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R functions for the estimation and eigen-decomposition of multivariate autoregressive models.

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mAr.eig

Eigendecomposition of m-variate AR(p) model

Description

Eigen-decomposition of the estimated matrix of autoregressive coefficients from an m-variate AR(p) model

Usage

```
mAr.eig(A, C = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

A	matrix of estimated autoregression coefficients
C	noise covariance matrix
...	additional arguments for specific methods

Value

A list with components:

modes	periods and damping times associated to each eigenmode
eigv	m*p m-dimensional eigenvectors

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References

Barbosa S.M., Silva M.E., Fernandes M.J. (2006), Multivariate autoregressive modelling of sea level time series from TOPEX/Poseidon satellite altimetry. *Nonlinear Processes in Geophysics*, 13, 177-184.

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Examples

```
data(pinkham)
y=mAr.est(pinkham,2,5)
mAr.eig(y$AHat,y$CHat)
```

mAr.est

Estimation of multivariate AR(p) model

Description

Stepwise least-squares estimation of a multivariate AR(p) model based on the algorithm of Neumaier and Schneider (2001).

Usage

```
mAr.est(x, p, ...)
```

Arguments

x	matrix of multivariate time series
p	model order
...	additional arguments for specific methods

Details

Fits by stepwise least squares an m-variate AR(p) model given by

$$X[t] = w + A_1X[t - 1] + \dots + A_pX[t - p] + e[t]$$

where

$X[t]=[X_1(t)\dots X_m(t)]'$ is a vector of length m

w is a m-length vector of intercept terms

$A=[A_1 \dots A_p]$ is a mp x m matrix of autoregressive coefficients

e(t) is a m-length uncorrelated noise vector with mean 0 and m x m covariance matrix C

Value

A list with components:

SBC	Schwartz Bayesian Criterion
wHat	vector of intercept terms
AHat	matrix of estimated autoregression coefficients for the fitted model
CHat	noise covariance matrix
resid	residuals from the fitted model

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Lutkepohl, H. (1993), *Introduction to Multiple Time Series Analysis*. Springer-Verlag, Berlin.

Examples

```
data(pinkham)
y=mAr.est(pinkham,2,5)
```

mAr.pca

Multivariate autoregressive analysis in PCA space

Description

Estimation of m-variate AR(p) model in reduced PCA space (for dimensionality reduction) and eigen-decomposition of augmented coefficient matrix

Usage

```
mAr.pca(x, p, k = dim(x)[2], ...)
```

Arguments

x	matrix of multivariate time series
p	model order
k	number of principal components to retain
...	additional arguments for specific methods

Value

A list with components:

p	model order
SBC	Schwartz Bayesian Criterion
fraction.variance	fraction of variance explained by the retained components
resid	residuals from the fitted model
eigv	m*p m-dimensional eigenvectors
modes	periods and damping times associated to each eigenmode

Author(s)

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References

Neumaier, A. and Schneider, T. (2001), Estimation of parameters and eigenmodes of multivariate autoregressive models. *ACM Transactions on Mathematical Software*, 27, 1, 27-57.

See Also[mAr.est](#)**Examples**

```
data(sparrows)
A=mAr.est(sparrows,1)$AHat
mAr.eig(A)$modes
mAr.pca(sparrows,1,k=4)$modes
```

`mAr.sim`*Simulation from a multivariate AR(p) model*

Description

Simulation from an m-variate AR(p) model

Usage`mAr.sim(w, A, C, N, ...)`**Arguments**

w	vector of intercept terms
A	matrix of AR coefficients
C	noise covariance matrix
N	length of output time series
...	additional arguments

Details

Simulation from an m-variate AR(p) model given by

$$X[t] = w + A_1X[t - 1] + \dots + A_pX[t - p] + e[t]$$

where

$X[t]=[X_1(t)\dots X_m(t)]'$ is a vector of length m

w is a m-length vector of intercept terms

$A=[A_1 \dots A_p]$ is a m x mp matrix of autoregressive coefficients

e(t) is a m-length uncorrelated noise vector with mean 0 and m x m covariance matrix C

Value

returns a list containing the N simulated observations for each of the m time series

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Examples

```
w=c(0.25,0.1)
C=rbind(c(1,0.5),c(0.5,1.5))
A=rbind(c(0.4,1.2,0.35,-0.3),c(0.3,0.7,-0.4,-0.5))
x=mAr.sim(w,A,C,N=300)
```

pinkham

Lydia Pinkham Annual Advertising and Sales data

Description

Annual domestic advertising and sales of Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Company in thousands of dollars 1907-1960

Usage

data(pinkham)

Format

A data frame with 54 observations on the 2 variables.

Source

Pankratz, A. (1991) Forecasting With Dynamic Regression Models, Wiley.

References

Wei, W. (1994) Time series analysis - univariate and multivariate methods

sparrows	<i>Body measurements of sparrows</i>
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Description

Body measurements of 48 female sparrows.

Usage

```
data(sparrows)
```

Format

A data frame with 48 observations on 5 variables

Source

Manly, B. F. J. (1994). Multivariate Statistical Methods, second edition, Chapman and Hall.

waves	<i>Time series of ocean wave height measurements</i>
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Description

Ocean wave height measurements from an wire wave gauge and an infrared wave gauge

Usage

```
data(waves)
```

Format

A data frame with 4096 observations on the following 2 variables.

wire.gauge height of ocean waves from wire wave gauge

ir.gauge height of ocean waves from infrared wave gauge

Details

Time series of ocean wave height measurements (sampling = 1/ 30 seconds)

Source

Applied Physics Laboratory (Andy Jessup)

References

Jessup, A. T., Melville, W. K., Keller, W. C. (1991). Breaking Waves Affecting Microwave Backscatter: Detection and Verification (1991). *Journal of Geophysical Research*, 96, C11, 20,547–59.

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