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chart\_xts Plot an xts time series with custom y-axis range and with vertical background shading.

## **Description**

A wrapper for function chart\_Series() from package quantmod.

## Usage

```
chart_xts(x_ts, ylim = NULL, in_dex = NULL, ...)
```

# Arguments

x_ts	xts time series.
ylim	numeric vector with two elements containing the y-axis range.
in_dex	Boolean vector or xts time series for specifying the shading areas, with TRUE indicating "lightgreen" shading, and FALSE indicating "lightgrey" shading.
	additional arguments to function chart_Series().

## **Details**

Extracts the chart object and modifies its ylim parameter using accessor and setter functions. Also adds background shading using function add\_TA(). The in\_dex argument should have the same length as the x\_ts time series. Finally the function chart\_xts() plots the chart object and returns it invisibly.

## Value

chart object chob returned invisibly.

```
quantmod::chart_xts(env_etf$VTI["2015-11"],
  name="VTI in Nov 2015", ylim=c(102, 108),
  in_dex=zoo::index(env_etf$VTI["2015-11"]) > as.Date("2015-11-18"))
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Extract close prices from an OHLC time series.

## Description

Extract close prices from an OHLC time series.

## Usage

```
clo_se(x_ts, which_col = "Close")
```

## **Arguments**

x\_ts an OHLC time series.

which\_col partial name of the column to be be extracted.

#### **Details**

Extracts close prices from an OHLC time series. Assigns a column name corresponding to its symbol (ticker) and the column name, for example "VTI.Close". The which\_col argument is partially matched, for example "vol" is matched to "Volume".

#### Value

single column OHLC time series in xts format.

## **Examples**

```
# get close prices for VTI
clo_se(env_etf$VTI)
# get volumes for VTI
clo_se(env_etf$VTI, which_col="vol")
```

diff\_it

Calculate the row differences of a numeric vector or matrix.

## **Description**

Calculate the row differences of a numeric vector or matrix.

## Usage

```
diff_it(in_put, lag = 1)
```

## **Arguments**

in\_put a numeric vector or matrix.

lag integer equal to the number of periods of lag.

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#### **Details**

Calculates the row differences between rows that are lag rows apart. The leading or trailing stub periods are padded with zeros. Positive lag means that the difference is calculated as the current row minus the row that is lag rows above. (vice versa negative lag). This also applies to vectors, since they can be viewed as single-column matrices.

#### Value

vector or matrix with the same dimensions as the input object.

## **Examples**

```
# diff vector by 2 periods
diff_it(1:10, lag=2)
# diff matrix by negative 2 periods
diff_it(matrix(1:10, ncol=2), lag=-2)
```

diff\_xts

Calculate the time differences of an xts time series.

## **Description**

Calculate the time differences of an xts time series.

#### Usage

```
diff_xts(x_ts, lag = 1, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

```
x_ts an xts time series.lag integer equal to the number of time periods of lag.... additional arguments to function xts::diff_xts().
```

#### **Details**

Calculates the time differences of an xts time series and pads with zeros instead of NAs. Positive lag means differences are calculated with values from lag periods in the past (vice versa negative lag). The function diff() is just a wrapper for diff\_xts() from package xts, but it pads with zeros instead of NAs.

#### Value

xts time series with the same dimensions and the same time index as the input series.

```
# calculate time differences over lag by 10 periods
rutils::diff_xts(env_etf$VTI, lag=10)
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do_call	Recursively apply a function to a list of objects, such as xts time series.

## **Description**

Performs a similar operation as do.call(), but using recursion, which is much faster and uses less memory. The function do\_call() is a generalization of function do\_call\_rbind().

## Usage

```
do_call(func_tion, li_st, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

```
func_tion name of function that returns a single object from a list of objects.

li_st list of objects, such as vectors, matrices, data frames, or time series.

additional arguments to function func_tion().
```

#### **Details**

Performs lapply loop, each time binding neighboring elements and dividing the length of li\_st by half. The result of performing do\_call(rbind, list\_xts) on a list of xts time series is identical to performing do.call(rbind, list\_xts). But do.call(rbind, list\_xts) is very slow, and often causes an 'out of memory' error.

#### Value

single vector, matrix, data frame, or time series.

## **Examples**

```
# create xts time series
x_ts <- xts(x=rnorm(1000), order.by=(Sys.time()-3600*(1:1000)))
# split time series into daily list
list_xts <- split(x_ts, "days")
# rbind the list back into a time series and compare with the original
identical(x_ts, do_call(rbind, list_xts))</pre>
```

```
do_call_assign Apply a function to a list of objects, merge the outputs into a single object, and assign the object to the output environment.
```

# Description

Apply a function to a list of objects, merge the outputs into a single object, and assign the object to the output environment.

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## Usage

```
do_call_assign(func_tion, sym_bols = NULL, out_put, env_in = .GlobalEnv,
  env_out = .GlobalEnv, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

func_tion	name of function that returns a single object (vector, xts time series, etc.)
sym_bols	vector of strings with names of input objects.
out_put	string with name of output object.
env_in	environment containing sym_bols.
env_out	environment for creating out_put.
	additional arguments to function func_tion().

#### **Details**

Performs an lapply loop over sym\_bols, applies the function func\_tion(), merges the outputs into a single object, and creates the object in the environment env\_out. The output object is created as a side effect, while its name is returned invisibly.

#### Value

```
single object (matrix, xts time series, etc.)
```

## **Examples**

```
new_env <- new.env()
do_call_assign(
  func_tion=clo_se,
  sym_bols=env_etf$sym_bols,
  out_put="price_s",
  env_in=env_etf, env_out=new_env)</pre>
```

do\_call\_rbind

Recursively 'rbind' a list of objects, such as xts time series.

## **Description**

Performs the same operation as do.call(rbind, li\_st), but using recursion, which is much faster and uses less memory. This is the same function as 'do.call.rbind' from package 'qmao'.

# Usage

```
do_call_rbind(li_st)
```

## **Arguments**

li\_st list of objects, such as vectors, matrices, data frames, or time series.

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#### **Details**

Performs lapply loop, each time binding neighboring elements and dividing the length of li\_st by half. The result of performing do\_call\_rbind(list\_xts) on a list of xts time series is identical to performing do.call(rbind, list\_xts). But do.call(rbind, list\_xts) is very slow, and often causes an 'out of memory' error.

#### Value

single vector, matrix, data frame, or time series.

## **Examples**

```
# create xts time series
x_ts <- xts(x=rnorm(1000), order.by=(Sys.time()-3600*(1:1000)))
# split time series into daily list
list_xts <- split(x_ts, "days")
# rbind the list back into a time series and compare with the original
identical(x_ts, do_call_rbind(list_xts))</pre>
```

end\_points

Calculate an index (integer vector) of equally spaced end points for a time series.

#### **Description**

Calculate an index (integer vector) of equally spaced end points for a time series.

# Usage

```
end_points(x_ts, inter_val = 10, off_set = 0)
```

## **Arguments**

x\_ts vector or time series.

 $inter\_val \hspace{1cm} the \hspace{1cm} number \hspace{1cm} of \hspace{1cm} data \hspace{1cm} points \hspace{1cm} per \hspace{1cm} interval.$ 

off\_set the number of data points in the first interval (stub interval).

#### **Details**

The end points divide the time series into equally spaced intervals. The off\_set argument shifts the end points forward and creates an initial stub interval.

## Value

integer vector of equally spaced end points.

```
# calculate end points with initial stub interval
end_points(env_etf$VTI, inter_val=7, off_set=4)
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etf\_data

The etf\_data dataset contains a single environment called env\_etf, which includes daily OHLC time series data for a portfolio of symbols.

## **Description**

The env\_etf environment includes daily OHLC time series data for a portfolio of symbols, and reference data:

```
sym_bols a vector of strings with the portfolio symbols.
```

 $price\_s$  a single xts time series containing daily closing prices for all the  $sym\_bols$ .

re\_turns a single xts time series containing daily returns for all the sym\_bols.

Individual time series "VTI", "VEU", etc., containing daily OHLC prices for the sym\_bols.

## Usage

```
data(etf_data) # not required - data is lazy load
```

#### **Format**

Each xts time series contains the columns:

Open Open prices

**High** High prices

Low Low prices

Close Close prices

Volume daily trading volume

Adjusted Adjusted closing prices

#### **Examples**

```
# data(etf_data) # not needed - data is lazy load
# get first six rows of OHLC prices
head(env_etf$VTI)
chart_Series(x=env_etf$VTI["2009-11"])
```

lag\_it

Apply a lag to a numeric vector or matrix.

## **Description**

Apply a lag to a numeric vector or matrix.

## Usage

```
lag_it(in_put, lag = 1)
```

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## **Arguments**

in\_put a numeric vector or matrix.

lag integer equal to the number of periods of lag.

#### **Details**

Applies a lag to a vector or matrix, by shifting its values by a certain number of rows, equal to the integer lag, and pads the leading or trailing stub periods with zeros. Positive lag means that values in the current row are replaced with values from the row that are lag rows above. (vice versa negative lag). This also applies to vectors, since they can be viewed as single-column matrices.

#### Value

vector or matrix with the same dimensions as the input object.

# **Examples**

```
# lag vector by 2 periods
lag_it(1:10, lag=2)
# lag matrix by negative 2 periods
lag_it(matrix(1:10, ncol=2), lag=-2)
```

lag\_xts

Apply a time lag to an xts time series.

## **Description**

Apply a time lag to an xts time series.

#### Usage

```
lag_xts(x_ts, k = 1, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

x\_ts an xts time series.

k integer equal to the number of time periods of lag.... additional arguments to function xts::lag\_xts().

#### **Details**

Applies a time lag to an xts time series and pads with the first and last values instead of NAs. Positive lag k means values from k periods in the past are moved to the present. Negative lag k moves values from the future to the present. The function lag() is just a wrapper for function lag\_xts() from package xts, but it pads with the first and last values instead of NAs.

#### Value

xts time series with the same dimensions and the same time index as the input series.

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## **Examples**

```
# lag by 10 periods
rutils::lag_xts(env_etf$VTI, k=10)
```

na\_me

Extract the name of an OHLC time series from its first column name.

## **Description**

Extract the name of an OHLC time series from its first column name.

# Usage

```
na_me(x_ts, field = 1)
```

## **Arguments**

x\_ts OHLC time series.

field the integer index of the field to be extracted.

#### **Details**

Extracts the symbol name (ticker) from the name of the first column of an OHLC time series. The column name is assumed to be in the format "symbol.Open". It can also extract the field name after the "." separator, for example "Open" from "SPY.Open".

#### Value

string with name of time series.

# **Examples**

```
# get name for VTI
na_me(env_etf$VTI)
```

roll\_max

Calculate the rolling maximum of an xts time series over a sliding window (lookback period).

#### **Description**

Performs the same operation as function runMax() from package TTR, but using vectorized functions, so it's a little faster.

## Usage

```
roll_max(x_ts, win_dow)
```

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## **Arguments**

x\_ts an xts time series containing one or more columns of data.

win\_dow the size of the lookback window, equal to the number of data points for calcu-

lating the rolling sum.

#### **Details**

For example, if win\_dow=3, then the rolling sum at any point is equal to the sum of  $x_ts$  values for that point plus two preceding points. The initial values of roll\_max() are equal to cumsum() values, so that roll\_max() doesn't return any NA values.

#### Value

xts time series with the same dimensions as the input series.

# **Examples**

```
# create xts time series
x_ts <- xts(x=rnorm(1000), order.by=(Sys.time()-3600*(1:1000)))
roll_max(x_ts, win_dow=3)</pre>
```

roll\_sum

Calculate the rolling sum of an xts time series over a sliding window (lookback period).

## **Description**

Performs the same operation as function runSum() from package TTR, but using vectorized functions, so it's a little faster.

#### Usage

```
roll_sum(x_ts, win_dow)
```

## **Arguments**

x\_ts an xts time series containing one or more columns of data.

win\_dow the size of the lookback window, equal to the number of data points for calcu-

lating the rolling sum.

#### Details

For example, if win\_dow=3, then the rolling sum at any point is equal to the sum of x\_ts values for that point plus two preceding points. The initial values of roll\_sum() are equal to cumsum() values, so that roll\_sum() doesn't return any NA values.

#### Value

xts time series with the same dimensions as the input series.

roll\_sum

```
# create xts time series 
 x_ts <- xts(x=rnorm(1000), order.by=(Sys.time()-3600*(1:1000))) 
 roll_sum(x_ts, win_dow=3)
```

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