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```
assumptions.exp_series_md_c1_c2_c3  
  Assumptions for exp_series_md_c1_c2_c3 model.
```

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**Description**

Returns the assumptions made by this likelihood model.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'exp_series_md_c1_c2_c3'  
assumptions(model, ...)
```

**Arguments**

model	the likelihood model object
...	additional arguments (ignored)

**Value**

character vector of assumptions

**Examples**

```
assumptions(exp_series_md_c1_c2_c3())
```

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```
assumptions.wei_series_homogeneous_md_c1_c2_c3  
  Assumptions for wei_series_homogeneous_md_c1_c2_c3 model.
```

---

**Description**

Returns the assumptions made by this likelihood model.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'wei_series_homogeneous_md_c1_c2_c3'  
assumptions(model, ...)
```

**Arguments**

model	the likelihood model object
...	additional arguments (ignored)

**Value**

character vector of assumptions

**Examples**

```
assumptions(wei_series_homogeneous_md_c1_c2_c3())
```

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```
assumptions.wei_series_md_c1_c2_c3
```

*Assumptions for wei\_series\_md\_c1\_c2\_c3 model.*

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**Description**

Returns the assumptions made by this likelihood model.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'wei_series_md_c1_c2_c3'
assumptions(model, ...)
```

**Arguments**

model	the likelihood model object
...	additional arguments (ignored)

**Value**

character vector of assumptions

**Examples**

```
assumptions(wei_series_md_c1_c2_c3())
```

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```
cause_probability
```

*Marginal cause-of-failure probability*

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**Description**

Returns a closure computing  $P(K=j \mid \theta)$  for all components  $j$ , marginalized over the system failure time  $T$ . By Theorem 5 of the foundational paper, this equals  $E_T[P(K=j \mid T, \theta)]$ .

**Usage**

```
cause_probability(model, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'series_md'
cause_probability(model, ...)
```

**Arguments**

model            a likelihood model object  
 ...             additional arguments passed to the returned closure

**Details**

The default method uses Monte Carlo integration via `rdata()`.

**Value**

a function with signature `function(par, ...)` returning an m-vector where element j gives  $P(K=j | \theta)$

**Methods (by class)**

- `cause_probability(series_md)`: Default for `series_md` models via Monte Carlo integration (Theorem 5)

**Examples**

```
model <- exp_series_md_c1_c2_c3()
cp <- cause_probability(model)
cp(par = c(0.5, 0.3, 0.2))
```

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component_hazard	<i>Component hazard function</i>
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**Description**

Returns a closure computing the hazard function  $h_j(t; \theta)$  for the j-th component. The returned function takes the full parameter vector `par` and extracts the relevant component parameters internally.

**Usage**

```
component_hazard(model, j, ...)
```

**Arguments**

model            a likelihood model object  
 j                component index (integer from 1 to m)  
 ...             additional arguments passed to the returned closure (e.g., covariates for proportional hazards extensions)

**Value**

a function with signature `function(t, par, ...)` computing  $h_j(t)$

**Examples**

```
model <- exp_series_md_c1_c2_c3()
h1 <- component_hazard(model, j = 1)
h1(t = 1.0, par = c(0.5, 0.3, 0.2))
```

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conditional\_cause\_probability

*Conditional cause-of-failure probability*

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**Description**

Returns a closure computing  $P(K=j \mid T=t, \theta)$  for all components  $j$ , conditional on a specific failure time  $t$ . By Theorem 6 of the foundational paper, this equals  $h_j(t; \theta) / \sum_l h_l(t; \theta)$ .

**Usage**

```
conditional_cause_probability(model, ...)

## S3 method for class 'series_md'
conditional_cause_probability(model, ...)
```

**Arguments**

model	a likelihood model object
...	additional arguments passed to the returned closure

**Value**

a function with signature `function(t, par, ...)` returning an  $n \times m$  matrix where  $n = \text{length}(t)$  and column  $j$  gives  $P(K=j \mid T=t, \theta)$

**Methods (by class)**

- `conditional_cause_probability(series_md)`: Default for `series_md` models via component hazard ratios (Theorem 6)

**Examples**

```
model <- exp_series_md_c1_c2_c3()
ccp <- conditional_cause_probability(model)
ccp(t = c(1, 2), par = c(0.5, 0.3, 0.2))
```

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dexp_series	<i>Density function for exponential series.</i>
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### Description

Thin wrapper. Equivalent to `algebraic.dist::density(dist.structure::exp_series(rates))(t, log = log)`.

### Usage

```
dexp_series(t, rates, log = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

t	series system lifetime
rates	rate parameters for exponential component lifetimes
log	return the log of the pdf

### Value

Density values for the exponential series distribution.

### Note

Preserved for backwards compatibility. New code: use `dist.structure::exp_series()` then `algebraic.dist::density()`.

### Examples

```
rates <- c(0.5, 0.3, 0.2)
dexp_series(1.0, rates)
dexp_series(c(0.5, 1.0, 2.0), rates, log = TRUE)
```

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exp_series_md_c1_c2_c3	<i>Constructs a likelihood model for exp_series_md_c1_c2_c3.</i>
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### Description

Likelihood model for exponential series systems with masked component cause of failure with candidate sets that satisfy conditions C1, C2, and C3, described below.

**Usage**

```
exp_series_md_c1_c2_c3(
  rates = NULL,
  lifetime = "t",
  lifetime_upper = "t_upper",
  omega = "omega",
  candset = "x"
)
```

**Arguments**

rates	rate parameters for exponential component lifetimes (optional, used as initial values for MLE if provided)
lifetime	column name for system lifetime, defaults to "t"
lifetime_upper	column name for interval upper bound, defaults to "t_upper". Only used for interval-censored observations.
omega	column name for observation type, defaults to "omega". Must contain character values: "exact" (failure at t), "right" (right-censored at t), "left" (left-censored: failed before t), or "interval" (failed in (t, t_upper)).
candset	column prefix for candidate set indicators, defaults to "x"

**Details**

This model satisfies the concept of a `likelihood_model` in the `likelihood.model` package by providing the following methods:

(1) `loglik.exp_series_md_c1_c2_c3` (2) `score.exp_series_md_c1_c2_c3` (3) `hess_loglik.exp_series_md_c1_c2_c3`

These are useful for doing maximum likelihood estimation, hypothesis testing (e.g., likelihood ratio test), estimation of asymptotic sampling distribution given data from the DGP according to the specified model, etc.

It is designed to work well with the `likelihood_model` R package. In particular, it is intended to be used with the `likelihood_contr_model` object, which is a `likelihood_model` object that allows likelihood contributions to be added for whatever data model you have in mind.

In this likelihood model, masked component data approximately satisfies the following conditions:

C1:  $\Pr\{K[i] \text{ in } C[i]\} = 1$  C2:  $\Pr\{C[i]=c[i] \mid K[i]=j, T[i]=t[i]\} = \Pr\{C[i]=c[i] \mid K[i]=j', T[i]=t[i]\}$  for any  $j, j' \text{ in } c[i]$ . C3: masking probabilities are independent of  $\theta$

As a special case, this model also includes exact component cause of failure data where the candidate set is a singleton.

**Value**

likelihood model object with class `c("exp_series_md_c1_c2_c3", "series_md", "likelihood_model")`

### Examples

```
model <- exp_series_md_c1_c2_c3()
# Generate data and evaluate log-likelihood
set.seed(123)
gen <- rdata(model)
df <- gen(theta = c(0.5, 0.3, 0.2), n = 50, tau = 10, p = 0.3)
ll <- loglik(model)
ll(df, par = c(0.5, 0.3, 0.2))
```

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hazard\_exp\_series      *Hazard function for exponential series.*

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### Description

Thin wrapper. The series of  $m$  independent exponentials has constant system hazard `sum(rates)`. Equivalent to `algebraic.dist::hazard(dist.structure::exp_series(rates))(t)`.

### Usage

```
hazard_exp_series(t, rates, log.p = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

<code>t</code>	Vector of series system lifetimes.
<code>rates</code>	Vector of rate parameters for exponential component lifetimes.
<code>log.p</code>	Logical; if TRUE, return the log of the hazard function.

### Value

The hazard function evaluated at the specified lifetimes.

### Note

Preserved for backwards compatibility. New code: use `dist.structure::exp_series()` then `algebraic.dist::hazard()`.

### Examples

```
rates <- c(0.5, 0.3, 0.2)
hazard_exp_series(1.0, rates)
hazard_exp_series(c(0.5, 1.0), rates, log.p = TRUE)
```

---

```
hess_loglik.exp_series_md_c1_c2_c3
```

*Hessian of log-likelihood method for exp\_series\_md\_c1\_c2\_c3 model.*

---

## Description

Returns the Hessian (second derivative matrix) of the log-likelihood for an exponential series system with respect to parameter theta for masked data with candidate sets that satisfy conditions C1, C2, and C3.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'exp_series_md_c1_c2_c3'
hess_loglik(model, ...)
```

## Arguments

model	the likelihood model object
...	additional arguments (passed to returned function)

## Details

All four observation types have closed-form Hessian contributions.

## Value

hessian function that takes the following arguments:

- df: masked data frame
- par: rate parameters of exponential component lifetime distributions
- lifetime: system lifetime column name (default from model)
- lifetime\_upper: interval upper bound column name (default from model)
- omega: observation type column name (default from model)
- candset: prefix of Boolean matrix encoding candidate sets

## Examples

```
model <- exp_series_md_c1_c2_c3()
set.seed(1)
df <- rdata(model)(theta = c(0.5, 0.3, 0.2), n = 30, tau = 10, p = 0.3)
H <- hess_loglik(model)
H(df, par = c(0.5, 0.3, 0.2))
```

---

```
hess_loglik.wei_series_homogeneous_md_c1_c2_c3
      Hessian of log-likelihood method for
      wei_series_homogeneous_md_c1_c2_c3.
```

---

**Description**

Returns the Hessian (second derivative matrix) of the log-likelihood for a Weibull series system with homogeneous shape. Computed numerically via the Jacobian of the score.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'wei_series_homogeneous_md_c1_c2_c3'
hess_loglik(model, ...)
```

**Arguments**

```
model      the likelihood model object
...        additional arguments (passed to returned function)
```

**Value**

hessian function that takes the following arguments:

- `df`: masked data frame
- `par`: parameter vector (shape, scale1, scale2, ...)
- `lifetime`: system lifetime column name (default from model)
- `lifetime_upper`: interval upper bound column name (default from model)
- `omega`: observation type column name (default from model)
- `candset`: prefix of Boolean matrix encoding candidate sets

**Examples**

```
model <- wei_series_homogeneous_md_c1_c2_c3()
set.seed(1)
theta <- c(1.2, 1000, 900, 850)
df <- rdata(model)(theta = theta, n = 30, tau = 500, p = 0.3)
H <- hess_loglik(model)
H(df, par = theta)
```

---

```
hess_loglik.wei_series_md_c1_c2_c3
```

*Hessian of log-likelihood method for wei\_series\_md\_c1\_c2\_c3 model.*

---

## Description

Returns the Hessian (second derivative matrix) of the log-likelihood for a Weibull series system. Computed numerically via the Jacobian of the score.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'wei_series_md_c1_c2_c3'  
hess_loglik(model, ...)
```

## Arguments

model	the likelihood model object
...	additional arguments (passed to returned function)

## Value

hessian function that takes the following arguments:

- df: masked data frame
- par: parameter vector (shape1, scale1, shape2, scale2, ...)
- lifetime: system lifetime column name (default from model)
- lifetime\_upper: interval upper bound column name (default from model)
- omega: observation type column name (default from model)
- candset: prefix of Boolean matrix encoding candidate sets

## Examples

```
model <- wei_series_md_c1_c2_c3()  
set.seed(1)  
theta <- c(1.2, 1000, 0.8, 900)  
df <- rdata(model)(theta = theta, n = 30, tau = 500, p = 0.3)  
H <- hess_loglik(model)  
H(df, par = theta)
```

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integrate_hazard	<i>Create a cumulative hazard function by integrating a hazard rate</i>
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**Description**

Given a hazard rate function  $h(t)$ , returns a function computing  $H(t) = \int_0^t h(u)du$  via numerical integration.

**Usage**

```
integrate_hazard(haz)
```

**Arguments**

haz                    hazard rate function  $h(t, \dots)$

**Value**

A function that computes the cumulative hazard at time t

**Examples**

```
# Exponential hazard h(t) = lambda
haz <- function(t, ...) rep(0.5, length(t))
H <- integrate_hazard(haz)
H(2) # Should be 1.0 (0.5 * 2)
```

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```
loglik.exp_series_md_c1_c2_c3
```

*Log-likelihood method for exp\_series\_md\_c1\_c2\_c3 model.*

---

**Description**

Returns a log-likelihood function for an exponential series system with respect to rate parameters for masked data with candidate sets that satisfy conditions C1, C2, and C3.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'exp_series_md_c1_c2_c3'
loglik(model, ...)
```

**Arguments**

model                    the likelihood model object  
 ...                      additional arguments (passed to returned function)

**Details**

Supports four observation types: exact failures, right-censored, left-censored, and interval-censored. All have closed-form likelihood contributions for the exponential model.

**Value**

log-likelihood function that takes the following arguments:

- `df`: masked data frame
- `par`: rate parameters of exponential component lifetime distributions
- `lifetime`: system lifetime column name (default from model)
- `lifetime_upper`: interval upper bound column name (default from model)
- `omega`: observation type column name (default from model)
- `candset`: prefix of Boolean matrix encoding candidate sets

**Examples**

```
model <- exp_series_md_c1_c2_c3()
set.seed(1)
df <- rdata(model)(theta = c(0.5, 0.3, 0.2), n = 30, tau = 10, p = 0.3)
ll <- loglik(model)
ll(df, par = c(0.5, 0.3, 0.2))
```

---

```
loglik.wei_series_homogeneous_md_c1_c2_c3
      Log-likelihood method for wei_series_homogeneous_md_c1_c2_c3
      model.
```

---

**Description**

Returns a log-likelihood function for a Weibull series system with homogeneous shape parameter. The parameter vector is  $(k, \text{scale}_1, \dots, \text{scale}_m)$  for masked data with candidate sets that satisfy conditions C1, C2, and C3.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'wei_series_homogeneous_md_c1_c2_c3'
loglik(model, ...)
```

**Arguments**

```
model      the likelihood model object
...        additional arguments (passed to returned function)
```

**Details**

Supports four observation types. Left-censored and interval-censored have closed-form likelihood contributions because all shapes are equal.

**Value**

log-likelihood function that takes the following arguments:

- `df`: masked data frame
- `par`: parameter vector (`shape`, `scale1`, `scale2`, ...)
- `lifetime`: system lifetime column name (default from model)
- `lifetime_upper`: interval upper bound column name (default from model)
- `omega`: observation type column name (default from model)
- `candset`: prefix of Boolean matrix encoding candidate sets

**Examples**

```
model <- wei_series_homogeneous_md_c1_c2_c3()
set.seed(1)
# theta: (shape, scale1, scale2, scale3)
theta <- c(1.2, 1000, 900, 850)
df <- rdata(model)(theta = theta, n = 30, tau = 500, p = 0.3)
ll <- loglik(model)
ll(df, par = theta)
```

---

```
loglik.wei_series_md_c1_c2_c3
```

*Log-likelihood method for wei\_series\_md\_c1\_c2\_c3 model.*

---

**Description**

Returns a log-likelihood function for a Weibull series system with respect to parameter vector (`shape_1`, `scale_1`, ..., `shape_m`, `scale_m`) for masked data with candidate sets that satisfy conditions C1, C2, and C3.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'wei_series_md_c1_c2_c3'
loglik(model, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>model</code>	the likelihood model object
<code>...</code>	additional arguments (passed to returned function)

**Details**

Supports four observation types. Left-censored and interval-censored observations require numerical integration (via `stats::integrate`) because heterogeneous shapes prevent a closed-form solution.

**Value**

log-likelihood function that takes the following arguments:

- `df`: masked data frame
- `par`: parameter vector (`shape1`, `scale1`, `shape2`, `scale2`, ...)
- `lifetime`: system lifetime column name (default from model)
- `lifetime_upper`: interval upper bound column name (default from model)
- `omega`: observation type column name (default from model)
- `candset`: prefix of Boolean matrix encoding candidate sets

**Examples**

```
model <- wei_series_md_c1_c2_c3()
set.seed(1)
theta <- c(1.2, 1000, 0.8, 900)
df <- rdata(model)(theta = theta, n = 30, tau = 500, p = 0.3)
ll <- loglik(model)
ll(df, par = theta)
```

---

md\_bernoulli\_cand\_c1\_c2\_c3

*Bernoulli candidate set model for systems with unobserved components.*

---

**Description**

Bernoulli candidate set model is a particular type of *uninformed* model. Note that we do not generate candidate sets with this function. See `md_cand_sampler` for that.

**Usage**

```
md_bernoulli_cand_c1_c2_c3(
  df,
  p,
  prob = "q",
  comp = "t",
  right_censoring_indicator = "delta"
)
```

**Arguments**

df	masked data.
p	a vector of probabilities ( $p[j]$ is the probability that the $j$ th system will include a non-failed component in its candidate set, assuming the $j$ th system is not right-censored).
prob	column prefix for component probabilities, defaults to q, e.g., q1, q2, q3.
comp	column prefix for component lifetimes, defaults to t, e.g., t1, t2, t3.
right_censoring_indicator	right-censoring indicator column name. if TRUE, then the system lifetime is right-censored, otherwise it is observed. If NULL, then no right-censoring is assumed. Defaults to delta.

**Details**

This model satisfies conditions C1, C2, and C3. The failed component will be in the corresponding candidate set with probability 1, and the remaining components will be in the candidate set with probability  $p$  (the same probability for each component).  $p$  may be different for each system, but it is assumed to be the same for each component within a system, so  $p$  can be a vector such that the length of  $p$  is the number of systems in the data set (with recycling if necessary).

**Value**

Data frame with added candidate set probability columns (e.g., q1, q2, ..., qm).

**Examples**

```
# Generate component lifetimes and system data
mat <- matrix(rexp(9, rate = rep(c(0.5, 0.3, 0.2), each = 3)),
             nrow = 3, ncol = 3)
df <- md_encode_matrix(mat, "t")
df$t <- apply(mat, 1, min)
df$delta <- TRUE
md_bernoulli_cand_c1_c2_c3(df, p = 0.5)
```

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md\_boolean\_matrix\_to\_charsets

*Convert Boolean candidate set columns to character set notation*

---

**Description**

Replaces Boolean matrix columns (e.g., x1, x2, x3) with a single character column showing set notation like {1, 3}.

**Usage**

```
md_boolean_matrix_to_charsets(df, setvar = "x", cname = NULL, drop_set = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

df	data frame containing Boolean matrix columns
setvar	column prefix for the Boolean matrix (default "x")
cname	name for the new character column (default: same as setvar)
drop_set	if TRUE, remove the original Boolean columns (default FALSE)

**Value**

data frame with character set column added

**Examples**

```
df <- data.frame(x1 = c(TRUE, FALSE, TRUE),
                 x2 = c(TRUE, TRUE, FALSE),
                 x3 = c(FALSE, TRUE, TRUE))
md_boolean_matrix_to_charsets(df)
```

---

md\_cand\_sampler

*Sample candidate sets for systems with unobserved components.*


---

**Description**

Candidate set generator. Requires columns for component probabilities e.g.,  $q_1, \dots, q_m$  where  $q_j$  is the probability that the  $j$ th component will be in the corresponding candidate set generated for that observation in the md table.

**Usage**

```
md_cand_sampler(df, prob = "q", candset = "x")
```

**Arguments**

df	(masked) data frame
prob	column prefix for component probabilities, defaults to q, e.g., $q_1, q_2, q_3$ .
candset	column prefix for candidate sets (as Boolean matrix), defaults to x, e.g., $x_1, x_2, x_3$ .

**Value**

Data frame with added Boolean candidate set columns (e.g.,  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m$ ).

## Examples

```
# Generate component lifetimes
set.seed(42)
mat <- matrix(rexp(9, rate = rep(c(0.5, 0.3, 0.2), each = 3)),
              nrow = 3, ncol = 3)
df <- md_encode_matrix(mat, "t")
df$t <- apply(mat, 1, min)
df$delta <- TRUE
df <- md_bernoulli_cand_c1_c2_c3(df, p = 0.5)
md_cand_sampler(df)
```

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md_encode_matrix	<i>Encode a matrix as a data frame with prefixed column names</i>
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## Description

Converts a matrix to a data frame with columns named var1, var2, ....

## Usage

```
md_encode_matrix(mat, var)
```

## Arguments

mat	matrix to encode
var	character prefix for the column names

## Value

a data frame with named columns

## Examples

```
mat <- matrix(1:6, nrow = 2, ncol = 3)
md_encode_matrix(mat, "x")
```

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`md_series_lifetime_right_censoring`*Masked data generation for series system lifetime data*

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### Description

Generates right-censored system failure times and right-censoring indicators for a series system with the given data frame of component lifetimes.

### Usage

```
md_series_lifetime_right_censoring(  
  df,  
  tau = Inf,  
  comp = "t",  
  lifetime = "t",  
  right_censoring_indicator = "delta"  
)
```

### Arguments

<code>df</code>	a data frame with the indicated component lifetimes
<code>tau</code>	vector of right-censoring times, defaults to Inf (no right censoring)
<code>comp</code>	component lifetime prefix variable name, defaults to t, e.g., t1, t2, t3.
<code>lifetime</code>	system lifetime variable name, defaults to t
<code>right_censoring_indicator</code>	right-censoring indicator variable, defaults to delta

### Value

(masked) data frame with masked data as described in the paper

### Examples

```
mat <- matrix(rexp(9, rate = 0.5), nrow = 3, ncol = 3)  
df <- md_encode_matrix(mat, "t")  
md_series_lifetime_right_censoring(df, tau = 5)
```

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mean.exp_series	<i>Mean function for exponential series.</i>
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### Description

Computes the expected value of a series system with exponentially distributed component lifetimes. For a series system with component rates  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m$ , the system lifetime is exponential with rate  $\sum \lambda_j$ , so  $E[T] = 1 / \sum \lambda_j$ .

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'exp_series'
mean(x, ...)
```

### Arguments

`x` An `exp_series` object. Either a numeric vector of rate parameters (legacy maskedcauses convention) or a list returned by `dist.structure::exp_series()`.

`...` Additional arguments (ignored, for S3 generic compatibility).

### Details

This method is polymorphic: it accepts both the legacy maskedcauses shape (a numeric vector of rates with class attribute "exp\_series") and the current `dist.structure::exp_series()` shape (a list with a `$total_rate` field). This prevents a breaking S3 dispatch collision when both packages are attached.

### Value

The mean of the exponential series distribution (1/sum of rates).

### Note

Preserved for backwards compatibility. New code: construct with `dist.structure::exp_series(rates)` and call `mean()` on it.

### Examples

```
# Legacy shape
rates <- structure(c(0.5, 0.3, 0.2), class = "exp_series")
mean(rates)
# Modern shape (dist.structure list) works via the same method
mean(dist.structure::exp_series(c(0.5, 0.3, 0.2)))
```

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ncomponents	<i>Number of components in a series system model</i>
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**Description**

Returns the number of components  $m$  in the series system. If the model was constructed without parameter values, returns NULL.

**Usage**

```
ncomponents(model, ...)
```

**Arguments**

model	a likelihood model object
...	additional arguments (currently ignored)

**Value**

integer number of components, or NULL if not determinable

**Examples**

```
model <- exp_series_md_c1_c2_c3(rates = c(0.5, 0.3, 0.2))
ncomponents(model)
```

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observe_left_censor	<i>Left-censoring observation scheme (single inspection)</i>
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**Description**

Creates an observation functor for a single-inspection design. If the system has already failed by inspection time  $\tau$ , we know it failed before  $\tau$  but not exactly when (left-censored). If it is still running, we know it survived past  $\tau$  (right-censored).

**Usage**

```
observe_left_censor(tau)
```

**Arguments**

tau	inspection time (positive numeric)
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**Value**

A function with signature `function(t_true)` returning a list with components:

**t** inspection time `tau`

**omega** "left" if failed before `tau`, "right" otherwise

**t\_upper** NA (not used for this scheme)

**Examples**

```
obs <- observe_left_censor(tau = 100)
obs(50) # left-censored: list(t = 100, omega = "left", t_upper = NA)
obs(150) # right-censored: list(t = 100, omega = "right", t_upper = NA)
```

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observe_mixture	<i>Mixture of observation schemes</i>
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**Description**

Creates an observation functor that randomly selects from a set of observation schemes for each observation. This models heterogeneous monitoring environments where different units are observed differently.

**Usage**

```
observe_mixture(..., weights = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

<code>...</code>	observation functors (created by <code>observe_*</code> functions)
<code>weights</code>	mixing probabilities (numeric vector). If NULL, uniform weights are used. Weights are normalized to sum to 1.

**Value**

A function with signature `function(t_true)` returning a list from one of the constituent schemes, selected randomly according to `weights`.

**Examples**

```
obs <- observe_mixture(
  observe_right_censor(tau = 100),
  observe_left_censor(tau = 50),
  weights = c(0.7, 0.3)
)
set.seed(42)
obs(30) # randomly selects one of the two schemes
```

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observe\_periodic      *Periodic inspection observation scheme*

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### Description

Creates an observation functor for periodic inspections at intervals of `delta`. Failures are bracketed between the last inspection before failure and the first inspection after failure (interval-censored). Systems surviving past `tau` are right-censored.

### Usage

```
observe_periodic(delta, tau = Inf)
```

### Arguments

`delta`            inspection interval (positive numeric)  
`tau`                study end time (positive numeric or `Inf` for no right-censoring)

### Value

A function with signature `function(t_true)` returning a list with components:

**t** lower bound of interval (or `tau` if right-censored)  
**omega** "interval" or "right"  
**t\_upper** upper bound of interval (NA if right-censored)

### Examples

```
obs <- observe_periodic(delta = 10, tau = 100)
obs(25) # interval: list(t = 20, omega = "interval", t_upper = 30)
obs(150) # right-censored: list(t = 100, omega = "right", t_upper = NA)
```

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observe\_right\_censor      *Right-censoring observation scheme*

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### Description

Creates an observation functor that applies right-censoring at time `tau`. Systems that fail before `tau` are observed exactly; systems surviving past `tau` are right-censored.

### Usage

```
observe_right_censor(tau)
```

**Arguments**

`tau` censoring time (positive numeric)

**Value**

A function with signature `function(t_true)` returning a list with components:

**t** observed time

**omega** "exact" or "right"

**t\_upper** NA (not used for this scheme)

**Examples**

```
obs <- observe_right_censor(tau = 100)
obs(50) # exact: list(t = 50, omega = "exact", t_upper = NA)
obs(150) # right-censored: list(t = 100, omega = "right", t_upper = NA)
```

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`pexp_series` *Cumulative distribution function for exponential series.*

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**Description**

Thin wrapper. Equivalent to `algebraic.dist::cdf(dist.structure::exp_series(rates))(t)`.

**Usage**

```
pexp_series(t, rates, lower.tail = TRUE, log.p = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

`t` Vector of series system lifetimes.

`rates` Vector of rate parameters for exponential component lifetimes.

`lower.tail` Logical; if TRUE (default), probabilities are  $P(X \leq x)$ , otherwise,  $P(X > x)$ .

`log.p` Logical; if TRUE, return the log of the cdf.

**Value**

The cumulative probabilities evaluated at the specified lifetimes.

**Note**

Preserved for backwards compatibility. New code: use `dist.structure::exp_series()` then `algebraic.dist::cdf()`.

**Examples**

```
rates <- c(0.5, 0.3, 0.2)
pexp_series(1.0, rates)
pexp_series(c(0.5, 1.0, 2.0), rates)
```

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`qcomp`*Quantile function for a component with custom survival function*

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**Description**

Finds the time  $t$  such that  $S(t) = p$  using root finding. The survival function  $S(t)$  is assumed to be monotonically decreasing from  $S(0) = 1$  to  $S(\text{inf}) = 0$ .

**Usage**

```
qcomp(  
  p,  
  surv,  
  theta,  
  t_lower = .Machine$double.eps,  
  t_upper = .Machine$double.xmax^0.5,  
  ...  
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>p</code>	probability (quantile level), must be in (0, 1)
<code>surv</code>	survival function $S(t, \text{theta}, \dots)$
<code>theta</code>	parameter vector passed to <code>surv</code>
<code>t_lower</code>	lower bound for search interval
<code>t_upper</code>	upper bound for search interval (sqrt to avoid overflow)
<code>...</code>	additional arguments passed to <code>surv</code>

**Value**

time  $t$  such that  $S(t) = p$

**Examples**

```
# Exponential survival function  
surv_exp <- function(t, theta) exp(-theta * t)  
  
# Median lifetime (50th percentile) for rate = 2  
qcomp(0.5, surv = surv_exp, theta = 2.0)
```

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qexp_series	<i>Quantile function for exponential series.</i>
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**Description**

Thin wrapper around `stats::qexp()` with `rate = sum(rates)`. Equivalent to `algebraic.dist::inv_cdf(dist.structure::exp_series())`.

**Usage**

```
qexp_series(p, rates, lower.tail = TRUE, log.p = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>p</code>	Vector of quantiles.
<code>rates</code>	Vector of rate parameters for exponential component lifetimes.
<code>lower.tail</code>	Logical, if TRUE (default), probabilities are $P(X \leq x)$ , otherwise, $P(X > x)$ .
<code>log.p</code>	Logical, if TRUE, vector of probabilities <code>p</code> are given as $\log(p)$ .

**Value**

Quantiles corresponding to the given probabilities `p`.

**Note**

Preserved for backwards compatibility. New code: use `dist.structure::exp_series()` then `algebraic.dist::inv_cdf()`.

**Examples**

```
rates <- c(0.5, 0.3, 0.2)
qexp_series(0.5, rates)
qexp_series(c(0.25, 0.5, 0.75), rates)
```

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rcomp	<i>Random generation for a component with custom survival function</i>
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**Description**

Generates random samples using inverse transform sampling.

**Usage**

```
rcomp(n, surv, theta)
```

**Arguments**

n	number of samples to generate
surv	survival function $S(t, \theta)$
theta	parameter vector passed to surv

**Value**

vector of n random samples

**Examples**

```
# Exponential survival function
surv_exp <- function(t, theta) exp(-theta * t)

# Generate 10 random samples with rate = 2
set.seed(123)
rcomp(10, surv = surv_exp, theta = 2.0)
```

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```
rdata.exp_series_md_c1_c2_c3
```

*Random data generation for exp\_series\_md\_c1\_c2\_c3 model.*

---

**Description**

Returns a function that generates random masked data from the exponential series system DGP at a given parameter value.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'exp_series_md_c1_c2_c3'
rdata(model, ...)
```

**Arguments**

model	the likelihood model object
...	additional arguments (passed to returned function)

**Value**

function that takes (theta, n, tau, p, observe, ...) and returns a data frame with columns: t, omega, x1, x2, ..., xm

**Examples**

```
model <- exp_series_md_c1_c2_c3()
gen <- rdata(model)
set.seed(42)
df <- gen(theta = c(0.5, 0.3, 0.2), n = 10, tau = 5, p = 0.5)
head(df)
```

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```
rdata.wei_series_homogeneous_md_c1_c2_c3
    Random data generation for wei_series_homogeneous_md_c1_c2_c3
    model.
```

---

**Description**

Returns a function that generates random masked data from the homogeneous Weibull series system DGP at a given parameter value.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'wei_series_homogeneous_md_c1_c2_c3'
rdata(model, ...)
```

**Arguments**

model	the likelihood model object
...	additional arguments (passed to returned function)

**Value**

function that takes (theta, n, tau, p, observe, ...) and returns a data frame with columns: t, omega, x1, x2, ..., xm

**Examples**

```
model <- wei_series_homogeneous_md_c1_c2_c3()
gen <- rdata(model)
set.seed(42)
df <- gen(theta = c(1.2, 1000, 900, 850), n = 10, tau = 500, p = 0.5)
head(df)
```

---

```
rdata.wei_series_md_c1_c2_c3
    Random data generation for wei_series_md_c1_c2_c3 model.
```

---

**Description**

Returns a function that generates random masked data from the Weibull series system DGP at a given parameter value.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'wei_series_md_c1_c2_c3'
rdata(model, ...)
```

**Arguments**

model            the likelihood model object  
 ...              additional arguments (passed to returned function)

**Value**

function that takes (theta, n, tau, p, observe, ...) and returns a data frame with columns: t, omega, x1, x2, ..., xm

**Examples**

```
model <- wei_series_md_c1_c2_c3()
gen <- rdata(model)
set.seed(42)
# theta: (shape1, scale1, shape2, scale2)
df <- gen(theta = c(1.2, 1000, 0.8, 900), n = 10, tau = 500, p = 0.5)
head(df)
```

rexp\_series

*Random number generation for exponential series.***Description**

Generates random variates from an exponential series distribution. The default path (keep\_latent = FALSE) is equivalent to `algebraic.dist::sampler(dist.structure::exp_series(rates))(n)`. The keep\_latent = TRUE path additionally returns the latent component lifetimes (sampled independently from each component).

**Usage**

```
rexp_series(n, rates, keep_latent = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

n                Integer, number of observations to generate.  
 rates            Vector of rate parameters for exponential component lifetimes.  
 keep\_latent     Logical; if TRUE, returns a matrix with system lifetimes in the first column and individual component lifetimes in subsequent columns. If FALSE (default), returns only system lifetimes.

**Value**

If keep\_latent = FALSE, a vector of random variates from the exponential series distribution. If keep\_latent = TRUE, a matrix with system lifetime in the first column and component lifetimes in columns 2 through m+1.

**Note**

Preserved for backwards compatibility. New code: use `dist.structure::exp_series()` with `algebraic.dist::sampler()`.

**Examples**

```
set.seed(123)
rexp_series(5, rates = c(0.5, 0.3, 0.2))
rexp_series(3, rates = c(0.5, 0.3, 0.2), keep_latent = TRUE)
```

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```
score.exp_series_md_c1_c2_c3
```

*Score method for exp\_series\_md\_c1\_c2\_c3 model.*

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**Description**

Returns a score (gradient) function for an exponential series system with respect to parameter theta for masked component failure with candidate sets that satisfy conditions C1, C2, and C3.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'exp_series_md_c1_c2_c3'
score(model, ...)
```

**Arguments**

model	the likelihood model object
...	additional arguments (passed to returned function)

**Details**

All four observation types (exact, right, left, interval) have closed-form score contributions.

**Value**

score function that takes the following arguments:

- df: masked data frame
- par: rate parameters of exponential component lifetime distributions
- lifetime: system lifetime column name (default from model)
- lifetime\_upper: interval upper bound column name (default from model)
- omega: observation type column name (default from model)
- candset: prefix of Boolean matrix encoding candidate sets

**Examples**

```

model <- exp_series_md_c1_c2_c3()
set.seed(1)
df <- rdata(model)(theta = c(0.5, 0.3, 0.2), n = 30, tau = 10, p = 0.3)
s <- score(model)
s(df, par = c(0.5, 0.3, 0.2))

```

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```
score.wei_series_homogeneous_md_c1_c2_c3
```

*Score method for wei\_series\_homogeneous\_md\_c1\_c2\_c3 model.*

---

**Description**

Returns a score (gradient) function for a Weibull series system with homogeneous shape parameter. The parameter vector is  $(k, \text{scale}_1, \dots, \text{scale}_m)$  for masked data with candidate sets that satisfy conditions C1, C2, and C3.

**Usage**

```

## S3 method for class 'wei_series_homogeneous_md_c1_c2_c3'
score(model, ...)

```

**Arguments**

model	the likelihood model object
...	additional arguments (passed to returned function)

**Details**

Uses a hybrid approach: analytical score for exact and right-censored observations, numerical gradient (via numDeriv) for left-censored and interval-censored observations.

**Value**

score function that takes the following arguments:

- df: masked data frame
- par: parameter vector (shape, scale1, scale2, ...)
- lifetime: system lifetime column name (default from model)
- lifetime\_upper: interval upper bound column name (default from model)
- omega: observation type column name (default from model)
- candset: prefix of Boolean matrix encoding candidate sets

**Examples**

```

model <- wei_series_homogeneous_md_c1_c2_c3()
set.seed(1)
theta <- c(1.2, 1000, 900, 850)
df <- rdata(model)(theta = theta, n = 30, tau = 500, p = 0.3)
s <- score(model)
s(df, par = theta)

```

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```
score.wei_series_md_c1_c2_c3
```

*Score method for wei\_series\_md\_c1\_c2\_c3 model.*

---

**Description**

Returns a score (gradient) function for a Weibull series system with respect to parameter vector (shape<sub>1</sub>, scale<sub>1</sub>, ..., shape<sub>m</sub>, scale<sub>m</sub>) for masked data with candidate sets that satisfy conditions C1, C2, and C3.

**Usage**

```

## S3 method for class 'wei_series_md_c1_c2_c3'
score(model, ...)

```

**Arguments**

model	the likelihood model object
...	additional arguments (passed to returned function)

**Details**

Uses a hybrid approach: analytical score for exact and right-censored observations, numerical gradient (via numDeriv) for left-censored and interval-censored observations.

**Value**

score function that takes the following arguments:

- df: masked data frame
- par: parameter vector (shape1, scale1, shape2, scale2, ...)
- lifetime: system lifetime column name (default from model)
- lifetime\_upper: interval upper bound column name (default from model)
- omega: observation type column name (default from model)
- candset: prefix of Boolean matrix encoding candidate sets

### Examples

```
model <- wei_series_md_c1_c2_c3()
set.seed(1)
theta <- c(1.2, 1000, 0.8, 900)
df <- rdata(model)(theta = theta, n = 30, tau = 500, p = 0.3)
s <- score(model)
s(df, par = theta)
```

---

surv.exp\_series      *Survival function for exponential series.*

---

### Description

Thin wrapper. Equivalent to `algebraic.dist::surv(dist.structure::exp_series(rates))(t)`.

### Usage

```
surv.exp_series(t, rates, log.p = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

t	Vector of series system lifetimes.
rates	Vector of rate parameters for exponential component lifetimes.
log.p	Logical; if TRUE, return the log of the survival function.

### Value

The survival function evaluated at the specified lifetimes.

### Note

Preserved for backwards compatibility. New code: use `dist.structure::exp_series()` then `algebraic.dist::surv()`.

### Examples

```
rates <- c(0.5, 0.3, 0.2)
surv.exp_series(1.0, rates)
surv.exp_series(c(0.5, 1.0, 2.0), rates)
```

---

wei_series_homogeneous_md_c1_c2_c3	<i>Constructs</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>likelihood</i>	<i>model</i>	<i>for</i>
	wei_series_homogeneous_md_c1_c2_c3.				

---

### Description

Likelihood model for Weibull series systems with homogeneous shape parameter and masked component cause of failure with candidate sets that satisfy conditions C1, C2, and C3.

### Usage

```
wei_series_homogeneous_md_c1_c2_c3(
  shape = NULL,
  scales = NULL,
  lifetime = "t",
  lifetime_upper = "t_upper",
  omega = "omega",
  candset = "x"
)
```

### Arguments

shape	common shape parameter for all Weibull component lifetimes
scales	scale parameters for Weibull component lifetimes (optional)
lifetime	column name for system lifetime, defaults to "t"
lifetime_upper	column name for interval upper bound, defaults to "t_upper". Only used for interval-censored observations.
omega	column name for observation type, defaults to "omega". Must contain character values: "exact", "right", "left", or "interval".
candset	column prefix for candidate set indicators, defaults to "x"

### Details

This is a reduced model where all components share a common shape parameter  $k$ , while retaining individual scale parameters. The parameter vector is  $(k, \text{scale}_1, \dots, \text{scale}_m)$ , giving  $m+1$  parameters instead of  $2m$ .

A key property of this model is that the series system lifetime is itself Weibull distributed with shape  $k$  and scale  $\lambda_s = (\sum \beta_j^{-k})^{-1/k}$ .

This model satisfies the concept of a `likelihood_model` in the `likelihood.model` package by providing the following methods:

(1) `loglik.wei_series_homogeneous_md_c1_c2_c3` (2) `score.wei_series_homogeneous_md_c1_c2_c3`  
 (3) `hess_loglik.wei_series_homogeneous_md_c1_c2_c3`

In this likelihood model, masked component data approximately satisfies:

C1:  $\Pr\{K[i] \text{ in } C[i]\} = 1$  C2:  $\Pr\{C[i]=c[i] \mid K[i]=j, T[i]=t[i]\} = \Pr\{C[i]=c[i] \mid K[i]=j', T[i]=t[i]\}$   
 for any  $j, j'$  in  $c[i]$ . C3: masking probabilities are independent of  $\theta$

**Value**

likelihood model object with class `c("wei_series_homogeneous_md_c1_c2_c3", "series_md", "likelihood_model")`

**See Also**

`wei_series_md_c1_c2_c3()` for the full model with heterogeneous shapes

**Examples**

```
# Create model and fit to data using generic dispatch
model <- wei_series_homogeneous_md_c1_c2_c3()
# solver <- fit(model)
# theta: (shape, scale1, scale2, ...)
# mle <- solver(data, par = c(1.2, 1000, 900, 850))
```

---

```
wei_series_md_c1_c2_c3
```

*Constructs a likelihood model for wei\_series\_md\_c1\_c2\_c3.*

---

**Description**

Likelihood model for Weibull series systems with masked component cause of failure with candidate sets that satisfy conditions C1, C2, and C3.

**Usage**

```
wei_series_md_c1_c2_c3(
  shapes = NULL,
  scales = NULL,
  lifetime = "t",
  lifetime_upper = "t_upper",
  omega = "omega",
  candset = "x"
)
```

**Arguments**

shapes	shape parameters for Weibull component lifetimes (optional)
scales	scale parameters for Weibull component lifetimes (optional)
lifetime	column name for system lifetime, defaults to "t"
lifetime_upper	column name for interval upper bound, defaults to "t_upper". Only used for interval-censored observations.
omega	column name for observation type, defaults to "omega". Must contain character values: "exact", "right", "left", or "interval".
candset	column prefix for candidate set indicators, defaults to "x"

**Details**

This model satisfies the concept of a `likelihood_model` in the `likelihood.model` package by providing the following methods:

(1) `loglik.wei_series_md_c1_c2_c3` (2) `score.wei_series_md_c1_c2_c3` (3) `hess_loglik.wei_series_md_c1_c2_c3`

The Weibull series system has  $2m$  parameters:  $(\text{shape}_1, \text{scale}_1, \dots, \text{shape}_m, \text{scale}_m)$ .

In this likelihood model, masked component data approximately satisfies:

C1:  $\Pr\{K[i] \text{ in } C[i]\} = 1$  C2:  $\Pr\{C[i]=c[i] \mid K[i]=j, T[i]=t[i]\} = \Pr\{C[i]=c[i] \mid K[i]=j', T[i]=t[i]\}$  for any  $j, j' \text{ in } c[i]$ . C3: masking probabilities are independent of  $\theta$

**Value**

likelihood model object with class `c("wei_series_md_c1_c2_c3", "series_md", "likelihood_model")`

**Examples**

```
# Create model and fit to data using generic dispatch
model <- wei_series_md_c1_c2_c3()
# solver <- fit(model)
# theta: (shape1, scale1, shape2, scale2, ...)
# mle <- solver(data, par = c(1, 1000, 1, 1000, 1, 1000))
```

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`wei_series_system_scale`

*System scale parameter for homogeneous Weibull series*

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**Description**

For a series system with Weibull components sharing shape  $k$  but with individual scales, the system lifetime is itself Weibull with shape  $k$  and this computed scale.

**Usage**

```
wei_series_system_scale(k, scales)
```

**Arguments**

<code>k</code>	common shape parameter
<code>scales</code>	vector of component scale parameters

**Value**

system scale parameter

**Examples**

```
# 3-component system with common shape 1.2
wei_series_system_scale(k = 1.2, scales = c(1000, 900, 850))
```

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