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#### **Description**

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The R package MSGARCH aims to provide a comprehensive set of functionalities for Markov-switching GARCH processes (Haas et al. 2004), including fitting, filtering, forecasting, and simulating. Other functions related to Value-at-Risk, Expected-Shortfall, and conditional distributions are also available. The main functions of the package are coded in C++ with Rcpp (Eddelbuettel and Francois, 2011) and RcppArmadillo (Eddelbuettel and Sanderson, 2014). In the R package MSGARCH there is no equation for the mean as in the R package rugarch (Ghalanos, 2015). This means that we assume that before modeling, the user has filtered the mean from their time series.

We provide a variety of single-regime GARCH processes and regime-switching allowing for many conditional distributions. This allows for a rich modeling environment for Markov-switching GARCH models. Each single-regime process is a one-lag process (e.g., GARCH(1,1)). Allowing for only one-lag has proved to be sufficient in many cases and it reduces models complexity which can become a problem during the optimization procedure. When optimization is taking place, we ensure that each regime is covariance-stationary and strictly positive (see details in kernel for more information) which makes the entire process also covariance-stationary and strickly positive. We also set a condition that each unique single-regime models type in a multiple-regime framework are in order of unconditional volatility. This means that is if a three regimes specification with two sGARCH regimes and one gjrGARCH regime is constructed with create.spec, the first sGARCH regime will have a lower unconditional volatility than the second sGARCH regime while the gjrGARCH regime can have any unconditional volatility since it is the only regime with this model.

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#### References

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Eddelbuettel, D. Sanderson, C. (2014). RcppArmadillo: Accelerating R with High-Performance C++ Linear Algebra. *Computational Statistics & Data Analysis*, 71, pp. 1054-1063, http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.csda.2013.02.005.

Haas, M. Mittnik, S. Paolella, MS. (2004). A New Approach to Markov-Switching GARCH Models. *Journal of Financial Econometrics*, 2, pp. 493-530, http://doi.org/10.1093/jjfinec/nbh020

Ghalanos, A. (2015). rugarch: Univariate GARCH Models. https://cran.r-project.org/package=rugarch.

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AIC

Compute Akaike information criterion (AIC).

# Description

Compute Akaike information criterion (AIC).

# Usage

```
AIC(fit)
```

# **Arguments**

fit

Fit object of type MSGARCH\_MLE\_FIT created with fit.mle or MSGARCH\_BAY\_FIT created with fit.bayes.

# **Details**

If a matrix of MCMC posterior draws estimates is given, the AIC on the posterior mean is calculated.

# Value

AIC value.

#### References

Akaike, H. (1974). A New Look at the Statistical Model Identification. *IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control*, 19, pp. 716-723.

```
# load data
data("sp500")
sp500 = sp500[1:1000]

# create model specification
spec = MSGARCH::create.spec()

# fit the model by MLE
fit = MSGARCH::fit.mle(spec = spec, y = sp500, ctr = list(do.init = FALSE))

# compute AIC
AIC = MSGARCH::AIC(fit)
```

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AMZN

Log return of Amazon inc. closing Value

# Description

The Amazon inc. closing value log return from 1998-01-01 to 2015-12-31 from Yahoo Finance https://finance.yahoo.com/.

# Usage

```
data("AMZN")
```

#### **Format**

Matrix containing 4529 observations.

# **Source**

Yahoo Finance https://finance.yahoo.com/

BIC

Compute Bayesian information criterion (BIC).

# Description

Compute Bayesian information criterion (BIC).

# Usage

BIC(fit)

# **Arguments**

fit

Fit object of type MSGARCH\_MLE\_FIT created with fit.mle or MSGARCH\_BAY\_FIT created with fit.bayes

#### **Details**

If a matrix of MCMC posterior draws estimates is given, the BIC on the posterior mean is calculated.

# Value

BIC value.

# References

Schwarz, G. (1978). Estimating the dimension of a model. *Annals of Statistics*, 6, pp. 461-464.

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# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# load data
data("sp500")
sp500 = sp500[1:1000]

# create model specification
spec = MSGARCH::create.spec()

# fit the model by MLE
fit = MSGARCH::fit.mle(spec = spec, y = sp500, ctr = list(do.init = FALSE))

# compute BIC
BIC = MSGARCH::BIC(fit)

## End(Not run)
```

cdf

Cumulative function.

# **Description**

Method returning the cumulative function in-sample or of a vector of points at t = T + 1.

# Usage

```
cdf(object, x, theta, y, log = FALSE, do.its = FALSE)
```

# **Arguments**

| object | Model specification of class MSGARCH_SPEC created with create.spec or fit object of type MSGARCH_MLE_FIT created with fit.mle or MSGARCH_BAY_FIT created with fit.bayes. |
|--------|--|
| Х      | $Vector (of size \ N) \ of \ point \ at \ t \ = \ T \ + \ 1 \ to \ be \ evaluated \ (used \ when \ do.its \ = \ FALSE).$   |
| theta  | Vector (of size d) or matrix (of size M x d) of parameter estimates (not require when using a fit object).   |
| у      | Vector (of size T) of observations (not require when using a fit object).  |
| log    | Boolean indicating if the log cumulative is returned. (Default: log = FALSE)   |
| do.its | Boolean indicating if the in-sample cdf is returned. (Default: do.its = FALSE)   |

# **Details**

If a matrix of parameter estimates is given, each parameter estimates is evaluated individually. If do.its = FALSE, the points x are evaluated as t = T + 1 realization and the method uses the variance estimate at t = T + 1. If do.its = TRUE, y is evaluated using their respective variance estimate at each time t.

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#### Value

A list of class MSGARCH\_CDF containing two components:

cdf:
 If do.its = FALSE: (Log-)Cumulative of the points x at t = T + 1 (vector of size N or matrix of size M x N).
 If do.its = TRUE: In-sample (Log-)Cumulative of y (vector of size T or matrix of size M x T).
x:
 If do.its = FALSE: Vector (of size N) of point at t = T + 1 evaluated.

The class MSGARCH\_CDF contains the plot method only if do.its = FALSE.

If do.its = TRUE: Vector (of size T) of observations.

# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# load data
data("sp500")
sp500 = sp500[1:1000]
# create model specification
spec = MSGARCH::create.spec()
# fit the model on the data with ML estimation using DEoptim intialization
set.seed(123)
fit = MSGARCH::fit.mle(spec = spec, y = sp500, ctr = list(do.init = FALSE))
# run pdf method in-sample
cdf.its = MSGARCH::cdf(object = fit, log = FALSE, do.its = TRUE)
# create mesh
x = seq(-3,3,0.01)
\# run cdf method on mesh at T + 1
cdf = MSGARCH::cdf(object = fit, x = x, log = FALSE, do.its = FALSE)
plot(cdf)
## End(Not run)
```

create.spec

Model specification

# **Description**

Function for creating a model specification before fitting and using the R package MSGARCH functionalities.

# Usage

```
create.spec(model = c("sGARCH", "sGARCH"), distribution = c("norm", "norm"),
  do.skew = c(FALSE, FALSE), do.mix = FALSE, do.shape.ind = FALSE)
```

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#### **Arguments**

model Vector (of size K) containing the variance model specifications. Valid models

are "sGARCH", "eGARCH", "gjrGARCH", "tGARCH", and "GAS".

(Default: model = c("sGARCH", "sGARCH"))

distribution Vector (of size K) of conditional densities. Valid distribution are "norm", "std",

and "ged". The vector must be of the same length as the models vector.

(Default: distribution = c("norm", "norm"))

do. skew Vector (of size K) of boolean indicating if the conditional density is skewed.

The vector must be of the same length as the distributions vector.

(Default: do.skew = c(FALSE, FALSE))

do.mix Boolean indicating if the specification is a mixture type. If the argument is TRUE,

a Mixture of GARCH is created, while if the argument is FALSE, a Markov-

Switching GARCH is created (see details). (Default: do.mix = FALSE)

do. shape.ind Boolean indicating if the distribution are Regime-Independent. If the argument

is TRUE, all distributions are the same and the distribution parameters does not dependent on the regime in which the distribution is attributed to. If the argument is TRUE, all distributions in the distribution argument and all skew argument

must be the same. (Default: do.shape.ind = FALSE)

#### **Details**

The Markov-Switching specification created is based on the Haas et al. (2004a) MSGARCH specification. It is a MSGARCH model that is separated in K single-regimes specifications which are updated in parallel. Under this specification, the conditional variance is a function of the past data and the current state. The Mixture of GARCH option is based on the Haas et al. (2004b). A Mixture of GARCH is a mixture of distribution where the variance process of each distribution is a single-regime process. Every single-regime specification is a one-lag process (e.g., GARCH(1,1)) since it has proved to be sufficient in financial econometrics and it reduces models complexity which can become a problem during the optimization procedure

#### Value

A list of class MSGARCH\_SPEC containing variables related to the created specification. The list contains:

- theta0 : Vector (of size d) of default parameters.
- is.mix: Boolean indicating if the specification is a mixture.
- is.shape.ind: Boolean indicating if the distribution parameters are regime-independent.
- K: Number of regimes.
- sigma0: Default variance-covariance matrix (of size K x K) used for the Bayesian esimation.
- lower: Vector (of size d) of lower parameters bound.
- upper: Vector (of size d) of upper parameters bound.
- ineqlb: Vector (of size d) of lower inequality bound.
- inequb : Vector (of size d) of upper inequality bound.
- n.params: Vector (of size K) of the total number of parameters by regime including distribution parameters.
- n.params.vol : Vector (of size K) of the total number of parameters by regime excluding distribuion parameters.

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- do.init: Boolean indicating the default do.init argument.
- label : Vector (of size d) of parameters label.
- name: Vector (of size K) of model specification name.
- func : List of R functions internaly used.
- rcpp. func: List of Rcpp functions internaly used.

The MSGARCH\_SPEC class possesses these methods:

- sim: Simulation method.
- simahead : Step ahead simulation method.
- ht : Conditional volatility in each regime.
- kernel : Kernel method.
- unc.vol: Unconditional volatility in each regime.
- pred : Predictive method.
- pit: Probability Integral Transform.
- risk: Value-at-Risk And Expected-Shortfall methods.
- pdf: Probability density function.
- cdf: Cumulative function.
- Pstate: State probabilities filtering method.
- fit.mle: Maximum Likelihood estimation.
- fit.bayes: Bayesian estimation.
- print and summary: Summary of the created specification.

#### References

Bollerslev, T. (1986). Generalized Autoregressive Conditional Heteroskedasticity. *Journal of Econometrics*, 31, pp. 307-327.

Creal, D. Koopman, S. J. & Lucas, A. (2013). Generalized Autoregressive Score Models with Applications. *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, 28, pp. 777-795.

Fernandez, C. & Steel, M. F. (1998). On Bayesian Modeling of Fat Tails and Skewness. *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, 93, pp. 359-371.

Glosten, L. R. Jagannathan, R. & Runkle, D. E. (1993). On the Relation Between the Expected Value and the Volatility of the Nominal Excess Return on Stocks. *Journal of Finance*, 48, pp. 1779-1801.

Haas, M. Mittnik, S. & Paolella, M. S. (2004a). A New Approach to Markov-Switching GARCH Models. *Journal of Financial Econometrics*, 2, pp. 493-530.

Haas, M. Mittnik, S. & Paolella, M. S. (2004b). Mixed Normal Conditional Heteroskedasticity. *Journal of Financial Econometrics*, 2, pp. 211-250.

Nelson, D. B. (1991). Conditional Heteroskedasticity in Asset Returns: A New Approach. *Econometrica*, 59, pp. 347-370.

Zakoian, J.-M. (1994). Threshold Heteroskedastic Models. *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control*, 18, pp. 931-955.

DIC

Compute Deviance Information Criterion (DIC).

DIC

#### **Description**

Compute Deviance Information Criterion (DIC).

#### Usage

DIC(fit)

#### **Arguments**

fit

Fit object of type MSGARCH\_BAY\_FIT created with fit.bayes.

# **Details**

We define the deviance as:

$$D(\theta) = -2LLH(\mathbf{y}|\theta),$$

where y are the data,  $\theta$  are the parameters, and LLH() is the log-likelihood function. The expectation

$$\bar{D} = \mathbf{E}^{\theta}[D(\theta)],$$

where  $\mathbf{E}^{\theta}$  is the expectation over all theta in a MCMC chain, is a measure of how well the model fits the data. The larger this is, the worse the fit. The effective number of parameters of the model can be define as

$$p_V = \frac{1}{2}\widehat{var}\left(D(\theta)\right),\,$$

where  $\widehat{var}$  is the population variance estimator. The larger the effective number of parameters is, the easier it is for the model to fit the data, and so the deviance needs to be penalized. Finally DIC is defined as:

$$DIC = p_V + \bar{D}$$
.

#### Value

A list containing four variables:

- DIC: Deviance Information Criterion.
- IC: Bayesian Predictive Information Criterion (IC = 2 \* pV + D.bar).
- pV : Effective number of parameters (pV = var(D)/2)
- D.bar: Expected value of the deviance over the posterior

# References

Gelman, A. Carlin, J. B. Stern, H. S. & Rubin, D. B. (2003). Bayesian Data Analysis. *Chapman and Hall/CRC* 

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#### **Examples**

```
# load data
data("sp500")
sp500 = sp500[1:1000]

# create model specification
spec = MSGARCH::create.spec()

# fit the model by Bayesian estimation
set.seed(123)
fit = MSGARCH::fit.bayes(spec = spec, y = sp500)

# compute DIC
DIC = MSGARCH::DIC(fit)
```

fit.bayes

Bayesian estimation.

#### **Description**

Method that performs Bayesian estimation of a MSGARCH\_SPEC object on a set of observations.

#### Usage

```
fit.bayes(spec, y, ctr = list())
```

# **Arguments**

spec Model specification of class MSGARCH\_SPEC created with create.spec.

y Vector (of size T) of observations.

ctr A list of control parameters.

The control parameters have three components:

- N. burn (integer >= 0): Number of discarded draws. (Default: N. burn = 5000)
- N. mcmc (integer > 0): Number of draws. (Default: N. mcmc = 10000)
- N. thin (integer > 0): Thinning factor (every N. thin draws are kept). (Default: N. thin = 10)
- theta0: Starting value for the chain (if empty the specification default value are used).
- do.enhance.theta0: Boolean indicating if the default parameters value are enhance using y variance. (Default: do.enhance.theta0 = FALSE)

# **Details**

The total number of draws is equal to N.mcmc / N.thin. The Bayesian estimation uses the R package adaptMCMC (Andreas, 2012) which implements the adaptive sampler of Vihola (2012). The starting parameters are the specification default parameters. The argument do.enhance.theta0 uses the volatilities of rolling windows of y and adjust the default parameter of the specification so that the unconditional volatility of each regime is set to different quantiles of the volatilities of the rolling windows of y.

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#### Value

A list of class MSGARCH\_BAY\_FIT containing four components:

- theta: The MCMC chain (matrix from the R package coda (Plummer et al., 2006) of size N.mcmc / N.thin).
- accept : Acceptation rate of the sampler.
- y : Vector (of size T) of observations.
- spec : Model specification of class MSGARCH\_SPEC created with create.spec.

The MSGARCH\_BAY\_FIT contains these methods:

- AIC : Compute Akaike information criterion (AIC).
- BIC: Compute Bayesian information criterion (BIC).
- DIC: Compute Deviance Information Criterion (DIC).
- ht : Conditional volatility in each regime.
- kernel : Kernel method.
- unc.vol: Unconditional volatility in each regime.
- pred: Predictive method.
- pit: Probability Integral Transform.
- risk: Value-at-Risk And Expected-Shortfall methods.
- simahead : Step ahead simulation method.
- sim: Simulation method.
- pdf: Probability density function.
- cdf: Cumulative function.
- Pstate: State probabilities filtering method.
- summary : Summary of the fit.

#### References

Andreas, S. (2012). adaptMCMC: Implementation of a Generic Adaptive Monte Carlo Markov Chain Sampler. https://cran.r-project.org/package=adaptMCMC.

Metropolis, N.; Rosenbluth, A. W.; Rosenbluth, M. N.; Teller, A. H. & Teller, E. (1953). Equation of State Calculations by Fast Computing Machines. *Journal of Chemical Physics*, 21, pp. 1087-1092.

Plummer, M. Best, N. Cowles, K. & Vines, K. (2006). CODA: Convergence Diagnosis and Output Analysis for MCMC. *R News*, 6, pp.7-11. https://cran.r-project.org/package=coda.

Vihola, M. (2012). Robust Adaptive Metropolis Algorithm with Coerced Acceptance Rate. *Statistics and Computing*, 22, pp. 997-1008.

```
# load data
data("sp500")
sp500 = sp500[1:1000]

# create model specification
spec = MSGARCH::create.spec()
```

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fit.mle

ML estimation.

#### **Description**

Method that performs Maximum Likelihood estimation of a MSGARCH\_SPEC object on a set of observations

#### Usage

```
fit.mle(spec, y, ctr = list())
```

#### Arguments

spec

Model specification created with create. spec.

y Vector (of size T) of observations.

ctr

List of control parameters. The control parameters have two components to it:

- do.init: Boolean indicating if there is a pre-optimization with the R package DEoptim (Ardia et al., 2011). (Default: do.init = FALSE)
- NP : Number of parameter vectors in the population in DEoptim optimization. (Default: NP = 200)
- itermax : Maximum iteration (population generation) allowed in DEoptim optimization. (Default: maxit = 200)
- do.enhance.theta0: Boolean indicating if the default parameters value are enhance using y variance. (Default: do.enhance.theta0 = TRUE)

#### **Details**

The Maximum likelihood estimation uses the R package nloptr (Johnson, 2014) for main optimizer while it uses the R package DEoptim when do.init = TRUE as an initialization for nloptr. The starting parameters are the specification default parameters. The argument do.enhance.theta0 uses the volatilities of rolling windows of y and adjust the starting parameters of the specification so that the unconditional volatility of each regime is set to different quantiles of the volatilities of the rolling windows of y.

#### Value

A list of class MSGARCH\_MLE\_FIT containing five components:

- theta: Optimal parameters (vector of size d).
- log\_kernel : log-kernel of y given the optimal parameters.
- spec : Model specification of class MSGARCH\_SPEC created with create.spec.
- is.init: Indicating if estimation was made with do.init option.

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• y : Vector (of size T) of observations.

The MSGARCH\_MLE\_FIT contains these methods:

- AIC: Compute Akaike information criterion (AIC).
- BIC: Compute Bayesian information criterion (BIC).
- ht : Conditional volatility in each regime.
- kernel: Kernel method.
- unc.vol: Unconditional volatility in each regime.
- pred: Predictive method.
- pit: Probability Integral Transform.
- risk: Value-at-Risk And Expected-Shortfall methods.
- simahead : Step ahead simulation method.
- sim: Simulation method.
- pdf: Probability density function.
- cdf : Cumulative function.
- Pstate : State probabilities filtering method.
- summary: Summary of the fit.

#### References

Ardia, D. Boudt, K. Carl, P. Mullen, K. M. & Peterson, B. G. (2011). Differential Evolution with DEoptim. *R Journal*, 3, pp. 27-34

Ardia, D. Mullen, K. M. Peterson, B. G. & Ulrich, J. (2015). DEoptim: Differential Evolution in R. https://cran.r-project.org/package=DEoptim

Mullen, K. M. Ardia, D. Gil, D. L. Windover, D. Cline, J.(2011) DEoptim: An R Package for Global Optimization by Differential Evolution. *Journal of Statistical Software*, 40, pp. 1-26, DOI: http://dx.doi.org/10.18637/jss.v040.i06

Johnson, S. G. (2014). The NLopt Nonlinear-Optimization. https://cran.r-project.org/package=nloptr.

```
# load data
data("sp500")
sp500 = sp500[1:1000]

# create model specification
spec = MSGARCH::create.spec()

# fit the model on the data with ML estimation using DEoptim intialization
set.seed(123)
fit = MSGARCH::fit.mle(spec = spec, y = sp500)
summary(fit)
```

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ht

Conditional volatility in each regime.

# Description

Method returning the conditional volatility of each regime.

# Usage

```
ht(object, theta, y)
```

# Arguments

| object | Model specification of class MSGARCH_SPEC created with create.spec or fit object of type MSGARCH_MLE_FIT created with fit.mle or MSGARCH_BAY_FIT created with fit.bayes. |
|--------|--|
| theta  | Vector (of size d) or matrix (of size M x d) of parameter estimates (not require when using a fit object).   |
| у      | Vector (of size T) of observations (not require when using a fit object).  |

# **Details**

If a matrix of parameter estimates is given, each parameter estimates is evaluated individually.

# Value

Condititional volatility (array of size (T + 1) x M x K) in each regime.

```
# load data
data("sp500")
sp500 = sp500[1:1000]

# create model specification
spec = MSGARCH::create.spec()

# fit the model on the data with ML estimation using DEoptim intialization
set.seed(123)
fit = MSGARCH::fit.mle(spec = spec, y = sp500, ctr = list(do.init = FALSE))

# Compute the conditional volatility
ht = MSGARCH::ht(object = fit)

plot(ht)
```

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| kernel Kernel function. |
|-------------------------|
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# **Description**

Method returning the kernel value of a vector of observations given a model specification.

# Usage

```
kernel(object, theta, y, log = TRUE)
```

# Arguments

| object | Model specification of class MSGARCH_SPEC created with create.spec or fit object of type MSGARCH_MLE_FIT created with fit.mle or MSGARCH_BAY_FIT created with fit.bayes. |
|--------|--|
| theta  | Vector (of size d) or matrix (of size M x d) of parameter estimates (not require when using a fit object).   |
| У      | Vector (of size T) of observations (not require when using a fit object).  |
| log    | Boolean indicating if the log kernel is returned. (Default: log = TRUE)  |

#### Details

If a matrix of parameter estimates is given, each parameter estimates is evaluated individually. The kernel is a combination of the prior and the likelihood function. The kernel is equal to  $prior(\theta) + L(y|\theta)$  where L is the likelihood of y given the parameter  $\theta$ . When doing optimization, the goal is to minimize the negative log-kernel.

· Details on the prior

The prior is different for each specification. It ensures that the  $\theta$  makes the conditional variance process stationary, positive, and that it respect that the sums of the probabilities in the case of a multiple-regime models are all equal to 1. If any of these three conditions is not respected the prior return -1e10, meaning that the optimizer or sampler will know that  $\theta$  is not a good candidate.

# Value

(Log-)Kernel value (scalar or vector of size M) of the vector of observations.

# References

Hamilton, J. D. (1989) A New Approach to the Economic Analysis of Nonstationary Time Series and the Business Cycle. *Econometrica*, 57, pp.357-38

```
# load data
data("sp500")
sp500 = sp500[1:1000]
# create model specification
spec = MSGARCH::create.spec()
```

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```
# fit the model on the data with ML estimation using DEoptim intialization
set.seed(123)
fit = MSGARCH::fit.mle(spec = spec, y = sp500, ctr = list(do.init = FALSE))
# compute the kernel
kernel = MSGARCH::kernel(fit, log = TRUE)
```

pdf

Probability density function.

# **Description**

Method returning the probability density in-sample or of a vector of points at t = T + 1.

# Usage

```
pdf(object, x, theta, y, log = FALSE, do.its = FALSE)
```

# **Arguments**

| object | Model specification of class MSGARCH_SPEC created with create.spec or fit object of type MSGARCH_MLE_FIT created with fit.mle or MSGARCH_BAY_FIT created with fit.bayes. |
|--------|--|
| Х      | Vector (of size N) of point at $t = T + 1$ to be evaluated (used when do.its = FALSE).   |
| theta  | Vector (of size d) or matrix (of size M x d) of parameter estimates (not require when using a fit object).   |
| у      | Vector (of size T) of observations (not require when using a fit object).  |
| log    | Boolean indicating if the log-density is returned. (Default: log = FALSE)  |
| do.its | Boolean indicating if the in-sample pdf is returned. (Default: do.its = FALSE)   |

#### **Details**

If a matrix of parameter estimates is given, each parameter estimates is evaluated individually. If do.its = FALSE, the points x are evaluated as t = T + 1 realization and the method uses the variance estimate at t = T + 1. If do.its = TRUE, y is evaluated using their respective variance estimate at each time t.

# Value

A list of class MSGARCH\_PDF containing two components:

pdf:

```
If do.its = FALSE: (Log-)Probability density of the points x at t = T + 1 (vector of size N or matrix of size M x N)

If do.its = TPLE: In sample (Log.)Probability density of y (vector of size T or matrix of
```

If do.its = TRUE: In-sample (Log-)Probability density of y (vector of size T or matrix of size  $M \times T$ ).

• x:

```
If do.its = FALSE: Vector (of size N) of point at t = T + 1 evaluated. If do.its = TRUE: Vector (of size T) of observations.
```

The class MSGARCH\_PDF contains the plot method only if do.its = FALSE.

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#### **Examples**

```
# load data
data("sp500")
sp500 = sp500[1:1000]
# create model specification
spec = MSGARCH::create.spec()
# fit the model on the data with ML estimation using DEoptim intialization
set.seed(123)
fit = MSGARCH::fit.mle(spec = spec, y = sp500, ctr = list(do.init = FALSE))
# run pdf method in-sample
pdf.its = MSGARCH::pdf(object = fit, log = FALSE, do.its = TRUE)
sum(pdf.its$pdf, na.rm = TRUE)
# create mesh
x = seq(-3,3,0.01)
\# run pdf method on mesh at T + 1
pdf = MSGARCH::pdf(object = fit, x = x, log = FALSE, do.its = FALSE)
plot(pdf)
```

pit

Probability Integral Transform.

# **Description**

Method returning the predictive probability integral transform (PIT) in-sample or of a vector of points at t = T + 1.

# Usage

```
pit(object, x, theta, y, do.norm = FALSE, do.its = FALSE)
```

# Arguments

| object  | Model specification of class MSGARCH_SPEC created with create.spec or fit object of type MSGARCH_MLE_FIT created with fit.mle or MSGARCH_BAY_FIT created with fit.bayes. |
|---------|--|
| X       | Vector (of size N) of point at $t = T + 1$ to be evaluated (used when do.its = FALSE).   |
| theta   | Vector (of size d) or matrix (of size M x d) of parameter estimates (not require when using a fit object).   |
| у       | Vector (of size T) of observations (not require when using a fit object).  |
| do.norm | Boolean indicating if the PIT value are transforms into standard Normal variate. (Default: do.norm = FALSE).   |
| do.its  | Boolean indicating if the in-sample pit is returned. (Default: do.its = FALSE)   |

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#### **Details**

If a matrix of MCMC posterior draws estimates is given, the Bayesian probability integral transform is calculated. If do.its = FALSE, the points x are evaluated as t = T + 1 realization and the method uses the variance estimate at t = T + 1. If do.its = TRUE, y is evaluated using their respective variance estimate at each time t. The do.norm argument transforms the PIT value into Normal variate so that normality test can be done.

#### Value

A list of class MSGARCH\_PIT containing two components:

• pit:

If do.its = FALSE: probability integral transform of the points x at t = T + 1 or Normal variate derived from the probability integral transform of x (vector of size N). If do.its = TRUE: In-sample probability integral transform or Normal variate derived from the probability integral transform of y (vector of size T or matrix of size M x T).

```
    x:
        If do.its = FALSE: Vector (of size N) of at point t = T + 1 evaluated.
        If do.its = TRUE: Vector (of size T) of observations.
```

The class MSGARCH\_PIT contains the plot method only if do.its = FALSE.

```
# load data
data("sp500")
sp500 = sp500[1:1000]
# create model specification
spec = MSGARCH::create.spec()
# fit the model on the data with ML estimation using DEoptim intialization
set.seed(123)
fit = MSGARCH::fit.mle(spec = spec, y = sp500, ctr = list(do.init = FALSE))
# run pit method in-sample
pit.its = MSGARCH::pit(object = fit, do.norm = FALSE, do.its = TRUE)
plot(pit.its)
\# generate random draws at T + 1 from model
set.seed(123)
sim.ahead = MSGARCH::simahead(object = fit, n = 1, m = 100)
x = sim.ahead\$draws
\# run pit method on random draws at T + 1 from model
pit = MSGARCH::pit(object = fit, x = x, do.norm = FALSE)
plot(pit)
```

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| pred | Predictive function. |  |
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# **Description**

Method returning the predictive probability density in-sample or of a vector of points at t = T + 1.

#### Usage

```
pred(object, x, theta, y, log = TRUE, do.its = FALSE)
```

#### **Arguments**

| object | Model specification of class MSGARCH_SPEC created with create.spec or fit object of type MSGARCH_MLE_FIT created with fit.mle or MSGARCH_BAY_FIT created with fit.bayes. |
|--------|--|
| x      | Vector (of size N) of point at $t = T + 1$ to be evaluated (used when do.its = FALSE).   |
| theta  | Vector (of size d) or matrix (of size M x d) of parameter estimates (not require when using a fit object).   |
| У      | Vector (of size T) of observations (not require when using a fit object).  |
| log    | Boolean indicating if the log-density is returned. (Default: log = TRUE)   |
| do.its | Boolean indicating if the in-sample predictive is returned. (Default: do.its = FALSE)  |

# **Details**

If a matrix of MCMC posterior draws estimates is given, the Bayesian Probability integral transform is calculated. If do.its = FALSE, the points x are evaluated as t = T + 1 realization and the method uses the variance estimate at t = T + 1. If do.its = TRUE, y is evaluated using their respective variance estimate at each time t.

### Value

A list of class MSGARCH\_PRED containing two components:

```
pred:
    If do.its = FALSE: (Log-)Predictive of of the points x at t = T + 1 (vector of size N).
    If do.its = TRUE: In-sample Predictive of y (vector of size T or matrix of size M x T).
x:
    If do.its = FALSE: Vector (of size N) of point at t = T + 1 evaluated.
    If do.its = TRUE: Vector (of size T) of observations.
```

The class MSGARCH\_PRED contains the plot method only if do.its = FALSE.

```
# load data
data("sp500")
sp500 = sp500[1:1000]
# create model specification
spec = MSGARCH::create.spec()
```

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```
# fit the model on the data with ML estimation using DEoptim intialization
set.seed(123)
fit = MSGARCH::fit.mle(spec = spec, y = sp500, ctr = list(do.init = FALSE))
# run pred method in-sample
pred.its = MSGARCH::pred(object = fit, log = TRUE, do.its = TRUE)

sum(pred.its$pred, na.rm = TRUE)
# create mesh
x = seq(-3,3,0.01)
# run pred method on mesh at T + 1
pred = MSGARCH::pred(object = fit, x = x, log = TRUE, do.its = FALSE)
plot(pred)
```

Pstate

Filtered state probabilities.

# **Description**

Method returning the filtered probabilities of the states.

# Usage

```
Pstate(object, theta, y)
```

# **Arguments**

| object | Model specification of class MSGARCH_SPEC created with create.spec or fit object of type MSGARCH_MLE_FIT created with fit.mle or MSGARCH_BAY_FIT created with fit.bayes. |
|--------|--|
| theta  | Vector (of size d) or matrix (of size M x d) of parameter estimates (not require when using a fit object).   |
| у      | Vector (of size T) of observations (not require when using a fit object).  |

#### **Details**

If a matrix of parameter estimates is given, each parameter estimates is evaluated individually.

# Value

Filtered state probabilities of class MSGARCH\_PSTATE (array of size  $(T+1) \times M \times K$ ). The class MSGARCH\_PSTATE contains the plot method.

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#### **Examples**

```
# load data
data("sp500")
sp500 = sp500[1:1000]

# create model specification
spec = MSGARCH::create.spec()

# fit the model on the data with ML estimation using DEoptim intialization
set.seed(123)
fit = MSGARCH::fit.mle(spec = spec, y = sp500, ctr = list(do.init = FALSE))

# compute the filtered state probabilities
Pstate = MSGARCH::Pstate(object = fit)

plot(Pstate)
```

risk

Value-at-Risk And Expected-shortfall.

# **Description**

Method returning the Value-at-Risk and Expected-shortfall in-sample or at t = T + 1 based on the predictive density.

# Usage

```
risk(object, theta, y, level = c(0.95, 0.99), ES = TRUE, do.its = FALSE)
```

# **Arguments**

| object | Model specification of class MSGARCH_SPEC created with create.spec or fit object of type MSGARCH_MLE_FIT created with fit.mle or MSGARCH_BAY_FIT created with fit.bayes. |
|--------|--|
| theta  | Vector (of size d) or matrix (of size M x d) of parameter estimates (not require when using a fit object).   |
| у      | Vector (of size T) of observations (not require when using a fit object).  |
| level  | Vector (of size R) of Value-at-risk and Expected-shortfall levels. (Default: level = $c(0.95,0.99)$ )  |
| ES     | Boolean indicating if Expected-shortfall is also calculated. (Default: ES = TRUE)  |
| do.its | Boolean indicating if the in-sample risk estimator are returned. (Default: do.its = FALSE)   |

#### **Details**

If a matrix of MCMC posterior draws estimates is given, the Bayesian Value-at-Risk and Expected-shortfall are calculated. If do.its = FALSE, x the risk estimator at t = T + 1, the method uses the variance estimated at t = T + 1. If do.its = TRUE, The in-sample risk estimator are calculated.

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#### Value

A list containing of class MSGARCH\_RISK containing two or three components:

```
VaR:
    If do.its = FALSE: Value-at-Risk at t = T + 1 at the choosen levels (vector of size R).
    If do.its = TRUE: In-sample Value-at-Risk at the choosen levels (Matrix of size T x R).
ES:
    If do.its = FALSE: Expected-shortfall at t = T + 1 at the choosen levels (vector of size R).
    If do.its = TRUE: In-sample Expected-shortfall at the choosen levels (Matrix of size T x R).
y: Vector (of size T) of observations.
```

The MSGARCH\_RISK contains the plot method. The Bayesian risk estimator can take long time to calculate depending on the size of the chain.

#### **Examples**

```
# load data
data("sp500")
sp500 = sp500[1:1000]

# create model specification
spec = MSGARCH::create.spec()

# fit the model on the data with ML estimation using DEoptim intialization
set.seed(123)
fit = MSGARCH::fit.mle(spec = spec, y = sp500, ctr = list(do.init = FALSE))

# compute the Value-at-Risk and Expected-shortfall
# Risk estimation in-sample
risk.its = MSGARCH::risk(object = fit, level = 0.95, ES = FALSE, do.its = TRUE)

plot(risk.its)

# Risk estimation at T + 1
risk = MSGARCH::risk(object = fit, level = 0.95, ES = FALSE, do.its = FALSE)
```

sim

Process simulation method.

# Description

Method simulating a MSGARCH process.

#### Usage

```
sim(object, n, m, theta, burnin = 500)
```

# **Arguments**

```
object Model specification of class MSGARCH_SPEC created with create.spec.

n Simulation length. (Default: n = 1000)

m Number of simulations. (Default: m = 1)

theta Vector (of size d) or matrix (of size M x d) of parameter estimates.

burnin (integer >= 0) Burnin period discarded (first simulation draws). (Default: burnin = 500)
```

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#### **Details**

If a matrix of parameter estimates is given, each parameter estimates is evaluated individually and m = M. The difference between sim and sim ahead is that sim starts the simulation at t = 0 creating an entire new process while sim ahead starts the simulation at t = T + 1 taking in consideration all the information available in the original time serie y.

#### Value

A list of class MSGARCH\_SIM containing two components.

- draws: Matrix (of size M x n) of simulated draws.
- state: Matrix (of size M x n) of simulated states.

The MSGARCH\_SIM class contains the plot method.

# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# create model specification
spec = MSGARCH::create.spec()

# generate process
set.seed(123)
sim = MSGARCH::sim(object = spec, n = 1000, m = 1, theta = spec$theta0, burnin = 500)
plot(sim)
## End(Not run)
```

simahead

Step ahead simulation method.

#### **Description**

Method returning step ahead simulation up to time n.

# Usage

```
simahead(object, n, m, theta, y)
```

# **Arguments**

| object | Model specification of class MSGARCH_SPEC created with create.spec or fit object of type MSGARCH_MLE_FIT created with fit.mle or MSGARCH_BAY_FIT created with fit.bayes. |
|--------|--|
| n      | Mumber of step ahead time step. (Default: $n = 1$ )  |
| m      | Number of simulations. (Default: $m = 1$ )   |
| theta  | Vector (of size d) or matrix (of size M x d) of parameter estimates (not require when using a fit object).   |
| у      | Vector (of size T) of observations (not require when using a fit object).  |

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#### **Details**

If a matrix of parameter estimates is given, each parameter estimates is evaluated individually and m = M. The MSGARCH\_SIM class contains the plot method. The difference between sim and sim starts the simulation at t = 0 creating an entire new process while sim starts the simulation at t = T + 1 taking in consideration all the information available in the original time serie y.

#### Value

A list of class MSGARCH\_SIM containing two components:

- draws: Matrix (of size m x n) of step ahead simulated draws.
- state: Matrix (of size m x n) of step ahead simulated states.

The MSGARCH\_SIM class contains the plot method.

#### **Examples**

```
# load data
data("sp500")
sp500 = sp500[1:1000]

# create model specification
spec = MSGARCH::create.spec()

# fit the model on the data with ML estimation using DEoptim intialization
set.seed(123)
fit = MSGARCH::fit.mle(spec = spec, y = sp500, ctr = list(do.init = FALSE))

# generate random draws
set.seed(123)
simahead = MSGARCH::simahead(object = fit, n = 30, m = 100)
plot(simahead)
```

sp500

Log return of the S&P 500 index closing Value

#### **Description**

The S&P 500 index closing value log return from 1998-01-01 to 2015-12-31 from Yahoo Finance https://finance.yahoo.com/.

# Usage

```
data("sp500")
```

# **Format**

Matrix containing 4529 observations.

#### Source

Yahoo Finance https://finance.yahoo.com/

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# **Description**

Method returning the transition matrix.

# Usage

```
transmat(object, theta, n)
```

# **Arguments**

| object | Model specification of class MSGARCH_SPEC created with create.spec or fit object of type MSGARCH_MLE_FIT created with fit.mle. |
|--------|--|
| theta  | Vector (of size d) of parameter estimates (not require when using a fit object).   |
| n      | Number of steps ahead. (Default: n = 1   |

#### Value

A matrix (of size K x K) in the case of a Markov-Switching model or a vector (of size K) in the case of a Mixture model. The columns indicates the starting states while the rows indicates the transition states.

# **Examples**

```
# load data
data("sp500")
sp500 = sp500[1:1000]

# create model specification
spec = MSGARCH::create.spec()

# fit the model on the data with ML estimation using DEoptim intialization
set.seed(123)
fit = MSGARCH::fit.mle(spec = spec, y = sp500, ctr = list(do.init = FALSE))

# Extract the transition matrix 10 steps ahead
transmat.mle = MSGARCH::transmat(fit, n = 10)
print(transmat.mle)
```

unc.vol

Unconditional volatility of each regime.

# Description

Method returning the unconditional volatility of the process in each state.

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# Usage

```
unc.vol(object, theta)
```

# **Arguments**

object Model specification of class MSGARCH\_SPEC created with create.spec or fit

object of type MSGARCH\_MLE\_FIT created with fit.mle or MSGARCH\_BAY\_FIT

created with fit.bayes.

theta Vector (of size d) or matrix (of size M x d) of parameter estimates (not require

when using a fit object).

# **Details**

If a matrix of parameter estimates is given, each parameter estimates is evaluated individually.

# Value

Unconditional volatility (vector of size K or matrix of size M x K) of each regime.

```
# create model specification
spec = MSGARCH::create.spec()

# compute the unconditional volatility in each regime
unc.vol = MSGARCH::unc.vol(object = spec, theta = spec$theta0)
```

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