

# Package ‘MultiATSM’

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Bias_Correc_VAR	<i>Estimates an unbiased VAR(1) using stochastic approximation (Bauer, Rudebusch and Wu, 2012)</i>
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## Description

Estimates an unbiased VAR(1) using stochastic approximation (Bauer, Rudebusch and Wu, 2012)

**Usage**

```

Bias_Correc_VAR(
  ModelType,
  BRWinputs,
  RiskFactors,
  N,
  Economies,
  FactorLabels,
  GVARinputs = NULL,
  JLLinputs = NULL,
  ev_restr = 1,
  nargout = 4
)

```

**Arguments**

ModelType	A character vector indicating the model type to be estimated.
BRWinputs	A list containing the necessary inputs for the BRW model estimation: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. flag_mean: Logical. Determines whether mean- (TRUE) or median- (FALSE) unbiased estimation is desired. Default is TRUE.</li> <li>2. gamma: Numeric. Adjustment parameter between 0 and 1. Default is 0.5.</li> <li>3. N_iter: Integer. Number of iterations for the stochastic approximation algorithm after burn-in. Default is 5,000.</li> <li>4. N_burn: Integer. Number of burn-in iterations. Default is 15</li> <li>5. B: Integer. Number of bootstrap samples per iteration for calculating the noisy measure of the OLS estimator's mean or median. Default is 50.</li> <li>6. check: Logical. Indicates whether to perform a closeness check. Default is TRUE.</li> <li>7. B_check: Integer. Number of bootstrap samples for the closeness check. Default is 100,000.</li> </ol>
RiskFactors	A numeric matrix (T x F) representing the time series of risk factors.
N	Integer. Number of country-specific spanned factors.
Economies	A character vector containing the names of the economies included in the system.
FactorLabels	A list of character vectors with labels for all variables in the model.
GVARinputs	List. Inputs for GVAR model estimation (see <a href="#">GVAR</a> function). Default is NULL.
JLLinputs	List. Inputs for JLL model estimation (see <a href="#">JLL</a> function). Default is NULL.
ev_restr	Numeric. Restriction on the largest eigenvalue under the P-measure. Default is 1.
nargout	Integer. Number of elements in the output list. Default is 4.

**Value**

Bias-corrected VAR parameters based on the framework of Bauer, Rudebusch and Wu (2012). The list contains:

1. Phi\_tilde: estimated coefficient matrix ( $F \times F$ );
2. mu\_tilde: estimated intercept ( $F \times 1$ );
3. V\_tilde: estimated variance-covariance matrix ( $F \times F$ );
4. dist: root mean square distance (scalar);
5. Phi\_sample: sample estimated variance-covariance matrix used in the checks ( $F \times F \times B\_check$ )  
- this output is reported if nargout is 5.

## References

Bauer, Rudebusch and, Wu (2012). "Correcting Estimation Bias in Dynamic Term Structure Models"

This function is based on the `est_unb_var` Matlab function available at Cynthia Wu's website (<https://sites.google.com/view/jingcynthiawu/>).

## Examples

```
data(CM_Factors)
Factors <- t(RiskFactors[1:7,])

BRWinputs <- list(flag_mean = TRUE, gamma = 0.4, N_iter = 1000, N_burn = 100,
                 B = 10, check = 1, B_check = 5000)

Economies <- "China"
N <- 3
ModelType <- "JPS original"
FactorLabels <- NULL

BRWpara <- Bias_Correc_VAR(ModelType, BRWinputs, Factors, N, Economies, FactorLabels)
```

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Bootstrap

*Generates the bootstrap-related outputs*

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## Description

Generates the bootstrap-related outputs

## Usage

```
Bootstrap(
  ModelType,
  ModelParaPE,
  NumOutPE,
  Economies,
  InputsForOutputs,
```

```

    FactorLabels,
    JLLlist = NULL,
    GVARlist = NULL,
    WishBC = 0,
    BRWlist = NULL
  )

```

### Arguments

ModelType	A character vector indicating the model type to be estimated.
ModelParaPE	A list containing the point estimates of the model parameters. For details, refer to the outputs from the <a href="#">Optimization</a> function.
NumOutPE	The point estimate derived from numerical outputs. See the outputs from the <a href="#">NumOutputs</a> function for further information.
Economies	A character vector containing the names of the economies included in the system.
InputsForOutputs	A list containing the necessary inputs for generating IRFs, GIRFs, FEVDs, GFEVDs and Term Premia.
FactorLabels	A list of character vectors with labels for all variables in the model.
JLLlist	List. Inputs for JLL model estimation (see <a href="#">JLL</a> function). Default is NULL.
GVARlist	List. Inputs for GVAR model estimation (see <a href="#">GVAR</a> function). Default is NULL.
WishBC	Whether to estimate the physical parameter model with bias correction, based on the method by Bauer, Rudebusch and Wu (2012) (see <a href="#">Bias_Correc_VAR</a> function). Default is set to 0.
BRWlist	List of necessary inputs for performing the bias-corrected estimation (see <a href="#">Bias_Correc_VAR</a> function).

### Value

list containing the following elements:

- list of model parameters for one each one the draws;
- list of numerical outputs (IRFs, GIRFs, FEVDs, GFEVDs and Term Premia) for each one of the draws;
- Confidence bounds for the chosen level of significance.

### References

This function is a modified and extended version of the `VARirbound` function from "A toolbox for VAR analysis" by Ambrogio Cesa-Bianchi (<https://github.com/ambropo/VAR-Toolbox>)

### Examples

```
# See an example of implementation in the vignette file of this package (Section 4).
```

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BR_jps_out	<i>Replications of the JPS (2014) outputs by Bauer and Rudebusch (2017)</i>
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### Description

Unspanned macro risk model outputs by Bauer and Rudebusch (2017)

### Usage

```
data("BR_jps_gro_R3")
```

### Format

Unspanned macro risk model outputs by Bauer and Rudebusch (2017)

**est.llk** summary list of log-likelihood estimations

**M.o** time series of unspanned factors

**pars** additional summary list of log-likelihood estimations

**W** Weight matrix that results from principal components analysis

**Y** time series of bond yields

**N** total number of risk factor of the model (spanned and unspanned)

**R** total number of spanned factor of the model

### References

Bauer, M. and Rudebusch, G. "Resolving the Spanning Puzzle in Macro-Finance Term Structure Models"

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DatabasePrep	<i>Gather data of several countries in a list. Particularly useful for GVAR-based setups (Compute "GVARFactors")</i>
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### Description

Gather data of several countries in a list. Particularly useful for GVAR-based setups (Compute "GVARFactors")

**Usage**

```
DatabasePrep(
  t_First,
  t_Last,
  Economies,
  N,
  FactorLabels,
  ModelType,
  Wgvar = NULL,
  DataPathMacro = NULL,
  DataPathYields = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>t_First</code>	Start date of the sample period in the format yyyy-mm-dd.
<code>t_Last</code>	End date of the sample period in the format yyyy-mm-dd.
<code>Economies</code>	A character vector containing the names of the economies included in the system.
<code>N</code>	Integer. Number of country-specific spanned factors.
<code>FactorLabels</code>	A list of character vectors with labels for all variables in the model.
<code>ModelType</code>	A character vector indicating the model type to be estimated.
<code>Wgvar</code>	GVAR transition matrix of size $C \times C$ , applicable if a GVAR-type model is selected. Default is NULL.
<code>DataPathMacro</code>	File path to the Excel file containing macroeconomic data, if provided. The default path points to the Excel file available within the package.
<code>DataPathYields</code>	File path to the Excel file containing yields data, if provided. The default path points to the Excel file available within the package.

**Value**

List containing the risk factor set used in the estimation of the GVAR-based models

**Examples**

```
DomVar <- c("Eco_Act", "Inflation")
GlobalVar <- c("GBC", "CPI_OECD")
t0 <- "2006-09-01"
tF <- "2019-01-01"
Economies <- c("China", "Brazil", "Mexico", "Uruguay", "Russia")
N <- 3
ModelType <- "GVAR multi"
FactorLabels <- LabFac(N, DomVar, GlobalVar, Economies, ModelType)
Wgvar <- Transition_Matrix(t_First = "2006", t_Last = "2019", Economies, type = "Sample Mean")

GVARFactors <- DatabasePrep(t0, tF, Economies, N, FactorLabels, ModelType, Wgvar)
```

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DataForEstimation	<i>Retrieves data from Excel and build the database used in the model estimation</i>
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### Description

Retrieves data from Excel and build the database used in the model estimation

### Usage

```
DataForEstimation(
  t0,
  tF,
  Economies,
  N,
  FactorLabels,
  ModelType,
  DataFrequency,
  W_type = NULL,
  t_First_Wgvar = NULL,
  t_Last_Wgvar = NULL,
  DataPathMacro = NULL,
  DataPathYields = NULL,
  DataPathTrade = NULL
)
```

### Arguments

t0	Start date of the sample period in the format yyyy-mm-dd.
tF	End date of the sample period in the format yyyy-mm-dd.
Economies	A character vector containing the names of the economies included in the system.
N	Integer. Number of country-specific spanned factors.
FactorLabels	String-list based which contains the labels of all the variables present in the model
ModelType	String-vector containing the label of the model to be estimated
DataFrequency	Character-based-vector. Available options are: "Daily All Days", "Daily Business Days", "Weekly", "Monthly", "Quarterly", "Annually"
W_type	Three possibilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full Sample: if one wishes ALL weight matrices of each year from which data is available (it may extrapolate the sample period);</li> </ul>



- Sample Mean: if one wishes a SINGLE weight matrix containing the average of weights over of the entire sample period;
- Some year in particular (e.g. "1998", "2005" ...).

t_First_Wgvar	Sample starting date (year)
t_Last_Wgvar	Sample last date (year)
DataPathMacro	Path of the Excel file containing the macroeconomic data (if any). The default is linked to the excel file present in the package.
DataPathYields	Path of the Excel file containing the yields data (if any). The default is linked to the excel file present in the package.
DataPathTrade	Path of the Excel file containing the trade data (if any). The default is linked to the excel file present in the package.

### Value

A list containing the

1. time series of the complete set of bond yields (matrix,  $J \times T$  or  $CJ \times T$ );
2. time series of the complete set risk factors (matrix,  $K \times T$ );
3. 'GVARFactors': list of all variables that are used in the estimation of the VARX (see e.g. CM\_Factors\_GVAR file). If the estimated model type is not GVAR-based, then returns NULL.

### See Also

[InputsForOpt](#)

### Examples

```
DomVar <- c("Eco_Act", "Inflation")
GlobalVar <- c("GBC", "CPI_OECD")
t0 <- "2006-09-01"
tF <- "2019-01-01"
Economies <- c("China", "Brazil", "Mexico", "Uruguay", "Russia")
N <- 2
ModelType <- "JPS original"
FactorLabels <- LabFac(N, DomVar, GlobalVar, Economies, ModelType)
DataFrequency <- "Monthly"
```

```
DataModel <- DataForEstimation(t0, tF, Economies, N, FactorLabels, ModelType, DataFrequency)
```

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DomesticMacroVar      *Data: Risk Factors - Candelon and Moura (forthcoming, JFEC)*

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**Description**

Risk factors data used in Candelon and Moura (forthcoming, JFEC)

**Usage**

```
data("CM_DomMacroFactors")
```

**Format**

matrix containing the risk factors of the models

**References**

Candelon, B. and Moura, R. (Forthcoming) "A Multicountry Model of the Term Structures of Interest Rates with a GVAR". (Journal of Financial Econometrics)

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DomMacro      *Data: Risk Factors for the GVAR - Candelon and Moura (2023)*

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**Description**

Risk factors data used in the GVAR models - Candelon and Moura (2023)

**Usage**

```
data("CM_DomMacro_2023")
```

**Format**

list containing the variables used in the GVAR models

**References**

Candelon, B. and Moura, R. (2023) "Sovereign yield curves and the COVID-19 in emerging markets". (Economic Modelling)

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FactorsGVAR	<i>Data: Risk Factors for the GVAR - Candelon and Moura (forthcoming, JFEC)</i>
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**Description**

Risk factors data used in the GVAR models - Candelon and Moura (forthcoming, JFEC)

**Usage**

```
data("CM_Factors_GVAR")
```

**Format**

list containing the variables used in the GVAR models

**References**

Candelon, B. and Moura, R. (Forthcoming) "A Multicountry Model of the Term Structures of Interest Rates with a GVAR". (Journal of Financial Econometrics)

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ForecastYields	<i>Generates forecasts of bond yields for all model types</i>
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**Description**

Generates forecasts of bond yields for all model types

**Usage**

```
ForecastYields(  
  ModelType,  
  ModelPara,  
  InputsForOutputs,  
  FactorLabels,  
  Economies,  
  JLLlist = NULL,  
  GVARlist = NULL,  
  WishBRW,  
  BRWlist = NULL  
)
```

**Arguments**

ModelType	A character vector indicating the model type to be estimated.
ModelPara	A list containing the point estimates of the model parameters. For details, refer to the outputs from the <a href="#">Optimization</a> function.
InputsForOutputs	A list containing the necessary inputs for generating IRFs, GIRFs, FEVDs, GFEVDs and Term Premia.
FactorLabels	A list of character vectors with labels for all variables in the model.
Economies	A character vector containing the names of the economies included in the system.
JLLlist	A list of necessary inputs for the estimation of JLL-based models (see the <a href="#">JLL</a> function).
GVARlist	A list containing the necessary inputs for the estimation of GVAR-based models (see the <a href="#">GVAR</a> function).
WishBRW	Whether to estimate the physical parameter model with bias correction, based on the method by Bauer, Rudebusch and Wu (2012) (see <a href="#">Bias_Correc_VAR</a> function). Default is set to 0.
BRWlist	List of necessary inputs for performing the bias-corrected estimation (see <a href="#">Bias_Correc_VAR</a> function).

**Value**

List containing the following elements

1. Out-of-sample forecasts of bond yields per forecast horizon
2. Out-of-sample forecast errors of bond yields per forecast horizon
3. Root mean square errors per forecast horizon

**Examples**

```
# See an example of implementation in the vignette file of this package (Section 4).
```

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GlobalMacro

*Data: Risk Factors - Candelon and Moura (2023)*

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**Description**

Risk factors data used in Candelon and Moura (2023)

**Usage**

```
data("CM_GlobalMacro_2023")
```

**Format**

matrix containing the risk factors of the models

**References**

Candelon, B. and Moura, R. (2023) "Sovereign yield curves and the COVID-19 in emerging markets". (Economic Modelling)

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GlobalMacroVar	<i>Data: Risk Factors - Candelon and Moura (forthcoming, JFEC)</i>
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**Description**

Risk factors data used in Candelon and Moura (forthcoming, JFEC)

**Usage**

```
data("CM_GlobalMacroFactors")
```

**Format**

matrix containing the risk factors of the models

**References**

Candelon, B. and Moura, R. (Forthcoming) "A Multicountry Model of the Term Structures of Interest Rates with a GVAR". (Journal of Financial Econometrics)

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GVAR	<i>Estimates a GVAR(1) and a VARX(1,1,1) models</i>
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**Description**

Estimates a GVAR(1) and a VARX(1,1,1) models

**Usage**

```
GVAR(GVARinputs, N, CheckInputs = F)
```

## Arguments

GVARinputs	<p>GVARinputs List. Inputs for GVAR model estimation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Economies</b>: A character vector containing the names of the economies included in the system.</li> <li>2. <b>GVARFactors</b>: A list of all variables used in the estimation of the VARX model (see e.g. CM_Factors_GVAR file for details);</li> <li>3. <b>VARXtype</b>: A character vector with three possible options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'unconstrained': model is estimated without constraints (each equation is estimated individually by ordinary least square);</li> <li>• 'constrained: Spanned Factors': The model is estimated with the restriction that foreign pricing factors do NOT affect (i) domestic economic variables and (ii) domestic pricing factors. (Equations are estimated using restricted least squares)</li> <li>• 'constrained : [factor_name]': The model is estimated with the restriction that the specified risk factor is influenced only by its own lagged values and the lagged values of its corresponding star variables. (Equations are estimated using restricted least squares.)</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. <b>Wgvar</b>: The GVAR transition matrix (C x C) used in the model solution. (See the output from the <a href="#">Transition_Matrix</a> function.).</li> </ol>
N	Integer. Number of country-specific spanned factors.
CheckInputs	A logical flag to indicate whether to perform a prior consistency check on the inputs provided in GVARinputs. The default is set to FALSE

## Value

A list containing

1. parameters of the country-specific VARX(1,1,1)
  - intercept (M+Nx1);
  - phi\_1 (M+N x M+N);
  - phi\_1^star (M+N x M+N);
  - phi\_g (M+N x M+N);
  - Sigma (M+N x G)
2. parameters of the GVAR.
  - F0 (F X 1);
  - F1 (F x F);
  - Sigma\_y (F x F)

## References

Chudik and Pesaran, (2016). "Theory and Practice of GVAR modelling" (Journal of Economic Surveys)

**Examples**

```

data(CM_Factors_GVAR)

GVARinputs <- list( Economies = c("China", "Brazil", "Mexico", "Uruguay"),
                   GVARFactors = FactorsGVAR, VARXtype = "unconstrained")

GVARinputs$Wgvar <- matrix( c(0, 0.83, 0.86, 0.38,
                              0.65, 0, 0.13, 0.55,
                              0.32, 0.12, 0, 0.07,
                              0.03, 0.05, 0.01, 0), nrow = 4, ncol = 4)

N <- 3

GVARPara <- GVAR(GVARinputs, N)

```

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InputsForOpt	<i>Generates several inputs that are necessary to build the likelihood function</i>
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**Description**

Generates several inputs that are necessary to build the likelihood function

**Usage**

```

InputsForOpt(
  InitialSampleDate,
  FinalSampleDate,
  ModelType,
  Yields,
  GlobalMacro,
  DomMacro,
  FactorLabels,
  Economies,
  DataFrequency,
  GVARlist = NULL,
  JLLlist = NULL,
  WishBRW = 0,
  BRWlist = NULL,
  UnitYields = "Month",
  CheckInputs = TRUE,
  BS_Adj = FALSE
)

```

**Arguments**

InitialSampleDate  
Start date of the sample period in the format "dd-mm-yyyy"

FinalSampleDate	End date of the sample period in the format "dd-mm-yyyy"
ModelType	A character vector indicating the model type to be estimated.
Yields	A numerical matrix with time series of yields (JxT or CJ x T)
GlobalMacro	A numerical matrix with time series of the global risk factors (G x T)
DomMacro	A numerical matrix with time series of the country-specific risk factors for all C countries (CM x T)
FactorLabels	A list of character vectors with labels for all variables in the model.
Economies	A character vector containing the names of the economies included in the system.
DataFrequency	A character vector specifying the frequency of the data. Available options are: "Daily All Days", "Daily Business Days", "Weekly", "Monthly", "Quarterly", or "Annually".
GVARlist	A list containing the necessary inputs for the estimation of GVAR-based models
JLLlist	A list of necessary inputs for the estimation of JLL-based models. If the chosen model is "JLL original" or "JLL joint Sigma", then a dominant unit economy must be chosen. Otherwise, this list must be set as 'None'.
WishBRW	Whether to estimate the physical parameter model with bias correction, based on the method by Bauer, Rudebusch and Wu (2012) (see <a href="#">Bias_Correc_VAR</a> function). Default is set to 0.
BRWlist	List of necessary inputs for performing the bias-corrected estimation (see <a href="#">Bias_Correc_VAR</a> function).
UnitYields	A character string indicating the maturity unit of yields. Options are: (i) "Month" for yields expressed in months, or (ii) "Year" for yields expressed in years. Default is "Month".
CheckInputs	A logical value indicating whether to perform a prior check on the consistency of the provided input list. Default is TRUE.
BS_Adj	A logical value indicating whether to adjust the global series for the sepQ models in the Bootstrap setting. Default is FALSE.

### Value

List of necessary inputs for performing the model optimization.

### Examples

```
# Example 1:
data(CM_GlobalMacroFactors)
data(CM_DomMacroFactors)
data(CM_Yields)

ModelType <- "JPS original"
Economies <- "Mexico"
t0 <- "01-05-2007" # Initial Sample Date (Format: "dd-mm-yyyy")
tF <- "01-12-2018" # Final Sample Date (Format: "dd-mm-yyyy")
```



```

N <- 3
GlobalVar <- c("Gl_Eco_Act") # Global Variables
DomVar <- c("Eco_Act") # Domestic Variables
FactorLabels <- LabFac(N, DomVar, GlobalVar, Economies, ModelType)
DataFreq <- "Monthly"

ATSMInputs <- InputsForOpt(t0, tF, ModelType, Yields, GlobalMacroVar, DomesticMacroVar,
                           FactorLabels, Economies, DataFreq, CheckInputs = FALSE)

# Example 2:
LoadData("CM_2024")

ModelType <- "GVAR multi"
Economies <- c("China", "Brazil", "Mexico", "Uruguay")
t0 <- "01-05-2007" # InitialSampleDate (Format: "dd-mm-yyyy")
tF <- "01-12-2019" # FinalSampleDate (Format: "dd-mm-yyyy")#
N <- 2
GlobalVar <- c("Gl_Eco_Act", "Gl_Inflation") # Global Variables
DomVar <- c("Inflation") # Domestic Variables
FactorLabels <- LabFac(N, DomVar, GlobalVar, Economies, ModelType)

DataFreq <- "Monthly"
GVARlist <- list(VARXtype = "unconstrained", W_type = "Sample Mean",
                t_First_Wgvar = "2007", t_Last_Wgvar = "2019")
ATSMInputs <- InputsForOpt(t0, tF, ModelType, Yields, GlobalMacroVar, DomesticMacroVar,
                           FactorLabels, Economies, DataFreq, GVARlist, CheckInputs = FALSE)

# Example 3:
if (requireNamespace('neldermead', quietly = TRUE)) {
  LoadData("CM_2024")

  ModelType <- "JLL original"

  Economies <- c("China", "Brazil", "Uruguay")
  t0 <- "01-05-2007" # InitialSampleDate (Format: "dd-mm-yyyy")
  tF <- "01-12-2019" # FinalSampleDate (Format: "dd-mm-yyyy")#
  N <- 2
  GlobalVar <- c("Gl_Eco_Act", "Gl_Inflation") # Global Variables
  DomVar <- c("Eco_Act", "Inflation") # Domestic Variables
  FactorLabels <- LabFac(N, DomVar, GlobalVar, Economies, ModelType)

  JLLinputs <- list(DomUnit = "China")

  DataFrequency <- "Monthly"

  ATSMInputs <- InputsForOpt(t0, tF, ModelType, Yields, GlobalMacroVar, DomesticMacroVar,
                             FactorLabels, Economies, DataFreq, JLLlist = JLLinputs,
                             CheckInputs = FALSE)
} else {
  message("skipping functionality due to missing Suggested dependency")
}

```

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InputsForOutputs	<i>Collects the inputs that are used to construct the numerical and the graphical outputs</i>
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### Description

Collects the inputs that are used to construct the numerical and the graphical outputs

### Usage

```
InputsForOutputs(
  ModelType,
  Horiz,
  ListOutputWished,
  OutputLabel,
  WishStationarityQ,
  DataFrequency,
  WishGraphYields = 0,
  WishGraphRiskFactors = 0,
  WishOrthoJLLgraphs = 0,
  WishForwardPremia = 0,
  LimFP = NULL,
  WishBootstrap = 0,
  ListBoot = NULL,
  WishForecast = 0,
  ListForecast = NULL,
  UnitYields = "Month"
)
```

### Arguments

ModelType	A character vector indicating the model type to be estimated.
Horiz	A numeric scalar specifying the desired analysis horizon for the outputs.
ListOutputWished	A list of desired graphical outputs. Available options are: "Fit", "IRF", "FEVD", "GIRF", "GFEVD", "TermPremia".
OutputLabel	A string for the name of the output label to be stored.
WishStationarityQ	A binary variable (1 or 0) indicating whether to impose that the largest eigenvalue under Q is strictly smaller than 1. Set to 1 to impose the restriction, or 0 otherwise.
DataFrequency	A character vector specifying the data frequency. Available options: "Daily All Days", "Daily Business Days", "Weekly", "Monthly", "Quarterly", "Annually".
WishGraphYields	A binary variable (1 or 0) indicating whether the user wishes to generate graphs for yields. Default is 0.

WishGraphRiskFactors	A binary variable (1 or 0) indicating whether the user wishes to generate graphs for risk factors. Default is 0.
WishOrthoJLLgraphs	A binary variable (1 or 0) indicating whether the user wishes to generate orthogonalized JLL-based graphs. Default is 0.
WishForwardPremia	A binary variable (1 or 0) indicating whether the user wishes to generate forward premia graphs. Default is 0.
LimFP	A numeric vector containing the maturities associated with the start and end dates of the loan.
WishBootstrap	A binary variable (1 or 0) indicating whether the user wishes to perform bootstrap-based estimation. Default is 0.
ListBoot	A List containing the following four elements: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. methodBS: Desired bootstrap method: (a) 'bs' for standard residual bootstrap, (b) 'wild' for wild bootstrap, or (c) 'block' for block bootstrap.</li> <li>2. BlockLength: If block bootstrap is chosen, specify the block length (numeric scalar).</li> <li>3. ndraws: Number of bootstrap draws.</li> <li>4. pctg: Confidence level expressed in basis points (numeric vector).</li> </ol>
WishForecast	A binary variable (1 or 0) indicating whether the user wishes to generate forecasts. Default is 0.
ListForecast	A list containing the following three elements: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ForHoriz: forecast horizon;</li> <li>2. t0Sample: Index of the first variable in the information set.</li> <li>3. t0Forecast: Index of the first forecast cut-off date.</li> <li>4. ForType: A string specifying the desired forecast type. Available options are: "Rolling" or "Expanding".</li> </ol>
UnitYields	A character string indicating the maturity unit of yields. Options are: (i) "Month" for yields expressed in months, or (ii) "Year" for yields expressed in years. Default is "Month".

## Value

List of necessary inputs to generate the graphs of the outputs of the desired model

## Examples

```

ModelType <- "JPS original"
Horiz <- 100
DesiredOutputGraphs <- c("Fit", "GIRF", "GFEVD")
OutputLabel <- "Test"
WishStationarityQ <- 1
WishGraphRiskFac <- 0
WishGraphYields <- 1

```

```
InputsList <- InputsForOutputs(ModelType, Horiz, DesiredOutputGraphs, OutputLabel,
                               WishStationarityQ, WishGraphYields, WishGraphRiskFac)
```

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JLL

*Estimates the P-dynamics from JLL-based models*

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### Description

Estimates the P-dynamics from JLL-based models

### Usage

```
JLL(NonOrthoFactors, N, JLLinputs, CheckInputs = F)
```

### Arguments

NonOrthoFactors	A numeric matrix (F x T) representing the time series of risk factors before the orthogonalization process.
N	Integer. Number of country-specific spanned factors.
JLLinputs	List of necessary inputs to estimate JLL models: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Economies: set of economies that are part of the economic system (string-vector)</li> <li>2. DomUnit: A string specifying the name of the economy assigned as the dominant unit. If no dominant unit is assigned, set this variable to "None".</li> <li>3. WishSigmas: Set to "1" if the user wishes to estimate the variance-covariance matrices and Cholesky factorizations (this can take a long time). Set to "0" if not.</li> <li>4. SigmaNonOrtho: A NULL value or an F x F matrix from the non-orthogonalized dynamics.</li> <li>5. JLLModelType: A string specifying the type of JLL model. Available options are: "JLL original", "JLL joint Sigma", or "JLL No DomUnit".</li> </ol>
CheckInputs	A logical flag to indicate whether to perform a prior consistency check on the inputs provided in JLLinputs. The default is set to FALSE

### Value

List of model parameters from both the orthogonalized and non-orthogonalized versions of the JLL's based models

### References

Jotiskhatira, Le and Lundblad (2015). "Why do interest rates in different currencies co-move?" (Journal of Financial Economics)

**Examples**

```

data(CM_Factors)
RF_TS <- RiskFactors
N <- 3

JLLinputs <- list(Economies = c("China", "Brazil", "Mexico", "Uruguay"), DomUnit = "China",
                 WishSigmas = 1, SigmaNonOrtho = NULL, JLLModelType = "JLL original")

JLLPara <- JLL(RF_TS, N, JLLinputs)

```

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LabFac	<i>Generates the labels factors</i>
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**Description**

Generates the labels factors

**Usage**

```
LabFac(N, DomVar, GlobalVar, Economies, ModelType)
```

**Arguments**

N	Integer. Number of country-specific spanned factors.
DomVar	A character vector containing the names of the domestic variables.
GlobalVar	A character vector containing the names of the global variables.
Economies	A character vector containing the names of the economies included in the system.
ModelType	A character vector indicating the model type to be estimated.

**Value**

List containing the risk factor labels

**Examples**

```

N <- 2
DomVar <- c("inflation", "Output gap")
GlobalVar <- "Commodity Prices"
Economies <- c("U.S.", "Canada", "Germany", "Japan")
ModelType <- "JPS original"

VarLabels <- LabFac(N, DomVar, GlobalVar, Economies, ModelType)

```

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LoadData

*Loads data sets from several papers*

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### **Description**

Loads data sets from several papers

### **Usage**

```
LoadData(DataPaper)
```

### **Arguments**

DataPaper      Available options are BR\_2017 (Bauer and Rudebusch, 2017) , CM\_2023 (Candelon and Moura, 2023), CM\_2024 (Candelon and Moura, forthcoming)

### **Value**

Complete set of data from several papers.

### **References**

1. Bauer and Rudebusch (2017). "Resolving the Spanning Puzzle in Macro-Finance Term Structure Models" (Review of Finance)
2. Candelon and Moura (2023). "Sovereign yield curves and the COVID-19 in emerging markets" (Economic Modelling)
3. Candelon and Moura (forthcoming). "A Multicountry Model of the Term Structures of Interest Rates with a GVAR" (Journal of Financial Econometrics)

### **Examples**

```
#Example 1:  
LoadData("BR_2017")
```

```
#Example 2:  
LoadData("CM_2023")
```

```
#Example 3:  
LoadData("CM_2024")
```

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ModelPara	<i>Replications of the JPS (2014) outputs by the MultiATSM package</i>
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**Description**

Unspanned macro risk model outputs by the MultiATSM package

**Usage**

```
data("JPSrep")
```

**Format**

list of inputs and outputs

**inputs** general model inputs

**ests** model parameters estimates (JPS form)

**llk** log-likelihood of the observations

**rot** model parameters estimates (rotation form)

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MultiATSM	<i>ATSM Package</i>
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**Description**

Estimation of several classes of affine term structure of interest rates models.

**Author(s)**

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NumOutputs	<i>Constructs the model numerical outputs (model fit, IRFs, GIRFs, FEVDs, GFEVDs, and risk premia decomposition)</i>
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### Description

Constructs the model numerical outputs (model fit, IRFs, GIRFs, FEVDs, GFEVDs, and risk premia decomposition)

### Usage

```
NumOutputs(ModelType, ModelPara, InputsForOutputs, FactorLabels, Economies)
```

### Arguments

ModelType	A character vector indicating the model type to be estimated.
ModelPara	A list containing the point estimates of the model parameters. For details, refer to the outputs from the <a href="#">Optimization</a> function.
InputsForOutputs	A list containing the necessary inputs for generating IRFs, GIRFs, FEVDs, GFEVDs and Term Premia.
FactorLabels	A list of character vectors with labels for all variables in the model.
Economies	A character vector containing the names of the economies included in the system.

### Details

Both IRFs and FEVDs are computed using the Cholesky decomposition method. The risk factors are ordered as follows: (i) global unspanned factors, and (ii) domestic unspanned and spanned factors for each country. The order of countries follows the sequence defined in the Economies vector.

### Value

List of the model numerical outputs, namely

1. Model fit of bond yields
2. IRFs
3. FEVDs
4. GIRFs
5. GFEVDs
6. Bond yield decomposition



## References

Pesaran, H. Hashem, and Shin, Yongcheol. "Generalized impulse response analysis in linear multivariate models." *Economics letters* 58.1 (1998): 17-29.

## Examples

```
# See an example of implementation in the vignette file of this package (Section 4).
```

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Optimization	<i>Perform the optimization of the log-likelihood function of the chosen ATSM</i>
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## Description

Perform the optimization of the log-likelihood function of the chosen ATSM

## Usage

```
Optimization(  
  MLEinputs,  
  StatQ,  
  DataFreq,  
  FactorLabels,  
  Economies,  
  ModelType,  
  tol = 1e-04,  
  TimeCount = TRUE,  
  BS_outputs = FALSE  
)
```

## Arguments

MLEinputs	A list containing the necessary inputs for building the log-likelihood function (see <a href="#">InputsForOpt</a> function).
StatQ	A binary variable (1 or 0) indicating whether to impose that the largest eigenvalue under Q is strictly smaller than 1. Set to 1 to impose the restriction, or 0 otherwise.
DataFreq	A character vector specifying the data frequency. Available options: "Daily All Days", "Daily Business Days", "Weekly", "Monthly", "Quarterly", "Annually".
FactorLabels	A list of character vectors with labels for all variables in the model.
Economies	A character vector containing the names of the economies included in the system.
ModelType	A character vector indicating the model type to be estimated.

tol	Convergence tolerance (scalar). The default is 1e-4.
TimeCount	Logical. If TRUE, computes the time required for model estimation. Default is TRUE.
BS_outputs	Logical. If TRUE, generates a simplified output list in the bootstrap setting. Default is FALSE.

**Value**

An extensive list containing model outputs after the optimization of the chosen ATSM specification.

**References**

This function is partially adapted from the LS\_\_opt function by Le and Singleton (2018). "A Small Package of Matlab Routines for the Estimation of Some Term Structure Models." (Euro Area Business Cycle Network Training School - Term Structure Modelling). Available at: <https://cepr.org/40029>

**Examples**

# See examples in the vignette file of this package (Section 4).

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```
pca_weights_one_country
      Weight matrix from principal components
```

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**Description**

Weight matrix from principal components

**Usage**

```
pca_weights_one_country(Y, Economy)
```

**Arguments**

Y	A numeric matrix (T x J) representing the time series of bond yields of a specific country
Economy	String-vector containing the name of a single economy.

**Value**

A matrix (J x J) that corresponds to the eigenvectors of the variance-covariance matrix of yields

**Examples**

```
data("CM_Yields")
pca_weights_one_country(Yields, Economy= "Brazil")
```

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RiskFactors	<i>Data: Risk Factors - Candelon and Moura (forthcoming, JFEC)</i>
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**Description**

Risk factors data used in Candelon and Moura (forthcoming, JFEC)

**Usage**

```
data("CM_Factors")
```

**Format**

matrix containing the risk factors of the models

**References**

Candelon, B. and Moura, R. (Forthcoming) "A Multicountry Model of the Term Structures of Interest Rates with a GVAR". (Journal of Financial Econometrics)

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Spanned_Factors	<i>Computes the country-specific spanned factors</i>
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**Description**

Computes the country-specific spanned factors

**Usage**

```
Spanned_Factors(Yields, Economies, N)
```

**Arguments**

Yields	matrix (J x T), where J is the number of maturities and T is the length of the time series.
Economies	A character vector containing the names of the economies included in the system.
N	Scalar representing the desired number of country-specific spanned factors (maximum allowed is N = J).

**Value**

Matrix containing the N spanned for all the countries of the system (CJ xT)

**Examples**

```
data(CM_Yields)
Economies <- c("China", "Brazil", "Mexico", "Uruguay")
N <- 3
SpaFact_TS <- Spanned_Factors(Yields, Economies, N)
```

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StarFactors

*Generates the star variables necessary for the GVAR estimation*


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**Description**

Generates the star variables necessary for the GVAR estimation

**Usage**

```
StarFactors(RiskFactors, Economies, W)
```

**Arguments**

RiskFactors	time series of the risk factors (F x T)
Economies	string-vector containing the names of the economies which are part of the economic system
W	GVAR transition matrix (C x C)

**Value**

List containing the star factors of each country of the economic system

**Examples**

```
data(CM_Factors)
Economies <- c("China", "Brazil", "Mexico", "Uruguay")
Wgvar <- matrix( c(0, 0.83, 0.86, 0.38, 0.65, 0, 0.13, 0.55,
                  0.32, 0.12, 0, 0.07, 0.03, 0.05, 0.01, 0), nrow = 4, ncol = 4,
                dimnames = list(Economies, Economies))
SF <- StarFactors(RiskFactors, Economies, Wgvar)
```

---

TradeFlows

*Data: Trade Flows - Candelon and Moura (forthcoming, JFEC)*

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**Description**

Trade Flows data used in Candelon and Moura (forthcoming, JFEC)

**Usage**

```
data("CM_Trade")
```

**Format**

list containing the bilateral trade flows

**References**

Candelon, B. and Moura, R. (Forthcoming) "A Multicountry Model of the Term Structures of Interest Rates with a GVAR". (Journal of Financial Econometrics)

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Trade\_Flows

*Data: Trade Flows - Candelon and Moura (2023)*

---

**Description**

Trade Flows data used in Candelon and Moura (2023)

**Usage**

```
data("CM_Trade")
```

**Format**

list containing the bilateral trade flows

**References**

Candelon, B. and Moura, R. (2023) "Sovereign yield curves and the COVID-19 in emerging markets". (Economic Modelling)

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Transition_Matrix	<i>Computes the transition matrix required in the estimation of the GVAR model</i>
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### Description

Computes the transition matrix required in the estimation of the GVAR model

### Usage

```
Transition_Matrix(
  t_First,
  t_Last,
  Economies,
  type,
  DataConnectedness = NULL,
  DataPath = NULL
)
```

### Arguments

t_First	Sample starting date (in the format: yyyy).
t_Last	Sample ending date (in the format: yyyy).
Economies	A character vector containing the names of the economies included in the system.
type	A character string indicating the method for computing interdependence. Possible options include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Time-varying: Computes time-varying interdependence and returns the weight matrices for each year based on available data (may extrapolate the sample period).</li> <li>• Sample Mean: Returns a single weight matrix containing the average weights over the entire sample period, suitable for time-invariant interdependence.</li> <li>• A specific year (e.g., "1998", "2005"): Used to compute time-invariant interdependence for the specified year.</li> </ul>
DataConnectedness	Data used to compute the transition matrix. Default is set to NULL.
DataPath	Path to the Excel file containing the data (if applicable). The default is linked to the Excel file available in the package.

### Details

If there is missing data for any country of the system for that particularly year, then the transition matrix will include only NAs.

**Value**

matrix or list of matrices

**Examples**

```
data(CM_Trade)

t_First <- "2006"
t_Last <- "2019"
Economies <- c("China", "Brazil", "Mexico", "Uruguay")
type <- "Sample Mean"
W_mat <- Transition_Matrix(t_First, t_Last, Economies, type, DataConnectedness = TradeFlows)
```

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 VAR

*Estimates a standard VAR(1)*


---

**Description**

Estimates a standard VAR(1)

**Usage**

```
VAR(RiskFactors, VARtype, Bcon = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

RiskFactors	A numeric matrix (FTx T) representing the time series of risk factors.
VARtype	String vector with two possible values: 'unconstrained' or 'constrained'.
Bcon	Constraints matrix (F+1 x N), which includes an intercept. If Bcon(i,j) = NA, then B(i,j) is treated as a free parameter. Default is set to NULL.

**Value**

intercept, feedback matrix and the variance-covariance matrix of a VAR(1)

**Examples**

```
data("CM_Factors")
#Example 1: unconstrained case
VAR(RiskFactors, VARtype= 'unconstrained')
#Example 2: constrained case
K <- nrow(RiskFactors)
Bcon <-matrix(0, nrow = K, ncol = K+1)
Bcon[ , 1:3] <- NaN
VAR(RiskFactors, VARtype= 'constrained', Bcon)
```

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Yields

*Data: Yields - Candelon and Moura (forthcoming, JFEC)*

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**Description**

Yields data used in Candelon and Moura (forthcoming, JFEC)

Bond yield data used in Candelon and Moura (2023)

**Usage**

```
data("CM_Yields")
```

```
data("CM_Yields_2023")
```

**Format**

matrix containing the Yields of the models

matrix containing the Yields of the models

**References**

Candelon, B. and Moura, R. (Forthcoming) "A Multicountry Model of the Term Structures of Interest Rates with a GVAR". (Journal of Financial Econometrics)

Candelon, B. and Moura, R. (2023) "Sovereign yield curves and the COVID-19 in emerging markets". (Economic Modelling)



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