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Description The Forecast Linear Augmented Projection (flap) method reduces
forecast variance by adjusting the forecasts of multivariate time series to
be consistent with the forecasts of linear combinations (components) of the
series by projecting all forecasts onto the space where the linear
constraints are satisfied. The forecast variance can be reduced
monotonically by including more components. For a given number of
components, the flap method achieves maximum forecast variance reduction
among linear projections.

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**Forecast Linear Augmented Projection**

**Description**

Reduces forecast variance by adjusting the forecasts of multivariate time series to be consistent with the forecasts of linear combinations (components) of the series by projecting all forecasts onto the space where the linear constraints are satisfied.

**Usage**

\[
\text{flap}(\text{fc}, \text{fc\_comp}, \Phi, \text{res}, \text{res\_comp}, p = \text{seq\_len}(\text{ncol}(\text{fc\_comp})))
\]

**Arguments**

- **fc**: An \( h \times m \) matrix of base forecasts of the original series to be projected. \( h \) is the forecast horizon and \( m \) is the total number of series.
- **fc\_comp**: An \( h \times p \) matrix of base forecasts of the components used in the projection. \( h \) is the forecast horizon and \( p \) is the total number of components.
- **Phi**: A \( p \times m \) weight matrix mapping the original series into the components such that \( c_t = \Phi z_t \) where \( c_t \) is the vector of components and \( z_t \) is the vector of original series.
- **res**: A \( T \times m \) (in-sample) forecast residual matrix of the original series.
- **res\_comp**: A \( T \times p \) (in-sample) forecast residual matrix of the components.
- **p**: The number of components to use in the projection. The default is trying all the possible number of components capped at the number provided in the forecast.

**Value**

A list of class `flap` with each element containing a \( h \times m \) matrix of projected forecast of the original series for the corresponding number of components \( p \).

**Examples**

```r
# Generate example data
# T = 70, m = 20
train <- matrix(rnorm(70 * 20), ncol = 20)

# Obtain the forecast and the residual of the original series
mdl <- apply(train, 2, forecast::ets)
fc <- vapply(mdl, function(mdl) forecast::forecast(mdl, h=12)$mean, FUN.VALUE = numeric(12))
res <- vapply(mdl, residuals, FUN.VALUE = numeric(70))

# Obtain components and their forecasts and residuals
pca <- stats::prcomp(train, center = FALSE, scale. = FALSE)
mdl_comp <- apply(pca$x, 2, forecast::ets)
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fc_comp <- vapply(mdl_comp, function(mdl) forecast::forecast(mdl, h=12)$mean, 
                FUN.VALUE = numeric(12))
res_comp <- vapply(mdl_comp, residuals, 
                FUN.VALUE = numeric(nrow(pca$x)))
Phi <- t(pca$rotation)

# flap!
flap(fc, fc_comp, Phi, res, res_comp)
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