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**Description** Fit data from a continuous population with a smooth density on finite interval by an approximate Bernstein polynomial model which is a mixture of certain beta distributions and find maximum approximate Bernstein likelihood estimator of the unknown coefficients. Consequently, maximum likelihood estimates of the unknown density, distribution functions, and more can be obtained. If the support of the density is not the unit interval then transformation can be applied. This is an implementation of the methods proposed by the author of this package published in the Journal of Nonparametric Statistics: Guan (2016) <[doi:10.1080/10485252.2016.1163349](https://doi.org/10.1080/10485252.2016.1163349)> and Guan (2017) <[doi:10.1080/10485252.2017.1374384](https://doi.org/10.1080/10485252.2017.1374384)>. For c-variates, under some semiparametric regression models such as Cox proportional hazards model and the accelerated failure time model, the baseline survival function can be estimated smoothly based on general interval censored data.

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chicken.embryo	<i>Chicken Embryo Data</i>
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**Description**

The chicken embryo dataset which contains day, number of days, and nT, the corresponding frequencies.

**Usage**

```
data(chicken.embryo)
```

**Format**

The format is: List of 2: day: int [1:21] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ...; nT : int [1:21] 6 5 11 2 2 3 0 0 0 0 ...

**Source**

Jassim, E. W., Grossman, M., Koops, W. J. And Luykx, R. A. J. (1996). Multi-phasic analysis of embryonic mortality in chickens. *Poultry Sci.* 75, 464-71.

**References**

Kuurman, W. W., Bailey, B. A., Koops, W. J. And Grossman, M. (2003). A model for failure of a chicken embryo to survive incubation. *Poultry Sci.* 82, 214-22.

Guan, Z. (2017) Bernstein polynomial model for grouped continuous data. *Journal of Nonparametric Statistics*, 29(4):831-848.

**Examples**

```
data(chicken.embryo)
```

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cosmesis

*Breast cosmesis data*

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**Description**

Data contain the interval-censored times to cosmetic deterioration for breast cancer patients undergoing radiation or radiation plus chemotherapy.

**Usage**

```
data(cosmesis)
```

**Format**

A data frame with 94 observations on the following 3 variables.

- left left endpoint of the censoring interval in months
- right right endpoint of the censoring interval in months
- treat a factor with levels RT and RCT representing radiotherapy-only and radiation plus chemotherapy treatments, respectively

**Source**

Finkelstein, D. M. and Wolfe, R. A. (1985) A semiparametric model for regression analysis of interval-censored failure time data. *Biometrics* 41, 933-945.

**References**

Finkelstein, D. M. (1986) A proportional hazards model for interval-censored failure time data. *Biometrics* 42, 845-854.

**Examples**

```
data(cosmesis)
```

dmixbeta

*Mixture Beta Distribution***Description**

Density, distribution function, quantile function and pseudorandom number generation for the Bernstein polynomial model, mixture of beta distributions, with shapes  $(i + 1, m - i + 1)$ ,  $i = 0, \dots, m$ , given mixture proportions  $p = (p_0, \dots, p_m)$  and support interval.

**Usage**

```
dmixbeta(x, p, interval = c(0, 1))
pmixbeta(x, p, interval = c(0, 1))
qmixbeta(u, p, interval = c(0, 1))
rmixbeta(n, p, interval = c(0, 1))
```

**Arguments**

x	a vector of quantiles
p	a vector of m+1 values. The m+1 components of p must be nonnegative and sum to one for mixture beta distribution. See 'Details'.
interval	support/truncation interval [a, b].
u	a vector of probabilities
n	sample size

**Details**

The density of the mixture beta distribution on an interval  $[a, b]$  can be written as a Bernstein polynomial  $f_m(x; p) = (b - a)^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^m p_i \beta_{mi}[(x - a)/(b - a)]/(b - a)$ , where  $p = (p_0, \dots, p_m)$ ,  $p_i \geq 0$ ,  $\sum_{i=0}^m p_i = 1$  and  $\beta_{mi}(u) = (m + 1) \binom{m}{i} u^i (1 - u)^{m-i}$ ,  $i = 0, 1, \dots, m$ , is the beta density with shapes  $(i + 1, m - i + 1)$ . The cumulative distribution function is  $F_m(x; p) = \sum_{i=0}^m p_i B_{mi}[(x - a)/(b - a)]$ , where  $B_{mi}(u)$ ,  $i = 0, 1, \dots, m$ , is the beta cumulative distribution function with shapes  $(i + 1, m - i + 1)$ . If  $\pi = \sum_{i=0}^m p_i < 1$ , then  $f_m/\pi$  is a truncated density on  $[a, b]$  with cumulative distribution function  $F_m/\pi$ . The argument p may be any numeric vector of m+1 values when pmixbeta() and qmixbeta() return the integral function  $F_m(x; p)$  and its inverse, respectively, and dmixbeta() returns a Bernstein polynomial  $f_m(x; p)$ . If components of p are not all nonnegative or do not sum to one, warning message will be returned.

**Value**

A vector of  $f_m(x; p)$  or  $F_m(x; p)$  values at x. dmixbeta returns the density, pmixbeta returns the cumulative distribution function, qmixbeta returns the quantile function, and rmixbeta generates pseudo random numbers.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Bernstein, S.N. (1912), Demonstration du theoreme de Weierstrass fondee sur le calcul des probabilities, Communications of the Kharkov Mathematical Society, 13, 1–2.

Guan, Z. (2016) Efficient and robust density estimation using Bernstein type polynomials. *Journal of Nonparametric Statistics*, 28(2):250-271.

Guan, Z. (2017) Bernstein polynomial model for grouped continuous data. *Journal of Nonparametric Statistics*, 29(4):831-848.

**See Also**

[mable](#)

**Examples**

```
# classical Bernstein polynomial approximation
a<--4; b<-4; m<-200
x<-seq(a,b,len=512)
u<-(0:m)/m
p<-dnorm(a+(b-a)*u)
plot(x, dnorm(x), type="l")
lines(x, (b-a)*dmixbeta(x, p, c(a, b))/(m+1), lty=2, col=2)
legend(a, dnorm(0), lty=1:2, col=1:2, c(expression(f(x)==phi(x)),
expression(B^{f}(x))))
```

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dmixmvbeta

*Multivariate Mixture Beta Distribution*


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**Description**

Density, distribution function, and pseudorandom number generation for the multivariate Bernstein polynomial model, mixture of multivariate beta distributions, with given mixture proportions  $p = (p_0, \dots, p_{K-1})$ , given degrees  $m = (m_1, \dots, m_d)$ , and support interval.

**Usage**

```
dmixmvbeta(x, p, m, interval = NULL)
```

```
pmixmvbeta(x, p, m, interval = NULL)
```

```
rmixmvbeta(n, p, m, interval = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

x	a matrix with d columns or a vector of length d within support hyperrectangle $[a, b] = [a_1, b_1] \times \dots \times [a_d, b_d]$
p	a vector of K values. All components of p must be nonnegative and sum to one for the mixture multivariate beta distribution. See 'Details'.
m	a vector of degrees, $(m_1, \dots, m_d)$
interval	a vector of two endpoints or a 2 x d matrix, each column containing the endpoints of support/truncation interval for each marginal density. If missing, the i-th column is assigned as $c(0, 1)$ .
n	sample size

**Details**

dmixmvbeta() returns a linear combination  $f_m$  of  $d$ -variate beta densities on  $[a, b]$ ,  $\beta_{mj}(x) = \prod_{i=1}^d \beta_{m_i, j_i}[(x_i - a_i)/(b_i - a_i)]/(b_i - a_i)$ , with coefficients  $p(j_1, \dots, j_d)$ ,  $0 \leq j_i \leq m_i, i = 1, \dots, d$ , where  $[a, b] = [a_1, b_1] \times \dots \times [a_d, b_d]$  is a hyperrectangle, and the coefficients are arranged in the column-major order of  $j = (j_1, \dots, j_d)$ ,  $p_0, \dots, p_{K-1}$ , where  $K = \prod_{i=1}^d (m_i + 1)$ . pmixmvbeta() returns a linear combination  $F_m$  of the distribution functions of  $d$ -variate beta distribution.

If all  $p_i$ 's are nonnegative and sum to one, then p are the mixture proportions of the mixture multivariate beta distribution.

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dtmixbeta

*Exponentially Tilted Mixture Beta Distribution*


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**Description**

Density, distribution function, quantile function and pseudorandom number generation for the exponentially tilted mixture of beta distributions, with shapes  $(i + 1, m - i + 1)$ ,  $i = 0, \dots, m$ , given mixture proportions  $p = (p_0, \dots, p_m)$  and support interval.

**Usage**

```
dtmixbeta(x, p, alpha, interval = c(0, 1), regr, ...)
```

```
ptmixbeta(x, p, alpha, interval = c(0, 1), regr, ...)
```

```
qtmixbeta(u, p, alpha, interval = c(0, 1), regr, ...)
```

```
rtmixbeta(n, p, alpha, interval = c(0, 1), regr, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	a vector of quantiles
p	a vector of m+1 components of p must be nonnegative and sum to one for mixture beta distribution. See 'Details'.
alpha	regression coefficients
interval	support/truncation interval [a, b].
regr	regressor vector function $r(x) = (1, r_1(x), \dots, r_d(x))$ which returns n x (d+1) matrix, n=length(x)
...	additional arguments to be passed to regr
u	a vector of probabilities
n	sample size

**Details**

The density of the mixture exponentially tilted beta distribution on an interval  $[a, b]$  can be written  $f_m(x; p) = (b-a)^{-1} \exp(\alpha' r(x)) \sum_{i=0}^m p_i \beta_{mi}[(x-a)/(b-a)] / (b-a)$ , where  $p = (p_0, \dots, p_m)$ ,  $p_i \geq 0$ ,  $\sum_{i=0}^m p_i = 1$  and  $\beta_{mi}(u) = (m+1) \binom{m}{i} u^i (1-u)^{m-i}$ ,  $i = 0, 1, \dots, m$ , is the beta density with shapes  $(i+1, m-i+1)$ . The cumulative distribution function is  $F_m(x; p) = \sum_{i=0}^m p_i B_{mi}[(x-a)/(b-a); \alpha]$ , where  $B_{mi}(u; \alpha)$ ,  $i = 0, 1, \dots, m$ , is the exponentially tilted beta cumulative distribution function with shapes  $(i+1, m-i+1)$ .

**Value**

A vector of  $f_m(x; p)$  or  $F_m(x; p)$  values at  $x$ . dmixbeta returns the density, pmixbeta returns the cumulative distribution function, qmixbeta returns the quantile function, and rmixbeta generates pseudo random numbers.

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**References**

Guan, Z., Application of Bernstein Polynomial Model to Density and ROC Estimation in a Semi-parametric Density Ratio Model

**See Also**

[mable](#)

**Examples**

```
# classical Bernstein polynomial approximation
a<--4; b<-4; m<-200
x<-seq(a,b,len=512)
u<-(0:m)/m
p<-dnorm(a+(b-a)*u)
plot(x, dnorm(x), type="l")
```

```
lines(x, (b-a)*dmixbeta(x, p, c(a, b))/(m+1), lty=2, col=2)
legend(a, dnorm(0), lty=1:2, col=1:2, c(expression(f(x)==phi(x)),
      expression(B^{f}*(x))))
```

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mable

*Mable fit of one-sample raw data with an optimal or given degree.*


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### Description

Maximum approximate Bernstein/Beta likelihood estimation based on one-sample raw data with an optimal selected by the change-point method among  $m_0:m_1$  or a preselected model degree  $m$ .

### Usage

```
mable(
  x,
  M,
  interval = c(0, 1),
  IC = c("none", "aic", "hqic", "all"),
  vb = 0,
  controls = mable.ctrl(),
  progress = TRUE
)
```

### Arguments

x	a (non-empty) numeric vector of data values.
M	a positive integer or a vector ( $m_0, m_1$ ). If $M = m$ or $m_0 = m_1 = m$ , then $m$ is a preselected degree. If $m_0 < m_1$ it specifies the set of consecutive candidate model degrees $m_0:m_1$ for searching an optimal degree, where $m_1 - m_0 > 3$ .
interval	a vector containing the endpoints of supporting/truncation interval $c(a, b)$
IC	information criterion(s) in addition to Bayesian information criterion (BIC). Current choices are "aic" (Akaike information criterion) and/or "hqic" (Hannan–Quinn information criterion).
vb	code for vanishing boundary constraints, -1: $f_0(a)=0$ only, 1: $f_0(b)=0$ only, 2: both, 0: none (default).
controls	Object of class <code>mable.ctrl()</code> specifying iteration limit and the convergence criterion eps. Default is <code>mable.ctrl</code> . See Details.
progress	if TRUE a text progressbar is displayed



## Details

Any continuous density function  $f$  on a known closed supporting interval  $[a, b]$  can be estimated by Bernstein polynomial  $f_m(x; p) = \sum_{i=0}^m p_i \beta_{mi}[(x-a)/(b-a)]/(b-a)$ , where  $p = (p_0, \dots, p_m)$ ,  $p_i \geq 0$ ,  $\sum_{i=0}^m p_i = 1$  and  $\beta_{mi}(u) = \binom{m}{i} u^i (1-u)^{m-i}$ ,  $i = 0, 1, \dots, m$ , is the beta density with shapes  $(i+1, m-i+1)$ . For each  $m$ , the MABLE of the coefficients  $p$ , the mixture proportions, are obtained using EM algorithm. The EM iteration for each candidate  $m$  stops if either the total absolute change of the log likelihood and the coefficients of Bernstein polynomial is smaller than `eps` or the maximum number of iterations `maxit` is reached.

If `m0 < m1`, an optimal model degree is selected as the change-point of the increments of log-likelihood, log likelihood ratios, for  $m \in \{m_0, m_0 + 1, \dots, m_1\}$ . Alternatively, one can choose an optimal degree based on the BIC (Schwarz, 1978) which are evaluated at  $m \in \{m_0, m_0 + 1, \dots, m_1\}$ . The search for optimal degree  $m$  is stopped if either `m1` is reached with a warning or the test for change-point results in a p-value `pval` smaller than `sig.level`. The BIC for a given degree  $m$  is calculated as in Schwarz (1978) where the dimension of the model is  $d = \#\{i : \hat{p}_i \geq \epsilon, i = 0, \dots, m\} - 1$  and a default  $\epsilon$  is chosen as `.Machine$double.eps`.

If data show a clearly multimodal distribution by plotting the histogram for example, the model degree is usually large. The range `M` should be large enough to cover the optimal degree and the computation is time-consuming. In this case the iterative method of moment with an initial selected by a method of mode which is implemented by `optimable` can be used to reduce the computation time.

## Value

A list with components

- `m` the given or a selected degree by method of change-point
- `p` the estimated vector of mixture proportions  $p = (p_0, \dots, p_m)$  with the selected/given optimal degree `m`
- `mloglik` the maximum log-likelihood at degree `m`
- `interval` support/truncation interval  $(a, b)$
- `convergence` An integer code. 0 indicates successful completion (all the EM iterations are convergent and an optimal degree is successfully selected in `M`). Possible error codes are
  - 1, indicates that the iteration limit `maxit` had been reached in at least one EM iteration;
  - 2, the search did not finish before `m1`.
- `delta` the convergence criterion `delta` value

and, if `m0 < m1`,

- `M` the vector  $(m_0, m_1)$ , where `m1`, if greater than `m0`, is the largest candidate when the search stopped
- `lk` log-likelihoods evaluated at  $m \in \{m_0, \dots, m_1\}$
- `lr` likelihood ratios for change-points evaluated at  $m \in \{m_0 + 1, \dots, m_1\}$
- `ic` a list containing the selected information criterion(s)
- `pval` the p-values of the change-point tests for choosing optimal model degree
- `chpts` the change-points chosen with the given candidate model degrees

**Note**

Since the Bernstein polynomial model of degree  $m$  is nested in the model of degree  $m + 1$ , the maximum likelihood is increasing in  $m$ . The change-point method is used to choose an optimal degree  $m$ . The degree can also be chosen by a method of moment and a method of mode which are implemented by function `optimal()`.

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**References**

Guan, Z. (2016) Efficient and robust density estimation using Bernstein type polynomials. *Journal of Nonparametric Statistics*, 28(2):250-271.

**See Also**

[optimable](#)

**Examples**

```
# Vaal Rive Flow Data
data(Vaal.Flow)
x<-Vaal.Flow$Flow
res<-mable(x, M = c(2,100), interval = c(0, 3000), controls =
  mable.ctrl(sig.level = 1e-8, maxit = 2000, eps = 1.0e-9))
op<-par(mfrow = c(1,2),lwd = 2)
layout(rbind(c(1, 2), c(3, 3)))
plot(res, which = "likelihood", cex = .5)
plot(res, which = c("change-point"), lgd.x = "topright")
hist(x, prob = TRUE, xlim = c(0,3000), ylim = c(0,.0022), breaks = 100*(0:30),
  main = "Histogram and Densities of the Annual Flow of Vaal River",
  border = "dark grey",lwd = 1,xlab = "x", ylab = "f(x)", col = "light grey")
lines(density(x, bw = "nrd0", adjust = 1), lty = 4, col = 4)
lines(y<-seq(0, 3000, length = 100), dlnorm(y, mean(log(x)),
  sqrt(var(log(x))))), lty = 2, col = 2)
plot(res, which = "density", add = TRUE)
legend("top", lty = c(1, 2, 4), col = c(1, 2, 4), bty = "n",
  c(expression(paste("MABLE: ",hat(f)[B])),
    expression(paste("Log-Normal: ",hat(f)[P])),
    expression(paste("KDE: ",hat(f)[K]))))
par(op)

# Old Faithful Data
library(mixtools)
x<-faithful$eruptions
a<-0; b<-7
v<-seq(a, b,len = 512)
mu<-c(2,4.5); sig<-c(1,1)
```

```

pmix<-normalmixEM(x,.5, mu, sig)
lam<-pmix$lambda; mu<-pmix$mu; sig<-pmix$sigma
y1<-lam[1]*dnorm(v,mu[1], sig[1])+lam[2]*dnorm(v, mu[2], sig[2])
res<-mable(x, M = c(2,300), interval = c(a,b), controls =
  mable.ctrl(sig.level = 1e-8, maxit = 2000L, eps = 1.0e-7))
op<-par(mfrow = c(1,2),lwd = 2)
layout(rbind(c(1, 2), c(3, 3)))
plot(res, which = "likelihood")
plot(res, which = "change-point")
hist(x, breaks = seq(0,7.5,len = 20), xlim = c(0,7), ylim = c(0,.7),
  prob = TRUE,xlab = "t", ylab = "f(t)", col = "light grey",
  main = "Histogram and Density of
    Duration of Eruptions of Old Faithful")
lines(density(x, bw = "nrd0", adjust = 1), lty = 4, col = 4, lwd = 2)
plot(res, which = "density", add = TRUE)
lines(v, y1, lty = 2, col = 2, lwd = 2)
legend("topright", lty = c(1,2,4), col = c(1,2,4), lwd = 2, bty = "n",
  c(expression(paste("MABLE: ",hat(f)[B](x))),
    expression(paste("Mixture: ",hat(f)[P](t))),
    expression(paste("KDE: ",hat(f)[K](t)))))
par(op)

```

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mable.aft

*Mable fit of Accelerated Failure Time Model*


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## Description

Maximum approximate Bernstein/Beta likelihood estimation for accelerated failure time model based on interval censored data.

## Usage

```

mable.aft(
  formula,
  data,
  M,
  g = NULL,
  p = NULL,
  tau = NULL,
  x0 = NULL,
  controls = mable.ctrl(),
  progress = TRUE
)

```

**Arguments**

formula	regression formula. Response must be cbind. See 'Details'.
data	a dataset
M	a positive integer or a vector (m0, m1). If M = m0 or m0 = m1 = m, then m0 is a preselected degree. If m0 < m1 it specifies the set of consecutive candidate model degrees m0:m1 for searching an optimal degree, where m1-m0>3.
g	a $d$ -vector of regression coefficients, default is the zero vector.
p	an initial coefficients of Bernstein polynomial of degree m0, default is the uniform initial.
tau	the right endpoint of the support or truncation interval $[0, \tau)$ of the baseline density. Default is NULL (unknown), otherwise if tau is given then it is taken as a known value of $\tau$ . See 'Details'.
x0	a working baseline covariate $x_0$ , default is zero vector. See 'Details'.
controls	Object of class <code>mable.ctrl()</code> specifying iteration limit and other control options. Default is <code>mable.ctrl</code> .
progress	if TRUE a text progressbar is displayed

**Details**

Consider the accelerated failure time model with covariate for interval-censored failure time data:  $S(t|x) = S(t \exp(\gamma^T(x - x_0))|x_0)$ , where  $x_0$  is a baseline covariate. Let  $f(t|x)$  and  $F(t|x) = 1 - S(t|x)$  be the density and cumulative distribution functions of the event time given  $X = x$ , respectively. Then  $f(t|x_0)$  on a truncation interval  $[0, \tau]$  can be approximated by  $f_m(t|x_0; p) = \tau^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^m p_i \beta_{mi}(t/\tau)$ , where  $p_i \geq 0$ ,  $i = 0, \dots, m$ ,  $\sum_{i=0}^m p_i = 1$ ,  $\beta_{mi}(u)$  is the beta density with shapes  $i + 1$  and  $m - i + 1$ , and  $\tau$  is larger than the largest observed time, either uncensored time, or right endpoint of interval/left censored, or left endpoint of right censored time. So we can approximate  $S(t|x_0)$  on  $[0, \tau]$  by  $S_m(t|x_0; p) = \sum_{i=0}^m p_i \bar{B}_{mi}(t/\tau)$ , where  $\bar{B}_{mi}(u)$  is the beta survival function with shapes  $i + 1$  and  $m - i + 1$ .

Response variable should be of the form `cbind(1, u)`, where  $(1, u)$  is the interval containing the event time. Data is uncensored if  $1 = u$ , right censored if  $u = \text{Inf}$  or  $u = \text{NA}$ , and left censored data if  $1 = 0$ . The truncation time tau and the baseline x0 should be chosen so that  $S(t|x) = S(t \exp(\gamma^T(x - x_0))|x_0)$  on  $[\tau, \infty)$  is negligible for all the observed  $x$ .

The search for optimal degree m stops if either m1 is reached or the test for change-point results in a p-value pval smaller than sig.level.

**Value**

A list with components

- m the given or selected optimal degree m
- p the estimate of  $p = (p_0, \dots, p_m)$ , the coefficients of Bernstein polynomial of degree m
- coefficients the estimated regression coefficients of the AFT model
- SE the standard errors of the estimated regression coefficients
- z the z-scores of the estimated regression coefficients

- mloglik the maximum log-likelihood at an optimal degree  $m$
- tau.n maximum observed time  $\tau_n$
- tau right endpoint of truncation interval  $[0, \tau)$
- x0 the working baseline covariates
- egx0 the value of  $e^{\gamma^T x_0}$
- convergence an integer code: 0 indicates a successful completion; 1 indicates that the search of an optimal degree using change-point method reached the maximum candidate degree; 2 indicates that the maximum iterations was reached for calculating  $\hat{p}$  and  $\hat{\gamma}$  with the selected degree  $m$ , or the divergence of the last EM-like iteration for  $p$  or the divergence of the last (quasi) Newton iteration for  $\gamma$ ; 3 indicates 1 and 2.
- delta the final delta if  $m_0 = m_1$  or the final pval of the change-point for searching the optimal degree  $m$ ;

and, if  $m_0 < m_1$ ,

- M the vector  $(m_0, m_1)$ , where  $m_1$  is the last candidate when the search stopped
- lk log-likelihoods evaluated at  $m \in \{m_0, \dots, m_1\}$
- lr likelihood ratios for change-points evaluated at  $m \in \{m_0 + 1, \dots, m_1\}$
- pval the p-values of the change-point tests for choosing optimal model degree
- chpts the change-points chosen with the given candidate model degrees

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### References

Guan, Z. (2019) Maximum Approximate Likelihood Estimation in Accelerated Failure Time Model for Interval-Censored Data, arXiv:1911.07087.

### See Also

[maple.aft](#)

### Examples

```
## Breast Cosmesis Data
bcos=cosmesis
bcos2<-data.frame(bcos[,1:2], x=1*(bcos$treat=="RCT"))
g <- 0.41 #Hanson and Johnson 2004, JCGS
aft.res<-mable.aft(cbind(left, right)~x, data=bcos2, M=c(1, 30), g=g, tau=100, x0=1)
op<-par(mfrow=c(1,2), lwd=1.5)
plot(x=aft.res, which="likelihood")
plot(x=aft.res, y=data.frame(x=0), which="survival", model='aft', type="l", col=1,
     add=FALSE, main="Survival Function")
plot(x=aft.res, y=data.frame(x=1), which="survival", model='aft', lty=2, col=1)
legend("bottomleft", bty="n", lty=1:2, col=1, c("Radiation Only", "Radiation and Chemotherapy"))
par(op)
```

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`mable.ctrl`*Control parameters for mable fit*

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**Description**

Control parameters for mable fit

**Usage**

```
mable.ctrl(  
  sig.level = 0.01,  
  eps = 1e-07,  
  maxit = 5000L,  
  eps.em = 1e-07,  
  maxit.em = 5000L,  
  eps.nt = 1e-07,  
  maxit.nt = 100L,  
  tini = 1e-04  
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>sig.level</code>	the significance level for change-point method of choosing optimal model degree
<code>eps</code>	convergence criterion for iteration involves EM like and Newton-Raphson iterations
<code>maxit</code>	maximum number of iterations involve EM like and Newton-Raphson iterations
<code>eps.em</code>	convergence criterion for EM like iteration
<code>maxit.em</code>	maximum number of EM like iterations
<code>eps.nt</code>	convergence criterion for Newton-Raphson iteration
<code>maxit.nt</code>	maximum number of Newton-Raphson iterations
<code>tini</code>	a small positive number used to make sure initial p is in the interior of the simplex

**Value**

a list of the arguments' values

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mable.decon

*Mable deconvolution with a known error density*


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## Description

Maximum approximate Bernstein/Beta likelihood estimation in additive density deconvolution model with a known error density.

## Usage

```
mable.decon(
  y,
  gn = NULL,
  ...,
  M,
  interval = c(0, 1),
  IC = c("none", "aic", "hqic", "all"),
  vanished = TRUE,
  controls = mable.ctrl(maxit.em = 1e+05, eps.em = 1e-05, maxit.nt = 100, eps.nt = 1e-10),
  progress = TRUE
)
```

## Arguments

y	vector of observed data values
gn	error density function if known, default is NULL if unknown
...	additional arguments to be passed to gn
M	a vector (m0, m1) specifies the set of consecutive candidate model degrees, M = m0:m1. If gn is unknown then M a 2 x 2 matrix whose rows (m0, m1) and (k0, k1) specify lower and upper bounds for degrees m and k, respectively.
interval	a finite vector (a, b), the endpoints of supporting/truncation interval if gn is known. Otherwise, it is a 2 x 2 matrix whose rows (a, b) and (a1, b1) specify supporting/truncation intervals of X and $\epsilon$ , respectively. See Details.
IC	information criterion(s) in addition to Bayesian information criterion (BIC). Current choices are "aic" (Akaike information criterion) and/or "hqic" (Hannan–Quinn information criterion).
vanished	logical whether the unknown error density vanishes at both end-points of [a1, b1]
controls	Object of class <code>mable.ctrl()</code> specifying iteration limit and other control options. Default is <code>mable.ctrl</code> .
progress	if TRUE a text progressbar is displayed

## Details

Consider the additive measurement error model  $Y = X + \epsilon$ , where  $X$  has an unknown distribution  $F$  on a known support  $[a, b]$ ,  $\epsilon$  has a known or unknown distribution  $G$ , and  $X$  and  $\epsilon$  are independent. We want to estimate density  $f = F'$  based on independent observations,  $y_i = x_i + \epsilon_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , of  $Y$ . We approximate  $f$  by a Bernstein polynomial model on  $[a, b]$ . If  $g = G'$  is unknown on a known support  $[a_1, b_1]$ , then we approximate  $g$  by a Bernstein polynomial model on  $[a_1, b_1]$ ,  $a_1 < 0 < b_1$ . We assume  $E(\epsilon) = 0$ . AIC and BIC methods are used to select model degrees  $(m, k)$ .

## Value

A mable class object with components, if  $g$  is known,

- $M$  the vector  $(m_0, m_1)$ , where  $m_1$  is the last candidate degree when the search stopped
- $m$  the selected optimal degree  $m$
- $p$  the estimate of  $p = (p_0, \dots, p_m)$ , the coefficients of Bernstein polynomial of degree  $m$
- $lk$  log-likelihoods evaluated at  $m \in \{m_0, \dots, m_1\}$
- $lr$  likelihood ratios for change-points evaluated at  $m \in \{m_0 + 1, \dots, m_1\}$
- $convergence$  An integer code. 0 indicates an optimal degree is successfully selected in  $M$ . 1 indicates that the search stopped at  $m_1$ .
- $ic$  a list containing the selected information criterion(s)
- $pval$  the p-values of the change-point tests for choosing optimal model degree
- $chpts$  the change-points chosen with the given candidate model degrees

if  $g$  is unknown,

- $M$  the 2 x 2 matrix with rows  $(m_0, m_1)$  and  $(k_0, k_1)$
- $nu\_aic$  the selected optimal degrees  $(m, k)$  using AIC method
- $p\_aic$  the estimate of  $p = (p_0, \dots, p_m)$ , the coefficients of Bernstein polynomial model for  $f$  of degree  $m$  as in  $nu\_aic$
- $q\_aic$  the estimate of  $q = (q_0, \dots, q_k)$ , the coefficients of Bernstein polynomial model for  $g$  of degree  $k$  as in  $nu\_aic$
- $nu\_bic$  the selected optimal degrees  $(m, k)$  using BIC method
- $p\_bic$  the estimate of  $p = (p_0, \dots, p_m)$ , the coefficients of Bernstein polynomial model for  $f$  of degree  $m$  as in  $nu\_bic$
- $q\_bic$  the estimate of  $q = (q_0, \dots, q_k)$ , the coefficients of Bernstein polynomial model for  $g$  of degree  $k$  as in  $nu\_bic$
- $lk$  matrix of log-likelihoods evaluated at  $m \in \{m_0, \dots, m_1\}$  and  $k \in \{k_0, \dots, k_1\}$
- $aic$  a matrix containing the Akaike information criterion(s) at  $m \in \{m_0, \dots, m_1\}$  and  $k \in \{k_0, \dots, k_1\}$
- $bic$  a matrix containing the Bayesian information criterion(s) at  $m \in \{m_0, \dots, m_1\}$  and  $k \in \{k_0, \dots, k_1\}$

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## References

Guan, Z., (2019) Fast Nonparametric Maximum Likelihood Density Deconvolution Using Bernstein Polynomials, *Statistica Sinica*, doi:10.5705/ss.202018.0173

## Examples

```
# A simulated normal dataset
set.seed(123)
mu<-1; sig<-2; a<-mu-sig*5; b<-mu+sig*5;
gn<-function(x) dnorm(x, 0, 1)
n<-50;
x<-rnorm(n, mu, sig); e<-rnorm(n); y<-x+e;
res<-mable.decon(y, gn, interval = c(a, b), M = c(5, 50))
op<-par(mfrow = c(2, 2),lwd = 2)
plot(res, which="likelihood")
plot(res, which="change-point", lgd.x="topright")
plot(xx<-seq(a, b, length=100), yy<-dnorm(xx, mu, sig), type="l", xlab="x",
      ylab="Density", ylim=c(0, max(yy)*1.1))
plot(res, which="density", types=c(2,3), colors=c(2,3))
# kernel density based on pure data
lines(density(x), lty=4, col=4)
legend("topright", bty="n", lty=1:4, col=1:4,
c(expression(f), expression(hat(f)[cp]), expression(hat(f)[bic]), expression(tilde(f)[K])))
plot(xx, yy<-pnorm(xx, mu, sig), type="l", xlab="x", ylab="Distribution Function")
plot(res, which="cumulative", types=c(2,3), colors=c(2,3))
legend("bottomright", bty="n", lty=1:3, col=1:3,
      c(expression(F), expression(hat(F)[cp]), expression(hat(F)[bic])))
par(op)
```

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mable.dr

*MABLE in Density Ratio Model*


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## Description

Maximum approximate Bernstein/Beta likelihood estimation in a density ratio model based on two-sample raw data.

## Usage

```
mable.dr(
  x,
  y,
  M,
  regr,
  ...,
  interval = c(0, 1),
  alpha = NULL,
```

```

vb = 0,
baseline = NULL,
controls = mable.ctrl(),
progress = TRUE,
message = FALSE
)

```

### Arguments

<code>x, y</code>	original two sample raw data, codex:"Control", y: "Case".
<code>M</code>	a positive integer or a vector ( <code>m0</code> , <code>m1</code> ).
<code>regr</code>	regressor vector function $r(x) = (1, r_1(x), \dots, r_d(x))$ which returns $n \times (d+1)$ matrix, $n=\text{length}(x)$
<code>...</code>	additional arguments to be passed to <code>regr</code>
<code>interval</code>	a vector ( <code>a, b</code> ) containing the endpoints of supporting/truncation interval of <code>x</code> and <code>y</code> .
<code>alpha</code>	initial regression coefficient, missing value is imputed by logistic regression
<code>vb</code>	code for vanishing boundary constraints, -1: $f_0(a)=0$ only, 1: $f_0(b)=0$ only, 2: both, 0: none (default).
<code>baseline</code>	the working baseline, "Control" or "Case", if NULL it is chosen to the one with smaller estimated lower bound for model degree.
<code>controls</code>	Object of class <code>mable.ctrl()</code> specifying iteration limit and the convergence criterion for EM and Newton iterations. Default is <code>mable.ctrl</code> . See Details.
<code>progress</code>	logical: should a text progressbar be displayed
<code>message</code>	logical: should warning messages be displayed

### Details

Suppose that `x` ("control") and `y` ("case") are independent samples from  $f_0$  and  $f_1$  which samples satisfy  $f_1(x)=f_0(x)\exp[\alpha_0+\alpha'r(x)]$  with  $r(x)=(r_1(x), \dots, r_d(x))$ . Maximum approximate Bernstein/Beta likelihood estimates of  $(\alpha_0, \alpha)$ ,  $f_0$  and  $f_1$  are calculated. If support is  $(a, b)$  then replace  $r(x)$  by  $r[a+(b-a)x]$ . For a fixed  $m$ , using the Bernstein polynomial model for baseline  $f_0$ , MABLEs of  $f_0$  and parameters  $\alpha$  can be estimated by EM algorithm and Newton iteration. If estimated lower bound  $m_b$  for  $m$  based on `y` is smaller than that based on `x`, then switch `x` and `y` and  $f_1$  is used as baseline. If  $M=m$  or  $m_0=m_1=m$ , then  $m$  is a preselected degree. If  $m_0 < m_1$  it specifies the set of consecutive candidate model degrees  $m_0:m_1$  for searching an optimal degree by the change-point method, where  $m_1 - m_0 > 3$ .

### Value

A list with components

- `m` the given or a selected degree by method of change-point
- `p` the estimated vector of mixture proportions  $p = (p_0, \dots, p_m)$  with the given or selected degree `m`
- `alpha` the estimated regression coefficients

- mloglik the maximum log-likelihood at degree m
- interval support/truncation interval (a, b)
- baseline ="control" if  $f_0$  is used as baseline, or ="case" if  $f_1$  is used as baseline.
- M the vector (m0, m1), where m1, if greater than m0, is the largest candidate when the search stoped
- lk log-likelihoods evaluated at  $m \in \{m_0, \dots, m_1\}$
- lr likelihood ratios for change-points evaluated at  $m \in \{m_0 + 1, \dots, m_1\}$
- pval the p-values of the change-point tests for choosing optimal model degree
- chpts the change-points chosen with the given candidate model degrees

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### References

Guan, Z., Maximum Approximate Bernstein Likelihood Estimation of Densities in a Two-sample Semiparametric Model

### Examples

```
# Hosmer and Lemeshow (1989):
# ages and the status of coronary disease (CHD) of 100 subjects
x<-c(20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 26, 28, 28, 29, 30, 30, 30, 30, 30, 32,
32, 33, 33, 34, 34, 34, 34, 34, 35, 35, 36, 36, 37, 37, 38, 38, 39,
40, 41, 41, 42, 42, 42, 43, 43, 44, 44, 45, 46, 47, 47, 48, 49,
49, 50, 51, 52, 55, 57, 57, 58, 60, 64)
y<-c(25, 30, 34, 36, 37, 39, 40, 42, 43, 44, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48,
48, 49, 50, 52, 53, 53, 54, 55, 55, 56, 56, 56, 57, 57, 57, 57,
58, 58, 59, 59, 60, 61, 62, 62, 63, 64, 65, 69)
regr<-function(x) cbind(1,x)
chd.mable<-mable.dr(x, y, M=c(1, 15), regr, interval = c(20, 70))
chd.mable
```

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mable.dr.group

*Mable fit of the density ratio model based on grouped data*

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### Description

Maximum approximate Bernstein/Beta likelihood estimation in a density ratio model based on two-sample grouped data.

**Usage**

```
mable.dr.group(
  t,
  n0,
  n1,
  M,
  regr,
  ...,
  interval = c(0, 1),
  alpha = NULL,
  vb = 0,
  controls = mable.ctrl(),
  progress = TRUE,
  message = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

t	cutpoints of class intervals
n0, n1	frequencies of two sample data grouped by the classes specified by t. <code>coden0:"Control", n1: "Case"</code> .
M	a positive integer or a vector ( <code>m0, m1</code> ).
regr	regressor vector function $r(x) = (1, r_1(x), \dots, r_d(x))$ which returns $n \times (d+1)$ matrix, $n=\text{length}(x)$
...	additional arguments to be passed to regr
interval	a vector (a,b) containing the endpoints of supporting/truncation interval of x and y.
alpha	a given regression coefficient, missing value is imputed by logistic regression
vb	code for vanishing boundary constraints, -1: $f_0(a)=0$ only, 1: $f_0(b)=0$ only, 2: both, 0: none (default).
controls	Object of class <code>mable.ctrl()</code> specifying iteration limit and the convergence criterion for EM and Newton iterations. Default is <code>mable.ctrl</code> . See Details.
progress	logical: should a text progressbar be displayed
message	logical: should warning messages be displayed

**Details**

Suppose that  $n_0$  ("control") and  $n_1$  ("case") are frequencies of independent samples grouped by the classes  $t$  from  $f_0$  and  $f_1$  which satisfy  $f_1(x)=f_0(x)\exp[\alpha_0+\alpha r(x)]$  with  $r(x)=(r_1(x), \dots, r_d(x))$ . Maximum approximate Bernstein/Beta likelihood estimates of  $(\alpha_0, \alpha)$ ,  $f_0$  and  $f_1$  are calculated. If support is (a,b) then replace  $r(x)$  by  $r[a+(b-a)x]$ . For a fixed  $m$ , using the Bernstein polynomial model for baseline  $f_0$ , MABLEs of  $f_0$  and parameters  $\alpha$  can be estimated by EM algorithm and Newton iteration. If estimated lower bound  $m_b$  for  $m$  based on  $n_1$  is smaller than that based on  $n_0$ , then switch  $n_0$  and  $n_1$  and use  $f_1$  as baseline. If  $M=m$  or  $m_0=m_1=m$ , then  $m$  is a preselected degree. If  $m_0 < m_1$  it specifies the set of consecutive candidate model degrees  $m_0:m_1$  for searching an optimal degree by the change-point method, where  $m_1 - m_0 > 3$ .

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mable.group	<i>Mable fit of one-sample grouped data by an optimal or a preselected model degree</i>
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### Description

Maximum approximate Bernstein/Beta likelihood estimation based on one-sample grouped data with an optimal selected by the change-point method among  $m_0:m_1$  or a preselected model degree  $m$ .

### Usage

```
mable.group(
  x,
  breaks,
  M,
  interval = c(0, 1),
  IC = c("none", "aic", "hqic", "all"),
  vb = 0,
  controls = mable.ctrl(),
  progress = TRUE
)
```

### Arguments

x	vector of frequencies
breaks	class interval end points
M	a positive integer or a vector ( $m_0, m_1$ ). If $M = m$ or $m_0 = m_1 = m$ , then $m$ is a preselected degree. If $m_0 < m_1$ it specifies the set of consecutive candidate model degrees $m_0:m_1$ for searching an optimal degree, where $m_1 - m_0 > 3$ .
interval	a vector containing the endpoints of support/truncation interval
IC	information criterion(s) in addition to Bayesian information criterion (BIC). Current choices are "aic" (Akaike information criterion) and/or "hqic" (Hannan–Quinn information criterion).
vb	code for vanishing boundary constraints, -1: $f_0(a)=0$ only, 1: $f_0(b)=0$ only, 2: both, 0: none (default).
controls	Object of class <code>mable.ctrl()</code> specifying iteration limit and the convergence criterion eps. Default is <code>mable.ctrl</code> . See Details.
progress	if TRUE a text progressbar is displayed

### Details

Any continuous density function  $f$  on a known closed supporting interval  $[a, b]$  can be estimated by Bernstein polynomial  $f_m(x; p) = \sum_{i=0}^m p_i \beta_{mi}[(x-a)/(b-a)]/(b-a)$ , where  $p = (p_0, \dots, p_m)$ ,  $p_i \geq 0$ ,  $\sum_{i=0}^m p_i = 1$  and  $\beta_{mi}(u) = (m+1) \binom{m}{i} u^i (1-u)^{m-i}$ ,  $i = 0, 1, \dots, m$ , is the beta density

with shapes  $(i+1, m-i+1)$ . For each  $m$ , the MABLE of the coefficients  $p$ , the mixture proportions, are obtained using EM algorithm. The EM iteration for each candidate  $m$  stops if either the total absolute change of the log likelihood and the coefficients of Bernstein polynomial is smaller than `eps` or the maximum number of iterations `maxit` is reached.

If  $m_0 < m_1$ , an optimal model degree is selected as the change-point of the increments of log-likelihood, log likelihood ratios, for  $m \in \{m_0, m_0 + 1, \dots, m_1\}$ . Alternatively, one can choose an optimal degree based on the BIC (Schwarz, 1978) which are evaluated at  $m \in \{m_0, m_0 + 1, \dots, m_1\}$ . The search for optimal degree  $m$  is stopped if either  $m_1$  is reached with a warning or the test for change-point results in a p-value `pval` smaller than `sig.level`. The BIC for a given degree  $m$  is calculated as in Schwarz (1978) where the dimension of the model is  $d = \#\{i : \hat{p}_i \geq \epsilon, i = 0, \dots, m\} - 1$  and a default  $\epsilon$  is chosen as `.Machine$double.eps`.

## Value

A list with components

- `m` the given or a selected degree by method of change-point
- `p` the estimated  $p$  with degree  $m$
- `mloglik` the maximum log-likelihood at degree  $m$
- `interval` supporting interval  $(a, b)$
- `convergence` An integer code. 0 indicates successful completion (all the EM iterations are convergent and an optimal degree is successfully selected in `M`). Possible error codes are
  - 1, indicates that the iteration limit `maxit` had been reached in at least one EM iteration;
  - 2, the search did not finish before `m1`.
- `delta` the convergence criterion `delta` value

and, if  $m_0 < m_1$ ,

- `M` the vector  $(m_0, m_1)$ , where  $m_1$ , if greater than  $m_0$ , is the largest candidate when the search stopped
- `lk` log-likelihoods evaluated at  $m \in \{m_0, \dots, m_1\}$
- `lr` likelihood ratios for change-points evaluated at  $m \in \{m_0 + 1, \dots, m_1\}$
- `ic` a list containing the selected information criterion(s)
- `pval` the p-values of the change-point tests for choosing optimal model degree
- `chpts` the change-points chosen with the given candidate model degrees

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## References

Guan, Z. (2017) Bernstein polynomial model for grouped continuous data. *Journal of Nonparametric Statistics*, 29(4):831-848.

**See Also**[mable.ic](#)**Examples**

```
## Chicken Embryo Data
data(chicken.embryo)
a<-0; b<-21
day<-chicken.embryo$day
nT<-chicken.embryo$nT
Day<-rep(day,nT)
res<-mable.group(x=nT, breaks=a:b, M=c(2,100), interval=c(a, b), IC="aic",
  controls=mable.ctrl(sig.level=1e-6, maxit=2000, eps=1.0e-7))
op<-par(mfrow=c(1,2), lwd=2)
layout(rbind(c(1, 2), c(3, 3)))
plot(res, which="likelihood")
plot(res, which="change-point")
fk<-density(x=rep((0:20)+.5, nT), bw="sj", n=101, from=a, to=b)
hist(Day, breaks=seq(a,b, length=12), freq=FALSE, col="grey",
  border="white", main="Histogram and Density Estimates")
plot(res, which="density",types=1:2, colors=1:2)
lines(fk, lty=2, col=2)
legend("topright", lty=c(1:2), c("MABLE", "Kernel"), bty="n", col=c(1:2))
par(op)
```

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mable.ic

*Mable fit based on one-sample interval censored data*


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**Description**

Maximum approximate Bernstein/Beta likelihood estimation of density and cumulative/survival distributions functions based on interval censored event time data.

**Usage**

```
mable.ic(
  data,
  M,
  pi0 = NULL,
  tau = Inf,
  IC = c("none", "aic", "hqic", "all"),
  controls = mable.ctrl(),
  progress = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

data	a dataset either data.frame or an $n \times 2$ matrix.
M	an positive integer or a vector $(m_0, m_1)$ . If $M = m$ or $m_0 = m_1 = m$ , then $m$ is a preselected degree. If $m_0 < m_1$ it specifies the set of consecutive candidate model degrees $m_0:m_1$ for searching an optimal degree, where $m_1 - m_0 > 3$ .
pi0	Initial guess of $\pi = F(\tau_n)$ . Without right censored data, $pi0 = 1$ . See 'Details'.
tau	right endpoint of support $[0, \tau)$ must be greater than or equal to the maximum observed time
IC	information criterion(s) in addition to Bayesian information criterion (BIC). Current choices are "aic" (Akaike information criterion) and/or "qhic" (Hannan-Quinn information criterion).
controls	Object of class <code>mable.ctrl()</code> specifying iteration limit and other control options. Default is <code>mable.ctrl</code> .
progress	if TRUE a text progressbar is displayed

**Details**

Let  $f(t)$  and  $F(t) = 1 - S(t)$  be the density and cumulative distribution functions of the event time, respectively. Then  $f(t)$  on  $[0, \tau_n]$  can be approximated by  $f_m(t; p) = \tau_n^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^m p_i \beta_{mi}(t/\tau_n)$ , where  $p_i \geq 0$ ,  $i = 0, \dots, m$ ,  $\sum_{i=0}^m p_i = 1 - p_{m+1}$ ,  $\beta_{mi}(u)$  is the beta density with shapes  $i + 1$  and  $m - i + 1$ , and  $\tau_n$  is the largest observed time, either uncensored time, or right endpoint of interval/left censored, or left endpoint of right censored time. We can approximate  $S(t)$  on  $[0, \tau]$  by  $S_m(t; p) = \sum_{i=0}^{m+1} p_i \bar{B}_{mi}(t/\tau)$ , where  $\bar{B}_{mi}(u)$ ,  $i = 0, \dots, m$ , is the beta survival function with shapes  $i + 1$  and  $m - i + 1$ ,  $\bar{B}_{m,m+1}(t) = 1$ ,  $p_{m+1} = 1 - \pi$ , and  $\pi = F(\tau_n)$ . For data without right-censored time,  $p_{m+1} = 1 - \pi = 0$ . The search for optimal degree  $m$  is stopped if either  $m_1$  is reached or the test for change-point results in a p-value `pval` smaller than `sig.level`.

Each row of data,  $(l, u)$ , is the interval containing the event time. Data is uncensored if  $l = u$ , right censored if  $u = \text{Inf}$  or  $u = \text{NA}$ , and left censored data if  $l = 0$ .

**Value**

a class 'mable' object with components

- `p` the estimated  $p$  with degree  $m$  selected by the change-point method
- `mloglik` the maximum log-likelihood at an optimal degree  $m$
- `interval` support/truncation interval  $(\theta, b)$
- `M` the vector  $(m_0, m_1)$ , where  $m_1$  is the last candidate when the search stopped
- `m` the selected optimal degree by the method of change-point
- `lk` log-likelihoods evaluated at  $m \in \{m_0, \dots, m_1\}$
- `lr` likelihood ratios for change-points evaluated at  $m \in \{m_0 + 1, \dots, m_1\}$
- `tau.n` maximum observed time  $\tau_n$
- `tau` right endpoint of support  $[0, \tau)$
- `ic` a list containing the selected information criterion(s)



- pval the p-values of the change-point tests for choosing optimal model degree
- chpts the change-points chosen with the given candidate model degrees
- convergence an integer code. 0 indicates successful completion(the iteration is convergent). 1 indicates that the maximum candidate degree had been reached in the calculation;
- delta the final pval of the change-point for selecting the optimal degree m;

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### References

Guan, Z. (2019) Maximum Approximate Bernstein Likelihood Estimation in Proportional Hazard Model for Interval-Censored Data, arXiv:1906.08882 .

### See Also

[mable.group](#)

### Examples

```
library(mable)
bcos=cosmesis
bc.res0<-mable.ic(bcos[bcos$treat=="RT",1:2], M=c(1,50), IC="none")
bc.res1<-mable.ic(bcos[bcos$treat=="RCT",1:2], M=c(1,50), IC="none")
op<-par(mfrow=c(2,2),lwd=2)
plot(bc.res0, which="change-point", lgd.x="right")
plot(bc.res1, which="change-point", lgd.x="right")
plot(bc.res0, which="survival", add=FALSE, xlab="Months", ylim=c(0,1), main="Radiation Only")
legend("topright", bty="n", lty=1:2, col=1:2, c(expression(hat(S)[CP]),
expression(hat(S)[BIC])))
plot(bc.res1, which="survival", add=FALSE, xlab="Months", main="Radiation and Chemotherapy")
legend("topright", bty="n", lty=1:2, col=1:2, c(expression(hat(S)[CP]),
expression(hat(S)[BIC])))
par(op)
```

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mable.mvar

*Maximum Approximate Bernstein Likelihood Estimate of Multivariate Density Function*

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### Description

Maximum Approximate Bernstein Likelihood Estimate of Multivariate Density Function

**Usage**

```
mable.mvar(
  x,
  M0 = 1,
  M,
  search = TRUE,
  interval = NULL,
  mar.deg = TRUE,
  high.dim = FALSE,
  criterion = c("cdf", "pdf"),
  controls = mable.ctrl(),
  progress = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	an $n \times d$ matrix or data.frame of multivariate sample of size $n$
<code>M0</code>	a positive integer or a vector of $d$ positive integers specify starting candidate degrees for searching optimal degrees.
<code>M</code>	a positive integer or a vector of $d$ positive integers specify the maximum candidate or the given model degrees for the joint density.
<code>search</code>	logical, whether to search optimal degrees between <code>M0</code> and <code>M</code> or not but use <code>M</code> as the given model degrees for the joint density.
<code>interval</code>	a vector of two endpoints or a $2 \times d$ matrix, each column containing the endpoints of support/truncation interval for each marginal density. If missing, the $i$ -th column is assigned as $c(\min(x[, i]), \max(x[, i]))$ .
<code>mar.deg</code>	logical, if TRUE, the optimal degrees are selected based on marginal data, otherwise, the optimal degrees are those minimize the maximum L2 distance between marginal cdf or pdf estimated based on marginal data and the joint data. See details.
<code>high.dim</code>	logical, data are high dimensional/large sample or not if TRUE, run a slower version procedure which requires less memory
<code>criterion</code>	either cdf or pdf should be used for selecting optimal degrees. Default is "cdf"
<code>controls</code>	Object of class <code>mable.ctrl()</code> specifying iteration limit and the convergence criterion eps. Default is <code>mable.ctrl</code> . See Details.
<code>progress</code>	if TRUE a text progressbar is displayed

**Details**

A  $d$ -variate density  $f$  on a hyperrectangle  $[a, b] = [a_1, b_1] \times \cdots \times [a_d, b_d]$  can be approximated by a mixture of  $d$ -variate beta densities on  $[a, b]$ ,  $\beta_{mj}(x) = \prod_{i=1}^d \beta_{m_i, j_i}[(x_i - a_i)/(b_i - a_i)]/(b_i - a_i)$ , with proportion  $p(j_1, \dots, j_d)$ ,  $0 \leq j_i \leq m_i, i = 1, \dots, d$ . Let  $\hat{F}_i(f_i)$  be an estimate with degree  $\tilde{m}_i$  of the  $i$ -th marginal cdf (pdf) based on marginal data  $x[, i], i = 1, \dots, d$ . If `search=TRUE` and `use.marginal=TRUE`, then the optimal degrees are  $(\tilde{m}_1, \dots, \tilde{m}_d)$ . If `search=TRUE` and `use.marginal=FALSE`,

then the optimal degrees  $(\hat{m}_1, \dots, \hat{m}_d)$  are those that minimize the maximum of  $L_2$ -distance between  $\tilde{F}_i(\tilde{f}_i)$  and the estimate of  $F_i(f_i)$  based on the joint data with degrees  $m = (m_1, \dots, m_d)$  for all  $m$  between  $M_0$  and  $M$  if `criterion="cdf"` (`criterion="pdf"`).

For large data and multimodal density, the search for the model degrees is very time-consuming. In this case, it is suggested that the degrees are selected based on marginal data using [mable](#) or [optimable](#).

## Value

A list with components

- `m` a vector of the selected optimal degrees by the method of change-point
- `p` a vector of the mixture proportions  $p(j_1, \dots, j_d)$ , arranged in the column-major order of  $j = (j_1, \dots, j_d)$ ,  $0 \leq j_i \leq m_i, i = 1, \dots, d$ .
- `mloglik` the maximum log-likelihood at an optimal degree `m`
- `pval` the p-values of change-points for choosing the optimal degrees for the marginal densities
- `M` the vector  $(m_1, m_2, \dots, m_d)$ , where  $m_i$  is the largest candidate degree when the search stopped for the  $i$ -th marginal density
- `interval` support hyperrectangle  $[a, b] = [a_1, b_1] \times \dots \times [a_d, b_d]$
- `convergence` An integer code. 0 indicates successful completion(the EM iteration is convergent). 1 indicates that the iteration limit `maxit` had been reached in the EM iteration;

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## References

Wang, T. and Guan, Z.,(2019) Bernstein Polynomial Model for Nonparametric Multivariate Density, *Statistics*, Vol. 53, no. 2, 321-338

## See Also

[mable](#), [optimable](#)

## Examples

```
## Old Faithful Data

a<-c(0, 40); b<-c(7, 110)
ans<- mable.mvar(faithful, M = c(46,19), search =FALSE,
                interval = rbind(a,b), progress=FALSE)
plot(ans, which="density")
plot(ans, which="cumulative")
```

mable.ph

*Mable fit of Cox's proportional hazards regression model***Description**

Maximum approximate Bernstein/Beta likelihood estimation in Cox's proportional hazards regression model based on interal censored event time data.

**Usage**

```
mable.ph(
  formula,
  data,
  M,
  g = NULL,
  p = NULL,
  pi0 = NULL,
  tau = Inf,
  x0 = NULL,
  controls = mable.ctrl(),
  progress = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

formula	regression formula. Response must be cbind. See 'Details'.
data	a dataset
M	a positive integer or a vector (m0, m1). If M = m or m0 = m1, then m0 is a preselected degree. If m0 < m1 it specifies the set of consecutive candidate model degrees m0:m1 for searching an optimal degree, where m1 - m0 > 3.
g	initial guess of $d$ -vector of regression coefficients. See 'Details'.
p	an initial coefficients of Bernstein polynomial model of degree m0, default is the uniform initial.
pi0	Initial guess of $\pi(x_0) = F(\tau_n   x_0)$ . Without right censored data, pi0 = 1. See 'Details'.
tau	right endpoint of support $[0, \tau)$ must be greater than or equal to the maximum observed time
x0	a working baseline covariate. See 'Details'.
controls	Object of class <code>mable.ctrl()</code> specifying iteration limit and other control options. Default is <code>mable.ctrl</code> .
progress	if TRUE a text progressbar is displayed

## Details

Consider Cox's PH model with covariate for interval-censored failure time data:  $S(t|x) = S(t|x_0)^{\exp(\gamma^T(x-x_0))}$ , where  $x_0$  satisfies  $\gamma^T(x-x_0) \geq 0$ . Let  $f(t|x)$  and  $F(t|x) = 1 - S(t|x)$  be the density and cumulative distribution functions of the event time given  $X = x$ , respectively. Then  $f(t|x_0)$  on  $[0, \tau_n]$  can be approximated by  $f_m(t|x_0, p) = \tau_n^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^m p_i \beta_{mi}(t/\tau_n)$ , where  $p_i \geq 0$ ,  $i = 0, \dots, m$ ,  $\sum_{i=0}^m p_i = 1 - p_{m+1}$ ,  $\beta_{mi}(u)$  is the beta density with shapes  $i + 1$  and  $m - i + 1$ , and  $\tau_n$  is the largest observed time, either uncensored time, or right endpoint of interval/left censored, or left endpoint of right censored time. So we can approximate  $S(t|x_0)$  on  $[0, \tau_n]$  by  $S_m(t|x_0; p) = \sum_{i=0}^{m+1} p_i \bar{B}_{mi}(t/\tau_n)$ , where  $\bar{B}_{mi}(u)$ ,  $i = 0, \dots, m$ , is the beta survival function with shapes  $i + 1$  and  $m - i + 1$ ,  $\bar{B}_{m,m+1}(t) = 1$ ,  $p_{m+1} = 1 - \pi(x_0)$ , and  $\pi(x_0) = F(\tau_n|x_0)$ . For data without right-censored time,  $p_{m+1} = 1 - \pi(x_0) = 0$ .

Response variable should be of the form `cbind(1, u)`, where  $(1, u)$  is the interval containing the event time. Data is uncensored if  $1 = u$ , right censored if  $u = \text{Inf}$  or  $u = \text{NA}$ , and left censored data if  $1 = 0$ . The associated covariate contains  $d$  columns. The baseline  $x_0$  should be chosen so that  $\gamma^T(x-x_0)$  is nonnegative for all the observed  $x$  and all  $\gamma$  in a neighborhood of its true value.

A missing initial value of `g` is imputed by `ic_sp()` of package `icenReg`.

The search for optimal degree  $m$  stops if either `m1` is reached or the test for change-point results in a `p-value` `pval` smaller than `sig.level`. This process takes longer than `maple.ph` to select an optimal degree.

## Value

A list with components

- `m` the selected/preselected optimal degree  $m$
- `p` the estimate of  $p = (p_0, \dots, p_m, p_{m+1})$ , the coefficients of Bernstein polynomial of degree  $m$
- `coefficients` the estimated regression coefficients of the PH model
- `SE` the standard errors of the estimated regression coefficients
- `z` the z-scores of the estimated regression coefficients
- `mloglik` the maximum log-likelihood at an optimal degree  $m$
- `tau.n` maximum observed time  $\tau_n$
- `tau` right endpoint of support  $[0, \tau)$
- `x0` the working baseline covariates
- `egx0` the value of  $e^{\gamma^T x_0}$
- `convergence` an integer code, 1 indicates either the EM-like iteration for finding maximum likelihood reached the maximum iteration for at least one  $m$  or the search of an optimal degree using change-point method reached the maximum candidate degree, 2 indicates both occurred, and 0 indicates a successful completion.
- `delta` the final `delta` if `m0 = m1` or the final `pval` of the change-point for searching the optimal degree  $m$ ;

and, if `m0 < m1`,

- `M` the vector  $(m_0, m_1)$ , where `m1` is the last candidate degree when the search stopped

- lk log-likelihoods evaluated at  $m \in \{m_0, \dots, m_1\}$
- lr likelihood ratios for change-points evaluated at  $m \in \{m_0 + 1, \dots, m_1\}$
- pval the p-values of the change-point tests for choosing optimal model degree
- chpts the change-points chosen with the given candidate model degrees

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Guan, Z. Maximum Approximate Bernstein Likelihood Estimation in Proportional Hazard Model for Interval-Censored Data, *Statistics in Medicine*. 2020; 1–21. <https://doi.org/10.1002/sim.8801>.

### See Also

[maple.ph](#)

### Examples

```
# Ovarian Cancer Survival Data
require(survival)
fuptime2<-ovarian$fuptime
fuptime2[ovarian$fustat==0]<-Inf
ovarian2<-data.frame(age=ovarian$age, fuptime1=ovarian$fuptime,
  fuptime2=fuptime2)
ova<-mable.ph(cbind(fuptime1, fuptime2) ~ age, data = ovarian2,
  M=c(2,35), g=.16, x0=35)
op<-par(mfrow=c(2,2))
plot(ova, which = "likelihood")
plot(ova, which = "change-point")
plot(ova, y=data.frame(age=60), which="survival", add=FALSE, type="l",
  xlab="Days", main="Age = 60")
plot(ova, y=data.frame(age=65), which="survival", add=FALSE, type="l",
  xlab="Days", main="Age = 65")
par(op)
```

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mable.reg

*Mable fit of semiparametric regression model based on interval censored data*

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### Description

Wrapping all codemable fit of regression models in one function. Using maximum approximate Bernstein/Beta likelihood estimation to fit semiparametric regression models: Cox ph model, proportional odds(po) model, accelerated failure time model, and so on.

**Usage**

```
mable.reg(
  formula,
  data,
  model = c("ph", "aft"),
  M,
  g = NULL,
  pi0 = NULL,
  tau = Inf,
  x0 = NULL,
  eta = 1,
  controls = mable.ctrl(),
  progress = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

formula	regression formula. Response must be of the form <code>cbind(1, u)</code> . See 'Details'.
data	a dataset
model	the model to fit. Current options are "ph" (Cox PH) or "aft" (accelerated failure time model)
M	a vector ( $m_0$ , $m_1$ ) specifies the set of consecutive integers as candidate degrees
g	an initial guess of the regression coefficients
pi0	Initial guess of $\pi(x_0) = F(\tau_n x_0)$ . Without right censored data, $\text{pi0} = 1$ . See 'Details'.
tau	right endpoint of support $[0, \tau)$ must be greater than or equal to the maximum observed time
x0	a working baseline covariate. See 'Details'.
eta	the given positive value of $\eta$ . Used when <code>model="po"</code> .
controls	Object of class <code>mable.ctrl()</code> specifying iteration limit and other control options. Default is <code>mable.ctrl</code> .
progress	if TRUE a text progressbar is displayed

**Details**

For "ph" model a missing initial guess of the regression coefficients `g` is obtained by `ic_sp()` of package `icenReg`. For "aft" model a missing `g` is imputed by the rank estimate `aftsrr()` of package `aftgee` for right-censored data. For general interval censored observations, we keep the right-censored but replace the finite interval with its midpoint and fit the data by `aftsrr()` as a right-censored data.

**Value**

A 'mable\_reg' class object

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**See Also**

[mable.aft](#), [mable.ph](#)

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maple.aft

*Mable fit of AFT model with given regression coefficients*

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**Description**

Maximum approximate profile likelihood estimation of Bernstein polynomial model in accelerated failure time based on interval censored event time data with given regression coefficients which are efficient estimates provided by other semiparametric methods.

**Usage**

```
maple.aft(
  formula,
  data,
  M,
  g,
  tau = NULL,
  p = NULL,
  x0 = NULL,
  controls = mable.ctrl(),
  progress = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

formula	regression formula. Response must be cbind. See 'Details'.
data	a dataset
M	a positive integer or a vector (m0, m1). If M = m0 or m0 = m1, then m0 is a pre-selected degree. If m0 < m1 it specifies the set of consecutive candidate model degrees m0:m1 for searching an optimal degree, where m1 - m0 > 3.
g	the given <i>d</i> -vector of regression coefficients.
tau	the right endpoint of the support or truncation interval $[0, \tau)$ of the baseline density. Default is NULL (unknown), otherwise if tau is given then it is taken as a known value of $\tau$ . See 'Details'.
p	an initial coefficients of Bernstein polynomial of degree m0, default is the uniform initial.
x0	a working baseline covariate $x_0$ , default is zero vector. See 'Details'.
controls	Object of class <code>mable.ctrl()</code> specifying iteration limit and other control options. Default is <code>mable.ctrl</code> .
progress	if TRUE a text progressbar is displayed



## Details

Consider the accelerated failure time model with covariate for interval-censored failure time data:  $S(t|x) = S(t \exp(\gamma^T(x - x_0))|x_0)$ , where  $x_0$  is a baseline covariate. Let  $f(t|x)$  and  $F(t|x) = 1 - S(t|x)$  be the density and cumulative distribution functions of the event time given  $X = x$ , respectively. Then  $f(t|x_0)$  on a support or truncation interval  $[0, \tau]$  can be approximated by  $f_m(t|x_0; p) = \tau^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^m p_i \beta_{mi}(t/\tau)$ , where  $p_i \geq 0$ ,  $i = 0, \dots, m$ ,  $\sum_{i=0}^m p_i = 1$ ,  $\beta_{mi}(u)$  is the beta density with shapes  $i + 1$  and  $m - i + 1$ , and  $\tau$  is larger than the largest observed time, either uncensored time, or right endpoint of interval/left censored, or left endpoint of right censored time. We can approximate  $S(t|x_0)$  on  $[0, \tau]$  by  $S_m(t|x_0; p) = \sum_{i=0}^m p_i \bar{B}_{mi}(t/\tau)$ , where  $\bar{B}_{mi}(u)$  is the beta survival function with shapes  $i + 1$  and  $m - i + 1$ .

Response variable should be of the form `cbind(1, u)`, where  $(1, u)$  is the interval containing the event time. Data is uncensored if  $1 = u$ , right censored if  $u = \text{Inf}$  or  $u = \text{NA}$ , and left censored data if  $1 = 0$ . The truncation time `tau` and the baseline `x0` should be chosen so that  $S(t|x) = S(t \exp(\gamma^T(x - x_0))|x_0)$  on  $[\tau, \infty)$  is negligible for all the observed  $x$ .

The search for optimal degree `m` stops if either `m1` is reached or the test for change-point results in a `p`-value `pval` smaller than `sig.level`.

## Value

A list with components

- `m` the selected optimal degree `m`
- `p` the estimate of  $p = (p_0, \dots, p_m)$ , the coefficients of Bernstein polynomial of degree `m`
- `coefficients` the given regression coefficients of the AFT model
- `SE` the standard errors of the estimated regression coefficients
- `z` the z-scores of the estimated regression coefficients
- `mloglik` the maximum log-likelihood at an optimal degree `m`
- `tau.n` maximum observed time  $\tau_n$
- `tau` right endpoint of truncation interval  $[0, \tau)$
- `x0` the working baseline covariates
- `egx0` the value of  $e^{\gamma^T x_0}$
- `convergence` an integer code, 1 indicates either the EM-like iteration for finding maximum likelihood reached the maximum iteration for at least one `m` or the search of an optimal degree using change-point method reached the maximum candidate degree, 2 indicates both occurred, and 0 indicates a successful completion.
- `delta` the final `delta` if `m0 = m1` or the final `pval` of the change-point for searching the optimal degree `m`;

and, if `m0 < m1`,

- `M` the vector  $(m_0, m_1)$ , where `m1` is the last candidate when the search stopped
- `lk` log-likelihoods evaluated at  $m \in \{m_0, \dots, m_1\}$
- `lr` likelihood ratios for change-points evaluated at  $m \in \{m_0 + 1, \dots, m_1\}$
- `pval` the `p`-values of the change-point tests for choosing optimal model degree
- `chpts` the change-points chosen with the given candidate model degrees

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**References**

Guan, Z. (2019) Maximum Approximate Likelihood Estimation in Accelerated Failure Time Model for Interval-Censored Data, arXiv:1911.07087.

**See Also**

[mable.aft](#)

**Examples**

```
## Breast Cosmesis Data
bcos=cosmesis
bcos2<-data.frame(bcos[,1:2], x=1*(bcos$treat=="RCT"))
g<-0.41 #Hanson and Johnson 2004, JCGS,
res1<-maple.aft(cbind(left, right)~x, data=bcos2, M=c(1,30), g=g, tau=100, x0=1)
op<-par(mfrow=c(1,2), lwd=1.5)
plot(x=res1, which="likelihood")
plot(x=res1, y=data.frame(x=0), which="survival", model='aft', type="l", col=1,
     add=FALSE, main="Survival Function")
plot(x=res1, y=data.frame(x=1), which="survival", model='aft', lty=2, col=1)
legend("bottomleft", bty="n", lty=1:2, col=1, c("Radiation Only", "Radiation and Chemotherapy"))
par(op)
```

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maple.dr

*Maximum approximate profile likelihood estimate of the density ratio model*

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**Description**

Select optimal degree with a given regression coefficients.

**Usage**

```
maple.dr(
  x,
  y,
  M,
  regr,
  ...,
  interval = c(0, 1),
  alpha = NULL,
  vb = 0,
```

```

baseline = NULL,
controls = mable.ctrl(),
progress = TRUE,
message = TRUE
)

```

### Arguments

<code>x, y</code>	original two sample raw data, codex:"Control", y: "Case".
<code>M</code>	a positive integer or a vector ( <code>m0</code> , <code>m1</code> ).
<code>regr</code>	regressor vector function $r(x) = (1, r_1(x), \dots, r_d(x))$ which returns $n \times (d+1)$ matrix, $n=\text{length}(x)$
<code>...</code>	additional arguments to be passed to <code>regr</code>
<code>interval</code>	a vector ( <code>a, b</code> ) containing the endpoints of supporting/truncation interval of <code>x</code> and <code>y</code> .
<code>alpha</code>	a given regression coefficient, missing value is imputed by logistic regression
<code>vb</code>	code for vanishing boundary constraints, -1: $f_0(a)=0$ only, 1: $f_0(b)=0$ only, 2: both, 0: none (default).
<code>baseline</code>	the working baseline, "Control" or "Case", if NULL it is chosen to the one with smaller estimated lower bound for model degree.
<code>controls</code>	Object of class <code>mable.ctrl()</code> specifying iteration limit and the convergence criterion for EM and Newton iterations. Default is <code>mable.ctrl</code> . See Details.
<code>progress</code>	logical: should a text progressbar be displayed
<code>message</code>	logical: should warning messages be displayed

### Details

Suppose that ("control") and `y` ("case") are independent samples from  $f_0$  and  $f_1$  which satisfy  $f_1(x)=f_0(x)\exp[\alpha_0+\alpha'r(x)]$  with  $r(x)=(r_1(x), \dots, r_d(x))$ . Maximum approximate Bernstein/Beta likelihood estimates of  $f_0$  and  $f_1$  are calculated with a given regression coefficients which are efficient estimates provided by other semiparametric methods such as logistic regression. If support is  $(a, b)$  then replace  $r(x)$  by  $r[a+(b-a)x]$ . For a fixed  $m$ , using the Bernstein polynomial model for baseline  $f_0$ , MABLEs of  $f_0$  and parameters  $\alpha$  can be estimated by EM algorithm and Newton iteration. If estimated lower bound  $m_b$  for  $m$  based on `y` is smaller than that based on `x`, then switch `x` and `y` and  $f_1$  is used as baseline. If  $M=m$  or  $m_0=m_1=m$ , then  $m$  is a preselected degree. If  $m_0 < m_1$  it specifies the set of consecutive candidate model degrees  $m_0:m_1$  for searching an optimal degree by the change-point method, where  $m_1 - m_0 > 3$ .

### Value

A list with components

- `m` the given or a selected degree by method of change-point
- `p` the estimated vector of mixture proportions  $p = (p_0, \dots, p_m)$  with the given or selected degree `m`
- `alpha` the given regression coefficients

- `mloglik` the maximum log-likelihood at degree `m`
- `interval` support/truncation interval  $(a, b)$
- `baseline` = "control" if  $f_0$  is used as baseline, or "case" if  $f_1$  is used as baseline.
- `M` the vector  $(m_0, m_1)$ , where  $m_1$ , if greater than  $m_0$ , is the largest candidate when the search stopped
- `lk` log-likelihoods evaluated at  $m \in \{m_0, \dots, m_1\}$
- `lr` likelihood ratios for change-points evaluated at  $m \in \{m_0 + 1, \dots, m_1\}$
- `pval` the p-values of the change-point tests for choosing optimal model degree
- `chpts` the change-points chosen with the given candidate model degrees

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### References

Guan, Z., Maximum Approximate Bernstein Likelihood Estimation of Densities in a Two-sample Semiparametric Model

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maple.dr.group

*Maximum approximate profile likelihood estimate of the density ratio model for grouped data with given regression coefficients*

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### Description

Select optimal degree of Bernstein polynomial model for grouped data with a given regression coefficients.

### Usage

```
maple.dr.group(
  t,
  n0,
  n1,
  M,
  regr,
  ...,
  interval = c(0, 1),
  alpha = NULL,
  vb = 0,
  controls = mable.ctrl(),
  progress = TRUE,
  message = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

t	cutpoints of class intervals
n0, n1	frequencies of two sample data grouped by the classes specified by t. code0:"Control", n1: "Case".
M	a positive integer or a vector (m0, m1).
regr	regressor vector function $r(x) = (1, r_1(x), \dots, r_d(x))$ which returns n x (d+1) matrix, n=length(x)
...	additional arguments to be passed to regr
interval	a vector (a,b) containing the endpoints of supporting/truncation interval of x and y.
alpha	a given regression coefficient, missing value is imputed by logistic regression
vb	code for vanishing boundary constraints, -1: f0(a)=0 only, 1: f0(b)=0 only, 2: both, 0: none (default).
controls	Object of class <code>mable.ctrl()</code> specifying iteration limit and the convergence criterion for EM and Newton iterations. Default is <code>mable.ctrl</code> . See Details.
progress	logical: should a text progressbar be displayed
message	logical: should warning messages be displayed

**Details**

Suppose that  $n_0$ ("control") and  $n_1$ ("case") are frequencies of independent samples grouped by the classes t from  $f_0$  and  $f_1$  which satisfy  $f_1(x)=f_0(x)\exp[\alpha_0+\alpha'r(x)]$  with  $r(x)=(r_1(x),\dots,r_d(x))$ . Maximum approximate Bernstein/Beta likelihood estimates of  $f_0$  and  $f_1$  are calculated with a given regression coefficients which are efficient estimates provided by other semiparametric methods such as logistic regression. If support is (a,b) then replace  $r(x)$  by  $r[a+(b-a)x]$ . For a fixed m, using the Bernstein polynomial model for baseline  $f_0$ , MABLEs of  $f_0$  and parameters alpha can be estimated by EM algorithm and Newton iteration. If estimated lower bound  $m_b$  for m based on  $n_1$  is smaller than that based on  $n_0$ , then switch  $n_0$  and  $n_1$  and use  $f_1$  as baseline. If  $M=m$  or  $m_0=m_1=m$ , then m is a preselected degree. If  $m_0 < m_1$  it specifies the set of consecutive candidate model degrees  $m_0:m_1$  for searching an optimal degree by the change-point method, where  $m_1 - m_0 > 3$ .

**Value**

A list with components

- m the given or a selected degree by method of change-point
- p the estimated vector of mixture proportions  $p = (p_0, \dots, p_m)$  with the given or selected degree m
- alpha the given regression coefficients
- mloglik the maximum log-likelihood at degree m
- interval support/truncation interval (a,b)
- baseline ="control" if  $f_0$  is used as baseline, or ="case" if  $f_1$  is used as baseline.
- M the vector (m0, m1), where m1, if greater than m0, is the largest candidate when the search stopped

- lk log-likelihoods evaluated at  $m \in \{m_0, \dots, m_1\}$
- lr likelihood ratios for change-points evaluated at  $m \in \{m_0 + 1, \dots, m_1\}$
- pval the p-values of the change-point tests for choosing optimal model degree
- chpts the change-points chosen with the given candidate model degrees

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**References**

Guan, Z., Application of Bernstein Polynomial Model to Density and ROC Estimation in a Semi-parametric Density Ratio Model

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maple.ph

*Mable fit of the PH model with given regression coefficients*

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**Description**

Maximum approximate profile likelihood estimation of Bernstein polynomial model in Cox's proportional hazards regression based on interval censored event time data with given regression coefficients which are efficient estimates provided by other semiparametric methods.

**Usage**

```
maple.ph(
  formula,
  data,
  M,
  g,
  pi0 = NULL,
  p = NULL,
  tau = Inf,
  x0 = NULL,
  controls = mable.ctrl(),
  progress = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

formula	regression formula. Response must be cbind. See 'Details'.
data	a dataset
M	a positive integer or a vector (m0, m1). If M = m0 or m0 = m1, then m0 is a pre-selected degree. If m0 < m1 it specifies the set of consecutive candidate model degrees m0:m1 for searching an optimal degree, where m1 - m0 > 3.
g	the given d-vector of regression coefficients

pi0	Initial guess of $\pi(x_0) = F(\tau_n x_0)$ . Without right censored data, pi0 = 1. See 'Details'.
p	an initial coefficients of Bernstein polynomial model of degree m0, default is the uniform initial.
tau	right endpoint of support $[0, \tau)$ must be greater than or equal to the maximum observed time
x0	a working baseline covariate. See 'Details'.
controls	Object of class <code>mable.ctrl()</code> specifying iteration limit and other control options. Default is <code>mable.ctrl</code> .
progress	if TRUE a text progressbar is displayed

### Details

Consider Cox's PH model with covariate for interval-censored failure time data:  $S(t|x) = S(t|x_0)\exp(\gamma^T(x-x_0))$ , where  $x_0$  satisfies  $\gamma^T(x-x_0) \geq 0$ . Let  $f(t|x)$  and  $F(t|x) = 1 - S(t|x)$  be the density and cumulative distribution functions of the event time given  $X = x$ , respectively. Then  $f(t|x_0)$  on  $[0, \tau_n]$  can be approximated by  $f_m(t|x_0; p) = \tau_n^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^m p_i \beta_{mi}(t/\tau_n)$ , where  $p_i \geq 0$ ,  $i = 0, \dots, m$ ,  $\sum_{i=0}^m p_i = 1 - p_{m+1}$ ,  $\beta_{mi}(u)$  is the beta density with shapes  $i+1$  and  $m-i+1$ , and  $\tau_n$  is the largest observed time, either uncensored time, or right endpoint of interval/left censored, or left endpoint of right censored time. So we can approximate  $S(t|x_0)$  on  $[0, \tau_n]$  by  $S_m(t|x_0; p) = \sum_{i=0}^{m+1} p_i \bar{B}_{mi}(t/\tau_n)$ , where  $\bar{B}_{mi}(u)$ ,  $i = 0, \dots, m$ , is the beta survival function with shapes  $i+1$  and  $m-i+1$ ,  $\bar{B}_{m,m+1}(t) = 1$ ,  $p_{m+1} = 1 - \pi(x_0)$ , and  $\pi(x_0) = F(\tau_n|x_0)$ . For data without right-censored time,  $p_{m+1} = 1 - \pi(x_0) = 0$ .

Response variable should be of the form `cbind(1, u)`, where  $(1, u)$  is the interval containing the event time. Data is uncensored if  $1 = u$ , right censored if  $u = \text{Inf}$  or  $u = \text{NA}$ , and left censored data if  $1 = \emptyset$ . The associated covariate contains  $d$  columns. The baseline  $x_0$  should chosen so that  $\gamma^T(x-x_0)$  is nonnegative for all the observed  $x$ .

The search for optimal degree  $m$  stops if either  $m_1$  is reached or the test for change-point results in a p-value `pval` smaller than `sig.level`.

### Value

a class 'mable\_reg' object, a list with components

- `M` the vector  $(m_0, m_1)$ , where  $m_1$  is the last candidate degree when the search stopped
- `m` the selected optimal degree  $m$
- `p` the estimate of  $p = (p_0, \dots, p_m, p_{m+1})$ , the coefficients of Bernstein polynomial of degree  $m$
- `coefficients` the given regression coefficients of the PH model
- `mloglik` the maximum log-likelihood at an optimal degree  $m$
- `lk` log-likelihoods evaluated at  $m \in \{m_0, \dots, m_1\}$
- `lr` likelihood ratios for change-points evaluated at  $m \in \{m_0 + 1, \dots, m_1\}$
- `tau.n` maximum observed time  $\tau_n$
- `tau` right endpoint of support  $[0, \tau)$

- $x_0$  the working baseline covariates
- $egx_0$  the value of  $e^{\gamma'x_0}$
- convergence an integer code. 0 indicates successful completion(the iteration is convergent). 1 indicates that the maximum candidate degree had been reached in the calculation;
- delta the final convergence criterion for EM iteration;
- chpts the change-points among the candidate degrees;
- pom the p-value of the selected optimal degree  $m$  as a change-point;

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### References

Guan, Z. (2019) Maximum Approximate Bernstein Likelihood Estimation in Proportional Hazard Model for Interval-Censored Data, arXiv:1906.08882 .

### See Also

[mable.ph](#)

### Examples

```
## Simulated Weibull data
require(icenReg)
set.seed(123)
simdata<-simIC_weib(70, inspections = 5, inspectLength = 1)
sp<-ic_sp(cbind(1, u) ~ x1 + x2, data = simdata)
res0<-maple.ph(cbind(1, u) ~ x1 + x2, data = simdata, M=c(2,20),
  g=sp$coefficients, tau=7)
op<-par(mfrow=c(1,2))
plot(res0, which=c("likelihood", "change-point"))
par(op)
res1<-mable.ph(cbind(1, u) ~ x1 + x2, data = simdata, M=res0$m,
  g=c(.5,-.5), tau=7)
op<-par(mfrow=c(1,2))
plot(res1, y=data.frame(x=0, x2=0), which="density", add=FALSE, type="l",
  xlab="Time", main="Desnity Function")
lines(xx<-seq(0, 7, len=512), dweibull(xx, 2,2), lty=2, col=2)
legend("topright", bty="n", lty=1:2, col=1:2, c("Estimated","True"))
plot(res1, y=data.frame(x=0, x2=0), which="survival", add=FALSE, type="l",
  xlab="Time", main="Survival Function")
lines(xx, 1-pweibull(xx, 2, 2), lty=2, col=2)
legend("topright", bty="n", lty=1:2, col=1:2, c("Estimated","True"))
par(op)
```



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marginal.p	<i>The mixing proportions of marginal distribution from the mixture of multivariate beta distribution</i>
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**Description**

The mixing proportions of marginal distribution from the mixture of multivariate beta distribution

**Usage**

```
marginal.p(p, m)
```

**Arguments**

p	the mixing proportions of the mixture of multivariate beta distribution
m	the model degrees $m=(m_1, \dots, m_d)$ of the mixture of multivariate beta distribution

**Value**

a list of mixing proportions of all the marginal distributions

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optim.gcp	<i>Choosing optimal model degree by gamma change-point method</i>
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**Description**

Choose an optimal degree using gamma change-point model with two changing shape and scale parameters.

**Usage**

```
optim.gcp(obj)
```

**Arguments**

obj	a class "mable" or 'mable_reg' object containig a vector $M = (m_0, m_1)$ , lk, log-likelihoods evaluated evaluated at $m \in \{m_0, \dots, m_1\}$
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**Value**

a list with components

- `m` the selected optimal degree  $m$
- `M` the vector  $(m_0, m_1)$ , where  $m_1$  is the last candidate when the search stopped
- `mloglik` the maximum log-likelihood at degree  $m$
- `interval` support/truncation interval  $(a, b)$
- `lk` log-likelihoods evaluated at  $m \in \{m_0, \dots, m_1\}$
- `lr` likelihood ratios for change-points evaluated at  $m \in \{m_0 + 1, \dots, m_1\}$
- `pval` the p-values of the change-point tests for choosing optimal model degree
- `chpts` the change-points chosen with the given candidate model degrees

**Examples**

```
# simulated data
p<-c(1:5,5:1)
p<-p/sum(p)
x<-rmixbeta(100, p)
res1<-mable(x, M=c(2, 50), IC="none")
m1<-res1$m[1]
res2<-optim.gcp(res1)
m2<-res2$m
op<-par(mfrow=c(1,2))
plot(res1, which="likelihood", add=FALSE)
plot(res2, which="likelihood")
#segments(m2, min(res1$lk), m2, res2$mloglik, col=4)
plot(res1, which="change-point", add=FALSE)
plot(res2, which="change-point")
par(op)
```

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optimable

*mable with degree selected by the method of moment and method of mode*

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**Description**

Maximum Approximate Bernstein/Beta Likelihood Estimation with an optimal model degree estimated by the Method of Moment

**Usage**

```

optimable(
  x,
  interval,
  m = NULL,
  mu = NULL,
  lam = NULL,
  modes = NULL,
  nmod = 1,
  ushaped = FALSE,
  maxit = 50L
)

```

**Arguments**

x	a univariate sample data in interval
interval	a closed interval $c(a, b)$ , default is $[0, 1]$
m	initial degree, default is 2 times the number of modes nmod.
mu	a vector of component means of multimodal mixture density, default is NULL for unimodal or unknown
lam	a vector of mixture proportions of same length of mu
modes	a vector of the locations of modes, if it is NULL (default) and <code>multimode::locmodes()</code>
nmod	the number of modes, if nmod=0, the lower bound for m is estimated based on mean and variance only.
ushaped	logical, whether or not the density is clearly U-shaped including J- and L-shaped with mode occurs at the endpoint of the support.
maxit	maximum iterations

**Details**

If the data show a clear uni- or multi-modal distribution, then give the value of nmod as the number of modes. Otherwise nmod=0. The degree is estimated by the iterative method of moment with an initial degree estimated by the method of mode. For multimodal density, if useful estimates of the component means mu and proportions lam are available then they can be used to give an initial degree. If the distribution is clearly U-, J-, or L-shaped, i.e., the mode occurs at the endpoint of interval, then set ushaped=TRUE. In this case the degree is estimated by the method of mode.

**Value**

A class "mable" object with components

- m the given or a selected degree by method of change-point
- p the estimated vector of mixture proportions  $p = (p_0, \dots, p_m)$  with the selected/given optimal degree m
- mloglik the maximum log-likelihood at degree m
- interval support/truncation interval (a, b)

- convergence An integer code. 0 indicates successful completion (all the EM iterations are convergent and an optimal degree is successfully selected in M). Possible error codes are
  - 1, indicates that the iteration limit `maxit` had been reached in at least one EM iteration;
  - 2, the search did not finish before `m1`.
- delta the convergence criterion `delta` value

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### Examples

```
## Old Faithful Data
x<-faithful
x1<-faithful[,1]
x2<-faithful[,2]
a<-c(0, 40); b<-c(7, 110)
mu<-(apply(x,2,mean)-a)/(b-a)
s2<-apply(x,2,var)/(b-a)^2
# mixing proportions
lambda<-c(mean(x1<3),mean(x2<65))
# guess component mean
mu1<-(c(mean(x1[x1<3]), mean(x2[x2<65]))-a)/(b-a)
mu2<-(c(mean(x1[x1>=3]), mean(x2[x2>=65]))-a)/(b-a)
# estimate lower bound for m
mb<-ceiling((mu*(1-mu)-s2)/(s2-lambda*(1-lambda)*(mu1-mu2)^2)-2)
mb
m1<-optimable(x1, interval=c(a[1],b[1]), nmod=2, modes=c(2,4.5))$m
m2<-optimable(x2, interval=c(a[2],b[2]), nmod=2, modes=c(52.5,80))$m
m1;m2
erupt1<-mable(x1, M=mb[1], interval=c(a[1],b[1]))
erupt2<-mable(x1, M=m1, interval=c(a[1],b[1]))
wait1<-mable(x2, M=mb[2],interval=c(a[2],b[2]))
wait2<-mable(x2, M=m2,interval=c(a[2],b[2]))
ans1<- mable.mvar(faithful, M = mb, search =FALSE, interval = cbind(a,b))
ans2<- mable.mvar(faithful, M = c(m1,m2), search =FALSE, interval = cbind(a,b))
op<-par(mfrow=c(1,2), cex=0.8)
hist(x1, probability = TRUE, col="grey", border="white", main="",
      xlab="Eruptions", ylim=c(0,.65), las=1)
plot(erupt1, add=TRUE,"density")
plot(erupt2, add=TRUE,"density",lty=2,col=2)
legend("topleft", lty=c(1,2),col=1:2, bty="n", cex=.7,
      c(expression(paste("m = ", m[b])),expression(paste("m = ", hat(m)))))
hist(x2, probability = TRUE, col="grey", border="white", main="",
      xlab="Waiting", las=1)
plot(wait1, add=TRUE,"density")
plot(wait2, add=TRUE,"density",lty=2,col=2)
legend("topleft", lty=c(1,2),col=1:2, bty="n", cex=.7,
      c(expression(paste("m = ", m[b])),expression(paste("m = ", hat(m)))))
par(op)
op<-par(mfrow=c(1,2), cex=0.7)
```

```
plot(ans1, which="density", contour=TRUE)
plot(ans2, which="density", contour=TRUE, add=TRUE, lty=2, col=2)
plot(ans1, which="cumulative", contour=TRUE)
plot(ans2, which="cumulative", contour=TRUE, add=TRUE, lty=2, col=2)
par(op)
```

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pancreas

*Pancreatic Cancer Biomarker Data*

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### Description

Contain sera measurements from 51 control patients with pancreatitis and 90 case patients with pancreatic cancer at the Mayo Clinic with a cancer antigen, CA125, and with a carbohydrate antigen, CA19-9 (Wieand, et al, 1989)

### Usage

```
data(pancreas)
```

### Format

A data frame with 141 rows and 3 variables.

- ca199. CA19-9 levels
- ca125. CA125 levels
- status. 0 = controls (non-cancer) and 1 = cases (cancer).

### Source

Wieand, S., Gail, M. H., James, B. R., and James, K.L. (1989). A family of nonparametric statistics for comparing diagnostic markers with paired or unpaired data. *Biometrika*, 76, 585–592.

### References

Wieand, S., Gail, M. H., James, B. R., and James, K.L. (1989). A family of nonparametric statistics for comparing diagnostic markers with paired or unpaired data. *Biometrika*, 76, 585–592.

### Examples

```
data(pancreas)
```

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plot.mable	<i>Plot method for class 'mable'</i>
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### Description

Plot method for class 'mable'

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'mable'
plot(
  x,
  which = c("density", "cumulative", "survival", "likelihood", "change-point", "all"),
  add = FALSE,
  contour = FALSE,
  lgd.x = NULL,
  lgd.y = NULL,
  nx = 512,
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

x	Class "mable" object return by mablem, mable, mablem.group or mable.group functions which contains p, mloglik, and M = m0:m1, lk, lr,
which	indicates which graphs to plot, options are "density", "cumulative", "likelihood", "change-point", "all". If not "all", which can contain more than one options.
add	logical add to an existing plot or not
contour	logical plot contour or not for two-dimensional data
lgd.x, lgd.y	coordinates of position where the legend is displayed
nx	number of evaluations of density, or cumulative distribution curve to be plotted.
...	additional arguments to be passed to the base plot function

### Value

The data used for 'plot()', 'lines()', or 'persp()' are returned invisibly.

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plot.mable\_reg            *Plot method for class 'mable\_reg'*

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### Description

Plot method for class 'mable\_reg'

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'mable_reg'
plot(
  x,
  y,
  newdata = NULL,
  ntime = 512,
  xlab = "Time",
  which = c("survival", "likelihood", "change-point", "density", "all"),
  add = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

x	a class 'mable_reg' object return by functions such as mable.ph which contains M, coefficients, p, m, x0, tau.n, tau.lk, lr.
y	a new data.frame of covariate value(s) as row(s), whose columns are arranged in the same order as in the formula called by the function that returned the object x.
newdata	a new data.frame (ignored if y is included), imputed by the working baseline x0 if both missing.
ntime	number of evaluations of density, survival or cumulative distribution curve to be plotted.
xlab	x-axis label
which	indicates which graphs to plot, options are "survival", "likelihood", "change-point", "density", or "all". If not "all", which can contain more than one options.
add	logical add to an existing plot or not
...	additional arguments to be passed to the base plot function

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se.coef.dr

*Standard errors of coefficients in density ratio model***Description**

Bootstrap estimates of standard errors for the regression coefficients which are estimated by maximum approximate Bernstein/Beta likelihood estimation method in a density ratio model based on two-sample raw data.

**Usage**

```
se.coef.dr(
  obj,
  grouped = FALSE,
  B = 500L,
  parallel = FALSE,
  ncore = NULL,
  controls = mable.ctrl()
)
```

**Arguments**

obj	Class 'mable_dr' object return by <code>mable.dr</code> or <code>mable.dr.group</code> functions
grouped	logical: are data grouped or not.
B	number of bootstrap runs.
parallel	logical: do parallel or not.
ncore	number of cores used for parallel computing. Default is half of availables.
controls	Object of class <code>mable.ctrl()</code> specifying iteration limit and the convergence criterion for EM and Newton iterations. Default is <code>mable.ctrl</code> . See Details.

**Details**

Bootstrap method is used based on bootstrap samples generated from the MABLE's of the densities  $f_0$  and  $f_1$ . The bootstrap samples are fitted by the Bernstein polynomial model and the `glm()` to obtain bootstrap versions of coefficient estimates.

**Value**

the estimated standard errors



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summary.mable	<i>Summary methods for classes 'mable' and 'mable_reg'</i>
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**Description**

Produces a summary of a mable fit.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'mable'
summary(object, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'mable_reg'
summary(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	Class "mable" or 'mable_reg' object return by mable or mable.xxxx functions
...	for future methods

**Value**

Invisibly returns its argument, object.

**Examples**

```
## Breast Cosmesis Data
bcos=cosmesis
bcos2<-data.frame(bcos[,1:2], x=1*(bcos$treat=="RCT"))
aft.res<-mable.aft(cbind(left, right)~x, data=bcos2, M=c(1, 30), g=.41,
  tau=100, x0=1)
summary(aft.res)
```

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Vaal.Flow	<i>Vaal River Annual Flow Data</i>
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**Description**

The annual flow data of Vaal River at Standerton as given by Table 1.1 of Linhart and Zucchini (1986) give the flow in millions of cubic metres.

**Usage**

```
data(Vaal.Flow)
```

**Format**

The format is: int [1:65] 222 1094 452 1298 882 988 276 216 103 490 ...

**References**

Linhart, H., and Zucchini, W., *Model Selection*, Wiley Series in Probability and Mathematical Statistics: Applied Probability and Statistics, New York: John Wiley and Sons Inc, 1986.

**Examples**

```
data(Vaal.Flow)
```

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