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DPH\_functions                      *The Univariate Discrete Phase-Type Distribution*

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## Description

Density, distribution function, quantile function and random generation for the univariate discrete phase-type distribution.

## Usage

dDPH(x, obj)

qDPH(p, obj)

pDPH(q, obj)

rDPH(n, obj)

rFullDPH(obj)

**Arguments**

x, q	vector of quantiles.
obj	an object of class <code>disc_phase_type</code> .
p	vector of probabilities.
n	number of observations. If <code>length(n) &gt; 1</code> , the length is taken to be the number required.

**Value**

`dDPH` gives the density, `pDPH` gives the distribution function, `qDPH` gives the quantile function, and `rDPH` generates random deviates. `rFullDPH` returns the full path of a random draw from the distribution.

The length of the result is determined by `n` for `rDPH`, 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.

**Functions**

- `dDPH`: Density function for the univariate continuous phase-type distribution.
- `qDPH`: Quantile function for the univariate discrete phase-type distribution.
- `pDPH`: Distribution function for the univariate discrete phase-type distribution.
- `rDPH`: Random number generator for the univariate discrete phase-type distribution.
- `rFullDPH`: Simulation of the full path for the univariate discrete phase-type distribution.

**See Also**

[Distributions](#) for other standard distributions.

**Examples**

```
disc_phase_type <- matrix(c(0.4, 0, 0.2,  
                           0.5, 0.3, 0.2,  
                           0, 0.7, 0.2), ncol = 3)  
Y <- DPH(disc_phase_type)  
  
dDPH(3:4, Y)  
pDPH(5, Y)  
qDPH(0.5, Y)  
set.seed(0)  
rDPH(6, Y)  
rFullDPH(Y)
```

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generator\_functions    *The phase-type distribution*

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### Description

Generator functions for the S3 classes `cont_phase_type`, `disc_phase_type`, `mult_cont_phase_type`, `mult_disc_phase_type`, which represent the different phase-type distributions.

### Usage

```
PH(subint_mat = NULL, init_probs = NULL)
DPH(subint_mat = NULL, init_probs = NULL)
MPH(subint_mat = NULL, init_probs = NULL,
     reward_mat = NULL)
MDPH(subint_mat = NULL, init_probs = NULL,
      reward_mat = NULL)
```

### Arguments

<code>subint_mat</code>	a square matrix containing the transition rates or probabilities between transient states for continuous or discrete phase-type respectively. If the phase-type is continuous, the sub-intensity matrix diagonal should only contain negative values and the row sums should be non-positive. If the phase-type is discrete, the sub-intensity matrix should only contain values between 0 and 1.
<code>init_probs</code>	a vector, a one-row matrix or NULL which gives the probabilities to start in each state. If <code>init_probs</code> is NULL, the probability to start on the first state will be 1 and 0 otherwise.
<code>reward_mat</code>	a matrix NULL(default) where each row is a reward vector, and each column corresponds to a state. It should have the same number of columns as the length of the initial probabilities.

### Details

PH, DPH, MPH and MDPH are the generator functions for the four types of phase-type distribution classes, this is, the continuous univariate, the discrete univariate, the continuous multivariate and the discrete multivariate respectively. The class is generated by supplying a sub-intensity matrix and an optional initial probability vector plus a reward matrix in the case of multivariate phase-type. If the initial probabilities are not specified, then the initial probability will be `init_probs = c(1, 0, 0, ...)` with the same length as the number of transient states.

### Value

A phase-type object of class `cont_phase_type` for PH, `disc_phase_type` for DPH, `mult_cont_phase_type` for MPH, and `mult_disc_phase_type` for MDPH. All these classes inherit from `list`.

**Examples**

```

#####
## For continuous univariate ##
#####

subintensity_matrix <- matrix(c(-1.5, 1.5, 0,
                                0, -1, 1,
                                0, 0, -0.5),
                              ncol = 3,
                              byrow = TRUE)

PH(subintensity_matrix)

#---

subintensity_matrix <- matrix(c(-1.5, 1.5, 0,
                                0, -1, 1,
                                0, 0, -0.5),
                              ncol = 3,
                              byrow = TRUE)
initial_probabilities <- c(0.9, 0.1, 0)
PH(subintensity_matrix, initial_probabilities)

#####
## For discrete univariate ##
#####

subintensity_matrix <- matrix(c(0.4, 0.24, 0.12,
                                0, 0.4, 0.2,
                                0, 0, 0.5),
                              ncol = 3,
                              byrow = TRUE)

DPH(subintensity_matrix)

#---

subintensity_matrix <- matrix(c(0.4, 0.24, 0.12,
                                0, 0.4, 0.2,
                                0, 0, 0.5),
                              ncol = 3,
                              byrow = TRUE)
initial_probabilities <- c(0.9, 0.1, 0)
DPH(subintensity_matrix, initial_probabilities)

#####
## For continuous multivariate ##
#####

subintensity_matrix <- matrix(c(-3, 2, 0,
                                0, -2, 1,

```

```

      0, 0, -1),
      nrow = 3,
      byrow = TRUE)
reward_matrix = matrix(sample(seq(0, 10, 0.1), 6), nrow = 3, ncol = 2)
initial_probabilities = c(1, 0, 0)
MPH(subintensity_matrix,
     initial_probabilities,
     reward_matrix)

##=====##
## For discrete multivariate ##
##=====##

subintensity_matrix <- matrix(c(0.4, 0.24, 0.12,
                               0, 0.4, 0.2,
                               0, 0, 0.5),
                              ncol = 3,
                              byrow = TRUE)
reward_matrix <- matrix(sample(seq(0, 10), 6), nrow = 3, ncol = 2)
initial_probabilities = c(1, 0, 0)
MDPH(subintensity_matrix,
     initial_probabilities,
     reward_mat = reward_matrix)

```

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MDPH\_functions

*The Multivariate Discrete Phase-Type Distribution*


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### Description

Density, distribution function, quantile function and random generation for the multivariate discrete phase-type distribution.

### Usage

dMDPH(x, obj)

qMDPH(p, obj)

pMDPH(q, obj)

rMDPH(n, obj)

rFullMDPH(obj)

### Arguments

x, q                    vector of quantiles.

obj            an object of class `mult_disc_phase_type`.  
 p            vector of probabilities.  
 n            number of observations. If `length(n) > 1`, the length is taken to be the number required.

### Value

`dMDPH` gives the density, `pMDPH` gives the distribution function, `qMDPH` gives the quantile function, and `rMDPH` generates random deviates. `rFullMDPH` returns the full path of a random draw from the distribution.

Each row of the result of For `dMDPH`, `pMDPH`, `qMDPH`, and `rMDPH` corresponds to each univariate reward transformation. For `dMDPH`, `qMDPH` and `pMDPH`, the inputs `x`, `p` and `q` can be matrices where in row `i` the `i`\_th reward transformation and in col `j` the `j`\_th value of `x`, `p` or `q` tested.

The length of the result is determined by `n` for `rMDPH`, 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.

### Functions

- `dMDPH`: Density function for the multivariate discrete phase-type distribution.
- `qMDPH`: Quantile function for the multivariate discrete phase-type distribution.
- `pMDPH`: Distribution function for the multivariate discrete phase-type distribution.
- `rMDPH`: Random number generator for the multivariate discrete phase-type distribution.
- `rFullMDPH`: Simulation of the full path for the multivariate discrete phase-type distribution.

### See Also

[Distributions](#) for other standard distributions.

### Examples

```
disc_phase_type <- matrix(c(0.4, 0, 0.2,
                           0.5, 0.3, 0.2,
                           0, 0.7, 0.2), ncol = 3)
R <- matrix(c(0, 1, 1,
              2, 1, 5,
              0, 1, 10,
              1, 2, 3), nrow = 3)
Y <- MDPH(disc_phase_type, reward_mat = R)

dMDPH(3:4, Y)
pMDPH(1.45, Y)
qMDPH(0.5, Y)
set.seed(0)
rMDPH(6, Y)
rFullMDPH(Y)
```

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 mean

*Mean of Phase-Type Distributions*


---

### Description

Calculates the mean of continuous, discrete and multivariate phase-type distributions, represented by the `cont_phase_type`, `disc_phase_type` and `mult_cont_phase_type` classes.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'cont_phase_type'
mean(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'disc_phase_type'
mean(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'mult_cont_phase_type'
mean(x, v = NULL, ...)

## S3 method for class 'mult_disc_phase_type'
mean(x, v = NULL, ...)
```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	a <code>cont_phase_type</code> , <code>disc_phase_type</code> , <code>mult_cont_phase_type</code> or <code>mult_disc_phase_type</code> object
<code>...</code>	other arguments passed to methods
<code>v</code>	NULL, integer or vector.

### Details

For the univariate case (`cont_phase_type` and `disc_phase_type`), the mean of the distribution is returned.

In the case of multivariate phase-type distributions three different usages can be distinguished:

- If `v = NULL` (default), the means of all the variables defined by the sub-intensity matrix are returned
- If `v` is an integer, then the mean of the variable with the specified index in the reward matrix is returned.
- If `v` is a vector, then the means of the variables defined by those indices will be returned.

### Value

This function returns a single value for the mean of univariate phase-type distributions, or a vector of means for each reward-transformed distribution of the multivariate phase-type distributions.



**Examples**

```

# For univariate continuous phase-type distributions
ph1 <- PH(matrix(c(-3, 0, 0, 1, -2, 0, 0, 1, -1), ncol = 3), c(0.25,0.25,0.5))
mean(ph1)

# For multivariate continuous phase-type distributions
subintensity_matrix <- matrix(c(-3, 0, 0,
                               2, -2, 0,
                               0, 1, -1), nrow = 3, ncol = 3)
reward_matrix = matrix(sample(seq(0, 10), 6), nrow = 3, ncol = 2)
ph2 <- MPH(subintensity_matrix, reward_mat = reward_matrix)
## Mean for both states in the reward matrix
mean(ph2)
## Mean for the first state in the reward matrix
mean(ph2, 1)
## Mean for the second state in the reward matrix
mean(ph2, 2)

```

MPH\_functions

*The Multivariate Continuous Phase-Type Distribution***Description**

Density, distribution function, quantile function and random generation for the multivariate continuous phase-type distribution.

**Usage**

```

dMPH(x, obj)

qMPH(p, obj)

pMPH(q, obj)

rMPH(n, obj)

rFullMPH(obj)

```

**Arguments**

x, q	vector of quantiles.
obj	an object of class <code>mult_cont_phase_type</code> .
p	vector of probabilities.
n	number of observations. If <code>length(n) &gt; 1</code> , the length is taken to be the number required.

**Value**

dMPH gives the density, pMPH gives the distribution function, qMPH gives the quantile function, and rMPH generates random deviates. rFullMPH returns the full path of a random draw from the distribution.

Each row of the result of For dMPH, pMPH, qMPH, and rMPH corresponds to each univariate reward transformation. For dMDPH, qMDPH and pMDPH, the inputs  $x$ ,  $p$  and  $q$  can be matrices where in row  $i$  the  $i$ \_th reward transformation and in col  $j$  the  $j$ \_th value of  $x$ ,  $p$  or  $q$  tested.

The length of the result is determined by  $n$  for rMPH, 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.

**Functions**

- dMPH: Density function for the multivariate continuous phase-type distribution.
- qMPH: Quantile function for the multivariate continuous phase-type distribution.
- pMPH: Distribution function for the multivariate continuous phase-type distribution.
- rMPH: Random number generator for the multivariate continuous phase-type distribution.
- rFullMPH: Simulation of the full path for the multivariate continuous phase-type distribution.

**See Also**

[Distributions](#) for other standard distributions.

**Examples**

```
cont_phase_type <- matrix(c(-3, 0, 1,
                          2, -3, 1,
                          1, 1, -2), ncol = 3)
R <- matrix(c(0, 1, 1, 2,
             2, 1, 5, 2,
             0, 1, 10, 2), nrow = 3, ncol=4, byrow=TRUE)
Y <- MPH(cont_phase_type, reward_mat = R)

dMPH(3:4, Y)
pMPH(1.45, Y)
qMPH(0.5, Y)
set.seed(0)
rMPH(6, Y)
rFullMPH(Y)
```

---

phase\_type\_to\_network *Phase-type distribution to network*

---

**Description**

This function converts a phase-type distribution into an igraph graph object.

**Usage**

```
phase_type_to_network(phase_type, t = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

phase\_type      an object of class disc\_phase\_type or cont\_phase\_type  
t                NULL or numeric. Sampling time for the continuous phase-type distribution.

**Value**

An igraph graph object of the phase-type distribution.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
cont_phase_type <- matrix(c(-3, 0, 1,  
                          2, -3, 1,  
                          1, 1, -2), ncol = 3)  
Y <- PH(cont_phase_type)  
Y_network <- phase_type_to_network(Y)  
set.seed(28)  
plot(Y_network, layout = layout_with_fr(Y_network, weights = rep(1, length(E(Y_network)))))  
  
## End(Not run)
```

---

PH\_functions

*The Univariate Continuous Phase-Type Distribution*

---

**Description**

Density, distribution function, quantile function and random generation for the univariate continuous phase-type distribution.

**Usage**

dPH(x, obj)

qPH(p, obj)

pPH(q, obj)

rPH(n, obj)

rFullPH(obj)

**Arguments**

x, q	vector of quantiles.
obj	an object of class <code>cont_phase_type</code> .
p	vector of probabilities.
n	number of observations. If <code>length(n) &gt; 1</code> , the length is taken to be the number required.

**Value**

dPH gives the density, pPH gives the distribution function, qPH gives the quantile function, and rPH generates random deviates. rFullPH returns the full path of a random draw from the distribution.

The length of the result is determined by n for rPH, 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.

**Functions**

- dPH: Density function for the univariate continuous phase-type distribution.
- qPH: Quantile function for the univariate continuous phase-type distribution.
- pPH: Distribution function for the univariate continuous phase-type distribution.
- rPH: Random number generator for the univariate continuous phase-type distribution.
- rFullPH: Simulation of the full path for the univariate continuous phase-type distribution.

**See Also**

[Distributions](#) for other standard distributions.

**Examples**

```
cont_phase_type <- matrix(c(-3, 0, 1,  
                           2, -3, 1,  
                           1, 1, -2), ncol = 3)  
Y <- PH(cont_phase_type)
```

```
dPH(3:4, Y)
pPH(1.45, Y)
qPH(0.5, Y)
set.seed(0)
rPH(6, Y)
rFullPH(Y)
```

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`print.cont_phase_type` *Print method for phase-type objects*

---

### **Description**

Print method for `cont_phase_type`, `disc_phase_type`, `mult_cont_phase_type` and `mult_disc_phase_type` classes.

### **Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'cont_phase_type'
print(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'disc_phase_type'
print(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'mult_cont_phase_type'
print(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'mult_disc_phase_type'
print(x, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

<code>x</code>	phase-type object
<code>...</code>	other arguments not used by this method

### **Value**

Prints the phase-type object as a list.

### **Examples**

```
subintensity_matrix <- matrix(c(-1.5, 1.5, 0,
                                0, -1, 1,
                                0, 0, -0.5),
                              ncol = 3,
                              byrow = TRUE)
ph1 <- PH(subintensity_matrix)
```

```
print(ph1)
```

---

reward\_phase\_type      *Transformation of Phase-Type Distributions via Rewards*

---

### Description

Transform a variable following a phase-type distribution according to a non-negative reward vector.

### Usage

```
reward_phase_type(phase_type, reward)
```

### Arguments

phase_type	an object of class <code>cont_phase_type</code> or <code>disc_phase_type</code> .
reward	a vector of the same length as the number of states. The vector should contain non-negative values. Rewards for the discrete phase-type distribution can only be integers.

### Details

For the reward transformation for continuous phase-type distribution, the transformation will be performed as presented in the book of Bladt and Nielsen (2017).

For the discrete phase\_type distribution is based on the PhD of Navarro (2018) and Hobolth, Bladt and Andersen (2021).

### Value

An object of class `disc_phase_type` or `cont_phase_type`.

### References

- Bladt, M., & Nielsen, B. F. (2017). *\*Matrix-exponential distributions in applied probability\** (Vol. 81). New York: Springer.
- Campillo Navarro, A. (2018). *\*Order statistics and multivariate discrete phase-type distributions\**. DTU Compute. DTU Compute PHD-2018, Vol.. 492
- Hobolth, A., Bladt, M. & Andersen, L.A. (2021). *\*Multivariate phase-type theory for the site frequency spectrum\**. ArXiv.

### See Also

[PH](#), [DPH](#)

**Examples**

```
#####
## For continuous phase-type ##
#####

subint_mat <- matrix(c(-3, 1, 1,
                      2, -3, 0,
                      1, 1, -3), ncol = 3)
init_probs <- c(0.9, 0.1, 0)
ph <- PH(subint_mat, init_probs)
reward <- c(0.5, 0, 4)

reward_phase_type(ph, reward)

#####
## For discrete phase-type ##
#####

subint_mat <- matrix(c(0.4, 0, 0,
                      0.24, 0.4, 0,
                      0.12, 0.2, 0.5), ncol = 3)
init_probs <- c(0.9, 0.1, 0)
ph <- DPH(subint_mat, init_probs)

reward <- c(1, 0, 4)

reward_phase_type(ph, reward)
```

---

```
summary.cont_phase_type
```

*Pretty summary of the cont\_phase\_type class.*

---

**Description**

Pretty summary of the cont\_phase\_type class.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'cont_phase_type'
summary(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	a cont_phase_type object
...	other arguments passed to methods

**Value**

This function prints a nicely-formatted summary of a `cont_phase_type` object. The summary includes the sub-intensity matrix, the initial probabilities, the defect, the mean and the variance of the phase-type object.

**Examples**

```
ph <- PH(matrix(c(-3, 0, 1,
                  2, -3, 1,
                  1, 1, -2), ncol = 3))

summary(ph)
```

---

```
summary.disc_phase_type
```

*Pretty summary of the disc\_phase\_type class.*

---

**Description**

Pretty summary of the `disc_phase_type` class.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'disc_phase_type'
summary(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

```
object      a disc_phase_type object
...         other arguments passed to methods
```

**Value**

This function prints a nicely-formatted summary of a `disc_phase_type` object. The summary includes the sub-intensity matrix, the initial probabilities, the defect, the mean and the variance of the phase-type object.

**Examples**

```
dph <- DPH(matrix(c(0.4, 0, 0.2,
                    0.5, 0.3, 0.2,
                    0, 0.7, 0.2), ncol = 3))

summary(dph)
```



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```
summary.mult_cont_phase_type
```

*Pretty summary of the mult\_cont\_phase\_type class.*

---

### Description

Pretty summary of the mult\_cont\_phase\_type class.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'mult_cont_phase_type'  
summary(object, ...)
```

### Arguments

object	a mult_cont_phase_type object
...	other arguments passed to methods

### Value

This function prints a nicely-formatted summary of a mult\_cont\_phase\_type object. The summary includes the sub-intensity matrix, the initial probabilities, the defect, the reward matrix, the mean and the (co)variance of the phase-type object.

### Examples

```
subint <- matrix(c(-3, 0, 1,  
                 2, -3, 1,  
                 1, 1, -2), ncol = 3)  
R <- matrix(c(0, 1, 1, 2,  
            2, 1, 5, 2,  
            0, 1, 10, 2), nrow = 3, ncol=4, byrow=TRUE)  
mph <- MPH(subint, reward_mat = R)  
  
summary(mph)
```

---

```
summary.mult_disc_phase_type
```

*Pretty summary of the mult\_dist\_phase\_type class.*

---

### Description

Pretty summary of the mult\_dist\_phase\_type class.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'mult_disc_phase_type'
summary(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

```
object      a mult_dist_phase_type object
...         other arguments passed to methods
```

**Value**

This function prints a nicely-formatted summary of a `mult_dist_phase_type` object. The summary includes the sub-intensity matrix, the initial probabilities, the defect, the reward matrix, the mean and the (co)variance of the phase-type object.

**Examples**

```
subint <- matrix(c(0.4, 0, 0.2,
                  0.5, 0.3, 0.2,
                  0, 0.7, 0.2), ncol = 3)
R <- matrix(c(0, 1, 1,
             2, 1, 5,
             0, 1, 10,
             1, 2, 3), nrow = 3)
mdph <- MDPH(subint, reward_mat = R)

summary(mdph)
```

---

var

*Variance and Covariance of Phase-Type Distributions*


---

**Description**

Calculates the (co)variance of continuous, discrete and multivariate phase-type distributions generated by PH, DPH, MPH and MDPH.

**Usage**

```
var(obj, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'cont_phase_type'
var(obj, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'disc_phase_type'
var(obj, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'mult_cont_phase_type'
```

```
var(obj, v = NULL, ...)

## S3 method for class 'mult_disc_phase_type'
var(obj, v = NULL, ...)
```

### Arguments

obj	a cont_phase_type, disc_phase_type, mult_cont_phase_type or mult_disc_phase_type object
...	other arguments passed to methods
v	NULL, integer or vector of length 2.

### Details

For the univariate case (cont\_phase\_type and disc\_phase\_type), the variance of the distribution is returned.

In the case of multivariate phase-type distributions three different usages can be distinguished:

- If  $v = \text{NULL}$  (default), then a variance-covariance matrix of all the variables specified in the reward matrix are returned, where variances are in the diagonal and covariances in the rest of the matrix element.
- If  $v$  is an integer, then the variance of the variable encoded by the  $v$  index in the reward matrix is returned.
- If  $v$  is a vector of length 2, then the covariance between the two variables encoded by the  $v$  indices in the reward matrix is returned.

### Value

The value returned is either the variance (for univariate distributions) or the variance-covariance matrix (for multivariate distributions).

### Examples

```
# For univariate continuous phase-type distributions
ph1 <- PH(matrix(c(-3, 0, 0, 1, -2, 0, 0, 1, -1), ncol = 3), c(0.25,0.25,0.5))
var(ph1)

# For multivariate continuous phase-type distributions
subintensity_matrix <- matrix(c(-3, 0, 0,
                               2, -2, 0,
                               0, 1, -1), nrow = 3, ncol = 3)
reward_matrix = matrix(sample(seq(0, 10), 6), nrow = 3, ncol = 2)
ph2 <- MPH(subintensity_matrix, reward_mat = reward_matrix)
## Variance-covariance matrix
var(ph2)
## Variance for the first state in the reward matrix
var(ph2, 1)
## Variance for the second state in the reward matrix
var(ph2, 2)
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