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 GEVStableGarch-package

*ARMA-GARCH/APARCH modelling with GEV and stable distributions*

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## Description

This package is designed to perform maximum likelihood estimation of ARMA-GARCH/APARCH models with generalized extreme distribution (GEV), stable, generalized asymmetric t (GAt) and skew Student's t from Fernandez and Steel (1998). The package also allows the researcher to restrict the search within the stationarity region (see the [gsFit](#) function). Other common conditional distribution (normal, Student's t and generalized error distribution (GED)) are also allowed since they are very important for testing purposes.

## Details

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GARCH models have proven to be highly effective for analyzing financial data over the past decades. In particular, the combination of ARMA-GARCH models with stable and GEV distributions was successfully applied for forecasting volatility and for the measurement of Value at Risk (VAR).

Choosing the normal distribution as probability distribution for the innovations was a common choice in the beginning of the development of ARCH-type models. But recent research Nolan (1999), Mittnik et al. (2002), Mittnik and Paolella (2003), Curto et al. (2006), Frain (2009), Zhao et al. (2011) has shown that other distributions should be considered, specially because normal distribution can not account for fat tails and asymmetry found in real data.

This package contains functions for simulating and estimating ARMA-GARCH or ARMA-APARCH models using the maximum likelihood technique (MLE) under different assumptions: GEV, stable, GAt (also known as t3-distribution) and skew Student's t (Fernandez and Steel (1998)).

The current version of package **GEVStableGarch** has a new algorithm that allows the user to enforce stationarity during estimation. Additionally, it contains functions for selecting the best model according to a predetermined goodness-of-fit criteria (see [gsSelect](#)).

## Time Series Simulation

contains functions to simulate ARMA-GARCH/APARCH processes with conditional GEV or stable distributions. Note: These routines were adapted from functions `garchSpec` and `garchSim` available in **fGarch** package.

Functions:

<code>gsSpec</code>	Specifies an univariate ARMA-GARCH/APARCH model,
<code>gsSim</code>	Simulates a ARMA-GARCH/APARCH process.

## Parameter Estimation

Contains functions to fit the parameters of ARMA-GARCH/APARCH time series processes.

Functions:

`gsFit` Fits the parameters of an ARMA-GARCH/APARCH process.  
This function also provides an algorithm to enforce stationarity during estimation,

`gsSelect` Selects the best model according to a goodness-of-fit criteria.

## Other Conditional Distribution Functions

Contains functions to compute density, distribution, quantiles and generate random values using important conditional distributions used in the garch literature.

Functions:

`[dpqr]skstd` Skew Student's t distribution function from Fernandez and Steel (1998),

`[dpqr]gat` Generalized Asymmetric t distribution (GAt).

The GAt distribution was also referred in the literature as t3-distribution.

`gsMomentAparch` Computes APARCH Moments of the form  $E(|Z| - \gamma Z)^\delta$  for several distributions using analytical expressions (except for the GEV case).

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gat

*Generalized Asymmetric t Distribution*

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## Description

Functions to compute density, distribution function, quantile function and to generate random variates for the generalized asymmetric t distribution (GAt). Notice that this is the same t3-distribution mentioned in the literature and defined by Paolella (1997). The GAt distribution includes the Student's t, Laplace, Cauchy and the normal distribution when the shape parameter ( $\nu \rightarrow \infty$ ) (see see Mittnik and Paolella (2000)).

## Usage

```
dgat(x, mean = 0, sd = 1, nu = 2, d = 3, xi = 1, log = FALSE)
pgat(q, mean = 0, sd = 1, nu = 2, d = 3, xi = 1)
qgat(p, mean = 0, sd = 1, nu = 2, d = 3, xi = 1)
rgat(n, mean = 0, sd = 1, nu = 2, d = 3, xi = 1)
```

## Arguments

mean, sd, d, nu, xi  
 location parameter mean, scale parameter sd, shape 1 parameter nu, shape 2 parameter d, asymmetry parameter xi.

n  
 the number of observations.

p  
 a numeric vector of probabilities.

x, q  
 a numeric vector of quantiles.

log  
 a logical; if TRUE, densities are given as log densities.

## Value

d\* returns the density, p\* returns the distribution function, q\* returns the quantile function, and r\* generates random deviates,  
 all values are numeric vectors.

## Author(s)

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## References

Mittnik, S., Paoletta, M.S. (2000). *Prediction of Financial Downside-Risk with Heavy-Tailed Conditional Distributions* Available at SSRN 391261.

Paoletta, M. (1997). *Tail Estimation and Conditional Modeling of Heteroskedstic Time-Series*. Ph.D Thesis, Institute of Statistics and Econometrics, Christian Albrechts University of Kiel.

## Examples

```
# Simulate Random Values and compare with
# the empirical density and probability functions
# Note: This example was addapted from "sstd {fGarch} R Documentation"

# Configure plot and generate random values
par(mfrow = c(2, 2))
set.seed(1000)
r = rgat(n = 1000)
plot(r, type = "l", main = "GAt Random Values", col = "steelblue")

# Plot empirical density and compare with true density:
hist(r, n = 25, probability = TRUE, border = "white", col = "steelblue")
box()
x = seq(min(r), max(r), length = 201)
lines(x, dgat(x), lwd = 2)

# Plot density function and compare with true df:
plot(sort(r), (1:1000/1000), main = "Probability", col = "steelblue",
      ylab = "Probability")
lines(x, pgat(x), lwd = 2)

# Compute quantiles:
# Here we compute the quantiles corresponding to the probability points from
# -10 to 10 and expect to obtain the same input sequence
round(qgat(pgat(q = seq(-10, 10, by = 0.5))), digits = 6)
```

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GEVSTABLEGARCH-class    *Class "GEVSTABLEGARCH"*

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### Description

The class GEVSTABLEGARCH represents an ARMA-GARCH/APARCH model estimated with function `gsFit`

### Objects from the Class

Objects can be created by calling function `gsFit`. This object contain the estimated parameters of a time series process.

### Slots

**call:** Object of class "call": the call of the `gsFit` function.

**formula:** Object of class "formula": a formula object specifying mean and variance equation.

**method:** Object of class "character": a string describing the optimization method used to search for the optimum value

**convergence:** Object of class "numeric": an integer code. 0 indicates successful convergence of of the estimation method used to perform the optimization of the log-likelihood function. A value different from zero indicates a failure in achieving convergence. Notice that sometimes the optimization algorithm will return a "true" convergence, even when the optimized negative log-likelihood equals to 1e99. In this case, we set the variable convergence to 1 to indicate that convergence was not achieved. In the general case, the variable convergence assumes the same value reported by the internal solver used inside function `gsFit`. Hence, additional interpretation of the convergence codes can be made by using the R help of the corresponding optimization routine: `solnp` ("sqp" and "sqp.restriction" algorithms) or `nlminb` ("nlminb" and "nlminb+nm" algorithms).

**messages:** Object of class "list": a character string giving additional informations collected during estimation.

**data:** Object of class "numeric": a numeric vector containing the data of the time series to be estimated.

**fit:** Object of class "list": a list with the results from the parameter estimation.

**residuals:** Object of class "numeric": a numeric vector with the residual values.

**h.t:** Object of class "numeric": a numeric vector with the conditional variances.

**sigma.t:** Object of class "numeric": a numeric vector with the conditional standard deviations.

**title:** Object of class "character": a string with the title.

**description:** Object of class "character": a string with a description.

### Methods

**show** `signature(object = "GEVSTABLEGARCH")`: prints an object of class 'GEVSTABLEGARCH'.

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GEVSTABLEGARCHSPEC-class

Class "GEVSTABLEGARCHSPEC"

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## Description

This class represents an ARMA-GARCH/APARCH model with innovations following an univariate distribution with zero location and unit scale.

## Objects from the Class

Objects can be created by calls of the function `gsSpec`. This object specifies an univariate ARMA-GARCH/APARCH model with GEV or stable conditional distribution. Note that we only allow the user to create an object that do not violate the model specifications. For more details about the definition of those models see: see Mitnik and Paoletta (2000) (GAt innovations), Mitnik et al. (2002) (stable innovations), Zhao et al. (2011) (GEV innovations) Wuertz et al. (2009) (finite variance innovations).

## Slots

- call:** Object of class "call": the call of the `gsSpec` function.
- formula:** Object of class "formula": a list with two formula entries for the mean and variance equation of the combined ARMA-GARCH/APARCH model.
- model:** Object of class "list": a list with the model parameters specifying the model parameters (see the model definition described in function `gsFit`).
- presample:** Object of class "matrix": a numeric matrix with presample values.
- distribution:** Object of class "character": a character string with the name of the conditional distribution.
- rseed:** Object of class "numeric": an integer with the random number generator seed.

## Methods

- show** `signature(object = "GEVSTABLEGARCHSPEC")`: prints an object of class 'GEVSTABLEGARCH'

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## References

- Mittnik, S., Paoletta, M.S. (2000). *Prediction of Financial Downside-Risk with Heavy-Tailed Conditional Distributions* Available at SSRN 391261.
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 gsFit

*Estimation of ARMA-GARCH/APARCH models*


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## Description

This function uses Maximum Likelihood technique to estimate the parameters of ARMA-GARCH or ARMA-APARCH model with several conditional distributions. The user can also enforce stationarity during estimation

## Usage

```
gsFit(formula = ~garch(1, 1), data, cond.dist = c("stableS0", "stableS1",
"stableS2", "gev", "gat", "norm", "std", "sstd", "skstd", "ged"),
include.mean = TRUE, algorithm = c("sqp", "sqp.restriction",
"nllminb", "nllminb+nm"), control = NULL,
tolerance = NULL, title = NULL, description = NULL)
```

## Arguments

- |              |   |
|--------------|---|
| formula      | a formula object specifying mean and variance equation. The mean equation should be specified using the names: "arma", "garch" or "aparch". For example: ~arma(1,0)-garch(1,0) for AR(1)-ARCH(1), and ~arma(0,1)-garch(2,2) for MA(1)-GARCH(2,2).   |
| data         | a numeric vector containing the data of the time series to be estimated.  |
| cond.dist    | a character string naming the conditional distribution of innovations. The package was created to accept the following distributions: "stableS0" (stable in S0-parameterization), "stableS1" (stable in S1-parameterization), "stableS2" (stable in S2-parameterization), "gev", "gat" and "skstd" (skew Student's t from Fernandez and Steel (1998)). Other common conditional distribution (normal, Student's t, "sstd" (skew Student's t from <b>fGarch</b> package) and GED) are also allowed since they are very important for testing purposes. |
| include.mean | This is a boolean variable. It intercept is TRUE than we estimate the model with intercept.   |
| algorithm    | The algorithm to be used to search for the optimum value. The current version of the <b>GEVStableGarch</b> package implements four different optimization procedures, namely the "sqp", "sqp.restriction" (enforce stationarity), "nllminb" and "nllminb+nm". See the details section for more information about the estimation algorithms.   |

control	Control parameters passed to the optimization routine. For the "sqr" and "sqr.restriction" algorithms the control parameters are passed to the <code>solnp</code> function from <b>Rsolnp</b> package. For the other algorithms ("nlminb" and "nlminb+nm") the control parameters are passed to the <code>nlminb</code> function from <b>stats</b> package.
tolerance	Tolerance for parameter estimation. When specified, the tolerance parameter should be passed as a list in the following format <code>list( TOLG = 1e-8, TOLSTABLE = 1e-2, TOLSTATIONARITY = 1e-3 )</code> , where TOLG is the tolerance used to set the boundary region of the model parameters, TOLSTABLE is the boundary of parameters for stable distribution and TOLSTATIONARITY is the tolerance parameter used by the "sqr.restriction" algorithm when searching for the stationary solution.
title	a string with the title.
description	a string with a description.

### Details

The starting values of the model parameters are key in getting any possible convergence and they were chosen to reflect this. For example, the GEV shape starting value was chosen to be 0.01 since in this case the support of the distribution with zero location and unit scale will encompass both positive and negative parts of the real line (the support is at  $[-100, \infty)$ ).

The parameters will be interpreted according to the following equations (see Wurtz et al. ,2009)

$$X_t = \mu + \sum_{i=1}^m a_i X_{t-i} + \sum_{j=1}^n b_j \varepsilon_{t-j} + \varepsilon_t$$

$$\varepsilon_t = \sigma_t z_t, \quad z_t \stackrel{iid}{\sim} D(0, 1),$$

$$\sigma_t^\delta = \omega + \sum_{i=1}^p \alpha_i (\varepsilon_{t-i} - \gamma_i |\varepsilon_{t-i}|)^\delta + \sum_{j=1}^q \beta_j \sigma_{t-j}^\delta$$

where  $\mathcal{D}_\vartheta(0, 1)$  is the density of the innovations with zero location and unit scale and  $\vartheta$  are additional distributional parameters that describe the skew and the shape of the distribution.

#### Estimation Algorithms:

Most software packages implement the estimation of GARCH models without imposing stationarity, but restricting the parameter set by appropriate bounds. This last approach was implemented in the **GEVStableGarch** package through the following algorithms: "sqr", "nlminb" and "nlminb + nm". The first two algorithms search for the optimum value by restricting the parameter set to appropriate lower and upper bounds. The last implements a two step optimization procedure, which consists in starting the search by using the constrained routine `nlminb` and then performing another search using an unconstrained method (in our case the Nelder-Mead method implemented in the R base function `optim`). This approach was suggested by Wurtz et al. (2009) since in many cases it leads to an improved solution (in terms of the likelihood function of the data).

Finally, the "sqr.restriction" algorithm performs a constrained search to maximize the log-likelihood function in order to obtain an stationary model.

#### Stationarity Solutions:

Since we want to estimate the parameters that better adjust real data to ARMA-APARCH models, the notion of stationarity is crucial. Usually, even when the data set is non-stationary in appearance, we still are able to apply transformation techniques so that the resulting time series can be reasonably modeled as a stationary process (see Brockwell and Davis (1996)).



The APARCH(p,q) model with finite variance innovations has a unique  $\delta$ -order stationary solution if and only if (see Ling and McAller (2002))

$$\sum_{i=1}^p E(|Z| - \gamma_i Z)^\delta \alpha_i + \sum_{j=1}^q \beta_j < 1,$$

The case of infinite variance has a somewhat different historical background. The first assumption made on stable distributions is that the index of stability  $\alpha$  must be greater than one, because in this case the innovations have finite first moment. The second assumption is that they must have a  $\delta$ -moment finite, which means that we must restrict our model to  $1 < \delta < \alpha$ .

Diongue et al. (2008) showed that the APARCH(p,q) (all coefficients  $\gamma_i = 0$ ) model has a strictly stationary solution if and only if

$$\sum_{i=1}^p E(|Z| - \gamma_i Z)^\delta \alpha_i + \sum_{j=1}^q \beta_j < 1,$$

where  $Z$  has distribution  $S(\alpha, \beta; 1)$  (stable in 1-parameterization). The estimation of stationary models is mainly dependent on the time taken to evaluate the expression the expression for the asymmetric stable distribution  $E(|Z| - \gamma_i Z)^\delta$  and can be computed as:

The moment expression used to verify the stationarity condition is given in the next proposition.

$$\begin{aligned} E(|Z| - \gamma Z)^\delta &= \frac{(1 - \gamma)^\delta \tilde{\sigma}^{\delta+1} \Gamma(\delta + 1) \Gamma(-\frac{\delta}{\alpha})}{\alpha \tilde{\sigma} \Gamma\left[\left(\frac{1}{2} + \tilde{\beta} \frac{k(\alpha)}{2\alpha}\right)(-\delta)\right] \Gamma\left[\frac{1}{2} - \tilde{\beta} \frac{k(\alpha)}{2\alpha} + \left(\frac{1}{2} + \tilde{\beta} \frac{k(\alpha)}{2\alpha}\right)(\delta + 1)\right]} \\ &+ \frac{(1 + \gamma)^\delta \tilde{\sigma}^{\delta+1} \Gamma(\delta + 1) \Gamma(-\frac{\delta}{\alpha})}{\alpha \tilde{\sigma} \Gamma\left[\left(\frac{1}{2} - \tilde{\beta} \frac{k(\alpha)}{2\alpha}\right)(-\delta)\right] \Gamma\left[\frac{1}{2} + \tilde{\beta} \frac{k(\alpha)}{2\alpha} + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \tilde{\beta} \frac{k(\alpha)}{2\alpha}\right)(\delta + 1)\right]}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\tilde{\sigma} = \left[1 + \beta^2 \tan^2\left(\frac{\alpha\pi}{2}\right)\right]^{\frac{1}{2\alpha}},$$

$$k(\alpha) = \begin{cases} \alpha & , \alpha < 1, \\ \alpha - 2 & , \alpha > 1, \end{cases}$$

and

$$\tilde{\beta} = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{\pi\alpha} \arctan(\beta \tan(\frac{\alpha\pi}{2})) & , 0 < \alpha < 1, \\ \frac{2}{\pi(\alpha-2)} \arctan(\beta \tan(\frac{\pi(\alpha-2)}{2})) & , 1 < \alpha < 2. \end{cases}$$

Notice that this expression is only valid for the stable distribution in 1-parameterization, and thus cannot be used to the estimate models with stable distribution in 0 or 2 parameterizations.

The stationarity restriction implemented inside **GEVStableGarch** package imposes the follow restriction

$$\sum_{i=1}^p E(|Z| - \gamma_i Z)^\delta \alpha_i + \sum_{j=1}^q \beta_j < 1 - \text{TOL.STATIONARITY},$$

where the variable TOL.STATIONARITY is set to 0.001 by default. For numerical reasons, the value of this variable cannot be greater than 0.05. The estimation of the stationary model is done by using the `solnp` routine from **Rsolnp** package together with the evaluation of the previous expression by through function `gsMomentAparch`.

**Value**`gsFit`

returns a S4 object of class "GEVSTABLEGARCH" with the following slots:

<code>@call</code>	the call of the <code>gsFit</code> function.
<code>@formula</code>	a list with two formula entries, one for the mean and the other one for the variance equation.
<code>@method</code>	a string denoting the optimization method.
<code>@data</code>	a numeric vector containing the data of the estimated time series.
<code>@fit</code>	a list with the results from the parameter estimation: <code>par</code> - the estimated parameters; <code>llh</code> - the estimated negative log-likelihood function; <code>hessian</code> - the hessian matrix returned by the optimization algorithm; <code>ics</code> - the value of the goodness-of-fit measures (AIC, AICc and BIC) (See Brockwell and Davis, 2002 for more details); <code>order</code> - a list with the ARMA and GARCH/APARCH orders; <code>cond.dis</code> - the conditional distribution; <code>se.coef</code> - standard errors of the estimated parameters; <code>tValue</code> - tValue of the estimated parameters; <code>matcoef</code> - an organized matrix with the estimated parameters.
<code>@residuals</code>	a numeric vector with the residual values ( $\varepsilon_t$ ).
<code>@h.t</code>	a numeric vector with the conditional variance ( $h_t = \sigma_t^2$ ).
<code>@sigma.t</code>	a numeric vector with the conditional standard deviation ( $\sigma_t$ ).
<code>@title</code>	a string with the title.
<code>@description</code>	a string with a description.

The entries of the `@fit` slot show the results from the optimization.

**Enhances**

The estimation of ARMA-GARCH/APARCH models with conditional stable distribution is mainly dependent on the time taken during the calculation of density points. Although the package can be used with the R **stabledist** package, the estimation of such models is only feasible if we use the fast implementation of stable densities using the R **stable** package designed by J.P.Nolan (see <http://academic2.american.edu/~jpnolan/stable/stable.html>).

The **stable** package implements a faster computation of stable densities that are accurately enough to perform numerical optimization and is available at <http://www.robustanalysis.com>.

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## See Also

[gsSelect](#)

## Examples

```
# This examples uses the dataset of the package fGarch to estimate
# an ARMA(1,1)-GARCH(1,1) with GEV conditional distribution.
library(fGarch)
data(dem2gbp)
x = dem2gbp[, 1]
gev.model = gsFit(data = x , formula = ~arma(1,1)+garch(1,1), cond.dist = "gev")
```

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gsMomentAparch

*Computation of moments for several conditional distribution*

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## Description

Computation of the moments expression  $E(|Z| - \gamma Z)^\delta$  where  $\mathcal{D}_\vartheta(0, 1)$  is the density of the innovations with zero location and unit scale and  $\vartheta$  are additional distributional parameters that describe the skew and the shape of the distribution.

## Usage

```
gsMomentAparch(cond.dist = c("stableS1", "gev", "gat", "norm",
"std", "sstd", "skstd", "ged"), shape = 1.5, skew = 0, delta = 1, gm = 0)
```

## Arguments

cond.dist	a character string naming conditional distribution of innovations. The package was created to accept the following distributions: "stableS0", "stableS1", "stableS2", "gev" and "gat". Other common distributions are also possible such as the "norm", "std", "sstd", "skstd", "ged".
shape, skew	The shape and skew parameter for the conditional distribution. For the stable distribution the shape and skew are the index of stability ( $\alpha$ ) and the asymmetry parameter ( $\beta$ ). For the Generalized Asymmetric t distribution there are two shape parameters ( $\nu$ and $d$ ) and one asymmetry parameter called $\xi$ . For the skew Student's t distribution the shape is the degrees of freedom ( $\nu$ ) and $\xi$ is the asymmetry parameter. Finally, for the GEV distribution the shape parameter is called $\xi$ .
delta, gm	The $\delta$ and $\gamma$ parameters of the ARMA-GARCH/APARCH model. See the R documentation of function <code>gsFit</code> for more details.

## Details

For each conditional distribution, the evaluation of the moment expression  $E(|Z| - \gamma Z)^\delta$  is crucial if one is interested in finding a stationary solution. Analytical expressions to compute these moments are available throughout the GARCH literature for many conditional distributions and we have derived an efficient formula for the asymmetric stable case. It is true that we can use numerical integration to compute those moments but there are several drawbacks that represent limitations. The first one is that numerical integration is always slower than using a closed expression to compute those formulas. The second is that this technique fails when the distribution becomes very pick or very concentrated on a small portion of the real line. For example, if we use the R base function `integrate` to calculate the area total probability on the interval  $(-\infty, \infty)$  for the standard gat distribution with parameters  $\nu = 2, d = 0.05$  and  $\xi = 1$  we get  $3.690067e - 07$ , which is not true since the total probability must be 1. Therefore, it is very important for us to have the exact expression for all those moments in order to evaluate correctly the stationarity restrictions.

The `gsMomentAparch` function can be used to compute those expressions for the following distributions: Normal, Student's t, skewed Student's t from Fernandez and Steel (1998), GED, stable in its 1-parameterization and the GAt distribution. Only for the GEV distribution we use numerical integration.

Note: The **GEVStableGarch** package implements a slightly different version of the Student's skew distribution that is different from the one implemented inside the **fGarch** package. Therefore, the APARCH moment formula is only valid for the **GEVStableGarch** implementation (`skstd`) and not for the **fGarch** implementation `sstd`.

## Value

Returns the following expression for several conditional distributions  $E(|Z| - \gamma Z)^\delta$ . If any of the input parameters are outside the parameter space, this function returns  $\infty$

## Author(s)

Thiago do Rego Sousa.

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## Examples

```
# Computation of the Moment  $E(|Z| - \gamma Z)^\delta$  for several distributions

gsMomentAparch(cond.dist = "stableS1", shape = 1.1, skew = 0, delta = 1.01, gm = 0.99999)

gsMomentAparch(cond.dist = "gev", shape = -4, skew = 0, delta = 1.4, gm = 0)

gsMomentAparch(cond.dist = "gat", shape = c(1.9,2.3), skew = 0.5, delta = 0.4, gm = 0)

gsMomentAparch(cond.dist = "norm", shape = c(1.9,2.3), skew = 1, delta = 11.4, gm = -0.999)

gsMomentAparch(cond.dist = "std", shape = 2.001, skew = -0.5, delta = 2, gm = -0.99)

gsMomentAparch(cond.dist = "sstd", shape = 2.001, skew = 0.11, delta = 2, gm = -0.99)

gsMomentAparch(cond.dist = "skstd", shape = 5.001, skew = 0.11, delta = 3, gm = -0.5)

gsMomentAparch(cond.dist = "ged", shape = 6, skew = 0.11, delta = 5.11, gm = -0.5)
```

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gsSelect

*Selects the best model according to goodness-of-fit criteria*

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## Description

This function estimates ARMA-GARCH/APARCH models with varying order and returns the one with the smallest goodness-of-fit criteria

## Usage

```
gsSelect(data, order.max = c(1, 1, 1, 1),
selection.criteria = c("AIC", "AICc", "BIC"), is.aparch = FALSE,
cond.dist = c("stableS0", "stableS1", "stableS2", "gev",
"GAt", "norm", "std", "sstd", "skstd", "ged"),
include.mean = TRUE,
algorithm = c("sqp", "sqp.restriction", "nlminb", "nlminb+nm"), ...)
```

## Arguments

<code>data</code>	Data with the time series to be estimated. It must be a numeric vector not contain NA, NULL or Inf values.
<code>order.max</code>	Maximum order of models to search. It must be a vector of the type <code>c(mMax, nMax, pMax, qMax)</code> with each entry representing the maximum order of the model that will be fitted when searching for the best model.
<code>selection.criteria</code>	The goodness-of-fit criterion to be used when searching for the best model. Three different criterias are allowed: AIC, AICc or BIC. For more information see Brockwell and Davis (1996).
<code>is.aparch</code>	Boolean variable indicating whether to search for ARMA-GARCH or ARMA-APARCH models.
<code>cond.dist</code>	a character string naming conditional distribution of innovations. The package was created to accept the following distributions: "stableS0", "stableS1", "stableS2", "gev" and "GAt". Other common distributions are also possible such as the "norm", "std", "sstd", "skstd", "ged".
<code>include.mean</code>	This is a boolean variable. It intercept is TRUE than we estimate the model with intercept.
<code>algorithm</code>	The algorithm to be used to search for the optimum value. The current version of the <b>GEVStableGarch</b> package implements four different optimization procedures, namely the "sqp", "sqp.restriction" (enforce stationarity), "nlminb" and "nlminb+nm". See the details section for more information about the estimation algorithms.
<code>...</code>	Additional parameters to be passed to function <a href="#">gsFit</a> during estimation.

## Value

Returns a S4 object of class "GEVSTABLEGARCH" with the best model. See [GEVSTABLEGARCH-class](#) for details.

## Author(s)

Thiago do Rego Sousa.

## References

Brockwell, P.J., Davis, R.A. (1996). *Introduction to Time Series and Forecasting*. Springer, New York.

## Examples

```
# Best ARMA-GARCH model within the range ARMA(0,0)-GARCH(1,0) to ARMA(0,0)-GARCH(1,1)
# using the Corrected Akaike Information Criteria (AICc)
library(fGarch)
data(dem2gbp)
x = dem2gbp[,1]

model = gsSelect (data = x, order.max = c(0,0,1,1), is.aparch = FALSE,
                  algorithm = "sqp", cond.dist = "gev", selection.criteria = "AIC")
```

**Description**

This functions simulates time series following ARMA-GARCH/APARCH models with GEV and stable distributions.

**Usage**

```
gsSim(spec = garchSpec(), n = 100, n.start = 100)
```

**Arguments**

spec	A model specified with function <a href="#">gsSpec</a> .
n	The size of simulated time series.
n.start	Length of the "burn-in" period of the simulated time series.

**Details**

The initial values of the time series are fixed and the recursion formulas of the model are used to simulate the dynamics of the process. We do not verify the stationarity conditions of the model because the simulation of non-stationary process could also be of interest by the researcher.

**Value**

The function returns an object containing the following items:

model	A string describing the estimated model.
cond.dist	The conditional distribution used to fit the model.
series	An array with three columns, where the first column contains the simulated ARMA-GARCH/APARCH process ( <code>garch</code> ), the second column the conditional standard deviations (" <code>sigma</code> "), and the last column the innovations (" <code>eps</code> ").

**Author(s)**

Thiago do Rego Sousa.

**References**

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## Examples

```
# Simulation of a ARMA-APARCH process with stable conditional distribution
#x <- GSgarch.Sim(N = 2500, mu = 0.1,a = c(0.2,0.3),b = c(0.2,0.5),
#omega = 0.1, alpha = c(0.1,0.2),beta = c(0.1,0.1),gm=c(0.3,-0.3),
#delta = 1,skew = 0.3,shape = 1.9, cond.dis = "stable")
```

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gsSpec	<i>Specification of ARMA-GARCH/APARCH models with GEV or stable distributions</i>
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## Description

Specifies an ARMA-GARCH or ARMA-APARCH model.

## Usage

```
gsSpec(model = list(), presample = NULL,
        cond.dist = c("stableS0", "stableS1", "stableS2", "gev",
        "gat", "norm", "std", "sstd", "skstd", "ged"),
        rseed = NULL)
```

## Arguments

model	<p>a list of ARMA-GARCH/APARCH model parameters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>omega - the coefficient of the variance equation;</li> <li>alpha - the value or vector of autoregressive coefficients;</li> <li>beta - the value or vector of variance coefficients;</li> </ul> <p>The values for the ARMA part are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>mu - the mean value;</li> <li>ar - the autoregressive coefficients;</li> <li>ma - the moving average coefficients.</li> </ul> <p>The parameters for the conditional distributions are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>skew - the skewness parameter;</li> <li>shape - the shape parameter.</li> </ul>
presample	<p>presample - a numeric "matrix" with 3 columns and with max(m,n,p,q) rows. The first column are the innovations, the second the conditional variances, and the last the time series. When the presample matrix is missing, it is constructed as [z,h,y] where <math>z \sim \text{Normal}(0,1)</math>, <math>h = \text{"uev"}</math> recursion initialization described in Wuertz et al. (2009) and <math>y = \mu</math>. Note that the conditional variance column can contain only strictly positive numbers and the function gsSpec check for invalid values.</p>
cond.dist	<p>a character string naming the conditional distribution of innovations. The package was created to accept the following distributions: "stableS0" (stable in S0-parameterization), "stableS1" (stable in S1-parameterization), "stableS2" (stable in S2-parameterization), "gev", "gat" and "skstd" (skew Student's t from Fernandez and Steel (1998)). Other common conditional distribution (normal, Student's t, "sstd" (skew Student's t from <b>fGarch</b> package) and GED) are also allowed since they are very important for testing purposes.</p>
rseed	<p>the seed for the initialization of the random number generator for the innovations.</p>



## Details

This functions uses the interface of the `garchSpec` routine from package **fGarch** to simulate random values of the ARMA-GARCH/APARCH model with conditional GEV or stable distribution.

## Value

The returned value is an object of class "GEVSTABLEGARCHSPEC".

## Author(s)

Thiago do Rego Sousa.

## References

Wuertz, D., Chalabi, Y., with contribution from Miklovic, M., Boudt, C., Chausse, P., and others (2013). *fGarch: Rmetrics - Autoregressive Conditional Heteroskedastic Modelling*, R package version 3010.82, <http://CRAN.R-project.org/package=fGarch>.

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## Examples

```
# stable-GARCH from Curto et al. (2009) for the DJIA dataset
spec.stable = gsSpec(model = list(mu = 0.0596, omega = 0.0061,
alpha = 0.0497, beta = 0.9325, skew = -0.9516, shape = 1.9252),
cond.dist = "stableS1")
sim.stable = gsSim(spec = spec.stable, n = 1000)

# GEV-GARCH model from Zhao et al. (2011)
spec.gev = gsSpec(model = list(mu = 0.21, a = 0.32, omega = 0.01,
alpha = 0.45, beta = 0.08, shape = 0.08), cond.dist = "gev")
sim.gev = gsSim(spec = spec.gev, n = 1000)
```

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show-methods

GEVSTABLEGARCH Package Show Methods

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## Description

Methods to organize the output to the user when printing objects of class `GEVSTABLEGARCH` and `GEVSTABLEGARCHSPEC`. The show methods and the classes `GEVSTABLEGARCH` and `GEVSTABLEGARCHSPEC` were developed through the available code from **fGarch** package available at CRAN in order to make the interfaces more similar to the user.

## Methods

```
signature(object = "GEVSTABLEGARCH") Print function for objects of class "GEVSTABLEGARCH"
signature(object = "GEVSTABLEGARCHSPEC") Print function for objects of class
"GEVSTABLEGARCHSPEC"
```

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Wuertz, D., Chalabi, Y., with contribution from Miklovic, M., Boudt, C., Chausse, P., and others (2013). *fGarch: Rmetrics - Autoregressive Conditional Heteroskedastic Modelling*, R package version 3010.82, <http://CRAN.R-project.org/package=fGarch>.

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skstd	<i>Skew Student's t Distribuion from Fernandez and Steel (1997)</i>
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**Description**

Functions to compute density, distribution function, quantile function and to generate random values for the Skew Student's t distribuion from Fernandez and Steel (1997). Notice that this function is different from the skew Student's t sstd from package **fGarch**. Although the two distributions use the same approach from Fernandez and Steel (1997), the second one was reparameterized in such a way that when the parameters mean = 0 and sd = 1 the distribution will have a zero mean and unit variance, no matter the value of the skew parameter. The distributions skstd and sstd are the same when the asymmetry parameter xi equals to 1, in which case they correspond to the well known Student's t distribution std.

**Usage**

```
dskstd(x, mean = 0, sd = 1, nu = 3, xi = 1, log = FALSE)
pskstd(q, mean = 0, sd = 1, nu = 3, xi = 1)
qskstd(p, mean = 0, sd = 1, nu = 3, xi = 1)
rskstd(n, mean = 0, sd = 1, nu = 3, xi = 1)
```

**Arguments**

mean, sd, nu, xi	location parameter mean, scale parameter sd, shape parameter nu, asymmetry parameter xi.
n	the number of observations.
p	a numeric vector of probabilities.
x, q	a numeric vector of quantiles.
log	a logical; if TRUE, densities are given as log densities.

**Value**

d\* returns the density, p\* returns the distribution function, q\* returns the quantile function, and r\* generates random deviates.  
All values are numeric vectors.

**Author(s)**

Thiago do Rego Sousa.

## References

Fernandez, C., Steel, M.F. (1998). *On Bayesian Modeling of Fat Tails and Skewness*. Journal of the American Statistical Association, Taylor & Francis Group, 93(441), 359–371.

## Examples

```
# Simulate Random Values and compare with
# the empirical density and probability functions
# Note: This example was adapted from "sstd {fGarch} R Documentation"

# Configure plot and generate random values
par(mfrow = c(2, 2))
set.seed(1000)
r = rskstd(n = 1000)
plot(r, type = "l", main = "Skew Student's t Random Values", col = "steelblue")

# Plot empirical density and compare with true density:
hist(r, n = 25, probability = TRUE, border = "white", col = "steelblue")
box()
x = seq(min(r), max(r), length = 201)
lines(x, dskstd(x), lwd = 2)

# Plot density function and compare with true df:
plot(sort(r), (1:1000/1000), main = "Probability", col = "steelblue",
      ylab = "Probability")
lines(x, pskstd(x), lwd = 2)

# Compute quantiles:
# Here we compute the quantiles corresponding to the probability points from
# -10 to 10 and expect to obtain the same input sequence
round(qskstd(pskstd(q = seq(-10, 10, by = 0.5))), digits = 6)
```

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