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auto.vets

Vector ETS-PIC model

Description

Function constructs vector ETS model based on VETS-PIC taxonomy and returns forecast, fitted values, errors and matrix of states along with other useful variables.

Usage

```
auto.vets(data, model = "PPP", lags = c(frequency(data)),
loss = c("likelihood", "diagonal", "trace"), ic = c("AICc", "AIC", "BIC",
"BICc"), h = 10, holdout = FALSE, occurrence = c("none", "fixed",
"logistic"), bounds = c("admissible", "usual", "none"), silent = TRUE,
parallel = FALSE, ...)
vets(data, model = "PPP", lags = c(frequency(data)),
parameters = c("level", "trend", "seasonal", "damped"),
initials = c("seasonal"), components = c("none"),
loss = c("likelihood", "diagonal", "trace"), ic = c("AICc", "AIC", "BIC",
"BICc"), h = 10, holdout = FALSE, occurrence = c("none", "fixed",
```

```
"logistic"), bounds = c("admissible", "usual", "none"), silent = TRUE,
```

Arguments

...)

data	The matrix with the data, where series are in columns and observations are in
	rows.
	The time of ETC model. Concerning of 2 and shows ANN AAN AAAN AAAA

modelThe type of ETS model. Can consist of 3 or 4 chars: ANN, AAN, AAdN, AAA, AAdA,MMdM etc. PPP means that the best pure model will be selected based on the cho-
sen information criteria type. ATTENTION! ONLY PURE ADDITIVE AND

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	PURE MULTIPLICATIVE MODELS ARE AVAILABLE! Pure multiplicative models are done as additive model applied to log(y). Also model can accept a previously estimated VETS model and use all its pa-
1	rameters.
lags	The lags of the model. Needed for seasonal models.
loss	Type of Loss Function used in optimization. loss can be:
	 "likelihood" - which implies the maximisation of likelihood of multi- variate normal distribution (or log Normal if the multiplicative model is constructed);
	 "diagonal" - similar to "likelihood", but assumes that covariances be- tween the error terms are zero.
	 "trace" - the trace of the covariance matrix of errors. The sum of variances is minimised in this case.
	• Provided by user as a custom function of actual, fitted and B. Note that internally function transposes the data, so that actual and fitted contain observations in columns and series in rows.
	An example of the latter option is: lossFunction <- function(actual,fitted,B){return(mean(abs) - fitted)))} followed by loss=lossFunction.
ic	The information criterion used in the model selection procedure.
h	Length of forecasting horizon.
holdout	If TRUE, holdout sample of size h is taken from the end of the data.
occurrence	Defines type of occurrence model used. Can be:
	 none, meaning that the data should be considered as non-intermittent; fixed, taking into account constant Bernoulli distribution of demand oc- currences;
	• logistic, based on logistic regression.
	In this case, the ETS model inside the occurrence part will correspond to model and probability="dependent". Alternatively, model estimated using oves function can be provided here.
bounds	What type of bounds to use in the model estimation. The first letter can be used instead of the whole word. "admissible" means that the model stability is ensured, while "usual" means that the all the parameters are restricted by the $(0, 1)$ region.
silent	If silent="none", then nothing is silent, everything is printed out and drawn. silent="all" means that nothing is produced or drawn (except for warnings). In case of silent="graph", no graph is produced. If silent="legend", then legend of the graph is skipped. And finally silent="output" means that noth- ing is printed out in the console, but the graph is produced. silent also ac- cepts TRUE and FALSE. In this case silent=TRUE is equivalent to silent="all", while silent=FALSE is equivalent to silent="none". The parameter also ac- cepts first letter of words ("n", "a", "g", "l", "o").
parallel	If TRUE, the estimation of ADAM models is done in parallel (used in auto.adam only). If the number is provided (e.g. parallel=41), then the specified number of cores is set up. WARNING! Packages foreach and either doMC (Linux and Mac only) or doParallel are needed in order to run the function in parallel.

	Other non-documented parameters. For example FI=TRUE will make the func- tion also produce Fisher Information matrix, which then can be used to calcu- lated variances of smoothing parameters and initial states of the model. The vector of initial parameter for the optimiser can be provided here as the variable B. The upper bound for the optimiser is provided via ub, while the lower one is 1b. Also, the options for nloptr can be passed here:
	 maxeval=40*k is the default number of iterations for both optimisers used in the function (k is the number of parameters to estimate). algorithm1="NLOPT_LN_BOBYQA" is the algorithm used in the first opti- miser, while algorithm2="NLOPT_LN_NELDERMEAD" is the second one. xtol_rel1=1e-8 is the relative tolerance in the first optimiser, while xtol_rel2=1e-6 is for the second one. All of this can be amended and passed in ellipsis for finer tuning.
	• print_level - the level of output for the optimiser (0 by default). If equal to 41, then the detailed results of the optimisation are returned.
parameters	The character vector, specifying, which of the parameters should be common be- tween time series. This includes smoothing parameters for "level", "trend", "seasonal" components and "damped" trend parameter. If parameters="none", then all parameters are set to be individual. An example is the model with all pa- rameters being common: parameters=c("level", "trend", "seasonal", "damped"). The order is not important and the first letters can be used instead of the full words as well.
initials	The character vector, specifying, which of the initial values of components should be common. This can be "level", "trend" and / or "seasonal", setting initials of respective components to be common. This can also be "none", making the initials individual for all series. An example is the model with only seasonal initials being common: initials="seasonal". The order is not important, and the first letters can be used instead of the full words.
components	The character vector, specifying, which of the components components should be shared between time series. This can be "level", "trend" and/or "seasonal", setting respective components to be shared. This can also be "none", making them individual for all series. The order is not important, and the first letters can be used instead of the full words. Please, note that making components common automatically sets the respective initials common as well.

Details

Function estimates vector ETS in the form of the Single Source of Error state space model of the following type:

$$\mathbf{y}_t = \mathbf{o}_t (\mathbf{W} \mathbf{v}_{t-l} + \mathbf{x}_t \mathbf{a}_{t-1} + \epsilon_t)$$

$$\mathbf{v}_t = \mathbf{F} \mathbf{v}_{t-l} + \mathbf{G} \epsilon_t$$

$$\mathbf{a}_t = \mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{X}} \mathbf{a}_{t-1} + \mathbf{G}_{\mathbf{X}} \epsilon_t / \mathbf{x}_t$$

Where y_t is the vector of time series on observation t, o_t is the vector of Bernoulli distributed random variable (in case of normal data it becomes unit vector for all observations), \mathbf{v}_t is the matrix of states and l is the matrix of lags, \mathbf{x}_t is the vector of exogenous variables. W is the measurement matrix, F is the transition matrix and G is the persistence matrix. Finally, ϵ_t is the vector of error terms.

Conventionally we formulate values as:

$$\mathbf{y}'_t = (y_{1,t}, y_{2,t}, \dots, y_{m,t})$$

where m is the number of series in the group.

$$\mathbf{v}_t' = (v_{1,t}, v_{2,t}, \dots, v_{m,t})$$

where $v_{i,t}$ is vector of components for i-th time series.

$$\mathbf{W}' = (w_1, \dots, 0; \vdots, \cdots, \vdots; 0, \vdots, w_m)$$

is matrix of measurement vectors.

The main idea of the function is in imposing restrictions on parameters / initials / components of the model in order to capture the common dynamics between series.

In case of multiplicative model, instead of the vector y_t we use its logarithms. As a result the multiplicative model is much easier to work with.

For some more information about the model and its implementation, see the vignette: vignette("vets", "legion")

Value

Object of class "legion" is returned. It contains the following list of values:

- model The name of the fitted model;
- timeElapsed The time elapsed for the construction of the model;
- states The matrix of states with components in columns and time in rows;
- persistence The persistence matrix;
- transition The transition matrix;
- measurement The measurement matrix;
- phi The damping parameter value;
- B The vector of all the estimated coefficients;
- lagsAll The vector of the internal lags used in the model;
- nParam The number of estimated parameters;
- occurrence The occurrence model estimated with VETS;
- data The matrix with the original data;
- fitted The matrix of the fitted values;
- holdout The matrix with the holdout values (if holdout=TRUE in the estimation);
- residuals The matrix of the residuals of the model;

- Sigma The covariance matrix of the errors (estimated with the correction for the number of degrees of freedom);
- forecast The matrix of point forecasts;
- ICs The values of the information criteria;
- logLik The log-likelihood function;
- lossValue The value of the loss function;
- loss The type of the used loss function;
- lossFunction The loss function if the custom was used in the process;
- accuracy the values of the error measures. Currently not available.
- FI Fisher information if user asked for it using FI=TRUE.

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See Also

```
ves, es, adam
```

Examples

```
Y <- ts(cbind(rnorm(100,100,10),rnorm(100,75,8)),frequency=12)</pre>
```

```
# The simplest model applied to the data with the default values
vets(Y,model="ANN",h=10,holdout=TRUE)
```

is.legion

Description

Functions to check if an object is of the specified class

Usage

```
is.legion(x)
```

is.oves(x)

```
is.legion.sim(x)
```

Arguments

х

The object to check.

Details

The list of methods includes:

- is.legion() tests if the object was produced by a vector model (e.g. ves);
- is.oves() tests if the object was produced by oves function;
- is.legion.sim() tests if the object was produced by the functions sim.ves;

Value

TRUE if this is the specified class and FALSE otherwise.

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Examples

```
ourModel <- ves(cbind(rnorm(100,100,10),rnorm(100,100,10)))</pre>
```

is.legion(ourModel)

legion

Description

Package contains functions for multivariate time series forecasting

Details

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The following functions are included in the package:

- ves Vector Exponential Smoothing.
- vets Vector ETS-PIC model.
- oves Multivariate occurrence ETS model.

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See Also

forecast, es, adam

oves

Examples

Not run: y <- cbind(rnorm(100,10,3),rnorm(100,10,3))</pre>

```
ves(y,h=20,holdout=TRUE)
## End(Not run)
```

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oves
```

Occurrence part of Vector State Space

Description

Function calculates the probability for the occurrence part of vector state space model. This is needed in order to forecast intermittent demand using other functions.

Usage

```
oves(data, occurrence = c("logistic", "none", "fixed"), ic = c("AICc",
  "AIC", "BIC", "BICc"), h = 10, holdout = FALSE,
  probability = c("dependent", "independent"), model = "ANN",
  persistence = NULL, transition = NULL, phi = NULL, initial = NULL,
  initialSeason = NULL, xreg = NULL, ...)
```

data	The matrix with data, where series are in columns and observations are in rows.
occurrence	Type of method used in probability estimation. Can be "none" - none, "fixed" - constant probability or "logistic" - probability based on logit model.
ic	Information criteria to use in case of model selection.
h	Forecast horizon.
holdout	If TRUE, holdout sample of size h is taken from the end of the data.
probability	Type of probability assumed in the model. If "dependent", then it is assumed that occurrence of one variable is connected with the occurrence with another one. In case of "independent" the occurrence of the variables is assumed to happen independent of each other.
model	Type of ETS model used for the estimation. Normally this should be either "ANN" or "MNN". If you assume that there are some tendencies in occurrence, then you can use more complicated models. Model selection is not yet available.
persistence	Persistence matrix type. If NULL, then it is estimated. See ves for the details.
transition	Transition matrix type. If NULL, then it is estimated. See ves for the details.
phi	Damping parameter type. If NULL, then it is estimated. See ves for the details.
initial	Initial vector type. If NULL, then it is estimated. See ves for the details.
initialSeason	Type of the initial vector of seasonal components. If NULL, then it is estimated. See ves for the details.

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xreg	Vector of matrix of exogenous variables, explaining some parts of occurrence variable (probability).
	Other parameters. This is not needed for now.

Details

The function estimates probability of demand occurrence, using one of the VES state-space models.

Value

The object of class "oves" is returned. It contains following list of values:

- model the type of the estimated ETS model;
- fitted fitted values of the constructed model;
- forecast forecast for h observations ahead;
- states values of states (currently level only);
- variance conditional variance of the forecast;
- logLik likelihood value for the model
- nParam number of parameters used in the model;
- residuals residuals of the model;
- data actual values of probabilities (zeros and ones).
- persistence the vector of smoothing parameters;
- initial initial values of the state vector;
- initialSeason the matrix of initials seasonal states;
- occurrence type of occurrence model used;
- probability type of probability used;
- issModel intermittent state-space model used for calculations. Useful only in the case of occurrence="1" and probability="d".

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See Also

oes, ves

Examples

plot.legion

Description

The function produces diagnostics plots for a legion model

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'legion'
plot(x, which = c(1, 2, 4, 6), level = 0.95,
    legend = FALSE, ask = prod(par("mfcol")) < length(which) * nvariate(x) &&
    dev.interactive(), lowess = TRUE, ...)</pre>
```

х	Estimated legion model.
which	Which of the plots to produce. The possible options (see details for explanations):
	1. Actuals vs Fitted values;
	2. Standardised residuals vs Fitted;
	3. Studentised residuals vs Fitted;
	4. Absolute residuals vs Fitted;
	5. Squared residuals vs Fitted;
	6. Q-Q plot with the specified distribution;
	7. Fitted over time;
	8. Standardised residuals vs Time;
	9. Studentised residuals vs Time;
	10. ACF of the residuals;
	11. PACF of the residuals.
	12. Plot of states of the model.
level	Confidence level. Defines width of confidence interval. Used in plots (2), (3), (7), (8), (9), (10) and (11).
legend	If TRUE, then the legend is produced on plots (2), (3) and (7).
ask	Logical; if TRUE, the user is asked to press Enter before each plot.
lowess	Logical; if TRUE, LOWESS lines are drawn on scatterplots, see lowess.
	The parameters passed to the plot functions. Recommended to use with separate plots.

Details

The list of produced plots includes:

- 1. Actuals vs Fitted values. Allows analysing, whether there are any issues in the fit. Does the variability of actuals increase with the increase of fitted values? Is the relation well captured? They grey line on the plot corresponds to the perfect fit of the model.
- 2. Standardised residuals vs Fitted. Plots the points and the confidence bounds (red lines) for the specified confidence level. Useful for the analysis of outliers;
- 3. Studentised residuals vs Fitted. This is similar to the previous plot, but with the residuals divided by the scales with the leave-one-out approach. Should be more sensitive to outliers;
- 4. Absolute residuals vs Fitted. Useful for the analysis of heteroscedasticity;
- 5. Squared residuals vs Fitted similar to (3), but with squared values;
- Q-Q plot with the specified distribution. Can be used in order to see if the residuals follow the assumed distribution. The type of distribution depends on the one used in the estimation (see distribution parameter in alm);
- 7. ACF of the residuals. Are the residuals autocorrelated? See acf for details;
- 8. Fitted over time. Plots actuals (black line), fitted values (purple line), point forecast (blue line) and prediction interval (grey lines). Can be used in order to make sure that the model did not miss any important events over time;
- 9. Standardised residuals vs Time. Useful if you want to see, if there is autocorrelation or if there is heteroscedasticity in time. This also shows, when the outliers happen;
- 10. Studentised residuals vs Time. Similar to previous, but with studentised residuals;
- 11. PACF of the residuals. No, really, are they autocorrelated? See pacf function from stats package for details;
- 12. Plot of the states of the model. It is not recommended to produce this plot together with the others, because there might be several states, which would cause the creation of a different canvas. In case of "msdecompose", this will produce the decomposition of the series into states on a different canvas.

Which of the plots to produce, is specified via the which parameter. Currently only which=c(1,4:7) are supported.

Value

The function produces the number of plots, specified in the parameter which.

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See Also

plot.greybox

sim.ves

Examples

```
ourModel <- es(c(rnorm(50,100,10),rnorm(50,120,10)), "ANN", h=10)
plot(ourModel, c(1:11))
plot(ourModel, 12)</pre>
```

```
sim.ves
```

Simulate Vector Exponential Smoothing

Description

Function generates data using VES model as a data generating process.

Usage

```
sim.ves(model = "ANN", obs = 10, nsim = 1, nvariate = 2,
frequency = 1, persistence = NULL, phi = 1, transition = NULL,
initial = NULL, initialSeason = NULL,
seasonal = c("individual, common"), weights = rep(1/nvariate, nvariate),
bounds = c("usual", "admissible", "restricted"), randomizer = c("rnorm",
"rt", "rlaplace", "rs"), ...)
```

model	Type of ETS model. This can consist of 3 or 4 chars: ANN, AAN, AAdN, AAA, AAdA etc. Only pure additive models are supported. If you want to have multiplicative one, then just take exponent of the generated data.
obs	Number of observations in each generated time series.
nsim	Number of series to generate (number of simulations to do).
nvariate	Number of series in each generated group of series.
frequency	Frequency of generated data. In cases of seasonal models must be greater than 1.
persistence	Matrix of smoothing parameters for all the components of all the generated time series.
phi	Value of damping parameter. If trend is not chosen in the model, the parameter is ignored. If vector is provided, then several parameters are used for different series.
transition	Transition matrix. This should have the size appropriate to the selected model and nvariate. e.g. if $ETS(A,A,N)$ is selected and nvariate=3, then the transition matrix should be 6 x 6. In case of damped trend, the phi parameter should be placed in the matrix manually. if NULL, then the default transition matrix for the selected type of model is used. If both phi and transition are provided, then the value of phi is ignored.

initial	Vector of initial states of level and trend. The minimum length is one (in case of ETS(A,N,N), the initial is used for all the series), the maximum length is 2 x nvariate. If NULL, values are generated for each series.
initialSeason	Vector or matrix of initial states for seasonal coefficients. Should have number of rows equal to frequency parameter. If NULL, values are generated for each series.
seasonal	The type of seasonal component across the series. Can be "individual", so that each series has its own component or "common", so that the component is shared across the series.
weights	The weights for the errors between the series with the common seasonal component. Ignored if seasonal="individual".
bounds	Type of bounds to use for persistence vector if values are generated. "usual" - bounds from p.156 by Hyndman et. al., 2008. "restricted" - similar to "usual" but with upper bound equal to 0.3. "admissible" - bounds from tables 10.1 and 10.2 of Hyndman et. al., 2008. Using first letter of the type of bounds also works.
randomizer	Type of random number generator function used for error term. Defaults are: rnorm, rt, rlaplace, rs. But any function from Distributions will do the trick if the appropriate parameters are passed. mvrnorm from MASS package can also be used.
	Additional parameters passed to the chosen randomizer. All the parameters should be passed in the order they are used in chosen randomizer. For example, passing just $sd=0.5$ to rnorm function will lead to the call rnorm(obs, mean=0.5, sd=1). ATTENTION! When generating the multiplicative errors some tuning might be needed to obtain meaningful data. $sd=0.1$ is usually already a high value for such models.

Value

List of the following values is returned:

- model Name of ETS model.
- data The matrix (or an array if nsim>1) of the generated series.
- states The matrix (or array if nsim>1) of states. States are in columns, time is in rows.
- persistence The matrix (or array if nsim>1) of smoothing parameters used in the simulation.
- transition The transition matrix (or array if nsim>1).
- initial Vector (or matrix) of initial values.
- initialSeason Vector (or matrix) of initial seasonal coefficients.
- residuals Error terms used in the simulation. Either matrix or array, depending on nsim.

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See Also

ves, Distributions

Examples

```
# Create 40 observations of quarterly data using AAA model with errors
# from normal distribution
VESAAA <- sim.ves(model="AAA",frequency=4,obs=40,nvariate=3,</pre>
                   randomizer="rnorm",mean=0,sd=100)
# You can also use mvrnorm function from MASS package as randomizer,
# but you need to provide mu and Sigma explicitly
## Not run: VESANN <- sim.ves(model="ANN",frequency=4,obs=40,nvariate=2,</pre>
                   randomizer="mvrnorm",mu=c(100,50),sigma=matrix(c(40,20,20,30),2,2))
## End(Not run)
# When generating the data with multiplicative model a more diligent definitiion
# of parameters is needed. Here's an example with MMM model:
VESMMM <- sim.ves("AAA", obs=120, nvariate=2, frequency=12, initial=c(10,0),</pre>
          initialSeason=runif(12,-1,1), persistence=c(0.06,0.05,0.2), mean=0, sd=0.03)
VESMMM$data <- exp(VESMMM$data)</pre>
# Note that smoothing parameters should be low and the standard diviation should
# definitely be less than 0.1. Otherwise you might face the explosions.
```

ves

Vector Exponential Smoothing in SSOE state space model

Description

Function constructs vector ETS model and returns forecast, fitted values, errors and matrix of states along with other useful variables.

Usage

```
ves(data, model = "PPP", lags = c(frequency(data)),
persistence = c("common", "individual", "dependent"),
transition = c("common", "individual", "dependent"), phi = c("common",
"individual"), initial = c("individual", "common"),
initialSeason = c("common", "individual"), loss = c("likelihood",
"diagonal", "trace"), ic = c("AICc", "AIC", "BIC", "BICc"), h = 10,
holdout = FALSE, occurrence = c("none", "fixed", "logistic"),
bounds = c("admissible", "usual", "none"), silent = TRUE, ...)
```

data	The matrix with the data, where series are in columns and observations are in rows.
model	The type of ETS model. Can consist of 3 or 4 chars: ANN, AAN, AAdN, AAA, AAdA, MMdM etc. PPP means that the best pure model will be selected based on the cho- sen information criteria type. ATTENTION! ONLY PURE ADDITIVE AND PURE MULTIPLICATIVE MODELS ARE AVAILABLE! Pure multiplicative models are done as additive model applied to log(y). Also model can accept a previously estimated VES model and use all its parameters.
lags	The lags of the model. Needed for seasonal models.
persistence	Persistence matrix G , containing smoothing parameters. Can be:
	 "independent" - each series has its own smoothing parameters and no interactions are modelled (all the other values in the matrix are set to zero); "dependent" - each series has its own smoothing parameters, but interactions between the series are modelled (the whole matrix is estimated); "group" each series has the same smoothing parameters for respective components (the values of smoothing parameters are repeated, all the other values in the matrix are set to zero). "seasonal" - each component has its own smoothing parameter, except for the seasonal one, which is common across the time series. provided by user as a vector or as a matrix. The value is used by the model.
	You can also use the first letter instead of writing the full word.
transition	Transition matrix F . Can be:
	 "independent" - each series has its own preset transition matrix and no interactions are modelled (all the other values in the matrix are set to zero); "dependent" - each series has its own transition matrix, but interactions between the series are modelled (the whole matrix is estimated). The estimated model behaves similar to VAR in this case; "group" each series has the same transition matrix for respective components (the values are repeated, all the other values in the matrix are set to zero). provided by user as a vector or as a matrix. The value is used by the model. You can also use the first letter instead of writing the full word.
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phi	In cases of damped trend this parameter defines whether the <i>phi</i> should be esti- mated separately for each series ("individual") or for the whole set ("common"). If vector or a value is provided here, then it is used by the model.
initial	Can be either character or a vector / matrix of initial states. If it is character, then it can be "individual", individual values of the initial non-seasonal com- ponents are used, or "common", meaning that the initials for all the time series are set to be equal to the same value. If vector of states is provided, then it is au- tomatically transformed into a matrix, assuming that these values are provided for the whole group.
initialSeason	Can be either character or a vector / matrix of initial states. Treated the same way as initial. This means that different time series may share the same initial seasonal component.
loss	Type of Loss Function used in optimization. loss can be:
	 "likelihood" - which implies the maximisation of likelihood of multi- variate normal distribution (or log Normal if the multiplicative model is constructed);
	 "diagonal" - similar to "likelihood", but assumes that covariances be- tween the error terms are zero.
	 "trace" - the trace of the covariance matrix of errors. The sum of variances is minimised in this case.
	• Provided by user as a custom function of actual, fitted and B. Note that internally function transposes the data, so that actual and fitted contain observations in columns and series in rows.
	An example of the latter option is: lossFunction <- function(actual,fitted,B){return(mean(abs - fitted)))} followed by loss=lossFunction.
ic	The information criterion used in the model selection procedure.
h	Length of forecasting horizon.
holdout	If TRUE, holdout sample of size h is taken from the end of the data.
occurrence	Defines type of occurrence model used. Can be:
	 none, meaning that the data should be considered as non-intermittent; fixed, taking into account constant Bernoulli distribution of demand occurrences; logistic, based on logistic regression.
	In this case, the ETS model inside the occurrence part will correspond to model and probability="dependent". Alternatively, model estimated using oves function can be provided here.
bounds	What type of bounds to use in the model estimation. The first letter can be used instead of the whole word. "admissible" means that the model stability is ensured, while "usual" means that the all the parameters are restricted by the $(0, 1)$ region.
silent	If silent="none", then nothing is silent, everything is printed out and drawn. silent="all" means that nothing is produced or drawn (except for warnings). In case of silent="graph", no graph is produced. If silent="legend", then

legend of the graph is skipped. And finally silent="output" means that nothing is printed out in the console, but the graph is produced. silent also accepts TRUE and FALSE. In this case silent=TRUE is equivalent to silent="all", while silent=FALSE is equivalent to silent="none". The parameter also accepts first letter of words ("n", "a", "g", "l", "o").

Other non-documented parameters. For example FI=TRUE will make the function also produce Fisher Information matrix, which then can be used to calculated variances of smoothing parameters and initial states of the model. The vector of initial parameter for the optimiser can be provided here as the variable B. The upper bound for the optimiser is provided via ub, while the lower one is 1b. Also, the options for nloptr can be passed here:

- maxeval=40*k is the default number of iterations for both optimisers used in the function (k is the number of parameters to estimate).
- algorithm1="NLOPT_LN_BOBYQA" is the algorithm used in the first optimiser, while algorithm2="NLOPT_LN_NELDERMEAD" is the second one.
- xtol_rel1=1e-8 is the relative tolerance in the first optimiser, while xtol_rel2=1e-6 is for the second one. All of this can be amended and passed in ellipsis for finer tuning.
- print_level the level of output for the optimiser (0 by default). If equal to 41, then the detailed results of the optimisation are returned.

Details

Function estimates vector ETS in a form of the Single Source of Error state space model of the following type:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{y}_t &= (\mathbf{W}\mathbf{v}_{t-l} + \mathbf{x}_t\mathbf{a}_{t-1} + \epsilon_t) \\ \mathbf{v}_t &= \mathbf{F}\mathbf{v}_{t-l} + \mathbf{G}\epsilon_t \\ \mathbf{a}_t &= \mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{X}}\mathbf{a}_{t-1} + \mathbf{G}_{\mathbf{X}}\epsilon_t/\mathbf{x}_t \end{aligned}$$

Where y_t is the vector of time series on observation t, \mathbf{v}_t is the matrix of states and l is the matrix of lags, \mathbf{x}_t is the vector of exogenous variables. W is the measurement matrix, F is the transition matrix and G is the persistence matrix. Finally, ϵ_t is the vector of error terms.

Conventionally we formulate values as:

$$\mathbf{y}_{t}' = (y_{1,t}, y_{2,t}, \dots, y_{m,t})$$

where m is the number of series in the group.

 $\mathbf{v}_t' = (v_{1,t}, v_{2,t}, \dots, v_{m,t})$

where $v_{i,t}$ is vector of components for i-th time series.

$$\mathbf{W}' = (w_1, \dots, 0; \vdots, \ddots, \vdots; 0, \vdots, w_m)$$

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is matrix of measurement vectors.

For the details on the additive model see Hyndman et al. (2008), chapter 17.

In case of multiplicative model, instead of the vector y_t we use its logarithms. As a result the multiplicative model is much easier to work with.

For some more information about the model and its implementation, see the vignette: vignette("ves", "legion")

Value

Object of class "legion" is returned. It contains the following list of values:

- model The name of the fitted model;
- timeElapsed The time elapsed for the construction of the model;
- states The matrix of states with components in columns and time in rows;
- persistence The persistence matrix;
- transition The transition matrix;
- measurement The measurement matrix;
- phi The damping parameter value;
- lagsAll The vector of the internal lags used in the model;
- B The vector of all the estimated coefficients;
- initial The initial values of the non-seasonal components;
- initialSeason The initial values of the seasonal components;
- nParam The number of estimated parameters;
- occurrence The occurrence part of the model estimated with VES;
- data The matrix with the original data;
- fitted The matrix of the fitted values;
- holdout The matrix with the holdout values (if holdout=TRUE in the estimation);
- residuals The matrix of the residuals of the model;
- Sigma The covariance matrix of the errors (estimated with the correction for the number of degrees of freedom);
- forecast The matrix of point forecasts;
- ICs The values of the information criteria;
- logLik The log-likelihood function;
- lossValue The value of the loss function;
- loss The type of the used loss function;
- lossFunction The loss function if the custom was used in the process;
- accuracy the values of the error measures. Currently not available.
- FI Fisher information if user asked for it using FI=TRUE.

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See Also

vets, es, adam

Examples

```
Y <- ts(cbind(rnorm(100,100,10),rnorm(100,75,8)),frequency=12)</pre>
```

```
# The simplest model applied to the data with the default values
ves(Y,model="ANN",h=10,holdout=TRUE)
```

```
# Damped trend model with the dependent persistence
ves(Y,model="AAdN",persistence="d",h=10,holdout=TRUE)
```

```
# Multiplicative damped trend model with individual phi
ves(Y,model="MMdM",persistence="i",h=10,holdout=TRUE,initialSeason="c")
```

```
# Automatic selection between pure models
ves(Y,model="PPP",persistence="i",h=10,holdout=TRUE,initialSeason="c")
```

```
ves(Y,model="MNN",h=10,holdout=TRUE,occurrence="1")
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