

# Package ‘RTransferEntropy’

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calc_ete	<i>Calculates the Effective Transfer Entropy for two time series</i>
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### Description

Calculates the Effective Transfer Entropy for two time series

### Usage

```
calc_ete(
  x,
  y,
  lx = 1,
  ly = 1,
  q = 0.1,
  entropy = "Shannon",
  shuffles = 100,
  type = "quantiles",
  quantiles = c(5, 95),
  bins = NULL,
  limits = NULL,
  burn = 50,
  seed = NULL,
  na.rm = TRUE
)
```

### Arguments

x	a vector of numeric values, ordered by time. Also allowed are <a href="#">xts</a> , <a href="#">zoo</a> , or <a href="#">ts</a> objects.
y	a vector of numeric values, ordered by time. Also allowed are <a href="#">xts</a> , <a href="#">zoo</a> , or <a href="#">ts</a> objects.
lx	Markov order of x, i.e. the number of lagged values affecting the current value of x. Default is lx = 1.

ly	Markov order of y, i.e. the number of lagged values affecting the current value of y. Default is ly = 1.
q	a weighting parameter used to estimate Renyi transfer entropy, parameter is between 0 and 1. For q = 1, Renyi transfer entropy converges to Shannon transfer entropy. Default is q = 0.1.
entropy	specifies the transfer entropy measure that is estimated, either 'Shannon' or 'Renyi'. The first character can be used to specify the type of transfer entropy as well. Default is entropy = 'Shannon'.
shuffles	the number of shuffles used to calculate the effective transfer entropy. Default is shuffles = 100.
type	specifies the type of discretization applied to the observed time series: 'quantiles', 'bins' or 'limits'. Default is type = 'quantiles'.
quantiles	specifies the quantiles of the empirical distribution of the respective time series used for discretization. Default is quantiles = c(5, 95).
bins	specifies the number of bins with equal width used for discretization. Default is bins = NULL.
limits	specifies the limits on values used for discretization. Default is limits = NULL.
burn	the number of observations that are dropped from the beginning of the bootstrapped Markov chain. Default is burn = 50.
seed	a seed that seeds the PRNG (will internally just call set.seed), default is seed = NULL.
na.rm	if missing values should be removed (will remove the values at the same point in the other series as well). Default is TRUE.

**Value**

a single numerical value for the effective transfer entropy

**See Also**

[calc\\_te](#) and [transfer\\_entropy](#)

**Examples**

```
# construct two time-series
set.seed(1234567890)
n <- 1000
x <- rep(0, n + 1)
y <- rep(0, n + 1)

for (i in seq(n)) {
  x[i + 1] <- 0.2 * x[i] + rnorm(1, 0, 2)
  y[i + 1] <- x[i] + rnorm(1, 0, 2)
}

x <- x[-1]
y <- y[-1]
```

```
# calculate the X->Y transfer entropy value
calc_ete(x, y)

# calculate the Y->X transfer entropy value
calc_ete(y, x)

# Compare the results
# even with the same seed, transfer_entropy might return slightly different
# results from calc_ete
calc_ete(x, y, seed = 123)
calc_ete(y, x, seed = 123)
transfer_entropy(x, y, nboot = 0, seed = 123)
```

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calc\_te

*Calculates the Transfer Entropy for two time series*

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## Description

Calculates the Transfer Entropy for two time series

## Usage

```
calc_te(
  x,
  y,
  lx = 1,
  ly = 1,
  q = 0.1,
  entropy = "Shannon",
  shuffles = 100,
  type = "quantiles",
  quantiles = c(5, 95),
  bins = NULL,
  limits = NULL,
  burn = 50,
  seed = NULL,
  na.rm = TRUE
)
```

## Arguments

**x** a vector of numeric values, ordered by time. Also allowed are [xts](#), [zoo](#), or [ts](#) objects.

**y** a vector of numeric values, ordered by time. Also allowed are [xts](#), [zoo](#), or [ts](#) objects.

lx	Markov order of x, i.e. the number of lagged values affecting the current value of x. Default is lx = 1.
ly	Markov order of y, i.e. the number of lagged values affecting the current value of y. Default is ly = 1.
q	a weighting parameter used to estimate Renyi transfer entropy, parameter is between 0 and 1. For q = 1, Renyi transfer entropy converges to Shannon transfer entropy. Default is q = 0.1.
entropy	specifies the transfer entropy measure that is estimated, either 'Shannon' or 'Renyi'. The first character can be used to specify the type of transfer entropy as well. Default is entropy = 'Shannon'.
shuffles	the number of shuffles used to calculate the effective transfer entropy. Default is shuffles = 100.
type	specifies the type of discretization applied to the observed time series: 'quantiles', 'bins' or 'limits'. Default is type = 'quantiles'.
quantiles	specifies the quantiles of the empirical distribution of the respective time series used for discretization. Default is quantiles = c(5, 95).
bins	specifies the number of bins with equal width used for discretization. Default is bins = NULL.
limits	specifies the limits on values used for discretization. Default is limits = NULL.
burn	the number of observations that are dropped from the beginning of the bootstrapped Markov chain. Default is burn = 50.
seed	a seed that seeds the PRNG (will internally just call set.seed), default is seed = NULL.
na.rm	if missing values should be removed (will remove the values at the same point in the other series as well). Default is TRUE.

### Value

a single numerical value for the transfer entropy

### See Also

[calc\\_ete](#) and [transfer\\_entropy](#)

### Examples

```
# construct two time-series
set.seed(1234567890)
n <- 1000
x <- rep(0, n + 1)
y <- rep(0, n + 1)

for (i in seq(n)) {
  x[i + 1] <- 0.2 * x[i] + rnorm(1, 0, 2)
  y[i + 1] <- x[i] + rnorm(1, 0, 2)
}
```

```
x <- x[-1]
y <- y[-1]

# calculate the X->Y transfer entropy value
calc_te(x, y)

# calculate the Y->X transfer entropy value
calc_te(y, x)

# Compare the results
calc_te(x, y, seed = 123)
calc_te(y, x, seed = 123)
transfer_entropy(x, y, nboot = 0, seed = 123)
```

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coef.transfer\_entropy *Extract the Coefficient Matrix from a transfer\_entropy*

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## Description

Extract the Coefficient Matrix from a transfer\_entropy

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'transfer_entropy'
coef(object, ...)
```

## Arguments

object	a transfer_entropy
...	additional arguments, currently not in use

## Value

a Matrix containing the coefficients

## Examples

```
set.seed(1234567890)
n <- 500
x <- rep(0, n + 1)
y <- rep(0, n + 1)

for (i in seq(n)) {
  x[i + 1] <- 0.2 * x[i] + rnorm(1, 0, 2)
  y[i + 1] <- x[i] + rnorm(1, 0, 2)
}
```

```
x <- x[-1]
y <- y[-1]

te_result <- transfer_entropy(x, y, nboot = 100)
coef(te_result)
```

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*is.transfer\_entropy*    *Checks if an object is a transfer\_entropy*

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### **Description**

Checks if an object is a transfer\_entropy

### **Usage**

```
is.transfer_entropy(x)
```

### **Arguments**

x                    an object

### **Value**

a boolean value if x is a transfer\_entropy

### **Examples**

```
# see ?transfer_entropy
```

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```
print.transfer_entropy
```

*Prints a transfer-entropy result*

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### **Description**

Prints a transfer-entropy result

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'transfer_entropy'
print(
  x,
  digits = 4,
  boot = TRUE,
  probs = c(0, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1),
  tex = FALSE,
  ref = NA,
  file = NA,
  table = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	a <code>transfer_entropy</code>
<code>digits</code>	the number of digits to display, defaults to 4
<code>boot</code>	if the bootstrapped results should be printed, defaults to TRUE
<code>probs</code>	numeric vector of quantiles for the bootstraps
<code>tex</code>	if the data should be outputted as a TeX-string
<code>ref</code>	the reference string of the LaTeX table (label) applies only if <code>table = TRUE</code> and <code>tex = TRUE</code> , defaults to FALSE
<code>file</code>	a file where the results are printed to
<code>table</code>	if the table environment should be printed as well (only applies if <code>tex = TRUE</code> ), defaults to TRUE
<code>...</code>	additional arguments, currently not in use

**Value**

invisible the text

**Examples**

```
# construct two time-series
set.seed(1234567890)
n <- 500
x <- rep(0, n + 1)
y <- rep(0, n + 1)

for (i in seq(n)) {
  x[i + 1] <- 0.2 * x[i] + rnorm(1, 0, 2)
  y[i + 1] <- x[i] + rnorm(1, 0, 2)
}

x <- x[-1]
y <- y[-1]
```

```
# Calculate Shannon's Transfer Entropy
te_result <- transfer_entropy(x, y, nboot = 100)

print(te_result)

# change the number of digits
print(te_result, digits = 10)

# disable boot-print
print(te_result, boot = FALSE)

# specify the quantiles of the bootstraps
print(te_result, probs = c(0, 0.1, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.9, 1))

# get LaTeX output:
print(te_result, tex = TRUE)

# set the reference label for LaTeX table
print(te_result, tex = TRUE, ref = "tab:te_result")

## Not run:
# file output
print(te_result, file = "te_result_file.txt")
print(te_result, tex = TRUE, file = "te_result_file.tex")

## End(Not run)
```

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set\_quiet

*Set the quiet-parameter for all RTransferEntropy Calls*

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### **Description**

Set the quiet-parameter for all RTransferEntropy Calls

### **Usage**

```
set_quiet(quiet)
```

### **Arguments**

quiet            if FALSE, the functions will give feedback on the progress

### **Value**

nothing

### **Examples**

```
# see ?transfer_entropy
```

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stocks

*Daily stock data for 10 stocks from 2000-2017*


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**Description**

A dataset containing the daily stock returns for 10 stocks and the S&P 500 market returns for the time-period 2000-01-04 until 2017-12-29

**Usage**

```
stocks
```

**Format**

A data frame (or data.table if loaded) with 46940 rows and 4 variables:

**date** date of the observation

**ticker** ticker of the stock

**ret** Return of the stock

**sp500** Return of the S&P 500 stock market index

**Source**

yahoo finance using [getSymbols](#)

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summary.transfer\_entropy

*Prints a summary of a transfer-entropy result*


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**Description**

Prints a summary of a transfer-entropy result

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'transfer_entropy'
summary(object, digits = 4, probs = c(0, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1), ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	a transfer_entropy
digits	the number of digits to display, defaults to 4
probs	numeric vector of quantiles for the bootstraps
...	additional arguments, passed to <a href="#">printCoefmat</a>

**Value**

invisible the object

**Examples**

```
# construct two time-series
set.seed(1234567890)
n <- 500
x <- rep(0, n + 1)
y <- rep(0, n + 1)

for (i in seq(n)) {
  x[i + 1] <- 0.2 * x[i] + rnorm(1, 0, 2)
  y[i + 1] <- x[i] + rnorm(1, 0, 2)
}

x <- x[-1]
y <- y[-1]

# Calculate Shannon's Transfer Entropy
te_result <- transfer_entropy(x, y, nboot = 100)

summary(te_result)
```

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transfer_entropy	<i>Function to estimate Shannon and Renyi transfer entropy between two time series x and y.</i>
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**Description**

Function to estimate Shannon and Renyi transfer entropy between two time series x and y.

**Usage**

```
transfer_entropy(
  x,
  y,
  lx = 1,
  ly = 1,
  q = 0.1,
  entropy = "Shannon",
  shuffles = 100,
  type = "quantiles",
  quantiles = c(5, 95),
  bins = NULL,
  limits = NULL,
  nboot = 300,
  burn = 50,
```

```

  quiet = NULL,
  seed = NULL,
  na.rm = TRUE
)

```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	a vector of numeric values, ordered by time. Also allowed are <code>xts</code> , <code>zoo</code> , or <code>ts</code> objects.
<code>y</code>	a vector of numeric values, ordered by time. Also allowed are <code>xts</code> , <code>zoo</code> , or <code>ts</code> objects.
<code>lx</code>	Markov order of <code>x</code> , i.e. the number of lagged values affecting the current value of <code>x</code> . Default is <code>lx = 1</code> .
<code>ly</code>	Markov order of <code>y</code> , i.e. the number of lagged values affecting the current value of <code>y</code> . Default is <code>ly = 1</code> .
<code>q</code>	a weighting parameter used to estimate Renyi transfer entropy, parameter is between 0 and 1. For <code>q = 1</code> , Renyi transfer entropy converges to Shannon transfer entropy. Default is <code>q = 0.1</code> .
<code>entropy</code>	specifies the transfer entropy measure that is estimated, either 'Shannon' or 'Renyi'. The first character can be used to specify the type of transfer entropy as well. Default is <code>entropy = 'Shannon'</code> .
<code>shuffles</code>	the number of shuffles used to calculate the effective transfer entropy. Default is <code>shuffles = 100</code> .
<code>type</code>	specifies the type of discretization applied to the observed time series: 'quantiles', 'bins' or 'limits'. Default is <code>type = 'quantiles'</code> .
<code>quantiles</code>	specifies the quantiles of the empirical distribution of the respective time series used for discretization. Default is <code>quantiles = c(5, 95)</code> .
<code>bins</code>	specifies the number of bins with equal width used for discretization. Default is <code>bins = NULL</code> .
<code>limits</code>	specifies the limits on values used for discretization. Default is <code>limits = NULL</code> .
<code>nboot</code>	the number of bootstrap replications for each direction of the estimated transfer entropy. Default is <code>nboot = 300</code> .
<code>burn</code>	the number of observations that are dropped from the beginning of the bootstrapped Markov chain. Default is <code>burn = 50</code> .
<code>quiet</code>	if <code>FALSE</code> (default), the function gives feedback.
<code>seed</code>	a seed that seeds the PRNG (will internally just call <code>set.seed</code> ), default is <code>seed = NULL</code> .
<code>na.rm</code>	if missing values should be removed (will remove the values at the same point in the other series as well). Default is <code>TRUE</code> .

### Value

an object of class `transfer_entropy`, containing the transfer entropy estimates in both directions, the effective transfer entropy estimates in both directions, standard errors and p-values based on bootstrap replications of the Markov chains under the null hypothesis of statistical independence, an indication of statistical significance, and quantiles of the bootstrap samples (if `nboot > 0`).

**See Also**

[coef](#), [print.transfer\\_entropy](#)

**Examples**

```
# construct two time-series
set.seed(1234567890)
n <- 500
x <- rep(0, n + 1)
y <- rep(0, n + 1)

for (i in seq(n)) {
  x[i + 1] <- 0.2 * x[i] + rnorm(1, 0, 2)
  y[i + 1] <- x[i] + rnorm(1, 0, 2)
}

x <- x[-1]
y <- y[-1]

# Calculate Shannon's Transfer Entropy
te_result <- transfer_entropy(x, y, nboot = 100)
te_result

summary(te_result)

# Parallel Processing using the future-package
library(future)
plan(multisession)

te_result2 <- transfer_entropy(x, y, nboot = 100)
te_result2

# revert back to sequential execution
plan(sequential)

te_result2 <- transfer_entropy(x, y, nboot = 100)
te_result2

# General set of quiet
set_quiet(TRUE)
a <- transfer_entropy(x, y, nboot = 0)

set_quiet(FALSE)
a <- transfer_entropy(x, y, nboot = 0)
```

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