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Description Methods for handling the missing values outliers are introduced in this package. The recognized missing values and outliers are replaced using a model-based approach. The model may consist of both autoregressive components and external regressors. The methods work robust and efficient, and they are fully tunable. The primary motivation for writing the package was preprocessing of the energy systems data, e.g. power plant production time series, but the package could be used with any time series data. For details, see Narajewski et al. (2021) <[doi:10.1016/j.softx.2021.100809](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.softx.2021.100809)>.

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auto_data_cleaning	<i>Perform automatic data cleaning of time series data</i>
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Description

Returns a matrix or a list of matrices with imputed missing values and outliers. The function automatizes the usage of functions [model_missing_data](#), [detect_outliers](#) and [impute_modelled_data](#). The function is designed for numerical data only.

Usage

```
auto_data_cleaning(
  data,
  S,
  tau = NULL,
  no.of.last.indices.to.fix = S[1],
  indices.to.fix = NULL,
  model.missing.pars = list(),
  detect.outliers.pars = list()
)
```

Arguments

data	an input vector, matrix or data frame of dimension nobs x nvars containing missing values; each column is a variable.
S	a number or vector describing the seasonalities (S_1, ..., S_K) in the data, e.g. c(24, 168) if the data consists of 24 observations per day and there is a weekly seasonality in the data.
tau	the quantile(s) of the missing values to be estimated in the quantile regression. Tau accepts all values in (0,1). If NULL, then the weighted lasso regression is performed.
no.of.last.indices.to.fix	a number of observations in the tail of the data to be fixed, by default set to S.
indices.to.fix	indices of the data to be fixed. If NULL, then it is calculated based on the no.of.last.indices.to.fix parameter. Otherwise, the no.of.last.indices.to.fix parameter is ignored.
model.missing.pars	named list containing additional arguments for the model_missing_data function.
detect.outliers.pars	named list containing additional arguments for the detect_outliers function.

Details

The function calls [model_missing_data](#) to clean the data from missing values, [detect_outliers](#) to detect outliers, removes them and finally applies again [model_missing_data](#) function. For details see the functions' respective help sections.

Value

A list which contains a matrix or a list of matrices with imputed missing values or outliers, the indices of the data that were modelled, and the given quantile values.

References

Narajewski M, Kley-Holsteg J, Ziel F (2021). "tsrobprep — an R package for robust preprocessing of time series data." *SoftwareX*, **16**, 100809. doi: [10.1016/j.softx.2021.100809](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.softx.2021.100809).

See Also

[model_missing_data](#), [detect_outliers](#), [impute_modelled_data](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
autoclean <- auto_data_cleaning(
  data = GBload[,-1], S = c(48, 7*48),
  no.of.last.indices.to.fix = dim(GBload)[1],
  model.missing.pars = list(consider.as.missing = 0, min.val = 0)
)
autoclean$replaced.indices

## End(Not run)
```

detect_outliers	<i>Detects unreliable outliers in univariate time series data based on model-based clustering</i>
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Description

This function applies finite mixture modelling to compute the probability of each observation being outlying data in an univariate time series. By utilizing the [Mclust](#) package the data is assigned in G clusters whereof one is modelled as an outlier cluster. The clustering process is based on features, which are modelled to differentiate normal from outlying observation. Beside computing the probability of each observation being outlying data also the specific cause in terms of the responsible feature/ feature combination can be provided.

Usage

```

detect_outliers(
  data,
  S,
  proba = 0.5,
  share = NULL,
  repetitions = 10,
  decomp = T,
  PComp = F,
  detection.parameter = 1,
  out.par = 2,
  max.cluster = 9,
  G = NULL,
  modelName = "VVV",
  feat.inf = F,
  ext.val = 1,
  ...
)

```

Arguments

<code>data</code>	an one dimensional matrix or data frame without missing data; each row is an observation.
<code>S</code>	vector with numeric values for each seasonality present in data.
<code>proba</code>	denotes the threshold from which on an observation is considered as being outlying data. By default is set to 0.5 (ranging from 0 to 1). Number of outliers increases with decrease of proba threshold.
<code>share</code>	controls the size of the subsample used for estimation. By default set to $\min(2 * \text{round}(\text{length}(\text{data})^{\sqrt{\text{length}(\text{data})}} / \text{length}(\text{data})), \text{length}(\text{data}))$ (ranging from 0 to 1). In combination with the repetitions parameter the robustness and computational time of the method can be controlled.
<code>repetitions</code>	denotes the number of repetitions to repeat the clustering. By default set to 10. Allows to control the robustness and computational time of the method.
<code>decomp</code>	allows to perform seasonal decomposition on the original time series as pre-processing step before feature modelling. By default set to TRUE.
<code>PComp</code>	allows to use the principal components of the modelled feature matrix. By default set to FALSE.
<code>detection.parameter</code>	denotes a parameter to regulate the detection sensitivity. By default set to 1. It is assumed that the outlier cluster follows a (multivariate) Gaussian distribution parameterized by sample mean and a blown up sample covariance matrix of the feature space. The covariance matrix is blown up by $\text{detection.parameter} * (2 * \log(\text{length}(\text{data})))^2$. By increase the more extrem outliers are detected.
<code>out.par</code>	controls the number of artificially produced outliers to allow cluster formation of outlier cluster. By default out.par is set to 2. By increase it is assumed that share of outliers in data increases. A priori it is assumed that $\text{out.par} * \text{ceiling}(\sqrt{\text{nrow}(\text{data.original})})$ number of observations are outlying observations.

<code>max.cluster</code>	a single numeric value controlling the maximum number of allowed clusters. By default set to 9.
<code>G</code>	denotes the optimal number of clusters limited by the <code>max.cluster</code> paramter. By default <code>G</code> is set to <code>NULL</code> and is automatically calculated based on the BIC.
<code>modelName</code>	denotes the geometric features of the covariance matrix. i.e. "EII", "VII", "EEI", "EVI", "VEI", "VVI", etc.. By default <code>modelName</code> is set to "VVV". The help file for mclustModelNames describes the available models. Choice of model-Name influences the fit to the data as well as the computational time.
<code>feat.inf</code>	logical value indicating whether influential features/ feature combinations should be computed. By default set to <code>FALSE</code> .
<code>ext.val</code>	denotes the number of observations for each side of an identified outlier, which should also be treated as outlying data. By default set to 1.
<code>...</code>	additional arguments for the Mclust function.

Details

The detection of outliers is addressed by model based clustering based on parameterized finite Gaussian mixture models. For cluster estimation the [Mclust](#) function is applied. Models are estimated by the EM algorithm initialized by hierarchical model-based agglomerative clustering. The optimal model is selected according to BIC.

The following features based on the introduced data are used in the clustering process:

org.series denotes the scaled and potentially decomposed original time series.

seasonality denotes deterministic seasonalities based on `S`.

gradient denotes the summation of the two sided gradient of the `org.series`.

abs.gradient denotes the summation of the absolute two sided gradient of `org.series`.

rel.gradient denotes the summation of the two sided absolute gradient of the `org.series` with sign based on left sided gradient in relation to the rolling mean absolute deviation based on most relevant seasonality `S`.

abs.seas.grad denotes the summation of the absolute two sided seasonal gradient of `org.series` based on seasonalities `S`.

In case `PComp = TRUE`, the features correspond to the principal components of the introduced feature space.

Value

a list containing the following elements:

<code>data</code>	numeric vector containing the original data.
<code>outlier.pos</code>	a vector indicating the position of each outlier and the corresponding neighborhood controlled by <code>ext.val</code> .
<code>outlier.pos.raw</code>	a vector indicating the position of each outlier.
<code>outlier.probs</code>	a vector containing all probabilities for each observation being outlying data.

Repetitions	provides a list for each repetition containing the estimated model, the outlier cluster, the probabilities for each observation belonging to the estimated clusters, the outlier position, the influence of each feature/ feature combination on the identified outlying data, and the corresponding probabilities after shift to the feature mean of each considered outlier, as well as the applied subset of the extended feature matrix for estimation (including artificially introduced outliers).
features	a matrix containing the feature matrix. Each column is a feature.
inf.feature.combinations	a list containing the features/ feature combinations, which caused assignment to outlier cluster.
feature.inf.tab	a matrix containing all possible feature combinations.
PC	an object of class "princomp" containing the principal component analysis of the feature matrix.

References

Narajewski M, Kley-Holsteg J, Ziel F (2021). “tsrobprep — an R package for robust preprocessing of time series data.” *SoftwareX*, **16**, 100809. doi: [10.1016/j.softx.2021.100809](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.softx.2021.100809).

See Also

[model_missing_data](#), [impute_modelled_data](#), [auto_data_cleaning](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
set.seed(1)
id <- 14000:17000
# Replace missing values
modelmd <- model_missing_data(data = GBload[id, -1], tau = 0.5,
                             S = c(48, 336), indices.to.fix = seq_len(nrow(GBload[id, ])),
                             consider.as.missing = 0, min.val = 0)
# Impute missing values
data.imputed <- impute_modelled_data(modelmd)

#Detect outliers
system.time(
  o.ident <- detect_outliers(data = data.imputed, S = c(48, 336))
)

# Plot of identified outliers in time series
outlier.vector <- rep(F,length(data.imputed))
outlier.vector[o.ident$outlier.pos] <- T
plot(data.imputed, type = "o", col=1 + 1 * outlier.vector,
     pch = 1 + 18 * outlier.vector)

# table of identified raw outliers and corresponding probs being outlying data
df <- data.frame(o.ident$outlier.pos.raw,unlist(o.ident$outlier.probs)[o.ident$outlier.pos.raw])
colnames(df) <- c("Outlier position", "Probability of being outlying data")
```

```
df

# Plot of feature matrix
plot.ts(o.ident$features, type = "o",
        col = 1 + outlier.vector,
        pch = 1 + 1 * outlier.vector)

# table of outliers and corresponding features/ feature combinations,
# which caused assignment to outlier cluster
# Detect outliers with feat.int = T
set.seed(1)
system.time(
  o.ident <- detect_outliers(data = data.imputed, S = c(48, 336), feat.inf = T)
)
feature.imp <- unlist(lapply(o.ident$inf.feature.combinations,
                            function(x) paste(o.ident$feature.inf.tab[x], collapse = " | ")))

df <- data.frame(o.ident$outlier.pos.raw, o.ident$outlier.probs[o.ident$outlier.pos.raw],
                 feature.imp[as.numeric(names(feature.imp)) %in% o.ident$outlier.pos.raw])
colnames(df) <- c("Outlier position", "Probability being outlying data", "Responsible features")
View(df)

## End(Not run)
```

GBload

The electricity actual total load in Great Britain in year 2018

Description

A dataset containing the electricity actual total load (MW) in Great Britain in year 2018 presented in half-hour interval. Each data point regards 30 minutes of electricity load starting at given time. The data consists of both missing values and outliers.

Usage

GBload

Format

A data frame with 17520 rows and 2 variables:

Date date indicating the delivery beginning of the electricity

Load actual electricity load in MW ...

Source

<https://transparency.entsoe.eu/>

impute_modelled_data *Impute modelled missing time series data*

Description

Returns a matrix or a list of matrices with imputed missing values or outliers. As argument the function requires an object of class "tsrobprep" and the quantiles to be imputed.

Usage

```
impute_modelled_data(object, tau = NULL)
```

Arguments

object	an object of class "tsrobprep" that is an output of function <code>model_missing_data</code> .
tau	the quantile(s) of the missing values to be imputed. tau should be a subset of the quantile values present in the "tsrobprep" object. By default all quantiles present in the object are used.

Value

A matrix or a list of matrices with imputed missing values or outliers.

References

Narajewski M, Kley-Holsteg J, Ziel F (2021). "tsrobprep — an R package for robust preprocessing of time series data." *SoftwareX*, **16**, 100809. doi: [10.1016/j.softx.2021.100809](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.softx.2021.100809).

See Also

[model_missing_data](#), [detect_outliers](#), [auto_data_cleaning](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
model.miss <- model_missing_data(
  data = GBload[, -1], S = c(48, 7*48),
  no.of.last.indices.to.fix = dim(GBload)[1], consider.as.missing = 0,
  min.val = 0
)
model.miss$estimated.models
model.miss$replaced.indices
new.GBload <- impute_modelled_data(model.miss)

## End(Not run)
```

model_missing_data *Model missing time series data*

Description

Returns an object of class "tsrobprep" which contains the original data and the modelled missing values to be imputed. The function `model_missing_data` models missing values in a time series data using a robust time series decomposition with the weighted lasso or the quantile regression. The model uses autoregression on the time series as explanatory variables as well as the provided external variables. The function is designed for numerical data only.

Usage

```
model_missing_data(
  data,
  S,
  tau = NULL,
  no.of.last.indices.to.fix = S[1],
  indices.to.fix = NULL,
  replace.recursively = TRUE,
  p = NULL,
  mirror = FALSE,
  lags = NULL,
  extreg = NULL,
  n.best.extreg = NULL,
  use.data.as.ext = FALSE,
  lag.externals = FALSE,
  consider.as.missing = NULL,
  whole.period.missing.only = FALSE,
  debias = FALSE,
  min.val = -Inf,
  max.val = Inf,
  Cor_thres = 0.5,
  digits = 3,
  ICpen = "BIC",
  decompose.pars = list(),
  ...
)
```

Arguments

<code>data</code>	an input vector, matrix or data frame of dimension <code>nobs</code> x <code>nvars</code> containing missing values; each column is a variable.
<code>S</code>	a number or vector describing the seasonalities (<code>S_1</code> , ..., <code>S_K</code>) in the data, e.g. <code>c(24, 168)</code> if the data consists of 24 observations per day and there is a weekly seasonality in the data.

<code>tau</code>	the quantile(s) of the missing values to be estimated in the quantile regression. Tau accepts all values in (0,1). If NULL, then the weighted lasso regression is performed.
<code>no.of.last.indices.to.fix</code>	a number of observations in the tail of the data to be fixed, by default set to first element of S.
<code>indices.to.fix</code>	indices of the data to be fixed. If NULL, then it is calculated based on the <code>no.of.last.indices.to.fix</code> parameter. Otherwise, the <code>no.of.last.indices.to.fix</code> parameter is ignored.
<code>replace.recursively</code>	if TRUE then the algorithm uses replaced values to model the remaining missings.
<code>p</code>	a number or vector of length(S) = K indicating the order of a K-seasonal autoregressive process to be estimated. If NULL, chosen data-based.
<code>mirror</code>	if TRUE then autoregressive lags up to order p are not only added to the seasonalities but also subtracted.
<code>lags</code>	a numeric vector with the lags to use in the autoregression. Negative values are accepted and then also the "future" observations are used for modelling. If not NULL, p and mirror are ignored.
<code>extreg</code>	a vector, matrix or data frame of data containing external regressors; each column is a variable.
<code>n.best.extreg</code>	a numeric value specifying the maximal number of considered best correlated external regressors (selected in decreasing order). If NULL, then all variables in extreg are used for modelling.
<code>use.data.as.ext</code>	logical specifying whether to use the remaining variables in the data as external regressors or not.
<code>lag.externals</code>	logical specifying whether to lag the external regressors or not. If TRUE, then the algorithm uses the lags specified in parameter lags.
<code>consider.as.missing</code>	a vector of numerical values which are considered as missing in the data.
<code>whole.period.missing.only</code>	if FALSE, then all observations which correspond to the values of <code>consider.as.missing</code> are treated as missings. If TRUE, then only consecutive observations of specified length are considered (length is defined by first element of S).
<code>debias</code>	if TRUE, the recursive replacement is additionally debiased.
<code>min.val</code>	a single value or a vector of length nvars providing the minimum possible value of each variable in the data. If a single value, then it applies to all variables. By default set to -Inf.
<code>max.val</code>	a single value or a vector of length nvars providing the maximum possible value of each variable in the data. If a single value, then it applies to all variables. By default set to Inf.
<code>Cor_thres</code>	a single value providing the correlation threshold from which external regressors are considered in the quantile regression.

digits	integer indicating the number of decimal places allowed in the data, by default set to 3.
ICpen	is the information criterion penalty for lambda choice in the glmnet algorithm. It can be a string: "BIC", "HQC" or "AIC", or a fixed number.
decompose.pars	named list containing additional arguments for the robust_decompose function.
...	additional arguments for the glmnet or rq.fit.fnb algorithms.

Details

The function uses robust time series decomposition with weighted lasso or quantile regression in order to model missing values and prepare it for imputation. In this purpose the [robust_decompose](#) function together with the [glmnet](#) are used in case of mean regression, i.e. `tau = NULL`. In case of quantile regression, i.e. `tau != NULL` the [robust_decompose](#) function is used together with the [rq.fit.fnb](#) function. The modelled values can be imputed using [impute_modelled_data](#) function.

Value

An object of class "tsrobprep" which contains the original data, the indices of the data that were modelled, the given quantile values, a list of sparse matrices with the modelled data to be imputed and a list of the numbers of models estimated for every variable.

References

Narajewski M, Kley-Holsteg J, Ziel F (2021). "tsrobprep — an R package for robust preprocessing of time series data." *SoftwareX*, **16**, 100809. doi: [10.1016/j.softx.2021.100809](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.softx.2021.100809).

See Also

[robust_decompose](#), [impute_modelled_data](#), [detect_outliers](#), [auto_data_cleaning](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
model.miss <- model_missing_data(
  data = GBload[,-1], S = c(48,7*48),
  no.of.last.indices.to.fix = dim(GBload)[1], consider.as.missing = 0,
  min.val = 0
)
model.miss$estimated.models
model.miss$replaced.indices
new.GBload <- impute_modelled_data(model.miss)

## End(Not run)
```

robust_decompose *Robust time series seasonal decomposition*

Description

Decompose a time series into trend, level and potentially multiple seasonal components including all interactions. The function allows for missings.

Usage

```
robust_decompose(
  x,
  S,
  wsize = max(2 * max(S), 25),
  use.trend = TRUE,
  K = 4,
  ICpen = "BIC",
  extreg = NULL,
  use.autoregressive = NULL
)
```

Arguments

x	a time series.
S	a number or vector describing the seasonalities (S_1, ..., S_K) in the data, e.g. c(24, 168) if the data consists of 24 observations per day and there is a weekly seasonality in the data.
wsize	is filter/rolling med size
use.trend	if TRUE, uses standard decomposition. If FALSE, uses no trend component.
K	a sigma (standard deviation) bound. The observations that exceed sigma*K become reduced weight in the regression.
ICpen	is the information criterion penalty, e.g. string "BIC", "HQC" or "AIC", or a fixed number.
extreg	a vector, matrix or data frame of data containing external regressors; each column is a variable.
use.autoregressive	if TRUE, removes the autoregression from the series. If NULL, it is derived data based.

Value

A list which contains a vector of fitted values, a vector of weights given to the original time series, and a matrix of components of the decomposition.

References

Narajewski M, Kley-Holsteg J, Ziel F (2021). “tsrobprep — an R package for robust preprocessing of time series data.” *SoftwareX*, **16**, 100809. doi: [10.1016/j.softx.2021.100809](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.softx.2021.100809).

Examples

```
## Not run:  
GBload.decomposed <- robust_decompose(GBload[,-1], S = c(48,7*48))  
head(GBload.decomposed$components)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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