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## Description

Dynamic regression for time series using Extreme Gradient Boosting with hyper-parameter tuning via Bayesian Optimization or Random Search.

## Usage

```
audrex(  
  data,  
  n_sample = 10,  
  n_search = 5,  
  smoother = FALSE,  
  seq_len = NULL,  
  diff_threshold = 0.001,  
  booster = "gbtree",  
  norm = NULL,  
  n_dim = NULL,  
  ci = 0.8,  
  min_set = 30,  
  max_depth = NULL,  
  eta = NULL,  
  gamma = NULL,  
  min_child_weight = NULL,  
  subsample = NULL,  
  colsample_bytree = NULL,  
  lambda = NULL,  
  alpha = NULL,  
  n_windows = 3,  
  patience = 0.1,  
  nrounds = 100,  
  dates = NULL,  
  acq = "ucb",  
  kappa = 2.576,  
  eps = 0,  
  kernel = list(type = "exponential", power = 2),  
  seed = 42  
)
```

## Arguments

|          |                                                                                 |
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| data     | A data frame with time features on columns.                                     |
| n_sample | Positive integer. Number of samples for the Bayesian Optimization. Default: 10. |

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| n_search         | Positive integer. Number of search steps for the Bayesian Optimization. When the parameter is set to 0, optimization is shifted to Random Search. Default: 5,                                                           |
| smoother         | Logical. Perform optimal smoothing using standard loess. Default: FALSE                                                                                                                                                 |
| seq_len          | Positive integer. Number of time-steps to be predicted. Default: NULL (automatic selection)                                                                                                                             |
| diff_threshold   | Positive numeric. Minimum F-test threshold for differentiating each time feature (keep it low). Default: 0.001.                                                                                                         |
| booster          | String. Optimization methods available are: "gbtree", "gblinear". Default: "gbtree".                                                                                                                                    |
| norm             | Logical. Boolean flag to apply Yeo-Johnson normalization. Default: NULL (automatic selection from random search or bayesian search).                                                                                    |
| n_dim            | Positive integer. Projection of time features in a lower dimensional space with n_dim features. The default value (NULL) sets automatically the values in c(1, n features).                                             |
| ci               | Confidence interval. Default: 0.8.                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| min_set          | Positive integer. Minimum number for validation set in case of automatic resize of past dimension. Default: 30.                                                                                                         |
| max_depth        | Positive integer. Look to xgboost documentation for description. A vector with one or two positive integer for the search boundaries. The default value (NULL) sets automatically the values in c(1, 8).                |
| eta              | Positive numeric. Look to xgboost documentation for description. A vector with one or two positive numeric between (0, 1] for the search boundaries. The default value (NULL) sets automatically the values in c(0, 1). |
| gamma            | Positive numeric. Look to xgboost documentation for description. A vector with one or two positive numeric for the search boundaries. The default value (NULL) sets automatically the values in c(0, 100).              |
| min_child_weight | Positive numeric. Look to xgboost documentation for description. A vector with one or two positive numeric for the search boundaries. The default value (NULL) sets automatically the values in c(0, 100).              |
| subsample        | Positive numeric. Look to xgboost documentation for description. A vector with one or two positive numeric between (0, 1] for the search boundaries. The default value (NULL) sets automatically the values in c(0, 1). |
| colsample_bytree | Positive numeric. Look to xgboost documentation for description. A vector with one or two positive numeric between (0, 1] for the search boundaries. The default value (NULL) sets automatically the values in c(0, 1). |
| lambda           | Positive numeric. Look to xgboost documentation for description. A vector with one or two positive numeric for the search boundaries. The default value (NULL) sets automatically the values in c(0, 100).              |
| alpha            | Positive numeric. Look to xgboost documentation for description. A vector with one or two positive numeric for the search boundaries. The default value (NULL) sets automatically the values in c(0, 100).              |

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| n_windows | Positive integer. Number of (expanding) windows for cross-validation. Default: 3.                                                                 |
| patience  | Positive numeric. Percentage of waiting rounds without improvement before xgboost stops. Default: 0.1                                             |
| nrounds   | Positive numeric. Number of round for the extreme boosting machine. Look to xgboost for description. Default: 100.                                |
| dates     | Date. Vector of dates for the time series. Default: NULL (progressive numbers).                                                                   |
| acq       | String. Parameter for Bayesian Optimization. For reference see rBayesianOptimization documentation. Default: "ucb".                               |
| kappa     | Positive numeric. Parameter for Bayesian Optimization. For reference see rBayesianOptimization documentation. Default: 2.576.                     |
| eps       | Positive numeric. Parameter for Bayesian Optimization. For reference see rBayesianOptimization documentation. Default: 0.                         |
| kernel    | List. Parameter for Bayesian Optimization. For reference see rBayesianOptimization documentation. Default: list(type = "exponential", power = 2). |
| seed      | Random seed. Default: 42.                                                                                                                         |

### Value

This function returns a list including:

- history: a table with the models from bayesian (n\_sample + n\_search) or random search (n\_sample), their hyper-parameters and optimization metric, the weighted average rank
- models: a list with the details for each model in history
- best\_model: results for the best selected model according to the weighted average rank, including:
  - predictions: min, max, q25, q50, q75, quantile at selected ci, mean, sd, skewness and kurtosis for each time feature
  - joint\_error: max sequence error for the differentiated time features (max\_rmse, max\_mae, max\_mdade, max\_mape, max\_mase, max\_rae, max\_rse, max\_rrse, both for training and testing)
  - serie\_errors: sequence error for the differentiated time features averaged across testing windows (rmse, mae, mdade, mape, mase, rae, rse, rrse, both for training and testing)
  - pred\_stats: for each predicted time feature, IQR to range, divergence, risk ratio, upside probability, averaged across prediction time-points and at the terminal points
  - plots: a plot for each predicted time feature with highlighted median and confidence intervals
- time\_log

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**See Also**

Useful links:

- [https://rpubs.com/giancarlo\\_vercellino/audrex](https://rpubs.com/giancarlo_vercellino/audrex)

**Examples**

```
audrex(covid_in_europe[, 2:5], n_samp = 3, n_search = 2, seq_len = 10) ### BAYESIAN OPTIMIZATION
audrex(covid_in_europe[, 2:5], n_samp = 5, n_search = 0, seq_len = 10) ### RANDOM SEARCH
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| bitcoin_gold_oil | <i>bitcoin_gold_oil data set</i> |
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**Description**

A data frame with different time series (prices and volumes) for bitcoin, gold and oil.

**Usage**

```
bitcoin_gold_oil
```

**Format**

A data frame with 18 columns and 1827 rows.

**Source**

Yahoo Finance

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| climate_anomalies | <i>climate_anomalies data set</i> |
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**Description**

A data frame with different two time series on global mean temperature anomalies (GMTA) and global mean sea level (GMTA).

**Usage**

```
climate_anomalies
```

**Format**

A data frame with 2 columns and 266 rows.

**Source**

Datahub.io, Climate-change collection

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| covid_in_europe | <i>covid_in_europe data set</i> |
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**Description**

A data frame with with daily and cumulative cases of Covid infections and deaths in Europe since March 2021.

**Usage**

```
covid_in_europe
```

**Format**

A data frame with 5 columns and 163 rows.

**Source**

[www.ecdc.europa.eu](http://www.ecdc.europa.eu)

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