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Title Flood Frequency Analysis Framework

Description Tools to support systematic and reproducible workflows for both stationary and nonstationary flood frequency analysis, with applications extending to other hydroclimate extremes such as precipitation frequency analysis. This package implements the FFA framework proposed by Vidrio-Sahagún et al. (2024) <doi:10.1016/j.envsoft.2024.105940>, originally developed in MATLAB, now adapted for the R environment.

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Flood Frequency Analysis Framework

Description

This package provides tools for stationary (S-FFA) and nonstationary (NS-FFA) flood frequency analysis of annual maximum series data. Methods are organized by prefix to support flexible workflows:

- 1. eda_*: Explore annual maximum series data for evidence of nonstationarity to inform approach selection (S-FFA or NS-FFA):
 - Detect statistically significant change points.
 - Detect statistically significant temporal trends in the *mean* and *variability*.
- 2. select_*: Select a suitable probability distribution using the L-moments.
- 3. fit_*: Fit model parameters using the fit_* methods.
- 4. uncertainty_*: Compute return level estimates and confidence intervals.
- 5. Evaluate model performance using model_assessment().

Alternatively, users may use the framework_* functions to orchestrate EDA, FFA, or both. The package also provides additional utility functions:

- data_* methods load, transform, and decompose annual maximum series data.
- plot * methods produce diagnostic and summary plots.
- quantile_*, loglik_*, and lmom_* implement distribution-specific computations.

Finally

This package assumes familiarity with statistical techniques used in FFA, including L-moments, maximum likelihood estimation, and parametric bootstrap. For an explanation of these methods, see the FFA Framework wiki. For examples, see the vignettes on exploratory data analysis and flood frequency analysis.

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See Also

Useful links:

- https://rileywheadon.github.io/ffa-docs/
- Report bugs at https://github.com/rileywheadon/ffa-package/issues

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CAN-05BA001

Description

A dataframe of annual maximum series observations for station 05BA001, BOW RIVER AT LAKE LOUISE in Alberta, Canada.

Usage

CAN_05BA001

Format

A dateframe with 62 rows and 2 columns spanning the period 1913-2023.

Details

Variables:

- max: Numeric; the annual maximum series observation, in m³/s.
- year: Integer; the corresponding year.

Additional Information

This is an *unregulated* station that is not in the RHBN network. Other notable features include:

- There are no observations from 1919-1965. Missing data should be handled carefully.
- The MKS/Pettitt tests do not find evidence of change points at the 0.05 significance level.
- Trend detection finds evidence of a trend in variability.
- If nonstationarity is assumed, RFPL uncertainty quantification fails on this dataset.

This dataset is used as a test case for failure modes in RFPL and variability estimation.

Source

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CAN_05BB001

CAN-05BB001

Description

A dataframe of annual maximum series observations for station 05BB001, BOW RIVER AT BANFF in Alberta, Canada.

Usage

CAN_05BB001

Format

A dateframe with 110 rows and 2 columns spanning the period 1909-2018.

Details

Variables:

- max: Numeric; the annual maximum series observation, in m³/s.
- year: Integer; the corresponding year.

Additional Information

This is an *unregulated* station in the RHBN network. Whitfield & Pomeroy (2016) found that floods may be caused by rain, snow, or a combination of both. Therefore, practitioners should be careful when interpreting the results of FFA on this station. Minimal human intervention in the basin means there is little justification for change points. Trend detection finds evidence of a decreasing trend in the mean.

This dataset is used as a test case for comparison with the MATLAB implementation of the FFA framework. It is also an excellent introductory example to nonstationary FFA.

Source

Meteorological Service of Canada (MSC) GeoMet Platform

References

Whitfield P. H., and Pomeroy J. W. (2016) Changes to flood peaks of a mountain river: implications for analysis of the 2013 flood in the Upper Bow River, Canada, Hydrol. Process., 30: 4657–4673. doi:10.1002/hyp.10957.

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CAN-07BE001

Description

A dataframe of annual maximum series observations for station 07BE001, ATHABASCA RIVER AT ATHABASCA in Alberta, Canada.

Usage

CAN_07BE001

Format

A dateframe with 108 rows and 2 columns spanning the period 1913-2020.

Details

Variables:

- max: Numeric; the annual maximum series observation, in m³/s.
- year: Integer; the corresponding year.

Additional Information

This is an unregulated station that is not in the RHBN network. Other notable features include:

- $\bullet\,$ The MKS/Pettitt tests find no evidence of change points at the 0.05 significance level.
- Trend detection finds no evidence of trends in the mean or variability.

This dataset is used as a test case for comparison with the MATLAB implementation of the FFA framework. It is also an excellent introductory example to stationary FFA.

Source

Meteorological Service of Canada (MSC) GeoMet Platform

CAN_08MH016

CAN-08MH016

Description

A dataframe of annual maximum series observations for station 08MH016, CHILLIWACK RIVER AT CHILLIWACK LAKE in British Columbia, Canada.

Usage

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Format

A dateframe with 95 rows and 2 columns spanning the period 1922-2016.

Details

Variables:

- max: Numeric; the annual maximum series observation, in m³/s.
- year: Integer; the corresponding year.

Additional Information

This is an *unregulated* station in the RHBN network. Other notable features include:

- The MKS/Pettitt tests find no evidence of change points at the 0.05 significance level.
- Trend detection finds evidence of an increasing trend in the variability.

This dataset is used as a test case for comparison with the MATLAB implementation of the FFA framework. It is also useful for demonstrating how the framework detects and handles nonstationarity in the variability of a time series.

Source

Meteorological Service of Canada (MSC) GeoMet Platform

CAN_08NH021

CAN-08NH021

Description

A dataframe of annual maximum series observations for station 08NH021, KOOTENAI RIVER AT PORTHILL in British Columbia, Canada.

Usage

CAN_08NH021

Format

A dateframe with 91 rows and 2 columns spanning the period 1928-2018.

Details

Variables:

- max: Numeric; the annual maximum series observation, in m³/s.
- year: Integer; the corresponding year.

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Additional Information

This is a regulated station that is not in the RHBN network. Other notable features include:

- The Libby dam was constructed upstream of this station in 1972.
- The Pettitt test found evidence of a change point in 1972 at the 0.05 significance level.
- The MKS test found evidence of change points in 1960 & 1985 at the 0.05 significance level.
- After splitting the data in 1972, trend detection finds evidence of an increasing, deterministic, and linear trend in the mean for both subperiods.

This dataset is used as a test case for comparison with the MATLAB implementation of the FFA framework. It is also useful for demonstrating how the framework detects and handles change points in a time series.

Source

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CAN_08NM050

CAN-08NM050

Description

A dataframe of annual maximum series observations for station 08NM050, OKANAGAN RIVER AT PENTICTON in British Columbia, Canada.

Usage

CAN_08NM050

Format

A dateframe with 97 rows and 2 columns spanning the period 1921-2017.

Details

Variables:

- max: Numeric; the annual maximum series observation, in m³/s.
- year: Integer; the corresponding year.

Additional Information

This is a *regulated* station that is not part of the RHBN. Other notable features include:

- The Okanagan River upstream of the station has been regulated since 1914 due to the construction of the first dam, followed by a second dam in 1920, and a regulation system in the early 1950s, consisting of four dams and 38 km of engineered channel.
- Rapid human settlement, development, and agricultural activity have occurred in the watershed.

This dataset is used as a test case for comparison with the MATLAB implementation of the FFA framework. It is also useful for demonstrating how the framework detects and handles serial correlation, trends in the mean, and trends in the variability. As noted above, this dataset is heavily influenced by reservoir operations and is intended for teaching purposes—not for design flood estimation.

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CAN_08NM116

CAN-08NM116

Description

A dataframe of annual maximum series observations for station 08NM116, MISSION CREEK NEAR EAST KELOWNA in British Columbia, Canada.

Usage

CAN_08NM116

Format

A dateframe with 75 rows and 2 columns spanning the period 1949-2023.

Details

Variables:

- max: Numeric; the annual maximum series observation, in m³/s.
- year: Integer; the corresponding year.

Additional Information

This is an unregulated station that is not part of the RHBN. Other notable features include:

- The MKS/Pettitt tests do not find evidence of change points at the 0.05 significance level.
- Trend detection finds evidence of a trend in variability.

This dataset is an excellent application of the FFA framework for practitioners.

Source

Meteorological Service of Canada (MSC) GeoMet Platform

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data_decomposition Decompose Annual Maximum Series

Description

Decomposes the annual maxima series to derive its stationary stochastic component, which can be used to identify a best-fit distribution using conventional stationary methods. The decomposition procedure follows that proposed by Vidrio-Sahagún and He (2022), which relies on the statistical representation of nonstationary stochastic processes.

Usage

```
data_decomposition(data, years, structure)
```

Arguments

data	Numeric vector of annual maximum series values. Must be strictly positive, finite, and not missing.
years	Numeric vector of observation years corresponding to data. Must be the same length as data and strictly increasing.
structure	Named list indicating which distribution parameters are modeled as nonstationary. Must contain two logical scalars:
	• location: If TRUE, the location parameter has a linear temporal trend.

- scale: If TRUE, the scale parameter has a linear temporal trend.

Details

Four scenarios are supported:

- 1. No trend (the data is returned unmodified).
- 2. Linear trend in the mean only.
- 3. Linear trend in the standard deviation only.
- 4. Linear trends in both the mean and the standard deviation.

Internally, the function does the following:

- 1. Compute covariate = (years 1900) / 100.
- 2. If there is a trend in the location, fit Sen's trend estimator to data and covariate. Then, remove the fitted linear trend.
- 3. If there is a trend in the scale, compute the variability using data_mw_variability(), fit Sen's trend estimator to the vector of standard deviations, and then rescale the series to remove trends in the scale.
- 4. If necessary, shift the data so that its minimum is at least 1.

Value

Numeric vector of decomposed data.

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References

Vidrio-Sahagún, C. T., and He, J. (2022). The decomposition-based nonstationary flood frequency analysis. Journal of Hydrology, 612 (September 2022), 128186. doi:10.1016/j.jhydrol.2022.128186

See Also

```
data_mw_variability(),eda_sens_trend()
```

Examples

```
data <- rnorm(n = 100, mean = 100, sd = 10)
years <- seq(from = 1901, to = 2000)
structure <- list(location = TRUE, scale = FALSE)
data_decomposition(data, years, structure)</pre>
```

data_geomet

Fetch Data from MSC GeoMet API

Description

Gets annual maximum series data for a hydrological monitoring station from the MSC GeoMet API.

Usage

```
data_geomet(station_id)
```

Arguments

station_id A character scalar containing the ID of a hydrological monitoring station. You can search for station IDs by name, province, drainage basin, and location here.

Value

A dataframe with two columns:

- max: A float, the annual maximum series observation, in m³/s.
- year: An integer, the corresponding year.

See Also

```
data_local()
```

```
# Get data for the BOW RIVER AT BANFF (05BB001)
df <- data_geomet("05BB001")</pre>
```

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data_local

Fetch Local Package Data

Description

Fetch annual maximum series data for a hydrological monitoring station from the package data directory.

Usage

```
data_local(csv_file)
```

Arguments

csv_file

A character scalar containing the file name of a local dataset in /inst/extdata. Must be one of:

- "CAN-05BA001.csv": BOW RIVER AT LAKE LOUISE
- "CAN-05BB001.csv": BOW RIVER AT BANFF
- "CAN-07BE001.csv": ATHABASCA RIVER AT ATHABASCA
- "CAN-08MH016.csv": CHILLIWACK RIVER AT CHILLIWACK LAKE
- "CAN-08NH021.csv": KOOTENAI RIVER AT PORTHILL
- "CAN-08NM050.csv": OKANAGAN RIVER AT PENTICTON
- "CAN-08NM116.csv": MISSION CREEK NEAR EAST KELOWNA

Value

A dataframe with two columns:

- max: A float, the annual maximum series observation, in m³/s.
- year: An integer, the corresponding year.

See Also

```
data_geomet()
```

```
# Get data for the BOW RIVER AT BANFF (05BB001)
df <- data_local("CAN-05BB001.csv")</pre>
```

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```
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```

Estimate Variance for Annual Maximum Series Data

Description

Generates a time series of standard deviations using a moving window algorithm, which can be used to explore potential evidence of nonstationarity in the variability of a dataset. It returns a list that pairs each window's mean year with its window standard deviation. The hyperparameters size and step control the behaviour of the moving window. Following the simulation findings from Vidrio-Sahagún and He (2022), the default window size and step are set to 10 and 5 years respectively. However, these can be changed by the user.

Usage

```
data_mw_variability(data, years, size = 10L, step = 5L)
```

Arguments

data	Numeric vector of annual maximum series values. Must be strictly positive, finite, and not missing.
years	Numeric vector of observation years corresponding to data. Must be the same length as data and strictly increasing.
size	Integer scalar. The number of years in each moving window. Must be a positive number less than or equal to length (data) (default is 10).
step	Integer scalar. The offset (in years) between successive moving windows. Must be a positive number (default is 5).

Value

A list with two entries:

- years: Numeric vector containing the mean year within each window.
- std: Numeric vector of standard deviations within each window.

References

Vidrio-Sahagún, C. T., and He, J. (2022). The decomposition-based nonstationary flood frequency analysis. Journal of Hydrology, 612 (September 2022), 128186. doi:10.1016/j.jhydrol.2022.128186

```
data <- rnorm(n = 100, mean = 100, sd = 10)
years <- seq(from = 1901, to = 2000)
data_mw_variability(data, years)</pre>
```

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eda_bbmk_test

Block-Bootstrap Mann-Kendall Test for Trend Detection

Description

Performs a bootstrapped version of the Mann-Kendall trend test to account for serial correlation in annual maximum series data. The procedure uses Spearman's serial correlation test to estimate the least insignificant lag, then applies a bootstrap procedure to obtain the empirical p-value and confidence bounds for the Mann-Kendall S-statistic.

Usage

```
eda_bbmk_test(data, alpha = 0.05, samples = 10000L, quiet = TRUE)
```

Arguments

data	Numeric vector of annual maximum series values. Must be strictly positive, finite, and not missing.
alpha	Numeric scalar in $[0.01,0.1]$. The significance level for confidence intervals or hypothesis tests. Default is 0.05.
samples	Integer scalar. The number of bootstrap samples. Default is 10000.
quiet	Logical scalar. If FALSE, prints a summary of of the statistical test to the console. Default is TRUE.

Details

The block size for the bootstrap is selected as <code>least_lag+1</code>, where <code>least_lag</code> is estimated using <code>eda_spearman_test()</code>. Bootstrap samples are generated by resampling blocks of the original data without replacement and computing the Mann-Kendall S-statistic. This procedure removes serial correlation from the data.

Value

List; the results of the test, including:

- data: The data argument.
- s_bootstrap: Vector of bootstrapped Mann-Kendall S-statistics.
- s_statistic: The Mann-Kendall S-statistic computed on the original series.
- p_value: Empirical two-sided p-value derived from the bootstrap distribution.
- bounds: Confidence interval bounds for the null distribution of the statistic.
- reject: Logical. If TRUE, the null hypothesis was rejected at alpha.
- msg: Character string summarizing the test result (printed if quiet = FALSE).

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References

Bayazit, M., 2015. Nonstationarity of hydrological records and recent trends in trend analysis: a state-of-the-art review. Environ. Processes 2 (3), 527–542. doi:10.1007/s4071001500817

Khaliq, M.N., Ouarda, T.B.M.J., Gachon, P., Sushama, L., St-Hilaire, A., 2009. Identification of hydrological trends in the presence of serial and cross correlations: a review of selected methods and their application to annual flow regimes of Canadian rivers. J. Hydrol. 368 (1–4), 117–130. doi:10.1016/j.jhydrol.2009.01.035

Sonali, P., Nagesh Kumar, D., 2013. Review of trend detection methods and their application to detect temperature changes in India. J. Hydrol. 476, 212–227. doi:10.1016/j.jhydrol.2012.10.034

See Also

```
plot_bbmk_test(), eda_mk_test(), eda_spearman_test()
```

Examples

```
data <- rnorm(n = 100, mean = 100, sd = 10)
eda_bbmk_test(data, samples = 1000L)</pre>
```

eda_kpss_test

Kwiatkowski-Phillips-Schmidt-Shin (KPSS) Unit Root Test

Description

Performs the KPSS unit root test on annual maximum series data. The null hypothesis is that the time series is trend-stationary with a linear trend and constant drift (and thus has a deterministic linear trend). The alternative hypothesis is that the time series has a unit root (and thus has a stochastic trend).

Usage

```
eda_kpss_test(data, alpha = 0.05, quiet = TRUE)
```

Arguments

data	Numeric vector of annual maximum series values. Must be strictly positive, finite, and not missing.
alpha	Numeric scalar in $[0.01, 0.1]$. The significance level for confidence intervals or hypothesis tests. Default is 0.05 .
quiet	Logical scalar. If FALSE, prints a summary of of the statistical test to the console. Default is TRUE.

Details

The implementation of the KPSS test is based on the aTSA package, which interpolates a significance table from Hobjin et al. (2004). Therefore, a result of p=0.01 implies that $p\leq 0.01$ and a result of p=0.10 implies that $p\geq 0.10$. This implementation uses the Type III KPSS test, which accounts for a linear trend in the data.

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Value

A list containing the test results, including:

- data: The data argument.
- statistic: The KPSS test statistic.
- p_value: The interpolated p-value. See note regarding discrete thresholds.
- reject: Logical scalar. If, TRUE the null hypothesis is rejected at alpha.
- msg: Character string summarizing the test outcome, printed if quiet = FALSE.

References

Hobijn, B., Franses, P.H. and Ooms, M. (2004), Generalizations of the KPSS-test for stationarity. Statistica Neerlandica, 58: 483-502.

Kwiatkowski, D.; Phillips, P. C. B.; Schmidt, P.; Shin, Y. (1992). Testing the null hypothesis of stationarity against the alternative of a unit root. Journal of Econometrics, 54 (1-3): 159-178.

See Also

```
eda_pp_test()
```

Examples

```
data <- rnorm(n = 100, mean = 100, sd = 10)
eda_kpss_test(data)</pre>
```

eda_mks_test

Mann-Kendall-Sneyers Test for Change Point Detection

Description

Performs the Mann–Kendall–Sneyers (MKS) test to detect the beginning of a monotonic trend in annual maximum series data. The test computes normalized progressive and regressive Mann–Kendall statistics and identifies statistically significant crossing points, indicating potential change points in the trend.

Usage

```
eda_mks_test(data, years, alpha = 0.05, quiet = TRUE)
```

Arguments

data	Numeric vector of annual maximum series values. Must be strictly positive, finite, and not missing.
years	Numeric vector of observation years corresponding to data. Must be the same length as data and strictly increasing.
alpha	Numeric scalar in $[0.01,0.1]$. The significance level for confidence intervals or hypothesis tests. Default is 0.05.
quiet	Logical scalar. If FALSE, prints a summary of of the statistical test to the console. Default is TRUE.

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Details

The function computes progressive and regressive Mann–Kendall statistics S_t , normalized by their expected values and variances under the null hypothesis. The crossing points where the difference between these normalized statistics changes sign are identified using linear interpolation. The significance of detected crossings is assessed using quantiles of the normal distribution.

Value

A list containing the test results, including:

- data: The data argument.
- years: The years argument.
- s_progressive: Normalized progressive Mann–Kendall-Sneyers statistics.
- s_regressive: Normalized regressive Mann-Kendall-Sneyers statistics.
- bound: Critical confidence bound for significance based on alpha.
- crossing_df: Crossing points, including indices, years, and test statistics.
- change_df: Subset of crossing_df with statistically significant crossings.
- p_value: Two-sided p-value derived from the maximum crossing statistic.
- reject: Logical. If TRUE, the null hypothesis of no change point is rejected.
- msg: Character string summarizing the test result (printed if quiet = FALSE).

References

Sneyers, R. (1990). On the statistical analysis of series of observations. Technical note No. 143, World Meteorological Organization, Geneva.

See Also

```
plot_mks_test()
```

Examples

```
data <- rnorm(n = 100, mean = 100, sd = 10)
years <- seq(from = 1901, to = 2000)
eda_mks_test(data, years)</pre>
```

eda_mk_test

Mann-Kendall Trend Test

Description

Performs the Mann–Kendall trend test on a numeric vector to detect the presence of a monotonic trend (increasing or decreasing) over time. The test is nonparametric and accounts for tied observations in the data. The null hypothesis assumes there is no monotonic trend.

```
eda_mk_test(data, alpha = 0.05, quiet = TRUE)
```

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Arguments

data	Numeric vector of annual maximum series values. Must be strictly positive, finite, and not missing.
alpha	Numeric scalar in $[0.01,0.1]$. The significance level for confidence intervals or hypothesis tests. Default is 0.05 .
quiet	Logical scalar. If FALSE, prints a summary of of the statistical test to the console. Default is TRUE.

Details

The statistic S is computed as the sum over all pairs i < j of the sign of the difference $x_j - x_i$. Ties are explicitly accounted for when calculating the variance of S, using grouped frequencies of tied observations. The test statistic Z is then computed based on the sign and magnitude of S, and the p-value is derived from the standard normal distribution.

Value

A list containing the test results, including:

- data: The data argument.
- ullet s_statistic: The Mann–Kendall test statistic S.
- s_variance: The variance of the test statistic under the null hypothesis.
- p_value: The p-value associated with the two-sided hypothesis test.
- reject: Logical. If TRUE, the null hypothesis is rejected at alpha.
- msg: A character string summarizing the result, printed if quiet = FALSE.

References

```
Kendall, M. (1975). Rank Correlation Methods. Griffin, London, 202 pp.

Mann, H. B. (1945). Nonparametric Tests Against Trend. Econometrica, 13(3): 245-25
```

See Also

```
eda_bbmk_test()
```

```
data <- rnorm(n = 100, mean = 100, sd = 10) eda_mk_test(data)
```

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eda_pettitt_test Pettitt Test for Abrupt Changes in the Mean of a Time Series

Description

Performs the nonparametric Pettitt test to detect a single abrupt shift in the mean of a time series. Under the null hypothesis, there is no change point.

Usage

```
eda_pettitt_test(data, years, alpha = 0.05, quiet = TRUE)
```

Arguments

data	Numeric vector of annual maximum series values. Must be strictly positive, finite, and not missing.
years	Numeric vector of observation years corresponding to data. Must be the same length as data and strictly increasing.
alpha	Numeric scalar in $[0.01, 0.1]$. The significance level for confidence intervals or hypothesis tests. Default is 0.05 .
quiet	Logical scalar. If FALSE, prints a summary of of the statistical test to the console. Default is TRUE.

Details

The Pettitt test computes the maximum absolute value of the U-statistic over all possible split points. The p-value is approximated using an asymptotic formula.

Value

A list containing the test results, including:

- data: The data argument.
- years: The years argument.
- u_t: Numeric vector of absolute U-statistics for all time indices.
- k_statistic: Numeric scalar. The maximum absolute U-statistic.
- k_critical: Numeric scalar. The critical K-statistic value for given alpha.
- p_value: Numeric scalar. Approximate p-value for the test.
- change_index: Integer scalar. Index of the detected change point (0 if none).
- change_year: Integer scalar. Year of the detected change point (0 if none).
- reject: Logical scalar. If TRUE, the null hypothesis was rejected.
- msg: Character scalar. A formatted summary message describing the test result.

References

Pettitt, A.N., 1979. A Non-parametric Approach to the Change-point Problem. J. Royal Statist. Soc. 28 (2), 126–135. http://www.jstor.org/stable/2346729

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See Also

```
plot_pettitt_test()
```

Examples

```
data <- rnorm(n = 100, mean = 100, sd = 10)
years <- seq(from = 1901, to = 2000)
eda_pettitt_test(data, years)</pre>
```

eda_pp_test

Phillips-Perron Unit Root Test

Description

Applies the Phillips–Perron (PP) test to check for a unit root in annual maximum series data. The null hypothesis assumes the time series contains a unit root (and thus has a stochastic trend). The alternative hypothesis is that the time series is trend-stationary (and thus has a deterministic linear trend).

Usage

```
eda_pp_test(data, alpha = 0.05, quiet = TRUE)
```

Arguments

data	Numeric vector of annual maximum series values. Must be strictly positive, finite, and not missing.
alpha	Numeric scalar in $[0.01,0.1]$. The significance level for confidence intervals or hypothesis tests. Default is 0.05 .
quiet	Logical scalar. If FALSE, prints a summary of of the statistical test to the console. Default is TRUE.

Details

The implementation of this test is based on the **aTSA** package, which interpolates p-values from a table of critical values presented in Fuller W. A. (1996). The critical values are only available for $\alpha \geq 0.01$. Therefore, a reported p-value of 0.01 indicates $p \leq 0.01$.

Value

List; the test results, consisting of:

- data: The data argument.
- statistic: The Z-statistic used to perform the test.
- p_value: Reported p-value from the test. See notes on interpolation thresholds.
- reject: Logical. If TRUE, the null hypothesis was rejected at alpha.
- msg: Character string summarizing the test result, printed if quiet = FALSE.

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References

Fuller, W. A. (1976). Introduction to Statistical Time Series. New York: John Wiley and Sons Phillips, P. C. B.; Perron, P. (1988). Testing for a Unit Root in Time Series Regression. Biometrika, 75 (2): 335-346

See Also

```
eda_kpss_test()
```

Examples

```
data <- rnorm(n = 100, mean = 100, sd = 10)
eda_pp_test(data)</pre>
```

eda_runs_test

Wald-Wolfowitz Runs Test for Randomness

Description

Applies the Wald–Wolfowitz runs test to a numeric vector of residuals in order to assess whether they behave as a random sequence. The test statistic's p-value is compared to the significance level alpha, and a decision is returned along with a human-readable summary message.

Usage

```
eda_runs_test(results, alpha = 0.05, quiet = TRUE)
```

Arguments

results	A fitted linear model produced by eda_sens_trend().
alpha	Numeric scalar in $[0.01,0.1]$. The significance level for confidence intervals or hypothesis tests. Default is 0.05 .
quiet	Logical scalar. If FALSE, prints a summary of of the statistical test to the console. Default is TRUE.

Details

The Wald–Wolfowitz runs test examines the sequence of residuals to test for randomness around the median. A small p-value suggests nonrandom clustering, which may indicate that a linear model is inappropriate for the data.

Value

A list containing the test results, including:

- residuals: Numeric vector of residual values from a fitted linear model.
- n: The length of the residuals vector after removing the median.
- n_plus: The number of residuals above the median.
- n_minus: The number of residuals below the median.

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- runs: The number of runs in the transformed sequence of residuals.
- statistic: The runs test statistic, computed using runs.
- p_value: P-value from the Wald-Wolfowitz runs test applied to residuals.
- reject: Logical. If TRUE, the null hypothesis of random residuals is rejected.
- msg: Character string summarizing the test result, printed if quiet = FALSE.

References

Wald, A. and Wolfowitz, J. (1940). On a test whether two samples are from the same population. Annals of Mathematical Statistics, 11(2), 147–162.

See Also

```
plot_runs_test(),eda_sens_trend()
```

Examples

```
data <- rnorm(n = 100, mean = 100, sd = 10)
years <- seq(from = 1901, to = 2000)
sens <- eda_sens_trend(data, years)
eda_runs_test(sens)</pre>
```

eda_sens_trend

Sen's Trend Estimator

Description

Computes Sen's linear trend estimator for a univariate time series.

Usage

```
eda_sens_trend(data, years, quiet = TRUE)
```

Arguments

data	Numeric vector of annual maximum series values. Must be strictly positive, finite, and not missing.
years	Numeric vector of observation years corresponding to data. Must be the same length as data and strictly increasing.
quiet	Logical scalar. If FALSE, prints a summary of of the statistical test to the console. Default is TRUE.

Details

Sen's slope estimator is a robust, nonparametric trend estimator based on the median of all pairwise slopes between data points. The corresponding intercept is the median of each $y_i - mx_i$ where m is the estimated slope.

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Value

A list containing the estimated trend:

- data: The data argument.
- years: The years argument.
- slope: Median slope of all pairwise data-year combinations.
- intercept: Median intercept estimate of the fitted line.
- residuals: Vector of residuals between observed and fitted values.
- msg: Character string summarizing the results.

References

Sen, P.K. (1968). Estimates of the regression coefficient based on Kendall's tau. *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, 63(324), 1379–1389.

See Also

```
eda_runs_test(),plot_sens_trend()
```

Examples

```
data <- rnorm(n = 100, mean = 100, sd = 10) years <- seq(from = 1901, to = 2000) eda_sens_trend(data, years)
```

Description

Performs the Spearman rank serial correlation test on annual maximum series data to check for serial correlation at various lags. Reports the smallest lag where the serial correlation is not statistically significant at the given significance level.

Usage

```
eda_spearman_test(data, alpha = 0.05, quiet = TRUE)
```

Arguments

data	Numeric vector of annual maximum series values. Must be strictly positive, finite, and not missing.
alpha	Numeric scalar in $[0.01,0.1]$. The significance level for confidence intervals or hypothesis tests. Default is 0.05 .
quiet	Logical scalar. If FALSE, prints a summary of of the statistical test to the console. Default is TRUE.

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Details

For each lag from 1 to n-3, the function computes the Spearman correlation coefficient between the original series and the lagged series. The first lag with an insignificant serial correlation coefficient returned as least_lag.

Value

A list containing the test results, including:

- data: The data argument.
- rho: Numeric vector of serial correlation estimates for lags 1 to n-3.
- sig: Logical vector indicating which lags exhibit significant serial correlation
- least_lag: The smallest lag at which the serial correlation is insignificant.
- reject: Logical. If TRUE, then least_lag > 0.
- msg: Character string summarizing the test result, printed if quiet = FALSE.

See Also

```
stats::cor.test(),eda_bbmk_test(),plot_spearman_test()
```

Examples

```
data <- rnorm(n = 100, mean = 100, sd = 10)
eda_spearman_test(data)</pre>
```

eda_white_test

White Test for Heteroskedasticity

Description

Performs the White test for heteroskedasticity by regressing the squared residuals of a linear model on the original regressors and their squared terms. The null hypothesis is homoskedasticity.

Usage

```
eda_white_test(data, years, alpha = 0.05, quiet = TRUE)
```

Arguments

data	Numeric vector of annual maximum series values. Must be strictly positive, finite, and not missing.
years	Numeric vector of observation years corresponding to data. Must be the same length as data and strictly increasing.
alpha	Numeric scalar in $[0.01,0.1]$. The significance level for confidence intervals or hypothesis tests. Default is 0.05.
quiet	Logical scalar. If FALSE, prints a summary of of the statistical test to the console. Default is TRUE.

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Details

The White test regresses the squared residuals from a primary linear model $lm(data \sim years)$ against both the original regressor and its square. The test statistic is calculated as nR^2 , where R^2 is the coefficient of determination from the auxiliary regression. Under the null hypothesis, the test statistic has the χ^2 distribution.

Value

A list containing the results of the White test:

- data: The data argument.
- years: The years argument.
- r_squared: Coefficient of determination from the auxiliary regression.
- statistic: White test statistic based on sample size and r_squared.
- p_value: The p-value derived from a Chi-squared distribution with df = 2.
- reject: Logical. If TRUE, the null hypothesis is rejected at alpha.
- msg: Character string summarizing the test result, printed if quiet = FALSE.

References

White, H. (1980). A heteroskedasticity-consistent covariance matrix estimator and a direct test for heteroskedasticity. *Econometrica*, 48(4), 817–838.

See Also

```
stats::lm(), stats::pchisq()
```

Examples

```
data <- rnorm(n = 100, mean = 100, sd = 10)
years <- seq(from = 1901, to = 2000)
eda_white_test(data, years)</pre>
```

fit_lmom_fast

Helper Function for L-moments Parameter Estimation

Description

A helper function used by fit_{mom_xxx} (). This function does not validate parameters and is designed for use in other methods.

```
fit_lmom_fast(data, distribution)
```

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Arguments

data	Numeric vector of annual maximum series values. Must be strictly positive, finite, and not missing.
distribution	Character scalar. A three-character code indicating a distribution family. Must
	be one of: "GUM", "NOR", "LNO", "GEV", "GLO", "GNO", "PE3", "LP3",
	or "WEI".

Value

A list containing the results of parameter estimation:

```
• method: "L-moments".
```

• params: numeric vector of 2 or 3 parameters depending on the distribution.

References

Hosking, J.R.M. & Wallis, J.R., 1997. Regional frequency analysis: an approach based on L-Moments. Cambridge University Press, New York, USA.

See Also

```
lmom_sample(), fit_lmom_kappa(), fit_lmom_xxx()
```

Examples

```
data <- rnorm(n = 100, mean = 100, sd = 10)
fit_lmom_fast(data, "PE3")</pre>
```

fit_lmom_kappa

L-Moments Parameter Estimation for the Kappa Distribution

Description

This functions estimates the parameters of the four-parameter Kappa distribution using the method of L-moments. Since there is no known closed form solution for the parameters in terms of the L-moments, the parameters are computed numerically using Newton-Raphson iteration.

Usage

```
fit_lmom_kappa(data)
```

Arguments

data

Numeric vector of annual maximum series values. Must be strictly positive, finite, and not missing.

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Details

First, the sample L-moments of the data are computed using the <code>lmom_sample()</code> method. Then, the <code>stats::optim()</code> function is used to determine the parameters by minimizing the euclidian distance between the sample and theoretical L-moment ratios. The implementation of this routine is based on the deprecated <code>homtest</code> package, formerly avilable at <code>https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=homtest</code>.

Value

A list containing the results of parameter estimation:

- method: "L-moments".
- params: numeric vector of 4 parameters in the order location, scale, shape (2).

References

Hosking, J.R.M. & Wallis, J.R., 1997. Regional frequency analysis: an approach based on L-Moments. Cambridge University Press, New York, USA.

See Also

```
lmom_sample(), fit_lmom_fast(), fit_lmom_xxx()
```

Examples

```
data <- rnorm(n = 100, mean = 100, sd = 10)
fit_lmom_kappa(data)</pre>
```

fit_lmom_xxx

Parameter Estimation with L-Moments

Description

Estimate the parameters of nine different distributions ("GUM", "NOR", "LNO", "GEV", "GLO", "GNO", "PE3", "LP3", and "WEI") using the method of L-moments.

```
fit_lmom_gum(data)
fit_lmom_nor(data)
fit_lmom_lno(data)
fit_lmom_gev(data)
fit_lmom_glo(data)
fit_lmom_gno(data)
fit_lmom_pe3(data)
```

```
fit_lmom_lp3(data)
fit_lmom_wei(data)
```

Arguments

data

Numeric vector of annual maximum series values. Must be strictly positive, finite, and not missing.

Details

First, the sample L-moments of the data are computed using the <code>lmom_sample()</code> method. Then formulas from Hosking (1997) are used to compute the parameters from the L-moments. Distributions <code>"GNO"</code>, <code>"PE3"</code>, and <code>"LP3"</code> use a rational approximation of the parameters.

Value

A list containing the results of parameter estimation:

- method: "L-moments".
- params: numeric vector of 2 or 3 parameters depending on the distribution.

References

Hosking, J.R.M. & Wallis, J.R., 1997. Regional frequency analysis: an approach based on L-Moments. Cambridge University Press, New York, USA.

See Also

```
fit_lmom_fast(), fit_lmom_kappa()
```

Examples

```
data <- rnorm(n = 100, mean = 100, sd = 10) fit_{mon_1p3}(data)
```

```
fit_maximum_likelihood
```

Maximum Likelihood Parameter Estimation

Description

Estimates parameters of a probability distribution with an optional nonstationary structure by maximizing the log-likelihood. Initial values are obtained through L-moment parameter estimation, and optimization is performed via stats::nlminb() with repeated perturbations if needed.

Usage

```
fit_maximum_likelihood(
  data,
  distribution,
  prior = NULL,
  years = NULL,
  structure = NULL
)
```

Arguments

data	Numeric vector of annual maximum series values. Must be strictly positive, finite, and not missing.
distribution	Character scalar. A three-character code indicating a distribution family. Must be one of: "GUM", "NOR", "LNO", "GEV", "GLO", "GNO", "PE3", "LP3", or "WEI".
prior	Numeric vector of length 2. Specifies the Beta prior shape parameters (p,q) for the shape parameter κ . Only used when distribution = "GEV".
years	Numeric vector of observation years corresponding to \mathtt{data} . Must be the same length as \mathtt{data} and strictly increasing.
structure	Named list indicating which distribution parameters are modeled as nonstationary. Must contain two logical scalars:
	 location: If TRUE, the location parameter has a linear temporal trend. scale: If TRUE, the scale parameter has a linear temporal trend.

Details

- 1. Calls fit_lmom_fast () on data to obtain initial parameter estimates.
- 2. Initializes trend parameters to zero if necessary.
- 3. For WEI models, sets the location parameter to zero to ensure support.
- 4. Defines an objective function using loglik_fast() or general_loglik_fast().
- 5. Runs stats::nlminb() with box constraints. Attempts optimization up to 100 times if a maximum cannot be found.

Value

A list containing the results of parameter estimation:

- params: Numeric vector of estimated parameters.
- mll: Maximum log-likelihood value.

Note

Although the more modern stats::optim() function is preferred over stats::nlminb(), we use stats::nlminb() because it supports infinite values of the likelihood function.

See Also

```
loglik_fast(), general_loglik_fast(), fit_lmom_fast(), stats::nlminb()
```

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Examples

```
data <- rnorm(n = 100, mean = 100, sd = 10)
years <- seq(from = 1901, to = 2000)
structure <- list(location = TRUE, scale = FALSE)
fit_maximum_likelihood(data, "GNO", NULL, years, structure)</pre>
```

```
general_loglik_fast
```

Generalized Log-Likelihood Helper Function

Description

A helper function used by $general_loglik_gev$ (). This function does not validate parameters and is designed for use in other methods.

Usage

```
general_loglik_fast(data, distribution, params, prior, years, structure)
```

Arguments

data	Numeric vector of annual maximum series values. Must be strictly positive, finite, and not missing.
distribution	Character scalar. A three-character code indicating a distribution family. Must be one of: "GUM", "NOR", "LNO", "GEV", "GLO", "GNO", "PE3", "LP3", or "WEI".
params	Numeric vector of distribution parameters, in the order (location, scale, shape). The length must be between 2 and 5, depending on the specified distribution and structure.
prior	Numeric vector of length 2. Specifies the Beta prior shape parameters (p,q) for the shape parameter κ . Only used when distribution = "GEV".
years	Numeric vector of observation years corresponding to data. Must be the same length as data and strictly increasing.
structure	Named list indicating which distribution parameters are modeled as nonstationary. Must contain two logical scalars:
	 location: If TRUE, the location parameter has a linear temporal trend. scale: If TRUE, the scale parameter has a linear temporal trend.

Value

Numeric scalar. The generalized log-likelihood value.

See Also

```
general_loglik_gev().
```

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Examples

```
# Initialize data, params, prior, years, and structure
data <- rnorm(n = 100, mean = 100, sd = 10)
params <- c(0, 1, 1, 0, 0)
prior <- c(5, 10)
years <- seq(from = 1901, to = 2000)
structure <- list(location = TRUE, scale = TRUE)

# Compute the generalized log-likelihood
general_loglik_fast(data, "GEV", params, prior, years, structure)</pre>
```

general_loglik_gev Generalized Log-Likelihood Functions for GEV Models

Description

Computes the generalized log-likelihood for stationary and nonstationary variants of the Generalized Extreme Value (GEV) distribution with a geophysical (Beta) prior distribution for the shape parameter (Martins and Stedinger, 2000).

Usage

```
general_loglik_gev(data, params, prior, years = NULL, structure = NULL)
```

Arguments

data	Numeric vector of annual maximum series values. Must be strictly positive, finite, and not missing.
params	Numeric vector of distribution parameters, in the order (location, scale, shape). The length must be between 2 and 5, depending on the specified distribution and structure.
prior	Numeric vector of length 2. Specifies the Beta prior shape parameters (p,q) for the shape parameter κ . Only used when distribution = "GEV".
years	Numeric vector of observation years corresponding to data. Must be the same length as data and strictly increasing.
structure	Named list indicating which distribution parameters are modeled as nonstationary. Must contain two logical scalars:
	• location: If TRUE, the location parameter has a linear temporal trend.

Details

The generalized log-likelihood is defined as sum of the log-likelihood of the specified model and the log-density of the Beta prior with parameters (p, q). The contribution of the prior is:

• scale: If TRUE, the scale parameter has a linear temporal trend.

$$\log \pi(\kappa) = (p-1)\log(0.5 - \kappa) + (q-1)\log(0.5 + \kappa) - \log(\beta(p,q))$$

Value

Numeric scalar. The generalized log-likelihood value.

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References

El Adlouni, S., Ouarda, T.B.M.J., Zhang, X., Roy, R., Bob´ee, B., 2007. Generalized maximum likelihood estimators for the nonstationary generalized extreme value model. Water Resour. Res. 43 (3), 1–13. doi:10.1029/2005WR004545

Martins, E. S., and Stedinger, J. R. (2000). Generalized maximum-likelihood generalized extreme-value quantile estimators for hydrologic data. Water Resources Research, 36(3), 737–744. doi:10.1029/1999WR900330

See Also

```
general_loglik_fast()
```

Examples

```
# Initialize data, params, prior, years, and structure
data <- rnorm(n = 100, mean = 100, sd = 10)
params <- c(0, 1, 1, 0)
prior <- c(5, 10)
years <- seq(from = 1901, to = 2000)
structure <- list(location = TRUE, scale = FALSE)

# Compute the generalized log-likelihood
general_loglik_gev(data, params, prior, years, structure)</pre>
```

lmom_fast

Helper Function for L-moments Ratios

Description

A helper function used by <code>lmom_theoretical()</code>. This function does not validate parameters and is designed for use in other methods.

Usage

```
lmom_fast(distribution, params)
```

Arguments

```
distribution Character scalar. A three-character code indicating a distribution family. Must be one of: "GUM", "NOR", "LNO", "GEV", "GLO", "GNO", "PE3", "LP3", or "WEI".
```

Numeric vector of distribution parameters, in the order (location, scale, shape).

The length must be between 2 and 5, depending on the specified distribution and structure.

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Value

A numeric vector of with four elements:

- λ_1 : L-mean
- λ₂: L-variance
- τ_3 : L-skewness
- τ_4 : L-kurtosis

Note

This function returns identical L-moment ratios for "NOR"/"LNO" and "PE3"/"LP3" since L-moments for the "LNO" and "LP3" distributions are compared with the sample L-moments of log-transformed data internally.

References

Hosking, J.R.M. & Wallis, J.R., 1997. Regional frequency analysis: an approach based on L-Moments. Cambridge University Press, New York, USA.

See Also

```
lmom_theoretical()
```

Examples

```
lmom_fast("GLO", c(0, 1, 0))
```

lmom_sample

Sample L-moments

Description

Computes the first four sample L-moments and L-moment ratios from a numeric vector of data. L-moments are linear combinations of order statistics that provide robust alternatives to conventional moments, with advantages in parameter estimation for heavy-tailed and skewed distributions.

Usage

```
lmom_sample(data)
```

Arguments

data

Numeric vector of annual maximum series values. Must be strictly positive, finite, and not missing.

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Details

Given probability weighted moments $\beta_0, \beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3$, the first four sample L-moments are:

- $l_1 = \beta_0$
- $l_2 = 2\beta_1 \beta_0$
- $l_3 = 6\beta_2 6\beta_1 + \beta_0$
- $l_4 = 20\beta_3 30\beta_2 + 12\beta_1 \beta_0$

Then, the sample L-skewness is $t_3 = l_3/l_2$ and the sample L-kurtosis is $t_4 = l_4/l_2$.

Value

A numeric vector containing the first four sample L-moments and L-moment ratios:

- *l*₁: L-mean
- l₂: L-variance
- t₃: L-skewness
- t₄: L-kurtosis

References

Hosking, J. R. M. (1990). L-moments: Analysis and estimation of distributions using linear combinations of order statistics. *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society: Series B (Methodological)*, 52(1), 105–124.

Examples

```
data <- rnorm(n = 100, mean = 100, sd = 10) lmom_sample(data)
```

lmom_theoretical Theoretical L-moments of Probability Distributions

Description

Computes the first four L-moments and L-moment ratios of seven different probability distributions ("GUM", "NOR", "GEV", "GLO", "GNO", "PE3", and "WEI") given the parameters of the distribution.

```
lmom_theoretical_gum(params)
lmom_theoretical_nor(params)
lmom_theoretical_gev(params)
lmom_theoretical_glo(params)
```

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```
lmom_theoretical_gno(params)
lmom_theoretical_pe3(params)
lmom_theoretical_wei(params)
```

Arguments

params

Numeric vector of distribution parameters, in the order (location, scale, shape). The length must be between 2 and 5, depending on the specified distribution and structure.

Details

The distributions "GUM", "NOR", "GEV", "GLO", and "WEI" have closed-form solutions for the L-moments and L-moment ratios in terms of the parameters. The distributions "GNO" and "PE3" use rational approximations of the L-moment ratios from Hosking (1997).

Value

A numeric vector of with four elements:

- λ_1 : L-mean
- λ₂: L-variance
- τ₃: L-skewness
- τ₄: L-kurtosis

References

Hosking, J.R.M. & Wallis, J.R., 1997. Regional frequency analysis: an approach based on L-Moments. Cambridge University Press, New York, USA.

See Also

```
lmom_fast()
```

Examples

```
lmom\_theoretical\_gev(c(0, 1, 0))
```

loglik_fast

Log-Likelihood Helper Function

Description

A helper function used by $loglik_xxx$ (). This function does not validate parameters and is designed for use in other methods.

```
loglik_fast(data, distribution, params, years, structure)
```

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Arguments

data	Numeric vector of annual maximum series values. Must be strictly positive, finite, and not missing.
distribution	Character scalar. A three-character code indicating a distribution family. Must be one of: "GUM", "NOR", "LNO", "GEV", "GLO", "GNO", "PE3", "LP3", or "WEI".
params	Numeric vector of distribution parameters, in the order (location, scale, shape). The length must be between 2 and 5, depending on the specified distribution and structure.
years	Numeric vector of observation years corresponding to data. Must be the same length as data and strictly increasing.
structure	Named list indicating which distribution parameters are modeled as nonstationary. Must contain two logical scalars:
	 location: If TRUE, the location parameter has a linear temporal trend. scale: If TRUE, the scale parameter has a linear temporal trend.

Value

Numeric scalar. The log-likelihood value.

See Also

```
loglik_xxx()
```

Examples

```
data <- rnorm(n = 100, mean = 100, sd = 10) params <- c(0, 1, 0) years <- seq(from = 1901, to = 2000) structure <- list(location = FALSE, scale = FALSE) loglik_fast(data, "GEV", params, years, structure)
```

loglik_xxx

Log-Likelihood Functions for Probability Models

Description

Compute the log-likelihood value for stationary and nonstationary variants of nine different distributions: "GUM", "NOR", "LNO", "GEV", "GLO", "GNO", "PE3", "LP3", or "WEI". In total, these methods compute the log-likelihood for 36 different probability models.

```
loglik_gum(data, params, years = NULL, structure = NULL)
loglik_nor(data, params, years = NULL, structure = NULL)
loglik_lno(data, params, years = NULL, structure = NULL)
```

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```
loglik_gev(data, params, years = NULL, structure = NULL)
loglik_glo(data, params, years = NULL, structure = NULL)
loglik_gno(data, params, years = NULL, structure = NULL)
loglik_pe3(data, params, years = NULL, structure = NULL)
loglik_lp3(data, params, years = NULL, structure = NULL)
loglik_wei(data, params, years = NULL, structure = NULL)
```

Arguments

data	Numeric vector of annual maximum series values. Must be strictly positive, finite, and not missing.
params	Numeric vector of distribution parameters, in the order (location, scale, shape). The length must be between 2 and 5, depending on the specified distribution and structure.
years	Numeric vector of observation years corresponding to data. Must be the same length as data and strictly increasing.
structure	Named list indicating which distribution parameters are modeled as nonstationary. Must contain two logical scalars:
	• location: If TRUE, the location parameter has a linear temporal trend.

- location: If TRUE, the location parameter has a linear temporal trend.
- scale: If TRUE, the scale parameter has a linear temporal trend.

Value

Numeric scalar. The log-likelihood value.

See Also

```
loglik_fast()
```

```
# Initialize data, params, years, and structure
data <- rnorm(n = 100, mean = 100, sd = 10)
params <- c(0, 1, 1, 0)
years <- seq(from = 1901, to = 2000)
structure <- list(location = TRUE, scale = FALSE)
# Compute the log-likelihood
loglik_gno(data, params, years, structure)</pre>
```

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Description

Computes multiple performance metrics and diagnostic indicators to assess the quality of a fitted flood frequency model. This includes accuracy (residual statistics), fitting efficiency (information criteria), and uncertainty (coverage-based metrics using confidence intervals).

Usage

```
model_diagnostics(
  data,
  distribution,
  params,
  uncertainty,
  years = NULL,
  structure = NULL,
  alpha = 0.05,
  pp_formula = "Weibull"
)
```

Arguments

alpha

pp_formula

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	data	Numeric vector of annual maximum series values. Must be strictly positive, finite, and not missing.
	distribution	Character scalar. A three-character code indicating a distribution family. Must be one of: "GUM", "NOR", "LNO", "GEV", "GLO", "GNO", "PE3", "LP3", or "WEI".
	params	Numeric vector of distribution parameters, in the order (location, scale, shape). The length must be between 2 and 5, depending on the specified distribution and structure.
	uncertainty	List; estimated reutrn levels and confidence intervals generated by $uncertainty_bootstrap()$ or $uncertainty_rfpl()$.
	years	Numeric vector of observation years corresponding to data. Must be the same length as data and strictly increasing.
	structure	Named list indicating which distribution parameters are modeled as nonstationary. Must contain two logical scalars:
		 location: If TRUE, the location parameter has a linear temporal trend. scale: If TRUE, the scale parameter has a linear temporal trend.

Numeric scalar in [0.01, 0.1]. The significance level for confidence intervals or

Character (1); string specifying the plotting position formula. Must be one of

"Weibull", "Blom", "Cunnane", "Gringorten", or "Hazen"

hypothesis tests. Default is 0.05.

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Value

List containing model assessment metrics:

- data: The data argument.
- estimates: Quantile estimates for empirical return periods.
- R2: Coefficient of determination from linear regression of estimates vs. data.
- RMSE: Root mean squared error of quantile estimates.
- bias: Mean bias of quantile estimates.
- AIC: Akaike Information Criterion.
- BIC: Bayesian Information Criterion.
- AIC_MLL: Akaike Information Criterion, computed using MLE.
- BIC_MLL: Bayesian Information Criterion, computed using MLE.
- AW: Average width of the confidence interval(s).
- POC: Percent of observations covered by the confidence interval(s).
- CWI: Confidence width index, a metric that combines AW and POC.

See Also

```
uncertainty_bootstrap(),uncertainty_rfpl(),fit_maximum_likelihood()
```

Examples

```
# Initialize example data and params
data <- rnorm(n = 100, mean = 100, sd = 10)
params <- c(100, 10)

# Perform uncertainty analysis
uncertainty <- uncertainty_bootstrap(data, "NOR", "L-moments")

# Evaluate model diagnostics
model_diagnostics(data, "NOR", params, uncertainty)</pre>
```

plot_ams_data

Plot Annual Maximum Series Data

Description

Generates a plot of annual maximum series data with an optional line connecting the data points.

Usage

```
plot_ams_data(data, years, show_line = TRUE, ...)
```

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Arguments

data	Numeric vector of annual maximum series values. Must be strictly positive,
	finite, and not missing.
years	Numeric vector of observation years corresponding to data. Must be the same
	length as data and strictly increasing.
show_line	If TRUE (default), draw a line through the data.
• • •	Optional named arguments: 'title', 'xlabel', and 'ylabel'.

Value

ggplot; A plot containing:

- Black dots at each (data, year) pair.
- An optional line thorugh the data points (if show_line == TRUE)

Examples

```
data <- rnorm(n = 100, mean = 100, sd = 10) years <- seq(from = 1901, to = 2000) plot_ams_data(data, years)
```

plot_bbmk_test

Plot Block-Bootstrap Mann-Kendall Test Results

Description

Generates a histogram of bootstrapped Mann–Kendall S-statistics with vertical lines indicating the observed S-statistic and confidence bounds.

Usage

```
plot_bbmk_test(results, ...)
```

Arguments

```
results List of BB-MK test results generated by eda_bbmk_test().
... Optional named arguments: 'title', 'xlabel', and 'ylabel'.
```

Value

ggplot; A plot containing:

- A gray histogram of the distribution of bootstrapped S-statistics.
- A red vertical line at the lower and upper confidence bounds.
- A black vertical line at the observed S-statistic.

```
data <- rnorm(n = 100, mean = 100, sd = 10)
results <- eda_bbmk_test(data, samples = 1000L)
plot_bbmk_test(results)</pre>
```

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Description

Generates a plot of L-moment ratios with the L-skewness on the x-axis and L-kurtosis on the y-axis. Plots the sample and log-sample L-moment ratios alongside the theoretical L-moment ratios for a set of candidate distributions. Also includes a small inset around the L-moment ratios of the recommended distribution.

Usage

```
plot_lmom_diagram(results, ...)
```

Arguments

Value

ggplot; plot object containing the L-moment ratio diagram, with:

- L-moment ratio curves for each 3-parameter distribution.
- Points for the L-moment ratios of each 2-parameter distribution.
- Sample and log-sample L-moment ratio (t_3, t_4) points.

See Also

```
select_ldistance(), select_lkurtosis(), select_zstatistic()
```

Examples

```
data <- rnorm(n = 100, mean = 100, sd = 10)
results <- select_ldistance(data)
plot_lmom_diagram(results)</pre>
```

```
plot_mks_test
```

Plot Mann-Kendall-Sneyers (MKS) Test Results

Description

Constructs a two-panel visualization of the MKS test. The upper panel plots the normalized progressive and regressive Mann–Kendall S-statistics over time, with dashed confidence bounds and potential trend-change points. The lower panel contains the annual maximum series data with the change points highlighted.

Usage

```
plot_mks_test(results, show_line = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

```
results A list generated by eda_mks_test().

show_line If TRUE (default), draw a fitted line through the data.

Optional named arguments: 'title', 'top_xlabel', 'top_ylabel', 'bottom_xlabel' and 'bottom_ylabel'.
```

Value

A patchwork object with two ggplot2 panels stacked vertically.

See Also

```
eda_mks_test()
```

Examples

```
data <- rnorm(n = 100, mean = 100, sd = 10)
years <- seq(from = 1901, to = 2000)
results <- eda_mks_test(data, years)
plot_mks_test(results)</pre>
```

```
plot_model_diagnostics
```

Plot Model Assessment Results

Description

Creates a quantile—quantile plot comparing observed annual maximum series data to quantile estimates from a fitted parametric model. The 1:1 line is drawn in black and the parametric model estimates are plotted as semi-transparent red points.

Usage

```
plot_model_diagnostics(results, ...)
```

Arguments

```
results List; model assessment results generated by model_diagnostics().
... Optional named arguments: 'title', 'xlabel', and 'ylabel'.
```

Value

ggplot; a plot containing:

- A black line representing a model with no deviation from the emprical quantiles.
- Red points denoting the estimated quantiles against the empirical quantiles.

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Examples

```
# Initialize example data and params
data <- rnorm(n = 100, mean = 100, sd = 10)
params <- c(100, 10)

# Perform uncertainty analysis
uncertainty <- uncertainty_bootstrap(data, "NOR", "L-moments")

# Evaluate model diagnostics
results <- model_diagnostics(data, "NOR", params, uncertainty)

# Generate a model assessment plot
plot_model_diagnostics(results)</pre>
```

plot_nsffa

Plot Return Levels and Confidence Intervals for NS-FFA

Description

Generates a plot with effective return periods on the x-axis and effective return levels (annual maxima magnitudes) on the y-axis for up to 5 time slices. Each slice is displayed in a distinct color. Confidence bounds are shown as semi-transparent ribbons, and the point estimates are overlaid as solid lines. Return periods are depicted on a logarithmic scale.

Usage

```
plot_nsffa(results, ...)
```

Arguments

```
A list of estimated return levels and confidence intervals generated by uncertainty_bootstrap or uncertainty_rfpl().

Optional named arguments: 'title', 'xlabel', and 'ylabel'.
```

Value

ggplot; a plot with one line and ribbon per slice.

```
data <- rnorm(n = 100, mean = 100, sd = 10)
years <- seq(from = 1901, to = 2000)

# Run the uncertainty bootstrap at slices 1920, 1960, 2000
results <- uncertainty_bootstrap(
    data,
    "GEV",
    "L-moments",
    years = years,
    structure = list(location = TRUE, scale = FALSE),
    slices = c(1920, 1960, 2000),
    samples = 1000L</pre>
```

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```
# Generate the plot
plot_nsffa(results)
```

```
plot_pettitt_test     Plot Results from the Pettitt Change-Point Test
```

Description

Creates a two-panel visualization of the Mann–Whitney–Pettitt test. The upper panel plots the Pettitt U_t statistic over time along with the significance threshold and potential change point. The lower panel displays the annual maximum series data with an optional trend line, the period mean(s), and potential change point(s).

Usage

```
plot_pettitt_test(results, show_line = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

```
results A list generated by eda_pettitt_test().

show_line If TRUE (default), draw a fitted line through the data.

Optional named arguments: 'title', 'top_xlabel', 'top_ylabel', 'bottom_xlabel' and 'bottom_ylabel'.
```

Value

A patchwork object with two ggplot2 panels stacked vertically.

See Also

```
eda_pettitt_test()
```

```
data <- rnorm(n = 100, mean = 100, sd = 10)
years <- seq(from = 1901, to = 2000)
results <- eda_pettitt_test(data, years)
plot_pettitt_test(results)</pre>
```

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```
plot_runs_test
```

Plot Runs Test Results

Description

Generates a residual plot of Sen's estimator applied to annual maximum series data (or the variability of the data) with a horizontal dashed line at zero and an annotation indicating the p-value of the Runs test.

Usage

```
plot_runs_test(results, ...)
```

Arguments

```
results A list of runs test results generated by eda_runs_test().
... Optional named arguments: 'title', 'xlabel', and 'ylabel'.
```

Value

ggplot; a plot containing:

- Black points for the residual at each year.
- A red dashed horizontal line at y = 0.
- A text annotation "Runs p-value: X.XXX" in the plot area.

See Also

```
eda_runs_test()
```

```
# Initialize data and years
data <- rnorm(n = 100, mean = 100, sd = 10)
years <- seq(from = 1901, to = 2000)

# Generate runs test plot
sens <- eda_sens_trend(data, years)
results <- eda_runs_test(sens)
plot_runs_test(results, "mean")</pre>
```

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```
plot_sens_trend
```

Plot Sen's Trend Estimator

Description

Produces a scatterplot of the annual maximum series data or its variance against time, optionally overlaid with Sen's trend estimator of the mean and/or variability.

Usage

```
plot_sens_trend(
   data,
   years,
   mean_trend = NULL,
   variability_trend = NULL,
   show_line = TRUE,
   ...
)
```

Arguments

```
Numeric vector of annual maximum series values. Must be strictly positive, finite, and not missing.

years

Numeric vector of observation years corresponding to data. Must be the same length as data and strictly increasing.

mean_trend

Trend in the mean estimated by by eda_sens_trend().

variability_trend

Trend in variability estimated by eda_sens_trend().

show_line

If TRUE (default), draw a fitted line through the data.

Optional named arguments: 'title', 'xlabel', and 'ylabel'.
```

Value

ggplot; a plot containing:

- Gray points for each year's annual maximum series value.
- Optional gray line connecting the data if show_line = TRUE.
- A solid black line representing a constant mean, if mean_trend == NULL.
- A solid blue line representing a trend in the mean, if mean_trend != NULL.
- A dashed black line representing constant variability, if variability_trend == NULL.
- A dashed blue line representing a trend in variability, if variability_trend != NULL.
- The equation for the trend in the mean, written in the form mx + b.

See Also

```
eda_sens_trend()
```

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Examples

```
data <- rnorm(n = 100, mean = 100, sd = 10)
years <- seq(from = 1901, to = 2000)
mean_trend <- eda_sens_trend(data, years)
plot_sens_trend(data, years, meant_trend = mean_trend)</pre>
```

plot_sffa

Plot Return Levels and Confidence Intervals for S-FFA

Description

Generates a plot with return periods on the x-axis and return levels (annual maxima magnitudes) on the y-axis for S-FFA. The confidence bound is shown as a semi-transparent ribbon, and the point estimates are overlaid as a solid line. Return periods are shown on a logarithmic scale.

Usage

```
plot_sffa(results, ...)
```

Arguments

```
A list of estimated return levels and confidence intervals generated by uncertainty_bootstrap or uncertainty_rfpl().

Optional named arguments: 'title', 'xlabel', and 'ylabel'.
```

Value

ggplot; a plot showing:

- A semi-transparent gray ribbon between results\$ci_lower and results\$ci_upper.
- · A solid black line for the point estimates.

```
data <- rnorm(n = 100, mean = 100, sd = 10)
years <- seq(from = 1901, to = 2000)
results <- uncertainty_bootstrap(data, "WEI", "L-moments")
plot_sffa(results)</pre>
```

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```
plot_spearman_test Plot Spearman's Rho Autocorrelation
```

Description

Visualizes Spearman's rho serial correlation coefficients with shaded points indicating statistical significance.

Usage

```
plot_spearman_test(results, ...)
```

Arguments

```
results A list generated by eda_spearman_test().
... Optional named arguments: 'title', 'xlabel', and 'ylabel'.
```

Value

ggplot; a plot showing:

- Vertical segments from y=0 up to each ρ value at its lag.
- Filled circles at each lag, filled black if serial correlation is detected.

Examples

```
data <- rnorm(n = 100, mean = 100, sd = 10)
results <- eda_spearman_test(data)
plot_spearman_test(results)</pre>
```

```
quantile_fast
```

Helper Function for Quantile Functions

Description

A helper function used by $quantile_{xxx}$ (). This function does not validate parameters and is designed for use in other methods.

Usage

```
quantile_fast(p, distribution, params, slice, structure)
```

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Arguments

р	Numeric vector of probabilities between 0 and 1 with no missing values.
distribution	Character scalar. A three-character code indicating a distribution family. Must be one of: "GUM", "NOR", "LNO", "GEV", "GLO", "GNO", "PE3", "LP3", or "WEI".
params	Numeric vector of distribution parameters, in the order (location, scale, shape). The length must be between 2 and 5, depending on the specified distribution and structure.
slice	Numeric scalar specifying the year at which to evaluate the quantiles of a nonstationary probability distribution. The slice does not have to be an element of the years argument. Note that if structure\$location and structure\$scale are both FALSE, this argument will have no effect the output of the function.
structure	Named list indicating which distribution parameters are modeled as nonstationary. Must contain two logical scalars:
	 location: If TRUE, the location parameter has a linear temporal trend. scale: If TRUE, the scale parameter has a linear temporal trend.

Value

A numeric vector of quantiles with the same length as p.

See Also

```
quantile_xxx()
```

Examples

```
# Initialize p, params, and structure
p <- runif(n = 10)
params <- c(0, 1, 1, 0)
structure <- list(location = FALSE, scale = TRUE)
# Compute the log-likelihood in the year 2000
quantile_fast(p, "GEV", params, 2000, structure)</pre>
```

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Quantile Functions for Probability Models

Description

Compute the quantiles for stationary and nonstationary variants of nine different distributions: "GUM", "NOR", "LNO", "GEV", "GLO", "GNO", "PE3", "LP3", or "WEI". In total, these methods compute the quantiles for 36 different probability models.

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Usage

```
quantile_gum(p, params, slice = 1900, structure = NULL)
quantile_nor(p, params, slice = 1900, structure = NULL)
quantile_lno(p, params, slice = 1900, structure = NULL)
quantile_gev(p, params, slice = 1900, structure = NULL)
quantile_glo(p, params, slice = 1900, structure = NULL)
quantile_gno(p, params, slice = 1900, structure = NULL)
quantile_pe3(p, params, slice = 1900, structure = NULL)
quantile_lp3(p, params, slice = 1900, structure = NULL)
quantile_wei(p, params, slice = 1900, structure = NULL)
quantile_kap(p, params, slice = 1900, structure = NULL)
```

Arguments

р	Numeric vector of probabilities between 0 and 1 with no missing values.
params	Numeric vector of distribution parameters, in the order (location, scale, shape). The length must be between 2 and 5, depending on the specified distribution and structure.
slice	Numeric scalar specifying the year at which to evaluate the quantiles of a nonstationary probability distribution. The slice does not have to be an element of the years argument. Note that if structure\$location and structure\$scale are both FALSE, this argument will have no effect the output of the function.
structure	Named list indicating which distribution parameters are modeled as nonstationary. Must contain two logical scalars:

- \bullet location: If ${\tt TRUE},$ the location parameter has a linear temporal trend.
- scale: If TRUE, the scale parameter has a linear temporal trend.

Value

A numeric vector of quantiles with the same length as p.

See Also

```
quantile_fast()
```

```
# Initialize p and params
p <- runif(n = 10)
params <- c(0, 1, 0)

# Compute the quantiles
quantile_wei(p, params)</pre>
```

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```
select_ldistance L-Distance Method for Distribution Selection
```

Description

Selects a distribution from a set of candidate distributions by minimizing the Euclidean distance between the theoretical L-moment ratios (τ_3, τ_4) and the sample L-moment ratios (t_3, t_4) .

Usage

```
select_ldistance(data)
```

Arguments

data

Numeric vector of annual maximum series values. Must be strictly positive, finite, and not missing.

Details

For each candidate distribution, the method computes the Euclidean distance between sample L-moment ratios (τ_3 , τ_4) and the closest point on the theoretical distribution's L-moment curve. For two-parameter distributions (Gumbel, Normal, Log-Normal), the theoretical L-moment ratios are compared directly with the sample L-moment ratios. The distribution with the minimum distance is selected. If a distribution is fit to log-transformed data (Log-Normal or Log-Pearson Type III), the L-moment ratios for the log-transformed sample are used instead.

Value

A list with the results of distribution selection:

- method: "L-distance".
- data: The data argument.
- metrics: A list of L-distance metrics for each candidate distribution.
- recommendation: The name of the distribution with the smallest L-distance.

References

Hosking, J.R.M. & Wallis, J.R., 1997. Regional frequency analysis: an approach based on L-Moments. Cambridge University Press, New York, USA.

See Also

```
lmom_sample(), select_lkurtosis(), select_zstatistic(), plot_lmom_diagram()
```

```
data <- rnorm(n = 100, mean = 100, sd = 10)
select_ldistance(data)</pre>
```

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```
select_lkurtosis L-Kurtosis Method for Distribution Selection
```

Description

Selects a probability distribution by minimizing the absolute distance between the theoretical L-kurtosis (τ_4) and the sample L-kurtosis (t_4). Only supports 3-parameter distributions.

Usage

```
select_lkurtosis(data)
```

Arguments

data

Numeric vector of annual maximum series values. Must be strictly positive, finite, and not missing.

Details

This method computes the distance between the sample and theoretical L-kurtosis values at a fixed L-skewness. For three parameter distributions, the shape parameter that best replicates the sample L-skewness is determined using stats::optim().

Value

A list with the results of distribution selection:

- method: "L-kurtosis".
- data: The data argument.
- metrics: A list of L-kurtosis metrics for each distribution.
- recommendation: Name of the distribution with the smallest L-kurtosis metric.

References

Hosking, J.R.M. & Wallis, J.R., 1997. Regional frequency analysis: an approach based on L-Moments. Cambridge University Press, New York, USA.

See Also

```
lmom_sample(), select_ldistance(), select_zstatistic(), plot_lmom_diagram()
```

```
data <- rnorm(n = 100, mean = 100, sd = 10)
select_lkurtosis(data)</pre>
```

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select_zstatistic Z-Statistic Method for Distribution Selection

Description

Selects the best-fit distribution by comparing a bias-corrected Z-statistic for the sample L-kurtosis (τ_4) against the theoretical L-moments for a set of candidate distributions. The distribution with the smallest absolute Z-statistic is selected.

Usage

```
select_zstatistic(data, samples = 10000L)
```

Arguments

data	Numeric vector of annual maximum series values. Must be strictly positive,
	finite, and not missing.
samples	Integer scalar. The number of bootstrap samples. Default is 10000.

Details

The method performs distribution selection using both raw and log-transformed data. The distributions which use the raw data are GEV, GLO, PE3, GNO, and WEI. The LP3 distribution uses the log-transformed data.

The Z-statistic is determined by fitting a four-parameter Kappa distribution to the raw and log-transformed data. Then, bootstrapped samples from this Kappa distribution The L-moments of these bootstrapped samples are used to estimate the Z-statistic for each distribution.

Value

A list with the results of distribution selection:

- method: "Z-selection".
- data: The data argument.
- metrics: List of computed Z-statistics for each candidate distribution.
- recommendation: Name of the distribution with the smallest Z-statistic.
- reg_params: Kappa distribution parameters for the data.
- reg_bias_t4: Bias of the L-kurtosis from the bootstrap.
- reg_std_t4: Standard deviation of the L-kurtosis from the bootstrap.
- log_params: Kappa distribution parameters for the log-transformed data.
- log_bias_t4: Bias of the L-kurtosis from the bootstrap (using log_params).
- log_std_t4: Standard deviation of the L-kurtosis from the bootstrap (using log_params).

References

Hosking, J.R.M. & Wallis, J.R., 1997. Regional frequency analysis: an approach based on L-Moments. Cambridge University Press, New York, USA.

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See Also

```
select_ldistance(), select_lkurtosis(), fit_lmom_kappa(), quantile_fast(),
plot_lmom_diagram()
```

Examples

```
data <- rnorm(n = 100, mean = 100, sd = 10)
select_zstatistic(data)</pre>
```

```
uncertainty_bootstrap
```

Parametric Bootstrap Confidence Intervals for Flood Quantile Estimates

Description

Computes return level estimates and confidence intervals at the specified return periods (defaults to 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, and 100 years) using the parametric bootstrap method. This function supports a variety of probability models and parameter estimation methods.

Usage

```
uncertainty_bootstrap(
  data,
  distribution,
  method,
  prior = NULL,
  years = NULL,
  structure = NULL,
  slices = 1900,
  alpha = 0.05,
  samples = 10000L,
  periods = c(2, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100)
)
```

Arguments

data	Numeric vector of annual maximum series values. Must be strictly positive, finite, and not missing.
distribution	Character scalar. A three-character code indicating a distribution family. Must be one of: "GUM", "NOR", "LNO", "GEV", "GLO", "GNO", "PE3", "LP3", or "WEI".
method	Character scalar specifying the estimation method. Must be "L-moments", "MLE", or "GMLE".
prior	Numeric vector of length 2. Specifies the Beta prior shape parameters (p,q) for the shape parameter κ . Only used when distribution = "GEV".
years	Numeric vector of observation years corresponding to data. Must be the same length as data and strictly increasing.

structure	Named list indicating which distribution parameters are modeled as nonstationary. Must contain two logical scalars:
	 location: If TRUE, the location parameter has a linear temporal trend. scale: If TRUE, the scale parameter has a linear temporal trend.
slices	Numeric vector specifying the years at which to evaluate the return levels confidence intervals of a nonstationary probability distribution. The slices do not have to be elements of the years argument.
alpha	Numeric scalar in $[0.01,0.1]$. The significance level for confidence intervals or hypothesis tests. Default is 0.05 .
samples	Integer scalar. The number of bootstrap samples. Default is 10000.
periods	Numeric vector used to set the return periods for FFA. All entries must be greater than or equal to 1.

Details

The bootstrap procedure samples from the fitted distribution via inverse transform sampling. For each bootstrapped sample, the parameters are re-estimated using the method argument. Then, the bootstrapped parameters are used to compute a new set of bootstrapped quantiles. Confidence intervals are obtained from the empirical nonexceedance probabilities of the bootstrapped quantiles.

Value

A list containing the following three items:

- method: "Bootstrap"
- structure: The value of the structure argument.
- slices: A list of lists containing the results for each slice.

Each element of slices is a list with the following five items:

- estimates: Estimated quantiles for each return period.
- ci_lower: Lower bound of the confidence interval for each return period.
- ci upper: Upper bound of the confidence interval for each return period.
- periods: Vector of return periods; defaults to c (2, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100).
- year: The year at which the estimates were computed (nonstationary models only).

Note

The parametric bootstrap is known to give unreasonably wide confidence intervals for small datasets. If this function detects a confidence interval that is 5+ times wider than the return levels themselves, it will return an error and recommend RFPL uncertainty quantification (with uncertainty_rfpl).

References

Vidrio-Sahagún, C.T., He, J. Enhanced profile likelihood method for the nonstationary hydrological frequency analysis, Advances in Water Resources 161, 10451 (2022). doi:10.1016/j.advwatres.2022.104151

See Also

```
fit_lmom_fast(),fit_maximum_likelihood(),lmom_sample(),quantile_fast(),
plot_sffa(),plot_nsffa()
```

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Examples

```
data <- rnorm(n = 100, mean = 100, sd = 10)
years <- seq(from = 1901, to = 2000)
uncertainty_bootstrap(data, "WEI", "L-moments")</pre>
```

Description

Calculates return level estimates and confidence intervals at specified return periods (defaults to 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, and 100 years) using the Regula-Falsi profile likelihood or Regula-Falsi generalized profile likelihood root-finding methods.

Usage

```
uncertainty_rfpl(
  data,
  distribution,
  prior = NULL,
  years = NULL,
  structure = NULL,
  slices = 1900,
  alpha = 0.05,
  eps = 0.01,
  periods = c(2, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100)
)
```

Arguments

data	Numeric vector of annual maximum series values. Must be strictly positive, finite, and not missing.
distribution	Character scalar. A three-character code indicating a distribution family. Must be one of: "GUM", "NOR", "LNO", "GEV", "GLO", "GNO", "PE3", "LP3", or "WEI".
prior	Numeric vector of length 2. Specifies the Beta prior shape parameters (p,q) for the shape parameter κ . Only used when distribution = "GEV".
years	Numeric vector of observation years corresponding to data. Must be the same length as data and strictly increasing.
structure	Named list indicating which distribution parameters are modeled as nonstationary. Must contain two logical scalars:
	 location: If TRUE, the location parameter has a linear temporal trend. scale: If TRUE, the scale parameter has a linear temporal trend.
slices	Numeric vector specifying the years at which to evaluate the return levels confidence intervals of a nonstationary probability distribution. The slices do not

have to be elements of the years argument.

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alpha	Numeric scalar in $[0.01, 0.1]$. The significance level for confidence intervals or hypothesis tests. Default is 0.05 .
eps	Numeric scalar. The log-likelihood tolerance for the Regula-Falsi convergence (default is 0.01).
periods	Numeric vector used to set the return periods for FFA. All entries must be greater than or equal to 1.

Details

- 1. Fits the distribution using fit_maximum_likelihood() to obtain parameter estimates and log-likelihood.
- 2. Defines an objective function $f(y_p, p)$ using the reparameterized log-likelihood function.
- 3. Iteratively brackets the root by rescaling initial guesses by 0.05 until $f(y_p, p)$ changes sign.
- 4. Uses the Regula Falsi method to solve $f(y_p, p) = 0$ for each return-period probability.
- 5. Returns lower and upper confidence bounds at significance level alpha given the return level estimates.

Value

A list containing the following three items:

- method: "Bootstrap"
- structure: The value of the structure argument.
- slices: A list of lists containing the results for each slice.

Each element of slices is a list with the following five items:

- estimates: Estimated quantiles for each return period.
- ci_lower: Lower bound of the confidence interval for each return period.
- ci_upper: Upper bound of the confidence interval for each return period.
- periods: Vector of return periods; defaults to c (2, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100).
- year: The year at which the estimates were computed (nonstationary models only).

Note

Although the more modern stats::optim() function is preferred over stats::nlminb(), we use stats::nlminb() because it supports infinite values of the likelihood function.

RFPL uncertainty quantification can be numerically unstable for some datasets. If this function encounters an issue, it will return an error and recommend using the parametric bootstrap method (uncertainty_bootstrap) instead.

References

Vidrio-Sahagún, C.T., He, J. Enhanced profile likelihood method for the nonstationary hydrological frequency analysis, Advances in Water Resources 161, 10451 (2022). doi:10.1016/j.advwatres.2022.104151

Vidrio-Sahagún, C.T., He, J. & Pietroniro, A. Multi-distribution regula-falsi profile likelihood method for nonstationary hydrological frequency analysis. Stoch Environ Res Risk Assess 38, 843–867 (2024). doi:10.1007/s00477023026030

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See Also

```
quantile_fast(), uncertainty_bootstrap(), plot_sffa(), plot_nsffa()
```

```
data <- rnorm(n = 100, mean = 100, sd = 10)
uncertainty_rfpl(data, "GLO")</pre>
```