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Description A framework for dynamically combining forecasting models for time series forecasting predictive tasks. It leverages machine learning models from other packages to automatically combine expert advice using metalearning and other state-of-the-art forecasting combination approaches. The predictive methods receive a data matrix as input, representing an embedded time series, and return a predictive ensemble model. The ensemble use generic functions 'predict()' and 'forecast()' to forecast future values of the time series. Moreover, an ensemble can be updated using methods, such as 'update_weights()' or 'update_base_models()'. A complete description of the methods can be found in: Cerqueira, V., Torgo, L., Pinto, F., and Soares, C. "Arbitrated Ensemble for Time Series Forecasting." to appear at: Joint European Conference on Machine Learning and Knowledge Discovery in Databases. Springer International Publishing, 2017; and Cerqueira, V., Torgo, L., and Soares, C.: "Arbitrated Ensemble for Solar Radiation Forecasting." International Work-Conference on Artificial Neural Networks. Springer, 2017 <doi:10.1007/978-3-319-59153-7_62>.

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Description

Arbitrated Dynamic Ensemble (ADE) is an ensemble approach for adaptively combining forecasting models. A metalearning strategy is used that specializes base models across the time series. Each meta-learner is specifically designed to model how apt its base counterpart is to make a prediction for a given test example. This is accomplished by analysing how the error incurred by a given learning model relates to the characteristics of the data. At test time, the base-learners are weighted according to their degree of competence in the input observation, estimated by the predictions of the meta-learners.

Usage

```
ADE(form, data, specs, lambda = 50, omega = 0.5, select_best = FALSE)
```

Arguments

form	formula;
data	data to train the base models
specs	object of class <code>model_specs-class</code> . Contains the parameter setting information for training the base models;
lambda	window size. Number of observations to compute the recent performance of the base models, according to the committee ratio omega . Essentially, the top <i>omega</i> models are selected and weighted at each prediction instance, according to their performance in the last <i>lambda</i> observations. Defaults to 50 according to empirical experiments;
omega	committee ratio size. Essentially, the top <i>omega</i> * 100 percent of models are selected and weighted at each prediction instance, according to their performance in the last <i>lambda</i> observations. Defaults to .5 according to empirical experiments;
select_best	Logical. If true, at each prediction time, a single base model is picked to make a prediction. The picked model is the one that has the lowest loss prediction from the meta models. Defaults to FALSE;

References

Cerqueira, Vitor; Torgo, Luis; Pinto, Fabio; and Soares, Carlos. "Arbitrated Ensemble for Time Series Forecasting" to appear at: Joint European Conference on Machine Learning and Knowledge Discovery in Databases. Springer International Publishing, 2017.

V. Cerqueira, L. Torgo, and C. Soares, "Arbitrated ensemble for solar radiation forecasting," in International Work-Conference on Artificial Neural Networks. Springer, Cham, 2017, pp. 720–732

See Also

[model_specs-class](#) for setting up the ensemble parameters for an **ADE** model; [forecast](#) for the forecasting method that uses an **ADE** model for forecasting future values; [predict](#) for the method that predicts new held out observations; [update_weights](#) for the method used to update the weights of an **ADE** model between successive predict or forecast calls; [update_ade_meta](#) for updating (retraining) the meta models of an **ADE** model; [update_base_models](#) for the updating (retraining) the base models of an **ADE** ensemble (and respective weights); [ade_hat-class](#) for the object that results from predicting with an **ADE** model; and [update_ade](#) to update an **ADE** model, combining functions [update_base_models](#), [update_meta_ade](#), and [update_weights](#).

Examples

```
specs <- model_specs(
  learner = c("bm_ppr", "bm_glm", "bm_mars"),
  learner_pars = list(
    bm_glm = list(alpha = c(0, .5, 1)),
    bm_svr = list(kernel = c("rbfdot", "polydot"),
                  C = c(1, 3)),
    bm_ppr = list(nterms = 4)
  )
)

data("water_consumption")
train <- embed_timeseries(water_consumption, 5)
train <- train[1:300, ] # toy size for checks

model <- ADE(target ~., train, specs)
```

ADE-class

*Arbitrated Dynamic Ensemble***Description**

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Slots

`base_ensemble` object of class [base_ensemble-class](#). It contains the base models used that can be used for predicting new data or forecasting future values;

`meta_model` a list containing the meta models, one for each base model. The meta-models are random forests;

form formula;

specs object of class `model_specs-class`. Contains the parameter setting information for training the base models;

lambda window size. Number of observations to compute the recent performance of the base models, according to the committee ratio **omega**. Essentially, the top *omega* models are selected and weighted at each prediction instance, according to their performance in the last *lambda* observations. Defaults to 50 according to empirical experiments;

omega committee ratio size. Essentially, the top *omega* * 100 percent of models are selected and weighted at each prediction instance, according to their performance in the last *lambda* observations. Defaults to .5 according to empirical experiments;

select_best Logical. If true, at each prediction time, a single base model is picked to make a prediction. The picked model is the one that has the lowest loss prediction from the meta models. Defaults to FALSE;

recent_series the most recent lambda observations.

References

Cerqueira, Vitor; Torgo, Luis; Pinto, Fabio; and Soares, Carlos. "Arbitrated Ensemble for Time Series Forecasting" to appear at: Joint European Conference on Machine Learning and Knowledge Discovery in Databases. Springer International Publishing, 2017.

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Examples

```
specs <- model_specs(
  learner = c("bm_ppr", "bm_glm", "bm_mars"),
  learner_pars = list(
    bm_glm = list(alpha = c(0, .5, 1)),
    bm_svr = list(kernel = c("rbfdot", "polydot"),
                  C = c(1, 3)),
    bm_ppr = list(nterms = 4)
  )
)

data("water_consumption")
train <- embed_timeseries(water_consumption, 5)
```

```
train <- train[1:300, ] # toy size for checks
model <- ADE(target ~., train, specs)
```

ade_hat	<i>Predictions by an ADE ensemble</i>
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Description

Predictions produced by a [ADE-class](#) object. It contains **y_hat**, the combined predictions, **Y_hat**, the predictions of each base model, **Y_committee**, the base models used for prediction at each time point, and **E_hat**, the loss predictions by each meta-model.

Usage

```
ade_hat(y_hat, Y_hat, Y_committee, E_hat)
```

Arguments

y_hat	combined predictions of the ensemble ADE . A numeric vector;
Y_hat	a matrix containing the predictions made by individual models;
Y_committee	a list describing the models selected for predictions at each time point (according to lambda and omega);
E_hat	predictions of error of each base model, estimated by their respective meta model associate;

See Also

[ADE-class](#) for generating an ADE ensemble.

Other ensemble predictions: [ade_hat-class](#), [dets_hat-class](#), [dets_hat](#)

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Slots

- y_hat combined predictions of the ensemble [ADE-class](#). A numeric vector;
- Y_hat a matrix containing the predictions made by individual models;
- Y_committee a list describing the models selected for predictions at each time point (according to **lambda** and **omega**);
- E_hat predictions of error of each base model, estimated by their respective meta model associate;

See Also

[ADE](#) for generating an ADE ensemble.

Other ensemble predictions: [ade_hat](#), [dets_hat-class](#), [dets_hat](#)

base_ensemble	<i>base_ensemble</i>
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Description

base_ensemble is a S4 class that contains the base models comprising the ensemble. Besides the base learning algorithms – `base_models` – `base_ensemble` class contains information about other meta-data used to compute predictions for new upcoming data.

Usage

```
base_ensemble(base_models, pre_weights, form, colnames)
```

Arguments

- `base_models` a list comprising the base models;
- `pre_weights` normalized relative weights of the base learners according to their performance on the available data;
- `form` formula;
- `colnames` names of the columns of the data used to train the **base_models**;

blocked_prequential *Prequential Procedure in Blocks*

Description

Prequential Procedure in Blocks

Usage

```
blocked_prequential(x, nfolds, FUN, .rbind = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

x	data to split into nfolds blocks;
nfolds	number of blocks to split data into;
FUN	to apply to train/test;
.rbind	logical. If TRUE, the results from FUN are rbinded ;
...	further parameters to FUN

See Also

[intraining_estimations](#) function to use as **FUN** parameter.

bm_cubist *Fit Cubist models (M5)*

Description

Learning a M5 model from training data Parameter setting can vary in **committees** and **neighbors** parameters.

Usage

```
bm_cubist(form, data, lpars)
```

Arguments

form	formula
data	training data for building the predictive model
lpars	a list containing the learning parameters

Details

See [cubist](#) for a comprehensive description.

Imports learning procedure from **Cubist** package.

See Also

other learning models: [bm_mars](#); [bm_ppr](#); [bm_gbm](#); [bm_glm](#); [bm_gaussianprocess](#); [bm_randomforest](#); [bm_pls_pcr](#); [bm_ffnn](#); [bm_svr](#)

Other base learning models: [bm_ffnn](#), [bm_gaussianprocess](#), [bm_gbm](#), [bm_glm](#), [bm_mars](#), [bm_pls_pcr](#), [bm_ppr](#), [bm_randomforest](#), [bm_svr](#)

`bm_ffnn`*Fit Feedforward Neural Networks models*

Description

Learning a Feedforward Neural Network model from training data.

Usage

```
bm_ffnn(form, data, lpars)
```

Arguments

<code>form</code>	formula
<code>data</code>	training data for building the predictive model
<code>lpars</code>	a list containing the learning parameters

Details

Parameter setting can vary in **size**, **maxit**, and **decay** parameters.

See [nnet](#) for a comprehensive description.

Imports learning procedure from **nnet** package.

See Also

other learning models: [bm_mars](#); [bm_ppr](#); [bm_gbm](#); [bm_glm](#); [bm_cubist](#); [bm_randomforest](#); [bm_pls_pcr](#); [bm_gaussianprocess](#); [bm_svr](#)

Other base learning models: [bm_cubist](#), [bm_gaussianprocess](#), [bm_gbm](#), [bm_glm](#), [bm_mars](#), [bm_pls_pcr](#), [bm_ppr](#), [bm_randomforest](#), [bm_svr](#)

bm_gaussianprocess *Fit Gaussian Process models*

Description

Learning a Gaussian Process model from training data. Parameter setting can vary in **kernel** and **tolerance**. See [gausspr](#) for a comprehensive description.

Usage

```
bm_gaussianprocess(form, data, lpars)
```

Arguments

form	formula
data	training data for building the predictive model
lpars	a list containing the learning parameters

Details

Imports learning procedure from **kernelab** package.

Value

A list containing Gaussian Processes models

See Also

other learning models: [bm_mars](#); [bm_ppr](#); [bm_gbm](#); [bm_glm](#); [bm_cubist](#); [bm_randomforest](#); [bm_pls_pcr](#); [bm_ffnn](#); [bm_svr](#)

Other base learning models: [bm_cubist](#), [bm_ffnn](#), [bm_gbm](#), [bm_glm](#), [bm_mars](#), [bm_pls_pcr](#), [bm_ppr](#), [bm_randomforest](#), [bm_svr](#)

bm_gbm *Fit Generalized Boosted Regression models*

Description

Learning a Boosted Tree Model from training data. Parameter setting can vary in **interaction.depth**, **n.trees**, and **shrinkage** parameters.

Usage

```
bm_gbm(form, data, lpars)
```

Arguments

form	formula
data	training data for building the predictive model
lpars	a list containing the learning parameters

Details

See [gbm](#) for a comprehensive description.

Imports learning procedure from **gbm** package.

See Also

other learning models: [bm_mars](#); [bm_ppr](#); [bm_gaussianprocess](#); [bm_glm](#); [bm_cubist](#); [bm_randomforest](#); [bm_pls_pcr](#); [bm_ffnn](#); [bm_svr](#)

Other base learning models: [bm_cubist](#), [bm_ffnn](#), [bm_gaussianprocess](#), [bm_glm](#), [bm_mars](#), [bm_pls_pcr](#), [bm_ppr](#), [bm_randomforest](#), [bm_svr](#)

 bm_glm

Fit Generalized Linear Models

Description

Learning a Generalized Linear Model from training data. Parameter setting can vary in **alpha**. See [glmnet](#) for a comprehensive description.

Usage

```
bm_glm(form, data, lpars)
```

Arguments

form	formula
data	training data for building the predictive model
lpars	a list containing the learning parameters

Details

Imports learning procedure from **glmnet** package.

See Also

other learning models: [bm_mars](#); [bm_ppr](#); [bm_gbm](#); [bm_gaussianprocess](#); [bm_cubist](#); [bm_randomforest](#); [bm_pls_pcr](#); [bm_ffnn](#); [bm_svr](#)

Other base learning models: [bm_cubist](#), [bm_ffnn](#), [bm_gaussianprocess](#), [bm_gbm](#), [bm_mars](#), [bm_pls_pcr](#), [bm_ppr](#), [bm_randomforest](#), [bm_svr](#)

`bm_mars`*Fit Multivariate Adaptive Regression Splines models*

Description

Learning a Multivariate Adaptive Regression Splines model from training data.

Usage

```
bm_mars(form, data, lpars)
```

Arguments

<code>form</code>	formula
<code>data</code>	training data for building the predictive model
<code>lpars</code>	a list containing the learning parameters

Details

Parameter setting can vary in **nk**, **degree**, and **thresh** parameters.

See [earth](#) for a comprehensive description.

Imports learning procedure from **earth** package.

See Also

other learning models: [bm_gaussianprocess](#); [bm_ppr](#); [bm_gbm](#); [bm_glm](#); [bm_cubist](#); [bm_randomforest](#); [bm_pls_pcr](#); [bm_ffnn](#); [bm_svr](#)

Other base learning models: [bm_cubist](#), [bm_ffnn](#), [bm_gaussianprocess](#), [bm_gbm](#), [bm_glm](#), [bm_pls_pcr](#), [bm_ppr](#), [bm_randomforest](#), [bm_svr](#)

`bm_pls_pcr`*Fit PLS/PCR regression models*

Description

Learning a Partial Least Squares or Principal Components Regression from training data

Usage

```
bm_pls_pcr(form, data, lpars)
```

Arguments

form	formula
data	data to train the model
lpars	parameter setting: For this multivariate regression model the main parameter is "method". The available options are "kernelpls", "svdpc", "cppls", "widekernelpls", and "simpls"

Details

Parameter setting can vary in **method**

See [mvr](#) for a comprehensive description.

Imports learning procedure from **pls** package.

See Also

other learning models: [bm_mars](#); [bm_ppr](#); [bm_gbm](#); [bm_glm](#); [bm_cubist](#); [bm_randomforest](#); [bm_gaussianprocess](#); [bm_ffnn](#); [bm_svr](#)

Other base learning models: [bm_cubist](#), [bm_ffnn](#), [bm_gaussianprocess](#), [bm_gbm](#), [bm_glm](#), [bm_mars](#), [bm_ppr](#), [bm_randomforest](#), [bm_svr](#)

 bm_ppr

Fit Projection Pursuit Regression models

Description

Learning a Projection Pursuit Regression model from training data. Parameter setting can vary in **nterms** and **sm.method** parameters. See [ppr](#) for a comprehensive description.

Usage

```
bm_ppr(form, data, lpars)
```

Arguments

form	formula
data	training data for building the predictive model
lpars	a list containing the learning parameters

Details

Imports learning procedure from **stats** package.

See Also

other learning models: [bm_mars](#); [bm_gaussianprocess](#); [bm_gbm](#); [bm_glm](#); [bm_cubist](#); [bm_randomforest](#); [bm_pls_pcr](#); [bm_ffnn](#); [bm_svr](#)

Other base learning models: [bm_cubist](#), [bm_ffnn](#), [bm_gaussianprocess](#), [bm_gbm](#), [bm_glm](#), [bm_mars](#), [bm_pls_pcr](#), [bm_randomforest](#), [bm_svr](#)

`bm_randomforest`*Fit Random Forest models*

Description

Learning a Random Forest Model from training data. Parameter setting can vary in **num.trees** and **mtry** parameters.

Usage

```
bm_randomforest(form, data, lpars)
```

Arguments

form	formula
data	training data for building the predictive model
lpars	a list containing the learning parameters

Details

See [ranger](#) for a comprehensive description.

Imports learning procedure from **ranger** package.

See Also

other learning models: [bm_mars](#); [bm_ppr](#); [bm_gbm](#); [bm_glm](#); [bm_cubist](#); [bm_gaussianprocess](#); [bm_pls_pcr](#); [bm_ffnn](#); [bm_svr](#)

Other base learning models: [bm_cubist](#), [bm_ffnn](#), [bm_gaussianprocess](#), [bm_gbm](#), [bm_glm](#), [bm_mars](#), [bm_pls_pcr](#), [bm_ppr](#), [bm_svr](#)

`bm_svr`*Fit Support Vector Regression models*

Description

Learning a Support Vector Regression model from training data.

Usage

```
bm_svr(form, data, lpars)
```

Arguments

<code>form</code>	formula
<code>data</code>	training data for building the predictive model
<code>lpars</code>	a list containing the learning parameters

Details

Parameter setting can vary in **kernel**, **C**, and **epsilon** parameters.

See [ksvm](#) for a comprehensive description.

Imports learning procedure from **kernlab** package.

See Also

other learning models: [bm_mars](#); [bm_ppr](#); [bm_gbm](#); [bm_glm](#); [bm_cubist](#); [bm_randomforest](#); [bm_pls_pcr](#); [bm_ffnn](#); [bm_gaussianprocess](#)

Other base learning models: [bm_cubist](#), [bm_ffnn](#), [bm_gaussianprocess](#), [bm_gbm](#), [bm_glm](#), [bm_mars](#), [bm_pls_pcr](#), [bm_ppr](#), [bm_randomforest](#)

`build_base_ensemble`*Wrapper for creating an ensemble*

Description

Using the parameter specifications from [model_specs-class](#), this function trains a set of regression models.

Usage

```
build_base_ensemble(form, data, specs)
```

Arguments

form	formula;
data	data.frame for training the predictive models;
specs	object of class <code>model_specs-class</code> . Contains the information about the parameter setting of the models to train.

Value

An S4 class with the following slots: **base_models**, a list containing the trained models; **pre_weights**, a numeric vector describing the weights of the base models according to their performance in the training data; and **colnames**, the column names of the data, used for reference.

Examples

```
data("water_consumption")
dataset <- embed_timeseries(water_consumption, 5)
specs <- model_specs(c("bm_ppr", "bm_svr"), NULL)
M <- build_base_ensemble(target ~., dataset, specs)
```

DETS

Dynamic Ensemble for Time Series

Description

A Dynamic Ensemble for Time Series (DETS). The DETS ensemble method we present settles on individually pre-trained models which are dynamically combined at run-time to make a prediction. The combination rule is reactive to changes in the environment, rendering an online combined model. The main properties of the ensemble are:

heterogeneity Heterogeneous ensembles are those comprised of different types of base learners.

By employing models that follow different learning strategies, use different features and/or data observations we expect that individual learners will disagree with each other, introducing a natural diversity into the ensemble that helps in handling different dynamic regimes in a time series forecasting setting;

responsiveness We promote greater responsiveness of heterogeneous ensembles in time series tasks by making the aggregation of their members' predictions time-dependent. By tracking the loss of each learner over time, we weigh the predictions of individual learners according to their recent performance using a non-linear function. This strategy may be advantageous for better detecting regime changes and also to quickly adapt the ensemble to new regimes.

Usage

```
DETS(form, data, specs, lambda = 50, omega = 0.5)
```


Arguments

form	formula;
data	data frame to train the base models;
specs	object of class <code>model_specs-class</code> . Contains the parameter setting information for training the base models;
lambda	window size. Number of observations to compute the recent performance of the base models, according to the committee ratio omega . Essentially, the top <i>omega</i> models are selected and weighted at each prediction instance, according to their performance in the last <i>lambda</i> observations. Defaults to 50 according to empirical experiments;
omega	committee ratio size. Essentially, the top <i>omega</i> models are selected and weighted at each prediction instance, according to their performance in the last <i>lambda</i> observations. Defaults to .5 according to empirical experiments;

References

Cerqueira, Vitor; Torgo, Luis; Oliveira, Mariana, and Bernhard Pfahringer. "Dynamic and Heterogeneous Ensembles for Time Series Forecasting." Data Science and Advanced Analytics (DSAA), 2017 IEEE International Conference on. IEEE, 2017.

See Also

`model_specs-class` for setting up the ensemble parameters for an **DETS** model; `forecast` for the method that uses an **DETS** model for forecasting future values; `predict` for the method that predicts new held out observations; `update_weights` for the method used to update the weights of an **DETS** model between successive predict or forecast calls; `update_base_models` for the updating (retraining) the base models of an **DETS** ensemble (and respective weights); and `dets_hat-class` for the object that results from predicting with an **DETS** model.

Examples

```
specs <- model_specs(
  c("bm_ppr", "bm_svr"),
  list(bm_ppr = list(nterms = c(2, 4)),
       bm_svr = list(kernel = c("vanilladot", "polydot"), C = c(1,5)))
)

data("water_consumption");
train <- embed_timeseries(water_consumption, 5);

model <- DETS(target ~., train, specs, lambda = 30, omega = .2)
```

Description

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responsiveness We promote greater responsiveness of heterogeneous ensembles in time series tasks by making the aggregation of their members' predictions time-dependent. By tracking the loss of each learner over time, we weigh the predictions of individual learners according to their recent performance using a non-linear function. This strategy may be advantageous for better detecting regime changes and also to quickly adapt the ensemble to new regimes.

Slots

`base_ensemble` object of class `base_ensemble-class`. It contains the base models used that can be used for predicting new data or forecasting future values;

`form` formula;

`specs` object of class `model_specs-class`. Contains the parameter setting information for training the base models;

`lambda` window size. Number of observations to compute the recent performance of the base models, according to the committee ratio **omega**. Essentially, the top *omega* models are selected and weighted at each prediction instance, according to their performance in the last *lambda* observations. Defaults to 50 according to empirical experiments;

`omega` committee ratio size. Essentially, the top *omega* models are selected and weighted at each prediction instance, according to their performance in the last *lambda* observations. Defaults to .5 according to empirical experiments;

`recent_series` the most recent *lambda* observations.

References

Cerqueira, Vitor; Torgo, Luis; Oliveira, Mariana, and Bernhard Pfahringer. "Dynamic and Heterogeneous Ensembles for Time Series Forecasting." Data Science and Advanced Analytics (DSAA), 2017 IEEE International Conference on. IEEE, 2017.

See Also

[model_specs-class](#) for setting up the ensemble parameters for an **DETS** model; [forecast](#) for the method that uses an **DETS** model for forecasting future values; [predict](#) for the method that predicts new held out observations; [update_weights](#) for the method used to update the weights of an **DETS** model between successive predict or forecast calls; [update_base_models](#) for the updating (retraining) the base models of an **DETS** ensemble (and respective weights); and [dets_hat-class](#) for the object that results from predicting with an **DETS** model.

Examples

```
specs <- model_specs(
  c("bm_ppr", "bm_svr"),
  list(bm_ppr = list(nterms = c(2, 4)),
       bm_svr = list(kernel = c("vanilladot", "polydot"), C = c(1,5)))
)

data("water_consumption")
train <- embed_timeseries(water_consumption, 5)

model <- DETS(target ~., train, specs, lambda = 30, omega = .2)
```

dets_hat

*Predictions by an DETS ensemble***Description**

Predictions by an DETS ensemble

Usage

```
dets_hat(y_hat, Y_hat, Y_committee, W)
```

Arguments

y_hat	combined predictions of the ensemble DETS . A numeric vector;
Y_hat	a matrix containing the predictions made by individual models;
Y_committee	a list describing the models selected for predictions at each time point (according to lambda and omega);
W	a matrix with the weights of the base models at each prediction time.

Value

Set of results from predicting with a DETS ensemble

See Also

Other ensemble predictions: [ade_hat-class](#), [ade_hat](#), [dets_hat-class](#)

dets_hat-class *Predictions by an DETS ensemble*

Description

Predictions by an DETS ensemble

Slots

y_hat combined predictions of the ensemble [DETS-class](#). A numeric vector;

Y_hat a matrix containing the predictions made by individual models;

Y_committee a list describing the models selected for predictions at each time point (according to **lambda** and **omega**);

W a matrix with the weights of the base models at each prediction time.

See Also

Other ensemble predictions: [ade_hat-class](#), [ade_hat](#), [dets_hat](#)

embed_timeseries *Embedding a Time Series*

Description

This function embeds a time series into an Euclidean space. This implementation is based on the function embed of **stats** package and has theoretical background on reconstruction of attractors (see Takens, 1981). This shape transformation of the series allows for the use of any regression tool available to learn the time series. The assumption is that there are no long-term dependencies in the data.

Usage

```
embed_timeseries(timeseries, embedding.dimension)
```

Arguments

timeseries a time series of class `"xts"`.

embedding.dimension

an integer specifying the embedding dimension.

Value

An embedded time series

See Also

[embed](#) for the details of the embedding procedure.

Examples

```
## Not run:
require(xts)
ts <- as.xts(rnorm(100L), order.by = Sys.Date() + rnorm(100L))
embedded.ts <- embed.timeseries(ts, 20L)

## End(Not run)
```

erfc

Complementary Gaussian Error Function

Description

Erfc stands for the Complementary Gaussian Error Function. This mathematical formula can be used as a squashing function. Consider x a numeric vector representing the squared error of base models in a given observation. By applying the erfc function on the error, the weight of a given model decays exponentially as its loss increases.

Usage

```
erfc(x, alpha = 2)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	A numeric vector. The default value for the parameter <code>lambda</code> presumes that <code>x</code> is in a 0–1 range. In the scope of this package, this is achieved using <code>normalize</code> function;
<code>alpha</code>	parameter used to control the flatness of the erfc curve. Defaults to 2.

Value

The complementary Gaussian error

References

Cerqueira, Vitor; Torgo, Luis; Oliveira, Mariana, and Bernhard Pfahringer. "Dynamic and Heterogeneous Ensembles for Time Series Forecasting." Data Science and Advanced Analytics (DSAA), 2017 IEEE International Conference on. IEEE, 2017.

Examples

```
## Not run:
  erfc(.1)
  erfc(c(.1, .7))

## End(Not run)
```

forecast

Forecasting using an ensemble predictive model

Description

Generic function for forecasting future values of a time series from an [ADE-class](#) model or a [DETS-class](#) model.

Usage

```
forecast(object, h)

## S4 method for signature 'ADE'
forecast(object, h)

## S4 method for signature 'DETS'
forecast(object, h)
```

Arguments

object predictive model object. A [ADE-class](#) or a [DETS-class](#) ensemble object;

h steps to forecast

Note

the forecast generic in **tsenssembler** assumes that the data is purely auto-regressive (no external variables), and that the target variable is the first column of the data provided. For a different data setup, the predict methods ([predict](#)) can be used (with successive calls with updates for multi-step forecasting).

See Also

[predict](#) for the predict method; [update_weights](#) for updating the weights of a model after forecasting; [update_base_models](#) for updating the base models of an ensemble.

Examples

```

specs <- model_specs(
  learner = c("bm_svr", "bm_glm", "bm_mars"),
  learner_pars = NULL
)

data("water_consumption")
dataset <- embed_timeseries(water_consumption, 5)
train <- dataset[1:500, ]

model <- DETS(target ~., train, specs)
model2 <- ADE(target ~., train, specs, lambda = 30)

next_vals_dets <- forecast(model, h = 2)
next_vals_ade <- forecast(model2, h = 2)

```

`get_y`*Get the response values from a data matrix*

Description

Given a formula and a data set, `get_y` function retrieves the response values.

Usage

```
get_y(data, form)
```

Arguments

<code>data</code>	data set with the response values;
<code>form</code>	formula

`intraining_estimations`*Out-of-bag loss estimations*

Description

A pipeline for retrieving out-of-bag loss estimations

Usage

```
intraining_estimations(train, test, form, specs)
```

Arguments

<code>train</code>	train set from the training set;
<code>test</code>	test set from the training set;
<code>form</code>	formula;
<code>specs</code>	object of class <code>model_specs-class</code> . Contains the specifications of the base models.

Value

A list containing two objects:

mloss loss of base models in **test**

oob out-of-bag test samples

See Also

Other out-of-bag functions: [intraining_predictions](#)

learning_base_models *Training the base models of an ensemble*

Description

This function uses *train* to build a set of predictive models, according to *specs*

Usage

```
learning_base_models(train, form, specs)
```

Arguments

<code>train</code>	training set to build the predictive models;
<code>form</code>	formula;
<code>specs</code>	object of class <code>model_specs-class</code>

Value

A series of predictive models (`base_model`), and the weights of the models computed in the training data (`preweights`).

See Also

[build_base_ensemble](#).

Examples

```
data("water_consumption")
dataset <- embed_timeseries(water_consumption, 5)
specs <- model_specs(c("bm_ppr", "bm_svr"), NULL)
M <- build_base_ensemble(target ~., dataset, specs)
```

model_recent_performance

Recent performance of models using EMASE

Description

This function computes **EMASE**, Erfc Moving Average Squared Error, to quantify the recent performance of the base models.

Usage

```
model_recent_performance(Y_hat, Y, lambda, omega, pre_weights)
```

Arguments

Y_hat	A data.frame containing the predictions of each base model;
Y	know true values from past data to compare the predictions to;
lambda	Window size. Number of periods to average over when computing MASE ;
omega	Ratio of top models in the committee;
pre_weights	The initial weights of the models, computed in the available data during the learning phase;

Value

A list containing two objects:

model_scores The weights of the models in each time point

top_models Models in the committee in each time point

See Also

Other weighting base models: [EMASE](#), [build_committee](#), [get_top_models](#), [model_weighting](#), [select_best](#)

 model_specs

Setup base learning models

Description

This class sets up the base learning models and respective parameters setting to learn the ensemble.

Usage

```
model_specs(learner, learner_pars = NULL)
```

Arguments

learner	<p>character vector with the base learners to be trained. Currently available models are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> bm_gaussianprocess Gaussian Process models, from the kernlab package. See gausspr for a complete description and possible parametrization. See bm_gaussianprocess for the function implementation. bm_ppr Projection Pursuit Regression models, from the stats package. See ppr for a complete description and possible parametrization. See bm_ppr for the function implementation. bm_glm Generalized Linear Models, from the glmnet package. See glmnet for a complete description and possible parametrization. See bm_glm for the function implementation. bm_gbm Generalized Boosted Regression models, from the gbm package. See gbm for a complete description and possible parametrization. See bm_gbm for the function implementation. bm_randomforest Random Forest models, from the ranger package. See ranger for a complete description and possible parametrization. See bm_randomforest for the function implementation. bm_cubist M5 tree models, from the Cubist package. See cubist for a complete description and possible parametrization. See bm_cubist for the function implementation. bm_mars Multivariate Adaptive Regression Splines models, from the earth package. See earth for a complete description and possible parametrization. See bm_mars for the function implementation. bm_svr Support Vector Regression models, from the kernlab package. See ksvm for a complete description and possible parametrization. See bm_svr for the function implementation. bm_ffnn Feedforward Neural Network models, from the nnet package. See nnet for a complete description and possible parametrization. See bm_ffnn for the function implementation. bm_pls_pcr Partial Least Regression and Principal Component Regression models, from the pls package. See mvr for a complete description and possible parametrization. See bm_pls_pcr for the function implementation.
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`learner_pars` a list with parameter setting for the **learner**. For each model, a inner list should be created with the specified parameters.
Check each implementation to see the possible variations of parameters (also exemplified below).

Examples

```
# A PPR model and a GLM model with default parameters
model_specs(learner = c("bm_ppr", "bm_glm"), learner_pars = NULL)

# A PPR model and a SVR model. The listed parameters are combined
# with a cartesian product.
# With these specifications an ensemble with 6 predictive base
# models will be created. Two PPR models, one with 2 nterms
# and another with 4; and 4 SVR models, combining the kernel
# and C parameters.
specs <- model_specs(
  c("bm_ppr", "bm_svr"),
  list(bm_ppr = list(nterms = c(2, 4)),
       bm_svr = list(kernel = c("vanilladot", "polydot"), C = c(1,5)))
)

# All parameters currently available (parameter values can differ)
model_specs(
  learner = c("bm_ppr", "bm_svr", "bm_randomforest",
             "bm_gaussianprocess", "bm_cubist", "bm_glm",
             "bm_gbm", "bm_pls_pcr", "bm_ffnn", "bm_mars"
             ),
  learner_pars = list(
    bm_ppr = list(
      nterms = c(2,4),
      sm.method = "supsmu"
    ),
    bm_svr = list(
      kernel = "rbfdot",
      C = c(1,5),
      epsilon = .01
    ),
    bm_glm = list(
      alpha = c(1, 0)
    ),
    bm_randomforest = list(
      num.trees = 500
    ),
    bm_gbm = list(
      interaction.depth = 1,
      shrinkage = c(.01, .005),
      n.trees = c(100)
    ),
    bm_mars = list(
      nk = 15,

```

```

    degree = 3,
    thresh = .001
  ),
  bm_ffnn = list(
    size = 30,
    decay = .01
  ),
  bm_pls_pcr = list(
    method = c("kernelpls", "simpls", "cppls")
  ),
  bm_gaussianprocess = list(
    kernel = "vanilladot",
    tol = .01
  ),
  bm_cubist = list(
    committees = 50,
    neighbors = 0
  )
)
)
)

```

model_specs-class *Setup base learning models*

Description

This class sets up the base learning models and respective parameters setting to learn the ensemble.

Slots

`learner` character vector with the base learners to be trained. Currently available models are:

- bm_gaussianprocess** Gaussian Process models, from the **kernlab** package. See [gausspr](#) for a complete description and possible parametrization. See [bm_gaussianprocess](#) for the function implementation.
- bm_ppr** Projection Pursuit Regression models, from the **stats** package. See [ppr](#) for a complete description and possible parametrization. See [bm_ppr](#) for the function implementation.
- bm_glm** Generalized Linear Models, from the **glmnet** package. See [glmnet](#) for a complete description and possible parametrization. See [bm_glm](#) for the function implementation.
- bm_gbm** Generalized Boosted Regression models, from the **gbm** package. See [gbm](#) for a complete description and possible parametrization. See [bm_gbm](#) for the function implementation.
- bm_randomforest** Random Forest models, from the **ranger** package. See [ranger](#) for a complete description and possible parametrization. See [bm_randomforest](#) for the function implementation.
- bm_cubist** M5 tree models, from the **Cubist** package. See [cubist](#) for a complete description and possible parametrization. See [bm_cubist](#) for the function implementation.

bm_mars Multivariate Adaptive Regression Splines models, from the **earth** package. See [earth](#) for a complete description and possible parametrization. See [bm_mars](#) for the function implementation.

bm_svr Support Vector Regression models, from the **kernlab** package. See [ksvm](#) for a complete description and possible parametrization. See [bm_svr](#) for the function implementation.

bm_ffnn Feedforward Neural Network models, from the **nnet** package. See [nnet](#) for a complete description and possible parametrization. See [bm_ffnn](#) for the function implementation.

bm_pls_pcr Partial Least Regression and Principal Component Regression models, from the **pls** package. See [mvr](#) for a complete description and possible parametrization. See [bm_pls_pcr](#) for the function implementation.

`learner_pars` a list with parameter setting for the **learner**. For each model, an inner list should be created with the specified parameters.

Check each implementation to see the possible variations of parameters (also exemplified below).

Examples

```
# A PPR model and a GLM model with default parameters
model_specs(learner = c("bm_ppr", "bm_glm"), learner_pars = NULL)

# A PPR model and a SVR model. The listed parameters are combined
# with a cartesian product.
# With these specifications an ensemble with 6 predictive base
# models will be created. Two PPR models, one with 2 nterms
# and another with 4; and 4 SVR models, combining the kernel
# and C parameters.
specs <- model_specs(
  c("bm_ppr", "bm_svr"),
  list(bm_ppr = list(nterms = c(2, 4)),
       bm_svr = list(kernel = c("vanilladot", "polydot"), C = c(1,5)))
)

# All parameters currently available (parameter values can differ)
model_specs(
  learner = c("bm_ppr", "bm_svr", "bm_randomforest",
             "bm_gaussianprocess", "bm_cubist", "bm_glm",
             "bm_gbm", "bm_pls_pcr", "bm_ffnn", "bm_mars"
             ),
  learner_pars = list(
    bm_ppr = list(
      nterms = c(2,4),
      sm.method = "supsmu"
    ),
    bm_svr = list(
      kernel = "rbfdot",
      C = c(1,5),
      epsilon = .01
    ),
  )
)
```

```
bm_glm = list(
  alpha = c(1, 0)
),
bm_randomforest = list(
  num.trees = 500
),
bm_gbm = list(
  interaction.depth = 1,
  shrinkage = c(.01, .005),
  n.trees = c(100)
),
bm_mars = list(
  nk = 15,
  degree = 3,
  thresh = .001
),
bm_ffnn = list(
  size = 30,
  decay = .01
),
bm_pls_pcr = list(
  method = c("kernelpls", "simpls", "cppls")
),
bm_gaussianprocess = list(
  kernel = "vanilladot",
  tol = .01
),
bm_cubist = list(
  committees = 50,
  neighbors = 0
)
)
)
```

model_weighting

Model weighting

Description

This is an utility function that takes the raw error of models and scales them into a 0-1 range according to one of three strategies:

Usage

```
model_weighting(x, trans = "softmax", ...)
```

Arguments

x	A object describing the loss of each base model
trans	Character value describing the transformation type. The available options are softmax , linear and erfc . The softmax and erfc provide a non-linear transformation where the weights decay exponentially as the relative loss of a given model increases (with respect to all available models). The linear transformation is a simple normalization of values using the max-min method.
...	Further arguments to normalize and proportion functions (<code>na.rm = TRUE</code>)

Details

erfc using the complementary Gaussian error function

softmax using a softmax function

linear A simple normalization using max-min method

These tranformations culminate into the final weights of the models.

Value

An object describing the weights of models

See Also

Other weighting base models: [EMASE](#), [build_committee](#), [get_top_models](#), [model_recent_performance](#), [select_best](#)

predict

Predicting new observations using an ensemble

Description

Initially, the predictions of the base models are collected. Then, the predictions of the loss to be incurred by the base models **E_hat** (estimated by their associate meta models) are computed. The weights of the base models are then estimated according to **E_hat** and the committee of top models. The committee is built according to the *lambda* and *omega* parameters. Finally, the predictions are combined according to the weights and the committee setup.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'ADE'
predict(object, newdata)

## S4 method for signature 'DETS'
predict(object, newdata)

## S4 method for signature 'base_ensemble'
predict(object, newdata)
```

Arguments

object an object of class [ADE-class](#);
 newdata new data to predict

Examples

```
##### Predicting with an ADE ensemble

specs <- model_specs(
  learner = c("bm_glm", "bm_mars"),
  learner_pars = NULL
)

data("water_consumption")
dataset <- embed_timeseries(water_consumption, 5)
train <- dataset[1:1000, ]
test <- dataset[1001:1500, ]

model <- ADE(target ~., train, specs)

preds <- predict(model, test)

## Not run:

##### Predicting with a DETS ensemble

specs <- model_specs(
  learner = c("bm_svr", "bm_glm", "bm_mars"),
  learner_pars = NULL
)

data("water_consumption")
dataset <- embed_timeseries(water_consumption, 5)
train <- dataset[1:700, ]
test <- dataset[701:1000, ]

model <- DETS(target ~., train, specs, lambda = 50, omega = .2)

preds <- predict(model, test)

## End(Not run)

## Not run:
##### Predicting with a base ensemble

model <- ADE(target ~., train, specs)

basepreds <- predict(model@base_ensemble, test)
```



```
## End(Not run)
```

roll_mean_matrix	<i>Computing the rolling mean of the columns of a matrix</i>
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Description

Computing the rolling mean of the columns of a matrix

Usage

```
roll_mean_matrix(x, lambda)
```

Arguments

x	a numeric data.frame;
lambda	periods to average over when computing the moving average.

tsensembler	<i>Dynamic Ensembles for Time Series Forecasting</i>
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Description

This package implements ensemble methods for time series forecasting tasks. Dynamically combining different forecasting models is a common approach to tackle these problems.

Details

The main methods in **tsensembler** are in [ADE-class](#) and [DETS-class](#):

ADE Arbitrated Dynamic Ensemble (ADE) is an ensemble approach for dynamically combining forecasting models using a metalearning strategy called arbitrating. A meta model is trained for each base model in the ensemble. Each meta-learner is specifically designed to model the error of its associate across the time series. At forecasting time, the base models are weighted according to their degree of competence in the input observation, estimated by the predictions of the meta models

DETS Dynamic Ensemble for Time Series (DETS) is similar to **ADE** in the sense that it adaptively combines the base models in an ensemble for time series forecasting. DETS follows a more traditional approach for forecaster combination. It pre-trains a set of heterogeneous base models, and at run-time weights them dynamically according to recent performance. Like **ADE**, the ensemble includes a committee, which dynamically selects a subset of base models that are weighted with a non-linear function

The ensemble methods can be used to predict new observations or forecast future values of a time series. They can also be updated using generic functions (check see also section).

References

Cerqueira, Vitor; Torgo, Luis; Pinto, Fabio; and Soares, Carlos. "Arbitrated Ensemble for Time Series Forecasting" to appear at: Joint European Conference on Machine Learning and Knowledge Discovery in Databases. Springer International Publishing, 2017.

V. Cerqueira, L. Torgo, and C. Soares, "Arbitrated ensemble for solar radiation forecasting," in International Work-Conference on Artificial Neural Networks. Springer, 2017, pp. 720–732

Cerqueira, Vitor; Torgo, Luis; Oliveira, Mariana, and Bernhard Pfahringer. "Dynamic and Heterogeneous Ensembles for Time Series Forecasting." Data Science and Advanced Analytics (DSAA), 2017 IEEE International Conference on. IEEE, 2017.

See Also

[ADE-class](#) for setting up an **ADE** model; and [DETS-class](#) for setting up an **DETS** model; see [forecast](#) to check the generic function for forecasting future values of a time series using an ensemble from *tsensembler*; see also [update_weights](#) and [update_base_models](#) to check the generic function for updating the predictive models in an ensemble.

Examples

```
## Not run:

data("water_consumption")
# embedding time series into a matrix
dataset <- embed_timeseries(water_consumption, 5)

# splitting data into train/test
train <- dataset[1:1000,]
test <- dataset[1001:1020, ]

# setting up base model parameters
specs <- model_specs(
  learner = c("bm_ppr", "bm_glm", "bm_svr", "bm_mars"),
  learner_pars = list(
    bm_glm = list(alpha = c(0, .5, 1)),
    bm_svr = list(kernel = c("rbfdot", "polydot"),
                  C = c(1,3)),
    bm_ppr = list(nterms = 4)
  )
)

# building the ensemble
model <- ADE(target ~., train, specs)

# forecast next value and update base and meta models
# every three points;
# in the other points, only the weights are updated
predictions <- numeric(nrow(test))
for (i in seq_along(predictions)) {
  predictions[i] <- predict(model, test[i, ])%y_hat
}
```

```

if (i %% 3 == 0) {
  model <-
    update_base_models(model,
                      rbind.data.frame(train, test[seq_len(i), ]))

  model <- update_ade_meta(model, rbind.data.frame(train, test[seq_len(i), ]))
}
else
  model <- update_weights(model, test[i, ])
}

point_forecast <- forecast(model, h = 5)

# setting up an ensemble of support vector machines
specs2 <-
  model_specs(learner = c("bm_svr"),
             learner_pars = list(
               bm_svr = list(kernel = c("vanilladot", "polydot",
                                       "rbfdot"),
                             C = c(1,3,6))
             ))

model <- DETS(target ~., train, specs2)
preds <- predict(model, test)$y_hat

## End(Not run)

```

update_ade

Updating an ADE model

Description

update_ade is a generic function that combines [update_base_models](#), [update_ade_meta](#), and [update_weights](#).

Usage

```
update_ade(object, newdata)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'ADE'
update_ade(object, newdata)
```

Arguments

object a [ADE-class](#) object.

`newdata` data used to update the ADE model. This should be the data used to initially train the models (training set), together with new observations (for example, validation set). Each model is retrained using `newdata`.

See Also

[ADE-class](#) for building an ADE model; [update_weights](#) for updating the weights of the ensemble (without retraining the models); [update_base_models](#) for updating the base models of an ensemble; and [update_ade_meta](#) for updating the meta-models of an ADE model.

Other updating models: [update_ade_meta](#), [update_weights](#)

Examples

```
specs <- model_specs(
  learner = c("bm_svr", "bm_glm", "bm_mars"),
  learner_pars = NULL
)

data("water_consumption")
dataset <- embed_timeseries(water_consumption, 5)
# toy size for checks
train <- dataset[1:300, ]
validation <- dataset[301:400, ]
test <- dataset[401:500, ]

model <- ADE(target ~., train, specs)

preds_val <- predict(model, validation)
model <- update_ade(model, rbind.data.frame(train, validation))

preds_test <- predict(model, test)
```

update_ade_meta

Updating the metalearning layer of an ADE model

Description

The `update_ade_meta` function uses new information to update the meta models of an [ADE-class](#) ensemble. As input it receives a [ADE-class](#) model object class and a new dataset for updating the weights of the base models in the ensemble. This new data should have the same structure as the one used to build the ensemble. Updating the base models of the ensemble is done using the [update_base_models](#) function.

Usage

```
update_ade_meta(object, newdata)

## S4 method for signature 'ADE'
update_ade_meta(object, newdata)
```

Arguments

object	a ADE-class object.
newdata	data used to update the meta models. This should be the data used to initially train the meta-models (training set), together with new observations (for example, validation set). Each meta model is retrained using newdata.

See Also

[ADE-class](#) for building an ADE model; [update_weights](#) for updating the weights of the ensemble (without retraining the models); and [update_base_models](#) for updating the base models of an ensemble.

Other updating models: [update_ade](#), [update_weights](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
specs <- model_specs(
  learner = c("bm_svr", "bm_glm", "bm_mars"),
  learner_pars = NULL
)

data("water_consumption")
dataset <- embed_timeseries(water_consumption, 5)
train <- dataset[1:1000, ]
validation <- dataset[1001:1200, ]
test <- dataset[1201:1500, ]

model <- ADE(target ~., train, specs)

preds_val <- predict(model, validation)
model <- update_ade_meta(model, rbind.data.frame(train, validation))

preds_test <- predict(model, test)

## End(Not run)
```

update_base_models *Update the base models of an ensemble*

Description

This is a generic function for updating the base models comprising an ensemble.

Usage

```
update_base_models(object, newdata)

## S4 method for signature 'ADE'
update_base_models(object, newdata)

## S4 method for signature 'DETS'
update_base_models(object, newdata)
```

Arguments

object	an ensemble object, of class DETS-class or ADE-class ;
newdata	new data used to update the models. Each base model is retrained, so newdata should be the past data used for initially training the models along with any further available observations.

Details

update_base_models function receives a model object and a new dataset for retraining the base models. This new data should have the same structure as the one used to build the ensemble.

See Also

[ADE-class](#) for the ADE model information, and [DETS-class](#) for the DETS model information; [update_ade_meta](#) for updating the meta models of an ADE ensemble. See [update_weights](#) for the method used to update the weights of the ensemble. Updating the weights only changes the information about the recent observations for computing the weights of the base models, while updating the model uses that information to retrain the models.

Examples

```
data("water_consumption")
dataset <- embed_timeseries(water_consumption, 5)
# toy size for checks execution time
train <- dataset[1:300,]
test <- dataset[301:305, ]

specs <- model_specs(c("bm_ppr", "bm_glm", "bm_mars"), NULL)

model <- ADE(target ~., train, specs)
```

```

predictions <- numeric(nrow(test))
for (i in seq_along(predictions)) {
  predictions[i] <- predict(model, test[i, ])%y_hat
  model <-
    update_base_models(model,
                      rbind.data.frame(train, test[seq_len(i), ]))
}

####

specs2 <- model_specs(c("bm_ppr", "bm_randomforest", "bm_svr"), NULL)

modeldets <- DETS(target ~., train, specs2)

predictions <- numeric(nrow(test))
# predict new data and update models every three points
# in the remaining points, the only the weights are updated
for (i in seq_along(predictions)) {
  predictions[i] <- predict(modeldets, test[i, ])%y_hat

  if (i %% 3 == 0)
    modeldets <-
      update_base_models(modeldets,
                        rbind.data.frame(train, test[seq_len(i), ]))
  else
    modeldets <- update_weights(modeldets, test[seq_len(i), ])
}

```

update_weights

Updating the weights of base models

Description

Update the weights of base models of a [ADE-class](#) or [DETS-class](#) ensemble. This is accomplished by using computing the loss of the base models in new recent observations.

Usage

```

update_weights(object, newdata)

## S4 method for signature 'ADE'
update_weights(object, newdata)

## S4 method for signature 'DETS'
update_weights(object, newdata)

```

Arguments

object	a ADE-class or DETS-class model object;
newdata	new data used to update the most recent observations of the time series. At prediction time these observations are used to compute the weights of the base models

Note

Updating the weights of an ensemble is only necessary between different calls of the functions `predict` or `forecast`. Otherwise, if consecutive known observations are predicted (e.g. a validation/test set) the updating is automatically done internally.

See Also

[update_weights](#) for the weight updating method for an [ADE](#) model, and [update_weights](#) for the same method for a [DETS](#) model

Other updating models: [update_ade_meta](#), [update_ade](#)

Examples

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# toy size for checks
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specs <- model_specs(c("bm_ppr", "bm_glm", "bm_mars"), NULL)
## same with model <- DETS(target ~., train, specs)
model <- ADE(target ~., train, specs)

# if consecutive known observations are predicted (e.g. a validation/test set)
# the updating is automatically done internally.
predictions1 <- predict(model, test)@y_hat

# otherwise, the models need to be updated
predictions <- numeric(nrow(test))
# predict new data and update the weights of the model
for (i in seq_along(predictions)) {
  predictions[i] <- predict(model, test[i, ] )@y_hat

  model <- update_weights(model, test[i, ])
}

all.equal(predictions1, predictions)
```

water_consumption	<i>Water Consumption in Oporto city (Portugal) area.</i>
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Description

A time series of classes xts and zoo containing the water consumption levels a specific delivery point at Oporto town, in Portugal.

Usage

```
water_consumption
```

Format

The time series has 1741 values from Jan, 2012 to Oct, 2016 in a daily granularity.

consumption consumption of water, raw value from sensor

Source

<https://www.addp.pt/home.php>

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