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ESN

*Automatic train an Echo State Network*

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### Description

This function trains an Echo State Network (ESN) to a univariate time series.

### Usage

```
ESN(formula, ...)
```

### Arguments

- |         |  |
|---------|--|
| formula | Model specification (currently not in use).            |
| ...     | Further arguments passed to <code>train_esn()</code> . |

### Value

An object of class ESN.

## Examples

```
library(tsibble)
library(fable)
AirPassengers %>%
  as_tsibble() %>%
  model("ESN" = ESN(value))
```

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fitted.ESN

*Extract fitted values from a trained ESN*

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## Description

Extract fitted values from a trained ESN.

## Usage

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

## Arguments

object	An object of class ESN.
...	Currently not in use.

## Value

Fitted values extracted from the object.

## Examples

```
library(tsibble)
library(fable)
AirPassengers %>%
  as_tsibble() %>%
  model("ESN" = ESN(value)) %>%
  fitted()
```

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forecast.ESN	<i>Forecast a trained ESN</i>
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### Description

Forecast a trained ESN.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'ESN'
forecast(object, new_data, specials = NULL, xreg = NULL, ...)
```

### Arguments

object	An object of class ESN.
new_data	Forecast horizon (n-step ahead forecast)
specials	Currently not in use
xreg	A tsibble containing exogenous variables.
...	Currently not in use.

### Value

An object of class fable.

### Examples

```
library(tsibble)
library(fable)
AirPassengers %>%
  as_tsibble() %>%
  model("ESN" = ESN(value)) %>%
  forecast(h = 18)
```

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forecast_esn	<i>Forecast a trained Echo State Network</i>
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### Description

Forecast an Echo State Network from a trained model.

### Usage

```
forecast_esn(object, n_ahead = 18)
```

**Arguments**

- |         |   |
|---------|---|
| object  | An object of class esn. The result of a call to <code>train_esn()</code> .    |
| n_ahead | Integer value. The number of periods for forecasting (i.e. forecast horizon). |

**Value**

A list containing:

- point: Numeric vector containing the point forecasts.
- actual: Numeric vector containing the actual values.
- fitted: Numeric vector containing the fitted values.
- n\_ahead: Integer value. The number of periods for forecasting (forecast horizon).
- model\_spec: Character value. The model specification as string.

**Examples**

```
xdata <- as.numeric(AirPassengers)
xmodel <- train_esn(y = xdata)
xfcst <- forecast_esn(xmodel, n_ahead = 12)
plot(xfcst)
```

glance.ESN

*Summary of trained models during random search***Description**

Return summary statistics from trained ESN models during random search as tibble.

- model: Model identifier.
- loglik: Log-likelihood.
- nobs: Number of observations.
- df: Effective degrees of freedom.
- lambda: Regularization parameter.
- aic: Akaike Information Criterion.
- aicc: Corrected Akaike Information Criterion.
- bic: Bayesian Information Criterion.
- hqc: Hannan-Quinn Information Criterion.
- mse: Mean Squared Error.
- mae: Mean Absolute Error.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'ESN'
glance(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

- x An object of class ESN.
- ... Currently not in use.

**Value**

Summary statistics extracted from the object.

**Examples**

```
library(tsibble)
library(fable)
AirPassengers %>%
  as_tsibble() %>%
  model("ESN" = ESN(value)) %>%
  glance()
```

**is.esn**

*Checks if object is of class "esn"*

**Description**

Returns TRUE if the object is of class "esn".

**Usage**

```
is.esn(object)
```

**Arguments**

- object object to be tested.

**Value**

Logical value. If TRUE, the object is of class "esn".

**Examples**

```
xdata <- as.numeric(AirPassengers)
xmodel <- train_esn(y = xdata)
is.esn(xmodel)
```

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is.forecast_esn	<i>Checks if object is of class "forecast_esn"</i>
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## Description

Returns TRUE if the object is of class "forecast\_esn".

## Usage

```
is.forecast_esn(object)
```

## Arguments

object            object to be tested.

## Value

Logical value. If TRUE, the object is of class "forecast\_esn".

## Examples

```
xdata <- as.numeric(AirPassengers)
xmodel <- train_esn(y = xdata)
xfcst <- forecast_esn(xmodel, n_ahead = 12)
is.forecast_esn(xfcst)
```

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m4_data	<i>M4 dataset</i>
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## Description

Monthly tsibble with six exemplary time series from the M4 Forecasting Competition.

## Usage

```
data(m4_data)
```

## Format

A time series object of class tsibble with 1.152 rows and 4 columns:

- **series**: Unique identifier as character (key variable).
- **category**: Category (e.g., Demographic, Macro) as factor.
- **index**: Date as yearmonth (index variable).
- **value**: Value as numeric (measurement variable).

**Source**

[M4 Forecasting Competition](#)

**Examples**

```
data(m4_data)
```

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```
model_sum.ESN
```

*Provide a succinct summary of a trained ESN*

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**Description**

Provide a succinct summary of a trained ESN.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'ESN'  
model_sum(x)
```

**Arguments**

x An object of class ESN.

**Value**

Model summary extracted from the object.

**Examples**

```
library(tsibble)  
library(fable)  
AirPassengers %>%  
  as_tsibble() %>%  
  model("ESN" = ESN(value))
```

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plot.forecast\_esn      *Plot point forecasts and actuals of a trained ESN model.*

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### Description

Plot point forecasts and actuals of a trained ESN model as line chart. Optionally, test data (out-of-sample) can be added to the plot.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'forecast_esn'  
plot(x, test = NULL, ...)
```

### Arguments

x	An object of class forecast_esn.
test	Numeric vector. Test data, i.e., out-of-sample actual values.
...	Currently not in use.

### Value

Line chart of point forecast and actual values.

### Examples

```
xdata <- as.numeric(AirPassengers)  
xmodel <- train_esn(y = xdata)  
xfcst <- forecast_esn(xmodel, n_ahead = 12)  
plot(xfcst)
```

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print.esn      *Print specification of the trained ESN model*

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### Description

Print specification of the trained ESN model.

### Usage

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

### Arguments

x	An object of class esn.
...	Currently not in use.

**Value**

Print specification of the trained ESN model.

**Examples**

```
xdata <- as.numeric(AirPassengers)
xmodel <- train_esn(y = xdata)
print(xmodel)
```

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**report.ESN**

*Provide a detailed summary of the trained ESN model*

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**Description**

Provide a detailed summary of the trained ESN model.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'ESN'
report(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	An object of class ESN.
...	Currently not in use.

**Value**

Print detailed model summary.

**Examples**

```
library(tsibble)
library(fable)
AirPassengers %>%
  as_tsibble() %>%
  model("ESN" = ESN(value)) %>%
  report()
```

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**reservoir***Return the reservoir from a trained ESN as tibble*

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**Description**

Return the reservoir (internal states) from a trained ESN as tibble. The function works only for models of class ESN.

**Usage**

```
reservoir(object)
```

**Arguments**

**object** An object of class ESN.

**Value**

A tibble containing the reservoir (internal states).

**Examples**

```
library(tsibble)
library(fable)
AirPassengers %>%
  as_tsibble() %>%
  model("ESN" = ESN(value)) %>%
  reservoir()
```

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**residuals.ESN***Extract residuals from a trained ESN*

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**Description**

Extract residuals from a trained ESN.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'ESN'
residuals(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

**object** An object of class ESN.  
**...** Currently not in use.

**Value**

Residuals extracted from the object.

**Examples**

```
library(tsibble)
library(fable)
AirPassengers %>%
  as_tsibble() %>%
  model("ESN" = ESN(value)) %>%
  residuals()
```

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`run_reservoir`

*Run reservoir*

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**Description**

Run reservoir creates the internal states for the ESN.

**Arguments**

<code>input</code>	Numeric matrix containing the input features
<code>win</code>	Numeric matrix. The input weight matrix.
<code>wres</code>	Numeric matrix. The reservoir weight matrix.
<code>alpha</code>	Numeric value. The leakage rate (smoothing parameter).

**Value**

`states` train Numeric matrix with the internal states.

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`summary.esn`

*Provide a detailed summary of the trained ESN model*

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**Description**

Provide a detailed summary of the trained ESN model.

**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

- object An object of class esn.  
... Currently not in use.

**Value**

Print detailed model summary.

**Examples**

```
xdata <- as.numeric(AirPassengers)
xmodel <- train_esn(y = xdata)
summary(xmodel)
```

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tidy.ESN	<i>Estimated coefficients</i>
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**Description**

Return the estimated coefficients from a trained ESN as tibble.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'ESN'
tidy(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

- x An object of class ESN.  
... Currently not in use.

**Value**

Coefficients extracted from the object.

**Examples**

```
library(tsibble)
library(fable)
AirPassengers %>%
  as_tsibble() %>%
  model("ESN" = ESN(value)) %>%
  tidy()
```

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<b>train_esn</b>	<i>Train an Echo State Network</i>
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## Description

This function trains an Echo State Network (ESN) to a univariate time series.

## Usage

```
train_esn(
  y,
  lags = 1,
  inf_crit = "bic",
  n_diff = NULL,
  n_states = NULL,
  n_models = NULL,
  n_initial = NULL,
  n_seed = 42,
  alpha = 1,
  rho = 1,
  density = 0.5,
  lambda = c(1e-04, 2),
  scale_win = 0.5,
  scale_wres = 0.5,
  scale_inputs = c(-0.5, 0.5)
)
```

## Arguments

<code>y</code>	Numeric vector containing the response variable.
<code>lags</code>	Integer vectors with the lags associated with the input variable.
<code>inf_crit</code>	Character value. The information criterion used for variable selection <code>inf_crit</code> = <code>c("aic", "aicc", "bic")</code> .
<code>n_diff</code>	Integer vector. The nth-differences of the response variable.
<code>n_states</code>	Integer value. The number of internal states per reservoir.
<code>n_models</code>	Integer value. The maximum number of (random) models to train for model selection.
<code>n_initial</code>	Integer value. The number of observations of internal states for initial drop out (throw-off).
<code>n_seed</code>	Integer value. The seed for the random number generator (for reproducibility).
<code>alpha</code>	Numeric value. The leakage rate (smoothing parameter) applied to the reservoir.
<code>rho</code>	Numeric value. The spectral radius for scaling the reservoir weight matrix.
<code>density</code>	Numeric value. The connectivity of the reservoir weight matrix (dense or sparse).

lambda	Numeric vector. Lower and upper bound of lambda sequence for ridge regression.
scale_win	Numeric value. The lower and upper bound of the uniform distribution for scaling the input weight matrix.
scale_wres	Numeric value. The lower and upper bound of the uniform distribution for scaling the reservoir weight matrix.
scale_inputs	Numeric vector. The lower and upper bound for scaling the time series data.

### Value

A list containing:

- **actual**: Numeric vector containing the actual values.
- **fitted**: Numeric vector containing the fitted values.
- **resid**: Numeric vector containing the residuals.
- **states\_train**: Numeric matrix containing the internal states.
- **method**: A list containing several objects and meta information of the trained ESN (weight matrices, hyperparameters, model metrics, etc.).

### Examples

```
xdata <- as.numeric(AirPassengers)
xmodel <- train_esn(y = xdata)
summary(xmodel)
```

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