

# Package ‘ForecastTB’

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**Type** Package

**Title** Test Bench for the Comparison of Forecast Methods

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**Description** Provides a test bench for the comparison of forecasting

methods in uni-variate time series. Forecasting methods are compared using different error metrics. Proposed forecasting methods and alternative error metrics can be used. Detailed discussion is provided in the vignette.

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append_	<i>Function to append new methods in the study</i>
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**Description**

Function to append new methods in the study

**Usage**

```
append_(object, Method, MethodName, ePara, ePara_name)
```

**Arguments**

object	as output of 'prediction_errors()' function
Method	as the list of locations of function for the proposed prediction method
MethodName	as list of names for function for the proposed prediction method in order
ePara	as type of error calculation (RMSE and MAE are default), add an error parameter of your choice in the following manner: ePara = c("errorparametername") where errorparametername is should be a source/function which returns desired error set
ePara_name	as list of names of error parameters passed in order

**Value**

Returns error comparison for additional forecasting methods

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
library(forecast)
test3 <- function(data, nval){return(as.numeric(forecast(ets(data), h = nval)$mean))}
a <- prediction_errors(data = nottem)
b <- append_(object = a, Method = c("test3(data,nval)"), MethodName = c('ETS'))
choose_(object = a)

## End(Not run)
```

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choose\_

*Function to select the desired methods in the study*

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### Description

Function to select the desired methods in the study

### Usage

```
choose_(object)
```

### Arguments

object           as output of 'prediction\_errors()' function

### Value

Returns error comparison for selected forecasting methods

### Examples

```
## Not run:  
a <- prediction_errors(data = nottem)  
choose_(object = a)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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monte\_carlo

*Function to use Monte Carlo strategy*

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### Description

Function to use Monte Carlo strategy

### Usage

```
monte_carlo(object, size, iteration, fval = 0, figs = 0)
```

### Arguments

object           as output of 'prediction\_errors()' function  
size             as volume of time series used in Monte Carlo strategy  
iteration        as number of iterations models to be applied  
fval             as a flag to view forecasted values in each iteration (default: 0, don't view values)  
figs             as a flag to view plots for each iteration (default: 0, don't view plots)

**Value**

Error values with provided models in each iteration along with the mean values

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
library(forecast)
test3 <- function(data, nval){return(as.numeric(forecast(ets(data), h = nval)$mean))}

a <- prediction_errors(data = nottem,
  Method = c("test3(data, nval)"),
  MethodName = c("ETS"), append_ = 1)
monte_carlo(object = a1, size = 144, iteration = 10)

## End(Not run)
```

**plot.prediction\_errors**

*Function to plot comparison of Prediction methods*

**Description**

Function to plot comparison of Prediction methods

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'prediction_errors'
plot(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	as output object of 'prediction_errors()' function
...	arguments passed to or from other methods

**Value**

Returns error comparison plots for forecasting methods

**Examples**

```
a <- prediction_errors(data = nottem)
b <- plot(a)
```

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plot_circle	<i>Function to plot comparison of Predicted values in a circular ring</i>
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### Description

Function to plot comparison of Predicted values in a circular ring

### Usage

```
plot_circle(x, ...)
```

### Arguments

x	as output object of 'prediction_errors()' function
...	arguments passed to or from other methods

### Value

Returns error comparison plots for forecasting methods

### Examples

```
a <- prediction_errors(data = nottem)
plot_circle(a)
```

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prediction_errors	<i>Function working as testbench for comparison of Prediction methods</i>
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### Description

Function working as testbench for comparison of Prediction methods

### Usage

```
prediction_errors(
  data,
  nval,
  ePara,
  ePara_name,
  Method,
  MethodName,
  strats,
  dval,
  append_
)
```

**Arguments**

data	as input time series for testing
nval	as an integer to decide number of values to predict
ePara	as type of error calculation (RMSE and MAE are default), add an error parameter of your choice in the following manner: ePara = c("errorparametername") where errorparametername is should be a source/function which returns desired error set
ePara_name	as list of names of error parameters passed in order
Method	as the list of locations of function for the proposed prediction method (should be recursive) (default:arima)
MethodName	as list of names for function for the proposed prediction method in order
strats	as list of forecasting strategies. Available : recursive and direc
dval	as last d values of the data to be used for forecasting
append_	suggests if the function is used to append to another instance

**Value**

Returns error comparison for forecasting methods

**Examples**

```
prediction_errors(data = nottem)
```

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