# Package 'ForecastTB'

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append_ Function to append new methods in the study
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## Description

Function to append new methods in the study

## Usage

```
append_(object, Method, MethodName, ePara, ePara_name)
```

#### **Arguments**

object as output of 'prediction\_errors()' function

Method as the list of locations of function for the proposed prediction method

MethodName as list of names for function for the proposed prediction method in order

ePara as type of error calculation (RMSE and MAE are default), add an error param-

eter of your choice in the following manner: ePara = c("errorparametername") where errorparametername is should be a source/function which returns desired

error set

ePara\_name as list of names of error parameters passed in order

## Value

Returns error comparison for additional forecasting methods

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
library(forecast)
test3 <- function(data, nval){return(as.numeric(forecast(ets(data), h = nval)$mean))}
a <- prediction_errors(data = nottem)
b <- append_(object = a, Method = c("test3(data,nval)"), MethodName = c('ETS'))
choose_(object = a)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

choose\_

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Function to select the desired methods in the study

## **Description**

Function to select the desired methods in the study

## Usage

```
choose_(object)
```

#### **Arguments**

object

as output of 'prediction\_errors()' function

#### Value

Returns error comparison for selected forecasting methods

#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
a <- prediction_errors(data = nottem)
choose_(object = a)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

monte\_carlo

Function to use Monte Carlo strategy

## Description

Function to use Monte Carlo strategy

## Usage

```
monte_carlo(object, size, iteration, fval = 0, figs = 0)
```

#### **Arguments**

object as output of 'prediction\_errors()' function

size as volume of time series used in Monte Carlo strategy

iteration as number of iterations models to be applied

fval as a flag to view forecasted values in each iteration (default: 0, don't view val-

ues)

figs as a flag to view plots for each iteration (default: 0, don't view plots)

plot.prediction\_errors

#### Value

Error values with provided models in each iteration along with the mean values

## **Examples**

```
plot.prediction_errors
```

Function to plot comparison of Prediction methods

## **Description**

Function to plot comparison of Prediction methods

#### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'prediction_errors' plot(x, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

- x as output object of 'prediction\_errors()' function
- ... arguments passed to or from other methods

#### Value

Returns error comparison plots for forecasting methods

#### **Examples**

```
a <- prediction_errors(data = nottem)
b <- plot(a)</pre>
```

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plot\_circle

Function to plot comparison of Predicted values in a circular ring

#### **Description**

Function to plot comparison of Predicted values in a circular ring

#### Usage

```
plot_circle(x, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

```
x as output object of 'prediction_errors()' function
... arguments passed to or from other methods
```

#### Value

Returns error comparison plots for forecasting methods

## Examples

```
a <- prediction_errors(data = nottem)
plot_circle(a)</pre>
```

prediction\_errors

Function working as testbench for comparison of Prediction methods

## Description

Function working as testbench for comparison of Prediction methods

## Usage

```
prediction_errors(
  data,
  nval,
  ePara,
  ePara_name,
  Method,
  MethodName,
  strats,
  dval,
  append_
)
```

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#### **Arguments**

data as input time series for testing

nval as an integer to decide number of values to predict

ePara as type of error calculation (RMSE and MAE are default), add an error param-

eter of your choice in the following manner: ePara = c("errorparametername") where errorparametername is should be a source/function which returns desired

error set

ePara\_name as list of names of error parameters passed in order

Method as the list of locations of function for the proposed prediction method (should

be recursive) (default:arima)

MethodName as list of names for function for the proposed prediction method in order

strats as list of forecasting strategies. Available : recursive and dirrec

dval as last d values of the data to be used for forecasting

append\_ suggests if the function is used to append to another instance

#### Value

Returns error comparison for forecasting methods

#### **Examples**

prediction\_errors(data = nottem)

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