

# Package ‘bridgedist’

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**Title** An Implementation of the Bridge Distribution with Logit-Link as  
in Wang and Louis (2003)

**Version** 0.1.0

**Description** An implementation of the bridge distribution with logit-link in  
R. In Wang and Louis (2003) <DOI:10.1093/biomet/90.4.765>, such a univariate  
bridge distribution was derived as the distribution of the random intercept that  
'bridged' a marginal logistic regression and a conditional logistic regression.  
The conditional and marginal regression coefficients are a scalar multiple  
of each other. Such is not the case if the random intercept distribution was  
Gaussian.

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**License** GPL-2

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**Imports** stats

**VignetteBuilder** knitr

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**Description**

Density, distribution function, quantile function and random generation for the bridge distribution with parameter scale. See Wang and Louis (2003).

**Usage**

```
dbridge(x, scale = 1/2, log = FALSE)
pbridge(q, scale = 1/2, lower.tail = TRUE, log.p = FALSE)
qbridge(p, scale = 1/2, lower.tail = TRUE, log.p = FALSE)
rbridge(n, scale = 1/2)
```

**Arguments**

x, q	vector of quantiles.
scale	scale parameter. The scale must be between 0 and 1. A scale of $1/\sqrt{1+3/\pi^2}$ gives unit variance.
log, log.p	logical; if TRUE, probabilities p are given as log(p).
lower.tail	logical; if TRUE (default), probabilities are $P[X \leq x]$ , otherwise, $P[X > x]$ .
p	vector of probabilities.
n	number of observations. If $\text{length}(n) > 1$ , the length is taken to be the number required.

**Details**

If scale is omitted, the default value 1/2 is assumed.

The Bridge distribution parameterized by scale has distribution function

and density

The mean is  $\mu$  and the variance is  $\pi^2(\phi^{-2} - 1)/3$ .

**Value**

dbridge gives the density, pbridge gives the distribution function, qbridge gives the quantile function, and rbridge generates random deviates.

The length of the result is determined by n for rbridge, and is the maximum of the lengths of the numerical arguments for the other functions.

The numerical arguments other than n are recycled to the length of the result. Only the first elements of the logical arguments are used.

**Note**

Consult the vignette for some figures comparing the normal, logistic, and bridge distributions.

**Source**

[dpq]bridge are calculated directly from the definitions.

rbridge uses inversion.

**References**

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**See Also**

[Distributions](#) for other standard distributions.

**Examples**

```
## Confirm unit variance for scale = 1/sqrt(1+3/pi^2)
var(rbridge(1e5, scale = 1/sqrt(1+3/pi^2))) # approximately 1
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