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AbsErr	<i>Calculate the absolute error between forecast and observation</i>
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**Description**

Calculate the absolute error between forecast and observation

**Usage**

```
AbsErr(fcst, obs)
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**Arguments**

fcst	a N-vector representing N time instances of real-valued forecasts
obs	a N-vector representing N time instances of real-valued observations

**Value**

numeric N-vector of absolute errors  $|fcst - obs|$

**See Also**

SqErr, ScoreDiff, SkillScore

**Examples**

```
data(eurotempforecast)
mean(AbsErr(rowMeans(ens), obs))
```

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Auc	<i>Calculate area under the ROC curve (AUC) for a forecast and its verifying binary observation, and estimate the variance of the AUC</i>
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**Description**

Calculate area under the ROC curve (AUC) for a forecast and its verifying binary observation, and estimate the variance of the AUC

**Usage**

```
Auc(
  fcst,
  obs,
  handle.na = c("na.fail", "only.complete.pairs"),
  use_fn = c("C++", "R")
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>fcst</code>	vector of forecasts
<code>obs</code>	vector of binary observations (0 for non-occurrence, 1 for occurrence of the event)
<code>handle.na</code>	how should missing values in forecasts and observations be handled; possible values are 'na.fail' and 'only.complete.pairs'; default: 'na.fail'
<code>use_fn</code>	the function used for the calculation: 'C++' (default) for the fast C++ implementation, or 'R' for the slow (but more readable) R implementation

**Value**

vector containing AUC and its estimated sampling standard deviation

**References**

DeLong et al (1988): Comparing the Areas under Two or More Correlated Receiver Operating Characteristic Curves: A Nonparametric Approach. *Biometrics*. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/2531595> Sun and Xu (2014): Fast Implementation of DeLong's Algorithm for Comparing the Areas Under Correlated Receiver Operating Characteristic Curves. *IEEE Sign Proc Let* 21(11). doi: [10.1109/LSP.2014.2337313](https://doi.org/10.1109/LSP.2014.2337313)

**See Also**

AucDiff

**Examples**

```
data(eurotempforecast)
Auc(rowMeans(ens.bin), obs.bin)
```

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AucDiff

*Calculate difference between areas under the ROC curve (AUC) between a forecast and a reference forecast for the same observation, and estimate the variance of the AUC difference*

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**Description**

Calculate difference between areas under the ROC curve (AUC) between a forecast and a reference forecast for the same observation, and estimate the variance of the AUC difference

**Usage**

```
AucDiff(  
  fcst,  
  fcst.ref,  
  obs,  
  handle.na = c("na.fail", "only.complete.triplets"),  
  use_fn = c("C++", "R")  
)
```

**Arguments**

fcst	vector of forecasts
fcst.ref	vector of reference forecasts
obs	vector of binary observations (0 for non-occurrence, 1 for occurrence of the event)
handle.na	how should missing values in forecasts and observations be handled; possible values are 'na.fail' and 'only.complete.triplets'; default: 'na.fail'
use_fn	the function used for the calculation: 'C++' (default) for the fast C++ implementation, or 'R' for the slow (but more readable) R implementation

**Value**

vector with AUC difference, and estimated standard deviation

**References**

DeLong et al (1988): Comparing the Areas under Two or More Correlated Receiver Operating Characteristic Curves: A Nonparametric Approach. *Biometrics*. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/2531595> Sun and Xu (2014): Fast Implementation of DeLong's Algorithm for Comparing the Areas Under Correlated Receiver Operating Characteristic Curves. *IEEE Sign Proc Let* 21(11). doi: [10.1109/LSP.2014.2337313](https://doi.org/10.1109/LSP.2014.2337313)

**See Also**

Auc

**Examples**

```
data(eurotempforecast)  
AucDiff(rowMeans(ens.bin), ens.bin[, 1], obs.bin)
```

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aucdiff_cpp	<i>Calculate AUC difference 'AUC(fcst,obs) - AUC(fcst_ref, obs)' of two forecasts for the same observations, and the sampling standard deviation of the AUC difference (Internal C++ implementation)</i>
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**Description**

Calculate AUC difference 'AUC(fcst,obs) - AUC(fcst\_ref, obs)' of two forecasts for the same observations, and the sampling standard deviation of the AUC difference (Internal C++ implementation)

**Usage**

```
aucdiff_cpp(fcst, fcst_ref, obs)
```

**Arguments**

fcst	numeric vector of forecasts (NAs are not allowed)
fcst_ref	numeric vector of reference forecasts (NAs are not allowed)
obs	vector of binary observations (obs[t] evaluates to TRUE if event happens at instance t, to FALSE otherwise)

**Value**

AUC values, their sampling standard deviations, the AUC difference, and their sampling standard deviations

**See Also**

Auc AucDiff

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auc_cpp	<i>Calculate AUC and its sampling standard deviation (Internal C++ implementation)</i>
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**Description**

Calculate AUC and its sampling standard deviation (Internal C++ implementation)

**Usage**

```
auc_cpp(fcst, obs)
```

**Arguments**

fcst	numeric vector of forecasts (NAs are not allowed)
obs	vector of binary observations (obs[t] evaluates to TRUE if event happens at instance t, to FALSE otherwise)

**Value**

AUC and its sampling standard deviation

**See Also**

Auc AucDiff

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BrierDecomp

*Brier Score decomposition*

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**Description**

Return decomposition of the Brier Score into Reliability, Resolution and Uncertainty, and estimated standard deviations

**Usage**

```
BrierDecomp(p, y, bins = 10, bias.corrected = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

p	vector of forecast probabilities
y	binary observations, y[t]=1 if an event happens at time t, and y[t]=0 otherwise
bins	binning to estimate the calibration function (see Details), default: 10
bias.corrected	logical, default=FALSE, whether the standard (biased) decomposition of Murphy (1973) should be used, or the bias-corrected decomposition of Ferro (2012)

**Details**

To estimate the calibration curve, the unit line is categorised into discrete bins, provided by the 'bins' argument. If 'bins' is a single number, it specifies the number of equidistant bins. If 'bins' is a vector of values between zero and one, these values are used as the bin-breaks.

**Value**

Estimators of the three components and their estimated standard deviations are returned as a 2\*3 matrix.

## References

- Murphy (1973): A New Vector Partition of the Probability Score. J. Appl. Met. doi: [10.1175/15200450\(1973\)012<0595:ANVPOT>2.0.CO;2](https://doi.org/10.1175/15200450(1973)012<0595:ANVPOT>2.0.CO;2)
- Ferro and Fricker (2012): A bias-corrected decomposition of the Brier score. QJRMS. doi: [10.1002/qj.1924](https://doi.org/10.1002/qj.1924)
- Siegert (2013): Variance estimation for Brier Score decomposition. QJRMS. doi: [10.1002/qj.2228](https://doi.org/10.1002/qj.2228)

## See Also

ReliabilityDiagram

## Examples

```
data(eurotempforecast)
BrierDecomp(rowMeans(ens.bin), obs.bin, bins=3, bias.corrected=TRUE)
```

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ClimEns

*Construct a climatological ensemble from a vector of observations.*

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## Description

Construct a climatological ensemble from a vector of observations. Optionally, the climatological ensemble observation at time t can be constructed without the observation at time t (leave-one-out).

## Usage

```
ClimEns(obs, leave.one.out=FALSE)
```

## Arguments

obs	vector of length N. The observations.
leave.one.out	logical, default=FALSE. If TRUE, the n-th observation is removed from the n-th row of the ensemble matrix.

## Value

matrix with N rows and N-1 columns (if leave.one.out==TRUE) or N columns otherwise.

## Examples

```
data(eurotempforecast)
ClimEns(obs)
```



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Corr	<i>Calculate correlation between forecasts and observations, and assess uncertainty</i>
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**Description**

Calculate correlation between forecasts and observations, and assess uncertainty

**Usage**

```
Corr(fcst, obs, N.eff = NA, conf.level = 0.95, handle.na = "na.fail")
```

**Arguments**

fcst	vector of forecasts
obs	vector of observations
N.eff	user-defined effective sample size to be used in hypothesis test and for confidence bounds; if NA, the length of 'obs' is used after removing missing values; default: NA
conf.level	confidence level used the confidence interval; default = 0.95
handle.na	how should missing values in forecasts and observations be handled; possible values are 'na.fail' and 'use.pairwise.complete'; default: 'na.fail'

**Value**

vector with correlation, one-sided p-value, and central confidence interval at the user-defined confidence level

**References**

Von Storch, Zwiers (2001): Statistical analysis in climate research. Cambridge University Press.

**See Also**

CorrDiff

**Examples**

```
data(eurotempforecast)
Corr(rowMeans(ens), obs)
```

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CorrDiff	<i>Calculate correlation difference between a forecast and a reference forecast, and assess uncertainty</i>
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### Description

Calculate correlation difference between a forecast and a reference forecast, and assess uncertainty

### Usage

```
CorrDiff(  
  fcst,  
  fcst.ref,  
  obs,  
  N.eff = NA,  
  conf.level = 0.95,  
  handle.na = "na.fail"  
)
```

### Arguments

fcst	vector of forecasts
fcst.ref	vector of reference forecasts
obs	vector of observations
N.eff	user-defined effective sample size to be used in hypothesis test and for confidence bounds; if NA, the length of 'obs' is used after removing missing values; default: NA
conf.level	confidence level for the confidence interval; default = 0.95
handle.na	how should missing values in forecasts and observations be handled; possible values are 'na.fail' and 'only.complete.triplets'; default: 'na.fail'

### Value

vector with correlation difference, one-sided p-value, and central confidence interval at the user-defined confidence level

### References

Steiger (1980): Tests for comparing elements of a correlation matrix. *Psychological Bulletin*. doi: [10.1037/00332909.87.2.245](https://doi.org/10.1037/00332909.87.2.245) Zou (2007): Toward using confidence intervals to compare correlations. *Psychological Methods*. doi: [10.1037/1082989X.12.4.399](https://doi.org/10.1037/1082989X.12.4.399)

### See Also

Corr

**Examples**

```
data(eurotempforecast)
CorrDiff(rowMeans(ens), ens[, 1], obs)
```

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Detrend	<i>Auxiliary function for removing trends and mean from observation vector or ensemble matrix.</i>
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**Description**

Detrend fits a linear function to a time-series of observations or to the time-series of ensemble means of an ensemble matrix. The linear trend is removed, and if option demean is true, the total mean is removed as well.

**Usage**

```
Detrend(x, demean = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

x	A vector, matrix, or data.frame.
demean	logical; if true, the total mean is removed from x

**Value**

The function returns an object of the same dimensions as the argument 'x', but with its linear trend and (possibly) its mean removed.

**Examples**

```
data(eurotempforecast)
Detrend(ens)
Detrend(obs, demean=FALSE)
```

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DressCrps	<i>Calculate the Continuous Ranked Probability Score (CRPS) for a mixture of Normal distributions, for example generated by ensemble dressing</i>
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**Description**

Calculate the Continuous Ranked Probability Score (CRPS) for a mixture of Normal distributions, for example generated by ensemble dressing

**Usage**

```
DressCrps(dressed.ens, obs)
```

**Arguments**

`dressed.ens` a list with elements 'ens', a N\*R matrix representing N time instances of kernel centers, and 'ker.wd', a N\*R matrix with corresponding kernel standard deviations. See function 'DressEnsemble'

`obs` a numeric vector of length N with real-valued observations

**Value**

numeric vector of length N with the CRPS values

**References**

Grimit et al (2006): The continuous ranked probability score for circular variables and its application to mesoscale forecast ensemble verification. Q.J.R. Meteorol. Soc. doi: [10.1256/qj.05.235](https://doi.org/10.1256/qj.05.235)

**See Also**

EnsCrps, ScoreDiff, SkillScore

**Examples**

```
data(eurotempforecast)
dressed.ens <- DressEnsemble(ens)
mean(DressCrps(dressed.ens, obs))
```

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DressCrpsDiff	<i>Calculate DressCrps Difference (deprecated, use function ScoreDiff instead)</i>
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**Description**

Calculate DressCrps Difference (deprecated, use function ScoreDiff instead)

**Usage**

```
DressCrpsDiff(dressed.ens, dressed.ens.ref, obs, probs = NA)
```

**Arguments**

`dressed.ens` the ensemble

`dressed.ens.ref` the reference ensemble

`obs` the observation

`probs` not used

**Value**

mean DressCrps difference

**See Also**

ScoreDiff DressCrps DressEnsemble

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DressCrpss	<i>Calculate DressCrps Skill Score (deprecated, use function SkillScore instead)</i>
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**Description**

Calculate DressCrps Skill Score (deprecated, use function SkillScore instead)

**Usage**

```
DressCrpss(dressed.ens, dressed.ens.ref, obs)
```

**Arguments**

dressed.ens	the ensemble
dressed.ens.ref	the reference ensemble
obs	the observation

**Value**

DressCrps Skill Score

**See Also**

SkillScore DressCrps DressEnsemble

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dresscrps_cpp	<i>Dress CRPS</i>
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**Description**

Dress CRPS

**Usage**

```
dresscrps_cpp(m, s, y)
```

**Arguments**

m	vector of kernel means
s	vector of kernel standard deviations
y	observation

**Value**

crps

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DressEnsemble	<i>Transform an ensemble forecast to a continuous forecast distribution by kernel dressing.</i>
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**Description**

Transform an ensemble forecast to a continuous forecast distribution by kernel dressing.

**Usage**

```
DressEnsemble(ens, dressing.method = "silverman", parameters = NA)
```

**Arguments**

ens	a N*R matrix representing N time instances of real-valued R-member ensemble forecasts
dressing.method	One of "silverman" (default), "akd", "akd.fit". See Details.
parameters	A list, containing the parameters for the dressing method. See Details.

## Details

The dressing methods currently implemented and their required parameters are:

**"silverman" (default)** No parameters are given. At time instance 'n' each ensemble member is replaced by a Gaussian kernel with mean  $\text{ens}[n, k]$  and variance  $(4 / 3 / K)^{0.4} * \text{var}(\text{ens}[n, j])$ . This method is called "Silverman's rule of thumb" and provides a simple non-parametric method for smoothing a discrete ensemble.

**"akd"** Affine Kernel Dressing. The required parameters are `list(r1, r2, a, s1, s2)`. The 'k'-th ensemble member at time instance 'n' is dressed with a Gaussian kernel with mean  $r1 + r2 * \text{mean}(\text{ens}[n, j]) + a * \text{ens}[n, k]$  and variance  $(4 / 3 / K)^{0.4} * (s1 + s2 * a^2 * \text{var}(\text{ens}[n, j]))$ . Negative variances are set to zero. Note that parameters = `list(r1=0, r2=0, a=1, s1=0, s2=1)` yields the same dressed ensemble as `dressing.method="silverman"`.

**"akd.fit"** Affine Kernel Dressing with fitted parameters. The required parameters is `list(obs)`, where 'obs' is a vector of observations which are used to optimize the parameters r1, r2, a, s1, s2 by CRPS minimization. See `?FitAkdParameters` for more information.

## Value

The function returns a list with elements 'ens' (a N\*R matrix, where  $\text{ens}[t, r]$  is the mean of the r-th kernel at time instance t) and 'ker.wd' (a N\*R matrix, where  $\text{ker.wd}[t, r]$  is the standard deviation of the r-th kernel at time t)

## References

Silverman, B.W. (1998). Density Estimation for Statistics and Data Analysis. London: Chapman & Hall/CRC. ISBN 0-412-24620-1. Broecker J. and Smith L. (2008). From ensemble forecasts to predictive distribution functions. Tellus (2008), 60A, 663–678. doi: [10.1111/j.1600-0870.2008.00333.x](https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1600-0870.2008.00333.x).

## See Also

`DressCrps`, `DressIgn`, `GetDensity`, `FitAkdParameters`

## Examples

```
data(eurotempforecast)
d.silverman <- DressEnsemble(ens)
d.akd <- DressEnsemble(ens, dressing.method="akd",
                      parameters=list(r1=0, r2=0, a=1,
                                      s1=0, s2=0))
d.akd.fit <- DressEnsemble(ens, dressing.method="akd.fit",
                          parameters=list(obs=obs))
```

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DressIgn	<i>Calculate the Logarithmic (Ignorance) Score for a mixture of Normal distributions, for example generated by ensemble dressing</i>
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**Description**

Calculate the Logarithmic (Ignorance) Score for a mixture of Normal distributions, for example generated by ensemble dressing

**Usage**

```
DressIgn(dressed.ens, obs)
```

**Arguments**

dressed.ens	a list with elements 'ens', a N*R matrix representing N time instances of kernel centers, and 'ker.wd', a N*R matrix with corresponding kernel standard deviations. See function 'DressEnsemble'
obs	a numeric vector of length N with real-valued observations

**Value**

numeric vector of length N with the Ignorance score values

**References**

Roulston and Smith (2002) Evaluating Probabilistic Forecasts Using Information Theory, doi: [10.1175/15200493\(2002\)130<1653:EPFUIT>2.0.CO;2](https://doi.org/10.1175/15200493(2002)130<1653:EPFUIT>2.0.CO;2)

**See Also**

DressEnsemble, DressCrps

**Examples**

```
data(eurotempforecast)
d.ens <- DressEnsemble(ens)
DressIgn(d.ens, obs)
```



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DressIgnDiff	<i>Calculate DressIgn Difference (deprecated, use function ScoreDiff instead)</i>
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**Description**

Calculate DressIgn Difference (deprecated, use function ScoreDiff instead)

**Usage**

```
DressIgnDiff(dressed.ens, dressed.ens.ref, obs, probs = NA)
```

**Arguments**

dressed.ens	the ensemble
dressed.ens.ref	the reference ensemble
obs	the observation
probs	not used

**Value**

mean DressIgn difference

**See Also**

ScoreDiff DressIgn

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EnsBrier	<i>Calculate the ensemble-adjusted Brier Score</i>
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**Description**

Calculate the ensemble-adjusted Brier Score

**Usage**

```
EnsBrier(ens, obs, R.new = NA)
```

```
FairBrier(ens, obs)
```

**Arguments**

ens	a N*R matrix representing N time instances of R-member ensemble forecasts of binary events; ens[t,r]=1 if the r-th ensemble member at time t predicted the event, otherwise ens[t,r]=0
obs	a numeric vector of length N with binary observations; obs[t]=1 if the event happens at time t, otherwise obs[t]=0
R.new	ensemble size for which the scores should be adjusted

**Details**

'FairBrier(ens, obs)' returns 'EnsBrier(ens, obs, R.new=Inf)'

**Value**

numeric vector of length N with the ensemble-adjusted Brier scores

**References**

Ferro CAT, Richardson SR, Weigel AP (2008) On the effect of ensemble size on the discrete and continuous ranked probability scores. Meteorological Applications. doi: [10.1002/met.45](https://doi.org/10.1002/met.45)

**See Also**

EnsRps, EnsCrps, ScoreDiff, SkillScore

**Examples**

```
data(eurotempforecast)
mean(EnsBrier(ens.bin, obs.bin, R.new=Inf))
```

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EnsBrierDiff	<i>Calculate EnsBrier Difference (deprecated, use function ScoreDiff instead)</i>
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**Description**

Calculate EnsBrier Difference (deprecated, use function ScoreDiff instead)

**Usage**

```
EnsBrierDiff(ens, ens.ref, obs, tau = NA, probs = NA)
```

**Arguments**

ens	the ensemble
ens.ref	the reference ensemble
obs	the observation
tau	not used
probs	not used

**Value**

mean EnsBrier difference

**See Also**

ScoreDiff EnsBrier

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EnsBrierSs	<i>Calculate EnsBrier Skill Score (deprecated, use function SkillScore instead)</i>
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**Description**

Calculate EnsBrier Skill Score (deprecated, use function SkillScore instead)

**Usage**

```
EnsBrierSs(ens, ens.ref, obs, tau = NA)
```

**Arguments**

ens	the ensemble
ens.ref	the reference ensemble
obs	the observation
tau	not used

**Value**

EnsBrier skill score

**See Also**

SkillScore EnsBrier

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`EnsCorr`*Correlation skill analysis for ensemble forecasts*

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**Description**

Calculate correlation between forecasts and observations for an ensemble forecast, including an adjustment for finite ensemble sizes

**Usage**

```
EnsCorr(ens, obs, R.new = NA)
```

**Arguments**

<code>ens</code>	a $N \times R$ matrix representing $N$ time instances of real-valued $R$ -member ensemble forecasts
<code>obs</code>	a numeric vector of length $N$ with real-valued observations
<code>R.new</code>	positive number, can be <code>Inf</code> , ensemble size for which correlation skill should be estimated, default is <code>NA</code> for using the actual size $R$ of the ensemble

**Value**

A vector with 4 entries:

- `cmy`: Correlation skill of the ensemble mean forecast
- `cmy_adj`: Correlation skill of the ensemble mean forecast adjusted to ensemble size `R.new`
- `cxx`: Average correlation between ensemble members
- `cxy`: Average correlation between individual ensemble members and observation

**References**

Von Storch, Zwiers (2001): Statistical analysis in climate research. Cambridge University Press.

Murphy (1990), Assessment of the practical utility of extended range ensemble forecasts, Q. J. R. Meteorol. Soc., 116, 89-125.

**See Also**

`Corr`, `CorrDiff`

**Examples**

```
data(eurotempforecast)
EnsCorr(ens, obs, R.new=Inf)
```

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EnsCrps	<i>Calculate the ensemble-adjusted Continuous Ranked Probability Score (CRPS)</i>
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**Description**

Calculate the ensemble-adjusted Continuous Ranked Probability Score (CRPS)

**Usage**

```
EnsCrps(ens, obs, R.new = NA)
```

```
FairCrps(ens, obs)
```

**Arguments**

ens	a N*R matrix representing N time instances of real-valued R-member ensemble forecasts
obs	a numeric vector of length N with real-valued observations
R.new	positive number, can be 'Inf', ensemble size for which the scores should be adjusted, default is NA for no adjustment

**Details**

'FairCrps(ens, obs)' returns 'EnsCrps(ens, obs, R.new=Inf)'

**Value**

numeric vector of length N with the ensemble-adjusted CRPS values

**References**

Ferro CAT, Richardson SR, Weigel AP (2008) On the effect of ensemble size on the discrete and continuous ranked probability scores. Meteorological Applications. doi: [10.1002/met.45](https://doi.org/10.1002/met.45)

**See Also**

EnsBrier, EnsRps, DressCrps, GaussCrps, ScoreDiff, SkillScore

**Examples**

```
data(eurotempforecast)
mean(EnsCrps(ens, obs, R.new=Inf))
```

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EnsCrpsDiff	<i>Calculate EnsCrps Difference (deprecated, use function ScoreDiff instead)</i>
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**Description**

Calculate EnsCrps Difference (deprecated, use function ScoreDiff instead)

**Usage**

```
EnsCrpsDiff(ens, ens.ref, obs, probs = NA)
```

**Arguments**

ens	the ensemble
ens.ref	the reference ensemble
obs	the observation
probs	not used

**Value**

mean EnsCrps difference

**See Also**

ScoreDiff EnsCrps

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EnsCrpss	<i>Calculate EnsCrps Skill Score (deprecated, use function SkillScore instead)</i>
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**Description**

Calculate EnsCrps Skill Score (deprecated, use function SkillScore instead)

**Usage**

```
EnsCrpss(ens, ens.ref, obs)
```

**Arguments**

ens	the ensemble
ens.ref	the reference ensemble
obs	the observation

**Value**

EnsCrps skill score

**See Also**

SkillScore EnsCrps

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enscrps_cpp	<i>CRPS for ensemble forecasts (C++ implementation)</i>
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**Description**

CRPS for ensemble forecasts (C++ implementation)

**Usage**

```
enscrps_cpp(ens, obs, R_new)
```

**Arguments**

ens	Ensemble members as columns of a matrix
obs	The verifying observations
R_new	Size for ensemble adjustment

**Value**

vector of crps values

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EnsQs	<i>Calculate the ensemble-adjusted Quadratic Score (QS) for categorical forecasts</i>
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**Description**

Calculate the ensemble-adjusted Quadratic Score (QS) for categorical forecasts

**Usage**

```
EnsQs(ens, obs, R.new = NA)
```

```
FairQs(ens, obs)
```

**Arguments**

ens	a $N \times R$ matrix of integers, representing $N$ time instances of categorical ensemble forecasts; $\text{ens}[t,r]$ indicates the category index that the $r$ -th ensemble member forecasts at time $t$
obs	a vector of length $N$ , $\text{obs}[t]$ is the category that occurred at time $t$
R.new	ensemble size for which the scores should be adjusted

**Details**

'FairQs(ens, obs)' returns 'EnsQs(ens, obs, R.new=Inf)'

It is assumed that the smallest class index is 1, and the largest class index is calculated by  $\max(c(\text{ens}, \text{obs}))$

**Value**

numeric vector of length  $N$  with the ensemble-adjusted quadratic score values

**See Also**

EnsBrier, EnsRps, EnsCrps, ScoreDiff, SkillScore

**Examples**

```
data(eurotempforecast)
EnsQs(ens.cat, obs.cat, R.new=Inf)
```

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EnsRps	<i>Calculate the ensemble-adjusted Ranked Probability Score (RPS) for categorical forecasts</i>
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**Description**

Calculate the ensemble-adjusted Ranked Probability Score (RPS) for categorical forecasts

**Usage**

```
EnsRps(ens, obs, R.new = NA, format = c("category", "members"))
FairRps(ens, obs, format = c("category", "members"))
```

**Arguments**

ens	matrix with $N$ rows representing $N$ time instances of categorical ensemble forecasts as follows: If 'format = category' (the default), then $\text{ens}[t,r]$ indicates the category that the $r$ -th ensemble member predicts for time $t$ . Note that categories must be positive integers. If 'format = members', then $\text{ens}[t,k]$ is the number of ensemble members that predict category $k$ at time $t$ .
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obs	vector of length N, or matrix with N rows, representing the N observed category as follows: If 'format = category', obs is a vector and obs[t] is the category observed at time t. If 'format = members', obs is a matrix where obs[t,k] = 1 (and zero otherwise) if category k was observed at time t
R.new	ensemble size for which the scores should be adjusted, defaults to NA (no adjustment)
format	string, 'category' (default) or 'members' (can be abbreviated). See descriptions of arguments 'ens' and 'obs' for details.

### Details

'FairRps(ens, obs)' returns 'EnsRps(ens, obs, R.new=Inf)'

### Value

numeric vector of length N with the ensemble-adjusted RPS values

### See Also

EnsBrier, EnsQs, EnsCrps

### Examples

```
data(eurotempforecast)
EnsRps(ens.cat, obs.cat, R.new=Inf)
```

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EnsRpsDiff	<i>Calculate EnsRps Difference (deprecated, use function ScoreDiff instead)</i>
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### Description

Calculate EnsRps Difference (deprecated, use function ScoreDiff instead)

### Usage

```
EnsRpsDiff(ens, ens.ref, obs, probs = NA, format = c("category", "members"))
```

### Arguments

ens	the ensemble
ens.ref	the reference ensemble
obs	the observation
probs	not used
format	see 'EnsRps'

**Value**

mean EnsRps difference

**See Also**

ScoreDiff EnsRps

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EnsRps	<i>Calculate EnsRps Skill Score (deprecated, use function SkillScore instead)</i>
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**Description**

Calculate EnsRps Skill Score (deprecated, use function SkillScore instead)

**Usage**

```
EnsRps(ens, ens.ref, obs, format = c("category", "members"))
```

**Arguments**

ens	the ensemble
ens.ref	the reference ensemble
obs	the observation
format	see 'EnsRps'

**Value**

EnsRps skill score

**See Also**

SkillScore EnsRps

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eurotempforecast

*Seasonal ensemble forecast of European average summer temperature*

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## Description

A hindcast dataset of average European (30N,75N,12.5W,42.5E) summer (June/July/August) surface temperatures. Forecasts were initialised in May the same year. Observations and 15-member ensemble forecasts were derived from the publicly available NCEP Reanalysis (Suranjana, 2010) and the NCEP Climate Forecast System Version 2 (Suranjana, 2014), respectively. The data was downloaded through the ECOMS User Data Gateway (Santander Meteorology Group, 2015).

## Usage

```
data(eurotempforecast)
```

## Format

Variables contained in the data set:

- ‘obs’ average European summer temperature observations
- ‘ens’ mean-debiased ensemble forecast data, i.e.  $\text{mean}(\text{ens}) == \text{mean}(\text{obs})$
- ‘obs.lag’ the observations lagged by one year, same length as ‘obs’
- ‘obs.bin’ binary observations (0 or 1),  $\text{obs}[i] = 1$  indicates that the temperature of year  $i$  exceeded the temperature of year  $i-1$
- ‘ens.bin’ binary ensemble forecast (each member is either 0 or 1),  $\text{ens}[i, j] = 1$  if the  $j$ -th ensemble member in year  $i$  exceeded the observed temperature of year  $i-1$
- ‘obs.cat’ categorical observations.  $\text{obs.cat}[i]$  is either 1, 2, and 3, indicating that the temperature in year  $i$  was lower, similar, higher than temperature in year  $i-1$ . Similar is defined as within a half degree interval centered around last years temperature.
- ‘ens.cat’ categorical ensemble forecast.  $\text{ens.cat}[i, j]$  is either 1, 2, or 3. The categories are defined as for ‘obs.cat’.

## References

Saha, Suranjana, and Coauthors, 2010: The NCEP Climate Forecast System Reanalysis. Bull. Amer. Meteor. Soc., 91, 1015-1057. doi: [10.1175/2010BAMS3001.1](https://doi.org/10.1175/2010BAMS3001.1) Saha, Suranjana and Coauthors, 2014: The NCEP Climate Forecast System Version 2. J. Clim., 27, 2185–2208, doi: [10.1175/JCLI1200823.1](https://doi.org/10.1175/JCLI1200823.1) Santander Meteorology Group (2015). ecomsUDG.Raccess: R interface to the ECOMS User Data Gateway. R package version 4.2-0. <http://meteo.unican.es/trac/wiki/udg/ecoms>

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FairBrierDiff	<i>Calculate FairBrier Difference (deprecated, use function ScoreDiff instead)</i>
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**Description**

Calculate FairBrier Difference (deprecated, use function ScoreDiff instead)

**Usage**

```
FairBrierDiff(ens, ens.ref, obs, tau = NA, probs = NA)
```

**Arguments**

ens	the ensemble
ens.ref	the reference ensemble
obs	the observation
tau	not used
probs	not used

**Value**

mean FairBrier difference

**See Also**

ScoreDiff EnsBrier

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FairBrierSs	<i>Calculate FairBrier Skill Score (deprecated, use function SkillScore instead)</i>
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**Description**

Calculate FairBrier Skill Score (deprecated, use function SkillScore instead)

**Usage**

```
FairBrierSs(ens, ens.ref, obs, tau = NA)
```

**Arguments**

ens	the ensemble
ens.ref	the reference ensemble
obs	the observation
tau	not used

**Value**

FairBrier skill score

**See Also**

SkillScore EnsBrier

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FairCrpsDiff	<i>Calculate FairCrps Difference (deprecated, use function ScoreDiff instead)</i>
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**Description**

Calculate FairCrps Difference (deprecated, use function ScoreDiff instead)

**Usage**

```
FairCrpsDiff(ens, ens.ref, obs, probs = NA)
```

**Arguments**

ens	the ensemble
ens.ref	the reference ensemble
obs	the observation
probs	not used

**Value**

mean FairCrps difference

**See Also**

ScoreDiff EnsCrps

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FairCrpss	<i>Calculate FairCrps Skill Score (deprecated, use function SkillScore instead)</i>
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**Description**

Calculate FairCrps Skill Score (deprecated, use function SkillScore instead)

**Usage**

```
FairCrpss(ens, ens.ref, obs)
```

**Arguments**

ens	the ensemble
ens.ref	the reference ensemble
obs	the observation

**Value**

FairCrps skill score

**See Also**

SkillScore EnsCrps

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FairRpsDiff	<i>Calculate FairRps Difference (deprecated, use function ScoreDiff instead)</i>
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**Description**

Calculate FairRps Difference (deprecated, use function ScoreDiff instead)

**Usage**

```
FairRpsDiff(ens, ens.ref, obs, probs = NA, format = c("category", "members"))
```

**Arguments**

ens	the ensemble
ens.ref	the reference ensemble
obs	the observation
probs	not used
format	see 'EnsRps'

**Value**

mean FairRps difference

**See Also**

ScoreDiff EnsRps

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FairRps	<i>Calculate FairRps Skill Score (deprecated, use function SkillScore instead)</i>
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**Description**

Calculate FairRps Skill Score (deprecated, use function SkillScore instead)

**Usage**

```
FairRps(ens, ens.ref, obs, format = c("category", "members"))
```

**Arguments**

ens	the ensemble
ens.ref	the reference ensemble
obs	the observation
format	see 'EnsRps'

**Value**

FairRps skill score

**See Also**

SkillScore EnsRps

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FitAkdParameters	<i>Fit the 5 parameters used for affine kernel dressing by minimum CRPS estimation.</i>
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**Description**

Fit the 5 parameters used for affine kernel dressing by minimum CRPS estimation.

**Usage**

```
FitAkdParameters(ens, obs)
```

**Arguments**

ens	a N*R matrix. An archive of R-member ensemble forecasts for N time instances.
obs	a vector of length N. The verifying observations corresponding to the N ensemble forecasts.

**Details**

Affine Kernel Dressing transforms the discrete K-member forecast ensemble at time instance n, 'ens[n, ]', to a continuous distribution function for the target 'y' by the equation:

$$p(y|ens) = 1 / K * \sum \text{dnorm}(y, z.i, s)$$

where  $s = (4/3/K)^{0.4} * (s1 + s2 * a^2 * \text{var}(ens))$   
and  $z.i = r1 + r2 * \text{mean}(ens) + a * ens$

The parameters r1, r2, a, s1, s2 are fitted by minimizing the continuously ranked probability score (CRPS). The optimization is carried out using the R function 'optim(...)'.

Since the evaluation of the CRPS is numerically expensive, the optimization can take a long time. Speed can be increased by optimizing the parameters only for a part of the forecast instances.

**Value**

The function returns a list of 5 parameters for affine kernel dressing.

**References**

Broecker J. and Smith L. (2008). From ensemble forecasts to predictive distribution functions. Tellus (2008), 60A, 663–678. doi: [10.1111/j.16000870.2008.00333.x](https://doi.org/10.1111/j.16000870.2008.00333.x).

**See Also**

DressEnsemble, DressCrps, DressIgn, PlotDressedEns, GetDensity

**Examples**

```
data(eurotempforecast)
FitAkdParameters(ens, obs)
```



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GaussCrps	<i>Calculate the Continuous Ranked Probability Score (CRPS) for forecasts issued as Normal distributions</i>
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### Description

Calculate the Continuous Ranked Probability Score (CRPS) for forecasts issued as Normal distributions

### Usage

```
GaussCrps(mean, sd, obs)
```

### Arguments

mean	A vector of length N. The forecast means.
sd	A vector of length N. The forecast standard deviations.
obs	A numeric vector of length N of real-valued verifying observations

### Value

numeric vector of length N with the CRPS values

### References

Gneiting et al (2005). Calibrated Probabilistic Forecasting Using Ensemble Model Output Statistics and Minimum CRPS Estimation. Mon. Wea. Rev. doi: [10.1175/MWR2904.1](https://doi.org/10.1175/MWR2904.1)

### See Also

EnsCrps, DressCrps, ScoreDiff, SkillScore

### Examples

```
data(eurotempforecast)
mean <- rowMeans(ens)
sd <- apply(ens, 1, sd)
mean(GaussCrps(mean, sd, obs))
```

GaussCrpsDiff      *Calculate GaussCrps Difference (deprecated, use function ScoreDiff instead)*

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**Description**

Calculate GaussCrps Difference (deprecated, use function ScoreDiff instead)

**Usage**

```
GaussCrpsDiff(mean, sd, mean.ref, sd.ref, obs, probs = NA)
```

**Arguments**

mean	forecast means
sd	forecast standard deviations
mean.ref	reference forecast means
sd.ref	reference forecast standard deviations
obs	the observation
probs	not used

**Value**

mean GaussCrps difference

**See Also**

ScoreDiff GaussCrps

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GaussCrpss      *Calculate GaussCrps Skill Score (deprecated, use function SkillScore instead)*

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**Description**

Calculate GaussCrps Skill Score (deprecated, use function SkillScore instead)

**Usage**

```
GaussCrpss(mean, sd, mean.ref, sd.ref, obs)
```

**Arguments**

mean	forecast means
sd	forecast standard deviations
mean.ref	reference forecast means
sd.ref	reference forecast standard deviations
obs	the observation

**Value**

GaussCrps skill score

**See Also**

SkillScore GaussCrps

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GenerateToyData	<i>Generate artificial data for ensemble verification using a signal-plus-noise model</i>
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**Description**

Generate artificial data for ensemble verification using a signal-plus-noise model

**Usage**

```
GenerateToyData(
  N = 20,
  mu.y = 0,
  s.s = 7,
  s.eps = 6,
  mu.x = 0,
  beta = 0.2,
  s.eta = 8,
  K = 10,
  mu.x.ref = NA,
  beta.ref = NA,
  s.eta.ref = NA,
  K.ref = NA
)
```

**Arguments**

N	number of forecasts and observations
mu.y	expectation value of the observations
s.s	standard deviation of the predictable signal

<code>s.eps</code>	standard deviation of the unpredictable noise
<code>mu.x</code>	expectation value of the ensemble
<code>beta</code>	weighting parameter of the signal in the ensemble forecasting system
<code>s.eta</code>	average spread of the ensemble
<code>K</code>	number of members of the ensemble
<code>mu.x.ref</code>	expectation value of the reference ensemble
<code>beta.ref</code>	weighting parameter of the signal in the reference ensemble forecasting system
<code>s.eta.ref</code>	average spread of the reference ensemble
<code>K.ref</code>	number of members of the reference ensemble

### Details

The function simulates data from the latent variable model:

$$y_t = \mu_y + s_t + \text{eps}_t$$

$$x_{t,r} = \mu_x + \beta * s_t + \text{eta}_{t,r}$$

where  $y_t$  is the observation at time  $t$ , and  $x_{t,r}$  is the  $r$ -th ensemble member at time  $t$ . The latent variable  $s_t$  is to be understood as the "predictable signal" that generates correlation between observations and ensemble members. If all arguments that end in ".ref" are specified, a reference ensemble is returned to also test comparative verification.

### Value

A list with elements:

**obs** N-vector of observations

**ens** N\*K matrix of ensemble members

**ens.ref** N\*K.ref matrix of reference ensemble members

### Examples

```
l <- GenerateToyData()
with(l, EnsCrps(ens, obs))
```

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GetDensity	<i>Calculate density and integrated density function of a dressed ensemble forecast at a matrix of values</i>
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### Description

Calculate density and integrated density function of a dressed ensemble forecast at a matrix of values

### Usage

```
GetDensity(dressed.ens, x, integrated = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

dressed.ens	A list returned by the function ‘DressEnsemble’. See ‘?DressEnsemble’ for details.
x	A matrix with either 1 row or nrow(dressed.ens[["ens"]]) rows and an arbitrary number of columns, holding the arguments at which the forecast distributions are to be evaluated. See Details.
integrated	logical, (default=FALSE): If ‘integrated’ is TRUE, the integrated density (i.e. the value of the cumulative distribution function) is returned, otherwise the value of the density is returned.

**Details**

If you want to evaluate each forecast distribution function at the same x-values, a matrix with one row can be provided, e.g. ‘x = matrix(c(-1, 0, 1), nrow=1)’

If the N individual forecast distributions are to be evaluated at different x-values, a matrix with N rows must be provided, where N is the number of time instances.

To calculate the PIT values for the dressed ensemble and observations ‘obs’, use ‘GetDensity(dressed.ens, x = matrix(obs, ncol=1), integrated=TRUE)’

**Value**

The function returns a matrix, whose rows correspond to the individual ensemble forecasts and whose columns correspond to the values provided by the argument ‘x’.

**See Also**

DressEnsemble, DressCrps, DressIgn, PlotDressedEns, FitAkdParameters

**Examples**

```
data(eurotempforecast)
dressed.ens <- DressEnsemble(ens)
# calculate each density at the same x-values
x1 <- matrix(seq(-3, 3, 0.1), nrow=1)
dens1 <- GetDensity(dressed.ens, x1)
# get the densities that the forecast
# distributions assign to the observations
x2 <- matrix(obs, ncol=1)
dens2 <- GetDensity(dressed.ens, x2)
# get the integrated densities that the forecast
# distributions assign to the observations (useful
# for constructing a PIT histogram)
pit <- GetDensity(dressed.ens, x2, integrated=TRUE)
```

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PlotDressedEns      *Plot a series forecast distributions of dressed ensembles*

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### Description

Plot a series forecast distributions of dressed ensembles

### Usage

```
PlotDressedEns(
  dressed.ens,
  add = FALSE,
  obs = NULL,
  plot.ens = FALSE,
  plot.ker = FALSE
)
```

### Arguments

dressed.ens	An object of class 'dressed.ens'. See ?DressEnsemble for details.
add	logical, default=FALSE. If TRUE, no new plotting device is created and everything is added to an existing device.
obs	A vector of length N, default=NULL. The verifying observations corresponding to the individual ensemble forecasts. If a vector of length N is provided (N = nrow(dressed.ens[["ens"]]), the values are added to the plot as markers.
plot.ens	logical, default=FALSE. If TRUE, the centers of the individual dressing kernels are indicated by markers.
plot.ker	logical, default=FALSE. If TRUE, the individual dressing kernels are plotted.

### Value

none

### See Also

DressEnsemble

### Examples

```
data(eurotempforecast)
d.ens <- DressEnsemble(ens)
PlotDressedEns(d.ens, add=FALSE, obs=obs, plot.ens=FALSE, plot.ker=TRUE)
```

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`PlotRankhist`*Plotting function for rank histograms*

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**Description**

Plots a rank histogram in different modes.

**Usage**

```
PlotRankhist(rank.hist, mode = "raw")
```

**Arguments**

<code>rank.hist</code>	A vector or rank counts.
<code>mode</code>	Either "raw" (default) or "prob.paper". Whether to draw the raw rank histogram, or the rank histogram on probability paper. See Details.

**Details**

The plotting modes currently implemented are:

`raw` (the default): A simple bar plot of the counts provided by the 'rank.hist' argument.

`prob.paper`: The individual counts given by 'rank.hist' are transformed to their cumulative probabilities under the binomial distribution with parameters 'N' and '1/K', where 'N=sum(rank.hist)' and 'K=length(rank.hist)'. This transformation makes possible an assessment of the observed rank counts under the hypothesis of equally likely ranks. The y-axis on the left indicates the cumulative probabilities. The intervals on the right of the plot indicate central 90, 95, and 99 percent *\_simultaneous\_* confidence intervals. That is, if all ranks were equally likely on average, approximately 90 percent of all rank histograms would be *\_completely\_* contained in the 90 percent interval and approximately 10 percent of all rank histograms would have *\_at least\_* one bar that falls outside this interval.

**References**

Anderson J.L. (1996). A Method for Producing and Evaluating Probabilistic Forecasts from Ensemble Model Integrations. *J. Climate*, 9, 1518–1530. Broecker J. (2008). On reliability analysis of multi-categorical forecasts. *Nonlin. Processes Geophys.*, 15, 661-673.

**See Also**

Rankhist, TestRankhist

**Examples**

```
data(eurotempforecast)
rank.hist <- Rankhist(ens, obs)
PlotRankhist(rank.hist, mode="prob.paper")
```

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Rankhist

*Rank histogram for ensemble forecasts*

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### Description

Calculate the rank histogram for an archive of ensemble forecasts and their corresponding verifying observations.

### Usage

```
Rankhist(ens, obs, reduce.bins = 1, handle.na = "na.fail")
```

### Arguments

ens	matrix of dimension (N,K). An archive of K-member ensemble forecasts for N time instances.
obs	vector of length N. The corresponding verifying observations.
reduce.bins	number of adjacent bins that will be merged into one bin; has to be a divisor of K+1
handle.na	how should missing values in ensemble and observation data be handled; possible values are 'na.fail' (fails if any data is missing) and 'use.complete' (only uses times where all ensemble members and obs are available); default: 'na.fail'

### Value

a vector of length  $(K+1)/\text{reduce.bins}$  containing the rank counts

### References

Anderson J.L. (1996). A Method for Producing and Evaluating Probabilistic Forecasts from Ensemble Model Integrations. *J. Climate*, 9, 1518–1530. Hammill T.M. (2001). Interpretation of Rank Histograms for Verifying Ensemble Forecasts. *Mon. Wea. Rev.*, 129, 550–560.

### See Also

PlotRankhist, TestRankhist

### Examples

```
data(eurotempforecast)
rh <- Rankhist(ens, obs)
```



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ReliabilityDiagram      *Reliability diagram for probability forecasts*

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## Description

Reliability diagram for probability forecasts

## Usage

```
ReliabilityDiagram(  
  probs,  
  obs,  
  bins = 10,  
  nboot = 500,  
  plot = FALSE,  
  plot.refin = TRUE,  
  cons.probs = 0.95,  
  attributes = FALSE,  
  handle.na = c("na.fail", "use.pairwise.complete")  
)
```

## Arguments

probs	vector of N probability forecasts for the event obs=1
obs	vector of N binary observations, event/no event are coded as 0/1
bins	binning to estimate the calibration function (see Details), default: 10
nboot	number of bootstrap resamples to calculate the consistency bars, default: 500
plot	logical, whether to plot the reliability diagram, default: FALSE
plot.refin	Whether to add the frequency distribution of the forecasts to the reliability diagram. default: TRUE
cons.probs	The width of the consistency intervals. default: 0.95. Set to NA for no consistency bars.
attributes	logical, whether attributes lines are included in the diagram. default: FALSE
handle.na	how should missing values be handled; possible values are 'na.fail' and 'use.pairwise.complete'; default: 'na.fail'

## Details

To estimate the reliability curve, the unit line is categorised into discrete bins, provided by the 'bins' argument. If 'bins' is a single number, it specifies the number of equidistant bins. If 'bins' is a vector of values between zero and one, these values are used as the bin-breaks.

**Value**

a data.frame with nrows equal to the number of bins (given by the 'bins' argument), with columns: average forecast probability per bin, conditional event frequency per bin, lower and upper limit of the consistency bar per bin, number of forecast probabilities per bin, lower and upper bin limit

**References**

Jolliffe IT, Stephenson DB, eds. (2012): Forecast verification: A practitioner's guide in atmospheric science. John Wiley & Sons, 2012. ISBN: 978-0-470-66071-3 Broecker J, Smith LA (2007): Increasing the Reliability of Reliability Diagrams. Wea. Forecasting, 22, 651–661 doi: [10.1175/WAF993.1](https://doi.org/10.1175/WAF993.1)

**Examples**

```
data(eurotempforecast)
p <- rowMeans(ens.bin)
ReliabilityDiagram(p, obs.bin, plot=TRUE)
```

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 ScoreDiff

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*Calculate average score difference and assess uncertainty*


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**Description**

Calculate the difference (mean score of the reference forecast) minus (mean score of the forecast). Uncertainty is assessed by the Diebold-Mariano test for equality of predictive accuracy.

**Usage**

```
ScoreDiff(
  scores,
  scores.ref,
  N.eff = NA,
  conf.level = 0.95,
  handle.na = "na.fail"
)
```

**Arguments**

scores	vector of verification scores
scores.ref	vector of verification scores of the reference forecast, must be of the same length as 'scores'
N.eff	user-defined effective sample size to be used in hypothesis test and for confidence bounds; if NA, the length of 'scores' is used; default: NA
conf.level	confidence level for the confidence interval; default = 0.95
handle.na	how should missing values in scores vectors be handled; possible values are 'na.fail' and 'use.pairwise.complete'; default: 'na.fail'

**Value**

vector with mean score difference, estimated standard error of the mean, one-sided p-value of the Diebold-Mariano test, and the user-specified confidence interval

**References**

Diebold, Mariano (1995): Comparing Predictive Accuracy. *Journal of Business & Economic Statistics*. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/1392185>

**See Also**

SkillScore

**Examples**

```
data(eurotempforecast)
ScoreDiff(EnsCrps(ens, obs), EnsCrps(ens[, 1:2], obs))
```

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SkillScore	<i>Calculate a skill score and assess uncertainty.</i>
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**Description**

A skill score is defined as  $(\text{mean score} - \text{mean reference score}) / (\text{perfect score} - \text{mean reference score})$ . The skill score is zero if the mean score of the forecast equals the mean score of the reference forecast, and equals one if the mean score of the forecast equals the best possible score. Uncertainty is assessed by estimating the standard deviation of the skill score by propagation of uncertainty.

**Usage**

```
SkillScore(
  scores,
  scores.ref,
  N.eff = NA,
  score.perf = 0,
  handle.na = c("na.fail", "use.pairwise.complete")
)
```

**Arguments**

scores	vector of verification scores
scores.ref	vector of verification scores of the reference forecast, must be of the same length as 'scores'
N.eff	user-defined effective sample size to be used to estimate the sampling uncertainty; if NA, the length of 'scores' is used; default: NA
score.perf	a numeric constant, indicating the value that the score would assign to the perfect forecast

handle.na      how should missing values in scores vectors be handled; possible values are 'na.fail' and 'use.pairwise.complete'; default: 'na.fail'

### Value

vector with skill score and its estimated standard deviation

### See Also

ScoreDiff

### Examples

```
data(eurotempforecast)
SkillScore(EnsCrps(ens, obs), EnsCrps(ens[, 1:2], obs))
```

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SpecsVerification      *SpecsVerification - Forecast verification routines*

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### Description

SpecsVerification - Forecast verification routines

### Author(s)

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SqErr      *Calculate the squared error between forecast and observation*

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### Description

Calculate the squared error between forecast and observation

### Usage

```
SqErr(fcst, obs)
```

### Arguments

fcst      a N-vector representing N time instances of real-valued forecasts  
 obs      a N-vector representing N time instances of real-valued observations

### Value

numeric N-vector of squared errors

**See Also**

AbsErr, ScoreDiff, SkillScore

**Examples**

```
data(eurotempforecast)
mean(SqErr(rowMeans(ens), obs))
```

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 TestRankhist

*Statistical tests for rank histograms*


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**Description**

Perform statistical tests related to the deviation from flatness of a rank histogram.

**Usage**

```
TestRankhist(rank.hist)
```

**Arguments**

rank.hist      Vector of rank counts. Generated by function 'Rankhist()'

**Details**

Given a vector of rank counts 'x', the Pearson Chi<sup>2</sup> statistic is calculated by  $\text{sum}((x - \text{sum}(x)/\text{length}(x))^2 / (\text{sum}(x)/\text{length}(x)))$  and has a chi<sup>2</sup> distribution with  $(\text{length}(x)-1)$  degrees of freedom if every rank is equally likely on average. The Jolliffe-Primo test statistics are calculated by projecting the vector  $(x - \text{sum}(x)/\text{length}(x)) / \text{sqrt}(\text{sum}(x)/\text{length}(x))$  onto a linear, respectively squared contrast, i.e. a linear and quadratic function defined over the index set 1:length(x), who are mutually orthogonal, whose elements sum to zero, and whose squared elements sum to one. The projections independently have chi<sup>2</sup> distributions with 1 degree of freedom under the null hypothesis of a flat rank histogram.

**Value**

A dataframe whose columns refer to the Pearson Chi<sup>2</sup> statistic, the Jolliffe-Primo test statistic for slope, and the Jolliffe-Primo test statistic for convexity. The rows refer to the actual test statistic and its p-value under the null hypothesis of a flat rank histogram.

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**See Also**

Rankhist, PlotRankhist

**Examples**

```
data(eurotempforecast)
rh <- Rankhist(ens, obs)
TestRankhist(rh)
```

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