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**Description** Implements the Mittag-Leffler function, distribution,  
random variate generation, and estimation. Based on the Laplace-Inversion  
algorithm by Garrappa, R. (2015) <doi:10.1137/140971191>.

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MittagLeffleR-package *Mittag-Leffler family of distributions*

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## Description

A generalization of the exponential distribution. Contains

- the Mittag-Leffler function `mlf`
- distributions (`dml`, `pml`, `qml`) and random variate generation (`rml`)
- a log-moment estimator (`logMomentEstimator`), and maximum likelihood estimator (`mlmle`)

## Details

- [Plots of the Mittag-Leffler distributions](#)
- [Details of Mittag-Leffler random variate generation](#)
- [Probabilities and Quantiles](#)

Also see the package web page at <https://strakaps.github.io/MittagLeffleR/reference/index.html>

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## See Also

Useful links:

- <https://strakaps.github.io/MittagLeffleR/>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/strakaps/MittagLeffleR/issues>

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| logMomentEstimator | <i>Log-Moments Estimator for the Mittag-Leffler Distribution (Type 1).</i> |
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### Description

Tail and scale parameter of the Mittag-Leffler distribution are estimated by matching with the first two empirical log-moments (see Cahoy et al., doi: [10.1016/j.jspi.2010.04.016](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jspi.2010.04.016)).

### Usage

```
logMomentEstimator(x, alpha = 0.05)
```

### Arguments

|       |                                                         |
|-------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| x     | A vector of non-negative data.                          |
| alpha | Confidence intervals are calculated at level 1 - alpha. |

### Value

A named vector with entries (nu, delta, nuLo, nuHi, deltaLo, deltaHi) where nu is the tail parameter and delta the scale parameter of the Mittag-Leffler distribution, with confidence intervals (nuLo, nuHi) resp. (deltaLo, deltaHi).

### References

Cahoy, D. O., Uchaikin, V. V., & Woyczynski Wojbor, W. A. (2010). Parameter estimation for fractional Poisson processes. *Journal of Statistical Planning and Inference*, 140(11), 3106–3120. doi: [10.1016/j.jspi.2010.04.016](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jspi.2010.04.016)

Cahoy, D. O. (2013). Estimation of Mittag-Leffler Parameters. *Communications in Statistics - Simulation and Computation*, 42(2), 303–315. doi: [10.1080/03610918.2011.640094](https://doi.org/10.1080/03610918.2011.640094)

### Examples

```
logMomentEstimator(rml(n = 1000, scale = 0.03, tail = 0.84), alpha=0.95)
```

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| Mittag-Leffler | <i>Distribution functions and random number generation.</i> |
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### Description

Probability density, cumulative distribution function, quantile function and random variate generation for the two types of Mittag-Leffler distribution. The Laplace inversion algorithm by Garrappa is used for the pdf and cdf (see <https://www.mathworks.com/matlabcentral/fileexchange/48154-the-mittag-leffler-function>).

**Usage**

```

dml(x, tail, scale = 1, log = FALSE, second.type = FALSE)

pml(q, tail, scale = 1, second.type = FALSE, lower.tail = TRUE, log.p = FALSE)

qml(p, tail, scale = 1, second.type = FALSE, lower.tail = TRUE, log.p = FALSE)

rml(n, tail, scale = 1, second.type = FALSE)

```

**Arguments**

|                          |                                                                                    |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>x, q</code>        | vector of quantiles.                                                               |
| <code>tail</code>        | tail parameter.                                                                    |
| <code>scale</code>       | scale parameter.                                                                   |
| <code>log, log.p</code>  | logical; if TRUE, probabilities <code>p</code> are given as $\log(p)$ .            |
| <code>second.type</code> | logical; if FALSE (default), first type of Mittag-Leffler distribution is assumed. |
| <code>lower.tail</code>  | logical; if TRUE, probabilities are $P[X \leq x]$ otherwise, $P[X > x]$            |
| <code>p</code>           | vector of probabilities.                                                           |
| <code>n</code>           | number of random draws.                                                            |

**Details**

The Mittag-Leffler function `mlf` defines two types of probability distributions:

The **first type** of Mittag-Leffler distribution assumes the Mittag-Leffler function as its tail function, so that the CDF is given by

$$F(q; \alpha, \tau) = 1 - E_{\alpha,1}(-(q/\tau)^\alpha)$$

for  $q \geq 0$ , tail parameter  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ , and scale parameter  $\tau > 0$ . Its PDF is given by

$$f(x; \alpha, \tau) = x^{\alpha-1} E_{\alpha,\alpha}[-(x/\tau)^\alpha] / \tau^\alpha.$$

As  $\alpha$  approaches 1 from below, the Mittag-Leffler converges (weakly) to the exponential distribution. For  $0 < \alpha < 1$ , it is (very) heavy-tailed, i.e. has infinite mean.

The **second type** of Mittag-Leffler distribution is defined via the Laplace transform of its density `f`:

$$\int_0^\infty \exp(-sx) f(x; \alpha, 1) dx = E_{\alpha,1}(-s)$$

It is light-tailed, i.e. all its moments are finite. At scale  $\tau$ , its density is

$$f(x; \alpha, \tau) = f(x/\tau; \alpha, 1) / \tau.$$

**Value**

`dml` returns the density, `pml` returns the distribution function, `qml` returns the quantile function, and `rml` generates random variables.

## References

Haubold, H. J., Mathai, A. M., & Saxena, R. K. (2011). Mittag-Leffler Functions and Their Applications. Journal of Applied Mathematics, 2011, 1–51. doi: [10.1155/2011/298628](https://doi.org/10.1155/2011/298628)

Mittag-Leffler distribution. (2017, May 3). In Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia. [https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Mittag-Leffler\\_distribution&oldid=778429885](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Mittag-Leffler_distribution&oldid=778429885)

## Examples

```
dml(1, 0.8)
dml(1, 0.6, second.type=TRUE)
pml(2, 0.7, 1.5)
qml(p = c(0.25, 0.5, 0.75), tail = 0.6, scale = 100)
rml(10, 0.7, 1)
```

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| mlf | <i>Mittag-Leffler Function.</i> |
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## Description

The generalized (two-parameter) Mittag-Leffler function is defined by the power series

$$E_{\alpha,\beta}(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} z^k / \Gamma(\alpha k + \beta)$$

for complex  $z$  and complex  $\alpha, \beta$  with  $\text{Real}(\alpha) > 0$  (only implemented for real valued parameters).

## Usage

```
mlf(z, a, b = 1, g = 1)
```

## Arguments

|         |                                                             |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| z       | The argument (real-valued)                                  |
| a, b, g | Parameters of the Mittag-Leffler distribution; see Garrappa |

## Value

mlf returns the value of the Mittag-Leffler function.

## References

Garrappa, R. (2015). Numerical Evaluation of Two and Three Parameter Mittag-Leffler Functions. SIAM Journal on Numerical Analysis, 53(3), 1350–1369. doi: [10.1137/140971191](https://doi.org/10.1137/140971191)

The Mittag-Leffler function. MathWorks File Exchange. <https://au.mathworks.com/matlabcentral/fileexchange/48154-the-mittag-leffler-function>

**Examples**

```
mlf(2, 0.7)
```

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**mlmle***Maximum Likelihood Estimation of the Mittag-Leffler distribution*

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**Description**

Optimizes the bivariate loglikelihood of the Mittag-Leffler distribution via [optim](#). Uses [logMomentEstimator](#) for initial parameter values.

**Usage**

```
mlmle(data, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|                   |                                                            |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>data</code> | Vector of class "numeric"                                  |
| <code>...</code>  | Additional parameters passed on to <a href="#">optim</a> . |

**Value**

The output of [optim](#).

**Examples**

```
library(magrittr)
rml(n = 100, tail = 0.8, scale = 1000) %>% mlmle()
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