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Description Allows to estimate dynamic model averaging, dynamic model selection and median probability model. The original methods are implemented, as well as, selected further modifications of these methods. In particular the user might choose between recursive moment estimation and exponentially moving average for variance updating. Inclusion probabilities might be modified in a way using 'Google Trends'. The code is written in a way which minimises the computational burden (which is quite an obstacle for dynamic model averaging if many variables are used). For example, this package allows for parallel computations and Occam's window approach. The package is designed in a way that is hoped to be especially useful in economics and finance. Main reference: Raftery, A.E., Karny, M., Ettler, P. (2010) <doi:10.1198/TECH.2009.08104>.

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altf *Computes a Few Alternative Forecasts.*

Description

It is necessary to compare a given forecast method with some alternative ones. This function computes selected forecast quality measures for a few selected forecast methods (which might be treated as alternative ones to Dynamic Model Averaging, Dynamic Model Selection, etc.).

Naive forecast (naive) is computed in a way that all forecasts are set to be the value of the last observation.

For rolling OLS forecast (roll. OLS) for the first periods (until the size of a window is obtained) are estimated through recursive OLS (rec. OLS).

Autoregressive models (AR(1) and AR(2)) are computed by ordinary least squares method.

Time-varying parameters models (TVP, TVP-AR(1) and TVP-AR(2)) are computed as [tvps](#) with $V=1$ and $\lambda=0.99$.

Auto ARIMA (auto ARIMA) is computed as [auto.arima](#).

ME (Mean Error), RMSE (Root Mean Squared Error), MAE (Mean Absolute Error), MPE (Mean Percentage Error) and MAPE (Mean Absolute Percentage Error) are computed as [accuracy](#). HR (Hit Ratio) is computed as [hit.ratio](#).

Usage

```
altf(y,x>window=NULL,initial.period=NULL,d=NULL,f=NULL,fmod=NULL,c=NULL)
```

Arguments

y	numeric or a column matrix of a dependent variable
x	matrix of independent variables, different columns correspond to different independent variables
window	optional, numeric , a size of a rolling regression window (a number of observations), if not specified 10% of all observations are taken
initial.period	optional, numeric , a number of observation since which forecast quality measures are computed, if not specified the whole sample is used, i.e., <code>initial.period=1</code> , this argument also divides the sample into in-sample and out-of-sample for non-recursive methods (OLS, AR(1), AR(2), auto ARIMA)
d	optional, logical , a parameter used for HR (Hit Ratio) calculation, should be <code>d=FALSE</code> for level time-series and <code>d=TRUE</code> if time-series represent changes, if not specified <code>d=FALSE</code>
f	optional, logical vector, indicating which of alternative forecasts – naive, OLS, rec. OLS, roll. OLS, TVP, AR(1), AR(2), auto ARIMA, TVP-AR(1) and TVP-AR(2) – should be computed, if not specified <code>f=c(rep(TRUE, 10))</code> , i.e., all alternative forecasts are computed
fmod	optional, class <code>dma</code> object, a model to be compared with alternative forecast
c	optional, logical , a parameter indicating whether constant is included in models, if not specified <code>c=TRUE</code> is used, i.e., constant is included

Value

	class <code>altf</code> object, list of
\$summary	matrix of forecast quality measures ordered by columns, forecast methods are ordered by rows
\$y.hat	list of predicted values from all forecasting methods which were applied
\$y	y, forecasted time-series
\$coeff.	list of coefficients from all forecasting methods which were applied (for naive forecast they are not computed)
\$p.val.	list of p-values for t-test of statistical significance for coefficients from all forecasting methods which were applied (for naive and TVP models they are not computed, and for auto ARIMA z-test is used)

See Also

[plot.altf](#), [print.altf](#), [summary.altf](#), [rec.reg](#), [roll.reg](#), [altf2](#), [altf3](#), [altf4](#).

Examples

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[, -1], k=1))[-1,]
ld.wti <- (diff(log(wti)))[-1,]
ld.drivers <- (diff(log(drivers)))[-1,]
```

```

a1 <- altf(y=ld.wti,x=ld.drivers,d=TRUE,initial.period=60)

# models where constant term is not included in modelled equations (if applicable)
a2 <- altf(y=ld.wti,x=ld.drivers,d=TRUE,c=FALSE,initial.period=60)

# compute just selected models
fcomp <- c(TRUE,TRUE,TRUE,FALSE,FALSE,FALSE,TRUE,TRUE,TRUE,FALSE)
a3 <- altf(y=ld.wti,x=ld.drivers,d=TRUE,f=fcomp,initial.period=60)

m1 <- fdma(y=ld.wti,x=ld.drivers,alpha=0.99,lambda=0.90,initvar=10)
a4 <- altf(y=ld.wti,x=ld.drivers,d=TRUE,f=fcomp,fmod=m1,initial.period=60)

```

altf2

*Computes a Few Alternative Forecasts Based on Model Averaging.***Description**

It is necessary to compare a given forecast method with some alternative ones. This function computes selected forecast quality measures for a few selected forecast methods (which might be treated as alternative ones to Dynamic Model Averaging, Dynamic Model Selection, etc.).

ME (Mean Error), RMSE (Root Mean Squared Error), MAE (Mean Absolute Error), MPE (Mean Percentage Error) and MAPE (Mean Absolute Percentage Error) are computed as [accuracy](#). HR (Hit Ratio) is computed as [hit.ratio](#).

Usage

```
altf2(y,x,mods.incl=NULL,gprob=NULL,omega=NULL,av=NULL>window=NULL,
initial.period=NULL,d=NULL,f=NULL,fmod=NULL,parallel=NULL)
```

Arguments

<code>y</code>	<code>numeric</code> or a column <code>matrix</code> of a dependent variable
<code>x</code>	<code>matrix</code> of independent variables, different columns correspond to different independent variables
<code>mods.incl</code>	optional, <code>matrix</code> indicating which models will be used in averaging, if not specified all possible models will be used, see fdma
<code>gprob</code>	optional, <code>matrix</code> of Google probabilities as in Koop and Onorante (2014), columns should correspond to columns of <code>x</code> , see fdma
<code>omega</code>	optional, <code>numeric</code> , a parameter between 0 and 1 used in probabilities estimations, used if <code>gprob</code> is specified, see fdma
<code>av</code>	optional, a method for model averaging, <code>av="ord"</code> corresponds to equal weights for each model, <code>av="aic"</code> corresponds to information theoretic model averaging based on Akaike Information Criterion, <code>av="aicc"</code> corresponds to information theoretic model averaging based on Akaike Information Criterion with a

	correction for finite sample sizes, <code>av="bic"</code> corresponds to information theoretic model averaging based on Bayesian Information Criterion, <code>av="mse"</code> corresponds to setting weights proportional to the inverse of the models Mean Squared Error, if not specified <code>av="ord"</code> is used
<code>window</code>	optional, numeric , a size of a rolling regression window (a number of observations), if not specified 10% of all observations are taken
<code>initial.period</code>	optional, numeric , a number of observation since which forecast quality measures are computed, if not specified the whole sample is used, i.e., <code>initial.period=1</code> , this argument also divides the sample into in-sample and out-of-sample for <code>av</code> . OLS method
<code>d</code>	optional, logical , a parameter used for HR (Hit Ratio) calculation, should be <code>d=FALSE</code> for level time-series and <code>d=TRUE</code> if time-series represent changes, if not specified <code>d=FALSE</code>
<code>f</code>	optional, logical vector, indicating which of alternative forecast – <code>av</code> . OLS, <code>av</code> . rec. OLS, <code>av</code> . roll. OLS and <code>av</code> . TVP – should be averaged, if not specified <code>f=c(rep(TRUE, 4))</code> , i.e., all alternative forecast are computed
<code>fmod</code>	optional, class <code>dma</code> object, a model to be compared with alternative forecast
<code>parallel</code>	optional, logical , indicate whether parallel computations should be used, by default <code>parallel=FALSE</code>

Details

For each `av` method, in the initial period equal weights for each model are taken, and then successively updated based on the chosen criterion. For OLS models weights are not updated. The same weight for each model (estimated from the in-sample period) is taken for each period.

If `gprob` is used, then for OLS mean values from the in-sample period are taken, for rec. OLS – mean values from periods up to the current one, for roll. OLS – mean values from the last window periods, and for TVP – values from the current period.

Value

	class <code>altf2</code> object, list of
<code>\$summary</code>	matrix of forecast quality measures ordered by columns, forecast methods are ordered by rows
<code>\$y.hat</code>	list of predicted values from all forecasting methods which were applied
<code>\$y</code>	<code>y</code> , forecasted time-series
<code>\$coeff.</code>	list of coefficients from all forecasting methods which were applied
<code>\$weights</code>	list of weights of models used in averaging for all forecasting methods which were applied
<code>\$p.val.</code>	list of p-values (averaged with respect to suitable weights) for t-test of statistical significance for coefficients from all forecasting methods which were applied (for TVP they are not computed)
<code>\$rel.var.imp.</code>	list of relative variable importance from all forecasting methods which were applied
<code>\$exp.var.</code>	list of expected number of variables (incl. constant) from all forecasting methods which were applied

References

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See Also

[plot.altf2](#), [print.altf2](#), [summary.altf2](#), [rec.reg](#), [roll.reg](#), [tvp](#), [altf](#), [altf3](#), [altf4](#).

Examples

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[,-1],k=1))[-1,]
ld.wti <- (diff(log(wti)))[-1,]
ld.drivers <- (diff(log(drivers)))[-1,]

a1 <- altf2(y=ld.wti,x=ld.drivers,d=TRUE,initial.period=60)

# compute just selected models
fcomp <- c(TRUE,TRUE,TRUE,FALSE)
a2 <- altf2(y=ld.wti,x=ld.drivers,d=TRUE,f=fcomp,initial.period=60)
a3 <- altf2(y=ld.wti,x=ld.drivers,d=TRUE,f=fcomp,av="aic",initial.period=60)

m1 <- fdMA(y=ld.wti,x=ld.drivers,alpha=0.99,lambda=0.90,initvar=10)
a4 <- altf2(y=ld.wti,x=ld.drivers,d=TRUE,f=fcomp,fmod=m1,initial.period=60)

# models just with one independent variable and a constant will be averaged
mds <- diag(1,ncol(ld.drivers),ncol(ld.drivers))
mds <- cbind(rep(1,ncol(ld.drivers)),mds)
a5 <- altf2(y=ld.wti,x=ld.drivers,d=TRUE,mods.incl=mds,initial.period=60)

# Google trends are available since 2004
gp <- trends/100
s1 <- ld.wti['2004-01-01/']
s2 <- ld.drivers['2004-01-01/']
a6 <- altf2(y=s1,x=s2,d=TRUE,gprob=gp,omega=0.5,initial.period=60)
```

altf3

*Computes a Rolling Regression Averaged over Different Window Sizes.***Description**

It is necessary to compare a given forecast method with some alternative ones. This function computes selected forecast quality measures for a rolling regression averaged over different window sizes (which might be treated as alternative forecasting method to Dynamic Model Averaging, Dynamic Model Selection, etc.).

ME (Mean Error), RMSE (Root Mean Squared Error), MAE (Mean Absolute Error), MPE (Mean Percentage Error) and MAPE (Mean Absolute Percentage Error) are computed as [accuracy](#). HR (Hit Ratio) is computed as [hit.ratio](#).

Usage

```
altf3(y,x=NULL,windows,av=NULL,initial.period=NULL,d=NULL,fmod=NULL,parallel=NULL,c=NULL)
```

Arguments

y	numeric or a column matrix of a dependent variable
x	matrix of independent variables, different columns correspond to different independent variables, if not specified only constant term will be included
windows	numeric vector, sizes of a rolling regression windows (numbers of observations)
av	optional, a method for model averaging, av="ord" corresponds to equal weights for each model, av="aic" corresponds to information theoretic model averaging based on Akaike Information Criterion, av="aicc" corresponds to information theoretic model averaging based on Akaike Information Criterion with a correction for finite sample sizes, av="bic" corresponds to information theoretic model averaging based on Bayesian Information Criterion, av="mse" corresponds to setting weights proportional to the inverse of the models Mean Squared Error, if av is numeric then weights are computed proportional to the av-th power of window size, if not specified av="ord" is used
initial.period	optional, numeric, a number of observation since which forecast quality measures are computed, if not specified the whole sample is used, i.e., initial.period=1
d	optional, logical, a parameter used for HR (Hit Ratio) calculation, should be d=FALSE for level time-series and d=TRUE if time-series represent changes, if not specified d=FALSE
fmod	optional, class dma object, a model to be compared with alternative forecast
parallel	optional, logical, indicate whether parallel computations should be used, by default parallel=FALSE
c	optional, see roll.reg

Details

For each av method, in the initial period equal weights for each model are taken, and then successively updated based on the chosen criterion.

Value

class altf3 object, [list](#) of

<code>\$summary</code>	matrix of forecast quality measures ordered by columns
<code>\$y.hat</code>	list of predicted values from a rolling regression averaged over selected window sizes
<code>\$y</code>	y, forecasted time-series
<code>\$coeff.</code>	list of coefficients from a rolling regression averaged over selected window sizes
<code>\$weights</code>	list of weights of models used in averaging
<code>\$p.val.</code>	list of p-values (averaged over selected window sizes) for t-test of statistical significance for coefficients from a rolling regression
<code>\$exp.win.</code>	list of expected window size

References

Pesaran, M. H., Pick, A., 2011. Forecast combination across estimation windows. *Journal of Business & Economic Statistics* **29**, 307–318.

See Also

[plot.altf3](#), [print.altf3](#), [summary.altf3](#), [roll.reg](#), [altf](#), [altf2](#), [altf4](#).

Examples

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[, -1], k=1))[-1,]
ld.wti <- (diff(log(wti)))[-1,]
ld.drivers <- (diff(log(drivers)))[-1,]

a1 <- altf3(y=ld.wti, x=ld.drivers, d=TRUE, windows=c(36, 100, 150))

a2 <- altf3(y=ld.wti, x=ld.drivers, d=TRUE, av="aic", windows=c(36, 100, 150))

a3 <- altf3(y=ld.wti, x=ld.drivers, d=TRUE, av=-2, windows=c(36, 100, 150))

# models without a constant term
a4 <- altf3(y=ld.wti, x=ld.drivers, d=TRUE, av=-2, windows=c(36, 100, 150), c=FALSE)

# models only with a constant term
a5 <- altf3(y=ld.wti, d=TRUE, av=-2, windows=c(36, 100, 150))
```

altf4 *Computes a Time-Varying Parameters Rolling Regression Averaged over Different Window Sizes.*

Description

It is necessary to compare a given forecast method with some alternative ones. This function computes selected forecast quality measures for a time-varying parameters rolling regression averaged over different window sizes (which might be treated as alternative forecasting method to Dynamic Model Averaging, Dynamic Model Selection, etc.). The averaging is performed as in Raftery et al. (2010). The only difference is that the state space of the models are constructed not by choosing different combinations of independent variables, but for a fixed set of independent variables various rolling windows sizes are chosen and models constructed in such a way constitute the state space.

ME (Mean Error), RMSE (Root Mean Squared Error), MAE (Mean Absolute Error), MPE (Mean Percentage Error) and MAPE (Mean Absolute Percentage Error) are computed as [accuracy](#). HR (Hit Ratio) is computed as [hit.ratio](#).

Usage

```
altf4(y,x,windows,V=NULL,alpha=NULL,lambda=NULL,initial.period=NULL,
d=NULL,fmod=NULL,parallel=NULL,c=NULL,small.c=NULL)
```

Arguments

y	numeric or a column matrix of a dependent variable
x	matrix of independent variables, different columns correspond to different independent variables
windows	numeric vector , sizes of a rolling regression windows (numbers of observations)
V	optional, numeric , initial variance in the state space equation for the recursive moment estimator updating method, as in Raftery et al. (2010), if not specified V=1 is taken, see tvp
lambda	optional, numeric , a forgetting factor between 0 and 1 used in variance approximations, if not specified lambda=0.99 is taken, see tvp
alpha	optional, numeric , a forgetting factor α between 0 and 1 used in probabilities estimations, if not specified alpha=0.99 is taken, see fdma
initial.period	optional, numeric , a number of observation since which forecast quality measures are computed, if not specified the whole sample is used, i.e., initial.period=1
d	optional, logical , a parameter used for HR (Hit Ratio) calculation, should be d=FALSE for level time-series and d=TRUE if time-series represent changes, if not specified d=FALSE
fmod	optional, class <code>dma</code> object, a model to be compared with alternative forecast
parallel	optional, logical , indicate whether parallel computations should be used, by default parallel=FALSE

c optional, see [tvp](#)
 small.c optional, see [fdma](#)

Value

class altf4 object, [list](#) of

\$summary [matrix](#) of forecast quality measures ordered by columns
 \$.hat [list](#) of predicted values from a time-varying parameters rolling regression averaged over selected window sizes
 \$y y, forecasted time-series
 \$coeff. [list](#) of coefficients from a time-varying parameters rolling regression averaged over selected window sizes
 \$weights [list](#) of weights of models used in averaging
 \$exp.win. [list](#) of expected window size

References

Pesaran, M. H., Pick, A., 2011. Forecast combination across estimation windows. *Journal of Business & Economic Statistics* **29**, 307–318.
 Raftery, A. E., Gneiting, T., Balabdaoui, F., Polakowski, M., 2005. Using Bayesian Model Averaging to calibrate forecast ensembles. *Monthly Weather Review* **133**, 1155–1174.
 Raftery, A. E., Karny, M., Ettler, P., 2010. Online prediction under model uncertainty via Dynamic Model Averaging: Application to a cold rolling mill. *Technometrics* **52**, 52–66.

See Also

[plot.altf4](#), [print.altf4](#), [summary.altf4](#), [roll.reg](#), [tvp](#), [altf](#), [altf2](#), [altf3](#).

Examples

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[, -1], k=1))[-1,]
ld.wti <- (diff(log(wti)))[-1,]
ld.drivers <- (diff(log(drivers)))[-1,]

a1 <- altf4(y=ld.wti, x=ld.drivers, d=TRUE, windows=c(36, 100, 150))

win <- c(36, 100, 150)
a2 <- altf4(y=ld.wti, x=ld.drivers, d=TRUE, windows=win, alpha=0.9, lambda=0.95)

# models without a constant term
a3 <- altf4(y=ld.wti, x=ld.drivers, d=TRUE, windows=win, alpha=0.9, lambda=0.95, c=FALSE)

# models only with a constant term
empty <- matrix(, nrow=nrow(ld.drivers), ncol=0)
a4 <- altf4(y=ld.wti, x=empty, d=TRUE, windows=win, alpha=0.9, lambda=0.95)
```

archtest	<i>Computes Engle's ARCH Test.</i>
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Description

This function computes Engle's ARCH test. The null hypothesis of this Lagrange Multiplier test is that a series of residuals exhibits no ARCH effects. The alternative hypothesis is that ARCH(lag) effects are present. The lag is specified by the User.

Usage

```
archtest(ts, lag=NULL)
```

Arguments

ts	vector, the tested time-series
lag	numeric, suspected order of ARCH process, if not specified lag=1 is taken

Value

class htest object, list of

statistic	test statistic
parameter	lag used in the test
alternative	alternative hypothesis of the test
p.value	p-value
method	name of the test
data.name	name of the tested time-series

References

Engle, R. F., 1982. Autoregressive conditional heteroscedasticity with estimates of the variance of United Kingdom inflation. *Econometrica* **50**, 987–1007.

Examples

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]
ld.wti <- (diff(log(wti)))[-1,]
arch <- archtest(ts=as.vector(ld.wti), lag=10)
```

coef.dma	<i>Extracts Averaged Coefficients from dma Model.</i>
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Description

The function extracts the expected values of regression coefficients from the [fdMA](#) model.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'dma'  
coef(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object	an object of dma class
...	not used

Value

[matrix](#) of expected values of regression coefficients

Examples

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]  
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[, -1], k=1))[-1,]  
ld.wti <- (diff(log(wti)))[-1,]  
ld.drivers <- (diff(log(drivers)))[-1,]  
  
m1 <- fdMA(y=ld.wti, x=ld.drivers, alpha=0.99, lambda=0.99, initvar=1, model="dma")  
c <- coef(object=m1)
```

crudeoil	<i>Crude Oil Data.</i>
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Description

Selected data from oil market.

Usage

```
data(crudeoil)
```

Format

crudeoil is `xts` object such that

- `crudeoil$WTI` – WTI spot price in USD per barrel
- `crudeoil$MSCI` – MSCI World Index
- `crudeoil$TB3MS` – U.S. 3-month treasury bill secondary market rate in %
- `crudeoil$CSP` – Crude steel production in thousand tonnes
- `crudeoil$TWEXM` – Trade weighted U.S. dollar index (Mar, 1973 = 100)
- `crudeoil$PROD` – U.S. product supplied for crude oil and petroleum products in thousands of barrels
- `crudeoil$CONS` – Total consumption of petroleum products in OECD in quad BTU
- `crudeoil$VX0` – Implied volatility of S&P 100

Details

The data are in monthly frequency. They cover the period between Jan, 1990 and Dec, 2016.

Source

The data are provided by CBOE, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, MSCI, U.S. Energy Information Administration and World Steel Association.

<https://www.cboe.com>

<https://www.eia.gov>

<https://fred.stlouisfed.org>

<https://www.msci.com>

<https://worldsteel.org>

Examples

```
data(crudeoil)
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[, -1], k=1))[-1,]
ld.wti <- (diff(log(wti)))[-1,]
ld.drivers <- (diff(log(drivers)))[-1,]

m <- fdMA(y=ld.wti, x=ld.drivers, alpha=0.99, lambda=0.99, initvar=1, model="dma")
```

`descstat`*Computes Basic Descriptive Statistics.*

Description

This function computes descriptive statistics which are most useful for Dynamic Model Averaging.

It is a wrapper of [describe](#).

If the argument is not a [matrix](#), the function tries to convert the object into a [matrix](#). For example, it works smoothly for [xts](#) objects.

Usage

```
descstat(data)
```

Arguments

`data` [matrix](#), observations are put in rows, and variables are grouped by columns

Details

See [describe](#).

Value

[matrix](#)

Examples

```
descstat(crudeoil)
```

`dmtest`*Computes Diebold-Mariano Test.*

Description

This is a wrapper for [dm.test](#) from `forecast` package. This function computes the original Diebold-Mariano test.

Usage

```
dmtest(y, f)
```

Arguments

y	vector of the forecasted time-series
f	matrix of the predicted values from various methods, forecasts are ordered in rows, the first row should correspond to the method that is compared with alternative ones (corresponding to subsequent rows)

Details

The null hypothesis is that the two methods have the same forecast accuracy. This function assumes that one-step ahead forecasts are compared and the second power is used in the loss function (see [dm.test](#)). "The Diebold-Mariano (DM) test was intended for comparing forecasts; it has been, and remains, useful in that regard. The DM test was not intended for comparing models." (Diebold, 2015)

Value

[matrix](#), first column contains tests statistics, next p-values are given for the alternative hypothesis that alternative forecasts have different accuracy than the compared forecast, alternative forecasts are less accurate and alternative forecasts have greater accuracy, tests outcomes for different forecasts are ordered by rows

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See Also

[hmdmtest](#), [mdmtest](#).

Examples

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[,-1],k=1))[-1,]
ld.wti <- (diff(log(wti)))[-1,]
ld.drivers <- (diff(log(drivers)))[-1,]
m <- fDMA(y=ld.wti,x=ld.drivers,alpha=0.99,lambda=0.90,initvar=10)
m <- m$y.hat
a <- altf2(y=ld.wti,x=ld.drivers,d=TRUE)
a <- a$y.hat
a <- matrix(unlist(a),nrow=length(a),byrow=TRUE)
fc <- rbind(m,a)
dm <- dmtest(y=as.vector(ld.wti),f=fc)
```


fDMA

*Computes Dynamic Model Averaging.***Description**

The function estimates Dynamic Model Averaging (and some of its variations). The method is described in Raftery et al. (2010).

Usage

```
fDMA(y,x,alpha,lambda,initvar,W=NULL,initial.period=NULL,V.meth=NULL,kappa=NULL,
gprob=NULL,omega=NULL,model=NULL,parallel=NULL,m.prior=NULL,mods.incl=NULL,
DOW=NULL,DOW.nmods=NULL,DOW.type=NULL,DOW.limit.nmods=NULL,progress.info=NULL,
forced.models=NULL,forbidden.models=NULL,forced.variables=NULL,bm=NULL,
small.c=NULL,fcores=NULL,mods.check=NULL,red.size=NULL,av=NULL)
```

Arguments

y	numeric or a column matrix of a dependent variable, if y is xts object, then plots will have time index on the x axis
x	matrix of independent variables, different columns correspond to different variables
alpha	numeric, a forgetting factor α between 0 and 1 used in probabilities estimations
lambda	numeric, a forgetting factor λ between 0 and 1 used in variance approximations
initvar	numeric, initial variance in the state space equation, i.e., the number by which the unit matrix is multiplied
W	optional, a method for setting the initial values of variance for the models equations, W="reg" corresponds to the method based on the linear regression as in the paper by Raftery et al. (2010), alternatively an arbitrary positive number (numeric) can be specified, by default the method of Raftery et al. (2010) is used
initial.period	optional, numeric, a number of observation since which MSE (Mean Squared Error) and MAE (Mean Absolute Error) are computed, by default the whole sample is used, i.e., initial.period=1
V.meth	optional, a method for the state space equation variance updating, V.meth="rec" corresponds to the recursive moment estimator, as in the paper by Raftery et al. (2010), V.meth = "ewma" corresponds to the exponentially weighted moving average as in, for example, Koop and Korobilis (2012), by default V.meth = "rec" is used
kappa	optional, numeric, a parameter in the exponentially weighted moving average, between 0 and 1, used if V.meth = "ewma"
gprob	optional, matrix of Google probabilities as in Koop and Onorante (2014), columns should correspond to columns of x

<code>omega</code>	optional, numeric , a parameter between 0 and 1 used in probabilities estimations, used if <code>gprob</code> is specified
<code>model</code>	optional, <code>model="dma"</code> for Dynamic Model Averaging, <code>model="dms"</code> for Dynamic Model Selection, or <code>model="med"</code> for Median Probability Model as in Barbieri and Berger (2004), by default <code>model="dma"</code> is used
<code>parallel</code>	optional, logical , indicate whether parallel computations should be used, by default <code>parallel=FALSE</code>
<code>m.prior</code>	optional, numeric , a parameter for general model prior (Mitchell and Beauchamp, 1988), by default <code>m.prior=0.5</code> , which corresponds to the uniform distribution, i.e., non-informative priors, see also Eicher et al. (2011)
<code>mods.incl</code>	optional, matrix indicating which models should be used for estimation, the first column indicates inclusion of a constant, by default all possible models with a constant are used, inclusion of a variable is indicated by 1, omitting by 0
<code>DOW</code>	optional, numeric , a threshold for Dynamic Occam's Window (Onorante and Raftery, 2016), should be a number between 0 and 1, if <code>DOW=0</code> , then no Dynamic Occam's Window is applied, by default <code>DOW=0</code> , Dynamic Occam's Window can be applied only to Dynamic Model Averaging, i.e., when <code>model="dma"</code>
<code>DOW.nmods</code>	optional, numeric , initial number of models for Dynamic Occam's Window, should be less than the number of all possible models and larger than or equal to 2, they are randomly chosen, if <code>DOW.nmods=0</code> , then initially models with exactly one variable are taken, by default <code>DOW.nmods=0</code>
<code>DOW.type</code>	optional, <code>DOW.type="r"</code> corresponds to DMA-R from Onorante and Raftery (2016), <code>DOW.type="e"</code> to DMA-E, by default <code>DOW.type="r"</code>
<code>DOW.limit.nmods</code>	optional, numeric , maximum number of models selected by Dynamic Occam's Window, an additional limitation to the threshold given by <code>DOW</code> , by default no limit is set
<code>progress.info</code>	optional, logical , applicable only if Dynamic Occam's Window is used, otherwise ignored, if <code>progress.info=TRUE</code> number of the current recursive DMA computation round and number of models selected for this round are printed, by default <code>progress.info=FALSE</code>
<code>forced.models</code>	optional, matrix , applicable only if Dynamic Occam's Window is used, otherwise ignored, indicates models that have to be always included in the set of expanded models, similar as <code>mods.incl</code> , by default <code>forced.models=NULL</code>
<code>forbidden.models</code>	optional, matrix , applicable only if Dynamic Occam's Window is used, otherwise ignored, indicates models that cannot be used in the set of expanded models, similar as <code>mods.incl</code> , by default <code>forbidden.models=NULL</code>
<code>forced.variables</code>	optional, vector , applicable only if Dynamic Occam's Window is used, otherwise ignored, indicates variables that have to be always included in models constituting the set of expanded models, similar as <code>mods.incl</code> , first slot indicates inclusion of constant, by default <code>forced.variables=NULL</code>
<code>bm</code>	optional, logical , indicate whether benchmark forecast should be computed, these benchmarks are naive forecast (all forecasts are set to be the value of the last observation) and Auto Arima <code>auto.arima</code> , by default <code>bm=FALSE</code>

<code>small.c</code>	optional, numeric , small constant added to posterior model probabilities as in Raftery et al. (2010) to prevent potential reduction them to 0 due to the computational issues, if not specified the value computed as in Raftery et al. (2010) is taken
<code>fcores</code>	optional, numeric , used only if <code>parallel=TRUE</code> , otherwise ignored, indicates the number of cores that should not be used, by default <code>fcores=1</code>
<code>mods.check</code>	optional, logical , indicates if <code>mods.incl</code> should be checked for duplicated entries, etc., by default <code>mods.check=FALSE</code>
<code>red.size</code>	optional, logical , indicates if outcomes should be reduced to save memory, by default <code>red.size=FALSE</code>
<code>av</code>	optional, <code>av="dma"</code> corresponds to the original DMA averaging scheme, <code>av="mse"</code> corresponds to averaging based on Mean Squared Error, <code>av="hr1"</code> corresponds to averaging based on Hit Ratio, assuming time-series are in levels, <code>av="hr2"</code> corresponds to averaging based on Hit Ratio, assuming time-series represent changes, by default <code>av="dma"</code>

Details

It is possible to use [numeric vector](#) for `lambda`. Its values are automatically ordered in descending order and if numbers are not unique they are reduced to become unique. If more than one value is given for `lambda`, then model state space, i.e., `mods.incl`, is expanded by considering all these models with given values of `lambda`. The outcomes are then ordered by columns in a way that first outcomes from models with first value of `lambda` are presented, then from models with second value of `lambda`, etc. (Raftery et al., 2010).

If `nrow(gprob)<length(y)`, then the method by Koop and Onorante (2014) is used for the last `nrow(gprob)` observations. For the preceding ones the original method by Raftery et al. (2010) is used. In such case a warning is generated.

Value

class `dma` object, [list](#) of

<code>\$y.hat</code>	forecasted values
<code>\$post.incl</code>	posterior inclusion probabilities for independent variables
<code>\$MSE</code>	Mean Squared Error of forecast
<code>\$MAE</code>	Mean Absolute Error of forecast
<code>\$models</code>	models included in estimations, or models used in the last step of Dynamic Occam's Window method (if this method has been selected)
<code>\$post.mod</code>	posterior probabilities of all used models, or <code>NA</code> if Dynamic Occam's Window method has been selected
<code>\$exp.var</code>	expected number of variables (incl. constant)
<code>\$exp.coef.</code>	expected values of regression coefficients
<code>\$parameters</code>	parameters of the estimated model
<code>\$yhat.all.mods</code>	predictions from every sub-model used in estimations
<code>\$y</code>	<code>y</code> , dependent variable

\$benchmarks	Root Mean Squared Error and Mean Absolute Error of naive and auto ARIMA forecast
\$DOW.init.mods	models initially selected to Dynamic Occam's Window, if this method has been selected
\$DOW.n.mods.t	number of models used in Dynamic Model Averaging at time t , if Dynamic Occam's Window method has been selected
\$p.dens.	predictive densities from the last period of all sub-models used in estimations
\$exp.lambda	expected values of lambda parameter

Source

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See Also

[grid.DMA](#), [print.dma](#), [summary.dma](#), [plot.dma](#), [hit.ratio](#).

Examples

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[,-1],k=1))[-1,]
ld.wti <- (diff(log(wti)))[-1,]
ld.drivers <- (diff(log(drivers)))[-1,]

m1 <- fdMA(y=ld.wti,x=ld.drivers,alpha=0.99,lambda=0.90,initvar=10)
```

```

m2 <- fdMA(y=ld.wti,x=ld.drivers,alpha=0.99,lambda=0.90,initvar=10,model="dms")
m3 <- fdMA(y=ld.wti,x=ld.drivers,alpha=0.99,lambda=0.90,initvar=10,V.meth="ewma",kappa=0.9)
m4 <- fdMA(y=ld.wti,x=ld.drivers,alpha=0.99,lambda=0.90,initvar=10,DOW=0.7)

# Google trends are available since 2004

gp <- trends/100
s <- ld.drivers['2004-01-01/']
m5 <- fdMA(y=ld.wti['2004-01-01/'],x=s,alpha=0.99,lambda=0.90,initvar=10,gprob=gp,omega=0.5)

# models just with one independent variable and a constant will be averaged
mds <- diag(1,ncol(ld.drivers),ncol(ld.drivers))
mds <- cbind(rep(1,ncol(ld.drivers)),mds)

m6 <- fdMA(y=ld.wti,x=ld.drivers,alpha=0.99,lambda=0.90,initvar=10,mods.incl=mds)

# models just with one independent variable (without a constant) will be averaged
mds.nc <- diag(1,ncol(ld.drivers),ncol(ld.drivers))
mds.nc <- cbind(rep(0,ncol(ld.drivers)),mds.nc)

m7 <- fdMA(y=ld.wti,x=ld.drivers,alpha=0.99,lambda=0.90,initvar=10,mods.incl=mds.nc)

# model with multiple lambda

m8 <- fdMA(y=ld.wti,x=ld.drivers,alpha=0.99,lambda=c(0.99,0.95,0.90),initvar=10)

```

fitted.dma

Extracts Fitted Values from dma Model.

Description

The function extracts predictions made by the [fdMA](#) model.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'dma'
fitted(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object	an object of dma class
...	not used

Value

[vector](#) of forecasted values

Examples

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[,-1],k=1))[-1,]
ld.wti <- (diff(log(wti)))[-1,]
ld.drivers <- (diff(log(drivers)))[-1,]

m1 <- fdMA(y=ld.wti,x=ld.drivers,alpha=0.99,lambda=0.99,initvar=1,model="dma")
f <- fitted(object=m1)
```

gNormalize

Normalizes a Numeric Matrix by Rows.

Description

For example, Google Trends data are given as numbers between 0 and 100. If the Users divide them by 100, they can be interpreted in a certain sense as probabilities.

However, if there are such probabilities for several variables, sometimes it might be desirable to have the sum of these probabilities for all variables to sum up to 1. This function does not divide the values of an argument by 100, but rescales every row to sum up to 1. In other words, values in each row of an argument are divided by the sum of all values in this row.

Usage

```
gNormalize(data)
```

Arguments

data **matrix**, observations are put in rows, and variables are grouped by columns

Value

matrix

References

Koop, G., Onorante, L., 2014. Macroeconomic nowcasting using Google probabilities. <https://goo.gl/ATsBN9>

Examples

```
gt <- gNormalize(trends)

gNormalize(rbind(c(0,1,2),c(1,2,3)))
```

grid.DMA	<i>Computes fdMA Function for Multiple Values of alpha and lambda.</i>
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Description

Sometimes it is necessary to consider various values of parameters alpha and lambda in Dynamic Model Averaging (or Dynamic Model Selection, etc.). This function computes [fdMA](#) function for all combinations of alpha and lambda for given grids.

This function is a wrapper of [fdMA](#).

Usage

```
grid.DMA(y,x,grid.alpha,grid.lambda,initvar,W=NULL,initial.period=NULL,V.meth=NULL,
kappa=NULL,gprob=NULL,omega=NULL,model=NULL,parallel.grid=NULL,m.prior=NULL,
mods.incl=NULL,DOW=NULL,DOW.nmods=NULL,DOW.type=NULL,DOW.limit.nmods=NULL,
forced.models=NULL,forbidden.models=NULL,forced.variables=NULL,bm=NULL,
small.c=NULL,av=NULL)
```

Arguments

y	see fdMA
x	see fdMA
grid.alpha	a numeric vector of different values of alpha
grid.lambda	a numeric vector of different values of lambda or a list of numeric vectors for multiple lambda in one model (see fdMA)
initvar	see fdMA
W	see fdMA
initial.period	see fdMA
V.meth	see fdMA
kappa	see fdMA
gprob	see fdMA
omega	see fdMA
model	see fdMA
parallel.grid	optional, logical , indicate whether parallel computations should be used, by default parallel.grid=FALSE
m.prior	see fdMA
mods.incl	see fdMA
DOW	see fdMA
DOW.nmods	see fdMA
DOW.type	see fdMA

DOW.limit.nmods
 see [FDMA](#)

forced.models see [FDMA](#)

forbidden.models
 see [FDMA](#)

forced.variables
 see [FDMA](#)

bm see [FDMA](#)

small.c see [FDMA](#)

av see [FDMA](#)

Value

an object of class `grid.dma`, [list](#) of

`$models` [list](#) of [list](#) of models

`$RMSE` [matrix](#) with Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE) for all estimated models

`$MAE` [matrix](#) with Mean Absolute Error (MAE) for all estimated models

See Also

[print.grid.dma](#), [summary.grid.dma](#), [plot.grid.dma](#).

Examples

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[,-1],k=1))[-1,]
ld.wti <- (diff(log(wti)))[-1,]
ld.drivers <- (diff(log(drivers)))[-1,]

gra <- c(0.99,0.98,0.97)
grl <- c(0.99,0.95)
g1 <- grid.DMA(y=ld.wti,x=ld.drivers,grid.alpha=gra,grid.lambda=grl,initvar=10)

# extract model with alpha=0.97 and lambda=0.95
model <- g$model[[3]][[2]]

# models with various multiple lambdas

gra <- c(0.99,0.98,0.97)
grl <- list(c(0.99,0.95,0.90),c(0.99,0.98,0.97,0.96,0.95))
g2 <- grid.DMA(y=ld.wti,x=ld.drivers,grid.alpha=gra,grid.lambda=grl,initvar=10)
```

grid.roll.reg	Computes roll.reg Function for Multiple Values of window.
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Description

Sometimes it is necessary to consider various values of parameter window in Rolling Regression. This function computes [roll.reg](#) function for all values of window for a given grid.

This function is a wrapper of [roll.reg](#).

Usage

```
grid.roll.reg(y,x=NULL,grid.window,parallel.grid=NULL,c=NULL)
```

Arguments

y	see roll.reg
x	see roll.reg
grid.window	a numeric vector of different values of window, see roll.reg
parallel.grid	optional, logical , indicate whether parallel computations should be used, by default parallel=FALSE
c	optional, see roll.reg

Value

an object of class `grid.roll.reg`, [list](#) of

`$models` [list](#) of reg objects

`$fq` [matrix](#) with Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE) and Mean Absolute Error (MAE) for all estimated models

See Also

[print.grid.roll.reg](#), [summary.grid.roll.reg](#), [plot.grid.roll.reg](#).

Examples

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[, -1], k=1))[-1,]
ld.wti <- (diff(log(wti)))[-1,]
ld.drivers <- (diff(log(drivers)))[-1,]

grw <- c(50,100,150)
g <- grid.roll.reg(y=ld.wti,x=ld.drivers,grid.window=grw)

# extract model with window=100
model <- g$models[[2]]
```

grid.tvp *Computes tvp Function for Multiple Values of lambda.*

Description

Sometimes it is necessary to consider various values of parameter `lambda` in Time-Varying Parameters Regression. This function computes `tvp` function for all values of `lambda` for a given grid.

This function is a wrapper of `tvp`.

Usage

```
grid.tvp(y,x,V,grid.lambda,W=NULL,kappa=NULL,parallel.grid=NULL,c=NULL)
```

Arguments

<code>y</code>	see <code>tvp</code>
<code>x</code>	see <code>tvp</code>
<code>V</code>	see <code>tvp</code>
<code>grid.lambda</code>	a numeric <i>vector</i> of different values of <code>lambda</code> , see <code>tvp</code>
<code>W</code>	optional, see <code>tvp</code>
<code>kappa</code>	optional, see <code>tvp</code>
<code>parallel.grid</code>	optional, <i>logical</i> , indicate whether parallel computations should be used, by default <code>parallel=FALSE</code>
<code>c</code>	optional, see <code>tvp</code>

Value

an object of class `grid.tvp`, *list* of

<code>\$models</code>	<i>list</i> of <code>tvp</code> objects
<code>\$fq</code>	<i>matrix</i> with Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE) and Mean Absolute Error (MAE) for all estimated models

See Also

[print.grid.tvp](#), [summary.grid.tvp](#), [plot.grid.tvp](#).

Examples

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[,-1],k=1))[-1,]
ld.wti <- (diff(log(wti)))[-1,]
ld.drivers <- (diff(log(drivers)))[-1,]

gr1 <- c(0.99,0.98,0.97,0.96,0.95)
g <- grid.tvp(y=ld.wti,x=ld.drivers,V=1,grid.lambda=gr1)
```

```
# extract model with lambda=0.95
model <- g$models[[5]]
```

hit.ratio *Computes Hit Ratio (HR) for Forecast.*

Description

Sometimes it is interesting to analyze just whether the forecast can predict the direction of a change in a modelled time-series. This function computes the proportion of correctly predicted signs (i.e., in which cases the direction of a change given by forecast agrees with the change in real data).

Usage

```
hit.ratio(y,y.hat,d=NULL)
```

Arguments

y *numeric, vector*, or one row or one column *matrix* or *xts* object, representing a forecasted time-series

y.hat *numeric, vector*, or one row or one column *matrix* or *xts* object, representing forecast predictions

d optional, *logical*, d=FALSE for level time-series, d=TRUE if time-series already represent changes, by default d=FALSE

Value

numeric

References

Baur, D. G., Beckmann, J., Czudaj, R., 2016. A melting pot – Gold price forecasts under model and parameter uncertainty. *International Review of Financial Analysis* **48**, 282–291.

Examples

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[,-1],k=1))[-1,]
ld.wti <- (diff(log(wti)))[-1,]
ld.drivers <- (diff(log(drivers)))[-1,]

m1 <- fdMA(y=wti,x=drivers,alpha=0.99,lambda=0.99,initvar=10)
hit.ratio(y=wti,y.hat=m1$y.hat)

m2 <- fdMA(y=ld.wti,x=ld.drivers,alpha=0.99,lambda=0.99,initvar=10)
hit.ratio(y=ld.wti,y.hat=m2$y.hat,d=TRUE)
```

hmdmtest	<i>Computes Diebold-Mariano Test when Presence of ARCH Effects is Suspected.</i>
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Description

This is a wrapper for `dm.test` from `forecast` package. This function computes the modified Diebold-Mariano test. The modification is useful if the presence of ARCH effects is suspected in forecast errors. It is also useful for small samples. This is a modification of `mdmtest` for the presence of ARCH effects in forecast errors.

Usage

```
hmdmtest(y, f)
```

Arguments

y	vector of the forecasted time-series
f	matrix of the predicted values from various methods, forecasts are ordered in rows, the first row should correspond to the method that is compared with alternative ones (corresponding to subsequent rows)

Details

The null hypothesis is that the two methods have the same forecast accuracy. This function assumes that one-step ahead forecasts are compared and the second power is used in the loss function (see `dm.test`).

Value

matrix, first column contains tests statistics, next p-values are given for the alternative hypothesis that alternative forecasts have different accuracy than the compared forecast, alternative forecasts are less accurate and alternative forecasts have greater accuracy, tests outcomes for different forecasts are ordered by rows

References

Newbold, P., Harvey, D. J., 2002. Forecast combinations. In: Clements, M. P., Hendry, D. F. (eds.), *A Companion to Economic Forecasting*, Blackwell Publishing Ltd.

See Also

`archtest`, `dmtest`, `mdmtest`.

Examples

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[, -1], k=1))[-1,]
ld.wti <- (diff(log(wti)))[-1,]
ld.drivers <- (diff(log(drivers)))[-1,]
m <- fdMA(y=ld.wti, x=ld.drivers, alpha=0.99, lambda=0.90, initvar=10)
m <- m$y.hat
a <- altf2(y=ld.wti, x=ld.drivers, d=TRUE)
a <- a$y.hat
a <- matrix(unlist(a), nrow=length(a), byrow=TRUE)
fc <- rbind(m, a)
hmdm <- hmdmtest(y=as.vector(ld.wti), f=fc)
```

mdmtest

Computes Harvey-Leybourne-Newbold Test.

Description

This is a wrapper for `dm.test` from `forecast` package. This function computes the modified Diebold-Mariano test. The modification is useful for small samples.

Usage

```
mdmtest(y, f)
```

Arguments

`y` **vector** of the forecasted time-series

`f` **matrix** of the predicted values from various methods, forecasts are ordered in rows, the first row should correspond to the method that is compared with alternative ones (corresponding to subsequent rows)

Details

The null hypothesis is that the two methods have the same forecast accuracy. This function assumes that one-step ahead forecasts are compared and the second power is used in the loss function (see `dm.test`).

Value

matrix, first column contains tests statistics, next p-values are given for the alternative hypothesis that alternative forecasts have different accuracy than the compared forecast, alternative forecasts are less accurate and alternative forecasts have greater accuracy, tests outcomes for different forecasts are ordered by rows

References

Harvey, D., Leybourne, S., Newbold, P., 1997. Testing the equality of prediction mean squared errors. *International Journal of Forecasting* **13**, 281–291.

See Also

[dmtest](#), [hmdmtest](#).

Examples

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[, -1], k=1))[-1,]
ld.wti <- (diff(log(wti)))[-1,]
ld.drivers <- (diff(log(drivers)))[-1,]
m <- fdMA(y=ld.wti, x=ld.drivers, alpha=0.99, lambda=0.90, initvar=10)
m <- m$y.hat
a <- altf2(y=ld.wti, x=ld.drivers, d=TRUE)
a <- a$y.hat
a <- matrix(unlist(a), nrow=length(a), byrow=TRUE)
fc <- rbind(m, a)
mdm <- mdmtest(y=as.vector(ld.wti), f=fc)
```

normalize

Normalizes a Numeric Matrix by Columns.

Description

For a variable considered to be used in Dynamic Model Averaging (or Dynamic Model Selection, etc.), sometimes it is desirable to have all its values between 0 and 1. This function rescales the values to fit between 0 and 1.

If the argument is not a [matrix](#), the function tries to convert the object into a [matrix](#). For example, it works smoothly for [xts](#) objects.

Usage

```
normalize(data)
```

Arguments

`data` [matrix](#), observations are put in rows, and variables are grouped by columns

Value

[matrix](#)

See Also[standardize](#)**Examples**

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[, -1], k=1))[-1,]

nwti <- normalize(wti)

nd <- normalize(drivers)

normalize(cbind(c(0, 1, 2), c(1, 2, 3), c(0, 1, 3)))
```

onevar

*Creates a [matrix](#) of one-variable models.***Description**

This function simplifies working with one-variable models in, for example, [FDMA](#). It produces a [matrix](#) corresponding to the set of models consisting of models with a constant and just one extra variable, and a model with a constant only.

Usage

```
onevar(x)
```

Arguments

`x` [matrix](#) of independent variables, see `mods.incl` in [FDMA](#)

Value

[matrix](#), inclusion of a variable is indicated by 1, omitting by 0

Examples

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[, -1], k=1))[-1,]
ld.wti <- (diff(log(wti)))[-1,]
ld.drivers <- (diff(log(drivers)))[-1,]

mds <- diag(1, ncol(ld.drivers), ncol(ld.drivers))
mds <- cbind(rep(1, ncol(ld.drivers)), mds)
mds <- rbind(rep(0, ncol(mds)), mds)
mds[1,1] <- 1

m1 <- FDMA(y=ld.wti, x=ld.drivers, alpha=0.99, lambda=0.90, initvar=10, mods.incl=mds)
```

```
# Equivalently:
m2 <- fDMA(y=ld.wti,x=ld.drivers,alpha=0.99,lambda=0.90,initvar=10,mods.incl=onevar(ld.drivers))
```

plot.altf

Plots Selected Outcomes from altf Object.

Description

The function plots selected outcomes from altf object.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'altf'
plot(x,non.interactive=NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

x	an object of altf class
non.interactive	optional, logical , indicate whether plots should be made in non-interactive mode, by default non.interactive=FALSE, i.e., the user specifies in the interactive menu which plots will be made
...	not used

Details

After executing the command, the User is asked to choose

1 - for plotting regression coefficients in separate png files, saved in the temporary directory, and moreover, to paste them into one big plot (also saved as a png file in the temporary directory),

2 - for plotting p-values for t-test of statistical significance for regression coefficients from applied models, in separate png files, saved in the temporary directory, and moreover, to paste them into one big plot (also saved as a png file in the temporary directory).

Choosing 0 exits the plot command.

If non.interactive=TRUE all the above plots are made.

Value

Called for making a plot.

Note

Coefficients are plotted only for rec. OLS, roll. OLS, TVP, TVP-AR(1) and TVP-AR(2) models. P-values – for rec. OLS and roll. OLS.

It is suggested to execute `graphics.off` before executing plot command for altf object. However, the User should take care to save all other plots before executing this command, as they can be lost.

If `graphics.off` is not executed before plotting altf object, sometimes a legend might cover the important parts of the plot.

Examples

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[, -1], k=1))[-1,]
a <- altf(y=wti, x=drivers)

plot(a)
```

plot.altf2

Plots Selected Outcomes from altf2 Object.

Description

The function plots selected outcomes from altf2 object.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'altf2'
plot(x, non.interactive=NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

x	an object of altf2 class
non.interactive	optional, logical , indicate whether plots should be made in non-interactive mode, by default non.interactive=FALSE, i.e., the user specifies in the interactive menu which plots will be made
...	not used

Details

After executing the command, the User is asked to choose

1 - for plotting expected coefficients in separate png files, saved in the temporary directory, and moreover, to paste them into one big plot (also saved as a png file in the temporary directory),

2 - for plotting p-values (averaged over selected models) for t-test of statistical significance for regression coefficients from applied models, in separate png files, saved in the temporary directory, and moreover, to paste them into one big plot (also saved as a png file in the temporary directory),

3 - for plotting weights of all models used in averaging,

4 - for plotting relative variable importance in separate png files, saved in the temporary directory, and moreover, to paste them into one big plot (also saved as a png file in the temporary directory),

5 - for plotting expected number of variables (incl. constant) from all models used in averaging.

Choosing 0 exits the plot command.

If non.interactive=TRUE all the above plots are made.

Value

Called for making a plot.

Note

It is suggested to execute `graphics.off` before executing plot command for altf2 object. However, the User should take care to save all other plots before executing this command, as they can be lost.

If `graphics.off` is not executed before plotting altf2 object, sometimes a legend might cover the important parts of the plot.

Examples

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[, -1], k=1))[-1,]
a <- altf2(y=wti, x=drivers, av="aic")

plot(a)
```

plot.altf3

Plots Selected Outcomes from altf3 Object.

Description

The function plots selected outcomes from altf3 object.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'altf3'
plot(x, non.interactive=NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

x	an object of altf3 class
non.interactive	optional, logical , indicate whether plots should be made in non-interactive mode, by default non.interactive=FALSE, i.e., the user specifies in the interactive menu which plots will be made
...	not used

Details

After executing the command, the User is asked to choose

1 - for plotting expected coefficients in separate png files, saved in the temporary directory, and moreover, to paste them into one big plot (also saved as a png file in the temporary directory),

2 - for plotting p-values (averaged over selected window sizes) for t-test of statistical significance for coefficients from a rolling regression, in separate png files, saved in the temporary directory, and moreover, to paste them into one big plot (also saved as a png file in the temporary directory),

3 - for plotting weights of all models used in averaging,

4 - for plotting expected window size.

Choosing 0 exits the plot command.

If non.interactive=TRUE all the above plots are made.

Value

Called for making a plot.

Note

It is suggested to execute [graphics.off](#) before executing plot command for altf3 object. However, the User should take care to save all other plots before executing this command, as they can be lost.

If [graphics.off](#) is not executed before plotting altf3 object, sometimes a legend might cover the important parts of the plot.

Examples

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[,-1],k=1))[-1,]
a <- altf3(y=wti,x=drivers,windows=c(36,100,150))

plot(a)
```

`plot.altf4`*Plots Selected Outcomes from altf4 Object.*

Description

The function plots selected outcomes from `altf4` object.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'altf4'  
plot(x, non.interactive=NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	an object of <code>altf4</code> class
<code>non.interactive</code>	optional, logical , indicate whether plots should be made in non-interactive mode, by default <code>non.interactive=FALSE</code> , i.e., the user specifies in the interactive menu which plots will be made
<code>...</code>	not used

Details

After executing the command, the User is asked to choose

1 - for plotting expected coefficients in separate png files, saved in the temporary directory, and moreover, to paste them into one big plot (also saved as a png file in the temporary directory),

2 - for plotting weights of all models used in averaging,

3 - for plotting expected window size.

Choosing 0 exits the plot command.

If `non.interactive=TRUE` all the above plots are made.

Value

Called for making a plot.

Note

It is suggested to execute [graphics.off](#) before executing plot command for `altf4` object. However, the User should take care to save all other plots before executing this command, as they can be lost.

If [graphics.off](#) is not executed before plotting `altf4` object, sometimes a legend might cover the important parts of the plot.

Examples

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[, -1], k=1))[-1,]
a <- altf4(y=wti, x=drivers, windows=c(36, 100, 150))

plot(a)
```

plot.dma

*Plots Selected Outcomes from [fdma](#) Function.***Description**

The function plots selected outcomes from [fdma](#).

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'dma'
plot(x, non.interactive=NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

x	an object of dma class
non.interactive	optional, logical , indicate whether plots should be made in non-interactive mode, by default non.interactive=FALSE, i.e., the user specifies in the interactive menu which plots will be made
...	not used

Details

If x comes from estimation of Dynamic Model Averaging (DMA), after executing the command, the User is asked to choose

1 - for plotting actual and predicted values,

2 - for plotting residuals,

3 - for plotting the expected number of variables (including constant),

4 - for plotting posterior inclusion probabilities (including constant) on one plot,

5 - for plotting posterior inclusion probabilities (including constant) in separate png files, saved in the temporary directory, and moreover, to paste them into one big plot (also saved as a png file in the temporary directory),

6 - for plotting expected coefficients (including constant) on one plot,

7 - for plotting expected coefficients (including constant) in separate png files, saved in the temporary directory, and moreover, to paste them into one big plot (also saved as a png file in the temporary directory),

- 8 - for plotting the expected value of lambda,
- 9 - for plotting posterior model probabilities, if Dynamic Occam's Window method has not been selected, or plotting the number of models used in Dynamic Model Averaging, if Dynamic Occam's Window method has been selected.

Choosing 0 exits the plot command.

If `x` comes from estimation of Dynamic Model Selection (DMS) or Median Probability Model (MED), after executing `plot` the User is asked to choose

- 1 - for plotting actual and predicted values,
- 2 - for plotting residuals,
- 3 - for plotting the expected number of variables (including constant),
- 4 - for producing a plot showing which variables (including constant) are included in the DMS or MED model in each time,
- 5 - for plotting expected coefficients (including constant) on one plot,
- 6 - for plotting expected coefficients (including constant) in separate png files, saved in the temporary directory, and moreover, to paste them into one big plot (also saved as a png file in the temporary directory),
- 7 - for plotting the expected value of lambda (only for DMS).

Choosing 0 exits the plot command.

If `non.interactive=TRUE` all the above plots are made.

Value

Called for making a plot.

Note

It is suggested to execute `graphics.off` before executing `plot` command for `dma` object. However, the User should take care to save all other plots before executing this command, as they can be lost.

If `graphics.off` is not executed before plotting `dma` object, sometimes a legend might cover the important parts of the plot.

Examples

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[, -1], k=1))[-1,]
ld.wti <- (diff(log(wti)))[-1,]
ld.drivers <- (diff(log(drivers)))[-1,]

m1 <- fdMA(y=ld.wti, x=ld.drivers, alpha=0.99, lambda=0.99, initvar=1, model="dma")
m2 <- fdMA(y=ld.wti, x=ld.drivers, alpha=0.99, lambda=0.99, initvar=1, model="dms")

# graphics.off()
plot(m1)
# graphics.off()
```

```
plot(m2)
```

```
plot.grid.dma
```

Plots Selected Outcomes from `grid.DMA` Function.

Description

The function plots selected outcomes from `grid.DMA`.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'grid.dma'
plot(x, non.interactive=NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	an object of <code>grid.dma</code> class
<code>non.interactive</code>	optional, logical , indicate whether plots should be made in non-interactive mode, by default <code>non.interactive=FALSE</code> , i.e., the user specifies in the interactive menu which plots will be made
<code>...</code>	not used

Details

If `x` comes from estimation of Dynamic Model Averaging (DMA), after executing the command, the User is asked to choose

- 1 - for plotting Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE) for all estimated models,
- 2 - for plotting Mean Absolute Error (MAE) for all estimated models,
- 3 - for plotting posterior inclusion probabilities (including constant) for all estimated models, the outcomes are saved in separate png files in the temporary directory, and additionally, plots for different variables are collected into one big plot (also saved as a png file in the temporary directory),
- 4 - for plotting expected coefficients (including constant) for all estimated models, the outcomes are saved in separate png files in the temporary directory, and additionally, plots for different variables are collected into one big plot (also saved as a png file in the temporary directory).

Choosing 0 exits the plot command.

If `x` comes from estimation of Dynamic Model Selection (DMS) or Median Probability Model (MED), after executing the command, the User is asked to choose

- 1 - for plotting Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE) for all estimated models,
- 2 - for plotting Mean Absolute Error (MAE) for all estimated models,

3 - for plotting expected coefficients (including constant) for all estimated models, the outcomes are saved in separate png files in the temporary directory, and additionally, plots for different variables are collected into one big plot (also saved as a png file in the temporary directory).

Chosing 0 exits the plot command.

If non.interactive=TRUE all the above plots are made.

Value

Called for making a plot.

Note

It is suggested to execute `graphics.off` before exectuing plot command for `grid.dma` object. However, the User should take care to save all other plots before executing this command, as they can be lost.

If `graphics.off` is not executed before plotting `grid.dma` object, sometimes a legend might cover the important parts of the plot.

If any of the models comes from using multiple lambda (see `fdma`), then RMSE and MAE are not plotted.

Also, if `length(grid.alpha)` or `length(grid.lambda)` is less than 2, then RMSE and MAE are not plotted.

Examples

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[, -1],k=1))[-1,]
ld.wti <- (diff(log(wti)))[-1,]
ld.drivers <- (diff(log(drivers)))[-1,]
gra <- c(0.99,0.98,0.97)
grl <- c(0.99,0.95)

g1 <- grid.DMA(y=ld.wti,x=ld.drivers,grid.alpha=gra,grid.lambda=grl,initvar=1)
g2 <- grid.DMA(y=ld.wti,x=ld.drivers,grid.alpha=gra,grid.lambda=grl,initvar=1,model="dms")

# graphics.off()
plot(g1)
# graphics.off()
plot(g2)
```

plot.grid.roll.reg *Plots Selected Outcomes from `grid.roll.reg` Function.*

Description

The function plots selected outcomes from `grid.roll.reg`.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'grid.roll.reg'
plot(x, non.interactive=NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

x	an object of grid.roll.reg class
non.interactive	optional, logical , indicate whether plots should be made in non-interactive mode, by default non.interactive=FALSE, i.e., the user specifies in the interactive menu which plots will be made
...	not used

Details

After executing the command, the User is asked to choose

1 - for plotting Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE) for all estimated models,

2 - for plotting Mean Absolute Error (MAE) for all estimated models,

3 - for plotting coefficients (including constant) for all estimated models, the outcomes are saved in separate png files in the temporary directory, and additionally, plots for different variables are collected into one big plot (also saved as a png file in the temporary directory),

4 - for plotting p-values for t-test of statistical significance for regression coefficients for all estimated models, the outcomes are saved in separate png files in the temporary directory, and additionally, plots for different variables are collected into one big plot (also saved as a png file in the temporary directory),

Choosing 0 exits the plot command.

If non.interactive=TRUE all the above plots are made.

Value

Called for making a plot.

Note

It is suggested to execute **graphics.off** before executing plot command for grid.roll.reg object. However, the User should take care to save all other plots before executing this command, as they can be lost.

If **graphics.off** is not executed before plotting grid.roll.reg object, sometimes a legend might cover the important parts of the plot.

Examples

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[,-1],k=1))[-1,]
ld.wti <- (diff(log(wti)))[-1,]
ld.drivers <- (diff(log(drivers)))[-1,]
```

```
grw <- c(50,100,150)
g <- grid.roll.reg(y=ld.wti,x=ld.drivers,grid.window=grw)

plot(g)
```

plot.grid.tvp

Plots Selected Outcomes from [grid.tvp](#) Function.

Description

The function plots selected outcomes from [grid.tvp](#).

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'grid.tvp'
plot(x,non.interactive=NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

x	an object of <code>grid.tvp</code> class
non.interactive	optional, logical , indicate whether plots should be made in non-interactive mode, by default <code>non.interactive=FALSE</code> , i.e., the user specifies in the interactive menu which plots will be made
...	not used

Details

After executing the command, the User is asked to choose

1 - for plotting Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE) for all estimated models,

2 - for plotting Mean Absolute Error (MAE) for all estimated models,

3 - for plotting coefficients (including constant) for all estimated models, the outcomes are saved in separate png files in the temporary directory, and additionally, plots for different variables are collected into one big plot (also saved as a png file in the temporary directory).

Chosing 0 exits the plot command.

If `non.interactive=TRUE` all the above plots are made.

Value

Called for making a plot.

Note

It is suggested to execute `graphics.off` before executing plot command for `grid.tvp` object. However, the User should take care to save all other plots before executing this command, as they can be lost.

If `graphics.off` is not executed before plotting `grid.tvp` object, sometimes a legend might cover the important parts of the plot.

Examples

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[,-1],k=1))[-1,]
ld.wti <- (diff(log(wti)))[-1,]
ld.drivers <- (diff(log(drivers)))[-1,]

gr1 <- c(0.99,0.98,0.97,0.96,0.95)
g <- grid.tvp(y=ld.wti,x=ld.drivers,V=1,grid.lambda=gr1)

plot(g)
```

plot.reg

Plots Selected Outcomes from reg Object.

Description

The function plots selected outcomes from `reg` object.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'reg'
plot(x,non.interactive=NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	an object of <code>reg</code> class
<code>non.interactive</code>	optional, logical , indicate whether plots should be made in non-interactive mode, by default <code>non.interactive=FALSE</code> , i.e., the user specifies in the interactive menu which plots will be made
<code>...</code>	not used

Details

After executing the command, the User is asked to choose

1 - for plotting actual and predicted values,

2 - for plotting residuals,

3 - for plotting regression coefficients on one plot,

4 - for plotting regression coefficients in separate png files, saved in the temporary directory, and moreover, to paste them into one big plot (also saved as a png file in the temporary directory),

5 - for plotting p-values for t-test of statistical significance for regression coefficients on one plot,

6 - for plotting p-values for t-test of statistical significance for regression coefficients in separate png files, saved in the temporary directory, and moreover, to paste them into one big plot (also saved as a png file in the temporary directory).

Choosing 0 exits the plot command.

If non.interactive=TRUE all the above plots are made.

Value

Called for making a plot.

Note

It is suggested to execute [graphics.off](#) before executing plot command for reg object. However, the User should take care to save all other plots before executing this command, as they can be lost.

If [graphics.off](#) is not executed before plotting reg object, sometimes a legend might cover the important parts of the plot.

Examples

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[, -1], k=1))[-1,]
ld.wti <- (diff(log(wti)))[-1,]
ld.drivers <- (diff(log(drivers)))[-1,]

roll <- roll.reg(y=ld.wti, x=ld.drivers, window=100)

rec <- rec.reg(y=ld.wti, x=ld.drivers)

# graphics.off()
plot(roll)

# graphics.off()
plot(rec)
```

`plot.tvp`*Plots Selected Outcomes from tvp Object.*

Description

The function plots selected outcomes from tvp object.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'tvp'  
plot(x, non.interactive=NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	an object of tvp class
<code>non.interactive</code>	optional, logical , indicate whether plots should be made in non-interactive mode, by default <code>non.interactive=FALSE</code> , i.e., the user specifies in the interactive menu which plots will be made
<code>...</code>	not used

Details

After executing the command, the User is asked to choose

1 - for plotting actual and predicted values,

2 - for plotting residuals,

3 - for plotting regression coefficients on one plot,

4 - for plotting regression coefficients in separate png files, saved in the temporary directory, and moreover, to paste them into one big plot (also saved as a png file in the temporary directory).

Choosing 0 exits the plot command.

If `non.interactive=TRUE` all the above plots are made.

Value

Called for making a plot.

Note

It is suggested to execute [graphics.off](#) before executing plot command for tvp object. However, the User should take care to save all other plots before executing this command, as they can be lost.

If [graphics.off](#) is not executed before plotting tvp object, sometimes a legend might cover the important parts of the plot.

Examples

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[, -1],k=1))[-1,]
ld.wti <- (diff(log(wti)))[-1,]
ld.drivers <- (diff(log(drivers)))[-1,]

tvp <- tvp(y=ld.wti,x=ld.drivers,V=1,lambda=0.99)

# graphics.off()
plot(tvp)
```

predict.dma

Computes Predictions from dma Model.

Description

The function computes predictions based on the model obtained from [FDMA](#).

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'dma'
predict(object, newdata, type, ...)
```

Arguments

object	an object of dma class
newdata	a matrix as x object in FDMA
type	type="backward" computes predictions of y with the already estimated coefficients, but with x given by newdata, type="forward" computes predictions of y with the coefficients estimated in the last period, for various combinations of x given in rows of newdata
...	not used

Value

[vector](#) of forecasted values

Examples

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[, -1],k=1))[-1,]
ld.wti <- (diff(log(wti)))[-1,]
ld.drivers <- (diff(log(drivers)))[-1,]

m1 <- fdma(y=ld.wti,x=ld.drivers,alpha=0.99,lambda=0.99,initvar=1,model="dma")
p1 <- predict(object=m1,newdata=ld.drivers,type="backward")
```

```
p2 <- predict(object=m1,newdata=ld.drivers[1,],type="forward")
p3 <- predict(object=m1,newdata=ld.drivers[1:3,],type="forward")
```

<code>print.altf</code>	<i>Prints altf Object.</i>
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Description

The function prints selected outcomes obtained from [altf](#).

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'altf'
print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	an object of altf class
<code>...</code>	not used

Details

The function prints forecast quality measures from `x`. For details see [accuracy](#).

Value

Called for printing.

Examples

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[, -1], k=1))[-1,]
a <- altf(y=wti, x=drivers)

print(a)
```

print.altf2 *Prints altf2 Object.*

Description

The function prints selected outcomes obtained from [altf2](#).

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'altf2'  
print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x	an object of altf2 class
...	not used

Details

The function prints forecast quality measures from x. For details see [accuracy](#).

Value

Called for printing.

Examples

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]  
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[,-1],k=1))[-1,]  
a <- altf2(y=wti,x=drivers)  
  
print(a)
```

print.altf3 *Prints altf3 Object.*

Description

The function prints selected outcomes obtained from [altf3](#).

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'altf3'  
print(x, ...)
```


Arguments

x	an object of altf3 class
...	not used

Details

The function prints forecast quality measures from x. For details see [accuracy](#).

Value

Called for printing.

Examples

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[, -1], k=1))[-1,]
a <- altf3(y=wti, x=drivers, windows=c(36, 100, 150))

print(a)
```

`print.altf4` *Prints altf4 Object.*

Description

The function prints selected outcomes obtained from [altf4](#).

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'altf4'
print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x	an object of altf4 class
...	not used

Details

The function prints forecast quality measures from x. For details see [accuracy](#).

Value

Called for printing.

Examples

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[, -1], k=1))[-1,]
a <- altf4(y=wti, x=drivers, windows=c(36, 100, 150))

print(a)
```

```
print.dma
```

```
Prints dma Object.
```

Description

The function prints selected outcomes obtained from [fdMA](#).

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'dma'
print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	an object of dma class
<code>...</code>	not used

Details

The function prints parameters of an argument `x`, Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE) and Mean Absolute Error (MAE) from the estimated model. It also shows the number of observations, the number of models in averaging (selecting) procedure and the number of variables (including constant) used in the model. The number of models does not include the increase, if multiple lambda is used. The function also shows forecast quality measures for alternative forecasting methods, i.e., naive forecast (see also [altf](#)) and, if computed, for Auto ARIMA [auto.arima](#).

Value

Called for printing.

Examples

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[, -1], k=1))[-1,]
ld.wti <- (diff(log(wti)))[-1,]
ld.drivers <- (diff(log(drivers)))[-1,]

m1 <- fdMA(y=ld.wti, x=ld.drivers, alpha=0.99, lambda=0.99, initvar=1, model="dma")
m2 <- fdMA(y=ld.wti, x=ld.drivers, alpha=0.99, lambda=0.99, initvar=1, model="dms")
```

```
print(m1)
print(m2)
```

print.grid.dma	<i>Prints grid.dma Object.</i>
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Description

The function prints selected outcomes obtained from [grid.DMA](#).

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'grid.dma'
print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x	an object of grid.dma class
...	not used

Details

The function prints Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE) and Mean Absolute Error (MAE) for all estimated models.

Value

Called for printing.

Examples

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[,-1],k=1))[-1,]
ld.wti <- (diff(log(wti)))[-1,]
ld.drivers <- (diff(log(drivers)))[-1,]

gra <- c(0.99,0.98,0.97)
grl <- c(0.99,0.95)
g1 <- grid.DMA(y=ld.wti,x=ld.drivers,grid.alpha=gra,grid.lambda=grl,initvar=1)
g2 <- grid.DMA(y=ld.wti,x=ld.drivers,grid.alpha=gra,grid.lambda=grl,initvar=1,model="dms")

print(g1)
print(g2)
```

```
print.grid.roll.reg    Prints grid.roll.reg Object.
```

Description

The function prints selected outcomes obtained from [grid.roll.reg](#).

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'grid.roll.reg'  
print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x	an object of grid.roll.reg class
...	not used

Details

The function prints Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE) and Mean Absolute Error (MAE) for all estimated models.

Value

Called for printing.

Examples

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]  
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[,-1],k=1))[-1,]  
ld.wti <- (diff(log(wti)))[-1,]  
ld.drivers <- (diff(log(drivers)))[-1,]  
  
grw <- c(50,100,150)  
g <- grid.roll.reg(y=ld.wti,x=ld.drivers,grid.window=grw)  
  
print(g)
```

print.grid.tvp	<i>Prints grid.tvp Object.</i>
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Description

The function prints selected outcomes obtained from [grid.tvp](#).

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'grid.tvp'  
print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x	an object of grid.tvp class
...	not used

Details

The function prints Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE) and Mean Absolute Error (MAE) for all estimated models.

Value

Called for printing.

Examples

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]  
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[,-1],k=1))[-1,]  
ld.wti <- (diff(log(wti)))[-1,]  
ld.drivers <- (diff(log(drivers)))[-1,]  
  
gr1 <- c(0.99,0.98,0.97,0.96,0.95)  
g <- grid.tvp(y=ld.wti,x=ld.drivers,V=1,grid.lambda=gr1)  
  
print(g)
```

print.reg	<i>Prints reg Object.</i>
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Description

The function prints selected outcomes obtained from [roll.reg](#) and [rec.reg](#).

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'reg'  
print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x	an object of reg class
...	not used

Details

The function prints mean regression coefficients from the analyzed period, Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE) and Mean Absolute Error (MAE) from the estimated model. For [roll.reg](#) it also shows the size of a rolling window.

Value

Called for printing.

Examples

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]  
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[, -1], k=1))[-1,]  
ld.wti <- (diff(log(wti)))[-1,]  
ld.drivers <- (diff(log(drivers)))[-1,]  
roll <- roll.reg(y=ld.wti, x=ld.drivers, window=100)  
rec <- rec.reg(y=ld.wti, x=ld.drivers)  
print(roll)  
print(rec)
```

print.tvp	<i>Prints tvp Object.</i>
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Description

The function prints selected outcomes obtained from [tvp](#).

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'tvp'  
print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x	an object of tvp class
...	not used

Details

The function prints mean regression coefficients from the analyzed period, Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE) and Mean Absolute Error (MAE) from the estimated model.

Value

Called for printing.

Examples

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]  
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[, -1], k=1))[-1,]  
ld.wti <- (diff(log(wti)))[-1,]  
ld.drivers <- (diff(log(drivers)))[-1,]  
tvp <- tvp(y=ld.wti, x=ld.drivers, V=1, lambda=0.99)  
print(tvp)
```

rec.reg	<i>Computes Recursive Regression.</i>
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Description

This function computes Recursive Regression.

Usage

```
rec.reg(y, x=NULL, c=NULL)
```

Arguments

y	numeric or a column matrix of a dependent variable
x	matrix of independent variables, different columns should correspond to different variables, if not specified only a constant will be used
c	optional, logical, a parameter indicating whether constant is included, if not specified c=TRUE is used, i.e., constant is included

Details

It might happen during computations that `lm` (which is used inside `rec.reg`) will produce `NA` or `NaN`. In such a case regression coefficients for a given period are taken as 0 and p-values for t-test for statistical significance of regression coefficients are taken as 1.

It is not possible to set `c=FALSE` if `x=NULL`. In such a case the function will automatically reset `c=TRUE` inside the code.

Value

class reg object, list of

<code>\$y.hat</code>	fitted (forecasted) values
<code>\$AIC</code>	Akaike Information Criterion (from the current set of observations)
<code>\$AICc</code>	Akaike Information Criterion with a correction for finite sample sizes (from the current set of observations)
<code>\$BIC</code>	Bayesian Information Criterion (from the current set of observations)
<code>\$MSE</code>	Mean Squared Error (from the current set of observations)
<code>\$coeff.</code>	regression coefficients
<code>\$p.val</code>	p-values for t-test for statistical significance of regression coefficients
<code>\$y</code>	y, forecasted time-series

See Also

[print.reg](#), [summary.reg](#), [plot.reg](#).

Examples

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[, -1], k=1))[-1,]
ld.wti <- (diff(log(wti)))[-1,]
ld.drivers <- (diff(log(drivers)))[-1,]
rec1 <- rec.reg(y=ld.wti, x=ld.drivers)
rec2 <- rec.reg(y=ld.wti)
```

reduce.size	<i>Reduces the Size of <code>fDMA</code> or <code>grid.DMA</code> Outcomes.</i>
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Description

This functions reduces the size of `dma` or `grid.dma` object.

Usage

```
reduce.size(dma.object)
```

Arguments

`dma.object` `dma` or `grid.dma` object

Details

The information corresponding to each sub-model is erased. In particular, for the object produced by `fDMA` `$models` is reduced to one-row matrix to keep only `colnames`, and `$postmod`, `$yhat.all.mods` and `$p.dens.` are replaced by `NA`. It can be useful if large number of models is considered.

Value

`dma` or `grid.dma` object, with the information corresponding to each sub-model erased

See Also

[fDMA](#), [grid.DMA](#).

Examples

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[,-1],k=1))[-1,]
ld.wti <- (diff(log(wti)))[-1,]
ld.drivers <- (diff(log(drivers)))[-1,]
m1 <- fDMA(y=ld.wti,x=ld.drivers,alpha=0.99,lambda=0.90,initvar=10)
m2 <- reduce.size(m1)
```

residuals.dma	<i>Extracts Residuals from dma Model.</i>
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Description

The function extracts residuals from the `fdma` model.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'dma'  
residuals(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object	an object of dma class
...	not used

Value

vector of residuals

Examples

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]  
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[, -1], k=1))[-1,]  
ld.wti <- (diff(log(wti)))[-1,]  
ld.drivers <- (diff(log(drivers)))[-1,]  
  
m1 <- fdma(y=ld.wti, x=ld.drivers, alpha=0.99, lambda=0.99, initvar=1, model="dma")  
r <- residuals(object=m1)
```

roll.reg	<i>Computes Rolling Regression.</i>
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Description

This function computes Rolling Regression. For the first `window-1` observations Recursive Regression is computed. Since `window`-th observation the rolling is performed.

Usage

```
roll.reg(y, x=NULL, window, c=NULL)
```

Arguments

y	numeric or a column matrix of a dependent variable
x	matrix of independent variables, different columns should correspond to different variables, if not specified only a constant will be used
window	numeric, a size of a window for rolling
c	optional, logical, a parameter indicating whether constant is included, if not specified c=TRUE is used, i.e., constant is included

Details

It might happen during computations that `lm` (which is used inside `roll.reg`) will produce `NA` or `NaN`. In such a case regression coefficients for a given period are taken as 0 and p-values for t-test for statistical significance of regression coefficients are taken as 1.

It is not possible to set `c=FALSE` if `x=NULL`. In such a case the function will automatically reset `c=TRUE` inside the code.

Value

class reg object, list of

<code>\$y.hat</code>	fitted (forecasted) values
<code>\$AIC</code>	Akaike Information Criterion (from the current window size)
<code>\$AICc</code>	Akaike Information Criterion with a correction for finite sample sizes (from the current window size)
<code>\$BIC</code>	Bayesian Information Criterion (from the current window size)
<code>\$MSE</code>	Mean Squared Error (from the current window size)
<code>\$coeff.</code>	regression coefficients
<code>\$p.val</code>	p-values for t-test for statistical significance of regression coefficients
<code>\$window</code>	window size
<code>\$y</code>	y, forecasted time-series

See Also

[grid.roll.reg](#), [print.reg](#), [summary.reg](#), [plot.reg](#).

Examples

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[, -1], k=1))[-1,]
ld.wti <- (diff(log(wti)))[-1,]
ld.drivers <- (diff(log(drivers)))[-1,]
roll1 <- roll.reg(y=ld.wti, x=ld.drivers, window=100)
roll2 <- roll.reg(y=ld.wti, window=100)
```

rvi	<i>Extracts Relative Variable Importances from FDMA Model.</i>
-----	--

Description

This functions extracts posterior inclusion probabilities for independent variables from dma object.

Usage

```
rvi(dma.object)
```

Arguments

dma.object dma object

Value

matrix of posterior inclusion probabilities for independent variables

Examples

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[, -1],k=1))[-1,]
ld.wti <- (diff(log(wti)))[-1,]
ld.drivers <- (diff(log(drivers)))[-1,]
m1 <- fdMA(y=ld.wti,x=ld.drivers,alpha=0.99,lambda=0.90,initvar=10)
r <- rvi(m1)
```

standardize	<i>Standardizes a Numeric Matrix by Columns.</i>
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Description

Sometimes it is desirable to have all variables to have mean 0 and standard deviation 1. This function rescales the values in such a way.

If the argument is not a [matrix](#), the function tries to convert the object into a [matrix](#). For example, it works smoothly for [xts](#) objects.

Usage

```
standardize(data)
```

Arguments

data [matrix](#), observations are put in rows, and variables are grouped by columns

Value

`matrix`

See Also

`normalize`

Examples

```
standardize(crudeoil)
```

stest

Computes a Few Stationarity Tests.

Description

This is a wrapper for three functions from `tseries` package. Augmented Dickey-Fuller (ADF, `adf.test`), Phillips-Perron (PP, `pp.test`) and Kwiatkowski-Phillips-Schmidt-Shin (KPSS, `kpss.test`) tests for stationarity are performed.

Usage

```
stest(data)
```

Arguments

`data` `matrix` of variables, different columns correspond to different variables

Value

`matrix`, tests statistics and p-values are given by columns, tests outcomes for different variables are ordered by rows

Examples

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[, -1], k=1))[-1,]
ld.wti <- (diff(log(wti)))[-1,]
ld.drivers <- (diff(log(drivers)))[-1,]
x <- cbind(ld.wti, ld.drivers)
stest(x)
```

summary.altf	<i>Summarizes Outcomes from altf Object.</i>
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Description

The function summarizes selected outcomes obtained from [altf](#).

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'altf'  
summary(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object	an object of altf class
...	not used

Details

The function produces the outcomes as [print.altf](#).

Additionally, it provides mean values of coefficients and how often p-values for t-test of statistical significance for each independent variable in the model are below 1%, 5% and 10%, respectively.

Value

Called for printing.

Examples

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]  
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[, -1], k=1))[-1,]  
a <- altf(y=wti, x=drivers)  
  
summary(a)
```

summary.altf2	<i>Summarizes Outcomes from altf2 Object.</i>
---------------	---

Description

The function summarizes selected outcomes obtained from `altf2`.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'altf2'  
summary(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object	an object of altf2 class
...	not used

Details

The function produces the outcomes as `print.altf2`.

Additionally, it provides mean values of coefficients, min, max and mean relative variable importance for each independent variable in the model, frequency when relative variable importance is over 0.5 for each independent variable in the model, and how often p-values (averaged over selected models) for t-test of statistical significance for each independent variable in the model are below 1%, 5% and 10%, respectively.

Value

Called for printing.

Examples

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]  
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[, -1], k=1))[-1,]  
a <- altf2(y=wti, x=drivers)  
  
summary(a)
```

summary.altf3	<i>Summarizes Outcomes from altf3 Object.</i>
---------------	---

Description

The function summarizes selected outcomes obtained from [altf3](#).

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'altf3'  
summary(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object	an object of altf3 class
...	not used

Details

The function produces the outcomes as [print.altf3](#).

Additionally, it provides mean values of coefficients and how often p-values (averaged over selected window sizes) for t-test of statistical significance for each independent variable in the model are below 1%, 5% and 10%, respectively.

Value

Called for printing.

Examples

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]  
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[,-1],k=1))[-1,]  
a <- altf3(y=wti,x=drivers,windows=c(36,100,150))  
  
summary(a)
```

summary.altf4	<i>Summarizes Outcomes from altf4 Object.</i>
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Description

The function summarizes selected outcomes obtained from [altf4](#).

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'altf4'  
summary(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object	an object of altf4 class
...	not used

Details

The function produces the outcomes as [print.altf4](#).
Additionally, it provides mean values of coefficients.

Value

Called for printing.

Examples

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]  
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[, -1], k=1))[-1,]  
a <- altf4(y=wti, x=drivers, windows=c(36, 100, 150))  
  
summary(a)
```

summary.dma	<i>Summarizes Outcomes from dma Object.</i>
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Description

The function summarizes outcomes obtained from [FDMA](#).

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'dma'  
summary(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object	an object of dma class
...	not used

Details

The function produces the outcomes as `print.dma`.

Additionally:

If object comes from Dynamic Model Averaging (DMA), it shows how often (in comparison to the whole analyzed period) a posterior inclusion probability for a given variable exceeds 1/2. It also shows minimum, maximum and mean posterior inclusion probability for every variable throughout the analyzed period.

If object comes from Dynamic Model Selection (DMS) or Median Probability Model (MED), it shows how often (in comparison to the whole analyzed period) a given variable is present in the selected model.

Value

Called for printing.

Examples

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[, -1], k=1))[-1,]
ld.wti <- (diff(log(wti)))[-1,]
ld.drivers <- (diff(log(drivers)))[-1,]

m1 <- fdMA(y=ld.wti, x=ld.drivers, alpha=0.99, lambda=0.99, initvar=1, model="dma")
m2 <- fdMA(y=ld.wti, x=ld.drivers, alpha=0.99, lambda=0.99, initvar=1, model="dms")

summary(m1)
summary(m2)
```

```
summary.grid.dma
```

```
Summarizes Outcomes from grid.dma Objects.
```

Description

The function summarizes outcomes obtained from `grid.DMA`.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'grid.dma'
summary(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object	an object of grid.dma class
...	not used

Details

The function produces the outcomes as [print.grid.dma](#).

Additionally, it finds the indices for a model minimizing Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE) and for a model minimizing Mean Absolute Error (MAE).

Value

Called for printing.

Examples

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[, -1], k=1))[-1,]
ld.wti <- (diff(log(wti)))[-1,]
ld.drivers <- (diff(log(drivers)))[-1,]

gra <- c(0.99, 0.98, 0.97)
grl <- c(0.99, 0.95)
g1 <- grid.DMA(y=ld.wti, x=ld.drivers, grid.alpha=gra, grid.lambda=grl, initvar=1)
g2 <- grid.DMA(y=ld.wti, x=ld.drivers, grid.alpha=gra, grid.lambda=grl, initvar=1, model="dms")

summary(g1)
summary(g2)
```

summary.grid.roll.reg *Summarizes Outcomes from grid.roll.reg Objects.*

Description

The function summarizes outcomes obtained from [grid.roll.reg](#).

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'grid.roll.reg'
summary(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object	an object of grid.roll.reg class
...	not used

Details

The function produces the outcomes as [print.grid.roll.reg](#).

Additionally, it finds the model minimizing Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE) and minimizing Mean Absolute Error (MAE).

Value

Called for printing.

Examples

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[, -1], k=1))[-1,]
ld.wti <- (diff(log(wti)))[-1,]
ld.drivers <- (diff(log(drivers)))[-1,]

grw <- c(50, 100, 150)
g <- grid.roll.reg(y=ld.wti, x=ld.drivers, grid.window=grw)

summary(g)
```

summary.grid.tvp

Summarizes Outcomes from grid.tvp Objects.

Description

The function summarizes outcomes obtained from [grid.tvp](#).

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'grid.tvp'
summary(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object	an object of grid.tvp class
...	not used

Details

The function produces the outcomes as [print.grid.tvp](#).

Additionally, it finds the model minimizing Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE) and minimizing Mean Absolute Error (MAE).

Value

Called for printing.

Examples

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[, -1], k=1))[-1,]
ld.wti <- (diff(log(wti)))[-1,]
ld.drivers <- (diff(log(drivers)))[-1,]

gr1 <- c(0.99, 0.98, 0.97, 0.96, 0.95)
g <- grid.tvp(y=ld.wti, x=ld.drivers, V=1, grid.lambda=gr1)

summary(g)
```

summary.reg

*Summarizes Outcomes from reg Object.***Description**

The function summarizes selected outcomes obtained from [roll.reg](#) and [rec.reg](#).

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'reg'
summary(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object	an object of reg class
...	not used

Details

The function produces the outcomes as [print.reg](#).

Additionally, it provides how often p-values for t-test of statistical significance for each independent variable in the model is below 1%, 5% and 10%, respectively.

Value

Called for printing.

Examples

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[, -1], k=1))[-1,]
ld.wti <- (diff(log(wti)))[-1,]
ld.drivers <- (diff(log(drivers)))[-1,]
roll <- roll.reg(y=ld.wti, x=ld.drivers, window=100)
rec <- rec.reg(y=ld.wti, x=ld.drivers)
summary(roll)
summary(rec)
```

summary.tvp	<i>Summarizes Outcomes from tvp Object.</i>
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Description

The function summarizes selected outcomes obtained from [tvp](#).

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'tvp'  
summary(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object	an object of tvp class
...	not used

Details

The function produces the outcomes as [tvp](#).

Value

Called for printing.

Examples

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]  
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[, -1], k=1))[-1,]  
ld.wti <- (diff(log(wti)))[-1,]  
ld.drivers <- (diff(log(drivers)))[-1,]  
tvp <- tvp(y=ld.wti, x=ld.drivers, V=1, lambda=0.99)  
summary(tvp)
```

trends	<i>Google Trends for Crude Oil Data.</i>
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Description

Google Trends for Crude Oil Data.

Usage

```
data(trends)
```

Format

trends is `xts` object such that

- `trends$stock_markets` – Google Trends for "stock markets"
- `trends$interest_rate` – Google Trends for "interest rate"
- `trends$economic_activity` – Google Trends for "economic activity"
- `trends$exchange_rate` – Google Trends for "exchange rate"
- `trends$oil_production` – Google Trends for "oil production"
- `trends$oil_consumption` – Google Trends for "oil consumption"
- `trends$market_stress` – Google Trends for "market stress"

Details

The data are in monthly frequency. They cover the period between Jan, 2004 and Dec, 2016.

Source

The data are provided by Google.

<https://trends.google.com/trends>

Examples

```
data(trends)
gtrends <- trends/100
data(crudeoil)
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[,-1],k=1))[-1,]
ld.wti <- (diff(log(wti)))[-1,]
ld.drivers <- (diff(log(drivers)))[-1,]
ld.wti <- ld.wti['2004-01-01-']
ld.drivers <- ld.drivers['2004-01-01-']

xx <- ld.drivers
m <- fDMA(y=ld.wti,x=xx,alpha=0.99,lambda=0.99,initvar=1,model="dma",gprob=gtrends,omega=0.5)
```

tvp

Computes Time-Varying Parameters Regression.

Description

This function computes Time-Varying Parameters Regression (TVP) with the updating procedure as in Raftery et. al (2010).

Usage

```
tvp(y, x, V, lambda, W=NULL, kappa=NULL, c=NULL)
```

Arguments

y	numeric or a column matrix of a dependent variable
x	matrix of independent variables, different columns should correspond to different variables
V	numeric, initial variance in the state space equation for the recursive moment estimator updating method, as in Raftery et al. (2010)
lambda	numeric, a forgetting factor between 0 and 1 used in variance approximations
W	optional, numeric, initial value of variance for the model equations, if not specified the method based on the linear regression, as in Raftery et al. (2010) is used
kappa	optional, numeric, a parameter in the exponentially weighted moving average in variance updating (see also <code>fdma</code>), between 0 and 1, if not specified the method as in Raftery et al. (2010) is used
c	optional, logical, a parameter indicating whether constant is included, if not specified <code>c=TRUE</code> is used, i.e., constant is included

Details

It is not possible to set `c=FALSE` if `ncol(x)=0`. In such a case the function will automatically reset `c=TRUE` inside the code.

Value

class tvp object, list of

<code>\$y.hat</code>	fitted (forecasted) values
<code>\$thetas</code>	estimated regression coefficients
<code>\$pred.dens.</code>	predictive densities from each period
<code>\$y</code>	y, forecasted time-series

References

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See Also

`grid.tvp`, `print.tvp`, `summary.tvp`, `plot.tvp`.

Examples

```
wti <- crudeoil[-1,1]
drivers <- (lag(crudeoil[, -1], k=1))[-1,]
ld.wti <- (diff(log(wti)))[-1,]
ld.drivers <- (diff(log(drivers)))[-1,]

t1 <- tvp(y=ld.wti, x=ld.drivers, V=1, lambda=0.99)

t2 <- tvp(y=ld.wti, x=ld.drivers, V=1, lambda=0.99, W=1)

t3 <- tvp(y=ld.wti, x=ld.drivers, V=1, lambda=0.99, W=1, kappa=0.75)

# Model with constant only
empty <- matrix(, nrow=nrow(ld.drivers), ncol=0)
t4 <- tvp(y=ld.wti, x=empty, lambda=0.99, V=1)
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