

Portmanteau Test Statistics

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Abstract

In this vignette, we briefly describe the portmanteau test statistics given in the `portes` package based on the asymptotic chi-square distribution and Monte-Carlo significance test. Some illustrative applications are given.

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1. Box and Pierce portmanteau test

In the univariate time series, [Box and Pierce \(1970\)](#) introduced the portmanteau statistic

$$Q_m = n \sum_{\ell=1}^m \hat{r}_\ell^2, \quad (1)$$

where $\hat{r}_\ell = \sum_{t=\ell+1}^n \hat{a}_t \hat{a}_{t-\ell} / \sum_{t=1}^n \hat{a}_t^2$, and $\hat{a}_1, \dots, \hat{a}_n$ are the residuals. This test statistic is implemented in the R function `BoxPierce()`, where it can be used with the multivariate case as well. Q_m has a chi-square distribution with $k^2(m - p - q)$ degrees of freedom where k represents the dimension of the time series. The usage of this function is extremely simple:

```
BoxPierce(obj, lags=seq(5,30,5), order=0, season=1, squared.residuals=FALSE),
```

where `obj` is a univariate or multivariate series with class `"numeric"`, `"matrix"`, `"ts"`, or `("mts" "ts")`. It can be also an object of fitted time-series model (including time series regression) with class `"ar"`¹, `"arima0"`², `"Arima"`³, `("ARIMA" "Arima")`⁴, `"lm"`⁵, `("glm" "lm")`⁶, `"varest"`⁷. `obj` may also an object with class `"list"` from any fitted model using the built in R functions, such as the functions `FitAR()`, `FitARz()`, and `FitARp()` from the `FitAR` R package ([McLeod, Zhang, and Xu 2013](#)), the function `garch()` from the R package `tseries` ([Trapletti, Hornik, and LeBaron 2017](#)), the function `garchFit()` from the R package

¹The functions `ar()`, `ar.burg()`, `ar.yw()`, `ar.mle()`, and `ar.ols()` in the R package `stats` produce an output with class `"ar"`.

²The function `arima0()` in the R package `stats` produces an output with class `"arima0"`.

³The function `arima()` in the R package `stats` produces an output with class `"Arima"`.

⁴The functions `Arima()` and `auto.arima()` in the R package `forecast` produce an output with class `("ARIMA" "Arima")`.

⁵The function `lm()` in the R package `stats` produces an output with class `"lm"`.

⁶The function `glm()` in the R package `stats` produces an output with class `("glm" "lm")`.

⁷The function `VAR()` in the R package `vars` produces an output with class `"varest"`.

`fGarch` (Wuertz and core team members 2016), the function `fracdiff()` from the R package `fracdiff` (Fraley, Leisch, Maechler, Reisen, and Lemonte 2012), the function `tar()` from the R package `TSA` (Chan and Ripley 2012), etc. `lags` is a vector of numeric integers represents the lag values, m , at which we need to check the adequacy of the fitted model.

It is important, as indicated by McLeod (1978), to use this test statistic for testing the seasonality with seasonal period s in many applications. The test for seasonality may obtained by replacing the lag ℓ in the test statistics given in Equation 1 by ℓs , which is implemented in our package. In this case, the seasonal period s is entered via the argument `season`, where `season = 1` is used for usual test with no seasonality check.

The argument `order` is used for degrees of freedom of asymptotic chi-square distribution. If `obj` is a fitted time-series model with class `"ar"`, `"arima0"`, `"Arima"`, `("ARIMA" "Arima")`, `"lm"`, `("glm" "lm")`, `"varest"`, or `"list"` then no need to enter the value of `order` as it will be automatically determined from the original fitted model of the object `obj`. In general `order = p + q`, where p and q are the orders of the autoregressive (or vector autoregressive) and moving average (or vector moving average) models respectively. In SARIMA models `order = p + q + ps + qs`, where `ps` and `qs` are the orders of the seasonal autoregressive and seasonal moving average respectively. `season` is the seasonality period which is needed for testing the seasonality cases. Default is `season = 1` for testing the non seasonality cases. Finally, when `squared.residuals = TRUE`, then apply the test on the squared values to check for Autoregressive Conditional Heteroscedastic, ARCH, effects. When `squared.residuals = FALSE`, then apply the test on the usual residuals.

Note that the function `portest()` with the arguments `test = "BoxPierce"`, `MonteCarlo = FALSE`, `order = 0`, `season = 1`, and `squared.residuals=FALSE` will gives the same results of the function `BoxPierce()`. The Monte-Carlo version of this test statistic is implemented in the function `portest()` as an argument `test = "BoxPierce"` provided that `MonteCarlo = TRUE` is selected.

```
portest(obj, lags=seq(5, 30, 5), test="BoxPierce", fn=NULL, squared.residuals=FALSE,
  MonteCarlo=TRUE, innov.dist=c("Gaussian", "t", "stable", "bootstrap"), ncores=1,
  nrep=1000, model=list(sim.model=NULL, fit.model=NULL), pkg.name=NULL,
  set.seed=123, season=1, order=0)
```

1.1. Example 1

First a simple univariate example is provided. We fit an AR(2) model to the logarithms of Canadian lynx trappings from 1821 to 1934. Data is available from the R package `datasets` under the name `lynx`. This model was selected using the BIC criterion. The asymptotic distribution and the Monte-Carlo version of Q_m statistic are given in the following R code for lags $m = 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30$.

```
> library("portes")

> require("FitAR")
> lynxData <- log(lynx)
> p <- SelectModel(lynxData, ARModel = "AR", Criterion = "BIC", Best = 1)
```

```
> fit <- FitAR(lynxData, p, ARModel = "AR")
> res <- fit$res
> BoxPierce(res,order=p) ## The asymptotic distribution of BoxPierce test
```

lags	statistic	df	p-value
5	6.748225	3	0.08037069
10	15.856081	8	0.04448698
15	22.631444	13	0.04631764
20	30.304179	18	0.03459211
25	34.157210	23	0.06291892
30	37.963103	28	0.09909886

```
> ## Use FitAR from FitAR R package with Monte-Carlo version of BoxPierce test,
> ## users may write their own two R functions. See the following example:
```

```
> fit.model <- function(data){
+   p <- SelectModel(data, ARModel = "AR", Criterion = "BIC",Best = 1)
+   fit <- FitAR(data, p, ARModel = "AR")
+   res <- fit$res
+   phiHat <- fit$phiHat
+   sigsqHat <- fit$sigsqHat
+   list(res=res,order=p,phiHat=phiHat,sigsqHat=sigsqHat)
+ }
> Fit <- fit.model(lynxData)
> BoxPierce(Fit) ## The asymptotic distribution of BoxPierce statistic
```

lags	statistic	df	p-value
5	6.748225	3	0.08037069
10	15.856081	8	0.04448698
15	22.631444	13	0.04631764
20	30.304179	18	0.03459211
25	34.157210	23	0.06291892
30	37.963103	28	0.09909886

```
> sim.model <- function(parSpec){
+   phi <- parSpec$phiHat
+   n <- length(parSpec$res)
+   sigma <- parSpec$sigsqHat
+   ts(SimulateGaussianAR(phi, n = n, InnovationVariance = sigma))
+ }
> portest(Fit,test = "BoxPierce", ncores = 4,
+   model=list(sim.model=sim.model,fit.model=fit.model),pkg.name="FitAR")
```

lags	statistic	p-value
5	6.748225	0.05294705
10	15.856081	0.02497502
15	22.631444	0.02297702

```

20 30.304179 0.01298701
25 34.157210 0.02797203
30 37.963103 0.03196803

```

For lags $m > 5$, the Monte-Carlo version of Box and Pierce test and the asymptotic chi-square suggests that the model maybe inadequate. Fitting a subset autoregressive using the BIC (McLeod and Zhang 2008), the portmanteau test based on both methods, Monte-Carlo and asymptotic distribution suggest model adequacy.

```

> SelectModel(log(lynx),lag.max=15,ARModel="ARp",Criterion="BIC",Best=1)

[1] 1 2 4 10 11

> FitsubsetAR <- function(data){
+   FitsubsetAR <- FitARp(data, c(1, 2, 4, 10, 11))
+   res <- FitsubsetAR$res
+   phiHat <- FitsubsetAR$phiHat
+   p <- length(phiHat)
+   sigsqHat <- FitsubsetAR$sigsqHat
+   list(res=res,order=p,phiHat=phiHat,sigsqHat=sigsqHat)
+ }
> SimsubsetARModel <- function(parSpec){
+   phi <- parSpec$phiHat
+   n <- length(parSpec$res)
+   sigma <- parSpec$sigsqHat
+   ts(SimulateGaussianAR(phi, n = n, InnovationVariance = sigma))
+ }
> Fitsubset <- FitsubsetAR(lynxData)
> BoxPierce(Fitsubset)

lags statistic df    p-value
 5  2.382300  0      NA
10  4.258836  0      NA
15  6.532786  4  0.1627363
20  9.887818  9  0.3596432
25 13.258935 14  0.5062439
30 16.172499 19  0.6457394

> portest(Fitsubset,test = "BoxPierce", ncores = 4,
+   model=list(sim.model=SimsubsetARModel,fit.model=FitsubsetAR),pkg.name="FitAR")

lags statistic    p-value
 5  2.382300 0.5654346
10  4.258836 0.7822178
15  6.532786 0.8481518
20  9.887818 0.8211788
25 13.258935 0.7952048
30 16.172499 0.7972028

```

```
> detach(package:FitAR)
```

It is important to indicate that the p-values associated with the Monte-Carlo significance tests are always exit and do not depend on the degrees of freedom, while the p-value based on the asymptotic chi-square distribution tests are defined only for positive degrees of freedom.

1.2. Example 2

In this example we consider the monthly log stock returns of Intel corporation data from January 1973 to December 2003. First we apply the Q_m statistic directly on the returns using the asymptotic distribution and the Monte-Carlo significance test. The results suggest that returns data behaves like white noise series as no significant serial correlations found.

```
> monthintel <- as.ts(monthintel)
> BoxPierce(monthintel)
```

lags	statistic	df	p-value
5	4.666889	5	0.45786938
10	14.364748	10	0.15699489
15	23.120348	15	0.08161787
20	24.000123	20	0.24238680
25	29.617977	25	0.23891229
30	31.943703	30	0.37015020

```
> portest(monthintel, test = "BoxPierce", ncores = 4)
```

lags	statistic	p-value
5	4.666889	0.45554446
10	14.364748	0.13186813
15	23.120348	0.07292707
20	24.000123	0.19380619
25	29.617977	0.19180819
30	31.943703	0.26573427

After that we apply the Q_m statistic on the squared returns. The results suggest that the monthly returns are not serially independent and the return series may suffers of ARCH effects.

```
> BoxPierce(monthintel, squared.residuals = TRUE)
```

lags	statistic	df	p-value
5	40.78073	5	1.039009e-07
10	49.57872	10	3.189915e-07
15	81.90133	15	3.131517e-11
20	86.50575	20	3.006796e-10
25	87.54737	25	7.161478e-09
30	88.55017	30	1.087505e-07

```
> portest(monthintel, test="BoxPierce", ncores=4, squared.residuals=TRUE)
```

```
lags statistic    p-value
  5  40.78073 0.000999001
 10  49.57872 0.000999001
 15  81.90133 0.000999001
 20  86.50575 0.000999001
 25  87.54737 0.000999001
 30  88.55017 0.000999001
```

1.3. Example 3

In this example we implement the portmanteau statistic on an econometric model of aggregate demand in the U.K. to show the usefulness of using these statistics in testing the seasonality. The data are quarterly, seasonally unadjusted in 1958 prices, covering the period 1957/3-1967/4 (with 7 series each with 42 observations), as published in Economic Trends and available from our package with the name `EconomicUK`. This data were disused by [Prothero and Wallis \(1976\)](#), where they fit several models to each series and compared their performance with a multivariate model (See ([Prothero and Wallis 1976](#), Tables 1-7)).

For simplicity, we select the first series, `Cn: Consumers' expenditure on durable goods`, and the first model *1a* as fitted by [Prothero and Wallis \(1976\)](#) in Table 1.

```
> require("forecast")
> cd <- EconomicUK[,1]
> cd.fit <- Arima(cd, order=c(0,1,0), seasonal=list(order=c(0,1,1), period=4))
```

After that we apply the usual Q_m test statistic as well as the seasonal version of Q_m test statistic. We implement both cases using the asymptotic distribution and the Monte-Carlo procedures. The results suggest that the model is good.

```
> BoxPierce(cd.fit, lags=c(5,10), season=1) ## Asympt. dist. for usual check
```

```
lags statistic df    p-value
  5  2.509718  4 0.6428964
 10  5.252716  9 0.8117454
```

```
> BoxPierce(cd.fit, lags=c(5,10), season=4) ## Asympt. dist. check for seasonality
```

```
lags statistic df    p-value
  5  1.307341  4 0.8601288
 10  1.918594  9 0.9926904
```

```
> portest(cd.fit, lags=c(5,10), test="BoxPierce", ncores=4) ## MC check for seasonality
```

```
lags statistic    p-value
  5  2.509718 0.5184815
 10  5.252716 0.2267732
```

```
> detach(package:forecast)
```

2. Ljung and Box portmanteau test

Ljung and Box (1978) modified Box and Pierce (1970) test statistic by

$$\hat{Q}_m = n(n+2) \sum_{\ell=1}^m (n-\ell)^{-1} \hat{r}_\ell^2. \quad (2)$$

This test statistic is also asymptotically chi-square with the same degrees of freedom of BoxPierce and it is implemented in the contribution R function LjungBox(),

```
LjungBox(obj, lags=seq(5,30,5), order=0, season=1, squared.residuals=FALSE),
```

where the arguments of this function are described as before.

In **stats** R, the function Box.test() was built to compute the Box and Pierce (1970) and Ljung and Box (1978) test statistics only in the univariate case where we can not use more than one single lag value at a time. The functions BoxPierce() and LjungBox() are more general than Box.test() and can be used in the univariate or multivariate time series at vector of different lag values as well as they can be applied on an output object from a fitted model described in the description of the function BoxPierce().

Note that the function portest() with the arguments test = "LjungBox", MonteCarlo = FALSE, order = 0, season = 1, and squared.residuals=FALSE will gives the same results of the function LjungBox(). The Monte-Carlo version of this test statistic is implemented in the function portest() as an argument test = "LjungBox" provided that MonteCarlo = TRUE is selected.

```
portest(obj, lags=seq(5,30,5), test="LjungBox", fn=NULL, squared.residuals=FALSE,
  MonteCarlo=TRUE, innov.dist=c("Gaussian", "t", "stable", "bootstrap"), ncores=1,
  nrep=1000, model=list(sim.model=NULL, fit.model=NULL), pkg.name=NULL,
  set.seed=123, season=1, order=0)
```

2.1. Example 4

The built in R function auto.arima() in the package **forecast** (Hyndman, Athanasopoulos, Razbash, Schmidt, Zhou, Khan, Bergmeir, and Wang 2017) is used to fit the best ARIMA model based on the AIC criterion to the numbers of users connected to the Internet through a server every minute WWWusage dataset of length 100 that is available from the **forecast** package,

```
> library("forecast")
> FitWWW <- auto.arima(WWWusage)
```

Then the LjungBox portmanteau test is applied on the residuals of the fitted model at lag values $m = 5, 10, 15, 20, 25,$ and 30 which yields that the assumption of the adequacy in the fitted model is fail to reject.

```
> LjungBox(FitWWW) ## The asymptotic distribution of LjungBox test
```

```
lags statistic df    p-value
  5  4.091378  3 0.2517645
 10  7.833827  8 0.4498687
 15 11.985102 13 0.5288659
 20 19.736039 18 0.3478749
 25 28.147803 23 0.2102440
 30 33.460065 28 0.2192169
```

```
> portest(FitWWW, nrep = 500, test = "LjungBox", ncores = 4)
```

```
lags statistic    p-value
  5  4.091378 0.2834331
 10  7.833827 0.5089820
 15 11.985102 0.5568862
 20 19.736039 0.3632735
 25 28.147803 0.2335329
 30 33.460065 0.2315369
```

```
> detach(package:forecast)
```

3. Hosking portmanteau test

Hosking (1980) generalized the univariate portmanteau test statistics given in eqns. (1, 2) to the multivariate case. He suggested the modified multivariate portmanteau test statistic

$$\tilde{Q}_m = n^2 \sum_{\ell=1}^m (n - \ell)^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{r}}_{\ell}' (\hat{\mathbf{R}}_0^{-1} \otimes \hat{\mathbf{R}}_0^{-1}) \hat{\mathbf{r}}_{\ell}, \quad (3)$$

where $\hat{\mathbf{r}}_{\ell} = \text{vec} \hat{\mathbf{R}}_{\ell}'$ is a $1 \times k^2$ row vector with rows of $\hat{\mathbf{R}}_{\ell}$ stacked one next to the other, and m is the lag order. The \otimes denotes the Kronecker product (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kronecker_product), $\hat{\mathbf{R}}_{\ell} = \mathbf{L}' \hat{\mathbf{\Gamma}}_{\ell} \mathbf{L}$, $\mathbf{L} \mathbf{L}' = \hat{\mathbf{\Gamma}}_0^{-1}$ where $\hat{\mathbf{\Gamma}}_{\ell} = n^{-1} \sum_{t=\ell+1}^n \hat{\mathbf{a}}_t \hat{\mathbf{a}}_{t-\ell}'$ is the lag ℓ residual autocovariance matrix.

The asymptotic distributions of \tilde{Q}_m is chi-squared with the same degrees of freedom of BoxPierce and LjungBox. In **portest** package, this statistic is implemented in the function `Hosking()`:

```
Hosking(obj, lags=seq(5,30,5), order=0, season=1, squared.residuals=FALSE),
```

where the arguments of this function is described as before. Note that the function `portest()` with the arguments `test = "Hosking"`, `MonteCarlo = FALSE`, `order = 0`, `season = 1`, and `squared.residuals=FALSE` will gives the same results of the function `Hosking()`. The Monte-Carlo version of this test statistic is implemented in the function `portest()` as an argument `test = "Hosking"` provided that `MonteCarlo = TRUE` is selected.


```
portest(obj,lags=seq(5,30,5),test="Hosking",fn=NULL,squared.residuals=FALSE,
  MonteCarlo=TRUE,innov.dist=c("Gaussian","t","stable","bootstrap"),ncores=1,
  nrep=1000,model=list(sim.model=NULL,fit.model=NULL),pkg.name=NULL,
  set.seed=123,season=1,order=0)
```

3.1. Example 5

In this example, we consider fitting a VAR(k), $k = 1, 3, 5$ model to the monthly log returns of the IBM stock and the S&P 500 index from January 1926 to December 2008 with 996 observations (Tsay 2010, chapter 8). The p-values for the modified portmanteau test of Hosking (1980), \hat{Q}_m , are computed using the Monte-Carlo test procedure with 10^3 replications. For additional comparisons, the p-values for \tilde{Q}_m are also evaluated using asymptotic approximations.

```
> data("IbmSp500")
> ibm <- log(IbmSp500[, 2] + 1) * 100
> sp5 <- log(IbmSp500[, 3] + 1) * 100
> z <- data.frame(cbind(ibm, sp5))
> FitIBMSP5001 <- ar.ols(z, aic = FALSE, intercept = TRUE, order.max = 1)
> Hosking(FitIBMSP5001)
```

lags	statistic	df	p-value
5	44.60701	16	0.0001594110
10	63.92523	36	0.0028210050
15	79.63965	56	0.0206430161
20	122.76400	76	0.0005488958
25	152.14275	96	0.0002315766
30	172.10164	116	0.0005612691

```
> portest(FitIBMSP5001, test = "Hosking", ncores = 4)
```

lags	statistic	p-value
5	44.60701	0.000999001
10	63.92523	0.007992008
15	79.63965	0.020979021
20	122.76400	0.000999001
25	152.14275	0.000999001
30	172.10164	0.000999001

```
> FitIBMSP5003 <- ar.ols(z, aic = FALSE, intercept = TRUE, order.max = 3)
> Hosking(FitIBMSP5003)
```

lags	statistic	df	p-value
5	21.46968	8	0.005999073
10	40.36636	28	0.061317366
15	55.14693	48	0.222617147

```

20 92.49612 68 0.025796818
25 121.00241 88 0.011311937
30 138.44693 108 0.025694805

> portest(FitIBMSP5003, test = "Hosking", ncores = 4)

lags statistic      p-value
 5  21.46968 0.008991009
10  40.36636 0.065934066
15  55.14693 0.204795205
20  92.49612 0.024975025
25 121.00241 0.010989011
30 138.44693 0.019980020

> FitIBMSP5005 <- ar.ols(z, aic = FALSE, intercept = TRUE, order.max = 5)
> Hosking(FitIBMSP5005)

lags  statistic  df  p-value
 5    0.2076267  0 0.0000000
10   19.2862036 20 0.5032986
15   36.8697754 40 0.6119561
20   73.5270586 60 0.1126691
25   98.7210756 80 0.0763671
30  115.5525028 100 0.1369843

> portest(FitIBMSP5005, test = "Hosking", ncores = 4)

lags  statistic  p-value
 5    0.2076267 0.91008991
10   19.2862036 0.48051948
15   36.8697754 0.58641359
20   73.5270586 0.10289710
25   98.7210756 0.06593407
30  115.5525028 0.12687313

```

All results reject the fitted VAR (1) and VAR (3) whereas the results suggest that the VAR (5) models is maybe an adequate model.

4. Li and McLeod portmanteau test

Li and McLeod (1981) suggested the multivariate modified portmanteau test statistic

$$\tilde{Q}_m^{(L)} = n \sum_{\ell=1}^m \hat{\mathbf{r}}_{\ell}' (\hat{\mathbf{R}}_0^{-1} \otimes \hat{\mathbf{R}}_0^{-1}) \hat{\mathbf{r}}_{\ell} + \frac{k^2 m(m+1)}{2n}, \quad (4)$$

which is distributed as chi-squared with the same degrees of freedom of BoxPierce, LjungBox, and Hosking. In **portes** package, the test statistic $\tilde{Q}_m^{(L)}$ is implemented in the function `LiMcLeod()`,

```
LiMcLeod(obj, lags=seq(5,30,5), order=0, season=1, squared.residuals=FALSE),
```

where the arguments of this function is described as before. Note that the function `portest()` with the arguments `test = "LiMcLeod"`, `MonteCarlo = FALSE`, `order = 0`, `season = 1`, and `squared.residuals=FALSE` will gives the same results of the function `LiMcLeod()`. The Monte-Carlo version of this test statistic is implemented in the function `portest()` as an argument `test = "LiMcLeod"` provided that `MonteCarlo = TRUE` is selected.

```
portest(obj, lags=seq(5,30,5), test="LiMcLeod", fn=NULL, squared.residuals=FALSE,
        MonteCarlo=TRUE, innov.dist=c("Gaussian", "t", "stable", "bootstrap"), ncores=1,
        nrep=1000, model=list(sim.model=NULL, fit.model=NULL), pkg.name=NULL,
        set.seed=123, season=1, order=0)
```

4.1. Example 6

The trivariate quarterly time series, 1960–1982, of West German investment, income, and consumption was discussed by Lütkepohl (2005, §3.23). So $n = 92$ and $k = 3$ for this series. As in Lütkepohl (2005, §4.24) we model the logarithms of the first differences. Using the AIC and FPE, Lütkepohl (2005, Table 4.25) selected a VAR(2) for this data. All diagnostic tests reject simple randomness, VAR(0). The asymptotic distribution and the Monte-Carlo tests for VAR(1) suggests model inadequacy supports the choice of the VAR(2) model. However, testing for nonlinearity using the squared residuals suggest inadequacy in the VAR(2) model,

```
> data("WestGerman")
> DiffData <- matrix(numeric(3 * 91), ncol = 3)
> for (i in 1:3) DiffData[, i] <- diff(log(WestGerman[, i]), lag = 1)
> FitWG <- ar.ols(DiffData, aic = FALSE, order.max = 2, intercept = FALSE)
> LiMcLeod(FitWG, lags = c(5, 10, 15))
```

lags	statistic	df	p-value
5	30.65934	27	0.2853557
10	72.38418	72	0.4651266
15	122.08588	117	0.3552372

```
> portest(FitWG, lags = c(5, 10, 15), test = "LiMcLeod", ncores = 4)
```

lags	statistic	p-value
5	30.65934	0.3506494
10	72.38418	0.5314685
15	122.08588	0.3656344

```
> LiMcLeod(FitWG, lags = c(5, 10, 15), squared.residuals = TRUE)
```

lags	statistic	df	p-value
5	35.12685	27	0.135681671
10	91.04927	72	0.064231096
15	169.14303	117	0.001161299

5. Generalized variance portmanteau test

Peña and Rodríguez (2002) proposed a univariate portmanteau test of goodness-of-fit test based on the m -th root of the determinant of the m -th Toeplitz residual autocorrelation matrix

$$\hat{\mathcal{R}}_m = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{r}_0 & \hat{r}_1 & \dots & \hat{r}_m \\ \hat{r}_{-1} & \hat{r}_0 & \dots & \hat{r}_{m-1} \\ \vdots & \dots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \hat{r}_{-m} & \hat{r}_{-m+1} & \dots & \hat{r}_0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (5)$$

where $\hat{r}_0 = 1$ and $\hat{r}_{-\ell} = \hat{r}_\ell$, for all ℓ . They approximated the distribution of their proposed test statistic by the gamma distribution and provided simulation experiments to demonstrate the improvement of their statistic in comparison with the one that is given in Eq. (2).

Peña and Rodríguez (2006) suggested to modify this test by taking the log of the $(m + 1)$ -th root of the determinant in Eq. (5). They proposed two approximations by using the Gamma and Normal distributions to the asymptotic distribution of this test and indicated that the performance of both approximations for checking the goodness-of-fit in linear models is similar and more powerful for small sample size than the previous one. Lin and McLeod (2006) introduced the Monte-Carlo version of this test as they noted that it is quite often that the generalized variance portmanteau test does not agree with the suggested Gamma approximation and the Monte-Carlo version of this test is more accurate. Mahdi and McLeod (2012) generalized both methods to the multivariate time series. Their test statistic

$$\mathfrak{D}_m = \frac{-3n}{2m + 1} \log |\hat{\mathfrak{R}}_m|, \quad (6)$$

where

$$\hat{\mathfrak{R}}_m = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{I}_k & \hat{\mathbf{R}}_1 & \dots & \hat{\mathbf{R}}_m \\ \hat{\mathbf{R}}_{-1}' & \mathbb{I}_k & \dots & \hat{\mathbf{R}}_{m-1}' \\ \vdots & \dots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \hat{\mathbf{R}}_{-m}' & \hat{\mathbf{R}}_{-m+1}' & \dots & \mathbb{I}_k \end{pmatrix}. \quad (7)$$

Replacing $\hat{\mathfrak{R}}_m$ that is given in Equation refMahdiMcLeod by $\hat{\mathfrak{R}}_m(s)$ will easily extend to test for seasonality with period s , where

$$\hat{\mathfrak{R}}_m(s) = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{I}_k & \hat{\mathbf{R}}_s & \hat{\mathbf{R}}_{2s} & \dots & \hat{\mathbf{R}}_{ms} \\ \hat{\mathbf{R}}_s' & \mathbb{I}_k & \hat{\mathbf{R}}_s' & \dots & \hat{\mathbf{R}}_{(m-1)s}' \\ \vdots & \dots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \hat{\mathbf{R}}_{ms}' & \hat{\mathbf{R}}_{(m-1)s}' & \hat{\mathbf{R}}_{(m-2)s}' & \dots & \mathbb{I}_k \end{pmatrix} \quad (8)$$

The null distribution is approximately χ^2 with $k^2(1.5m(m + 1)(2m + 1)^{-1} - o)$ degrees of freedom where $o = p + q + ps + qs$ denotes the order of the series as described before. This test statistics is implemented in the contributed R function `MahdiMcLeod()`,

`MahdiMcLeod(obj, lags=seq(5,30,5), order=0, season=1, squared.residuals=FALSE),`

where the arguments of this function are described as before. Note that the function `portest()` with the arguments `test = "MahdiMcLeod"`, `MonteCarlo = FALSE`, `order = 0`, `season = 1`, and `squared.residuals=FALSE` will give the same results of the function `MahdiMcLeod()`. The Monte-Carlo version of this test statistic is implemented in the function `portest()` as an argument `test = "MahdiMcLeod"` provided that `MonteCarlo = TRUE` is selected.

```
portest(obj,lags=seq(5,30,5),test="MahdiMcLeod",fn=NULL,squared.residuals=FALSE,
        MonteCarlo=TRUE,innov.dist=c("Gaussian","t","stable","bootstrap"),ncores=1,
        nrep=1000,model=list(sim.model=NULL,fit.model=NULL),pkg.name=NULL,
        set.seed=123,season=1,order=0)
```

5.1. Example 7

Consider again the log numbers of Canadian lynx trappings univariate series from 1821 to 1934, where the AR(2) model is selected based on the BIC criterion using the function `SelectModel` in the R package **FitAR** (McLeod *et al.* 2013) as a first step in the analysis. Now, we apply the statistic \mathfrak{D}_m on the fitted model based on the asymptotic distribution and the Monte-Carlo significance test,

```
> require("FitAR")
> lynxData <- log(lynx)
> p <- SelectModel(lynxData, ARModel = "AR", Criterion = "BIC",Best = 1)
> fit <- FitAR(lynxData, p, ARModel = "AR")
> res <- fit$res
> MahdiMcLeod(res,order=p) ## The asymptotic distribution of MahdiMcLeod test
```

lags	statistic	df	p-value
5	5.984989	2.090909	0.054687987
10	10.036630	5.857143	0.115222212
15	21.447021	9.612903	0.014964682
20	31.810564	13.365854	0.003100578
25	38.761595	17.117647	0.002040281
30	43.936953	20.868852	0.002252062

```
> ## Use FitAR in FitAR package with Monte-Carlo version of MahdiMcLeod test,
> ## users may write their own two R functions. See the following example:
> fit.model <- function(data){
+   p <- SelectModel(data, ARModel = "AR", Criterion = "BIC",Best = 1)
+   fit <- FitAR(data, p, ARModel = "AR")
+   res <- fit$res
+   phiHat <- fit$phiHat
+   sigsqHat <- fit$sigsqHat
+   list(res=res,order=p,phiHat=phiHat,sigsqHat=sigsqHat)
+ }
> Fit <- fit.model(lynxData)
> MahdiMcLeod(Fit) ## The asymptotic distribution of MahdiMcLeod statistic
```

```

lags statistic      df      p-value
  5  5.984989  2.090909 0.054687987
 10 10.036630  5.857143 0.115222212
 15 21.447021  9.612903 0.014964682
 20 31.810564 13.365854 0.003100578
 25 38.761595 17.117647 0.002040281
 30 43.936953 20.868852 0.002252062

> sim.model <- function(parSpec){
+   phi <- parSpec$phiHat
+   n <- length(parSpec$res)
+   sigma <- parSpec$sigsqHat
+   ts(SimulateGaussianAR(phi, n = n, InnovationVariance = sigma))
+ }
> portest(Fit,test = "MahdiMcLeod", ncores = 4,
+   model=list(sim.model=sim.model,fit.model=fit.model),pkg.name="FitAR")

lags statistic      p-value
  5  5.984989 0.033966034
 10 10.036630 0.059940060
 15 21.447021 0.005994006
 20 31.810564 0.000999001
 25 38.761595 0.000999001
 30 43.936953 0.000999001

> SelectModel(log(lynx),lag.max=15,ARModel="ARp",Criterion="BIC",Best=1)

[1] 1 2 4 10 11

```

After that, we fit the subset autoregressive AR_(1,2,4,10,11) using the BIC and then we apply \mathcal{D}_m as before,

```

> FitsubsetAR <- function(data){
+   FitsubsetAR <- FitARp(data, c(1, 2, 4, 10, 11))
+   res <- FitsubsetAR$res
+   phiHat <- FitsubsetAR$phiHat
+   p <- length(phiHat)
+   sigsqHat <- FitsubsetAR$sigsqHat
+   list(res=res,order=p,phiHat=phiHat,sigsqHat=sigsqHat)
+ }
> SimsubsetARModel <- function(parSpec){
+   phi <- parSpec$phiHat
+   n <- length(parSpec$res)
+   sigma <- parSpec$sigsqHat
+   ts(SimulateGaussianAR(phi, n = n, InnovationVariance = sigma))
+ }
> Fitsubset <- FitsubsetAR(lynxData)
> MahdiMcLeod(Fitsubset)

```

lags	statistic	df	p-value
5	2.374225	0.0000000	NA
10	3.598248	0.0000000	NA
15	5.661285	0.6129032	0.008190694
20	8.590962	4.3658537	0.090004731
25	11.462473	8.1176471	0.184353957
30	13.900470	11.8688525	0.297764350

```
> portest(Fitsubset, test = "MahdiMcLeod", ncores = 4,
+ model=list(sim.model=SimsubsetARModel, fit.model=FitsubsetAR), pkg.name="FitAR")
```

lags	statistic	p-value
5	2.374225	0.3846154
10	3.598248	0.6923077
15	5.661285	0.7422577
20	8.590962	0.7112887
25	11.462473	0.6853147
30	13.900470	0.7042957

```
> detach(package:FitAR)
```

The Monte-Carlo version of the statistic \mathfrak{D}_m and its approximation asymptotic distribution suggest that the subset AR model is an adequate model.

5.2. Example 8

Consider again fitting a VAR(k), $k = 1, 3, 5$ model to the monthly log returns of the IBM stock and the S&P 500 index from January 1926 to December 2008 with 996 observations (Tsay 2010, chapter 8).

```
> data("IbmSp500")
> ibm <- log(IbmSp500[, 2] + 1) * 100
> sp5 <- log(IbmSp500[, 3] + 1) * 100
> z <- data.frame(cbind(ibm, sp5))
> FitIBMSP5001 <- ar.ols(z, aic = FALSE, intercept = TRUE, order.max = 1)
> MahdiMcLeod(FitIBMSP5001)
```

lags	statistic	df	p-value
5	30.94638	12.36364	0.002451865
10	54.96232	27.42857	0.001374481
15	71.92499	42.45161	0.003150107
20	92.18933	57.46341	0.002479329
25	113.50448	72.47059	0.001479682
30	131.84170	87.47541	0.001535085

```
> portest(FitIBMSP5001, test = "MahdiMcLeod", ncores = 4)
```

lags	statistic	p-value
5	30.94638	0.000999001
10	54.96232	0.001998002
15	71.92499	0.003996004
20	92.18933	0.002997003
25	113.50448	0.001998002
30	131.84170	0.000999001

```
> FitIBMSP5003 <- ar.ols(z, aic = FALSE, intercept = TRUE, order.max = 3)
> MahdiMcLeod(FitIBMSP5003)
```

lags	statistic	df	p-value
5	8.204407	4.363636	0.10439490
10	26.338795	19.428571	0.13491932
15	41.032583	34.451613	0.20425337
20	59.566550	49.463415	0.15389576
25	80.445483	64.470588	0.08650118
30	98.529183	79.475410	0.07256450

```
> portest(FitIBMSP5003, test = "MahdiMcLeod", ncores = 4)
```

lags	statistic	p-value
5	8.204407	0.02397602
10	26.338795	0.03896104
15	41.032583	0.09090909
20	59.566550	0.07592408
25	80.445483	0.04195804
30	98.529183	0.03596404

```
> FitIBMSP5005 <- ar.ols(z, aic = FALSE, intercept = TRUE, order.max = 5)
> MahdiMcLeod(FitIBMSP5005)
```

lags	statistic	df	p-value
5	0.1240808	0.00000	NA
10	7.6633386	11.42857	0.7738564
15	19.3087716	26.45161	0.8397923
20	35.8167000	41.46341	0.7178773
25	55.0094785	56.47059	0.5301989
30	71.9562981	71.47541	0.4618016

```
> portest(FitIBMSP5005, test = "MahdiMcLeod", ncores = 4)
```

lags	statistic	p-value
5	0.1240808	0.9210789
10	7.6633386	0.5814186
15	19.3087716	0.6113886
20	35.8167000	0.4315684
25	55.0094785	0.2467532
30	71.9562981	0.2157842

While the fitted VAR (1) model is rejected, the \mathfrak{D}_m test based on the asymptotic distribution suggests that the fitted VAR (3) and VAR (5) maybe consider to be an adequate model, whereas the Monte-Carlo version of this test is only supports the claim that the fitted VAR (5) is an adequate model.

5.3. Example 9

In this example, we consider the quarterly time series, 1960–1982, of West German investment, income, and consumption studied before.

We apply the statistic \mathfrak{D}_m on the fitted VAR (2) model based on the asymptotic distribution and the Monte-Carlo significance test,

```
> data("WestGerman")
> DiffData <- matrix(numeric(3 * 91), ncol = 3)
> for (i in 1:3) DiffData[, i] <- diff(log(WestGerman[, i]), lag = 1)
> FitWG <- ar.ols(DiffData, aic = FALSE, order.max = 2, intercept = FALSE)
> MahdiMcLeod(FitWG, lags = c(5, 10, 15))
```

lags	statistic	df	p-value
5	20.90960	18.81818	0.3310523
10	52.17337	52.71429	0.4951414
15	91.80348	86.51613	0.3283405

```
> portest(FitWG, lags=c(5, 10, 15), test="MahdiMcLeod", ncores=4)
```

lags	statistic	p-value
5	20.90960	0.2837163
10	52.17337	0.5624376
15	91.80348	0.5854146

After that we apply the MahdiMcLeod test on the squared residuals of the fitted VAR (2) model to check for heteroskedasticity,

```
> MahdiMcLeod(FitWG, lags = c(5, 10, 15), squared.residuals = TRUE)
```

lags	statistic	df	p-value
5	41.91791	18.81818	0.0016724112
10	85.20565	52.71429	0.0030577666
15	137.96484	86.51613	0.0003672143

```
> portest(FitWG, lags=c(5, 10, 15), test="MahdiMcLeod", squared.residuals=TRUE, ncores=4)
```

lags	statistic	p-value
5	41.91791	0.2967033
10	85.20565	0.2267732
15	137.96484	0.1318681

The asymptotic chi-square distribution of MahdiMcLeod test suggest that to reject that null hypothesis of constant variance, whereas the Monte-Carlo version does not show any heteroskedasticity.

5.4. Example 10

Consider again the econometric model of aggregate demand in the U.K. where we chose the Cn: Consumers' expenditure on durable goods series and the first model 1a as fitted by Prothero and Wallis (1976) in Table 1 to EconomicUK data.

```
> require("forecast")
> cd <- EconomicUK[,1]
> cd.fit <- Arima(cd,order=c(0,1,0),seasonal=list(order=c(0,1,1),period=4))
```

After fitting SARIMA (0,1,0)(0,1,1)₄, we apply the usual \mathfrak{D}_m test statistic as well as the seasonal version of \mathfrak{D}_m test statistic. The asymptotic distribution and the Monte-Carlo significance test suggest that the model is good.

```
> MahdiMcLeod(cd.fit,lags=c(5,10),season=1) ## Asympt. dist. for usual check
```

lags	statistic	df	p-value
5	1.700823	3.090909	0.6532001
10	3.714068	6.857143	0.7999453

```
> MahdiMcLeod(cd.fit,lags=c(5,10),season=4) ## Asympt. dist. for seasonal check
```

lags	statistic	df	p-value
5	0.6612291	3.090909	0.8918977
10	1.5718612	6.857143	0.9771575

```
> portest(cd.fit,lags=c(5,10),ncores=4) ## MC check for seasonality
```

lags	statistic	p-value
5	1.700823	0.6003996
10	3.714068	0.4795205

```
> detach(package:forecast)
```

6. Generalized Durbin-Watson test statistic

The classical test statistic that is very useful in diagnostic checking in time series regression and model selection is the Durbin-Watson statistic (Durbin and Watson 1950, 1951, 1971). This test statistic may be written as

$$d = \frac{\sum_{t=2}^n (\hat{e}_t - \hat{e}_{t-1})^2}{\sum_{t=1}^n \hat{e}_t^2}, \quad (9)$$

where $\hat{e}_t, t = 1, 2, \dots, n$ are the OLS residuals.

Under the null hypothesis of the absence of the autocorrelation of the disturbances, in particular at lag 1, the test statistic, d , is a linear combination of chi-squared variables and should be close to 2, whereas small values of d indicate positive correlation.

In econometric data, we have many cases in which the error distribution is not normal with a higher-order autocorrelation than AR(1) or the exogenous variables are nonstochastic where the dependent variable is in a lagged form as an independent variable. With these cases, the Durbin-Watson test statistic using the asymptotic distribution is no accurate. For such cases, we include, in our package **portes**, the two arguments `test = "other"` and `fn`, so that the Monte-carlo version of the generalized Durbin-Watson test statistic at lag ℓ can be calculated.

6.1. Example 11

Consider the annual U.S. macroeconomic data from the year 1963 to 1982 with two variables, `consumption`: the real consumption and `gnp`: the gross national product. Data was studied by [Greene \(1993, Chapter 7, p. 221, Table 7.7\)](#) and is available from the package **lmtest** ([Hothorn, Zeileis, Farebrother, Cummins, Millo, and Mitchell 2017](#)) under the name `USDistLag`.

First, we fit the distributed lag model as discussed in [Greene \(1993, Example 7.8\)](#) as follows,

$$\text{cons} \sim \text{gnp} + \text{cons1}$$

```
> # install.packages("lmtest") is needed
> require("lmtest")
> data("USDistLag")
> usdl <- stats::na.contiguous(cbind(USDistLag, lag(USDistLag, k = -1)))
> colnames(usdl) <- c("con", "gnp", "con1", "gnp1")
> fm1 <- lm(con ~ gnp + con1, data = usdl)
```

Then we write R code function `fn()` returns the generalized Durbin-Watson test statistic so that we can pass it to the argument `fn` inside the function `portest()`.

```
> fn <- function(obj,lags){
+   test.stat <- numeric(length(lags))
+   for (i in 1:length(lags))
+     test.stat[i] <- -sum(diff(obj,lag=lags[i])^2)/sum(obj^2)
+   test.stat
+ }
```

After that we apply the Monte-carlo version of the generalized Durbin-Watson test statistic at lags 1, 2, and 3, using the nonparametric bootstrap residual, which clearly detects a significant positive autocorrelation at lag 1.

```
> portest(fm1, lags=1:3, test = "other", fn = fn, ncores = 4, innov.dist= "bootstrap")
```

lags	statistic	p-value
1	1.356622	0.03096903
2	2.245157	0.73426573
3	2.488189	0.92907093

When residual autocorrelation is detected, sometimes simply taking first or second differences is all that is needed to remove the effect of autocorrelation (McLeod, Yu, and Mahdi 2012).

```
> fm2 <- lm(con ~ gnp + con1, data = diff(usdl,differences=1))
```

After differencing, the Monte-Carlo version of the Durbin-Watson test statistic fail to reject the null hypothesis of no autocorrelation and suggest that the differencing model is an adequate one.

```
> portest(fm2, lags=1:3, test = "other", fn = fn, ncores = 4, innov.dist= "bootstrap")
```

```
lags statistic  p-value
  1  2.346099  0.7192807
  2  1.404779  0.1838162
  3  1.335600  0.2327672
```

```
> detach(package:lmtest)
```

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