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compute_density	<i>Compute Skew-t Densities from Quantiles</i>
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Description

Computes the skew-t density from a matrix of quantiles. It allows for both linear and nonlinear optimization methods.

Usage

```
compute_density(
  quantiles,
  levels = c(0.05, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 0.95),
  est_points = 512,
  random_samples = 5000,
  support = c(-10, 10),
  nl = FALSE,
  seed = NULL
)
```

Arguments

<code>quantiles</code>	A matrix of quantiles. Each row represents a time observation, and each column corresponds to a quantile level.
<code>levels</code>	A numeric vector of the quantile levels corresponding to the columns of the quantile matrix (default: c(0.05, 0.25, 0.50, 0.75, 0.95)).
<code>est_points</code>	Integer. The number of evaluation points for the estimated density (default: 512).
<code>random_samples</code>	Integer. The number of random samples to draw from the fitted skew-t distribution (default: 5000).
<code>support</code>	Numeric vector of length 2. Defines the lower and upper limits of the density evaluation range. Used with <code>est_points</code> to create the evaluation grid. Default: c(-10, 10).
<code>nl</code>	Logical. If TRUE, uses nonlinear optimization via <code>nloptr</code> ; if FALSE (Default), uses linear optimization via <code>optim</code> .
<code>seed</code>	Optional integer to set the random seed for reproducibility.

Value

An object of class "fars_density", which is a list containing:

- density** A matrix of estimated densities for each time period (rows) across estimation points (columns).
- distribution** A matrix of random draws from the fitted skew-t distribution for each time period.
- optimization** The optimization method used (either 'nloptr' or 'optim').
- eval_points** The sequence of evaluation points used to compute the density. Useful for plotting.

Examples

```
quantiles <- matrix(rnorm(500, mean = 0, sd = 1), nrow = 100, ncol = 5)
density_result <- compute_density(quantiles, seed = 42)
```

compute_fars

Compute Factor Augmented Quantile Regressions

Description

Performs quantile regressions of a dependent variable on MLDFM factors. Optionally generates quantile forecasts under stressed scenarios using the ellipsoids.

Usage

```
compute_fars(
  dep_variable,
  factors,
  h = 1,
  edge = 0.05,
  ellipsoids = NULL,
  min = TRUE,
  qtau = 0.05
)
```

Arguments

<code>dep_variable</code>	A numeric vector representing the dependent variable (e.g., GDP growth, inflation).
<code>factors</code>	A matrix or data frame of factor estimates, typically extracted from an MLDFM model.
<code>h</code>	Integer representing the forecast horizon (in time steps) for the quantile regression. Default is 1.
<code>edge</code>	Numeric value specifying the trimming amount applied to the outermost quantiles. Default is 0.05.
<code>ellipsoids</code>	Optional list of matrices (ellips) representing stressed scenario, as returned by <code>get_ellipsoids()</code> . If provided, the function computes stressed quantiles and stressed factors.
<code>min</code>	Logical. If <code>TRUE</code> (default), the function performs stepwise minimization. If <code>FALSE</code> , it performs stepwise maximization.
<code>qtau</code>	Numeric. The quantile level (default is 0.05) used to compute stressed factors via <code>compute_stressed_factors()</code> . Only used if <code>ellipsoids</code> is provided.

Value

An object of class `fars`, which is a list containing:

- `quantiles` Matrix of forecasted quantiles (rows = periods, cols = quantile levels).
- `coeff` Matrix of quantile regression coefficients for each quantile.
- `std_error` Matrix of standard errors for each regression coefficient.
- `pvalue` Matrix of p-values for each regression coefficient.
- `levels` The list of estimated quantiles.
- `qtau` The quantile level used to compute stressed factors (if applicable).
- `stressed_quantiles` Matrix of quantiles under stressed scenarios (only if `ellipsoids` is provided).
- `stressed_factors` Matrix of selected stressed factors (only if `ellipsoids` is provided).
- `call` Function call.

Examples

```
dep_variable <- rnorm(100) # A numeric vector
data <- matrix(rnorm(100*300), nrow = 100, ncol = 300)
block_ind <- c(150, 300) # Defines 2 blocks
global = 1
local <- c(1, 1)
mldfm_result <- mldfm(data, blocks = 2, block_ind = block_ind, global = global , local = local)
fars_result <- compute_fars(dep_variable, get_factors(mldfm_result), h = 1, edge = 0.05)
```

<code>correct_outliers</code>	<i>Correct Dataset Outliers</i>
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Description

This function identifies and corrects outliers in a dataset using principal component analysis (PCA). It scales the data, performs PCA, computes idiosyncratic components, and replaces values that fall outside a defined outlier threshold with the median of 5 previous values. The outlier threshold is determined using the interquartile range (IQR) method.

Usage

```
correct_outliers(data, r)
```

Arguments

<code>data</code>	A numeric matrix or data frame where rows represent observations and columns represent variables.
<code>r</code>	An integer specifying the number of principal components to use for PCA.

Value

A list containing:

data	A matrix with corrected data where outliers are replaced by the median of previous values.
outliers	A binary matrix (same dimensions as the input data) indicating the position of outliers.

Examples

```
data <- matrix(rnorm(100), nrow = 10, ncol = 10)
result <- correct_outliers(data, r = 3)
corrected_data <- result$data
outliers_matrix <- result$outliers
```

create_scenario	<i>Create Stressed Scenarios</i>
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Description

Constructs hyperellipsoids around MLDFM factor estimates using subsampling. These regions capture estimation uncertainty and allow for the simulation of stressed scenarios.

Usage

```
create_scenario(model, subsamples, alpha = 0.95, fpr = FALSE)
```

Arguments

model	An object of class <code>mldfm</code> , containing the factor estimates.
subsamples	An object of class <code>mldfm_subsample</code> , returned by <code>mldfm_subsampling</code> .
alpha	Numeric. Confidence level for the hyperellipsoids (e.g., 0.95).
fpr	Logical. If TRUE, uses FPR Gamma (Fresoli, Poncela, Ruiz, 2024); otherwise, uses standard time-varying Gamma.

Value

An object of class `fars_scenario`, which is a list containing:

ellipsoids List of matrices defining the hyperellipsoids at each time.

center Matrix of factor estimates (centers of the ellipsoids).

sigma List of covariance matrices used to define the ellipsoids.

periods Number of time observations.

n_points Number of points used to define each ellipsoid.

alpha Confidence level for the hyperellipsoids.

call Function call.

Examples

```
data <- matrix(rnorm(100*300), nrow = 100, ncol = 300)
block_ind <- c(150, 300)
global = 1
local <- c(1, 1)
mldfm_result <- mldfm(data, blocks = 2, block_ind = block_ind,
global = global, local = local)
mldfm_subsampling_result <- mldfm_subsampling(data, blocks = 2,
block_ind = block_ind, global = global,
local = local, n_samples = 100, sample_size = 0.9)
scenario <- create_scenario(mldfm_result, mldfm_subsampling_result,
alpha = 0.95)
```

dep_variable	<i>US GDP Growth Series</i>
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Description

Quarterly US GDP growth series used as the dependent variable in the replication.

Usage

```
data(dep_variable)
```

Format

A time series object with 59 quarterly observations.

Details

The original series contains quarterly GDP levels for 63 countries. For replication, all series are converted to log-differenced annualized growth rates ($\text{diff}(\log(x)) * 400$). From this dataset, the U.S. series is extracted and the first observation dropped to obtain 59 observations in total.

Source

Replication materials of González-Rivera et al. (2024).

get_distribution *Generic Function to Extract Distribution*

Description

Generic Function to Extract Distribution

Usage

```
get_distribution(x, ...)
```

Arguments

- x An object from which to extract the distribution.
- ... Additional arguments (ignored).

Value

A matrix containing the random draws from the fitted skew-t distribution.

Examples

```
fars_density_result <- compute_density(
  quantiles = matrix(rnorm(100 * 5), nrow = 100, ncol = 5)
)
get_distribution(fars_density_result)
```

get_distribution.fars_density
Extract Distribution from a fars_density Object

Description

Extracts the distribution from a `fars_density` object.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'fars_density'
get_distribution(x, ...)
```

Arguments

- x An object of class `fars_density`.
- ... Further arguments (ignored).

Value

A matrix containing the random draws from the fitted skew-t distribution if available, otherwise NULL.

Examples

```
fars_density_result <- compute_density(quantiles = matrix(rnorm(100 * 5), nrow = 100, ncol = 5))
get_distribution(fars_density_result)
```

get_ellipsoids

*Generic Function to Extract Ellipsoids***Description**

Generic Function to Extract Ellipsoids

Usage

```
get_ellipsoids(x, ...)
```

Arguments

- x An object from which to extract the ellipsoids
- ... Additional arguments.

Value

A list of matrices defining the ellipsoids at each time.

get_ellipsoids.fars_scenario

*Get Ellipsoids from a fars_scenario Object.***Description**

Returns the list of ellipsoids from a fars_scenario object.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'fars_scenario'
get_ellipsoids(x, ...)
```

Arguments

- x An object of class `fars_scenario`.
- ... Additional arguments (ignored).

Value

A list of matrices defining the ellipsoids at each time.

get_factors*Generic Function to Extract Estimated Factors***Description**

Generic Function to Extract Estimated Factors

Usage

```
get_factors(x, ...)
```

Arguments

- x An object from which to extract the estimated factors.
- ... Additional arguments.

Value

A matrix of estimated factors.

get_factors.mldfm*Extract Estimated Factors from a mldfm Object***Description**

Extract Estimated Factors from a `mldfm` Object

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'mldfm'
get_factors(x, ...)
```

Arguments

- x An object of class `mldfm`.
- ... Further arguments (ignored).

Value

A matrix containing the estimated factors.

Examples

```
mldfm_result <- mldfm(data = matrix(rnorm(100 * 5), 100, 5), blocks = 1, global = 2)
get_factors(mldfm_result)
```

get_loadings

Generic Function to Extract Factor Loadings

Description

Generic Function to Extract Factor Loadings

Usage

```
get_loadings(x, ...)
```

Arguments

- x An object from which to extract the factor loadings.
- ... Additional arguments.

Value

A matrix of factor loadings.

get_loadings.mldfm

Extract Factor Loadings from a mldfm Object

Description

Extract Factor Loadings from a `mldfm` Object

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'mldfm'
get_loadings(x, ...)
```

Arguments

- x An object of class `mldfm`.
- ... Further arguments (ignored).

Value

A matrix containing the estimated factor loadings.

Examples

```
mldfm_result <- mldfm(data = matrix(rnorm(100 * 5), 100, 5), blocks = 1, global = 2)
get_loadings(mldfm_result)
```

`get_mldfm_list`

Generic Function to Extract List of MLDFMs

Description

Generic Function to Extract List of MLDFMs

Usage

```
get_mldfm_list(x, ...)
```

Arguments

- x An object from which to extract the MLDFMs.
- ... Additional arguments.

Value

A list of `mldfm` objects

`get_mldfm_list.mldfm_subsample`

Extract List of MLDFMs from a mldfm_subsample Object

Description

Returns the list of all `mldfm` stored in a `mldfm_subsample` object.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'mldfm_subsample'
get_mldfm_list(x, ...)
```

Arguments

- x An object of class `mldfm_subsample`.
- ... Additional arguments (ignored).

Value

A list of `mldfm` objects.

`get_mldfm_model`

Generic Function to Extract a Specific mldfm Object

Description

Generic Function to Extract a Specific `mldfm` Object

Usage

```
get_mldfm_model(x, index, ...)
```

Arguments

- | | |
|--------------------|---|
| <code>x</code> | An object from which to extract a <code>mldfm</code> Object |
| <code>index</code> | Integer. The position of the desired model |
| <code>...</code> | Additional arguments. |

Value

A single `mldfm` object.

`get_mldfm_model.mldfm_subsample`

Extract a Specific mldfm Object from a mldfm_subsample Object

Description

Returns the `mldfm` object at the specified position in a `mldfm_subsample` object.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'mldfm_subsample'
get_mldfm_model(x, index, ...)
```

Arguments

- | | |
|--------------------|---|
| <code>x</code> | An object of class <code>mldfm_subsample</code> . |
| <code>index</code> | Integer. The position of the desired model (between 1 and <code>n_samples</code>). |
| <code>...</code> | Additional arguments (ignored). |

Value

A single `mldfm` object.

get_quantiles *Generic Function to Extract Quantiles*

Description

Generic Function to Extract Quantiles

Usage

```
get_quantiles(x, ...)
```

Arguments

- x An object from which to extract the quantiles.
- ... Additional arguments (ignored).

Value

A matrix of quantiles.

get_quantiles.fars *Extract Quantiles from a fars Object*

Description

Extracts either the non-stressed quantiles or the stressed quantiles from a *fars* object, depending on the *stressed* parameter. If the requested stressed quantiles are not available, it returns NULL.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'fars'
get_quantiles(x, stressed = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

- x An object of class *fars*.
- stressed Logical. If TRUE, the function returns the stressed quantiles. If FALSE (default), it returns the non-stressed quantiles.
- ... Additional arguments (ignored).

Value

A matrix containing either the non-stressed quantiles or the stressed quantiles, depending on the value of *stressed*. If stressed quantiles are requested but not available, it returns NULL.

Examples

```
fars_result <- compute_fars(dep_variable = rnorm(100), factors = matrix(rnorm(100 * 3), ncol = 3))
get_quantiles(fars_result)
```

get_quantile_levels *Generic Function to Extract Quantile Levels*

Description

Generic Function to Extract Quantile Levels

Usage

```
get_quantile_levels(x, ...)
```

Arguments

- | | |
|-----|---|
| x | An object from which to extract the quantile levels |
| ... | Additional arguments. |

Value

A vector of quantile levels.

get_quantile_levels.fars *Extract Quantile Levels from a fars Object*

Description

Returns the quantile levels from an object of class `fars`.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'fars'
get_quantile_levels(x, ...)
```

Arguments

- | | |
|-----|--|
| x | An object of class <code>fars</code> , typically the result of a computation such as <code>compute_fars</code> . |
| ... | Additional arguments (ignored). |

Value

A vector of quantile levels stored within the `fars` object.

Examples

```
fars_result <- compute_fars(dep_variable = rnorm(100),
                             factors = matrix(rnorm(100 * 3), ncol = 3))
get_quantile_levels(fars_result)
```

get_residuals

Generic Function to Extract Residuals

Description

Generic Function to Extract Residuals

Usage

```
get_residuals(x, ...)
```

Arguments

- x An object from which to extract the residuals.
- ... Additional arguments (ignored).

Value

A matrix of residuals.

get_residuals.mldfm

Extract Residuals from a mldfm Object

Description

Extract Residuals from a mldfm Object

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'mldfm'
get_residuals(x, ...)
```

Arguments

- x An object of class mldfm.
- ... Further arguments (ignored).

Value

A matrix containing the residuals.

Examples

```
mldfm_result <- mldfm(data = matrix(rnorm(100 * 5), 100, 5), blocks = 1, global = 2)
get_residuals(mldfm_result)
```

get_sigma_list *Generic Function to Get Sigma List*

Description

Returns the list of covariance matrices used to construct the ellipsoids.

Usage

```
get_sigma_list(x, ...)
```

```
get_sigma_list(x, ...)
```

Arguments

- | | |
|-----|---|
| x | An object of class <code>fars_scenario</code> . |
| ... | Additional arguments (ignored). |

Value

A list of covariance matrices.

A list of covariance matrices (one per period).

get_stressed_factors *Generic Function to Extract Stressed Factors*

Description

Generic Function to Extract Stressed Factors

Usage

```
get_stressed_factors(x, ...)
```

Arguments

- | | |
|-----|---|
| x | An object from which to extract the stressed factors. |
| ... | Additional arguments (ignored). |

Value

A matrix of stressed factors.

`get_stressed_factors.fars`

Extract Stressed Factors from a fars Object

Description

Extracts the stressed factors from a `fars` object. If stressed factors are not available, it returns `NULL`.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'fars'
get_stressed_factors(x, ...)
```

Arguments

- | | |
|------------------|--|
| <code>x</code> | An object of class <code>fars</code> . |
| <code>...</code> | Additional arguments (ignored). |

Value

A matrix containing the stressed factors if available, otherwise `NULL`.

Examples

```
fars_result <- compute_fars(dep_variable = rnorm(100), factors = matrix(rnorm(100 * 3), ncol = 3))
get_stressed_factors(fars_result)
```

`inflation_data`

European Countries Inflation Series

Description

Monthly inflation series for 38 European countries

Usage

```
data(inflation_data)
```

Format

A numeric matrix with 239 rows and 38 columns.

Details

Derived from the Excel file *inflation.xlsx* included in `inst/extdata/`. The original series contains monthly HCPI series for 38 European countries. For replication, HCPI prices are transformed into annualized month-on-month (mom) inflation, with each inflation series sequentially cleaned of seasonal effects and outliers

Source

Ha, Kose, and Ohnsorge (2023)

mf_data

Macro-Financial Database

Description

Macro-financial variables used in the replication exercise.

Usage

```
data(mf_data)
```

Format

A numeric matrix with 59 rows and 519 columns.

Details

The original dataset contains 624 variables. For replication, the first 519 variables are selected, converted to a numeric matrix, and outliers are corrected using the function `correct_outliers(..., threshold = 5)` provided in FARS.

Source

Replication materials of González-Rivera et al. (2024).

mldfm*Multi-Level Dynamic Factor Model (MLDFM)*

Description

Estimates a Multi-Level Dynamic Factor Model from time series data. Supports both Single-block (DFM) and hierarchical Multi-Block (MLDFM) structures with customizable factor extraction settings.

Usage

```
mldfm(
  data,
  blocks = 1,
  block_ind = NULL,
  global = 1,
  local = NULL,
  middle_layer = NULL,
  method = 0,
  tol = 1e-06,
  max_iter = 1000,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

<code>data</code>	A numeric matrix or data frame containing the time series data. Rows represent time points; columns represent observed variables.
<code>blocks</code>	Integer. Number of blocks into which the data is divided.
<code>block_ind</code>	Integer vector. End column indices for each block. Must be of length <code>blocks</code> and in increasing order.
<code>global</code>	Integer. Number of global factors extracted from the entire dataset.
<code>local</code>	Integer vector of length <code>blocks</code> . Specifies the number of local factors for each block.
<code>middle_layer</code>	Named list. Each name is a string specifying a group of blocks (e.g., "1-3" or "2-3"), and each value is the number of factors to extract.
<code>method</code>	Integer. Method used to initialize the factors: 0 for Canonical Correlation Analysis (CCA), 1 for Principal Component Analysis (PCA).
<code>tol</code>	Numeric. The tolerance level for the residual sum of squares (RSS) minimization process. Used as a convergence criterion.
<code>max_iter</code>	Integer. The maximum number of iterations allowed for the RSS minimization process.
<code>verbose</code>	Logical. If TRUE (default), print a summary of the mldfm.

Value

An object of class `mldfm`, which is a list containing:

- factors** Matrix of estimated factors.
- loadings** Matrix of factor loadings.
- residuals** Matrix of residuals.
- method** Initialization method used (CCA or PCA).
- iterations** Number of iterations before convergence.
- factors_list** List of estimated factors for each node.
- call** Function call.

Examples

```
mldfm_result <- mldfm(data = matrix(rnorm(100 * 5), 100, 5), blocks = 1, global = 2)
```

<code>mldfm_subsampling</code>	<i>Subsampling Procedure for MLDFM Estimation</i>
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Description

Applies the MLDFM estimation to randomly drawn subsamples of the input data.

Usage

```
mldfm_subsampling(
  data,
  blocks = 1,
  block_ind = NULL,
  global = 1,
  local = NULL,
  middle_layer = NULL,
  method = 0,
  tol = 1e-06,
  max_iter = 1000,
  n_samples = 10,
  sample_size = 0.9,
  seed = NULL
)
```

Arguments

<code>data</code>	A numeric matrix or data frame containing the time series data. Rows represent time points; columns represent observed variables.
<code>blocks</code>	Integer. The number of blocks into which the data is divided.
<code>block_ind</code>	A vector of integers indicating the end index of each block. Must be of length <code>blocks</code> and in increasing order. Required if <code>blocks > 1</code> .
<code>global</code>	Integer. Number of global factors extracted from the entire dataset.
<code>local</code>	Integer vector of length <code>blocks</code> . Specifies the number of local factors for each block.
<code>middle_layer</code>	Named list. Each name is a string specifying a group of blocks (e.g., "1-3" or "2-3"), and each value is the number of factors to extract.
<code>method</code>	Integer. The method used to initialize the factors: 0 for Canonical Correlation Analysis (CCA), 1 for Principal Component Analysis (PCA).
<code>tol</code>	Numeric. The tolerance level for the residual sum of squares (RSS) minimization process. Used as a convergence criterion.
<code>max_iter</code>	Integer. The maximum number of iterations allowed for the RSS minimization process.
<code>n_samples</code>	Number of subsamples to generate.
<code>sample_size</code>	Proportion of the original sample to retain (e.g., 0.9 for 90%).
<code>seed</code>	Optional integer. Seed for reproducibility of the subsampling process. If NULL, random draws will differ each run.

Value

An object of class `mldfm_subsample`, which is a list containing:

- `models`: A list of `mldfm` objects, one for each subsample.
- `n_samples`: Number of subsamples generated.
- `sample_size`: Proportion of the sample used for each subsample.
- `seed`: Seed used for random sampling (if any).
- `call`: Function call.

Examples

```
data <- matrix(rnorm(1000), nrow = 100, ncol = 100)
block_ind <- c(50,100)
local <- c(1, 1)
result <- mldfm_subsampling(data, blocks = 2, block_ind = block_ind, global = 1,
local = local, n_samples = 100, sample_size = 0.9)
```

plot.fars *Plot Method for fars Object*

Description

Generates line plots of estimated quantiles from a `fars` object. If a stressed scenario is available, it is plotted in a separate panel.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'fars'  
plot(x, dates = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

- | | |
|--------------------|---|
| <code>x</code> | An object of class <code>fars</code> . |
| <code>dates</code> | Optional vector of dates (as <code>Date</code> or <code>zoo::yearqtr</code>) to use for the x-axis. If not provided, a simple index is used. |
| <code>...</code> | Additional arguments (ignored). |

Value

No return value. Called for plot generation.

plot.fars_density *Plot Method for fars_density Object*

Description

Plots the evolution of the estimated density over time as a 3D surface.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'fars_density'  
plot(x, time_index = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

- | | |
|-------------------------|--|
| <code>x</code> | An object of class <code>fars_density</code> . |
| <code>time_index</code> | Optional vector for the time axis (default is 1:nrow). |
| <code>...</code> | Additional arguments (ignored). |

plot.fars_scenario *Plot Method for fars_scenario Object*

Description

Plots the hyperellipsoid for a given time observation (only for 1D or 2D cases).

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'fars_scenario'
plot(x, obs = 1, ...)
```

Arguments

- | | |
|------------------|---|
| <code>x</code> | An object of class <code>fars_scenario</code> . |
| <code>obs</code> | Integer. Time index to plot (default = 1). |
| <code>...</code> | Additional arguments (ignored). |

plot.mldfm *Plot Method for MLDFM object*

Description

Dispatches to specific plot functions for factors, loadings, or residuals.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'mldfm'
plot(
  x,
  which = "factors",
  dates = NULL,
  var_names = NULL,
  flip = NULL,
  fpr = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

- | | |
|--------------------|--|
| <code>x</code> | An object of class <code>mldfm</code> . |
| <code>which</code> | What to plot: one of "factors" (default), "loadings", or "residuals". |
| <code>dates</code> | Optional vector of dates (as Date or zoo::yearqtr) to use for the x-axis. If not provided, a simple index (1:N) is used. |

var_names	Optional vector of variable names to label loadings and residual axis.
flip	Optional vector of length equal to the number of factors. Set 1 to flip sign for a specific factor (and related loadings); 0 to leave unchanged.
fpr	Logical. If TRUE, uses FPR Gamma (Fresoli, Poncela, Ruiz, 2024); otherwise, uses standard time-varying Gamma.
...	Additional arguments (ignored)

Value

No return value. Called for plots generation.

plot.mldfm_subsample *Plot Method for mldfm_subsample Object*

Description

Plots a histogram of the number of iterations used in each subsample estimation.

Usage

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

Arguments

x	An object of class <code>mldfm_subsample</code> .
...	Additional arguments (ignored).

Value

A `ggplot` object (invisibly).

print.fars *Print Method for fars Object*

Description

Prints a short summary of the `fars` object.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'fars'
print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

- x An object of class `fars`.
- ... Additional arguments (ignored).

Value

The input `fars` object, returned invisibly.

`print.fars_density` *Print Method for fars_density Object*

Description

Displays a brief summary of the `fars_density` object.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'fars_density'
print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

- x An object of class `fars_density`.
- ... Additional arguments (ignored).

Value

The input `fars_density` object, invisibly.

`print.fars_scenario` *Print Method for fars_scenario Object*

Description

Prints a short summary of the FARS scenario object.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'fars_scenario'
print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

- x An object of class `fars_scenario`.
- ... Additional arguments (ignored).

Value

The input `fars_scenario` object, invisibly.

`print.mldfm`

Print Method for mldfm Object

Description

Prints a short summary of the MLDFM object.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'mldfm'  
print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

- x An object of class `mldfm`.
- ... Additional arguments (ignored).

Value

The input `mldfm` object, invisibly.

`print.mldfm_subsample` *Print Method for mldfm_subsample Object***Description**

Prints a brief summary of the `mldfm_subsample` object.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'mldfm_subsample'  
print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

- x An object of class `mldfm_subsample`.
- ... Additional arguments (ignored).

Value

The input object `object`, invisibly.

quantile_risk*Extract Conditional Quantile from fars_density Object***Description**

Computes the conditional quantile (e.g., 5th percentile) from a simulated skew-t distribution. The result corresponds to the risk measure (e.g., Growth-at-Risk, Growth-in-Stress etc.).

Usage

```
quantile_risk(density, qtau = 0.05)
```

Arguments

- | | |
|---------|--|
| density | An object of class <code>fars_density</code> , which is returned by <code>compute_density()</code> |
| qtau | A numeric value between 0 and 1 indicating the quantile to extract (e.g., 0.05 for the 5th percentile). Default is 0.05. |

Value

A numeric vector of conditional quantiles (one observation for each time period).

Examples

```
quantiles <- matrix(rnorm(500), ncol = 5)
fars_density <- compute_density(quantiles, seed = 42)
GaR <- quantile_risk(fars_density, qtau = 0.05)
```

summary.fars*Summary Method for fars Object***Description**

Prints a complete summary of the `fars` object, including information on estimated quantiles, stressed quantiles, regression coefficients, standard errors, and p-values.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'fars'
summary(object, ...)
```

Arguments

- | | |
|--------|--|
| object | An object of class <code>fars</code> . |
| ... | Additional arguments (ignored). |

Value

The input `fars` object, returned invisibly.

`summary.fars_density` *Summary Method for fars_density Object*

Description

Displays a complete summary of the `fars_density` object.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'fars_density'  
summary(object, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>object</code>	An object of class <code>fars_density</code> .
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments (ignored).

Value

The input `fars_density` object, invisibly.

`summary.fars_scenario` *Summary Method for fars_scenario Object*

Description

Provides a detailed summary of the FARS scenario object.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'fars_scenario'  
summary(object, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>object</code>	An object of class <code>fars_scenario</code> .
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments (ignored).

Value

The input `fars_scenario` object, invisibly.

`summary.mldfm`*Summary Method for mldfm Object*

Description

Provides a complete summary of the MLDFM object.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'mldfm'  
summary(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object	An object of class <code>mldfm</code> .
...	Additional arguments (ignored).

Value

The input `mldfm` object, invisibly.

`summary.mldfm_subsample`*Summary Method for mldfm_subsample Object*

Description

Provides a structured summary of a `mldfm_subsample` object.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'mldfm_subsample'  
summary(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object	An object of class <code>mldfm_subsample</code> .
...	Additional arguments (ignored).

Value

The input object `object`, invisibly.

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