

# Package ‘Peirce’

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**Description** Peirces and Chauvenets functions for removing outliers with examples and illustrations.

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**Suggests** emdbook, outliers, TeachingDemos, compositions

**License** GPL (>= 2)

**LazyLoad** yes

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 Peirce-package

*Peirce*


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### Description

Peirce and Chauvenet functions for removal of outliers. Examples and illustrations from the original papers.

### Details

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Functions for removing outliers: Peirce, Chauvenet. Other functions are provided as examples and illustrations.

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### References

Ross S (2003). Peirce's criterion for the elimination of suspect experimental data. *Journal of Engineering Technology*, 20(2), 1-12.

### Examples

```
v1 <- c(101.2, 90.0, 99.0, 102.0, 103.0, 100.2, 89.0, 98.1, 101.5, 102.0)
Peirce(v1) # 2 outliers removed
Chauvenet(v1) # 2 outliers removed
```

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 Chauvenet

*Chauvenets function to remove outliers*


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### Description

Remove outliers from a vector based on Chauvenets criterion.

### Usage

```
Chauvenet(v, loop = FALSE)
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**Arguments**

<code>v</code>	<code>v</code> vector of numeric values
<code>loop</code>	<code>loop</code> logical value; if TRUE, process will be repeated until no more values can be removed

**Details**

Calculates  $z$  value for each value in the vector (from mean and standard deviation). Then removes elements where the  $\text{erfc}$  of the  $z$  value is  $>0.5$ . ( $\text{erfc}$  = complementary error function). If `loop` = TRUE, this process will be repeated until no more values can be removed.

**Value**

A numeric vector, with outliers removed; preserves order of original vector. The vector will contain at least two values.

**References**

William Chauvenet, A Manual of Spherical and Practical Astronomy V.II, Lippincott, Philadelphia, 1st Ed (1863); Reprint of 1891 5th Ed: Dover, NY (1960).

**Examples**

```
v1 <- c( 101.2, 90.0, 99.0, 102.0, 103.0, 100.2, 89.0, 98.1, 101.5, 102.0)
Chauvenet(v1) # 2 outliers removed
Chauvenet(v1, loop=TRUE) # 8 outliers removed (the maximum)
```

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<code>libor</code>	<i>bbalibor</i> function to remove outliers then return mean of those remaining.
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**Description**

Remove outliers from a vector based on `bbalibor` criterion, then calculate mean of those remaining. Number removed is based on length of vector.

- If 15-18, 4 highest and lowest removed.
- If 11-14, 3 highest and lowest removed.
- If 8-10, 2 highest and lowest removed.
- If 6-7, 1 highest and lowest removed.

**Usage**

```
libor(v)
```

**Arguments**

<code>v</code>	<code>v</code> vector of numeric values, length 6-18
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**Value**

Numeric. The mean of the vector with outliers removed.

**References**

[bbalibor explained](#)

**See Also**

[PeirceVsLibor](#)

**Examples**

```
libor(runif(n=16, min=0, max=10))
```

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liborUSD3M

*LIBOR rate in US Dollars for 3 month loans*


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**Description**

LIBOR rate submissions for 16 banks during a 3 month period in 2008. Each submission reflects the rate of interest the bank would expect to pay on a 3 month loan in US Dollars.

**Usage**

```
data(liborUSD3M)
```

**Format**

A data frame with 496 observations on the following 3 variables.

Bank a character vector

Date a character vector

X3M a character vector

**Source**

[Data on google docs spreadsheet](#)

**References**

[Guardian newspaper 2012](#)

**Examples**

```
data(liborUSD3M)
str(liborUSD3M)
## Not run:
liborUSD3M <- transform(liborUSD3M, Date = as.Date(Date, format="%m/%d/%Y")) # convert to date format
liborUSD3M <- transform(liborUSD3M, X3M = as.numeric(X3M)) # convert to numeric
liborUSD3M <- transform(liborUSD3M, Bank = as.factor(Bank)) # convert to factor

## End(Not run)
```

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NIST	<i>NIST outliers dataset</i>
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**Description**

Outliers dataset from NIST. 90 ordered observations.

**Usage**

```
data(NIST)
```

**Format**

The format is: num [1:90] 30 171 184 201 212 250 265 270 272 289 ...

**Source**

[NIST outliers example](#)

**Examples**

```
data(NIST)
str(NIST)
hist(NIST)
```

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NlogQ	<i>NlogQ</i>
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**Description**

Calculate the value of NlogQ.

**Usage**

```
NlogQ(N, k)
```

**Arguments**

N	N Number of observations in dataset.
k	Number of observations proposed to be rejected in dataset.

**Details**

Calculates *NlogQ*, as given in Table III of Goulds paper below. This value is used in the calculation of *R*, the maximum allowable absolute error for a value in a vector of observations.

**Value**

Numeric.

## References

Gould BA (1855). On Peirce's Criterion for the Rejection of Doubtful Observations, with tables for facilitating its application. *Astronomical Journal*, 4(83), 81(87)

## Examples

```
NlogQ(N=10, k=1) # = 8.58818...
```

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NlogQLimits	<i>Plot limits of NlogQ</i>
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## Description

Produces a 3d rotatable plot using **rgl** which gives values of NlogQ for various values of N and k.

## Usage

```
NlogQLimits()
```

## Details

Produces a 3d rotatable plot using **rgl** which gives values of NlogQ for various values of N and k.  
*N* = number of observations, *k* = number of outliers proposed to be rejected.

## Value

A 3d plot with **rgl**.

## See Also

See Also [NlogQ](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run: NlogQLimits()
```

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Peirce	<i>Peirces function to remove outliers</i>
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## Description

Remove outliers from a vector based on Peirces criterion.

## Usage

```
Peirce(v, m = 1)
```

## Arguments

<i>v</i>	<i>v</i> vector of numeric values
<i>m</i>	<i>m</i> number of unknown quantities

**Details**

Calculates  $R$ , the maximum allowable absolute error for a value in the vector, and removes those values exceeding this value.  $m$ , the ‘number of unknown quantities’, may be treated as the number of independent processes giving rise to errors. For practical purposes  $m$  should generally be restricted to 1.

**Value**

A numeric vector, with outliers removed; ordered by value of absolute error.

**See Also**

See Also [PeirceGould](#), [PeirceVsChauvenet](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
v1 <- c(101.2, 90.0, 99.0, 102.0, 103.0, 100.2, 89.0, 98.1, 101.5, 102.0)
Peirce(v1) # 2 outliers removed

## End(Not run)
```

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Peirce1852

*Plots from Peirces 1852 paper*


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**Description**

Produce plots of functions from Peirces 1852 paper. Initial two plots are with `Hmisc::labcurve`. Subsequent plots are with `ggplot2`. Produces plots corresponding to his functions for  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  and compares the latter with *erfc*, the complementary error function.

**Usage**

```
Peirce1852(width = 1366, height = 768)
```

**Arguments**

width	width width of graphical display (screen) in pixels
height	height height of graphical display (screen) in pixels

**Value**

Plots two curves with `Hmisc::labcurve` and returns a list of 4 plots from `ggplot2`.

**Note**

The tail end of function contains attempts to generate probability functions from Peirces paper. These values are not returned.

**References**

Peirce B (1852). Criterion for the rejection of doubtful observations. *The Astronomical Journal*, 2(45), 161-163.

**See Also**[Peirce](#)**Examples**

```
## Not run: Peirce1852()
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PeirceGould

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*Peirces function to remove outliers*


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**Description**

Remove outliers from a vector based on Peirces criterion. Method follows the original technique in the paper by Gould below.

**Usage**

```
PeirceGould(v, m = 1)
```

**Arguments**

<code>v</code>	<code>v</code> vector of numeric values
<code>m</code>	<code>m</code> number of unknown quantities

**Details**

Calculates  $R$ , the maximum allowable absolute error for a value in the vector, and removes those values exceeding this value.  $m$ , the ‘number of unknown quantities’, may be treated as degrees of freedom of the system of observations, or the number of independent processes giving rise to errors. For practical purposes  $m$  should generally be restricted to 1. For efficiency, Peirce is preferred.

**Value**

A numeric vector, with outliers removed; ordered by value of absolute error.

**References**

Gould BA (1855). On Peirce’s Criterion for the Rejection of Doubtful Observations, with tables for facilitating its application. *Astronomical Journal*, 4(83), 81(87)

**See Also**[Peirce](#)**Examples**

```
v1 <- c(101.2, 90.0, 99.0, 102.0, 103.0, 100.2, 89.0, 98.1, 101.5, 102.0)
Peirce(v1) # 2x outliers removed
```



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PeirceLimits

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*Plot limits of Peirce's function*


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## Description

Produces 3d plots using **rgl** (rotatable) and **scatterplot3d** which gives values of  $R$  for various values of  $N$  and  $m$ .  $R$  is the maximum allowable absolute error for a value in a vector of observations.  $N$  is the number of observations (length of vector).  $m$ , the ‘number of unknown quantities’, may be treated as the number of independent processes giving rise to errors in the vector.

## Usage

```
PeirceLimits(N=1000L, plots=TRUE, noPoints=100)
```

## Arguments

<code>N</code>	is the number of observations (length of vector)
<code>plots</code>	if TRUE then will display 3d plots
<code>noPoints</code>	no of intervals into which to divide $k$ and $n$ . Defaults to 100, corresponding to 100% of $N$ . Larger values will give a more detailed resolution for the plotted image. Set to the same value as $N$ to generate results for <i>every</i> combination of $k$ and $m$ up to $N$
<code>asPercent</code>	if TRUE then will display returned values of $k$ and $m$ as percentages of $N$

## Value

3d plots with **rgl** and **scatterplot3d**. A dataframe with value of  $R$  for a given combination of  $k$  and  $m$ .

## Note

This can take some time to run for large values of  $N$  e.g. >10000.

## See Also

[Peirce](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run: PeirceLimits()
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PeirceVsChauvenet	<i>Produce plots and table (matrix) comparing Peirce to Chauvenet</i>
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**Description**

Compares Peirces function with Chauvenets for four datasets. Plots these datasets using base graphics and **ggplot2**. Returns a matrix giving number of observations removed by each method.

**Usage**

```
PeirceVsChauvenet(width = 1366, height = 768)
```

**Arguments**

width	width width of graphical display (screen) in pixels
height	height height of graphical display (screen) in pixels

**Value**

A matrix giving number of observations removed by each method.

**See Also**

[Peirce](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run: PeirceVsChauvenet()
```

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PeirceVsLibor	<i>Produce plots and table (data frame) comparing Peirce to Chauvenet</i>
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**Description**

Compares Peirces function with bbalibor for an example dataset. Peirces and libor function are used to remove outliers, then the mean is calculated from the remaining values. Plots the number of observations removed by each method for each date with base graphics. Plots the dataset, including averaged values by each method, using **ggplot2**. Returns a data frame giving number of observations removed by Peirces method for each date.

**Usage**

```
PeirceVsLibor(width = 1366, height = 768)
```

**Arguments**

width	width width of graphical display (screen) in pixels
height	height height of graphical display (screen) in pixels

**Value**

A data frame giving number of observations removed by Peirces method for each date.

**Author(s)**

Christopher Dardis

**See Also**

[liborUSD3M](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run: PeirceVsLibor()
```

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Ross

*Outliers dataset from Ross paper*

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**Description**

Outliers dataset from Ross paper. 10 observations from a pressure gage, taken in an experiment at one setting.

**Usage**

```
data(Ross)
```

**Format**

The format is: num [1:10] 101 90 99 102 103 ...

**Source**

Ross S (2003). Peirce's criterion for the elimination of suspect experimental data. *Journal of Engineering Technology*, 20(2), 1-12

**Examples**

```
data(Ross)
hist(Ross)
```

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