

# Package ‘mvgb’

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**Title** Multivariate Probabilities of Scale Mixtures of Multivariate Normal Distributions via the Genz and Bretz (2002) QRSVN Method

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**Description** Generates multivariate subgaussian stable probabilities using the QRSVN algorithm as detailed in Genz and Bretz (2002) <[DOI:10.1198/106186002394](https://doi.org/10.1198/106186002394)> but by sampling positive stable variates not  $\chi/\sqrt{\nu}$ .

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mvgb

*Multivariate Probabilities of Scale Mixtures of Multivariate Normal Distributions*

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### Description

The QRVSN algorithm is used in a broader context: using the Genz and Bretz (2002) algorithm to calculate multivariate distribution probabilities.

### Multivariate Subgaussian Stable Distribution

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### See Also

Useful links:

- <https://github.com/swihart/mvgb>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/swihart/mvgb/issues>

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pmvss

*Multivariate Subgaussian Stable Distribution Probabilities (via positive stable variates)*

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### Description

Computes the the distribution function of the multivariate subgaussian stable distribution for arbitrary limits, alpha, shape matrices, and location vectors. This function is unlike `mvtnorm::pmvt` in two ways:

1. The QRVSN method is used for every dimension  $n$  (including bivariate and trivariate),
2. The QRVSN method on positive stable variates, not  $\chi/\sqrt{\nu}$ .

**Usage**

```

pmvss(
  lower,
  upper,
  alpha,
  Q,
  delta = rep(0, NROW(Q)),
  maxpts = 25000,
  abseps = 0.001,
  releps = 0
)

```

**Arguments**

lower	lower bounds of integration must be length n, finite
upper	upper bounds of integration must be length n, finite
alpha	real number between 0 and 2 that cannot have more than 6 digits precision. 0.123456 is okay; 0.1234567 is not. Thus alpha in [0.000001, 1.999999].
Q	shape matrix
delta	location vector must have length equal to the number of rows of Q. Defaults to the 0 vector.
maxpts	(description from FORTRAN code) INTEGER, maximum number of function values allowed. This parameter can be used to limit the time. A sensible strategy is to start with MAXPTS = 1000*N, and then increase MAXPTS if ERROR is too large. (description from mvtnorm::GenzBretz) maximum number of function values as integer. The internal FORTRAN code always uses a minimum number depending on the dimension. (for example 752 for three-dimensional problems).
abseps	absolute error tolerance
releps	relative error tolerance as double.

**Value**

Returns the variables from the MVTDST function (QRVSN algorithm):

N	INTEGER, the number of variables.
NU	INTEGER, the number of degrees of freedom. If NU < 1, then an MVN probability is computed.
LOWER	DOUBLE PRECISION, array of lower integration limits.
UPPER	DOUBLE PRECISION, array of upper integration limits.
INFIN	INTEGER, array of integration limits flags: if INFIN(I) < 0, Ith limits are (-infinity, infinity);

if INFIN(I) = 0, Ith limits are (-infinity, UPPER(I)];  
 if INFIN(I) = 1, Ith limits are [LOWER(I), infinity);  
 if INFIN(I) = 2, Ith limits are [LOWER(I), UPPER(I)].

CORREL DOUBLE PRECISION, array of correlation coefficients;  
 the correlation coefficient in row I column J of the  
 correlation matrix should be stored in  
 CORREL( J + ((I-2)\*(I-1))/2 ), for J < I.  
 The correlation matrix must be positive semi-definite.

DELTA DOUBLE PRECISION, array of non-centrality parameters.

MAXPTS INTEGER, maximum number of function values allowed. This  
 parameter can be used to limit the time. A sensible  
 strategy is to start with MAXPTS = 1000\*N, and then  
 increase MAXPTS if ERROR is too large.

ABSEPS DOUBLE PRECISION absolute error tolerance.

RELEPS DOUBLE PRECISION relative error tolerance.

error DOUBLE PRECISION estimated absolute error,  
 with 99% confidence level.

value DOUBLE PRECISION estimated value for the integral

inform INTEGER, termination status parameter:  
 if INFORM = 0, normal completion with ERROR < EPS;  
 if INFORM = 1, completion with ERROR > EPS and MAXPTS  
 function values used; increase MAXPTS to  
 decrease ERROR;  
 if INFORM = 2, N > 1000 or N < 1.  
 if INFORM = 3, correlation matrix not positive semi-definite.

RND ignore; this initializes RNG

## References

Genz, A. and Bretz, F. (2002), Methods for the computation of multivariate t-probabilities. *Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics*, **11**, 950–971.

<http://www.math.wsu.edu/faculty/genz/homepage>

<http://www.math.wsu.edu/faculty/genz/software/fort77/mvtdstpack.f>

## Examples

```
Q = structure(c(1, 0.85, 0.85, 0.85, 0.85,
               0.85, 1, 0.85, 0.85, 0.85,
               0.85, 0.85, 1, 0.85, 0.85,
               0.85, 0.85, 0.85, 1, 0.85,
```

```

      0.85, 0.85 , 0.85 , 0.85 , 1 ),
      .Dim = c(5L,5L))

## default maxpts=25000 doesn't finish with error < abseps
mvgb::pmvss(lower=rep(-1,5),
            upper=rep(1,5),
            alpha=1,
            Q=Q,
            maxpts=25000)[c("value","inform","error")]

## increase maxpts to get inform value 0 (that is, error < abseps)
mvgb::pmvss(lower=rep(-1,5),
            upper=rep(1,5),
            alpha=1,
            Q=Q,
            maxpts=25000*350)[c("value","inform","error")]

set.seed(10)
shape_matrix <- structure(c(1, 0.9, 0.9, 0.9, 0.9, 0.9, 1, 0.9, 0.9, 0.9, 0.9,
                          0.9, 1, 0.9, 0.9, 0.9, 0.9, 0.9, 1, 0.9, 0.9, 0.9, 0.9, 0.9,
                          1), .Dim = c(5L, 5L))

mvgb::pmvss(lower=rep(-2,5),
            upper=rep(2,5),
            alpha=1.7,
            Q=shape_matrix,
            delta=rep(0,5),
            maxpts=25000*30)[c("value","inform","error")]

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