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abs_madm	<i>MADM</i>
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Description

Median absolute deviation about the median

Usage

```
abs_madm(pred)
```

Arguments

pred T X N Matrix of predictions. Each column is a simulation.

Details

$$\mathit{median}(|\mathit{pred} - \mathit{median}(\mathit{pred})|)$$

Median absolute deviation about the median is a measure of how clustered the forecasts are. A value of 0 indicates that all the predicted values are the same, thus highly clustered. Large values indicate more diffuse predictions.

Value

vector of length T.

References

<https://bit.ly/2vPO0I9>

See Also

[rel_madm\(\)](#)

avg_residual	<i>Average Residual</i>
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Description

Residual averaged across simulations

Usage

avg_residual(obs, pred)

Arguments

obs	observed vector T X 1
pred	matrix of predicted observations. Each column is a simulation. T X N where N is the number of simulations.

Details

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \text{obs} - \text{pred}/N$$

Value

error T X 1. Each entry is the error averaged across the simulations.

Author(s)

Sangeeta Bhatia

bias	<i>Bias</i>
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Description

Bias in probabilistic forecasts

Usage

bias(obs, pred)

Arguments

obs	observed vector T X 1
pred	Simulated predictions T X N. Each column is a simulation.

Details

Bias is measured as

$$2 * \text{mean}(\text{heaviside}(\text{obs} - \text{pred}) - 0.5)$$

where heaviside returns 1 if the arg is positive, 0 if this negative and 0.5 if it is 0. The average is taken over all simulations.

Value

vector of length T.

Author(s)

Sangeeta Bhatia

References

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mae

Mean absolute error

Description

Mean absolute error

Usage

mae(obs, pred)

Arguments

obs T X 1 vector of observations.

pred T X N matrix of predictions where each column is a simulation.

Value

T X 1 vector of mean absolute error

Author(s)

Sangeeta Bhatia

prop_in_ci	<i>Proportion of observations in given credible interval</i>
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Description

Proportion of observations in given credible interval

Usage

```
prop_in_ci(obs, min, max)
```

Arguments

obs	vector of observed values
min	vector of the lower end of the interval. Either length 1 vector or the same length as the that of obs.
max	vector of the upper end of the interval. Either length 1 or the same length as that of the obs vector.

Details

Proportion of observed values that fall within a given interval

Value

proportion of values in obs vector that are greater than or equal to min and less than or equal to max.

Author(s)

Sangeeta Bhatia

rel_madm	<i>Relative sharpness</i>
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Description

Relative sharpness: median absolute deviation about the median

Usage

```
rel_madm(pred)
```

Arguments

pred	T X N Matrix of predictions. Each column is a simulation.
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Details

$$\text{median}(|(\text{pred} - \text{median}(\text{pred}))/\text{pred}|)$$

Value

vector of length T.

References

<https://bit.ly/2vPO0I9>

See Also

[abs_madm\(\)](#)

rel_mae	<i>Relative mean absolute error</i>
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Description

Relative mean absolute error

Usage

```
rel_mae(obs, pred)
```

Arguments

obs T X 1 vector of observations.
 pred T X N matrix of predictions where each column is a simulation.

Details

Relative mean absolute error is defined as

$$\sum_{i=1}^N |obs - pred| / N * |obs + 1|$$

Value

T X 1 vector of mean absolute error normalised by the observed value.

Author(s)

Sangeeta Bhatia

rel_mean_dvtn	<i>Relative sharpness</i>
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Description

Relative mean absolute deviation about the median

Usage

```
rel_mean_dvtn(pred)
```

Arguments

pred T X N Matrix of predictions. Each column is a simulation.

Details

$$\text{median}(|(\text{pred} - \text{median}(\text{pred}))/\text{pred}|)$$

Value

vector of length T.

References

<https://bit.ly/2vPO0I9>

rel_mse	<i>Average relative mean squared error</i>
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Description

Relative mean squared error averaged across simulations

Usage

```
rel_mse(obs, pred)
```

Arguments

obs observed vector T X 1
 pred matrix of predicted observations. Each column is a simulation. T X N where N is the number of simulations.

Details

Relative average mean square error is

$$\sum_{i=1}^N (obs - pred)^2 / N * (obs + 1)^2$$

We add 1 to the observed vector to avoid dividing by 0.

Value

error T X 1. Each entry is the error averaged across the simulations

Author(s)

Sangeeta Bhatia

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