

# NDK\_ADFTEST

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- C/C++
- .Net

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int __stdcall NDK_ADFTEST(double * X,  
                          size_t  N,  
                          WORD    K,  
                          WORD    options,  
                          BOOL    testDown,  
                          double  alpha,  
                          WORD    method,  
                          WORD    retType,  
                          double * retVal  
                          )
```

Returns the p-value of the Augmented Dickey-Fuller (ADF) test, which tests for a unit root in the time series sample.

## Returns

status code of the operation

## Return values

**NDK\_SUCCESS** Operation successful

**NDK\_FAILED** Operation unsuccessful. See [Macros](#) for full list.

## Parameters

- [in] **X** is the univariate time series data (a one dimensional array).
- [in] **N** is the number of observations in X.
- [in] **K** is the lag length of the autoregressive process. If missing, an initial value equal to the cubic root of the input data size is used.
- [in] **options** is the model description flag for the Dickey-Fuller test variant (1=no constant, 2=contant-only, 3=trend only, 4=constant and trend, 5=const, trend and trend squared).
- [in] **testDown** is the mode of testing. If set to TRUE (default), ADFTest performs a series of tests. The test starts with the input length lag, but the actual length lag order used is obtained by testing down.
- [in] **alpha** is the statistical significance level. If missing, a default of 5% is assumed.
- [in] **method** is the statistical test to perform (1=ADF).
- [in] **retType** is a switch to select the return output:

Method	Value	Description
TEST_PVALUE	1	P-Value
TEST_SCORE	2	Test statistics (aka score)
TEST_CRITICALVALUE	3	Critical value.

## Remarks

1. The testing procedure for the ADF test is applied to the following model: 
$$\Delta y_t = \alpha + \beta_1 t + \beta_2 t^2 + \gamma y_{t-1} + \phi_1 \Delta y_{t-1} + \dots + \phi_{p-1} \Delta y_{t-p+1} + \varepsilon_t$$

Where:

- $(\Delta)$  is the first different operator
- $(\alpha)$  is a constant
- $(\beta_1)$  is the coefficient on a time trend
- $(\beta_2)$  is the coefficient on a squared time trend

2. This model can be estimated, and testing for a unit root is equivalent to testing that  $(\gamma = 0)$ .

3. In sum, the Augmented Dickey-Fuller Test in Excel test hypothesis is as follows:  $[H_0: \gamma = 0]$   $[H_1: \gamma < 0]$

Where:

- $(H_0)$  is the null hypothesis (i.e.  $(y_t)$  has a unit-root)
- $(H_1)$  is the alternate hypothesis (i.e.  $(y_t)$  does not have a unit-root)

4. The test statistics  $(\tau)$  value is calculated as follows: 
$$\tau = \frac{\hat{\gamma}}{\text{SE}(\hat{\gamma})}$$

where:

- $(\hat{\gamma})$  is the estimated coefficient
- $(\text{SE}(\hat{\gamma}))$  is the standard error in the coefficient estimate

5. The test statistics value  $(\tau)$  is compared to the relevant critical value for the Dickey-Fuller Test. If the test statistic is less than the critical value, we reject the null hypothesis and conclude that no unit-root is present.

6. The ADFTest does not directly test for stationarity, but indirectly through the existence (or absence) of a unit-root. Furthermore, Augmented Dickey-Fuller Test in Excel incorporates a deterministic trend (and trend squared), so it allows a trend-stationary process to occur.

7. The main difference between the ADFTest and a normal Dickey Fuller test is that ADFTest allows for higher-order autoregressive processes.

8. For the test-down approach, we start with a given maximum lag length and test down by running several tests; in each, we examine the high-order coefficients t-stat for significance.

9. It is not possible to use a standard t-distribution to provide critical values for this test.

Therefore this test statistic (i.e.  $(\tau)$ ) has a specific distribution simply known as the Dickey's-Fuller table.

10. The time series must have at least 10, and no more than 10,000 non-missing observations.

11. The time series is homogeneous or equally spaced.

12. The time series may include missing values (e.g. NaN) at either end.

## Requirements

<b>Header</b>	SFSDK.H
<b>Library</b>	SFSDK.LIB
<b>DLL</b>	SFSDK.DLL

## Examples

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// (optional) NaN : quiet NaN (Not-A-Number) value of type double (initialization
)
const double NAN = std::numeric_limits::quiet_NaN();
....
double data[100] = {-2.213600965,0.205653805,0.536560947,...};
WORD maxOrder=5;
double alpha = 0.05;
WORD method=1;

double fValue = NAN;

// Scenario: No deterministic component
nRet = NDK_ADFTEST(
    data, // is the univariate time series data (a one dimensional array)
    100, // is the number of observations
    maxOrder, // is the lag length of the autoregressive process.
    ADFTEST_DRIFT_ONLY, // Model 1: A stochastic drift
    TRUE, // is the mode of testing
    alpha, // is the statistical significance level
    1, // is the statistical test to perform (1=ADF).
    TEST_PVALUE, // is a switch to select the return output
    &fValue // is the calculated test statistics
);
if( nRet >= NDK_SUCCESS)
{
    double fScore = NAN;
    double fCriticalVal = NAN;

    NDK_ADFTEST(data, 100, maxOrder, ADFTEST_DRIFT_ONLY, TRUE, alpha, 1, TEST_SCORE
, &fValue);
    NDK_ADFTEST(data, 100, maxOrder, ADFTEST_DRIFT_ONLY, TRUE, alpha, 1, TEST_CRITI
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CALVALUE, &fValue);
}

// Scenario 2: A deterministic constant and stochastic drift
fValue = NAN;
nRet = NDK_ADFTEST(
    data, // is the univariate time series data (a one dimensional array)
    100, // is the number of observations
    maxOrder, // is the lag length of the autoregressive process.
    ADFTEST_DRIFT_N_CONST, // Model II: A deterministic constant and stochastic drift
    TRUE, // is the mode of testing
    alpha, // is the statistical significance level
    1, // is the statistical test to perform (1=ADF).
    TEST_PVALUE, // is a switch to select the return output
    &fValue // is the calculated test statistics
);

// Scenario 3: A deterministic trend and stochastic drift
fValue = NAN;
nRet = NDK_ADFTEST(
    data, // is the univariate time series data (a one dimensional array)
    100, // is the number of observations
    maxOrder, // is the lag length of the autoregressive process.
    ADFTEST_DRIFT_N_TREND, // Model III: A deterministic trend and stochastic drift
    TRUE, // is the mode of testing
    alpha, // is the statistical significance level
    1, // is the statistical test to perform (1=ADF).
    TEST_PVALUE, // is a switch to select the return output
    &fValue // is the calculated test statistics
);

// Scenario 4: A deterministic constant, trend and stochastic drift
fValue = NAN;
nRet = NDK_ADFTEST(
    data, // is the univariate time series data (a one dimensional array)
    100, // is the number of observations
    maxOrder, // is the lag length of the autoregressive process.
    ADFTEST_DRIFT_N_CONST_N_TREND, // Model IV: A deterministic constant, trend and stochastic drift
    TRUE, // is the mode of testing
    alpha, // is the statistical significance level
    1. // is the statistical test to perform (1=ADF).

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&fValue // is the calculated test statistics
);

```

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int NDK_ADFTEST(double[] pData,
                UIntPtr nSize,
                UInt16 maxOrder,
                UInt16 option,
                BOOL testDown,
                double alpha,
                UInt16 argMethod,
                UInt16 retType,
                out double retVal
                )

```

**Namespace:** NumXLAPI  
**Class:** SFSDK  
**Scope:** Public  
**Lifetime:** Static

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### Return Value

a value from [NDK\\_RETCODE](#) enumeration for the status of the call.

**NDK\_SUCCESS** operation successful

Error Error Code

### Parameters

- [in] **pData** is the univariate time series data (a one dimensional array).
- [in] **nSize** is the number of observations in pData.
- [in] **maxOrder** is the lag length of the autoregressive process. If missing, an initial value equal to the cubic root of the input data size is used.
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[out] **retVal** is the calculated test statistics.

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### Exceptions

Exception Type	Condition
None	N/A

### Requirements

<b>Namespace</b>	NumXLAPI
<b>Class</b>	SFSDK
<b>Scope</b>	Public
<b>Lifetime</b>	Static
<b>Package</b>	NumXLAPI.DLL

### Examples

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### See Also

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