

# Package ‘swfdr’

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**Description** This package allows users to estimate the science-wise false discovery rate from Jager and Leek, ``Empirical estimates suggest most published medical research is true," 2013, Biostatistics, using an EM approach due to the presence of rounding and censoring. It also allows users to estimate the proportion of true null hypotheses in the presence of covariates, using a regression framework, as per Boca and Leek, ``A direct approach to estimating false discovery rates conditional on covariates," 2018, PeerJ.

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BMI\_GIANT\_GWAS\_sample *Subset of SNPs from meta-analysis of BMI GWAS study.*

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### Description

A dataset containing 50,000 SNPs and results for their associations with BMI.

### Usage

```
data(BMI_GIANT_GWAS_sample)
```

### Format

A data frame with 50,000 rows and 9 variables:

**SNP** ID for SNP (single nucleotide polymorphism)

**A1** Allele 1 for SNP

**A2** Allele 2 for SNP

**Freq\_MAF\_Hapmap** Frequency of minor allele (MAF) in Hapmap project

**b** Estimated beta for association between SNP and BMI

**se** Estimated standard error (se) for association between SNP and BMI

**p** P-value for association between SNP and BMI

**N** Total sample size considered for association of SNP and BMI

**Freq\_MAF\_Int\_Hapmap** Three approximately equal intervals for the Hapmap MAFs

### Value

Object of class `tbl_df`, `tbl`, `data.frame`.

### Source

[https://www.broadinstitute.org/collaboration/giant/index.php/GIANT\\_consortium\\_data\\_files#GWAS\\_Anthropometric\\_2015\\_BMI](https://www.broadinstitute.org/collaboration/giant/index.php/GIANT_consortium_data_files#GWAS_Anthropometric_2015_BMI)

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calculateSwfdr	<i>Calculate the science-wise FDR (swfdr)</i>
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**Description**

Calculate the science-wise FDR (swfdr)

**Usage**

```
calculateSwfdr(pValues, truncated, rounded, pi0 = 0.5, alpha = 1,
               beta = 50, numEmIterations = 100)
```

**Arguments**

pValues	Numerical vector of p-values
truncated	Vector of 0s and 1s with indices corresponding to those in pValues; 1 indicates that the p-values is truncated, 0 that it is not truncated
rounded	Vector of 0s and 1s with indices corresponding to those in pValues; 1 indicates that the p-values is rounded, 0 that it is not rounded
pi0	Initial prior probability that a hypothesis is null (default is 0.5)
alpha	Initial value of parameter alpha from Beta(alpha, beta) true positive distribution (default is 1)
beta	Initial value of parameter beta from Beta(alpha, beta) true positive distribution (default is 50)
numEmIterations	The number of EM iterations (default is 100)

**Value**

pi0	Final value of prior probability - estimated from EM - that a hypothesis is null, i.e. estimated swfdr
alpha	Final value of parameter alpha - estimated from EM - from Beta(alpha, beta) true positive distribution
beta	Final value of parameter beta - estimated from EM - from Beta(alpha, beta) true positive distribution
z	Vector of expected values of the indicator of whether the p-value is null or not - estimated from EM - for the non-rounded p-values (values of NA represent the rounded p-values)
n0	Expected number of rounded null p-values - estimated from EM - between certain cutpoints (0.005, 0.015, 0.025, 0.035, 0.045, 0.05)
n	Number of rounded p-values between certain cutpoints (0.005, 0.015, 0.025, 0.035, 0.045, 0.05)

**Examples**

```
pVals <- runif(100)
tt <- rr <- rep(0, 100)
resSwfdr <- calculateSwfdr(pValues = pVals, truncated = tt, rounded = rr, numEmIterations=100)
```

`get_number_decimals`     *Get number of decimals (i.e. return total number of digits after decimal point) for any vector of numbers in [0,1] if number of decimals <= 6*

## Description

Get number of decimals (i.e. return total number of digits after decimal point) for any vector of numbers in [0,1] if number of decimals <= 6

## Usage

```
get_number_decimals(x)
```

## Arguments

x	Numerical vector where all elements are in [0,1)
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## Value

Vector giving the number of decimals for each element in x if the number is <= 6; otherwise return 7 with a warning

## Examples

```
get_number_decimals(c(0.0006, 0.0750, 0.0420, 0.0031, 0.0001, 0.0100))
get_number_decimals(c(6*10^-4, 7.5*10^-2, 4.2*10^-2, 3.1*10^-3, 10^-4, 10^-2))
get_number_decimals(c(6.5*10^-4, 0.0100))
get_number_decimals(c(6.5e-4, 0.0100))
get_number_decimals(c(0.00065, 0.0100))
get_number_decimals(c(10^-7, 10e-7, 10e-3))
```

`journals_pVals`     *P-values from abstracts from articles in 5 biomedical journals (American Journal of Epidemiology, BMJ, JAMA, Lancet, New England Journal of Medicine), over 11 years (2000-2010).*

## Description

A dataset containing 15,653 p-values.

## Usage

```
journals_pVals
```

## Format

A tbl data frame with 15,653 rows and 5 variables:

**pvalue** P-value  
**pvalueTruncated** Equals to 1 if the p-value is truncated, 0 otherwise  
**pubmedID** Pubmed ID of the article  
**year** Year of publication  
**journal** Journal

## Value

Object of class `tbl_df`, `tbl`, `data.frame`.

## Source

Code for extracting p-values at: [inst/script/getPvalues.R](#)

<code>lm_pi0</code>	<i>Estimation of pi0, proportion of p-values consistent with a null hypothesis</i>
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## Description

Estimation of  $\pi_0$ , proportion of p-values consistent with a null hypothesis

## Usage

```
lm_pi0(p, lambda = seq(0.05, 0.95, 0.05), X, type = c("logistic",
  "linear"), smooth.df = 3, threshold = TRUE,
  smoothing = c("unit.spline", "smooth.spline"))
```

## Arguments

<code>p</code>	numeric vector, p-values
<code>lambda</code>	numeric vector, thresholds used to bin pvalues, must be in [0,1).
<code>X</code>	numeric matrix, covariates that might be related to p values (one test per row, one variable per column).
<code>type</code>	character, type of regression used to fit features to pvalues
<code>smooth.df</code>	Number of degrees of freedom when estimating $\pi_0(x)$ with a smoother.
<code>threshold</code>	logical, if TRUE, all estimates are thresholded into unit interval; if FALSE, all estimates are left as they are computed
<code>smoothing</code>	character, type of smoothing used to fit $\pi_0$

**Value**

`pi0` numerical vector of smoothed estimate of  $\pi_0(x)$ . The length is the number of rows in `X`.  
`pi0.lambda` numeric matrix of estimated  $\pi_0(x)$  for each value of `lambda`. The number of columns is the number of tests, the number of rows is the length of `lambda`.  
`lambda` numeric vector of the thresholds used in calculating `pi0.lambda`  
`pi0.smooth` (only output with `smoothing="smooth.spline"`) Matrix of fitted values from the smoother fit to the  $\pi_0(x)$  estimates at each value of `lambda` (same number of rows and columns as `pi0.lambda`)

**Examples**

```
X <- seq(-1,2,length=1000) ##covariate
pi0 <- 1/4*X + 1/2 ##probability of being null
nullI <- rbinom(1000,prob=pi0,size=1)> 0 ##generate null/alternative p-values
pValues <- rep(NA,1000) ##vector of p-values
pValues[nullI] <- runif(sum(nullI)) ##null from U(0,1)
pValues[!nullI] <- rbeta(sum(!nullI),1,2) ##alternative from Beta
pi0x <- lm_pi0(pValues, X=X)
```

**lm\_qvalue**

*Compute qvalues taking into account a matrix of covariates*

**Description**

The recipe for turning pvalues into qvalues is adapted from package 'qvalue' and articles by Storey, Tibshirani, Taylor, Siegmund.

**Usage**

```
lm_qvalue(p, X, pfdr = FALSE, pi0 = NULL,
          smoothing = c("unit.spline", "smooth.spline"), ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>p</code>	numeric vector of p-values
<code>X</code>	matrix of covariates (can be missing if <code>pi0</code> is specified instead)
<code>pfdr</code>	logical, making estimates robust for small p-values and a small sample size
<code>pi0</code>	list with <code>pi0</code> estimates from <code>lm_pi0</code>
<code>smoothing</code>	character, type of smoothing used to fit <code>pi0</code> . Note the default in this function is different than in <code>lm_pi0</code> .
<code>...</code>	other parameters (passed on to <code>lm_pi0</code> if <code>pi0</code> is not provided)

**Value**

list

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