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| hermite-r-package | <i>Efficient Sequential and Batch Estimation of Univariate and Bivariate Probability Density Functions and Cumulative Distribution Functions along with Quantiles (Univariate) and Nonparametric Correlation (Bivariate)</i> |
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### Description

Facilitates estimation of full univariate and bivariate probability density functions and cumulative distribution functions along with full quantile functions (univariate) and nonparametric correlation (bivariate) using Hermite series based estimators. These estimators are particularly useful in the sequential setting (both stationary and non-stationary) and one-pass batch estimation setting for large data sets. Based on: Stephanou, Michael, Varughese, Melvin and Macdonald, Iain. "Sequential quantiles via Hermite series density estimation." *Electronic Journal of Statistics* 11.1 (2017): 570-607 <doi:10.1214/17-EJS1245>, Stephanou, Michael and Varughese, Melvin. "On the properties of Hermite series based distribution function estimators." *Metrika* (2020) <doi:10.1007/s00184-020-00785-z> and Stephanou, Michael and Varughese, Melvin. "Sequential estimation of Spearman rank correlation using Hermite series estimators." *Journal of Multivariate Analysis* (2021) <doi:10.1016/j.jmva.2021.104783>.

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| cor | <i>A wrapper around the stats::cor function adding two additional methods, namely method = "hermite.spearman" and method = "hermite.kendall" (can be abbreviated). The input parameters and output value semantics closely match the stats::cor method for easy interchange. If neither the "hermite.spearman" nor the "hermite.kendall" method is selected, then this function will call stats::cor with the arguments provided.</i> |
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**Description**

A wrapper around the `stats::cor` function adding two additional methods, namely `method = "hermite.spearman"` and `method = "hermite.kendall"` (can be abbreviated). The input parameters and output value semantics closely match the `stats::cor` method for easy interchange. If neither the `"hermite.spearman"` nor the `"hermite.kendall"` method is selected, then this function will call `stats::cor` with the arguments provided.

**Usage**

```
cor(x, y = NULL, use = "everything", method = "pearson", ...)
```

**Arguments**

|                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>x</code>      | a numeric vector, matrix or data frame.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <code>y</code>      | NULL (default) or a vector, matrix or data frame with compatible dimensions to <code>x</code> . The default is equivalent to <code>y = x</code> (but more efficient).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <code>use</code>    | not used by <code>hermite.spearman</code> and <code>hermite.kendall</code> methods. For <code>stats::cor</code> this is an optional character string giving a method for computing covariances in the presence of missing values. This must be (an abbreviation of) one of the strings <code>"everything"</code> , <code>"all.obs"</code> , <code>"complete.obs"</code> , <code>"na.or.complete"</code> , or <code>"pairwise.complete.obs"</code> . |
| <code>method</code> | a character string indicating which correlation coefficient is to be computed. One of <code>"pearson"</code> (default), <code>"kendall"</code> , <code>"spearman"</code> , <code>"hermite.spearman"</code> or <code>"hermite.kendall"</code> : can be abbreviated.                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <code>...</code>    | Additional arguments for the constructor of the <code>hermite_estimator</code> object if <code>method</code> is <code>"hermite.spearman"</code> or <code>"hermite.kendall"</code> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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`cum_prob`

*Estimates the cumulative probability at one or more x values*

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**Description**

This method calculates the cumulative probability at a vector of `x` values in the univariate case. In the bivariate case, the method calculates the probability density values for a matrix of `x` values, each row of which represents a 2-d point.

**Usage**

```
cum_prob(h_est_obj, x, clipped, accelerate_series = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

|                        |                                                                                                                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>h_est_obj</code> | A <code>hermite_estimator_univar</code> or <code>hermite_estimator_bivar</code> object.                                 |
| <code>x</code>         | A numeric vector (univariate) or a numeric matrix (bivariate). Values at which to calculate the cumulative probability. |

`clipped` A boolean value. This value determines whether cumulative probabilities are clipped to lie between 0 and 1.

`accelerate_series` A boolean value. This value determines whether Hermite series acceleration is applied.

### Details

The object must be updated with observations prior to the use of the method.

### Value

A numeric vector of cumulative probability values.

### Examples

```
## Not run:
hermite_est <- hermite_estimator(N = 10, standardize = TRUE,
  est_type="univariate", observations = rnorm(30))
cdf_est <- cum_prob(hermite_est, c(0, 0.5, 1))
hermite_est <- hermite_estimator(N = 10, standardize = TRUE,
  est_type="bivariate", observations = matrix(rnorm(60),
  nrow=30, ncol=2,byrow=TRUE))
cdf_est <- cum_prob(hermite_est, matrix(c(0,0,0.5,0.5,1,1),nrow=3,
  ncol=2,byrow=TRUE))

## End(Not run)
```

---

cum\_prob.hermite\_estimator\_bivar

*Estimates the cumulative probabilities for a matrix of 2-d x values*

---

### Description

This method calculates the cumulative probability values for a matrix of 2-d x vector values using the `hermite_estimator_bivar` object (`h_est_obj`).

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'hermite_estimator_bivar'
cum_prob(h_est_obj, x, clipped = FALSE, accelerate_series = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

`h_est_obj` A `hermite_estimator_bivar` object.

`x` A numeric matrix. Each row corresponds to a 2-d coordinate.

`clipped` A boolean value. This value determines whether cumulative probabilities are clipped to lie within the range [0,1].

accelerate\_series

A boolean value. Series acceleration has not yet been implemented for bivariate estimators.

### Details

The object must be updated with observations prior to the use of this method.

### Value

A numeric vector of cumulative probability values.

---

cum\_prob.hermite\_estimator\_univar

*Estimates the cumulative probability for a vector of x values*

---

### Description

This method calculates the cumulative probability values at a vector of x values using the hermite\_estimator\_univar object (h\_est\_obj).

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'hermite_estimator_univar'
cum_prob(h_est_obj, x, clipped = FALSE, accelerate_series = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

h\_est\_obj      A hermite\_estimator\_univar object.

x              A numeric vector. Values at which to estimate the cumulative probability

clipped        A boolean value. This value determines whether cumulative probabilities are clipped to lie within the range [0,1].

accelerate\_series      A boolean value. This value determines whether Hermite series acceleration is applied.

### Details

The object must be updated with observations prior to the use of this method.

### Value

A numeric vector of cumulative probability values.

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|      |                                                                  |
|------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| dens | <i>Estimates the probability density at one or more x values</i> |
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### Description

This method calculates the probability density values at a vector of x values in the univariate case. In the bivariate case, the method calculates the probability density values for a matrix of x values, each row of which represents a 2-d point.

### Usage

```
dens(h_est_obj, x, clipped, accelerate_series = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

|                   |                                                                                                                        |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| h_est_obj         | A hermite_estimator_univar or hermite_estimator_bivar object.                                                          |
| x                 | A numeric vector (univariate) or a numeric matrix (bivariate) of values at which to calculate the probability density. |
| clipped           | A boolean value. This value determines whether probability densities are clipped to be bigger than zero.               |
| accelerate_series | A boolean value. This value determines whether Hermite series acceleration is applied.                                 |

### Details

The object must be updated with observations prior to the use of the method.

### Value

A numeric vector of probability density values.

### Examples

```
## Not run:
hermite_est <- hermite_estimator(N = 10, standardize = TRUE,
  est_type="univariate", observations = rnorm(30))
pdf_est <- dens(hermite_est, c(0, 0.5, 1))
hermite_est <- hermite_estimator(N = 10, standardize = TRUE,
  est_type="bivariate", observations = matrix(rnorm(60),
  nrow=30, ncol=2,byrow=TRUE))
pdf_est <- dens(hermite_est, matrix(c(0,0,0.5,0.5,1,1),nrow=3,
  ncol=2,byrow=TRUE))

## End(Not run)
```



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`dens.hermite_estimator_bivar`*Estimates the probability densities for a matrix of 2-d x values*

---

**Description**

This method calculates the probability density values for a matrix of 2-d x vector values using the `hermite_estimator_bivar` object (`h_est_obj`).

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'hermite_estimator_bivar'  
dens(h_est_obj, x, clipped = FALSE, accelerate_series = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

|                                |                                                                                                          |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>h_est_obj</code>         | A <code>hermite_estimator_bivar</code> object.                                                           |
| <code>x</code>                 | A numeric matrix. Each row corresponds to a 2-d coordinate.                                              |
| <code>clipped</code>           | A boolean value. This value determines whether probability densities are clipped to be bigger than zero. |
| <code>accelerate_series</code> | A boolean value. Series acceleration has not yet been implemented for bivariate estimators.              |

**Details**

The object must be updated with observations prior to the use of the method.

**Value**

A numeric vector of probability density values.

---

`dens.hermite_estimator_univar`*Estimates the probability density for a vector of x values*

---

**Description**

This method calculates the probability density values at a vector of `x` values using the `hermite_estimator_univar` object (`h_est_obj`).

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'hermite_estimator_univar'  
dens(h_est_obj, x, clipped = FALSE, accelerate_series = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

|                   |                                                                                                          |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| h_est_obj         | A hermite_estimator_univar object.                                                                       |
| x                 | A numeric vector. Values at which to estimate the probability density.                                   |
| clipped           | A boolean value. This value determines whether probability densities are clipped to be bigger than zero. |
| accelerate_series | A boolean value. This value determines whether Hermite series acceleration is applied.                   |

**Details**

The object must be updated with observations prior to the use of the method.

**Value**

A numeric vector of probability density values.

---

density.hermite\_estimator\_bivar

*Creates an object summarizing the bivariate PDF with associated generic methods print and plot.*

---

**Description**

The hermite\_estimator\_bivar object, x must be updated with observations prior to the use of the method.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'hermite_estimator_bivar'
density(x, x_lower = NA, x_upper = NA, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|         |                                                                                                        |
|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x       | A hermite_estimator_bivar object.                                                                      |
| x_lower | A numeric vector. This vector determines the lower limit of x values at which to evaluate the density. |
| x_upper | A numeric vector. This vector determines the upper limit of x values at which to evaluate the density. |
| ...     | Additional arguments for the dens function.                                                            |

**Value**

A `hdensity_bivar` object whose underlying structure is a list containing the following components.

`x`: The points at which the density is calculated. `x_vals_1`: Marginal quantiles of first random variable, used for plotting. `x_vals_2`: Marginal quantiles of second random variable, used for plotting. `density_vals`: The density values at the points `x`. `num_obs`: The number of observations used to form the Hermite density estimates. `N`: The number of terms `N` in the Hermite series estimator.

---

```
density.hermite_estimator_univar
```

*Creates an object summarizing the PDF with associated generic methods print and plot.*

---

**Description**

The `hermite_estimator_univar`, `x` must be updated with observations prior to the use of the method.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'hermite_estimator_univar'
density(x, x_lower = NA, x_upper = NA, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|                      |                                                                                                                   |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>x</code>       | A <code>hermite_estimator_univar</code> object.                                                                   |
| <code>x_lower</code> | A numeric value. This value determines the lower limit of <code>x</code> values at which to evaluate the density. |
| <code>x_upper</code> | A numeric value. This value determines the upper limit of <code>x</code> values at which to evaluate the density. |
| <code>...</code>     | Additional arguments for the <code>dens</code> function.                                                          |

**Value**

A `hdensity_univar` object whose underlying structure is a list containing the following components.

`x`: The points at which the density is calculated. `density_vals`: The density values at the points `x`. `num_obs`: The number of observations used to form the Hermite density estimates. `N`: The number of terms `N` in the Hermite series estimator.

---

gauss\_hermite\_quad\_100

*Calculates  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)e^{-x^2} dx$  using Gauss-Hermite quadrature with 100 terms.*

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### Description

Calculates  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)e^{-x^2} dx$  using Gauss-Hermite quadrature with 100 terms.

### Usage

```
gauss_hermite_quad_100(f)
```

### Arguments

f                    A function.

### Value

A numeric value.

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hcdf

*Creates an object summarizing the CDF with associated generic methods print, plot and summary.*

---

### Description

The h\_est\_obj object must be updated with observations prior to the use of the method.

### Usage

```
hcdf(
  h_est_obj,
  clipped = FALSE,
  accelerate_series = TRUE,
  x_lower = NA,
  x_upper = NA
)
```

**Arguments**

|                   |                                                                                                                                               |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| h_est_obj         | A hermite_estimator_univar or hermite_estimator_bivar object.                                                                                 |
| clipped           | A boolean value. This value determines whether cumulative probabilities are clipped to lie between 0 and 1.                                   |
| accelerate_series | A boolean value. This value determines whether Hermite series acceleration is applied.                                                        |
| x_lower           | A numeric value (univariate) or a numeric vector (bivariate). This value determines the lower limit of x values at which to evaluate the CDF. |
| x_upper           | A numeric value (univariate) or a numeric vector (bivariate). This value determines the upper limit of x values at which to evaluate the CDF. |

**Value**

A hcdf\_univar or hcdf\_bivar object.

---

hcdf.hermite\_estimator\_bivar

*Creates an object summarizing the bivariate CDF with associated generic methods print, plot and summary.*

---

**Description**

The hermite\_estimator\_bivar object h\_est\_obj must be updated with observations prior to the use of this method.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'hermite_estimator_bivar'
hcdf(
  h_est_obj,
  clipped = FALSE,
  accelerate_series = TRUE,
  x_lower = NA,
  x_upper = NA
)
```

**Arguments**

|                   |                                                                                                                    |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| h_est_obj         | A hermite_estimator_bivar object.                                                                                  |
| clipped           | A boolean value. This value determines whether cumulative probabilities are clipped to lie within the range [0,1]. |
| accelerate_series | A boolean value. This value determines whether Hermite series acceleration is applied.                             |

|                      |                                                                                                    |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>x_lower</code> | A numeric vector. This vector determines the lower limit of x values at which to evaluate the CDF. |
| <code>x_upper</code> | A numeric value. This vector determines the upper limit of x values at which to evaluate the CDF.  |

**Value**

A `hcdf_bivar` object whose underlying structure is a list containing the following components.

`x`: The points at which the cumulative probability is calculated. `x_vals_1`: Marginal quantiles of first random variable, used for plotting. `x_vals_2`: Marginal quantiles of second random variable, used for plotting. `cum_prob_vals`: The cumulative probability values at the points `x`. `num_obs`: The number of observations used to form the Hermite cumulative probability estimates. `N`: The number of terms `N` in the Hermite series estimator.

---

`hcdf.hermite_estimator_univar`

*Creates an object summarizing the CDF with associated generic methods `print`, `plot` and `summary`.*

---

**Description**

The `hermite_estimator_univar` object, `h_est_obj` must be updated with observations prior to the use of this method.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'hermite_estimator_univar'
hcdf(
  h_est_obj,
  clipped = FALSE,
  accelerate_series = TRUE,
  x_lower = NA,
  x_upper = NA
)
```

**Arguments**

|                                |                                                                                                                                  |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>h_est_obj</code>         | A <code>hermite_estimator_univar</code> object.                                                                                  |
| <code>clipped</code>           | A boolean value. This value determines whether cumulative probabilities are clipped to lie within the range <code>[0,1]</code> . |
| <code>accelerate_series</code> | A boolean value. This value determines whether Hermite series acceleration is applied.                                           |
| <code>x_lower</code>           | A numeric value. This value determines the lower limit of x values at which to evaluate the CDF.                                 |
| <code>x_upper</code>           | A numeric value. This value determines the upper limit of x values at which to evaluate the CDF.                                 |

**Value**

A `hcdf_univar` object whose underlying structure is a list containing the following components.

`x`: The points at which the cumulative probability is calculated. `cum_prob_vals`: The cumulative probability values at the points `x`. `num_obs`: The number of observations used to form the Hermite cumulative probability estimates. `N`: The number of terms `N` in the Hermite series estimator.

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>hermite_estimator</code> | <i>A class to sequentially estimate univariate and bivariate pdfs and cdfs along with quantile functions in the univariate setting and nonparametric correlations in the bivariate setting.</i> |
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**Description**

The `hermite_estimator` class provides a unified interface to the univariate and bivariate Hermite series based estimators, leveraging generic methods and S3 dispatch. Methods are included for the sequential or one-pass batch estimation of the full probability density function and cumulative distribution function in the univariate and bivariate settings. Sequential or one-pass batch estimation methods are also provided for the full quantile function in the univariate setting along with the Spearman and Kendall correlation coefficients in the bivariate setting. Note that `RcppParallel` is utilized to speed up batch updating in the univariate case. If one wishes to switch to serial batch updating (typically slower), utilize `options(hermite.parallel = FALSE)`.

**Usage**

```
hermite_estimator(
  N = NA,
  standardize = TRUE,
  exp_weight_lambda = NA,
  est_type = "univariate",
  observations = c()
)
```

**Arguments**

|                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>N</code>                 | An integer between 0 and 75. The upper bound has been chosen as a value that yields an estimator that is reasonably fast and that remains robust to numerical issues. The Hermite series based estimator is truncated at <code>N+1</code> terms.                                       |
| <code>standardize</code>       | A boolean value. Determines whether the observations are standardized, a transformation which often improves performance.                                                                                                                                                              |
| <code>exp_weight_lambda</code> | A numerical value between 0 and 1. This parameter controls the exponential weighting of the Hermite series based estimator. If this parameter is <code>NA</code> , no exponential weighting is applied.                                                                                |
| <code>est_type</code>          | A string value. Options are "univariate" or "bivariate".                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <code>observations</code>      | A numeric vector or a numeric matrix. Note that for univariate estimators, <code>x</code> is a numeric vector of observations to be incorporated. For bivariate estimators, <code>x</code> is a numeric matrix with <code>n</code> rows for <code>n</code> observations and 2 columns. |

**Value**

An S3 object of class `hermite_estimator_univar` or `hermite_estimator_bivar`.

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**Examples**

```
## Not run:
hermite_est <- hermite_estimator(N = 50, standardize = TRUE,
  est_type="univariate")
hermite_est <- hermite_estimator(N = 50, standardize = TRUE,
  est_type="univariate", observations = c(1,2,3))
hermite_est <- hermite_estimator(N = 30, standardize = TRUE,
  est_type="bivariate", observations = matrix(c(1,1,2,2,3,3),
  nrow=3, ncol=2,byrow=TRUE))

## End(Not run)
```

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`hermite_estimator_bivar`

*A class to sequentially estimate bivariate pdfs, cdfs and nonparametric correlations*

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**Description**

This method constructs an S3 object with methods for nonparametric estimation of bivariate pdfs and cdfs along with nonparametric correlations.

**Usage**

```
hermite_estimator_bivar(
  N = 30,
  standardize = TRUE,
  exp_weight_lambda = NA,
  observations = c()
)
```

**Arguments**

|                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>N</code>           | An integer between 0 and 75. The upper bound has been chosen as a value that yields an estimator that is reasonably fast and that remains robust to numerical issues. The Hermite series based estimator is truncated at $N+1$ terms. |
| <code>standardize</code> | A boolean value. Determines whether the observations are standardized, a transformation which often improves performance.                                                                                                             |



|                   |                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| exp_weight_lambda | A numerical value between 0 and 1. This parameter controls the exponential weighting of the Hermite series based estimator. If this parameter is NA, no exponential weighting is applied. |
| observations      | A numeric matrix. A matrix of bivariate observations to be incorporated into the estimator. Each row corresponds to a single bivariate observation.                                       |

### Details

The `hermite_estimator_bivar` class allows the sequential or one-pass batch estimation of the full bivariate probability density function and cumulative distribution function along with the Spearman's rank correlation coefficient. It is well suited to streaming data (both stationary and non-stationary) and to efficient estimation in the context of massive or distributed data sets. Indeed, estimators constructed on different subsets of a distributed data set can be consistently merged.

### Value

An S3 object of class `hermite_estimator_bivar`, with methods for density function and distribution function estimation along with Spearman's rank correlation estimation.

### Author(s)

Michael Stephanou <michael.stephanou@gmail.com>

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`hermite_estimator_univar`

*A class to sequentially estimate univariate pdfs, cdfs and quantile functions*

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### Description

This method constructs an S3 object with associated methods for univariate nonparametric estimation of pdfs, cdfs and quantiles.

### Usage

```
hermite_estimator_univar(
  N = 50,
  standardize = TRUE,
  exp_weight_lambda = NA,
  observations = c()
)
```

**Arguments**

|                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| N                 | An integer between 0 and 75. The upper bound has been chosen as a value that yields an estimator that is reasonably fast and that remains robust to numerical issues. The Hermite series based estimator is truncated at N+1 terms. |
| standardize       | A boolean value. Determines whether the observations are standardized, a transformation which often improves performance.                                                                                                           |
| exp_weight_lambda | A numerical value between 0 and 1. This parameter controls the exponential weighting of the Hermite series based estimator. If this parameter is NA, no exponential weighting is applied.                                           |
| observations      | A numeric vector. A vector of observations to be incorporated into the estimator.                                                                                                                                                   |

**Details**

The `hermite_estimator_univar` class allows the sequential or one-pass batch estimation of the full probability density function, cumulative distribution function and quantile function. It is well suited to streaming data (both stationary and non-stationary) and to efficient estimation in the context of massive or distributed data sets. Indeed, estimators constructed on different subsets of a distributed data set can be consistently merged.

**Value**

An S3 object of class `hermite_estimator_univar`, with methods for density function, distribution function and quantile function estimation.

**Author(s)**

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`hermite_function`      *Outputs orthonormal Hermite functions*

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**Description**

The method calculates the orthonormal Hermite functions,  $h_k(x)$  from  $k = 0, \dots, N$  for the vector of values,  $x$ .

**Usage**

```
hermite_function(N, x)
```

**Arguments**

|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| N | An integer number. |
| x | A numeric vector.  |

**Value**

A numeric matrix with N+1 rows and length(x) columns.

**Author(s)**

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|                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| hermite_function_N | <i>Convenience function to output orthonormal Hermite functions The method calculates the orthonormal Hermite functions, <math>h_k(x)</math> from <math>k = 0, \dots, N</math> for the vector of values, x.</i> |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

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**Description**

Convenience function to output orthonormal Hermite functions

The method calculates the orthonormal Hermite functions,  $h_k(x)$  from  $k = 0, \dots, N$  for the vector of values, x.

**Usage**

```
hermite_function_N(N, x)
```

**Arguments**

|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| N | An integer number. |
| x | A numeric vector.  |

**Value**

A numeric matrix with N+1 rows and length(x) columns.

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|                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| hermite_function_sum_N | <i>Convenience function to output the sum of orthonormal Hermite functions The method calculates the sum of orthonormal Hermite functions, <math>\sum_i h_k(x_i)</math> from <math>k = 0, \dots, N</math> for the vector of values, x.</i> |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

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**Description**

Convenience function to output the sum of orthonormal Hermite functions

The method calculates the sum of orthonormal Hermite functions,  $\sum_i h_k(x_i)$  from  $k = 0, \dots, N$  for the vector of values, x.

**Usage**

```
hermite_function_sum_N(N, x)
```

**Arguments**

|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| N | An integer number. |
| x | A numeric vector.  |

**Value**

A numeric vector of length N+1.

---

```
hermite_function_sum_serial
```

*Outputs the sum of orthonormal Hermite functions*

---

**Description**

The method calculates the sum of orthonormal Hermite functions,  $\sum_i h_k(x_i)$  from  $k = 0, \dots, N$  for the vector of values, x.

**Usage**

```
hermite_function_sum_serial(N, x)
```

**Arguments**

|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| N | An integer number. |
| x | A numeric vector.  |

**Value**

A numeric vector of length N+1.

**Author(s)**

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hermite\_integral\_val *Outputs lower integral of the orthonormal Hermite functions*

---

**Description**

The method calculates  $\int_{-\infty}^x h_k(t) dt$  for  $k = 0, \dots, N$  and the vector of values  $x$ .

**Usage**

hermite\_integral\_val(N, x, hermite\_function\_mat)

**Arguments**

N                    An integer number.  
x                     A numeric vector.  
hermite\_function\_mat  
                      A numeric matrix of Hermite function values generated by the function hermite\_function.

**Value**

A numeric matrix with N+1 rows and length(x) columns.

**Author(s)**

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hermite\_integral\_val\_upper  
                          *Outputs upper integral of the orthonormal Hermite functions*

---

**Description**

The method calculates  $\int_x^{\infty} h_k(t) dt$  for  $k = 0, \dots, N$  and the vector of values  $x$ .

**Usage**

hermite\_integral\_val\_upper(N, x, hermite\_function\_mat)

**Arguments**

N                    An integer number.  
x                     A numeric vector.  
hermite\_function\_mat  
                      A numeric matrix of Hermite function values generated by the function hermite\_function.

**Value**

A numeric matrix with N+1 rows and length(x) columns.

**Author(s)**

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|                  |                                                                                                            |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| hermite_int_full | <i>Convenience function to output the integral of the orthonormal Hermite functions on the full domain</i> |
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**Description**

The method calculates  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h_k(t) dt$  for  $k = 0, \dots, N$ .

**Usage**

hermite\_int\_full(N)

**Arguments**

N                    An integer number.

**Value**

A numeric matrix with N+1 rows and 1 columns.

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|                         |                                                                                 |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| hermite_int_full_domain | <i>Outputs integral of the orthonormal Hermite functions on the full domain</i> |
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**Description**

The method calculates  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h_k(t) dt$  for  $k = 0, \dots, N$ .

**Usage**

hermite\_int\_full\_domain(N)

**Arguments**

N                    An integer number.

**Value**

A numeric matrix with N+1 rows and 1 columns.

**Author(s)**

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|                   |                                                                                                |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| hermite_int_lower | <i>Convenience function to output a definite integral of the orthonormal Hermite functions</i> |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

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**Description**

The method calculates  $\int_{-\infty}^x h_k(t) dt$  for  $k = 0, \dots, N$  and the vector of values  $x$ .

**Usage**

```
hermite_int_lower(N, x, hermite_function_matrix = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

|                         |                                                        |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| N                       | An integer number.                                     |
| x                       | A numeric vector.                                      |
| hermite_function_matrix | A numeric matrix. A matrix of Hermite function values. |

**Value**

A numeric matrix with N+1 rows and length(x) columns.

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|                   |                                                                                                |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| hermite_int_upper | <i>Convenience function to output a definite integral of the orthonormal Hermite functions</i> |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

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**Description**

The method calculates  $\int_x^{\infty} h_k(t) dt$  for  $k = 0, \dots, N$  and the vector of values  $x$ .

**Usage**

```
hermite_int_upper(N, x, hermite_function_matrix = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

|                         |                                                        |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| N                       | An integer number.                                     |
| x                       | A numeric vector.                                      |
| hermite_function_matrix | A numeric matrix. A matrix of Hermite function values. |

**Value**

A numeric matrix with N+1 rows and length(x) columns.

---

hermite\_normalization *Outputs Hermite normalization factors*

---

**Description**

The method returns numeric normalization factors that, when multiplied by the physicist Hermite polynomials times a Gaussian factor i.e.  $\exp x^2/2H_k(x)$ , yields orthonormal Hermite functions  $h_k(x)$  for  $k = 0, \dots, N$ .

**Usage**

hermite\_normalization(N)

**Arguments**

N                    An integer number.

**Value**

A numeric vector of length N+1

**Author(s)**

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hermite\_normalization\_N

*Convenience function to output Hermite normalization factors*

---

**Description**

The method returns numeric normalization factors that, when multiplied by the physicist Hermite polynomials times a Gaussian factor i.e.  $\exp x^2/2H_k(x)$ , yields orthonormal Hermite functions  $h_k(x)$  for  $k = 0, \dots, N$ .

**Usage**

hermite\_normalization\_N(N)

**Arguments**

N                    An integer number.

**Value**

A numeric vector of length N+1



**Author(s)**

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hermite\_polynomial      *Outputs physicist version of Hermite Polynomials*

---

**Description**

The method calculates the physicist version of Hermite polynomials,  $H_k(x)$  from  $k = 0, \dots, N$  for the vector of values,  $x$ .

**Usage**

hermite\_polynomial(N, x)

**Arguments**

|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| N | An integer number. |
| x | A numeric vector.  |

**Value**

A numeric matrix with N+1 rows and length(x) columns.

**Author(s)**

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hermite\_polynomial\_N      *Convenience function to output physicist Hermite polynomials The method calculates the physicist version of Hermite polynomials,  $H_k(x)$  from  $k = 0, \dots, N$  for the vector of values,  $x$ .*

---

**Description**

Convenience function to output physicist Hermite polynomials

The method calculates the physicist version of Hermite polynomials,  $H_k(x)$  from  $k = 0, \dots, N$  for the vector of values,  $x$ .

**Usage**

hermite\_polynomial\_N(N, x)

**Arguments**

N                    An integer number.  
 x                    A numeric vector.

**Value**

A numeric matrix with N+1 rows and length(x) columns.

*initialize\_batch\_bivar*

*Initializes the Hermite series based estimator with a batch of data*

**Description**

Initializes the Hermite series based estimator with a batch of data

**Usage**

`initialize_batch_bivar(h_est_obj, x)`

**Arguments**

h\_est\_obj            A `hermite_estimator_bivar` object.  
 x                    A numeric matrix. A matrix of bivariate observations to be incorporated into the estimator. Each row corresponds to a single bivariate observation.

**Value**

An object of class `hermite_estimator_bivar`.

*initialize\_batch\_univar*

*Initializes the Hermite series based estimator with a batch of data*

**Description**

Initializes the Hermite series based estimator with a batch of data

**Usage**

`initialize_batch_univar(h_est_obj, x)`

**Arguments**

h\_est\_obj            A `hermite_estimator_univar` object.  
 x                    A numeric vector. A vector of observations to be incorporated into the estimator.

**Value**

An object of class `hermite_estimator_univar`.

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|     |                                                |
|-----|------------------------------------------------|
| IQR | <i>Estimates the Interquartile range (IQR)</i> |
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**Description**

This generic method dispatches to the `stats::IQR` function or the `IQR.hermite_estimator_univar` function depending on the class of `x`.

**Usage**

```
IQR(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|                  |                                                                   |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>x</code>   | A numeric vector or <code>hermite_estimator_univar</code> object. |
| <code>...</code> | Optional additional arguments.                                    |

**Value**

A numeric value.

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|             |                                                |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------|
| IQR.default | <i>Estimates the Interquartile range (IQR)</i> |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------|

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**Description**

This creates a default generic method for the `stats::IQR` function.

**Usage**

```
## Default S3 method:
IQR(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|                  |                                                                        |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>x</code>   | A numeric vector.                                                      |
| <code>...</code> | Optional additional arguments to the <code>stats::IQR</code> function. |

**Value**

A numeric value.

---

IQR.hermite\_estimator\_univar  
*Estimates the Interquartile range (IQR)*

---

### Description

This generic method is a convenience wrapper around the quant method to calculate the interquartile range.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'hermite_estimator_univar'
IQR(x, ...)
```

### Arguments

x                    A hermite\_estimator\_univar object.  
 ...                  Optional additional arguments to the quant function namely algorithm and accelerate\_series.

### Value

A numeric value.

---

kendall                    *Estimates the Kendall rank correlation coefficient*

---

### Description

This method calculates the Kendall rank correlation coefficient value. It is only applicable to the bivariate Hermite estimator i.e. est\_type = "bivariate".

### Usage

```
kendall(h_est_obj, clipped = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

h\_est\_obj            A hermite\_estimator\_bivar object.  
 clipped              A boolean value. Indicates whether to clip the Kendall rank correlation estimates to lie between -1 and 1.

### Details

The object must be updated with observations prior to the use of this method.

**Value**

A numeric value.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
hermite_est <- hermite_estimator(N = 10, standardize = TRUE,
  est_type="bivariate", observations = matrix(rnorm(30*2), nrow=30,
  ncol=2, byrow = TRUE))
kendall_est <- kendall(hermite_est)

## End(Not run)
```

---

kendall.hermite\_estimator\_bivar

*Estimates the Kendall rank correlation coefficient*

---

**Description**

This method calculates the Kendall rank correlation coefficient value using the `hermite_estimator_bivar` object (`h_est_obj`).

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'hermite_estimator_bivar'
kendall(h_est_obj, clipped = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

|                        |                                                                                                            |
|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>h_est_obj</code> | A <code>hermite_estimator_bivar</code> object.                                                             |
| <code>clipped</code>   | A boolean value. Indicates whether to clip the Kendall rank correlation estimates to lie between -1 and 1. |

**Details**

The object must be updated with observations prior to the use of this method.

**Value**

A numeric value.

---

```
median.hermite_estimator_univar
```

*Estimates the median*

---

### Description

This generic method is a convenience wrapper around the quant method to calculate the median.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'hermite_estimator_univar'
median(x, ...)
```

### Arguments

|     |                                                                                             |
|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x   | A hermite_estimator_univar object.                                                          |
| ... | Optional additional arguments to the quant function namely algorithm and accelerate_series. |

### Value

A numeric value.

---

```
merge_hermite
```

*Merges a list of Hermite estimators*

---

### Description

Note that the estimators must be of the same type to be merged i.e. all estimators must have a consistent est\_type, either "univariate" or "bivariate". In addition, the N and standardize arguments must be the same for all estimators in order to merge them. Finally, note that exponentially weighted estimators cannot be merged. If the Hermite estimators are not standardized, the merged estimator will be exactly equivalent to constructing a single estimator on the data set formed by combining the data sets used to update the respective hermite\_estimator inputs. If the input Hermite estimators are standardized however, then the equivalence will be approximate but still reasonably accurate in most cases.

### Usage

```
merge_hermite(hermite_estimators)
```

### Arguments

|                    |                                                                        |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| hermite_estimators | A list of hermite_estimator_univar or hermite_estimator_bivar objects. |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|

**Value**

An object of class `hermite_estimator_univar` or `hermite_estimator_bivar`.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
hermite_est_1 <- hermite_estimator(N = 10, standardize = FALSE,
observations = rnorm(30))
hermite_est_2 <- hermite_estimator(N = 10, standardize = FALSE,
observations = rnorm(30))
hermite_merged <- merge_hermite(list(hermite_est_1, hermite_est_2))

## End(Not run)
```

---

`merge_hermite_bivar`     *Merges a list of bivariate Hermite estimators*

---

**Description**

This method allows a list of Hermite based estimators of class `hermite_estimator_bivar` to be consistently merged.

**Usage**

```
merge_hermite_bivar(hermite_estimators)
```

**Arguments**

`hermite_estimators`  
A list of `hermite_estimator_bivar` objects.

**Details**

Note that the `N` and `standardize` arguments must be the same for all estimators in order to merge them. In addition, note that exponentially weighted estimators cannot be merged. If the Hermite estimators are not standardized, the merged estimator will be exactly equivalent to constructing a single estimator on the data set formed by combining the data sets used to update the respective `hermite_estimator_bivar` inputs. If the input Hermite estimators are standardized however, then the equivalence will be approximate but still accurate in most cases.

**Value**

An object of class `hermite_estimator_bivar`.

---

merge\_hermite\_univar *Merges a list of Hermite estimators*

---

### Description

This method allows a list of Hermite based estimators of class `hermite_estimator_univar` to be consistently merged.

### Usage

```
merge_hermite_univar(hermite_estimators)
```

### Arguments

`hermite_estimators`

A list of `hermite_estimator_univar` objects.

### Details

Note that the `N` and `standardize` arguments must be the same for all estimators in order to merge them. In addition, note that exponentially weighted estimators cannot be merged. If the Hermite estimators are not standardized, the merged estimator will be exactly equivalent to constructing a single estimator on the data set formed by combining the data sets used to update the respective `hermite_estimator_univar` inputs. If the input Hermite estimators are standardized however, then the equivalence will be approximate but still accurate in most cases.

### Value

An object of class `hermite_estimator_univar`.

---

`merge_moments_and_count_bivar`

*Internal method to consistently merge the number of observations, means and variances of two bivariate Hermite estimators*

---

### Description

The algorithm to merge the variances consistently comes from Schubert, Erich, and Michael Gertz. "Numerically stable parallel computation of (co-) variance." Proceedings of the 30th International Conference on Scientific and Statistical Database Management. 2018.

### Usage

```
merge_moments_and_count_bivar(hermite_estimator1, hermite_estimator2)
```



**Arguments**

hermite\_estimator1  
A hermite\_estimator\_bivar object.

hermite\_estimator2  
A hermite\_estimator\_bivar object.

**Value**

An object of class hermite\_estimator\_bivar

---

merge\_moments\_and\_count\_univar  
*Internal method to consistently merge the number of observations,  
means and variances of two Hermite estimators*

---

**Description**

The algorithm to merge the variances consistently comes from Schubert, Erich, and Michael Gertz. "Numerically stable parallel computation of (co-) variance." Proceedings of the 30th International Conference on Scientific and Statistical Database Management. 2018.

**Usage**

```
merge_moments_and_count_univar(hermite_estimator1, hermite_estimator2)
```

**Arguments**

hermite\_estimator1  
A hermite\_estimator\_univar object.

hermite\_estimator2  
A hermite\_estimator\_univar object.

**Value**

An object of class hermite\_estimator\_univar.

---

`merge_pair`*Merges two Hermite estimators*

---

### Description

Note that the estimators must be of the same type to be merged i.e. both estimators must have a consistent `est_type`, either "univariate" or "bivariate". In addition, the `N` and `standardize` arguments must be the same for both estimators in order to merge them. Finally, note that exponentially weighted estimators cannot be merged. If the Hermite estimators are not standardized, the merged estimator will be exactly equivalent to constructing a single estimator on the data set formed by combining the data sets used to update the respective `hermite_estimator` inputs. If the input Hermite estimators are standardized however, then the equivalence will be approximate but still reasonably accurate in most cases.

### Usage

```
merge_pair(h_est_obj, hermite_estimator_other)
```

### Arguments

`h_est_obj`            A `hermite_estimator_univar` or `hermite_estimator_bivar` object. The first Hermite series based estimator.

`hermite_estimator_other`  
                      A `hermite_estimator_univar` or `hermite_estimator_bivar` object. The second Hermite series based estimator.

### Value

An object of class `hermite_estimator_univar` or `hermite_estimator_bivar`.

### Examples

```
## Not run:  
hermite_est_1 <- hermite_estimator(N = 10, standardize = FALSE,  
  observations = rnorm(30))  
hermite_est_2 <- hermite_estimator(N = 10, standardize = FALSE,  
  observations = rnorm(30))  
hermite_merged <- merge_pair(hermite_est_1, hermite_est_2)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

---

```
merge_pair.hermite_estimator_bivar
```

*Merges two bivariate Hermite estimators*

---

**Description**

This method allows a pair of Hermite based estimators of class `hermite_estimator_bivar` to be consistently merged.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'hermite_estimator_bivar'  
merge_pair(h_est_obj, hermite_estimator_other)
```

**Arguments**

`h_est_obj`            A `hermite_estimator_bivar` object. The first Hermite series based estimator.  
`hermite_estimator_other`  
                      A `hermite_estimator_bivar` object. The second Hermite series based estimator.

**Details**

Note that the `N` and `standardize` arguments must be the same for the two estimators in order to merge them. In addition, note that exponentially weighted estimators cannot be merged. If the Hermite estimators are not standardized, the merged estimator will be exactly equivalent to constructing a single estimator on the data set formed by combining the data sets used to update the respective `hermite_estimator_bivar` inputs. If the input Hermite estimators are standardized however, then the equivalence will be approximate but still accurate in most cases.

**Value**

An object of class `hermite_estimator_bivar`.

---

```
merge_pair.hermite_estimator_univar
```

*Merges two Hermite estimators*

---

**Description**

This method allows a pair of Hermite based estimators of class `hermite_estimator_univar` to be consistently merged.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'hermite_estimator_univar'  
merge_pair(h_est_obj, hermite_estimator_other)
```

**Arguments**

h\_est\_obj            A hermite\_estimator\_univar object. The first Hermite series based estimator.  
 hermite\_estimator\_other  
                       A hermite\_estimator\_univar object. The second Hermite series based estimator.

**Details**

Note that the N and standardize arguments must be the same for the two estimators in order to merge them. In addition, note that exponentially weighted estimators cannot be merged. If the Hermite estimators are not standardized, the merged estimator will be exactly equivalent to constructing a single estimator on the data set formed by combining the data sets used to update the respective hermite\_estimator\_univar inputs. If the input Hermite estimators are standardized however, then the equivalence will be approximate but still accurate in most cases.

**Value**

An object of class hermite\_estimator\_univar.

---

merge\_standardized\_helper\_bivar

*Internal method to merge a list of standardized bivariate Hermite estimators*

---

**Description**

Internal method to merge a list of standardized bivariate Hermite estimators

**Usage**

```
merge_standardized_helper_bivar(hermite_estimators)
```

**Arguments**

hermite\_estimators  
                       A list of hermite\_estimator\_bivar objects.

**Value**

An object of class hermite\_estimator\_bivar.

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|                                  |                                                                           |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| merge_standardized_helper_univar | <i>Internal method to merge a list of standardized Hermite estimators</i> |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|

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**Description**

Internal method to merge a list of standardized Hermite estimators

**Usage**

```
merge_standardized_helper_univar(hermite_estimators)
```

**Arguments**

|                    |                                             |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| hermite_estimators | A list of hermite_estimator_univar objects. |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------------|

**Value**

An object of class hermite\_estimator\_univar.

---

|                 |                                                                                                                       |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| plot.hcdf_bivar | <i>Plots the hcdf_bivar object as output by the hcdf function when evaluated on a hermite_estimator_bivar object.</i> |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

---

**Description**

Plots the hcdf\_bivar object as output by the hcdf function when evaluated on a hermite\_estimator\_bivar object.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'hcdf_bivar'
plot(x, main = "Hermite CDF", xlab = "X", ylab = "Y", ...)
```

**Arguments**

|      |                             |
|------|-----------------------------|
| x    | A hcdf_bivar object.        |
| main | A string, title for plot.   |
| xlab | A string, x label for plot. |
| ylab | A string, y label for plot. |
| ...  | Unused.                     |

---

|                  |                                                                                                                         |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| plot.hcdf_univar | <i>Plots the hcdf_univar object as output by the hcdf function when evaluated on a hermite_estimator_univar object.</i> |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

---

**Description**

Plots the hcdf\_univar object as output by the hcdf function when evaluated on a hermite\_estimator\_univar object.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'hcdf_univar'
plot(x, main = "Hermite CDF", xlab = "x", ylab = "F(x)", ...)
```

**Arguments**

|      |                                     |
|------|-------------------------------------|
| x    | A hcdf_univar object.               |
| main | A string, title for plot.           |
| xlab | A string, x label for plot.         |
| ylab | A string, y label for plot.         |
| ...  | Additional parameters for plotting. |

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|                     |                                                                                                                              |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| plot.hdensity_bivar | <i>Plots the hdensity_bivar object as output by the density function when evaluated on a hermite_estimator_bivar object.</i> |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

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**Description**

Plots the hdensity\_bivar object as output by the density function when evaluated on a hermite\_estimator\_bivar object.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'hdensity_bivar'
plot(x, main = "Hermite PDF", xlab = "X", ylab = "Y", ...)
```

**Arguments**

|      |                             |
|------|-----------------------------|
| x    | A hdensity_bivar object.    |
| main | A string, title for plot.   |
| xlab | A string, x label for plot. |
| ylab | A string, y label for plot. |
| ...  | Unused.                     |

---

plot.hdensity\_univar    *Plots the hdensity\_univar object as output by the density function when evaluated on a hermite\_estimator\_univar object.*

---

### Description

Plots the hdensity\_univar object as output by the density function when evaluated on a hermite\_estimator\_univar object.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'hdensity_univar'
plot(x, main = "Hermite PDF", xlab = "x", ylab = "Density", ...)
```

### Arguments

|      |                                     |
|------|-------------------------------------|
| x    | A hdensity_univar object.           |
| main | A string, title for plot.           |
| xlab | A string, x label for plot.         |
| ylab | A string, y label for plot.         |
| ...  | Additional parameters for plotting. |

---

print.hcdf\_bivar        *Prints the hcdf\_bivar object as output by the hcdf function when evaluated on a hermite\_estimator\_bivar object.*

---

### Description

Prints the hcdf\_bivar object as output by the hcdf function when evaluated on a hermite\_estimator\_bivar object.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'hcdf_bivar'
print(x, digits = getOption("digits") - 2L, ...)
```

### Arguments

|        |                                                |
|--------|------------------------------------------------|
| x      | A hcdf_bivar object.                           |
| digits | A numeric value. Number of digits to round to. |
| ...    | Additional parameters for printing.            |

---

|                   |                                                                                                                          |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| print.hcdf_univar | <i>Prints the hcdf_univar object as output by the hcdf function when evaluated on a hermite_estimator_univar object.</i> |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

---

### Description

Mirrors the print method of the stats::ecdf function

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'hcdf_univar'
print(x, digits = getOption("digits") - 2L, ...)
```

### Arguments

|        |                                                |
|--------|------------------------------------------------|
| x      | A hcdf_univar object.                          |
| digits | A numeric value. Number of digits to round to. |
| ...    | Unused                                         |

---

|                      |                                                                                                                               |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| print.hdensity_bivar | <i>Prints the hdensity_bivar object as output by the density function when evaluated on a hermite_estimator_bivar object.</i> |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

---

### Description

Prints the hdensity\_bivar object as output by the density function when evaluated on a hermite\_estimator\_bivar object.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'hdensity_bivar'
print(x, digits = getOption("digits") - 2L, ...)
```

### Arguments

|        |                                                |
|--------|------------------------------------------------|
| x      | A hdensity_bivar object.                       |
| digits | A numeric value. Number of digits to round to. |
| ...    | Additional parameters for printing.            |



---

print.hdensity\_univar *Prints the hdensity\_univar object as output by the density function when evaluated on a hermite\_estimator\_univar object.*

---

### Description

Prints the hdensity\_univar object as output by the density function when evaluated on a hermite\_estimator\_univar object.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'hdensity_univar'  
print(x, digits = getOption("digits") - 2L, ...)
```

### Arguments

|        |                                                |
|--------|------------------------------------------------|
| x      | A hdensity_univar object.                      |
| digits | A numeric value. Number of digits to round to. |
| ...    | Unused                                         |

---

print.hermite\_estimator\_bivar  
*Prints bivariate hermite\_estimator object.*

---

### Description

Prints bivariate hermite\_estimator object.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'hermite_estimator_bivar'  
print(x, ...)
```

### Arguments

|     |                                                        |
|-----|--------------------------------------------------------|
| x   | A hermite_estimator_bivar object.                      |
| ... | Other arguments passed on to methods used in printing. |

---

```
print.hermite_estimator_univar
    Prints univariate hermite_estimator object.
```

---

### Description

Prints univariate hermite\_estimator object.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'hermite_estimator_univar'
print(x, ...)
```

### Arguments

|     |                                    |
|-----|------------------------------------|
| x   | A hermite_estimator_univar object. |
| ... | Unused                             |

---

```
quant    Estimates the quantiles at a vector of probability values
```

---

### Description

This method utilizes the estimator (13) in paper Stephanou, Michael, Varughese, Melvin and Iain Macdonald. "Sequential quantiles via Hermite series density estimation." Electronic Journal of Statistics 11.1 (2017): 570-607 <doi:10.1214/17-EJS1245>, with some modifications to improve the stability of numerical root finding when using the bisection algorithm. Note that this method is only applicable to the univariate Hermite estimator i.e. est\_type = "univariate".

### Usage

```
quant(h_est_obj, p, algorithm = "interpolate", accelerate_series = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

|                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| h_est_obj         | A hermite_estimator_univar object.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| p                 | A numeric vector. A vector of probability values.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| algorithm         | A string. Two possible values 'interpolate' which is faster but may be less accurate or 'bisection' which is slower but potentially more accurate.                                                                                                                                       |
| accelerate_series | A boolean value. If set to TRUE, the series acceleration methods described in: Boyd, John P., and Dennis W. Moore. "Summability methods for Hermite functions." Dynamics of atmospheres and oceans 10.1 (1986): 51-62. are applied. If set to FALSE, then standard summation is applied. |

**Details**

The object must be updated with observations prior to the use of this method.

**Value**

A numeric vector. The vector of quantile values associated with the probabilities  $p$ .

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
hermite_est <- hermite_estimator(N = 10, standardize = TRUE,
est_type="univariate", observations = rnorm(30))
quant_est <- quant(hermite_est, c(0.25, 0.5, 0.75))

## End(Not run)
```

---

quant.hermite\_estimator\_univar

*Estimates the quantiles at a vector of probability values*

---

**Description**

This method utilizes the estimator (13) in paper Stephanou, Michael, Varughese, Melvin and Iain Macdonald. "Sequential quantiles via Hermite series density estimation." *Electronic Journal of Statistics* 11.1 (2017): 570-607 <doi:10.1214/17-EJS1245>, with some modifications to improve the stability of numerical root finding.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'hermite_estimator_univar'
quant(h_est_obj, p, algorithm = "interpolate", accelerate_series = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

|                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| h_est_obj         | A hermite_estimator_univar object.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| p                 | A numeric vector. A vector of probability values.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| algorithm         | A string. Two possible values 'interpolate' which is faster but may be less accurate or 'bisection' which is slower but potentially more accurate.                                                                                                                                              |
| accelerate_series | A boolean value. If set to TRUE, the series acceleration methods described in: Boyd, John P., and Dennis W. Moore. "Summability methods for Hermite functions." <i>Dynamics of atmospheres and oceans</i> 10.1 (1986): 51-62. are applied. If set to FALSE, then standard summation is applied. |

**Value**

A numeric vector. The vector of quantile values associated with the probabilities  $p$ .

---

```
quantile.hermite_estimator_univar
```

*Estimates the quantiles at a vector of probability values*

---

### Description

This generic method is a convenience wrapper around the quant method

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'hermite_estimator_univar'
quantile(x, probs = seq(0, 1, 0.25), ...)
```

### Arguments

|       |                                                                                             |
|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x     | A hermite_estimator_univar object.                                                          |
| probs | A numeric vector. A vector of probability values.                                           |
| ...   | Optional additional arguments to the quant function namely algorithm and accelerate_series. |

### Value

A numeric vector. The vector of quantile values associated with the probabilities probs.

---

```
spearman
```

*Estimates the Spearman's rank correlation coefficient*

---

### Description

This method utilizes the estimator (8) in the paper Stephanou, Michael and Varughese, Melvin. "Sequential estimation of Spearman rank correlation using Hermite series estimators." *Journal of Multivariate Analysis* (2021) <doi:10.1016/j.jmva.2021.104783> to calculate the Spearman rank correlation coefficient. It is only applicable to the bivariate Hermite estimator i.e. est\_type = "bivariate".

### Usage

```
spearman(h_est_obj, clipped = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

|           |                                                                                                           |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| h_est_obj | A hermite_estimator_bivar object.                                                                         |
| clipped   | A boolean value. Indicates whether to clip Spearman's rank correlation estimates to lie between -1 and 1. |

**Details**

The object must be updated with observations prior to the use of this method.

**Value**

A numeric value.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
hermite_est <- hermite_estimator(N = 10, standardize = TRUE,
  est_type="bivariate", observations = matrix(rnorm(30*2), nrow=30,
  ncol=2, byrow = TRUE))
spearman_est <- spearman(hermite_est)

## End(Not run)
```

---

spearman.hermite\_estimator\_bivar

*Estimates the Spearman's rank correlation coefficient*

---

**Description**

This method calculates the Spearman's rank correlation coefficient value using the `hermite_estimator_bivar` object (`h_est_obj`).

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'hermite_estimator_bivar'
spearman(h_est_obj, clipped = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

|                        |                                                                                                           |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>h_est_obj</code> | A <code>hermite_estimator_bivar</code> object.                                                            |
| <code>clipped</code>   | A boolean value. Indicates whether to clip Spearman's rank correlation estimates to lie between -1 and 1. |

**Details**

The method utilizes the estimator defined in the paper Stephanou, Michael and Varughese, Melvin. "Sequential Estimation of Nonparametric Correlation using Hermite Series Estimators." arXiv Preprint (2020), <https://arxiv.org/abs/2012.06287>

The object must be updated with observations prior to the use of this method.

**Value**

A numeric value.

---

standardizeInputs      *Standardizes the observation x and updates the online moment inputs*

---

**Description**

Standardizes the observation x and updates the online moment inputs

**Usage**

```
standardizeInputs(x, n_obs, current_mean, current_var)
```

**Arguments**

|              |                                              |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------|
| x            | A numeric value.                             |
| n_obs        | A numeric value. The number of observations. |
| current_mean | A numeric value.                             |
| current_var  | A numeric value.                             |

**Value**

A numeric vector. The first element is the updated mean. The second element is the updated variance times n\_obs. The third element is the updated, standardized value of x.

**Author(s)**

Michael Stephanou <michael.stephanou@gmail.com>

---

standardizeInputsEW      *Standardizes the observation x and updates the online moment inputs*

---

**Description**

The online moments are updated via exponential weighting.

**Usage**

```
standardizeInputsEW(x, n_obs, lambda, current_mean, current_var)
```

**Arguments**

|              |                                              |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------|
| x            | A numeric value.                             |
| n_obs        | A numeric value. The number of observations. |
| lambda       | A numeric value.                             |
| current_mean | A numeric value.                             |
| current_var  | A numeric value.                             |

**Value**

A numeric vector. The first element is the updated mean. The second element is the updated variance times `n_obs`. The third element is the updated, standardized value of `x`.

**Author(s)**

Michael Stephanou <michael.stephanou@gmail.com>

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|                    |                                                                                                                            |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| summary.hcdf_bivar | <i>Summarizes the hcdf_bivar object as output by the hcdf function when evaluated on a hermite_estimator_bivar object.</i> |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

---

**Description**

Summarizes the `hcdf_bivar` object as output by the `hcdf` function when evaluated on a `hermite_estimator_bivar` object.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'hcdf_bivar'
summary(object, digits = getOption("digits") - 2L, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|        |                                                |
|--------|------------------------------------------------|
| object | A <code>hcdf_bivar</code> object.              |
| digits | A numeric value. Number of digits to round to. |
| ...    | Additional parameters for printing.            |

---

|                     |                                                                                                                              |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| summary.hcdf_univar | <i>Summarizes the hcdf_univar object as output by the hcdf function when evaluated on a hermite_estimator_univar object.</i> |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

---

**Description**

Summarizes the `hcdf_univar` object as output by the `hcdf` function when evaluated on a `hermite_estimator_univar` object.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'hcdf_univar'
summary(object, digits = getOption("digits") - 2L, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|        |                                                |
|--------|------------------------------------------------|
| object | A <code>hcdf_univar</code> object.             |
| digits | A numeric value. Number of digits to round to. |
| ...    | Unused.                                        |

---

`summary.hermite_estimator_bivar`*Summarizes bivariate hermite\_estimator object.*

---

**Description**

Outputs key parameters of a bivariate hermite\_estimator object along with estimates of the mean and standard deviation of the first and second dimensions of the bivariate data that the object has been updated with. Also outputs the Spearman's Rho and Kendall Tau of the bivariate data that the object has been updated with.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'hermite_estimator_bivar'  
summary(object, digits = max(3, getOption("digits") - 3), ...)
```

**Arguments**

|                     |                                                       |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>object</code> | A hermite_estimator_bivar object.                     |
| <code>digits</code> | A numeric value. Number of digits to round to.        |
| <code>...</code>    | Other arguments passed on to methods used in summary. |

---

`summary.hermite_estimator_univar`*Summarizes univariate hermite\_estimator object.*

---

**Description**

Outputs key parameters of a univariate hermite\_estimator object along with estimates of the mean, standard deviation and deciles of the data that the object has been updated with.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'hermite_estimator_univar'  
summary(object, digits = max(3, getOption("digits") - 3), ...)
```

**Arguments**

|                     |                                                       |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>object</code> | A hermite_estimator_univar object.                    |
| <code>digits</code> | A numeric value. Number of digits to round to.        |
| <code>...</code>    | Other arguments passed on to methods used in summary. |



---

update\_sequential      *Updates the Hermite series based estimator sequentially*

---

### Description

This method can be applied in sequential estimation settings.

### Usage

```
update_sequential(h_est_obj, x)
```

### Arguments

`h_est_obj`      A `hermite_estimator_univar` or `hermite_estimator_bivar` object.

`x`                A numeric vector or matrix. Observations to be incorporated into the estimator. Note that for univariate estimators, `x` is a numeric vector whereas for bivariate estimators, `x` is a numeric vector of length 2 or a `n x 2` matrix with `n` bivariate observations to be incorporated into the estimator.

### Value

An object of class `hermite_estimator_univar` or `hermite_estimator_bivar`.

### Examples

```
## Not run:
hermite_est <- hermite_estimator(N = 10, standardize = TRUE,
est_type="univariate")
hermite_est <- update_sequential(hermite_est, x = 2)
hermite_est <- hermite_estimator(N = 10, standardize = TRUE,
est_type="bivariate")
hermite_est <- update_sequential(hermite_est, x = c(1,2))

## End(Not run)
```

---

update\_sequential.hermite\_estimator\_bivar  
*Updates the Hermite series based estimator sequentially*

---

### Description

This method can be applied in sequential estimation settings.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'hermite_estimator_bivar'
update_sequential(h_est_obj, x)
```

**Arguments**

h\_est\_obj      A hermite\_estimator\_bivar object.  
x                A numeric vector of length 2 or a n x 2 matrix with n bivariate observations to be incorporated into the estimator.

**Value**

An object of class hermite\_estimator\_bivar.

---

update\_sequential.hermite\_estimator\_univar  
*Updates the Hermite series based estimator sequentially*

---

**Description**

This method can be applied in sequential estimation settings.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'hermite_estimator_univar'  
update_sequential(h_est_obj, x)
```

**Arguments**

h\_est\_obj      A hermite\_estimator\_univar object.  
x                A numeric vector. A vector of observations to be incorporated into the estimator.

**Value**

An object of class hermite\_estimator\_univar.

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