

# Package ‘ExGaussEstim’

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**Title** Quantile Maximization Likelihood Estimation and Bayesian  
Ex-Gaussian Estimation

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**Description** Presents two methods to estimate the parameters 'mu', 'sigma', and 'tau' of an ex-Gaussian distribution. Those methods are Quantile Maximization Likelihood Estimation ('QMLE') and Bayesian. The 'QMLE' method allows a choice between three different estimation algorithms for these parameters : 'neldermead' ('NEMD'), 'fminsearch' ('FMIN'), and 'nlminb' ('NLMI'). For more details about the methods you can refer at the following list: Brown, S., & Heathcote, A. (2003) <[doi:10.3758/BF03195527](https://doi.org/10.3758/BF03195527)>; McCormack, P. D., & Wright, N. M. (1964) <[doi:10.1037/h0083285](https://doi.org/10.1037/h0083285)>; Van Zandt, T. (2000) <[doi:10.3758/BF03214357](https://doi.org/10.3758/BF03214357)>; El Haj, Aret, C. (2021) <[doi:10.19139/soic-2310-5070-1251](https://doi.org/10.19139/soic-2310-5070-1251)>; Gilks, W. R., Best, N. G., & Tan, K. K. C. (1995) <[doi:10.2307/2986138](https://doi.org/10.2307/2986138)>.

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BayesianExgaussian	<i>Bayesian Ex-gaussian Estimate</i>
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### Description

Estimates the mu, sigma, and tau parameters of an ex-Gaussian distribution using a bayesian method.

### Usage

```
BayesianExgaussian(n, x, nSamples = 5000, Ti = 2500)
```

### Arguments

n	the data size
x	the data. Must be a vector, with no missing values
nSamples	number of Samples
Ti	burn-in

### Value

BayesianExgaussian() returns an object "theta" which is a list with components: estimates of mu, sigma, and tau

### References

- Brown, S., & Heathcote, A. (2003). QMLE: Fast, robust, and efficient estimation of distribution functions based on quantiles. *Behavior Research Methods, Instruments, & Computers*, **35**, 485-492.
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## Examples

```
library(gamlss.dist)
set.seed(2703)
data<-rexGAUS(n=100, mu = 500, sigma = 150, nu = 100)
BayesianExgaussian(n = 100, x = data)
```

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QMLEEstim

*Ex-Gaussian Quantile Maximum Likelihood Estimate*

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## Description

Estimates the mu, sigma, and tau parameters of an ex-Gaussian distribution. 3 different algorithms can be used : neldermead ('NEMD'), fminsearch ('FMIN') and nlminb ('NLMI').

## Usage

```
QMLEEstim(y, func)
```

## Arguments

y	the data. Must be a vector with no missing values
func	the function selected for the estimation. 'NEMD' for neldermead, 'FMIN' for fminsearch, and 'NLMI' for nlminb.

## Value

QMLEEstim() returns an object "valEstim" which is a list with components: estimates of mu, sigma, and tau

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```
library(gamlss.dist)
set.seed(2703)
data<-rexGAUS(n=100, mu = 500, sigma = 150, nu = 100)
QMLEEstim(data, 'NEMD')
```

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