

# Package ‘MCS’

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LossLevel	<i>Loss Function for level forecasts</i>
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**Description**

Calculate the losses associated with level forecasts

**Usage**

```
LossLevel(realized, evaluated, which = "SE")
```

**Arguments**

realized	a vector with the realizations of the interest object.
evaluated	a vector or a matrix of forecasts
which	The loss function to use. possible choices are: 'SE' that coincides with Square Error and AE that coincides with Absolute Error

**Value**

A matrix with the forecast losses

**Author(s)**

Leopoldo Catania

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LossVaR	<i>Loss Function for VaR forecasts</i>
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**Description**

Calculate the losses associated with VaR forecasts.

**Usage**

```
LossVaR(  
  realized,  
  evaluated,  
  which = "asymmetricLoss",  
  type = "normal",  
  delta = 25,  
  tau  
)
```

**Arguments**

realized	a vector of returns realization
evaluated	a vector or a matrix of VaR forecasts
which	The chosen VaR loss function. Only which = "asymmetricLoss" is available.
type	if which = "asymmetricLoss" the type of the asymmetric loss function of Gonzalez-Riviera et.al. (2004). Possible choices are type = 'normal' which reports the quantile loss function used for example in Koenker and Bassett (1978) and type = "differentiable" for the differentiable version of Gonzalez-Riviera et.al. (2004).
delta	if type = 'differentiable' the delta parameter controls the smoothness of the function.
tau	the VaR confidence level

**Value**

A matrix with the VaR losses

**Author(s)**

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**References**

- Koenker, R., & Bassett, G. (1978). Regression quantiles. *Econometrica*, 46(1), 33–50.
- Gonzalez-Rivera G, Lee TH, Mishra S (2004). Forecasting volatility: A reality check based on option pricing, utility function, value-at-risk, and predictive likelihood. *International Journal of Forecasting*, 20(4), 629-645. ISSN 0169-2070. doi:<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.ijforecast.2003.10.003>. URL <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0169207003001420>.

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LossVol

*Loss Function for volatility forecasts*

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**Description**

Calculate the losses associated with volatility (standard deviation) forecasts

**Usage**

LossVol(realized, evaluated, which = "SE1")

**Arguments**

realized	a vector with some realized volatility measure
evaluated	a vector or a matrix of volatility forecasts
which	The loss function to use. possible choices are: 'SE1', 'SE2', 'QLIKE', 'R2LOG', 'AE1', 'AE2', for further information see Bernardi and Catania (2014) or Hansen and Lunde (2005).

**Value**

A matrix with the forecast losses

**Author(s)**

Leopoldo Catania

**References**

Koenker, R., & Bassett, G. (1978). Regression quantiles. *Econometrica*, 46(1), 33-50.

Gonzalez-Rivera G, Lee TH, Mishra S (2004). Forecasting volatility: A reality check based on option pricing, utility function, value-at-risk, and predictive likelihood." *International Journal of Forecasting*, 20(4), 629-645. ISSN 0169-2070. doi:<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.ijforecast.2003.10.003>. URL <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0169207003001420>.

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MCSprocedure

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**Description**

Perform the Model Confidence Set procedure of Hansen et.al. (2011)

**Usage**

```
MCSprocedure(
  Loss,
  alpha = 0.15,
  B = 1000,
  statistic = "Tmax",
  k = NULL,
  min.k = 3,
  verbose = TRUE,
  seed = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

Loss	A matrix or something coercible to that (as.matrix) which contains the loss series per each competing model
alpha	a scalar in (0,1) indicating the confidence level of the tests
B	an integer indicating the number of bootstrapped samples used to construct the statistic test

statistic	Possible choice are : Tmax and TR. See Hansen et.al. (2011) [pag. 465] and Bernardi M. and Catania L. (2014) for more information.
k	The number of block bootstrap length. If NULL (default) the block length is determined by the max number of significant parameters resulted after fitting an AR(p) process on all the Loss differences as suggested by Hansen et.al. (2011)
min.k	If k=NULL the minimum length of the the blocks, by default equal to 3
verbose	Information about the MCS procedure should be printed ?
seed	Fixed by set.seed(seed). If NULL, one random seed will be selected.

**Value**

A SSM object

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**References**

Hansen PR, Lunde A, Nason JM (2011). The model confidence set. *Econometrica*, 79(2), 453-497.  
 Bernardi M. and Catania L. (2014) The Model Confidence Set package for R.

**Examples**

```
#set the seed
set.seed(123)
# DGP is iid standard normal draws
iT = 500
vY = rnorm(iT)
# Point predictions from 11 competing modeld
# The best model is model6
mM = matrix(rep(seq(-0.5, 0.5, length.out = 11), iT), nrow = iT, byrow = TRUE)
# compute squared error loss
Loss = apply(mM, 2, LossLevel, realized = vY, which = "SE")
# compute the SSM
MCS = MCSprocedure(Loss, verbose = TRUE)
#print the results
MCS
```

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show,SSM-method

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**Description**

SSM-methods

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'SSM'  
show(object)
```

**Arguments**

object            An object of the class SSM

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SSM-class

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**Description**

Class for SSM object

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