# Package 'tstools'

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Description Plot official statistics' time series conveniently: automatic legends, highlight windows, stacked bar chars with positive and negative contributions, sum-as-line option, two y-axes with automatic horizontal grids that fit both axes and other popular chart types. 'tstools' comes with a plethora of defaults to let you plot without setting an abundance of parameters first, but gives you the flexibility to tweak the defaults. In addition to charts, 'tstools' provides a super fast, 'data.table' backed time series I/O that allows the user to export / import long format, wide format and transposed wide format data to various file types.

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Read Meta Data File w/o File Extension

## Description

Read a meta file without extension -> unknown format Tries to determine format (yaml, json) and return the metadata path must point to the file without extension e.g. swissdata\_wd/set\_id/set\_id

## Usage

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#### **Arguments**

path

character file path.

#### Value

Meta list if file could be located, empty list otherwise

**CHGDP** 

CH GDP Growth Contributions

## **Description**

A list of time series containing sector contributions to Swiss GDP over time.

#### Usage

**CHGDP** 

#### **Format**

List list of six time series of class ts, containing contributions to Swiss GDP growth

manufacturing Growth contribution of manufacturing.

energy Growth contribution of energy, water sector

construction Growth contribution construction sector.

hotels Growth contribution of hotels.

fin\_insur Growth contribution of financial services and insurances.

**other** Growth contribution of other sectors.

#### **Source**

https://www.seco.admin.ch/seco/en/home/wirtschaftslage---wirtschaftspolitik/Wirtschaftslage/bip-quartalsschaetzungen-/daten.html

color\_blind

Provide Colorblind Compliant Colors

## **Description**

8 Hex RGB color defintions suitable for charts for colorblind people.

#### Usage

color\_blind()

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## Description

Standard ts object use a vector of length two to store a period. E.g. 2010,1 means first quarter of 2010, if the series was quarterly and first month if the series was monthly etc.

#### Usage

```
compute_decimal_time(v, f)
```

## **Arguments**

v integer vector denoting a point in time

f frequency

concat\_ts

Concatenate to Non-Overlapping Time Series

## Description

Append one time series to another. This only works for non-overlapping time series of the same frequency. For overlapping time series please see resolveOverlap.

## Usage

```
concat_ts(ts1, ts2)
```

#### **Arguments**

ts1 object of class ts1, typically the older of two time series.

ts2 object of class ts1, typically the younger of two time series.

```
create_cross_sec_overview
```

Create an Overview data.table of (last) observations

## **Description**

Create a data.table that shows the i-th observation of several time series.

#### Usage

```
create_cross_sec_overview(list_of_rows, col_labels, tsl, selected_period)
```

## Arguments

```
list_of_rows list of time series names

col_labels character list of column labels

tsl list of time series object to select from

selected_period

numeric date as in defining ts objects.
```

#### **Examples**

create\_dummy\_ts

Flexible Function to Create Time Series Dummy Variables

## Description

Generate time series with a default value that is changed within a certain subperiod. The function allows for additional convenience when specifying single period dummies and dummies that go from a certain point in time to the end of the series.

df\_to\_reg\_ts

## Usage

```
create_dummy_ts(
  end_basic,
  dummy_start,
  dummy_end = NULL,
  sp = T,
  start_basic = c(1980, 1),
  basic_value = 0,
  dummy_value = 1,
  frequency = 4
)
```

## Arguments

end_basic	numeric vector of form c(yyyy,p) defining the end of the time series.	
dummy_start	numeric vector of form $c(yyyy,p)$ defining the beginning of the period with different value.	
dummy_end	numeric vector of form c(yyyy,p) defining the end of the period with different value. Defaults to NULL, using the end_date of the series.	
sp	logical should NULL value for dummy_end lead to a single period dummy (TRUE) or to alternative values until the end.	
start_basic	numeric vector of form $c(yyyy,p)$ defining the start of the time series. Defaults to $c(1980,1)$	
basic_value	default value of the time series, defaults to 0.	
dummy_value	the alternative value, defaults to 1.	
frequency	integer frequency of the regular time series, defaults to 4 (quarterly).	

## Author(s)

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df\_to\_reg\_ts Turn data.frame to Regular Monthly or Quarterly Time Series

## Description

Turn a data.frame with date columns to a regular time series object if possible. Design to work with quarterly and monthly data.

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## Usage

```
df_to_reg_ts(
   dframe,
   var_cols,
   year_col = "year",
   period_col = "month",
   freq = 12,
   return_ts = T,
   by = NULL
)
```

## **Arguments**

dframe	data.frame input		
var_cols	columns that contain variables as opposed to date index.		
year_col	integer, logical or character vector indicating the year position within the data.frame.		
period_col	integer, logical or character vector indicating the period position within the data.frame.		
freq	integer indicating the frequency of new time series.		
return_ts	logical should a (list of) time series be returned? Defaults to TRUE. FALSE returns data.frame.		
by	character overwrite automatically detected (from freq) by parameter. e.g. '1 day'. Defaults to NULL.		

## **Examples**

```
start_m <- as.Date("2017-01-01")
df_missing <- data.frame(
  date = seq(start_m, by='2 months', length=6),
  value = 1:6,
another_value = letters[1:6],
yet_another_col = letters[6:1]
)
df_to_reg_ts(df_missing,c("value","another_value"))
df_to_reg_ts(df_missing, c("value","another_value"), return_ts = FALSE)</pre>
```

fill\_year\_with\_nas Fill Up a Time Series with NAs

## Description

When plotting a time series you might want set the range of the plot a little wider than just the start and end date of the original series. This function add fills up the current period (typically year) with NA.

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#### Usage

```
fill_year_with_nas(x, add_periods = 1, fill_up_start = FALSE)
```

#### **Arguments**

```
x object of class tsadd_periods integer periods to add.fill_up_start logical should start year be filled up? Defaults to FALSE.
```

generate\_random\_ts Gen

Generate a list of random time series

## Description

Useful for development or generating easily reproducible examples

## Usage

```
generate_random_ts(
  n = 1,
  lengths = 36,
  starts = 1988,
  frequencies = 12,
  ranges_min = -1,
  ranges_max = 1,
  shifts = 0,
  ts_names = sprintf("ts%d", 1:n),
  seed = 30042018,
  random_NAs = FALSE,
  random_NA_proportions = 0.1,
  normally_distributed = FALSE,
  normal_means = 0,
  normal_sds = 1,
  frequency_shifts = FALSE,
  frequency_shift_after = 0.5
)
```

## Arguments

The number of ts objects to generate

lengths The lengths of the time series

starts The start points of the time series in single number notation (e.g. 1990.5)

frequencies The frequencies of the time series

ranges\_min The minimum values of the time series (if normally\_distributed == FALSE)

ranges\_max The maximum values of the time series (if normally\_distributed == FALSE)

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shifts The shifts of time series values per series ts\_names The names of the ts objects in the resulting list

seed The random seed to be used

random\_NAs Whether or not to introcude NA values at random positions in the ts

random\_NA\_proportions

The fraction of values to be replaced with NAs if random\_NAs is TRUE for the

series

normally\_distributed

Use normal distribution instead of uniform

normal\_means The means to use for normal distribution. Ignored unless normally\_distributed

is set to TRUE.

normal\_sds The sds to use for normal distribution. Ignored unless normally\_distributed is

set to TRUE.

frequency\_shifts

Introduce frequency shifts (from 4 to 12) in the ts

frequency\_shift\_after

After what fraction of the ts to shift frequencies

#### **Details**

Except for n and ts\_names, all parameters accept either a single value or a vector of values. If a single value is supplied, that value is used for all time series being generated. If a vector is supplied, its values will be used for the corresponding series (e.g. starts[1] is used for the first series, starts[2] for the second and so on). Vectors are recycled if n is larger than their length.

If a ts\_names vector is supplied, it must have length n and must not contain duplicates.

#### Value

A list of ts objects

#### **Examples**

```
generate_random_ts()
generate_random_ts(n = 3, ranges_min = c(-10, 0, 10), ranges_max = 20, starts = 2011)
```

getCiLegendColors

Helper to calculate ci colors for legends

#### **Description**

Helper to calculate ci colors for legends

```
getCiLegendColors(color, n = 1, alpha = NULL)
```

#### **Arguments**

n The color of the ci band
The number if ci bands

alpha The alpha/transparency of the ci band

#### **Details**

Color may be specified as either a named color or a hex value Transparency may be specified as a hex value, number 0-255 or number 0-1

#### Value

A vector of non-transparent colors that result from oberlaying color over pure white 1:n times

get\_date\_vector

Compute the Period Vector representation of a Decimal Time value

## **Description**

The period value will be rounded down to the nearest integer. This function is not vectorized so only a single value can be converted at a time.

#### Usage

```
get_date_vector(dtime, frq)
```

#### **Arguments**

dtime numeric decimal time value denoting a point in time

frq integer frequency

## Description

The tsplot methods provide a theme argument which is used to pass on a plethora of useful defaults. These defaults are essentially stored in a list. Sometimes the user may want to tweak some of these defaults while keeping most of them. Hence the init\_tsplot\_theme function create a fresh list object containing default values for lot of different layout parameters etc. By replacing single elements of the list and passing the entire list to the plot function, single aspects can be tweaked while keeping most defaults. Init defaultTheme does not need any parameters.

This function provides sensible defaults for margins, font size, line width etc. scaled to the dimensions of the output file.

```
init_tsplot_theme(
  auto_bottom_margin = FALSE,
 band_fill_color = c(ETH8 = "#007A92", ETH8_60 = "#66b0c2", ETH8_30 = "#b3d7e0",
  ETH8_20 = "#cce5eb", ETH5 = "#91056a", ETH5_60 = "#cc67a7", ETH5_30 = "#e6b3d3"),
  bar_border = "#000000",
  bar_border_lwd = 1,
 bar_fill_color = c(ETH8 = "#007A92", ETH8_60 = "#66b0c2", ETH8_30 = "#b3d7e0",
  ETH8_20 = "#cce5eb", ETH5 = "#91056a", ETH5_60 = "#cc67a7", ETH5_30 = "#e6b3d3"),
  bar_gap = 15,
  bar_group_gap = 30,
  ci_alpha = "44",
  ci_colors = line_colors,
  ci_legend_label = "%ci_value%% ci for %series%",
  default_bottom_margin = 15,
  fill_up_start = FALSE,
  fill_year_with_nas = TRUE,
  highlight_color = "#e9e9e9",
  highlight_window = FALSE,
  highlight_window_end = NA,
  highlight_window_freq = 4,
  highlight_window_start = NA,
  highlight_y_values = NA,
  highlight_y_lwd = 2,
  highlight_y_color = "#000000",
  label_pos = "mid",
  legend_all_left = FALSE,
  legend_box_size = 2,
  legend_col = 1,
  legend_font_size = 1,
  legend_intersp_x = 1,
  legend_intersp_y = 1,
  legend_margin_bottom = 5,
  legend_margin_top = 12,
  legend_seg.len = 2,
 line_colors = c(ETH_8_100 = "#a9af66", ETH_4_100 = "#72791c", ETH_8_20 = "#cce5eb",
   ETH_5_60 = "#cc67a7", ETH_8_60 = "#66b0c2", ETH_5_100 = "#91056a", ETH_4_60 =
    "#007a92"),
  line_to_middle = TRUE,
  lty = 1,
  1wd = c(2, 3, 1, 4, 2, 4),
  lwd_box = 1.5,
  lwd_quarterly_ticks = 1,
  lwd_x_axis = 1.5,
  lwd_y_axis = 1.5,
  lwd_y_ticks = 1.5,
  lwd_yearly_ticks = 1.5,
  margins = c(NA, 7, 12, 7),
```

```
NA_continue_line = FALSE,
 output_wide = FALSE,
  point_symbol = 1:18,
 pointsize = 12,
  preferred_y_gap_sizes = c(25, 20, 15, 10, 5, 2.5, 1, 0.5),
  quarterly_ticks = TRUE,
  range_must_not_cross_zero = TRUE,
  show_left_y_axis = TRUE,
  show_points = FALSE,
  show_right_y_axis = TRUE,
  show_x_axis = TRUE,
  show_y_grids = TRUE,
  subtitle_adj = 0,
  subtitle_adj_r = 0.9,
  subtitle\_cex = 1,
  subtitle_margin = 2,
  subtitle_outer = FALSE,
  subtitle_transform = "toupper",
  sum_as_line = FALSE,
 sum_legend = "sum",
  sum_line_color = c(ETH_8_100 = "#007a92"),
  sum_line_lty = 1,
  sum_line_lwd = 3,
  tcl_quarterly_ticks = -0.4,
  tcl_y_ticks = -0.75,
  tcl\_yearly\_ticks = -0.75,
  title_adj = 0,
  title_cex.main = 1,
  title_margin = 5,
  title_outer = FALSE,
  title_transform = NA,
  total_bar_margin_pct = 0.2,
  use_bar_gap_in_groups = FALSE,
  use_box = FALSE,
  x_{tick_dt} = 1,
 xaxs = "i",
 y_grid_color = "#CCCCCC",
 y_{grid_{count}} = c(5, 6, 8, 10),
 y_grid_count_strict = FALSE,
 y_{las} = 2,
 y_range_min_size = NULL,
 y_tick_force_integers = FALSE,
 y_{tick_margin} = 0.15,
 yaxs = "i",
 yearly_ticks = TRUE
init_tsplot_print_theme(
```

```
output_wide = FALSE,
 margins = c(NA, 10/if (output_wide) 1 + 1/3 else 1, 10, 7/if (output_wide) 1 + 1/3
    else 1),
 lwd = scale_theme_param_for_print(c(2, 3, 1, 4, 2, 4), if (output_wide) c(10 + 2/3, 4)
    6) else c(8, 6),
 sum_line_lwd = scale_theme_param_for_print(3, if (output_wide) c(10 + 2/3, 6) else
    c(8, 6)),
 lwd_box = scale_theme_param_for_print(1.5, if (output_wide) c(10 + 2/3, 6) else c(8,
    6)),
 lwd_x_axis = scale_theme_param_for_print(1.5, if (output_wide) c(10 + 2/3, 6) else
    c(8, 6)),
 lwd_yearly_ticks = scale_theme_param_for_print(1.5, if (output_wide) c(10 + 2/3, 6)
    else c(8, 6),
 lwd_quarterly_ticks = scale_theme_param_for_print(1, if (output_wide) c(10 + 2/3, 6)
    else c(8, 6),
 lwd_y_axis = scale_theme_param_for_print(1.5, if (output_wide) c(10 + 2/3, 6) else
    c(8, 6)),
 lwd_y_ticks = scale_theme_param_for_print(1.5, if (output_wide) c(10 + 2/3, 6) else
    c(8, 6)),
 legend_intersp_y = scale_theme_param_for_print(1, if (output_wide) c(10 + 2/3, 6)
    else c(8, 6),
 legend_box_size = scale_theme_param_for_print(2, if (output_wide) c(10 + 2/3, 6) else
    c(8, 6)),
  legend_margin_top = 8,
  legend_margin_bottom = 3,
 legend_seg.len = scale_theme_param_for_print(2, if (output_wide) c(10 + 2/3, 6) else
 pointsize = scale_theme_param_for_print(12, if (output_wide) c(10 + 2/3, 6) else c(8,
    6)),
)
```

## **Arguments**

auto\_bottom\_margin

logical Should the bottom margin be automatically calculated? This will be overridden if margins[1] is not NA. Default FALSE

band\_fill\_color

character vector of hex colors for the bands if left\_as\_band == TRUE.

bar\_border character hex colors for the border around bars in bar charts.

bar\_border\_lwd numeric The line width of the borders of bars in barplots. Default 1

bar\_fill\_color character vector of hex colors for the bars if left\_as\_bar == TRUE

bar\_gap numeric The width of the gap between bars, in % of space alloted to the bar.

bar\_group\_gap numeric The width of the gap between groups of bars if group\_bar\_chart is

TRUE.

ci\_alpha Numeric 0-255, numeric 0-1 or hey 00-FF, transparency of the confidence inter-

val bands

character A formatting template for how the ci bands should be labelled. May contain the placeholders. '%ci\_value%' will be replaced with the ci label. '%series%' (will be replaced with the series name) exactly once. Defaults to '%ci value% ci for %series%'

default\_bottom\_margin

numeric The bottom margin to use when margins[1] is NA but neither auto\_legend nor auto\_bottom\_margin are true. Default 3

fill\_up\_start logical shoule the start of the year also be filled? Has no effect if fill\_year\_with\_nas == FALSE. Default FALSE

fill\_year\_with\_nas

logical should year be filled up with missing in order to plot the entire year on the axis. Defaults to TRUE,

highlight\_color

character hex color code of highlight background, defaults to "#e9e9e9".

highlight\_window

logical should a particular time span be highlighted by different background color. Defaults to FALSE.

highlight\_window\_end

integer vector highlight window start position, defaults to NA.,

highlight\_window\_freq

integer frequency of the higlight window defintion, defaults to 4.

highlight\_window\_start

integer vector highlight window start position, defaults to NA.

highlight\_y\_values

numeric Vector of y values to highlight with a bold line

highlight\_y\_lwd

integer Line width of the lines to highlight y values

highlight\_y\_color

character Color of the lines to highlight y values

label\_pos character, denotes where the x-axis label is at. defaults to "mid", alternative value: "start".

legend\_all\_left

logical Should all legend entries be drawn on the left side of the plot? Default FALSE

legend\_box\_size

numeric The size of the squares denoting bar colors in the legend. Default 2

legend\_col integer number of columns for the legend, defaults to 3.

legend\_font\_size

numeric passed on to the cex parameter of legend, defaults to 1

legend\_intersp\_x

numeric same as base legend parameter, defaults to 1

legend\_intersp\_y

numeric same as base legend parameter, defaults to 1

legend\_margin\_bottom

numeric Distance between bottom of legend and bottom of graphic in % of device height, default 5

legend\_margin\_top

numeric Distance between bottom of plot and top of legends % of device height, defaults to 12

legend\_seg.len numeric Length of the line segments in the legend. Default 2

line\_colors character vector of hex colors for 6 lines.

line\_to\_middle logical try to put a line into the middle of the plot. defaults to TRUE.

1ty integer vector line type defaults to 1.

lwd integer vector line width, defaults to c(2,3,1,4,2,4).

lwd\_box numeric Line width of the box around the plot. Default 1.5

lwd\_quarterly\_ticks

numeric, width of yearly ticks, defaults to 1.

lwd\_x\_axis
 numeric The line width of the x axis. Default 1.5
 lwd\_y\_axis
 numeric The line width of the y axis. Default 1.5
 lwd\_y\_ticks
 numeric Line width of the y ticks. Default 1.5

lwd\_yearly\_ticks

numeric, width of yearly ticks, defaults to 1.5.

margins integer vector defaults to c(NA, 4, 3, 3) + 0.1. Set margins[1] to NA to automati-

cally determine the bottom margin such that the legend fits (if either auto\_legend

or auto\_bottom\_margin are TRUE)

NA\_continue\_line

boolean If true, NA values in time series are ignored and a contonuous line is drawn. Multiple values to turn this behavior on/off for indivitual series are

supported. Default FALSE

output\_wide logical Should the output file be in a wide format (16:9) or (4:3)? Only if out-

put\_format is not "plot". Default FALSE

point\_symbol integer or character The symbol to use for marking data points. Multiple values

can be supplied to set the symbol for each individual series See pch in ?par.

Default 1:18

pointsize Numeric Point size of text, in 1/72 of an inch

preferred\_y\_gap\_sizes

numeric c(25, 20, 15, 10, 5, 2.5, 1, 0.5),

quarterly\_ticks

logical, should quarterly ticks be shown. Defaults to TRUE.

range\_must\_not\_cross\_zero

logical automatic range finders are forced to do not find ranges below zero. Defaults to TRUE.

show\_left\_y\_axis

logical: should left y axis be shown, defaults to TRUE.

show\_points boolean Whether to draw the symbol specified by point\_symbol at the data

points. Multiple values can be supplied to enable/disable showing points for

each individual series Default FALSE

show\_right\_y\_axis logical: should left y axis be shown, defaults to TRUE. show\_x\_axis locigal: should x axis be shown, defaults to TRUE show\_y\_grids logical should y\_grids by shown at all, defaults to TRUE. subtitle\_adj numeric same as base plot parameter, defaults to 0. subtitle\_adj\_r numeric same as base plot parameter, defaults to .9 subtitle cex numeric same as base plot parameter, defaults to 1. subtitle\_margin numeric How far above the plot the title is placed in % of the device height. Defaults to 2. subtitle\_outer logical same as base plot parameter, defaults to TRUE subtitle\_transform function to transform the subtitle, defaults to "toupper", logical should the sum of stacked time series be displayed as a line on top of sum\_as\_line stacked bar charts. Defaults to FALSE, character Label for the sum line, defaults to "sum". Set to NULL to not label the sum\_legend line at all. sum\_line\_color character hex color of of sum\_as\_line, defaults "#91056a". sum\_line\_lty integer line type of sum as line, defaults to 1. sum\_line\_lwd integer line width of sum\_as\_line, defaults to 3. tcl\_quarterly\_ticks numeric, length of quarterly ticks. See tcl\_yearly\_ticks, defaults to -0.4 numeric Length of y ticks, see tcl\_yearly\_ticks. Default -0.75 tcl\_y\_ticks tcl\_yearly\_ticks numeric, length of yearly ticks. Analogous to cex for axis. defaults to -0.75. numeric, same as base plot parameter, defaults to 0. title\_adj title\_cex.main numeric, same as base plot parameter defaults to 1 title\_margin numeric How far above the plot the title is placed in % of the device height. Default 8 title outer logical, currently undocumented. Defaults to TRUE. title\_transform function to transform the title, defaults to NA. total\_bar\_margin\_pct numeric defintion as in base plot, defaults to "i", defaults to .2, use\_bar\_gap\_in\_groups logical Should there be gaps of size bar\_gap between the bars in a group if group bar chart = TRUE? Default FALSE use\_box logical use a box around the plot. x\_tick\_dt numeric The distance between ticks on the x axis in years. The first tick will always be at the start of the plotted time series. Defaults to 1. character axis defintion as in base plot, defaults to "i". xaxs

```
character hex color of grids. Defaults to gray "#CCCCCC".
y_grid_color
y_grid_count
                  integer vector preferred y grid counts c(5,6,8,10).
y_grid_count_strict
                  logical should we strictly stick to preferred y grid count? Defaults to FALSE.
                  integer, same as base plot parameter defaults to 2.
y_las
y_range_min_size
                  = NULL,
y_tick_force_integers
                  logical Should y ticks be forced (rounded down) to whole numbers? Default
                  FALSE
                  numeric, minimal percentage of horizontal grid that needs to be clean, i.e., with-
y_tick_margin
                  out lines or bars. Defaults to 0.15 (15 percent).
                  character axis defintion as in base plot, defaults to "i".
yaxs
yearly_ticks
                  logical, should yearly ticks be shown. Defaults to TRUE.
                  All the other arguments to init_tsplot_thene
```

#### **Details**

Themes are essentially list that contain par parameters. Below all items are listed, some of them with comments. The per-line parameters (line\_colors,lwd,lty,show\_points,point\_symbol) are recycled if more time series than elements on the corresponding theme vectors are supplied. e.g. if four time series are plotted but only two line\_colors are supplied, the first and third series have the first color, while the second and fourth series have the second color. The list contains the following elements:

#### Author(s)

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## **Examples**

```
## Not run: # create a list
data(KOF)
tt <- init_tsplot_theme()
# adjust a single element
tt$highlight_window <- TRUE
# pass the list to tsplot
tsplot(KOF$kofbarometer,theme = tt)
# for more theme examples check the vignette
vignette("tstools")
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

long\_to\_ts

**KOF** 

KOF Barometer - Swiss Business Cycle Indicator

#### **Description**

A list of time series containing two time series the KOF Barometer and the growth of Swiss GDP over time. KOF Barometer is a monthly business cycle indicator computed by the KOF Swiss Economic Institute. The GDP growth rate is used as a reference series to the Barometer.

#### Usage

**KOF** 

#### **Format**

A list of two time series of class ts

kofbarometer KOF Barometer Indicator'

reference Reference series to KOF Barometer, change in Swiss GDP compared to previous month

baro\_point\_fc Auto Arima point forecast of the KOF Barometer

baro\_lo\_80 Auto Arima 80 percent CI lower bound of the KOF Barometer forecast

baro\_hi\_80 Auto Arima 80 percent CI upper bound of the KOF Barometer forecast

baro\_lo\_95 Auto Arima 95 percent CI lower bound of the KOF Barometer forecast

baro\_hi\_95 Auto Arima 95 percent CI upper bound of the KOF Barometer forecast ...

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 $long_to_ts$ 

Transform a long format data.frame of time series to a tslist

#### **Description**

The data.frame must have three columns "date", "value" and "series" (identifying the time series)

```
long_to_ts(
  data,
  keep_last_freq_only = FALSE,
  force_xts = FALSE,
  strip_nas = TRUE
)
```

 $m_to_q$ 

## **Arguments**

data data.frame The data.frame to be transformed

keep\_last\_freq\_only

in case there is a frequency change in a time series, should only the part of the series be returned that has the same frequency as the last observation. This is

useful when data start out crappy and then stabilize

force\_xts logical

strip\_nas logical should NAs be stripped (no leading and trailing nas)?

 $m_to_q$ 

Turn monthly series with regular NAs to quarter

## Description

Monthly series with NAs in non-quarter months are turned to quarterly series. Series without NAs are just returned.

## Usage

```
m_to_q(series)
```

## **Arguments**

series

an object of class ts with monthly frequency

```
overlap_sorted_ts_lists
```

Concat Time Series list wise

## **Description**

Concat overlapping time series list wise. List needs to be of same length. Takes names of list B.

## Usage

```
overlap_sorted_ts_lists(listA, listB)
```

## Arguments

listA list of time series
listB list of time series

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```
overlap_ts_lists_by_name
```

Resolve Overlap Listwise, helpful with SA

## Description

Resolve Overlap Listwise, helpful with SA

#### Usage

```
overlap_ts_lists_by_name(listA, listB, chunkA = "_f4", chunkB = "_f12")
```

## **Arguments**

list A list of time series often of lower frequency
listB list of time series often of higher frequency

chunkA character chunk representing frequencies, defaults to \_f4.
chunkB character chunk representing frequences, defaults to \_f12.

read\_swissdata

Read data generated by the Swissdata project

## Description

Read data from swissdata compliant .csv files and turn them into a list of time series.

## Usage

```
read_swissdata(
  path,
  key_columns = NULL,
  filter = NULL,
  aggregates = NULL,
  keep_last_freq_only = FALSE
)
```

## Arguments

path character full path to dataset.

key\_columns character vector specifying all columns that should be part of the key. Defaults

to the dim.order specified by swissdata.

filter function A function that is applied to the raw data.data table after it is read.

Useful for filtering out undesired data.

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aggregates

list A list of dimensions over which to aggregate data. The names of this list determing which function is used to calculate the aggregate (e.g. sum, mean etc.). Defaults to sum.

keep\_last\_freq\_only

in case there is a frequency change in a time series, should only the part of the series be returned that has the same frequency as the last observation. This is useful when data start out crappy and then stabilize

#### **Details**

The order of dimensions in key\_columns determines their order in the key The resulting ts\_key will be of the form <swissdata-set-name>.<instance of key\_columns[1]>...

## Examples

```
ds_location <- system.file("example_data/ch.seco.css.csv",package = "tstools")
tslist <- read_swissdata(ds_location,"idx_type")
tsplot(tslist[1])</pre>
```

read\_swissdata\_meta

Read swissdata style yaml timeseries metadata

#### **Description**

read\_swissdata\_meta reads the given .yaml file and converts it into a per-timeseries format.

## Usage

```
read_swissdata_meta(path, locale = "de", as_list = FALSE)
```

#### **Arguments**

path	Path to the yaml file to be read
locale	Locale in which to read the data (supported are "de", "fr", "it" and "en")
as_list	Should the output be converted to a list?

## **Details**

If as\_list is set to TRUE, the function returns a nested list with one element per timeseries, otherwise a data.table with one row per series.

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read\_ts

Import time series data from a file.

## **Description**

If importing from a zip file, the archive should contain a single file with the extension .csv, .xlsx or .ison.

#### Usage

```
read_ts(
    file,
    format = c("csv", "xlsx", "json", "zip"),
    sep = ",",
    skip = 0,
    column_names = c("date", "value", "series"),
    keep_last_freq_only = FALSE,
    force_xts = FALSE
)
```

## **Arguments**

file Path to the file to be read

format Which file format is the data stored in? If no format is supplied, read\_ts will

attempt to guess from the file extension.

sep character seperator for csv files. defaults to ','.

skip numeric See data.table's fread.

column\_names character vector denoting column names, defaults to c("date","value", "series).

keep\_last\_freq\_only

in case there is a frequency change in a time series, should only the part of the series be returned that has the same frequency as the last observation. This is useful when data start out crappy and then stabilize after a while. Defaults to

FALSE. Hence only the last part of the series is returned.

force\_xts If set to true, the time series will be returned as xts objects regargless of regular-

ity. Setting this to TRUE means keep\_last\_freq\_only is ignored.

## Value

A named list of ts objects

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regularize

Turn an Irregular Time Series to a Regular, ts-Based Series

## **Description**

Adds missing values to turn an irregular time series into a regular one. This function is currently experimental. Only works or target frequencies 1,2,4,12.

#### Usage

```
regularize(x)
```

#### **Arguments**

Χ

an irregular time series object of class zoo or xts.

## **Examples**

```
ts1 <- rnorm(5)
dv <- c(seq(as.Date("2010-01-01"), length = 3, by="3 years"),
seq(as.Date("2018-01-01"), length = 2, by="2 years"))
library(zoo)
xx <- zoo(ts1,dv)
regularize(xx)

dv2 <- c(seq(as.Date("2010-01-01"), length = 20, by = "1 months"))
dv2 <- dv2[c(1:10, 14:20)]
xx2 <- zoo(rnorm(length(dv2)), dv2)
regularize(xx2)</pre>
```

resolve\_ts\_overlap

Concatenate Time Series and Resolve Overlap Automatically

#### **Description**

Append time series to each other. Resolve overlap determines which of two ts class time series is reaching further and arranges the two series into first and second series accordingly. Both time series are concatenated to one if both series had the same frequency. Typically this function is used concatenate two series that have a certain overlap, but one series clearly starts earlier while the other lasts longer. If one series starts earlier and stops later, all elements of the shorter series will be inserted into the larger series, i.e. elements of the smaller series will replace the elements of the longer series. Usually ts2 is kept.

```
resolve_ts_overlap(ts1, ts2, keep_ts2 = T, tolerance = 0.001)
```

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#### **Arguments**

ts time series, typically the older series

ts time series, typically the younger series

keep\_ts2 logical should ts2 be kept? Defaults to TRUE.

tolerance numeric when comparing min and max values with a index vector of a time series R runs in to trouble with precision handling, thus a tolerance needs to be set. Typically this does not need to be adjusted. E.g. 2010 != 2010.000. With

the help of the tolerance parameter these two are equal.

#### **Examples**

```
ts1 <- ts(rnorm(100), start = c(1990,1), frequency = 4)
ts2 <- ts(1:18, start = c(2000, 1), frequency = 4)
resolve_ts_overlap(ts1,ts2)
# automatical detection of correction sequence!
ts1 <- ts(rnorm(90), start = c(1990, 1), frequency = 4)
ts2 \leftarrow ts(1:60, start = c(2000, 1), frequency = 4)
resolve_ts_overlap(ts1,ts2)
# both series are of the same length use sequence of arguments.
ts1 < -ts(rnorm(100), start = c(1990, 1), frequency = 4)
ts2 <- ts(1:48, start = c(2003, 1), frequency = 4)
resolve_ts_overlap(ts1,ts2)
ts1 <- ts(rnorm(101), start = c(1990, 1), frequency = 4)
ts2 \leftarrow ts(1:61, start = c(2000, 1), frequency = 4)
resolve_ts_overlap(ts1,ts2)
#' clearly dominatn ts2 series
ts1 < -ts(rnorm(50), start = c(1990, 1), frequency = 4)
ts2 <- ts(1:100, start = c(1990, 1), frequency = 4)
resolve_ts_overlap(ts1,ts2)
```

set\_month\_to\_NA

Set Periods to NA

## **Description**

This function is typically used to discard information in non-quarter month. I.e., data is only kept in January, April, July and December and otherwise set to NA. In combination with m\_to\_q this function is useful to turn monthly series into quarterly series by letting the quarter month values represent the entire quarter. This can be useful when data was interpolated because of mixing data of different frequencies and needs to be converted back to a regular, quarterly time series.

```
set_month_to_NA(series, keep_month = c(1, 4, 7, 10))
```

## Arguments

series ts object

keep\_month integer vector denoting the months that not be set to NA. Defaults to c(1,4,7,10)

## **Examples**

```
tsq <- ts(1:20,start=c(1990,1),frequency = 4)
aa <- tsqm(tsq)
m_to_q(set_month_to_NA(aa))</pre>
```

```
start_ts_after_internal_nas
```

Start a Time Series after the Last Internal NA

## Description

Internal NAs can cause trouble for time series operations such as X-13-ARIMA SEATS seasonal adjustment. Often, internal NAs only occur at at the beginning of a time series. Thus an easy solution to the problem is to discard the initial part of the data which contains the NA values. This way only a small part of the information is lost as opposed to not being able to seasonally adjust an entire series.

#### Usage

```
start_ts_after_internal_nas(series)
```

## **Arguments**

series on object of class ts

#### See Also

```
{\it stripLeadingNAsFromTs}, {\it stripTrailingNAsFromTs}
```

## **Examples**

```
ts1 <- 1:30
ts1[c(3,6)] <- NA
ts1 <- ts(ts1,start=c(2000,1),frequency = 4)
start_ts_after_internal_nas(ts1)</pre>
```

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```
strip_ts_of_leading_nas
```

Strip Leading / Trailing NAs from a Time Series Object

## **Description**

Removes NAs to begin with and starts time series index at the first non-NA value.

## Usage

```
strip_ts_of_leading_nas(s)
strip_ts_of_trailing_nas(s)
```

#### **Arguments**

s

an object of class ts.

tsplot

Plot Time Series

## **Description**

Conveniently plot time series.

```
tsplot(
  ...,
  tsr = NULL,
 ci = NULL,
 left_as_bar = FALSE,
  group_bar_chart = FALSE,
  relative_bar_chart = FALSE,
  left_as_band = FALSE,
  plot_title = NULL,
  plot_subtitle = NULL,
  plot_subtitle_r = NULL,
  find_ticks_function = "findTicks",
  overall_xlim = NULL,
  overall_ylim = NULL,
 manual_date_ticks = NULL,
 manual_value_ticks_1 = NULL,
 manual_value_ticks_r = NULL,
 manual_ticks_x = NULL,
```

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```
theme = NULL,
quiet = TRUE,
auto_legend = TRUE,
output_format = "plot",
filename = "tsplot",
close_graphics_device = TRUE)
```

#### **Arguments**

... multiple objects of class ts or a list of time series. All objects passed through the

... parameter relate to the standard left y-axis.

tsr list of time series objects of class ts.
ci list of confidence intervals for time series

left\_as\_bar logical should the series that relate to the left bar be drawn as (stacked) bar

charts?

group\_bar\_chart

logical should a bar chart be grouped instead of stacked?

relative\_bar\_chart

logical Should time series be normalized such that bars range from 0 to 1? Defaults to FALSE. That way every sub bar (time series) is related to the global max. Hence do not expect every single bar to reach 1. This works for stacked and grouped charts and does not change anything but the scale of the chart.

left\_as\_band logical Should the time series assigned to the left axis be displayed as stacked

area charts?

plot\_title character title to be added to the plot plot\_subtitle character subtitle to be added to the plot plot\_subtitle\_r

character second subtitle to be added at the top right

find\_ticks\_function

function to compute ticks.

overall\_xlim integer overall x-axis limits, defaults to NULL.
overall\_ylim integer overall y-axis limits, defaults to NULL.

manual\_date\_ticks

character vector of manual date ticks.

manual\_value\_ticks\_l

numeric vector, forcing ticks to the left y-axis

manual\_value\_ticks\_r

numeric vector, forcing ticks to the right y-axis

manual\_ticks\_x numeric vector, forcing ticks on the x axis

theme list of default plot output parameters. Defaults to NULL, which leads to init\_tsplot\_theme

being called. Please see the vignette for details about tweaking themes.

quiet logical suppress output, defaults to TRUE.

auto\_legend logical should legends be printed automatically, defaults to TRUE.

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output\_format character Should the plot be drawn on screen or written to a file? Possible values

are "plot" for screen output and "pdf". Default "plot"

filename character Path to the file to be written if output\_format is "pdf". Default

"tsplot.pdf"

close\_graphics\_device

logical Should the graphics device of the output file be closed after tsplot? Set this to FALSE to be able to make modifications to the plot after tsplot finishes.

Default TRUE

#### **Details**

The ci parameter is a 3-level list of the form list(ts1 = list(ci\_value\_1 = list(ub = upper\_bound\_ts\_object, lb = lower\_bound\_ts\_object), ...), ...)

See vignette("tstools") for details.

tsqm

Interpolate quarterly time series into monthly

## **Description**

Repeat quarterly variables two times to generate a monthly variable.

## Usage

```
tsqm(qts)
```

## Arguments

qts

quarterly time series

## **Examples**

```
tsq \leftarrow ts(1:20, start=c(1990, 1), frequency = 4)

tsqm(tsq)
```

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tstools-deprecated

Deprecated function(s) in tstools

#### Description

These functions are provided for compatibility with older version of the tstools package. They may eventually be completely removed.

#### **Arguments**

... Parameters to be passed to the modern version of the function

#### **Details**

```
concatTs
                      now a synonym for concat_ts
    fillupYearWitnNAs
                      now a synonym for fill_year_with_nas
     importTimeSeries
                      now a synonym for read_ts
    init_tsplot_theme
                      now a synonym for init_tsplot_theme
   overlapSortedLists
                      now a synonym for overlap_sorted_ts_lists
     overlapTslByName
                      now a synonym for overlap_ts_lists_by_name
                      now a synonym for resolve_ts_overlap
       resolveOverlap
stripLeadingNAsFromTs
                      now a synonym for strip_ts_of_leading_nas
stripTrailingNAsFromTs
                      now a synonym for strip_ts_of_trailing_nas
      writeTimeSeries
                      now a synonym for write_ts
```

wide\_to\_ts

Transform a wide format data.frame into a tslist

## Description

The time series in the data.frame may be stored either rowwise or columnswise. The identifying column must be called date (for columnwise) or series (for rowwise)

```
wide_to_ts(data, keep_last_freq_only = FALSE, force_xts = FALSE)
```

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## **Arguments**

data data.frame The data.frame to be transformed keep\_last\_freq\_only

in case there is a frequency change in a time series, should only the part of the series be returned that has the same frequency as the last observation. This is useful when data start out crappy and then stabilize after a while. Defaults to

FALSE. Hence only the last part of the series is returned.

force\_xts boolean force xts format? Defaults to FALSE.

write\_ts

Export a list of time series to a file.

#### **Description**

Export a list of time series to a file.

## Usage

```
write_ts(
   tl,
   fname = NULL,
   format = "csv",
   date_format = NULL,
   timestamp_to_fn = FALSE,
   round_digits = NULL,
   rdata_varname = "tslist",
   ...
)
```

## **Arguments**

tl list of time series

fname character file name. Defaults to NULL, displaying output on console. Set a file

name without file extension in order to store a file. Default file names / location

are not CRAN compliant which is why the file name defaults to NULL.

format character denotes export formats. Defaults to .csv. "csv", "xlsx", "json", "rdata"

are available. Spreadsheet formats like csv allow for further optional parameters.

date\_format character denotes the date format. Defaults to NULL. If set to null the default is

used: Jan 2010.

timestamp\_to\_fn

If TRUE, the current date will be appended to the file name. Defaults to FALSE.

round\_digits integer, precision in digits.

rdata\_varname character name of the list of time series within the store RData. Defaults to

"tslist".

... additional arguments used by spedific formats.

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## **Details**

Additional arguments covered by ...

Name	Effect	Format(s)
wide	Export data in a wide format (one column per series)	CSV, XLSX
transpose	Transpose exported data (one row per series)	CSV, XLSX, only if wide = TRUE
zip	If set to TRUE, the file is compressed into a zip archive after export	any

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