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**Description** The Early-Warning-Signals Toolbox provides methods for estimating statistical changes in timeseries that can be used for identifying nearby critical transitions. Based on Dakos et al (2012) Methods for Detecting Early Warnings of Critical Transitions in Time Series Illustrated Using Simulated Ecological Data. PLoS ONE 7(7):e41010

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bdstest_ews	<i>Description: BDS test Early Warning Signals</i>
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## Description

bdstest\_ews is used to estimate the BDS statistic to detect nonlinearity in the residuals of a timeseries after first-difference detrending, fitting an ARMA(p,q) model, and fitting a GARCH(0,1) model. The function is making use of `bds.test`.

## Usage

```
bdstest_ews(timeseries, ARMAoptim = TRUE,
            ARMAorder = c(1, 0), GARCHorder = c(0, 1), embeddim = 3,
            epsilon = c(0.5, 0.75, 1), boots = 1000,
            logtransform = FALSE, interpolate = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

timeseries	a numeric vector of the observed univariate timeseries values or a numeric matrix where the first column represents the time index and the second the observed timeseries values. Use vectors/matrices with headings.
ARMAoptim	is the order of the ARMA (p, q) model to be fitted on the original timeseries. If TRUE the best ARMA model based on AIC is applied. If FALSE the ARMAorder is used.
ARMAorder	is the order of the AR (p) and MA (q) process to be fitted on the original timeseries. Default is p=1 q=0.
GARCHorder	fits a GARCH model on the original timeseries where GARCHorder[1] is the GARCH part and GARCHorder[2] is the ARCH part.
embeddim	is the embedding dimension (2, 3,... embeddim) up to which the BDS test will be estimated (must be numeric). Default value is 3.
epsilon	is a numeric vector that is used to scale the standard deviation of the timeseries. The BDS test is computed for each element of epsilon. Default is 0.5, 0.75 and 1.
boots	is the number of bootstraps performed to estimate significance p values for the BDS test. Default is 1000.
logtransform	logical. If TRUE data are logtransformed prior to analysis as log(X+1). Default is FALSE.
interpolate	logical. If TRUE linear interpolation is applied to produce a timeseries of equal length as the original. Default is FALSE (assumes there are no gaps in the timeseries).

## Details

See also `bds.test{tseries}` for more details. The function requires the installation of packages `tseries` and `quadprog` that are not available under Linux and need to be manually installed under Windows.

Example to run after installing the mentioned packages:

```
data(foldbif) bdstest_ews(foldbif,ARMAoptim=FALSE,ARMAorder=c(1,0),embdim=3,epsilon=0.5,
boots=200,logtransform=FALSE,interpolate=FALSE)
```

## Value

`bdstest_ews` returns output on the R console that summarizes the BDS test statistic for all embedding dimensions and `epsilon` values used, and for first-differenced data, ARMA(p,q) residuals, and GARCH(0,1) residuals). Also the significance p values are returned estimated both by comparing to a standard normal distribution and by bootstrapping.

In addition, `bdstest_ews` returns a plot with the original timeseries, the residuals after first-differencing, and fitting the ARMA(p,q) and GARCH(0,1) models. Also the autocorrelation `acf` and partial autocorrelation `pacf` functions are estimated serving as guides for the choice of lags of the linear models fitted to the data.

## Author(s)

S. R. Carpenter, modified by V. Dakos

## References

J. B. Cromwell, W. C. Labys and M. Terraza (1994): Univariate Tests for Time Series Models, Sage, Thousand Oaks, CA, pages 32-36.

Dakos, V., et al (2012). "Methods for Detecting Early Warnings of Critical Transitions in Time Series Illustrated Using Simulated Ecological Data." *PLoS ONE* 7(7): e41010. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0041010

## See Also

`generic_ews`; `ddjnonparam_ews`; `bdstest_ews`; `sensitivity_ews`; `surrogates_ews`; `ch_ews`; `movpotential_ews`; `livpotential_ews`

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ch\_ews

*Description: Conditional Heteroskedasticity*

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## Description

`ch_ews` is used to estimate changes in conditional heteroskedasticity within rolling windows along a timeseries

## Usage

```
ch_ews(timeseries, winsize = 10, alpha = 0.1,
       optim = TRUE, lags = 4, logtransform = FALSE,
       interpolate = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

<code>timeseries</code>	a numeric vector of the observed timeseries values or a numeric matrix where the first column represents the time index and the second the observed timeseries values. Use vectors/matrices with headings.
<code>winsize</code>	is length of the rolling window expressed as percentage of the timeseries length (must be numeric between 0 and 100). Default is 10%.
<code>alpha</code>	is the significance threshold (must be numeric). Default is 0.1.
<code>optim</code>	logical. If TRUE an autoregressive model is fit to the data within the rolling window using AIC optimization. Otherwise an autoregressive model of specific order <code>lags</code> is selected.
<code>lags</code>	is a parameter that determines the specific order of an autoregressive model to fit the data. Default is 4.
<code>logtransform</code>	logical. If TRUE data are logtransformed prior to analysis as $\log(X+1)$ . Default is FALSE.
<code>interpolate</code>	logical. If TRUE linear interpolation is applied to produce a timeseries of equal length as the original. Default is FALSE (assumes there are no gaps in the timeseries).

## Details

see ref below

## Value

`ch_ews` returns a matrix that contains:

<code>time</code>	the time index.
<code>r.squared</code>	the R2 values of the regressed residuals.
<code>critical.value</code>	the chi-square critical value based on the desired <code>alpha</code> level for 1 degree of freedom divided by the number of residuals used in the regression.
<code>test.result</code>	logical. It indicates whether conditional heteroskedasticity was significant.
<code>ar.fit.order</code>	the order of the specified autoregressive model- only informative if <code>optim</code> FALSE was selected.

In addition, `ch_ews` plots the original timeseries and the R2 where the level of significance is also indicated.

## Author(s)

T. Cline, modified by V. Dakos

## References

- Seekell, D. A., et al (2011). "Conditional heteroscedasticity as a leading indicator of ecological regime shifts." *American Naturalist* 178(4): 442-451
- Dakos, V., et al (2012). "Methods for Detecting Early Warnings of Critical Transitions in Time Series Illustrated Using Simulated Ecological Data." *PLoS ONE* 7(7): e41010. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0041010

**See Also**

generic\_ews; ddjnonparam\_ews; bdstest\_ews; sensitivity\_ews; surrogates\_ews;  
ch\_ews; movpotential\_ews; livpotential\_ews

**Examples**

```
data(foldbif)
out=ch_ews(foldbif, winsize=50, alpha=0.05, optim=TRUE, lags)
```

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circulation

*Overturning of thermohaline circulation*

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**Description**

Simulated timeseries of salinity from an ocean circulation model

**Usage**

```
data(circulation)
```

**Format**

A data frame with 783 observations on the following 2 variables.

time a numeric vector

x a numeric vector

**Details**

Simulated timeseries of salinity from an ocean circulation model as used in Dakos et al (2008), see source below. At the end of the timeseries a critical transition occurs that simulates the overturning of the thermohalinen circulation.

**Source**

Dakos et al (2008), Slowing down as an early warning signal for abrupt climate change, PNAS 105(38), 14308-14312.

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ddjnonparam_ews	<i>Description: Drift Diffusion Jump Nonparametrics Early Warning Signals</i>
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## Description

ddjnonparam\_ews is used to compute nonparametrically conditional variance, drift, diffusion and jump intensity in a timeseries. It also interpolates to obtain the evolution of the nonparametric statistics in time.

## Usage

```
ddjnonparam_ews(timeseries, bandwidth = 0.6, na = 500,
  logtransform = TRUE, interpolate = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

timeseries	a numeric vector of the observed univariate timeseries values or a numeric matrix where the first column represents the time index and the second the observed timeseries values. Use vectors/matrices with headings.
bandwidth	is the bandwidth of the kernel regressor (must be numeric). Default is 0.6.
na	is the number of points for computing the kernel (must be numeric). Default is 500.
logtransform	logical. If TRUE data are logtransformed prior to analysis as $\log(X+1)$ . Default is FALSE.
interpolate	logical. If TRUE linear interpolation is applied to produce a timeseries of equal length as the original. Default is FALSE (assumes there are no gaps in the timeseries).

## Details

The approach is based on estimating terms of a drift-diffusion-jump model as a surrogate for the unknown true data generating process: [1]  $dx = f(x, \theta)dt + g(x, \theta)dW + dJ$  Here  $x$  is the state variable,  $f()$  and  $g()$  are nonlinear functions,  $dW$  is a Wiener process and  $dJ$  is a jump process. Jumps are large, one-step, positive or negative shocks that are uncorrelated in time.

## Value

ddjnonparam\_ews returns an object with elements:

avec	is the mesh for which values of the nonparametric statistics are estimated.
S2.vec	is the conditional variance of the timeseries $x$ over avec.
TotVar.dx.vec	is the total variance of $dx$ over avec.
Diff2.vec	is the diffusion estimated as total variance - jumping intensity vs avec.
LamdaZ.vec	is the jump intensity over avec.
Tvec1	is the timeindex.
S2.t	is the conditional variance of the timeseries $x$ data over Tvec1.

TotVar.t is the total variance of dx over Tvec1.  
 Diff2.t is the diffusion over Tvec1.  
 Lamda.t is the jump intensity over Tvec1.

In addition, ddjnonparam\_ews returns a first plot with the original timeseries and the residuals after first-differencing. A second plot shows the nonparametric conditional variance, total variance, diffusion and jump intensity over the data, and a third plot the same nonparametric statistics over time.

### Author(s)

S. R. Carpenter, modified by V. Dakos

### References

Carpenter, S. R. and W. A. Brock (2011). "Early warnings of unknown nonlinear shifts: a nonparametric approach." *Ecology* 92(12): 2196-2201

Dakos, V., et al (2012). "Methods for Detecting Early Warnings of Critical Transitions in Time Series Illustrated Using Simulated Ecological Data." *PLoS ONE* 7(7): e41010. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0041010

### See Also

generic\_ews; ddjnonparam\_ews; bdstest\_ews; sensitivity\_ews; surrogates\_ews;  
 ch\_ews; movpotential\_ews; livpotential\_ews

### Examples

```
data(foldbif)
output<-ddjnonparam_ews(foldbif,bandwidth=0.6,na=500,
logtransform=TRUE,interpolate=FALSE)
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foldbif

*Simulated fold bifurcation time series*

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### Description

Simulated time series of a transition to an alternative state.

### Usage

```
data(foldbif)
```

### Format

A data frame with 970 observations on the following variable.

x a numeric vector

### Details

Simulated time series of a transition to an alternative state derived from a simple overharvesting model as used in Dakos et al (2012), see source below.

## Source

Dakos et al (2012) Methods for Detecting Early Warnings of Critical Transitions in Time Series Illustrated Using Simulated Ecological Data. PLoS ONE 7(7):e41010

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generic_ews	<i>Description: Generic Early Warning Signals</i>
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## Description

generic\_ews is used to estimate statistical moments within rolling windows along a timeserie

## Usage

```
generic_ews(timeseries, winsize = 50,
            detrending = c("no", "gaussian", "linear", "first-diff"),
            bandwidth = NULL, logtransform = FALSE,
            interpolate = FALSE, AR_n = FALSE,
            powerspectrum = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

timeseries	a numeric vector of the observed univariate timeseries values or a numeric matrix where the first column represents the time index and the second the observed timeseries values. Use vectors/matrices with headings. If the powerspectrum is to be plotted as well, the timeseries lenght should be even number.
winsize	is the size of the rolling window expressed as percentage of the timeseries length (must be numeric between 0 and 100). Default is 50%.
bandwidth	is the bandwidth used for the Gaussian kernel when gaussian filtering is applied. It is expressed as percentage of the timeseries length (must be numeric between 0 and 100). Alternatively it can be given by the bandwidth selector <code>bw.nrd0</code> (Default).
detrending	the timeseries can be detrended/filtered prior to analysis. There are four options: <code>gaussian filtering</code> , <code>linear detrending</code> and <code>first-differencing</code> . Default is <code>no detrending</code> .
logtransform	logical. If TRUE data are logtransformed prior to analysis as $\log(X+1)$ . Default is FALSE.
interpolate	logical. If TRUE linear interpolation is applied to produce a timeseries of equal length as the original. Default is FALSE (assumes there are no gaps in the timeseries).
AR_n	logical. If TRUE the best fitted AR(n) model is fitted to the data. Default is FALSE.
powerspectrum	logical. If TRUE the power spectrum within each rolling window is plotted. Default is FALSE.

## Details

see ref below



**Value**

generic\_ews returns a matrix that contains:

tim	the time index.
ar1	the autoregressive coefficient $ar(1)$ of a first order AR model fitted on the data within the rolling window.
sd	the standard deviation of the data estimated within each rolling window.
sk	the skewness of the data estimated within each rolling window.
kurt	the kurtosis of the data estimated within each rolling window.
cv	the coefficient of variation of the data estimated within each rolling window.
returnrate	the return rate of the data estimated as $1 - ar(1)$ coefficient within each rolling window.
densratio	the density ratio of the power spectrum of the data estimated as the ratio of low frequencies over high frequencies within each rolling window.
acfl	the autocorrelation at first lag of the data estimated within each rolling window.

In addition, generic\_ews returns three plots. The first plot contains the original data, the detrending/filtering applied and the residuals (if selected), and all the moment statistics. For each statistic trends are estimated by the nonparametric Kendall tau correlation. The second plot, if asked, quantifies resilience indicators fitting AR(n) selected by the Akaike Information Criterion. The third plot, if asked, is the power spectrum estimated by `spec.ar` for all frequencies within each rolling window.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

- Ives, A. R. (1995). "Measuring resilience in stochastic systems." *Ecological Monographs* 65: 217-233
- Dakos, V., et al (2008). "Slowing down as an early warning signal for abrupt climate change." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 105(38): 14308-14312
- Dakos, V., et al (2012). "Methods for Detecting Early Warnings of Critical Transitions in Time Series Illustrated Using Simulated Ecological Data." *PLoS ONE* 7(7): e41010. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0041010

**See Also**

generic\_ews; ddjnonparam\_ews; bdstest\_ews; sensitivity\_ews; surrogates\_ews; ch\_ews; movpotential\_ews; livpotential\_ews

**Examples**

```
data(foldbif)
out=generic_ews(foldbif, winsize=50, detrending="gaussian",
bandwidth=5, logtransform=FALSE, interpolate=FALSE)
```

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livpotential\_ews      *Description: Potential Analysis*

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### Description

livpotential\_ews performs one-dimensional potential estimation derived from a uni-variate timeseries

### Usage

```
livpotential_ews(x, std = 1, bw = -1, xi = NULL,
  weights = c(), grid.size = 200)
```

### Arguments

x	data vector
std	the standard deviation of the noise (defaults to 1, so then you use scaled potentials)
bw	bandwidth for kernel estimation
xi	x values at which the potential is estimated
weights	optional weights in ksdensity (used by movpotentials).
grid.size	grid size

### Details

see ref below

### Value

livpotential returns a list with the following elements:

xi	the grid of points on which the potential is estimated
pot	the actual value of the potential
minima	the grid points at which the potential has minimum values
maxima	the grid points at which the potential has maximum values
bw	bandwidth of kernel used

### Author(s)

Based on Matlab code from Egbert van Nes modified by Leo Lahti. Implemented in early warnings package by V. Dakos.

### References

Livina, VN, F Kwasniok, and TM Lenton, 2010. Potential analysis reveals changing number of climate states during the last 60 kyr . *Climate of the Past*, 6, 77-82.

Dakos, V., et al (2012). "Methods for Detecting Early Warnings of Critical Transitions in Time Series Illustrated Using Simulated Ecological Data." *PLoS ONE* 7(7): e41010. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0041010

**See Also**

generic\_ews; ddjnonparam\_ews; bdstest\_ews; sensitivity\_ews; surrogates\_ews;  
ch\_ews; movpotential\_ews

**Examples**

```
data(foldbif)
res <- livpotential_ews(foldbif)
plot(res$xi, res$pot)
```

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movpotential_ews	<i>Description: Moving Average Potential</i>
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**Description**

movpotential\_ews reconstructs a potential derived from data along a gradient of a given parameter the movpotential\_ews calculates the potential for values that correspond to a particular parameter. see ref below

**Usage**

```
movpotential_ews(X, param, sdwindow = NULL, bw = -1,
  minparam = NULL, maxparam = NULL, npoints = 50,
  thres = 0.002, std = 1, grid.size = 200, cutoff = 0.5)
```

**Arguments**

X	a vector of the X observations of the state variable of interest
param	parameter values that correspond to the X observations
sdwindow	window for smoothing kernels (over the param axis)
bw	bandwidth used for smoothing kernels
minparam	minimum value of parameter on which to estimate potential
maxparam	maximum value of parameter on which to estimate potential
npoints	number of potentials
thres	threshold for local minima to be discarded
std	std
grid.size	number of evaluation points
cutoff	the cutoff value to estimate minima and maxima in the potential

Returns:

**Value**

A list with the following elements:

pars	values of the covariate parameter as matrix
xis	values of the x as matrix
pots	smoothed potentials
mins	minima in the densities (-potentials; neglecting local optima)
maxs	maxima in densities (-potentials; neglecting local optima)
plot	an object that displays the potential estimated in 2D

**Author(s)**

Based on Matlab code from Egbert van Nes modified by Leo Lahti. Implemented in early warnings package by V. Dakos.

**References**

Hirota, M., Holmgren, M., van Nes, E.H. & Scheffer, M. (2011). Global resilience of tropical forest and savanna to critical transitions. *Science*, 334, 232-235.

**See Also**

generic\_ews; ddjnonparam\_ews; bdstest\_ews; sensitivity\_ews; surrogates\_ews; ch\_ews; livpotential\_ews

**Examples**

```
X = c(rnorm(1000, mean = 0), rnorm(1000, mean = -2), rnorm(1000, mean = 2))
param = seq(0,5,length=3000)
res <- movpotential_ews(X, param, npoints = 100, thres = 0.003)
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sensitivity_ews	<i>Description: Sensitivity Early Warning Signals</i>
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**Description**

sensitivity\_ews is used to estimate trends in statistical moments for different sizes of rolling windows along a timeseries. The trends are estimated by the nonparametric Kendall tau correlation coefficient.

**Usage**

```
sensitivity_ews(timeseries,
  indicator = c("ar1", "sd", "acf1", "sk", "kurt", "cv", "returnrate", "densratio"),
  winsizerange = c(25, 75), incrwinsize = 25,
  detrending = c("no", "gaussian", "linear", "first-diff"),
  bandwidthrange = c(5, 100), incrbandwidth = 20,
  logtransform = FALSE, interpolate = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

timeseries	a numeric vector of the observed univariate timeseries values or a numeric matrix where the first column represents the time index and the second the observed timeseries values. Use vectors/matrices with headings.
indicator	is the statistic (leading indicator) selected for which the sensitivity analysis is performed. Currently, the indicators supported are: ar1 autoregressive coefficient of a first order AR model, sd standard deviation, acf1 autocorrelation at first lag, sk skewness, kurt kurtosis, cv coefficient of variation, returnrate, and densratio density ratio of the power spectrum at low frequencies over high frequencies.
winsizerange	is the range of the rolling window sizes expressed as percentage of the timeseries length (must be numeric between 0 and 100). Default is 25% - 75%.

<code>incrwinsize</code>	increments the rolling window size (must be numeric between 0 and 100). Default is 25.
<code>detrending</code>	the timeseries can be detrended/filtered. There are three options: <code>gaussian</code> filtering, <code>linear</code> detrending and <code>first-differencing</code> . Default is no detrending.
<code>bandwidthrange</code>	is the range of the bandwidth used for the Gaussian kernel when gaussian filtering is selected. It is expressed as percentage of the timeseries length (must be numeric between 0 and 100). Default is 5% - 100%.
<code>incrbandwidth</code>	is the size to increment the bandwidth used for the Gaussian kernel when gaussian filtering is applied. It is expressed as percentage of the timeseries length (must be numeric between 0 and 100). Default is 20.
<code>logtransform</code>	logical. If TRUE data are logtransformed prior to analysis as $\log(X+1)$ . Default is FALSE.
<code>interpolate</code>	logical. If TRUE linear interpolation is applied to produce a timeseries of equal length as the original. Default is FALSE (assumes there are no gaps in the timeseries).

## Details

see ref below

## Value

`sensitivity_ews` returns a matrix that contains the Kendall tau rank correlation estimates for the rolling window sizes (rows) and bandwidths (columns), if `gaussian` filtering is selected.

In addition, `sensitivity_ews` returns a plot with the Kendall tau estimates and their p-values for the range of rolling window sizes used, together with a histogram of the distributions of the statistic and its significance. When `gaussian` filtering is chosen, a contour plot is produced for the Kendall tau estimates and their p-values for the range of both rolling window sizes and bandwidth used. A reverse triangle indicates the combination of the two parameters for which the Kendall tau was the highest

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## References

Dakos, V., et al (2008). "Slowing down as an early warning signal for abrupt climate change." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 105(38): 14308-14312

Dakos, V., et al (2012). "Methods for Detecting Early Warnings of Critical Transitions in Time Series Illustrated Using Simulated Ecological Data." *PLoS ONE* 7(7): e41010. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0041010

## See Also

`generic_ews`; `ddjnonparam_ews`; `bdstest_ews`; `sensitivity_ews`; `surrogates_ews`; `ch_ews`; `movpotential_ews`; `livpotential_ews`

## Examples

```
data(foldbif)
output=sensitivity_ews(foldbif,indicator="sd",detrending="gaussian",
incrwinsize=25,incrbandwidth=20)
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surrogates_ews	<i>Description: Surrogates Early Warning Signals</i>
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## Description

surrogates\_ews is used to estimate distributions of trends in statistical moments from different surrogate timeseries generated after fitting an ARMA(p,q) model on the data. The trends are estimated by the nonparametric Kendall tau correlation coefficient and can be compared to the trends estimated in the original timeseries to produce probabilities of false positives.

## Usage

```
surrogates_ews(timeseries,
  indicator = c("arl", "sd", "acfl", "sk", "kurt", "cv", "returnrate", "densratio"),
  winsize = 50,
  detrending = c("no", "gaussian", "linear", "first-diff"),
  bandwidth = NULL, boots = 100, logtransform = FALSE,
  interpolate = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

timeseries	a numeric vector of the observed univariate timeseries values or a numeric matrix where the first column represents the time index and the second the observed timeseries values. Use vectors/matrices with headings.
indicator	is the statistic (leading indicator) selected for which the surrogate timeseries are produced. Currently, the indicators supported are: <code>arl</code> autoregressive coefficient of a first order AR model, <code>sd</code> standard deviation, <code>acfl</code> autocorrelation at first lag, <code>sk</code> skewness, <code>kurt</code> kurtosis, <code>cv</code> coefficient of variation, <code>returnrate</code> , and <code>densratio</code> density ratio of the power spectrum at low frequencies over high frequencies.
winsize	is the size of the rolling window expressed as percentage of the timeseries length (must be numeric between 0 and 100). Default value is 50%.
detrending	the timeseries can be detrended/filtered prior to analysis. There are three options: <code>gaussian</code> filtering, <code>linear</code> detrending and <code>first-differencing</code> . Default is no detrending.
bandwidth	is the bandwidth used for the Gaussian kernel when gaussian filtering is selected. It is expressed as percentage of the timeseries length (must be numeric between 0 and 100). Alternatively it can be given by the bandwidth selector <code>bw.nrd0</code> (Default).
boots	the number of surrogate data. Default is 100.
logtransform	logical. If TRUE data are logtransformed prior to analysis as $\log(X+1)$ . Default is FALSE.
interpolate	logical. If TRUE linear interpolation is applied to produce a timeseries of equal length as the original. Default is FALSE (assumes there are no gaps in the timeseries).

**Details**

see ref below

**Value**

surrogates\_ews returns a matrix that contains:

Kendall tau estimate original  
the trends of the original timeseries.

Kendall tau p-value original  
the p-values of the trends of the original timeseries.

Kendall tau estimate surrogates  
the trends of the surrogate timeseries.

Kendall tau p-value surrogates  
the associated p-values of the trends of the surrogate timeseries.

significance p  
the p-value for the original Kendall tau rank correlation estimate compared to the surrogates.

In addition, surrogates\_ews returns a plot with the distribution of the surrogate Kendall tau estimates and the Kendall tau estimate of the original series. Vertical lines indicate the 5% and 95% significance levels.

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**References**

Dakos, V., et al (2008). "Slowing down as an early warning signal for abrupt climate change." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 105(38): 14308-14312

Dakos, V., et al (2012). "Methods for Detecting Early Warnings of Critical Transitions in Time Series Illustrated Using Simulated Ecological Data." *PLoS ONE* 7(7): e41010. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0041010

**See Also**

generic\_ews; ddjnonparam\_ews; bdstest\_ews; sensitivity\_ews; surrogates\_ews;  
ch\_ews; movpotential\_ews; livpotential\_ews

**Examples**

```
data(foldbif);
output=surrogates_ews(foldbif,indicator="sd",winsize=50,detrending="gaussian",
bandwidth=10,boots=200,logtransform=FALSE,interpolate=FALSE)
```

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**Description**

Grayscale paleodata of the exit from the Younger Dryas

**Usage**

```
data(YD2PB_grayscale)
```

**Format**

A data frame with 2111 observations on the following 2 variables.

`time` a numeric vector

`x` a numeric vector

**Details**

Grayscale paleodata as proxy of exit from Younger Dryas as used in Dakos et al (2008), see source below.

**Source**

Dakos et al (2008), Slowing down as an early warning signal for abrupt climate change, PNAS 105(38), 14308-14312.