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**Description** It fits an univariate left or right censored linear regression model with autoregressive errors under the normal distribution. It provides estimates and standard errors of the parameters, prediction of future observations and it supports missing values on the dependent variable. It also performs influence diagnostic through local influence for three possible perturbation schemes.

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## Description

It fits an univariate left or right censored linear regression model with autoregressive errors under the normal distribution using the SAEM algorithm. It provides estimates and standard errors of the parameters, prediction of future observations and it supports missing values on the dependent variable. It also provides convergence plots when exists at least one censored observation.

## Usage

```
ARCensReg(cc,y,x,p=1,cens='left',x_pred=NULL,miss=NULL,
          tol=0.0001,show.convergence=TRUE,M=10,perc=0.25,MaxIter=400,
          pc=0.18,show_se=TRUE)
```

## Arguments

cc	Vector of censoring indicators of length n, where n is the total of observations. For each observation: 0 if non-censored, 1 if censored.
x	Matrix of covariates of dimension n x 1, where 1 is the number of fixed effects including the intercept, if considered (in models which include an intercept x should contain a column of ones).
y	Vector of responses of length n.
p	Order of the autoregressive process. Must be a positive integer value. For p equal to 0 we suggest to use the function <a href="#">CensReg.SMN</a> from SMNCensReg package.
cens	"left" for left censoring, "right" for right censoring.
x_pred	Matrix of covariates for responses to be predicted. If x_pred = NULL no responses are predicted.
miss	Vector containing the index of missing observations. miss = NULL indicates that no observations are missing.
tol	The convergence maximum error permitted.
show.convergence	TRUE or FALSE. Indicates if convergence graphs should be built for the parameters estimates (for the case with at least one censored observation). The dashed line indicates the iteration of the SAEM algorithm that simulations start being smoothed. Default=TRUE.
M	Size of the Monte Carlo sample generated in each step of the SAEM algorithm. Default=10.
perc	Percentage of burn-in on the Monte Carlo sample. Default=0.25.
MaxIter	The maximum number of iterations of the SAEM algorithm. Default=400.
pc	Percentage of initial iterations of the SAEM algorithm. It is recommended that 50<MaxIter*pc<100. Default=0.18.
show_se	TRUE or FALSE. Indicates if the standard errors should be estimated. Default=TRUE.

## Details

The initial values are obtained by ignoring censoring and applying maximum likelihood estimation with the censored data simply replaced by their censoring limits. If you want to fit a regression model with autoregressive errors for non-censored data, just set "cc" as a vector of zeros and "cens" as either "right" or "left".

## Value

beta	Estimate of the regression parameters.
sigma2	Estimated variance of the white noise process.
phi	Estimate of the autoregressive parameters.
p1	Estimate of the first p partial autocorrelations.
theta	Vector of parameters estimate (beta, sigma2, phi).
SE	Vector of the standard errors of (beta, sigma2, phi).
loglik	Log-likelihood value.
AIC	Akaike information criterion.
BIC	Bayesian information criterion.
AICcorr	Corrected Akaike information criterion.
time	Processing time.
pred	Predicted values (if x_pred is not NULL).
criteria	Attained criteria value.
yest	Augmented response variable based on the fitted model.
yyest	Final estimative of $E(Y * t(Y))$ .
iter	Number of iterations until convergence.

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## See Also

[arima](#), [CensReg.SMN](#), [InfDiag](#)

## Examples

```

##simple example (p = l = 1)
#generating a sample
set.seed(23451)
n=50
x=rep(1,n)
dat = rARCens(n=n,beta=2,pit=.5,sig2=.3,x=x,
               cens='left',pcens=.1)

#fitting the model (quick convergence)
fit0 = ARCensReg(dat$data$cc,dat$data$y,x,tol=0.001,
                  pc=.12,M=5,show_se=FALSE)

## Not run:

##another example (p = l = 2)
#generating a sample
n=100
x=cbind(1,runif(n))
dat = rARCens(n=n,beta=c(2,1),pit=c(.4,-.2),sig2=.5,
               x=x,cens='left',pcens=.05)

#fitting the model
fit1 = ARCensReg(dat$data$cc,dat$data$y,x,p=2,
                  cens="left",tol=0.0001)

#plotting the augmented variable
par(mfrow=c(1,1))
plot.ts(fit1$yest,lty='dashed',col=4)
lines(dat$data$y)

#simulating missing values
miss = sample(1:n,3)
yMISS = dat$data$y
yMISS[miss] = NA
fit2 = ARCensReg(dat$data$cc,yMISS,x,p=2,miss=miss,
                  cens="left",tol=0.0001)

## End(Not run)

```

## Description

The cloud ceiling heights, collected by the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR), were observed hourly in San Francisco during the month of March 1989, consisting of n=716 observations (Park et al., 2007).

**Usage**

```
data(CloudCeiling)
```

**Format**

This data frame contains the following columns:

y logarithm of the cloud ceiling heights.

cc right censoring indicator (1 if the observation is right censored and 0 otherwise).

**Source**

Park, J. W., Genton, M. G. & Ghosh, S. K. (2007). Censored time series analysis with autoregressive moving average models. *Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics*, 18(4), 797-817.

**See Also**

[ARCensReg](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
data(CloudCeiling)

plot.ts(CloudCeiling$y)

#Proportion of censoring
prop.table(table(CloudCeiling$cc))

#A censored regression model
##this may take a long time due to the number of censored observations.
##For other examples see help(ARCensReg).

x = as.matrix(rep(1,length(CloudCeiling$y)))
miss = which(is.na(CloudCeiling$y))
AR_reg = ARCensReg(CloudCeiling$cc,CloudCeiling$y,x,cens='right',miss=miss,p=1,tol=.001)

## End(Not run)
```

**Description**

It performs influence diagnostic by a local influence approach (Cook, 1986) with three possible perturbations schemes: response perturbation (y), scale matrix perturbation (Sigma) or explanatory variable perturbation (x). A benchmark value is calculated that depends on k.

## Usage

```
InfDiag(theta,yest,yyest,x,k=3,plots=T,indpar=rep(1,length(theta)),
         perturbation ='y',indcolx = rep(1,ncol(x)))
```

## Arguments

theta	Vector of estimated parameters.
yest	Vector of responses of length n with augmented data. Should be the value yest of the ARCensReg function in the case that at least one observation is censored.
yyest	Should be the value yyest of the ARCensReg function in the case that at least one observation is censored. Otherwise, must be y%*%t(y).
x	Matrix of covariates of dimension n x 1, where 1 is the number of fixed effects including the intercept, if considered (in models which include an intercept x should contain a column of ones).
k	Constant to be used in the benchmark calculation: M0+k*sd(M0).
plots	TRUE or FALSE. Indicates if a graph should be plotted.
indpar	Vector of length equal to the number of parameters, with each element 0 or 1 indicating if the respective parameter should be taking into account in the influence calculation.
perturbation	Perturbation scheme. Possible values: "y" for response perturbation, "Sigma" for scale matrix perturbation or "x" for explanatory variable perturbation.
indcolx	If perturbation="x", indcolx must be a vector of length equal to the number of columns of x, with each element 0 or 1 indicating if the respective column of x should be perturbed. All columns are perturbed by default.

## Details

The function returns a vector of length n with the aggregated contribution (M0) of all eigenvectors of the matrix associated with the normal curvature. For details see (Schumacher et. al., 2016).

## Value

M0

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Zhu, H. & Lee, S. (2001). Local influence for incomplete-data models. Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Series B, 63, 111-126.

## See Also

[ARCensReg](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:
#generating the data
set.seed(12341)
x = cbind(1,runif(100))
dat = rARCens(n=100,beta = c(1,-1),pit = c(.4,-.2),sig2=.5,
              x=x,cens='left',pcens=.05)
#create an outlier
dat$data$y[40] = 5
plot.ts(dat$data$y)

#fitting the model
fit = ARCensReg(cc=dat$data$cc,y=dat$data$y,x,p=2,cens='left',
                 tol=0.001,show_se=F)

#influence diagnostic
M0y = InfDiag(theta=fit$res$theta, yest=fit$yest, yyest=fit$yyest,
               x=x, k = 3.5, perturbation = "y")
M0Sigma = InfDiag(theta=fit$res$theta, yest=fit$yest, yyest=fit$yyest,
                    x=x, k = 3.5, perturbation = "Sigma")
M0x = InfDiag(theta=fit$res$theta, yest=fit$yest, yyest=fit$yyest,
               x=x, k = 3.5, perturbation = "x",indcolx =c(0,1))

#perturbation on a subset of parameters
M0y1 = InfDiag(theta=fit$res$theta, yest=fit$yest, yyest=fit$yyest,
                x=x, k = 3.5, perturbation = "y",indpar=c(1,1,0,0,0))
M0y2 = InfDiag(theta=fit$res$theta, yest=fit$yest, yyest=fit$yyest,
                x=x, k = 3.5, perturbation = "y",indpar=c(0,0,1,1,1))
plot(M0y1,M0y2)
abline(v = mean(M0y1)+3.5*sd(M0y1),h = mean(M0y2)+3.5*sd(M0y2),lty=2)

## End(Not run)
```

## Description

The phosphorus concentration (P) data of West Fork Cedar River at Finchford, Iowa, USA, collected under the ambient water quality program conducted by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (Iowa DNR) were observed monthly from 10/1998 to 10/2013 (n=181) and the dataset was first

available in the R package carx. The phosphorus concentration measurement was subject to a limit of detection (lcl), thereby the P data are left censored.

The water discharge dataset were obtained from the website of U.S. Geological Survey (site number 05458900), and it is measured in cubic feet per second.

## Usage

```
data(phosphorus)
```

## Format

This data frame contains the following columns:

- lP logarithm of the phosphorus concentration.
- cc left censoring indicator (1 if the observation is left censored and 0 otherwise).
- lQ logarithm of the water discharge.
- lc1 lower censoring limit.
- time Year-Month.

## Source

<http://waterdata.usgs.gov/ia/nwis/monthly/>  
<https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/carx/carx.pdf>

## See Also

[ARCensReg](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:
data(phosphorus)

plot.ts(phosphorus$lP)
lines(phosphorus$lc1,col=2,lty=2)

#Proportion of censoring
prop.table(table(phosphorus$cc))

#A censored regression model
x = cbind(1,phosphorus$lQ)
miss = which(is.na(phosphorus$lP))
AR_reg = ARCensReg(phosphorus$cc,phosphorus$lP,x,cens='left',miss=miss,p=1,tol=.001)

## End(Not run)
```

**Description**

It simulates a censored response variable with autoregressive errors of order p, with a established censoring rate.

**Usage**

```
rARCens(n,beta,pit,sig2,x,cens,pcens)
```

**Arguments**

n	Length of the desired time serie.
beta	Vector of theoretical regression parameters of length 1.
pit	Vector of theoretical partial autocorrelations. Each element must be in (-1,1).
sig2	Theoretical variance of the error.
x	Matrix of covariates of dimension n × 1 (in models that include an intercept x should contain a column of ones).
cens	"left" for left censoring, "right" for right censoring.
pcens	Desired censoring rate.

**Value**

data	Generated response (y) and censoring indicator (cc).
param	Theoretical parameters (beta, sig2, phi).

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**See Also**

[ARCensReg](#)

**Examples**

```
#generating a sample
dat = rARCens(n=100,beta = c(1,-1),pit = c(.4,-.2),
              sig2=.5,x=cbind(1,runif(100)),cens='left',pcens=.05)
#
plot.ts(dat$data$y)
table(dat$data$cc)

dat$param
#[1]  1.00 -1.00  0.50  0.48 -0.20
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