

# Package: phack (via r-universe)

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**Description** Implements the tests from Elliot et al. (2022) for detecting p-Hacking. The package is essentially a simple wrapper to the code provided in the code and data supplement of the article, with some cosmetical changes. The original code can be found in the code and data supplement of the article. s  
References Elliott, G., Kudrin, N., & Wüthrich, K. (2022). Detecting p-Hacking. *Econometrica*, 90(2), 887-906.

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phack\_test\_binomial     *Binomial test for p-hacking*

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### Description

Elliot et al. (2022) show that absent rounding errors, p-hacking and publication bias, the density of p-values across many different tests should be decreasing in the p-value.

### Usage

```
phack_test_binomial(
  p,
  p_min = 0.04,
  p_max = 0.05,
  open_interval = FALSE,
  min_bunch = 3
)
```

### Arguments

p	vector of p-values (should be derounded if there are rounding errors)
p_min	lower bound of the interval used for the test
p_max	upper bound of the interval used for the test
open_interval	if TRUE take p-values from open interval (p_min, p_max).
min_bunch	minimal number of elements of p that have exactly the same p-value in order to show a warning that there seems to be a rounding problem.

### Details

This means if we split any interval  $[p\_min, p\_max]$  in the center, a significantly higher proportion in the right half than the left half suggests a violation of the no p-hacking and no publication bias assumption (if there are no rounding errors or p-values are appropriately de-rounded).

This function tests this via a Binomial test.

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phack\_test\_cox\_shi     *Cox-Shi histogram test and more general test for K-monotonicity and bounds on  $[p\_min, p\_max]$  interval*

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### Description

For the defaults  $K=1$  and `use_bounds=FALSE` we have a basic histogram test.

**Usage**

```
phack_test_cox_shi(  
  p,  
  article = NA,  
  p_min = 0,  
  p_max = 0.15,  
  J = 30,  
  K = 1,  
  use_bounds = FALSE,  
  min_bunch = 3  
)
```

**Arguments**

p	vector of p-values (make sure rounding problems are dealt with)
article	vector of unique article ids for appropriate clustering
J	number of subintervals
K	degree of K-monotonicity (see Section 4.3 in Elliot et al. 2022)
use_bounds	use bounds or test without bounds (see Appendix A in Elliot et al. 2022)
min_bunch	minimal number of elements of p that have exactly the same p-value in order to show a warning that there seems to be a rounding problem.

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phack\_test\_discontinuity

*Discontinuity test*

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**Description**

Discontinuity test

**Usage**

```
phack_test_discontinuity(p, c, min_bunch = 3)
```

**Arguments**

p	vector of p-values
c	potential discontinuity point
min_bunch	minimal number of elements of p that have exactly the same p-value in order to show a warning that there seems to be a rounding problem.

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phack\_test\_fisher      *Fisher's test*

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### Description

Similar to phack\_binomial\_test but using Fisher's test instead of the binomial test.

### Usage

```
phack_test_fisher(p, p_min, p_max, min_bunch = 3)
```

### Arguments

p	vector of p-values (should be derounded if there are rounding errors)
p_min	lower bound of the interval used for the test
p_max	upper bound of the interval used for the test
min_bunch	minimal number of elements of p that have exactly the same p-value in order to show a warning that there seems to be a rounding problem.

### Details

For this test the half-open interval  $[p\_min, p\_max)$  is used.

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phack\_test\_lcm      *LCM test on  $[p\_min, p\_max]$*

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### Description

LCM test on  $[p\_min, p\_max]$

### Usage

```
phack_test_lcm(p, p_min, p_max, F_LCMsup = get.phack.F_LCMsup(), min_bunch = 3)
```

### Arguments

p	– vector of p-values
p_min	lower bound of the interval used for the test
p_max	upper bound of the interval used for the test
F_LCMsup	cdf for LCM test
min_bunch	minimal number of elements of p that have exactly the same p-value in order to show a warning that there seems to be a rounding problem.

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SimBB

*Simulate Brownian Bridge (BB) and  $\|LCM(BB)-BB\|$*

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**Description**

Simulate Brownian Bridge (BB) and  $\|LCM(BB)-BB\|$

**Usage**

SimBB(M)

**Arguments**

M                   – number of repetitions

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