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apply_viterbi	<i>Viterbi algorithm</i>
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Description

Applies the Viterbi algorithm (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Viterbi_algorithm) for state decoding.

Usage

```
apply_viterbi(data, fit, controls)
```

Arguments

data	A list of processed data information.
fit	A list of fitted model information.
controls	A list of controls.

Value

A vector (in case of a HMM) or a matrix (in case of a hierarchical HMM) of decoded states.

check_controls	<i>Check controls</i>
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Description

This function checks the specification of controls.

Usage

```
check_controls(controls)
```

Arguments

controls A list of controls.

Details

See the vignettes on how to specify controls.

Value

Checked version of controls.

check_decoding	<i>Decoding check</i>
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Description

Summarizes and saves decoded states.

Usage

```
check_decoding(decoding, data, controls)
```

Arguments

decoding A vector (in case of a hmm) or a matrix (in case of a hierarchical HMM) of decoded states.

data A list of processed data information.

controls A list of controls.

Value

No return value. Creates output file "states.txt".

check_estimation	<i>Estimation check</i>
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Description

Summarizes and saves estimates.

Usage

```
check_estimation(mods, lls, data, hessian, controls)
```

Arguments

mods	A list of fitted models in the different estimation runs.
lls	A vector of log-likelihood values of accepted mods.
data	A list of processed data information.
hessian	Hessian matrix of the estimated model.
controls	A list of controls.

Value

A list of fitted model information.

check_saving	<i>Saving check</i>
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Description

This function saves model results while checking for overwriting.

Usage

```
check_saving(object = NULL, name = NULL, filetype, controls)
```

Arguments

object	An object to be saved.
name	A character, the name of the object to be saved.
filetype	A character, the filetype of the object to be saved.
controls	A list of controls.

Value

A boolean, determining whether saving is possible or not. If filetype="rds", object is saved.

compute_ci	<i>Confidence intervals</i>
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Description

Computes confidence intervals for the estimates.

Usage

```
compute_ci(fit, controls)
```

Arguments

fit	A list of fitted model information.
controls	A list of controls.

Value

A list containing the following elements:

lb_ci_level	lower bound of the intervals
estimate	estimates
ub_ci_level	upper bound of the intervals

where ci_level is set in controls.

compute_fs	<i>Fine-scale chunk lengths</i>
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Description

Computes (flexible) fine-scale chunk lengths.

Usage

```
compute_fs(fs_time_horizon, T = NA, fs_dates = NA)
```

Arguments

fs_time_horizon	Either a numeric or one of "w", "m", "q", "y", setting the fine-scale dimension.
T	A numeric, the dimension of the coarse-scale process, default NA.
fs_dates	A vector of dates of empirical fine-scale observations, default NA.

Value

A vector of fine-scale chunk sizes.

create_visuials	<i>Visualization</i>
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Description

Calls functions for visualization of model results.

Usage

```
create_visuials(data, fit, decoding, controls, events)
```

Arguments

data	A list of processed data information.
fit	A list of fitted model information.
decoding	A vector (in case of a HMM) or a matrix (in case of a hierarchical HMM) of decoded states.
controls	A list of controls.
events	A list of (historical, financial) events.

Value

No return value. Calls visualization functions `plot_sdd`, `plot_ts` and `pseudo_residuals`.

download_data	<i>Data download</i>
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Description

Download financial data from <https://finance.yahoo.com>.

Usage

```
download_data(
  name = NA,
  symbol = NA,
  from = "1902-01-01",
  to = Sys.Date(),
  show_symbols = FALSE,
  path
)
```

Arguments

name	A character, personal identifier for a stock, default NA.
symbol	A character, the stock's symbol, default NA.
from	A date, setting the lower data bound, default is "1902-01-01".
to	A date, setting the upper data bound, default is the current date <code>Sys.date()</code> .
show_symbols	A boolean, determining whether all saved symbols should be printed, default FALSE.
path	A character, setting the data saving path.

Details

symbol has to match the official symbol on <https://finance.yahoo.com>. Once used stock symbols are saved in "stock_symbols.rds" in the folder "path/data". Values for from earlier than its default value are set to the default value.

Value

No return value. Downloaded data is saved as "name.csv" in the folder "path/data".

Examples

```
### download 21st century DAX data
download_data(name="dax", symbol="^GDAXI", from=as.Date("2000-01-03"), path=tempdir())
```

exception

Debugging

Description

Provides suggestions for debugging for a given exception code.

Usage

```
exception(code)
```

Arguments

code	A character, the exception code.
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Value

A list containing the following elements:

code	exception code
response	message
debugging	suggestions for debugging

Examples

```
exception("S.1")
```

```
fit_hmm
```

Fit (hierarchical) hidden Markov models to financial data

Description

Performs data processing, fitting, state decoding and visualization.

Usage

```
fit_hmm(controls, events, sim_par)
```

Arguments

controls	A list of controls (optional).
events	A list of (historical, financial) events (optional).
sim_par	A list of model parameters for simulation in thetaList format, default NULL (optional).

Details

Specify a model by setting parameters of the named list controls and passing it to fit_hmm. See the vignettes on how to specify controls.

Value

No return value. Estimation results are saved in "controls[["path"]]/models/controls[["id"]]".

Examples

```
### fitting a 2-state HMM with state-dependent t-distributions to simulated data
controls = list(
  path = tempdir(),
  id   = "test",
  model = "hmm",
  states = 2,
  sdds = "t",
  horizon = 200,
  fit = list("runs" = 10, "seed" = 1)
)
fit_hmm(controls)
```

`init_est`*Initialisation*

Description

Samples initial parameter values for the estimation routine.

Usage

```
init_est(controls)
```

Arguments

`controls` A list of controls.

Value

A vector of parameters values in format thetaUncon.

`max_likelihood`*Optimization*

Description

Maximizes the model's log-likelihood function.

Usage

```
max_likelihood(data, controls)
```

Arguments

`data` A list of processed data information.
`controls` A list of controls.

Details

Uses `nlm` for numerical optimization.

Value

A list of fitted model information.

parameter_names	<i>Parameter names</i>
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Description

Creates model parameter names.

Usage

```
parameter_names(controls, all)
```

Arguments

controls	A list of controls.
all	A boolean, determining whether all (all=TRUE) or only estimated (all=FALSE) names should be produced.

Value

Vector of model parameter names.

plot_ll	<i>Visualization of log-likelihood values</i>
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Description

Plots log-likelihood values of the different estimation runs.

Usage

```
plot_ll(lls, controls)
```

Arguments

lls	A vector of log-likelihood values.
controls	A list of controls.

Value

No return value. Creates file "log_likelihoods.pdf" in "controls[["path"]]/models/controls[["id"]]".

plot_sdd	<i>Visualization of estimated state-dependent distributions</i>
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Description

Plots the estimated state-dependent distributions.

Usage

```
plot_sdd(controls, data, fit, decoding, colors)
```

Arguments

controls	A list of controls.
data	A list of processed data information.
fit	A list of fitted model information.
decoding	A vector (in case of a HMM) or a matrix (in case of a hierarchical HMM) of decoded states.
colors	A matrix of colors for different states.

Value

No return value. Creates file "state_dependent_distributions.pdf" in "controls[["path"]]/models/controls[["id"]]."

plot_ts	<i>Visualize decoded time-series</i>
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Description

Visualize decoded time-series

Usage

```
plot_ts(controls, data, decoding, colors, events)
```

Arguments

controls	A list of controls.
data	A list of processed data information.
decoding	A matrix of decoded states.
colors	A matrix of colors for different states.
events	A list of events.

Value

No return value, creates graphic in controls[["path"]]/models/controls[["id"]]

process_data	<i>Data processing</i>
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Description

Calls functions for processing or simulating data.

Usage

```
process_data(controls, sim_par)
```

Arguments

controls	A list of controls.
sim_par	A vector of model parameters for simulation.

Value

A list of processed data information and on-screen information.

pseudo_residuals	<i>Pseudo-residuals</i>
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Description

Computes and visualizes pseudo-residuals.

Usage

```
pseudo_residuals(controls, data, fit, decoding)
```

Arguments

controls	A list of controls.
data	A list of processed data information.
fit	A list of fitted model information.
decoding	A vector (in case of a HMM) or a matrix (in case of a hierarchical HMM) of decoded states.

Value

No return value. Creates files "pseudo_residuals.pdf" and "pseudos.rds" in "controls[["path"]]/models/controls[["id"]]

read_data	<i>Read .csv-file</i>
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Description

Reads financial data from .csv-file.

Usage

```
read_data(controls)
```

Arguments

controls	A list of controls.
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Value

A list containing the following elements:

data	A matrix of data that is modeled.
data_raw	A matrix of raw data.
data_fs_raw	A matrix of raw fine-scale data.
data_cs_raw	A matrix of raw coarse-scale data.
dates	A vector of dates.
T_star	A vector of fine-scale chunk sizes.

simulate_data	<i>Data simulation</i>
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Description

Simulates data from a (hierarchical) hidden Markov model.

Usage

```
simulate_data(controls, sim_par)
```

Arguments

controls	A list of controls.
sim_par	A list of model parameters for simulation in thetaList format.

Value

A list containing the following elements:

<code>data</code>	A matrix of simulated data.
<code>states0</code>	A matrix of simulated hidden states.
<code>thetaUncon0</code>	True parameters in format <code>thetaUncon</code> .
<code>thetaCon0</code>	True parameters in format <code>thetaCon</code> .
<code>thetaList0</code>	True parameters in format <code>thetaList</code> .
<code>T_star</code>	A vector of fine-scale chunk sizes.

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