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ASD\_QR

*Compute ASD and related covariances of QR estimation***Description**

Compute ASD,  $\Omega_{0w}$ ,  $\Omega_{1w}$  and  $\Sigma_w$  of QR estimation

**Usage**

```
ASD_QR(parm, Y, w, tau, h_type = "HS")
```

**Arguments**

parm	Vector. Parameter vector. $(\omega(\tau), \alpha_1(\tau), \beta_1(\tau))'$ .
Y	Vector. Data.
w	Vector. Self-weights.
tau	Double. Specific quantile level $(\tau)$ .
h_type	Character ("HS" or "B"). The commonly used bandwidth types for $\ell$ to estimate the asymptotic covariance $\Sigma_w(\tau)$ at Theorem 3.3. The default value is "HS"

**Value**

A list of ASD and related covariances of QR estimation.

- ASD: 3-dim vector. The asymptotic standard errors (ASD) of the corresponding parameter vector.
- Omega\_0:  $3 \times 3$  matrix.  $\tilde{\Omega}_{0w}(\tau, \tau) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n w_t^2 \dot{\tilde{q}}_t \left( \tilde{\theta}_{wn}(\tau) \right) \dot{\tilde{q}}_t' \left( \tilde{\theta}_{wn}(\tau) \right)$ .
- Omega\_1:  $3 \times 3$  matrix.  $\tilde{\Omega}_{1w}(\tau) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \tilde{f}_{t-1} \left( F_{t-1}^{-1}(\tau) \right) w_t \dot{\tilde{q}}_t \left( \tilde{\theta}_{wn}(\tau) \right) \dot{\tilde{q}}_t' \left( \tilde{\theta}_{wn}(\tau) \right)$ .
- Sigma:  $3 \times 3$  matrix.  $\tilde{\Sigma}_w(\tau, \tau) = \tau(1 - \tau) \tilde{\Omega}_{1w}^{-1}(\tau) \tilde{\Omega}_{0w}(\tau, \tau) \tilde{\Omega}_{1w}^{-1}(\tau)$ .

const\_test

*The Cramér-von Misses (CvM) test***Description**

The Cramér-von Misses (CvM) test for constant persistence coefficient

**Usage**

```
const_test(Y, w, tau_multi, parm_multi, Omega_1_multi, b = NA)
```

### Arguments

Y	Vector. Data.
w	Vector. Self-weights.
tau_multi	Vector( $k$ -dim). Multiple quantile levels.
parm_multi	Matrix( $k \times 3$ ). Each row in parm_multi represents a parameter estimate in corresponding quantile levels.
Omega_1_multi	Array( $k \times 3 \times 3$ ). Each Omega_1_multi[i,,] i=1,...,k represents The estimate of $\tilde{\Omega}_{1w}$ in the corresponding quantile level.
b	Int. The block size for subsampling. If b=NA, $b == \sqrt{\text{length}(Y)}$ .

### Details

This function provides a test for constant persistence coefficient.

$H_0$  : for all  $\tau \in \mathcal{T}$ ,  $R\theta(\tau) = \beta_1$  against  $H_1$  : there exist  $\tau \in \mathcal{T}$ ,  $R\theta(\tau) \neq \beta_1$ ,

where  $R = (0, 0, 1)$  is a row vector, and  $\beta_1 \in (0, 1)$  is an unknown constant independent of  $\tau$ . If the null hypothesis  $H_0$  holds, then  $\beta_1(\tau)$  does not vary cross quantiles.

Define the inference process  $\nu_n(\tau) = R \left( \tilde{\theta}_{wn}(\tau) - \int_{\mathcal{T}} \tilde{\theta}_{wn}(\tau) d\tau \right)$ . To test  $H_0$ , the CvM test statistic is constructed as follows

$$S_n = n \int_{\mathcal{T}} \nu_n^2(\tau) d\tau.$$

### Value

A list of test results.

- stat\_CvM: the CvM test statistic
- stat\_b\_CvM: the CvM test statistics in each step of subsampling
- p\_value:  $p$ -value of the CvM test
- information: summary information

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fit1_optim	<i>An optimization function of self-weighted QR estimation given fixed initial value.</i>
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### Description

This function provide an optimization function of self-weighted QR with a fixed initial value. Either method, derivative optimization using `stats::optim()` or derivative-free optimization using `dfoptim::hjkb()`, can be used. To avoid error or non-convergence in optimization, we add an innovation to the initial value and re-optimize this problem. If the optimization fails on the fixed initial value, a more complicated optimization function `fit1_optim_grid` based on greedy search.

### Usage

```
fit1_optim(
  par = NULL,
  Y,
  w,
  tau,
  lower = c(NA, NA, 0.001),
  upper = c(NA, NA, 1 - 0.001),
  method = "optim",
  iter_max_1 = 10,
  iter_max_2 = 20,
  seed = 1234
)
```

### Arguments

par	Vector. Initial value for optimization.
Y	Vector. Data.
w	Vector. Self-weights.
tau	Double. Specific quantile level.
lower	Vector. Lower bound for parameter. The default value is $c(NA, NA, 1e-3)$ .
upper	Vector. Upper bound for parameter. The default value is $c(NA, NA, 1-1e-3)$ .
method	Character. If method="optim", derivative optimization by <code>stats::optim()</code> is used. If method="dfoptim", derivative-free optimization by <code>dfoptim::hjbk()</code> is used.
iter_max_1	Int. If the optimization function does not converge or the parameter is at the boundary, then re-optimize. Maximum number of repetitions of this step is iter_max_1.
iter_max_2	Int. If the condition in iter_max_1 cannot be satisfied, then relax the boundary condition and estimate again. Maximum number of repetitions of this step is iter_max_2-iter_max_1.
seed	Double. Random seed is used to generate an innovation to perturb the initial value.

### Value

A list of optimization results returned from the `optim()` or `hjbk()` function.

### Note

1. The selection of initial values.

Since the QGARCH model is extended from the classical GARCH model, the initial value can be chosen based on GARCH model. Specifically,

- Estimate the parameters of GARCH(1,1) model (2.1) with  $r_t = \sqrt{|y_t|} (sgn(y_t))$  using Gaussian QMLE and  $Q_\tau(\eta_t)$  using empirical quantile of  $\hat{\eta}_t$  based on package `rugarch`.
- The initial value can be chosen as  $\left( \frac{\hat{a}_0}{1-\hat{b}_1} \hat{Q}_\tau(\varepsilon_t), \hat{a}_1 \hat{Q}_\tau(\varepsilon_t), \hat{b}_1 \right)$ , where  $\hat{\varepsilon}_t = \hat{\eta}_t^2 sgn(\hat{\eta}_t)$ .

## 2. The necessity of random seed.

To avoid error or non-convergence in optimization, we add an innovation to the initial value and re-optimize this problem, the random seed is set for reproducible results.

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fit1_optim_grid	<i>An optimization function of self-weighted QR given multiple initial values</i>
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## Description

This function extends the optimization function `fit1_optim()` given with a single initial value to multiple initial values. The method is based on greedy algorithm. In this framework, we start by listing all the possible parameter values with interval  $1/D$ . Then the loss function is evaluated at all points, and the points with the least loss are selected as the starting points for our optimization.

## Usage

```
fit1_optim_grid(
  Y,
  w,
  tau,
  lower = c(NA, NA, 0.001),
  upper = c(NA, NA, 1 - 0.001),
  D = 10,
  num_best = 10
)
```

## Arguments

Y	Vector. Data.
w	Vector. Self-weights.
tau	Double. Specific quantile level.
lower	Vector. Lower bound for parameter. The default value is <code>c(NA, NA, 1e-3)</code> .
upper	Vector. Upper bound for parameter. The default value is <code>c(NA, NA, 1-1e-3)</code> .
D	Int. $1/D$ is the interval for partition. The default value is 10.
num_best	Int. The number of the selected points. The default value is 10.

## Value

A list of optimization results returned from the `optim()` or `hjkb()` function.

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fit2_optim	<i>An optimization function of self-weighted CQR estimation given fixed initial value.</i>
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## Description

This function provide an optimization function of self-weighted CQR with a fixed initial value. Either method, derivative optimization using `stats::optim()` or derivative-free optimization using `dfoptim::hjkb()`, can be used. To avoid error or non-convergence in optimization, we add an innovation to the initial value and re-optimize this problem. If the optimization fails on initial value, a more complicated optimization function `fit2_optim_grid` based on greedy search.

## Usage

```
fit2_optim(
  par,
  Y,
  w,
  tau,
  lower = c(1e-09, 0.001, 0.001, -Inf),
  upper = c(+Inf, 1 - 0.001, 1 - 0.001, +Inf),
  method = "optim",
  iter_max_1 = 10,
  iter_max_2 = 20,
  seed = 1234
)
```

## Arguments

par	Vector. Initial value for optimization.
Y	Vector. Data.
w	Vector. Self-weights.
tau	Vector. Composite quantile levels.
lower	Vector. Lower bound for parameter vector. The default value is <code>c(1e-9,1e-3,1e-3,NA)</code> .
upper	Vector. Upper bound for parameter vector. The default value is <code>c(NA,NA,1-1e-3,NA)</code> .
method	Character. If <code>method="optim"</code> , derivative optimization by <code>stats::optim()</code> is used. If <code>method="dfoptim"</code> , derivative-free optimization by <code>dfoptim::hjkb()</code> is used.
iter_max_1	Int. If the optimization function does not converge or the parameter vector is at the boundary, then re-optimize. Maximum number of repetitions of this step is <code>iter_max_1</code> . The default is 10.
iter_max_2	Int. If the condition in <code>iter_max_1</code> cannot be satisfied, then relax the boundary condition and estimate again. Maximum number of repetitions of this step is <code>iter_max_2-iter_max_1</code> . The default of <code>iter_max_2</code> is 20.
seed	Double. Random seed is used to generate an innovation to perturb the initial value.

**Value**

A list of optimization result returned from the `optim()` function.

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fit2_optim_grid	<i>An optimization function of self-weighted CQR given multiple initial values</i>
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**Description**

This function extends the optimization function `fit2_optim()` given with a single initial value to multiple initial values. The method is based on greedy algorithm. In this framework, we start by listing all the possible parameter values with interval  $1/D$ . Then the loss function is evaluated at all points, and the points with the least loss are selected as the starting points for our optimization.

**Usage**

```
fit2_optim_grid(
  Y,
  w,
  tau,
  lower = c(1e-09, 0.001, 0.001, -Inf),
  upper = c(+Inf, 1 - 0.001, 1 - 0.001, +Inf),
  D = 10,
  num_best = 10
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>Y</code>	Vector. Data.
<code>w</code>	Vector. Self-weight.
<code>tau</code>	Vector. Composite quantile level.
<code>lower</code>	Vector. Lower bound for parameter vector. The default value is <code>c(1e-9, 1e-3, 1e-3, +Inf)</code> .
<code>upper</code>	Vector. Upper bound for parameter vector. The default value is <code>c(-Inf, -Inf, 1-1e-3, -Inf)</code> .
<code>D</code>	Int. $1/D$ is the interval for partition. The default value is 10.
<code>num_best</code>	Int. The number of the selected points. The default value is 10.

**Value**

A list of optimization result returned from the `optim()` or `hjkb()` function.

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g_tau	<i>Transformation function in CQR</i>
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**Description**

Transformation function in CQR

**Usage**

```
g_tau(parm_CQR, tau)
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**Arguments**

parm_CQR	Vector. Parameter vector (4-dim), i.e. $(a_0, a_1, b_1, \lambda)'$ .
tau	Vector. Observations.

**Value**

Vector. Transformed parameter vector (3-dim), i.e.  $(a_0 Q_\lambda(\lambda)/(1 - b_1), a_1 Q_\lambda, b_1)'$ .

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Loss_CQR	<i>The loss function of CQR</i>
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**Description**

The loss function of CQR

**Usage**

```
Loss_CQR(parm, Y, w, tau)
```

**Arguments**

parm	4-dim vector. $(a_0, a_1, b_1, \lambda)'$ .
Y	Vector. Data.
w	Vector. Self-weights.
tau	Vector. Composite quantile levels.

**Value**

Double. The loss of CQR given a parameter vector



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Loss\_CQR\_gr

*The derivative of CQR loss function*


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**Description**

The derivative of CQR loss function

**Usage**

Loss\_CQR\_gr(parm, Y, w, tau)

**Arguments**

parm	Vector (4-dim). $(a_0, a_1, b_1, \lambda)'$ .
Y	Vector. Data
w	Vector. Self-weights.
tau	Vector. Composite quantile levels.

**Value**

Vector. The vector of the gradient of loss function for self-weighted CQR estimation given a parameter vector.

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Loss\_QR

*Loss function for self-weighted QR estimation*


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**Description**

Loss function for self-weighted QR estimation

**Usage**

Loss\_QR(parm, Y, w, tau)

**Arguments**

parm	Vector. Parameter vector (3-dim), i.e. $(\omega(\tau), \alpha_1(\tau), \beta_1(\tau))'$ .
Y	Vector. Data.
w	Vector. Self-weights.
tau	Double. Specific quantile level.

**Value**

Double. The value of the loss function for self-weighted QR estimation given a parameter vector.

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Loss\_QR\_gr

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*Gradient of the loss function for self-weighted QR estimation*


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### Description

Gradient of the loss function for self-weighted QR estimation

### Usage

Loss\_QR\_gr(parm, Y, w, tau)

### Arguments

parm	Vector. Parameter vector (3-dim), i.e. $(\omega(\tau), \alpha_1(\tau), \beta_1(\tau))'$ .
Y	Vector. Data.
w	Vector. Self-weights.
tau	Double. Specific quantile level.

### Value

Vector. The vector of the gradient of loss function for self-weighted QR estimation given a parameter vector.

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q\_y

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*Conditional quantile function of  $Y_t$* 


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### Description

Conditional quantile function of  $Y_t$ , i.e.  $Q_\tau(y_t|\mathcal{F}_{t-1})$ .

### Usage

q\_y(parm, Y)

### Arguments

parm	Vector. Parameter vector (3-dim), i.e. $(\omega(\tau), \alpha_1(\tau), \beta_1(\tau))'$ .
Y	Vector. Data.

### Value

Vector.  $(Q_\tau(y_1|\mathcal{F}_0), \dots, Q_\tau(y_N|\mathcal{F}_{N-1}))'$ .

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VaR_forecasting_CQR	<i>Rolling forecasting for conditional quantiles based on self-weighted CQR</i>
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## Description

One-step-ahead conditional quantile forecast based on using a rolling forecast procedure.

## Usage

```
VaR_forecasting_CQR(
  data,
  N_train,
  N_val,
  fixTau = c(0.005, 0.01, 0.05, 0.95, (1 - 0.01), (1 - 0.005)),
  H = 1:10/100,
  seed = 1234
)
```

## Arguments

data	Vector. Data.
N_train	Int. The size of rolling window.
N_val	Int. The size of validation set.
fixTau	Vector. Multiple quantile levels.
H	Vector. Discrete points for grid search.
seed	Double. Select random seed to generate initial value for optimization.

## Details

The framework is similar to VaR\_forecasting\_QR, see more details in VaR\_forecasting\_QR. Moreover, since the self-weighted CQR needs to choose an optimal  $h$  in advance, we divide the dataset into the training set with size N\_train, validation set with size N\_val and test set with size length(data)-N\_train-N\_val, and choose the optimal  $h$  that minimizes the check loss in the validation set.

## Value

Matrix with length(data)-N\_train-N\_val rows and length(fixTau) columns. Each column saves the conditional quantile forecasts at a specific quantile level for the test set.

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VaR_forecasting_QR	<i>Rolling forecasting for conditional quantiles based on self-weighted QR</i>
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### Description

One-step-ahead conditional quantile forecast based on self-weighted QR using a rolling forecast procedure.

### Usage

```
VaR_forecasting_QR(
  data,
  N_train,
  fixTau = c(0.005, 0.01, 0.05, 0.95, (1 - 0.01), (1 - 0.005)),
  seed = 1234
)
```

### Arguments

data	Vector. Data.
N_train	Int. The size of rolling window.
fixTau	Vector. Multiple quantile levels.
seed	Double. Select random seed for optimization.

### Details

We begin with the forecast origin  $t_0 = N_{train} + 1$ , and obtain the fitted quantile GARCH(1,1) model using the data from the beginning to the forecast origin (exclusive). For each fitted model, we calculate the one-step-ahead conditional quantile forecast for the next trading day by  $\tilde{Q}_\tau(y_{t_0} | \mathcal{F}_{n_0}) = \tilde{\omega}_{wn_0}(\tau) + \tilde{\alpha}_{1wn_0}(\tau) \sum_{j=1}^{n_0} \left( \tilde{\beta}_{1wn_0}(\tau) \right)^{j-1} |y_{N_{train}-j}|$  based on the self-weighted QR. We then advance the forecast origin by one and repeat the estimation and forecasting until all data are utilized.

### Value

Matrix with  $\text{length}(\text{data}) - N_{train}$  rows and  $\text{length}(\text{fixTau})$  columns. Each columns is the conditional quantile forecast result.

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weight_function_HeYi2021_cpp	<i>Self-weight function based on He &amp; Yi (2021)</i>
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### Description

Self-weight function based on He & Yi (2021)

**Usage**

```
weight_function_HeYi2021_cpp(Y, C)
```

**Arguments**

Y	Vector. Data.
C	Double. Quantile of Y or  Y .

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