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**Description** Nonparametric density estimation for (hyper)spherical data by means of a parametrically guided kernel estimator (Alonso-Pena et al. (2024) <doi:10.1111/sjos.12737>). The package also allows the data-driven selection of the smoothing parameter and the representation of the estimated density for circular and spherical data. Estimators of the density without guide can also be obtained.

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### Description

Function `pi.kappa` computes a plug-in type smoothing parameter for the parametrically guided (hyper)spherical kernel density estimator, equipped with a von Mises-Fisher guide.

### Usage

```
pi.kappa(datax, mu0, tau0, guide = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

<code>datax</code>	Matrix containing the data in cartesian coordinates, where the number of rows is the number of observations and the number of columns is the dimension of the Euclidean space where the sphere is embeded.
<code>mu0</code>	Vector containing the mean direction of the von Mises-Fisher guide.
<code>tau0</code>	Numerical value containing the concentration of the von Mises-Fisher guide.
<code>guide</code>	Logical; if TRUE, the estimator with a von Mises-Fisher as guide is computed. If FALSE, the classical kernel density estimator without guide is computed (equivalent to uniform guide).

### Details

See Alonso-Pena et al. (2023) for details.

### Value

A numerical value with the selected data-driven smoothing parameter.

### References

Alonso-Pena, M., Claeskens, G. and Gijbels, I. (2023) Nonparametric estimation of densities on the hypersphere using a parametric guide. Under review.

**Examples**

```

library(Directional)
library(movMF)
# Data generation
n<-200
mu<-matrix(c(0,0,1,0,0,-1),ncol=3,byrow=TRUE)
k<-c(7,2)
probs<-c(0.85,0.15)
datax<-rmovMF(n,k*mu,alpha=probs)
# Estimation of parameters of a vMF
param<-vmf.mle(datax)
mu0<-param$mu
tau0<-param$kappa
# Selection of the smoothing parameter
kappa <- pi.kappa(datax,mu0,tau0)

```

sphkde.pg

*sphkde.pg***Description**

Function `sphkde.pg` computes the kernel density estimator for (hyper)spherical data with a parametric guide, which corresponds to the von Mises-Fisher model.

**Usage**

```
sphkde.pg(datax, kappa = NULL, eval.points = NULL, guide = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>datax</code>	Matrix containing the data in cartesian coordinates, where the number of rows is the number of observations and the number of columns is the dimension of the Euclidean space where the sphere is embeded.
<code>kappa</code>	Smoothing parameter. It refers to the concentration when employing a von Mises-Fisher kernel.
<code>eval.points</code>	Matrix containing the evaluation points for the estimation of the density.
<code>guide</code>	Logical; if TRUE, the estimator with a von Mises-Fisher as guide is computed. If FALSE, the classical kernel density estimator without guide is computed (equivalent to uniform guide).

**Details**

See Alonso-Pena et al. (2023) for details.

**Value**

An object with class "sphkde" whose underlying structure is a list containing the following components:

estim	The estimated values of the density.
kappa	The smoothing parameter used.
data	The n coordinates of the points where the regression is estimated.
eval.points	The points where the estimated density was evaluated.
data	Original dataset.

**References**

Alonso-Pena, M., Claeskens, G. and Gijbels, I. (2023) Nonparametric estimation of densities on the hypersphere using a parametric guide. Under review.

**Examples**

```
library(movMF)
n<-200
mu<-matrix(c(0,0,1,0,0,-1),ncol=3,byrow=TRUE)
k<-c(7,2)
probs<-c(0.85,0.15)
datax<-rmovMF(n,k*mu,alpha=probs)
est<-sphkde.pg(datax,guide=TRUE)
sphkde.plot(est,type="sph")
```

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sphkde.plot

*sphkde.plot*


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**Description**

Function `sphkde.plot` provides a graphical representation of the parametrically guided kernel density estimator for spherical and circular data. For circular data, both linear and circular representations are available. For spherical data, an interactive 3D spherical representation is provided.

**Usage**

```
sphkde.plot(object, type = "sph", axis = TRUE, shrink = 1.2)
```

**Arguments**

object	Object of the class <code>sphkde</code> .
type	Character string giving the desired type of plot. For circular data, it can be "sph" for a circular representation or "line" for a linear representation. For spherical data the value "sph" is required.

<code>axis</code>	Logical; if TRUE, the axis are represented in the spherical representation. If FALSE, axis are not represented. Only for spherical representations.
<code>shrink</code>	Numeric parameter that controls the size of the plotted circle in the circular representations. Default is 1.3. Larger values shrink the circle, while smaller values enlarge the circle.

**Details**

See Alonso-Pena et al. (2023) for details.

**Value**

`sphkde.plot` is called for the side effect of drawing the plot.

**References**

Alonso-Pena, M., Claeskens, G. and Gijbels, I. (2023) Nonparametric estimation of densities on the hypersphere using a parametric guide. Under review.

**Examples**

```
library(movMF)
n<-200
mu<-matrix(c(0,0,1,0,0,-1),ncol=3,byrow=TRUE)
k<-c(7,2)
probs<-c(0.85,0.15)
datax<-rmovMF(n,k*mu,alpha=probs)
est<-sphkde.pg(datax,guide=TRUE)
sphkde.plot(est,type="sph")
```

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