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**Description** Enables to compute the statistical indices of affluence (richness) with bootstrap errors, and inequality and polarization indices. Moreover, gives the possibility of calculation of affluence line. Some simple errors are fixed and it works with new version of Spatial Statistics packaged.

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affluenceIndex-package

*Affluence (richness) indices*

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## Description

This package allows to compute the affluence indices (average affluence gap, income share of the top p %, richness headcount ratio, concave and convex measures of affluence) and to construct the confidence intervals for the affluence indices. The affluence line is defined by the user as multiple of the income median. This package also allows to compute the Medeiros's affluence line which is set as a multiple (defined by the user) of the income median. Additionally, this package allows also to compute some standard inequality and polarization measures: the Gini coefficient, the Palma index, the Wolfson polarization index. All measures may be calculated with weighted data.

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affluence

*Equivalised income*

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## Description

The database contains information about equivalised income of households.

## Usage

```
data("affluence")
```

## Format

A data frame with 2000 observations on the following 4 variables.

income a numeric vector (equivalised income of households; equivalisation using modified OECD scale)

education a numeric vector (education of the household's head: 1=tertiary, 2=secondary, 3=basic vocational, 4=low)

age a numeric vector (age of the household's head: 1=less than 35, 2=35-44, 3=45-59, 4=60 and more)

sex a numeric vector (sex of the household's head: 0=male, 1=female)

hs\_size vector of weights

## Source

Based on Council for Social Monitoring (2016). Integrated database.<http://www.diagnoza.com> [11.09.2016].

## Examples

```
data(affluence)
names(affluence)
```

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boot.sd1	<i>Bootstrap standard error 1</i>
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**Description**

Calculates the bootstrap standard errors.

**Usage**

```
boot.sd1(x, weight, kp, nsim, boot.index = c("r.hc", "r.is"), gamma)
```

**Arguments**

x	income vector
weight	vector of weights
kp	multiple of the median income (k) or order of quantile (p)
nsim	the number of replications
boot.index	the index for which the error is estimated
gamma	confidence level

**Details**

The function uses quantile method of calculating bootstrap confidence intervals.

**Value**

se.r	the bootstrap error
summary	bootstrap summary
boot.ind	bootstraped sample of index

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Brzezinski M. (2010) Income affluence in Poland. *Social Indicators Research*, 99, pp. 285-299.

**Examples**

```
data(affluence)
affluence$weight <- rep(1, nrow(affluence))
boot.sd1(affluence$income, affluence$weight, 0.9, 10, "r.is", 0.95)
boot.sd1(affluence$income, affluence$weight, 2, 10, "r.hc", 0.95)
```

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boot.sd1.sub	<i>Bootstrap standard error 1</i>
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**Description**

The estimation of bootstrap standard error of affluence index in subpopulation.

**Usage**

```
boot.sd1.sub(x.sub, x, weight.sub, weight, kp, nsim, boot.index=c("r.hc", "r.is"), gamma)
```

**Arguments**

x	income vector of subpopulation
x.sub	income vector of population
weight.sub	weight vector of subpopulation
weight	weight vector of population
kp	multiple of the median income (k) or order of quantile (p)
nsim	the number of replications
boot.index	the index for which the error is estimated
gamma	confidence level

**Details**

The function uses quantile method of calculating bootstrap confidence intervals.

**Value**

se.r	the bootstrap error of the affluence index
summary	bootstrap summary
boot.ind	bootstrapped sample of index

**Author(s)**

Alicja Wolny-Dominiak

**References**

Brzezinski M. (2010) Income affluence in Poland. *Social Indicators Research*, 99, pp. 285-299.

**Examples**

```

data(affluence)
affluence$weight <- rep(1, nrow(affluence))
aff.sub <- subset(affluence, education == 2)

boot.sd1.sub(aff.sub$income, affluence$income, aff.sub$weight, affluence$weight,
             0.9, 10, "r.is", 0.95)

boot.sd1.sub(aff.sub$income, affluence$income, aff.sub$weight, affluence$weight,
             0.9, 10, "r.hc", 0.95)

```

boot.sd2

*Bootstrap standard error 2***Description**

Calculates the bootstrap standard errors.

**Usage**

```
boot.sd2(x, weight, k, alpha, nsim, boot.index = c("r.cha", "r.fgt"), gamma)
```

**Arguments**

x	income vector
weight	weight vector of population
k	multiple of the median income
alpha	parameter of the index: $\alpha > 0$ for "r.cha", $\alpha > 1$ for "r.fgt"
nsim	the number of replications
boot.index	the index for which the error is estimated
gamma	confidence level

**Details**

The function uses quantile method of calculating bootstrap confidence intervals.

**Value**

se.r	the bootstrap error
summary	bootstrap summary
boot.ind	vector of bootstrapped index

**Author(s)**

Alicja Wolny-Dominiak

**References**

Brzezinski M. (2010) Income affluence in Poland. *Social Indicators Research*, 99, pp. 285-299.

**Examples**

```
data(affluence)
boot.sd2(affluence$income, weight = NULL, 2, 2, 10, "r.cha", 0.95)
boot.sd2(affluence$income, weight = NULL, 2, 2, 10, "r.fgt", 0.95)
```

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boot.sd2.sub	<i>Bootstrap standard error 2</i>
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**Description**

Calculates the bootstrap standard errors in subpopulation.

**Usage**

```
boot.sd2.sub(x.sub,x,weight.sub,weight,k,alpha,nsim,boot.index=c("r.cha","r.fgt"),gamma)
```

**Arguments**

x	income vector of subpopulation
x.sub	income vector of population
weight.sub	weight vector of subpopulation
weight	weight vector of population
k	multiple of the median income
alpha	parameter of the index: $\alpha > 0$ for "r.cha", $\alpha > 1$ for "r.fgt"
nsim	the number of replications
boot.index	the index for which the error is estimated
gamma	confidence level

**Details**

The function uses quantile method of calculating bootstrap confidence intervals.

**Value**

se.r	the bootstrap error
summary	bootstrap summary

**Author(s)**

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## References

Brzezinski M. (2010) Income affluence in Poland. *Social Indicators Research*, 99, pp. 285-299.

## Examples

```
data(affluence)
affluence$weight <- rep(1, nrow(affluence))
aff.sub <- subset(affluence, education == 2)

x <- aff.sub$income
boot.sd2.sub(x, affluence$income, aff.sub$weight, affluence$weight, 2, 2, 10, "r.cha", 0.95)
boot.sd2.sub(x, affluence$income, aff.sub$weight, affluence$weight, 2, 2, 10, "r.fgt", 0.95)
```

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gini.w	<i>Gini coefficient</i>
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## Description

Computes the Gini coefficient.

## Usage

```
gini.w(x, weight)
```

## Arguments

x	income vector of population
weight	vector of weights

## Details

The Gini coefficient is the most popular measure of income inequality. The formula taking into account the weights of income  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n$  is given by:

$$G_w = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \sum_{j=1}^n w_j |x_i - x_j|}{2(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i)^2 \mu_w},$$

where  $x_i, x_j$  are incomes of individuals  $i$  and  $j$ , respectively,  $n$  is the number of individuals,  $\mu_w$  is the mean income. The Gini coefficient ranges between 0 (perfect equality) and 1 (perfect inequality).

## Value

GG	the value of coefficient
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## Author(s)

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## References

1. Creedy J. (2015). A note on computing the Gini inequality measure with weighted data. Working Paper No. 3, Victoria University of Wellington.
2. Lerman R.I., Yitzhaki S. (1989) Improving the accuracy of estimates of Gini coefficients. *Journal of Econometrics*, 42(1), pp. 43-47.

## Examples

```
data(affluence)
gini.w(affluence$income, affluence$hs_size)
```

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line.med	<i>Medeiros's affluence line</i>
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## Description

Computes the Medeiros's affluence line.

## Usage

```
line.med(x, weight, k)
```

## Arguments

x	the income vector
weight	vector of weights
k	poverty line as a multiple of the median income

## Details

The Medeiros's affluence line is based on the concept of poverty gap related to a given poverty line (in the package this line is set as a defined by the user multiple of the median income). Based on the determined poverty gap, there is calculated the point where the income of the richest should be reduced in order to make possible enough transfers to cover this gap and eliminate poverty. The calculated point of income may be also presented as the multiple of the median income.

## Value

median_inc	the median income
Gp	the poverty gap
rho_medeiros	Medeiros's affluence line
median_multiple	Medeiros's affluence line as a multiple of the median

## Author(s)

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**References**

Medeiros M. (2006) The rich and the poor: The construction of an affluence line from the poverty line. *Social Indicators Research*, 78(1), pp. 1-18.

**Examples**

```
data(affluence)
line.med(affluence$income, affluence$hs_size, 0.6)
```

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polar.aff

*Wolfson polarization index*

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**Description**

Computes the Wolfson polarization index.

**Usage**

```
polar.aff(x, weight)
```

**Arguments**

x	the income vector
weight	vector of weights

**Details**

Standard inequality measures do not give any information about polarization. A more polarized income distribution is one that has relatively fewer middle income class and more low- and/or high-income households (Alichi et al. 2016). Low income class is very often identified with poverty and high-income class with richness. One of the measures of polarization is the Wolfson polarization index (Wolfson 1994). Weighted version of this index is given by:

$$P_w = 2(2T - G_w) \frac{\mu_w}{\rho_w},$$

where  $T$  is the difference between 0.5 and the income share of bottom half of the population,  $G_w$  is the Gini coefficient,  $\mu_w$  is the mean income,  $\rho_w$  is the median income.

**Value**

Pw	the value of index
TT	the difference between 0.5 and the income share of bottom half of the population

**Author(s)**

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## References

1. Alichu A., Kantenga K., Sole J. (2016) Income polarization in the United States. IMF Working Paper, WP/16/121.
2. Wolfson M.C. (1994) When inequalities diverge, *The American Economic Review*, 84, pp. 353-358.

## Examples

```
data(affluence)
polar.aff(affluence$income, weight = NULL)
```

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r.cha	<i>Concave measure of affluence</i>
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## Description

Computes the measure of affluence analogous to the poverty index of Chakravarty (1983).

## Usage

```
r.cha(x, weight, k, beta)
```

## Arguments

x	the income vector
weight	vector of weights
k	multiple of the median income
beta	parameter of the index: beta > 0

## Details

Peichl et. al (2008) defined an affluence index. Weighted index (with weights  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n$ ) is given by:

$$R_{\beta}^{CHA}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}, \rho_w) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (1 - (\frac{\rho_w}{x_i})^{\beta}) \mathbf{1}_{x_i > \rho_w} w_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n w_i}, \beta > 0,$$

where  $x_i$  is an income of individual  $i$ ,  $n$  is the number of individuals,  $\rho_w$  is the richness line,  $\mathbf{1}_{(\cdot)}$  denotes the indicator function, which is equal to 1 when its argument is true and 0 otherwise. Index satisfies transfer axiom  $T1$  (concave): a richness index should increase when a rank-preserving progressive transfer between two rich individuals takes place.

## Value

r	elements of the sum in the index formula
r.cha	the value of index

**Author(s)**

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**References**

1. Chakravarty S.R. (1983) A new index of poverty. *Mathematical Social Sciences*, 6, pp. 307-313.
2. Peichl A., Schaefer T., Scheicher C. (2008) Measuring richness and poverty - A micro data application to Europe and Germany. IZA Discussion Paper No. 3790, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA).

**Examples**

```
data(affluence)
r.cha(affluence$income, weight = NULL, 2, 2)
```

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r.cha.sub

*Concave measure of affluence in subpopulation*

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**Description**

Computes the measure of affluence in subpopulation analogous to the poverty index of Chakravarty(1983).

**Usage**

```
r.cha.sub(x.sub, x, weight.sub, weight, k, beta)
```

**Arguments**

x	income vector of subpopulation
x.sub	income vector of population
weight.sub	weight vector of subpopulation
weight	weight vector of population
k	multiple of the median income
beta	parameter of the index: $\beta > 0$

**Value**

r	elements of the sum in the index formula
r.cha	the value of index

**Author(s)**

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## References

1. Chakravarty S.R. (1983) A new index of poverty. *Mathematical Social Sciences*, 6, pp. 307-313.
2. Peichl A., Schaefer T., Scheicher C. (2008) Measuring richness and poverty - A micro data application to Europe and Germany. IZA Discussion Paper No. 3790, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA).

## See Also

[r.cha](#)

## Examples

```
data(affluence)
r.cha(affluence$income, weight = NULL, 2, 2)
```

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r.fgt	<i>Convex measure of affluence</i>
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## Description

Computes the measure of affluence analogous to the convex version of Foster, Greer and Thorbecke (1984) family of poverty indices.

## Usage

```
r.fgt(x, weight, k, alpha)
```

## Arguments

x	the income vector
weight	vector of weights
k	multiple of the median income
alpha	parameter of the index: alpha > 1

## Details

Peichl et. al (2008) defined an affluence index. Weighted index (with weights  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n$ ) is given by:

$$R_{\alpha}^{FGT, T2}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}, \rho_w) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{x_i - \rho_w}{\rho_w} \right)^{\alpha} \mathbf{1}_{x_i > \rho_w} w_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n w_i}, \alpha > 1,$$

where  $x_i$  is an income of individual  $i$ ,  $n$  is the number of individuals,  $\rho_w$  is the richness line,  $\mathbf{1}_{(\cdot)}$  denotes the indicator function, which is equal to 1 when its argument is true and 0 otherwise. Index satisfies transfer axiom  $T2$  (convex): a richness index should decrease when a rank-preserving progressive transfer between two rich individuals takes place.

**Value**

r values of the sum in the index formula  
 r.fgt the value of index

**Author(s)**

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**References**

1. Foster J.E., Greer J., Thorbecke E. (1984) A class of decomposable poverty measures. *Econometrica*, 52, pp. 761-766.
2. Peichl A., Schaefer T., Scheicher C. (2008) Measuring richness and poverty - A micro data application to Europe and Germany. IZA Discussion Paper No. 3790, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA).

**Examples**

```
data(affluence)
r.fgt(affluence$income, weight = NULL, 2, 1)
```

---

r.fgt.sub

*Convex measure of affluence in subpopulation*

---

**Description**

Computes the measure of affluence in subpopulation analogous to the convex version of Foster, Greer and Thorbecke (1984) family of poverty indices.

**Usage**

```
r.fgt.sub(x.sub, x, weight.sub, weight, k, alpha)
```

**Arguments**

x income vector of subpopulation  
 x.sub income vector of population  
 weight.sub weight vector of subpopulation  
 weight weight vector of population  
 k multiple of the median income  
 alpha parameter of the index:  $\alpha > 1$

**Value**

r values of the sum in the index formula  
 r.fgt the value of index

**Author(s)**

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**References**

1. Foster J.E., Greer J., Thorbecke E. (1984) A class of decomposable poverty measures. *Econometrica*, 52, pp. 761-766.
2. Peichl A., Schaefer T., Scheicher C. (2008) Measuring richness and poverty - A micro data application to Europe and Germany. IZA Discussion Paper No. 3790, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA).

**See Also**

[r.fgt](#)

**Examples**

```
data(affluence)
affluence$weight <- rep(1, nrow(affluence))
aff.sub <- subset(affluence, education == 2)
r.fgt.sub(aff.sub$income, affluence$income, aff.sub$weight, affluence$weight, 2, 1)
```

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r.hc

*Richness headcount ratio*

---

**Description**

Computes the richness headcount ratio.

**Usage**

```
r.hc(x, weight, k)
```

**Arguments**

x	the income vector
weight	weight vector of population
k	multiple of the median income

**Details**

Richness headcount ratio is a proportion of the population with incomes above the affluence line. Weighted version (with weights  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n$ ) of this ratio is given by:

$$R^{HC}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}, \rho_w) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}_{x_i > \rho_w} w_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n w_i},$$

where  $x_i$  is an income of individual  $i$ ,  $n$  is the number of individuals,  $\rho_w$  is the richness line,  $\mathbf{1}_{(\cdot)}$  denotes the indicator function, which is equal to 1 when its argument is true and 0 otherwise.

**Value**

count.rich	the number of the rich
r.hc	the value of index

**Author(s)**

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**References**

1. Brzezinski M. (2010) Income affluence in Poland. *Social Indicators Research*, 99, pp. 285-299.
2. Saczewska-Piotrowska A. (2015) Identification of determinants of income richness using logistic regression model. *Zarządzanie i Finanse. Journal of Management and Finance*, 4, Part 2, pp. 241-259 (in Polish).

**Examples**

```
data(affluence)
affluence$weight <- rep(1, nrow(affluence))
r.hc(affluence$income, affluence$weight, 3)
```

---

r.hc.sub

*Richness headcount ratio in subpopulation*


---

**Description**

Computes the richness headcount ratio in subpopulation.

**Usage**

```
r.hc.sub(x.sub, x, weight.sub, weight, k)
```

**Arguments**

x.sub	income vector of subpopulation
x	income vector of population
weight.sub	weight vector of subpopulation
weight	weight vector of population
k	multiple of the median income

**Value**

count.rich	the number of the rich
r.hc	the value of the index



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**References**

1. Brzezinski M. (2010) Income affluence in Poland. *Social Indicators Research*, 99, pp. 285-299.
2. Saczewska-Piotrowska A. (2015) Identification of determinants of income richness using logistic regression model. *Zarządzanie i Finanse. Journal of Management and Finance*, 4, Part 2, pp. 241-259 (in Polish).

**See Also**

[r.hc](#)

**Examples**

```
data(affluence)
affluence$weight <- rep(1, nrow(affluence))
aff.sub <- subset(affluence, education == 2)
r.hc.sub(aff.sub$income, affluence$income, aff.sub$weight, affluence$weight, 3)
```

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r.is

*Income share of the top p %*

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**Description**

Computes the income share of the top p %.

**Usage**

```
r.is(x, weight, p)
```

**Arguments**

x	the vector of income
weight	vector of weights
p	the order of quantile. Must be in [0,1] as probability

**Details**

The most popular measure of richness which takes a form (with weights  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n$ ):

$$R^{IS}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}, p) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i w_i \mathbf{1}_{x_i > q_{w(1-p)}}}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i w_i},$$

where  $q_{w(1-p)}$  is the  $(1-p)$  quantile of the population and  $\mathbf{1}_{(\cdot)}$  denotes the indicator function, which is equal to 1 when its argument is true and 0 otherwise. There is always  $p$  % of rich individuals in the population.

**Value**

r.2                    the value of index

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Brzezinski M. (2010) Income affluence in Poland. *Social Indicators Research*, 99, pp. 285-299.

**Examples**

```
data(affluence)
r.is(affluence$income, weight = NULL, 0.9)
```

---

r.is.sub

*Income share of the top p % in subpopulation*

---

**Description**

Computes income share of the top p % in subpopulation.

**Usage**

```
r.is.sub(x.sub, x, weight.sub, weight, p)
```

**Arguments**

x.sub	income vector of subpopulation
x	income vector of population
weight.sub	weight vector of subpopulation
weight	weight vector of population
p	the order of quantile. Must be in [0,1] as probability

**Value**

r.2                    the value of index

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Brzezinski M. (2010) Income affluence in Poland. *Social Indicators Research*, 99, pp. 285-299.

**See Also**[r.is](#)**Examples**

```
data(affluence)
affluence$weight <- rep(1, nrow(affluence))
aff.sub <- subset(affluence, education == 2)
r.is.sub(aff.sub$income, affluence$income, aff.sub$weight, affluence$weight, 0.9)
```

r.med

*Average affluence gap***Description**

Computes the average affluence gap of population.

**Usage**

```
r.med(x, weight, k)
```

**Arguments**

x	income vector
weight	vector of weights
k	multiple of the median income

**Details**

Medeiros (2006) defined an average affluence gap. Weighted gap (with weights  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n$ ) is given by:

$$R^{Me} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \max\{x_i - \rho_w, 0\} w_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n w_i},$$

where  $x_i$  is an income of individual  $i$ ,  $n$  is the number of individuals,  $\rho_w$  is the richness line. Medeiros' index is not standardized and is an absolute measure of richness.

**Value**

gap	the value of the average affluence gap
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**References**

Medeiros M. (2006) The rich and the poor: the construction of an affluence line from the poverty line. *Social Indicators Research*, 78, pp. 1-18.

**Examples**

```
data(affluence)
r.med(affluence$income, weight = NULL, 2)
```

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r.med.sub	<i>Average affluence gap in subpopulation</i>
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**Description**

Computes the average affluence gap in subpopulation.

**Usage**

```
r.med.sub(x.sub, x, weight.sub, weight, k)
```

**Arguments**

x	income vector of subpopulation
x.sub	income vector of population
weight.sub	weight vector of subpopulation
weight	weight vector of population
k	multiple of the median income

**Value**

gap	the gap value
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**References**

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**See Also**

[r.med](#)

**Examples**

```
data(affluence)
affluence$weight <- rep(1, nrow(affluence))
aff.sub <- subset(affluence, education == 2)
r.med.sub(aff.sub$income, affluence$income, aff.sub$weight, affluence$weight, 2)
```

S90S40

*Palma index***Description**

Computes the Palma index (also known as S90/S40 ratio)

**Usage**

S90S40(x, weight)

**Arguments**

x	income vector
weight	vector of weights

**Details**

The Palma index is the ratio between the income share of the top 10% and the bottom 40%. The weighted Palma index (with weights  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n$ ) is given by:

$$S90/S40 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i w_i \mathbf{1}_{x_i > q_w(0.9)}}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i w_i \mathbf{1}_{x_i \leq q_w(0.4)}}$$

where  $x_i$  is an income of individual  $i$ ,  $n$  is the number of individuals,  $q_w(0.9), q_w(0.4)$  are the 0.9 and 0.4 quantiles, respectively,  $\mathbf{1}_{(\cdot)}$  denotes the indicator function, which is equal to 1 when its argument is true and 0 otherwise.

**Value**

S90S40 the value of index

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**References**

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