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**Description** Implements parameter estimation using a Bayesian approach for Multivariate Threshold Autoregressive (MTAR) models with missing data using Markov Chain Monte Carlo methods. Performs the simulation of MTAR processes (mtarsim()), estimation of matrix parameters and the threshold values (mtarns()), identification of the autoregressive orders using Bayesian variable selection (mtarstr()), identification of the number of regimes using Metropolised Carlin and Chib (mtarnumreg()) and estimate missing data, coefficients and covariance matrices conditional on the autoregressive orders, the threshold values and the number of regimes (mtarmissing()). Calderon and Nieto (2017) <doi:10.1080/03610926.2014.990758>.

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autoplot	<i>Create a complete ggplot appropriate to a particular data type</i>
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## Description

autoplot uses ggplot2 to draw a particular plot for an object of a particular class in a single command. This defines the S3 generic that other classes and packages can extend.

## Usage

```
autoplot(object, ...)
```

## Arguments

object	an object, whose class will determine the behaviour of autoplot
...	other arguments passed to specific methods

**Value**

a ggplot object

**See Also**

[autolayer\(\)](#), [ggplot\(\)](#) and [fortify\(\)](#)

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autoplot.regime\_missing

*regime\_missing* object ggplot for the outputs on the function outputs  
*mtarmissing*

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**Description**

Produces a ggplot object for the results of the mtarmissing function.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'regime_missing'  
autoplot(object, type = 1,...)
```

**Arguments**

object	Object of class “regim_missing”. Not NULL
type	character string giving the type of plot to be computed. Allowed values are 1 for "Missing data (Yt) chains" (the default) or 2 for “Missing data (Ut = [Zt,Xt]) chains”.
...	other arguments passed to specific methods

**Details**

Graph the strings for the outputs corresponding to the functions “mtarmissing” which return an object of class “regim\_missing”. The chains corresponding to the samplings in each case do not contain the burning period.

**Value**

Return a ggplot object.

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**References**

Calderon, S. and Nieto, F. (2017) *Bayesian analysis of multivariate threshold autoregress models with missing data*. Communications in Statistics - Theory and Methods 46 (1):296–318. doi:10.1080/03610926.2014.990758

**See Also**

[mtarmissing](#)

**Examples**

```
library(ggplot2)
data('missingest')
autoplot.regime_missing(missingest,1)
```

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autoplot.regime\_model *regime\_model* object ggplot for the outputs on the function outputs  
mtarns and mtastr

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**Description**

Produces a ggplot object for the results of the mtarns and mtarstr functions.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'regime_model'
autoplot(object, type = 1,...)
```

**Arguments**

object	Object of class “regime_model”. Not NULL
type	character string giving the type of plot to be computed. Allowed values are 1 for “Thresholds chains” (the default), 2 for “Sigma chains”, 3 for “Theta chains”, 4 for “Gamma chains” or 5 for “Output process fit”
...	other arguments passed to specific methods

**Details**

Graph the strings for the outputs corresponding to the functions “mtarns” and “mtarstr” which return an object of class “regime\_model”. The chains corresponding to the samplings in each case do not contain the burning period.

**Value**

Return a ggplot object.

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**See Also**

[mtarns](#), [mtarstr](#)

**Examples**

```
library(ggplot2)
data("datasim")
data = datasim$Sim$Zt
parameters = list(l = 1, orders = list(pj = 1))
initial = mtarinipars(tsregime_obj = tsregime(data),
                    list_model = list(pars = parameters))
estim1 = mtarns(ini_obj = initial, niter = 500, chain = TRUE)

autoplot.regime_model(estim1, 2)
autoplot.regime_model(estim1, 3)

autoplot.regime_model(estim1, 5)
```

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autoplot.tsregime      *tsregime object ggplot for the outputs on the function tsregime*

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**Description**

Produces a ggplot object for the results of the tsregime function.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'tsregime'
autoplot(object, type = 1, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	Object of class “tsregime”.
type	character string giving the type of plot to be computed. Allowed values are 1 for “Output process” (the default), 2 for “Threshold process”, 3 for “Covariate process”
...	other arguments passed to specific methods

**Details**

Graph for the stochastic processes of the object \code{tsregime} for: Output process and if they exist for: Threshold process and Covariates process. In the case that there are missing data, a red line is drawn at the indicated time.

**Value**

Return a ggplot object.

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**See Also**

[tsregime](#)

**Examples**

```
data("datasim")
yt = datasim$Sim
Yt = yt$Yt
Zt = yt$Zt
data = tsregime(Yt,Zt)
autoplot.tsregime(data)
```

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auto\_mtar

*Estimation of a MTAR model for some data*

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**Description**

Compute by Bayesian methodology a MTAR model for some data

**Usage**

```
auto_mtar(Yt, Zt = NULL, Xt = NULL, l0_min = 2, l0_max = 3,
maxorders = list(pj = 2,qj = 0,dj = 0),
niter = 3000, chain = FALSE, method = 'KUO',parallel = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

Yt	matrix type object, observed process. Not NULL
Zt	matrix type object, threshold process. Default NULL
Xt	matrix type object, covariate process. Default NULL
l0_min	numeric type between 1 and 4, number of regimes minimum to consider. Default 2
l0_max	numeric type between 1 and 4, number of regimes maximum to consider. Default 3
maxorders	list type object with names (pj,qj,dj), maximum lags consider for the processes in each regime. Default pj = 2, qj = 0,dj = 0
niter	numeric type, number of runs for every estimation. Default 3000



**Format**

Object with class `mtarsim`

**Source**

R Simulate

**References**

Calderon, S. and Nieto, F. (2017) *Bayesian analysis of multivariate threshold autoregress models with missing data*. Communications in Statistics - Theory and Methods 46 (1):296–318. doi:10.1080/03610926.2014.990758

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datasim_miss	<i>Multivariate threshold autoregressive process simulation with missing data</i>
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**Description**

simulated MTAR process with missing data

**Usage**

```
data(datasim)
```

**Format**

Object with class `mtarsim`

**Source**

R Simulate

**References**

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<i>datasim_numreg</i>	<i>Multivariate threshold autoregressive process simulation for estimate number of regimes</i>
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**Description**

object of class “regime\_number”

**Usage**

`data(datasim_numreg)`

**Format**

Object with class `regime_number`

**Source**

R Simulate

**References**

Calderon, S. and Nieto, F. (2017) *Bayesian analysis of multivariate threshold autoregress models with missing data*. *Communications in Statistics - Theory and Methods* 46 (1):296–318. doi:10.1080/03610926.2014.990758

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<i>diagnostic_mtar</i>	<i>Residual diagnosis for model MTAR</i>
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**Description**

Tests to help evaluate some assumptions about the MTAR model. calculating some tests and graphs.

**Usage**

`diagnostic_mtar(regime_model, lagmax = NULL, alpha = '0.05')`

**Arguments**

<code>regime_model</code>	Object of class “regime_model”. Not NULL
<code>lagmax</code>	maximum lag at which to calculate the acf and pacf. Default NULL
<code>alpha</code>	level of significance for the graphs, should take values in <code>c('0.10', '0.05', '0.025', '0.01', '0.005')</code> . Default '0.05'

**Details**

For the graphical tests it returns: “Residuals plot” and “Residuals density plot” (overlaps a standard normal density), “Residuals plot” and “Residuals plot”, “CUSUM” statistic for residuals, “ACF” and “PACF” plots for residuals series.

**Value**

Returns a list of ggplot objects with the graphics mentioned before.

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**Examples**

```
library(ggplot2)
data("datasim")
data = datasim$Sim$Z
parameters = list(l = 1, orders = list(pj = 1))
initial = mtarinipars(tsregime_obj = tsregime(data),
                    list_model = list(pars = parameters))
estim1 = mtarns(ini_obj = initial, niter = 500, chain = TRUE, burn = 500)
diagnostic_mtar(estim1)
```

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dmnormB

*Multivariate normal density using Brobdingnag class*


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**Description**

Compute multivariate normal density with class Brobdingnag objects.

**Usage**

```
dmnormB(x, mean, sigma)
```

**Arguments**

x	numeric type object, value to compute the density of multivariate normal distribution. Not NULL
mean	numeric type, mean of multivariate normal distribution. Not NULL
sigma	matrix type object, covariance parameter of multivariate normal distribution. Not NULL

**Value**

object class Brobdingnag

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dwishartB	<i>Wishart density using Brobdingnag class</i>
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**Description**

Compute Wishart density with class Brobdingnag objects.

**Usage**

```
dwishartB(x, nu, S)
```

**Arguments**

x	matrix type object, value to compute the density of Wishart distribution. Not NULL
nu	numeric type, degrees of freedom. Not NULL
S	matrix type object, parameter of Wishart distribution. Not NULL

**Value**

object class Brobdingnag

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hydrodata	<i>Hydrological data of Colombia</i>
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**Description**

Diary rainfall (in mm) and the diary river flow (in m<sup>3</sup>/s) of two rivers where a river empties into the other one in a region of department of Cauca in Colombia.

**Usage**

```
data(hydrodata)
```

**Format**

```
data.frame
```

**Source**

IDEAM, the oficial Colombian agency for hydrological and meteorological studies

**References**

Calderon, S. and Nieto, F. (2017) *Bayesian analysis of multivariate threshold autoregress models with missing data*. Communications in Statistics - Theory and Methods 46 (1):296–318. doi:10.1080/03610926.2014.990758

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lists_ind	<i>Create indicator vector for the regimen of each observation</i>
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**Description**

From a threshold variable and the corresponding processes calculate a vector indicating the number of the regime of each observation.

**Usage**

```
lists_ind(r,Zt,l,...)
```

**Arguments**

r	value for the threshold variable
Zt	threshold processes univariate
l	number of regimes
...	other arguments passed to specific methods

**Value**

Vector of length N indicating the number of the regime of each observation

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missingest	<i>simulated data</i>
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**Description**

results example missing data estimation process for a mtar process

**Usage**

```
data(missingest)
```

**Format**

Object whit class mtar\_missing

**Source**

R Simulation

## References

Calderon, S. and Nieto, F. (2017) *Bayesian analysis of multivariate threshold autoregress models with missing data*. Communications in Statistics - Theory and Methods 46 (1):296–318. doi: 10.1080/03610926.2014.990758.

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mtaregime                      *Object class “regime” creation*

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## Description

Create an object of class “regime” given nonstructural and structural parameters for each regime.

## Usage

```
mtaregime(orders = list(p = 1, q = 0, d = 0), cs = NULL, Phi,
Beta = NULL, Delta = NULL, Sigma)
```

## Arguments

orders	list type object with names (p,q,d), number of lags of Yt, Xt and Zt, respectively. Default p = 1, q = 0, d = 0
cs	matrix type object, the constant term of the regime specification. Default NULL
Phi	list type object with names (phi1, ..., phip), each one a matrix ( $k \times k$ ) type object autoregressive specification. Not NULL
Beta	list type object with names (beta1, ..., betaq), each one a matrix ( $k \times \nu$ ) type object covariate parameters specification Default NULL
Delta	list type object with names (delta1, ..., deltad), each one a matrix ( $k \times 1$ ) type object parameter specification of Threshold process. Default NULL
Sigma	a positive-definite symmetric matrix ( $k \times k$ ), specification of errors covariate matrix. Not NULL

## Details

Causes creation of the object class “regime”. Sigma matrix corresponds to  $\Sigma$  (root of the covariance matrix). When cs is not specified or only matrices are delivered for some lags, the function assumes unspecified 0 (matrix). Rows number in the Phi, Beta and Delta matrix should be the same (k dimension of variables in Yt).

## Value

Return list type object of class “regime” with the values of the arguments

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## References

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## See Also

[mtarsim](#)

## Examples

```
# Creation of parameters for regimen with orders = c(2,1,1), nu = 1 y k = 2.
## previous objects
orders = list(p = 2,q = 1,d = 1)
Phi = list(phi2 = matrix(c(0.1,0.6,-0.4,0.5),2,2, byrow = TRUE))
Beta = list(beta1 = matrix(c(0.3,-0.4),2, 1))
Delta = list(delta1 = matrix(c(0.6,1),2,1))
Sigma = matrix(c(1,0.6,0.6,1.5),2,2,byrow = TRUE)
cs = matrix(c(1,-1),nrow = 2)
## creacion de la clase regime
Ri = mtaregime(orders = orders,Phi = Phi,Beta = Beta,Delta = Delta,
Sigma = Sigma,cs = cs)
class(Ri)
```

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mtarinipars

*Organization and check model specification*

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## Description

Model specification of data, known or unknown parameters and its prior distributions

## Usage

```
mtarinipars(tsregime_obj, list_model = list(pars = list(l = 2,
orders = list(pj = c(1,1), qj = c(0,0), dj = c(0,0)), r = NULL, Sigma = NULL),
orders = NULL,l0_min = NULL,l0_max = NULL), method = NULL, theta_prior = NULL,
sigma_prior = NULL,gamma_prior = NULL, r_prior = NULL)
```

## Arguments

tsregime_obj	class “tsregime” object. Not NULL
list_model	list type object with at least one of the names (pars, orders, l0). {pars: list type object with one of the names (l, orders, r, Sigma) for parameters of the model known (l: number of regimes of the model (not known use l0). Default 2 orders:list type object with names (pj,qj,dj) each a vector of length l, specificate lags orders in each regime. Default list(pj = c(1,1), qj = c(0,0), dj = c(0,0)) r: threshold value. Default NULL

	<p>Sigma: list type object with names (R1, ..., Rl) each a matrix type object, specification of error covariate matrix. Default NULL)</p> <p>orders: list type object with names (pj,qj,dj) each a vector of length l,specificate maximum lags orders in each regime if not known. Default NULL</p> <p>l0_min: numeric type, number minimum of regimes to consider for the model if not known. Default NULL</p> <p>l0_max: numeric type, number maximum of regimes to consider for the model if not known. Default NULL }</p>
method	character type object, if orders not known or enter l0 it must be one “KUO” or “SSVS”, when known it is not necessary. Default NULL
theta_prior	list type object with names (R1, ..., Rl), each one a list type object with at least one of the names (theta0j,cov0j)(if method “SSVS” (theta0j,cov0j,Cij,Tauij,R)),specification of mean and covariate matrix of the prior distribution for $\theta$ parameter. Default NULL
sigma_prior	list type object with names (R1, ..., Rl), each one a list type object with at least one of the names (S0j,nu0j) specification of matrix and degrees of freedom of the prior distribution for $\Sigma$ parameter. Default NULL
gamma_prior	list type object with names (R1, ..., Rl), each one a vector of prior probabilities for $\gamma$ parameter. Default NULL
r_prior	list type object with at least one name (za, zb, val_rmh), each one a numeric type object with the minimum, maximum value for r and its parameter for Metropolis-Hasting respectively. Default NULL

## Details

list\_model its a easy way to identify what need to be estimated in the MTAR model. First, pars refers to known parameters in the model like “l” number of regimes, “orders” lags for output, covariate and threshold processes, “r” threshold value and “Sigma” covariance error matrix for each regime. Also when lags orders or l0 are unknown this could be added to this list. Second, in order to identify autoregressive orders in MTAR models, two methods for stochastic search are selected because it permits us that the estimation is done in only one step. The first method, called Kuo and Mallick (Kuo), was introduced in (Kuo & Mallick, 1998) for variable selection in regression models. The second one was proposed in (George & McCulloch, 1993) and it is called Stochastic Search Variable Selection (SSVS). Then “method” refers to one of this two for estimating structural parameters of the MTAR model. Third, all related to prior distributions of our parameters of interest

$$\theta_j \sim N(\theta_{0j}, \Sigma_{0j}) \text{ in Regime } j \text{ and } \theta_j = \text{vec}(A_j) A_j = [\Phi_0 \Phi_1 : p\beta_1 : q\delta_1 : d]$$

$$\Sigma_j \sim W(S_{0j}, \nu_{0j})$$

$$\gamma_{ij} \sim \text{Ber}(p_{ij}) \text{ where } i = 1, \dots, k * p_j + nu * q_j + d$$

$$r \sim U(za, zb) \text{ and its proposal for MH algorithm } U(-val_rmh, val_rmh)$$

## Value

Return a list type object of class “regime\_inipars”

tsregime\_obj = tsregime\_obj

```

pars          = list_model$pars
orders        = list_model$orders or list_model$pars$orders
method        = method
init$r        = r_prior
init$Theta    = theta_prior
init$Sigma    = sigma_prior
init$Gamma    = gamma_prior

```

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### Examples

```

data("datasim")
tsregime_obj = datasim$Sim
# for estimate non-structural parameters:
# mtarns: 1 always known,
# Sigma = NULL = list(R1,R2) can be known, r = NULL can be known
# Sigma and r known
parameters = list(l = length(datasim$Reg),
Sigma = list(R1 = datasim$Reg$R1$sigma,R2 = datasim$Reg$R2$sigma),
r = tsregime_obj$r,
orders = list(pj = datasim$pj, qj = datasim$qj, dj = datasim$dj))
initpars_Sr = mtarinipars(tsregime_obj,list_model = list(pars = parameters))
#only r known
parameters = list(l = length(datasim$Reg),Sigma = NULL, r = tsregime_obj$r,
orders = list(pj = datasim$pj, qj = datasim$qj, dj = datasim$dj))
initpars_r = mtarinipars(tsregime_obj,list_model = list(pars = parameters))
#r and Sigma unknown
parameters = list(l = length(datasim$Reg),Sigma = NULL, r = NULL,
orders = list(pj = datasim$pj, qj = datasim$qj, dj = datasim$dj))
initpars = mtarinipars(tsregime_obj,list_model = list(pars = parameters))
# for estimate structural and non-structural parameters
# mtarstr: 1 always known
parameters = list(l = length(datasim$Reg))
orders = list(pj = c(2,2),dj = c(1,1))
initpars_KUO = mtarinipars(tsregime_obj,
list_model = list(pars = parameters,orders = orders),method = 'KUO')
initpars_SSVS = mtarinipars(tsregime_obj,
list_model = list(pars = parameters,orders = orders),method = 'SSVS')
# mtarnumreg l0_min or l0_max and method always
initpars_l = mtarinipars(tsregime_obj,list_model = list(l0_max = 3),method = 'KUO')

```



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mtarmissing	<i>Estimation of missing values of observed, covariate and threshold processes</i>
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### Description

Estimation using Bayesian methodology of missing values in observed(output), covariate and threshold processes.

### Usage

```
mtarmissing(ini_obj, niter = 1000, chain = FALSE, level = 0.95,
            burn = NULL, cU = 0.5, b = NULL)
```

### Arguments

ini_obj	class “regime_inipars” object, here specificate in pars: l, orders and r known. Not NULL
niter	numeric type, number of runs of MCMC. Default 1000
chain	logical type, if return chains of parameters. Default FALSE
level	numeric type, confident interval for estimations. Default 0.95
burn	numeric type, number of initial runs. Default NULL (10% of niter)
cU	numeric type, coefficient of the diagonal covariance matrix of process $U_t = (Z_t, X_t)$ . Default 0.5
b	numeric type greater or equal 1, autoregressive order of $U_t = (Z_t, X_t)$ . Default NULL meaning 1

### Details

The MTAR model

$$Y_t = \phi_0^{(j)} + \sum_{i=1}^{p_j} \phi_i^{(j)} Y_{t-i} + \sum_{i=1}^{q_j} \beta_i^{(j)} X_{t-i} + \sum_{i=1}^{d_j} \delta_i^{(j)} Z_{t-i} + \Sigma_{(j)}^{1/2} \epsilon_t \text{ if } r_{j-1} < Z_t \leq r_j,$$

is written into a state space model with regime-switching where the matrices depend on the threshold variable. In order to estimate the missing data in the observed vector  $Y_t$ , it is necessary to obtain samples of the full conditional distribution of the state vector  $\alpha_t$ , for all times  $t = 1, \dots, T$  using Kalman Filter. It is assumed that the process  $U_t = (X_t, Z_t)$  is a Markov chain, and in order to get samples of the full conditional distribution of  $U_t, t = 1, \dots, T$ , it is supposed that kernel and initial distribution are Gaussian for simplicity. However, in the next updates, we are going to get flexibility at this point.

### Value

Return list type object of class “regime\_missing”

tsregime	ini_obj\$tsregime_obj with estimated observations
estimates	confident interval and mean of estimated missing values
Chain	if chain TRUE, chains of the estimated missing values

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**Examples**

```
data("datasim")
yt = datasim$Sim
# some missing data
data_yt = yt$Yt
data_zt = yt$Zt
posNA = sample(c(1:500),8)
data_yt[c(posNA),] = c(NA,NA)
posNA = sample(c(1:500),8)
data_zt[c(posNA)] = NA
data_final = tsregime(data_yt,data_zt,r = yt$r)
autoplot.tsregime(data_final,1)
autoplot.tsregime(data_final,2)

initial = mtarinipars(tsregime_obj = data_final,
list_model = list(pars = list(l = 2,r = datasim$Sim$r,
orders = list(pj = c(1,1), qj = c(0,0),dj = c(0,0))))))

missingest = mtarmissing(ini_obj = initial,chain = TRUE,
niter = 500,burn = 500)
print(missingest)
autoplot.regime_missing(missingest,1)
datasim$Sim$Yt[is.na(data_yt[,1]),]
missingest$tsregime$Yt[is.na(data_yt[,1]),]
```

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mtarNAIC

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*Compute NAIC of a MTAR model*


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**Description**

Compute the Non-linear Akaike information criterion (NAIC) of a “regime\_model” class object.

**Usage**

```
mtarNAIC(regimemodel)
```

**Arguments**

regimemodel     object of class “regime\_model”

## Details

Estimation of thresholds was made before starting the Bayesian procedure via the Non-linear Akaike information criterion (NAIC) (Tong, 1990), in MTAR model. The NAIC for a MTAR model with  $l$  regimes is:

$$NAIC = \sum_{j=1}^l AIC_j(r) / \sum_{j=1}^l N_j$$

$$AIC_j(r) = N_j \ln(|S_j/N_j|) + 2k\eta_j$$

$N_j$ : number of observations in each regime.

$$S_j = \sum_{t:j_t=j} (y_t - YP)'(y_t - YP)$$

$$YP = \Phi_0^{(j)} + \sum_{i=1}^{p_j} \Phi_i^{(j)} Y_{t-i} + \sum_{i=1}^{q_j} \beta_i^{(j)} X_{t-i} + \sum_{i=1}^{d_j} \delta_i^{(j)} Z_{t-i}$$

## Value

Return a list type object:

AICj	numeric type, AIC for each regime
NAIC	numeric type, NAIC value

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## Examples

```
data("datasim")
data = datasim
# Estimate number of regimes with NAIC
initial1 = mtarinipars(tsregime_obj = data$Sim,
list_model = list(pars = list(l = 2,
orders = list(pj = c(1,1),dj = c(1,1)), r = 0.2)))
estruc1 = mtarns(ini_obj = initial1,niter = 100,chain = TRUE,burn = 100)

initial2 = mtarinipars(tsregime_obj = data$Sim,
list_model = list(pars = list(l = 2,
orders = list(pj = c(1,1),dj = c(1,1)), r = 0.3)))
estruc2 = mtarns(ini_obj = initial2,niter = 100,chain = TRUE,burn = 100)
#NAIC
mtarNAIC(estruc1)
mtarNAIC(estruc2)
```

mtarns

*Estimation of non-structural parameters for MTAR model***Description**

Bayesian method for estimating non-structural parameters of a MTAR model with prior conjugate.

**Usage**

```
mtarns(ini_obj, level = 0.95, burn = NULL, niter = 1000,
       chain = FALSE, r_init = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

ini_obj	class “regime_inipars” object, here specificate l and orders known, might know r or Sigma. Not NULL. Default l = 2, orders = list(pj = c(2,2))
level	numeric type, confident interval for estimations. Default 0.95
burn	numeric type, number of initial runs. Default NULL (30% of niter)
niter	numeric type, number of runs of MCMC. Default 1000
chain	logical type, if return chains of parameters. Default FALSE
r_init	numeric type of length l - 1. If r not known, starting value of the chain. Default NULL

**Details**

Based on the equation of the Multivariate Threshold Autoregressive(MTAR) Model

$$Y_t = \phi_0^{(j)} + \sum_{i=1}^{p_j} \phi_i^{(j)} Y_{t-i} + \sum_{i=1}^{q_j} \beta_i^{(j)} X_{t-i} + \sum_{i=1}^{d_j} \delta_i^{(j)} Z_{t-i} + \Sigma_{(j)}^{1/2} \epsilon_t \text{ if } r_{j-1} < Z_t \leq r_j,$$

where process  $\{\epsilon_t\}$  is a k-variate independent Gaussian process,  $\{Y_t\}$  is k-variate process,  $\{X_t\}$  is a  $\nu$ -variate process. The function implements Bayesian estimation of non-structural parameters of each regime  $j(\phi_0^{(j)}, \phi_i^{(j)}, \beta_i^{(j)}, \delta_i^{(j)} \text{ and } \Sigma_{(j)}^{1/2})$  is carried out. The structural parameters: Number of Regimes(l), Thresholds( $r_1, \dots, r_{l-1}$ ), and autoregressive orders( $p_j, q_j, d_j$ ) must be known. Prior distributions were selected in order to get conjugate distributions.

**Value**

Return a list type object of class “regime\_model”

Nj	number of observations in each regime
estimates	list for each regime with confident interval and mean value of the parameters
regime	“regime” class objects with final estimations
Chain	if chain TRUE list type object with parameters chains
fitted.values	matrix type object with fitted.values of the estimated model
residuals	matrix type object with residuals of the estimated model

logLikj	log-likelihood of each regime with final estimations
data	list type object \$Yt and \$Ut = (Zt,Xt)
r	final threshold value with acceptance percentage or r if known
orders	list type object with names (pj,qj,dj) known

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### Examples

```
data("datasim")
data = datasim
#r known
parameters = list(l = 2,
                  orders = list(pj = c(1,1)),
                  r = data$Sim$r)
initial = mtarinipars(tsregime_obj = data$Sim,
                    list_model = list(pars = parameters))

estim1 = mtarns(ini_obj = initial,niter = 1000,chain = TRUE)
print.regime_model(estim1)
autoplot.regime_model(estim1,2)
autoplot.regime_model(estim1,3)
autoplot.regime_model(estim1,5)
diagnostic_mtar(estim1)

#r unknown
parameters = list(l = 2,orders = list(pj = c(1,1)))
initial = mtarinipars(tsregime_obj = data$Sim,
                    list_model = list(pars = parameters))

estim2 = mtarns(ini_obj = initial,niter = 500,chain = TRUE)
print.regime_model(estim2)
autoplot.regime_model(estim2,1)
autoplot.regime_model(estim2,2)
autoplot.regime_model(estim2,3)
autoplot.regime_model(estim2,5)
diagnostic_mtar(estim2)
```

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 mtar\_numreg

*Estimation of the number of regimes in a MTAR model*


---

### Description

Compute estimation of number of regimes by NAIC or Carlin and Chib methodology for a MTAR model

### Usage

```
mtar_numreg(ini_obj, level = 0.95, burn_m = NULL, niter_m = 1000,
  iterprev = 500, chain_m = FALSE, list_m = FALSE,
  NAIC = FALSE, ordersprev = list(maxpj = 2, maxqj = 0, maxdj = 0),
  parallel = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

ini_obj	class “regime_inipars” object, here specificate l0_min, l0_max and method. Not NULL. Default l0_min = 2, l0_max = 3, method = 'KUO'
level	numeric type, confident interval for estimations. Default 0.95
burn_m	numeric type, number of initial runs. Default NULL (10% of niter)
niter_m	numeric type, number of runs of MCMC. Default 1000
iterprev	numeric type, number of runs for pseudo values. Default 500
chain_m	logical type, if return chains of parameters. Default FALSE
list_m	logical type, if return list of regimes considered. Default FALSE
NAIC	logical type, if return estimation of number of regimes by NAIC (not run Carlin and Chip for l). Default FALSE
ordersprev	list type object with names (maxpj,maxqj,maxdj), maximum number of lags of each process consider in the pseudo values for each number of regimes considered . Default maxpj = 2,maxqj = 0, maxdj = 0
parallel	logical type, if package parallel should be used. Default FALSE

### Details

Two proposals to identify or estimate the number of regimes l are implemented. Metropolised Carlin and Chib methodology takes into account the changing dimension in the parameter vector when the number of regimes changes, that proposal is Bayesian model selection. Other methodology consists in calculating the information criterion NAIC.

### Value

Return a list type object of class “regime\_number”

tsregime	ini_obj\$tsregime_obj
list_m	if list_m TRUE list of models considered

m\_chain           if chain\_m TRUE chains of m  
 estimates        table of the proportions of m estimated  
 final\_m          numeric type, final number of regimes estimated  
  
 If NAIC TRUE  
  
 tsregime         ini\_obj\$tsregime\_obj  
 list\_m           list of consider models  
 NAIC            list type of NAIC for each considered model  
 NAIC\_final\_m    numeric type, final number of regimes by this criteria

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### Examples

```

data("datasim")
data = datasim
initial = mtarinipars(tsregime_obj = data$Sim,
list_model = list(l0_max = 3),method = 'KU0')

estim = mtar_numreg(ini_obj = initial,iterprev = 500,niter_m = 500,
burn_m = 500, list_m = TRUE,ordersprev = list(maxpj = 2))
estim$final_m
  
```

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 mtarsim

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*Multivariate threshold autoregressive process simulation*


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### Description

Given an list object of the class “regime” (length = 1) with the model specification simulates N observations for a MTAR (Multivariate threshold autoregressive process) process.

### Usage

```
mtarsim(N, Rg, r = NULL, Xt = NULL, Zt = NULL, seed = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

N	numeric type greater than 0. Number of observation to simulate. Not NULL
Rg	list type object of length l number of regimes of the process with names (R1, ..., Rl), each a class “regime” object. Not NULL
r	numeric type of length l - 1, threshold value (within the range of Z_t). Default NULL
Xt	matrix (Nxv) type object, covariate process (admit NA values). Default NULL
Zt	matrix (Nx1) type object, threshold process (admit NA values). Default NULL
seed	numeric type, set a seed for simulation

**Details**

Given a list of length l of object of class “regime” (model specification), it simulates observations of a MTAR process (\$ Sim) and returns them an object of the class “mtarsim”. We have an MTAR process is given by:

$$Y_t = \Phi_{0(j)} + \sum_{i=1}^{p_j} \Phi_i^{(j)} Y_{t-i} + \sum_{i=1}^{q_j} \beta_i^{(j)} X_{t-i} + \sum_{i=1}^{d_j} \delta_i^{(j)} Z_{t-i} + \Sigma_{(j)}^{1/2} \epsilon_t$$

$$if r_{j-1} < Z_t \leq r_j$$

The simulation has 100 burn observations to stabilize the process. It is possible to simulate univariate (TAR, SETAR, etc.) or multivariate (VAR) processes, properly specifying the regime type object according to the model.

**Value**

Return a list type object of class “mtarsim”:

Sim	object class “tsregime”
Reg	list type object with names (R1, ..., Rl) each one class “regime”
pj	vector of autoregressive orders in each regime
qj	vector of covariate lags orders in each regime
dj	vector of lags orders of threshold process in each regime

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**See Also**

[mtaregime](#), [mtarns](#), [mtarstr](#), [mtarmissing](#), [mtarnumreg](#)



**Examples**

```

## get Ut data process
Tlen = 500
Sigma_ut = 2
Phi_ut = list(phi1 = 0.3)
R_ut = list(R1 = mtaregime(orders = list(p = 1,q = 0,d = 0),Phi = Phi_ut,Sigma = Sigma_ut))
Ut = mtarsim(N = Tlen,Rg = R_ut,seed = 124)
Zt = Ut$Sim$Yt

# Yt process
k = 2
## R1 regime
Phi_R1 = list(phi1 = matrix(c(0.1,0.6,-0.4,0.5),k,k,byrow = TRUE))
Sigma_R1 = matrix(c(1,0,0,1),k,k,byrow = TRUE)
R1 = mtaregime(orders = list(p = 1,q = 0,d = 0),Phi = Phi_R1,Sigma = Sigma_R1)
## R2 regime
Phi_R2 = list(phi1 = matrix(c(0.3,0.5,0.2,0.7),2,2,byrow = TRUE))
Sigma_R2 = matrix(c(2.5,0.5,0.5,1),2,2,byrow = TRUE)
R2 = mtaregime(orders = list(p = 1,q = 0,d = 0),
Phi = Phi_R2,Sigma = Sigma_R2)
## create list of regime-type objects
Rg = list(R1 = R1,R2 = R2)
r = 0.3

# get the simulation
datasim = mtarsim(N = Tlen,Rg = Rg,r = r,Zt = Zt,seed = 124)
autoplot.tsregime(datasim$Sim,1)
autoplot.tsregime(datasim$Sim,2)

```

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mtarstr

*Estimation of structural parameters of MTAR model*


---

**Description**

Estimate structural and non-structural parameters of a MTAR model when the number of regimes is fixed.

**Usage**

```

mtarstr(ini_obj, level = 0.95, niter = 1000, burn = NULL, chain = FALSE,
r_init = NULL, parallel = FALSE)

```

**Arguments**

ini_obj	class “regime_inipars” object, here specificate in pars: l known, orders not known. Not NULL. Default for l = 2, orders = list(pj = c(2,2)) and method = ‘Kuo’
level	numeric type, confident interval for estimations. Default 0.95

burn	numeric type, number of initial runs. Default NULL (30% of niter)
niter	numeric type, number of runs of MCMC. Default 1000
chain	logical type, if return chains of parameters. Default FALSE
r_init	numeric type of length $l - 1$ . If r not known, starting value of the chain. Default NULL
parallel	logical type, if package parallel should be used. Default FALSE

### Details

If the number of regimes  $l$  is known or fixed, we can estimate other structural parameters of the MTAR model: Thresholds( $r_1, \dots, r_{l-1}$ ), and autoregressive orders( $p_j, q_j, d_j$ ). Of course, the non-structural parameters are also estimated. The problem of estimation the autoregressive orders is addressed to the problem of Bayesian variable selection in regression using Gibbs Variable selection(GVS) or Kuo and Mallick Methodologies. Samples of the full conditional distribution for Threshold values are extracted using Random Walk Metropolis-Hastings Algorithm.

### Value

Return a list type object of class “regime\_model”

Nj	number of observations in each regime
estimates	list for each regime with confident interval and mean value of the parameters
regime	“regime” class objects with final estimations
Chain	if chain TRUE list type object with parameters chains
fitted.values	matrix type object with fitted.values of the estimated model
residuals	matrix type object with residuals of the estimated model
logLikj	log-likelihood of each regime with final estimations
data	list type object \$Yt and \$Ut = (Zt,Xt)
r	final threshold value estimation with acceptance percentage
orders	list type object with names (pj,qj,dj) final estimations

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**Examples**

```
data("datasim")
data = datasim
# KUO method
initial = mtarinipars(tsregime_obj = data$Sim,method = 'KUO',
list_model = list(pars = list(l = 2),orders = list(pj = c(2,2))))

estruc = mtarstr(ini_obj = initial,niter = 500,chain = TRUE)
autoplot.regime_model(estruc,1)
autoplot.regime_model(estruc,2)
autoplot.regime_model(estruc,3)
autoplot.regime_model(estruc,4)
autoplot.regime_model(estruc,5)

# method can also be 'SSVS'
```

---

print

*print an object appropriate to a particular data type*

---

**Description**

print a particular output for an object of a particular class in a single command. This defines the S3 generic that other classes and packages can extend.

**Usage**

```
print(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	an object, whose class will determine the behaviour of autoplot
...	other arguments passed to specific methods

**Value**

print an output

---

print.regime\_missing *Print estimates of a regime\_missing object of the function output mtarmissing*

---

### Description

Print estimates output of mtarmissing function.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'regime_missing'  
print(object, ...)
```

### Arguments

object            Object of class “regime\_model”. Not NULL  
...                Other plotting parameters to affect the plot.

### Details

Print the estimates for the outputs corresponding to the function “mtarmissing” which return an object of class “regime\_missing”.

### Value

Return to console.

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### See Also

[mtarmissing](#)

### Examples

```
data('missingest')  
print.regime_missing(missingest)
```

---

```
print.regime_model      print regime_model object for the function outputs mtarns and mtarstr
```

---

### Description

Print estimates for the results of the mtarns and mtarstr functions.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'regime_model'  
print(object, ...)
```

### Arguments

object	Object of class “regime_model”. Not NULL
...	Other print parameters that affect.

### Details

Print estimates outputs corresponding to functions “mtarns” and “mtarstr” which return an object of class “regime\_model”.

### Value

Return to console.

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### References

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### See Also

[mtarns](#), [mtarstr](#)

### Examples

```
data("datasim")  
data = datasim$Sim$Zt  
parameters = list(l = 1, orders = list(pj = 1))  
initial = mtarinipars(tsregime_obj = tsregime(data),  
                     list_model = list(pars = parameters))  
estim1 = mtarns(ini_obj = initial, niter = 500, chain = TRUE, burn = 500)  
print.regime_model(estim1)
```

---

print.regime\_number     *print regime\_number object for the function outputs mtarnumreg*

---

### Description

Print estimates for the results of the mtarnumreg function.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'regime_number'  
print(object, ...)
```

### Arguments

object	Object of class “regime_number”. Not NULL
...	Other print parameters that affect.

### Details

Print estimates outputs corresponding to function “mtarnumreg” which return an object of class “regime\_number”.

### Value

Return to console.

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### See Also

[mtarnumreg](#)

### Examples

```
data("datasim_numreg")  
print.regime_number(datasim_numreg)
```

---

print.tsregime	<i>Print tsregime object</i>
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---

**Description**

Print the structure of a object class “tsregime”.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'tsregime'  
print(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	Object of class “tsregime”. Not NULL
...	Other parameters that affect print.

**Details**

Print the structure of a object class “tsregime”.

**Value**

Return to console.

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**See Also**

[tsregime](#)

**Examples**

```
data("datasim")  
data = datasim  
print.tsregime(data$Sim)
```

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prodB

*Function to make product of elements of a list*

---

**Description**

Auxiliary function of some functions in the MTAR package

**Usage**

prodB(x)

**Arguments**

x                    list of objects to make the product

**Value**

float number result of the product

---

repM

*Function to create list of matrix objects*

---

**Description**

Auxiliary function of some functions in the MTAR package

**Usage**

repM(M, r)

**Arguments**

M                    matrix type object  
r                    integer indicating the length of the list

**Value**

List of matrix of length r



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tsregime	<i>Creation of class “tsregime” for some data</i>
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### Description

The function `tsregime` is used to create time-series-regime objects.

### Usage

```
tsregime(Yt, Zt = NULL, Xt = NULL, r = NULL)
```

### Arguments

<code>Yt</code>	matrix ( $N \times k$ ) type object, observed process (admit NA values). Not NULL
<code>Zt</code>	matrix ( $N \times 1$ ) type object, threshold process (admit NA values). Default NULL
<code>Xt</code>	matrix ( $N \times \nu$ ) type object, covariate process (admit NA values). Default NULL
<code>r</code>	numeric type, threshold value (within the range of $Z_t$ ) if known. Default NULL

### Details

Create a class “tsregime” object composed of:  $Y_t$  and  $X_t$  stochastic processes such that  $Y_t = [Y_{1t}, \dots, Y_{kt}]'$ ,  $X_t = [X_{1t}, \dots, X_{\nu t}]'$  and  $Z_t$  is a univariate process. Where  $Y_t$  follows a MTAR model with threshold variable  $Z_t$

$$Y_t = \Phi_{0(j)} + \sum_{i=1}^{p_j} \Phi_i^{(j)} Y_{t-i} + \sum_{i=1}^{q_j} \beta_i^{(j)} X_{t-i} + \sum_{i=1}^{d_j} \delta_i^{(j)} Z_{t-i} + \Sigma_{(j)}^{1/2} \epsilon_t$$

*if*  $r_{j-1} < Z_t \leq r_j$

Missing data is allowed for processes  $Y_t$ ,  $X_t$  and  $Z_t$  (can then be estimated with “`mtarmissing`” function). In the case of known `r`, the output returns the percentages of observations found in each regimen.

### Value

Return a list type object of class “tsregime”:

<code>Yt</code>	stochastic output process
<code>Xt</code>	stochastic covariate process (if enter)
<code>Zt</code>	stochastic threshold process (if enter)
<code>N</code>	number of observations
<code>k</code>	number of variables
If <code>r</code> known:	
<code>r</code>	threshold value
<code>Ind</code>	numeric type, number of the regime each observation belong
<code>Summary_r</code>	data.frame type, number and proportion of observations in each regime

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**See Also**

[mtaregime](#), [mtarinipars](#), [mtarsim](#)

**Examples**

```
data("datasim")
yt = datasim$Sim
Yt = yt$Yt
Zt = yt$Zt
(datos = tsregime(Yt,Zt))
autoplot.tsregime(datos,1)
autoplot.tsregime(datos,2)
```

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