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crossing

computes at which observation a vector y crosses ref for the first time

# Description

Computes at which observation vector yfor crosses yref for the first time if it is not crossed, then  $\boldsymbol{0}$  is returned

# Usage

```
crossing(yfor, ref = 0)
```

# Arguments

yfor yfor is either a vector and a matrix

ref ref is the refence value

#### Value

whensign, a matrix with observation number at which there is crossing

# Author(s)

P. Berta, P. Paruolo, S. Verzillo, PG. Lovaglio

### References

Berta et al. 2020

diffe

appends NA at beginning of diff(y)

### **Description**

appends NA at beginning of diff(y) and creates column names accordingly when y is either a vector and a matrix

# Usage

diffe(y)

#### **Arguments**

y either a vector and a matrix

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#### Value

Dy contains the differences of y, with NA appended at the start

# Author(s)

P. Paruolo

#### References

Berta et al. 2020

ec.companion

computes companion matrix of the VAR

# Description

builds the companion matrix of the VAR

# Usage

```
ec.companion(est, p = 2, nlag = 4)
```

# Arguments

est is the output of ec.EG1.R

p (positive integer) is the dimension of the VAR

nlag (positive integer) is the number of lags in the VAR

# Value

mA companion matrix

# Author(s)

P. Berta, P. Paruolo, S. Verzillo, PG. Lovaglio

# References

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ec.datadet1

*prepares deterministics D*^(1)

#### **Description**

Prepares deterministic data

#### Usage

```
ec.datadet1(n, befpn, breaks)
```

#### **Arguments**

n is the number of obs in available data

befpn is a vector with (begtrim,endtrim,nforecast,npred,nhstar) breaks is a vector of integers where the trend breaks should be

#### Value

matdet1 a matrix with the following columns (1\_vec, t\_vec) and (n+npred) rows

#### Author(s)

P. Berta, P. Paruolo, S. Verzillo, PG. Lovaglio

# References

Berta et al. 2020

ec.datadet2

prepares deterministics  $D^{\wedge}(2)$ 

# Description

Prepares deterministic dummies for de-meaned daily seasonal and difference point dummies

# Usage

```
ec.datadet2(det1, booseas = NA, pntdates = NA)
```

# **Arguments**

det1 is the det term with constant and trend created by ec.datadet1.R

booseas is a boolean for daily seasonal dummies

pntdates is a vector of integers where the point dummies should be

# Value

det2mat a matrix with the following columns (daily\_seas, point\_dummies) and n+npred rows

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#### Author(s)

P. Berta, P. Paruolo, S. Verzillo, PG. Lovaglio

#### References

Berta et al. 2020

ec.datalag

prepares Dy y\_1 Dy\_1 ... Dy\_nlag-1 for estimation

# Description

Prepares data for estimation

# Usage

```
ec.datalag(y, nlag = 4)
```

# Arguments

y is the data matrix of variables in the VAR nlag is the number of lags in the VAR (min = 2)

# Value

ymat contains the folloiwing columns Dy y\_1 Dy\_1 ... Dy\_nlag-1

#### Author(s)

P. Berta, P. Paruolo, S. Verzillo, PG. Lovaglio

#### References

Berta et al. 2020

ec.EG1

estimates the VECM with the 2-stage procedure of Engle & Granger

# Description

Estimates the EC with EG. Cointegration rank fixed at 1

# Usage

```
ec.EG1(det1, det2, ymat, npl, befpn, ndet, drop1 = NA, drop2 = NA)
```

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#### **Arguments**

det1 deterministic matrix of constant(s) and trend(s)
det2 deterministic matrix of seasonals and point dummies
ymat matrix of lags
np1 n, p, nlag
befpn begtrim, endtrim, nforecast, npred

ndet order of the model d(i,j)

drop1 selection of det1 regressors in first stage to drop drop2 selection of det1 regressors in second stage to drop

#### Value

out a list with estimates

#### Author(s)

P. Berta, P. Paruolo, S. Verzillo, P.G. Lovaglio

#### References

Berta et al. 2020

ec.gfd

plots forecasts of difference with confidence bars

# Description

plots forecasts of difference with confidence bars

# Usage

```
ec.gfd(obj, whichseries = 1, nsigma = 3, xvec, yvec, cal, lar = 0.025, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

obj output of ec.main whichseries series number

nsigma how many standard deviations in confidence bars

xvec vector of dates to place on x axis

yvec vector of exp(y) values to display on y axis

cal calendar vector

lar length of arrows in error bars

... other plot parameters

#### Author(s)

P. Paruolo,

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ec.gfl

plots level forecasts with confidence bars

#### **Description**

plots level forecasts with confidence bars

#### Usage

```
ec.gfl(obj, whichseries = 1, nsigma = 3, xvec, yvec, cal, lar = 0.025, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

```
obj output of ec.main
whichseries series number
nsigma how many standard deviations in confidence bars
xvec vector of dates to place on x axis
yvec vector of exp(y) values to display on y axis
cal calendar vector
lar length of arrows in error bars
```

other plot parameters

#### Author(s)

P. Paruolo

ec.gfld

ec.gfld plots forecasts of levels and difference with confidence bars

# Description

plots forecasts of levels and difference with confidence bars

# Usage

```
ec.gfld(
  obj,
  whichseries = 1,
  nsigma = 3,
  jointboo = TRUE,
  epsboo = TRUE,
  filename = "whatever",
  xvec,
  yvec,
  cal,
  lar = 0.025,
  ...
)
```

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#### **Arguments**

obj output of ec.main whichseries series number

nsigma how many standard deviations in confidence bars jointboo boolean: TRUE if 1x2 graph, FALSE otherwise epsboo boolean: TRUE eps graph, FALSE pdf graph

filename string, name of the file (no extension) xvec vector of dates to place on x axis

yvec vector of exp(y) values to display on y axis

cal calendar vector

lar length of arrows in error bars

... other plot parameters

#### Author(s)

P. Paruolo

ec.ifp

Computes Indices of Forecast Performance

# Description

indices of forecast performance

### Usage

```
ec.ifp(afdlin, rwsigma, rwabsmean, kval = 1.959964)
```

#### **Arguments**

afdlin actual + forecast values + fcse

rwsigma standard deviation of Random Walk in sample rwabsmean mean absolute deviation of Random Walk in sample

kval how many se to use, default kval = 1.959964

#### Value

list of indices of forecast performance 1: index for model forecast 0: index for Random Walk forecast

#### Author(s)

P. Berta, P. Paruolo, S. Verzillo, PG. Lovaglio

#### References

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ec.main

Forecast with Vector Error Correction Model

# Description

This function estimate VECM model. Selects begtrim and entrim period, define lag and run.

# Usage

```
ec.main(
   y,
   ndet = c(2, 1),
   nlag,
   befpn,
   breaks = NA,
   booseas = NA,
   pntdates = NA,
   drop1 = NA,
   drop2 = NA,
   cal,
   kval = 1.959964
)
```

#### **Arguments**

У	matrix with time across rows and variables in columns
ndet	vector of lenght 3, $(i,j,q)$ : i for EG1-st stage, j for EG-2nd stage, q number of breaks $i,j=0$ no deterministics $i,j=1$ constant $i,j=2$ constant and trend
nlag	number of lags in the VAR
befpn	begtrim, endtrim, nforecast, npred
breaks	vector with observation numbers for T1,T2,
booseas	boolean =T if seasonal dummies, =F otherwise
pntdates	vector with observation numbers for point dummies
drop1	selection of det1 regressors in first stage to drop
drop2	selection of det1 regressors in second stage to drop
cal	calendar for the y matrix
kval	how many se to use, default kval=1.959964

#### Value

results Output contains the a set of estimates and forecasting results.

# Author(s)

```
P. Berta, P. Paruolo, S. Verzillo, PG. Lovaglio
```

#### References

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ec.plotfor

plots forecasts

# Description

plot actual and forecast intervals

# Usage

```
ec.plotfor(
   y,
   x = NA,
   lcolact = NA,
   lcolfor = NA,
   ltypefor = NA,
   polycol = NA,
   myylim = NA,
   ...
)
```

# Arguments

У

X	time calendar
lcolact	color actual (scalar)
lcolfor	color forecasts
ltypefor	type forecasts
polycol	color polygons if one wishes to have different lcolfor,ltypefor,polycol by week > make linecol, linetype, polycol vectors, indexed by week

actual values and forecasts (point forecast, lower bound, upper bound)

myylim vector with min and max for y axis

... other plot parameters

# Author(s)

P. Paruolo

# References

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Companion matrix of the VAR

# Description

plots roots and the unit circle

# Usage

```
ec.plotroots(roots)
```

# **Arguments**

roots

are the roots of the companion matrix, see ec.companion.R

# Author(s)

P. Berta, P. Paruolo, S. Verzillo, PG. Lovaglio

#### References

Berta et al. 2020

ec.predict

produces predictions for the VECM via its VAR companion form

# Description

Predicts both in-sample (1 step ahead) and out-of-sample (1 step ahead and dynamic forecasts)

# Usage

```
ec.predict(est, det1, det2, ymat, npl, befpn, ndet, cal, kval = 1.959964)
```

## **Arguments**

est	output from estimation by ec.EG1.R
det1	deterministic matrix of constant(s) and trend(s)
det2	deterministic matrix of seasonals and point dummies
ymat	matrix of lags
npl	n, p, nlag
befpn	begtrim, endtrim, nforecast, npred, nhstar
ndet	order of the model $d(i,j)$
cal	calendar, should match the number of rows in ymat
kval	how many se to use, default kval= 1.959964

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#### Value

list with contains: afl (actual and 1 step ahead fitted levels) afd (actual and 1 step ahead fitted differences) fit (1 step ahead fit) dynpred (dynamic predictions) mAt mB (companion matrix and selection of it) Sigmah (Sigmah for dyn forecasts) forstartdate (starting date for dyn forecast) outcal (dates for the prediction) h1star (h1star) cspred (table with change in sign of pred for Dx\_1) indexfa (indices of forecast accuracy)

#### Author(s)

```
P. Berta, P. Paruolo, S. Verzillo, PG. Lovaglio
```

#### References

Berta et al. 2020

ec.searchbreaks

search for breaks dates for given q = 1,2,3,4

### **Description**

Search for location of break points in 1st-stage of Engle-Granger

#### Usage

```
ec.searchbreaks(qse, ymat, npl, befpn, ndet, gfillmin = 10, fixed = NA)
```

# **Arguments**

q: number of (additional) breaks, s: start date for search, e: end date for search

ymat matrix of lags npl n, p, nlag

befpn begtrim, endtrim, nforecast, npred

 $\text{ndet} \qquad \qquad \text{order of the model } d(i,j)$ 

gfillmin gfill value

fixed vector of breaks to be taken as fixed (not between s=start and e=end)

#### Value

out list with break dates and values of regression average sum of squares

## Author(s)

P. Paruolo

#### References

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lagn

lag j of matrix or vector y

# Description

lagn(y,j,fill=NA) produces  $lag\ j$  of matrix or vector y, with fill in missing j cells REM: alternative to "lead-lag" dplyr which applies to vector y

# Usage

```
lagn(y, j, fill = NA)
```

# **Arguments**

y column vector or matrix

j number of lags

fill value to be used to fill the missing values at the beginning, default = NA

#### Value

y lagged j cells, with fill in the missing j positions

#### Author(s)

P. Berta, P. Paruolo, S. Verzillo, PG. Lovaglio

#### References

Berta et al. 2020

listsize

listsize number of terms in the search for 1,2,3,4 number of breaks

# Description

computes length-4 vector with number of terms in the search for 1,2,3,4 number of breaks

# Usage

```
listsize(myT, gfill, start)
```

# Arguments

myT sample size

gfill number of gap periods

start beginning

#### Author(s)

P. Paruolo

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mls

Multivariate Least-Squares regression

# Description

Multivariate Least-Squares regression y = x beta + u

#### Usage

```
mls(y, x, df_flag = FALSE)
```

#### **Arguments**

y left hand side data matrix (one or more columns)

x right hand side data matrix (one or more columns)

df\_flag flag = TRUE for degrees of freedom correction for the variance

#### Value

out regression coefficients and related statistics

#### Author(s)

```
P. Berta, P. Paruolo, S. Verzillo, PG. Lovaglio
```

# References

Berta et al. 2020

summary.presize

summary function for presize

# Description

Summary function for presize

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'presize'
summary(object, ..., digits = 4)
```

#### **Arguments**

object is the name of the presize object created by presize

... other parameters

digits integer indicating the number of decimal places (round) or significant digits (sig-

nif) to be used.

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#### Author(s)

P. Berta, P. Paruolo, S. Verzillo, PG. Lovaglio

#### References

Berta et al. 2020

Wald.mls

Wald test for Multivariate Least-Squares regression

# Description

Wald test for multivariate Least-Squares regression

# Usage

```
Wald.mls(mlsresults)
```

# Arguments

mlsresults

output of mls, mlsresults<-mls(y, x, df\_flag)

#### Value

wald table of Wald tests on significance of single regressors and pvalues based on chi square distribution

## Author(s)

P. Paruolo

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