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InfoTrad-package

*Calculates the Probability of Informed Trading (PIN)*

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## Description

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**Description**

It estimates PIN using Ersan and Alici (2016) modified clustering algorithm.

**Usage**

```
EA(data, likelihood = c("LK", "EH0"))  
## S3 method for class 'EA_class'  
print(obj)
```

**Arguments**

data	Data frame with 2 variables
likelihood	Character strings for likelihood algorithm. Default is "LK".
obj	object variable

**Details**

Argument for data must be a data frame with 2 columns that only contain numbers. Not any other type. You do not have to give names to the columns. We will assign first one as "Buy" and second as "Sell", therefore you should put order numbers with respect to this order.

**Value**

Returns a list of parameter estimates (output)

alpha	A Number
delta	A Number
mu	A Number
eb	A Number
es	A Number
LikVal	A Number
PIN	A Number

**Warning**

This function does not handle NA values. Therefore the datasets should not contain any missing value. This function do not conduct the iterative estimation procedure proposed in the same paper.

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## References

Ersan, Oguz, and Asli Alici . "An unbiased computation methodology for estimating the probability of informed trading (PIN)." *Journal of International Financial Markets, Institutions and Money* 43 (2016): 74-94.

## Examples

```
# Sample Data
# Buy Sell
#1 350 382
#2 250 500
#3 500 463
#4 552 550
#5 163 200
#6 345 323
#7 847 456
#8 923 342
#9 123 578
#10 349 455

Buy=c(350,250,500,552,163,345,847,923,123,349)
Sell=c(382,500,463,550,200,323,456,342,578,455)
data=cbind(Buy,Sell)

# Parameter estimates using the LK factorization of Lin and Ke (2011)
# with the modified clustering algorithm of Ersan and Alici (2016).
# Default factorization is set to be "LK"

result=EA(data)
print(result)

# Alpha: 0.9511418
# Delta: 0.2694005
# Mu: 76.7224
# Epsilon_b: 493.7045
# Epsilon_s: 377.4877
# Likelihood Value: 43973.71
# PIN: 0.07728924

# Parameter estimates using the EHO factorization of Easley et. al. (2010)
# with the modified clustering algorithm of Ersan and Alici (2016).

result=EA(data,likelihood="EHO")
print(result)

# Alpha: 0.9511418
# Delta: 0.2694005
# Mu: 76.7224
# Epsilon_b: 493.7045
# Epsilon_s: 377.4877
```

```
# Likelihood Value: 43973.71
# PIN: 0.07728924
```

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EHO

*Likelihood factorization of Easley et. al. (2010) - EHO Factorization*

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## Description

The function calculates the likelihood factorization of Easley et. al. (2010) and computes parameters for estimation of PIN value.

## Usage

```
EHO(data, fixed = c(FALSE, FALSE, FALSE, FALSE, FALSE))
```

## Arguments

data	Data frame with 2 variables
fixed	Initial values for parameters in the following order: alpha, delta, mu, epsilon_b, epsilon_s

## Details

In order to use EHO's return in optimization functions, please **omit** second argument. With this way, EHO will return a function instead of a value. Moreover, argument for data must be a data frame with 2 columns that contain numbers. Not any other type.

## Value

LK_out	Returns an <code>optim()</code> object including parameter estimates for the likelihood factorization of Easley et. al. (2010)
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## Warning

This function does not handle NA values. Therefore the datasets should not contain any missing values.

## Author(s)

Duygu Celik and Murat Tinic

## References

Easley, D., Hvidkjaer, S., & O'Hara, M. Factoring information into returns. *Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis*, 45(2):293-309,2010.

**Examples**

```

# Sample Data
#   Buy Sell
#1  350  382
#2  250  500
#3  500  463
#4  552  550
#5  163  200
#6  345  323
#7  847  456
#8  923  342
#9  123  578
#10 349  455

Buy<-c(350,250,500,552,163,345,847,923,123,349)
Sell<-c(382,500,463,550,200,323,456,342,578,455)
data=cbind(Buy,Sell)

# Initial parameter values
# par0 = (alpha, delta, mu, epsilon_b, epsilon_s)
par0 = c(0.5,0.5,300,400,500)

# Call EHO function
EHO_out = EHO(data)
model = optim(par0, EHO_out, gr = NULL, method = c("Nelder-Mead"), hessian = FALSE)

## Parameter Estimates
model$par[1] # Estimate for alpha
# [1] 0.9111102
model$par[2] # Estimate for delta
# [1] 0.0001231429
model$par[3] # Estimate for mu
# [1] 417.1497
model$par[4] # Estimate for eb
# [1] 336.075
model$par[5] # Estimate for es
# [1] 466.2539

## Estimate for PIN
(model$par[1]*model$par[3])/((model$par[1]*model$par[3])+model$par[4]+model$par[5])
# [1] 0.3214394
####

```

**Description**

It estimates PIN using hierarchical agglomerative clustering.

**Usage**

```
GAN(data, likelihood = c("LK", "EH0"))  
## S3 method for class 'GAN_class'  
print(obj)
```

**Arguments**

data	Data frame with 2 variables
likelihood	Character strings for likelihood algorithm. Default is "LK".
obj	object variable

**Details**

Argument for data must be a data frame with 2 columns that only contain numbers. Not any other type. You do not have to give names to the columns. We will assign first one as "Buy" and second as "Sell", therefore you should put order numbers with respect to this order. This package uses the `hclust()` function of Mullner (2013) to cluster the data at default settings.

**Value**

Returns a list of parameter estimates (output)

alpha	A Number
delta	A Number
mu	A Number
eb	A Number
es	A Number
LikVal	A Number
PIN	A Number

**Warning**

This function does not handle NA values. Therefore, the dataset should not contain any missing values.

**Author(s)**

Duygu Celik and Murat Tinic

**References**

D. Mullner. `fastcluster`: Fast hierarchical, agglomerative clustering routines for r and python. *Journal of Statistical Software*, 53(9):1-18, 2013.

Gan, Q., Wei, W. C., & Johnstone, D. A faster estimation method for the probability of informed trading using hierarchical agglomerative clustering. *Quantitative Finance*, 15(11), 1805-1821, 2015.

**Examples**

```

# Sample Data
# Buy Sell
#1 350 382
#2 250 500
#3 500 463
#4 552 550
#5 163 200
#6 345 323
#7 847 456
#8 923 342
#9 123 578
#10 349 455

Buy<-c(350,250,500,552,163,345,847,923,123,349)
Sell<-c(382,500,463,550,200,323,456,342,578,455)
data<-cbind(Buy,Sell)

# Parameter estimates using the LK factorization of Lin and Ke (2011)
# with the algorithm of Gan et. al. (2015).
# Default factorization is set to be "LK"

result=GAN(data)
print(result)

# Alpha: 0.3999998
# Delta: 0
# Mu: 442.1667
# Epsilon_b: 263.3333
# Epsilon_s: 424.9
# Likelihood Value: 44371.84
# PIN: 0.2044464

# Parameter estimates using the EHO factorization of Easley et. al. (2010)
# with the algorithm of Gan et. al. (2015)

result=GAN(data, likelihood="EHO")
print(result)

# Alpha: 0.3230001
# Delta: 0.4780001
# Mu: 481.3526
# Epsilon_b: 356.6359
# Epsilon_s: 313.136
# Likelihood Value: Inf
# PIN: 0.1884001

```



**Description**

The function calculates the likelihood factorization of Lin and Ke (2011) and computes parameters for estimation of PIN value.

**Usage**

```
LK(data, fixed = c(FALSE, FALSE, FALSE, FALSE, FALSE))
```

**Arguments**

data	Data frame with 2 variables
fixed	Initial values for parameters in the following order: alpha, delta, mu, epsilon_b, epsilon_s

**Details**

In order to use LK's return in optimization functions, please **omit** second argument. With this way, LK will return a function instead of a value. Moreover, argument for data must be a data frame with 2 columns that contain numbers. Not any other type.

**Value**

LK_out	Returns an <code>optim()</code> object including parameter estimates for the likelihood factorization of Lin and Ke (2011)
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**Warning**

This function does not handle NA values. Therefore the datasets should not contain any missing value

**Author(s)**

Duygu Celik and Murat Tinic

**References**

Lin, H.W.W. and Ke, W.C. A computing bias in estimating the probability of informed trading. *Journal of Financial Markets*, 14(4), pp.625-640, 2011.

**Examples**

```
# Sample Data
# Buy Sell
#1 350 382
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Buy<-c(350,250,500,552,163,345,847,923,123,349)
Sell<-c(382,500,463,550,200,323,456,342,578,455)
data=cbind(Buy,Sell)

# Initial parameter values
# par0 = (alpha, delta, mu, epsilon_b, epsilon_s)
par0 = c(0.5,0.5,300,400,500)

# Call LK function
LK_out = LK(data)
model = optim(par0, LK_out, gr = NULL, method = c("Nelder-Mead"), hessian = FALSE)

## Parameter Estimates
model$par[1] # Estimate for alpha
# [1] 0.480277
model$par[2] # Estimate for delta
# [1] 0.830850
model$par[3] # Estimate for mu
# [1] 315.259805
model$par[4] # Estimate for eb
# [1] 296.862318
model$par[5] # Estimate for es
# [1] 434.3046

## Estimate for PIN
(model$par[1]*model$par[3])/((model$par[1]*model$par[3])+model$par[4]+model$par[5])
# [1] 0.178391
####

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YZ

*Yan and Zhang (2012) Grid-Search based PIN Estimates*


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### Description

It estimates PIN using Yan and Zhang (2012) algorithm.

### Usage

```

YZ(data, likelihood = c("LK", "EH0"))
## S3 method for class 'YZ_class'
print(obj)

```

### Arguments

data	Data frame with 2 variables
likelihood	Character strings for likelihood algorithm. Default is "LK".
obj	object variable

**Details**

Argument for data must be a data frame with 2 columns that only contain numbers. Not any other type. You do not have to give names to the columns. We will assign first one as "Buy" and second as "Sell", therefore you should put order numbers with respect to this order.

**Value**

Returns a list of parameter estimates (output)

alpha	A Number
delta	A Number
mu	A Number
eb	A Number
es	A Number
LikVal	A Number
PIN	A Number

**Warning**

This function does not handle NA values. Therefore the datasets should not contain any missing value

**Author(s)**

Duygu Celik and Murat Tinic

**References**

Y. Yan and S. Zhang. An improved estimation method and empirical properties of the probability of informed trading. *Journal of Banking & Finance*, 36(2):454-467, 2012.

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```
# Sample Data
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Buy<-c(350,250,500,552,163,345,847,923,123,349)
Sell<-c(382,500,463,550,200,323,456,342,578,455)
```

```
data<-cbind(Buy,Sell)

# Parameter estimates using the LK factorization of Lin and Ke (2011)
# with the algorithm of Yan and Zhang (2012).
# Default factorization is set to be "LK"

result=YZ(data)
print(result)

# Alpha: 0.3999999
# Delta: 0
# Mu: 442.1667
# Epsilon_b: 263.3333
# Epsilon_s: 424.9
# Likelihood Value: 44371.84
# PIN: 0.2004457

# Parameter estimates using the EHO factorization of Easley et. al. (2010)
# with the algorithm of Yan and Zhang (2012).

result=YZ(data,likelihood="EHO")
print(result)

# Alpha: 0.9000001
# Delta: 0.9000001
# Mu: 489.1111
# Epsilon_b: 396.1803
# Epsilon_s: 28.72002
# Likelihood Value: Inf
# PIN: 0.3321033
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