Portmanteau Test Statistics

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Abstract

In this vignette, we give a brief description about the portmanteau test statistics given in the **portes** package. Some applications, including two examples from Mahdi and McLeod (2011) are given in this vignette as well.

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1. Box and Pierce portmanteau test

In the univariate time series, Box and Pierce (1970) introduced the portmanteau statistic

$$Q_m = n \sum_{\ell=1}^m \hat{r}_\ell^2 \tag{1}$$

where $\hat{r}_{\ell} = \sum_{t=\ell+1}^{n} \hat{a}_{t} \hat{a}_{t-\ell} / \sum_{t=1}^{n} \hat{a}_{t}^{2}$, and $\hat{a}_{1}, \ldots, \hat{a}_{n}$ are the residuals. This test statistic is implemented in the R function BoxPierce() and can be used in the multivariate case as well. It has a chi-square distribution with $k^{2}(m-(p+q))$ degrees of freedom where k represents the dimension of the time series. The usage of this function is extremely simple:

BoxPierce(obj, lags = seq(5, 30, 5), order = 0, SquaredQ = FALSE),

where obj is a univariate or multivariate series with class "numeric", "matrix", "ts", or ("mts" "ts"). It can be also an object of fitted time-series model with class "ar", "arima0", "Arima", "varest", "FitAR", or "FitFGN". lags is a vector of numeric integers represents the lag values, m, at which we need to check the adequacy of the fitted model. The argument order is used for degrees of freedom of asymptotic chi-square distribution. If obj is a fitted time-series model with class "ar", "arima0", "Arima", "varest", "FitAR", or "FitFGN" then no need to enter the value of order as it will be automatically determined. In general order = p + q, where p and q are the orders of the autoregressive (or vector autoregressive) and moving average (or vector moving average) models respectively. order = 0 is used for testing random series, fractional gaussian noise, or generalized autoregressive conditional heteroscedasticity. Finally, when SquaredQ = TRUE, then apply the test on the squared values. This checks for Autoregressive Conditional Heteroscedastic, ARCH, effects. When SquaredQ = FALSE, then apply the test on the usual residuals.

Note that the function portest() with the arguments test = "BoxPierce", MonteCarlo = FALSE, and order = 0 will give the same results of the function BoxPierce(). The Monte-Carlo version of this test statistic is implemented in the function portest() as an argument test = "BoxPierce" provided that MonteCarlo = TRUE is selected.

1.1. Example 1

R> library("portes")

First a simple univariate example is provided. We fit an AR (2) model to the logarithms of Canadian lynx trappings from 1821 to 1934. Data is available from the R package **datasets** under the name lynx. This model was selected using the BIC criterion. The asymptotic distribution and the Monte-Carlo version of Q_m statistic are given in the following R code for lags m = 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 with **snow** package using PC with two CPU's.

```
R> library("snow")
R> nslaves <- 2
R> lynxData <- log(lynx)</pre>
R> p <- SelectModel(lynxData, ARModel = "AR", Criterion = "BIC",</pre>
      Best = 1)
R> Fitlynx <- FitAR(lynxData, p, ARModel = "AR")</pre>
R> BoxPierce(Fitlynx)
Lags Statistic df
                      p-value
    5 6.748225 3 0.08037069
   10 15.856081 8 0.04448698
   15 22.631444 13 0.04631764
   20 30.304179 18 0.03459211
   25 34.157210 23 0.06291892
   30 37.963103 28 0.09909886
R> portest(Fitlynx, test = "BoxPierce", nslaves = nslaves)
        2 slaves are spawned successfully. 0 failed.
Lags Statistic df
                      p-value
    5 6.748225 3 0.08491508
   10 15.856081 8 0.03296703
   15 22.631444 13 0.02597403
   20 30.304179 18 0.02197802
   25 34.157210 23 0.03296703
   30 37.963103 28 0.04395604
```

For lags $m \geq 10$, the Monte-Carlo version of Box and Pierce test is more decisively suggests model inadequacy, whereas the asymptotic chi-square suggests inadequacy at lags 10 to 20 and adequacy otherwise. Fitting a subset autoregressive using the BIC (McLeod and Zhang 2008), the portmanteau test based on both methods, Monte-Carlo and asymptotic distribution suggest model adequacy.

```
R> SelectModel(log(lynx), lag.max = 15, ARModel = "ARp", Criterion = "BIC",
+ Best = 1)
```

```
[1] 1 2 4 10 11
R > FitsubsetAR < - FitARp(log(lynx), c(1, 2, 4, 10, 11))
R> BoxPierce(FitsubsetAR)
Lags Statistic df
                    p-value
   5 2.382300 0
   10 4.258836 0
                         NA
   15 6.532786 4 0.1627363
   20 9.887818 9 0.3596432
   25 13.258935 14 0.5062439
   30 16.172499 19 0.6457394
R> portest(FitsubsetAR, test = "BoxPierce", nslaves = nslaves)
        2 slaves are spawned successfully. 0 failed.
Lags Statistic df
                    p-value
   5 2.382300 0 0.5224775
   10 4.258836 0 0.7742258
   15 6.532786 4 0.8311688
   20 9.887818 9 0.7992008
   25 13.258935 14 0.7852148
   30 16.172499 19 0.7752248
```

1.2. Example 2

In this example we consider the monthly log stock returns of Intel corporation data from January 1973 to December 2003. First we apply the Q_m statistic directly on the returns using the asymptotic distribution and the Monte-Carlo significance test. The results suggest that returns data behaves like white noise series as no significant serial correlations found.

```
5 4.666889 5 0.4385614
10 14.364748 10 0.1518482
15 23.120348 15 0.0979021
20 24.000123 20 0.2157842
25 29.617977 25 0.2307692
30 31.943703 30 0.3166833
```

After that we apply the Q_m statistic on the squared returns. The results suggest that the monthly returns are not serially independent and the return series may suffer of ARCH effects.

R> BoxPierce(monthintel, SquaredQ = TRUE)

```
Lags Statistic df p-value
5 40.78073 5 1.039009e-07
10 49.57872 10 3.189915e-07
15 81.90133 15 3.131517e-11
20 86.50575 20 3.006796e-10
25 87.54737 25 7.161478e-09
30 88.55017 30 1.087505e-07
```

R> portest(monthintel, test = "BoxPierce", nslaves = nslaves, SquaredQ = TRUE)

```
2 slaves are spawned successfully. 0 failed.
```

```
Lags Statistic df p-value
5 40.78073 5 0.000999001
10 49.57872 10 0.000999001
15 81.90133 15 0.000999001
20 86.50575 20 0.000999001
25 87.54737 25 0.000999001
30 88.55017 30 0.000999001
```

2. Ljung and Box portmanteau test

Ljung and Box (1978) modified Box and Pierce (1970) test statistic by

$$\hat{Q}_m = n(n+2) \sum_{\ell=1}^m (n-\ell)^{-1} \hat{r}_{\ell}^2.$$
 (2)

This test statistic is also asymptotically chi-square with degrees of freedom $k^2(m-p-q)$ and implemented in the R function LjungBox(),

```
LjungBox(obj, lags = seq(5, 30, 5), order = 0, SquaredQ = FALSE),
```

where the arguments of this function are described as before.

In R, the function Box.test() was built to compute the Box and Pierce (1970) and Ljung and Box (1978) test statistics only in the univariate case where we can not use more than one single lag value at a time. The functions BoxPierce() and LjungBox() are more general than Box.test() and can be used in the univariate or multivariate time series at vector of different lag values as well as they can be applied on an output object from a fitted model.

Note that the function portest() with the arguments test = "LjungBox", MonteCarlo = FALSE, and order = 0 will give the same results of the function LjungBox(). The Monte-Carlo version of this test statistic is implemented in the function portest() as an argument test = "LjungBox" provided that MonteCarlo = TRUE is selected.

2.1. Example 3

The built in R function auto.arima() in the package forecast is used to fit the best ARIMA model based on the AIC criterion to the measurements of the annual flow of the river Nile at Aswan from the years 1871 to 1970,

```
R> library("forecast")
R> FitNile <- auto.arima(Nile)</pre>
```

30 17.395015 28 0.9370629

Then the LjungBox portmanteau test is applied on the residuals of the fitted model at lag values 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30 which yields that the assumption of the adequacy in the fitted model is fail to reject.

R> LjungBox(FitNile)

Lags Statistic df

```
5 1.257698 3 0.7392018
10 9.705584 8 0.2863011
15 11.415751 13 0.5760319
20 12.861450 18 0.7997373
25 14.437766 23 0.9136466
30 17.395015 28 0.9403734

R> portest(FitNile, test = "LjungBox", nslaves = nslaves)

2 slaves are spawned successfully. 0 failed.

Lags Statistic df p-value
5 1.257698 3 0.8521479
10 9.705584 8 0.3256743
15 11.415751 13 0.6023976
20 12.861450 18 0.8211788
25 14.437766 23 0.9200799
```

p-value

3. Hosking portmanteau test

Hosking (1980) generalized the univariate portmanteau test statistics given in eqns. (1, 2) to the multivariate case. He suggested the modified multivariate portmanteau test statistic

$$\tilde{Q}_m = n^2 \sum_{\ell=1}^m (n-\ell)^{-1} \hat{\boldsymbol{r}}'_{\ell} (\hat{\boldsymbol{R}}_0^{-1} \otimes \hat{\boldsymbol{R}}_0^{-1}) \hat{\boldsymbol{r}}_{\ell}$$
(3)

where $\hat{\boldsymbol{r}}_{\ell} = \operatorname{vec} \hat{\boldsymbol{R}}'_{\ell}$ is a $1 \times k^2$ row vector with rows of $\hat{\boldsymbol{R}}_{\ell}$ stacked one next to the other, and m is the lag order. The \otimes denotes the Kronecker product (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kronecker_product), $\hat{\boldsymbol{R}}_{\ell} = \boldsymbol{L}'\hat{\boldsymbol{\Gamma}}_{\ell}\boldsymbol{L}$, $\boldsymbol{L}\boldsymbol{L}' = \hat{\boldsymbol{\Gamma}}_{0}^{-1}$ where $\hat{\boldsymbol{\Gamma}}_{\ell} = n^{-1}\sum_{t=\ell+1}^{n}\hat{\boldsymbol{a}}_{t}\hat{\boldsymbol{a}}'_{t-\ell}$ is the lag ℓ residual autocovariance matrix.

The asymptotic distributions of \tilde{Q}_m is chi-squared with $k^2(m-p-q)$ degrees of freedom. In **portest** package, this statistic is implemented in the function **Hosking()**:

```
Hosking(obj, lags = seq(5, 30, 5), order = 0, SquaredQ = FALSE),
```

where the arguments of this function is described as before. Note that the function portest() with the arguments test = "Hosking", MonteCarlo = FALSE, and order = 0 will give the same results of the function Hosking(). The Monte-Carlo version of this test statistic is implemented in the function portest() as an argument test = "Hosking" provided that MonteCarlo = TRUE is selected.

3.1. Example 4

In this example, we consider fitting a VAR (k), k=1,2,3 model to the monthly log returns of the IBM stock and the S&P 500 index from January 1926 to December 1999 with 888 observations (Tsay 2005, p. 356). The p-values for the modified portmanteau test of Hosking (1980), \tilde{Q}_m , are computed using the Monte-Carlo test procedure with 10^3 replications. For additional comparisons, the p-values for \tilde{Q}_m are also evaluated using asymptotic approximations.

```
R> IBMSP500 <- monthibmspln
R> FitIBMSP5001 <- ar.ols(IBMSP500, aic = TRUE, intercept = F, order.max = 1)
R> Hosking(FitIBMSP5001)
```

```
Lags Statistic df p-value
5 38.33044 16 0.0013574550
10 61.42150 36 0.0051949240
15 72.97170 56 0.0633819777
20 118.87159 76 0.0012179623
25 152.37966 96 0.0002208340
30 171.72563 116 0.0006001655
```

R> portest(FitIBMSP5001, test = "Hosking", nslaves = nslaves) 2 slaves are spawned successfully. O failed. Lags Statistic df p-value 5 38.33044 16 0.002997003 10 61.42150 36 0.003996004 15 72.97170 56 0.072927073 20 118.87159 76 0.003996004 25 152.37966 96 0.000999001 30 171.72563 116 0.002997003 R> FitIBMSP5002 <- ar.ols(IBMSP500, aic = TRUE, intercept = F, order.max = 2) R> Hosking(FitIBMSP5002) Lags Statistic df p-value 5 28.12271 12 0.005307838 10 50.23144 32 0.021174563 15 61.53279 52 0.171676954 20 104.28887 72 0.007697842 25 138.24856 92 0.001303988 30 156.56512 112 0.003487092 R> portest(FitIBMSP5002, test = "Hosking", nslaves = nslaves) 2 slaves are spawned successfully. 0 failed. Lags Statistic df p-value 5 28.12271 12 0.003996004 10 50.23144 32 0.020979021 15 61.53279 52 0.145854146 20 104.28887 72 0.013986014 25 138.24856 92 0.001998002 30 156.56512 112 0.005994006 R> FitIBMSP5003 <- ar.ols(IBMSP500, aic = TRUE, intercept = F, order.max = 3) R> Hosking(FitIBMSP5003) Lags Statistic df p-value 5 18.08797 8 0.020576519 10 40.78971 28 0.056135837 15 52.21967 48 0.313383239 20 93.82650 68 0.020716599 25 124.25318 88 0.006631765 30 142.81916 108 0.013972657

R> portest(FitIBMSP5003, test = "Hosking", nslaves = nslaves)

```
2 slaves are spawned successfully. 0 failed.
Lags Statistic df p-value
5 18.08797 8 0.029970030
10 40.78971 28 0.053946054
15 52.21967 48 0.307692308
20 93.82650 68 0.023976024
25 124.25318 88 0.004995005
30 142.81916 108 0.018981019
```

All results reject the fitted VAR (1), VAR (2) and VAR (3) models.

3.2. Example 5

The trivariate quarterly time series, 1960–1982, of West German investment, income, and consumption was discussed by Lütkepohl (2005, §3.23). So n = 92 and k = 3 for this series. As in Lütkepohl (2005, §4.24) we model the logarithms of the first differences. Using the AIC and FPE, Lütkepohl (2005, Table 4.25) selected a VAR (2) for this data. All diagnostic tests reject simple randomness, VAR (0). The asymptotic distribution and the Monte-Carlo tests for VAR (1) suggests model inadequacy supports the choice of the VAR (2) model.

```
R> data("WestGerman")
R> DiffData <- matrix(numeric(3 * 91), ncol = 3)</pre>
R> for (i in 1:3) DiffData[, i] <- diff(log(WestGerman[, i]), lag = 1)
R> FitWestGerman <- ar.ols(DiffData, aic = FALSE, order.max = 2,
      intercept = FALSE)
R> Hosking(FitWestGerman)
 Lags Statistic df
                      p-value
    5 30.36128 27 0.2981674
   10 71.94191 72 0.4797610
   15 122.49894 117 0.3455266
   20 171.96132 162 0.2811881
   25 209.45688 207 0.4391932
   30 254.48482 252 0.4443308
R> portest(FitWestGerman, test = "Hosking", nslaves = nslaves)
        2 slaves are spawned successfully. O failed.
                      p-value
 Lags Statistic df
    5 30.36128 27 0.3796204
   10 71.94191 72 0.5064935
   15 122.49894 117 0.3546454
   20 171.96132 162 0.2667333
   25 209.45688 207 0.4265734
   30 254.48482 252 0.4235764
```

4. Li and McLeod portmanteau test

Li and McLeod (1981) suggested the multivariate modified portmanteau test statistic

$$\tilde{Q}_{m}^{(L)} = n \sum_{\ell=1}^{m} \hat{\mathbf{r}}_{\ell}' (\hat{\mathbf{R}}_{0}^{-1} \otimes \hat{\mathbf{R}}_{0}^{-1}) \hat{\mathbf{r}}_{\ell} + \frac{k^{2} m (m+1)}{2n}$$
(4)

which is distributed as chi-squared with $k^2(m-p-q)$ degrees of freedom. In **portes** package, the test statistic $\tilde{Q}_m^{(L)}$ is implemented in the function LiMcLeod(),

LiMcLeod(obj, lags = seq(5, 30, 5), order = 0, SquaredQ = FALSE),

where the arguments of this function is described as before.

Note that the function portest() with the arguments test = "LiMcLeod", MonteCarlo = FALSE, and order = 0 will give the same results of the function LiMcLeod(). The Monte-Carlo version of this test statistic is implemented in the function portest() as an argument test = "LiMcLeod" provided that MonteCarlo = TRUE is selected.

5. Generalized variance portmanteau test

Peňa and Rodriguez (2002) proposed a univariate portmanteau test of goodness-of-fit test based on the m-th root of the determinant of the m-th Toeplitz residual autocorrelation matrix

$$\hat{\mathcal{R}}_{m} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{r}_{0} & \hat{r}_{1} & \dots & \hat{r}_{m} \\ \hat{r}_{-1} & \hat{r}_{0} & \dots & \hat{r}_{m-1} \\ \vdots & \dots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \hat{r}_{-m} & \hat{r}_{-m+1} & \dots & \hat{r}_{0} \end{pmatrix}$$
 (5)

where $\hat{r}_0 = 1$ and $\hat{r}_{-\ell} = \hat{r}_{\ell}$, for all ℓ . They approximated the distribution of their proposed test statistic by the gamma distribution and provided simulation experiments to demonstrate the improvement of their statistic in comparison with the one that is given in Eq. (2).

Peňa and Rodriguez (2006) suggested to modify this test by taking the log of the (m+1)-th root of the determinant in Eq. (5). They proposed two approximations by using the Gamma and Normal distributions to the asymptotic distribution of this test and indicated that the performance of both approximations for checking the goodness-of-fit in linear models is similar and more powerful for small sample size than the previous one. Lin and McLeod (2006) introduced the Monte-Carlo version of this test as they noted that it is quite often that the generalized variance portmanteau test does not agree with the suggested Gamma approximation. Mahdi and McLeod (2011) generalized both methods to the multivariate time series,

$$\mathfrak{D}_m = \frac{-3n}{2m+1} \log | \hat{\mathfrak{R}}_m |, \tag{6}$$

where

$$\hat{\mathbf{R}}_{m} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{I}_{k} & \hat{\mathbf{R}}_{1} & \dots & \hat{\mathbf{R}}_{m} \\ \hat{\mathbf{R}}_{-1} & \mathbb{I}_{k} & \dots & \hat{\mathbf{R}}_{m-1} \\ \vdots & \dots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \hat{\mathbf{R}}_{-m} & \hat{\mathbf{R}}_{-m+1} & \dots & \mathbb{I}_{k} \end{pmatrix}.$$
(7)

The null distribution is approximately χ^2 with $k^2(1.5m(m+1)(2m+1)^{-1}-p-q)$ degrees of freedom and it is implemented in the R function gytest(),

```
gvtest(obj, lags = seq(5, 30, 5), order = 0, SquaredQ = FALSE),
```

where the arguments of this function are described as before.

Note that the function portest() with the arguments test = "gvtest", MonteCarlo = FALSE, and order = 0 will give the same results of the function gvtest(). The Monte-Carlo version of this test statistic is implemented in the function portest() as an argument test = "gvtest" provided that MonteCarlo = TRUE is selected.

5.1. Example 6

Consider again the log numbers of Canadian lynx trappings univariate series from 1821 to 1934, where the AR (2) model is selected based on the BIC criterion using the function SelectModel in the R package FitAR as a first step in the analysis. Now, we apply the statistic \mathfrak{D}_m on the fitted model based on the asymptotic distribution and the Monte-Carlo significance test,

R> gvtest(Fitlynx)

```
Lags Statistic df p-value
5 5.984989 2.090909 0.054687987
10 10.036630 5.857143 0.115222212
15 21.447021 9.612903 0.014964682
20 31.810564 13.365854 0.003100578
25 38.761595 17.117647 0.002040281
30 43.936953 20.868852 0.002252062
```

R> portest(Fitlynx, test = "gvtest", nslaves = nslaves)

2 slaves are spawned successfully. O failed.

```
Lags Statistic df p-value
5 5.984989 2.090909 0.063936064
10 10.036630 5.857143 0.080919081
15 21.447021 9.612903 0.006993007
20 31.810564 13.365854 0.002997003
25 38.761595 17.117647 0.000999001
30 43.936953 20.868852 0.000999001
```

After that, we fit the subset autoregressive AR_(1,2,4,10,11) using the BIC and then we apply \mathfrak{D}_m as before,

p-value

R> gvtest(FitsubsetAR)

Lags Statistic

```
5 2.374225 0.0000000
                                   NA
   10 3.598248 0.0000000
   15 5.661285 0.6129032 0.008190694
   20 8.590962 4.3658537 0.090004731
   25 11.462473 8.1176471 0.184353957
   30 13.900470 11.8688525 0.297764350
R> portest(FitsubsetAR, test = "gvtest", nslaves = nslaves)
        2 slaves are spawned successfully. 0 failed.
 Lags Statistic
                       df
                            p-value
    5 2.374225 0.0000000 0.3476523
   10 3.598248 0.0000000 0.6703297
   15 5.661285 0.6129032 0.7152847
   20 8.590962 4.3658537 0.6953047
   25 11.462473 8.1176471 0.6663337
```

However the approximation asymptotic distribution of the statistic \mathfrak{D}_m suggests that the subset AR model is an adequate model for lags $m \geq 20$, the Monte-Carlo portmanteau test is clearly suggest that the subset AR model is an adequate model.

5.2. Example 7

consider again fitting a VAR (k), k=1,2,3 model to the monthly log returns of the IBM stock and the S&P 500 index from January 1926 to December 1999 with 888 observations (Tsay 2005, p. 356).

R> gvtest(FitIBMSP5001)

30 13.900470 11.8688525 0.6793207

```
Lags Statistic df p-value
5 26.73298 12.36364 0.010069145
10 50.16580 27.42857 0.005076554
15 66.95921 42.45161 0.009606334
20 87.59443 57.46341 0.006384252
25 108.82328 72.47059 0.003699716
30 128.30068 87.47541 0.002940363

R> portest(FitIBMSP5001, test = "gytest", nslaves = nslaves)
```

```
2 slaves are spawned successfully. 0 failed.
 Lags Statistic
                     df
                            p-value
   5 26.73298 12.36364 0.002997003
   10 50.16580 27.42857 0.003996004
   15 66.95921 42.45161 0.006993007
   20 87.59443 57.46341 0.004995005
   25 108.82328 72.47059 0.005994006
   30 128.30068 87.47541 0.003996004
R> gvtest(FitIBMSP5002)
 Lags Statistic
                       df
                             p-value
    5 16.24518 8.363636 0.04647938
   10 38.00564 23.428571 0.02910435
   15 54.26122 38.451613 0.04688480
   20 74.35787 53.463415 0.03091912
   25 95.55057 68.470588 0.01701104
   30 114.96754 83.475410 0.01272103
R> portest(FitIBMSP5002, test = "gvtest", nslaves = nslaves)
        2 slaves are spawned successfully. 0 failed.
 Lags Statistic
                       df
                              p-value
    5 16.24518 8.363636 0.006993007
   10 38.00564 23.428571 0.007992008
   15 54.26122 38.451613 0.016983017
   20 74.35787 53.463415 0.017982018
   25 95.55057 68.470588 0.008991009
   30 114.96754 83.475410 0.008991009
R> gvtest(FitIBMSP5003)
 Lags Statistic
                      df
                             p-value
   5 6.914649 4.363636 0.16977954
   10 24.655501 19.428571 0.18989321
   15 39.324113 34.451613 0.26078729
   20 58.297021 49.463415 0.18238250
   25 79.102500 64.470588 0.10384117
   30 98.361967 79.475410 0.07416598
R> portest(FitIBMSP5003, test = "gvtest", nslaves = nslaves)
        2 slaves are spawned successfully. O failed.
 Lags Statistic
                      df
                             p-value
   5 6.914649 4.363636 0.05394605
   10 24.655501 19.428571 0.06493506
```

```
15 39.324113 34.451613 0.11488511
20 58.297021 49.463415 0.08891109
25 79.102500 64.470588 0.06093906
30 98.361967 79.475410 0.04995005
```

While the fitted VAR (1) and VAR (2) models are rejected, the \mathfrak{D}_m diagnostic suggests that the fitted VAR (3) maybe consider to be an adequate model.

5.3. Example 8

In this example, we consider the quarterly time series, 1960–1982, of West German investment, income, and consumption studied before.

We apply the statistic \mathfrak{D}_m on the fitted VAR (2) model based on the asymptotic distribution and the Monte-Carlo significance test,

R> gvtest(FitWestGerman)

```
Lags Statistic df p-value
5 20.90960 18.81818 0.3310522834
10 52.17337 52.71429 0.4951413528
15 91.80348 86.51613 0.3283404972
20 135.40962 120.29268 0.1637652676
25 195.17389 154.05882 0.0139543395
30 257.76048 187.81967 0.0005343724
```

R> portest(FitWestGerman, test = "gvtest", nslaves = nslaves)

2 slaves are spawned successfully. O failed.

```
Lags Statistic df p-value
5 20.90960 18.81818 0.3116883
10 52.17337 52.71429 0.5424575
15 91.80348 86.51613 0.5624376
20 135.40962 120.29268 0.5954046
25 195.17389 154.05882 0.4005994
30 257.76048 187.81967 0.3486513
```

Using the asymptotic distribution, results suggest that the VAR (2) model is adequate at lags m < 25 and inadequate at lags $m \ge 25$, whereas Monte-Carlo test supports the choice of the VAR (2) model.

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