

# Portmanteau Test Statistics

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## Abstract

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

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## 1. Box and Pierce portmanteau test

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

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

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

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

where `obj` is a univariate or multivariate series with class `"numeric"`, `"matrix"`, `"ts"`, or `("mts" "ts")`. It can be also an object of fitted time-series model (including time series regression) with class `"ar"`<sup>1</sup>, `"arima0"`<sup>2</sup>, `"Arima"`<sup>3</sup>, `("ARIMA forecast ARIMA Arima")`<sup>4</sup>, `"lm"`<sup>5</sup>, `("glm" "lm")`<sup>6</sup>, `"varest"`<sup>7</sup>. `obj` may also an object with class `"list"` from any fitted model using the built in R functions, such as the functions `FitAR()`, `FitARz()`, and `FitARp()` from the `FitAR` R package ([McLeod, Zhang, and Xu 2013](#)), the function `garch()` from the R package `tseries` ([Trapletti, Hornik, and LeBaron 2019](#)), the function `garchFit()`

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

from the R package `fGarch` (Wuertz and core team members 2019), the function `fracdiff()` from the R package `fracdiff` (Fraley, Leisch, Maechler, Reisen, and Lemonte 2012), the function `tar()` from the R package `TSA` (Chan and Ripley 2018), etc. `lags` is a vector of numeric integers represents the lag values,  $m$ , at which we need to check the adequacy of the fitted model.

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

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

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

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

### 1.1. Example 1

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

```
> library("portes")

> require("FitAR")
> lynxData <- log(lynx)
```

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

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

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

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

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

```
lags statistic    p-value
  5  6.748225 0.05294705
 10 15.856081 0.02497502
```

```

15 22.631444 0.02297702
20 30.304179 0.01298701
25 34.157210 0.02797203
30 37.963103 0.03196803

```

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

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

```
[1] 1 2 4 10 11
```

```

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

```

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

```

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

```

lags	statistic	p-value
5	2.382300	0.5654346
10	4.258836	0.7822178
15	6.532786	0.8481518

```

20  9.887818 0.8211788
25 13.258935 0.7952048
30 16.172499 0.7972028

```

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

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

## 1.2. Example 2

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

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

```

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

```

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

```

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

```

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

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

```

lags statistic df      p-value
  5  40.78073  5 1.039009e-07
 10  49.57872 10 3.189915e-07

```

```

15 81.90133 15 3.131517e-11
20 86.50575 20 3.006796e-10
25 87.54737 25 7.161478e-09
30 88.55017 30 1.087505e-07

```

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

```

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

```

### 1.3. Example 3

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

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

```

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

```

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

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

```

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

```

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

```

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

```

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

lags statistic  p-value
  5  2.509718  0.5184815
 10  5.252716  0.2267732

> detach(package:forecast)
```

## 2. Ljung and Box portmanteau test

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

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

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

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

where the arguments of this function are described as before.

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

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

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

### 2.1. Example 4

The built in R function `auto.arima()` in the package **forecast** ([Hyndman, Athanasopoulos, Razbash, Schmidt, Zhou, Khan, Bergmeir, and Wang 2019](#)) is used to fit the best ARIMA model based on the AIC criterion to the numbers of users connected to the Internet through a server every minute `WWWusage` dataset of length 100 that is available from the **forecast** package,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### 3. Hosking portmanteau test

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### 3.1. Example 5

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

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

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

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

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

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

lags	statistic	df	p-value
5	21.46968	8	0.005999073
10	40.36636	28	0.061317366
15	55.14693	48	0.222617147
20	92.49612	68	0.025796818
25	121.00241	88	0.011311937
30	138.44693	108	0.025694805

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### 4. Li and McLeod portmanteau test

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### 4.1. Example 6

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## 5. Generalized variance portmanteau test

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

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

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

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

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

where

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### 5.1. Example 7

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

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

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

```

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

```

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

```

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

```

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

```

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

```

```
[1] 1 2 4 10 11
```

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

```

> FitsubsetAR <- function(data){
+   FitsubsetAR <- FitARp(data, c(1, 2, 4, 10, 11))

```

```

+   res <- FitsubsetAR$res
+   phiHat <- FitsubsetAR$phiHat
+   p <- length(phiHat)
+   sigsqHat <- FitsubsetAR$sigsqHat
+   list(res=res,order=p,phiHat=phiHat,sigsqHat=sigsqHat)
+ }
> SimsubsetARModel <- function(parSpec){
+   phi <- parSpec$phiHat
+   n <- length(parSpec$res)
+   sigma <- parSpec$sigsqHat
+   ts(SimulateGaussianAR(phi, n = n, InnovationVariance = sigma))
+ }
> Fitsubset <- FitsubsetAR(lynxData)
> MahdiMcLeod(Fitsubset)

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

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

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

> detach(package:FitAR)

```

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

## 5.2. Example 8

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

```

> data("IbmSp500")
> ibm <- log(IbmSp500[, 2] + 1) * 100

```

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### 5.3. Example 9

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### 5.4. Example 10

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

lags statistic  p-value
  5  1.700823  0.6003996
 10  3.714068  0.4795205

> detach(package:forecast)
```

## 6. Generalized Durbin-Watson test statistic

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

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

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

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

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

### 6.1. Example 11

Consider the annual U.S. macroeconomic data from the year 1963 to 1982 with two variables, **consumption**: the real consumption and **gnp**: the gross national product. Data was studied by Greene (1993, Chapter 7, p. 221, Table 7.7) and is available from the package **lmtest** (Hothorn, Zeileis, Farebrother, Cummins, Millo, and Mitchell 2019) under the name **USDistLag**.

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

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

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

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

```

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

```

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

```

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

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

```

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

```

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

```

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

```

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

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

```

```

> detach(package:lmtest)

```

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