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## Details

Package for conducting Bayesian two-sample t-tests based on a two-component Gaussian mixture model via Gibbs sampling.

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## References

For a detailed explanation of the underlying Gibbs sampler see: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1906.07524v1>

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### Description

The function provides a Bayesian t-test by running a Markov-Chain-Monte Carlo algorithm to produce posterior draws of the means and standard deviations (or variances) of both groups. The posterior distributions of the difference of means, difference of variances or standard deviations and the effect size are also obtained via the underlying Gibbs sampler for the two-component Gaussian mixture model.

### Usage

```
bayes.t.test(n, plot, firstComp, secondComp, hyperpars, ci, burnin, sd, q)
```

### Arguments

n	Number of iterations of the single-block Gibbs sampler used for inference in the two-component Gaussian mixture
plot	A string specifying which plots to include for detailed analysis. "none" is used if only the data frame including the computed posterior MCMC draws should be returned. "all" is used for detailed plots for an analysis based on a Bayesian Hodges-Lehmann test, respectively the region of practical equivalence (ROPE). "samples" is used if a vector of posterior effect size MCMC draws should be returned.
firstComp	A numeric vector representing the values of the first group
secondComp	A numeric vector representing the values of the second group
hyperpars	A string specifying the set of hyperparameters used for the prior distributions. "raftery" uses the standard hyperparameters of Raftery (1996), and "custom" uses modified parameters which are designed to stay weakly informative.
ci	A real number between zero and one representing the credible level used for posterior credible intervals
burnin	An integer which represents the burn-in used for the single-block Gibbs sampler
sd	A string selecting if posterior inference is desired for the variances or standard deviations. "var" approximates the posterior distribution of the variances, "sd" of the standard deviations.
q	A real number for influencing the hyperparameters selected. q=0.1 as weakly informative standard is recommended.

### Value

If the option "none" is used for argument plot, a dataframe including the posterior mode, posterior expectation as well as the posterior credible intervals corresponding to the selected credible level will be returned for the difference of means, difference of standard deviations respectively variances and the effect size. If the option "all" is used for argument plot, plots of the posterior distributions

of the difference of means, difference of standard deviations respectively variances and the effect size will be returned, including a posterior analysis of the effect size via the region of practical equivalence (ROPE).

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**References**

For details, see: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1906.07524v1>

**Examples**

```
x=rnorm(100,mean=0,sd=1)
y=rnorm(100,mean=1,sd=1)
bayes.t.test(n=2500,plot="all",firstComp=x,secondComp=y,
hyperpars="custom",ci=0.95,burnin=1250,sd="sd",q=0.1)
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