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**qdft***Quantile Discrete Fourier Transform (QDFT)*

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**Description**

This function computes quantile discrete Fourier transform (QDFT) for univariate or multivariate time series.

**Usage**

```
qdft(y, tau, n.cores = 1, cl = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

y	vector or matrix of time series (if matrix, nrow(y) = length of time series)
tau	sequence of quantile levels in (0,1)
n.cores	number of cores for parallel computing (default = 1)
cl	pre-existing cluster for repeated parallel computing (default = NULL)

**Value**

matrix or array of the quantile discrete Fourier transform of y

**Examples**

```
y <- stats:::arima.sim(list(order=c(1,0,0), ar=0.5), n=64)
tau <- seq(0.1,0.9,0.05)
y.qdft <- qdft(y,tau)
# Make a cluster for repeated use
n.cores <- 2
cl <- parallel::makeCluster(n.cores)
parallel::clusterExport(cl, c("tqr.fit"))
doParallel::registerDoParallel(cl)
y1 <- stats:::arima.sim(list(order=c(1,0,0), ar=0.5), n=64)
y.qdft <- qdft(y1,tau,n.cores=n.cores,cl=cl)
```

```
y2 <- stats::arima.sim(list(order=c(1,0,0), ar=0.5), n=64)
y.qdft <- qdft(y2, tau, n.cores=n.cores, cl=cl)
parallel::stopCluster(cl)
```

**qdft2qacf***Quantile Autocovariance Function (QACF)***Description**

This function computes quantile autocovariance function (QACF) from QDFT.

**Usage**

```
qdft2qacf(y.qdft, return.qser = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>y.qdft</code>	matrix or array of QDFT from <code>qdft()</code> or SQDFT from <code>sqdft()</code>
<code>return.qser</code>	if TRUE, return quantile series (QSER) along with QACF

**Value**

matrix or array of quantile autocovariance function if `return.sqr = FALSE` (default), else a list with the following elements:

<code>qacf</code>	matrix or array of quantile autocovariance function
<code>qser</code>	matrix or array of quantile series

**Examples**

```
# single time series
y1 <- stats::arima.sim(list(order=c(1,0,0), ar=0.5), n=64)
tau <- seq(0.1,0.9,0.05)
y.qdft <- qdft(y1, tau)
qacf <- qdft2qacf(y.qdft)
plot(c(0:9), qacf[c(1:10), 1], type='h', xlab="LAG", ylab="QACF")
qser <- qdft2qacf(y.qdft, return.qser=TRUE)$qser
plot(qser[, 1], type='l', xlab="TIME", ylab="QSER")
# multiple time series
y2 <- stats::arima.sim(list(order=c(1,0,0), ar=-0.5), n=64)
y.qdft <- qdft(cbind(y1, y2), tau)
qacf <- qdft2qacf(y.qdft)
plot(c(0:9), qacf[1, 2, c(1:10), 1], type='h', xlab="LAG", ylab="QACF")
```

qdft2qper

*Quantile Periodogram and Cross-Periodogram (QPER)***Description**

This function computes quantile periodogram/cross-periodogram (QPER) from QDFT.

**Usage**

```
qdft2qper(y.qdft)
```

**Arguments**

y.qdft	matrix or array of QDFT from qdft()
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**Value**

matrix or array of quantile periodogram/cross-periodogram
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**Examples**

```
# single time series
y1 <- stats:::arima.sim(list(order=c(1,0,0), ar=0.5), n=64)
tau <- seq(0.1,0.9,0.05)
y.qdft <- qdft(y1,tau)
qper <- qdft2qper(y.qdft)
n <- length(y1)
ff <- c(0:(n-1))/n
sel.f <- which(ff > 0 & ff < 0.5)
qfa.plot(ff[sel.f],tau,Re(qper[sel.f,]))
# multiple time series
y2 <- stats:::arima.sim(list(order=c(1,0,0), ar=-0.5), n=64)
y.qdft <- qdft(cbind(y1,y2),tau)
qper <- qdft2qper(y.qdft)
qfa.plot(ff[sel.f],tau,Re(qper[1,1,sel.f,]))
qfa.plot(ff[sel.f],tau,Re(qper[1,2,sel.f,]))
```

qdft2qser

*Quantile Series (QSER)***Description**

This function computes quantile series (QSER) from QDFT.

**Usage**

```
qdft2qser(y.qdft)
```

**Arguments**

y.qdft matrix or array of QDFT from qdft() or SQDFT from sqdft()

**Value**

matrix or array of quantile series

**Examples**

```
# single time series
y1 <- stats:::arima.sim(list(order=c(1,0,0), ar=0.5), n=64)
tau <- seq(0.1,0.9,0.05)
y.qdft <- qdft(y1,tau)
qser <- qdft2qser(y.qdft)
plot(qser[,1],type='l',xlab="TIME",ylab="QSER")
# multiple time series
y2 <- stats:::arima.sim(list(order=c(1,0,0), ar=-0.5), n=64)
y.qdft <- qdft(cbind(y1,y2),tau)
qser <- qdft2qser(y.qdft)
plot(qser[1,,1],type='l',xlab="TIME",ylab="QSER")
```

qfa.plot

*Quantile-Frequency Plot***Description**

This function creates an image plot of quantile spectrum.

**Usage**

```
qfa.plot(
  freq,
  tau,
  qper,
  rg.qper = range(qper),
  rg.tau = range(tau),
  rg.freq = c(0, 0.5),
  color = colorRamps::matlab.like2(1024),
  ylab = "QUANTILE LEVEL",
  xlab = "FREQUENCY",
  tlab = NULL,
  set.par = TRUE,
  legend.plot = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>freq</code>	sequence of frequencies in (0,0.5) at which quantile spectrum is evaluated
<code>tau</code>	sequence of quantile levels in (0,1) at which quantile spectrum is evaluated
<code>qper</code>	real-valued matrix of quantile spectrum evaluated on the freq x tau grid
<code>rg.qper</code>	<code>zlim</code> for qper (default = <code>range(qper)</code> )
<code>rg.tau</code>	<code>ylim</code> for tau (default = <code>range(tau)</code> )
<code>rg.freq</code>	<code>xlim</code> for freq (default = <code>c(0, 0.5)</code> )
<code>color</code>	colors (default = <code>colorRamps::matlab.like2(1024)</code> )
<code>ylab</code>	label of y-axis (default = "QUANTILE LEVEL")
<code>xlab</code>	label of x-axis (default = "FREQUENCY")
<code>tlab</code>	title of plot (default = NULL)
<code>set.par</code>	if TRUE, <code>par()</code> is set internally (single image)
<code>legend.plot</code>	if TRUE, legend plot is added

**Value**

no return value

`qkl.divergence`

*Kullback-Leibler Divergence of Quantile Spectral Estimate*

**Description**

This function computes Kullback-Leibler divergence (KLD) of quantile spectral estimate.

**Usage**

```
qkl.divergence(qper, qspec, sel.f = NULL, sel.tau = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

<code>qper</code>	matrix or array of quantile spectral estimate from, e.g., <code>qspec.lw()</code>
<code>qspec</code>	matrix or array of true quantile spectrum/cross-spectrum (same dimension as <code>qper</code> )
<code>sel.f</code>	index of selected frequencies for computation (default = NULL: all frequencies)
<code>sel.tau</code>	index of selected quantile levels for computation (default = NULL: all quantile levels)

**Value**

real number of Kullback-Leibler divergence

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qper2qcoh*Quantile Coherence Spectrum (QCOH)*

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**Description**

This function computes quantile coherence spectrum (QCOH) from quantile spectrum and cross-spectrum.

**Usage**

```
qper2qcoh(qspec, k = 1, kk = 2)
```

**Arguments**

qspec	array of quantile spectrum and cross-spectrum
k	index of first series (default = 1)
kk	index of second series (default = 2)

**Value**

matrix of quantile coherence evaluated at Fourier frequencies in (0,0.5)

**Examples**

```
y1 <- stats:::arima.sim(list(order=c(1,0,0), ar=0.5), n=64)
y2 <- stats:::arima.sim(list(order=c(1,0,0), ar=-0.5), n=64)
tau <- seq(0.1,0.9,0.05)
n <- length(y1)
ff <- c(0:(n-1))/n
sel.f <- which(ff > 0 & ff < 0.5)
y.qdft <- qdft(cbind(y1,y2),tau)
qacf <- qdft2qacf(y.qdft)
qper.lw <- qspec.lw(qacf,M=5)$spec
qcoh <- qper2qcoh(qper.lw,k=1, kk=2)
qfa.plot(ff[sel.f],tau,Re(qcoh))
```

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qsmooth.qdft*Quantile Smoothing of Quantile Discrete Fourier Transform*

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**Description**

This function computes quantile-smoothed version of quantile discrete Fourier transform (QDFT).

**Usage**

```
qsmooth.qdft(
  y.qdft,
  method = c("gamm", "sp"),
  spar = "GCV",
  n.cores = 1,
  cl = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

y.qdft	matrix or array of QDFT from qdft()
method	smoothing method: "gamm" for mgcv::gamm(), "sp" for stats::smooth.spline()
spar	smoothing parameter in smooth.spline() (default = "GCV")
n.cores	number of cores for parallel computing (default = 1)
cl	pre-existing cluster for repeated parallel computing (default = NULL)

**Value**

matrix or array of quantile-smoothed QDFT

**Examples**

```
y1 <- stats::arima.sim(list(order=c(1,0,0), ar=0.5), n=64)
y2 <- stats::arima.sim(list(order=c(1,0,0), ar=-0.5), n=64)
tau <- seq(0.1,0.9,0.05)
n <- length(y1)
ff <- c(0:(n-1))/n
sel.f <- which(ff > 0 & ff < 0.5)
y.qdft <- qdft(cbind(y1,y2),tau)
y.qdft <- qsmooth.qdft(y.qdft,method="sp",spar=0.9)
qacf <- qdft2qacf(y.qdft)
qper.qslw <- qspec.lw(qacf,M=5)$spec
qfa.plot(ff[sel.f],tau,Re(qper.qslw[1,1,sel.f,]))
```

**Description**

This function computes quantile-smoothed version of quantile periodogram/cross-periodogram (QPER) or other quantile spectral estimate.

**Usage**

```
qsmooth.qper(
  qper,
  method = c("gamm", "sp"),
  spar = "GCV",
  n.cores = 1,
  cl = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

qper	matrix or array of quantile periodogram/cross-periodogram or spectral estimate
method	smoothing method: "gamm" for <code>mgcv:::gamm()</code> , "sp" for <code>stats::smooth.spline()</code>
spar	smoothing parameter in <code>smooth.spline()</code> (default = "GCV")
n.cores	number of cores for parallel computing (default = 1)
cl	pre-existing cluster for repeated parallel computing (default = NULL)

**Value**

matrix or array of quantile-smoothed quantile spectral estimate

**Examples**

```
y1 <- stats::arima.sim(list(order=c(1,0,0), ar=0.5), n=64)
y2 <- stats::arima.sim(list(order=c(1,0,0), ar=-0.5), n=64)
tau <- seq(0.1,0.9,0.05)
n <- length(y1)
ff <- c(0:(n-1))/n
sel.f <- which(ff > 0 & ff < 0.5)
y.qdft <- qdft(cbind(y1,y2),tau)
qacf <- qdft2qacf(y.qdft)
qper.lw <- qspec.lw(qacf,M=5)$spec
qfa.plot(ff[sel.f],tau,Re(qper.lw[1,1,sel.f,]))
qper.lwqs <- qsmooth.qper(qper.lw,method="sp",spar=0.9)
qfa.plot(ff[sel.f],tau,Re(qper.lwqs[1,1,sel.f,]))
```

qspec.lw

*Lag-Window Estimator of Quantile Spectrum and Cross-Spectrum  
(QSPEC)*

**Description**

This function computes lag-window (LW) estimate of quantile spectrum/cross-spectrum (QSPEC) from QACF.

**Usage**

```
qspec.lw(qacf, M = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

- qacf** matrix or array of QACF from `qdft2qacf()`  
**M** bandwidth parameter of lag window (default = NULL: quantile periodogram)

**Value**

A list with the following elements:

- spec** matrix or array of LW estimate  
**lw** lag-window sequence

**Examples**

```
# single time series
y1 <- stats:::arima.sim(list(order=c(1,0,0), ar=0.5), n=64)
tau <- seq(0.1,0.9,0.05)
y.qdft <- qdft(y1,tau)
qacf <- qdft2qacf(y.qdft)
qper.lw <- qspec.lw(qacf,M=5)$spec
n <- length(y1)
ff <- c(0:(n-1))/n
sel.f <- which(ff > 0 & ff < 0.5)
qfa.plot(ff[sel.f],tau,Re(qper.lw[sel.f,]))
# multiple time series
y2 <- stats:::arima.sim(list(order=c(1,0,0), ar=-0.5), n=64)
y.qdft <- qdft(cbind(y1,y2),tau)
qacf <- qdft2qacf(y.qdft)
qper.lw <- qspec.lw(qacf,M=5)$spec
qfa.plot(ff[sel.f],tau,Re(qper.lw[1,2,sel.f,]))
```

**sqdft***Spline Quantile Discrete Fourier Transform (SQDFT)***Description**

This function computes spline quantile discrete Fourier transform (SQDFT) for univariate or multivariate time series.

**Usage**

```
sqdft(y, tau, c0 = 0.02, d = 4, weighted = FALSE, ncores = 1, cl = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

- y** vector or matrix of time series (if matrix, `nrow(y)` = length of time series)  
**tau** sequence of quantile levels in (0,1)  
**c0** penalty parameter

d	subsampling rate of quantile levels (default = 1)
weighted	if TRUE, penalty function is weighted (default = FALSE)
n.cores	number of cores for parallel computing (default = 1)
cl	pre-existing cluster for repeated parallel computing (default = NULL)

**Value**

matrix or array of the spline quantile discrete Fourier transform of y

**Examples**

```
y <- stats::arima.sim(list(order=c(1,0,0), ar=0.5), n=64)
tau <- seq(0.1,0.9,0.05)
y.sqdft <- sqdft(y,tau,c0=0.02,d=4)
n <- length(y)
ff <- c(0:(n-1))/n
sel.f <- which(ff > 0 & ff < 0.5)
qacf <- qdft2qacf(y.sqdft)
qper.sqr1w <- qspec.lw(qacf,M=5)$spec
qfa.plot(fff[sel.f],tau,Re(qper.sqr1w[sel.f,]))
```

sqr.fit

*Spline Quantile Regression (SQR)***Description**

This function computes the spline quantile regression (SQR) solution given response vector and design matrix. It uses the code `rqfnb.f` in the "quantreg" package with the permission of Dr. R. Koenker.

**Usage**

```
sqr.fit(y, X, tau, c0, d = 1, weighted = FALSE, mthreads = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

y	response vector
X	design matrix (nrow(X) = length(y))
tau	sequence of quantile levels in (0,1)
c0	penalty parameter
d	subsampling rate of quantile levels (default = 1)
weighted	if TRUE, penalty function is weighted (default = FALSE)
mthreads	if TRUE, multithread BLAS is enabled when available (default = FALSE, required for parallel computing)

**Value**

A list with the following elements:

<code>coefficients</code>	matrix of regression coefficients
<code>nit</code>	number of iterations

**tqr.fit***Trigonometric Quantile Regression (TQR)***Description**

This function computes trigonometric quantile regression (TQR) for univariate time series at a single frequency.

**Usage**

```
tqr.fit(y, f0, tau, prepared = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>y</code>	vector of time series
<code>f0</code>	frequency in [0,1)
<code>tau</code>	sequence of quantile levels in (0,1)
<code>prepared</code>	if TRUE, intercept is removed and coef of cosine is doubled when $f0 = 0.5$

**Value**

object of `rq()` (coefficients in \$coef)

**Examples**

```
y <- stats::arima.sim(list(order=c(1,0,0), ar=0.5), n=64)
tau <- seq(0.1,0.9,0.05)
fit <- tqr.fit(y,f0=0.1,tau=tau)
plot(tau,fit$coef[1],type='o',pch=0.75,xlab='QUANTILE LEVEL',ylab='TQR COEF')
```

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tsqr.fit*Trigonometric Spline Quantile Regression (TSQR)*

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**Description**

This function computes trigonometric spline quantile regression (TSQR) for univariate time series at a single frequency.

**Usage**

```
tsqr.fit(y, f0, tau, c0, d = 1, weighted = FALSE, prepared = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

y	vector of time series
f0	frequency in [0,1)
tau	sequence of quantile levels in (0,1)
c0	penalty parameter
d	subsampling rate of quantile levels (default = 1)
weighted	if TRUE, penalty function is weighted (default = FALSE)
prepared	if TRUE, intercept is removed and coef of cosine is doubled when f0 = 0.5

**Value**

object of `sqr.fit()` (coefficients in `$coef`)

**Examples**

```
y <- stats::arima.sim(list(order=c(1,0,0), ar=0.5), n=64)
tau <- seq(0.1,0.9,0.05)
fit <- tqr.fit(y,f0=0.1,tau=tau)
fit.sqr <- tsqr.fit(y,f0=0.1,tau=tau,c0=0.02,d=4)
plot(tau,fit$coef[1,],type='p',xlab='QUANTILE LEVEL',ylab='TQR COEF')
lines(tau,fit.sqr$coef[1,],type='l')
```

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