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Description Companion package of Carrion-i-Silvestre & Sansó (2026):

``Testing for Constant Unconditional Variance in Heavy-Tailed Time Series". It implements the Modified

Iterative Cumulative Sum of Squares Algorithm, which is an extension of the Iterative Cumulative Sum of Squares (ICSS) Algorithm of In-

clan and Tiao (1994), and it checks for changes in the

unconditional variance of a time series controlling for the tail index of

the underlying distribution. The fourth order moment is estimated non-parametrically

to avoid the size problems when the innovations are non-Gaussian (see, Sansó et al., 2004).

Critical values and p-

values are generated using a Generalized Extreme Value distribution approach.

References

Carrion-i-Silvestre J.J & Sansó A (2026) <[doi:10.1080/03610918.2026.2615207](https://doi.org/10.1080/03610918.2026.2615207)>.

Inclan C & Tiao G.C (1994) <[doi:10.1080/01621459.1994.10476824](https://doi.org/10.1080/01621459.1994.10476824)>.

Sansó A & Aragón V & Carrion-i-Silvestre J.L (2004) <[https:](https://dspace.uib.es/xmlui/bitstream/handle/11201/152078/524035.pdf)

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alpha_hill	<i>Hill's estimator of the tail index</i>
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Description

Computes the estimator of the tail index proposed by Hill (1975).

Usage

```
alpha_hill(x, k)
```

Arguments

x	A numeric vector.
k	Fraction of the upper tail to be used to estimate of the tail index.

Value

- alpha: Estimated tail index.
- sd.alpha: Standard error.
- s: Number of observations used in the estimation.

References

B. Hill (1975): A Simple General Approach to Inference About the Tail of a Distribution. The Annals of Mathematical Statistics 3, 1163-1174.

See Also

[alpha_nr](#)

Examples

```
alpha_hill(rnorm(500),k=0.1)
```

alpha_nr	<i>Nicolau & Rodrigues estimator of the tail index</i>
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Description

Computes the estimator of the tail index proposed by Nicolau & Rodrigues (2019).

Usage

```
alpha_nr(y, k)
```

Arguments

y	A numeric vector.
k	Fraction of the upper tail to be used to estimate of the tail index.

Value

- alpha: Estimated tail index.
- sd.alpha: Standard error.

References

J. Nicolau and P.M.M. Rodrigues (2019): A new regression-based tail index estimator. The Review of Economics and Statistics 101, 667-680.

See Also

[alpha_hill](#)

Examples

```
alpha_nr(rnorm(500),k=0.1)
```

data

Data used in the examples

Description

Log returns of the exchange rate South African Rand versus United States Dollar.

Usage

```
data(logReturnsRandDollar)
```

Value

Time series with 7705 observations.

Author(s)

J.L. Carrion-i-Silvestre and A. Sansó

Source

Paulo Rodrigues

References

J.L. Carrion-i-Silvestre & A. Sansó (2026): Testing for Constant Unconditional Variance in Heavy-Tailed Time Series. Communications in Statistics - Simulation and Computation. doi:10.1080/03610918.2026.2615207

Examples

```
data(logReturnsRandDollar)
names(data)
```

icss

Iterative Cumulative Sum of Squares Algorithm

Description

Implements the ICSS algorithm of Inclan and Tiao (1994) using the CUMSUMQ test detailed in Carrion-i-Silvestre & Sansó (2023)

Usage

```
icss(e, sig.lev=0.05, kmax=NULL, alpha=NULL)
```

Arguments

e	A numeric vector. Stationary variable on which the constancy of unconditional variance is tested.
sig.lev	Significance level. The default value is 0.05
kmax	Maximum lag to be used for the estimation of the long-run fourth order moment. If not reported, an automatic procedure computes it depending on the sample size.
alpha	Tail index. If not reported, it is set at 4, which was the implicit assumption of Inclán & Tiao (1994). Values between 2 and 4 are allowed because this function is used by micss .

Value

nb	Number of breaks found by the algorithm.
tb	Vector with the time breaks.

Author(s)

J.L. Carrion-i-Silvestre and A. Sanso.

References

J.L. Carrion-i-Silvestre & A. Sansó (2023): Generalized Extreme Value Approximation to the CUMSUMQ Test for Constant Unconditional Variance in Heavy-Tailed Time Series.

C. Inclán & G.C. Tiao (1994): Use of Cumulative Sums of Squares for Retrospective Detection of Changes of Variance. *Journal of the American Statistical Association* 89, 913-923.

See Also

[micss](#) [print.icss](#) [plot.icss](#)

Examples

```
set.seed(2)
e <- c(stats::rnorm(200), 3*stats::rnorm(200))
o <- icss(e)
print.icss(o)
```

kappa_test

*CUMSUMQ test to test for changes in the unconditional variance***Description**

Computes the CUMSUMQ test to test for changes in the unconditional variance and reports the p-value adapted to the tail index and sample size

Usage

```
kappa_test(e, sig.lev=0.05, alpha=NULL, kmax=NULL)
```

Arguments

e	A numeric vector. Stationary variable on which the constancy of unconditional variance is tested.
sig.lev	Significance level. The default value is 0.05.
alpha	Tail index. Must be a number between 2 and 4. The default value is 4.
kmax	Maximum lag to be used for the estimation of the long-run fourth order moment. If not reported, an automatic procedure computes it depending on the sample size.

Details

It is only computed if the sample size is greater than 25 observations.

Value

kappa	CUMSUMQ test.
tb	Possible time of the break (with maximum value of the statistic).
cv	critical value at the specified significance level.
p.val	p-value.

Author(s)

J.L. Carrion-i-Silvestre and A. Sanso.

References

J.L. Carrion-i-Silvestre & A. Sansó (2023): Generalized Extreme Value Approximation to the CUMSUMQ Test for Constant Unconditional Variance in Heavy-Tailed Time Series.

See Also

[micss](#)

Examples

```
data(logReturnsRandDollar)
e <- whitening(data$rand.dollar)$e # whitening
kappa_test(e)
```

logReturnsRandDollar *Data used in the examples*

Description

Log returns of the exchange rate South African Rand versus United States Dollar.

Usage

```
data(logReturnsRandDollar)
```

Value

Time series with 7705 observations.

Author(s)

J.L. Carrion-i-Silvestre and A. Sansó.

Source

Paulo Rodrigues

References

J.L. Carrion-i-Silvestre & A. Sansó (2026): Testing for Constant Unconditional Variance in Heavy-Tailed Time Series. *Communications in Statistics - Simulation and Computation*. doi:10.1080/03610918.2026.2615207

Examples

```
data(logReturnsRandDollar)
names(data)

# The following example replicates some of the results of Table 6 in
# Carrion-i-Silvestres & Sanso (2023)
data(logReturnsRandDollar)
e <- whitening(data$rand.dollar)$e # pre-whitening
m <- micss(e)
print.micss(m)
```

lrv.spc.bartlett	<i>lrv.spc.bartlett</i>
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Description

Estimation of the long-run variance using the Barlett window.

Usage

```
lrv.spc.bartlett(x, kmax = NULL)
```

Arguments

x	Stationary variable. A numeric vector.
kmax	Maximum lag to be used for the long-run estimation of the variance.

Details

Estimates the log-run fourth order moment when x are the squares of a variable.

Value

Estimation of the long-run variance.

References

D. Sul, P.C.B. Phillips & C.Y. Choi (2005): Prewhitening Bias in HAC Estimation, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics 67, 517-546.

D.W.K. Andrews & J.C. Monahan (1992): An Improved Heteroskedasticity and Autocorrelation Consistent Covariance Matrix Estimator. Econometrica 60, 953-966.

Examples

```
lrv.spc.bartlett(rnorm(100))
```

micss	<i>Modified Iterative Cumulative Sum of Squares Algorithm</i>
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Description

Implements the MICSS algorithm of Carrion-i-Silvestre & Sansó (2023).

Usage

```
micss(e, sig.lev=0.05, kmax=NULL, alpha=NULL, tail.est="NR", k=0.1)
```

Arguments

e	A numeric vector. Stationary variable on which the constancy of unconditional variance is tested.
sig.lev	Significance level. The default value is 0.05.
kmax	Maximum lag to be used for the estimation of the long-run fourth order moment. If not reported, an automatic procedure computes it depending on the sample size.
alpha	Tail index. If not reported, it is estimated automatically.
tail.est	Estimator of the tail index. The default value is "NR", which uses Nicolau & Rodrigues (2019) estimator. "Hill" uses the Hill's (1975) estimator.
k	Fraction of the upper tail to be used to estimate of the tail index. The default value is 0.1.

Details

The tail index is estimated using the absolute values.

Value

icss	An object with the output of the icss algorithm.
alpha	An object with the output of the estimate.alpha .

Author(s)

J.L. Carrion-i-Silvestre and A. Sansó.

References

- J.L. Carrion-i-Silvestre & A. Sansó (2026): Testing for Constant Unconditional Variance in Heavy-Tailed Time Series. *Communications in Statistics - Simulation and Computation*. doi:10.1080/03610918.2026.2615207.
- B. Hill (1975): A Simple General Approach to Inference About the Tail of a Distribution. *The Annals of Mathematical Statistics* 3, 1163-1174.
- J. Nicolau & P.M.M. Rodrigues (2019): A new regression-based tail index estimator. *The Review of Economics and Statistics* 101, 667-680.

See Also

[icss](#) [estimate.alpha](#) [print.micss](#) [plot.icss](#)

Examples

```
set.seed(2)
e <- c(stats::rnorm(200),3*stats::rnorm(200))
o <- micss(e)
print.micss(o)

# The following example replicates some of the results of Table 6 in
```

```
# Carrion-i-Silvestres & Sanso (2023)
data(logReturnsRandDollar)
e <- whitening(data$rand.dollar)$e # pre-whitening
m <- micss(e)
print.micss(m)
```

plot.icss

plot.icss

Description

Plots the output of the ICSS algorithm.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'icss'
plot(x, type = "std", title = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

x	An object with the output of icss or micss .
type	Type of graphic. 3 possibilities: "std", which is the default, plots the absolute value of the variable and the standard deviation; "var" plots the squares of the variable and the variance; "res.std" plots the standardized residuals.
title	Title of the graphic.
...	Further arguments passed to or from other methods.

Value

No return value. It generates a plot the output of [micss](#) or [icss](#)

References

J.L. Carrion-i-Silvestre & A. Sansó (2026): Testing for Constant Unconditional Variance in Heavy-Tailed Time Series. Communications in Statistics - Simulation and Computation. doi:10.1080/03610918.2026.2615207

Examples

```
set.seed(2)
e <- c(stats::rnorm(200), 3*stats::rnorm(200))
o <- micss(e)
plot.icss(o, title="Example of the MICSS algorithm")
```

print.icss	<i>print.icss</i>
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Description

Prints the output of [icss](#).

Usage

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

Arguments

x	An object with the output of the icss algorithm.
...	Further arguments passed to or from other methods.

Details

Used internally by [icss](#).

Value

No return value. It prints the output of [icss](#)

References

J.L. Carrion-i-Silvestre & A. Sansó (2026): Testing for Constant Unconditional Variance in Heavy-Tailed Time Series. Communications in Statistics - Simulation and Computation. doi:10.1080/03610918.2026.2615207

Examples

```
set.seed(2)  
e <- c(stats::rnorm(200), 3*stats::rnorm(200))  
o <- icss(e)  
print.icss(o)
```

`print.micss``print.micss`

Description

Prints the output of `micss`.

Usage

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

Arguments

`x` An object with the output of the `micss` algorithm.
`...` Further arguments passed to or from other methods.

Value

No return value. It prints the output of `micss`

References

J.L. Carrion-i-Silvestre & A. Sansó (2026): Testing for Constant Unconditional Variance in Heavy-Tailed Time Series. *Communications in Statistics - Simulation and Computation*. doi:10.1080/03610918.2026.2615207

Examples

```
set.seed(2)  
e <- c(stats::rnorm(200), 3*stats::rnorm(200))  
o <- micss(e)  
print.micss(o)
```

`whitening``Whitening`

Description

Eliminates the autocorrelation of a variable using an AR model.

Usage

```
whitening(y, kmax = NULL)
```

Arguments

<code>y</code>	A numeric vector. Variable to be whiten.
<code>kmax</code>	Maximum lag to be used for the long-run estimation of the variance. If not specified uses $[12*(t/100)^{(1/4)}]$.

Details

Selects the model using the Bayes Information Criterion.

Value

- `e`: Whiten variable.
- `rho`: Vector of autoregressive parameters.
- `lag`: number of lags used.

Examples

```
whitening(rnorm(100))
```

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