

# Package ‘seastests’

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check_residuals	<i>Check model used in OCSB test</i>
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## Description

Test the residuals of the model used for the OCSB test for serial correlation.

## Usage

```
check_residuals(x, plot = F)
```

## Arguments

x	results of ocsb test
plot	boolean, should barplot be printed?

## Details

The residuals of the model used for the OCSB test should ideally be white noise. Here the Ljung-Box statistic is calculated and shown for all lags up to 2 times the frequency of the series. Be aware that the Ljung-Box statistic is a 'cumulative test'. For instance, the p-value of the Ljung-Box statistic for lag 3 is based on the null hypothesis, that the autocorrelations of the first three lags are jointly zero.

## Author(s)

Daniel Ollech

## References

Box, G. and G. Jenkins (1970). Time Series Analysis: Forecasting and Control. San Francisco: Holden-Day.

Osborn D.R., Chui A.P.L., Smith J., and Birchenhall C.R. (1988). Seasonality and the order of integration for consumption, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics 50(4):361-377.

## Examples

```
teststat <- ocsb(ts(rnorm(100, 10,10), frequency=12), nrun=100)
check_residuals(teststat)
```

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freq_xts	<i>Obtain the frequency of an xts time series</i>
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**Description**

Estimate the number of periods per year of an xts time series

**Usage**

```
freq_xts(series)
```

**Arguments**

series	time series
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**Details**

The function gives back the average number of observations per year calculated on the whole series except for the first and the last year.

**Author(s)**

Daniel Ollech

**Examples**

```
x <- xts::xts(rnorm(100), seq.Date(from=as.Date("2010-01-01"), by="months", length.out=100))
frequency(x)
```

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fried	<i>Friedman Rank test</i>
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**Description**

Test for seasonality in a time series.

**Usage**

```
fried(x, freq = NA, diff = T, residuals = F, autoarima = T)
```

**Arguments**

x	time series
freq	Frequency of the time series
diff	Shall the differenced series be tested?
residuals	Shall the residuals of an ARIMA model be tested?
autoarima	Use automatic instead of a (0,1,1) ARIMA model?

**Details**

If residuals=FALSE the autoarima settings are ignored.

If residuals=TRUE, a non-seasonal ARIMA model is estimated for the time series. And the residuals of the fitted model are used as input to the test statistic. If an automatic order selection is used, the Hyndman-Khandakar algorithm is employed with  $\max(p)=\max(q) \leq 3$ .

**Author(s)**

Daniel Ollech

**References**

Friedman, M. (1937). The Use of Ranks to Avoid the Assumption of Normality Implicit in the Analysis of Variance. *Journal of the American Statistical Association* 32 (200), 675-701.

Hyndman, R. J. and Y. Khandakar (2008). Automatic Time Series Forecasting: The forecast Package for R. *Journal of Statistical Software* 27 (3), 1-22.

**Examples**

```
fried(ts(rnorm(120, 10,10), frequency=12))
fried(ts(rnorm(1200, 10,10), frequency=7))
```

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isSeasonal

*Testing the seasonality of series*


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**Description**

Using a user-chosen seasonality test, the seasonality of a time series is assessed and a boolean value is returned.

**Usage**

```
isSeasonal(x, test = "wo", freq = NA)
```

**Arguments**

x	time series
test	Test to be used
freq	Frequency of the time series

**Details**

By default, the WO-test is used to assess the seasonality of a time series and returns a boolean. Alternatively, the QS test (test='qs'), Friedman test (test='fried'), Kruskal-Wallis (test='kw'), F-test on seasonal dummies (test='seasdm') or the Welch test (test='welch') can be used.

**Author(s)**

Daniel Ollech

**References**

Webel, K. and Ollech, D. (2019). An overall seasonality test. Deutsche Bundesbank's Discussion Paper series.

**Examples**

```
isSeasonal(ts(rnorm(120, 10,10), frequency=12))
isSeasonal(ts(rnorm(1200, 10,10), frequency=7))
```

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 kw

*Kruskall Wallis test*


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**Description**

Test for seasonality in a time series.

**Usage**

```
kw(x, freq = NA, diff = T, residuals = F, autoarima = T)
```

**Arguments**

x	time series
freq	Frequency of the time series
diff	Shall the differenced series be tested?
residuals	Shall the residuals of an ARIMA model be tested?
autoarima	Use automatic instead of a (0,1,1) ARIMA model?

**Details**

If residuals=FALSE the autoarima settings are ignored.

If residuals=TRUE, a non-seasonal ARIMA model is estimated for the time series. And the residuals of the fitted model are used as input to the test statistic. If an automatic order selection is used, the Hyndman-Khandakar algorithm is employed with  $\max(p)=\max(q) \leq 3$ .

**Author(s)**

Daniel Ollech

## References

Hyndman, R. J. and Y. Khandakar (2008). Automatic Time Series Forecasting: The forecast Package for R. *Journal of Statistical Software* 27 (3), 1-22.

Kruskal, W. H. and W. A. Wallis (1952). Use of Ranks in One-Criterion Variance Analysis. *Journal of the American Statistical Association* 47 (260), 583-621.

## Examples

```
kw(ts(rnorm(120, 10,10), frequency=12))
kw(ts(rnorm(1200, 10,10), frequency=7))
```

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ocsb

*OCSB test*

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## Description

Test for seasonal unit root roots in a time series.

## Usage

```
ocsb(x, method = "OLS", augmentations = c(3, 0), freq = NA, nrun = 1000,
     seed = 123)
```

## Arguments

x	time series
method	"OLS" or "ML"
augmentations	non-seasonal and seasonal order of the augmentations
freq	frequency to be tested
nrun	number of runs in monte carlo simulation
seed	seed for monte carlo simulated based generation of null distribution

## Details

The null hypothesis of the OCSB is that a series contains a seasonal unit root. This is tested by a Dickey-Fuller type regression. The test regression has often to be augmented by autocorrelational terms to ensure white noise of the error terms.

If seasonal lags are included and method='OLS' the test regression is calculated by OLS, so only the seasonal lags are included. If instead of 'OLS' method='ML' a seasonal AR model is calculated, which implies that high-order non-seasonal lags will be indirectly included as well (see Box and Jenkins, 1970). For seasonal augmentations, ML is quite a bit slower than OLS. The run time can be speeded up by reducing the number of runs of the monte carlo simulation (e.g. nrun=100).

Under the null hypothesis the test statistic follows a non-standard distribution and thus needs to be simulated. The number of runs and the seed can be changed.

**Author(s)**

Daniel Ollech

**References**

Box, G. and G. Jenkins (1970). Time Series Analysis: Forecasting and Control. San Francisco: Holden-Day.

Osborn D.R., Chui A.P.L., Smith J., and Birchenhall C.R. (1988). Seasonality and the order of integration for consumption, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics 50(4):361-377.

**Examples**

```
teststat <- ocsb(ts(rnorm(70, 10,10), frequency=7), nrun=200)
check_residuals(teststat)
```

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print.seastests            *Generic function for class seastests*

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**Description**

Generic function for class seastests

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'seastests'
print(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x                    result from seasonality test  
...                   additional arguments

**Author(s)**

Daniel Ollech

**Examples**

```
a <- qs(ts(rnorm(120, 10,10), frequency=12))
print(a)
summary(a)
```

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qs	<i>QS test</i>
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### Description

Test for seasonality in a time series.

### Usage

```
qs(x, freq = NA, diff = T, residuals = F, autoarima = T)
```

### Arguments

x	time series
freq	Frequency of the time series
diff	Shall the differenced series be tested?
residuals	Shall the residuals of ARIMA model be tested?
autoarima	Use automatic instead of a (0,1,1) ARIMA model?

### Details

If residuals=FALSE the autoarima settings are ignored.

If residuals=TRUE, a non-seasonal ARIMA model is estimated for the time series. And the residuals of the fitted model are used as input to the test statistic. If an automatic order selection is used, the Hyndman-Khandakar algorithm is employed with  $\max(p)=\max(q) \leq 3$ .

### Author(s)

Daniel Ollech

### References

Hyndman, R. J. and Y. Khandakar (2008). Automatic Time Series Forecasting: The forecast Package for R. *Journal of Statistical Software* 27 (3), 1-22.

Maravall, A. (2011). Seasonality Tests and Automatic Model Identification in TRAMO-SEATS. Bank of Spain.

### Examples

```
qs(ts(rnorm(120, 10,10), frequency=12))
qs(ts(rnorm(1200, 10,10), frequency=7))
```



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seasdum *F-Test on seasonal dummies*

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### Description

Test for seasonality in a time series based on joint significance seasonal dummies in a non-seasonal ARIMA model.

### Usage

```
seasdum(x, freq = NA, autoarima = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

x	time series
freq	Frequency of the time series
autoarima	Use automatic instead of a (0,1,1) ARIMA model?

### Details

A RegARIMA model is estimated with (0,1,1)+Seasonal dummies if autoarima=FALSE (default) or (p,d,q)+Seasonal dummies if autoarima=TRUE, (p,d,q) selected by Hyndman-Khandakar algorithm with  $\max(p)=\max(q) \leq 3$ . Then the tests checks whether the seasonal dummies are jointly different from zero, i.e. whether deterministic seasonality can be detected in the time series.

### Author(s)

Daniel Ollech

### References

Hyndman, R. J. and Y. Khandakar (2008). Automatic Time Series Forecasting: The forecast Package for R. *Journal of Statistical Software* 27 (3), 1-22.

Maravall, A. (2011). *Seasonality Tests and Automatic Model Identification in TRAMO-SEATS*. Bank of Spain.

### Examples

```
seasdum(ts(rnorm(120, 10,10), frequency=12))
seasdum(ts(rnorm(70, 10,10), frequency=7))
```

summary.seasinttests    *Generic functions for class seasinttests*

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**Description**

Generic functions for class seasinttests

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'seasinttests'  
summary(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	result from seasonal integration test
...	additional arguments

**Author(s)**

Daniel Ollech

**Examples**

```
a <- qs(ts(rnorm(120, 10,10), frequency=12))  
print(a)  
summary(a)
```

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summary.seastests    *Generic function for class seastests*

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**Description**

Generic function for class seastests

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'seastests'  
summary(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	result from seasonality test
...	additional arguments

**Author(s)**

Daniel Ollech

**Examples**

```
a <- qs(ts(rnorm(120, 10,10), frequency=12))
print(a)
summary(a)
```

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 welch

*Welch seasonality test*


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**Description**

Test for seasonality in a time series using Welch's ANOVA test.

**Usage**

```
welch(x, freq = NA, diff = T, residuals = F, autoarima = T, rank = F)
```

**Arguments**

x	time series
freq	Frequency of the time series
diff	Shall the differenced series be tested?
residuals	Shall the residuals of an ARIMA model be tested?
autoarima	Use automatic instead of a (0,1,1) ARIMA model?
rank	Use rank of series instead of actual values?

**Details**

If residuals=FALSE the autoarima parameter is ignored.

If rank=TRUE, the test becomes basically a combination of the Kruskal-Wallis and the Welch test.

If residuals=TRUE, a non-seasonal ARIMA model is estimated for the time series. And the residuals of the fitted model are used as input to the test statistic. If an automatic order selection is used, the Hyndman-Khandakar algorithm is employed with  $\max(p)=\max(q) \leq 3$ .

**Author(s)**

Daniel Ollech

**References**

Kruskal, W. H. and W. A. Wallis (1952). Use of Ranks in One-Criterion Variance Analysis. *Journal of the American Statistical Association* 47 (260), 583-621.

Welch, B. L. (1951). On the Comparison of Several Mean Values: An Alternative Approach. *Biometrika* 38 (3/4), 330-336.

**Examples**

```
welch(ts(rnorm(120, 10,10), frequency=12))  
welch(ts(rnorm(1200, 10,10), frequency=7))
```

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wo

*WO test*

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**Description**

Webel-Ollech overall seasonality test that combines results from different seasonality tests.

**Usage**

```
wo(y, freq = NA)
```

**Arguments**

y	time series
freq	Frequency of the time series

**Details**

By default, the WO-test combines the results of the QS-test and the kwman-test, both calculated on the residuals of an automatic non-seasonal ARIMA model. If the p-value of the QS-test is below 0.01 or the p-value of the kwman-test is below 0.002, the WO-test will classify the corresponding time series as seasonal.

If residuals=FALSE the autoarima settings are ignored.

If residuals=TRUE, a non-seasonal ARIMA model is estimated for the time series. And the residuals of the fitted model are used as input to the test statistic. If an automatic order selection is used, the Hyndman-Khandakar algorithm is employed with  $\max(p)=\max(q) \leq 3$ .

**Author(s)**

Daniel Ollech

**References**

Webel, K. and Ollech, D. (forthcoming). An overall seasonality test. Deutsche Bundesbank's Discussion Paper series.

**Examples**

```
wo(ts(rnorm(120, 10,10), frequency=12))  
wo(ts(rnorm(120, 10,10), frequency=7))
```

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