Class Agnostic Time Series with tsbox :: **CHEAT SHEET**

Basics

IDEA

tsbox provides a time series toolkit which:

1. works identically with most time series **classes**
2. handles regular and irregular **frequencies**
3. **converts** between classes and frequencies

Most functions in tsbox have the same structure:

> **function starts with ts_**

> **first argument is any ts-boxable object**

```
a <- ts_pc(AirPassengers)
```

> **returns a ts-boxable obect of the same class as input**

COMBINE TIME SERIES

collect time series of **all classes** and **frequencies** as multiple time series

```
ts_c(mdeaths, austres)
```

combine time series to a new, single time series (first series wins if overlapping)

```
ts_bind(mdeaths, austres)
```

like ts_bind, but extra- and retropolate, using growth rates

```
ts_chain(mdeaths, austres)
```

PLOT AND SUMMARIZE

Plot time series of **all classes** and **frequencies**

```
ts_plot(mdeaths, austres)
ts_ggplot(mdeaths, austres)
```
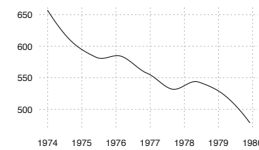
```
ts_summary(ts_c(mdeaths, austres))
```

```
    id obs   diff freq    start      end
1 mdeaths 72 1 month   12 1974-01-01 1979-12-01
2 austres 89 3 month    4 1971-04-01 1993-04-01
```
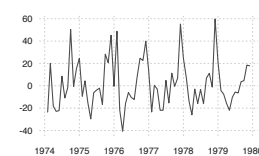
Helper Functions

Transform time series of **all classes** and **frequencies**
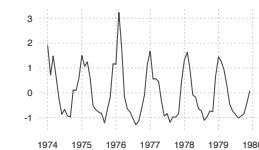
TRANSFORM

ts_trend(): Trend estimation based on loess
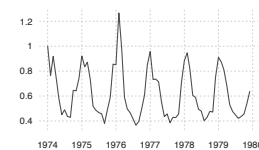```
ts_trend(fdeaths)
```

**ts_pc(), ts_pcy(), ts_pca(), ts_diff(), ts_diffy()**: (annualized) Percentage change rates or differences to previous period, year
```
ts_pc(fdeaths)
```

**ts_scale()**: normalize mean and variance
```
ts_scale(fdeaths)
```

**ts_index()**:Index, based on levels
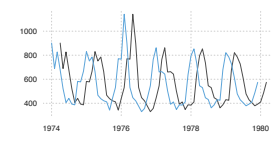**ts_compound()**: Index, based on growth rates
```
ts_index(fdeaths, base = 1976)
```

**ts_seas()**: seasonal adjustment using X-13
```
ts_seas(fdeaths)
```
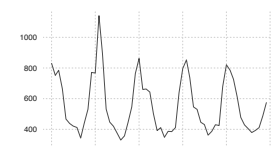
### SPAN AND FREQUENCY

**ts_lag()**: Lag or lead of time series
```
ts_lag(fdeaths, 4)
```

**ts_frequency()**: convert to frequency
```
ts_frequency(fdeaths, "year")
```

**ts_span()**: filter time series for a time span.
```
ts_span(fdeaths, "1976-01-01")
ts_span(fdeaths, "-5 year")
```

## Class Conversion

tsbox is built around a set of converters, which convert time series of the following **supported classes** to each other:

| converter function | ts-boxable class |
|---|---|
| ts_ts() | ts, mts |
| ts_data.frame(), ts_df() | data.frame |
| ts_data.table(), ts_dt() | data.table |
| ts_tbl() | df_tbl, "tibble" |
| ts_xts() | xts |
| ts_zoo() | zoo |
| ts_tibbletime() | tibbletime |
| ts_timeSeries() | timeSeries |
| ts_tsibble() | tsibble |
| ts_tslist() | a list with ts objects |

## Time Series in data frames

### LONG STRUCTURE

Default structure to store multiple time series in long data frames (or data tables, or tibbles)

```
ts_df(ts_c(fdeaths, mdeaths))
```

id	time	value
fdeaths	1974-01-01	901
fdeaths	1974-02-01	689
fdeaths	1974-03-01	827
...	...	...

AUTO-DETECT COLUMN NAMES

tsbox auto-detects a *value*-, a *time*- and zero, one or several *id*-columns. Alternatively, the *time*- and the *value*-column can be explicitly named **time** and **value**.

ts_default(): standardize column names in data frames

RESHAPE

ts_wide(): convert default long structure to wide
ts_long(): convert wide structure to default long

USE WITH PIPE

tsbox plays well with tibbles and with `%>%`, so it can be easily integrated into a dplyr/pipe workflow

```
library(dplyr)
ts_c(fdeaths, mdeaths) %>%
  ts_tbl() %>%
  ts_trend() %>%
  ts_pc()
```

> **pass return value as first argument to the next function**

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