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MLE of the Cauchy distribution

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### Description

MLE of the Cauchy distribution.

**Usage**

```
cauchy.mle(x, tol = 1e-07)
```

**Arguments**

x	A numerical vector with data.
tol	The tolerance level up to which the maximisation stops set to 1e-09 by default.

**Details**

Instead of maximising the log-likelihood via a numerical optimiser we have used a Newton-Raphson algorithm which is faster. The Cauchy is the t distribution with 1 degree of freedom.

**Value**

A list including:

iters	The number of iterations required for the Newton-Raphson to converge.
loglik	The value of the maximised log-likelihood.
param	The vector of the parameters.

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**References**

Johnson, Norman L. Kemp, Adrienne W. Kotz, Samuel (2005). Univariate Discrete Distributions (third edition). Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Interscience.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wigner\\_semicircle\\_distribution](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wigner_semicircle_distribution)

**See Also**

[cauchy.pca](#)

**Examples**

```
x <- rcauchy(1000)
a <- cauchy.mle(x)
```

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Robust PCA using the Cauchy distribution  
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**Description**

Robust PCA using the Cauchy distribution.

**Usage**

```
cauchy.pca(x, k = 1, center = "sm", scale = "mad", trials = 20, parallel = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

x	A numerical matrix with the data.
k	The number of eigenvectors to extract.
center	The way to center the data. This can be either "sm" corresponding to the spatial median, "med" corresponding to the classical variable-wise median. Alternatively the user can specify their own vector.
scale	This is the method to scale the data. The default value is "mad" corresponding to the mean absolute deviation, computed column-wise. Alternatively the user can provide their own vector.
trials	The number of trials to attempt. How many times the algorithm will be performed with different starting values (different starting vectors).
parallel	If you want parallel computations set this equal to TRUE.

**Details**

This is the main function used to extract the Cauchy robust eigenvectors.

**Value**

A list including:

runtime	The duration (in seconds) of the algorithm.
loglik	The minimum maximum Cauchy log-likelihood.
mu	The estimated location parameter of the Cauchy ditribution.
su	The estimated scale parameter of the Cauchy ditribution.
loadings	A matrix with the robust eigenvectors.

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## See Also

[cauchy.mle](#)

## Examples

```
x <- as.matrix( iris[, 1:4] )  
cauchy.pca(x, k = 1)
```

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