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Description

It estimates PIN using Ersan and Alici (2016) modified clustering algorithm.

Usage

```
EA(data, likelihood = c("LK", "EH0"))
```

Arguments

| | |
|------------|--|
| data | Data frame with 2 variables |
| likelihood | Character strings for likelihood algorithm. Default is "LK". |

Details

Argument for data must be a data frame with 2 columns that only contain numbers. Not any other type. You do not have to give names to the columns. We will assign first one as "Buy" and second as "Sell", therefore you should put order numbers with respect to this order.

Value

Returns a list of parameter estimates (output)

| | |
|--------|----------|
| alpha | A Number |
| delta | A Number |
| mu | A Number |
| eb | A Number |
| es | A Number |
| LikVal | A Number |
| PIN | A Number |

Warning

This function does not handle NA values. Therefore the datasets should not contain any missing value. This function do not conduct the iterative estimation procedure proposed in the same paper.

Author(s)

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References

Ersan, Oguz, and Asli Alici . "An unbiased computation methodology for estimating the probability of informed trading (PIN)." *Journal of International Financial Markets, Institutions and Money* 43 (2016): 74-94.

Examples

```
# Sample Data
# Buy Sell
#1 350 382
#2 250 500
#3 500 463
#4 552 550
#5 163 200
#6 345 323
#7 847 456
#8 923 342
#9 123 578
#10 349 455

Buy=c(350,250,500,552,163,345,847,923,123,349)
Sell=c(382,500,463,550,200,323,456,342,578,455)
data=cbind(Buy,Sell)

# Parameter estimates using the LK factorization of Lin and Ke (2011)
# with the modified clustering algorithm of Ersan and Alici (2016).
# Default factorization is set to be "LK"

EA(data)
#      alpha      delta      mu epsilon_b epsilon_s LikVal      PIN
#Output 0.1297379 0.9982431 509.7636 413.941 401.0135 44240.17 0.07506118

# Parameter estimates using the EHO factorization of Easley et. al. (2010)
# with the modified clustering algorithm of Ersan and Alici (2016).

EA(data,likelihood="EHO")
#      alpha      delta      mu epsilon_b epsilon_s LikVal      PIN
#Output 0.7576503 0.1047257 383.1325 308.831 549.5443 52430.75 0.2527132
```

EHO

Likelihood factorization of Easley et. al. (2010) - EHO Factorization

Description

The function calculates the likelihood factorization of Easley et. al. (2010) and computes parameters for estimation of PIN value.

Usage

```
EHO(data, fixed = c(FALSE, FALSE, FALSE, FALSE, FALSE))
```

Arguments

| | |
|-------|--|
| data | Data frame with 2 variables |
| fixed | Initial values for parameters in the following order: alpha, delta, mu, epsilon_b, epsilon_s |

Details

In order to use EHO's return in optimization functions, please **omit** second argument. With this way, EHO will return a function instead of a value. Moreover, argument for data must be a data frame with 2 columns that contain numbers. Not any other type.

Value

| | |
|--------|--|
| LK_out | Returns an <code>optim()</code> object including parameter estimates for the likelihood factorization of Easley et. al. (2010) |
|--------|--|

Warning

This function does not handle NA values. Therefore the datasets should not contain any missing values.

Author(s)

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References

Easley, D., Hvidkjaer, S., & O'Hara, M. Factoring information into returns. *Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis*, 45(2):293-309,2010.

Examples

```
# Sample Data
# Buy Sell
#1 350 382
#2 250 500
#3 500 463
#4 552 550
#5 163 200
#6 345 323
#7 847 456
#8 923 342
#9 123 578
#10 349 455
```

```
Buy<-c(350, 250, 500, 552, 163, 345, 847, 923, 123, 349)
```

```

Sell<-c(382,500,463,550,200,323,456,342,578,455)
data=cbind(Buy,Sell)

# Initial parameter values
# par0 = (alpha, delta, mu, epsilon_b, epsilon_s)
par0 = c(0.5,0.5,300,400,500)

# Call EHO function
LK_out = EHO(data)
model = optim(par0, LK_out, gr = NULL, method = c("Nelder-Mead"), hessian = FALSE)

# The structure of the model output
model

# $par
# [1] 9.111102e-01 1.231429e-04 4.171497e+02 3.360750e+02 4.662539e+02

# $value
# [1] -52831.29

# $counts
# function gradient
#      502      NA

# $convergence
# [1] 1

# $message
# NULL
##

## Parameter Estimates
model$par[1] # Estimate for alpha
# [1] 0.9111102
model$par[2] # Estimate for delta
#[1] 0.0001231429
model$par[3] # Estimate for mu
# [1] 417.1497
model$par[4] # Estimate for eb
# [1] 336.075
model$par[5] # Estimate for es
# [1] 466.2539

## Estimate for PIN
(model$par[1]*model$par[3])/((model$par[1]*model$par[3])+model$par[4]+model$par[5])
# [1] 0.3214394
####

```

Description

It estimates PIN using hierarchical agglomerative clustering.

Usage

```
GAN(data, likelihood = c("LK", "EHO"))
```

Arguments

| | |
|------------|--|
| data | Data frame with 2 variables |
| likelihood | Character strings for likelihood algorithm. Default is "LK". |

Details

Argument for data must be a data frame with 2 columns that only contain numbers. Not any other type. You do not have to give names to the columns. We will assign first one as "Buy" and second as "Sell", therefore you should put order numbers with respect to this order. This package uses the `hclust()` function of Mullner (2013) to cluster the data at default settings.

Value

Returns a list of parameter estimates (output)

| | |
|--------|----------|
| alpha | A Number |
| delta | A Number |
| mu | A Number |
| eb | A Number |
| es | A Number |
| LikVal | A Number |
| PIN | A Number |

Warning

This function does not handle NA values. Therefore, the dataset should not contain any missing values.

Author(s)

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References

D. Mullner. fastcluster: Fast hierarchical, agglomerative clustering routines for r and python. *Journal of Statistical Software*, 53(9):1-18, 2013.

Gan, Q., Wei, W. C., & Johnstone, D. A faster estimation method for the probability of informed trading using hierarchical agglomerative clustering. *Quantitative Finance*, 15(11), 1805-1821, 2015.

Examples

```

# Sample Data
# Buy Sell
#1 350 382
#2 250 500
#3 500 463
#4 552 550
#5 163 200
#6 345 323
#7 847 456
#8 923 342
#9 123 578
#10 349 455

Buy<-c(350,250,500,552,163,345,847,923,123,349)
Sell<-c(382,500,463,550,200,323,456,342,578,455)
data<-cbind(Buy,Sell)

# Parameter estimates using the LK factorization of Lin and Ke (2011)
# with the algorithm of Gan et. al. (2015).
# Default factorization is set to be "LK"

GAN(data)
#      alpha      delta      mu epsilon_b epsilon_s LikVal      PIN
# Output 0.3978912 0.9998532 435.8395 259.0336 420.786 44371.1 0.2032458

# Parameter estimates using the EHO factorization of Easley et. al. (2010)
# with the algorithm of Gan et. al. (2015)

GAN(data, likelihood="EHO")
#      alpha      delta      mu epsilon_b epsilon_s LikVal      PIN
# Output 0.6659866 0.4193557 319.0172 257.0148 359.9236 52826.15 0.2561626

```

LK

*Likelihood factorization of Lin and Ke (2011) - LK Factorization***Description**

The function calculates the likelihood factorization of Lin and Ke (2011) and computes parameters for estimation of PIN value.

Usage

```
LK(data, fixed = c(FALSE, FALSE, FALSE, FALSE, FALSE))
```


Arguments

| | |
|-------|--|
| data | Data frame with 2 variables |
| fixed | Initial values for parameters in the following order: alpha, delta, mu, epsilon_b, epsilon_s |

Details

In order to use LK's return in optimization functions, please **omit** second argument. With this way, LK will return a function instead of a value. Moreover, argument for data must be a data frame with 2 columns that contain numbers. Not any other type.

Value

| | |
|--------|---|
| LK_out | Returns an optim() object including parameter estimates for the likelihood factorization of Lin and Ke (2011) |
|--------|---|

Warning

This function does not handle NA values. Therefore the datasets should not contain any missing value

Author(s)

Duygu Celik and Murat Tinic

References

Lin, H.W.W. and Ke, W.C. A computing bias in estimating the probability of informed trading. Journal of Financial Markets, 14(4), pp.625-640, 2011.

Examples

```
# Sample Data
# Buy Sell
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Buy<-c(350, 250, 500, 552, 163, 345, 847, 923, 123, 349)
Sell<-c(382, 500, 463, 550, 200, 323, 456, 342, 578, 455)
data=cbind(Buy, Sell)

# Initial parameter values
```

```

# par0 = (alpha, delta, mu, epsilon_b, epsilon_s)
par0 = c(0.5,0.5,300,400,500)

# Call LK function
LK_out = LK(data)
model = optim(par0, LK_out, gr = NULL, method = c("Nelder-Mead"), hessian = FALSE)

## The structure of the model output ##
model

#$par
#[1] 0.480277 0.830850 315.259805 296.862318 400.490830

#$value
#[1] -44343.21

#$counts
#function gradient
# 502 NA

#$convergence
#[1] 1

#$message
#NULL

## Parameter Estimates
model$par[1] # Estimate for alpha
# [1] 0.480277
model$par[2] # Estimate for delta
# [1] 0.830850
model$par[3] # Estimate for mu
# [1] 315.259805
model$par[4] # Estimate for eb
# [1] 296.862318
model$par[5] # Estimate for es
# [1] 434.3046

## Estimate for PIN
(model$par[1]*model$par[3])/((model$par[1]*model$par[3])+model$par[4]+model$par[5])
# [1] 0.178391
####

```

Description

It estimates PIN using Yan and Zhang (2012) algorithm.

Usage

```
YZ(data, likelihood = c("LK", "EH0"))
```

Arguments

| | |
|------------|--|
| data | Data frame with 2 variables |
| likelihood | Character strings for likelihood algorithm. Default is "LK". |

Details

Argument for data must be a data frame with 2 columns that only contain numbers. Not any other type. You do not have to give names to the columns. We will assign first one as "Buy" and second as "Sell", therefore you should put order numbers with respect to this order.

Value

Returns a list of parameter estimates (output)

| | |
|--------|----------|
| alpha | A Number |
| delta | A Number |
| mu | A Number |
| eb | A Number |
| es | A Number |
| LikVal | A Number |
| PIN | A Number |

Warning

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Sell<-c(382,500,463,550,200,323,456,342,578,455)
data<-cbind(Buy,Sell)

# Parameter estimates using the LK factorization of Lin and Ke (2011)
# with the algorithm of Yan and Zhang (2012).
# Default factorization is set to be "LK"

YZ(data)
#          alpha      delta      mu epsilon_b epsilon_s  Likval      PIN
# Output 0.3526071 0.8937947 438.1156 265.124 425.0304 44371.29 0.180108

# Parameter estimates using the EHO factorization of Easley et. al. (2010)
# with the algorithm of Yan and Zhang (2012).

YZ(data,likelihood="EHO")
#          alpha      delta      mu epsilon_b epsilon_s  Likval      PIN
# Output 0.3605192 5.086071e-05 499.3587 402.306 402.306 53275.94 0.166432
```

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