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with the Almost Ideal Demand System (AIDS)
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aidsBestA0   *Find 'best' Value for alpha 0 in the AIDS*

Description

Search for the intercept of the translog price index (α_0) that gives the best fit to the Almost Ideal Demand System (see Michalek and Keyzer, 1992)

Usage

```
aidsBestA0( priceNames, shareNames, totExpName,
    a0min = -50, a0max = 50, stoprange = 3, stopiter = 10,
    verbose = FALSE, ... )
```

Arguments

priceNames	a vector of strings containing the names of the prices.
shareNames	a vector of strings containing the names of the expenditure shares.
totExpName	a string containing the variable name of total expenditure.
a0min	lower limit of the range for searching for α_0.
a0max	upper limit of the range for searching for α_0.
stoprange	stop searching when the search interval is smaller than or equal to stoprange.
stopiter	maximal number of iterations.
verbose	print each determinant of the residual covariance matrix immediately after its calculation.
...	arguments passed to aidsEst.

Details

The demand system is estimated using the Iterative Linear Least Squares Estimator (ILLE) suggested by Blundell and Robin (1999). This iterative procedure is equivalent to the method proposed by Michalek and Keyzer (1992). However, the latter do not correct the coefficient covariance matrix.

The fit of the model is measured in terms of the likelihood value. Since the determinant of the residual covariance matrix is monotonically decreasing with the likelihood value, we search for the smallest determinant of the residual covariance matrix.

Since each call of aidsEst generally takes a long time, the search algorithm is constructed to minimize the calls of the function aidsEst.

Value

a list containing following objects:

alpha0	α_0 that gives the best fit.
allValues	all α_0 values that have been tested and the determinants of the corresponding residual covariance matrices.
iter	number of iterations.

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References

Blundell, R. and J.M. Robin (1999) Estimationin Large and Disaggregated Demand Systems: An Estimator for Conditionally Linear Systems. *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, 14, p. 209-232.

Deaton, A.S. and J. Muellbauer (1980) An Almost Ideal Demand System. *American Economic Review*, 70, p. 312-326.

Michalek, J. and M. A. Keyzer (1992) Estimation of a two-stage LES-AIDS consumer demand system for eight EC countries. *European Review of Agricultural Economics*, 19 (2), p. 137-163.

See Also

aidsEst

Examples

```
data( Blanciforti86 )
# Data on food consumption are available only for the first 32 years
Blanciforti86 <- Blanciforti86[ 1:32, ]

bestA0 <- aidsBestA0( c( "pFood1", "pFood2", "pFood3", "pFood4" ),
   c( "wFood1", "wFood2", "wFood3", "wFood4" ), "xFood",
   data = Blanciforti86, useMatrix = FALSE )
# may take some time (argument 'useMatrix = FALSE' decreases
# the computation time only if the model and data set are small)
print( bestA0$alpha0 )
plot( bestA0$allValues ) # this should be convex
```

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aidsCalc   *Shares and Quantities of the Almost Ideal Demand System*

Description

Given prices, total expenditure and coefficients this function calculates the demanded quantities and expenditure shares based on the Almost Ideal Demand System.

Usage

```
aidsCalc( priceNames, totExpName, coef, data, priceIndex = "TL",
   basePrices = NULL, baseShares = NULL, shifterNames = NULL )

## S3 method for class 'aidsEst'
predict( object, newdata = NULL,
   observedShares = FALSE, ... )
```

Arguments

priceNames	a vector of strings containing the names of the prices.
totExpName	a string containing the variable name of total expenditure.
coef	a list containing the coefficients alpha, beta, gamma, and (only for the translog price index) alpha0.
data	a data frame containing the data.
priceIndex	a character string specifying the price index (see [aidsPx](#)) or a numeric vector providing the log values of the price index.
basePrices	a vector specifying the base prices for the Paasche, Laspeyres, and Tornqvist price index.
baseShares	a vector specifying the base expenditure shares for the Laspeyres, simplified Laspeyres, and Tornqvist index.
shifterNames	a vector of strings containing the names of the demand shifters.
object	an object of class aidsEst.
newdata	an optional data frame which should contain the variables for the prediction. If omitted, the data frame used for the estimation is used also for the prediction.
observedShares	logical. Using observed shares? (see details).
...	currently not used.

Details

The predict method for objects of class aidsEst extracts all relevant elements from an object returned by aidsEst and passes them as arguments to aidsCalc. The optional argument observedShares determines whether fitted (default) or observed expenditure shares are used in the price index of the LA-AIDS.

Value

aidsCalc and the predict method for objects of class aidsEst return a list with following elements:

shares	a data frame containing the calculated expenditure shares.
quantities	a data frame containing the calculated quantites.

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References

Deaton, A.S. and J. Muellbauer (1980) An Almost Ideal Demand System. *American Economic Review*, 70, p. 312-326.

See Also

aidsEst, aidsPx

Examples

```
data( Blanciforti86 )
# Data on food consumption are available only for the first 32 years
Blanciforti86 <- Blanciforti86[ 1:32, ]

priceNames <- c( "pFood1", "pFood2", "pFood3", "pFood4" )
shareNames <- c( "wFood1", "wFood2", "wFood3", "wFood4" )

## LA-AIDS
estResult <- aidsEst( priceNames, shareNames, "xFood",
   data = Blanciforti86, priceIndex = "S" )

# using observed shares in the Stone index
lnp <- aidsPx( "S", priceNames, Blanciforti86, shareNames )
fitted <- aidsCalc( priceNames, "xFood", coef = coef( estResult ),
   data = Blanciforti86, priceIndex = lnp )
fitted$shares  # equal to estResult$wFitted
fitted$quant   # equal to estResult$qFitted
# now the same with the predict method
fitted2 <- predict( estResult, observedShares = TRUE )
all.equal( fitted, fitted2 )

# using fitted shares in the Stone index
fitted <- aidsCalc( priceNames, "xFood", coef = estResult$coef,
   data = Blanciforti86, priceIndex = "S" )
# now the same with the predict method
fitted2 <- predict( estResult )
all.equal( fitted, fitted2 )

## AIDS
estResult <- aidsEst( priceNames, shareNames, "xFood",
   data = Blanciforti86, method = "IL" )

fitted <- aidsCalc( priceNames, "xFood", coef = coef( estResult ),
   data = Blanciforti86 )

fitted$shares  # equal to estResult$wFitted
fitted$quant   # equal to estResult$qFitted
```

```
    fitted2 <- predict( estResult )
    all.equal( fitted, fitted2 )
```

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aidsConcav   *Concavity of the AIDS*

Description

Check whether the expenditure function of the AIDS is concave in prices.

Usage

```
aidsConcav( priceNames, totExpName, coef, data, shareNames = NULL )

## S3 method for class 'aidsConcav'
print( x, header = TRUE, ... )
```

Arguments

priceNames	a vector of strings containing the names of the prices.
totExpName	a string containing the variable name of total expenditure.
coef	a list containing the coefficients alpha, beta, gamma, and (only for the translog price index) alpha0.
data	a data frame containing the data.
shareNames	a vector of strings containing the names of the expenditure shares.
x	an object of class aidsConcav.
header	logical. Print a header?
...	currently unused.

Details

If argument shareNames is specified, observed shares are used for the calculation of the 'C' matrices to check for concavity; if argument shareNames is NULL (e.g., not specified), fitted shares are used for the calculation of the 'C' matrices.

Please note that checking concavity of the expenditure function requires that the expenditure function of the model exists. Therefore, the concavity condition can be checked, only if the symmetry condition is fulfilled and the translog price index is used.

Value

aidsConcav returns a list of class aidsConcav that contains following elements:

concavity	a logical vector indicating whether the concavity condition is fulfilled at each observation.
nValidObs	number of (valid) observation at which concavity could be checked.

nConcavObs	number of observation at which the concavity codition is fulfilled.
concavPercent	percent of observations where the concavity condition is fulfilled.
cMatrices	a list of the 'C' matrices for each observation to check for concavity (see Deaton and Muellbauer, 1980b, p.76).

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References

Deaton, A.S. and J. Muellbauer (1980a) An Almost Ideal Demand System. *American Economic Review*, 70, p. 312-326.

Deaton, A.S. and J. Muellbauer (1980b) *Economics and Consumer Behavior*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.

See Also

[aidsEst](), [aidsElas]()

Examples

```
data( Blanciforti86 )
# Data on food consumption are available only for the first 32 years
Blanciforti86 <- Blanciforti86[ 1:32, ]

priceNames <- c( "pFood1", "pFood2", "pFood3", "pFood4" )
shareNames <- c( "wFood1", "wFood2", "wFood3", "wFood4" )

# estimate the AIDS
estResult <- aidsEst( priceNames, shareNames, "xFood",
   data = Blanciforti86, method = "IL" )

# check concavity with fitted shares
aidsConcav( priceNames, "xFood", coef = estResult$coef,
   data = Blanciforti86 )

# check concavity with observed shares
aidsConcav( priceNames, "xFood", coef = estResult$coef,
   data = Blanciforti86, shareNames = shareNames )
```

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aidsConsist   *Check Consistency of the AIDS*

Description

Check whether the specification of the AIDS is consistent with microeconomic demand theory (i.e. utility maximisation).

Usage

```
aidsConsist( priceNames, totExpName, coef, data,
    priceIndex = "TL", basePrices = NULL, baseShares = NULL,
    shareNames = NULL )

## S3 method for class 'aidsConsist'
print( x, ... )

## S3 method for class 'aidsEst'
checkConsist( object, observedShares = FALSE, ... )
```

Arguments

priceNames	a vector of strings containing the names of the prices.
totExpName	a string containing the variable name of total expenditure.
coef	a list containing the coefficients alpha, beta, gamma, and (only for the translog price index) alpha0.
data	a data frame containing the data.
priceIndex	a character string specifying the price index (see [aidsPx](#)) or a numeric vector providing the log values of the price index (passed to [aidsMono](#).
basePrices	a vector specifying the base prices for the Paasche, Laspeyres, and Tornqvist price index (passed to [aidsMono](#).
baseShares	a vector specifying the base expenditure shares for the Laspeyres, simplified Laspeyres, and Tornqvist index (passed to [aidsMono](#).
shareNames	a vector of strings containing the names of the expenditure shares (passed to [aidsConcav](#).
x	an object of class aidsConsist.
object	an object of class aidsEst.
observedShares	logical. Using observed shares? (see details).
...	currently not used.

Details

The checkConsist method for objects of class aidsEst extracts all relevant elements from an object returned by aidsEst and passes them as arguments to aidsConsist. The optional argument observedShares determines whether fitted (default) or observed expenditure shares are used in the price index of the LA-AIDS to check monotonicity and in the calculation of the subsitution matrix to check concavity.

Value

aidsConsist and the checkConsist method return a list of class aidsConsist that contains following elements:

addingUp	logical. Is the addinp-up condition fulfilled?

homogeneity	logical. Is the homogeneity condition fulfilled?
symmetry	logical. Is the symmetry condition fulfilled?
mono	an object returned by aidsMono.
concav	an object returned by aidsMono (only if the symmetry condition is fulfilled and the translog price index is used, i.e. argument `priceIndex` is "TL".

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References

Deaton, A.S. and J. Muellbauer (1980a) An Almost Ideal Demand System. *American Economic Review*, 70, p. 312-326.

Deaton, A.S. and J. Muellbauer (1980b) *Economics and Consumer Behavior*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.

See Also

aidsEst

Examples

```
data( Blanciforti86 )
# Data on food consumption are available only for the first 32 years
Blanciforti86 <- Blanciforti86[ 1:32, ]

priceNames <- c( "pFood1", "pFood2", "pFood3", "pFood4" )
shareNames <- c( "wFood1", "wFood2", "wFood3", "wFood4" )

estResult <- aidsEst( priceNames, shareNames, "xFood",
   data = Blanciforti86, method = "IL" )
aidsConsist( priceNames, "xFood", data = Blanciforti86,
   coef = estResult$coef )

# the same can be obtained in an easier way
checkConsist( estResult )
```

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aidsElas | *Elasticities of the AIDS model*

Description

These functions calculate and print the demand elasticities of an AIDS model.

Usage

```
aidsElas( coef, prices = NULL, shares = NULL, totExp = NULL,
    method = "AIDS", priceIndex = "TL", basePrices = NULL, baseShares = NULL,
    quantNames = NULL, priceNames = NULL, shifterValues = NULL,
    coefCov = NULL, df = NULL )

    ## S3 method for class 'aidsEst'
elas( object, method = NULL, observedShares = FALSE, ... )

    ## S3 method for class 'aidsElas'
print( x, ... )
```

Arguments

coef	a list containing the coefficients alpha, beta and gamma.
prices	a vector of the prices at which the elasticities should be calculated.
shares	a vector of the shares at which the elasticities should be calculated.
totExp	total expenditure at which the elasticities should be calculated.
method	the elasticity formula to be used (see details).
priceIndex	the price index (see details).
basePrices	a vector specifying the base prices for the Paasche, Laspeyres, and Tornqvist price index.
baseShares	a vector specifying the base expenditure shares for the Laspeyres, simplified Laspeyres, and Tornqvist index.
quantNames	an optional vector of strings containing the names of the quantities to label elasticities.
priceNames	an optional vector of strings containing the names of the prices to label elasticities.
shifterValues	a vector of values of the shifter variables, at which the elasticities should be calculated.
coefCov	variance covariance matrix of the coefficients (optional).
df	degrees of freedom to calculate P-values of the elasticities (optional).
object	an object of class aidsEst.
observedShares	logical. Using observed shares for calculating the demand elasticities?
x	an object of class aidsElas.
...	additional arguments of elas.aidsEst are passed to aidsEla; additional arguments of print.aidsElas are currently ignored.

Details

Argument priceIndex has two effects: first it determines the price index that is used for calculating (fitted) expenditure shares, if argument shares is not provided (see [aidsCalc](#)); second it determines which version of the formulas for calculating demand elasticities of the LA-AIDS are used, because formulas B1/LA, B2, and Go/Ch have different versions depending on the price index.

elas.aidsEst is a wrapper function to aidsElas that extracts the estimated coefficients (coef), mean expenditure shares (wMeans), mean prices (pMeans), names of the prices (priceNames), estimated coefficient variance covariance matrix (coef$allcov), and degrees of freedom (est$df) from the object of class aidsEst and passes them to aidsElas. If argument method in elas.aidsEst is not specified, the default value depends on the estimation method. If the demand system was estimated by the linear approximation (LA), the default method is 'Ch'. If the demand system was estimated by the iterative linear least squares estimator (ILLE), the default method is 'AIDS'.

At the moment the elasticity formulas of the orginal AIDS (AIDS), the formula of Goddard (1983) or Chalfant (1987) (Go or Ch), the formula of Eales and Unnevehr (1988) (EU), the formula of Green and Alston (1990) or the first of Buse (1994) (GA or B1) and the second formula of Buse (1994) (B2) are implemented.

The variance covariance matrices of the elasticities are calculated using the formula of Klein (1953, p. 258) (also known as the delta method). At the moment this is implemented only for the elasticity formulas of the orginal AIDS.

Value

a list of class aidsElas containing following elements:

method	the elasticity formula used to calculate these elasticities.
priceIndex	the price index used (see details).
df	degrees of freedom to calculate P-values of the elasticities (only if argument df is provided).
exp	vector of expenditure elasticities.
hicks	matrix of Hicksian (compensated) price elasticities.
marshall	matrix of Marshallian (uncompensated) price elasticities.
allVcov	variance covariance matrix of all elasticities.
expVcov	variance covariance matrix of the expenditure elasticities.
hicksVcov	variance covariance matrix of the Hicksian (compensated) price elasticities.
marshallVcov	variance covariance matrix of the Marshallian (uncompensated) price elasticities.
expStEr	standard errors of the expenditure elasticities.
hicksStEr	standard errors of the Hicksian (compensated) price elasticities.
marshallStEr	standard errors of the Marshallian (uncompensated) price elasticities.
expTval	t-values of the expenditure elasticities.
hicksTval	t-values of the Hicksian (compensated) price elasticities.
marshallTval	t-values of the Marshallian (uncompensated) price elasticities.
expPval	P-values of the expenditure elasticities.
hicksPval	P-values of the Hicksian (compensated) price elasticities.
marshallPval	P-values of the Marshallian (uncompensated) price elasticities.

Author(s)

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References

Chalfant, J.A. (1987) A Globally Flexible, Almost Ideal Demand System. *Journal of Business and Economic Statistics*, 5, p. 233-242.

Deaton, A.S. and J. Muellbauer (1980) An Almost Ideal Demand System. *American Economic Review*, 70, p. 312-326.

Eales J.S. and L.J. Unnevehr (1988) Demand for beef and chicken products: separability and structural change. *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 70, p. 521-532.

Klein L.R. (1953) *A Textbook of Econometrics*. Row, Petersen and Co., New York.

See Also

aidsEst

Examples

```
data( Blanciforti86 )
# Data on food consumption are available only for the first 32 years
Blanciforti86 <- Blanciforti86[ 1:32, ]

estResult <- aidsEst( c( "pFood1", "pFood2", "pFood3", "pFood4" ),
   c( "wFood1", "wFood2", "wFood3", "wFood4" ), "xFood",
   data = Blanciforti86 )
wMeans <- colMeans( Blanciforti86[ , c( "wFood1", "wFood2",
   "wFood3", "wFood4" ) ] )
aidsElas( estResult$coef, shares = wMeans, method = "Ch",
   priceIndex = "S" )

## Repeating the evaluation of different elasticity formulas of
## Green & Alston (1990)
priceNames <- c( "pFood1", "pFood2", "pFood3", "pFood4" )
shareNames <- c( "wFood1", "wFood2", "wFood3", "wFood4" )

# AIDS estimation and elasticities
estResultA <- aidsEst( priceNames, shareNames, "xFood",
   data = Blanciforti86[ -1, ],
   method = "IL", maxiter = 100 )
diag( elas( estResultA, method = "AIDS" )$marshall )
summary( elas( estResultA, method = "AIDS" ) )

# LA-AIDS estimation
estResultLA <- aidsEst( priceNames, shareNames, "xFood",
   data = Blanciforti86, priceIndex = "SL", maxiter = 100 )

# LA-AIDS + formula of AIDS
diag( elas( estResultLA, method = "AIDS" )$marshall )

# LA-AIDS + formula of Eales + Unnevehr
diag( elas( estResultLA, method = "EU" )$marshall )

# LA-AIDS + formula of Goddard or Chalfant:
```

```
diag( elas( estResultLA, method = "Go" )$marshall )
diag( elas( estResultLA, method = "Ch" )$marshall )

# LA-AIDS + formula of Green + Alston (= 1st of Buse):
diag( elas( estResultLA, method = "GA" )$marshall )
```

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aidsEst	*Estimating the Almost Ideal Demand System (AIDS)*

Description

`aidsEst` does an econometric estimation of the Almost Ideal Demand System (AIDS)

Usage

```
aidsEst( priceNames, shareNames, totExpName, data,
    method = "LA", priceIndex = "Ls", pxBase = 1,
    hom = TRUE, sym = TRUE,
    shifterNames = NULL, instNames = NULL,
    estMethod = ifelse( is.null( instNames ), "SUR", "3SLS" ),
    ILmaxiter = 50, ILtol = 1e-5, alpha0 = 0, restrict.regMat = FALSE, ... )

## S3 method for class 'aidsEst'
print( x, ... )
```

Arguments

priceNames	a vector of strings containing the names of the prices.
shareNames	a vector of strings containing the names of the expenditure shares.
totExpName	a string containing the variable name of total expenditure.
data	a data frame containing all required variables.
method	character string specifying the method to estimate the AIDS: either 'LA' or 'IL' (see deatils).
priceIndex	character string specifying the price index for the 'Linear Approximation': either 'S', 'SL', 'P', 'L', 'Ls', or 'T' (see details).
pxBase	The base to calculate the LA-AIDS price indices (see [aidsPx](#)).
hom	logical. Should the homogeneity condition be imposed?
sym	logical. Should the symmetry condition be imposed?
shifterNames	an optional vector of strings containing the names of the demand shifters.
instNames	a vector of strings containing the names of instrumental variables.
estMethod	estimation method (e.g. 'SUR' or '3SLS', see [systemfit](#)).
ILmaxiter	maximum number of iterations of the 'Iterated Linear Least Squares Estimation'.

ILtol	tolerance level of the 'Iterated Linear Least Squares Estimation'.
alpha0	the intercept of the translog price index (α_0).
restrict.regMat	
	logical. Method to impose homogeneity and symmetry restrictions: either via restrict.matrix (default) or via restrict.regMat (see [systemfit](#)).
x	An object of class aidsEst.
...	additional arguments of aidsEst are passed to [systemfit](#); additional arguments of print.aidsEst are currently ignored.

Details

Argument method can specify two different estimation methods: The 'Linear Approximate AIDS' (LA) and the 'Iterative Linear Least Squares Estimator' (IL) proposed by Blundell and Robin (1999).

Argument priceIndex can specify six different price indices for the LA-AIDS:

- Stone price index ('S'),
- Stone price index with lagged shares ('SL'),
- loglinear analogue to the Paasche price index ('P'),
- loglinear analogue of the Laspeyres price index ('L'),
- simplified loglinear analogue of the Laspeyres price index ('Ls'), and
- Tornqvist price index ('T').

The 'Iterative Linear Least Squares Estimator' (IL) needs starting values for the (translog) price index. Starting values are taken from an initial estimation of the 'Linear Approximate AIDS' (LA) with the price index specified by argument priceIndex.

Value

a list of class aidsEst containing following objects:

coef	a list containing the vectors/matrix of the estimated coefficients (alpha, beta, and gamma).
r2	R^2-values of all share equations.
r2q	R^2-values of the estimated quantities.
wFitted	fitted expenditure shares.
wResid	residuals of the expenditure shares.
qObs	observed quantities / quantitiy indices.
qFitted	fitted quantities / quantitiy indices.
qResid	residuals of the estimated quantities.
est	estimation result, i.e. the object returned by [systemfit](#).
iter	iterations of SUR/3SLS estimation(s). If the AIDS is estimated by the 'Iterated Linear Least Squares Estimator' (ILLE): a vector containing the SUR/3SLS iterations at each iteration.

ILiter	number of iterations of the 'Iterated Linear Least Squares Estimation'.
method	the method used to estimate the aids (see details).
priceIndex	the name of the price index (see details).
lnp	log of the price index used for estimation.
pMeans	means of the prices.
wMeans	means of the expenditure shares.
xtMean	mean of total expenditure.
sMeans	means of shifter variables (only if shifter variables are used).
call	the call of aidsEst.
priceNames	names of the prices.
shareNames	names of the expenditure shares.
totExpName	name of the variable for total expenditure.
basePrices	the base prices of the Paasche, Laspeyres, or Tornqvist price index.
baseShares	the base shares of the Laspeyres, simplified Laspeyres, or Tornqvist price index.

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References

Deaton, A.S. and J. Muellbauer (1980) An Almost Ideal Demand System. *American Economic Review*, 70, p. 312-326.

Blundell, R. and J.M. Robin (1999) Estimationin Large and Disaggregated Demand Systems: An Estimator for Conditionally Linear Systems. *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, 14, p. 209-232.

See Also

summary.aidsEst, aidsElas, aidsCalc.

Examples

```
# Using data published in Blanciforti, Green & King (1986)
data( Blanciforti86 )
# Data on food consumption are available only for the first 32 years
Blanciforti86 <- Blanciforti86[ 1:32, ]

## Repeating the demand analysis of Blanciforti, Green & King (1986)
## Note: Blanciforti, Green & King (1986) use scaled data,
##       which leads to slightly different results
estResult <- aidsEst( c( "pFood1", "pFood2", "pFood3", "pFood4" ),
   c( "wFood1", "wFood2", "wFood3", "wFood4" ), "xFood",
   data = Blanciforti86, priceIndex = "SL", maxiter = 100 )
print( estResult )
elas( estResult )
```

```
## Estimations with a demand shifter: linear trend
priceNames <- c( "pFood1", "pFood2", "pFood3", "pFood4" )
shareNames <- c( "wFood1", "wFood2", "wFood3", "wFood4" )
Blanciforti86$trend <- c( 0:( nrow( Blanciforti86 ) - 1 ) )
estResult <- aidsEst( priceNames, shareNames, "xFood",
   data = Blanciforti86, shifterNames = "trend" )
print( estResult )

# Estimations with two demand shifters: linear + quadratic trend
Blanciforti86$trend2 <- c( 0:( nrow( Blanciforti86 ) - 1 ) )^2
estResult <- aidsEst( priceNames, shareNames, "xFood",
   data = Blanciforti86, shifterNames = c( "trend", "trend2" ) )
print( estResult )
```

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aidsMono   *Monotonicity of the AIDS*

Description

aidsMono checks whether the expenditure function of an estimated Almost Ideal Demand System
(AIDS) is monotonic increasing in prices, which implies that all demanded quantities and expenditure shares are non-negative.

Usage

```
aidsMono( priceNames, totExpName, coef, data,
   priceIndex = "TL", basePrices = NULL, baseShares = NULL )

## S3 method for class 'aidsMono'
print( x, header = TRUE, ... )
```

Arguments

priceNames	a vector of strings containing the names of the prices.
totExpName	a string containing the variable name of total expenditure.
coef	a list containing the coefficients alpha, beta, gamma, and (only for the translog price index) alpha0.
data	a data frame containing the data.
priceIndex	a character string specifying the price index (see [aidsPx](#)) or a numeric vector providing the log values of the price index.
basePrices	a vector specifying the base prices for the Paasche, Laspeyres, and Tornqvist price index.
baseShares	a vector specifying the base expenditure shares for the Laspeyres, simplified Laspeyres, and Tornqvist index.
x	an object of class aidsMono.
header	logical. Print a header?
...	currently unused.

Details

Internally, `aidsMono` passes its arguments to `aidsCalc` and then checks for each observation, wether all expenditure shares are non-negative.

If argument `priceIndex` specifies a price index of the LA-AIDS, 'fitted' values are used for current and lagged expenditure shares in these price indices (see [aidsCalc](#)). However, if argument `priceIndex` is a numeric vector containing the log values of a price index (e.g.\ the price index used in the estimation), this price index is used for the calculations.

Value

`aidsMono` returns a list of class `aidsMono` that contains following elements:

`monotony`	a logical vector indicating whether the monotony condition is fulfilled at each observation.
`nValidObs`	number of (valid) observation at which monotonicity could be checked.
`nMonoObs`	number of observation at which the monotonicity codition is fulfilled.
`monoPercent`	percent of observations where the monotony condition is fulfilled.
`priceIndex`	a chacter string indicating the price index specified by argument `priceIndex` (`"numeric"` if the price index is specified numerically).

Author(s)

Arne Henningsen

References

Deaton, A.S. and J. Muellbauer (1980a) An Almost Ideal Demand System. *American Economic Review*, 70, p. 312-326.

Deaton, A.S. and J. Muellbauer (1980b) *Economics and Consumer Behavior*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.

See Also

[aidsEst](#), [aidsCalc](#)

Examples

```
data( Blanciforti86 )
# Data on food consumption are available only for the first 32 years
Blanciforti86 <- Blanciforti86[ 1:32, ]

priceNames <- c( "pFood1", "pFood2", "pFood3", "pFood4" )
shareNames <- c( "wFood1", "wFood2", "wFood3", "wFood4" )

## AIDS
estResult <- aidsEst( priceNames, shareNames, "xFood",
   data = Blanciforti86, method = "IL" )
aidsMono( priceNames, "xFood", coef = coef( estResult ),
```

```
      data = Blanciforti86 )

## LA-AIDS with Tornqvist price index
estResultLaT <- aidsEst( priceNames, shareNames, "xFood",
   data = Blanciforti86, priceIndex = "T" )
# with fitted expenditure shares in the price index
aidsMono( priceNames, "xFood", coef = coef( estResultLaT ),
   data = Blanciforti86, priceIndex = "T",
   basePrices = estResultLaT$basePrices,
   baseShares = estResultLaT$baseShares )
# with observed expenditure shares in the price index
aidsMono( priceNames, "xFood", coef = coef( estResultLaT ),
   data = Blanciforti86, priceIndex = estResultLaT$lnp )
```

---

aidsPx   *Price Index for the AIDS*

Description

Calculate log price indices for the AIDS and LA-AIDS.

Usage

```
aidsPx( priceIndex, priceNames, data, shareNames = NULL, base = 1, coef = NULL,
   shifterNames = NULL )
```

Arguments

priceIndex	the price index to be used (see details).
priceNames	a vector of strings containing the names of the prices.
data	a data frame containing the required variables.
shareNames	a vector of strings containing the names of the expenditure shares.
base	the base to calculate the indices (see details).
coef	a list containing the coefficients alpha0, alpha, beta, and gamma (only needed for the translog price index).
shifterNames	an optional vector of strings containing the names of the demand shifters that modify the alphas of the Translog price index.

Details

Currently 7 different price indices are implemented:

- translog price index ('TL'),
- Stone price index ('S'),
- Stone price index with lagged shares ('SL'),
- loglinear analogue to the Paasche price index ('P'),

- loglinear analogue of the Laspeyres price index ('L'),
- simplified loglinear analogue of the Laspeyres price index ('Ls'), and
- Tornqvist price index ('T').

The argument base can be either

- a single number: the row number of the base prices and quantities,
- a vector indicating several observations: The means of these observations are used as base prices and quantities, or
- a logical vector with the same length as the data: The means of the observations indicated as 'TRUE' are used as base prices and quantities.
- a list with elements prices and/or shares that are numeric vectors specifying the values of the base prices and/or base expenditure shares.

Value

A vector containing the log price index. If argument priceIndex is "P", "Ls", or "T", the returned vector has the attribute(s) basePrices and/or baseShares that are numeric vectors of the base prices and/or base expenditure shares for calculating the price indices.

Author(s)

Arne Henningsen

References

Deaton, A.S. and J. Muellbauer (1980) An Almost Ideal Demand System. *American Economic Review*, 70, p. 312-326.

Moschini, G. (1995) Units of Measurement and the Stone Index in Demand System Estimation. *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 77, p. 63-68.

See Also

[aidsEst](#)

Examples

```
data( Blanciforti86 )

# Stone price index
aidsPx( "S", c( "pFood1", "pFood2", "pFood3", "pFood4" ),
   Blanciforti86, c( "wFood1", "wFood2", "wFood3", "wFood4" ) )

# (log-linear analogue of the) Paasche price index
aidsPx( "P", c( "pFood1", "pFood2", "pFood3", "pFood4" ),
   Blanciforti86, c( "wFood1", "wFood2", "wFood3", "wFood4" ),
   base = row.names(Blanciforti86) == "1970" )

# Tornqvist price index
```

```
aidsPx( "T", c( "pFood1", "pFood2", "pFood3", "pFood4" ),
   Blanciforti86, c( "wFood1", "wFood2", "wFood3", "wFood4" ),
   base = list( prices = rep( 100, 4 ), shares = rep( 0.25, 4 ) ) ) )
```

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aidsUtility   *Indirect Utility Function of the Almost Ideal Demand System*

Description

These functions calculate the utility level given prices and total expenditure using the indirect util-
ity function of the Almost Ideal Demand System and the partial derivatives of this indirect utility
function with repect to prices and total expenditure.

Usage

```
aidsUtility( priceNames, totExpName, coef, data )

aidsUtilityDeriv( priceNames, totExpName, coef, data, rel = FALSE )
```

Arguments

priceNames	a vector of strings containing the names of the prices.
totExpName	a string containing the variable name of total expenditure.
coef	a list containing the coefficients in elements alpha0 (scalar), alpha (vector), beta (vector), gamma (matrix), and possibly beta0 (scalar, if not given, it is assumed to be 1).
data	a data frame containing the data.
rel	logical. If TRUE the returned partial derivatives are given in relative terms (like elasticities), i.e.\ they indicate the percentage change in the utility level when a price or total expenditure is increased by 1%.

Value

aidsUtility returns a numeric vector that contains the utility levels; aidsUtilityDeriv returns
a data.frame that contains the partial derivatives of the indirect utility function with repect to prices
and total expenditure.

Author(s)

Arne Henningsen

References

Deaton, A.S. and J. Muellbauer (1980) An Almost Ideal Demand System. *American Economic
Review*, 70, p. 312-326.

See Also

aidsEst, aidsCalc

Examples

```
data( Blanciforti86 )
# Data on food consumption are available only for the first 32 years
Blanciforti86 <- Blanciforti86[ 1:32, ]

priceNames <- c( "pFood1", "pFood2", "pFood3", "pFood4" )
shareNames <- c( "wFood1", "wFood2", "wFood3", "wFood4" )

## estimate the (non-linear) AIDS
estResult <- aidsEst( priceNames, shareNames, "xFood",
   data = Blanciforti86, method = "IL" )

# calculate the utility levels of each year
utility <- aidsUtility( priceNames, "xFood", coef = coef( estResult ),
   data = Blanciforti86 )

utilityDeriv <- aidsUtilityDeriv( priceNames, "xFood",
   coef = coef( estResult ), data = Blanciforti86 )

utilityEla <- aidsUtilityDeriv( priceNames, "xFood",
   coef = coef( estResult ), data = Blanciforti86, rel = TRUE )
```

Blanciforti86   *U.S. consumption data*

Description

The Blanciforti86 data frame contains annual U.S. consumption data from 1947 to 1978 or 1981. These data include eleven aggregate commodity groups: (1) food, (2) alcohol plus tobacco, (3) clothing, (4) housing, (5) utilities, (6) transportation, (7) medical care, (8) durable goods, (9) other nondurable goods, (10) other services, and (11) other miscellaneous goods; four food groups: (1) meats, (2) fruits and vegetables, (3) cereal and bakery products, and (4) miscellaneous foods; and four meat groups: (1) beef and veal, (2) pork, (3) fish, and (4) poultry. For each of these groups the consumption expenditures, price indices, and expenditure shares are available.

This data frame contains the following variables / columns:

year The year.

xAggX Expenditure on the aggregate commodity group X (in Millions of US-Dollars).

xAgg Total expenditure on all eleven aggregate commodity groups (in Millions of US-Dollars).

xcAggX Deflated expenditure on the aggregate commodity group X (in Million of 1972 US-Dollars).

xcAgg Total deflated expenditure on all eleven aggregate commodity groups (in Million of 1972 US-Dollars).

pAggX Price index for the aggregate commodity group X (1972 = 100).

wAggX Expenditure share of the aggregate commodity group X.

xFoodX Per capita expenditure for food group X (in US-Dollars).

xFood Total per capita expenditure for all four food groups (in US-Dollars).

xcFoodX Deflated per capita expenditure for food group X (in 1972 US-Dollars).

xcFood Total deflated per capita expenditure for all four food groups (in 1972 US-Dollars).

pFoodX Price index for food group X (1972 = 100).

wFoodX Expenditure share of food group X.

xFoodUsdoc Expenditure on food published by the US Department of Commerce (USDOC) (in Millions of US-Dollars).

xFoodUsda Expenditure on food published by the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) (in Millions of US-Dollars).

xFoodNew Expenditure on food (new estimates) (in Millions of US-Dollars).

xMeatX Per capita expenditure for meat group X (in US-Dollars).

xMeat Total per capita expenditure for all four meat groups (in US-Dollars).

pMeatX Price index for meat group X (1972 = 100).

cMeatX Per capita consumption of meat group X (in pounds).

pMeat Price index for the meat group (1972 = 100).

pMeatNew Price index for the meat group (new estimate) (1972 = 100).

population3 Population as presented in Table 5.A.3 (in Millions).

population12 Population as presented in Table 5.A.12 (in Millions).

Usage

```
data(Blanciforti86)
```

Source

Blanciforti, Laura. A., Richard D. Green and Gordon A. King (1986) U.S. Consumer Behavior Over the Postwar Period: An Almost Ideal Demand System Analysis. Giannini Foundation Monograph Number 40, August 1986.

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coef.aidsEst   *Coefficients of an Almost Ideal Demand System*

Description

These methods return and print the coefficients from an Almost Ideal Demand System.

Usage

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

    ## S3 method for class 'coef.aidsEst'
print( x, ... )
```

Arguments

object	an object of class `aidsEst`.
x	an object of class `coef.aidsEst`.
...	further arguments for methods

Value

The `coef` method returns an object of class `coef.aidsEst` containing following objects:

alpha0	a scalar, coefficient alpha0 (only for the AIDS with translog price index).
alpha	a vector of the alpha coefficients.
beta	a vector of the beta coefficients.
gamma	a matrix of the gamma coefficients.
delta	a matrix of the delta coefficients (only if the model was estimated with demand shifters).

Author(s)

Arne Henningsen

See Also

aidsEst

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df.residual.aidsEst   *Covariance matrix of an Almost Ideal Demand System*

Description

These method returns the covariance matrix of the coefficients from an Almost Ideal Demand System (AIDS).

Usage

```
    ## S3 method for class 'aidsEst'
df.residual( object, ... )
```

Arguments

object	an object of class `aidsEst`.
...	currently not used.

Value

The `df.residual` method for objects of class `aidsEst` returns a symmetric matrix: the covariance matrix of the coefficients.

Author(s)

Arne Henningsen

See Also

[aidsEst](), [coef.aidsEst]()

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fitted.aidsEst *Fitted values of an Almost Ideal Demand System*

Description

This method extracts the fitted demanded quantities and expenditure shares from an estimated Almost Ideal Demand System.

Usage

```
    ## S3 method for class 'aidsEst'
fitted( object, ... )
```

Arguments

object   an object of class aidsEst.

...   currently unused.

Value

The fitted method returns a list containing following objects:

shares   a data frame for the fitted expenditure shares.

quant   a data frame for the fitted demanded quantities.

Author(s)

Arne Henningsen

See Also

[aidsEst]()

Examples

```
# Using data published in Blanciforti, Green & King (1986)
data( Blanciforti86 )
# Data on food consumption are available only for the first 32 years
Blanciforti86 <- Blanciforti86[ 1:32, ]

estResult <- aidsEst( c( "pFood1", "pFood2", "pFood3", "pFood4" ),
   c( "wFood1", "wFood2", "wFood3", "wFood4" ), "xFood",
   data = Blanciforti86 )
fitted( estResult )
```

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logLik.aidsEst	*Log-Likelihood value of an object of class aidsEst*

Description

This method extracts the log-likelihood value of a fitted Almost Ideal Demand System (AIDS)

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'aidsEst'
logLik( object, ... )
```

Arguments

object   an object of class aidsEst.

...   currently ignored.

Value

A numeric scalar (the log-likelihood value) with 2 attributes: nobs (total number of observations in all equations) and df (number of free parameters, i.e. coefficients + elements of the residual covariance matrix).

Author(s)

Arne Henningsen

See Also

[aidsEst](#).

Examples

```
# Using data published in Blanciforti, Green & King (1986)
data( Blanciforti86 )
# Data on food consumption are available only for the first 32 years
Blanciforti86 <- Blanciforti86[ 1:32, ]

## Repeating the demand analysis of Blanciforti, Green & King (1986)
estResult <- aidsEst( c( "pFood1", "pFood2", "pFood3", "pFood4" ),
   c( "wFood1", "wFood2", "wFood3", "wFood4" ), "xFood",
   data = Blanciforti86, priceIndex = "SL" )
logLik( estResult )
```

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lrtest.aidsEst   *Likelihood Ratio test for Almost Ideal Demand Systems*

Description

Testing hypothesis in Almost Ideal Demand Systems by a Likelihood Ratio test.

Usage

```
    ## S3 method for class 'aidsEst'
lrtest( object, ... )
```

Arguments

object   a fitted model object of class aidsEst.

...   further fitted model objects of class aidsEst.

Details

lrtest.aidsEst consecutively compares the fitted model object object with the models passed in . . . .

Value

An object of class anova, which contains the log-likelihood value, degrees of freedom, the difference in degrees of freedom, likelihood ratio Chi-squared statistic and corresponding p value. See documentation of lrtest in package "lmtest".

Author(s)

Arne Henningsen

See Also

aidsEst, lrtest (package "lmtest"), logLik.aidsEst

Examples

```
# Using data published in Blanciforti, Green & King (1986)
data( Blanciforti86 )
# Data on food consumption are available only for the first 32 years
Blanciforti86 <- Blanciforti86[ 1:32, ]

# names of prices and expenditure shares
priceNames <- c( "pFood1", "pFood2", "pFood3", "pFood4" )
shareNames <- c( "wFood1", "wFood2", "wFood3", "wFood4" )

# estimation with symmetry and homogeneity imposed
estResult <- aidsEst( c( "pFood1", "pFood2", "pFood3", "pFood4" ),
   c( "wFood1", "wFood2", "wFood3", "wFood4" ), "xFood",
   data = Blanciforti86 )

# estimation with only homogeneity imposed
estResultHom <- aidsEst( c( "pFood1", "pFood2", "pFood3", "pFood4" ),
   c( "wFood1", "wFood2", "wFood3", "wFood4" ), "xFood",
   data = Blanciforti86, sym = FALSE )

# unrestricted estimation
estResultUnr <- aidsEst( c( "pFood1", "pFood2", "pFood3", "pFood4" ),
   c( "wFood1", "wFood2", "wFood3", "wFood4" ), "xFood",
   data = Blanciforti86, sym = FALSE, hom = FALSE )

# LR tests
lrtest( estResult, estResultHom, estResultUnr, estResult )

## Estimation with a demand shifter: linear trend
Blanciforti86$trend <- c( 0:( nrow( Blanciforti86 ) - 1 ) )
estResultTrend <- aidsEst( priceNames, shareNames, "xFood",
   data = Blanciforti86, shifterNames = "trend" )

# LR tests
lrtest( estResult, estResultTrend )
```

---

summary.aidsElas	*Summarizing the Elasticities of an Almost Ideal Demand System*

Description

These functions summarize and print the estimated elasticities of an Almost Ideal Demand System (AIDS).

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'aidsElas'
summary( object, ... )
```

```
## S3 method for class 'summary.aidsElas'
print( x, ... )
```

Arguments

object	an object of class aidsElas.
x	an object of class summary.aidsElas.
...	currently ignored.

Value

summary.aidsEst returns a list of class summary.aidsElas. It is identical to the provided object (except for its class), but it contains following additional element:

table	a matrix with 4 columns: all elasticities, their standard errors (if available), their t-values (if available), and their P-values (if available).

Author(s)

Arne Henningsen

See Also

aidsElas, aidsEst.

Examples

```
# Using data published in Blanciforti, Green & King (1986)
data( Blanciforti86 )
# Data on food consumption are available only for the first 32 years
Blanciforti86 <- Blanciforti86[ 1:32, ]

## Repeating the demand analysis of Blanciforti, Green & King (1986)
estResult <- aidsEst( c( "pFood1", "pFood2", "pFood3", "pFood4" ),
   c( "wFood1", "wFood2", "wFood3", "wFood4" ), "xFood",
   data = Blanciforti86, method = "IL" )
summary( elas( estResult ) )
```

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summary.aidsEst   *Summarizing the Estimation of an Almost Ideal Demand System*

Description

summary.aidsEst summarizes the estimation results of an Almost Ideal Demand System (AIDS).

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'aidsEst'
summary( object, ... )

## S3 method for class 'summary.aidsEst'
print( x, ... )
```

Arguments

object	an object of class aidsEst.
x	an object of class summary.aidsEst.
...	currently ignored.

Value

summary.aidsEst returns a list of class summary.aidsEst that is currently identical to the provided object (except for its class).

Author(s)

Arne Henningsen

See Also

aidsEst, aidsElas.

Examples

```
# Using data published in Blanciforti, Green & King (1986)
data( Blanciforti86 )
# Data on food consumption are available only for the first 32 years
Blanciforti86 <- Blanciforti86[ 1:32, ]

## Repeating the demand analysis of Blanciforti, Green & King (1986)
estResult <- aidsEst( c( "pFood1", "pFood2", "pFood3", "pFood4" ),
   c( "wFood1", "wFood2", "wFood3", "wFood4" ), "xFood",
   data = Blanciforti86, priceIndex = "SL" )
print( summary( estResult ) )
```

USMeatConsump   *U.S. Meat Consumption Data*

Description

The USMeatConsump data set contains quarterly retail prices and consumption quantities for four meat product categories: beef, pork, chicken, and turkey. The data period ranges from the first quarter of 1975 to the third quarter of 1999. Hence, there are 99 observations.

Usage

```
data(USMeatConsump)
```

Format

This data frame contains the following columns:

year Year.

qtr Quarter of the year.

t Time trend.

pop Population [million].

cpi Consumer price index.

total_exp Total per capita expenditure.

meat_exp Per capita expenditure on meat.

beef_q Per capita consumption of beef [pound].

pork_q Per capita consumption of pork[pound].

chick_q Per capita consumption of chicken [pound].

turkey_q Per capita consumption of turkey [pound].

beef_p Retail price of beef [cents / pound].

pork_p Retail price of pork [cents / pound].

chick_p Retail price of chicken [cents / pound].

turkey_p Retail price of turkey [cents / pound].

beef_w Expenditure share of beef (in meat).

pork_w Expenditure share of pork (in meat).

chick_w Expenditure share of chicken (in meat).

turkey_w Expenditure share of turkey (in meat).

Source

SAS, *SAS/ETS Examples: Estimating an Almost Ideal Demand System Model*, https://support.
sas.com/rnd/app/ets/examples/aids/index.htm.

Examples

```
## replicating the LA-AIDS estimation of the SAS example
# loading data set
data( USMeatConsump )

# adding shifter variables for modeling seasonal effects
USMeatConsump$co1 <- cos( 1 / 2 * 3.14159 * USMeatConsump$t )
USMeatConsump$si1 <- sin( 1 / 2 * 3.14159 * USMeatConsump$t )

# Scaling prices by their means
USMeatConsump$beef_pm <- USMeatConsump$beef_p / mean( USMeatConsump$beef_p )
```

```
USMeatConsump$pork_pm <- USMeatConsump$pork_p / mean( USMeatConsump$pork_p )
USMeatConsump$chick_pm <- USMeatConsump$chick_p / mean( USMeatConsump$chick_p )
USMeatConsump$turkey_pm <- USMeatConsump$turkey_p / mean( USMeatConsump$turkey_p )

# Estimation of the model
meatModel <- aidsEst( c( "beef_pm", "pork_pm", "chick_pm", "turkey_pm" ),
   c( "beef_w", "pork_w", "chick_w", "turkey_w" ),
   "meat_exp", shifterNames = c( "co1", "si1", "t" ),
   priceIndex ="S", data = USMeatConsump, maxiter=1000 )
summary( meatModel )
```

---

vcov.aidsEst   *Covariance matrix of an Almost Ideal Demand System*

Description

These method returns the covariance matrix of the coefficients from an Almost Ideal Demand System (AIDS).

Usage

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

Arguments

object   an object of class aidsEst.

...   currently not used.

Value

The vcov method for objects of class aidsEst returns a symmetric matrix: the covariance matrix of the coefficients.

Author(s)

Arne Henningsen

See Also

aidsEst, coef.aidsEst

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