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**Description** There are 6 novel robust tests for equal correlation. They are all based on logistic regressions. The score statistic U is proportion to difference of two correlations based on different types of correlation in 6 methods. The ST1() is based on Pearson correlation. ST2() improved ST1() by using median absolute deviation. ST3() utilized type M correlation and ST4() used Spearman correlation. ST5() and ST6() used two different ways to combine ST3() and ST4(). We highly recommend ST5() according to the article titled "New Statistical Methods for Constructing Robust Differential Correlation Networks to characterize the interactions among microRNAs" published in Scientific Reports. Please see the reference: Yu et al. (2019) <doi:10.1038/s41598-019-40167-8>.

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fisher\_transfer\_test Test for equal correlation

#### Description

Compute p-value with Fisher's Z-transformation test. If biasCorrection is true, the corrected correlation is used. The formula is rho.corrected = rho - rho/(2\*(n-1)).

#### Usage

```
fisher_transfer_test(x1, z1, x0, z0, biasCorrection = TRUE)
```

#### Arguments

x1	a numeric vector
z1	a numeric vector with same length as x1
x0	a numeric vector
zØ	a numeric vector with same length as $x0$
biasCorrection	a boolean value

#### Value

p-value of test for testing if correlation between x1 and z1 is the same as that between x0 and z0

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#### Examples

```
x1 = ghdist(n = 100, g = 0.2, h = 0.2)
x0 = ghdist(n = 100, g = 0.2, h = 0.2)
z1 = x1 + ghdist(n = 100, g = 0.2, h = 0.2)
z0 = x0 + ghdist(n = 100, g = 0.2, h = 0.2)
p = fisher_transfer_test(x1, z1, x0, z0)
print(p)
```

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ghdist

# Description

generating varibles from g-and-h distribution

# Usage

ghdist(n, g = 0, h = 0)

# Arguments

n	the number of the varibles you want to generate
g	the parameter g of g-and-h distribution
h	the parameter h of g-and-h distribution

# Value

n varibles generated from g-and-h distribution

# Examples

x = ghdist(50, 0.2, 0.2)
print(x)

st1

Test Differential Correlation Using st1 Method

# Description

Compute p-value for the equal correlation test with Pearson correlation based on a logistic regression model corresponding to two independent groups

#### Usage

st1(x1, z1, x0, z0)

x1	a numeric vector
z1	a numeric vector with same length as $x1$
×0	a numeric vector
zØ	a numeric vector with same length as $\mathbf{x}0$

stat	Test statistic for testing if correlation between $x1$ and $z1$ is the same as that between $x0$ and $z0$
p-value	p-value of test
signedStat	Signed test statistic

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# Examples

```
x1 = ghdist(n = 100, g = 0.2, h = 0.2)
x0 = ghdist(n = 100, g = 0.2, h = 0.2)
z1 = x1 + ghdist(n = 100, g = 0.2, h = 0.2)
z0 = x0 + ghdist(n = 100, g = 0.2, h = 0.2)
p = st1(x1, z1, x0, z0)
print(p)
```

st2
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#### Test Differential Correlation Using st2 Method

# Description

Compute p-value for the equal correlation test with mad-replacing-Pearson correlation based on a logistic regression model corresponding to two independent groups

#### Usage

st2(x1, z1, x0, z0)

x1	a numeric vector
z1	a numeric vector with same length as $x1$
x0	a numeric vector
zØ	a numeric vector with same length as $\mathbf{x}0$

stat	Test statistic for testing if correlation between $x1$ and $z1$ is the same as that
	between x0 and z0
p-value	p-value of test
signedStat	Signed test statistic

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# Examples

```
x1 = ghdist(n = 100, g = 0.2, h = 0.2)
x0 = ghdist(n = 100, g = 0.2, h = 0.2)
z1 = x1 + ghdist(n = 100, g = 0.2, h = 0.2)
z0 = x0 + ghdist(n = 100, g = 0.2, h = 0.2)
p = st2(x1, z1, x0, z0)
print(p)
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#### Test Differential Correlation Using st3 Method

# Description

Compute p-value for the equal correlation test with percentage bend correlation based on a logistic regression model corresponding to two independent groups

#### Usage

st3(x1, z1, x0, z0)

x1	a numeric vector
z1	a numeric vector with same length as $x1$
x0	a numeric vector
zØ	a numeric vector with same length as $x 0$

stat	Test statistic for testing if correlation between $x1$ and $z1$ is the same as that
	between x0 and z0
p-value	p-value of test
signedStat	Signed test statistic

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# Examples

```
x1 = ghdist(n = 100, g = 0.2, h = 0.2)
x0 = ghdist(n = 100, g = 0.2, h = 0.2)
z1 = x1 + ghdist(n = 100, g = 0.2, h = 0.2)
z0 = x0 + ghdist(n = 100, g = 0.2, h = 0.2)
p = st3(x1, z1, x0, z0)
print(p)
```

st4

#### Test Differential Correlation Using st4 Method

# Description

Compute p-value for the equal correlation test with Spearman correlation based on a logistic regression model corresponding to two independent groups

#### Usage

st4(x1, z1, x0, z0)

x1	a numeric vector
z1	a numeric vector with same length as $x1$
x0	a numeric vector
zØ	a numeric vector with same length as $x 0$

stat	Test statistic for testing if correlation between $x1$ and $z1$ is the same as that
	between x0 and z0
p-value	p-value of test
signedStat	Signed test statistic

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# Examples

```
x1 = ghdist(n = 100, g = 0.2, h = 0.2)
x0 = ghdist(n = 100, g = 0.2, h = 0.2)
z1 = x1 + ghdist(n = 100, g = 0.2, h = 0.2)
z0 = x0 + ghdist(n = 100, g = 0.2, h = 0.2)
p = st4(x1, z1, x0, z0)
print(p)
```

st5

Test Differential Correlation Using st5 Method

#### Description

# Compute p-value for the equal correlation test with combination of Spearman correlation and percentage bend correlation based on a logistic regression model corresponding to two independent groups

#### Usage

st5(x1, z1, x0, z0)

x1	a numeric vector
z1	a numeric vector with same length as $x1$
x0	a numeric vector
zØ	a numeric vector with same length as $\mathbf{x}0$

stat	Test statistic for testing if correlation between $x1$ and $z1$ is the same as that
	between x0 and z0
p-value	p-value of test
signedStat	Signed test statistic

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# Examples

```
x1 = ghdist(n = 100, g = 0.2, h = 0.2)
x0 = ghdist(n = 100, g = 0.2, h = 0.2)
z1 = x1 + ghdist(n = 100, g = 0.2, h = 0.2)
z0 = x0 + ghdist(n = 100, g = 0.2, h = 0.2)
p = st5(x1, z1, x0, z0)
print(p)
```

st6

Test Differential Correlation Using st6 Method

#### Description

Compute p-value for the equal correlation test with another way to combine Spearman correlation and percentage bend correlation based on a multiple logistic regression model corresponding to two independent groups

#### Usage

st6(x1, z1, x0, z0)

x1	a numeric vector
z1	a numeric vector with same length as $x1$
x0	a numeric vector
zØ	a numeric vector with same length as $\mathbf{x}0$

p-value of test for testing if correlation between x1 and z1 is the same as that between x0 and z0

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#### Examples

```
x1 = ghdist(n = 100, g = 0.2, h = 0.2)
x0 = ghdist(n = 100, g = 0.2, h = 0.2)
z1 = x1 + ghdist(n = 100, g = 0.2, h = 0.2)
z0 = x0 + ghdist(n = 100, g = 0.2, h = 0.2)
p = st6(x1, z1, x0, z0)
print(p)
```

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