

# PriceIndices – a Package for Bilateral and Multilateral Price Index Calculations

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Goals of PriceIndices are as follows: a) data processing before price index calculations; b) bilateral and multilateral price index calculations; c) extending multilateral price indices. You can download the package documentation from [here](#). To read more about the package please see (and cite :) papers:

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## Installation

You can install the released version of **PriceIndices** from CRAN with:

```
install.packages("PriceIndices")
```

You can install the development version of **PriceIndices** from GitHub with:

```
library("remotes")
remotes::install_github("JacekBialek/PriceIndices")
```

## The functionality of this package can be categorized as follows:

1. Data sets included in the package and generating artificial scanner data sets
2. Functions for data processing
3. Functions providing dataset characteristics
4. Functions for bilateral unweighted price index calculations
5. Functions for bilateral weighted price index calculations
6. Functions for chain price index calculations
7. Functions for multilateral price index calculations
8. Functions for extending multilateral price indices by using splicing methods
9. Functions for extending multilateral price indices by using the FBEW method
10. Functions for extending multilateral price indices by using the FBMW method
11. General functions for price index calculations
12. Functions for comparisons of price indices
13. Functions for price and quantity indicator calculations

## Data sets included in the package and generating artificial scanner data sets

This package includes nine data sets: artificial and real.

### 1) *dataAGGR*

The first one, **dataAGGR**, can be used to demonstrate the **data\_aggregating** function. This is a collection of artificial scanner data on milk products sold in three different months and it contains the following columns: **time** - dates of transactions (Year-Month-Day: 4 different dates); **prices** - prices of sold products (PLN); **quantities** - quantities of sold products (liters); **prodID** - unique product codes (3 different prodIDs); **retID** - unique codes identifying outlets/retailer sale points (4 different retIDs); **description** - descriptions of sold products (two subgroups: goat milk, powdered milk).

### 2) *dataMATCH*

The second one, **dataMATCH**, can be used to demonstrate the **data\_matching** function and it will be described in the next part of the guidelines. Generally, this artificial data set contains the following columns: **time** - dates of transactions (Year-Month-Day); **prices** - prices of sold products; **quantities** - quantities of sold products; **codeIN** - internal product codes from the retailer; **codeOUT** - external product codes, e.g. GTIN or SKU in the real case; **description** - descriptions of sold products, eg. 'product A', 'product B', etc.

### 3) *dataCOICOP*

The third one, **dataCOICOP**, is a collection of real scanner data on the sale of milk products sold in a period: Dec, 2020 - Feb, 2022. It is a data frame with 10 columns and 139600 rows. The used variables are as follows: **time** - dates of transactions (Year-Month-Day); **prices** - prices of sold products (PLN); **quantities** - quantities of sold products; **description** - descriptions of sold products (original: in Polish); **codeID** - retailer product codes; **retID** - IDs of retailer outlets; **grammage** - product grammages; **unit** - sales units, e.g. 'kg', 'ml', etc.; **category** - product categories (in English) corresponding to COICOP 6 levels; **coicop6** - identifiers of local COICOP 6 groups (6 levels). Please note that this data set can serve as a training or testing set in product classification using machine learning methods.

### 4) *data\_DOWN\_UP\_SIZED*

This data set, **data\_DOWN\_UP\_SIZED**, is a collection of scanner data on the sale of coffee in the period from January 2024 to February 2024 and it contains downsized products (see the **shrinkflation** function). It is a data frame with 6 columns and 51 rows. The used variables are as follows: **time** - dates of transactions (Year-Month-Day), **prices** - prices of sold products [PLN], **quantities** - quantities of sold products (in units resulting the product description), **codeIN** - unique internal product codes (retaler product codes), **codeOUT** - unique external product codes (e.g. GTIN, EAN, SKU), **description** - descriptions of sold coffee products.

## **5) milk**

This data set, **milk**, is a collection of scanner data on the sale of milk in one of Polish supermarkets in the period from December 2018 to August 2020. It is a data frame with 6 columns and 4386 rows. The used variables are as follows: **time** - dates of transactions (Year-Month-Day); **prices** - prices of sold products (PLN); **quantities** - quantities of sold products (liters); **prodID** - unique product codes obtained after product matching (data set contains 68 different prodIDs); **retID** - unique codes identifying outlets/retailer sale points (data set contains 5 different retIDs); **description** - descriptions of sold milk products (data set contains 6 different product descriptions corresponding to *subgroups* of the milk group).

## **6) coffee**

This data set, **coffee**, is a collection of scanner data on the sale of coffee in one of Polish supermarkets in the period from December 2017 to October 2020. It is a data frame with 6 columns and 42561 rows. The used variables are as follows: **time** - dates of transactions (Year-Month-Day); **prices** - prices of sold products (PLN); **quantities** - quantities of sold products (kg); **prodID** - unique product codes obtained after product matching (data set contains 79 different prodIDs); **retID** - unique codes identifying outlets/retailer sale points (data set contains 20 different retIDs); **description** - descriptions of sold coffee products (data set contains 3 different product descriptions corresponding to *subgroups* of the coffee group).

## **7) sugar**

This data set, **sugar**, is a collection of scanner data on the sale of coffee in one of Polish supermarkets in the period from December 2017 to October 2020. It is a data frame with 6 columns and 7666 rows. The used variables are as follows: **time** - dates of transactions (Year-Month-Day); **prices** - prices of sold products (PLN); **quantities** - quantities of sold products (kg); **prodID** - unique product codes obtained after product matching (data set contains 11 different prodIDs); **retID** - unique codes identifying outlets/retailer sale points (data set contains 20 different retIDs); **description** - descriptions of sold sugar products (data set contains 3 different product descriptions corresponding to *subgroups* of the sugar group).

## **8) dataU**

This data set, **dataU**, is a collection of artificial scanner data on 6 products sold in Dec, 2018. Product descriptions contain the information about their grammage and unit. It is a data frame with 5 columns and 6 rows. The used variables are as follows: **time** - dates of transactions (Year-Month-Day); **prices** - prices of sold products (PLN); **quantities** - quantities of sold products (item); **prodID** - unique product codes; **description** - descriptions of sold products (data set contains 6 different product descriptions).

## **9) dataMARS**

This data set, **dataMARS**, is a collection of artificial scanner data on shirts for testing the MARS method. It contains 9 columns and 44 rows. The used variables are as follows: **time** - dates of transactions (Year-Month-Day), **prices** - prices of sold products (*PLN*), **quantities** - quantities of sold products, **prodID** - unique product identifiers (data set contains 28

different prodIDs), **description** - descriptions (labels) of sold shirts (data set contains 12 different descriptions), **brand** - brand of sold shirts (data set contains 2 different brands: X and Y), **gender** - gender of the person for whom the shirt is dedicated (M or F), **size** - size of shirts (M, L, and XL), **fabric** - fabric of shirts (cotton, polyester, blend).

The set **milk** represents a typical data frame used in the package for most calculations and is organized as follows:

```
library(PriceIndices)
head(milk)
#>   time prices quantities prodID retID   description
#> 1 2018-12-01  8.78        9.0  14215  2210 powdered milk
#> 2 2019-01-01  8.78       13.5  14215  2210 powdered milk
#> 3 2019-02-01  8.78        0.5  14215  1311 powdered milk
#> 4 2019-02-01  8.78        8.0  14215  2210 powdered milk
#> 5 2019-03-01  8.78        0.5  14215  1311 powdered milk
#> 6 2019-03-01  8.78        1.5  14215  2210 powdered milk
```

Available subgroups of sold milk are

```
unique(milk$description)
#> [1] "powdered milk"
#> [3] "low-fat milk UHT"
#> [5] "full-fat milk UHT"
```

	"Low-fat milk pasteurized"
	"full-fat milk pasteurized"
	"goat milk"

## Generating artificial scanner data sets in the package

The package includes the **generate** function which provides an artificial scanner data sets where prices and quantities are lognormally distributed. The characteristics for these lognormal distributions are set by **pmi**, **sigma**, **qmi** and **qsigma** parameters. This function works for the fixed number of products and outlets (see **n** and **r** parameters). The generated data set is ready for further price index calculations. For instance:

```
dataset<-generate(pmi=c(1.02,1.03,1.04),psigma=c(0.05,0.09,0.02),
                    qmi=c(3,4,4),qsigma=c(0.1,0.1,0.15),
                    start="2020-01")
head(dataset)
#>   time prices quantities prodID retID
#> 1 2020-01-01  2.68        17     1     1
#> 2 2020-01-01  2.64        20     2     1
#> 3 2020-01-01  2.61        24     3     1
#> 4 2020-01-01  2.70        17     4     1
#> 5 2020-01-01  2.78        17     5     1
#> 6 2020-01-01  2.77        20     6     1
```

From the other hand you can use **tindex** function to obtain the theoretical value of the unweighted price index for lognormally distributed prices (the month defined by **start** parameter plays a role of the fixed base period). The characteristics for these lognormal distributions are set by **pmi** and **sigma** parameters. The **ratio** parameter is a logical parameter indicating how we define the theoretical unweighted price index. If it is set to TRUE then the resulting value is a ratio of expected price values from compared months; otherwise the resulting value is the expected value of the ratio of prices from compared months. The function provides a data frame consisting of dates and corresponding expected values of the theoretical unweighted price index. For example:

```
tindex(pmi=c(1.02,1.03,1.04),psigma=c(0.05,0.09,0.02),start="2020-01",
ratio=FALSE)
#>      date   tindex
#> 1 2020-01 1.000000
#> 2 2020-02 1.012882
#> 3 2020-03 1.019131
```

The User may also generate an artificial scanner dataset where prices are lognormally distributed and quantities are calculated under the assumption that consumers have CES (Constant Elasticity of Substitution) preferences and their spending on all products is fixed (see the **generate\_CES** function). Please watch the following example:

```
#Generating an artificial dataset (the elasticity of substitution is 1.25)
df<-generate_CES(pmi=c(1.02,1.03),psigma=c(0.04,0.03),
elasticity=1.25,start="2020-01",n=100,days=TRUE)
head(df)
#>      time  prices  quantities prodID retID
#> 1 2020-01-09  2.67  1.054733     1     1
#> 2 2020-01-28  2.64  2.571575     2     1
#> 3 2020-01-08  2.81  6.798809     3     1
#> 4 2020-01-06  2.62  7.806717     4     1
#> 5 2020-01-14  2.84  6.493851     5     1
#> 6 2020-01-06  2.79  3.030814     6     1
```

Now, we can verify the value of elasticity of substitution using this generated dataset:

```
#Verifying the elasticity of substitution
elasticity(df, start="2020-01",end="2020-02")
#> [1] 1.25
```

## Functions for data processing

### data\_preparing

This function returns a prepared data frame based on the user's data set (you can check if your data set it is suitable for further price index calculation by using **data\_check** function). The resulting data frame is ready for further data processing (such as data selecting, matching or filtering) and it is also ready for price index calculations (if only it contains the

required columns). The resulting data frame is free from missing values, negative and (optionally) zero prices and quantities. As a result, the column **time** is set to be **Date** type (in format: 'Year-Month-01'), while the columns **prices** and **quantities** are set to be **numeric**. If the **description** parameter is set to *TRUE* then the column **description** is set to be **character** type (otherwise it is deleted). Please note that the **milk** set is an already prepared dataset but let us assume for a moment that we want to make sure that it does not contain missing values and we do not need the column **description** for further calculations. For this purpose, we use the **data\_preparing** function as follows:

```
head(data_preparing(milk,time="time",prices="prices",quantities="quantities"))
#>           time   prices   quantities
#> 1 2018-12-01     8.78        9.0
#> 2 2019-01-01     8.78       13.5
#> 3 2019-02-01     8.78        0.5
#> 4 2019-02-01     8.78        8.0
#> 5 2019-03-01     8.78        0.5
#> 6 2019-03-01     8.78        1.5
```

## **data\_imputing**

This function imputes missing prices (unit values) and (optionally) zero prices by using one of the following methods: carry forward/backward, overall mean, class mean (targeted mean). The imputation can be done for each outlet separately or for aggregated data (see the **outlets** parameter). For the carry forward/backward method: if a missing product has a previous price then that previous price is carried forward until the next real observation. If there is no previous price then the next real observation is found and carried backward. For the overall mean method: the procedure is similar, except that the imputed price is based on the previously recorded price multiplied (or divided - in the case of the next recorded price) by the price index determined for the quoted and imputed period. The user can select the index formula via the **formula** parameter. For the class mean method (also known as targeted mean method): the procedure is analogous to the overall mean method, but the price index is determined for the product class specified by the **class** parameter. The quantities for imputed prices are set to zero. The function returns a data frame (monthly aggregated) which is ready for price index calculations.

```
#Creating a data frame with zero prices (df)
data<-dplyr::filter(milk,time>=as.Date("2018-12-01") & time<=as.Date("2019-03-01"))
sample<-dplyr::sample_n(data, 100)
rest<-setdiff(data, sample)
sample$prices<-0
df<-rbind(sample, rest)

#The Fisher price index calculated for the original data set
fisher(df, "2018-12","2019-03")
#> [1] 1.037639
```

```
#Zero price imputations:
df2<-data_imputing(df, start="2018-12", end="2019-03",
                     zero_prices=TRUE,
                     outlets=TRUE)
#The Fisher price index calculated for the data set with imputed prices:
fisher(df2, "2018-12","2019-03")
#> [1] 1.036363
```

## data\_aggregating

The function aggregates the user's data frame over time and/or over outlets. Consequently, we obtain monthly data, where the unit value is calculated instead of a price for each **prodID** observed in each month (the time column gets the Date format: "Year-Month-01"). If parameter **join\_outlets** is *TRUE*, then the function also performs aggregation over outlets (*retIDs*) and the **retID** column is removed from the data frame. The main advantage of using this function is the ability to reduce the size of the data frame and the time needed to calculate the price index. For instance, let us consider the following data set:

```
dataAGGR
#>      time   prices   quantities prodID retID    description
#> 1 2018-12-01     10        100 400032  4313 goat milk
#> 2 2018-12-01     15        100 400032  1311 goat milk
#> 3 2018-12-01     20        100 400032  1311 goat milk
#> 4 2020-07-01     20        100 400050  1311 goat milk
#> 5 2020-08-01     30         50 400050  1311 goat milk
#> 6 2020-08-01     40         50 400050  2210 goat milk
#> 7 2018-12-01     15        200 403249  2210 powdered milk
#> 8 2018-12-01     15        200 403249  2210 powdered milk
#> 9 2018-12-01     15        300 403249  2210 powdered milk
```

After aggregating this data set over time and outlets we obtain:

```
data_aggregating(dataAGGR)
#> # A tibble: 4 x 4
#>   time       prodID   prices   quantities
#>   <date>     <int>   <dbl>        <int>
#> 1 2018-12-01 400032     15        300
#> 2 2018-12-01 403249     15        700
#> 3 2020-07-01 400050     20        100
#> 4 2020-08-01 400050     35        100
```

## data\_unit

The function returns the user's data frame with two additional columns: **grammage** and **unit** (both are character type). The values of these columns are extracted from product descriptions on the basis of provided **units**. Please note, that the function takes into consideration a sign of the multiplication, e.g. if the product description contains: '2x50 g', we will obtain: **grammage: 100** and **unit: g** for that product (for **multiplication** set to 'x'). For example:

```

data_unit(dataU, units=c("g|ml|kg|l"), multiplication="x")
#>           time   prices   quantities prodID      description grammage unit
#> 1 2018-12-01    8.00        200  40033 drink 0,75L 3% corma     0.75     l
#> 2 2018-12-01    5.20        300  12333          sugar 0.5kg     0.50   kg
#> 3 2018-12-01   10.34        100  20345          milk 4x500ml  2000.00   mL
#> 4 2018-12-01    2.60        500  15700 xyz 3 4.34 xyz 200 g   200.00   g
#> 5 2018-12-01   12.00       1000  13022          abc      1.00 item
#> 6 2019-01-01    3.87        250  10011 ABC 2A/45 350 g mnk   350.00   g

```

### **data\_norm**

The function returns the user's data frame with two transformed columns: **grammage** and **unit**, and two rescaled columns: **prices** and **quantities**. The above-mentioned transformation and rescaling take into consideration the user **rules**. Recalculated prices and quantities concern grammage units defined as the second parameter in the given rule. For instance:

```

# Preparing a data set
data<-data_unit(dataU, units=c("g|ml|kg|l"), multiplication="x")
# Normalization of grammage units
data_norm(data, rules=list(c("ml","l",1000),c("g","kg",1000)))
#>           time   prices   quantities prodID      description grammage unit
#> 1 2018-12-01  5.17000        200.0  20345          milk 4x500ml     2.00     l
#> 2 2018-12-01 10.66667        150.0  40033 drink 0,75L 3% corma     0.75     l
#> 3 2018-12-01 13.00000        100.0  15700 xyz 3 4.34 xyz 200 g     0.20   kg
#> 4 2019-01-01 11.05714         87.5  10011 ABC 2A/45 350 g mnk     0.35   kg
#> 5 2018-12-01 10.40000        150.0  12333          sugar 0.5kg     0.50   kg
#> 6 2018-12-01 12.00000        1000.0  13022          abc      1.00 item

```

### **data\_selecting**

The function returns a subset of the user's data set obtained by selection based on keywords and phrases defined by parameters: **include**, **must** and **exclude** (an additional column **coicop** is optional). Providing values of these parameters, please remember that the procedure distinguishes between uppercase and lowercase letters only when **sensitivity** is set to *TRUE*.

For instance, please use

```

subgroup1<-data_selecting(milk, include=c("milk"), must=c("UHT"))
head(subgroup1)
#>           time   prices   quantities prodID retID      description
#> 1 2018-12-01    2.97        78  17034  1311 Low-fat milk uht
#> 2 2018-12-01    2.97        167  17034  2210 Low-fat milk uht
#> 3 2018-12-01    2.97        119  17034  6610 Low-fat milk uht
#> 4 2018-12-01    2.97        32   17034  7611 Low-fat milk uht
#> 5 2018-12-01    2.97        54   17034  8910 Low-fat milk uht
#> 6 2019-01-01    2.95        71   17034  1311 Low-fat milk uht

```

to obtain the subset of **milk** limited to *UHT* category:

```
unique(subgroup1$description)
#> [1] "low-fat milk uht" "full-fat milk uht"
```

You can use

```
subgroup2<-data_selecting(milk, must=c("milk"), exclude=c("past","goat"))
head(subgroup2)
#>   time prices quantities prodID retID   description
#> 1 2018-12-01  8.78        9.0  14215  2210 powdered milk
#> 2 2019-01-01  8.78       13.5  14215  2210 powdered milk
#> 3 2019-02-01  8.78        0.5  14215  1311 powdered milk
#> 4 2019-02-01  8.78        8.0  14215  2210 powdered milk
#> 5 2019-03-01  8.78        0.5  14215  1311 powdered milk
#> 6 2019-03-01  8.78        1.5  14215  2210 powdered milk
```

to obtain the subset of **milk** with products which are not *pasteurized* and which are not **goat**:

```
unique(subgroup2$description)
#> [1] "powdered milk"      "Low-fat milk uht" "full-fat milk uht"
```

### data\_matching

If you have a dataset with information about products sold but they are not matched you can use the **data\_matching** function. In an optimal situation, your data frame contains the **codeIN**, **codeOUT** and **description** columns (see documentation), which in practice will contain *retailer codes*, *GTIN* or *SKU* codes and *product labels*, respectively. The **data\_matching** function returns a data set defined in the first parameter (*data*) with an additional column (*prodID*). Two products are treated as being matched if they have the same *prodID* value. The procedure of generating the above-mentioned additional column depends on the set of chosen columns for matching (see documentation for details). For instance, let us suppose you want to obtain matched products from the following, artificial data set:

```
head(dataMATCH)
#>   time   prices quantities codeIN codeOUT retID   description
#> 1 2018-12-01  9.416371     309      1      1      1 product A
#> 2 2019-01-01  9.881875     325      1      5      1 product A
#> 3 2019-02-01 12.611826     327      1      1      1 product A
#> 4 2018-12-01  9.598252     309      3      2      1 product A
#> 5 2019-01-01  9.684900     325      3      2      1 product A
#> 6 2019-02-01  9.358420     327      3      2      1 product A
```

Let us assume that products with two identical codes (**codeIN** and **codeOUT**) or one of the codes identical and an identical description are automatically matched. Products are also matched if they have one of the codes identical and the *Jaro-Winkler similarity* of their descriptions is bigger than the fixed **precision** value (see documentation - *Case 1*). Let us also suppose that you want to match all products sold in the interval: December 2018 - February 2019. If you use the **data\_matching** function (as below), an additional column (**prodID**) will be added to your data frame:

```

data1<-data_matching(dataMATCH, start="2018-12",end="2019-02", codeIN=TRUE, codeOUT=TRUE, precision=.98, interval=TRUE)
head(data1)
#>      time   prices quantities codeIN codeOUT retID description prodID
#> 1 2018-12-01 9.416371      309      1      1      1 product A     4
#> 2 2019-01-01 9.881875      325      1      5      1 product A     4
#> 3 2019-02-01 12.611826      327      1      1      1 product A     4
#> 4 2018-12-01 9.598252      309      3      2      1 product A     8
#> 5 2019-01-01 9.684900      325      3      2      1 product A     8
#> 6 2019-02-01 9.358420      327      3      2      1 product A     8

```

Let us now suppose you do not want to consider **codeIN** while matching and that products with an identical **description** are to be matched too:

```

data2<-data_matching(dataMATCH,
                      start="2018-12",end="2019-02",
                      codeIN=FALSE, onlydescription=TRUE, interval=TRUE)

head(data2)
#>      time   prices quantities codeIN codeOUT retID description prodID
#> 1 2018-12-01 9.416371      309      1      1      1 product A     7
#> 2 2019-01-01 9.881875      325      1      5      1 product A     7
#> 3 2019-02-01 12.611826      327      1      1      1 product A     7
#> 4 2018-12-01 9.598252      309      3      2      1 product A     7
#> 5 2019-01-01 9.684900      325      3      2      1 product A     7
#> 6 2019-02-01 9.358420      327      3      2      1 product A     7

```

Now, having a **prodID** column, your datasets are ready for further price index calculations, e.g.:

```

fisher(data1, start="2018-12", end="2019-02")
#> [1] 1.018419
jevons(data2, start="2018-12", end="2019-02")
#> [1] 1.074934

```

## data\_filtering

This function returns a filtered data set, i.e. a reduced user's data frame with the same columns and rows limited by a criterion defined by the **filters** parameter (see documentation). If the set of filters is empty then the function returns the original data frame (defined by the **data** parameter). On the other hand, if all filters are chosen, i.e. **filters=c(extremeprices, dumpprices, lowsales)**, then these filters work independently and a summary result is returned. Please note that both variants of the **extremeprices** filter can be chosen at the same time, i.e. **plimits** and **pquantiles**, and they work also independently. For example, let us assume we consider three filters: **filter1** is to reject 1% of the lowest and 1% of the highest price changes comparing March 2019 to December 2018, **filter2** is to reject products with the price ratio being less than 0.5 or bigger than 2 in the same time, **filter3** rejects the same products as **filter2** rejects and also products with relatively *low sale* in

compared months, **filter4** rejects products with the price ratio being less than 0.9 and with the expenditure ratio being less than 0.8 in the same time.

```
filter1<-data_filtering(milk,start="2018-12",end="2019-03",
                        filters=c("extremeprices"),pquantiles=c(0.01,0.99))
filter2<-data_filtering(milk,start="2018-12",end="2019-03",
                        filters=c("extremeprices"),plimits=c(0.5,2))
filter3<-data_filtering(milk,start="2018-12",end="2019-03",
                        filters=c("extremeprices","lowsales"),plimits=c(0.5,2))
)
filter4<-data_filtering(milk,start="2018-12",end="2019-03",
                        filters=c("dumpprices"),dplimits=c(0.9,0.8))
```

These three filters differ from each other with regard to the data reduction level:

```
data_without_filters<-data_filtering(milk,start="2018-12",end="2019-03",
filters=c())
nrow(data_without_filters)
#> [1] 413
nrow(filter1)
#> [1] 378
nrow(filter2)
#> [1] 381
nrow(filter3)
#> [1] 170
nrow(filter4)
#> [1] 374
```

You can also use **data\_filtering** for each pair of subsequent months from the considered time interval under the condition that this filtering is done for each outlet (**retID**) separately, e.g.

```
filter1B<-data_filtering(milk,start="2018-12",end="2019-03",
                        filters=c("extremeprices"),pquantiles=c(0.01,0.99),
                        interval=TRUE, outlets=TRUE))
nrow(filter1B)
#> [1] 773
```

Two more useful functions are included for the procedure of scanner data. The first, **data\_reducing**, returns a data set containing sufficiently numerous matched products in the indicated groups (see documentation). It reduces the dataset to only a representative set of products that have appeared in sufficient numbers in the sales offer:

```
sugar.<-dplyr::filter(sugar, time==as.Date("2018-12-01") |
time==as.Date("2019-12-01"))
nrow(sugar.)
#> [1] 435
sugar_<-data_reducing(sugar., start="2018-12", end="2019-12",
by="description", minN=5)
nrow(sugar_)
#> [1] 275
```

The second function, **shrinkflation**, detects and summarises downsized and upsized products. The function detects phenomena such as: **shrinkflation**, **shrinkdeflation**, **sharkflation**, **unshrinkdeflation**, **unshrinkflation**, **sharkdeflation** (see the **type** parameter). It returns a list containing the following objects: **df\_changes** - data frame with detailed information on downsized and upsized products with the whole history of size changes, **df\_type** - data frame with recognized type of products, **df\_overview** - a table with basic summary of all detected products grouped by the **type** parameter, **products\_detected** with prodIDs of products indicated by the **type** parameter, **df\_detected** being a subset of the data frame with only detected products, **df\_reduced** which is the difference of the input data frame and the data frame containing the detected products, and **df\_summary** which provides basic statistics for all detected downsized and upsized products (including their share in the total number of products and mean price and size changes). For instance:

```
#Data matching over time
df<-data_matching(data=data_DOWN_UP_SIZED, start="2024-01", end="2024-02",
                     codeIN=TRUE, codeOUT=TRUE, description=TRUE,
                     onlydescription=FALSE, precision=0.9, interval=FALSE)

# Extraction of information about grammage
df<-data_unit(df,units=c("g|mL|kg|l"),multiplication="x")
# Price standardization
df<-data_norm(df, rules=list(c("mL","l",1000),c("g","kg",1000)))
# Downsized and upsized products detection
result<-shrinkflation(data=df, start="2024-01", "2024-02", prec=3, interval=FALSE,
type="shrinkflation")

result$df_type
```

ID	size_change	price_orig_change	price_norm_change	detected_type
1	-20.00000	-18.8235294	1.470588	shrinkflation
2	-15.00000	-10.0000000	5.882000	shrinkflation
3	-19.04762	-10.0000000	11.176211	shrinkflation
4	-14.28571	-10.0000000	5.000105	shrinkflation
5	-2.50000	1.0402742	3.632192	sharkflation
6	-4.00000	-0.7936508	3.339782	shrinkflation
7	-10.00000	-40.0000000	-33.333000	shrinkdeflation
8	-15.00000	15.0000000	35.294000	sharkflation
9	20.00000	5.0000000	-12.500000	unshrinkdeflation
10	25.00000	5.5566667	-15.556000	unshrinkdeflation
11	12.50000	37.7766667	22.469333	unshrinkflation
12	33.33333	50.0000000	12.500281	unshrinkflation
13	5.00000	-12.5000000	-16.666500	sharkdeflation
				descriptions
1	coffee super 0,4 L ; coffee super 0,5 L , coffee super 0,4 L			
2	coffee ABC 200g ; coffee ABC 210g , coffee ABC 170g ; coffee ABC 180g			
3	coffee ABC 200g ; coffee ABC 210g , coffee ABC 170g ; coffee ABC 180g			
4	coffee ABC 200g ; coffee ABC 210g , coffee ABC 170g ; coffee ABC 180g			
5	coffee GHI 2 x 400g , coffee GHI 2 x 390g			
6	coffee JKL 250 mL , coffee JKL 240 mL ; coffee JKL 250 mL			
7	coffee F 200g , coffee F 180g			

```

#> 8                                         coffee G 200g , coffee G 170g
#> 9                                         coffee H 200g , coffee H 240g
#> 10                                        coffee M 400g , coffee M 500g
#> 11                                        coffee K 400g , coffee K 450g
#> 12                                        coffee L 300g , coffee L 400g
#> 13                                         coffee LX 200g , coffee LX 210g
#>                               dates
#> 1 2024-01 , 2024-02
#> 2 2024-01 , 2024-02
#> 3 2024-01 , 2024-02
#> 4 2024-01 , 2024-02
#> 5 2024-01 , 2024-02
#> 6 2024-01 , 2024-02
#> 7 2024-01 , 2024-02
#> 8 2024-01 , 2024-02
#> 9 2024-01 , 2024-02
#> 10 2024-01 , 2024-02
#> 11 2024-01 , 2024-02
#> 12 2024-01 , 2024-02
#> 13 2024-01 , 2024-02

# result$df_changes
# result$df_overview
# result$products_detected
# result$df_detected
# result$df_reduced

result$df_summary

#>                                         stats          value
#> 1             Detected product shares: -----
#> 2                     number of all products      13
#> 3                     number of detected products      3
#> 4                     share of detected products   23.077 %
#> 5                     turnover of all products    289430
#> 6                     turnover of detected products  73380
#> 7                     turnover share of detected products 25.353 %
#> 8                     Average measures: -----
#> 9                     mean size change of detected products -14.467 %
#> 10                    mean price change of detected products -9.923 %
#> 11                    mean unit price change of detected products  5.374 %
#> 12                    median size change of detected products   -15 %
#> 13                    median price change of detected products   -10 %
#> 14 median unit price change of detected products      5 %
#> 15                     Volatility measures: -----
#> 16                     standard deviation of size change  6.354 %
#> 17                     standard deviation of price change  6.375 %
#> 18                     standard deviation of unit price change 3.655 %

```

```
#> 19      volatility coefficient of size change      -0.439
#> 20      volatility coefficient of price change   -0.642
#> 21      volatility coefficient of unit price change 0.68
```

## MARS

This function groups prodIDs into strata ('products') by balancing two measures: an explained variance (R squared) measure for the 'homogeneity' of prodIDs within products, while the second expresses the degree to which products can be 'matched' over time with respect to a comparison period. The resulting product 'match adjusted R squared' (MARS) combines explained variance in product prices with product match over time, so that different stratification schemes can be ranked according to the combined measure. Any combination of attributes is taken into account when creating stratas. For example, for a set of attributes A, B, C, the stratas created by the following attribute combinations are considered: A, B, C, A-B, A-C, B-C, A-B-C. The function returns a list with the following elements: scores (with scores for degrees of product match and product homogeneity, as well as for MARS measure), best\_partition (with the name of the partition for which the highest indication of the MARS measure was obtained), and data\_MARS (with a data frame obtained by replacing the original prodIDs with identifiers created based on the selected best partition). An example:

```
df<-MARS(data=dataMARS,
           start="2025-05",
           end="2025-09",
           attributes=c("brand","size","fabric"),
           strategy="two_months")
#Results:
df$scores
#>          partition product_match product_homogeneity      MARS
#> 1            brand     1.0000000    0.04223639 0.04223639
#> 2            size     1.0000000    0.14589023 0.14589023
#> 3            fabric    1.0000000    0.47340153 0.47340153
#> 4        brand-size   0.9494585    0.17168061 0.16300362
#> 5    brand-fabric    0.9494585    0.96526753 0.91648144
#> 6    size-fabric     1.0000000    0.96526753 0.96526753
#> 7 brand-size-fabric 0.9494585    0.96526753 0.91648144
```

## Functions providing dataset characteristics

### available

The function returns all values from the indicated column (defined by the **type** parameter) which occur at least once in one of compared periods or in a given time interval. Possible values of the **type** parameter are: **retID**, **prodID**, **codeIN**, **codeOUT** or **description** (see

documentation). If the **interval** parameter is set to FALSE, then the function compares only periods defined by **period1** and **period2**. Otherwise the whole time period between period1 and period2 is considered. For example:

```
available(milk, period1="2018-12", period2="2019-12", type="retID", interval=TRUE)
#> [1] 2210 1311 6610 7611 8910
```

### matched

The function returns all values from the indicated column (defined by the **type** parameter) which occur simultaneously in the compared periods or in a given time interval. Possible values of the **type** parameter are: **retID**, **prodID**, **codeIN**, **codeOUT** or **description** (see documentation). If the **interval** parameter is set to FALSE, then the function compares only periods defined by **period1** and **period2**. Otherwise the whole time period between period1 and period2 is considered. For example:

```
matched(milk, period1="2018-12", period2="2019-12", type="prodID",
interval=TRUE)
#> [1] 14216 15404 17034 34540 60010 70397 74431 82827 82830 82919
#> [11] 94256 400032 400033 400189 400194 400195 400196 401347 401350 402263
#> [21] 402264 402293 402569 402570 402601 402602 402609 403249 404004 404005
#> [31] 405419 405420 406223 406224 406245 406246 406247 407219 407220 407669
#> [41] 407670 407709 407859 407860 400099
```

### matched\_index

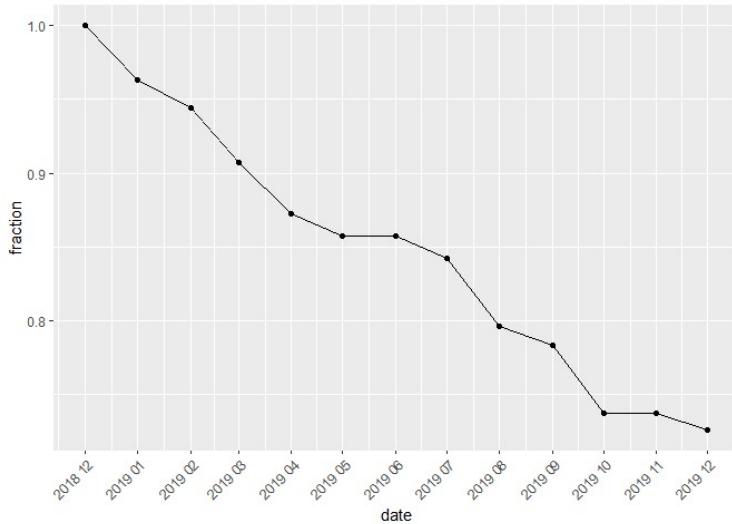
The function returns a ratio of values from the indicated column that occur simultaneously in the compared periods or in a given time interval to all available values from the above-mentioned column (defined by the **type** parameter) at the same time. Possible values of the **type** parameter are: **retID**, **prodID**, **codeIN**, **codeOUT** or **description** (see documentation). If the **interval** parameter is set to FALSE, then the function compares only periods defined by period1 and period2. Otherwise the whole time period between period1 and period2 is considered. The returned value is from 0 to 1. For example:

```
matched_index(milk, period1="2018-12", period2="2019-12", type="prodID", interval=TRUE)
#> [1] 0.7258065
```

### matched\_fig

The function returns a **data frame** or a **figure** presenting the **matched\_index** function calculated for the column defined by the **type** parameter and for each month from the considered time interval. The interval is set by the **start** and **end** parameters. The returned object (data frame or figure) depends on the value of the **figure** parameter. Examples:

```
matched_fig(milk, start="2018-12", end="2019-12", type="prodID")
```



```
matched_fig(milk, start="2018-12", end="2019-04", type="prodID", figure=FALSE)
#>      date fraction
#> 1 2018-12 1.0000000
#> 2 2019-01 0.9629630
#> 3 2019-02 0.9444444
#> 4 2019-03 0.9074074
#> 5 2019-04 0.8727273
```

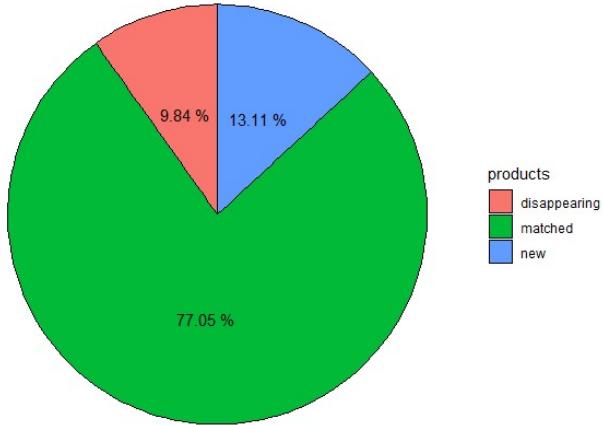
## products

This function detects and summarises available, matched, new and disappearing products on the basis of their prodIDs. It compares products from the base period (**start**) with products from the current period (**end**). It returns a list containing the following objects: details with prodIDs of available, matched, new and disappearing products, statistics with basic statistics for them and figure with a pie chart describing a contribution of matched, new and disappearing products in a set of available products. Please see the following example:

```
list<-products(milk, "2018-12","2019-12")

list$statistics
#>      products volume shares
#> 1    available     61 100.00
#> 2    matched      47 77.05
#> 3      new        8 13.11
#> 4 disappearing     6  9.84

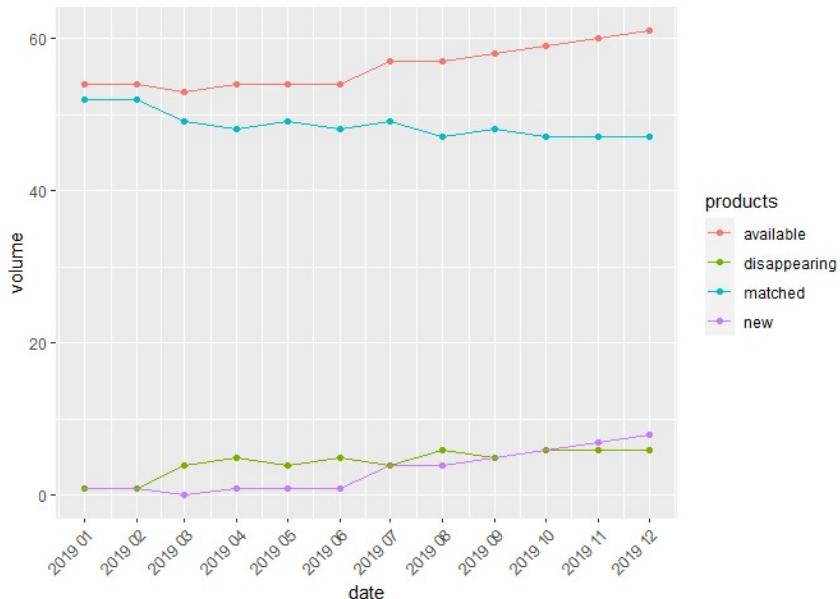
list$figure
```



### products\_fig

This function returns a figure with plots of volume (or contributions) of available, matched, new as well as disappearing products. The User may control which groups of products are to be taken into consideration. Available options are **available**, **matched**, **new** and **disappearing**. Please follow the example:

```
products_fig(milk, "2018-12","2019-12",
fixed_base=TRUE, contributions=FALSE,
show=c("new","disappearing","matched","available"))
```



## prices

The function returns prices (unit value) of products with a given ID (**prodID** column) and being sold in the time period indicated by the **period** parameter. The **set** parameter means a set of unique product IDs to be used for determining prices of sold products. If the set is empty the function returns prices of all products being available in the **period**. Please note that the function returns the price values for sorted prodIDs and in the absence of a given prodID in the data set, the function returns nothing (it does not return zero). To get prices (unit values) of all available milk products sold in July, 2019, please use:

```
prices(milk, period="2019-06")
#> [1] 8.700000 8.669455 1.890000 2.950000 1.990000 2.990000 2.834464
#> [8] 4.702051 2.163273 2.236250 2.810000 2.860000 2.400000 2.588644
#> [15] 3.790911 7.980000 64.057143 7.966336 18.972121 12.622225 9.914052
#> [22] 7.102823 3.180000 2.527874 1.810000 1.650548 2.790000 2.490000
#> [29] 2.590000 7.970131 9.901111 15.266667 19.502286 2.231947 2.674401
#> [36] 2.371819 2.490000 6.029412 6.441176 2.090000 1.990000 1.890000
#> [43] 1.450000 2.680000 2.584184 2.683688 2.390000 3.266000 2.813238
```

## quantities

The function returns quantities of products with a given ID (**prodID** column) and being sold in the time period indicated by the **period** parameter. The **set** parameter means a set of unique product IDs to be used for determining prices of sold products. If the set is empty the function returns quantities of all products being available in the **period**. Please note that the function returns the quantity values for sorted prodIDs and in the absence of a given prodID in the data set, the function returns nothing (it does not return zero). To get a data frame containing quantities of milk products with prodIDs: 400032, 71772 and 82919, and sold in July, 2019, please use:

```
quantities(milk, period="2019-06", set=c(400032, 71772, 82919), ID=TRUE)
#> # A tibble: 3 x 2
#>       by     q
#>   <int> <dbl>
#> 1 71772  117
#> 2 82919  102
#> 3 400032 114.
```

## sales

The function returns values of sales of products with a given ID (**prodID** column) and being sold in the time period indicated by **period** parameter. The **set** parameter means a set of unique product IDs to be used for determining prices of sold products. If the set is empty the function returns values of sales of all products being available in the **period** (see also **expenditures** function which returns the expenditure values for sorted prodIDs). To get values of sales of milk products with prodIDs: 400032, 71772 and 82919, and sold in July, 2019, please use:

```
sales(milk, period="2019-06", set=c(400032, 71772, 82919))
#> [1] 913.71 550.14 244.80
```

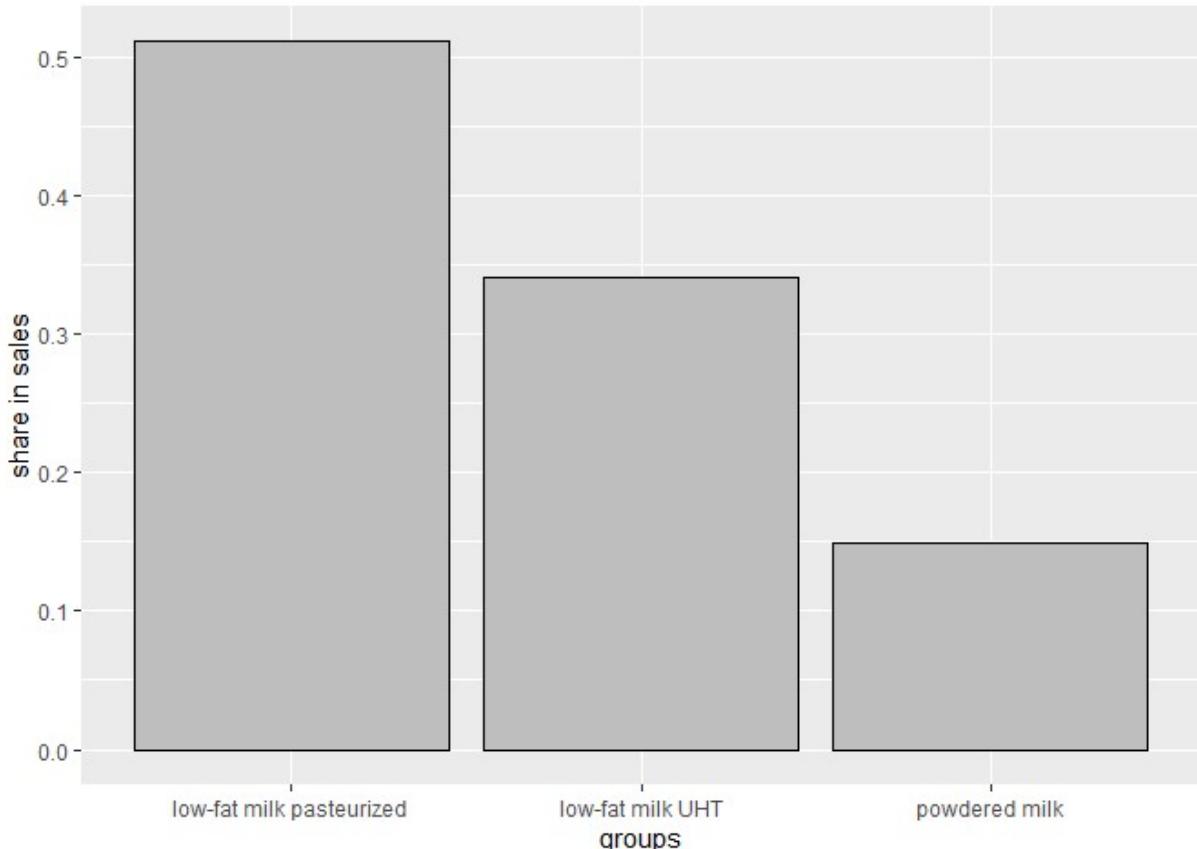
## **sales\_groups**

The function returns **values of sales** of products from one or more **datasets** or the corresponding **barplot** for these sales (if **barplot** is set to TRUE). Alternatively, it calculates the **sale shares** (if the **shares** parameter is set to TRUE). Please see also the **sales\_groups2** function. As an example, let us create 3 subgroups of **milk** products and let us find out their sale shares for the time interval: April, 2019 - July, 2019. We can obtain precise values for the given **period**:

```
ctg<-unique(milk$description)
categories<-c(ctg[1],ctg[2],ctg[3])
milk1<-dplyr::filter(milk, milk$description==categories[1])
milk2<-dplyr::filter(milk, milk$description==categories[2])
milk3<-dplyr::filter(milk, milk$description==categories[3])
sales_groups(datasets=list(milk1,milk2,milk3),start="2019-04", end="2019-07")
#> [1] 44400.76 152474.55 101470.76
sales_groups(datasets=list(milk1,milk2,milk3),start="2019-04", end="2019-07",
shares=TRUE)
#> [1] 0.1488230 0.5110661 0.3401109
```

or a barplot presenting these results:

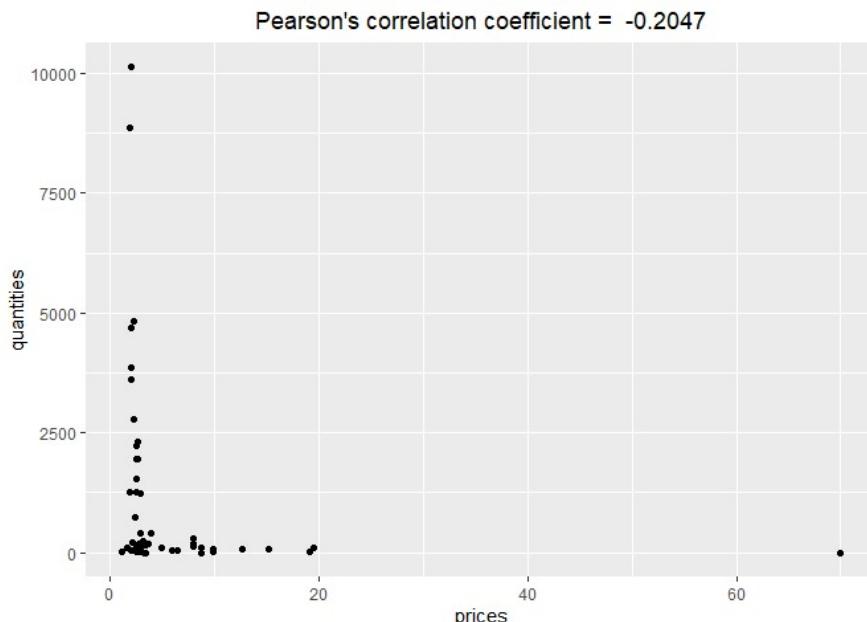
```
sales_groups(datasets=list(milk1,milk2,milk3),start="2019-04", end="2019-07",
barplot=TRUE, shares=TRUE, names=categories)
```



## pqcor

The function returns **Pearson's correlation coefficient** for price and quantity of products with given IDs (defined by the **set** parameter) and sold in the **period**. If the **set** is empty, the function works for all products being available in the **period**. The **figure** parameter indicates whether the function returns a figure with a correlation coefficient (TRUE) or just a correlation coefficient (FALSE). For instance:

```
pqcor(milk, period="2019-05")
#> [1] -0.2047
pqcor(milk, period="2019-05", figure=TRUE)
```

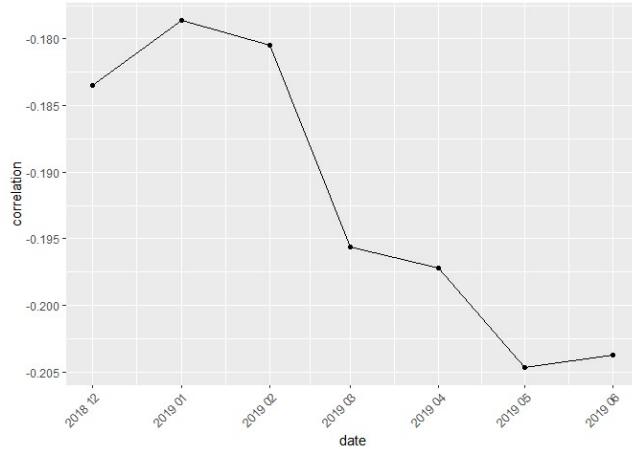


## pqcor\_fig

The function returns **Pearson's correlation coefficients** between price and quantity of products with given IDs (defined by the **set** parameter) and sold in the time interval defined by the **start** and **end** parameters. If the **set** is empty the function works for all available products. Correlation coefficients are calculated for each month separately. Results are presented in tabular or graphical form depending on the **figure** parameter. Both cases are presented below:

```
pqcor_fig(milk, start="2018-12", end="2019-06", figure=FALSE)
#>      date correlation
#> 1 2018-12      -0.1835
#> 2 2019-01      -0.1786
#> 3 2019-02      -0.1805
#> 4 2019-03      -0.1956
#> 5 2019-04      -0.1972
#> 6 2019-05      -0.2047
#> 7 2019-06      -0.2037
```

```
pqcor_fig(milk, start="2018-12", end="2019-06")
```



## dissimilarity

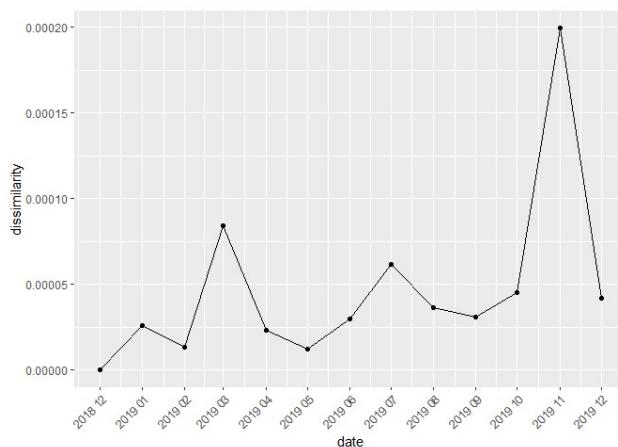
This function returns a value of the relative price (dSP) and/or quantity (dSQ) dissimilarity measure. In a special case, when the **type** parameter is set to  **pq**, the function provides the value of dSPQ measure (relative price and quantity dissimilarity measure calculated as **min(dSP,dSQ)**). For instance:

```
dissimilarity(milk, period1="2018-12",period2="2019-12",type="pq")
#> [1] 0.00004175192
```

## dissimilarity\_fig

This function presents values of the relative price and/or quantity dissimilarity measure over time. The user can choose a benchmark period (defined by **benchmark**) and the type of dissimilarity measure is to be calculated (defined by **type**). The obtained results of dissimilarities over time can be presented in a dataframe form or via a figure (the default value of **figure** is TRUE which results a figure). For instance:

```
dissimilarity_fig(milk, start="2018-12",end="2019-12",type="pq",benchmark="start")
```



## elasticity

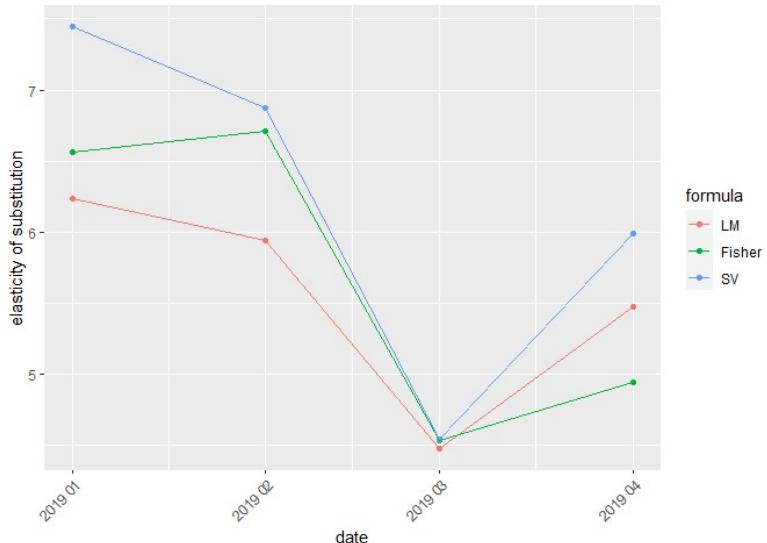
This function returns a value of the elasticity of substitution. If the **method** parameter is set to **lm** (it is a default value), the procedure of estimation solves the equation:  $LM(\sigma) - CW(\sigma) = 0$  numerically, where LM denotes the Lloyd-Moulton price index, the CW denotes a current weight counterpart of the Lloyd-Moulton price index, and sigma is the elasticity of substitution parameter, which is estimated. If the **method** parameter is set to **f**, the Fisher price index formula is used instead of the CW price index. If the **method** parameter is set to **t**, the Tornqvist price index formula is used instead of the CW price index. If the **method** parameter is set to **w**, the Walsh price index formula is used instead of the CW price index. If the **method** parameter is set to **sv**, the Sato-Vartia price index formula is used instead of the CW price index. The procedure continues until the absolute value of this difference is greater than the value of the 'precision' parameter. For example:

```
elasticity(coffee, start = "2018-12", end = "2019-01")
#> [1] 4.241791
```

## elasticity\_fig

The function provides a data frame or a figure presenting elasticities of substitution calculated for time interval (see the **figure** parameter). The elasticities of substitution can be calculated for subsequent months or for a fixed base month (see the **start** parameter) and rest of months from the given time interval (it depends on the **fixedbase** parameter). The presented function is based on the **elasticity** function. For instance, to get elasticities of substitution calculated for milk products for subsequent months we run:

```
elasticity_fig (milk,start="2018-12",end="2019-04",figure=TRUE,
method=c("lm","f","sv"),names=c("LM","Fisher", "SV"))
```



## Functions for bilateral unweighted price index calculation

This package includes 7 functions for calculating the following bilateral unweighted price indices:

Price Index	Function
BMW (2007)	bmw
Carli (1804)	carli
CSWD (1980,1992)	cswd
Dutot (1738)	dutot
Jevons (1865)	jevons
Harmonic	harmonic
Dikhanov (2021, 2024)	dikhanov

Each of these functions returns a value (or vector of values) of the chosen unweighted bilateral price index depending on the **interval** parameter. If the interval parameter is set to TRUE, the function returns a vector of price index values without dates. To get information about both price index values and corresponding dates please see general functions: **price\_indices** or **final\_index**. None of these functions takes into account aggregating over outlets or product subgroups (to consider these types of aggregating please use the **final\_index** function.) Below are examples of calculations for the Jevons index (in the second case a *fixed base month* is set to December 2018):

```
jevons(milk, start="2018-12", end="2020-01")
#> [1] 1.028223
jevons(milk, start="2018-12", end="2020-01", interval=TRUE)
#> [1] 1.0000000 1.0222661 1.0300191 1.0353857 1.0075504 1.0395393 0.9853148
#> [8] 1.0053100 1.0033727 1.0177604 1.0243906 1.0086291 1.0249373 1.0282234
```

## Functions for bilateral weighted price index calculation

This package includes 30 functions for calculating the following bilateral weighted price indices:

Price Index	Function
AG Mean (2009)	agmean
Banajree (1977)	banajree
Bialek (2012,2013)	bialek
Davies (1924)	davies
Drobisch (1871)	drobisch
Fisher (1922)	fisher
Geary-Khamis (1958,1970)	geary_khamis
Geo-Laspayres	geolaspeyres
Geo-Lowe	geolowe

Geo-Paasche	geopaasche
Geo-Young	geoyoung
Geo-hybrid (2020)	geohybrid
Hybrid (2020)	hybrid
Laspeyres (1871)	laspeyres
Lehr (1885)	lehr
Lloyd-Moulton (1975,1996)	lloyd_moulton
Lowe	lowe
Marshall-Edgeworth (1887)	marshall_edgeworth
Paasche (1874)	paasche
Palgrave (1886)	palgrave
Sato-Vartia (1976)	sato_vartia
Stuvel (1957)	stuvel
Tornqvist (1936)	tornqvist
Vartia (1976)	vartia
Walsh (1901)	walsh
Young	young
Quadratic mean of order r price index	QM <sub>r</sub>
Implicit quadratic mean of order r price index	IQM <sub>r</sub>
Value Index	value_index
Unit Value Index	unit_value_index

and the general quadratic mean of order r quantity index: QM<sub>q</sub>.

Each of these functions returns a value (or vector of values) of the chosen weighted bilateral price index depending on the **interval** parameter. If interval parameter is set to TRUE, the function returns a vector of price index values without dates. To get information about both price index values and corresponding dates please see general functions: **price\_indices** or **final\_index**. None of these functions takes into account aggregating over outlets or product subgroups (to consider these types of aggregating please use the **final\_index** function.) Below are examples of calculations for the Fisher, the Lloyd-Moulton and the Lowe indices (in the last case, the *fixed base month* is set to December 2019 and the *prior* period is December 2018):

```
fisher(milk, start="2018-12", end="2020-01")
#> [1] 0.9615501
lloyd_moulton(milk, start="2018-12", end="2020-01", sigma=0.9)
#> [1] 0.9835069
lowe(milk, start="2019-12", end="2020-02", base="2018-12", interval=TRUE)
#> [1] 1.0000000 0.9880546 1.0024443
```

The package also allows the User to calculate *retrospective price indices*. The **retro\_index** function implements the correction or imputation approaches (see von Auer (2024) cited in the documentation) and also estimates the Diewert-Huwiler-Kohli-Hansen index (DHKH). For example, let us determine the retrospective DHKH index for the milk set:

```
retro_index(milk, start="2018-12", end="2019-12", formula="dhkh")
#> [1] 1.0000000 1.0040989 0.9989670 0.9947970 0.9949623 0.9896931 0.9929759
#> [8] 0.9903619 0.9972183 0.9997273 0.9768806 0.9966931 0.9868354
```

## Functions for chain price index calculation

This package includes 36 functions for calculating the following chain indices (weighted and unweighted):

Price Index	Function
Chain BMW	chbmw
Chain Carli	chcarli
Chain CSWD	chcswd
Chain Dutot	chdutot
Chain Jevons	chjevons
Chain Harmonic	chharmonic
Chain Dikhanov	chdikhanov
Chain AG Mean	chagmean
Chain Banajree	chbanajree
Chain Bialek	chbialek
Chain Davies	chdavies
Chain Drobisch	chdrobisch
Chain Fisher	chfisher
Chain Geary-Khamis	chgeary_khamis
Chain Geo-Laspeyres	chgeolaspeyres
Chain Geo-Lowe	chgeolowe
Chain Geo-Paasche	chgeopaasche
Chain Geo-Young	chgeoyoung
Chain Geo-hybrid	chgeoxybrid
Chain Hybrid	chhybrid
Chain Laspeyres	chlaspeyres
Chain Lehr	chlehr
Chain Lloyd-Moulton	chlloyd_moulton
Chain Lowe	chlowe

Chain Marshall-Edgeworth	chmarshall_edgeworth
Chain Paasche	chpaasche
Chain Palgrave	chpalgrave
Chain Sato-Vartia	chsato_vartia
Chain Stuvel	chstuvel
Chain Tornqvist	chtornqvist
Chain Vartia	chvartia
Chain Walsh	chwalsh
Chain Young	chyoung
Chain quadratic mean of order r price index	chQMp
Chain implicit quadratic mean of order r price index	chiQMp
Chain quadratic mean of order r quantity index	chQMq

Each time, the **interval** parameter has a logical value indicating whether the function is to compare the research period defined by **end** to the base period defined by **start** (then **interval** is set to FALSE and it is a default value) or all fixed base indices are to be calculated. In this second case, all months from the time interval are considered and **start** defines the base period (**interval** is set to TRUE). Here are examples for the Fisher chain index:

```
chfisher(milk, start="2018-12", end="2020-01")
#> [1] 0.9618094
chfisher(milk, start="2018-12", end="2020-01", interval=TRUE)
#> [1] 1.0000000 1.0021692 1.0004617 0.9862756 0.9944042 0.9915704 0.9898026
#> [8] 0.9876325 0.9981591 0.9968851 0.9786428 0.9771951 0.9874251 0.9618094
```

## Functions for multilateral price index calculation

This package includes 22 functions for calculating multilateral price indices and one additional and general function (**QU**) which calculates the quality adjusted unit value index, i.e.:

Price Index	Function
CCDI	ccdi
GEKS	geks
WGEKS	wgeks
GEKS-J	geksj
GEKS-W	geksw
GEKS-L	geksl
WGEKS-L	wgeksl
GEKS-GL	geksgl
WGEKS-GL	wgeksgl
GEKS-AQU	geksaqu

WGEKS-AQU	wgeksaqu
GEKS-AQI	geksaqi
WGEKS-AQI	wgeksaqi
GEKS-GAQI	geksgaqi
GEKS-IQM	geksiqm
GEKS-QM	geksqm
GEKS-LM	gekslm
WGEKS-GAQI	wgeksgaqi
Geary-Khamis	gk
Quality Adjusted Unit Value	QU
Time Product Dummy	tpd
Unweighted Time Product Dummy	utpd
SPQ	SPQ

The above-mentioned 21 multilateral formulas (the **SPQ** index is an exception) consider the time window defined by the **wstart** and **window** parameters, where **window** is a length of the time window (typically multilateral methods are based on a 13-month time window). It measures the price dynamics by comparing the **end** period to the **start** period (both **start** and **end** must be inside the considered time window). To get information about both price index values and corresponding dates, please see functions: **price\_indices** or **final\_index**. These functions do not take into account aggregating over outlets or product subgroups (to consider these types of aggregating please use function: **final\_index**). Here are examples for the GEKS formula (see documentation):

```
geks(milk, start="2019-01", end="2019-04",window=10)
#> [1] 0.9912305
geks1(milk, wstart="2018-12", start="2019-03", end="2019-05")
#> [1] 1.002251
```

The **QU** function returns a value of the *quality adjusted unit value index* (QU index) for the given set of adjustment factors. An additional **v** parameter is a data frame with adjustment factors for at least all matched **prodIDs**. It must contain two columns: **prodID** with unique product IDs and **value** with corresponding adjustment factors (see documentation). The following example starts from creating a data frame which includes sample adjusted factors:

```
prodID<-base::unique(milk$prodID)
values<-stats::runif(length(prodID),1,2)
v<-data.frame(prodID,values)
head(v)
#>   prodID   values
#> 1 14215 1.032447
#> 2 14216 1.411876
#> 3 15404 1.005707
#> 4 17034 1.105433
```

```
#> 5 34540 1.768788  
#> 6 51583 1.001701
```

and the next step is calculating the QU index which compares December 2019 to December 2018:

```
QU(milk, start="2018-12", end="2019-12", v)  
#> [1] 0.9714499
```

## Functions for extending multilateral price indices by using splicing methods

This package includes 21 functions for calculating splice indices:

Price Index	Function
Splice CCDI	ccdi_splice
Splice GEKS	geks_splice
Splice weighted GEKS	wgeks_splice
Splice GEKS-J	geksj_splice
Splice GEKS-W	geksw_splice
Splice GEKS-L	geksl_splice
Splice weighted GEKS-L	wgeksl_splice
Splice GEKS-GL	geksgl_splice
Splice weighted GEKS-GL	wgeksgl_splice
Splice GEKS-AQU	geksaqu_splice
Splice weighted GEKS-AQU	wgeksaqu_splice
Splice GEKS-AQI	geksaqi_splice
Splice weighted GEKS-AQI	wgeksaqi_splice
Splice GEKS-GAQI	geksgaqi_splice
Splice weighted GEKS-GAQI	wgeksgaqi_splice
Splice GEKS-IQM	geksiqm_splice
Splice GEKS-QM	geksqm_splice
Splice GEKS-LM	gekslm_splice
Splice Geary-Khamis	gk_splice
Splice Time Product Dummy	tpd_splice
Splice unweighted Time Product Dummy	utpd_splice

These functions return a value (or values) of the selected multilateral price index extended by using window splicing methods (defined by the `splice` parameter). Available splicing methods are: **movement splice**, **window splice**, **half splice**, **mean splice** and their additional variants: **window splice on published indices (WISP)**, **half splice on published indices (HASP)** and **mean splice on published indices** (see documentation). The first

considered time window is defined by the **start** and **window** parameters, where **window** is a length of the time window (typically multilateral methods are based on a 13-month time window). Functions measure the price dynamics by comparing the **end** period to the **start** period, i.e. if the time interval exceeds the defined time window then splicing methods are used. If the **interval** parameter is set to TRUE, then all fixed base multilateral indices are presented (the fixed base month is defined by **start**). To get information about both price index values and corresponding dates, please see functions: **price\_indices** or **final\_index**. These functions do not take into account aggregating over outlets or product subgroups (to consider these types of aggregating, please use the **final\_index** function). For instance, let us calculate the **extended Time Product Dummy** index by using the **half splice method** with a 10-month time window:

```
tpd_splice(milk, start="2018-12", end="2020-02", window=10, splice="half", interval=TRUE)
#> [1] 1.0000000 1.0038893 1.0000284 0.9837053 0.9954196 0.9924919 0.9913655
#> [8] 0.9866847 0.9998615 0.9949000 0.9806788 0.9808493 0.9888003 0.9628623
#> [15] 1.0021956
```

## Functions for extending multilateral price indices by using the FBEW method

This package includes 21 functions for calculating extensions of multilateral indices by using the Fixed Base Monthly Expanding Window (FBEW) method:

Price Index	Function
FBEW CCDI	ccdi_fbew
FBEW GEKS	geks_fbew
FBEW WGEKS	wgeks_fbew
FBEW GEKS-J	geksj_fbew
FBEW GEKS-W	geksw_fbew
FBEW GEKS-L	geksl_fbew
FBEW WGEKS-L	wgeksl_fbew
FBEW GEKS-GL	geksgl_fbew
FBEW WGEKS-GL	wgeksgl_fbew
FBEW GEKS-AQU	geksaqu_fbew
FBEW WGEKS-AQU	wgeksaqu_fbew
FBEW GEKS-AQI	geksaqi_fbew
FBEW WGEKS-AQI	wgeksaqi_fbew
FBEW GEKS-GAQI	geksgaqi_fbew
FBEW WGEKS-GAQI	wgeksgaqi_fbew
FBEW GEKS-QM	geksqm_fbew
FBEW GEKS-IQM	geksiqm_fbew

FBEW GEKS-LM	gekslm_fbew
FBEW Geary-Khamis	gk_fbew
FBEW Time Product Dummy	tpd_fbew
FBEW unweighted Time Product Dummy	utpd_fbew

These functions return a value (or values) of the selected multilateral price index extended by using the FBEW method. The FBEW method uses a time window with a fixed base month every year (December). The window is enlarged every month with one month in order to include information from a new month. The full window length (13 months) is reached in December of each year. These functions measure the price dynamics between the **end** and **start** periods. A month of the **start** parameter must be December (see documentation). If the distance between **end** and **start** exceeds 13 months, then internal Decembers play a role of chain-linking months. To get information about both price index values and corresponding dates please see functions: **price\_indices** or **final\_index**. These functions do not take into account aggregating over outlets or product subgroups (to consider these types of aggregating, please use the **final\_index** function). For instance, let us calculate the **extended GEKS** index by using the FBEW method. Please note that December 2019 is the chain-linking month, i.e.:

```
geks_fbew(milk, start="2018-12", end="2020-03")
#> [1] 0.9891602
  geks_fbew(milk, start="2018-12", end="2019-12")*
  geks_fbew(milk, start="2019-12", end="2020-03")
#> [1] 0.9891602
```

## Functions for extending multilateral price indices by using the FBMW method

This package includes 21 functions for calculating extensions of multilateral indices by using the Fixed Base Moving Window (FBMW) method:

Price Index	Function
FBMW CCDI	ccdi_fbmw
FBMW GEKS	geks_fbmw
FBMW WGEKS	wgeks_fbmw
FBMW GEKS-J	geksj_fbmw
FBMW GEKS-W	geksw_fbmw
FBMW GEKS-L	geksl_fbmw
FBMW WGEKS-L	wgeksl_fbmw
FBMW GEKS-GL	geksgl_fbmw
FBMW WGEKS-GL	wgeksgl_fbmw
FBMW GEKS-AQU	geksaqu_fbmw
FBMW WGEKS-AQU	wgeksaqu_fbmw

FBMW GEKS-AQI	geksaqi_fbmw
FBMW WGEKS-AQI	wgeksaqi_fbmw
FBMW GEKS-GAQI	geksgaqi_fbmw
FBMW WGEKS-GAQI	wgeksgaqi_fbmw
FBMW GEKS-IQM	geksiqm_fbmw
FBMW GEKS-QM	geksqm_fbmw
FBMW GEKS-LM	gekslm_fbmw
FBMW Geary-Khamis	gk_fbmw
FBMW Time Product Dummy	tpd_fbmw
FBMW unweighted Time Product Dummy	utpd_fbmw

These functions return a value (or values) of the selected multilateral price index extended by using the FBMW method. They measure the price dynamics between the **end** and **start** periods and it uses a 13-month time window with a fixed base month taken as **year(end)-1**. If the distance between **end** and **start** exceeds 13 months, then internal Decembers play a role of chain-linking months. A month of the **start** parameter must be December (see documentation). To get information about both price index values and corresponding dates, please see functions: **price\_indices** or **final\_index**. These functions do not take into account aggregating over outlets or product subgroups (to consider these types of aggregating, please use the **final\_index** function). For instance, let us calculate the **extended CCDI** index by using the FBMW method. Please note that December 2019 is the chain-linking month, i.e.:

```
ccdi_fbmw(milk, start="2018-12", end="2020-03")
#> [1] 0.9874252
      ccdi_fbmw(milk, start="2018-12", end="2019-12")*
      ccdi_fbmw(milk, start="2019-12", end="2020-03")
#> [1] 0.9874252
```

## General functions for price index calculations

This package includes 3 general functions for price index calculation. The **start** and **end** parameters indicate the base and the research period respectively. These function provide value or values (depending on the **interval** parameter) of the selected price index formula or formulas. If the **interval** parameter is set to **TRUE** then it returns a data frame with two columns: **dates** and **index values**. Function **price\_indices** does not take into account aggregating over outlets or product subgroups and to consider these types of aggregating, please use function: **final\_index**.

### price\_indices

This function allows us to compare many price index formulas by using one command. The general character of this function mean that, for instance, your one command may calculate

two CES indices for two different values of **sigma** parameter (the elasticity of substitution) or you can select several splice indices and calculate them by using different window lengths and different splicing method. You can control names of columns in the resulting data frame by defining additional parameters: **names**. Please note that this function is not the most general in the package, i.e. all selected price indices are calculated for the same data set defined by the **data** parameter and the aggregation over subgroups or outlets are not taken into consideration here (to consider it, please use function: **final\_index**).

For instance:

```
price_indices(milk,
              start = "2018-12", end = "2019-12",
              formula=c("geks","ccdi","hybrid","fisher",
              "QMp","young","geksL_fbew"),
              window = c(13, 13),
              base = c("2019-03", "2019-03"),
              r=c(3), interval=TRUE)
#>      time     geks     ccdi    hybrid   fisher      QMp     young
#> 1 2018-12 1.0000000 1.0000000 1.0000000 1.0000000 1.0000000 1.0000000
#> 2 2019-01 1.0020172 1.0018004 0.9967071 1.0021692 1.0025266 0.9982428
#> 3 2019-02 1.0001330 0.9997978 1.0009266 0.9983528 0.9983839 1.0005565
#> 4 2019-03 0.9839258 0.9840643 0.9737613 0.9868188 0.9866552 0.9766453
#> 5 2019-04 0.9936427 0.9932822 0.9861536 0.9954079 0.9956790 0.9875892
#> 6 2019-05 0.9899234 0.9898612 0.9866800 0.9904548 0.9905572 0.9874894
#> 7 2019-06 0.9889829 0.9888433 0.9808391 0.9906674 0.9908235 0.9827443
#> 8 2019-07 0.9862652 0.9864494 0.9889462 0.9848588 0.9845825 0.9893828
#> 9 2019-08 0.9981114 0.9978518 1.0012679 0.9987586 0.9989635 1.0005086
#> 10 2019-09 0.9952078 0.9951481 0.9985214 0.9959955 0.9962294 0.9976441
#> 11 2019-10 0.9776535 0.9773428 0.9747949 0.9767235 0.9770339 0.9746506
#> 12 2019-11 0.9805743 0.9815496 0.9948243 0.9771107 0.9762389 0.9943300
#> 13 2019-12 0.9876664 0.9876167 0.9952270 0.9868354 0.9868723 0.9939052
#>     geksL_fbew
#> 1 1.0000000
#> 2 1.0021692
#> 3 0.9964178
#> 4 0.9856119
#> 5 0.9914299
#> 6 0.9884677
#> 7 0.9873196
#> 8 0.9874639
#> 9 0.9957917
#> 10 0.9951035
#> 11 0.9739414
#> 12 0.9882475
#> 13 0.9844756
```

or

```

price_indices(coffee,
  start = "2018-12", end = "2019-12",
  formula=c("laspeyres","paasche","fisher"),
  interval=FALSE)
#>   price_index      value
#> 1   laspeyres 1.0167511
#> 2   paasche 0.9863043
#> 3   fisher 1.0014120

```

## final\_index

This general function returns a value or values of the selected final price index for the selected type of aggregation of partial results. If the interval parameter is set to TRUE, then it returns a data frame where its first column indicates dates and the remaining columns show corresponding values of all selected price index. A final price index formula can be any index formula which is available in the PriceIndices packages (bilateral or multilateral). The formula used for aggregating partial index results is selected by the **aggr** parameter and the User decides on directions of aggregation (see **outlets** and **groups** parameters).

**Example.** Let us calculate the final Fisher price index (with Laspeyres-type aggregation over outlets and product subgroups) for the data set on **milk**

```

final_index(milk, start = "2018-12", end = "2019-12",
  formula = "fisher", groups = TRUE, outlets = TRUE,
  aggr = "laspeyres", by = "description",
  interval = TRUE)
#>   time final_index
#> 1 2018-12  1.0000000
#> 2 2019-01  1.0043285
#> 3 2019-02  0.9994987
#> 4 2019-03  0.9909980
#> 5 2019-04  0.9955766
#> 6 2019-05  0.9922104
#> 7 2019-06  0.9910091
#> 8 2019-07  0.9862940
#> 9 2019-08  0.9981004
#> 10 2019-09 0.9978900
#> 11 2019-10 0.9764887
#> 12 2019-11 0.9837980
#> 13 2019-12 0.9871036

```

## Functions for comparisons of price indices

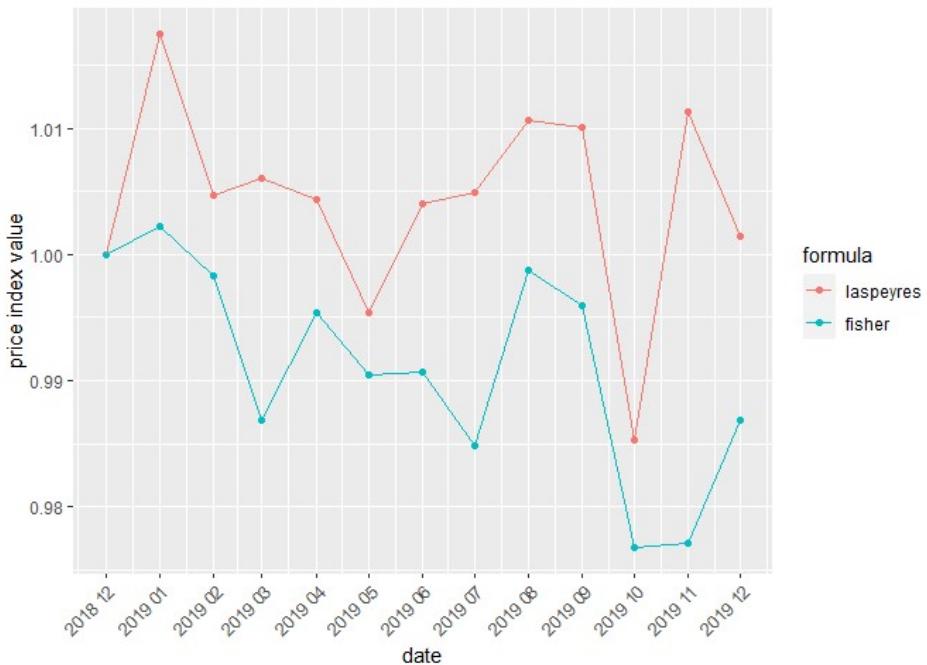
This package includes two functions for a simple graphical comparison of price indices and two functions for calculating distances between indices. The first one, i.e. **compare\_indices\_df**, is based on the syntax of the **price\_indices** function and thus it allows

us to compare price indices calculated on the same data set. The second function, i.e. **compare\_indices\_list**, has a general character since its first argument is a list of data frames which contain results obtained by using the **price\_indices** or **final\_index** functions. The third one, i.e. **compare\_distances**, calculates (average) distances between price indices, i.e. the mean absolute distance or root mean square distance is calculated. The next function, **compare\_to\_target**, allows to compute distances between indices from the selected index group and the indicated target price index. The last function, **compare\_indices\_jk**, presents a comparison of selected indices obtained by using the jackknife method.

### **compare\_indices\_df** and **compare\_indices\_list**

These functions return a figure with plots of selected price indices, which are provided as a data frame (**compare\_indices\_df**) or a list of data frames (**compare\_indices\_list**). For instance, let us compare the Laspeyres and Paasche indices calculated for the data set on milk:

```
df<-price_indices(milk, start = "2018-12", end = "2019-12",
formula=c("laspeyres", "fisher"), interval = TRUE)
compare_indices_df(df)
```



Now, let us compare the impact of the aggregating over outlets on the price index results (e.g. the Laspeyres formula is the assumed aggregating method). For this purpose, let us calculate the Fisher price index in two cases: **case1** without the above-mentioned aggregation and **case2** which considers that aggregation. We use the **milk** dataset and the yearly time interval:

```

case1<-price_indices(milk, start="2018-12",end="2019-12",
                      formula="fisher", interval=TRUE)
case2<-final_index(milk, start="2018-12", end="2019-12",
                     formula="fisher",
                     outlets=TRUE,
                     aggr = "laspeyres",
                     interval=TRUE)

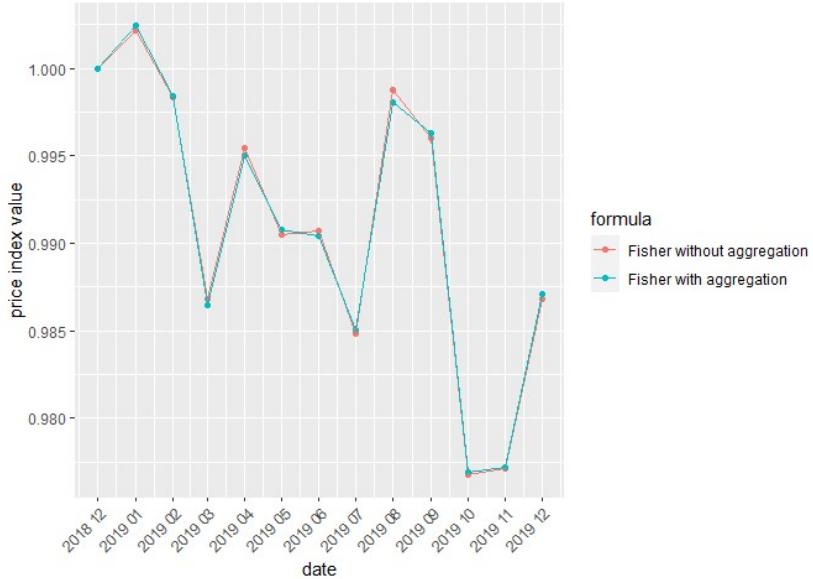
```

The comparison of obtained results can be made as follows:

```

compare_indices_list(data=list(case1, case2),
                      names=c("Fisher without aggregation",
                             "Fisher with aggregation"))

```



### compare\_distances

The function calculates average distances between price indices and it returns a data frame with these values for each pair of price indices. The main **data** parameter is a data frame containing values of indices which are to be compared. The **measure** parameter specifies what measure should be used to compare the indexes. Possible parameter values are: "MAD" (Mean Absolute Distance) or "RMSD" (Root Mean Square Distance). The results may be presented in percentage points (see the **pp** parameter) and we can control how many decimal places are to be used in the presentation of results (see the **prec** parameter).

For instance, let us compare the Jevons, Dutot and Carli indices calculated for the **milk** data set and for the time interval: December 2018 - December 2019. Let us use the MAD measure for these comparisons:

```
#Creating a data frame with unweighted bilateral index values
df<-price_indices(milk,
                   formula=c("jevons","dutot","carli"),
                   start="2018-12",
                   end="2019-12",
                   interval=TRUE)
#Calculating average distances between indices (in p.p)
compare_distances(df)
#>      jevons dutot carli
#> jevons  0.000 2.482 2.093
#> dutot   2.482 0.000 4.420
#> carli   2.093 4.420 0.000
```

### compare\_to\_target

The function calculates average distances between considered price indices and the target price index and it returns a data frame with: average distances on the basis of all values of compared indices (**distance** column), average semi-distances on the basis of values of compared indices which overestimate the target index values (**distance\_upper** column) and average semi-distances on the basis of values of compared indices which underestimate the target index values (**distance\_lower** column).

For instance, let us compare the Jevons, Laspeyres, Paasche and Walsh price indices (calculated for the **milk** data set and for the time interval: December 2018 - December 2019) with the target Fisher price index:

```
#Creating a data frame with example bilateral indices
df<-price_indices(milk,
                   formula=c("jevons","laspeyres","paasche","walsh"),
                   start="2018-12",end="2019-12",interval=TRUE)

#Calculating the target Fisher price index
target_index<-fisher(milk,start="2018-12",end="2019-12",interval=TRUE)

#Calculating average distances between considered indices and the Fisher index (in p.p)
compare_to_target(df,target=target_index)
#>      index distance distance_lower distance_upper
#> 1    jevons    2.759      0.045      2.714
#> 2  Laspeyres    1.429      0.000      1.429
#> 3    paasche    1.403      1.403      0.000
#> 4     walsh    0.174      0.113      0.061
```

## compare\_indices\_jk

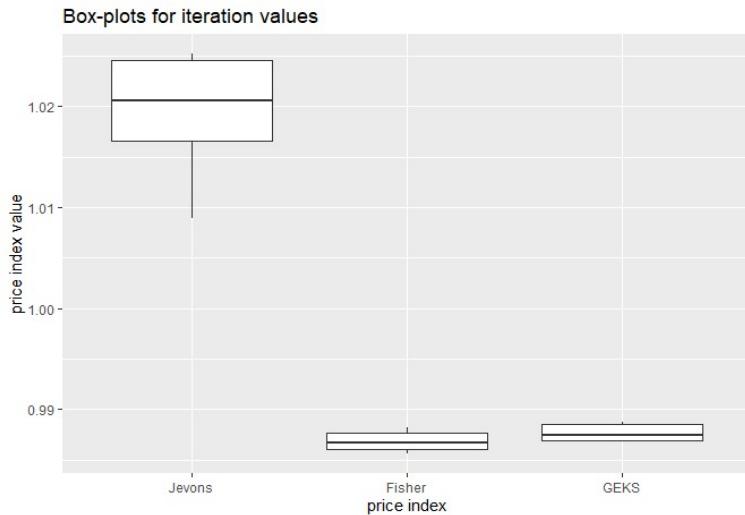
This function presents a comparison of selected indices obtained by using the jackknife method. In particular, it returns a list with four elements: **iterations**, which is a data frame with basic characteristics of the calculated iteration index values (means, standard deviations, coefficients of variation and results for all sample), **pseudovalue**s, which is a data frame with basic characteristics of the calculated index pseudovalue obtained in the jackknife procedure (i.e. the jackknife estimators and their standard deviations and coefficients of variation), **figure\_iterations** which presents a box-plot for the calculated iteration index values, and **figure\_pseudovalue**s which presents a box-plot for the calculated index pseudovalue obtained in the jackknife procedure. Please follow the example, in which the Jevons, Fisher and GEKS indices are compared by using the jackknife method:

```
#creating a list with jackknife results
comparison<-compare_indices_jk(milk,
formula=c("jevons","fisher","geks"),
start="2018-12",
end="2019-12",
window=c(13),
names=c("Jevons","Fisher","GEKS"),
by="retID",
title_iterations="Box-plots for iteration values",
title_pseudovalue="Box-plots for pseudovalue")
#displaying a data frame with basic characteristics of the calculated iteration index values
comparison$iterations
#> # A tibble: 3 x 5
#>   variable mean_iterations sd_iterations cv_iterations all_sample
#>   <fct>          <dbl>        <dbl>        <dbl>        <dbl>
#> 1 Jevons         1.02       0.00668      0.00655      1.02
#> 2 Fisher         0.987      0.00108      0.00110      0.987
#> 3 GEKS           0.988      0.000909     0.000921     0.988

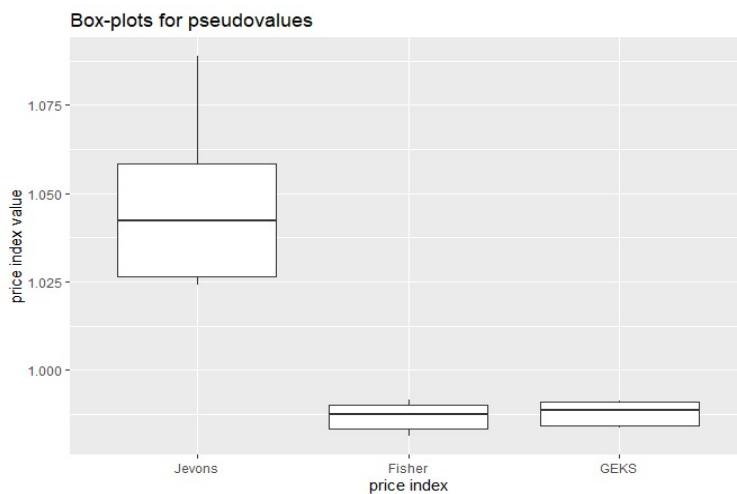
#displaying a data frame with basic characteristics of the calculated index pseudovalue obtained in the jackknife procedure
comparison$pseudovalue
#> # A tibble: 3 x 4
#>   variable jk_estimator sd_jk_estimator cv_jk
#>   <fct>          <dbl>            <dbl>    <dbl>
#> 1 Jevons         1.05            0.0267   0.0255
#> 2 Fisher         0.987           0.00433  0.00439
#> 3 GEKS           0.988           0.00364  0.00368

#displaying box-plots created for the calculated iteration index values

comparison$figure_iterations
```



```
#displaying box-plotes created for the calculated index pseudovalue obtained
in the jackknife procedure
comparison$figure_pseudovalue
```



## Functions for price and quantity indicator calculations

There are four package functions for calculating price and quantity indicators. The **bennet** function returns the (bilateral) Bennet price and quantity indicators and optionally also the price and quantity contributions of individual products. The **mbennet** function returns the multilateral (transitive) Bennet price and quantity indicators and optionally also the price and quantity contributions of individual products. The **montgomery** function returns the (bilateral) Montgomery price and quantity indicators and optionally also the price and quantity contributions of individual products. The **mmontgomery** function returns the multilateral (transitive) Montgomery price and quantity indicators and optionally also the price and quantity contributions of individual products. For instance, the following command calculates the Bennet price and quantity indicators for milk products:

```

bennet(milk, start = "2018-12", end = "2019-12", interval=TRUE)
#>           time Value_difference Price_indicator Quantity_indicator
#> 1 2019-01      -31942.53     628.05      -32570.58
#> 2 2019-02      -35995.09    -175.29      -35819.80
#> 3 2019-03      -42158.05    -3810.15      -38347.90
#> 4 2019-04      -56934.44    -2427.25      -54507.20
#> 5 2019-05      -50961.52    -2580.91      -48380.61
#> 6 2019-06      -48842.58    -2396.05      -46446.53
#> 7 2019-07      -33974.27    -3232.63      -30741.64
#> 8 2019-08      -37962.80     4500.45      -42463.26
#> 9 2019-09      -33833.42    -1092.32      -32741.09
#> 10 2019-10     -35001.60    -1665.10      -33336.50
#> 11 2019-11     -16928.94    2313.87      -19242.81
#> 12 2019-12      9859.34     -2151.48      12010.83

```

where price and quantity contributions of each subgroups of milk products can be obtained as follows:

```

milk$prodID<-milk$description
bennet(milk, start = "2018-12", end = "2019-12", contributions = TRUE)
#>           prodID value_differences price_contributions
#> 1 full-fat milk UHT          8767.34      -1927.29
#> 2 full-fat milk pasteurized -711.57      -633.65
#> 3 goat milk                 -602.29      -4.10
#> 4 low-fat milk UHT          -1525.62      369.49
#> 5 low-fat milk pasteurized  1421.39      647.66
#> 6 powdered milk             2510.09      1444.46
#>   quantity_contributions
#> 1 10694.63
#> 2 -77.92
#> 3 -598.18
#> 4 -1895.11
#> 5 773.73
#> 6 1065.63

```

The following command calculates the Montgomery price and quantity indicators for coffee products:

```

montgomery(coffee, start = "2018-12", end = "2019-12", interval=TRUE)
#>           time Value_difference Price_indicator Quantity_indicator
#> 1 2019-01      -468907.15    -9147.81      -459759.34
#> 2 2019-02      -494284.67    20407.49      -514692.16
#> 3 2019-03      -397279.68    -14075.89      -383203.79
#> 4 2019-04      -354810.23    18916.05      -373726.28
#> 5 2019-05      -504512.39    35906.94      -540419.33
#> 6 2019-06      -461707.07    132177.82      -593884.89
#> 7 2019-07      -423952.45    110250.18      -534202.63
#> 8 2019-08      -275624.60    126281.93      -401906.53
#> 9 2019-09      -346025.72    151139.77      -497165.49
#> 10 2019-10     -310279.89    135645.97      -445925.86

```

```
#> 11 2019-11      -260821.56      44782.99      -305604.55
#> 12 2019-12      8945.14       75463.07      -66517.93
```

where price and quantity contributions of each subgroups of coffee products can be obtained as follows:

```
coffee$prodID<-coffee$description
montgomery(coffee, start = "2018-12", end = "2019-12", contributions = TRUE)
#>           prodID value_differences price_contributions quantity_contributi
ons
#> 1  coffee beans      121932.78      -6100.99      128033
.77
#> 2  ground coffee     -70172.42      -14307.11      -55865
.31
#> 3 instant coffee    -42815.22      14483.76      -57298
.98
```