

Package ‘PseudoLog10’

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pseudoLog10	<i>Return the pseudo logarithm, base 10.</i>
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Description

Return the pseudo logarithm (base 10) of x, which is close to $\text{sign}(x) \cdot \log_{10}(\text{abs}(x))$ for x such that $\text{abs}(x)$ is large and doesn't "blow up" near zero. Useful for transforming wide-range variables that may be negative (like profit/loss).

Usage

pseudoLog10(x)

Arguments

x numeric vector

Details

See: <http://www.win-vector.com/blog/2012/03/modeling-trick-the-signed-pseudo-logarithm/>

NB: This transform has the undesirable property of making most signed distributions appear bi-modal around the origin, no matter what the underlying distribution really looks like. The argument *x* is assumed be numeric and can be a vector.

Value

pseudo logarithm, base 10 of *x*

Examples

```
pseudoLog10(c(-5, 0, 5))  
# should be: [1] -0.7153834  0.0000000  0.7153834
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