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etasFLP-package

*Mixed FLP and ML Estimation of ETAS Space-Time Point Processes*

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## Description

*New version 2.3.0.* Covariates have been introduced since version 2.0 to explain the effects of external factors on the induced seismicity. Since the parametrization is changed, the etasclass object created with the previous versions are not compatible with the one obtained with the current version. Estimation of the components of an ETAS (Epidemic Type Aftershock Sequence) model for earthquake description. Non-parametric background seismicity can be estimated through FLP (Forward Likelihood Predictive), while parametric components are estimated through maximum likelihood. The two estimation steps are alternated until convergence is obtained. For each event the probability of being a background event is estimated and used as a weight for declustering steps. Many options to control the estimation process are present, together with some diagnostic tools. Some descriptive functions for earthquakes catalogs are included; also plot, print, summary, profile methods are defined for main output (objects of class etasclass); update methods are now present.

## Details

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etasclass is the main function of the package etasFLP: strongly renewed in version 2.0. update.etasclass and timeupdate.etasclass two new different kind of updating existing etasclass objects. Very useful for large catalogues

### Note

The package is intended for the estimation of the ETAS model for seismicity description (introduced by Ogata (1988), see reference), but theoretically it can be used for other fields of application.

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b.guten

*Estimates the parameter of the Gutenberg-Richter law.*

### Description

Estimates the parameter of the Gutenberg-Richter law for the magnitude distribution of earthquakes, given a threshold magnitude; it uses moment estimator on transformed data.

### Usage

```
b.guten(magn, m0=min(magn))
```

### Arguments

magn	a vector of magnitudes coming from an earthquake catalog.
m0	A threshold value. Only values of magn not less than m0 will be used.

### Details

Maximum likelihood estimation for the Gutenberg-Richter Law:

$$\log_{10} N(> m) = a - b M$$

where  $N(> m)$  is the number of events exceeding a magnitude  $m$  and  $a, b$  are two parameters:  $a$  is related to the total seismicity rate of the region while  $b$ , to be estimated, should be usually near 1.

Catalog is assumed to be complete (in a certain space-time region) at least for a magnitude  $m_0$ , that is, every earthquake of magnitude at least  $m_0$  in that space-time region, is certainly present in the catalog.

### Value

b	estimate of the parameter $b$ of the Gutenberg-Richter Law.
se	estimate of the standard error of the estimate $b$ .

### Note

the plot produced by `magn.plot` can be used to have an idea, for a given catalog, of the magnitude threshold value.

**Author(s)**

Marcello Chiodi

**References**

Gutenberg, B. and Richter, C. F. (1944). Frequency of earthquakes in California. *Bulletin of the Seismological Society of America*, 34, 185-188.

**See Also**

[magn.plot](#)

**Examples**

```
data(italycatalog)
b.guten(italycatalog$magn1)
```

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bwd.nrd

*Silverman's rule optimal for the estimation of a kernel bandwidth*

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**Description**

Computes the optimal bandwidth with the Silverman's rule of thumb, to be used for a kernel estimator with given points and weights.

**Usage**

```
bwd.nrd(x, w=replicate(length(x),1), d = 2)
```

**Arguments**

x	numeric vector: sample points to be used for a normal kernel estimator.
w	numeric vector of the same length of x: weights to give to the elements of x. Default is a vector of ones
d	number of dimensions of the kernel estimator.

**Details**

Computes the optimal bandwidth with the Silverman rule, for a kernel estimator with points x and weights w. If a multivariate kernel is used, (i.e.  $d > 1$ ), bwd.nrd must be called for each variable. It computes dispersion only with the weighted standard deviation, with no robust alternative. Called by kde2dnew.fortran.

**Value**

The value of the bandwidth for a sample x and weights w.

**Note**

It is used in connection with the the declustering method of `etasFLP`. Points with an higher probability of being part of the background seismicity will weight more in the estimation of the background seismicity.

**Note**

This is a slight modification of `bw.nrd`.

**Author(s)**

Marcello Chiodi

**References**

Silverman, B.W. (1986). *Density Estimation for Statistics and Data Analysis*. Chapman and Hall: London.

**Examples**

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californiacatalog      *Sample catalog of North California earthquakes*

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**Description**

Sample catalog of North California earthquakes of magnitude at least 3.0 from year 1968 to year 2012.

**Usage**

californiacatalog

**Format**

a data matrix with 18,545 observations and 5 variables: time, lat, long, z, magn1.

**Source**

Northern California Earthquake Data Center.

**References**

Northern California Earthquake Catalog Search: <http://www.ncedc.org/ncedc/catalog-search.html>.

## Examples

```
data(californiacatalog)
str(californiacatalog)
```

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catalog.withcov	<i>Small sample catalog of italian earthquakes with covariates</i>
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## Description

A small sample catalog of italian earthquakes of magnitude at least 2.5 from May 2012 to May 2016 with extra information.

## Usage

```
catalog.withcov
```

## Format

a data matrix with 2,226 observations and 11 variables: Date, id\_ev, time, lat, long, z, magn1, err\_h\_rev, min\_distance\_rev, rms\_rev, nstaloc\_rev .

## Details

A small sample catalog of italian earthquakes of magnitude at least 2.5 from May 2012 to May 2016 with extra information. Date is the date, id\_ev is an identifier of the events, time, lat, long, z, magn1 are time (days from 1900-01-01), latitude, longitude, depth, magnitude, err\_h\_rev is an estimate of hypocentral uncertainty, min\_distance\_rev is the distance from the nearest station, rms\_rev is a measure of the quality of the location, nstaloc\_rev is the number of stations that registered the event, distmin is the distance from the nearest fault

## Source

INGV (Istituto Nazionale di Geofisica e Vulcanologia) ISIDE Data Base.

## References

INGV home page: <https://www.ingv.it/>.

## Examples

```
data(catalog.withcov)
str(catalog.withcov)
```

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compare.etasclass      *Compare two etasclass objects*

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### Description

Compare the results of two etasclass executions through the comparison of some elements of two etasclass objects.

### Usage

```
compare.etasclass(etas1,etas2)
```

### Arguments

etas1	an etasclass object.
etas2	an etasclass object.

### Details

Compare the results of two etasclass executions through the comparison of some elements of two etasclass objects estimated on the same catalog. If some standard errors are missing (or zero for constant parameters) they are not used in the standardized comparison of parameters (output object `diffstd.params`).

### Value

<code>diffstd.params</code>	Standardized comparison of the estimated parameters, included covariates.
<code>AIC</code>	Difference of AIC values.
<code>weights</code>	Comparison of the weights <code>rho.weights</code> of the two input objects.
<code>rho.weights</code>	Standardized comparison of the weights <code>rho.weights</code> of the two input objects.
<code>cor.weights</code>	Correlation between the weights <code>rho.weights</code> of the two input objects
<code>cor.trig</code>	Correlation between the triggered intensities of the two input objects
<code>cor.back</code>	Correlation between the background intensities of the two input objects

### Author(s)

Marcello Chiodi

### See Also

[etasclass](#)

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daily.etasclass	<i>Daily estimation on a space grid</i>
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**Description**

A daily estimation on a space grid is made

**Usage**

```
daily.etasclass(x, ngrid = 201, nclass = 20, tfixed = 0, flag.log = FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	an etaclass object
ngrid	subdivisions of x and y axis for grid computation of intensities
nclass	number of class for horizontal and vertical axes of the output grid
tfixed	day of computation
flag.log	if log intensity must be used
...	other optional parameters

**Value**

a grid with daily theoretical intensities

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eqcat	<i>Check earthquake catalog</i>
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**Description**

Preliminary check of the names of an earthquake catalog. summary and plot methods for earthquake catalogs are defined.

**Usage**

```
eqcat(x)
## S3 method for class 'eqcat'
plot(x,extended=TRUE,...)
## S3 method for class 'eqcat'
summary(object,extended=TRUE,...)
```

**Arguments**

x	an earthquake catalog.
object	an eqcat object.
extended	if TRUE some extra summary functions are computed.
...	other arguments.

## Details

Minimal check of an earthquake catalog; checks only if it is suitable for the use as argument of the functions of etasFLP (mainly etasclass); checks only the presence of variables with the names time, lat, long, z, magn1. summary and plot methods are defined for earthquake catalogs. and the input object can be the cat output of eqcat

## Value

If the catalog passes the check, then the catalog is returned in the object cat with the new class name eqcat; otherwise an error message is printed.

cat                    the input catalog is returned. If the check is ok, this is an eqcat class object.  
ok                    A flag: TRUE if the check is ok; FALSE elsewhere.

## Note

In this first version if you have a catalog without the depth (z), please insert however a constant column. The depth can be used only in some plot and not in the estimation routines of the package etasFLP; etasclass uses only time, lat, long, magn1. From version 2.0 you could use z as a covariate for the triggered component

## Author(s)

Marcello Chiodi

## See Also

[etasclass](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:  
data(italycatalog)  
f=eqcat(italycatalog)  
print(f$ok)  
summary(f$cat)  
plot(f$cat)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

## Description

`etas.starting` is a simple function to give starting values of the 7 ETAS parameters for the function `etasclass`.

It gives only rough approximations, based on some assumptions, intended to give only the order of magnitude of each parameter (but should be better than nothing). Returns a list with starting values. In the present version user can give manually the output of this function in the input of `etasclass`. Otherwise, the function is called by `etasclass` at first steps, to supply initial values to start estimation.

## Usage

```
etas.starting(cat.orig,
magn.threshold=2.5,
p.start=1,
gamma.start=0.5,
q.start=2,
betacov.start=.7,
longlat.to.km=TRUE,
sectoday=FALSE,
onlytime=FALSE
)
```

## Arguments

<code>cat.orig</code>	An earthquake catalog, possibly an object of class <code>eqcat</code> , or however a <code>data.frame</code> with variables of names <code>time</code> , <code>lat</code> , <code>long</code> , <code>z</code> , <code>magn1</code> . No missing values are allowed.
<code>magn.threshold</code>	Threshold magnitude (only events with a magnitude at least <code>magn.threshold</code> will be used). Default value = 2.5.
<code>p.start</code>	Parameter 4 of the ETAS model; the exponent of the Omori law for temporal decay rate of aftershocks; see details. Default value = 1.0.
<code>gamma.start</code>	Parameter 5 ( $\gamma$ ) of the ETAS model; together with <code>a</code> is related to the efficiency of an event of given magnitude in generating aftershocks; see details. Default value = 0.5.
<code>q.start</code>	Parameter 7 of the ETAS model; parameter related to the spatial influence of the mainshock; see details. Default value = 2.
<code>betacov.start</code>	coefficient of the covariate (as default the magnitude). Default value = 0.7.
<code>sectoday</code>	if TRUE, then <code>time</code> variable of <code>cat.orig</code> is converted from seconds to days. Default value = TRUE.
<code>longlat.to.km</code>	if TRUE, then <code>long</code> and <code>lat</code> variables of <code>cat.orig</code> are treated as geographical coordinates and converted to kilometers. Default value = TRUE.
<code>onlytime</code>	if TRUE then a time process is fitted to data, regardless to space location (in this case <code>is.backconstant</code> is set to TRUE and <code>declustering</code> , <code>flip</code> are set to FALSE). Default value = FALSE.

## Details

It is a beta-version of a very crude method to give starting values for the seven parameters of an ETAS (Epidemic type aftershock sequences) model for the description of the seismicity of a space-time region. These starting values can be used as input for the function `etasclass` `sectoday` and `longlat.to.km` flags must be the same that will be used in `etasclass`.

In this first attempt to give starting values for the ETAS model, many approximations are used

It gives only rough approximation, based on some assumptions, intended to give only the order of magnitude of each parameter (but it should be better than nothing). It returns a list with 7 starting values. With this beta-version user must give manually the output of this function in the input of `etasclass`.

The values of `p.start`, `gamma.start` and `q.start` must be however given by the user (we did not find anything reasonable). Default choices for `p` and `q` (`p.start=1`, `q.start=2`) are strongly recommended.

`c` and `d` are estimated from the empirical distributions of time differences and space distances, respectively. `mu` and `k0` are then estimated given the other starting values, solving the two ML equations, that is derivatives of the whole likelihood with respect to `mu` and `k0` equated to zero. In the computation of the likelihood an approximation for the integral of the intensity function is used (quoted also in Schoenberg (2013)).

## Value

returns a list:

<code>mu.start</code>	guess value for <code>mu</code>
<code>k0.start</code>	guess value for <code>k0</code>
<code>c.start</code>	guess value for <code>c</code>
<code>p.start</code>	guess value for <code>p</code> (the same as input value)
<code>gamma.start</code>	guess value for <code>gamma</code> (the same as input value)
<code>d.start</code>	guess value for <code>d</code>
<code>q.start</code>	guess value for <code>q</code> (the same as input value)
<code>longlat.to.km</code>	<code>longlat.to.km</code> (the same as input value)
<code>sectoday</code>	<code>sectoday</code> (the same as input value)

## Note

The optimization algorithm used in `etasclass` depends on the choice of initial values. Some default guess choice is performed in the present beta-version of the function `etas.starting`. If convergence problem are experienced, a useful strategy can be to start with an high magnitude threshold value  $m_0$  (that is, with a smaller catalog with bigger earthquakes), and then using this first output as starting guess for a running with a lower magnitude threshold value  $m_0$ . In this trial executions avoid declustering (`declustering=FALSE`) or at least use a small value of `ndeclust`; small values of `iterlim` and `ntheta` can speed first executions.

Quicker executions are obtained using smaller values of `iterlim` and `ntheta` in the input.

Also a first execution with `is.backconstant = TRUE`, to fit a first approximation model with constant background, can be useful.

Some other useful information can be obtained estimating a pure time process, that can give a good guess at least for some parameters, like  $\mu$ ,  $\kappa_0$ ,  $c$ ,  $p$ .

Input times are expected in days, and so final intensities are expected number of events per day. If input values are in seconds, then set `sectoday=TRUE`

### Author(s)

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### References

Schoenberg, F. P. (2013). Facilitated Estimation of ETAS. *Bulletin of the Seismological Society of America*, Vol. 103, No. 1, pp. 601-605, February 2013, doi: 10.1785/0120120146

### See Also

[etasclass](#)

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etasclass

*Mixed estimation of an ETAS model (renewed in version 2.0)*

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### Description

etasclass is the main function of the package etasFLP.

*etassclass objects of previous versions are not compatible with the current version*

Performs the estimation of the components of the ETAS (Epidemic Type Aftershock Sequence) model for the description of the seismicity in a space-time region. Background seismicity is estimated non-parametrically, while triggered seismicity is estimated by MLE. In particular also the bandwidth for a kernel smoothing can be estimated through the Forward Likelihood Predictive (FLP) approach. For each event the probability of being a background event or a triggered one is estimated.

**New in version 2.0.0:** *Covariates have been introduced to explain the effects of external factors on the induced seismicity. Since the parametrization is changed, the etasclass object created with the previous versions are not compatible with the one obtained with the current version.*

**New in version 2.2.0:** *New algorithm for starting values. A new argument (n.iterweight) and an update method and a timeupdate option*

**New in version 2.3.0:** *New input argument params.lim*

An ETAS with up to 7+ncov parameters can be estimated, with several options and different methods (ncov is the number of covariates in the triggered seismicity).

Returns an etasclass object, for which plot, summary, print and profile methods are defined.

**Usage**

```

etasclass(cat.orig,
  time.update=FALSE,
  magn.threshold =2.5,
  magn.threshold.back=magn.threshold+2,
  tmax =max(cat.orig$time),
  long.range=range(cat.orig$long),
  lat.range=range(cat.orig$lat),
  ##### starting values for parameters
  mu =1,
  k0 =1,
  c =0.5,
  p =1.01,
  gamma =.5,
  d =1.,
  q =1.5,
  betacov          =0.7,
  ### indicators: if params.ind[i] i-th parameter will be estimated
  params.ind=replicate(7,TRUE),
  params.lim=c(0,0,0,1.0,0,0,0),

  ### formula for covariates (magnitude should always be included):
  formula1          ="time~magnitude-1",
  offset            =0,
  hdef=c(1,1),
  rho.weights =replicate(nrow(cat.orig),1),
  hvarx =replicate(nrow(cat.orig),1),
  hvary =replicate(nrow(cat.orig),1),
  ### flags for the kind of declustering and smoothing:
  declustering      =TRUE,
  thinning          =FALSE,
  flp               =TRUE,
  m1                =NULL,
  ndeclust          =5,
  n.iterweight      =1,
  onlytime          =FALSE,
  is.backconstant   =FALSE,
  ##### end of main input arguments.
  ##### Control and secondary arguments:
  description = "",
  cat.back       =NULL,
  back.smooth    =1.0,
  sectoday       =FALSE,
  longlat.to.km  =TRUE,
  usenlm         =TRUE,
  method         ="BFGS",
  compsqm        =TRUE,
  epsmax         = 0.0001,

```

```

iterlim =50,
ntheta =36,
trace=TRUE)

```

### Arguments

<code>cat.orig</code>	An earthquake catalog, possibly an object of class <code>eqcat</code> , or however a <code>data.frame</code> with variables of names <code>time</code> , <code>lat</code> , <code>long</code> , <code>z</code> , <code>magn1</code> . No missing values are allowed.
<code>time.update</code>	Logical. It is <code>TRUE</code> if the execution is called by <code>time.update</code> to update to new time maximum. Default value = <code>FALSE</code> .
<code>magn.threshold</code>	Threshold magnitude (only events with a magnitude at least <code>magn.threshold</code> will be used). Default value = 2.5.
<code>magn.threshold.back</code>	Threshold magnitude used to build the catalog <code>cat.back</code> for the first estimation of the background seismicity. Default value = <code>magn.threshold+2</code> .
<code>tmax</code>	Maximum value of time. Only observations before <code>tmax</code> will be used for estimation. Default value = <code>max(cat.orig\$time)</code> .
<code>long.range</code>	Longitude range. Only observations with <code>long</code> in the range <code>long.range</code> will be used for estimation. Default value = <code>range(cat.orig\$long)</code> .
<code>lat.range</code>	Latitude range. Only observations with <code>lat</code> in the range <code>lat.range</code> will be used for estimation. Default value = <code>range(cat.orig\$lat)</code> .

*Values for the 7 parameters of the ETAS model (starting values or fixed values according to `params.ind`):*

<code>mu</code>	Parameter 1 ( $\mu$ ) of the ETAS model: background general intensity; see details. Default value = 1.
<code>k0</code>	Parameter 2 ( $\kappa_0$ ) of the ETAS model: measures the strength of the aftershock activity; see details. Default value = 1.
<code>c</code>	Parameter 3 of the ETAS model; a shift parameter of the Omori law for temporal decay rate of aftershocks; see details. Default value = 0.5.
<code>p</code>	Parameter 4 of the ETAS model; the exponent of the Omori law for temporal decay rate of aftershocks; see details. Default value = 1.01.
<code>gamma</code>	Parameter 5 ( $\gamma$ ) of the ETAS model; together with <code>a</code> is related to the efficiency of an event of given magnitude in generating aftershocks; see details. Default value = 0.5.
<code>d</code>	Parameter 6 of the ETAS model; parameter related to the spatial influence of the mainshock; see details. Default value = 1.
<code>q</code>	Parameter 7 of the ETAS model; parameter related to the spatial influence of the mainshock; see details. Default value = 1.5.
<code>betacov</code>	Numerical array. Parameters of the covariates ETAS model (the parameters $\beta_j$ ); see details. Default value = 0.7. Parameters in <code>betacov</code> are not limited

*End of model parameter input*

<code>params.ind</code>	vector of 7 logical values: <code>params.ind[i] = TRUE</code> means that the <i>i</i> -th parameter must be estimated. <code>params.ind[i] = FALSE</code> means that the <i>i</i> -th parameter is fixed to its input value (the order of parameters is: $\mu$ , $k\theta$ , $c$ , $p$ , $\gamma$ , $d$ , $q$ ). Default value = <code>replicate(7, TRUE)</code> , that is, <code>etasclass</code> estimates all parameters.
<code>params.lim</code>	(new in version 2.3.0) vector of 7 numerical values: <code>params.lim[i]</code> is lower bound for the <i>i</i> -th parameter. No upper bound is provided. It is strongly recommended to use however default values. Default value = <code>c(0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0)</code> .
<code>formula1</code>	a character variable: Formula which defines the covariates acting on the induced seismicity. In classical <code>etas</code> model the covariate is the magnitude. The left side (dummy) element must be the time, which is a variable certainly present in the data set. The right part of the formula determines <code>ncov</code> the number of covariates. Default value = <code>"time~magnitude-1"</code> ; input <i>must</i> be a character value: it is converted in a formula inside the program
<code>offset</code>	An offset, for which no parameter will be estimated. Default value = 0

*Flags for the kind of declustering and smoothing:*

<code>hdef</code>	Starting values for the <i>x, y</i> bandwidths used in the kernel estimator of background seismicity. Default value = 1, 1.
<code>rho.weights</code>	Starting values for the weights used in the kernel estimator of background seismicity. The length must be equal to the number of events of the catalog after event selection (can be less than <code>nrow(cat.orig)</code> ). Default value = <code>replicate(nrow(cat.orig), 1)</code> .
<code>hvarx</code>	Longitude bandwidths adjustment used in the kernel estimator of background seismicity. The length must be equal to the number of events of the catalog after event selection (can be less than <code>nrow(cat.orig)</code> ). Default value = NULL
<code>hvary</code>	Longitude bandwidths adjustment used in the kernel estimator of background seismicity. The length must be equal to the number of events of the catalog after event selection (can be less than <code>nrow(cat.orig)</code> ). Default value = NULL
<code>declustering</code>	if TRUE the catalog is iteratively declustered to optimally estimate the background intensity (through thinning, if <code>thinning=TRUE</code> , or through weighting if <code>thinning=FALSE</code> ). Default value = TRUE.
<code>thinning</code>	if <code>thinning=TRUE</code> a background catalog is obtained sampling from the original catalog with probabilities estimated during the iterations. Default value = FALSE.
<code>flp</code>	if <code>flp=TRUE</code> then background seismicity is estimated through Forward Likelihood Predictive (see details). Otherwise the Silverman rule is used. Default value = TRUE.
<code>m1</code>	Used only if <code>flp=TRUE</code> . Indicates the range of points used for the FLP steps. See details. If missing it is set to <code>nrow(cat)/2</code> .
<code>ndeclust</code>	maximum number of iterations for the general declustering procedure. Default = 5.
<code>n.iterweight</code>	New in version 2.2. The weighting and the density computations will be alternated <code>n.iterweight</code> times after each maximum likelihood step: in many situations this improves the general convergence procedure. Default = 1.

<code>onlytime</code>	if TRUE then a time process is fitted to data , regardless to space location (in this case <code>is.backconstant</code> is set to TRUE and <code>declustering</code> , <code>flp</code> are set to FALSE). Default value = FALSE.
<code>is.backconstant</code>	if TRUE then background seismicity is assumed to be homogeneous in space (and <code>declustering</code> , <code>flp</code> are set to FALSE). Default value = FALSE.

*Other control parameters:*

<code>description</code>	a description string used for the output. Default value = "".
<code>cat.back</code>	external catalog used for the estimation of the background seismicity. Default value = NULL.
<code>back.smooth</code>	Controls the level of smoothing for the background seismicity (meaningful only if <code>flp=FALSE</code> ). Default value = 1.
<code>sectoday</code>	if TRUE, then time variable of <code>cat.orig</code> is converted from seconds to days. Default value = FALSE.
<code>longlat.to.km</code>	if TRUE, then long and lat variables of <code>cat.orig</code> are treated as geographical coordinates and converted to kilometers. Default value = TRUE.
<code>usenlm</code>	if TRUE, then <code>nlm</code> function (gauss-newton method) is used in the maximum likelihood steps; if FALSE, then <code>optim</code> function is used (with <code>method=method</code> ). Default value = TRUE.
<code>method</code>	used if <code>usenlm=FALSE</code> : method used by <code>optim</code> . Default value = "BFGS".
<code>compsqm</code>	if TRUE, then standard errors are computed. Default value = TRUE.
<code>epsmax</code>	maximum allowed difference between estimates in subsequent iterations (default = 0.0001).
<code>iterlim</code>	maximum number of iterations in the maximum likelihood steps (used in <code>nlm</code> or <code>optim</code> ). Default value = 100.
<code>ntheta</code>	number of subdivisions of the round angle, used in the approximation of the integral involved in the likelihood computation of the ETAS model. Default value = 100.
<code>trace</code>	Logical. If TRUE trace of the optimization steps is printed. Default value = TRUE

## Details

Estimates the components of an ETAS (Epidemic type aftershock sequence) model for the description of the seismicity of a space-time region. Background seismicity is estimated nonparametrically, while triggered seismicity is estimated by MLE.

From version 2.0 of package `etasFLP` covariates are allowed to improve the fitting of the triggered part, through the input `formula1`, which as a default values of "time ~ magnitude - 1", which corresponds to the previous version of package `etasFLP`, that is, magnitude as the only covariate which influence the average number of aftershocks.

The bandwidth of the kernel density estimator is estimated through the Forward Likelihood Predictive approach (FLP), (theoretical reference on Adelfio and Chiodi, 2013) if `flp` is set to TRUE. Otherwise the bandwidth is estimated trough the Silverman's rule. FLP steps for the estimation of nonparametric background component is alternated with the Maximum Likelihood step for the

estimation of parametric components (only if `declustering=TRUE`). For each event the probability of being a background event or a triggered one is estimated, according to a declustering procedure in a way similar to the proposal of Zhuang, Ogata, and Vere-Jones (2002).

The ETAS model for conditional space time intensity  $\lambda(x, y, t)$  is given by:

$$\lambda(x, y, t) = \mu f(x, y) + \kappa_0 \sum_{t_j < t} \frac{e^{\eta_j}}{(t - t_j + c)^p} \left\{ \frac{(x - x_j)^2 + (y - y_j)^2}{e^{\gamma(m_j - m_0)}} + d \right\}^{-q}$$

where  $\eta_j = \sum_{j=1,ncov} \beta_j cov_{ij}$

parameters  $\beta_j$  are the elements of the array variable `betacov`

$f(x, y)$  is estimated through a weighted kernel gaussian estimator; if `flp` is set to `TRUE` then the bandwidth is estimated through a FLP step.

Weights (computed only if `declustering=TRUE`) are given by the estimated probabilities of being a background event; for the  $i$ -th event this is given by  $\rho_i = \frac{\mu f(x_i, y_i)}{\lambda(x_i, y_i, t_i)}$ . The weights  $\rho_i$  are updated after a whole iteration.

`mu` ( $\mu$ ) measures the background general intensity (which is assumed temporally homogeneous);

`k0` ( $\kappa_0$ ) is a scale parameter related to the importance of the induced seismicity;

`c` and `p` are the characteristic parameters of the seismic activity of the given region; `c` is a shift parameter while `p`, which characterizes the pattern of seismicity, is the exponent parameter of the modified Omori law for temporal decay rate of aftershocks;

$\eta_j = \sum_{j=1,ncov} \beta_j cov_{ij}$  measures the efficiency of an event of a given magnitude in generating aftershock sequences;

`d` and `q` are two parameters related to the spatial influence of the mainshocks.

Many kinds of ETAS models can be estimated, managing some control input arguments. The eight ETAS parameters can be fixed to some input value, or can be estimated, according to `params.ind`: if `params.ind[i]=FALSE` the  $i$ -th parameter is kept fixed to its input value, otherwise, if `params.ind[i]=TRUE`, the  $i$ -th parameter is estimated and the input value is used as a starting value.

By default `params.ind=c(TRUE, TRUE, TRUE, TRUE, TRUE, TRUE, TRUE, TRUE)`, and so a full  $7+ncov$  parameters ETAS model will be estimated.

The seven parameters are internally ordered in this way: `params = (mu, k0, c, p, gamma, d, q)`; for example a model with a fixed value `p=1` (and `params.ind[4]=FALSE`) can be estimated and compared with the model where `p` is estimated (`params.ind[4]=TRUE`);

for example a  $6+ncov$  parameters model can be fitted with `gamma=0` and `params.ind[5]=FALSE`, so that input must be in this case: `params.ind=c(TRUE, TRUE, TRUE, TRUE, FALSE, TRUE, TRUE)`;

if `onlytime=TRUE` a time process is fitted to data (with a maximum of 5 parameters), regardless to space location (however the input catalog `cat.orig` must contain three columns named `long`, `lat`, `z`);

if `is.backconstant=TRUE` a process (space-time or time) with a constant background intensity  $\mu$  is fitted;

if `mu` is fixed to a very low value a process with very low background intensity is fitted, that is with only clustered intensity (useful to fit a model to a single cluster of events).

If `flp=TRUE` the bandwidth for the kernel estimation of the background intensity is evaluated maximizing the Forward Likelihood Predictive (FLP) quantity, given by (Chiodi, Adelfio, 2011; Adelfio, Chiodi, 2013):

$$FLP_{k_1, k_2}(\hat{\psi}) \equiv \sum_{k=k_1}^{n-1} \delta_{k, k+1}(\hat{\psi}(H_{t_k}); H_{t_{k+1}})$$

with  $k_1 = \frac{n}{2}$ ,  $k_2 = n - 1$  and where  $\delta_{k, k+1}(\hat{\psi}(H_{t_k}); H_{t_{k+1}})$  is the *predictive information* of the first  $k$  observations on the  $k + 1$ -th observation, and is so defined:

$$\delta_{k, k+1}(\hat{\psi}(H_{t_k}); H_{t_{k+1}}) \equiv \log L(\hat{\psi}(H_{t_k}); H_{t_{k+1}}) - \log L(\hat{\psi}(H_{t_k}); H_{t_k})$$

where  $H_k$  is the history of the process until time  $t_k$  and  $\hat{\psi}(H_{t_k})$  is an estimate based only on history until the  $k - th$  observation.

In the ML step, the vector of parameter  $\theta = (\mu, \kappa_0, c, p, \alpha, \gamma, d, q)$  is estimated maximizing the sample log-likelihood given by:

$$\log L(\theta; H_{t_n}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \log \lambda(x_i, y_i, t_i; \theta) - \int_{T_0}^{T_{max}} \int \int_{\Omega(x, y)} \lambda(x, y, t; \theta) dx dy dt$$

## Value

returns an object of class `etasclass`.

The main items of the output are:

<code>this.call</code>	reports the exact call of the function
<code>params.ind</code>	indicates which parameters have been estimated (see details)
<code>params.lim</code>	indicates lower bounds for parameters
<code>params</code>	ML estimates of the ETAS parameters.
<code>sqm</code>	Estimates of standard errors of the ML estimates of the ETAS parameters ( <code>sqm[i]=0</code> if <code>params.ind[i]=FALSE</code> or where the hessian is not computed or near to singularity).
<code>AIC.iter</code>	AIC values at each iteration.
<code>hdef</code>	final bandwidth used for the kernel estimation of background spatial intensity (however estimated, with <code>flp=TRUE</code> or <code>flp=FALSE</code> ).
<code>rho.weights</code>	Estimated probability for each event to be a background event ( $\rho$ ).
<code>time.res</code>	rescaled time residuals (for time processes only).
<code>params.iter</code>	A matrix with estimates values at each iteration.
<code>sqm.iter</code>	A matrix with the estimates of the standard errors at each iteration.
<code>rho.weights.iter</code>	A matrix with the values of <code>rho.weights</code> at each iteration.
<code>l</code>	A vector with estimated intensities, corresponding to observed points

summary, print and plot methods are defined for an object of class `etasclass` to obtain main output.

A profile method (`profile.etasclass`) is also defined to make approximate inference on a single parameter.

### Note

In this version the x-y space region, where the point process is defined, is a rectangle embedding the catalog values.

The optimization algorithm depends on the choice of initial values. Some default guess choice is performed inside the function for parameters without input starting values; the function `etas.starting` gives rough first guess for initial values. If convergence problem are experienced, a useful strategy can be starting with an higher magnitude threshold value  $m_0$  (that is, with a smaller catalog with bigger earthquakes), and then using this first output as starting guess for a running with a lower magnitude threshold value  $m_0$ . In this trial executions avoid declustering (`declustering=FALSE`) or at least use a small value of `ndeclust`; small values of `iterlim` and `ntheta` can speed first executions.

Quicker executions are obtained using smaller values of `iterlim` and `ntheta` in the input.

Also a first execution with `is.backconstant = TRUE`, to fit a first approximation model with constant background, can be useful.

Some other useful information can be obtained estimating a pure time process, that can give a good guess at least for some parameters, like  $\mu$ ,  $\kappa_0$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $c$ ,  $p$ .

Input times are expected in days, and so final intensities are expected number of events per day. If input values are in seconds, then set `sectoday=TRUE`.

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### See Also

[eqcat](#), [plot.etasclass](#), [print.etasclass](#), [summary.etasclass](#), [profile.etasclass](#), [etas.starting](#)

### Examples

```
## Not run:
data("catalog.withcov")
str(catalog.withcov)

# load a sample catalog of the italian seismicity with some covariate
esecov1<-etasclass(cat.orig = catalog.withcov, magn.threshold = 2.5,
magn.threshold.back = 3.9,
  mu = 0.3, k0 = 0.02, c = 0.015, p = 1.01, gamma = 0, d = 1,
  q = 1.5,
  params.ind = c(TRUE, TRUE, TRUE, TRUE, FALSE, TRUE, TRUE),
  formula1 = "time ~ magnitude- 1", declustering = TRUE,
  thinning = FALSE, flp = TRUE, ndeclust = 15, onlytime = FALSE,
  is.backconstant = FALSE, sectoday = FALSE, usenlm = TRUE,
  compsqm = TRUE, epsmax = 1e-04, iterlim = 100, ntheta = 48)

# execution of etasclass for events with minimum magnitude of 3.0.
# The events with magnitude at least 3.5 are used to build a first approximation
# for the background intensity function
# (magn.threshold.back=3.5)
# The magnitude effect is given by the covariate magnitude
# in the formula "time ~ magnitude- 1"
# magnitude is the internal name for magn1-magn.threshold
# print method for the etasclass object

print(esecov1)

Execution started: 2026-02-03 15:56:54
Elapsed time of execution (hours) 0.071
Number of observations: 2226; Magnitude threshold 2.5
AIC 43587.95 43252.54 43249.81 43249.27 43249.2 43249.19 43249.19
hdef 28.20105 21.29012
ETAS Parameters:
      mu      k0      c      p      gamma      d      q magnitude
0.667562 0.022396 0.014774 1.110087 0.000000 1.905522 1.947269 0.740080
# summary method for more informative output etasclass object

summary(esecov1)

> summary(esecov1)
```

```

Execution started:                2026-02-03 15:56:54
Elapsed time of execution (hours)  0.071
Number of observations              2226
Magnitude threshold                 2.5
declustering                       TRUE
Number of declustering iterations   7
Kind of declustering                weighting
flp                                 TRUE
sequence of AIC values for each iteration
43587.95 43252.54 43249.81 43249.27 43249.2 43249.19 43249.19

```

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formula for covariates of the triggered components:

```
[1] "time ~ magnitude- 1"
```

ETAS Parameters:

	Estimates	std.err.
mu	0.667562	0.022621
k0	0.022396	0.005782
c	0.014774	0.002708
p	1.110087	0.015702
gamma	0.000000	0.000000
d	1.905522	0.260380
q	1.947269	0.077635
magnitude	0.740080	0.092559

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# plot results with maps of intensities and diagnostic tools

```
plot(esecov1)
```

```
## an application with 5 covariates
```

```

esecov5<-etasclass(cat.orig = catalog.withcov, magn.threshold = 2.5, magn.threshold.back = 3.9,
  mu = 0.3, k0 = 0.02, c = 0.015, p = 1.01, gamma = 0, d = 1,
  q = 1.5,
  params.ind = c(TRUE, TRUE, TRUE, TRUE, FALSE, TRUE, TRUE),
  formula1=
  "time~z+magnitude+nstaloc_rev+min_distance_rev+distmin-1",
  declustering = TRUE, thinning = FALSE,
  flp = TRUE, ndeclust = 15,
  onlytime = FALSE, is.backconstant = FALSE, sectoday = FALSE,
  usenlm = TRUE, compsqm = TRUE, epsmax = 1e-04, iterlim = 100,
  ntheta = 48)

```

```
## print results, more output with summary
```

```
print(esecov5)
```

```
Call:
```

```

etasclass(cat.orig = catalog.withcov, magn.threshold = 2.5, magn.threshold.back = 3.9,
  mu = 0.3, k0 = 0.02, c = 0.015, p = 0.99, gamma = 0, d = 1,
  q = 1.5,

```

```

params.ind = c(TRUE, TRUE, TRUE, TRUE, FALSE, TRUE, TRUE),
formula1 =
"time ~ z + magnitude +nstaloc_rev
+min_distance_rev+distmin- 1",
declustering = TRUE, thinning = FALSE, flp = TRUE, ndeclust = 15,
onlytime = FALSE, is.backconstant = FALSE, sectoday = FALSE,
usenlm = TRUE, compsqm = TRUE, epsmax = 1e-04, iterlim = 100,
ntheta = 36)

```

```

Execution started: 2026-02-03 16:09:29
Elapsed time of execution (hours) 0.106
Number of observations: 2226; Magnitude threshold 2.5
AIC 43117.52 42748.26 ; hdef 26.9334 20.89011
ETAS Parameters:
      mu      k0      c      p      gamma      d      q
0.698665 0.068132 0.018731 1.147265 0.000000 1.900510 1.978678
z      magnitude      nstaloc_rev min_distance_rev      distmin
-0.039953 1.150552      -0.008982      -0.011203      -1.831964

## End(Not run)

```

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italycatalog

*Small sample catalog of italian earthquakes*


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## Description

A small sample catalog of italian earthquakes of magnitude at least 3.0 from year 2005 to year 2013.

## Usage

```
italycatalog
```

## Format

a data matrix with 2,158 observations and 5 variables: time, lat, long, z, magn1.

## Source

INGV (Istituto Nazionale di Geofisica e Vulcanologia) ISIDE Data Base.

## References

INGV home page: <https://www.ingv.it/>.

## Examples

```

data(italycatalog)
str(italycatalog)

```

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kde2dnew.fortran      *A 2-d normal kernel estimator*


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### Description

A simple and quick 2-d weighted normal kernel estimator, with fixed bandwidth and relative integral.

### Usage

```
kde2dnew.fortran(
#       parallel=FALSE,
       xkern,ykern,gx,gy,h,
       factor.xy=1,eps=0,w=replicate(length(xkern),1),
hvarx=replicate(length(xkern),1),hvary=replicate(length(xkern),1)
)

kde2d.integral(xkern,ykern,gx=xkern,gy=ykern,eps=0,factor.xy=1,
h = c( bwd.nrd(xkern,w),bwd.nrd(ykern,w)),w=replicate(length(xkern),1),
hvarx=replicate(length(xkern),1),hvary=replicate(length(xkern),1)
)
```

### Arguments

xkern	x-values of kernel points of length n (n=length(xkern)).
ykern	y-values of kernel points of length n.
gx	x-values of the points where densities must be estimated.
gy	y-values of the points where densities must be estimated.
h	bandwidths: a length 2 numerical vector.
eps	enlargement factor for the region of interest.
factor.xy	expansion factor for bandwidths (density will be smoother if factor.xy>1).
w	vector of weights to give to observed points (length n).
[]	
hvarx	Longitude bandwidths adjustment used in the kernel estimator of background seismicity. The length must be equal to the number of events of the catalog after event selection (can be less than nrow(cat.orig)). Default value = replicate(length(xkern),1)
hvary	Longitude bandwidths adjustment used in the kernel estimator of background seismicity. The length must be equal to the number of events of the catalog after event selection (can be less than nrow(cat.orig)).Default value = replicate(length(xkern),1)

**Details**

A standard bivariate normal kernel estimator.

**Value**

grid values and estimated densities.

**Author(s)**

Marcello Chiodi.

**References**

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magn.plot	<i>Transformed plot of the magnitudes distribution of an earthquakes catalog</i>
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**Description**

Plots the logarithm of the cumulative frequency of exceedence vs. magnitude in an earthquake catalog.

**Usage**

```
magn.plot(catalog, main = "Transformed plot of magnitude frequencies", ...)
```

**Arguments**

catalog	should be a eqcat object, or at least must contain a column with name magn1.
main	Title to give to the plot
...	other arguments to be passed to plot()

**Details**

For each magnitude  $m_j$ , if  $N_j$  is the number of values of magn1 greater than  $m_j$ , the values of  $\log(N_j)$  vs.  $m_j$  are plotted.

According to the Gutenberg-Richter law, this plot should be linear. If there is a linear behaviour only for values greater than a given  $m_0$ , then  $m_0$  is probably the magnitude threshold of the catalog.

**Value**

A new plot is printed (see details).

**Author(s)**

Marcello Chiodi.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
data(italycatalog)  
magn.plot(italycatalog)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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MLA.freq

*Display a pretty frequency table*

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**Description**

Display a pretty frequency table. It is only a wrapper to the function `table` but with a richer output, at least for numerical variables.

**Usage**

```
MLA.freq(x)
```

**Arguments**

`x` a numeric vector.

**Details**

The output gives the different kinds of frequencies and cumulated frequencies: single frequencies, cumulated and back cumulated (absolute and relatives).

**Value**

return a matrix with 7 columns: the modal distinct values of `x`, frequencies, relative frequencies, cumulated frequencies, cumulated relative frequencies, back cumulated frequencies and back cumulated relative frequencies.

**Author(s)**

Marcello Chiodi

**Examples**

```
x=trunc(runif(1000)*10)  
MLA.freq(x)  
  
data(italycatalog)  
MLA.freq(italycatalog$magn1)
```

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plot.etasclass	<i>Plot method for etasclass objects</i>
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### Description

This is the main method to visualize graphically the output of an object of class `etasclass`.

By default the space-time region is the same used for the estimation of the ETAS model. Background, triggered and total space intensities are also plotted for a grid of values.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'etasclass'
plot(x, pdf=FALSE, file = "etasplot", ngrid=201, nclass=10, tfixed=0, flag.log=FALSE, ...)
```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	an <code>etasclass</code> object.
<code>pdf</code>	If TRUE, then 2D plots are sent to a pdf file
<code>file</code>	name of the pdf file
<code>ngrid</code>	number of points for each direction (x, y) of a <code>ngrid*ngrid</code> grid where estimated intensities must be evaluated. Default value= 201.
<code>nclass</code>	number of class for each direction (x, y) of a grid of <code>nclass*nclass</code> cells where estimated intensities must be evaluated. Must divide <code>ngrid-1</code> . Default value= 10.
<code>tfixed</code>	If a positive value is given, then the triggered intensity at time <code>tfixed</code> is estimated and visualized.
<code>flag.log</code>	If TRUE then a log scale is used to plot intensities.
<code>...</code>	other arguments.

### Details

Different plots of the output of an object of class `etasclass`.

By default the space-time region is the same used for the estimation of the ETAS model. Background, triggered and total space intensities are also computed and plotted for a grid of values.

If a positive value is given for `tfixed`, then the triggered intensity at time `tfixed` is estimated and visualized. A typical use can be with `tfixed` a day after a big earthquake.

For space dimension, four plots are drawn with triggered, observed, total intensity, and total intensity with points.

Starting with the package version 1.2.0 different kind of residual analysis are computed and visualized, separately for the space and time dimensions. (8 plots on three windows for the space and 2 plots on one window for the time)

Then two plots are printed for space residuals for total and background intensities

starting from version 2.3.0 maps are not drawn if original `longlat.to.km` is FALSE, because original coordinates are not in degrees.

Space residuals are computed dividing the observed rectangular space area in a equally spaced grid of `nclass` intervals for each dimension, so to divide the observed space area in `nclass` x `nclass` rectangular cells. We obtain the classical comparison between observed and theoretical frequencies. All frequencies are related to the whole time interval (and thus theoretical frequencies are obtained integrating estimated intensities with respect to time).

Fifth graph (image plot)

We define `nclass` x `nclass` standardized residuals:

$$z_{\ell j} = \frac{n_{\ell j} - \hat{\nu}_{\ell j}}{\sqrt{\hat{\nu}_{\ell j}}} \quad (\ell = 1, 2, \dots, nclass; j = 1, 2, \dots, nclass)$$

For each cell  $\ell j$  we have observed ( $n_{\ell j}$ ) and theoretical frequency ( $\hat{\nu}_{\ell j}$ ).

Sixth graph (image plot)

We used a similar technique to compute residuals for the background seismicity only, to check if at least the estimation of the background component is appropriate. To this purpose the observed background frequencies ( ${}_b n_{\ell j}$ ) are now computed by the sum of the estimated weights `rho.weights` and the theoretical background frequency  ${}_b \hat{\nu}_{\ell j}$  by the estimated marginal space background intensity in each cell.

From these quantities we obtain `nclass` x `nclass` standardized residuals for the background intensity only:

$${}_b z_{\ell j} = \frac{{}_b n_{\ell j} - {}_b \hat{\nu}_{\ell j}}{\sqrt{{}_b \hat{\nu}_{\ell j}}} \quad (\ell = 1, 2, \dots, nclass; j = 1, 2, \dots, nclass)$$

seventh plot: (space intensities (integrated over time))

A 3x2 plot: first column for observed vs.theoretical , second column for standardized residuals vs theoretical values. First row for total intensity, second row for background intensity, and third row for their difference, the triggered intensities

eight-th graph:

To check departure of the model for the time dimension, we first integrated the estimated intensity function with respect to the observed space region, so to obtain an estimated time process (a one dimensional ETAS model):

$$\hat{\lambda}(t) = \int \int_{\Omega(x,y)} \hat{\lambda}(x, y, t) dx dy$$

As known, a non-homogeneous time process can be transformed to a homogeneous one through the integral transformation:

$$\tau_i = \int_{t_0}^{t_i} \hat{\lambda}(t) dt$$

Then, a plot of  $\tau_i$  versus  $i$  can give information about the departures of the models in the time dimension. In particular, this plot, together with a plot of the estimated time intensities, drawn on the same graphic window, can inform on the time at which departures are more evident

If pdf=TRUE all graphs are printed on a pdf file, as specified by file; otherwise default screen device is used.

### Value

This plot method computes, among others, `back.grid`, `trig.grid`, with coordinates `x.grid` and `y.grid` used to obtain image plots of background, triggered and total spatial estimated intensities (see `etasclass` to see the details of the mixed estimation method used).

<code>x.grid</code>	x grid values.
<code>y.grid</code>	y grid values.
<code>back.grid</code>	background intensity estimated on a <code>ngrid</code> x <code>ngrid</code> grid.
<code>trig.grid</code>	triggered intensities estimated on a grid of <code>ngrid</code> x <code>ngrid</code> points.
<code>tot.grid</code>	total intensities estimated on a grid of <code>ngrid</code> x <code>ngrid</code> points.
<code>tfixed</code>	the fixed time for which intensity is estimated and visualized.
<code>totfixed.grid</code>	total intensities estimated on a grid of <code>ngrid</code> x <code>ngrid</code> points at time <code>tfixed</code> .
<code>back.grid</code>	background space intensity estimated for observed points.
<code>trig.grid</code>	triggered space intensities estimated for observed points.
<code>tot.grid</code>	total space intensities estimated for observed points.
<code>teo1</code>	matrix of <code>nclass</code> * <code>nclass</code> cells with theoretical total space intensities.
<code>teo2</code>	matrix of <code>nclass</code> * <code>nclass</code> cells with theoretical background space intensities.
<code>emp1</code>	matrix of <code>nclass</code> * <code>nclass</code> cells with empirical total space intensities.
<code>emp2</code>	matrix of <code>nclass</code> * <code>nclass</code> cells with empirical background space intensities.
<code>t.trasf</code>	vector of transformed times.

### Note

In this first version the x-y space region, where the point process is defined, by default is a rectangle embedding the catalog values.

### Author(s)

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**See Also**

[etasclass](#), [eqcat](#), [profile.etasclass](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
data("italycatalog")
# load a sample catalog of the italian seismicity

class(italycatalog)<-"eqcat"

# plot method

plot(\code{an etasclass object})

## End(Not run)
```

---

```
plot.profile.etasclass
```

*Plot method for profile.etasclass objects*

---

**Description**

plot method for profile.etasclass objects (profile likelihood of ETAS model). Plots a smooth interpolation of the profile likelihood of a parameter of an ETAS model, as output from profile.etasclass.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'profile.etasclass'
plot(x,prob=c(0.90,0.95,0.99), use.main = TRUE,...)
```

**Arguments**

x	An object of the class profile.etasclass.
prob	A vector of coverage probability for the asymptotic confidence interval computed using $-2\log(LR)$ . Default value prob=c(0.90,0.95,0.99).
use.main	Logical. If use.main=TRUE then a title is printed in the profile plot
...	other arguments.

**Details**

Plots a spline interpolation of the profile likelihood for a parameter of the ETAS model for earthquake seismicity, computed with profile.etasclass;

the order of parametrs is: ( $\mu$ ,  $k\theta$ , c, p, a,  $\gamma$ , d, q).

A plot method is defined for profile.etasclass objects. A number of grid points nprofile of 7 (the default) usually is enough to have a good interpolation of the profile likelihood.

**Value**

Plots a profile likelihood (in the scale  $-2\log(LR)$ ), and plots horizontal lines corresponding to the percentiles of a 1df chi-square variable of levels prob; the approximate confidence intervals corresponding to the levels prob are printed. Returns a list:

spline.profile The spline interpolation of the profile likelihood.  
 conf The approximate confidence intervals corresponding to the levels prob.  
 prob The prob values used.

**Note**

A odd number of grid points nprofile is advised, so that the central point is the unconstrained ML estimate for the profiled parameter, and the interpolation of the profile likelihood will have a better quality.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[eqcat](#), [etasclass](#), [profile.etasclass](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
## see example in profile.etasclass

## End(Not run)
```

---

print.etasclass      *Print method for etasclass objects*

---

**Description**

Print method for an object of class etasclass.

Gives some information on the execution and gives estimates of the ETAS parameters.

**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

x                    an etaclass object.  
 ...                  other arguments.

**Details**

Print brief information about an object of class etasclass. More output is obtained with summary.

**Value**

Displays parameters estimates and information on the execution of the etasclass estimation process. Displays also the exact call of the function that generated etasclass

**Author(s)**

Marcello Chiodi, Giada Adelfio

**See Also**

[etasclass](#), [eqcat](#), [profile.etasclass](#)

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profile.etasclass      *profile method for etasclass objects (ETAS model) (To be checked)*

---

**Description**

profile method for etasclass objects (ETAS model).

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'etasclass'
profile(fitted,iprofile =1,
        nprofile =7,
        kprofile =3,
        profile.approx =FALSE,...)
```

**Arguments**

fitted	An object of the class etasclass
.	
iprofile	An integer in the range 1-7. Profile likelihood will be computed with respect to the parameter of index iprofile. The order of parametrs is: mu, k0, c, p, a, gamma, d, q. In this version 2.0.0 profile only for etas parameters, not for covariates parameters. It will added future versions
nprofile	Number of values of params[iprofile] for which profile likelihood must be computed. Default value= 7.
kprofile	Maximum absolute standardized value for params[iprofile]. Profile likelihood will be computed in the standardized range [-kprofile, kprofile]. Default value= 3.
profile.approx	if TRUE, then a conditional-likelihood approach is used as a first value for each maximization step in profile likelihood computation. Default value= FALSE.
...	other arguments.

## Details

Profile likelihood for the `iprofile`-th parameter of the ETAS model for earthquake seismicity, estimated with `etasclass`; the order of parameters is:  $\mu, k_0, c, p, \gamma, d, q$  and `betacov`.

A `plot` method is defined for `profile.etasclass` objects. A number of grid points `nprofile` of 7 (the default) usually is enough to have a good interpolation of the profile likelihood. The profile is computed using the final estimation of the background seismicity used to obtain the object `etas` of class `etasclass` and regardless to the method used. The computing time (for each of the `nprofile` values) is generally less than a single execution of `etasclass` without clustering, because only ML estimation is performed. Parameters not estimated in `etas` (with `params.ind[i]=FALSE`) will remain fixed do the value `params.fix[i]`.

To obtain profiles for different parameters, run `profile.etasclass` with different values of `iprofile`.

## Value

Returns a list:

`params.vec`        vector of values of the parameter `iprofile` used to evaluate the profile likelihood.

`logl.vec`         vector of likelihoods corresponding to the values of `params.vec`

`plot` method is defined to represent profile likelihood (in scale  $-2\log(LR)$ ), using a spline interpolation through grid points, with superimposition of approximate confidence intervals.

## Note

A odd number of grid points `nprofile` is advised, so that the central point is the unconstrained ML estimate for the profiled parameter, and the interpolation of the profile likelihood will have a better quality.

## Author(s)

Marcello Chiodi, Giada Adelfio

## See Also

[eqcat](#), [etasclass](#), [plot.profile.etasclass](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run: ##
data("italycatalog")
# load a sample catalog of italian seismicity

> etas.flp<-etasclass(italycatalog,
  magn.threshold = 3.0, magn.threshold.back = 3.5,
  k0 = 0.005, c = 0.005, p = 1.01, gamma = 0.6, q = 1.52, d = 1.1,
  params.ind = c(TRUE, TRUE, TRUE, TRUE, TRUE, TRUE, TRUE),
  formula1 = "time ~ magnitude- 1", declustering = TRUE,
  thinning = FALSE, flp = TRUE, ndeclust = 15,
  onlytime = FALSE, is.backconstant = FALSE,
```

```

description = "etas flp",sectoday = TRUE,
usenlm = TRUE, epsmax = 0.001)
# execution of etasclass for events with minimum magnitude of 3.0.
# The events with magnitude at least 3.5 are used to build a first approximation
# for the background intensity function
# (magn.threshold.back=3.5)

print(etas.flp)
### output
etas flp
Execution started: 2026-02-07 09:24:52Elapsed time of execution (hours) 0.065
Number of observations: 2158; Magnitude threshold 3;
AIC 48569.62 48539.97 48539.86 48539.82 ; hdef 41.75648 19.66537
ETAS Parameters:
      mu      k0      c      p      gamma      d      q magnitude
0.372918 0.008025 0.030299 1.310475 1.001160 1.623435 1.873945 0.560083

## compute profile likelihood for the first parameter (mu)
> prof.flp <- profile(etas.flp, nprofile = 7, iprofile = 1)
> plot(prof.flp)
#### output:
Asymptotic confidence intervals:
  Coverage Lower Upper
1    0.90 0.353 0.394
2    0.95 0.351 0.396
3    0.99 0.346 0.402

## End(Not run)

```

---

simpson.coeff

*Computes Simpson integration rule coefficients*


---

## Description

Computes Simpson integration rule coefficients.

## Usage

```

simpson.coeff(n)
simpson.kD(n,k=2)

```

## Arguments

n	number of points of the simpson formula a single dimension
k	number of dimensions

**Details**

simpson.coeff computes the coefficients of the standard Simpson rule (for unit spaced points), according to the sequence  $(1+4+2+4+\dots+2+4+1)/3$  for each dimension. simpson.kD expand the formula over a grid of  $n^k$  points in k dimensions.

**Value**

a vector of n coefficients (for simpson.coeff), a k-dimensions array with a total of  $n^k$  elements for simpson.kD.

**Author(s)**

Marcello Chiodi

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summary.etasclass      *Summary method for etaclass objects*

---

**Description**

This is the main method to summarize the output of an object of class etaclass.

It gives some information on the execution and gives estimates of the ETAS parameters together with the standard errors.

More detailed output is available by inspecting `str(etasclass.object)`, and printing single objects.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'etasclass'
summary(object, full=FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	an etaclass object to pass to summary.
full	logical. New in version 2.2. If TRUE the full original call will be displayed together with some more output.
...	other arguments.

**Details**

Displays summary information about an object of class etaclass.

**Value**

Displays AIC values, parameters estimates and their standard errors, together with some information on the execution of the etaclass estimation process. Displays also the exact call of the function that generated etaclass

**Author(s)**

Marcello Chiodi, Giada Adelfio

**See Also**

[etasclass](#), [eqcat](#), [profile.etasclass](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# summary method for the etasclass object esecov1 and esecov5

(see examples in \code{\link{etasclass}})

## only with one covariate, the magnitude, classical ETAS model
> summary(esecov1)

Execution started:                2026-02-03 20:34:53
Elapsed time of execution (hours)  0.072
Number of observations             2226
Magnitude threshold               2.5
declustering                      TRUE
Number of declustering iterations  7
Kind of declustering              weighting
flp                               TRUE
sequence of AIC values for each iteration
43587.95 43252.54 43249.81 43249.27 43249.2 43249.19 43249.19

-----

formula for covariates of the triggered components:
[1] "time ~ magnitude- 1"
ETAS Parameters:

      Estimates      std.err.
mu      0.667562      0.022621
k0      0.022396      0.005782
c       0.014774      0.002708
p       1.110087      0.015702
gamma   0.000000      0.000000
d       1.905522      0.260380
q       1.947269      0.077635
magnitude 0.740080      0.092559

-----

#### using covariates and option full=TRUE in summary
summary(esecov5,full=TRUE)
Call:
etasclass(cat.orig = catalog.withcov, magn.threshold = 2.5, magn.threshold.back = 3.9,
  mu = 0.3, k0 = 0.02, c = 0.015, p = 1.01, gamma = 0, d = 1,
  q = 1.5, params.ind = c(TRUE, TRUE, TRUE, TRUE, FALSE, TRUE,
    TRUE), formula1 = "time ~ z + magnitude +nstaloc_rev +min_distance_rev+distmin- 1",
```

```

declustering = TRUE, thinning = FALSE, flp = TRUE, ndeclust = 15,
onlytime = FALSE, is.backconstant = FALSE, sectoday = FALSE,
usenlm = TRUE, compsqm = TRUE, epsmax = 1e-04, iterlim = 100,
ntheta = 48)

```

```

Execution started:          2026-02-03 20:39:13
Elapsed time of execution (hours)  0.104
Number of observations          2226
Magnitude threshold            2.5
declustering                   TRUE
Number of declustering iterations  2
Kind of declustering           weighting
flp                             TRUE
sequence of AIC values for each iteration
43117.52 42748.26

```

```

-----
formula for covariates of the triggered components:
[1] "time ~ z + magnitude +nstaloc_rev +min_distance_rev+distmin- 1"
ETAS Parameters:

```

	Estimates	std.err.
mu	0.698665	0.022730
k0	0.068132	0.021121
c	0.018731	0.003424
p	1.147265	0.016833
gamma	0.000000	0.000000
d	1.900510	0.272133
q	1.978678	0.084610
z	-0.039953	0.005776
magnitude	1.150552	0.085389
nstaloc_rev	-0.008982	0.001816
min_distance_rev	-0.011203	0.002803
distmin	-1.831964	0.298728

```

-----
[1] " summary of background seismicity weights "
      Min.   1st Qu.   Median     Mean   3rd Qu.    Max.
2.200e-07 5.113e-05 8.611e-02 4.568e-01 9.970e-01 1.000e+00

```

```
## End(Not run)
```

---

time2date

*Date time conversion tools*


---

## Description

Date time conversion tools, useful in connection with package etasFLP for earthquake description. Base date is Jan. 1st 1900.

**Usage**

```
time2date(t)

timecharunique2seq(timestring)
```

**Arguments**

t	seconds elapsed from 1900-1-1.
timestring	A time string.

**Details**

time2date converts sequential time in seconds into character string; timecharunique2seq converts character times, possibly from earthquakes catalogs, into sequential time (seconds elapsed from the base date): the input is a single string.

**Value**

time2date returns a character string; timecharunique2seq returns a list:

char	the input string.
sec	seconds elapsed from the base date.
day	days elapsed from the base date.

**Author(s)**

Marcello Chiodi

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
tchar="1960-11-06 11:09:35.000"
tsec =timecharunique2seq(tchar)[["sec"]]
time2date(tsec)

## End(Not run)
```

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timeupdate.etasclass *A time updating of an etasclass objects*

---

**Description**

New in version 2.2. A time updating of an etasclass objects: a very experimental version that can be used only on etasclass objects obtained from etasflp versions 2.2 or newer.

**Usage**

```
timeupdate.etasclass(object, params.estimation = FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	an etasclass object obtained from etasFLP versions 2.2 or newer that will be updated for a new time window with new events.
params.estimation	logical. if TRUE parameters will be estimated again even if quickly, with few optimizations steps. Elsewhere ETAS estimates of input object will be maintained
...	optional arguments that will override the corresponding arguments in object, possibly including a new catalog input or a new tmax

**Details**

It is a beta version. A new ETAS model is fitted to a previous object of class etasclass with a new catalog which must be a catalog which extends the previous one on a wider time window, that is a catalog with new observations.

As a default a new quick execution is made, with one quick iteration for parameter updating and an iteration for background density estimation.

**Value**

a new etasclass object

**See Also**

[update.etasclass](#)

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update.etasclass	<i>Updating an existing etasclass object</i>
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**Description**

New in version 2.2. A method update for etasclass objects: a very experimental version that can be used only on etasclass objects obtained from etasflp versions 2.2 or newer. Some bugs avoided in version 2.3.0

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'etasclass'
update(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	an etasclass object obtained from etasflp versions 2.2 or newer that will be updated.
...	optional arguments that will override the corresponding arguments in object

**Details**

It is a beta version. The catalog must be the same, and options in "..." must leave unchanged the number of observations used for estimation. Arguments given in "..." will override arguments already present in object. Not all arguments are suitable for updating: among them `formula`, `params.ind` and `params.lim` should not be included in "..." list (to update such parameters it is better to assign them to a variable and then pass the variable name). A new `etasclass` execution will start, using as arguments values of input object, eventually integrated with the list in "...". Typically a first execution can be given with low values of `iterlim`, `ndeclust`, `ntheta` and high values of `epsmax` (e.g. `iterlim=5`, `ndeclust=1`, `ntheta=24`, `epsmax=0.01`), to obtain good starting values for parameters and for weights. Then an update can be run with better values such as `iterlim=50`, `ndeclust=10`, `ntheta=60`, `epsmax=0.0001`.

**Value**

an updated `etasclass` object

**See Also**

[timeupdate.etasclass](#)

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xy.grid

*Creates a 2-d grid*

---

**Description**

Creates a 2-d grid.

**Usage**

```
xy.grid(rangex, rangey, nx, ny = nx)
```

**Arguments**

<code>rangex</code>	A length 2 numeric vector: the range of the x-variable.
<code>rangey</code>	A length 2 numeric vector: the range of the y-variable.
<code>nx</code>	The number of points of the grid in the x-direction.
<code>ny</code>	The number of points of the grid in the y-direction.

**Value**

A grid of the coordinates of `nx*ny` points on the x-y plane, expanded in a matrix of `nx*ny` rows and 2 columns: a row gives the (x,y) coordinates of a point.

**Examples**

```
xy.grid(c(3,7),c(11,17),nx=5,ny=4)
```

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