

# Package ‘distrTeach’

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Stochastics/Statistics in Secondary School

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distrTeach-package      *distrTeach – Teaching Extensions of Package distr*

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## Description

**distrTeach** provides some illustrations based on package **distr** for teaching Stochastics / Statistics in secondary school; so far the following has been implemented

- `illustrateLLT`: function for the generation of LLN - visualizations
- `illustrateCLT`: function for the generation of CLT - visualizations
- `plotCLT`: Generic function for the plotting of CLT-approximations

as well as a Tcl/Tk based demo for `illustrateCLT`

## Details

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## Classes

Teaching Classes

## Methods

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illustration:
illustrateLLT      function for the generation of LLN - visualizations
illustrateCLT      function for the generation of CLT - visualizations
plotCLT            Generic function for the plotting of CLT-approximations

```

## Demos

Demos are available — see `demo(package="distrTeach")`.

## Start-up-Banner

You may suppress the start-up banner/message completely by setting `options("StartupBanner"="off")` somewhere before loading this package by `library` or `require` in your R-code / R-session. If option `"StartupBanner"` is not defined (default) or setting `options("StartupBanner"=NULL)` or `options("StartupBanner"="complete")` the complete start-up banner is displayed. For any other value of option `"StartupBanner"` (i.e., not in `c(NULL, "off", "complete")`) only the version information is displayed. The same can be achieved by wrapping the `library` or `require` call into either `suppressStartupMessages()` or `onlytypeStartupMessages(., atypes="version")`.

As for general `packageStartupMessage`'s, you may also suppress all the start-up banner by wrapping the `library` or `require` call into `suppressPackageStartupMessages()` from **startupmsg**-version 0.5 on.

## Package versions

Note: The first two numbers of package versions do not necessarily reflect package-individual development, but rather are chosen for the `distrXXX` family as a whole in order to ease updating "depends" information.

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## References

P. Ruckdeschel, M. Kohl, T. Stabla, F. Camphausen (2006): S4 Classes for Distributions, *R News*, 6(2), 2-6. [https://CRAN.R-project.org/doc/Rnews/Rnews\\_2006-2.pdf](https://CRAN.R-project.org/doc/Rnews/Rnews_2006-2.pdf) a vignette for packages **distr**, **distrSim**, **distrTEst**,

and **distrTeach** is included into the mere documentation package **distrDoc** and may be called by `require("distrDoc");vignette("distr")` a homepage to this package is available under <https://distr.r-forge.r-project.org/> and the pages ... M. Kohl (2005): *Numerical Contributions to the Asymptotic Theory of Robustness*. PhD Thesis. Bayreuth. Available as <https://www.stamats.de/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/ThesisMKohl.pdf>

## See Also

[distr-package](#) [distrEx-package](#)

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`illustrateCLT`*Functions for Illustrating the CLT*

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### Description

Functions for generating a sequence of plots of the density and cdf of the consecutive standardized and centered sums of iid r.v. distributed according to a prescribed discrete or absolutely continuous distribution compared to the standard normal — uses the generic function `plotCLT`.

### Usage

```
illustrateCLT(Distr, len, sleep = 0)
illustrateCLT.tcl(Distr, k, Distrname)
```

### Arguments

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| <code>Distr</code>     | object of class "AbscontDistribution", "LatticeDistribution" or "DiscreteDistribution": distribution of the summands |
| <code>len</code>       | integer: up to which number of summands plots are generated  |
| <code>k</code>         | integer: number of summands for which a plot is to be generated  |
| <code>Distrname</code> | character: name of the summand distribution to be used as title in the plot  |
| <code>sleep</code>     | numeric: pause in seconds between subsequent plots   |

### Details

`illustrateCLT` generates a sequence of plots, while `illustrateCLT.tcl` may be used with Tcl/Tk-widgets as in demo `illustCLT.tcl.R`.

### Value

void

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### References

Kohl, M., Ruckdeschel, P., (2014): General purpose convolution algorithm for distributions in S4-Classes by means of FFT. *J. Statist. Softw.* **59**(4): 1-25.

### See Also

[plotCLT](#)

**Examples**

```

distriboptions("DefaultNrFFTGridPointsExponent" = 13)
illustrateCLT(Distr = Unif(), len = 10)
distriboptions("DefaultNrFFTGridPointsExponent" = 12)
illustrateCLT(Distr = Pois(lambda = 2), len = 10)
distriboptions("DefaultNrFFTGridPointsExponent" = 13)
illustrateCLT(Distr = Pois(lambda = 2)+Unif(), len = 10)
illustrateCLT.tcl(Distr = Unif(), k = 4, "Unif()")

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illustrateLLN

*Functions for Illustrating the LLN*


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**Description**

Functions for generating a sequence of plots of randomly generated replicates of  $\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$  for sums of iid r.v. distributed according to a prescribed discrete or absolutely continuous distribution. A line for the expectation and CLT based (pointwise) 95%-confidence bands are also plotted and the empirical coverage of this band by the replicated plotted so far is indicated.

**Usage**

```

illustrateLLN(Distr = Norm(), n = c(1, 3, 5, 10, 25, 50, 100, 500, 1000, 10000),
             m = 50, step = 1, sleep = 0, withConf = TRUE,
             withCover = (length(n) <= 12), withEline = TRUE, withLegend = TRUE,
             CLTorCheb = "CLT", coverage = 0.95, ..., col.Eline = "blue",
             lwd.Eline = par("lwd"), lty.Eline = par("lty"), col.Conf = "red",
             lwd.Conf = par("lwd"), lty.Conf = 2, cex.Cover = 0.7,
             cex.legend = 0.8)

```

**Arguments**

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| Distr      | object of class "UnivariateDistribution": distribution of the summands   |
| n          | vector of integers: sample sizes to be considered  |
| m          | integer: (total) number of replicates to be plotted subsequently   |
| step       | integer: number of replicates to be drawn at once  |
| sleep      | numeric: pause in seconds between subsequent plots   |
| withEline  | logical: shall a line for the limiting expectation (in case of class Cauchy instead: median) be drawn?               |
| withConf   | logical: shall (CLT-based) confidence bands be plotted?  |
| withCover  | logical: shall empirical coverage of (CLT-based) confidence bands be printed?  |
| withLegend | logical: shall a legend be included?   |
| CLTorCheb  | character: type of confidence interval —"CLT" or "Chebyshev"; partial matching is used; if this fails "CLT" is used. |
| coverage   | numerical: nominal coverage of the confidence bands —to be in (0,1)  |

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| col.Eline  | character or integer code; color for confidence bands   |
| lwd.Eline  | integer code (see <a href="#">par</a> ); line width of the confidence bands                                   |
| lty.Eline  | integer code (see <a href="#">par</a> ); line type of the confidence bands                                    |
| col.Conf   | character or integer code; color for confidence bands   |
| lwd.Conf   | integer code (see <a href="#">par</a> ); line width of the confidence bands                                   |
| lty.Conf   | integer code (see <a href="#">par</a> ); line type of the confidence bands                                    |
| cex.Cover  | magnification w.r.t. the current setting of cex to be used for empirical coverages; as in <a href="#">par</a> |
| cex.legend | magnification w.r.t. the current setting of cex to be used for the legend as in <a href="#">par</a>           |
| ...        | further arguments to be passed to <code>matplot</code> , <code>matlines</code> , <code>abline</code>          |

### Details

`illustrateLLN` generates a sequence of plots. Any parameters of `plot.default` may be passed on to this particular plot method.

There are default main titles as well as `xlab` and `ylab` annotations.

In all title arguments, the following patterns are substituted:

"%C" class of argument `x`

"%P" parameters of `x` in form of a comma-separated list of `<value>`'s coerced to character

"%Q" parameters of `x` in form of a comma-separated list of `<value>`'s coerced to character and in parenthesis — unless empty; then ""

"%N" parameters of `x` in form of a comma-separated list `<name> = <value>` coerced to character

"%A" deparsed argument `x`

"%D" time/date-string when the plot was generated

"%X" the expression  $\bar{X}_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i/n$

If not explicitly set, `col.Eline`, `col.Conf` are set to `col` if this arg is given and else to their default values as given above. Similarly for `cex`, `lwd` and `lty`.

### Value

void

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### Examples

```
illustrateLLN(Distr = Unif())
illustrateLLN(Distr = Pois(lambda = 2))
illustrateLLN(Distr = Pois(lambda = 2)+Unif())
illustrateLLN(Td(3), m = 50, col.Eline = "green", lwd = 2, cex = 0.6, main =
  "My LLN %C%Q", sub = "generated %D")
illustrateLLN(Td(3), m = 50, CLTorCheb = "Chebyshev")
illustrateLLN(Td(3), m = 50, CLTorCheb = "Chebyshev", coverage = 0.75)
```

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