

# Package ‘fracdiff’

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**Description** Maximum likelihood estimation of the parameters of a  
fractionally differenced ARIMA(p,d,q) model (Haslett and  
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confint.fracdiff      *Confidence Intervals for Fracdiff Model Parameters*

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### Description

Computes confidence intervals for one or more parameters in a fitted fracdiff model, see [fracdiff](#).

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'fracdiff'  
confint(object, parm, level = 0.95, ...)
```

### Arguments

object	an object of class fracdiff, typically result of <a href="#">fracdiff(.)</a> .
parm	a specification of which parameters are to be given confidence intervals, either a vector of numbers or a vector of names. If missing, all parameters are considered.
level	the confidence level required.
...	additional argument(s) for methods.

### Value

A matrix (or vector) with columns giving lower and upper confidence limits for each parameter. These will be labelled as (1-level)/2 and 1 - (1-level)/2 in % (by default 2.5% and 97.5%).

### Author(s)

Spencer Graves posted the initial version to R-help.

### See Also

the generic [confint](#); [fracdiff](#) model fitting.

### Examples

```
set.seed(101)  
ts2 <- fracdiff.sim(5000, ar = .2, ma = -.4, d = .3)  
mFD <- fracdiff( ts2$series, nar = length(ts2$ar), nma = length(ts2$ma))  
coef(mFD)  
confint(mFD)
```

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`diffseries`*Fractionally Differentiate Data*

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**Description**

Differentiates the time series data using the approximated binomial expression of the long-memory filter and an estimate of the memory parameter in the ARFIMA(p,d,q) model.

**Usage**

```
diffseries(x, d)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	numeric vector or univariate time series.
<code>d</code>	number specifying the fractional difference order.

**Value**

the fractionally differenced series `x`.

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**References**

See those in [fdSperio](#); additionally

Reisen, V. A. and Lopes, S. (1999) Some simulations and applications of forecasting long-memory time series models; *Journal of Statistical Planning and Inference* **80**, 269–287.

Reisen, V. A. Cribari-Neto, F. and Jensen, M.J. (2003) Long Memory Inflationary Dynamics. The case of Brazil. *Studies in Nonlinear Dynamics and Econometrics* **7**(3), 1–16.

**See Also**

[fracdiff.sim](#)

**Examples**

```
memory.long <- fracdiff.sim(80, d = 0.3)
mGPH <- fdGPH(memory.long$series)
r <- diffseries(memory.long$series, d = mGPH$d)
#acf(r) # shouldn't show structure - ideally
```

fdGPH

*Geweke and Porter-Hudak Estimator for ARFIMA(p,d,q)***Description**

Estimate the fractional (or “memory”) parameter  $d$  in the ARFIMA(p,d,q) model by the method of Geweke and Porter-Hudak (GPH). The GPH estimator is based on the regression equation using the periodogram function as an estimate of the spectral density.

**Usage**

```
fdGPH(x, bandw.exp = 0.5)
```

**Arguments**

x	univariate time series
bandw.exp	the bandwidth used in the regression equation

**Details**

The function also provides the asymptotic standard deviation and the standard error deviation of the fractional estimator.

The bandwidth is  $bw = \text{trunc}(n^{\wedge} \text{bandw.exp})$ , where  $0 < \text{bandw.exp} < 1$  and  $n$  is the sample size. Default  $\text{bandw.exp} = 0.5$ .

**Value**

d	GPH estimate
sd.as	asymptotic standard deviation
sd.reg	standard error deviation

**Author(s)**

Valderio A. Reisen and Artur J. Lemonte

**References**

see those in [fdSperio](#).

**See Also**

[fdSperio](#), [fracdiff](#)

**Examples**

```
memory.long <- fracdiff.sim(1500, d = 0.3)
fdGPH(memory.long$series)
```

fdSperio

*Sperio Estimate for 'd' in ARFIMA(p,d,q)***Description**

This function makes use Reisen (1994) estimator to estimate the memory parameter  $d$  in the ARFIMA(p,d,q) model. It is based on the regression equation using the smoothed periodogram function as an estimate of the spectral density.

**Usage**

```
fdSperio(x, bandw.exp = 0.5, beta = 0.9)
```

**Arguments**

x	univariate time series data.
bandw.exp	numeric: exponent of the bandwidth used in the regression equation.
beta	numeric: exponent of the bandwidth used in the lag Parzen window.

**Details**

The function also provides the asymptotic standard deviation and the standard error deviation of the fractional estimator.

The bandwidths are  $bw = \text{trunc}(n^{\wedge} \text{bandw.exp})$ , where  $0 < \text{bandw.exp} < 1$  and  $n$  is the sample size. Default  $\text{bandw.exp} = 0.5$ ; and  $bw2 = \text{trunc}(n^{\wedge} \text{beta})$ , where  $0 < \text{beta} < 1$  and  $n$  is the sample size. Default  $\text{beta} = 0.9$ .

**Value**

a list with components

d	Sperio estimate
sd.as	asymptotic standard deviation
sd.reg	standard error deviation

**Author(s)**

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**References**

- Geweke, J. and Porter-Hudak, S. (1983) The estimation and application of long memory time series models. *Journal of Time Series Analysis* **4**(4), 221–238.
- Reisen, V. A. (1994) Estimation of the fractional difference parameter in the ARFIMA(p,d,q) model using the smoothed periodogram. *Journal Time Series Analysis*, **15**(1), 335–350.
- Reisen, V. A., B. Abraham, and E. M. M. Toscano (2001) Parametric and semiparametric estimations of stationary univariate ARFIMA model. *Brazilian Journal of Probability and Statistics* **14**, 185–206.

**See Also**

[fdGPH](#), [fracdiff](#)

**Examples**

```
memory.long <- fracdiff.sim(1500, d = 0.3)
spm <- fdSperio(memory.long$series)
str(spm, digits=6)
```

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fracdiff

*ML Estimates for Fractionally-Differenced ARIMA (p,d,q) models*


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**Description**

Calculates the maximum likelihood estimators of the parameters of a fractionally-differenced ARIMA (p,d,q) model, together (if possible) with their estimated covariance and correlation matrices and standard errors, as well as the value of the maximized likelihood. The likelihood is approximated using the fast and accurate method of Haslett and Raftery (1989).

**Usage**

```
fracdiff(x, nar = 0, nma = 0,
         ar = rep(NA, max(nar, 1)), ma = rep(NA, max(nma, 1)),
         dtol = NULL, drange = c(0, 0.5), h, M = 100, trace = 0)
```

**Arguments**

x	time series (numeric vector) for the ARIMA model
nar	number of autoregressive parameters $p$ .
nma	number of moving average parameters $q$ .
ar	initial autoregressive parameters.
ma	initial moving average parameters.
dtol	interval of uncertainty for $d$ . If dtol is negative or NULL, the fourth root of machine precision will be used. dtol will be altered if necessary by the program.
drange	interval over which the likelihood function is to be maximized as a function of $d$ .
h	size of finite difference interval for numerical derivatives. By default (or if negative), $h = \min(0.1, \text{eps}.5 * (1 + \text{abs}(\text{cllf})))$ , where $\text{clff} := \log. \text{max.likelihood}$ (as returned) and $\text{eps}.5 := \text{sqrt}(.Machine\$double.neg.eps)$ (typically $1.05e-8$ ). This is used to compute a finite difference approximation to the Hessian, and hence only influences the cov, cor, and std.error computations; see also <a href="#">fracdiff.var</a> .
M	number of terms in the likelihood approximation (see Haslett and Raftery 1989).
trace	optional integer, specifying a trace level. If positive, currently the “outer loop” iterations produce one line of diagnostic output.

## Details

The **fracdiff** package has — for historical reason, namely, S-plus `arima()` compatibility — used an unusual parametrization for the MA part, see also the ‘Details’ section in [arima](#) (in standard R’s **stats** package). The ARMA (i.e.,  $d = 0$ ) model in `fracdiff()` and `fracdiff.sim()` is

$$X_t - a_1 X_{t-1} - \dots - a_p X_{t-p} = e_t - b_1 e_{t-1} - \dots - b_q e_{t-q},$$

where  $e_i$  are mean zero i.i.d., for `fracdiff()`’s estimation,  $e_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$ . This model indeed has the signs of the MA coefficients  $b_j$  *inverted*, compared to other parametrizations, including Wikipedia’s [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Autoregressive\\_moving-average\\_model](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Autoregressive_moving-average_model) and the one of [arima](#).

Note that NA’s in the initial values for `ar` or `ma` are replaced by 0’s.

## Value

an object of S3 class `"fracdiff"`, which is a list with components:

<code>log.likelihood</code>	logarithm of the maximum likelihood
<code>d</code>	optimal fractional-differencing parameter
<code>ar</code>	vector of optimal autoregressive parameters
<code>ma</code>	vector of optimal moving average parameters
<code>covariance.dpq</code>	covariance matrix of the parameter estimates (order : d, ar, ma).
<code>stderror.dpq</code>	standard errors of the parameter estimates c(d, ar, ma).
<code>correlation.dpq</code>	correlation matrix of the parameter estimates (order : d, ar, ma).
<code>h</code>	interval used for numerical derivatives, see <code>h</code> argument.
<code>dtol</code>	interval of uncertainty for d; possibly altered from input <code>dtol</code> .
<code>M</code>	as input.
<code>hessian.dpq</code>	the approximate Hessian matrix $H$ of 2nd order partial derivatives of the likelihood with respect to the parameters; this is (internally) used to compute <code>covariance.dpq</code> , the approximate asymptotic covariance matrix as $C = (-H)^{-1}$ .

## Method

The optimization is carried out in two levels:

an outer univariate unimodal optimization in `d` over the interval `drange` (typically `[0,.5]`), using Brent’s `fmin` algorithm), and

an inner nonlinear least-squares optimization in the AR and MA parameters to minimize white noise variance (uses the MINPACK subroutine `lmdER`). written by Chris Fraley (March 1991).

## Note

Ordinarily, `nar` and `nma` should not be too large (say  $< 10$ ) to avoid degeneracy in the model. The function `fracdiff.sim` is available for generating test problems.

## References

J. Haslett and A. E. Raftery (1989) Space-time Modelling with Long-memory Dependence: Assessing Ireland's Wind Power Resource (with Discussion); *Applied Statistics* **38**, 1–50.

R. Brent (1973) *Algorithms for Minimization without Derivatives*, Prentice-Hall

J. J. More, B. S. Garbow, and K. E. Hillstom (1980) *Users Guide for MINPACK-1*, Technical Report ANL-80-74, Applied Mathematics Division, Argonne National Laboratory.

## See Also

[coef.fracdiff](#) and other methods for "fracdiff" objects; [fracdiff.sim](#)

## Examples

```
ts.test <- fracdiff.sim( 5000, ar = .2, ma = -.4, d = .3)
fd. <- fracdiff( ts.test$series,
                nar = length(ts.test$ar), nma = length(ts.test$ma))

fd.
## Confidence intervals
confint(fd.)

## with iteration output
fd2 <- fracdiff(ts.test$series, nar = 1, nma = 1, trace = 1)
all.equal(fd., fd2)
```

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fracdiff-methods

*Many Methods for "fracdiff" Objects*

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## Description

Many “accessor” methods for [fracdiff](#) objects, notably [summary](#), [coef](#), [vcov](#), and [logLik](#); further [print\(\)](#) methods were needed.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'fracdiff'
coef(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'fracdiff'
logLik(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'fracdiff'
print(x, digits = getOption("digits"), ...)
## S3 method for class 'fracdiff'
summary(object, symbolic.cor = FALSE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'summary.fracdiff'
print(x, digits = max(3, getOption("digits") - 3),
      correlation = FALSE, symbolic.cor = x$symbolic.cor,
      signif.stars = getOption("show.signif.stars"), ...)
```



```
## S3 method for class 'fracdiff'
vcov(object, ...)
```

### Arguments

x, object	object of class fracdiff.
digits	the number of significant digits to use when printing.
...	further arguments passed from and to methods.
correlation	logical; if TRUE, the correlation matrix of the estimated parameters is returned and printed.
symbolic.cor	logical. If TRUE, print the correlations in a symbolic form (see <a href="#">symnum</a> ) rather than as numbers.
signif.stars	logical. If TRUE, “significance stars” are printed for each coefficient.

### Author(s)

Martin Maechler

### See Also

[fracdiff](#) to get “fracdiff” objects, [confint.fracdiff](#) for the [confint](#) method; further, [fracdiff.var](#).

### Examples

```
set.seed(7)
ts4 <- fracdiff.sim(10000, ar = c(0.6, -.05, -0.2), ma = -0.4, d = 0.2)
modFD <- fracdiff( ts4$series, nar = length(ts4$ar), nma = length(ts4$ma))
## -> warning (singular Hessian) %% FIXME ???
coef(modFD) # the estimated parameters
vcov(modFD)
smFD <- summary(modFD)
smFD
coef(smFD) # gives the whole table
AIC(modFD) # AIC works because of the logLik() method
```

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fracdiff.sim

*Simulate fractional ARIMA Time Series*

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### Description

Generates simulated long-memory time series data from the fractional ARIMA(p,d,q) model. This is a test problem generator for [fracdiff](#).

Note that the MA coefficients have *inverted* signs compared to other parametrizations, see the details in [fracdiff](#).

**Usage**

```
fracdiff.sim(n, ar = NULL, ma = NULL, d,
             rand.gen = rnorm, innov = rand.gen(n+q, ...),
             n.start = NA, backComp = TRUE, allow.0.nstart = FALSE,
             start.innov = rand.gen(n.start, ...),
             ..., mu = 0)
```

**Arguments**

n	length of the time series.
ar	vector of autoregressive parameters; empty by default.
ma	vector of moving average parameters; empty by default.
d	fractional differencing parameter.
rand.gen	a function to generate the innovations; the default, <code>rnorm</code> generates white $N(0,1)$ noise.
innov	an optional times series of innovations. If not provided, <code>rand.gen()</code> is used.
n.start	length of “burn-in” period. If NA, the default, the same value as in <code>arima.sim</code> is computed.
backComp	logical indicating if back compatibility with older versions of <code>fracdiff.sim</code> is desired. Otherwise, for $d = 0$ , compatibility with R’s <code>arima.sim</code> is achieved.
allow.0.nstart	logical indicating if $n.start = 0$ should be allowed even when $p + q > 0$ . This not recommended unless for producing the same series as with older versions of <code>fracdiff.sim</code> .
start.innov	an optional vector of innovations to be used for the burn-in period. If supplied there must be at least <code>n.start</code> values.
...	additional arguments for <code>rand.gen()</code> . Most usefully, the standard deviation of the innovations generated by <code>rnorm</code> can be specified by <code>sd</code> .
mu	time series mean (added at the end).

**Value**

a list containing the following elements :

series	time series
ar, ma, d, mu, n.start	same as input

**See Also**

`fracdiff`, also for references; `arima.sim`

**Examples**

```

## Pretty (too) short to "see" the long memory
fracdiff.sim(100, ar = .2, ma = .4, d = .3)

## longer with "extreme" ar:
r <- fracdiff.sim(n=1500, ar=-0.9, d= 0.3)
plot(as.ts(r$series))

## Show that MA coefficients meaning is inverted
## compared to stats::arima:

AR <- 0.7
MA <- -0.5
n.st <- 2

AR <- c(0.7, -0.1)
MA <- c(-0.5, 0.4)
n <- 512 ; sd <- 0.1
n.st <- 10

set.seed(101)
Y1 <- arima.sim(list(ar = AR, ma = MA), n = n, n.start = n.st, sd = sd)
plot(Y1)

# For our fracdiff, reverse the MA sign:
set.seed(101)
Y2 <- fracdiff.sim(n = n, ar = AR, ma = - MA, d = 0,
                  n.start = n.st, sd = sd)$series
lines(Y2, col=adjustcolor("red", 0.5))
## .. no, you don't need glasses ;-) Y2 is Y1 shifted slightly

##' rotate left by k (k < 0: rotate right)
rot <- function(x, k) {
  stopifnot(k == round(k))
  n <- length(x)
  if(k <- k %% n) x[c((k+1):n, 1:k)] else x
}
k <- n.st - 2
Y2.s <- rot(Y2, k)
head.matrix(cbind(Y1, Y2.s))
plot(Y1, Y2.s); i <- (n-k+1):n
text(Y1[i], Y2.s[i], i, adj = c(0,0)-.1, col=2)

## With backComp = FALSE, get *the same* as arima.sim():
set.seed(101)
Y2. <- fracdiff.sim(n = n, ar = AR, ma = - MA, d = 0,
                  n.start = n.st, sd = sd, backComp = FALSE)$series
stopifnot( all.equal( c(Y1), Y2., tol= 1e-15))

```

**Description**

Allows the finite-difference interval to be altered for recomputation of the covariance estimate for fracdiff.

**Usage**

```
fracdiff.var(x, fracdiff.out, h)
```

**Arguments**

x	a univariate time series or a vector. Missing values (NAs) are not allowed.
fracdiff.out	output from fracdiff for time series x.
h	finite-difference interval for approximating partial derivatives with respect to the d parameter.

**Value**

an object of S3 class "fracdiff", i.e., basically a list with the same elements as the result from `fracdiff`, but with possibly different values for the hessian, covariance, and correlation matrices and for standard error, as well as for h.

**See Also**

`fracdiff`, also for references.

**Examples**

```
## Generate a fractionally-differenced ARIMA(1,d,1) model :
ts.test <- fracdiff.sim(10000, ar = .2, ma = .4, d = .3)
## estimate the parameters in an ARIMA(1,d,1) model for the simulated series
fd.out <- fracdiff(ts.test$ser, nar= 1, nma = 1)

## Modify the covariance estimate by changing the finite-difference interval
(fd.o2 <- fracdiff.var(ts.test$series, fd.out, h = .0001))
## looks identical as print(fd.out),
## however these (e.g.) differ :
vcov(fd.out)
vcov(fd.o2)
```

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