

# Package ‘Qapprox’

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**Title** Approximation to the Survival Functions of Quadratic Forms of Gaussian Variables

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**Description** Calculates the right-tail probability of quadratic forms of Gaussian variables using the skewness-kurtosis ratio matching method, modified Liu-Tang-Zhang method and Satterthwaite-Welch method. The technical details can be found in Hong Zhang, Judong Shen and Zheyang Wu (2020) <[doi:10.48550/arXiv.2005.00905](https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2005.00905)>.

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Qapprox

*Right-tail probability of quadratic forms of centered Gaussian variables.*

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**Description**

Right-tail probability of quadratic forms of centered Gaussian variables.

**Usage**

```
Qapprox(q, Sigma, A = NULL, method = "MR")
```

**Arguments**

q - quantile, could be a vector.  
Sigma - covariance matrix of Gaussian variables.  
A - a positive-semi-definite matrix that defines the quadratic form.  
method - "MR": moment-ratio (skewness-kurtosis) matching method; "SW": Satterthwaite-Welch method that matches mean and variance; "LTZ4": Liu-Tang-Zhang method that matches the kurtosis.

**Value**

The right-tail probability of a quadratic form ( $Q = X'AX$ ) of centered Gaussian variables.

**References**

1. Hong Zhang, Judong Shen and Zheyang Wu. "An efficient and accurate approximation to the distribution of quadratic forms of Gaussian variables", arXiv:2005.00905.

**Examples**

```
n <- 100
Sigma <- toeplitz(1/(1:n))
thr <- 180
Qapprox(thr, Sigma, method="SW")
Qapprox(thr, Sigma, method="LTZ4")
Qapprox(thr, Sigma, method="MR")
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| Qapprox_nc | <i>Right-tail probability of quadratic forms (<math>Q = X'AX</math>) of noncentral Gaussian variables.</i> |
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**Description**

Right-tail probability of quadratic forms ( $Q = X'AX$ ) of noncentral Gaussian variables.

**Usage**

```
Qapprox_nc(q, mu, Sigma, A = NULL, method = "MR")
```

**Arguments**

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| q      | - quantile, could be a vector.  |
| mu     | - mean vector of Gaussian variables.  |
| Sigma  | - covariance matrix of Gaussian variables.  |
| A      | - a positive-semi-definite matrix that defines the quadratic form.  |
| method | - "MR": moment-ratio (skewness-kurtosis) matching method; "SW": Satterthwaite-Welch method that matches mean and variance; "LTZ4": Liu-Tang-Zhang method that matches the kurtosis. |

**Value**

The right-tail probability of a quadratic form ( $Q = X'AX$ ) of noncentral Gaussian variables.

**References**

1. Hong Zhang, Judong Shen and Zheyang Wu. "An efficient and accurate approximation to the distribution of quadratic forms of Gaussian variables", arXiv:2005.00905.

**Examples**

```
n <- 100
Sigma <- toeplitz(1/(1:n))
mu <- rep(1, n)
thr <- 500
Qapprox_nc(thr, mu, Sigma, method="SW")
Qapprox_nc(thr, mu, Sigma, method="LTZ4")
Qapprox_nc(thr, mu, Sigma, method="MR")
```

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