interval-censoring of censored data means.

**Value**

Permutation test results with the number of permutations, range in group means and their difference, and range in p-value.

## References

- Good, P., 2000. Permutation Tests: A Practical Guide to Resampling Methods for Testing Hypotheses, 2nd ed, Springer Series in Statistics. Springer-Verlag, New York, NY. doi: [10.1007/9781475732351](https://doi.org/10.1007/9781475732351)
- Helsel, D.R., 2011. Statistics for Censored Environmental Data using Minitab and R, 2nd ed. John Wiley & Sons, USA, N.J.
- Shapiro, S.S., Francia, R.S., 1972. An approximate analysis of variance test for normality. Journal of the American Statistical Association 67, 215–216.

## Examples

```
data(PbHeron)
cenperm2(PbHeron$Liver,PbHeron$LiverCen,PbHeron$DosageGroup,alternative="t")
```

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cenpermanova	<i>Censored data one-factor permutation test</i>
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## Description

Performs a permutation test of differences in means between groups of censored data.

## Usage

```
cenpermanova(y1, y2, grp, R = 9999, printstat = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

y1	The column of data values plus detection limits.
y2	The column of indicators, where 1 (or TRUE) indicates a detection limit in the y1 column, and 0 (or FALSE) indicates a detected value in y1.
grp	Grouping or factor variable. Can be either a text or numeric value indicating the group assignment.
R	The number of permutations used. Default is 9999.
printstat	Logical TRUE/FALSE option of whether to print the resulting statistics in the console window, or not. Default is TRUE.

## Details

Because this is a permutation test it avoids the problem with MLE tests (see `cenanova`) that assume a normal distribution. No values are modeled as below zero and group means and p-values are trustworthy.

## Value

Permutation test results with the number of permutations, range in test statistics and p-value values through the various permutations. Group means are also listed.

## References

- Good, P., 2000. Permutation Tests: A Practical Guide to Resampling Methods for Testing Hypotheses, 2nd ed, Springer Series in Statistics. Springer-Verlag, New York, NY. doi: [10.1007/9781475732351](https://doi.org/10.1007/9781475732351)
- Helsel, D.R., 2011. Statistics for Censored Environmental Data using Minitab and R, 2nd ed. John Wiley & Sons, USA, N.J.

## Examples

```
data(PbHeron)
cenpermanova(PbHeron$Liver,PbHeron$LiverCen,PbHeron$DosageGroup)
```

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cenPredInt	<i>Prediction interval for censored data</i>
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## Description

Computes prediction intervals for censored data assuming lognormal, gamma and normal distributions.

## Usage

```
cenPredInt(
  x.var,
  cens.var,
  pi.type = "two-sided",
  conf = 0.95,
  newobs = 1,
  method = "mle",
  printstat = TRUE
)
```

## Arguments

x.var	The column of x (response variable) detected values plus detection limits
cens.var	The column of indicators, where 1 (or TRUE) indicates a detection limit in the y.var column, and 0 (or FALSE) indicates a detected value in y.var.
pi.type	Designation of either a “two-sided” interval (default) or a 1-sided “upper” or 1-sided “lower” interval.
conf	Confidence coefficient of the interval, 0.95 (default).
newobs	The number of new observations to be contained in the interval.
method	Character string specifying the method of estimation. Default is mle (maximum likelihood). See details.
printstat	Logical TRUE/FALSE option of whether to print the resulting statistics in the console window, or not. Default is TRUE.



## Details

Computes prediction intervals for three distributions. This is a front-end to the individual functions from the EnvStats package. By default all three are computed using maximum likelihood estimation (mle). The gamma distribution for censored data uses the Wilson-Hilferty approximation (normal distribution on cube roots of data). Other methods are available in EnvStats, but few methods are available for all three distributions. For info on other methods, see help for elnormCensored and enormCensored commands in EnvStats.

## Value

A table of prediction limits based on user provided confidence coefficient (conf) and prediction interval type (pi.type)

## References

Helsel, D.R., 2011. Statistics for censored environmental data using Minitab and R, 2nd ed. John Wiley & Sons, USA, N.J.

Millard, S.P., 2013. EnvStats: An R Package for Environmental Statistics. Springer-Verlag, New York.

Krishnamoorthy, K., Mathew, T., Mukherjee, S., 2008. Normal-Based Methods for a Gamma Distribution, Technometrics, 50, 69-78.

## See Also

[EnvStats::enormCensored](#)

## Examples

```
data(PbHeron)

# Default
cenPredInt(PbHeron$Liver,PbHeron$LiverCen)

# User defined confidence coefficient
cenPredInt(PbHeron$Liver,PbHeron$LiverCen, conf=0.5)

# User defined confidence coefficient outside of acceptable range
# the procedure will stop and give an error.
# cenPredInt(PbHeron$Liver,PbHeron$LiverCen, conf=1.1)

# User defined prediction interval type
cenPredInt(PbHeron$Liver,PbHeron$LiverCen,pi.type="lower")
cenPredInt(PbHeron$Liver,PbHeron$LiverCen,pi.type="upper")
```

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 cenQQ

*Q-Q Plot censored data*


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**Description**

Plots a quantile-quantile (Q-Q) plot of censored data versus a fitted data distribution

**Usage**

```
cenQQ(x.var, cens.var, dist = "lnorm", Yname = yname)
```

**Arguments**

x.var	The column of x (response variable) values plus detection limits
cens.var	The column of indicators, where 1 (or TRUE) indicates a detection limit in the y.var column, and 0 (or FALSE) indicates a detected value in y.var.
dist	One of three distributional shapes to fit to your data: lognormal (lnorm), normal (norm) or gamma (gamma).
Yname	Optional – input text in quotes to be used as the variable name on the Q-Q plot. The default is the Yname name of the y.var input variable.

**Value**

A single Q-Q plot of data fitted by normal, lognormal or gamma distributions with Shapiro-Francia W value printed on plot.

**References**

Helsel, D.R., 2011. Statistics for Censored Environmental Data using Minitab and R, 2nd ed. John Wiley & Sons, USA, N.J.

Shapiro, S.S., Francia, R.S., 1972. An approximate analysis of variance test for normality. Journal of the American Statistical Association 67, 215–216.

**Examples**

```
data(Brumbaugh)
cenQQ(Brumbaugh$Hg, Brumbaugh$HgCen)

# User defined distribution
cenQQ(Brumbaugh$Hg, Brumbaugh$HgCen, dist="gamma")
```

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cenregQQ	<i>Q-Q plot of censored regression residuals</i>
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### Description

Plots a quantile-quantile (Q-Q) plot of censored regression residuals for simple or multiple regression.

### Usage

```
cenregQQ(y.var, cen.var, x.vars, LOG = TRUE, intcens = FALSE, main = NULL)
```

### Arguments

y.var	The column of y (response variable) values plus detection limits. Alternatively, with interval-censored data, the column of the lower end of the interval.
cen.var	The column of indicators, where 1 (or TRUE) indicates a detection limit in the y.var column, and 0 (or FALSE) indicates a detected value in y.var. Alternatively, with interval-censored data the column of the high end of the interval.
x.vars	One or more uncensored explanatory variable(s). See Details
LOG	Indicator of whether to compute the regression in the original y units, or on their logarithms. The default is to use the logarithms (LOG = TRUE). To compute in original units, specify the option LOG = FALSE (or LOG = 0).
intcens	a logical value indicating the input data is interval-censored instead of a column of values plus a column of indicators.
main	overall title for the plot. A default title will be used if none is specified.

### Value

Q-Q Plot of model residuals and Shapiro-Francia test results.

### References

- Helsel, D.R., 2011. Statistics for censored environmental data using Minitab and R, 2nd ed. John Wiley & Sons, USA, N.J.
- Millard, S.P., 2013. EnvStats: An R Package for Environmental Statistics. Springer-Verlag, New York.
- Shapiro, S.S., Francia, R.S., 1972. An approximate analysis of variance test for normality. Journal of the American Statistical Association 67, 215–216.

**Examples**

```

data(Brumbaugh)

# One variable
cenregQQ(Brumbaugh$Hg,Brumbaugh$HgCen,Brumbaugh$PctWetland)

# More than one variable for demonstration purposes
cenregQQ(Brumbaugh$Hg,Brumbaugh$HgCen,Brumbaugh[,c("PctWetland", "SedLOI", "Weight")])

```

censeaken

*Seasonal Kendall permutation test on censored data***Description**

Seasonal Kendall permutation test on censored data

**Usage**

```

censeaken(
  time,
  y,
  y.cen,
  group,
  LOG = FALSE,
  R = 4999,
  nmin = 4,
  seaplots = FALSE,
  printstat = TRUE
)

```

**Arguments**

time	Column of the time variable, either a sequence of days or decimal times, etc. Will be the scale used for time in the trend analysis.
y	The column of y (response variable) values plus detection limits
y.cen	The y-variable indicators, where 1 (or TRUE) indicates a detection limit in the y.var column, and 0 (or FALSE) indicates a detected value in y.var.
group	Column of the season classifications. A factor in R, so usually though not necessarily a text variable. If numeric, define as a factor before running the script.
LOG	Indicator of whether to compute the trend analysis in the original y units, or on their logarithms. The default is to use the logarithms (LOG = TRUE). To compute in original units, specify the option LOG = FALSE (or LOG = 0).
R	The number of repetitions in the permutation process. R is often between 999 and 9999 (adding +1 to represent the observed test statistic produces 1000 to 10000 repetitions). By default R=4999. Increasing R results in lower variation in the p-values produced between runs.

nmin	The minimum number of observations needed for the entire time period to be tested, per season. For example, with 1 sample per year per season over an 8-year period, you have 8 observations for each season. You can increase this number if you want a higher minimum. Don't decrease it below the default of 4. If there are fewer than nmin values that season is skipped and not included in the overall test and a note of this will be printed in the console.
seaplots	In addition to the plot of the overall Seasonal Kendall trend line, plots of the trend in individual seasons can also be drawn.
printstat	Logical TRUE/FALSE option of whether to print the resulting statistics in the console window, or not. Default is TRUE.

### Value

Prints the Kendall trend test results for each season individually. The overall Seasonal Kendall test and Theil-Sen line results are both printed and returned.

If seaplots=TRUE each season's trend line will be plotted separately. A plot of the overall Seasonal Kendall (Akritas-Theil-Sen) line is always plotted. If seaplots=FALSE only the overall Seasonal Kendall (Akritas-Theil-Sen) line will be plotted on a data scatterplot.

### References

Helsel, D.R., 2011. Statistics for censored environmental data using Minitab and R, 2nd ed. John Wiley & Sons, USA, N.J.

Hirsch, R.M., Slack, J.R., Smith, R.A., 1982. Techniques of Trend Analysis for Monthly Water Quality Data, Water Res. Research 18, 107-121.

### See Also

[NADA::cenken](#)

### Examples

```
data(Brumbaugh)

# Artificial time and season variables for demonstration purposes
Brumbaugh$time=1:nrow(Brumbaugh)
Brumbaugh$sea=as.factor(round(runif(nrow(Brumbaugh),1,4),0))

with(Brumbaugh,censeaken(time,Hg,HgCen,sea,seaplots = TRUE))
```

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cenTolInt                      *Upper Tolerance interval for censored data*

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### Description

Computes a one-sided upper tolerance interval for censored data assuming log-normal, gamma and normal distributions.

### Usage

```
cenTolInt(
  x.var,
  cens.var,
  conf = 0.95,
  cover = 0.9,
  method.fit = "mle",
  printstat = TRUE
)
```

### Arguments

<code>x.var</code>	The column of $x$ (response variable) values plus detection limits
<code>cens.var</code>	The column of indicators, where 1 (or TRUE) indicates a detection limit in the <code>y.var</code> column, and 0 (or FALSE) indicates a detected value in <code>y.var</code> .
<code>conf</code>	Confidence coefficient of the interval, 0.95 (default).
<code>cover</code>	Coverage, the percentile probability above which the tolerance interval is computed. The default is 90, so a tolerance interval will be computed above the 90th percentile of the data.
<code>method.fit</code>	The method used to compute the parameters of the distribution. The default is maximum likelihood ("mle"). The alternative is robust ROS ("rROS"). See Details.
<code>printstat</code>	Logical TRUE/FALSE option of whether to print the resulting statistics in the console window, or not. Default is TRUE.

### Details

Computes upper one-sided tolerance intervals for three distributions. This is a front-end to the individual functions from the EnvStats package. By default all three are computed using maximum likelihood estimation (mle); robust ROS is available as an alternate method for all three distributions. The gamma distribution for censored data uses the Wilson-Hilferty approximation (normal distribution on cube roots of data). For more info on the relative merits of robust ROS versus mle, see Helsel (2011) and Millard (2013).

**Value**

Prints and returns the percentile (*cover*), upper tolerance limit (*conf*) and BIC of fit for lognormal, normal and approximated gamma distributions. Plots empirical and theoretical CDFs with BIC values in the legend.

**References**

Helsel, D.R., 2011. Statistics for censored environmental data using Minitab and R, 2nd ed. John Wiley & Sons, USA, N.J.

Millard, S.P., 2013. EnvStats: An R Package for Environmental Statistics. Springer-Verlag, New York.

Krishnamoorthy, K., Mathew, T., Mukherjee, S., 2008. Normal-Based Methods for a Gamma Distribution, *Technometrics*, 50, 69-78.

**Examples**

```
data(PbHeron)

# Default
cenTolInt(PbHeron$Liver, PbHeron$LiverCen)

# User defined confidence interval
cenTolInt(PbHeron$Liver, PbHeron$LiverCen, conf=0.75)

# User defined percentile
cenTolInt(PbHeron$Liver, PbHeron$LiverCen, cover=0.5)

# inputs outside acceptable ranges
# Will result in errors/warnings
# cenTolInt(PbHeron$Liver, PbHeron$LiverCen, cover=1.25)
# cenTolInt(PbHeron$Liver, PbHeron$LiverCen, conf=1.1)
# cenTolInt(PbHeron$Liver, PbHeron$LiverCen, method.fit="ROS")
```

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centrend

*Trend analysis of censored data with a covariate*

---

**Description**

Computes the ATS (Mann-Kendall trend test for censored data) after adjustment of censored data for a covariate.

**Usage**

```
centrend(
  y.var,
  y.cens,
  x.var,
  time.var,
  link = "identity",
  Smooth = "cs",
  printstat = TRUE,
  stackplots = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

y.var	The column of y (response variable) values plus detection limits
y.cens	The column of indicators, where 1 (or TRUE) indicates a detectionlimit in the y.var column, and 0 (or FALSE) indicates a detected value in y.var.
x.var	Column of a covariate (not time). y.var will be smoothed versus x.var and residuals taken to subtract out the relationship between y and x.
time.var	Column of the time variable, either a sequence of days or decimal times, etc. Will be the scale used for time in ATS trend analysis.
link	Default = "identity" which means it uses data in the original units. See details.
Smooth	Type of smoother used in the GAM. Default is "cs", shrinkage cubic regression splines. See details for other options.
printstat	Logical TRUE/FALSE option of whether to print the resulting statistics in the console window, or not. Default is TRUE.
stackplots	logical 'TRUE'/'FALSE' option to stack three plots that are output onto the same page instead of each on separate page. Default is 'FALSE', each separate.

**Details**

Default link = identity. The y variables are then used in their original units. Other options are available see `cenGAM::tobit1` for more options.

Default Smooth is "cs" for shrinkage cubic regression splines. See `mgcv::smooth.terms` for other types of smoothing algorithms. "ts" is a thin-plate regression spline and is also commonly used.

**Value**

Prints three plots: Y data vs time with GAM Smooth, Residuals from GAM Smooth vs time, and ATS trend line of residuals vs time.

Returns GAM residuals and ATS results on trend test of residuals (intercept, slope, Kendall's tau, p-value for trend)

**References**

Helsel, D.R., 2011. Statistics for censored environmental data using Minitab and R, 2nd ed. John Wiley & Sons, USA, N.J.



**See Also**[mgcv::gam](#)**Examples**

```
data(Brumbaugh)

Brumbaugh$time=1:nrow(Brumbaugh)

with(Brumbaugh,centrend(Hg,HgCen,SedTotHg,time.var=time))
```

centrendsea

*Trend analysis of censored data with a covariate and seasonal blocks***Description**

Computes the Seasonal Kendall trend test for censored data after adjustment of censored data for a covariate. The adjustment is by subtracting off a censored GAM smooth, removing the effect of the covariate. Trend analysis is performed on the residuals from the GAM smooth.

**Usage**

```
centrendsea(
  y.var,
  y.cens,
  x.var,
  time.var,
  season,
  R = 4999,
  nmin = 4,
  link = "identity",
  Smooth = "cs",
  printstat = TRUE,
  seaplots = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>y.var</code>	The column of $y$ (response variable) values plus detection limits
<code>y.cens</code>	The column of indicators, where 1 (or TRUE) indicates a detectionlimit in the <code>y.var</code> column, and 0 (or FALSE) indicates a detected value in <code>y.var</code> .
<code>x.var</code>	Column of a covariate (not time). <code>y.var</code> will be smoothed versus <code>x.var</code> and residuals taken to subtract out the relationship between $y$ and $x$ .
<code>time.var</code>	Column of the numerical time variable, either a sequence of numbered days or decimal times, etc. Will be the scale used for time in ATS trend analysis.

season	Column of the seasonal variable. Usually a text variable but may be numeric. Will be converted to a factor..
R	The number of repetitions in the permutation process. R is often between 999 and 9999 (adding +1 to represent the observed test statistic produces 1000 to 10000 repetitions). By default R=4999. Increasing R results in lower variation in the p-values produced between runs.
nmin	The minimum number of observations needed for the entire time period to be tested, per season. For example, with 1 sample per year per season over an 8-year period, you have 8 observations for each season. You can increase this number if you want a higher minimum. Don't decrease it below the default of 4. If there are fewer than nmin values that season is skipped and not included in the overall test and a note of this will be printed in the console.
link	Default = "identity" which means it uses data in the original units. See details.
Smooth	Type of smoother used in the GAM. Default is "cs", shrinkage cubic regression splines. See details for other options.
printstat	Logical TRUE/FALSE option of whether to print the resulting statistics in the console window, or not. Default is TRUE.
seaplots	logical 'TRUE'/'FALSE' option to print plots with trend line for each season. Default is 'TRUE'.

### Details

Default link = identity. The y variables are then used in their original units. Other options are available see `cenGAM::tobit1` for more options.

Default Smooth is "cs" for shrinkage cubic regression splines. See `mgcv::smooth.terms` for other types of smoothing algorithms. "ts" is a thin-plate regression spline and is also commonly used.

As with the `censeaken` function, observations are not edited when there are more data in some seasons than others. Seasons with more data will have more influence on the overall SK test than seasons with fewer data. To avoid this (as done with some Seasonal Kendall software) data in the seasons with more can be selectively deleted to better match the data frequency of the seasons with fewer data.

### Value

Prints four plots: 1. Y data vs X covariate with GAM Smooth, 2. Residuals from GAM Smooth vs X covariate, 3. histogram of the SK test results illustrating the p-value, and 4. Seasonal Kendall trend line of residuals vs time. Plots of data and SK trend line for each season are produced when the `seaplots` option is TRUE.

Returns the seasonal Kendall trend test results on residuals (intercept, slope, Kendall's tau, p-value for trend)

### References

Helsel, D.R., 2011. Statistics for censored environmental data using Minitab and R, 2nd ed. John Wiley & Sons, USA, N.J.

**See Also**

[mgcv::gam](#)

**Examples**

```
data(Gales_Creek)
with(Gales_Creek, centrendsea(TCr, CrND, discharge, dectime, Season))
```

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 cen\_ecdf

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*Censored Empirical Cumulative Distribution Function*


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**Description**

Plots ecdfs of one or more groups of censored data. Illustrates the differences between groups for group tests such as those done using cen1way or cenanova.

**Usage**

```
cen_ecdf(
  x.var,
  cens.var,
  xgroup = NULL,
  xlim = c(0, max(y.var)),
  Ylab = varname
)
```

**Arguments**

x.var	The column of data values plus detection limits
cens.var	The column of indicators, where 1 (or TRUE) indicates a detection limit in the y.var column, and 0 (or FALSE) indicates a detected value in y.var.
xgroup	Optional - grouping or factor variable. Can be either a text or numeric value indicating the group assignment.
xlim	Limits for the x (data) axis of the ecdf plot. Default is 0 to the maximum of the y.var variable. To change, use option xlim = c(0, 50) if 50 is to be the maximum on the plot.
Ylab	Optional – input text in quotes to be used as the variable name on the ecdf plot. The default is the name of the y.var input variable.

**Value**

Plots an empirical cumulative distribution function. If group=NULL the ECDF of the entire dataset is produced. If group is identified then ECDFs are plotted for each group separately and a legend added.

## References

Helsel, D.R., 2011. *Statistics for Censored Environmental Data using Minitab and R*, 2nd ed. John Wiley & Sons, USA, N.J. Millard, S.P., 2013. *EnvStats: An R Package for Environmental Statistics*. Springer-Verlag, New York.

## Examples

```
data(PbHeron)

# with groups
with(PbHeron, cen_ecdf(Liver, LiverCen, DosageGroup))

# all data
with(PbHeron, cen_ecdf(Liver, LiverCen))
```

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cen_paired	<i>Censored data paired t-test</i>
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## Description

Performs a parametric test of whether the mean difference between two columns of paired censored data equals 0. Assumes that the paired differences follow a gaussian (normal) distribution.

## Usage

```
cen_paired(xd, xc, yd, yc, alternative = "two.sided", printstat = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

xd	The first column of data values plus detection limits
xc	The column of censoring indicators, where 1 (or TRUE) indicates a detection limit in the xd column, and 0 (or FALSE) indicates a detected value in xd.
yd	The second column of data values plus detection limits, or a single number representing a standard / guideline value.
yc	The column of censoring indicators for yd, where 1 (or TRUE) indicates a detection limit in the yd column, and 0 (or FALSE) indicates a detected value in yd. Not needed if yd is a single standard number.
alternative	The usual notation for the alternate hypothesis. Default is "two.sided". Options are "greater" or "less".
printstat	Logical TRUE/FALSE option of whether to print the resulting statistics in the console window, or not. Default is TRUE.

## Details

You may also test for whether the mean of the xd data exceeds a standard by entering the single number for the standard as yd. In that case no yc is required.

**Value**

A list of statistics containing the following components:

- n Number of observations
- Z The value of the test statistic
- p.value the p-value of the test
- Mean difference the mean difference between xd and yd

**References**

Helsel, D.R., 2011. Statistics for Censored Environmental Data using Minitab and R, 2nd ed. John Wiley & Sons, USA, N.J.

**See Also**

[survival::survreg](#)

**Examples**

```
data(atrazine)

cen_paired(atrazine$June, atrazine$JuneCen, atrazine$Sept, atrazine$SeptCen)

# Comparing standard/guieline value
cen_paired(atrazine$June, atrazine$JuneCen, 0.01, alternative = "greater")
```

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cen\_signedranktest      *Wilcoxon Signed-Rank test for censored data*

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**Description**

Performs a nonparametric Wilcoxon signed-rank test of whether the median difference between two columns of paired censored data equals 0. Uses the Pratt adjustment for pairs of equal or indistinguishable values.

**Usage**

```
cen_signedranktest(xd, xc, yd, yc, alternative = "two.sided", printstat = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

xd	The first column of data values plus detection limits
xc	The column of censoring indicators for xd, where 1 (or TRUE) indicates a detection limit in the xd column, and 0 (or FALSE) indicates a detected value in xd.

yd	The second column of data values plus detection limits, or a single number representing a standard / guideline value.
yc	The column of censoring indicators for yd, where 1 (or TRUE) indicates a detection limit in the yd column, and 0 (or FALSE) indicates a detected value in yd. Not needed if yd is a single standard number.
alternative	The usual notation for the alternate hypothesis. Default is “two.sided”. Options are “greater” or “less”.
printstat	Logical TRUE/FALSE option of whether to print the resulting statistics in the console window, or not. Default is TRUE.

### Value

Prints a list of Wilcoxon Signed-Rank test with Pratt correction for ties statistics containing the following components:

- n Number of samples
- Z The value of the test statistic
- p.value the p-value of the test

### References

Helsel, D.R., 2011. Statistics for censored environmental data using Minitab and R, 2nd ed. John Wiley & Sons, USA, N.J.

Page, E.B., 1963. Ordered Hypotheses for Multiple Treatments: A Significance Test for Linear Ranks. *Journal of the American Statistical Association* 58, 216–230. doi: [10.2307/2282965](https://doi.org/10.2307/2282965)

Pratt, J.W., 1959. Remarks on Zeros and Ties in the Wilcoxon Signed Rank Procedures. *Journal of the American Statistical Association* 54, 655–667. doi: [10.2307/2282543](https://doi.org/10.2307/2282543)

### Examples

```
data(atrazine)

cen_signedranktest(atrazine$June, atrazine$JuneCen, atrazine$Sept, atrazine$SeptCen)
```

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cen_sigttest	<i>Sign test for censored data</i>
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### Description

Performs a nonparametric sign test of whether the median difference between two columns of paired censored data equals 0. Uses the Fong adjustment for pairs of equal values.

### Usage

```
cen_sigttest(xd, xc, yd, yc, alternative = "two.sided", printstat = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

xd	The first column of data values plus detection limits
xc	The column of censoring indicators, where 1 (or TRUE) indicates a detection limit in the xd column, and 0 (or FALSE) indicates a detected value in xd.
yd	The second column of data values plus detection limits.
yc	The column of censoring indicators, where 1 (or TRUE) indicates a detection limit in the yd column, and 0 (or FALSE) indicates a detected value in yd.
alternative	The usual notation for the alternate hypothesis. Default is “two.sided”. Options are “greater” or “less”.
printstat	Logical TRUE/FALSE option of whether to print the resulting statistics in the console window, or not. Default is TRUE.

**Value**

Returns the number of xd and yd values greater than, less than and tied. Corrected and uncorrected p-value for ties also displayed.

**References**

Fong, D.Y.T., Kwan, C.W., Lam, K.F., Lam, K.S.L., 2003. Use of the Sign Test for the Median in the Presence of Ties. *The American Statistician* 57, 237–240.

Helsel, D.R., 2011. *Statistics for censored environmental data using Minitab and R*, 2nd ed. John Wiley & Sons, USA, N.J. #

**Examples**

```
data(atrazine)

cen_signtest(atrazine$June, atrazine$JuneCen, atrazine$Sept, atrazine$SeptCen)
```

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cfit

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*Compute an ECDF and Distribution Parameters for Censored Data*


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**Description**

Computes the empirical cumulative distribution function (ECDF) for censored data. Estimates parameters of the distribution, including the mean and quantiles.

**Usage**

```
cfit(
  y1,
  y2,
  conf = 0.95,
  qtls = c(0.1, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 0.9),
  plot.pos = 0.375,
  q.type = 7,
  Cdf = TRUE,
  printstat = TRUE,
  Ylab = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

y1	Concentrations plus detection limits for indicator formatted data.
y2	Censoring indicators (logical. 1 or TRUE = censored, 0 or FALSE = detected) for indicator formatted data.
conf	The confidence coefficient for confidence intervals around the Kaplan-Meier mean and median. Default = 0.95.
qtls	Probabilities for the quantiles to be estimated. Defaults are (0.10, 0.25, 0.50, 0.75, 0.90). You may add and/or substitute probabilities – all must be between and not including 0 to 1.
plot.pos	numeric scalar between 0 and 1 containing the value of the plotting position constant. The default value is plot.pos=0.375, the Blom plotting position
q.type	an integer between 1 and 9 selecting one of the nine quantile algorithms detailed below to be used. See stats::quantile for more detail, default is set to 7.
Cdf	Logical TRUE/FALSE indicator of whether to plot the empirical cumulative distribution function (cdf).
printstat	Logical TRUE/FALSE option of whether to print the resulting statistics in the console window, or not. Default is TRUE.
Ylab	Optional input text in quotes to be used as the variable name on the ecdf plot. The default is the name of the y1 input variable.

**Details**

Quantiles and parameters are estimated using the `enparCensored` and `ecdfPlotCensored` functions of the `EnvStats` package. This avoids a small bias in the mean produced by the `NADA` package's `cenfit` function, which uses the reverse Kaplan-Meier procedure, converting left-censored to right-censored data prior to computing the ecdf and mean. See Gillespie et al. for more discussion on the bias.

All printed values will also be output to an object if saved. Values are character because of the possibility of a `<1`, but if no `<` symbol can be converted to numeric using the `as.numeric(...)` command. For data without censoring `cfit` will also return values. In that case the values labeled "KM" are not both Kaplan-Meier results and standard arithmetic mean, t-interval CIs on the mean, and quantiles. See `?quantiles` for choosing the `q.type`; default `q.type = 7`.



**Value**

If `printstat=TRUE`: Based on the provided `conf` value, Kaplan-Meier summary statistics (`mean`,`sd`,`median`), lower and upper confidence intervals around the mean and median value, sample size and percent of censored samples are returned. The specified quantile values are also printed and returned.

If `Cdf=TRUE`: The `ecdf` of censored data is plotted.

**References**

Helsel, D.R., 2011. Statistics for Censored Environmental Data using Minitab and R, 2nd ed. John Wiley & Sons, USA, N.J.

Gillespie, B.W., et al., 2010. Estimating Population Distributions When Some Data Are Below a Limit of Detection by Using a Reverse Kaplan-Meier Estimator. *Epidemiology* 21, 564-570.

Millard, S.P, 2013. EnvStats: An R Package for Environmental Statistics, 2nd ed. Springer Science+Business Media, USA, N.Y. DOI 10.1007/978-1-4614-8456-1© Springer Science+Business Media New York 2013”

Excerpt From: Steven P. Millard. “EnvStats.” Apple Books.

**See Also**

[survival::survfit](#)

**Examples**

```
data(Brumbaugh)
```

```
cfits(Brumbaugh$Hg, Brumbaugh$HgCen)
```

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computeS

*Kendall's S-statistic for permutations of censored data*

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**Description**

Computes a Kendall rank correlation S-statistic for permutations of censored data. Collectively these represent the variation in S expected when the null hypothesis is true. Called by `censeaken`. `computeS` is not expected to be of much use to users on its own.

**Usage**

```
computeS(x, y, ycen, seas = NULL, R = R)
```

**Arguments**

x	Column of the time variable, either a sequence of days or decimal times, etc. Time data for one season.
y	The column of y (response variable) values plus detection limits for one season.
ycen	The y-variable indicators, where 1 (or TRUE) indicates a detection limit in the y column, and 0 (or FALSE) indicates a detected value in y.
seas	Name of a single season classification. Usually though not necessarily a text variable.
R	The number of repetitions in the permutation process. R is often between 999 and 9999 (+ the 1 observed test statistic produces 1000 to 10000 realizations).

**Value**

An Rx1 matrix containing an S-value for each of the R data permutations.

**References**

Helsel, D.R., Hirsch, R.M., Ryberg, K.R., Archfield, S.A., Gilroy, E.J., 2020. Statistical Methods in Water Resources. U.S. Geological Survey Techniques and Methods, book 4, chapter A3, 458p., <https://doi.org/10.3133/tm4a3>.

**See Also**

[Kendall::Kendall](#)

**Examples**

```
data(Brumbaugh)

#Artificial time and season variables for demonstration purposes
Brumbaugh$time=1:nrow(Brumbaugh)
Brumbaugh$sea=as.factor(round(runif(nrow(Brumbaugh),1,4),0))

with(Brumbaugh,computeS(time,Hg,HgCen,sea,R=100))
```

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equivalent\_n

*Censored data sample size*

---

**Description**

Computes the equivalent sample size of censored data. Observations at lower detection limits have a greater percent of the equivalent information of a detected value than observations at higher detection limits.

**Usage**

```
equivalent_n(y.var, y.cen, printstat = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

y.var	The column of data values plus detection limits.
y.cen	The column of indicators, where 1 (or TRUE) indicates a detection limit in the y.var column, and 0 (or FALSE) indicates a detected value in y.var.
printstat	Logical TRUE/FALSE option of whether to print the resulting statistics in the console window, or not. Default is TRUE.

**Details**

Based on "Method 2" of Dr. Brenda Gillespie's talk at ASA National Meeting 2019. This method differs from hers in how the percentile probabilities for the detection limits are computed. Probabilities here are computed using Regression on Order Statistics (ROS).

Computes the equivalent n, the number of observations including censored values, as a measure of information content for data with nondetects.

**Value**

Prints summary statistics including

- n sample size
- n.cen number of censored data
- pct.cen percent of data censored
- min minimum reported value
- max maximum reported value

Summary of censored data including

- limit detection limit
- n number of censored values per limit
- uncen number of detected values at or above the limit
- pexceed proportion of data that exceeds the limit

Summary of the equivalent sample size for detected and censored values.

- n.equiv the equivalent number of observations
- n.cen.equiv equivalent number of detected obs in the censored data
- n.detected number of uncensored values

**References**

Helsel, D.R., 2011. Statistics for Censored Environmental Data using Minitab and R, 2nd ed. John Wiley & Sons, USA, N.J.

Gillespie, B.W., Dominguez, A., Li, Y., 2019. Quantifying the information in values below the detection limit (left-censored data). Presented at the 2019 Joint Statistical Meetings of the Amer. Stat. Assoc., Denver, CO., July 31, 2019.

**See Also**

[NADA::censummary](#)

**Examples**

```
data(Brumbaugh)
equivalent_n(Brumbaugh$Hg, Brumbaugh$HgCen)
```

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Example1

*Example1*

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**Description**

Arsenic concentrations (possibly artificial) in groundwater.

Objective – To test whether the mean concentration can be show to have exceeded the 10 microgram per liter health standard.

**Usage**

```
data(Example1)
```

**Format**

An object of class `data.frame` with 21 rows and 3 columns.

**Source**

unknown

**References**

unknown

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Example2

*Example2*

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**Description**

Methyl Isobutyl Ketone (MIBK) was measured in air above a medium-sized US city. Data were reported only as "ND" or as a detected concentration (no information on reporting limits).

Objective – To compute an upper confidence limit on the mean without having the value(s) of the reporting limit(s).

**Usage**

```
data(Example2)
```

**Format**

An object of class `data.frame` with 31 rows and 5 columns.

**Source**

unknown

**References**

unknown

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Example3

*Example3*

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**Description**

Arsenic concentrations in ground water from a private supply well. All 14 observations are below one of several reporting limits (1005 non-detects).

Objective – To show what type of comparison to a health standard can be made using a dataset without detected observations.

**Usage**

```
data(Example3)
```

**Format**

An object of class `data.frame` with 14 rows and 4 columns.

**Source**

unknown

**References**

unknown

Gales\_Creek

*Gales\_Creek*

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**Description**

Total recoverable chromium concentrations in streamflows of Gales Creek in Oregon, USA.

Objective is to relate chromium concentrations including censored values to mean daily flows over time and by season (wet versus dry seasons). Two detection limits decreasing over time.

**Usage**

```
data(Gales_Creek)
```

**Format**

An object of class `tbl_df` (inherits from `tbl`, `data.frame`) with 63 rows and 11 columns.

**Source**

US Geological Survey. <https://waterdata.usgs.gov/monitoring-location/453026123063401/>

**References**

Publicly available data.

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kenplot

*Plot robust median ATS line for censored data*

---

**Description**

Function used by other functions to plot the Akritas-Theil-Sen (ATS) line for censored data. Only one x variable allowed. Both Y and X variables may be censored.

**Usage**

```
kenplot(  
  y1,  
  ycen,  
  x1,  
  xcen,  
  atsline = FALSE,  
  xnam = NULL,  
  ynam = NULL,  
  Title = "Akritas - Theil - Sen line"  
)
```

**Arguments**

y1	The column of y (response variable) values plus detection limits
ycen	The y-variable indicators, where 1 (or TRUE) indicates a detection limit in the y.var column, and 0 (or FALSE) indicates a detected value in y.var.
x1	The column of x (explanatory variable) values plus detection limits
xcen	The x-variable indicators, where 1 (or TRUE) indicates a detection limit in the x.var column, and 0 (or FALSE) indicates a detected value in x.var.
atsline	Indicator of whether to draw the ATS line or not. Default is FALSE.
xnam	Custom label for the x axis of plots. Default is x variable column name.
ynam	Custom label for the y axis of plots. Default is y variable column name.
Title	Custom title for plots. Default is "Akritas - Theil - Sen line".

**Value**

Scatterplot of data plus ATS line. Censored values are drawn for both X and Y variables as dashed lines up to the detection limits.

**References**

Helsel, D.R., 2011. Statistics for Censored Environmental Data using Minitab and R, 2nd ed. John Wiley & Sons, USA, N.J.

**See Also**

[NADA::cenken](#)

**Examples**

```
# Both y and x are censored
data(PbHeron)
with(PbHeron, kenplot(Blood, BloodCen, Kidney, KidneyCen))

# x is not censored
data(Brumbaugh)
with(Brumbaugh, kenplot(Hg, HgCen, PctWetland, rep(0, times=length(PctWetland))))
```

---

 markers

*Markers*


---

### Description

Three MST markers of human-origin contamination, and three of animal contamination, were evaluated along with a general fecal indicator to determine if the pattern of their levels differed among five coastal sites off the coast of Florida. Data are interval-censored.

Objective – Test whether the pattern of six microbial source tracking (MST) markers is related to the EnterolA indicator of general fecal pollution. Also determine if the pattern of markers plus EnterolA indicator differs among five coastal water sites using ANOSIM.

### Usage

```
data(Markers)
```

### Format

An object of class `data.frame` with 30 rows and 15 columns.

### Source

Symonds et al. (2016) *Journ Applied Microbio* 121, p. 1469-1481.

### References

Symonds et al. (2016) *Journ Applied Microbio* 121, p. 1469-1481.

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 ordranks

*Computes ranks of data with one or multiple detection limits*


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### Description

Computes the within-column ranks of data having one or more detection limits. If multiple limits are present in a column, data are first re-censored at the highest detection limit.

### Usage

```
ordranks(dat.frame, paired = TRUE)
```



**Arguments**

<code>dat.frame</code>	A data frame. Default format is <code>paired = TRUE</code> , where for 3 chemical parameters the input format is C1 I1 C2 I2 C3 I3, a concentration column followed by its censoring indicator column.
<code>paired</code>	An option to specify <code>paired = FALSE</code> , where the input format would be C1 C2 C3 I1 I2 I3 where the C columns contain concentrations or a detection limit, and the I columns are their associated indicators, in the same order as the concentration columns.

**Value**

Returns columns of ranks of censored data in the same order as the paired columns of input data. For 3 chemical parameters, the data frame returned will be R1 R2 R3 where R represents the ranks of the C1 C2 C3 input data accounting for the censoring indicated by columns I1 I2 I3.

**References**

Helsel, D.R., 2011. Statistics for Censored Environmental Data using Minitab and R, 2nd ed. John Wiley & Sons, USA, N.J.

**Examples**

```
library(NADA) #For example data
data(PbHeron)

ordranks(PbHeron[,4:15])
```

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`partplots`*Partial plots for censored MLE regression*

---

**Description**

Draws a partial plot for each X variable in regression of a censored Y variable against multiple X variables.

**Usage**

```
partplots(
  y.var,
  cen.var,
  x.vars,
  LOG = TRUE,
  smooth.method = "gam",
  gam.method = "tp",
  multiplot = TRUE,
  printstat = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>y.var</code>	The column of <code>y</code> (response variable) values plus detection limits.
<code>cen.var</code>	The column of indicators, where 1 (or TRUE) indicates a detection limit in the <code>y.var</code> column, and 0 (or FALSE) indicates a detected value in <code>y.var</code> .
<code>x.vars</code>	Multiple uncensored explanatory variable(s). See Details
<code>LOG</code>	Indicator of whether to compute the censored regression in the original <code>y</code> units, or on their logarithms. The default is to use the logarithms ( <code>LOG = TRUE</code> ). To compute in original <code>Y</code> units, specify the option <code>LOG = FALSE</code> (or <code>LOG = 0</code> ).
<code>smooth.method</code>	Method for drawing a smooth on the partial plot. Options are <code>c("gam", "none")</code> . "gam" is a censored generalized additive model using the <code>cenGAM</code> and <code>mgcv</code> packages.
<code>gam.method</code>	Method for computing the gam smooth. See the <code>mgcv</code> package for options. Default is a thinplate ("tp") spline. "cs" is another good option.
<code>multiplot</code>	If TRUE, plots are drawn 6 per page. If FALSE, all plots are drawn on a separate page.
<code>printstat</code>	Logical TRUE/FALSE option of whether to print the resulting statistics in the console window, or not. Default is TRUE.

**Details**

Partial plots for uncensored data often are drawn with superimposed smooths. At times looking only at the data values without a smooth can better enable the human eye to determine whether the overall pattern is linear or not. If this is the best method for you, use the `smooth.method = "none"` option to not draw a smooth. The most common smooth used for uncensored data is loess, which does not recognize censored data and so uses the detection limit (DL) value itself. This results in biased-high smooths that incorrectly treat values at the DLs equal to uncensored (detected) data. The `partplots` function in `NADA2` was written to provide a better alternative, smoothing the partial residual pattern with a censored generalized additive model (`gam`). The censored `gam` recognizes the nondetects as left-censored data with a maximum at the DL when computing the smooth. DLs may vary with each observation – multiple DLs in a dataset are not a problem in routines of the `NADA2` package.

`'y.var'`: The default is that the `Y` variable will be log transformed.

`x.vars`: Enter the name of a data frame of columns of the `x` variables. No extra columns unused in the regression allowed. Create this by `x.frame <- data.frame(Temp, Flow, Time)` for 3 variables (temperature, flow and time).

Gray open circles represent censored data and are the residual between the detection limit and the predicted value from the censored regression. The `GAM` recognizes that the detection limit is an upper limit, predicted values on the regression line are most often below the detection limit, leading to positive residuals. Note that the true residual for censored data could be anywhere below the plotted value. That fact is recognized by the censored `GAM` but is difficult to represent on a plot.

AIC for regression models with un-transformed `X`, log and cube-root transforms of `X` are printed to evaluate which of the three transformations results in the 'best' model.

**Value**

When `x.vars` is one variable, a message is printed that partial plots are not possible with only one X variable and execution stops. When `x.vars` is a data frame of more than one variable, partial plots are drawn for each X variable and text is printed comparing AICs for regression using the untransformed X variable with log and cube-root transforms of the X variable, as a supplement to evaluating linearity on the partial plots alone.

**References**

- Helsel, D.R., 2011. Statistics for censored environmental data using Minitab and R, 2nd ed. John Wiley & Sons, USA, N.J.
- Cook, R.D., 1993. Exploring Partial Residual Plots, *Technometrics* 35, 351-362.

**See Also**

[survival::survreg](#)

**Examples**

```
data(Brumbaugh)

# For demonstration purposes
partplots (Brumbaugh$Hg, Brumbaugh$HgCen, Brumbaugh[,c("SedMeHg", "PctWetland")])
```

---

PbHeron

*PbHeron*

---

**Description**

From the NADA R-Package.

Lead concentrations in the blood and several organs of herons in Virginia.

Objective is to determine the relationships between lead concentrations in the blood and various organs. Do concentrations reflect environmental lead concentrations, as represented by dosing groups? There is one detection limit, at 0.02 ug/g. Used in Chapters 10 and 11 of the Helsel (2011).

**Usage**

```
data(PbHeron)
```

**Format**

An object of class `data.frame` with 27 rows and 15 columns.

**Source**

Golden et al., 2003, *Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry* 22, pp. 1517-1524.

## References

Helsel, D.R., 2011. Statistics for censored environmental data using Minitab and R, 2nd ed. John Wiley & Sons, USA, N.J.

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Pollen_Thia	<i>Thiamethoxam concentrations in pollen</i>
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## Description

Thiamethoxam concentrations in pollen from the Ontario Pollen Monitoring Network.

## Usage

```
data(Pollen_Thia)
```

## Format

An object of class `data.frame` with 204 rows and 4 columns.

## Source

Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (Pollen Monitoring Network)

## See Also

<https://data.ontario.ca/en/dataset/pollen-monitoring-network-study>

Variables are:

- **Thiamethoxam**: Thiamethoxam concentration in Concentrations in microgram per gram.
- **ThiaCens**: Censoring indicator. 1 denotes that the value in column 1 is a reporting limit not a specific concentration.
- **SamplingEvent**: A grouping variable from the sample design. A concentration is from 1 of 4 events in time.
- **ThiaAbvBelow**: A binary variable denoting whether the Thiamethoxam concentration is above or below 0.05 ug/g.

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ppw.test                      *Test for difference in left-censored samples*

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### Description

Performs a nonparametric Paired Prentice-Wilcoxon test of whether the median difference between two columns of paired censored data equals 0 (O'Brien and Fleming, 1987)

### Usage

```
ppw.test(xd, xc, yd, yc, alternative = "two.sided", printstat = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

xd	The first column of data values plus detection limits
xc	The column of censoring indicators, where 1 (or TRUE) indicates a detection limit in the xd column, and 0 (or FALSE) indicates a detected value in xd.
yd	The second column of data values plus detection limits
yc	The column of censoring indicators, where 1 (or TRUE) indicates a detection limit in the yd column, and 0 (or FALSE) indicates a detected value in yd
alternative	The usual notation for the alternate hypothesis. Default is "two.sided". Options are "greater" or "less".
printstat	Logical TRUE/FALSE option of whether to print the resulting statistics in the console window, or not. Default is TRUE.

### Value

Paired Prentice-Wilcoxon test results including Z-statistic, n (sample size), p-value and median difference

### References

Helsel, D.R., 2011. Statistics for Censored Environmental Data using Minitab and R, 2nd ed. John Wiley & Sons, USA, N.J.

O'Brien, P.C., Fleming, T.R., 1987. A Paired Prentice-Wilcoxon Test for Censored Paired Data. Biometrics 43, 169–180. <https://doi.org/10.2307/2531957>

### See Also

[survival::survfit](#) [survival::Surv](#)

### Examples

```
data(PbHeron)
ppw.test(PbHeron$Liver, PbHeron$LiverCen, PbHeron$Bone, PbHeron$BoneCen)
```

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 ReconLogistic

*ReconLogistic*


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### Description

Atrazine exceedances (Y/N) above 1 ug/L in streams throughout the Midwestern United States. Original concentration data were censored to show either greater than (1) or less than (0) 1 ug/L.

Objective – determine if the pattern of atrazine concentrations above versus below 1 ug/L were related to seven environmental variables.

### Usage

```
data(ReconLogistic)
```

### Format

An object of class `data.frame` with 423 rows and 8 columns.

### Source

Mueller et al., 1997, Journal of Environmental Quality 26, pp. 1223-1230.

### References

Chapter 12 of Helsel, Dennis R. (2012). Statistics for Censored Environmental Data using Minitab and R. John Wiley and Sons, USA, NJ..

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 ROSci

*Computes confidence intervals on regression on order statistics (ROS) mean*


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### Description

Uses ROS model output from the NADA package and computes the Zhou and Gao 1997 modified Cox's method two-sided confidence interval around the mean for a lognormal distribution. Computes a t-interval for a gaussian ROS model output.

### Usage

```
ROSci(cenros.out, conf = 0.95, printstat = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

<code>cenros.out</code>	an ROS model output object (see details)
<code>conf</code>	Confidence coefficient of the interval (Default is 0.95)
<code>printstat</code>	Logical TRUE/FALSE option of whether to print the resulting statistics in the console window, or not. Default is TRUE.

## Details

This function uses an ROS model output based on the `ros` function in the NADA package. The lognormal distribution is the default for the NADA package but a gaussian distribution is optional here. For more detail on ROS modeling see the `ros` help file (`?NADA::ros`).

For implementation of `ROSci(...)` see the examples below.

## Value

Prints a lower (LCL) and upper (UCL) confidence interval based on the `conf` provided (Default is 95%)

## References

Helsel, D.R., 2011. Statistics for censored environmental data using Minitab and R, 2nd ed. John Wiley & Sons, USA, N.J.

Lee, L., Helsel, D., 2005. Statistical analysis of water-quality data containing multiple detection limits: S-language software for regression on order statistics. *Computers & Geosciences* 31, 1241–1248. doi: [10.1016/j.cageo.2005.03.012](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cageo.2005.03.012)

Zhou, X.-H., Gao, S., 1997. Confidence Intervals for the Log-Normal Mean. *Statistics in Medicine* 16, 783–790. doi: [10.1002/\(SICI\)10970258\(19970415\)16:7<783::AIDSIM488>3.0.CO;22](https://doi.org/10.1002/(SICI)10970258(19970415)16:7<783::AIDSIM488>3.0.CO;22)

## See Also

[NADA::ros](#)

## Examples

```
data(Brumbaugh)
myros <- NADA::ros(Brumbaugh$Hg, Brumbaugh$HgCen)

summary(myros)

# ROS Mean
mean(myros$modeled)

# 95% CI around the ROS mean
ROSci(myros)
```

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TCE2

*TCE2*

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## Description

TCE concentrations (ug/L) in ground waters of Long Island, New York. Categorized by two of the three land use types (medium and high density residential) surrounding the wells and measured in the study.

Objective – determine if TCE concentrations differ in ground water under two land use types. There are four detection limits, at 1,2,4 and 5 ug/L.

**Usage**

```
data(TCE2)
```

**Format**

An object of class `data.frame` with 222 rows and 6 columns.

**Source**

Eckhardt et al., 1989, USGS Water Resources Investigations Report 86-4142.

**References**

The full dataset with three land use types is used in Chapter 10 of *Statistics for Censored Environmental Data using Minitab and R*, by D.R.Helsel; Wiley (2012).

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uMDS

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*Plot U-score Nonmetric Multidimensional Scaling of censored data*


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**Description**

Plots an NMDS of `uscores` output from the `uscores` or `uscores1` functions.

**Usage**

```
uMDS(uscor, group = NULL, title = NULL, legend.pos = "bottomleft")
```

**Arguments**

<code>uscor</code>	A data frame of <code>uscores</code> or ranks of <code>uscores</code> produced by either the <code>uscores(...)</code> or <code>uscores1(...)</code> functions
<code>group</code>	Optional grouping variable. Sites will be represented by different colored symbols for each group.
<code>title</code>	Optional title for the NMDS graph.
<code>legend.pos</code>	For when <code>group</code> is specified, the location of the legend on the graph showing the colors representing each group's data. Default is "bottomleft". Alternatives are "topright" and "centerleft", etc.

**Value**

Prints an NMDS plot of censored data groupings based on U-scores #' @references Helsel, D.R., 2011. *Statistics for Censored Environmental Data using Minitab and R*, 2nd ed. John Wiley & Sons, USA, N.J.



**Examples**

```
data(PbHeron)

PbHeron.u <- uscores(PbHeron[,4:15])
uMDS(PbHeron.u)

# With group specific
uMDS(PbHeron.u,group=PbHeron$DosageGroup)
```

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Usc

*U-scores for (non-interval, single-column) Censored Data*

---

**Description**

Computes the column of uscores from 2 columns of data in the indicator value format. Multiple detection limits allowed. Called by the uscores function, Usc (this function) is not expected to be of much use to users on its own.

**Usage**

```
Usc(y, ind, rnk = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

y	The column of data values plus detection limits
ind	The column of indicators, where 1 (or TRUE) indicates a detection limit in the y column, and 0 (or FALSE) indicates a detected value in y.
rnk	A TRUE/FALSE variable on whether to compute the multivariate pattern on the uscores, or the ranks of the uscores. Default is rnk=TRUE, use the ranks. rnk = FALSE returns the uscores.

**Value**

Returns a single column of uscores or the ranks of uscores for a single pair of (concentration, indicator) censored data columns.

**Examples**

```
data(Brumbaugh)
uscore(Brumbaugh$Hg,Brumbaugh$HgCen)
```

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Usci	<i>Interval-censored U-Score</i>
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**Description**

Interval-censored computation of uscores and their ranks for 1 parameter. Called by uscores.i. Usci is not expected to be of much use to users on its own.

**Usage**

```
Usci(ylo, yhi, rnk = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

ylo	The lower end of the concentration interval
yhi	The upper end of the concentration interval
rnk	A TRUE/FALSE variable on whether to compute the multivariate pattern on the uscores, or the ranks of the uscores. Default is rnk=TRUE, use the ranks. rnk = FALSE returns the uscores.

**Value**

Returns a single column of uscores or the ranks of uscores for a single pair of (low, high) interval-censored data columns.

**Examples**

```
data(Brumbaugh)

# for demonstration purposes create a lower end concentration interval
Brumbaugh$lowHg<-Brumbaugh$Hg*(1-Brumbaugh$HgCen)

with(Brumbaugh,Usci(lowHg,Hg))
```

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uscore	<i>U-score (individual value)</i>
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**Description**

Computes the uscore of data (required 2-columns) with one or more detection limits.

**Usage**

```
uscore(y, ind, rnk = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

y	The column of data values plus detection limits
ind	The column of indicators, where 1 (or TRUE) indicates a detection limit in the y column, and 0 (or FALSE) indicates a detected value in y.
rnk	A TRUE/FALSE variable on whether to compute the multivariate pattern on the uscores, or the ranks of the uscores. Default is rnk=TRUE, use the ranks. rnk = FALSE returns the uscores.

**Value**

prints the uscore number of observations known to be lower - number of observations known to be higher, for each observation.

**Examples**

```
data(Brumbaugh)
uscore(Brumbaugh$Hg, Brumbaugh$HgCen)
```

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 uscores

*Uscores for multiple columns of censored data*


---

**Description**

Computes uscores or the ranks of uscores of censored data in the indicator format. Multiple DLs allowed.

**Usage**

```
uscores(dat.frame, paired = TRUE, rnk = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

dat.frame	A data frame. Default format is paired = TRUE, where for 3 chemical parameters the input format is C1 I1 C2 I2 C3 I3, a concentration column followed by its corresponding indicator column.
paired	When paired = FALSE, the input format is C1 C2 C3 I1 I2 I3 where the C columns contain concentrations or a detection limit, and the I columns are their associated indicators, in the same order as the concentration columns.
rnk	A logical TRUE/FALSE variable on whether to compute the multivariate pattern on the uscores, or the ranks of the uscores. Default is rnk=TRUE, use the ranks. rnk = FALSE returns the uscores.

**Value**

A matrix of uscores or ranks of uscores, one column for each chemical parameter. If there is only one chemical parameter a vector of uscores or ranks of uscores is returned.

**Examples**

```
data(PbHeron)

uscores(PbHeron[,4:15])
```

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uscores <sub>i</sub>	<i>U-scores for interval-censored data (multiple columns)</i>
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**Description**

Computes uscores or the ranks of uscores within columns of interval-censored data (the "i"). Data may have one or more detection limits.

**Usage**

```
uscoresi(dat.frame, paired = TRUE, rnk = TRUE, Cnames = 1)
```

**Arguments**

dat.frame	A data frame. Default format is: paired = TRUE, the default input format is ylo1 yhi1 ylo2 yhi2 ylo3 yhi3, where ylo is the low end of the interval of possible values, and yhi is the high end. There is a pair of columns for each censored parameter.
paired	An option to specify paired = FALSE, where the format would be ylo1 ylo2 ylo3 yhi1 yhi2 yhi3, low values for each parameter followed by the high values in the same order.
rnk	rnk=TRUE returns the ranks of uscores. rnk = FALSE returns the uscores themselves. Default is rnk = TRUE to return the ranks.
Cnames	Cnames =1 uses the "lo" column names to name the uscores columns (the default). Cnames = 2 uses the "hi" column names.

**Details**

Input is a data.frame of paired low and high possible range of values, in an interval-censored format. ylo = the lower end of the interval is the first (left) column in the pair. yhi is the upper end of the interval, at the second (right) column in the pair. For a detected value, ylo=yhi. For a ND, ylo != yhi. The uscore is the number of observations known to be lower minus the number of observations known to be higher. Ties, including those such as <1 vs <3 or 4 vs 4 or <3 vs 2, are given a 0 value in the uscore computation. The ranks of uscores provides a scale that is often more manageable than the uscores themselves.

**Value**

prints the uscore number of observations known to be lower - number of observations known to be higher, for each observation.

**References**

Helsel, D.R., 2011. Statistics for Censored Environmental Data using Minitab and R, 2nd ed. John Wiley & Sons, USA, N.J.

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