## Package 'matrisk'

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Description The Macroeconomics-at-Risk (MaR) approach is based on a two-step semi-parametric es-
timation procedure that allows to forecast the full conditional distribution of an economic vari-
able at a given horizon, as a function of a set of factors. These density fore-
casts are then be used to produce coherent forecasts for any downside risk measure, e.g., value-
at-risk, expected shortfall, downside entropy. Initially intro-
duced by Adrian et al. (2019) <doi:10.1257 aer.20161923=""> to reveal the vulnerability of eco-</doi:10.1257>
nomic growth to financial conditions, the MaR approach is currently extensively used by interna-
tional financial institutions to provide Value-at-Risk (VaR) type fore-
casts for GDP growth (Growth-at-Risk) or inflation (Inflation-at-Risk). This package pro-
vides methods for estimating these models. Datasets for the US and the Eurozone are avail-
able to allow testing of the Adrian et al (2019) model. This package constitutes a useful tool-
box (data and functions) for private practitioners, scholars as well as policymakers.
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data\_euro

Historical data for the eurozone (GDP and Financial Conditions) from 2008:Q4 to 2022:Q3

## **Description**

data\_euro contains: - Quarterly annualized GDP, from 2008:Q4 to 2022:Q3 - Financial Condition Index of the euro Area, from 2008:Q4 to 2022:Q3 - Composite Indicator of Systemic Stress, from 2008:Q4 to 2022:Q3 Sources: https://sdw.ecb.europa.eu/browseExplanation.do?node=9689686 https://webstat.banque-france.fr/ws\_wsen/browseSelection.do?node=DATASETS\_FCI https://fred.stlouisfed.org/series/CLVMEURSCAB1GQEA1

## Usage

```
data("data_euro")
```

#### **Format**

A data frame with 57 observations on the following 4 variables.

DATE Vector of dates.

GDP Vector of annualized PIB.

FCI Historical values of the Financial Condition Index (FCI).

CISS Historical values of the Composite Indicator of Systemic Stress (CISS).

data\_US Historical data for the US (GDP and Financial Conditions) from 1973:Q1 to 2022:Q3

## **Description**

data\_euro contains: - Quarterly annualized GDP, from 1973:Q1 to 2022:Q3 - National Financial Condition Index of the US, from 1973:Q1 to 2022:Q3 Sources: https://www.chicagofed.org/research/data/nfci/current-data https://fred.stlouisfed.org/series/A191RL1Q225SBEA

#### Usage

```
data("data_US")
```

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#### **Format**

A data frame with 200 observations on the following 4 variables.

DATE Vector of dates.

GDP Vector of annualized PIB.

NFCI Historical values of the National Financial Condition Index (NFCI).

f\_compile\_quantile Estimation of quantiles

## Description

Predicted values based on each quantile regression (Koenker and Basset, 1978), at time=t\_trgt, for each quantile in qt\_trgt.

#### Usage

```
f_compile_quantile(qt_trgt, v_dep, v_expl, t_trgt)
```

## Arguments

qt_trgt	Numeric vector, dim k, of k quantiles for different qt-estimations
v_dep	Numeric vector of the dependent variable
v_expl	Numeric vector of the (k) explanatory variable(s)
t_trgt	Numeric time target (optional)

#### Value

Numeric matrix with the predicted values based on each quantile regression, at time fixed in input

## References

Koenker, Roger, and Gilbert Bassett Jr. "Regression quantiles." Econometrica: journal of the Econometric Society (1978): 33-50.

```
# Import data
data("data_euro")

#' # Data process
PIB_euro_forward_4 = data_euro["GDP"][c(5:length(data_euro["GDP"][,1])),]
FCI_euro_lag_4 = data_euro["FCI"][c(1:(length(data_euro["GDP"][,1]) - 4)),]
CISS_euro_lag_4 = data_euro["CISS"][c(1:(length(data_euro["GDP"][,1]) - 4)),]
quantile_target <- as.vector(c(0.10,0.25,0.75,0.90))
results_quantile_reg <- f_compile_quantile(qt_trgt=quantile_target,</pre>
```

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```
v_dep=PIB_euro_forward_4,
v_expl=cbind(FCI_euro_lag_4, CISS_euro_lag_4),
t_trgt = 30)
```

f\_distrib

Distribution

#### **Description**

This function is used to estimate the parameters of the distribution (mean and standard deviation for Gaussian, xi, omega, alpha, and nu for skew-t) based on the quantile regression results (Koenker and Basset, 1978). See Adrian et al. (2019) and Adrian et al. (2022) for more details on the estimation steps.

### Usage

```
f_distrib(type_function, compile_qt, starting_values)
```

#### Arguments

type\_function String argument: "gaussian" for normal distribution or "skew-t" for t-student distribution

compile\_qt Numeric matrix containing different quantiles and associated values starting\_values

Numeric vector with initial values for optimization

#### Value

a data.frame with the parameters of the distribution

#### References

Adrian, Tobias, Nina Boyarchenko, and Domenico Giannone. "Vulnerable growth." American Economic Review 109.4 (2019): 1263-89.

Adrian, Tobias, et al. "The term structure of growth-at-risk." American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics 14.3 (2022): 283-323.

Koenker, Roger, and Gilbert Bassett Jr. "Regression quantiles." Econometrica: journal of the Econometric Society (1978): 33-50.

```
# Import data
data("data_euro")

# Data process
PIB_euro_forward_4 = data_euro["GDP"][c(5:length(data_euro["GDP"][,1])),]
```

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```
FCI_euro_lag_4 = data_euro["FCI"][c(1:(length(data_euro["GDP"][,1]) - 4)),]
CISS_euro_lag_4 = data_euro["CISS"][c(1:(length(data_euro["GDP"][,1]) - 4)),]
# for a gaussian
quantile_target <- as.vector(c(0.25,0.75))</pre>
results_quantile_reg <- f_compile_quantile(qt_trgt=quantile_target,</pre>
v_dep=PIB_euro_forward_4,
v_expl=cbind(FCI_euro_lag_4, CISS_euro_lag_4),
t_trgt = 30
results_g <- f_distrib(type_function="gaussian",</pre>
compile_qt=results_quantile_reg,
starting_values=c(0, 1))
# for a skew-t
quantile_target <- as.vector(c(0.10,0.25,0.75,0.90))
results_quantile_reg <- f_compile_quantile(qt_trgt=quantile_target,</pre>
v_dep=PIB_euro_forward_4,
v_expl=cbind(FCI_euro_lag_4, CISS_euro_lag_4),
t_{tgt} = 30
results_s <- f_distrib(type_function="skew-t",</pre>
compile_qt=results_quantile_reg,
starting_values=c(0, 1, -0.5, 1.3))
```

f\_distrib\_histo

Historical distributions

#### Description

This function is based on f\_distrib function (Adrian et al., 2019; Adrian et al., 2022) and is used to get historical estimation of empirical distributions and associated parameters. Results allow to realize a 3D graphical representation.

## Usage

```
f_distrib_histo(
   qt_trgt,
   v_dep,
   v_expl,
   type_function,
   starting_values,
   step,
   x_min,
   x_max
)
```

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## Arguments

Numeric vector, dim k, of k quantiles for different qt-estimations qt\_trgt v\_dep Numeric vector of the dependent variable Numeric vector of the (k) explanatory variable(s) v\_expl type\_function String argument: "gaussian" for normal distribution or "skew-t" for t-student distribution starting\_values Numeric vector with initial values for optimization step Numeric argument for accuracy graphics abscissa Numeric optional argument (default value = -15) x\_min Numeric optional argument (default value = 10) x\_max

#### Value

A list with:

distrib\_histo Numeric matrix with historical values of x, y and t

param\_histo Numeric matrix containing the parameters of the distribution for each period

#### References

Adrian, Tobias, Nina Boyarchenko, and Domenico Giannone. "Vulnerable growth." American Economic Review 109.4 (2019): 1263-89.

Adrian, Tobias, et al. "The term structure of growth-at-risk." American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics 14.3 (2022): 283-323.

```
# Import data
data("data_euro")
# Data process
PIB_euro_forward_4 = data_euro["GDP"][c(5:length(data_euro["GDP"][,1])),]
FCI_euro_lag_4 = data_euro["FCI"][c(1:(length(data_euro["GDP"][,1]) - 4)),]
CISS_euro_lag_4 = data_euro["CISS"][c(1:(length(data_euro["GDP"][,1]) - 4)),]
results_histo <- f_distrib_histo(qt_trgt=c(0.10,0.25,0.75,0.90), v_dep=PIB_euro_forward_4,
v_expl=cbind(FCI_euro_lag_4,CISS_euro_lag_4),
type_function="skew-t",
starting_values=c(0, 1, -0.5, 1.3),
step=5, x_min=-10, x_max=5)
library(plot3D) # load
scatter3D(results_histo$distrib_histo[,3],
results_histo$distrib_histo[,1],
results_histo$distrib_histo[,2],
pch = 10, theta = 70, phi = 10,
main = "Distribution of GDP Growth over time - Euro Area",
```

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```
xlab = "Date",
ylab ="Pib",
zlab="", cex = 0.3)
```

f\_ES

Expected Shortfall

## **Description**

The function allows to calculate Expected-shortfall for a given distribution. It takes as parameters alpha (risk level), a distribution and the parameters associated with this distribution. For example, for a normal distribution, the user must enter the mean and the standard deviation. Currently, the function can calculate the Expected-shortfall for the normal distribution and for the skew-t distribution (Azzalini and Capitianio, 2003)

#### Usage

```
f_ES(alpha, dist, params, accuracy = 1e-05)
```

## **Arguments**

alpha	Numeric argument for Expected-Shortfall, between 0 and 1
dist	String for the type of distribution (gaussian or skew-t)
params	Numeric vector containing parameters of the distribution
accuracy	Scalar value which regulates the accuracy of the ES (default value 1e-05)

#### Value

Numeric value for the expected-shortfall given the distribution and the alpha risk

#### References

Azzalini, Adelchi, and Antonella Capitanio. "Distributions generated by perturbation of symmetry with emphasis on a multivariate skew t-distribution." Journal of the Royal Statistical Society: Series B (Statistical Methodology) 65.2 (2003): 367-389.

Azzalini, Adelchi, and Maintainer Adelchi Azzalini. "Package 'sn'." The skew-normal and skew-t distributions (2015): 1-3.

```
f_ES(0.95, "gaussian", params=c(0,1)) f_ES(0.95, "gaussian", params=c(0,1), accuracy=1e-05) f_ES(0.95, "gaussian", params=c(0,1), accuracy=1e-04)
```

 $f_{VaR}$ 

f_VaR Value-at-Risk	
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## Description

The function allows to calculate Value-at-Risk for a given distribution. It takes as parameters alpha (risk level), a distribution and the parameters associated with this distribution. For example, for a normal distribution, the user must enter the mean and the standard deviation. Currently, the function can calculate the Value-at-Risk for the normal distribution and for the skew-t distribution (Azzalini and Capitianio, 2003)

## Usage

```
f_VaR(alpha, dist, params)
```

### **Arguments**

alpha	Numeric argument for Expected-Shortfall, between 0 and 1
dist	String for the type of distribution (gaussian or skew-t)
params	Numeric vector containing parameters of the distribution

#### Value

Numeric value for the Value-at-Risk given the distribution and the alpha risk

#### References

Azzalini, Adelchi, and Antonella Capitanio. "Distributions generated by perturbation of symmetry with emphasis on a multivariate skew t-distribution." Journal of the Royal Statistical Society: Series B (Statistical Methodology) 65.2 (2003): 367-389.

Azzalini, Adelchi, and Maintainer Adelchi Azzalini. "Package 'sn'." The skew-normal and skew-t distributions (2015): 1-3.

```
f_VaR(0.95, "gaussian", params=c(0,1))
```

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