

Package ‘FREQ’

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FREQ-package	<i>FREQ: Estimating population size and related parameters from capture frequencies</i>
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Details

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This package uses input data from capture frequencies. There are no limitations on the number of capture occasions.

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References

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freq

capture frequencies

Description

Real capture frequencies will be fitted to a geometric, a truncated geometric, a Poisson, and a negative binomial distribution. These distributions provide the basis for estimating population sizes, their standard error, and symmetric as well as asymmetric confidence intervals. Moreover, expected values for these four distributions will be calculated allowing comparisons between real and expected capture frequencies.

Usage

`freq(fi)`

Arguments

`fi` a vector of capture frequencies with length of all (successive) sampling periods; start the vector using `c()`

Value

All measured and expected values:

All measured and expected values of actual and possible distributions

All estimated values:

All estimated values including number of individuals captured, distribution parameters, population size and respective standard error, symmetric and asymmetric 95 percent confidence interval

Warning

unused argument -> fi must be a vector starting c(a,b,c,..)

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Examples

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# In your field population, 53 individuals were captured once, 19 were captured twice,  
# 4 were captured three times, 1 was captured four times  
# and no individual was captured five or six times.  
# As there were six capture occasions, the fifth and sixth capture occasion is set to 0.  
# call your capture frequencies as follows:  
freq(c(53,19,4,1,0,0))
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