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elm	<i>Extreme learning machines for time series forecasting</i>
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## Description

This function fits ELM neural networks for time series forecasting.

## Usage

```
elm(
  y,
  m = frequency(y),
  hd = NULL,
  type = c("lasso", "ridge", "step", "lm"),
  reps = 20,
  comb = c("median", "mean", "mode"),
  lags = NULL,
  keep = NULL,
  difforder = NULL,
  outplot = c(FALSE, TRUE),
  sel.lag = c(TRUE, FALSE),
  direct = c(FALSE, TRUE),
  allow.det.season = c(TRUE, FALSE),
  det.type = c("auto", "bin", "trg"),
  xreg = NULL,
  xreg.lags = NULL,
  xreg.keep = NULL,
  barebone = c(FALSE, TRUE),
  model = NULL,
  retrain = c(FALSE, TRUE)
)
```

## Arguments

y	Input time series. Can be ts or msts object.
m	Frequency of the time series. By default it is picked up from y.

hd	Number of hidden nodes. This can be a vector, where each number represents the number of hidden nodes of a different hidden layer. Use NULL to automatically specify.
type	Estimation type for output layer weights. Can be "lasso" (lasso with CV), "ridge" (ridge regression with CV), "step" (stepwise regression with AIC) or "lm" (linear regression).
reps	Number of networks to train, the result is the ensemble forecast.
comb	Combination operator for forecasts when reps > 1. Can be "median", "mode" (based on KDE estimation) and "mean".
lags	Lags of y to use as inputs. If none provided then 1:frequency(y) is used. Use 0 for no univariate lags.
keep	Logical vector to force lags to stay in the model if sel.lag == TRUE. If NULL then it keep = rep(FALSE,length(lags)).
difforder	Vector including the differencing lags. For example c(1,12) will apply first and seasonal (12) differences. For no differencing use 0. For automatic selection use NULL.
outplot	Provide plot of model fit. Can be TRUE or FALSE.
sel.lag	Automatically select lags. Can be TRUE or FALSE.
direct	Use direct input-output connections to model strictly linear effects. Can be TRUE or FALSE.
allow.det.season	Permit modelling seasonality with deterministic dummies.
det.type	Type of deterministic seasonality dummies to use. This can be "bin" for binary or "trg" for a sine-cosine pair. With "auto" if only a single seasonality is used and periodicity is up to 12 then "bin" is used, otherwise "trg".
xreg	Exogenous regressors. Each column is a different regressor and the sample size must be at least as long as the target in-sample set, but can be longer.
xreg.lags	This is a list containing the lags for each exogenous variable. Each list is a numeric vector containing lags. If xreg has 3 columns then the xreg.lags list must contain three elements. If NULL then it is automatically specified.
xreg.keep	List of logical vectors to force lags of xreg to stay in the model if sel.lag == TRUE. If NULL then all exogenous lags can be removed.
barebone	Use an alternative elm implementation (written in R) that is faster when the number of inputs is very high. Typically not needed.
model	A previously trained mlp object. If this is provided then the same model is fitted to y, without re-estimating any model parameters.
retrain	If a previous model is provided, retrain the network or not. If the network is retrained the size of the hidden layer is reset.

### Value

Return object of class elm. If barebone == TRUE then the object inherits a second class "elm.fast". The function plot produces a plot the network architecture. elm contains:

- `net` - ELM networks. If it is of class `"elm.fast"` then this is NULL.
- `hd` - Number of hidden nodes. If it is of class `"elm.fast"` this is a vector with a different number for each repetition.
- `W.in` - NULL unless it is of class `"elm.fast"`. Contains the input weights.
- `W` - Output layer weights for each repetition.
- `b` - Contains the output node bias for each training repetition.
- `W.dct` - Contains the direct connection weights if argument `direct == TRUE`. Otherwise is NULL.
- `lags` - Input lags used.
- `xreg.lags` - xreg lags used.
- `difforder` - Differencing used.
- `sdummy` - Use of deterministic seasonality.
- `ff` - Seasonal frequencies detected in data (taken from `ts` or `msts` object).
- `ff.det` - Seasonal frequencies coded using deterministic dummies.
- `det.type` - Type of deterministic seasonality.
- `y` - Input time series.
- `minmax` - Scaling structure.
- `xreg.minmax` - Scaling structure for xreg variables.
- `comb` - Combination operator used.
- `type` - Estimation used for output layer weights.
- `direct` - Presence of direct input-output connections.
- `fitted` - Fitted values.
- `MSE` - In-sample Mean Squared Error.

### Note

To use `elm` with Temporal Hierarchies ([thief](#) package) see [elm.thief](#). The `elm` function by default calls the `neuralnet` function. If `barebone == TRUE` then it uses an alternative implementation (`TStools::elm.fast`) which is more appropriate when the number of inputs is several hundreds.

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### References

- For an introduction to neural networks see: Ord K., Fildes R., Kourentzes N. (2017) [Principles of Business Forecasting 2e](#). Wessex Press Publishing Co., Chapter 10.
- For combination operators see: Kourentzes N., Barrow B.K., Crone S.F. (2014) [Neural network ensemble operators for time series forecasting](#). *Expert Systems with Applications*, **41**(9), 4235-4244.

- For variable selection see: Crone S.F., Kourentzes N. (2010) [Feature selection for time series prediction – A combined filter and wrapper approach for neural networks](#). *Neurocomputing*, **73**(10), 1923-1936.
- For ELMs see: Huang G.B., Zhou H., Ding X. (2006) Extreme learning machine: theory and applications. *Neurocomputing*, **70**(1), 489-501.

### See Also

[forecast.elm](#), [elm.thief](#), [mlp](#).

### Examples

```
## Not run:
fit <- elm(AirPassengers)
print(fit)
plot(fit)
frc <- forecast(fit,h=36)
plot(frc)

## End(Not run)
```

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elm.fast

*ELM (fast) neural network.*

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### Description

Fit ELM (fast) neural network. This is an ELM implementation that does not rely on neuralnets package.

### Usage

```
elm.fast(
  y,
  x,
  hd = NULL,
  type = c("lasso", "ridge", "step", "ls"),
  reps = 20,
  comb = c("median", "mean", "mode"),
  direct = c(FALSE, TRUE),
  linscale = c(TRUE, FALSE),
  output = c("linear", "logistic"),
  core = c("FALSE", "TRUE"),
  ortho = c(FALSE, TRUE)
)
```

### Arguments

y	Target variable.
x	Explanatory variables. Each column is a variable.
hd	Starting number of hidden nodes (scalar). Use NULL to automatically specify.
type	Estimation type for output layer weights. Can be "lasso" (lasso with CV), "ridge" (ridge regression with CV), "step" (stepwise regression with AIC) or "lm" (linear regression).
reps	Number of networks to train.
comb	Combination operator for forecasts when reps > 1. Can be "median", "mode" (based on KDE estimation) and "mean".
direct	Use direct input-output connections to model strictly linear effects. Can be TRUE or FALSE.
linscale	Scale inputs linearly between -0.8 to 0.8. If output == "logistic" then scaling is between 0 and 1.
output	Type of output layer. It can be "linear" or "logistic". If "logistic" then type must be set to "lasso".
core	If TRUE skips calculation of final fitted values and MSE. Called internally by "elm" function.
ortho	If TRUE then the initial weights between the input and hidden layers are orthogonal (only when number of input variable <= sample size).

### Value

An object of class "elm.fast". The function plot produces a plot the network fit. An object of class "elm.fast" is a list containing the following elements:

- hd - Number of hidden nodes. This is a vector with a different number for each training repetition.
- W.in - Input weights for each training repetition.
- W - Output layer weights for each repetition.
- b - Output node bias for each training repetition.
- W.dct - Direct connection weights argument if direct == TRUE for each training repetition. Otherwise NULL.
- fitted.all - Fitted values for each training repetition.
- fitted - Ensemble fitted values.
- y - Target variable.
- type - Estimation used for output layer weights.
- comb - Combination operator used.
- direct - Presence of direct input-output connections.
- minmax - If scaling is used this contains the scaling information for the target variable.
- minmax.x - If scaling is used this contains the scaling information for the input variables.
- MSE - In-sample Mean Squared Error.

**Note**

This implementation of ELM is more appropriate when the number of inputs is several hundreds. For time series modelling use [elm](#) instead.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

- For combination operators see: Kourentzes N., Barrow B.K., Crone S.F. (2014) **Neural network ensemble operators for time series forecasting**. *Expert Systems with Applications*, **41**(9), 4235-4244.
- For ELMs see: Huang G.B., Zhou H., Ding X. (2006) Extreme learning machine: theory and applications. *Neurocomputing*, **70**(1), 489-501.

**See Also**

[elm](#).

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
p <- 2000
n <- 150
X <- matrix(rnorm(p*n),nrow=n)
b <- cbind(rnorm(p))
Y <- X %*% b
fit <- elm.fast(Y,X)
print(fit)

## End(Not run)
```

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elm.thief

*ELM network for THieF.*

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**Description**

Function for ELM forecasting with Temporal Hierarchies.

**Usage**

```
elm.thief(y, h = NULL, ...)
```

## Arguments

y	Input time series. Can be ts or msts object.
h	Forecast horizon. If NULL then h is set to match frequency of time series.
...	Additional arguments passed to <a href="#">elm</a> .

## Value

An object of classes "forecast.net" and "forecast". The function plot produces a plot of the forecasts. An object of class "forecast.net" is a list containing the following elements:

- method - The name of the forecasting method as a character string.
- mean - Point forecasts as a time series.
- all.mean - An array h x reps of all ensemble members forecasts, where reps are the number of ensemble members.
- x - The original time series (either fit used to create the network).
- fitted - Fitted values. Any values not fitted for the initial period of the time series are imputed with NA.
- residuals - Residuals from the fitted network.

## Note

This function is created to work with Temporal Hierarchied ([thief](#) package). For conventional ELM networks use [elm](#).

## Author(s)

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## References

- For forecasting with temporal hierarchies see: Athanasopoulos G., Hyndman R.J., Kourentzes N., Petropoulos F. (2017) **Forecasting with Temporal Hierarchies**. *European Journal of Operational research*, **262**(1), 60-74.
- For combination operators see: Kourentzes N., Barrow B.K., Crone S.F. (2014) **Neural network ensemble operators for time series forecasting**. *Expert Systems with Applications*, **41**(9), 4235-4244.

## See Also

[elm](#), [mlp.thief](#).



## Examples

```
## Not run:
library(thief)
frc <- thief(AirPassengers,forecastfunction=elm.thief)
plot(frc)

## End(Not run)
```

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forecast.elm	<i>Forecast using ELM neural network.</i>
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## Description

Create forecasts using ELM neural networks.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'elm'
forecast(object, h = NULL, y = NULL, xreg = NULL, ...)
```

## Arguments

object	ELM network object, produced using <a href="#">elm</a> .
h	Forecast horizon. If NULL then h is set to match frequency of time series.
y	Optionally forecast using different data than what the network was trained on. Expected to create havoc and do really bad things!
xreg	Exogenous regressors. Each column is a different regressor and the sample size must be at least as long as the target in-sample set plus the forecast horizon, but can be longer. Set it to NULL if no xreg inputs are used.
...	Unused argument.

## Value

An object of classes "forecast.net" and "forecast". The function plot produces a plot of the forecasts. An object of class "forecast.net" is a list containing the following elements:

- method - The name of the forecasting method as a character string.
- mean - Point forecasts as a time series.
- all.mean - An array h x reps of all ensemble members forecasts, where reps are the number of ensemble members.
- x - The original time series used to create the network.
- fitted - Fitted values.
- residuals - Residuals from the fitted network.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[elm](#), [elm.thief](#), [mlp](#).

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
fit <- elm(AirPassengers)
plot(fit)
frc <- forecast(fit,h=36)
plot(frc)

## End(Not run)
```

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forecast.mlp

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*Forecast using MLP neural network.*


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**Description**

Create forecasts using MLP neural networks.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'mlp'
forecast(object, h = NULL, y = NULL, xreg = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	MLP network object, produced using <a href="#">mlp</a> .
h	Forecast horizon. If NULL then h is set to match frequency of time series.
y	Optionally forecast using different data than what the network was trained on. Expected to create havoc and do really bad things!
xreg	Exogenous regressors. Each column is a different regressor and the sample size must be at least as long as the target in-sample set plus the forecast horizon, but can be longer. Set it to NULL if no xreg inputs are used.
...	Unused argument.

**Value**

An object of classes "forecast.net" and "forecast". The function plot produces a plot of the forecasts. An object of class "forecast.net" is a list containing the following elements:

- method - The name of the forecasting method as a character string.
- mean - Point forecasts as a time series.
- all.mean - An array h x reps of all ensemble members forecasts, where reps are the number of ensemble members.
- x - The original time series used to create the network.
- fitted - Fitted values.
- residuals - Residuals from the fitted network.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[mlp](#), [mlp.thief](#), [elm](#).

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
fit <- mlp(AirPassengers)
plot(fit)
frc <- forecast(fit,h=36)
plot(frc)

## End(Not run)
```

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linscale

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*Apply minmax linear scaling to a vector.*


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**Description**

Apply minmax linear scaling to a vector.

**Usage**

```
linscale(x, minmax = NULL, rev = c(FALSE, TRUE))
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	Input vector.
<code>minmax</code>	<code>minmax</code> must be a list with elements "mn", "mx", "mn.orig" and "mx.orig", where "mn" and "mx" refer to the target min and max, and the remaining two refer to the current vector min and max. By default <code>mn=-1</code> and <code>mx=1</code> . <code>mn.orig</code> and <code>mx.orig</code> can be missing, unless the scaling is reversed.
<code>rev</code>	Reverse scaling back to original: TRUE or FALSE.

**Value**

Outputs a list with elements:

- `x` - Scaled vector.
- `minmax` - List with resulting `mn`, `mx`, `mn.orig` and `mx.orig`. Can be used as input to reverse scaling.

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
y <- rnorm(20)*100
sc <- linscale(y)
x <- sc$x
print(c(min(y),max(y)))
print(c(min(x),max(x)))
sc.rev <- linscale(x,minmax=sc$minmax,rev=TRUE)
print(c(min(sc.rev$x),max(sc.rev$x)))
```

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mlp

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*Multilayer Perceptron for time series forecasting*


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**Description**

This function fits MLP neural networks for time series forecasting.

**Usage**

```
mlp(
  y,
  m = frequency(y),
  hd = NULL,
  reps = 20,
  comb = c("median", "mean", "mode"),
  lags = NULL,
```

```

keep = NULL,
difforder = NULL,
outplot = c(FALSE, TRUE),
sel.lag = c(TRUE, FALSE),
allow.det.season = c(TRUE, FALSE),
det.type = c("auto", "bin", "trg"),
xreg = NULL,
xreg.lags = NULL,
xreg.keep = NULL,
hd.auto.type = c("set", "valid", "cv", "elm"),
hd.max = NULL,
model = NULL,
retrain = c(FALSE, TRUE),
...
)

```

### Arguments

y	Input time series. Can be ts or msts object.
m	Frequency of the time series. By default it is picked up from y.
hd	Number of hidden nodes. This can be a vector, where each number represents the number of hidden nodes of a different hidden layer.
reps	Number of networks to train, the result is the ensemble forecast.
comb	Combination operator for forecasts when reps > 1. Can be "median", "mode" (based on KDE estimation) and "mean".
lags	Lags of y to use as inputs. If none provided then 1:frequency(y) is used. Use 0 for no univariate lags.
keep	Logical vector to force lags to stay in the model if sel.lag == TRUE. If NULL then it keep = rep(FALSE,length(lags)).
difforder	Vector including the differencing lags. For example c(1,12) will apply first and seasonal (12) differences. For no differencing use 0. For automatic selection use NULL.
outplot	Provide plot of model fit. Can be TRUE or FALSE.
sel.lag	Automatically select lags. Can be TRUE or FALSE.
allow.det.season	Permit modelling seasonality with deterministic dummies.
det.type	Type of deterministic seasonality dummies to use. This can be "bin" for binary or "trg" for a sine-cosine pair. With "auto" if only a single seasonality is used and periodicity is up to 12 then "bin" is used, otherwise "trg".
xreg	Exogenous regressors. Each column is a different regressor and the sample size must be at least as long as the target in-sample set, but can be longer.
xreg.lags	This is a list containing the lags for each exogenous variable. Each list is a numeric vector containing lags. If xreg has 3 columns then the xreg.lags list must contain three elements. If NULL then it is automatically specified.

<code>xreg.keep</code>	List of logical vectors to force lags of <code>xreg</code> to stay in the model if <code>sel.lag == TRUE</code> . If <code>NULL</code> then all exogenous lags can be removed. The syntax for multiple <code>xreg</code> is the same as for <code>xreg.lags</code> .
<code>hd.auto.type</code>	Used only if <code>hd==NULL</code> . "set" fixes <code>hd=5</code> . "valid" uses a 20% validation set (randomly) sampled to find the best number of hidden nodes. "cv" uses 5-fold cross-validation. "elm" uses ELM to estimate the number of hidden nodes (experimental).
<code>hd.max</code>	When <code>hd.auto.type</code> is set to either "valid" or "cv" then this argument can be used to set the maximum number of hidden nodes to evaluate, otherwise the maximum is set automatically.
<code>model</code>	A previously trained <code>mlp</code> object. If this is provided then the same model is fitted to <code>y</code> , without re-estimating any model parameters.
<code>retrain</code>	If a previous model is provided, retrain the network or not.
<code>...</code>	Additional inputs for <code>neuralnet</code> function.

### Value

Return object of class `mlp`. The function `plot` produces a plot the network architecture. `mlp` contains:

- `net` - MLP networks.
- `hd` - Number of hidden nodes.
- `lags` - Input lags used.
- `xreg.lags` - `xreg` lags used.
- `difforder` - Differencing used.
- `sdummy` - Use of deterministic seasonality.
- `ff` - Seasonal frequencies detected in data (taken from `ts` or `msts` object).
- `ff.det` - Seasonal frequencies coded using deterministic dummies.
- `det.type` - Type of deterministic seasonality.
- `y` - Input time series.
- `minmax` - Scaling structure.
- `xreg.minmax` - Scaling structure for `xreg` variables.
- `comb` - Combination operator used.
- `fitted` - Fitted values.
- `MSE` - In-sample Mean Squared Error.
- `MSEH` - If `hd.auto.type` is set to either "valid" or "cv" an array of the MSE error for each network size is provided. Otherwise this is `NULL`.

### Note

To use `mlp` with Temporal Hierarchies ([thief](#) package) see `mlp.thief`.

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**References**

- For an introduction to neural networks see: Ord K., Fildes R., Kourentzes N. (2017) **Principles of Business Forecasting 2e**. *Wessex Press Publishing Co.*, Chapter 10.
- For combination operators see: Kourentzes N., Barrow B.K., Crone S.F. (2014) **Neural network ensemble operators for time series forecasting**. *Expert Systems with Applications*, **41(9)**, 4235-4244.
- For variable selection see: Crone S.F., Kourentzes N. (2010) **Feature selection for time series prediction – A combined filter and wrapper approach for neural networks**. *Neurocomputing*, **73(10)**, 1923-1936.

**See Also**

[forecast.mlp](#), [mlp.thief](#), [elm](#).

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
fit <- mlp(AirPassengers)
print(fit)
plot(fit)
frc <- forecast(fit,h=36)
plot(frc)

## End(Not run)
```

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mlp.thief

---

MLP network for THieF.

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**Description**

Function for MLP forecasting with Temporal Hierarchies.

**Usage**

```
mlp.thief(y, h = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

y	Input time series. Can be ts or msts object.
h	Forecast horizon. If NULL then h is set to match frequency of time series.
...	Additional arguments passed to <a href="#">mlp</a> .

**Value**

An object of classes "forecast.net" and "forecast". The function plot produces a plot of the forecasts. An object of class "forecast.net" is a list containing the following elements:

- method - The name of the forecasting method as a character string.
- mean - Point forecasts as a time series.
- all.mean - An array h x reps of all ensemble members forecasts, where reps are the number of ensemble members.
- x - The original time series (either fit used to create the network).
- fitted - Fitted values. Any values not fitted for the initial period of the time series are imputed with NA.
- residuals - Residuals from the fitted network.

**Note**

This function is created to work with Temporal Hierarchied ([thief](#) package). For conventional MLP networks use [mlp](#).

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**References**

- For forecasting with temporal hierarchies see: Athanasopoulos G., Hyndman R.J., Kourentzes N., Petropoulos F. (2017) [Forecasting with Temporal Hierarchies](#). *European Journal of Operational research*, **262**(1), 60-74.
- For combination operators see: Kourentzes N., Barrow B.K., Crone S.F. (2014) [Neural network ensemble operators for time series forecasting](#). *Expert Systems with Applications*, **41**(9), 4235-4244.

**See Also**

[mlp](#), [elm.thief](#).

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
library(thief)
frc <- thief(AirPassengers, forecastfunction=mlp.thief)
plot(frc)

## End(Not run)
```



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nnfor*nnfor: Time Series Forecasting with Neural Networks*

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### Description

The **nnfor** package provides automatic time series modelling with neural networks. It facilitates fully automatic, semi-manual or fully manual specification of networks, using multilayer perceptrons ([mlp](#)) and extreme learning machines ([elm](#)).

### Note

You can find a tutorial how to use the package [here](#).

### Author(s)

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### References

- For an introduction to neural networks see: Ord K., Fildes R., Kourentzes N. (2017) [Principles of Business Forecasting 2e](#). *Wessex Press Publishing Co.*, Chapter 10.
- For ensemble combination operators see: Kourentzes N., Barrow B.K., Crone S.F. (2014) [Neural network ensemble operators for time series forecasting](#). *Expert Systems with Applications*, **41**(9), 4235-4244.
- For variable selection see: Crone S.F., Kourentzes N. (2010) [Feature selection for time series prediction – A combined filter and wrapper approach for neural networks](#). *Neurocomputing*, **73**(10), 1923-1936.

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plot.elm*Plot ELM network.*

---

### Description

Produces a plot of the ELM network architecture.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'elm'  
plot(x, r = 1, ...)
```

### Arguments

x	ELM network object, produced using <a href="#">elm</a> .
r	Ensemble member to plot.
...	Unused argument.

**Value**

None. Function produces a plot.

**Note**

Neurons are coloured with "lightgrey". Seasonal dummies are coloured with "lightpink" and xreg with "lightblue".

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**See Also**

[elm](#), [mlp](#).

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
fit <- elm(AirPassengers)
print(fit)
plot(fit)
frc <- forecast(fit,h=36)
plot(frc)

## End(Not run)
```

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plot.mlp

*Plot MLP network.*


---

**Description**

Produces a plot of the MLP network architecture.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'mlp'
plot(x, r = 1, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	MLP network object, produced using <a href="#">mlp</a> .
r	Ensemble member to plot.
...	Unused argument.

**Value**

None. Function produces a plot.

**Note**

Neurons are coloured with "lightgrey". Seasonal dummies are coloured with "lightpink" and xreg with "lightblue".

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**See Also**

[elm](#), [mlp](#).

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
fit <- mlp(AirPassengers)
print(fit)
plot(fit)
frc <- forecast(fit,h=36)
plot(frc)

## End(Not run)
```

---

predict.elm.fast

*Predictions for ELM (fast) network.*

---

**Description**

Calculate predictions for ELM (fast) network.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'elm.fast'
predict(object, newx, na.rm = c(FALSE, TRUE), ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	ELM network object, produced using <a href="#">elm.fast</a> .
newx	Explanatory variables. Each column is a variable.
na.rm	If TRUE remove columns and object produces an ensemble forecast, then remove any members that give NA in their forecasts.
...	Unused argument.

**Value**

Returns a list with:

- `Y.hat` - Ensemble prediction.
- `Y.all` - Predictions of each training repetition.

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**See Also**

[elm.fast](#).

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
p <- 2000  
n <- 150  
X <- matrix(rnorm(p*n),nrow=n)  
b <- cbind(rnorm(p))  
Y <- X %*% b  
fit <- elm.fast(Y,X)  
predict(fit,X)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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