

Tools installation for seasonnal adjustment

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Context

For seasonal adjustment we recommend using JDemetra+ algorithms

Thus, it is helpful to install the following tools:

- JDemetra+ Graphical User Interface (X13-Arima and Tramo-Seats)
- **R** and Rstudio (which allow to access even more JDemetra+ algorithms)

⚠ No assistance in **SAS** language will be given. ⚠

Preliminary

On the computers without administrator rights (*professional computer, for example*), it is recommended to create a folder **Software** under `C:\Users\...\Software` or directly under `C:\Users\Software` where all software will be installed.

⚠ Warning: when we specify an **absolute** path for a software (JDemetra+, Java, **R**, ...) in a program, a shortcut, a variable, ..., it must be modified each time any root repository is moved.

1 Installation of JDemetra+

JDemetra+ is a collection of Java programs used for time series analysis and more specifically for seasonal adjustment. JDemetra+ is delivered in the form of an GUI (Graphical User Interface) but there are **R** packages developed to be used with **R** as well as a cruncher (executable).

1.1 Version of JDemetra+ and dependencies

JDemetra+ is downloadable from the github link of the application: <https://github.com/jdemetra/jdemetra-app/releases>.

The last release (v2.2.3) dates from July 7, 2020. It is the last **stable** version of JDemetra+. **This version should be downloaded and must be used in production.**

There are two more versions of JDemetra+ which are only at a **test** stage:

- v2.2.4: a v2.2.3 corrected from bugs but without adding some major new features
- v3.0.0: the new JDemetra+ version with new features and a new GUI

JDemetra+ v2.2.3 and v2.2.4 require Java version ≥ 8 while v3.0.0 requires Java version ≥ 17 :

JDemetra+ version	Java version
v2.2.3	≥ 8
v2.2.4 (RC2)	≥ 8

JDemetra+ version	Java version
v3.0.0 (RC1)	≥ 17


RC: Release candidate

In the following procedure, the installation processes of this 3 versions are the same. You just have to repeat them for each version you want to install.


1.2 Installation process


There are two possibilities for installing:

- **Download and execute** the **.exe** file which requires administrator rights
- **Download and unzip** the compressed folder **.zip** that allows to get a portable version of the software

 **Warning:** for the second option, you need to **download** the compressed folder `jdemetra+-2.2.3-bin.zip` (for the version 2.2.3 for example) and **not** the folder **Source code (zip)**.

The Software is in the folder `\nbdemetra\bin\`, these are the file `nbdemetra.exe` (version 32-bit) and `nbdemetra64.exe` (version 64-bit).

 **Advice:** If you want to use several versions of JDemetra+ (v2.2.3, v3.0.0, ...), you can rename the unzipped folder in `\nbdemetra-2.2.3\`, `\nbdemetra-2.2.4\` and `\nbdemetra-3.0.0\`.

 **Remark:** You can create shortcuts to the executable files if you want to launch them from another folder (Desktop, project folder...).

1.3 Installation of the cruncher

The cruncher (**JWSACruncher**) is a tool to update a workspace of JDemetra+ from the console, without opening JDemetra+ Graphical User Interface. The update of a workspace can then be done from another Software (**R** or **SAS** for example).


To use the cruncher, you have to:

- **Download** and **unzip** the file from the **latest stable** version v2.2.3 here <https://github.com/jdemetra/jwsacruncher/releases>

If you want to install and use a portable Java version (See section Java installation), you have to modify some parameters to use the cruncher:

- In the unzipped folder, **open** (for example with Notepad++) the file `jwsacruncher.bat` present in the subfolder `\bin\` (that is under `jdemetra-cli-2.2.3\bin\` in the version 2.2.3 of the cruncher)
- **Modify** the value of the variable `JAVACMD` at the line **71** (currently `JAVACMD=java`) by the address towards the file `java.exe` of the portable version. Then, if JPortable is installed under `C:\Users\Software`, the new line is `if "%JAVACMD%"==" set JAVACMD="C:\\Users\\Software\\Java64\\bin\\java"` (for Java 8).

2 Installation of Java

 On Insee computers, Java is already installed in version 8. Then, there is no need to install a portable version to use JDemetra+ in version 2.2.3 or 2.2.4.

2.1 Java 8

To install Java 8, use the link https://portableapps.com/apps/utilities/java_portable. If you use the version 64-bit of JDemetra+, you should install the version jPortable 64-bit (at the bottom of the page).

2.2 Java 17

To install Java 17, you need to head over to <https://www.oracle.com/java/technologies/javase/jdk17-archive-downloads.html>.

- **Download** the version Compressed Archive of Windows (https://download.oracle.com/java/17/archive/jdk-17.0.4.1_windows-x64_bin.zip)
- **Unzip** the folder `jdk-17.0.6` under `C:\Users\Software` (for example)

After a Java installation (in version 8, 17 or other), you need to:

- **Modify** the environment variable `PATH` of Rstudio and of Windows (See section Environment variables)
- **Modify** the targets of JDemetra+ to set the localisation of the new Java versions.

For example, if you installed Java version 17 in order to use the JDemetra+ version 3.0.0. You should add the localisation of Java 17 to the shortcut of the executable using the option `--jdkhome`. The target of the shortcut becomes `C:\Users\Software\nbdemetra-3.0.0\bin\nbdemetra64.exe --jdkhome "C:\Users\Software\Java17\jdk17"`

3 Installation of R and Rstudio

The JDemetra+ features are available on **R** via **R** packages. To use **R**, it is better to use an IDE like Rstudio. All the executable files to download are under <https://posit.co/download/rstudio-desktop/#download>.

3.1 Installation of R

To install **R**, you should:

- **Download** the binary file `R-4.2.2-win.exe` under <https://cran.rstudio.com/bin/windows/base/>
- **Execute** the executable to parameter and install **R**.

3.2 Installation of Rstudio

Download the last Rstudio version (under <https://posit.co/download/rstudio-desktop/#download>) and the **installer**.

If the installation via the file `.exe` fails (because it requires higher rights (administrator, elevation, ...), we will get a portable version of the Software. To do this:

- **Download** and **unzip** the compressed folder `.zip` in a folder named “Rstudio” (under `C:\Users\Software`)
- **Create a shortcut** of the file `rstudio.exe` on the Desktop.

3.3 Installation of R packages

To install a **R** package, there are several methods:

- Either it is on CRAN and you can install it directly with the function `install.packages()`
- Or it is on Github and you can install it directly with the function `install_github()` from the package **remotes**
- Or you have to retrieve the package from a folder (binary format) (`.zip`) and then install it with the function `install.packages()` with the arguments `repos = NULL`, `type = "binary"`.

3.3.1 In version 2

The packages in version 2 are:

Name	Available on CRAN	Github link
RJDemetra	✓	https://github.com/jdemetra/rjdemetra
rjdworkspace	✗	https://github.com/InseeFrLab/rjdworkspace
JDCruncheR	✗	https://github.com/InseeFr/JDCruncheR

The packages installation code is below:

```
# If remotes is not installed
# install.packages("remotes")

install.packages("RJDemetra")
remotes::install_github("InseeFrLab/rjdworkspace")
remotes::install_github("InseeFr/JDCruncheR")
```

3.3.2 In version 3

Currently version 3 packages are NOT on CRAN. To install them, you need to go through Github:

```
# If remotes is not installed
# install.packages("remotes")

remotes::install_github("palatej/rjdemetra3")

remotes::install_github("palatej/rjd3toolkit")
remotes::install_github("palatej/rjd3modelling")
remotes::install_github("palatej/rjd3sa")
remotes::install_github("palatej/rjd3arima")
remotes::install_github("palatej/rjd3x13")
remotes::install_github("palatej/rjd3tramoseats")
remotes::install_github("palatej/rjdemetra3")
remotes::install_github("palatej/rjdfilters")
remotes::install_github("palatej/rjd3sts")
remotes::install_github("palatej/rjd3highfreq")
remotes::install_github("palatej/rjd3stl")
remotes::install_github("palatej/rjd3bench")

remotes::install_github("AQLT/ggdemetra3")
```

3.3.3 AUS (Insee server) case

To install a package on AUS, you can't use the function `install_github()`. Therefore, if the package is not on CRAN, it must be downloaded at the binary format (.zip)

For the package **JDCruncheR**, the installing code is:

```
install.packages("path/.../JDCruncheR_0.2.4.tar.gz",
                 repos = NULL, type = "binary")
```

4 Environment variables

4.1 In Rstudio

4.1.1 Proxy

i On Insee computers, you need to **configure** the proxy and parameters of Software localisation under Rstudio. You should:

- **Launch** the code `file.edit("~/Renviron")`
- **Add** the parameters (news lines):

```
http_proxy = http://proxy-rie.http.insee.fr:8080/  
https_proxy = http://proxy-rie.http.insee.fr:8080/
```

- **Save** and **close** the file

4.1.2 Java version

If a new Java version has been installed, you should inform Rstudio of the Java installation localisation. For this, as to parameter the proxy:

- **Launch** the code `file.edit("~/Renviron")` to edit the environment variables
- **Add** the parameters:

```
JAVA_HOME = "C:/Users/Software/Java17/jdk17"
```

- **Save** and **close** the file

4.1.3 PATH

The environment variable `PATH` in **R** is used to indicate to **R** where to find the executable files.

When you install a new software (for example JDemetra+, Rtools, Java...) that Rstudio uses, you have to modify this environment variable:

- **Get** the actual value of the variable `PATH` via the **R** command `Sys.getenv("PATH")` (Rstudio returns a succession of adresses as `C:/WINDOWS/system32;C:/WINDOWS`)
- **Copy paste** this value after `PATH =` and add the paths towards the folder `\bin\` (binary) of the software newly installed, by separating them with semicolon (without space before or after). For the Rtools installation, the path is `C:\rtools42\mingw64\bin` (depending on where Rtools was installed). You have to add `C:\rtools42\mingw64\bin` or `C:/rtools42/mingw64/bin` (In **R**, `\` is a special character, so you have to replace the `\` by `/` or by `\\`). The path become `C:/WINDOWS/system32;C:/WINDOWS;C:/rtools42/mingw64/bin`.
- **Modify** the variable with the function `Sys.setenv()`. For Rtools, the command to launch is:

```
Sys.setenv(PATH = "C:/WINDOWS/system32;C:/WINDOWS;C:/rtools42/mingw64/bin")
```

i NB: Generally a 32 bits version and a 64 bits version are available for downloading and installing a software. You need to check your processor type of your operating system to choose the right folder to download:

Version	Keywords
64 bits	64 x64
32 bits	32 x86

More information on the variable PATH via the page <https://java.com/fr/download/help/path.xml>.

5 Verifications

To ensure that everything works fine, you can launch some example of **R** code and check that there is no error:

```
library("RJDemetra")

myseries <- ipi_c_eu[, "FR"]
x13_model <- x13(myseries) # X-13ARIMA method
ts_model <- tramoSeats(myseries) # TRAMO-SEATS method

# Basic plot with the original series, the trend and the SA series
plot(x13_model, type_chart = "sa-trend")
```

To check the Java version we are using on **R**, you can try to install and use the package **rJava** and launch the command below:

```
# If rJava is not installed
install.packages("rJava")
```

If the installation of **rJava** returns an error, it means that Java was incorrectly installed or incorrectly configured on **R**. You need to get back to the section Environment variables.

This block of code tests the Java version with which **R** works:

```
library("rJava")
.jinit()
.jcall("java/lang/System", "S", "getProperty", "java.runtime.version")
```

Finally, you can consult the Java version installed with which Windows works (it doesn't matter to us):

```
system("java -version")
```

6 Optionnal installations

Some supplementary installations are optionnal (that is they are no mandatory but bring external features):

- Miktek to produce PDF document with Latex
- Rtools to develop **R** packages and compile the code

7 Problems you may encounter

7.1 Problems installing R packages

If you get the following error while installing **R** packages:

```
install.packages("RJDemetra")
```

```
## Error in eval(expr, envir, enclos): Erreur: the chargement a échoué
## Exécution arrêtée
## *** arch - x64
```

The problem doesn't come from Java but from the **R** package. By default, the package is installed from a "source" file, it means that the package is recompiled. For some computing reasons, when compiling by

default, **R** uses the system (Windows) parameters (which doesn't have necessarily have the correct Java version).

There are two solutions:

- Compile the package by installing from the binary file:

```
install.packages("RJDemetra", type = "binary")
```

- Specify that we want to use the local parameters:

```
install.packages("RJDemetra", type = "source", INSTALL_opts = "--no-multiarch")
```

i More information: <https://github.com/jdemetra/rjdemetra/wiki/Installation-manual>

7.2 The command `library("RJDemetra")` returns an error message

The package **RJDemetra** requires Java version 8 or higher to work. If another package has been loaded before **RJDemetra** via the function `library()` and which doesn't requires an updated Java version, then an old Java version will be used during all the session (**R** is refractory to in-session version change). In case of using **RJDemetra** in a program, you have to specify at the very beginning of the program that **R** must use Java version 8, via the command:

```
# Where Java is installed
Sys.setenv(JAVA_HOME = "C:/Users/Software/Java17/jdk17")
```

or load **RJDemetra** first

```
# At the beginning of program
library("RJDemetra")
```

Else you have to restart a new **R** session.

7.3 Error array index = -1

The message of the type `Error array index = -1` tells that an auxiliary variable is not found. It can be calendar regressor or other user defined variables (Easter effect, PSO = pure seasonal outlier...).