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**Description** Twelve confidence intervals for one binomial proportion or a vector of binomial proportions are computed. The confidence intervals are: Jeffreys, Wald, Wald corrected, Wald, Blyth and Still, Agresti and Coull, Wilson, Score, Score corrected, Wald logit, Wald logit corrected, Arcsine and Exact binomial. References include, among others: Vollset, S. E. (1993). ``Confidence intervals for a binomial proportion". *Statistics in Medicine*, 12(9): 809-824. <[doi:10.1002/sim.4780120902](https://doi.org/10.1002/sim.4780120902)>.

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## Description

Functions to compute 12 confidence intervals for a binomial proportion.

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## Note

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 binomCI

*Confidence Intervals for a Binomial Proportion.*


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## Description

Confidence Intervals for a Binomial Proportion.

## Usage

```
binomCI(x, n, a = 0.05)
```

## Arguments

|   |  |
|---|--|
| x | The number of successes.   |
| n | The number of trials.  |
| a | The significance level to compute the $(1 - \alpha)\%$ confidence intervals. |

## Details

The confidence intervals are:

*Jeffreys:*

$$[F(\alpha/2; x + 0.5, n - x + 0.5), F(1 - \alpha/2; x + 0.5, n - x + 0.5)],$$

where  $F(\alpha, a, b)$  denotes the  $\alpha$  quantile of the Beta distribution with parameters  $a$  and  $b$ ,  $Be(a, b)$ .

*Wald:*

$$\left[ \hat{p} - Z_{1-\alpha/2} \times \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}}, \hat{p} + Z_{1-\alpha/2} \times \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}} \right],$$

where  $\hat{p} = \frac{x}{n}$  and  $Z_{1-\alpha/2}$  denotes the  $1 - \alpha/2$  quantile of the standard normal distribution. If  $\hat{p} = 0$  the interval becomes  $(0, 1 - e^{\frac{1}{n} \log(\alpha^2)})$  and if  $\hat{p} = 1$  the interval becomes  $(e^{\frac{1}{n} \log(\alpha^2)}, 1)$ .

*Wald corrected:*

$$\left[ \hat{p} - Z_{1-\alpha/2} \times \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n} - \frac{0.5}{n}}, \hat{p} + Z_{1-\alpha/2} \times \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n} + \frac{0.5}{n}} \right],$$

and if  $\hat{p} = 0$  or  $\hat{p} = 1$  the previous (Wald) adjustment applies.

*Wald BS:*

$$\left[ \hat{p} - Z_{1-\alpha/2} \times \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n - Z_{1-\alpha/2} - 2Z_{1-\alpha/2}/n - 1/n} - \frac{0.5}{n}}, \hat{p} + Z_{1-\alpha/2} \times \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n - Z_{1-\alpha/2} - 2Z_{1-\alpha/2}/n - 1/n} + \frac{0.5}{n}} \right],$$

and if  $\hat{p} = 0$  or  $\hat{p} = 1$  the previous (Wald) adjustment applies.

*Agresti and Coull:*

$$\left[ \hat{\theta} - Z_{1-\alpha/2} \times \sqrt{\frac{\hat{\theta}(1-\hat{\theta})}{n+4}}, \hat{\theta} + Z_{1-\alpha/2} \times \sqrt{\frac{\hat{\theta}(1-\hat{\theta})}{n+4}} \right],$$

where  $\hat{\theta} = \frac{x+2}{n+4}$ .

*Wilson:*

$$\left[ \frac{x_b}{n_b} - \frac{Z_{1-\alpha/2}\sqrt{n}}{n_b} \times \sqrt{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p}) + Z_{1-\alpha/2}^2/4}, \frac{x_b}{n_b} + \frac{Z_{1-\alpha/2}\sqrt{n}}{n_b} \times \sqrt{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p}) + Z_{1-\alpha/2}^2/4} \right],$$

where  $x_b = x + Z_{1-\alpha/2}^2/2$  and  $n_b = n + Z_{1-\alpha/2}^2$ .

*Score:*

$$\left[ \frac{x + Z_{1-\alpha/2}^2 - c}{n + Z_{1-\alpha/2}^2}, \frac{x + Z_{1-\alpha/2}^2 + c}{n + Z_{1-\alpha/2}^2} \right],$$

where  $c = Z_{1-\alpha/2} \sqrt{x - x^2/n + Z_{1-\alpha/2}^2/4}$ .

*Score corrected:*

$$\left[ \frac{\ell_1}{n + Z_{1-\alpha/2}}, \frac{\ell_2}{n + Z_{1-\alpha/2}} \right],$$

where  $\ell_1 = b_1 + 0.5Z_{1-\alpha/2}^2 - Z_{1-\alpha/2} \sqrt{b_1 - b_1^2/n + 0.25Z_{1-\alpha/2}^2}$ ,  $\ell_2 = b_2 + 0.5Z_{1-\alpha/2}^2 + Z_{1-\alpha/2} \sqrt{b_2 - b_2^2/n + 0.25Z_{1-\alpha/2}^2}$  and  $b_1 = x - 0.5$ ,  $b_2 = x + 0.5$ .

*Wald-logit:*

$$\left[ 1 - (1 + e^{b-c})^{-1}, 1 - (1 + e^{b+c})^{-1} \right],$$

where  $b = \log\left(\frac{x}{n-x}\right)$  and  $c = \frac{Z_{1-\alpha/2}}{\sqrt{n\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}}$ . If  $\hat{p} = 0$  or  $\hat{p} = 1$  the previous (Wald) adjustment applies.

*Wald-logit corrected:*

$$\left[1 - (1 + e^{b-c})^{-1}, 1 - (1 + e^{b+c})^{-1}\right],$$

where  $b = \log\left(\frac{\hat{p}_b}{\hat{q}_b}\right)$ ,  $\hat{p}_b = x + 0.5$ ,  $\hat{q}_b = n - x + 0.5$  and  $c = \frac{Z_{1-\alpha/2}}{\sqrt{(n+1)\frac{\hat{p}_b}{n+1}(1-\frac{\hat{p}_b}{n+1})}}$ .

*Arcsine:*

$$\left\{ \sin^2 \left[ \sin^{-1}(\sqrt{\hat{p}}) - 0.5 \frac{Z_{1-\alpha/2}}{\sqrt{n}} \right], \sin^2 \left[ \sin^{-1}(\sqrt{\hat{p}}) + 0.5 \frac{Z_{1-\alpha/2}}{\sqrt{n}} \right] \right\}.$$

If  $\hat{p} = 0$  or  $\hat{p} = 1$  the previous (Wald) adjustment applies.

*Exact binomial:*

$$\left[ \left(1 + \frac{a_1}{d_1}\right)^{-1}, \left(1 + \frac{a_2}{d_2}\right)^{-1} \right],$$

where  $a_1 = n - x + 1$ ,  $a_2 = a_1 - 1$ ,  $d_1 = x - F(\alpha/2, 2x, 2a_1)$ ,  $d_2 = (x + 1)F(1 - \alpha/2, 2(x + 1), 2a_2)$  and  $F(\alpha, a, b)$  denotes the  $\alpha$  quantile of the F distribution with degrees of freedom  $a$  and  $b$ ,  $F(a, b)$ .

## Value

A list including:

prop                    The proportion.  
ci                        A matrix with 12 rows containing the 12 different  $(1 - \alpha)\%$  confidence intervals.

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## See Also

[binomCIs](#)

## Examples

```
binomCI(45, 100)
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binomCIs

*Confidence Intervals for many Binomial Proportions.*

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## Description

Confidence Intervals for many Binomial Proportions.

## Usage

```
binomCIs(x, n, a = 0.05)
```

**Arguments**

|   |  |
|---|--|
| x | A vector with the number of successes.                                       |
| n | A vector with the number of trials.  |
| a | The significance level to compute the $(1 - \alpha)\%$ confidence intervals. |

**Value**

A list with the the first element being the vector with the proportions and the rest 12 items contain the  $(1 - \alpha)\%$  confidence intervals.

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**See Also**

[binomCI](#)

**Examples**

```
x <- sample(40, 10)
n <- rep(40, 10)
binomCIs(x, n)
```

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