

# Package ‘crandep’

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**Title** Network Analysis of Dependencies of CRAN Packages

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**Description** The dependencies of CRAN packages can be analysed in a network fashion. For each package we can obtain the packages that it depends, imports, suggests, etc. By iterating this procedure over a number of packages, we can build, visualise, and analyse the dependency network, enabling us to have a bird's-eye view of the CRAN ecosystem. One aspect of interest is the number of reverse dependencies of the packages, or equivalently the in-degree distribution of the dependency network. This can be fitted by the power law and/or an extreme value mixture distribution <[arXiv:2008.03073](https://arxiv.org/abs/2008.03073)>, of which functions are provided.

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chi_citations	<i>Citation network of CHI papers</i>
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### Description

A dataset containing the citations of conference papers of the ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI) from 1981 to 2019, obtained from the ACM digital library. The resulting citation network can be compared to the dependencies network of CRAN packages, in terms of network-related characteristics, such as degree distribution and sparsity.

### Usage

```
chi_citations
```

### Format

A data from with 21951 rows and 4 variables:

**from** the unique identifier (in the digital library) of the paper that cites other papers

**to** the unique identifier of the paper that is being cited

**year\_from** the publication year of the citing paper

**year\_to** the publication year of the cited paper

### Source

<https://dl.acm.org/conference/chi>

### See Also

[cran\\_dependencies](#)

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cran\_dependencies      *Dependencies of CRAN packages*

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### Description

A dataset containing the dependencies of various types (Imports, Depends, Suggests, LinkingTo, and their reverse counterparts) of more than 14600 packages available on CRAN as of 2020-05-09.

### Usage

```
cran_dependencies
```

### Format

A data frame with 211408 rows and 4 variables:

**from** the name of the package that introduced the dependencies

**to** the name of the package that the dependency is directed towards

**type** the type of dependency, which can take the follow values (all in lowercase): "depends", "imports", "linking to", "suggests"

**reverse** a boolean representing whether the dependency is a reverse one (TRUE) or a forward one (FALSE)

### Source

The CRAN pages of all the packages available on <https://cran.r-project.org>

### See Also

[chi\\_citations](#)

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df\_to\_graph      *Construct the giant component of the network from two data frames*

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### Description

Construct the giant component of the network from two data frames

### Usage

```
df_to_graph(edgelist, nodelist = NULL, gc = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

edgelist	A data frame with (at least) two columns: from and to
nodelist	NULL, or a data frame with (at least) one column: name, that contains the nodes to include
gc	Boolean, if 'TRUE' (default) then the giant component is extracted, if 'FALSE' then the whole graph is returned

**Value**

An igraph object & a connected graph if gc is 'TRUE'

**Examples**

```
from <- c("1", "2", "4")
to <- c("2", "3", "5")
edges <- data.frame(from = from, to = to, stringsAsFactors = FALSE)
nodes <- data.frame(name = c("1", "2", "3", "4", "5"), stringsAsFactors = FALSE)
df_to_graph(edges, nodes)
```

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dmix	<i>Probability mass function (PMF) of discrete extreme value mixture distribution</i>
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**Description**

dmix returns the PMF at x for the discrete extreme value mixture distribution.

**Usage**

```
dmix(x, u, xi1, xi2, sig, geo, phi, log = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

x	Vector of positive integers
u	Scalar, positive integer threshold
xi1	Scalar, shape parameter for values below or equal to u
xi2	Scalar, shape parameter of integer generalised Pareto distribution (IGPD), for values above u
sig	Scalar, scale parameter of IGPD, for values above u
geo	Boolean. If 'TRUE', the geometric distribution is used for the values below u. If 'FALSE', the discrete power law is used.
phi	Scalar, exceedance probability of u, between 0.0 and 1.0 exclusive
log	Boolean (default 'FALSE'), whether the PMF should be returned on the log scale.

**Value**

A numeric vector of the same length as x

**See Also**

[Smix](#) for the corresponding survival function, [dupp](#) for the probability mass function of the discrete power law.

**Examples**

```
dmix(10:15, 12, 2.0, 0.5, 1.0, TRUE, 0.2)
dmix(10:15, 12, 2.0, 0.5, 1.0, FALSE, 0.2)
dmix(10:15, 12, 2.0, 0.5, 1.0, FALSE, 0.2, TRUE)
```

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dupp

*Probability mass function (PMF) of discrete power law*


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**Description**

dupp returns the PMF at x for the discrete power law with exponent  $(1.0 / xi1 + 1.0)$ , for values greater than or equal to u.

**Usage**

```
dupp(x, u, xi1, log = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

x	Vector of positive integers
u	Scalar, non-negative integer threshold
xi1	Scalar, a positive real number representing the shape parameter
log	Boolean (default 'FALSE'), whether the PMF should be returned on the log scale.

**Details**

The PMF is proportional to  $x^{(-\alpha)}$ , where  $\alpha = 1.0 / xi1 + 1.0$ . To be a proper PMF, it is normalised by  $1/hzeta(\alpha, u)$ , where hzeta is the Hurwitz zeta function i.e.  $hzeta(y, z) = z^{(-y)} + (z+1)^{(-y)} + (z+2)^{(-y)} + \dots$ . Any values below u will have PMF equal to 0.0. That xi1 is used instead of alpha is for alignment with the parametrisation in [dmix](#), [Smix](#) and [mcmc\\_mix](#).

**Value**

A numeric vector of the same length as x

**See Also**

[Supp](#) for the corresponding survival function, [dmix](#) for the PMF of the discrete extreme value mixture distribution.

**Examples**

```
dupp(c(10,20,30,40,50), 12, 2.0, FALSE)
dupp(c(10,20,30,40,50), 12, 2.0, TRUE)
```

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get\_dep\_all\_packages *Dependencies of all CRAN packages*

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**Description**

get\_dep\_all\_packages returns the data frame of dependencies of all packages currently available on CRAN.

**Usage**

```
get_dep_all_packages()
```

**Details**

Unlike `get_dep`, there is no boolean argument `'scrape'`, as it is much faster to obtain the dependencies of all packages via `'tools::CRAN_package_db()'.`

**Value**

A data frame of dependencies of all CRAN packages

**See Also**

[get\\_dep](#) for multiple types of dependencies, and [get\\_graph\\_all\\_packages](#) for obtaining directly a network of dependencies as an `igraph` object

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
df.cran <- get_dep_all_packages()

## End(Not run)
```

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`get_dep_df`*Multiple types of dependencies*

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**Description**

`get_dep` returns a data frame of multiple types of dependencies of a package

**Usage**

```
get_dep_df(name, type, scrape = TRUE)

get_dep_all(name, type, scrape = TRUE)

get_dep(name, type, scrape = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>name</code>	String, name of the package
<code>type</code>	A character vector that contains one or more of the following dependency words: "Depends", "Imports", "LinkingTo", "Suggests", "Enhances", "Reverse depends", "Reverse imports", "Reverse linking to", "Reverse suggests", "Reverse enhances", up to letter case and space replaced by underscore. Alternatively, if 'type = "all"', all ten dependencies will be obtained.
<code>scrape</code>	Boolean. If 'TRUE' (default), the page of the package will be scraped. If 'FALSE', <code>tools::CRAN_package_db()</code> will be used. Whether the argument equals 'TRUE' or 'FALSE' should not affect the output, but only the time taken. Usually, the former is faster than the latter for a single package.

**Value**

A data frame of dependencies

**See Also**

[get\\_dep\\_all\\_packages](#) for the dependencies of all CRAN packages, and [get\\_graph\\_all\\_packages](#) for obtaining directly a network of dependencies as an `igraph` object

**Examples**

```
get_dep("dplyr", c("Imports", "Depends"))
get_dep("MASS", c("Suggests", "Depends", "Imports"), TRUE) # FALSE will give same result
```

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`get_graph_all_packages`*Graph of dependencies of all CRAN packages*

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### Description

`get_graph_all_packages` returns an igraph object representing the network of one or more types of dependencies of all CRAN packages.

### Usage

```
get_graph_all_packages(type, gc = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

<code>type</code>	A character vector that contains one or more of the following dependency words: "Depends", "Imports", "LinkingTo", "Suggests", "Enhances", "Reverse depends", "Reverse imports", "Reverse linking to", "Reverse suggests", "Reverse enhances", up to letter case and space replaced by underscore. Alternatively, if <code>'types = "all"'</code> , all ten dependencies will be obtained.
<code>gc</code>	Boolean, if <code>'TRUE'</code> (default) then the giant component is extracted, if <code>'FALSE'</code> then the whole graph is returned

### Value

An igraph object & a connected graph if `gc` is `'TRUE'`

### See Also

[get\\_dep\\_all\\_packages](#) for the dependencies of all CRAN packages in a data frame, and [df\\_to\\_graph](#) for constructing the giant component of the network from two data frames

### Examples

```
## Not run:  
g0.cran.depends <- get_graph_all_packages("depends")  
g1.cran.imports <- get_graph_all_packages("reverse imports")  
  
## End(Not run)
```



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mcmc_mix	<i>Markov chain Monte Carlo for discrete extreme value mixture distribution</i>
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### Description

mcmc\_mix returns the samples from the joint posterior of the parameters (u, xi1, xi2, sig), for fitting the discrete extreme value mixture distribution (DEVMD) to the data x. The samples are obtained using Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC).

### Usage

```
mcmc_mix(
  x,
  u,
  xi1,
  xi2,
  sig,
  geo,
  cont,
  a_phi,
  b_phi,
  a_xi1,
  b_xi1,
  m_xi2,
  s_xi2,
  a_sig,
  b_sig,
  pcont,
  N = 20000L,
  thin = 100L,
  burnin = 20000L,
  print_freq = 10000L
)
```

### Arguments

x	Vector of positive integers, representing the data
u	Scalar, initial value of the positive integer threshold
xi1	Scalar, initial value of the parameter for values below or equal to u
xi2	Scalar, initial value of the shape parameter of the integer generalised Pareto distribution (IGPD), for values above u
sig	Scalar, initial value of the scale parameter of IGPD, for values above u
geo	Boolean. If 'TRUE', the geometric distribution is used for the values below u. If 'FALSE', the discrete power law is used.

cont	Boolean, whether the continuity constraint is imposed at $u$
a_phi, b_phi, a_xi1, b_xi1, m_xi2, s_xi2, a_sig, b_sig	Scalars, representing the hyperparameters of the prior distributions of the respective parameters. See details for the specification of the priors.
pcont	Scalar, between 0.0 and 1.0, representing the prior probability of the continuity constrained version, for model selection.
N	Scalar, positive integer representing the length of the output chain i.e. the number of rows in the returned data frame
thin	Scalar, positive integer representing the thinning in the MCMC
burnin	Scalar, non-negative integer representing the burn-in of the MCMC
print_freq	Scalar, positive integer representing the frequency of printing the sampled values

### Details

In the MCMC, a componentwise Metropolis-Hastings algorithm is used. Unlike `mcmc_upp`, the threshold  $u$  is treated as a parameter in `mcmc_mix` and therefore inferred. The 8 hyperparameters are used in the following priors:  $u$  is such that the implied exceedance probability  $\text{phi} \sim \text{Uniform}(a\_phi, b\_phi)$ ;  $xi1 \sim \text{Uniform}(a\_xi1, b\_xi1)$ ;  $xi2 \sim \text{Normal}(\text{mean} = m\_xi2, \text{sd} = s\_xi2)$ ;  $\text{sig} \sim \text{Gamma}(\text{shape} = a\_sig, \text{rate} = b\_sig)$ . If  $pcont = 0.0$ , only the unconstrained version of the DEVMD is fitted; if  $pcont = 1.0$ , only the continuity constrained version is fitted. Setting  $pcont$  between 0.0 and 1.0 allows both versions to be fitted, if model selection between the two is of interest.

### Value

A data frame containing  $N$  rows and 7 columns which represent (in this order) the 4 parameters ( $u$ ,  $xi1$ ,  $xi2$ ,  $\text{sig}$ ), the implied exceedance probability ( $\text{phi}$ ), the log-posterior density ( $\text{lpost}$ ), and whether the continuity constraint is imposed ( $\text{cont}$ ).

### See Also

[mcmc\\_upp](#) for MCMC for the discrete power law.

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mcmc\_upp

*Markov chain Monte Carlo for discrete power law*

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### Description

`mcmc_upp` returns the samples from the posterior of  $xi1$ , for fitting the discrete power law to the data  $x$ . The samples are obtained using Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC).

**Usage**

```
mcmc_upp(  
  x,  
  u,  
  xi1,  
  a_xi1,  
  b_xi1,  
  N = 20000L,  
  thin = 10L,  
  burnin = 20000L,  
  print_freq = 10000L  
)
```

**Arguments**

x	Vector of positive integers, representing the data
u	Scalar, non-negative integer threshold
xi1	Scalar, initial value of the shape parameter
a_xi1	Scalar, lower bound of the uniform distribution as the prior of xi1
b_xi1	Scalar, upper bound of the uniform distribution as the prior of xi1
N	Scalar, positive integer representing the length of the output chain i.e. the number of rows in the returned data frame
thin	Scalar, positive integer representing the thinning in the MCMC
burnin	Scalar, non-negative integer representing the burn-in of the MCMC
print_freq	Scalar, positive integer representing the frequency of printing the sampled values

**Details**

In the MCMC, a componentwise Metropolis-Hastings algorithm is used. Unlike `mcmc_mix`, the threshold `u` is treated as fixed in `mcmc_upp`.

**Value**

A data frame containing `N` rows and 2 columns which represent `xi1` and the log-posterior density (`lpost`)

**See Also**

[mcmc\\_mix](#) for MCMC for the discrete extreme value mixture distribution.

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Smix

*Survival function of discrete extreme value mixture distribution*

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### Description

Smix returns the survival function at x for the discrete extreme value mixture distribution.

### Usage

```
Smix(x, u, xi1, xi2, sig, geo, phi, log = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

x	Vector of positive integers
u	Scalar, positive integer threshold
xi1	Scalar, shape parameter for values below or equal to u
xi2	Scalar, shape parameter of integer generalised Pareto distribution (IGPD), for values above u
sig	Scalar, scale parameter of IGPD, for values above u
geo	Boolean. If 'TRUE', the geometric distribution is used for the values below u. If 'FALSE', the discrete power law is used.
phi	Scalar, exceedance probability of u, between 0.0 and 1.0 exclusive
log	Boolean (default 'FALSE'), whether the survival function should be returned on the log scale.

### Value

A numeric vector of the same length as x

### See Also

[dmix](#) for the corresponding probability mass function, [Supp](#) for the survival function of the discrete power law.

### Examples

```
Smix(10:15, 12, 2.0, 0.5, 1.0, TRUE, 0.2)
Smix(10:15, 12, 2.0, 0.5, 1.0, FALSE, 0.2)
```

Supp

*Survival function of discrete power law***Description**

Supp returns the survival function at  $x$  for the discrete power law with exponent  $(1.0 / xi1 + 1.0)$ , for values greater than or equal to  $u$ .

**Usage**

```
Supp(x, u, xi1, log = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

$x$	Vector of positive integers
$u$	Scalar, non-negative integer threshold
$xi1$	Scalar, a positive real number representing the shape parameter
$log$	Boolean (default 'FALSE'), whether the survival function should be returned on the log scale.

**Details**

The survival function used is  $S(x) = \Pr(X \geq x)$ , where  $X$  is a random variable following the discrete power law. The inclusion of  $x$  in the sum means  $S(x)$  may not necessarily equal to  $\Pr(X > x)$  as the distribution is discrete. In the case of discrete power law, it can be shown that  $S(x) = \text{hzeta}(\alpha, x) / \text{hzeta}(\alpha, u)$ , where  $\text{hzeta}$  is the Hurwitz zeta function i.e.  $\text{hzeta}(y, z) = z^{-y} + (z+1)^{-y} + (z+2)^{-y} + \dots$  and  $\alpha = 1.0 / xi1 + 1.0$ . That  $xi1$  is used instead of  $\alpha$  is for alignment with the parametrisation in `dmix`, `Smix` and `mcmc_mix`.

**Value**

A numeric vector of the same length as  $x$

**See Also**

[dupp](#) for the corresponding probability mass function, [Smix](#) for the survival function of the discrete extreme value mixture distribution.

**Examples**

```
Supp(c(10, 20, 30, 40, 50), 12, 2.0)
```

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topo_sort_kahn	<i>Return a sorted vector of nodes id</i>
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**Description**

Return a sorted vector of nodes id

**Usage**

```
topo_sort_kahn(g, random = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

g	An igraph object of a DAG
random	Boolean, whether the order of selected nodes is randomised in the process

**Value**

A data frame with two columns: "id" is the names of nodes in g, and "id\_num" is the topological ordering

**Examples**

```
df0 <- data.frame(from = c("a", "b"), to = c("b", "c"), stringsAsFactors = FALSE)
g0 <- igraph::graph_from_data_frame(df0, directed = TRUE)
topo_sort_kahn(g0)
```

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