

# X-13 Toolbox for Matlab

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NOTE: This version of the toolbox works with version 1.1 build 57 of the X-13ARIMA-SEATS program of the Census Bureau. If you have older versions of the Census programs, be sure to issue the **InstallMissingCensusProgram** command before using this toolbox.

Also, if you have an older version of the X-13 Toolbox for Matlab, it is recommended that you **delete it first** (or rename the directory containing the old toolbox). Some of the files have changed location in the new version and having an old and a new version of the same file in different branches of your path can lead to problems.

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## Basic Procedures

The toolbox is an interface that makes it relatively easy to use the X-13ARIMA-SEATS program from the US Census Bureau with Matlab. This part of the documentation describes the basic procedures you will use whenever you use this toolbox.

Before going into any detail, note that there is a graphical user interface called `guix` that allows you to do (almost) anything the toolbox can do. The interface is self-explanatory as far as possible (there are many options, so some knowledge of the process of seasonal adjustment will be helpful), so if you do not like reading the documentation, just fire up `guix` and use the toolbox that way.

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Still here? Ok, so let's explain the basic ingredients.

The toolbox relies on three custom data classes, `x13spec`, `x13series`, and `x13composite`. `x13spec` contains all the specifications that instruct the X-13ARIMA-SEATS program about what it should do. For instance, it specifies the algorithm that is used for performing the seasonal adjustment and which variables and tables should be generated.

The Census program can do two types of adjustments. The first type is an adjustment to a single time series. Doing this produces a variable of class `x13series`. The second is an adjustment to a whole collection of timeseries, that also adjusts the aggregate of these series. X-13 calls this a composite, and the Matlab toolbox creates a variable of class `x13composite` to hold such a seasonal adjustment.

If you want to work on the command-line instead of using `guix`, or wish to use the toolbox in a script you develop, you first need to create a specification. You can do this with `x13spec` directly. You can also use `makespec`, which is a bit more convenient. After that, `x13` can be used to invoke the Census program.

Finally, there is a method, `InstallMissingCensusProgram` that is called in the background whenever a needed component is missing. It attempts to install that component on the fly. However, you can also manually install pieces of software using this method.

We now provide the documentation of `guix`, `makespec`, `x13`, and `InstallMissingCensusProgram`. Not many users will need more than that.

## guix

guix is a graphical user interface that allows you to easily create a specification for a seasonal adjustment, perform the computations, and view the results in the GUI. guix supports only single time series (x13series), not composites (x13composite).

### Usage:

```
guix
guix('style')
guix 'style'
guix('variable')
guix('variable','style')
guix variable
guix variable 'style'
h = guix(['style'],['variable'])
```

### Inputs and Outputs:

'style'	Can be 'normal', 'modal', or 'docked' (or 'n', 'm', or 'd', for short), indicating the WindowStyle of the GUI. Default is 'normal'.
variable	A x13series variable in the main workspace.
'variable'	The name of a x13series variable in the main workspace, as string.
h	A struct containing handles to the GUI and to its components.

Usage of this GUI should be self-explanatory (if you are familiar with the outputs that X-13ARIMA-SEATS generates). X-13 requires a vector of observation dates and the corresponding data. Dates can be specified by entering the start date and the period (e.g., monthly). Alternatively, it is also possible to use a vector of datenums. The data that are to be worked on are given by a vector of floats. The data vector and, if used, dates vector, must be present in the calling workspace. You can also import an x13series object existing in the calling workspace into guix with the 'Import' button.

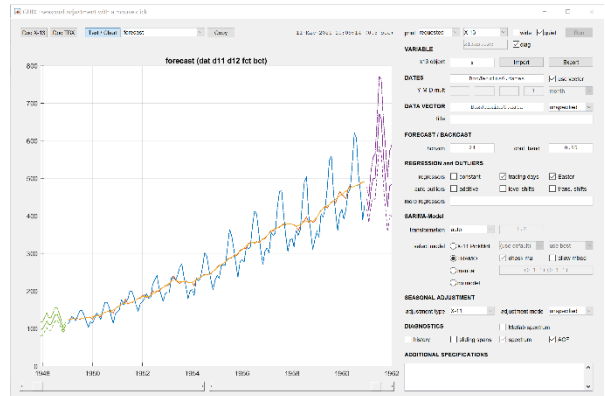
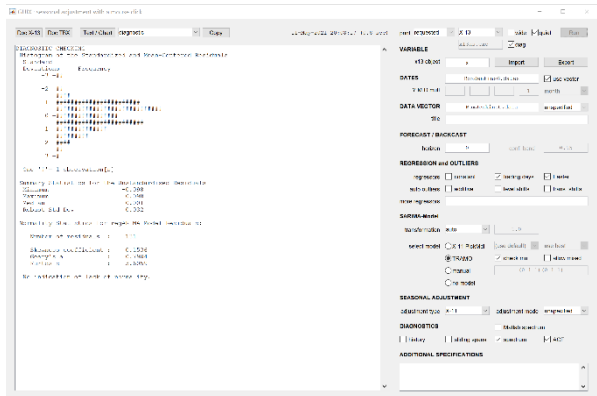
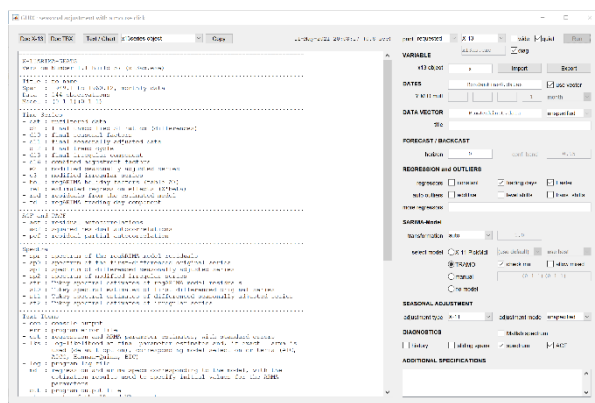
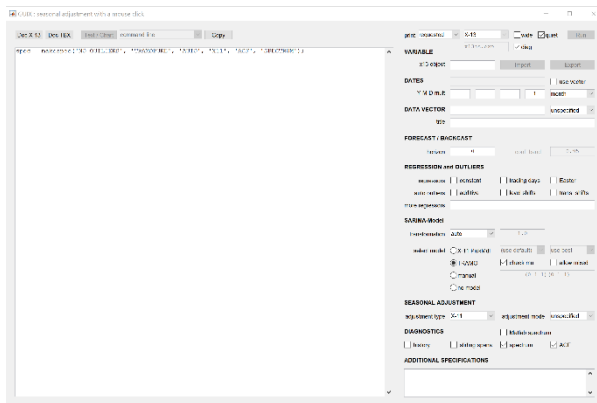
The 'Run' button performs the computations. You can export the resulting x13series object to the calling workspace with the 'Export' button.

With the 'Text/Chart' button you can switch between viewing tables and text items on the one hand, and plots on the other.

The 'Copy' button copies the current output window (text or chart) to Windows' clipboard. You can then paste it into some other program.

NOTE: This GUI was programmatically created, without GUIDE. Other than the code generated with GUIDE, it uses nested functions, which has the

advantage that all variables that are defined in the main function are also in the scope of the nested functions. Moreover, the code is more transparent.



## makespec

makespec produces x13 specification structures. It makes the use of x13spec easier by providing quick access to meaningful specification combinations.

### Usage:

```
spec = makespec(shortcut, [shortcut2, ...])
spec = makespec([shortcut], [section, key, value], ...)
spec = makespec([shortcut], [section, key, value], [spec1], ...)
```

Available shortcuts are:

'DIAGNOSTIC'	produce ACF and spectra of the data; this is useful to determine if the data is seasonal at all
'ACF'	subset of 'DIAGNOSTIC' without spectra (for quarterly data); saves (partial) auto-correlation functions
'SPECTRUM'	save some spectra
'STOCK'	Data is a stock variable. (This is relevant for the types of calendar dummies.)
'FLOW'	Data is a flow variable.
'AUTO'	let program select additive vs multiplicative filtering
'MULTIPLICATIVE'	force multiplicative filtering
'ADDITIVE'	force additive filtering
'ESTIMATE'	estimate ARIMA, even if no seasonal adjustment is computed
'TRAMO'	use TRAMO to select model
'TRAMOPURE'	use TRAMO, but do not consider mixed models
'PICKFIRST'	use Census X-11 procedure to select model; pick the first that meets the criteria
or 'PICK'	
'PICKBEST'	use Census X-11 procedure to select model; check all models and pick the best
'CONSTANT'	adds a constant to the regARIMA model
'AO'	allow additive outliers
'LS'	allow level shifts
'TC'	allow temporary changes
'NO OUTLIERS'	do not detect outliers
'TDAYS'	add trading day dummies to the regression and keep them if they are significant
'FORCETDAYS'	force seven trading day dummies on the regression (even if not significant)
'EASTER'	add an Easter dummy and keep it if significant
'FCT'	compute forecast with default confidence bands
'FCT50'	compute forecast with 50% confidence bands
'X11'	compute Trend-Cycle and Seasonality using X-11
'FULLX11'	same as X11, but save all available variables, except intermediary iteration results
'TOTALX11'	same as X11, but save all available variables, including intermediary iteration results



'SEATS'	compute Trend-Cycle and Seasonality using SEATS
'FULLSEATS'	same as SEATS, but save all available variables
'FIXEDSEASONAL'	compute simple seasonal filtering with fixedseas
'CAMPLET'	compute filtering with camplet algorithm
'SLIDINGSPANS'	produces sliding span analysis to gauge the stability of the estimation and filtered series
'FULLSLIDINGSPANS'	same as SLIDINGSPANS, but save all available variables
'HISTORY'	another stability analysis that computes the amount of revisions that would have occurred in the past
'FULLHISTORY'	same as HISTORY, but save all available variables

Moreover, makespec also accepts shortcuts that affect the tables that are printed throughout. The default is to print only those tables that are explicitly requested ('PRINTREQUESTED'). Alternatives are

'PRINTNONE'	Do not print any tables (except some basic ones in series or composite, respectively).
'PRINTBRIEF'	Print a restricted set of tables.
'PRINTDEFAULT'	Use the default as defined by the X-13 program.
'PRINTALLTABLES'	Print all tables, but no graphs.
'PRINTALL'	Print all tables and graphs.

There are also meta-shortcuts:

'DEFAULT'	is equal to {'AUTO','TRAMOPURE','X11' , 'AO','TDAYS','DIAG'}
'X'	is equal to {'AUTO','PICKBEST' , 'X11' , 'AO','TDAYS','DIAG'}
'S'	is equal to {'AUTO','TRAMOPURE','SEATS','AO','TDAYS','DIAG'}

If no argument is used (spec = makespec()), 'DEFAULT' is used.

You are free to add further meta-shortcuts according to your needs; see the program text right at the beginning after the 'function' statement.

Note that shortcuts can be abbreviated but they are case sensitive; they must be given in upper case letter. (This is so in order to distinguish the shortcut 'X11' from the spec section 'x11', and shortcut 'SEATS' from the spec section 'seats').

Multiple shortcuts can be combined, though some combinations are non-sensical (such as X11 and SEATS, or TRAMO and PICK together).

No selection of shortcuts will ever accommodate all needs, unless the shortcuts are as detailed as the original specification possibilities, which would defy their purpose. Therefore, one can also add normal section-key-value triples as in x13spec (the second usage form above). These settings are simply merged, working from left to right. This means that later arguments overwrite earlier arguments.

So, makespec('NO OUTLIERS','AO') is the same as makespec('AO'), and in makespec('AUTO','transform','function','none') the 'AUTO' shortcut is overruled. Likewise, makespec('X','MULT') is the same as the 'X' meta-shortcut, but forcing the logarithmic transformation of the data

('X' sets this to 'auto' and therefore lets x13as choose between no transformation and the log).

You can also use an existing spec (created with makespec or with x13spec) as an argument in makespec (third usage form above). The contents of this spec-variable will again be merged.

Example:

```
spec = makespec('DIAG','AUTO','TRAMOPURE','AO');
x1 = x13(dates,data,makespec(spec, 'X11', ...
    'series','name','Using X11'));
x2 = x13(dates,data,makespec(spec, 'SEATS', ...
    'series','name','Using SEATS'));
plot(x1,x2,'d11','s11','comb')
```

Most users will never use x13spec directly, but will always create their specs with makespec, because everything you can do with x13spec you can also do with makespec, plus you have the added convenience of the shortcuts (and even meta-shortcuts).

## x13

x13 calls the x13as program of the US Census Bureau / Bank of Spain to perform seasonal and extreme value adjustments.

Usage (single time series):

```
x = x13([dates,data])
x = x13([dates,data],spec)
x = x13(dates,data)
x = x13(dates,data,spec)
x = x13(ts,spec)
x = x13(..., 'x-13')
x = x13(..., 'html')
x = x13(..., 'x-12')
x = x13(..., 'x-11')
x = x13(..., 'method1') or x = x13(..., 'method I')
x = x13(..., 'camplet')
x = x13(..., 'fixedseas')
x = x13(..., 'prog',filename)
x = x13(..., 'progloc',path)
x = x13(..., 'quiet')
x = x13(..., '-s', '-c', '-w', ... etc)
x = x13(..., 'noflags')
x = x13(..., 'graphicsmode')
x = x13(..., 'graphicsloc',path)
x = x13(..., 'fileloc',path)
```

'dates' and 'data' are single column or single row vectors with obvious meanings. 'dates' must contain dates as datenum codes. Alternatively, use a timeseries object ('ts') containing a single time series. In version 3 and 4 above, dates can also be a datetime class variable (this is available in ML 2014b and later).

'spec' is a x13spec object containing the specifications used by the x13as.exe program. If no 'spec' is given, the program uses the specification that is produced by makespec('DEFAULT'), see help makespec.

The output 'x' is a x13series object containing the requested numerical results, as well as the data and dates used as input.

Four switches are available that determine the program that is used to perform the seasonal decomposition. The 'x-12' switch uses the x12a program instead of the x13as program. The 'x-13' switch enforces the use of the x13as program. This is the default.

The 'html' switch uses the 'accessible version' of the Census program. The accessible version formats the tables and log files in html. Using this version has the advantage that you can view the output neatly

formatted in your browser. The disadvantage is that the tables are not extracted and placed into the `x13series` (or `x13collection`) object. So, `x.listoftables` and `x.table` are empty. Instead, you can inspect the tables in the browser with `web(x.out)` and `web(x.log)`. Note that `'html'` has no effect if the `'x-12'` or `'prog'` options are used.

The `'x-11'` switch uses an approximate version of the original Census X-11 algorithm from 1965. The original Census X-11 program is available, but is not compatible with this toolbox because the format of its in- and output is very different from X-12 and X-13. Instead, an approximate version of X-11 is implemented in Matlab and this is used when you set the `'x-11'` switch. This has many limitations and its use may be limited. It has one important advantage, however, in that the simplified X11 implementation can deal with arbitrary frequencies (so not only monthly or quarterly data as the Census programs do). See `help x11` for further information.

Finally, `'method1'` is similar to `'x-11'`, but uses an approximate version of the original Method I algorithm that was developed by

Normally, all warnings of the `x13as/x12a` program are shown on the console as Matlab warnings (for instance when a variable was requested but is not available). The switch `'quiet'` suppresses warnings. The corresponding messages will still be contained in the resulting object, but they will not show up on the screen at runtime.

Any string arguments starting with a hyphen are flags passed on to `x13as.exe` through the command line. Section 2.7 of the X-13ARIMA-SEATS Reference Manual explains the meanings of the different flags. Some flags are dealt with by the `x13` Matlab program, so they should not be used by the user (in particular, using `-g`, `-d`, `-i`, `-m`, or `-o` is likely to mess up the functioning of the program).

The most relevant flags are

- `-s` Store seasonal adjustment and `regARIMA` model diagnostics in a file
- `-t` Same as `-s`
- `-n` (No tables) Only tables specifically requested in the input specification file will be printed out
- `-r` Produce reduced X-13ARIMA-SEATS output (as in GiveWin version of X-13ARIMA-SEATS)
- `-w` Wide (132 character) format is used in main output file
- `-c` Sum each of the components of a composite adjustment, but only perform modeling or seasonal adjustment on the total
- `-v` Only check input specification file(s) for errors; no other processing
- `-q` Run X-13ARIMA-SEATS in quiet-mode (warning messages are not sent to the console). This is equivalent to the `'quiet'` switch.

The `-q` flag as defined by `x13as.exe` suppresses all messages. It is preferable to use the `'quiet'` switch instead, because then the messages are not shown on the console (as would be the case with `'-q'`), but they are still available as messages stored in the `x13series` object.

To use flags, use one of the following syntaxes,

```
x = x13(..., '-s'), or
x = x13(..., '-s', '-w'), or
x = x13(..., '-s -w'),
or x = x13(..., 'noflags')
```

If no flag is set by the user, the default is to set the `'-s -n'` flags, so that the diagnostics file is generated (`-s`) and only the requested tables (`-n`) are written to the `.out` property. The `'noflags'` option removes all the flags, including the default.

Four optional arguments can be provided in name-value style: The argument following the `'fileloc'` keyword is the location where all the files should be stored that are used and generated by the `x13as` program. If this optional argument is not used, these files will be located in a subdirectory `'x13'` of the system's temporary files directory (`%tempdir%\x13`).

The argument following the `'graphicsloc'` keyword is the location where all the files should be stored that can be used with the separately available `X-13-Graph` program (see <https://www.census.gov/srd/www/x13graph/>). If this optional argument is used, `x13as` will run `'in graphics mode'` and these files will be generated. If this argument is not used or set to `[]`, the graphics-related files will not be generated. If `'graphicsloc'` is set to `''` (i.e. an empty string), then the graphics files will be created in a subdirectory called `'graphics'` of the `fileloc` directory. The same is achieved with the switch `'graphicsmode'`.

The arguments following `'progloc'` and `'prog'`, respectively, allow you to specify the location of the executables that do the computations. `'prog'` is the name of the executable. By default, this is `'x13as'`, or `'x12a'` (or `'x12a64'` on a 64-bit computer) if the `'x-12'` option is set. But it is also possible to specify a m-file that performs the necessary seasonal adjustment computations.

`'progloc'` indicates the folder where the executables can be found. In the argument following `'progloc'`, the term `'%tbx%'` is replaced by the root directory of this toolbox. By default, `'progloc'` is `'%tbx%\exe'`, i.e. the `'exe'` subdirectoty of the `X-13` toolbox. If `'prog'` is an m-file then the default `'progloc'` is `'%tbx%\seas'`.

So what is the `'prog'` option really used for? You could, in principle, specify alternative executables, other than the ones provided by the US

Census Bureau. The output of such an alternative program would have to be compatible with the output generated by the Census Bureau program. So, in practice, the only two conceivable options here are that either you have an older version of the Census Bureau software that you want to use, or you have a beta version which is in development. For instance, a previous version of x13as was version 1.1 build 9. If you have a copy of it, and you called it 'x13asv11b9.exe' on your harddisk (in the exe subdirectory of the toolbox), then

```
x = x13(..., 'prog','x13asv11b9');
```

uses the previous version of the Census program.

Another application is to use a seasonal adjustment algorithm in Matlab's language. seas.m is an example of this. By setting

```
x = x13(..., 'prog','seas.m'),
```

you use this self-made seasonal adjustment algorithm in place of the Census programs. The advantage is that you have more freedom to experiment. Also, you are not constrained to monthly or quarterly frequencies.

Usage (composite time series):

```
x = x13([dates1,data1],spec1, [dates2,data2],spec2, [...], compositespec)
x = x13( dates1,data1 ,spec1, dates2,data2 ,spec2, [...], compositespec)
x = x13([dates,data] ,{spec1,spec2,...},compositespec)
x = x13( dates,data ,{spec1,spec2,...},compositespec)
x = x13(ts,{spec1,spec2,...},compositespec)
x = x13(ts,spec1,[dates,data],spec2,dates,data,spec3,compositespec)
x = x13(..., 'x-12')
x = x13(..., 'x-13')
x = x13(..., 'html')
x = x13(..., '-s', '-c', '-w', ... etc)
x = x13(..., 'noflags')
x = x13(..., 'graphicsmode')
x = x13(..., 'graphicsloc',path)
x = x13(..., 'fileloc',path)
x = x13(..., 'progloc',path)
x = x13(..., 'prog',filename)
```

In the first and second version you can set different specifications for the individual time series. Alternatively, in the third and fourth usage form, 'data' may be an array with m columns, where each column is interpreted as one timeseries. In the fifth usage form, all variables in the timeseries object 'ts' are interpreted as time series of the composite run. You can also combine the syntax as seen in the sixth usage form.

For composite runs, the last argument (except possible optional arguments) is always the specification of the composite series ('compositespec' cannot contain the 'series' section, but must contain

the 'composite' section).

Example 1:

```
spec = makespec('DIAG','PICK','X11');  
x = x13(dates,data,spec);
```

Then, 'x' is a x13series object with several variables, such as x.dat (containing the original data), x.d10, x.d11, x.d12, x.d13 (containing the results of the X-11 filtering as produced by the x13as program), as well as different tables (essentially plain text). See the help of x13series for further explanation.

Example 2:

Let C, I, G, NX now be components of components of GDP of a country, measured at quarterly frequency ( $Y=C+I+G+NX$ ), and D be the common dates vector when the components were measured.

```
spec = makespec('AUTO','TRAMO','SEATS','series','comptype','add');  
x = x13( ...  
    [D,C], x13spec(spec,'series','name','C'), ...  
    [D,I], x13spec(spec,'series','name','I'), ...  
    [D,G], x13spec(spec,'series','name','G'), ...  
    [D,NX],x13spec(spec,makespec('ADDITIVE'),'series','name','NX'), ...  
    makespec('AUTO','TRAMO','SEATS','composite','name','Y'));
```

Then, 'x' is a x13composite object containing x13series C, I, G, NX, and Y. Again, see the help of x13composite and x13series for further explanation.

Alternatively, you can produce the same result as follows:

```
spec = makespec('AUTO','TRAMO','SEATS','series','comptype','add');  
allspec = { ...  
    x13spec(spec,'series','name','C'), ...  
    x13spec(spec,'series','name','I'), ...  
    x13spec(spec,'series','name','G'), ...  
    makespec(spec,'ADDITIVE','series','name','NX')};  
compspec = makespec('AUTO','TRAMO','SEATS','composite','name','Y');  
x = x13(D,[C,I,G,NX],allspec,compspec);
```

Requirements: The program requires the X-13 programs of the US Census Bureau to be in the directory of the toolbox. The toolbox attempts to download the required programs itself. Should that attempt fail, you can download this software yourself for free from the US Census Bureau website. Download [http://www.census.gov/ts/x13as/pc/x13as\\_V1.1\\_B26.zip](http://www.census.gov/ts/x13as/pc/x13as_V1.1_B26.zip) and unpack the x13as.exe file to the 'exe' subdirectory of this toolbox.

To install all programs and tools from the US Census Bureau that are supported by the X-13 Toolbox, issue the command `InstallMissingCensusProgram` once. The program will then attempt to download and install all files in one go.

Acknowledgments: Detailed comments by Carlos Galindo helped me make the Toolbox backward compatible.



## InstallMissingCensusProgram

InstallMissingCensusProgram installs pieces of software from the US Census Bureau that are necessary to perform the seasonal filtering.

\*\*\* NORMAL OPERATION

Normally, x13.m will download and install any missing piece of software from the US Census Bureau as soon as it is required. You can, however, also install such software and documentation "manually" by invoking InstallMissingCensusProgram.

Usage:

```
InstallMissingCensusProgram()  
InstallMissingCensusProgram(arg, [arg2], [...])  
success = InstallMissingCensusProgram([...])  
InstallMissingCensusProgram('all')
```

If called with no argument, the program tries to install all usable files. Alternatively, an argument or a list of arguments can be provided. Choices are:

'x13prog'	X-13 software, ascii and html versions
'x13doc'	documentation of X-13 program
'x12diag'	X-12 diagnostic utility
'x12prog'	X-12 software, 64 bit and 32 bit versions
'x12doc'	documentation of X-12 program
'campletdoc'	the original working paper presenting the CAMPLET algorithm

The function returns a vector of booleans, indicating which installations were successful.

Using this function with no arguments

```
InstallMissingCensusProgram;
```

should produce the following result:

```
Downloading 'x13as-v1-1-b57.zip' from US Census Bureau website ... success.  
Downloading 'x13ashtml-v1-1-b57.zip' from US Census Bureau website ... success.  
Downloading 'docsx13.zip' from US Census Bureau website ... success.  
Downloading 'docsx13acc.zip' from US Census Bureau website ... success.  
Downloading 'dt9628e.pdf' from Banco d'Espana website ... success.  
Downloading 'itoolsv03.zip' from US Census Bureau website ... success.  
Downloading 'omega64v03.zip' from US Census Bureau website ... success.  
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Downloading 'docsv03.zip' from US Census Bureau website ... success.  
Downloading 'gettingstartedx12.pdf' from US Census Bureau website ... success.  
Downloading 'ffc2000.pdf' from SAS Institute website ... success.  
Downloading '25_2015_abeln_jacobs.pdf' from Australian National University  
website ... success.
```

```
*** 12 of 12 requested packages installed. ***
```

After that, all programs of the US Census Bureau website that are supported by the X-13 Toolbox are installed on your computer.

### \*\*\* IF IT DOES NOT WORK

Normally, this program will download the specific pieces of software and documentation that are provided by the U.S. Census Bureau and copy them to the appropriate locations. This assumes, however, that your computer allows you to download and run software from the internet. This may not apply to a professional environment where IT security issues are managed centrally. If you cannot download and run externally-acquired software, you will need help from an IT administrator at your workplace.

Also, this utility works only with Windows computers. If you use a different operating system, you will have to download and place the necessary files manually.

You find all the files you need at the the U.S.Census website (<https://www.census.gov/data/software/x13as.X-13ARIMA-SEATS.html>). Search in the different ZIP available there to locate the correct files. Also, it may be possible to obtain the source code of the X-13 program so that you may be able to compile this for so far unsupported operating systems. (If you do that, please let me know; I would be interested about this.)

If all usable files are present, the exe sub-direcory should contain the following files:

- (\*\*) x13as.exe
- x13ashtml.exe
- (\*) x12diag03.exe
- x12a64.exe
- x12a.exe
- (\*) libjpeg.6.dll
- (\*) libpng3.dll
- (\*) zlib1.dll

In addition, the doc sub-directory should contain

- (\*) docX13AS.pdf
- docX13ASHTML.pdf

Only the double-starred file is essential. The single-starred files are the documentation and the files needed for a small addition (which is, incidentally, used by X13DemoComposite.m). The unstarred files give you access to the vintage X-12 version.

### \*\*\* OTHER THINGS YOU CAN DOWNLOAD WITH THIS UTILITY

(these are of only marginal interest)

In addition, five other programs that are related to X-13ARIMA-SEATS can also be downloaded:

'x13graph'	The JAVA version of the X-13 graph program.
'genhol'	A program that allows the user to create variable files for holidays.
'x11prog'	An early version of the Census program.
'x11doc'	Some documentation of the early X-11 version.
'winx13'	Windows version of the X-13ARIMA-SEATS program.
'x13data'	A utility to transform data in an Excel sheet into files usable by x13as.exe, as well as for collecting x13as.exe output and storing it in an Excel file.
'cnv'	A utility to convert X-12 specification files to the X-13 format.
'sam'	A utility to change several spec files at once.

These programs are not directly supported by the Matlab-Toolbox. The x13graph java program can be used if you add the 'graphicsmode' switch when calling x13, but you need to start the graph program outside of Matlab. Likewise, genhol, or the version with a GUI called wingenhol, is not used by the toolbox directly. You can create holiday variable files with it, and then use these files with the toolbox. But the interaction with genhol does not happen from within the toolbox. X-11 is not supported because its syntax is completely different from X-13ARIMA-SEATS and it is potentially prone to Y2K problems. The remaining programs winx13, x13data, cnv, and sam have no clear use for users of the toolbox. The download option provided here is only for completeness and may be useful for users who interact with the Census program also outside of Matlab.

Calling InstallMissingPrograms('all') installs everything, including these eight additional sets of programs and files.

Using this function with the 'all' argument yields

```

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Downloading 'x13ashtml-v1-1-b57.zip' from US Census Bureau website ... success.
Downloading 'docsx13.zip' from US Census Bureau website ... success.
Downloading 'docsx13acc.zip' from US Census Bureau website ... success.
Downloading 'dt9628e.pdf' from Banco d'Espagna website ... success.
Downloading 'itoolsv03.zip' from US Census Bureau website ... success.
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Downloading '25_2015_abeln_jacobs.pdf' from Australian National University
website ... success.
Downloading 'x11.zip' from EViews(R) website ... success.
Downloading 'ShiskinYoungMusgrave1967.pdf' from US Census Bureau website ...
success.
```

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Downloading 'x11\_spanish.pdf' from US Census Bureau website ... success.  
Downloading '1980X11ARIMAManual.pdf' from US Census Bureau website ... success.  
Downloading 'Emanual.pdf' from US Census Bureau website ... success.  
Downloading 'genhol\_V1.0\_B9.zip' from US Census Bureau website ... success.  
Downloading 'wingenhol-v1.0-B3.zip' from US Census Bureau website ... success.  
Downloading 'winx13-v3.0.zip' from US Census Bureau website ... success.  
Downloading 'X13GraphJava\_V3.0.zip' from US Census Bureau website ... success.  
Downloading 'X13GraphJavaDoc.pdf' from US Census Bureau website ... success.  
Downloading 'x13data-v2-0.zip' from US Census Bureau website ... success.  
Downloading 'X13sam-v1.1.zip' from US Census Bureau website ... success.  
Downloading 'toolsx13.zip' from US Census Bureau website ... success.  
\*\*\* 26 of 26 requested packages installed. \*\*\*

## x13spec class

x13spec is a class that contains a specification for a run of the X-13ARIMA-SEATS program. An x13spec can be created directly with the `x13spec` function, or, more conveniently, with `makespec`, see above. An x13spec variable has several methods that can be applied to it. The most important being `display` (short form display of the content) and `disp` (long form display of the content). There is also a method `str = displaystring(spec)` (where spec is an x13spec variable) that stores the long form display to a string.

## x13spec

x13spec is the class definition for x13spec objects. Such an object is used to set all specifications of a run of the X-13ARIMA-SEATS program.

### Usage:

Specifications are entered as triples: section-key-value.  
spec = x13spec(section,key,value, section,key,value, ...);  
spec2 = x13spec(spec1, section,key,value, section,key,value, ...);  
spec3 = x13spec(spec1, section,key,value, spec2, section,key,value, ...);

Remark 1: section-key-value syntax -----  
spec = x13spec('series','title','rainfall','transform','function','auto')  
would set title = rainfall in the series section, and function = auto in the transform section. When using this with x13.m, this creates the following .spc file on the harddrive:

```
series{
    title = rainfall
}
transform{
    function = auto
}
```

which is then used by the x13as.exe program.

Remark 2: merging existing specs -----  
If existing x13spec objects are entered as arguments (second and third usage form above), the specifications are merged, from left to right, i.e. later section-key-value pairs or settings in later specs overwrite earlier ones.

### Example:

```
spec1 = x13spec('series','title','rainfall','x11','save','d10');
spec2 = x13spec(spec1,'series','title','snowfall');
then spec2 contains save = d10 in the x11-section (inherited from spec1),
but title = snowfall in the series-section (the title rainfall was
overwritten).
```

Remark 3: accumulating keys -----  
The keys 'save','savelog','print','variables','aictest','types','user','usertype','keys','values','smoothmethod','methodarg' behave differently. These keys are accumulated,

```
spec = x13spec('x11','save','d10');
spec = x13spec(spec,'x11','save','d11');
```

This does not overwrite the 'd10' value. Instead, 'd11' is added to the list of variables that ought to be saved, and spec contains save = (d10 d11) in the x11-section. To remove an item from one of these special keys, use the RemoveRequests function. There are also AddRequests and SaveRequests (to overwrite keys) methods.

Multiple entries can be added to an accumulating key using different, equivalent syntaxes,

```
x13spec('x11','save','d10 d11 d13');
x13spec('x11','save','(d10 d11 d13)');
x13spec('x11','save',{'d10','d11','d13'});
```

Remark 4: creating empty sections -----

An empty section can be added by specifying an empty cell for the key, e.g. `spec = x13spec('x11',{},{})` produces the entry

```
x11{ }
```

in the .spc file.

Remark 5: removing sections or keys from a spec -----

To remove a section completely, use an `[]` in place of the key, i.e. if `spec` has an 'x11' section, then `spec = x13spec(spec,'x11',[],[])` removes the 'x11' section completely from this spec.

To remove a key from a section, use an `[]` as value, as follows:

`spec = x13spec('x11','save','d10','x11','savelog','q')` produces

```
x11{
    save = d10
    savelog = q
}
```

Then `spec = x13spec(spec,'x11','save',[])` removes the 'save' key and produces

```
x11{
    savelog = q
}
```

`spec = x13spec(spec,'x11','save',{})`, on the other hand, leaves the value of x11-save unchanged.

Remark 6: user-defined variable -----

The 'regression' and 'x11regression' sections allow the user to specify exogenous variables in the regressions that are not built in (like Easter or TD or A02003.Jan). The names of such variables are added with the 'user' key, the type of the variables is specified with the 'usertype' key, and the exogenous variables themselves are provided either with the 'data' key (in which case the data are part of the spec), or they are defined in an extra file and then the name of the file is specified with the 'file' key. You can use 'user', 'usertype', and 'data' in this fashion with `x13spec`. You could also use the 'file' key, but in that case you would have to make sure that your variables are stored as a table in plain ascii text in a file and then provide the path to this file in the spec. All of this is rather cumbersome.

For this reason, `x13spec` provides a more convenient way. Suppose your exogenous variable is called 'strike' and is in your Matlab workspace. You can then simply say

```
spec = x13spec(..., 'regression','user','strike', ...);
```

The program will then create a file filename.udv containing the strike data in a form that is readable by the x13as program, and also adds the correct entries to the spec-file.

If you have more than one user-defined exogenous variable, use this syntax,

```
spec = x13spec(..., 'regression','user','(strike oilprice)', ...);
```

Remark 7: error checking -----

x13spec allows you to set only sections that are known to the x13as program, and keys fitting to the respective sections. It does not check, however, if the values you assign are legal. If you assign illegal values you are likely to throw a runtime error by x13as.exe.

For an explanation of all available options and settings, consult the documentation of the x13as program provided by the US Census Bureau.

There is also a method spec.enforce(prog), where prog is the name of one of the US Census Bureau seasonal adjustment executable files, or a custom m-file that performs a seasonal adjustment. The procedure removes items from the spec that are not compatible with the program that is specified. Normally the user does not have to deal with this, as the .enforce method is automatically applied by x13.m whenever needed.

Remark 8: short vs long names of saveable variables -----

CAUTION: USE ONLY THE THREE-LETTER CODES FOR THE 'SAVE' KEY.

The x13as program uses a long name and a short three-letter name for variables or tables (e.g. 'save = levelshift' in the .spc file is equivalent to 'save = ls'). For the 'save' key, the Matlab X-13 toolbox recognizes ONLY the short two-or-three-letter versions of these variable names,

```
x13spec('regression','save','ls')
```

Using the long name,

```
x13spec('regression','save','levelshift')
```

will cause problems, so avoid it.

Remark 9: pickmdl file lists -----

If the X-11 'pickmdl' method is used to select the regARIMA model, a list of models to choose from should be supplied. You can create such a model list file yourself, or use one of the files provided for you by the toolbox. The selection of these ready-to-use model files includes:

- StatisticsCanada.pml     The default of Statistics Canada, contains 5 models.
- Hussain-McLaren-Stuttard.pml     5 models proposed by these authors.
- ONS.pml     Default of the Office of National Statistics, United Kingdom. 8 models. It's the union of Hussain-McLaren-Stuttard and StatisticsCanada.



- pure2.pml All ARIMA models (p d q)(P D Q) with p and q between 0 and 2, P and Q also between 0 and 2, d either 0 or 1, and D always equal to 1. Does not include mixed models (50 models).
- pure3.pml Same as pure2 but with p and q varying from 0 to 3 (70 models).
- pure4.pml and pure5.pml Analogue (90 and 110 models, respectively).
- st-pure2.pml and st-pure3.pml Same as pure2 and pure3, respectively, but containing only stationary models (d = 0).
- int-pure2.pml and int-pure3.pml Same as pure2 and pure3, respectively, but containing only integrated models (d = 1).
- mixed2.pml and mixed3.pml Same as pure2 and pure3, respectively, but including mixed models (162 models and 288 models, respectively).
- ARIMA.pml ARIMA models with no seasonal ARIMA part; all models from (0 0 0) to (3 1 3).

To use one of these files, include the section-key-value triple 'pickmdl','file','ONS.pml' (as an example) in your x13spec command.

You can also use your own model definition files. Your file must have the .pml extension and must be in the current directory, or you must provide the full path.

If the pickmdl section is set but no file name is provided by the user, the toolbox will use pure3.pml.

Remark 10: the fixedseas and camplet and custom sections ----- x13spec also accommodates three sections that have no meaning for the x13as program. These sections are 'fixedseas', 'camplet', and 'custom'. The contents of these sections are not transmitted to x13as. Instead, they are passed to separate Matlab programs (fixedseas.m or camplet.m or a custom program specified in the x13 call by 'prog','name.m').

fixedseas computes a trend and seasonal adjustment using a much simpler method than X-13ARIMA-SEATS. The results are embedded into the x13series object as variables 'tr' (for trend), 'sf' (for seasonal factor), 'sa' (for seasonally adjusted), and 'ir' (for irregular). fixedseas is much less successful in removing seasonality than X-13ARIMA-SEATS is, but it has the advantage of producing seasonal factors that do not change over time. It is also computationally much cheaper, and works with arbitrary frequencies.

The 'fixedseas' section supports the following keys:

- 'period' This is a single positive integer or a vector of positive integers. It determines the frequencies that are filtered out. If this key is not given, it is set equal to obj.period (i.e. typically 4 or 12).
- 'mode' fixedseas does an additive or a multiplicative

- (log-additive) decomposition of the data. You can specify here which one to use. If this argument is omitted, the decomposition is log-additive if `obj.isLog` is true and additive otherwise.
- 'save' This is the list of variables that should be saved. Possible values are 'tr', 'sa', 'sf', 'ir', and 'si'.
- 'type' Determines how the trend is computed. Default is 'ma' for moving averages. Alternatives are 'hp' (for Hodrick-Prescott), 'detrend' (using Matlab's detrend function), 'spline', and 'polynomial'.
- 'typearg' Additional arguments for 'type' can be specified here. For 'hp', 'spline', and 'polynomial', see help fixedseas for an explanation. With 'detrend', the additional argument must be a date or datevector, indicating where breaks in the trend should be allowed.

camplet computes a seasonal adjustment proposed by Abeln and Jacobs, 2015. The results are embedded into the `x13series` object as variables 'sf' (seasonal factor), 'sa' (seasonally adjusted), as well as a couple of series unique to this algorithm (see 'help camplet'). camplet is less successful in removing seasonality than X-13ARIMA-SEATS is, but it has the advantage that it is computationally much cheaper and works with arbitrary frequencies. Also, unlike fixedseas, it does allow for seasonality that is changing over time.

The 'camplet' section supports the following keys:

- 'period' This is a single positive integer that determines the frequency that is filtered out. If this key is not given, it is set equal to `obj.period` (i.e. typically 4 or 12). Unlike fixedseas, camplet does not support a vector for 'period'. To perform multiple camplet filterings, run them sequentially, using the original data first, and then the output of the first filtering round (for the first frequency) as the input for filtering out the second frequency, and so on.
- 'save' This is the list of variables that should be saved. Possible values are 'sa', 'sf', 'bar', 'fcs', 'fer', 'rer', 'gra', 'g', 'nol', 'psh', 'cca', 'ca', 'm', 'lle', 't'.

- 'options'

The following parameters are the ones defining the CAMPLET algorithm, see the working paper for explanations:

- 'CA' CA parameter (Common Adjustment).
- 'M' M parameter (Multiplier).
- 'P' P parameter (Pattern).
- 'LE' LE parameter (Limit to Error).
- 'T' T parameter (Times).
- 'INITYEARS' The number of years used to initialize the algorithm. The

CAMPLET algorithms sets this to 3, but you can override this choice.

If set by the user, these are stored in the 'options' key of the struct.

Note that camplet.m does an additive or a log-additive decomposition of the data. This choice is not stored in the camplet-transform or camplet-mode keys (which both do not exist), but rather in the transform-function key (outside of the camplet section).

You can also define your own, custom m-file that performs a seasonal adjustment. You have to observe a few restrictions on the form of your output, so that it is readable for the toolbox. seas.m in the seas subfolder is an example of such a custom algorithm.

The 'custom' section supports the following keys: 'period', 'mode', 'save', 'options'. What these mean and which values are legit depends on the custom m-file you use, and whose name is stored on the .prog property of the x13series object. The seas.m file is an example of such a custom file. It accepts in the 'mode' section either 'none', 'add', 'logadd', or 'mult'. In the 'save' section it accepts the same as fixedseas. seas.m does not use for the 'period' and 'options' sections (but your own m-file could use these sections).

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## PROPERTIES and METHODS

The resulting spec-object contains one property for each section entered. In addition, it also has the following properties:

- |                  |         |   |
|------------------|---------|---|
| - isempty        | boolean | spec.isempty returns true if the spec contains no sections.   |
| - isComposite    | boolean | True if 'composite' is one of the series.   |
| - adjmethod      | char    | The name of the method used for seasonal adjustment, e.g. 'x11', 'seats', 'fixedseas', ...  |
| - transfunc      | char    | The function stored in spec.transform.function. If that is missing, the content of spec.transform.power is mapped to either 'none' or 'log' (or noting, if no mapping is sensible). |
| - adjmode        | char    | Typically 'add' or 'logadd' or 'mult'.  |
| - requesteditems | cells   | All the variables requested for saving anywhere in the spec (with the 'save' key).  |
| - mainsec        | char    | Either 'series' or 'composite', depending on whether the spec belongs to composite data or not.   |

Several methods are available with a x13spec. Most of them are mainly used

internally, and called by makespec.m, x13series.m, or x13.m, but they could also be used by a user:

`spec.addtriplet(section,key,value)` adds one section-key-value entry.

- `merge` `spec3 = spec1.merge(spec2)` makes `spec3` that contains the contents of `spec1` and `spec2`.
- `specminus` `spec3 = spec1.specminus(spec2)` removes all components in `spec1` that are also present in `spec2` and places the remainder into `spec3`.
- `copy` `obj2 = obj.copy` creates an exact, but independent copy of `obj`. Note that simply assigning `obj2 = obj` does not create an independent copy of `obj`, but only creates a handle to the same object, If you change properties of `obj`, they will also show up in `obj2`, and vice versa. the copy methods allows you to create independent instances.
- `AddRequests` `spec.AddRequests(series,key,value1,[value2, ...])` adds values to an accumulating key.

The following methods have the same syntax:

- `SaveRequests` sets values to an accumulating key, overwriting existing values.
- `KeepRequests` removes all values not in the list of arguments.
- `RemoveRequests` removes all the values in the arguments list.
- `RemoveKeys` removes a whole key (or multiple keys) from a series.
- `KeepKeys` removes all keys except the ones in the arguments list.
- `RemoveSections` removes a whole series (or multiple series) from a spec.
- `KeepSections` removes all sections not in the arguments list.
- `AddSections` adds empty section(s).

`spec.RemoveInconsistentSpecs` cleans up `spec` so that it does not contain obvious inconsistencies. For instance, save-requests that only make sense for composites or for multiplicative decompositions are removed if the conditions are not met. Many more cases are covered and cleaned up, although it is still possible that some inconsistencies remain.

`spec.enforce(progname)` changes a spec so that it is conformant with a particular program. For instance, `spec.enforce('x12a.exe')` makes the spec compatible with the X-12 version. `spec.enforce('fixedseas.m')` makes it compatible with `fixedseas.m`, etc.

`spec.TransformPowerToFunction` uses `transform-power` to set `transform-function` to either 'none' or 'log'.

`spec.ExtractModeFormTransform` uses `transform-function` to guess `x11-mode` (or custom-mode etc, depending on the adjustment method that is chosen).

`ExtractValues` extracts values from a spec and returns them in the correct format (as char, numerical, or cells).

`disp` displays a nicely formatted content of the spec.

display is a short form of disp.

dispstring is the same as disp but returns a string that can be assigned to a variable.

Some static methods are also available:

[section,key] = legalize(section,key)

This checks if a section is legal and is paired with a legal key belonging to that section. The input arguments can be abbreviated. The non-abbreviated versions are returned.

.toNum, .toCell, .toParen

These methods transform any input (if possible) into a numeric, a cell or cellarray, and a char surrounded by parenthesis if there are multiple components, where the components are separated by spaces. (This is the way multiple values are stored in an .spc file).

## x13series class

A x13series variable contains a seasonal adjustment of a single time series. It contains all the inputs, all the computed time series, and all the tables that are created in the process by the Census program. Like x13spec, the x13series has methods `display`, `disp`, and `dispstring`.

## x13series

x13series is the class definition for x13series objects.

Such an object is the home of the input to and the output of the US Bureau of the Census X13ARIMA-SEATS program as applied to a single time series.

### Properties:

- name	string	name of the series
- fileloc	string	path to location of data files
- graphicsloc	string	path to location of files for the x13graph program; if this is an empty string (''), the graphics files are created in a subdirectory of the temporary files directory; if this property is empty ([]), no graphics files are produced by the .Run method.
- flags	string	flags to be used in the x13as run. Do not set the -g or the -m flags here; they are taken care of automatically. You could, for instance, set the -r or the -n flags to affect the .out property, and set the -s switch to generate the diagnostics summary file.
- specgiven	x13spec	specification provided when calling the x13 function
- spec	x13spec	specgiven is adapted by the program to remove inconsistencies. Also, some entries are added automatically. obj.spec the the final specification that is used for the estimation by x13as.
- isLog	boolean	True is decomposition is multiplicative, false if additive, empty if something else or unclear.
- period	int	periodicity (typically 4 or 12)
- span	string	dates spanned by variable
- arima	string	specification of seasonal ARIMA model
- coef	struct	stuct with one to three elements. obj.coef.arma contains the coefficients, standard errors, and t-values of the estimated ARMA process, obj.coef.regr contains the same for the preadjustment

		regression (if present). The two elements are Matlab tables and are available only with R2013a or later. <code>obj.coef.lks</code> contains the quality statistics (likelihood and the like) of the regression in a struct for easy access.
- regression	string	result of regression as text
(removed, use <code>.table('regression')</code> )		(extracted from <code>.out</code> )
- prog	string	name of executable used for the computation
- progloc	string	path to the x13as/x12a program
- ishtml	boolean	false if text version of executable is used, true if html version is used (in that case, <code>obj.tbl</code> is empty)
- progversion	string	version and build number of the Census program used
- timeofrun	1x2 array	time of running of program, duration of run
- con	string	console output of x13as.exe
- msg	string	errors, warnings, and notes during run
- listofitems	array	names of variables, ACF/PACF, spectra, and text items in the object (the items themselves are not hard-wired, but are dynamic properties)
- isempty	boolean	returns true if <code>listofitems</code> is empty
- hitem	cells	array of handles to the dynamic properties
- tbl	struct	content of tables stored in the <code>.out</code> property
- version	double	version of the toolbox

`.spec`, `.prog`, `.progloc`, `.ishtml`, `.fileloc`, `.graphicsloc`, `.flags`, and `.timeofrun` are freely accessible properties (they can be read and set from anywhere). The other properties are either protected or dependent, which means that you cannot easily set them (e.g., setting `obj.period = 12` throws an error).

Important methods:

- `disp` and `display` Show the content of the object (extensive and compact versions).
- `dispstring` Same as `disp`, but does not print to the console. Instead, the `disp` output is returned as a string variable.



- plot                   An overloaded method for this object class.
- table                 Returns a particular table. `table(obj,'F2A')` returns table F2.A. `table(obj,'F2')` returns all tables starting with 'F2' (i.e. F2 and F2.A to F2.I) as one string. If no argument is given, a list of all tables in the object is returned.
- showmsg               Returns the content of the `.msg` property (which is a cell array) as a string.

Rarely used methods: The following methods are normally not useful for regular users. They are used by `x13.m` to perform its work. Be careful if you employ these methods. It is possible to create unusable `x13series` objects if you don't know what you are doing.

- additem               Used to add a general item to the object, `obj = obj.additem(name,content)`, where `name` is a string with at most three letters.
- addvariable           Adds a time series to the object. Note, however, that time series must have names with at most three characters. Syntax: `obj = obj.addvariable(vname, ... dates,data,header,type)`, where `vname` is the name of the new item (at most three characters), `dates` is a (nx1) column vector containing datecodes, `data` is an (nxm) array containing the data, `header` is a (1xm) cell array containing the titles of the individual series (if there is only one variable, `m = 1`, it is a good idea to use the name of the variable as the single header), and `type` is an integer with this meaning: `type = 1` is a time series, `type = 2` is an ACF/PACF object, `type = 3` is a spectrum. `type = 0` would be a text objects but you should use `additem` to add such contents.
- rmitem                Removes an item or a list of items (or variables) from the object.
- addtable              Takes two arguments: the name of the table and the content. Creates new table and places it in the object.
- rmtable               Removes the given table.
- PrepareFiles          Takes four arguments: `dates`, `data`, `spec`, and a boolean called `isComposite` which determines if the series is supposed to contain the composite series of a composite run (the members of a composite have `isComposite` set to false). It adds the items `.dat` and `.spc` to the object and prepares all the files on disk so that the `x13as` program can process them.
- Run                   Runs the `x13as` program using the files created by `PrepareFiles`.
- CollectFiles          Imports the files produced by the `x13as` program into the Matlab object.
- RunMfile              Runs an m-files that performs a seasonal

- adjustment, and packs the result into an x13series object.
- clean Removes all the information that was added by CollectFiles.
  - runX12diag Runs the X-12 diagnostic utility on the files created with the -s flag.
  - updatemsg Extracts all ERRORS, WARNINGS and NOTES from the .err property and places them in the .msg property. Also adds a list of variables that were requested in the specification (with some 'save' key) but that are not available (because the x13 program did not produce them, or because they were later deleted).
  - updatetables Attempts to parse .out and puts the result into .tbl
  - ExtractSection Returns the content of a section in the .spc property.
  - ExtractValue Returns the value of a certain key in a certain section of the .spc property.

## table

table returns the content of one or several tables contained in the object.

### Usage:

Let obj be an x13series object [obj = x13(...)]. Then, ...

obj.table returns a list of all tables

obj.table('f') returns all tables whose heading starts with 'f'  
(i.e. 'f2' and 'f3')

str = obj.table(...) places the output into a string variable

## showvariable

showvariable returns a table with the content of a variable. Each column is a period (month or quarter) and each row is one year.

### Usage:

```
showvariable(obj,name)
showvariable(obj,name1,name2,...)
tbl = showvariable(...)
```

### Inputs:

obj        A x13series of x13composite object.  
name       The three-letter name of a variable in obj.

### Outputs:

tbl        A table. If multiple names are given, tbl is a cell array of tables.

### Example:

```
load BoxJenkinsG;
x = x13(BoxJenkinsG.dates,BoxJenkinsG.data,makespec('FULLX11'));
x.showvariable('d9')
```

### produces

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	...
	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	
y1949	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	...
y1950	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	0.92568	...
y1951	0.91268	NaN	1.0544	NaN	NaN	...
y1952	0.91579	0.94117	NaN	NaN	NaN	...
y1953	NaN	NaN	NaN	0.98245	0.99152	...
y1954	NaN	0.88632	NaN	NaN	NaN	...
y1955	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	...
y1956	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	...
y1957	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	...
y1958	NaN	NaN	NaN	0.94755	NaN	...
y1959	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	...
y1960	NaN	0.83732	0.96048	0.95257	0.98866	...

## plot

plot (overloaded) plots the content of an x13series object

TO DO: legends and 'nolegend'

legends are not yet implemented, and 'nolegend' therefore has no effect yet.

MORE IMPORTANTLY, this code is a mess. It works, but it is extremely difficult to maintain because it is not well structured. This requires a fundamental overhaul...

Usage:

```
plot(obj)
plot(obj, 'variable1', 'variable2', ...)
plot(obj1, obj2, ..., 'variable1', 'variable2', ...)
plot(h, obj, ...)
plot(..., 'columnwise'|'rowwise'|'layout',[rows,cols]||'combined')
plot(..., 'dateticks',['all','d','w','m','q','y','auto','matlab'])
plot(..., 'dateticks','...', 'multdateticks', integer)
plot(..., 'selection', boolean vector)
plot(..., 'logscale')
plot(..., 'normalized'|'meannormalized')
plot(..., 'overlapperiods')
plot(..., 'overlapyears')
plot(..., 'span')
plot(..., 'boxplot')
plot(..., 'byperiod')
plot(..., 'byperiodnomean')
plot(..., 'separate')
plot(..., 'fromdate',date)
plot(..., 'todate',date)
plot(..., 'selectdates',boolean vector)
plot(..., 'nolegend')
plot(..., 'options',{...})
plot(..., 'quiet')
[fh,ax] = plot(...)
```

The command can plot variables, ACF/PACF, and spectra contained in an x13series object. It plots these types of items differently, and some of the options apply only to some types of items.

The options can be abbreviated. However, at least four characters of the option must be specified. Otherwise, the parameter is interpreted as the name of an item that is to be plotted. For instance, in `plot(obj,'dat','log')`, the program will try to plot the items 'dat' and 'log' (if available), but maybe you wanted to plot 'dat' on a log-scale. To achieve that, you need to say (at the minimum) `plot(obj,'dat','logs')` [abbreviation of 'logscale'].

#### Inputs:

<code>obj</code>	An <code>x13series</code> object.
<code>variable</code>	The name of variables stored in <code>obj</code> . Default is <code>'dat'</code> .
<code>h</code>	Can be a figure handle or an axis handle. If it is an axes handle, then only one <code>x13series</code> and one variable can be specified, or the <code>'combined'</code> keyword must also be used. This single variable of this single <code>x13series</code> is then plotted to the given axis.
<code>'rowwise'</code>	The variables of an <code>x13series</code> are plotted in one row; each column contains the same variable of all <code>x13series</code> objects. This is the default.
<code>'columnwise'</code>	This option swaps the location of the subaxes. With <code>'columnwise'</code> , the variables of an <code>x13series</code> are plotted in one column; each row contains the same variable of all <code>x13series</code> objects.
<code>'layout',[rows,cols]</code>	sets the number of rows and columns of the subaxes. If rows or cols is NaN, it will be computed from the other one. It is not legal to set both to NaN.
<code>'combined'</code>	Plots all the requested information in one axis.
<code>'dateticks'</code>	This is one of the following: <code>'all'</code> , <code>'d'</code> , <code>'w'</code> , <code>'m'</code> , <code>'q'</code> , <code>'y'</code> , <code>'matlab'</code> , <code>'auto'</code> , or <code>'default'</code> . <code>'auto'</code> makes a choice that often works. <code>'all'</code> means that each datapoint on the dates-axis is labelled. <code>'matlab'</code> means that Matlab's default is used. The default is <code>'auto'</code> .
<code>'multdateticks'</code>	Reduces the number of ticks. Example, if <code>'dateticks'</code> is set to <code>'y'</code> and <code>'multdateticks'</code> is set to 3, then there is a tick at the beginning of every third year.
<code>'selection'</code>	If a variable contains several time series (such as <code>.fct</code> , which contains the forecast as well as the lower and upper bounds of the confidence interval), then the vector following the <code>'selection'</code> option determines which time series are plotted. For instance, <code>plot(obj, 'fct', 'selection',[1 0 0])</code> plots only the forecast without the limits of the confidence band. Default is to plot all timeseries contained in an item. If the number of entries in the selection-vector does not match the number of time series contained in a variable, <code>'selection'</code> is simply ignored.
<code>'logscale'</code>	Applies only to variables (not ACF or spectra). Uses a logarithmic scale for the values.
<code>'normalized'</code>	Applies only to variables. Normalizes data so that mean is zero and standard deviation is one. If <code>'normalized'</code> and <code>'logscale'</code> are used, the log of the data is first taken and the logarithmic data are then normalized.
<code>'meannormalized'</code>	Applies only to variables. Same as <code>'normalized'</code> but applies only to the mean.
<code>'overlapperiods'</code>	The x-axis is either 1:12 (for monthly data) or 1:4

(for quarterly data). Each year's values are drawn as a separate line.

'overlapyears' The x-axis is one observation for each year. Each period (month or quarter) is drawn as a separate line.

'span' The x-axis is either 1:12 (for monthly data) or 1:4 (for quarterly data). Three lines are drawn, one containing the average for each month/quarter over all years, and one showing the respective minimum or maximum.

'boxplot' Similar to 'overlapperiods', but instead of plotting each year as a line, here a boxplot for each month (quarter) is produced. You can use 'boxplot' and 'overlapperiods' together. This option requires the 'Statistics Toolbox'. If this Toolbox is not available, the option will be substituted by 'span'.

'byperiod' As with 'overlapperiods', 'span', and 'boxplot', the abscissa is either 1:12 or 1:4. For each period, the year-by-year development is depicted as a line, so for instance, `plot(obj,'d10','byperiod')` would show the development of the Jan, Feb, Mar etc seasonal factor from year to year. Also, for each month (quarter), the average factor is shown as a horizontal red line. The graph is similar to one of the more innovative plots provided by the Census Bureau plot utility.

'byperiodnomean' Same as 'byperiod', except that the average for each period is not shown in the graph.

'separateperiods' Same as 'byperiodnomean', but each month (quarter) gets its own axis. Also the same as 'overlapyears', but with each line in its own subaxis.

'fromdate' or 'todate' Boundaries of the dates that are represented on the horizontal date axis in the graph.

'selectdates' This must be followed by a boolean vector that is as long as the time series that is being graphed. Only those datapoints are represented in the graph who have a TRUE entry.

'nolegend' A legend is added when there is more than one variable that is printed. This option suppresses the legend.

'options' This overloaded plot method relies on Matlab's ordinary plot command to actually produce the figure. With 'options' the user can specify any additional arguments that will be passed to the main plot function.

'quiet' Suppress warnings.

#### Outputs:

fh A handle to the figure that is created.

ax An array of handles to the individual axes that are contained in the figure.

Examples:

Straightforward examples:

```
plot(obj);
plot(obj, 'd10', 'd13');
plot(obj, 'dat', 'd11', 'combined');
plot(obj1, obj2, 'd12', 'combined');
```

A more elaborate example:

```
figure;
ah = subplot(2,2,[1 3]);
plot(ah,x,'dat','options',{'LineWidth',1.0});
hold on;
plot(ah,x,'d12','options',{'Color',[1,0,0],'LineWidth',2.0});
title(ah,'\bfdata and trend');
```

```
ah = subplot(2,2,2);
plot(ah,x,'d10');
```

```
ah = subplot(2,2,4);
plot(ah,x,'d10','boxplot');
title(ah,'\bfdistribution of seasonal factors (d10)');
```

To plot all variables in an x13series, try this:

```
plot(x,x.listofitems{:});
```



## seasbreaks

--- help for x13series/seasbreaks ---

seasbreaks (overloaded) produces a special plot showing potential seasonal breaks

Usage:

```
seasbreaks(obj)
seasbreaks(..., plotoptions)
[fh,ax] = seasbreaks(...)
```

The plot produces a chart with one axis for each month (quarter) displaying the seasonal factors as lines and the SI ratios as markers. Normally, the lines should be relatively close to the markers. If for one month (quarter), the markers are all below the line, and then suddenly above it (or vice versa), this indicates a break in the seasonal structure. The function returns a handle to the figure and a matrix of handles to the individual axes.

The program works only if

- the X-11 seasonal factors have been computed and 'd10' as well as 'd8' or 'd13' have been saved, or
- the SEATS seasonal factors have been computed and 's10' and 's13' have been saved, or
- any CUSTOM seasonal factors have been computed and 'sf' as well as 'si' or 'ir' have been saved.

If SI (i.e. 'd8' or 's8') are missing, SI is recovered as  $SI = SF + IR$  (or  $SI = SF * IR$ , depending on the type of adjustment defined in the spec).

Inputs:

obj	An x13series object.
h	An optional figure handle.
plotoptions	Any options passed on to x13series.plot.

Outputs:

fh	A handle to the figure that is created.
ax	Handles to the axes in the figure.

## x13toxls

x13toxls writes the content of an x13series variable into an Excel file.

Usage:

```
x13toxls(x,filename,['overwrite'])
```

x is a x13series object. filename is the name of the Excel workbook that will be created. If you add the switch 'overwrite', an existing Excel file with the same name will be overwritten.

There is no function for exporting x13composite objects to Excel, but you can use x13toxls to export individual series contained in an x13composite. For instance, if x is a x13composite with three series, x.country, x.north, x.south, then x13toxls(x.country,'country.xlsx') will write the content of x.country into an Excel file.

## addASC

addASC computes the absolute seasonal contribution in an x13series object and places it into the object as new variable called asc ('absolute seasonal contribution').

Usage:

```
obj = addASC(obj)
```

obj must be a x13series object with some form of seasonal adjustment (X11, SEATS, FIXEDSEAS, or CAMPLET). x13composites are not supported. The returned obj contains a new series, called obj.asc. This series contains the absolute seasonal contribution.

If the seasonal adjustment is additive, the absolute seasonal contribution is simply the seasonal factor (and there is not much point in applying addASC). If the seasonal adjustment is multiplicative, however, then  $asc = (sf-1)*tr$ , where sf is the multiplicative seasonal factor and tr is the trend component.

## addCDT

addCDT removes outliers and holiday corrections from dat and stores the result as a new variable called cdt ('corrected data').

Usage:

```
obj = addCDT(obj)
obj = addCDT(obj, '...');
obj = addCDT(obj, '...', '...', ...);
```

obj must be a x13series object. (x13composites are not supported.) If only the obj is given as argument, then the following series (if present) are removed from the data: 'ls', 'ao', 'tc', 'hol', 'td'. Alternatively, the user can also provide a list of series to remove from the data, e.g. addCDT(obj, 'ls') will remove only level shifts ('ls') from the data. The result is stored as obj.cdt.

## addacf

addacf computes the autocorrelation function of a variable using the Econometrics Toolbox and adds the result to an x13series.

NOTE: This method requires that Matlab's Econometrics Toolbox is installed.

### Usage:

```
obj.addacf(v,d,vname,descr);  
obj.addacf(v,d,vname,descr,nlags);
```

### Inputs:

obj	An x13series object.
v	Variable contained in obj.
d	Number of differences. d=0 means that the ACF of the data itself is computed. Setting d=1 computes the ACF of the first difference of the variable.
vname	Name of the new variable that is created.
descr	Short text describing the new variable.
nlags	Number of lags to compute (default is 2*obj.period).

Example: We assume that dates and data contain the dates and the observations of a timeseries that will be seasonally adjusted.

```
spec = makespec('ADDITIVE','FIXEDSEAS');  
obj = x13([dates,data],spec);  
obj.addacf('ir' ,1,'fai','ACF of fixed irregular');  
plot(obj,'fai');
```

## addpcf

addpcf computes the partial autocorrelation function of a variable using the Econometrics Toolbox and adds the result to an x13series.

NOTE: This method requires that Matlab's Econometrics Toolbox is installed.

### Usage:

```
obj.addpcf(v,d,vname,descr);  
obj.addpcf(v,d,vname,descr,nlags);
```

### Inputs:

obj	An x13series object.
v	Variable contained in obj.
d	Number of differences. d=0 means that the PACF of the data itself is computed. Setting d=1 computes the PACF of the first difference of the variable.
vname	Name of the new variable that is created.
descr	Short text describing the new variable.
nlags	Number of lags to compute (default is 2*obj.period).

Example: We assume that dates and data contain the dates and the observations of a timeseries that will be seasonally adjusted.

```
spec = makespec('ADDITIVE','FIXEDSEAS');  
obj = x13([dates,data],spec);  
obj.addpcf('ir' ,1,'fpi','PACF of fixed irregular');  
plot(obj,'fpi');
```

## addspectrum

addspectrum computes the spectrum of a variable using the Signal Processing Toolbox and adds the result to an x13series.

NOTE: This method requires that Matlab's Signal Processing Toolbox is installed.

Usage:

```
obj.addspectrum(v,d,vname,descr);
```

Inputs:

obj	An x13series object.
v	Variable contained in obj.
d	Number of differences. d=0 means that the spectrum of the data itself is computed. Setting d=1 computes the spectrum of the first difference of the variable.
vname	Name of the new variable that is created.
descr	Short text describing the new variable.

Example: We assume that dates and data contain the dates and the observations of a timeseries that will be seasonally adjusted.

```
spec = makespec('ADDITIVE','FIXEDSEAS','CAMPLET');  
obj = x13([dates,data],spec);  
obj.addspectrum('sa',1,'sfa','Spectrum of fixed seasonal adjustment');  
obj.addspectrum('csa',1,'sca','Spectrum of camplet seasonal adjustment');  
plot(obj,'sfa','sca','combined');
```

## addMatlabSpectrum

addMatlabSpectrum computes the spectrum of a variable using the Signal Processing. It adds up to four spectra (for  $\Delta$ dat,  $\Delta$ sa,  $\Delta$ ir, and rsd). If Spectra are already in the variable, they are replaced. Thus, this program overwrites the spectra that were generated by x13as.exe.

NOTE: This method requires that Matlab's Signal Processing Toolbox is installed.

Usage:

```
x = x13(dates,data,spec);  
x.addMatlabSpectrum;  
plot(x,'sp0');
```



## preadjustOnePeriod

`preadjustOnePeriod` replaces the seasonally unadjusted data for one month or one quarter, respectively, by the adjusted data, and then recomputes the seasonal adjustment.

Usage:

```
obj = preadjustOnePeriod(obj,p)
```

`obj` is a `x13series` (`x13composites` are not supported) that contains some seasonal adjustment. `p` is an integer between 1 and `obj.period`. `p` can also be a vector of such integers.

Example: Let `obj` be an `x13series` object with monthly periodicity and seasonal adjustment. Then, `obj = preadjustOnePeriod(obj,12)` will replace the December values with the seasonally adjusted data, and recompute the seasonal adjustment. The procedure also removes all outliers (such as `ao` or `ls` or `hol`) using `addCDT`.

Procedure: The first step is to use `addCDT` to remove the outliers. The second step is to use `addASC` to compute the additive seasonal contribution (`asc`). Then, the `asc` of the particular period(s) is removed from the data and the seasonal adjustment is computed again.

## x13minus

x13minus takes two x13series objects and returns a new x13series object that contains all time series both arguments have in common, but containing the difference of the values. This is useful to exactly compare the differences between two sets of specifications.

Usage:

```
x3 = x13minus(x1,x2)
```

x1, x2, x3 are x13series objects. x3 contains all time series objects that are common to x1 and x2, but with their differences as values. In addition, x3 will contain variables 'tr','sa','sf','ir','si','rsd' that contain the differences of the key variables, so that even if the key variables have different names in x1 and x2, you can still get a difference.

Example1:

```
load BoxJenkinsG; dates = BoxJenkinsG.dates; data = BoxJenkinsG.data;
spec1 = makespec('PICKFIRST','NOTTRANS','EASTER','TD','X11', ...
    'series','name','linear');
x1 = x13(dates,data,spec1);
spec2 = makespec(spec1,'LOG','series','name','log');
x2 = x13(dates,data,spec2);
x3 = x13minus(x1,x2);
ah = subplot(2,1,1); plot(ah,x1,x2,'e2','comb');
ah = subplot(2,1,2); plot(ah,x3,'e2');
```

EXAMPLE 2:

```
spec1 = makespec('PICKFIRST','LOG','EASTER','TD','X11', ...
    'series','name','X-11');
x1 = x13(dates,data,spec1);
spec2 = makespec(spec1,'SEATS','series','name','SEATS');
x2 = x13(dates,data,spec2);
x3 = x13minus(x1,x2);
ah = subplot(2,1,1); plot(ah,x1,x2,'d11','s11','comb','quiet');
ah = subplot(2,1,2); plot(ah,x3,'sa');
```

Note that x3.sa is x1.e2 - x2.s11, because the seasonally adjusted variables have different names in X11 and in SEATS.

## Internally used method

PrepareFiles, Run, CollectFiles, RunMfile, runX12diag  
addvariable, additem, ritem, clean  
updatemsg, showmsg, updatetables, addtable, rmtable  
DetermineFrequency, Descrvariable  
ExtractParagraph, ExtractSection, ExtractValue

Type `help x13series.Method` to receive short help on some method.

## x13composite class

A composite seasonal adjustment is a procedure where a group of simultaneous time series are used to produce an alternative seasonal adjustment. In addition, the sum of these series is also computed and seasonally adjusted. The sum can be seasonally adjusted separately or can be indirectly adjusted by adding the seasonally adjusted series of its components. The Census program does both at the same time.

A x13composite variable contains a composite seasonal adjustment. It contains one x13series variable for each components and an additional one for the aggregate.

Like x13spec and x13series, the x13composite has methods `display`, `disp`, and `dispstring`.

## x13composite

x13composite is the class definition for x13composite objects. Such an object is the home of the input to and the output of the US Bureau of the Census X13ARIMA-SEATS program as applied to a composite time series.

### Properties:

- name	string	name of the series
- filename	string	name of the files associated with the series
- fileloc	string	path to location of data files
- graphicsloc	string	path to location of files for the x13graph program; if this is an empty string (''), the graphics files are created in a subdirectory of the temporary files directory; if this property is empty ([]), no graphics files are produced by the .Run method.
- flags	string	flags to be used in the x13as run. Do not set the -g or the -m flags here; they are taken care of automatically. You could, for instance, set the -r or the -n flags to affect the .out property, or set the -s switch to generate the diagnostics summary file.
- spec	x13spec	specification structure for estimation
- period	int	periodicity (4 or 12)
- span	string	dates spanned by variable
- prog	string	name of executable used for the computation
- progloc	string	path to the x13as/x12a program
- ishtml	boolean	false if text version of executable is used, true if html version is used (in that case, obj.table is empty)
- progversion	string	version and build number of the Census program used
- timeofrun	1x2 array	time of running of program, duration of run
- con	string	console output of x13as.exe
- msg	string	errors, warnings, and notes during run
- listofseries	array	names of x13series objects stored

- compositeseries	string	in this object name of x13series in the object containing the composite
- alldates	array	union of all .dat dates vectors
- hseries	array	handles to series in object

.spec, .prog, .progloc, .fileloc, .graphicsloc, and .timeofrun are freely accessible properties (they can be read and set from anywhere). The other properties are either protected or dependent, which means that you cannot easily set them (e.g., setting x.period = 12 throws an error).

In addition, x13series objects are added as new properties during an x13 run. These new properties contain the runs of the individual series that make up the composite, as well as the aggregated time series.

Important methods:

- disp and display	Show the content of the object.
- dispstring	Same as disp, but does not print to the console. Instead, the disp output is returned as a string variable.
- plot	An overloaded method for this object class.
- showmsg	Returns the content of the .msg property (which is a cell array) as a string.

Rarely used methods: The following methods are normally not useful for regular users. They are used by x13.m to perform its work. Be careful if you employ these methods. It is possible to create unusable x13series objects if you don't know what you are doing.

- PrepareFiles	Takes four arguments: dates, data, spec, and compSpec. data is the vector for dates, data is the collection of series (the components), spec is the collection of x13spec specifications for the components, and compSpec is the specification for the composite series. The method calls the PrepareFiles method for the individual x13series objects.
- Run	Runs the x13 program using the files created by PrepareFiles.
- CollectFiles	Imports the files produced by the x13 program into the Matlab object.
- runX12diag	Runs the X-12 diagnostic utility on the files created with the -s flag.
- updatemsg	Extracts all ERRORS, WARNINGS and NOTES from the .err property and places them in the .msg property. Also adds a list of variables that were requested in the specification (with some 'save' key) but that are not available (because the x13 program did not produce them, or because they were later deleted).

## plot

plot (overloaded) plots the content of an x13composite object

Usage:

```
plot(obj)
plot(obj, 'variable1', 'variable2', ...)
plot(obj, 'variable1', 'variable2', ..., 'dropcomposite')
plot(obj1, 'variable1', 'variable2', ..., option1, option2, ...)
plot(h, obj, ...)
[fh,ax] = plot(...)
```

Inputs:

obj	A x13composite object.
variable	The name of variables stored in the x13series contained in obj.
h	Can be a figure handle or an axes handle. If it is an axes handle, then only one variable can be specified. If the x13composite object contains multiple series (which normally it would), then one must also set the 'combined' option. The single variable of all x13series in obj are then plotted to the given axes.
dropcomposite	Do not plot the composite series.
options	See help on x13series.plot for explanation.

Outputs:

fh	A handle to the figure that is created.
ax	An array of handles to the individual axes that are contained in the figure.

x13composite/plot really functions like x13series.plot, where all series contained in the composite object are passed as individual series to the x13series.plot routine. For instance, if obj is a x13composite with five series,

```
=====
X13-ARIMA-SEATS composite object
.....
List of series:
-> Y
- C
- I
- G
- NX
.....
Time of run: 24-Jul-2015 09:18:02 (4.0 sec)
=====
```

then `plot(obj, [...])` --- which calls `x13composite/plot` --- is exactly the same as `plot(objC,obj.I,obj.G,obj.NX,obj.Y, [...])` --- which calls `x13series.plot`.



## seasbreaks

seasbreaks (overloaded) produces special plots showing potential seasonal breaks

### Usage:

```
seasbreaks(obj)
seasbreaks(..., 'dropcomposite')
seasbreaks(..., options)
fh = seasbreaks(...)
```

### Inputs:

obj	A x13composite object.
dropcomposite	Do not plot the composite series.
options	Any options passed on to x13series.plot.

### Outputs:

fh	An array of handles to the figures that are created.
----	--

x13composite/seasbreaks really functions like x13series.seasbreaks, where all series contained in the composite object are passed as individual series to the x13series.seasbreaks routine.

## Internally used methods

`PrepareFiles, Run, CollectFiles, RunOther, runX12diag`  
`addseries, rmseries, ExtractParagraph`  
`showmsg, updatemsg`

Type `help x13composite.Method` to receive short help on some method.

## Seasonal adjustment without the Census program

The X-13ARMA-SEATS program from the Census Bureau does normally a very good job. But to use it, you need to copy the `x13as.exe` file from the Census website (which is done automatically with the `InstallMissingCensusProgram` command). This might not be possible for you, for instance because you work on a computer that is controlled by an IT administrator and you are not allowed to install any software. Moreover, the X-13 procedure is a bit of a black box, so we do not learn much about the mechanics of seasonal adjustment.

To address these issues, this toolbox provides alternatives that are completely done within Matlab. The toolbox contains four programs that perform a seasonal adjustment and do not use the Census programs:

- `seas`            A simple, very transparent algorithm you can tinker with.
- `fixedseas`      An algorithm that produces seasonal factors that do not change over time.
- `x11`             An approximate implementation of the older X-11 procedure that was developed by the Census bureau in the 1960s.
- `complet`         An algorithm that produces an adjustment that does not undergo revisions when new data are added to the time series.

`Seas` and `fixedseas` are variations of a common algorithm that contains of just four steps:

1. Use some form of smoothing to create a trend (TR) from the data (D).
2. Compute the deviation of D from TR (call it SI), make 12 series out of SI (for monthly observations, make 4 for quarterly observations, and likewise for other frequencies), and use again some smoothing algorithm on these 12 series separately. Call these smoothed series seasonal factors (SF).
3. Compute the difference between D and SF and call this the seasonally adjusted series (SA).
4. Compute the difference between TR and SA and call this the irregular series (IR).

We end up with a decomposition in the form  $S = TR + SF + IR$ , and  $SA = D - SF = TR + IR$ . TR contains the low frequency components of the data, SF contains the medium frequencies, and IR the high frequencies.

Step 1 is performed with the `trendfilter` function, Step 2 is performed with the `seasfilter` function.

To learn how to design your own seasonal adjustment algorithm, you can study the `seas.m` file, and, a bit more complicated, the `x11.m` and `fixedseas.m` files. The main choices you have is to use different methods to smooth, and to perform multiple rounds of such adjustments.

`x11.m` also just uses the basic components of trend-filters, seasonal filters, and normalization, but it is a fair bit more complicated than `seas.m`. This is an approximate implementation of the first X-11 algorithm and contains several stages of seasonal adjustment (based on moving averages).

`camplet.m` is quite a different filter. It relies only on backward looking filters in order to avoid revisions of the end of sample data when new data comes in.

## seas

seas is a simple program that demonstrates the use of the programs in the seas directory of the X-13 toolbox.

\*\*\* COMPONENTS OF THE seas SUBFOLDER \*\*\*\*\*

This folder contains a selection of programs that can be used to easily create a seasonal adjustment, based on filters, yourself.

These programs are:

trendfilter.m	Computes a trend (i.e. smoothed) version of the data. You can choose from many different methods to do that.
seasfilter.m	Splits data using splitperiods, smoothes them with trendfilter, and joins them together again with joinperiods.
normalize_seas.m	Computes the difference or the ratio of two series, depending on whether the decomposition is additive or multiplicative.
splitperiods.m	Splits the data into their periods. For instance, with monthly data, split periods makes twelve times series out of your data, one for each month of the year.
joinperiods.m	Reverse of splitperiods.
fillholes.m	Linear interpolation of missing values.
wmean.m	Computes the weighted mean. Similar to Matlab's conv command, but with smarter treatment of the edge of the data.
kernelweights.m	Computes the weights for a wide range of kernels. Used by trendfilter.m and seasfilter.m in conjunction with wmean.m
fixedseas.m	A rather elaborate program that produces a rather simple version of seasonal adjustment in which the seasonal factors are kept fixed over the years.
x11.m	An implementation of a much simplified version of the original X-11 method of the U.S. Census Bureau.
camplet.m	A form of seasonal adjustment that was recently developed and that does not produce revisions when data are added to the time series. It does that because the smoothing is completely backward looking (so no centered filters at all). camplet is separately implemented and does not use the other tools provided here.
seas.m	This file. You can experiment with the implementation in this file, and develop your own seasonal adjustment routine starting from seas.m.

\*\*\* AN EXAMPLE: seas.M \*\*\*\*\*

Usage of seas.m

```
s = seas(data,p)
s = seas([dates,data],p)
s = seas(...,[mode],[title])
```

data is either a column vector or an array with two columns. In that case, the left column is a date vector and the right column is the data vector.

p is the period of the data that is to be filtered out. So, typically, with monthly data, for instance, p should be set to 12.

mode is either 'add', 'logadd', or 'mult'. 'add' implies that the seasonal factor will be zero on average and is subtracted from the unadjusted data to get to the seasonally adjusted data. If type is 'logadd', an additive decomposition is performed on the logarithm of the data, which are then converted back to their non-log versions afterwards. With 'mult', the seasonal factor is one on average, and the data is divided by the seasonal factor to get the seasonally adjusted data. Quantitatively, 'mult' should be quite similar to 'logadd'.

title is a string containing the name of the series (if one is provided).

s contains the output neatly organized in a struct. To make an x13series out of this, say the following,

```
x = structtox13(s);
```

Alternatively, you can use the custom implementation with x13 as follows,

```
x = x13(dates,data,spec,'prog','seas.m')
```

If you use it like this, the settings passed on are set in the spec in the 'custom' section, for instance,

```
spec = makespec('custom','save','(sa sf)','custom','mode','add')
```

This version has the advantage that you can also specify trading day and Easter corrections, which are extracted via a regression of the irregular component of a first pass of seas.m, correcting the data from that, and then running seas.m a second time.

\*\*\* MAKING YOUR OWN \*\*\*\*\*

You can easily make your own implementation. It may be easiest to start from seas.m and modify a copy of this file. Any custom m-file that performs a seasonal adjustment has to return a struct, containing, at the minimum, the following fields:

```
'dates'    The column vector of dates.
'dat'      The column vector of unadjusted data.
```

In addition, your output struct should contain the result of your

seasonal decomposition. Note that these fields must have names with at most three letters (e.g., 'sa', 'rsd', etc). Fields with names longer than three letters (except the ones listed below) will not be imported into the x13series object.

Optional fields are:

'keyv'	The content of this field is itself a struct with the following components: 'dat','tr','sa','sf','ir','si','rsd'. These fields contain the same of key variables. This setting is stored not in the x13spec, but directly in the x13series object. If your output s does not contain a keyv field, the default is used, keyv = struct('dat','dat','tr','tr','sa','sa', ... 'sf','sf','ir','ir','si','si','rsd','rsd')
'mode'	The mode of the adjustment (typically 'add', 'logadd', 'mult', but others are possible, depending on what you implement). The setting is stored in custom-mode in the x13spec.
'transform'	A transformation of the data before processing (typically 'none' or 'log', but again, more is possible. The setting is stored in transform-function in the x13spec.
'title'	The title of the variable (if one is provided).
'name'	The name of the series. There is a subtle difference between title and name. title can be any string, name should be a valid filename (this has to do with x13as.exe, which is irrelevant in this context, but it is good practice to observe this restriction anyway).
'options'	Some content, to be defined by you, that describes any information or settings you wish to use in your seasonal adjustment. The setting is stored in custom-options in the x13spec.
'tbl'	This is itself a struct. The content of this struct will be imported as tables into the x13series object.

## x11

x11 computes an approximate version of the original X-11 seasonal adjustment from 1965.

Literature: Dominique Ladiray et Benoît Quenneville, DÉSAISONNALISER AVEC LA MÉTHODE X-11, free version in French available for download from [researchgate.net](http://researchgate.net)  
English version published as: Ladiray, Dominique, Quenneville, Benoît, "Seasonal Adjustment with the X-11 Method," Lecture Notes in Statistics, Springer, 2001.

CAUTION: The program computes only an approximate version of the original X-11 algorithm. Most notably, data close to the edges of the sample are treated differently, and there are some differences in the detection of outliers.

Later versions of X-11 used an estimated ARIMA model to produce fore- and backcasts in order to alleviate the edge of sample problem that occurs in any filtering using moving averages. This program does not use ARIMA, but instead 'mirrors' at the left and right and applies the filtering after that. This simple technique appears to get rid of the edge of sample problem rather well in most cases.

An adjustment for calendar effects is not available using x11.m directly. This is, however, implemented when using x11.m through x13.m as follows:

```
x = x13(dates,data,spec);
```

If spec contains entries for 'regression','save','td' an adjustment for trading days will be computed. Likewise, if spec contains 'regression','save','hol', an adjustment for Easter will be computed. These corrections for calendar effects is different than the one implemented in the original X-11. It also offers much less options than the original, and also does not perform tests to determine whether calendar adjustments are useful.

NOTE: This program does *\*not\** use the original X-11 executable program from the US Census Bureau. It does not support many of the options of that program either. This program merely tries to replicate the key steps of the seasonal adjustment performed by the X-11 algorithm using Matlab directly. In other words, this is a Matlab implementation of an approximate version of the X-11 algorithm.

This fact also implies that, unlike the U.S. Census software, this implementation accommodates arbitrary frequencies, not just monthly or quarterly. This program is just a small addition to the toolbox that makes it more complete. Because the adjustment using X-11 is often quite similar to the one offered by X-13, this program can be useful for users who are unable to download or install the Census programs (for instance because



IT security regulation prevents installing executables).

Usage:

```
s = x11(data,period);
s = x11([dates,data],period);
s = x11(... ,transform);
s = x11(... ,transform,name);
s = x11(... ,transform,name,dofull);
```

s This is a structure containing the following components:

```
s.prog   = 'x11.m'
s.name    = name of series (if given)
s.period  = period
s.type    = type of decomposition
s.tbl     = some calculations along the way
s.dates   = dates vector
s.dat     = data vector
s.d10     = seasonal factor (cycle)
s.d11     = seasonally adjusted data
s.d12     = trend
s.d13     = irregular component
.
.
.
```

The other components are from intermediate computation steps. Their meaning is revealed in the documentation of x13as.exe.

transform

must be one of the following: 'additive','none','multiplicative', or 'logadditive'. It indicates the type of decomposition.

'additive' or 'none' :  $\text{data} = \text{tr} + \text{sf} + \text{ir}$ ,  $\text{sa} = \text{tr} + \text{ir}$ .

'multiplicative' :  $\text{data} = \text{tr} * \text{sf} * \text{ir}$ ,  $\text{sa} = \text{tr} * \text{ir}$ .

'logadditive' :  $\log(\text{data}) = \text{tr} + \text{sf} + \text{ir}$ ,  $\text{sa} = \exp(\text{tr} + \text{ir})$ .

name is a string containing a descriptive title of the variable that is treated. This can be empty.

dofull

is a boolean. If set to true, all the intermediate series are stored in the struct. Default is false, which means that only the most important final results are stored.

REMARK: This program uses several smaller programs (trendfilter, seasfilter, normalize\_seas) that can be used to create a custom seasonal adjustment algorithm relatively easily. To understand how, just study the source code of this program.

## method1

method1 computes an approximate version of "Method I", developed by Julius Shishkin in the 1950 at the US Census Bureau.

Note: I have not found a completely clear description of the algorithm, so it is unlikely that the algorithm is exactly the same as the original. My implementation is based on Allen H. Young's preface to the book by Ladiray and Quenneville:

"Dans la Méthode I, les coefficients saisonniers étaient estimés par l'intermédiaire de moyennes mobiles appliquées aux valeurs de la composante saisonnier-irrégulier de chaque mois. Cette composante saisonnier-irrégulier était elle-même calculée comme rapport de la série originale et du résultat du lissage de cette série originale par une moyenne mobile centrée sur 12 termes, lissage sensé représenter la composante tendance-cycle. Une seconde série ajustée était calculée, en remplaçant cette estimation de la tendance-cycle par le lissage de la première estimation de la série corrigée des variations saisonnières par une moyenne mobile simple d'ordre 5."

Also, the treatment at the edge of the sample is certainly different than the original.

Usage:

```
s = method1(data, period);
s = method1([dates,data], period);
s = method1(... , adjmode);
s = method1(... , adjmode, title);
```

```
s  This is a structure containing the following components:
    'prog',      'method1.m', ...
    'tbl',       an explanatory text, ...
    'title',     title, ...
    'period',    period, ...
    'mode',      adjmode, ...
    'keyv',      struct('dat','dat','tr','d12','sa','d11','sf','d10', ...
                        'ir','d13','si','d8','rsd','rsd'), ...
    'dates',     dates, ...
    'dat',       data, ...
    'd12',       tr, ...
    'd8',        si, ...
    'd10',       sf, ...
    'd11',       sa, ...
    'd13',       ir, ...
    'b2',        tr1, ...
    'b3',        si1, ...
    'b4',        sf1, ...
    'b6',        sa1);
```

`adjmode`

must be one of the following: 'additive', 'none', 'multiplicative', or 'logadditive'. It indicates the type of decomposition.

'additive' or 'none' :  $\text{data} = \text{tr} + \text{sf} + \text{ir}$ ,  $\text{sa} = \text{tr} + \text{ir}$ .

'multiplicative' :  $\text{data} = \text{tr} * \text{sf} * \text{ir}$ ,  $\text{sa} = \text{tr} * \text{ir}$ .

'logadditive' :  $\log(\text{data}) = \text{tr} + \text{sf} + \text{ir}$ ,  $\text{sa} = \exp(\text{tr} + \text{ir})$ .

`title` is a string containing a descriptive title of the variable that is treated. This can be empty.

## fixedseas

fixedseas computes a simple seasonal filter with fixed seasonal factors.

Usage:

```
s = fixedseas(data,period);
s = fixedseas([dates,data],period);
s = fixedseas(... ,mode);
s = fixedseas(... ,smoothmethod);
s = fixedseas(... ,smoothmethod,methodarg);
[s,aggr] = fixedseas(...);
```

data must be a vector. fixedseas is NaN tolerant, meaning data can contain NaNs.

period is a positive number which indicates the length of the seasonal cycle (i.e. period = 12 for monthly data, period = 7 for daily data having a weekly cycle, or period = 5 if the data is weekdaily).

The optional arguments determine if the filtering should be done additively or multiplicatively, and the method of filter to use for computing the trend.

'mode' is one of the following:

'none' or 'add'	The decomposition is done additively. This is the default.
'logadd'	The log is applied to the data, the decomposition is then applied additively, and the exponential of the result is returned.
'mult'	The decomposition is done multiplicatively.

'smoothmethod' (and 'methodarg') determines the method of trend. There are many choices here, see 'help trendfilter' for a description. Default is a centered moving average with length equal to period ('cma',period).

'period' can also be a positive vector. In that case, the seasonal filtering is performed several times, removing cycles at all desired frequencies. In that case, 'mode' and 'smoothmethod' can be cellarrays, containing one method (plus argument) for each period. The returned s is then a structure with as many components as there are components in 'period'.

If period is a vector and mode is the same for each period, an additional aggregated structure is appended to s, providing the cumulated seasonal factors etc. In that case, aggr is returned as true.

Depending on the method used, the program will select default values for 'lambda', 'roughness', or 'degree', respectively, if you do not specify them. If you use a vector for the 'period' argument (filtering out multiple periods), then you can also specify vectors of lambda/roughness/degree-arguments, one for each component of your period-vector.

s is a struct with the following fields:

- .period      Period(s) that has/have been filtered.
- .mode        Either 'none' or 'log' or 'mult'.
- .smoothmethod   The method used for computing the trend.
- .methodarg   possibly a parameter for the smoothing algorithm.
- .tbl        A short explanation of the algorithm.
- .dates      The original dates. If none were provided, this is just a vector counting from 1 to the number of data points.
- .dat        The original data.
- .tr        Long term trend (by default the moving average, but other choices are possible, see above).
- .sa        Seasonally adjusted series (= dat-sf, or exp(dat-sf), respectively).
- .sf        Seasonal factors.
- .ir        Irregular (= sa-tr or exp(sa-tr), respectively).

Data is decomposed into the three components, trend (tr), seasonal factor (sf), and irregular (ir). For the additive decomposition, it is always the case that  $\text{data} = \text{tr} + \text{sf} + \text{ir}$ . Furthermore,  $\text{sa} = \text{data} - \text{sf}$  (or equivalently,  $\text{sa} = \text{tr} + \text{ir}$ ). For the multiplicative decomposition,  $\text{data} = \text{tr} * \text{sf} * \text{ir}$ , and  $\text{sa} = \text{data} ./ \text{sf}$  (or equivalently,  $\text{sa} = \text{tr} * \text{ir}$ ).

Example 1:

```

truetrend = 0.02*(1:200)' + 5;
% truecycle = sin((1:200)'*(2*pi)/20);
truecycle = repmat([zeros(7,1);-0.6;zeros(11,1);0.9],ceil(200/20),1);
truecycle = truecycle(1:200);
truecycle = truecycle - mean(truecycle);
trueresid = 0.2*randn(200,1);
data = truetrend + truecycle + trueresid;
s = fixedseas(data,20);
figure('Position',[78 183 505 679]);
subplot(3,1,1); plot([s.dat,s.sa,s.tr,truetrend]); grid on;
title('unadjusted and seasonally adjusted data, estimated and true trend')
subplot(3,1,2); plot([s.sf,truecycle]); grid on;
title('estimated and true seasonal factor')
subplot(3,1,3); plot([s.ir,trueresid]); grid on;
title('estimated and true irregular')
legend('estimated','true values');

```

Example 2 (multiple cycles):

```

truecycle2 = 0.7 * sin((1:200)*(2*pi)/14);
data = truetrend + truecycle + truecycle2 + trueresid;
s = fixedseas(data,[14,20],'hp');
figure('Position',[78 183 505 679]);
subplot(3,1,1); plot([s.dat,s.sa,s.tr,truetrend]); grid on;
title('unadjusted and seasonally adjusted data, estimated and true trend')
subplot(3,1,2); plot([s.sf,truecycle+truecycle2]); grid on;
title('estimated and true seasonal factor')
subplot(3,1,3); plot([s.ir,trueresid]); grid on;
title('estimated and true irregular')
legend('estimated','true values');

```

Note that `fixedseas(data,[14,20])` is not the same as `fixedseas(data,[20,14])`. The filters are applied iteratively, from left to right. The ordering matters, so the results differ.

Detailed description of the model: Let  $x$  be some timeseries. As an example, we compute `fixedseas(x,6)`.

\*\*\* STEP 1 \*\*\*

We compute a 6-period centered moving average,

$$\text{trend}(t) = \text{sum}(0.5x(t-3)+x(t-2)+x(t-1)+x(t)+x(t+1)+x(t+2)+0.5x(t+3))/6$$

The weights on the extreme values of the window are adapted so that the sum of the weights is equal to period. So, for instance, if period = 7, the weight on  $x(t-3)$  and  $x(t+3)$  would be 1.0; if period = 6.5, the weight would be 0.75.

[Note: By default the trend is computed as the centered moving average, and this is what is explained here. Other specifications are possible, namely `detrend`, `hodrick-prescott`, `spline`, `polynomial`, or others (see `help trendfilter`).]

\*\*\* STEP 2 \*\*\*

Compute the individual deviations of  $x$  from the trend,

$$d = x - \text{trend}.$$

\*\*\* STEP 3 \*\*\*

Compute the average deviation over all observations on a cycle of 6 periods,

$$m(1) = \text{mean}(d(1) + d(7) + d(13) + d(19) + \dots)$$

$$m(2) = \text{mean}(d(2) + d(8) + d(14) + d(20) + \dots)$$

...

$$m(6) = \text{mean}(d(6) + d(12) + d(18) + d(24) + \dots)$$

\*\*\* STEP 4 \*\*\*

Normalize  $m$  so that its average is zero,

$$n = (m(1)+m(2)+\dots+m(6))/6$$

$$sf(1) = m(1) - n, sf(2) = m(2) - n, \dots, sf(6) = m(6) - n$$

These are the seasonal factors.

\*\*\* STEP 5 \*\*\*

Compute the seasonally adjusted time series as  $sa = x - sf$ .

\*\*\* STEP 6 \*\*\*

Compute the irregular as  $ir = sa - \text{trend}$ . This is the part of the

fluctuations of  $x$  that is not explained by the seasonal factors or the trend (= moving average).

STEP 1 as described here is for the 'moving average' trend type, which is the default. This step is different for the different trend types that are available. STEP 2 to 6 are, however, independent of the type of trend that is computed.

If the multiplicative option is used, the logarithm of the data is processed and the exponential of the processed time series is returned. So,  $s = \text{fixedseas}(\text{data}, \text{period}, 'log')$  is materially the same as  $s2 = \text{fixedseas}(\log(\text{data}), \text{period})$ . Then,  $\exp(s2.sa) = s.sa$ ,  $\exp(s2.sf) = s.sf$ , and  $\exp(s2.tr) = s.tr$ .

NOTE: This file is part of the X-13 toolbox, but it is completely independent of the Census X-13 program. It is part of the 'seas' addition to the toolbox which allows to implement seasonal filters without using the Census Bureau programs.

## camplet

camplet computes the Camplet seasonal adjustment.

Source: Barend Abeln and Jan P.A.M. Jacobs, "Seasonal adjustment with and without revisions: A comparison of X-13ARIMA-SEATS and camplet," CAMA Working Paper 25/2015, Australian National University, July 2015.

Note: The initialization algorithm is different from the one proposed by the authors. As a result, the adjustment of the first few years of data is different then when using the authors' original algorithm. Moreover, on very volatile time series, these differences remain throughout the sample because the automatic parameter adjustments are not identical. In practice, the differences should be rather small.

### Usage:

```
s = camplet(data,period);
s = camplet([dates,data],period);
s = camplet(... , 'log');
s = camplet(... , 'verbose');
s = camplet(... , name,value, [name,value], ...);
```

data must be a vector. camplet is NaN tolerant, meaning data can contain NaNs.

period is a positive number which indicates the length of the seasonal cycle (i.e. period = 12 for monthly data, period = 7 for daily data having a weekly cycle, or period = 5 if the data is weekly).

Some arguments are added as single keywords:

'additive' or 'none'	Implies that the analysis is performed on the data as presented.
'multiplicative' or 'log'	The log of the data is first taken. After the application of the algorithm, the exponential of the result is returned. This amounts to a multiplicative seasonal adjustment.
'verbose'	During execution the program outputs detailed information to the console whenever something unusual happens (detection of an outlier or pattern shift, for instance).

Other optional arguments are entered as name-value pairs. Possible names and their meaning are:

'INITYEARS'	The number of years used to initialize the alorithm. Default is 3. (initT = INITYEARS * period is the number of observattions used for the initialization.)
'INITMETHOD'	The argument following this must be one of the following: ..., 'mean' Takes the average daviation of the data from its mean over the



interval 1:initT. The initial estimate of the seasonal factors is then the average of these deviations for each month/quarter.

..., 'ma' Computes the deviation of the data (1:initT) from a centered moving average over period observations, instead.

..., 'ls' ls stands for least squares. This option estimates a linear regression of the data (1:initT) on a constant and a linear trend. The average residuals per month/quarter are the starting values for the seasonal factor. The slope of this regression is the initial estimate of g. This method is the default.

'CA' Initial CA parameter (Common Adjustment).

'M' Initial M parameter (Multiplier).

'P' Reset value for CA when pattern shift is detected.

'LE' Initial LE parameter (Limit to Error).

'T' Initial T parameter (Number of repetition before pattern shift is detected).

'LEshare' Limit of outliers that invokes the 'volatile series' adjustment.

'CAadd' Increment to CA parameter for volatile series.

'LEadd' Increment to LE parameter for volatile series.

'LEmax' Maximum limit to error.

'TIadd' Increment of T parameter for volatile series when LE exceed LEmax.

'MUsb' Reduction of MU parameter for volatile series when LE exceed LEmax.

'SIM' Strictly between 0 and 1. The parameter determines the required similarity between consecutive errors to trigger a pattern shift.

s is a struct with the following fields:

.dat	The original data.
.dates	The original dates. If none were provided, this is just a vector counting from 1 to the number of data points.
.period	Period that has been filtered.
.transform	Either 'none' or 'log'.
.opt	Structure containing the selected parameters.
.sa	Seasonally adjusted series.
.sf	Seasonal factors.
.fcst	Running forecast.
.err	Running forecast error.
.g	Running estimate of trend.
.outlier	Number of consecutive outliers in a particular month/quarter.
.pshift	Boolean indicating detection of a pattern shift.
.currca	Changing value of CA.
.ca	Changing value of CA.
.m	Changing value of M.
.le	Changing value of LE.
.t	Changing value of T.

s.opt is a struct with the the parameters chosen by the user (or the default

parameters if nothing was selected): .INITMETHOD .INITYERAS .CA .M .P .LE .T  
.LEshare .CAadd .LEadd .LEmax .TIadd .MUSub .SIM

#### Examples:

We assume that data is a column vector of data (the original time series) with a quarterly frequency, and dates is an equally long vector containing Matlab date codes.

```
c = camplet(data,4);  
figure('Position',[440 160 560 700]);  
ah = subplot(2,1,1); plot(ah,[data,c.sa]); grid on;  
ah = subplot(2,1,2); plot(ah,c.sf,'k'); grid on;
```

If data is monthly, replace the 4 above by 12. Any other frequency is fine, too, actually (for instance, with weekdaily data, searching for a weekday pattern, use 5).

You can choose to perform a multiplicative filtering instead, and add detailed feedback to the console on what is happening:

```
c = camplet([dates,data],4,'verb','mult');  
figure('Position',[440 160 560 700]);  
ah = subplot(2,1,1); plot(ah,dates,[data,c.sa]); dateaxis('x'); grid on;  
ah = subplot(2,1,2); plot(ah,dates,c.sf,'k'); dateaxis('x'); grid on;
```

You can tweak the parameters. Here, we change the initial period and the method of the initialization phase:

```
c = camplet([dates,data],4);  
c2 = camplet([dates,data],4,'INITMETHOD','ma','INITYEARS',5);  
plot(dates,[c.sf,c2.sf]); dateaxis('x'); grid on;
```

NOTE: This program is part of the X-13 toolbox, but it is completely independent of the Census X-13 program. It uses a simpler strategy to filter seasonal cycles than X-13ARIMA-SEATS. The main advantage of camplet is that this algorithm does not produce revisions of older seasonal adjustments when new data comes in. Also, camplet accomodates arbitrary frequencies, not only monthly and quarterly. Moreover, the residual seasonality is often much smaller than when using fixedseas.m, but unlike with this algorithm, the seasonal factors are not constant, but adapt over time. This program is just a small addition to the toolbox that makes it more complete.

## spr

spr computes the standard deviation of the irregular from the seasonal filtering done with fixedseas, seas, or x11, using different periodicities. It helps identifying the periodicity of the cycle(s).

Usage:

```
spr(data);  
[s,p,r,x] = spr(data);  
[s,p,r,x] = spr(data1, data2, ...);  
[s,p,r,x] = spr(..., method);  
[s,p,r,x] = spr(..., options);
```

data or data1, data2, etc are individual vectors or data.

method is one of the following: 'fixedseas', 'seas', 'x11'. Default is 'fixedseas'.

options are any options passed on to fixedseas/seas/x11.

If used with no output variables, spr produces a graph showing the standard deviation of the irregular of fixedseas with periods running from one to a third the length of data. The spikes in this graph indicate potential periods of cycles. One line is used for each data vector given as argument.

If used with output variables, s is the vector of standard deviations, p is the vector 1:p, where p is a third of the length of data (so plot(p,s) plots the spikes), and r is a matrix with all the residuals. x is a boolean vector identifying spikes (extreme negative curvatures).

If multiple data are used, then s,p,r,x are cell vectors, containing the results for each data vector separately.

Example:

```
trend = 0.02*(1:200)' + 5;  
cycle1 = 1.0 * sin((1:200)'*(2*pi)/14);  
cycle2 = 0.7 * sin((1:200)'*(2*pi)/20);  
resid = 0.5 * randn(200,1);  
data = trend + cycle1 + cycle2 + resid;  
% So we know that data has two periods, 14 and 20. We now try to find  
% these periods.  
figure; spr(data,'add');  
% The graph reveals a clear spike at 14 (and an echo at 28 etc), which  
% we filter out now ...  
s = fixedseas(data,14,'add');  
figure; spr(s.sa,s.ir,'add');  
% The seasonally adjusted series and the residuals show no spike at 14
```

```
% anymore, but a clear spike at 20 (and 40 and 60). We now take out  
% period 20 as well.  
s = fixedseas(data,[14,20],'add');  
figure; spr(s(end).sa,s(end).ir,'add');  
% The seasonally adjusted series and the residuals show no spikes  
% anymore.
```

NOTE: This program is part of the X-13 toolbox, but it is completely independent of the Census X-13 program. It uses fixedseas to filter seasonal cycles and computes the volatility of the resulting residuals. This program is just a small addition to the toolbox that makes it more complete.

## fillholes

fillholes fills missing values of a dataarray columnwise with linear interpolations. If data are missing at the edge of the vector, the missing values are left untouched, that is, no extrapolations are performed.

Usage: data = fillholes(data)

NOTE: This program is part of the X-13 toolbox, but it is completely independent of the Census X-13 program. It is part of the 'seas' addition to the toolbox which allows to implement seasonal filters without using the Census Bureau programs.

## normalize\_seas

normalize\_seas computes the additive or multiplicative difference of two time series

Usage:

```
adj = normalize_seas(data,trend,[ismult])
```

data and trend must be a vectors of equal length. ismult is a boolean.

adj ist either data-trens (is ismult is missing or false), and data./trend is ismult is true.

NOTE: This program is part of the X-13 toolbox, but it is completely independent of the Census X-13 program. It is part of the 'seas' addition to the toolbox which allows to implement seasonal filters without using the Census Bureau programs.

## trendfilter

trendfilter produces a smoothed version of the data.

Usage:

```
tr = trendfilter(data)
tr = trendfilter(data,[method])
tr = trendfilter(data,[method,parameters])
tr = trendfilter(data,['mirror'|'extend', number])
```

data        An array. Each column is a time series and is smoothed separately.

method      Method used to smooth, possibly followed by one or several parameters. Possibilities are:

'mean'	Arithmetic mean over whole column.
'deviation'	Deviation of column means from row means.
'reldeviation'	Relative deviation of column means from row means.
'detrend'	A linear trend is fitted to the data.
'detrend',bp	A continuous, piecewise linear trend is fitted to the data. 'bp' is the (row) vector of breakpoints.
'hp',lambda	For the Hodrick-Prescott filter, an additional argument must be given. lambda is a smoothing parameter. The greater lambda, the smoother the trend.
'spline',roughness	Fits a smoothing cubic spline to the data. 'roughness' is a number between 0.0 (straight line) and 1.0 (no smoothing), see doc csaps.
'polynomial',degree	Fit a polynomial of specified degree to the data, see doc polyfit.

In addition, all the kernels supported by kernelweights.m can also be specified here:

'ma' or 'ma',p1,p2,...	A simple moving average, or a convolution of simple moving averages.
'cma'	A centered moving average over a range of minus $p1/2$ lags to plus $p1/2$ ., or a convolution of such moving averages.
'cma',p1,p2,...	
'spencer' or 'spencer15'	A special 15-term moving average.
'henderson',t	The Henderson filter with t terms.
'bongard',t	The Bongard filter with t terms.
'rehomme-ladiray',t,p,h	The Rehomme-Ladiray filter with t terms, which does perfectly reproduce polynome of order n, and minimized a weighted average of the Henderson and the Bongard criteria (with h being the weight of the Henderson criterion).

One of the following:

'uniform','triangle','biweight' or 'quartic','triweight','tricube',  
'epanechnikov', 'cosine','optcosine','cauchy', followed by a single  
parameter indicating the bandwidth.

Some kernels have infinite support: 'logistic','sigmoid','gaussian' or  
'normal','exponential','silverman'. If you choose one of these, you can use  
two parameters, the first indicating the bandwidth, the second indicating  
the length of the vector that is returned. (If the second parameter is not  
given, a vector is returned where all elements are at least 1e-15.

'mirror',p	The p first and the p last observations are mirrored and pre-appended and appended to the data, respectively. This reduces edge of sample problems. The mirrored part of the trend is removed and not returned in tr.
'extend',p	Same as 'mirror', but without switching the order. This method works well only with stationary data. If in doubt, use 'mirror' rather than 'extend'.

NOTE: This program is part of the X-13 toolbox, but it is completely  
independent of the Census X-13 program. It is part of the 'seas' addition to  
the toolbox which allows to implement seasonal filters without using the  
Census Bureau programs.



## seasfilter

seasfilter splits data using splitperiods, smoothes them with trendfilter, and joins them together again with joinperiods.

Usage:

```
f = seasfilter(data,p)
f = seasfilter(data,p,varargin)
```

data is a column vector or an array of column vectors containing the data.  
p is the periodicity of the data (so for instance, if you work with monthly observations, p would be 12).

Additional arguments can be given that are passed on to trendfilter.

seasfilter performs a smoothing of the data for each period separately (so for the sequence of observations in Januar, in February, etc, separately). In the context of seasonal filtering, this procedure smoothes the SI-components (difference between the data and the trend), which are then called seasonal factors.

Example:

```
data = sin(0.75*pi*(1:120)/120)';
s = [-0.2 0 0 0.1 0.4 0.6 0.2 -0.4 -0.3 -0.5 0 0.3];
s = repmat(s',10,1);
r = randn(120,1);
noisy = data + s*0.5 + r*0.2;
tr = trendfilter(noisy,'epanech',25);
si = normalize(noisy,tr);
sf = seasfilter(si,12,'spline',0.02);
sa = normalize(data,sf);
figure('Position',[416 128 560 673]);
subplot(2,1,1); plot([data,tr,sa],'linewidth',1); grid on;
subplot(2,1,2); plot(sf,'linewidth',1); grid on;
```

NOTE: This program is part of the X-13 toolbox, but it is completely independent of the Census X-13 program. It is part of the 'seas' addition to the toolbox which allows to implement seasonal filters without using the Census Bureau programs.

## splitperiods

splitperiods splits one vector of data into several columns, each containing a particular seasonal component.

Usage: `sdata = splitperiods(data,p)`

`data`        A column vector containing a time series.

`p`            The period of observation of the data.

`sdata`       an array with `p` columns, each containing a part of data.

Example: Let `data` contain monthly observations of some variable. Here, we use the US civilian unemployment rate:

```
load unemp; d = unemp.data; n = numel(d);
m = splitperiods(d,12);
```

Now `sdata` contains 12 columns. The first contains all observations from January, the second from February, etc.

```
nanmean(m)
```

```
Columns 1 through 7
```

```
6.8769    6.7615    6.5231    6.0436    6.0436    6.4718    6.4359
```

```
Columns 8 through 12
```

```
6.2026    6.0763    5.9579    6.0105    6.0158
```

These are the average unemployment rate over the whole sample of years, separately for each month.

We can also plot the data month-wise

```
plot(m,'linewidth',1); grid on;
legend('Jan','Feb','Mar','Apr','May','Jun','Jul','Aug','Sep','Oct', ...
       'Nov','Dec');
```

NOTE: This program is part of the X-13 toolbox, but it is completely independent of the Census X-13 program. It is part of the 'seas' addition to the toolbox which allows to implement seasonal filters without using the Census Bureau programs.

## joinperiods

joinperiods is the opposite of splitperiods.

Example:

```
data = [100 90 85 150 101 90 86 155 101 88 87 152 98 91 84 144 ...
        99 88 86 153]';
q = splitperiods(data,4); nyears = size(q,1);
plot(q); title('data by quarter');
legend('First','Second','Third','Fourth Quarter');
qadj = q - repmat(mean(q),nyears,1) + mean(data);
dataadj = joinperiods(qadj);
figure; plot([data,dataadj],'linewidth',1); grid on;
title('unadjusted and adjusted data');
```

NOTE: This program is part of the X-13 toolbox, but it is completely independent of the Census X-13 program. It is part of the 'seas' addition to the toolbox which allows to implement seasonal filters without using the Census Bureau programs.

## kernelweights

kernelweights returns a vector that can be used with wmean or conv to smooth a time series.

Usage:

```
w = kernelweights('ma',p1[,p2,p3,...])
w = kernelweights('cma',p1[,p2,p3,...])
w = kernelweights('spencer',[p])
w = kernelweights('henderson',p1[,p2,p3,...])
w = kernelweights('bongard',p1[,p2,p3,...])
w = kernelweights('rehomme-ladiray',t,p,h[,t2,p2,h2,...])
w = kernelweights(kernel of group 1,b[,b2,b3,...])
w = kernelweights(kernel of group 2,b,l[,b2,l2,...])
```

w is a vector of weights. If used on an array of data together with conv or wmean, it returns a smoothed version of the data.

'ma' or 'ma',p1,p2,...	A simple moving average, or a convolution of simple moving averages.
'cma'	A centered moving average over a range of minus
'cma',p1,p2,...	p1/2 lags to plus p1/2, or a convolution of such moving averages.
'spencer' or 'spencer15'	A special 15-term moving average.
'henderson',t	The Henderson filter with t terms.
'bongard',t	The Bongard filter with t terms.
'rehomme-ladiray',t,p,h	The Rehomme-Ladiray filter with t terms, which does perfectly reproduce polynomial of order n, and minimizes a weighted average of the Henderson and the Bongard criteria (with h being the weight of the Henderson criterion).

Group 1 (kernels with finite support):

```
'uniform','triangle','biweight' or 'quartic','triweight','tricube',
'epanechnikov','cosine','optcosine','cauchy'.
```

Group 2 (kernels with infinite support):

```
'logistic','sigmoid','gaussian' or 'normal','exponential','silverman'.
```

Kernels from group 1 are followed by a single parameter indicating the bandwidth. Kernels from group 2 have infinite support, and even Matlab cannot return an infinite vector. If only one parameter is given, kernelweights will return a vector that is long enough to contain all weights that are at least 1e-15. In a second argument is provided, this second argument is the length of the vector that is returned.

Example 1:

```
m = kernelweights('ma',5,5,4,4);
h = kernelweights('henderson',15);
b = kernelweights('bongard',15);
s = kernelweights('spencer');
```

```

e = [0;kernelweights('epanechnikov',15);0];
n = kernelweights('normal',2,15);
plot((-7:7),[m,s,h,b,e,n],'linewidth',1);
legend('4-fold MA','Spencer','Henderson(15)','Bongard(15)', ...
      'Epanechnikov(15)','Gaussian(2)');
xlim([-7,7]);
grid on;

```

Example 2:

Let data be an array of noisy data:

```

data1 = (1:100)/100;
data2 = sin(2*pi*(1:100)/100);
data = [data1;data2]';
r = randn(101,2); r = r(2:end,:)*0.2 + r(1:end-1,:)*0.05; % autocorr noise
noisy = data + r;
w = kernelweights('epanech',20);
s = wmean(noisy,w);
figure('Position',[440 96 560 761]);
subplot(2,1,1); plot([noisy(:,1),s(:,1),data(:,1)],'linewidth',1); grid on;
subplot(2,1,2); plot([noisy(:,2),s(:,2),data(:,2)],'linewidth',1); grid on;

```

NOTE: This program is part of the X-13 toolbox, but it is completely independent of the Census X-13 program. It is part of the 'seas' addition to the toolbox which allows to implement seasonal filters without using the Census Bureau programs.

## wmean

wmean computes a weighted mean.

wmean.m provides the same functionality as conv.m (a convolution), with the following differences:

- The treatment at the edge of the sample is different. Only those weights are used that correspond to existing data.
- The sum of the used weights is normalized to one.
- wmean returns the same number of components as data has.

Usage: `s = wmean(data,w,[direction])`

`data`     An array of data, organized columnwise.  
`w`        a vector with an odd number of values.  
`direction` is one of 'centered', 'backwards', or 'forward'. Default is 'centered'.  
`s`        `s` is the convolution of `data` and `w`.

If `direction` is set to 'backwards' ('forward'), all the weights in the right (left) half of `w` are set to zero, leading to a non-centered weighted average.

So  $s(t) = s(t-b:t+b)*w$ , if the length of `w` is  $2b+1$ . If some of the data are outside the support, they are truncated for the computation. Moreover, the result `s(s)` is divided by the sum of the weights in `w` that are used (i.e. not truncated), thereby ensuring that the result is a proper weighted mean.

Example: Let `data` be some column vector containing a timeseries. Then,

```
s = wmean(data,[1 1 1 1 1])
returns a moving average of data with a bandwidth of 5.
load unemp;
plot(unemp.dates,[unemp.data,wmean(unemp.data,[1 1 1 1 1])]);
```

NOTE: This program is part of the X-13 toolbox, but it is completely independent of the Census X-13 program. It is part of the 'seas' addition to the toolbox which allows to implement seasonal filters without using the Census Bureau programs.

## Tools for working with dates

The toolbox contains two programs

- `makedates`
- `yqmd`

that make it easier to generate or work with date vectors.

In addition, `TakeDayOff` is a procedure that allows you to identify dates when it is likely that many people would take a day off from work, which can be an important exogenous variable to predict calendar day effects.

## makedates

makedates returns a vector of dates with given frequency.

Usage:

```
d = makedates(startdate,enddate,period,[mult])
```

startdate and enddate are calendar days indicating when the series should start and end. They can be given as simple three-component vectors [year,month,day], as datenum numbers, or as datetime variables.

period is one of the following: 'year', 'semester', 'trimester', 'quarter', 'month', 'week', 'weekday', or 'day'.

mult is a multiple: using period='day' and mult=3 returns every third day. 'day',7 is equivalent to 'week',1, 'month',3 is equivalent to 'quarter',1, etc. However, 'week',4 is not equivalent to 'month',1 because a month does not contain exactly four weeks. mult must be a positive integer. Default for mult is 1.

Example 1:

```
d = makedates([2019,2,1],[2020,5,20],'quarter');
disp(datestr(d));
01-Feb-2019
01-May-2019
01-Aug-2019
01-Nov-2019
01-Feb-2020
01-May-2020
```

Example 2:

```
d = makedates([2019,1,31],[2019,7,15],'month');
disp(datestr(d));
31-Jan-2019
28-Feb-2019
31-Mar-2019
30-Apr-2019
31-May-2019
30-Jun-2019
```

Note: If the day in the startdate is the last day of the month, then the last day of the month will be used for all entries.

Example 3:

```
d = makedates([2019,1,1],[2019,3,31],'week',2);
disp(datestr(d));
01-Jan-2019
15-Jan-2019
29-Jan-2019
12-Feb-2019
26-Feb-2019
```



12-Mar-2019

26-Mar-2019

NOTE: This program is part of the X-13 toolbox, but it is completely independent of the Census X-13 program and can be used even if the census programs are not installed.

## yqmd

yqmd retrieves the year, quarter, month, or day of a (vector of) serial dates. This is used for versions of Matlab prior to R2013a, before the 'year', 'quarter', 'month', and 'day' commands were introduced in Matlab.

Usage: `d = yqmd(d,type)`

type must be one of the following: 'year', 'semester', 'trimester', 'quarter', 'month' or 'm', 'day', 'weekday', 'hour', 'minute', 'second', or abbreviations thereof.

## TakeDayOff

TakeDayOff helps you define special variables for regressions in seasonal adjustment that indicate whether holidays are located such that people might have an incentive to take a day off (i.e. on a Tuesday or Thursday).

Usage:

```
spec = TakeDayOff(specialdays,filename,specialweekdays,fromYear,toYear)
```

**specialday** This is a matrix with three columns and a maximum of five rows. The first column is the month, the second the day, and the third the length of the holiday. Default is [12 24 2], indicating Christmas (two days starting on Dec 24). If you also want to test for, say, 4th of July, use this: [12 24 2; 7 4 1].

**filename** The name of the file created on hard drive that contains the user variables (and that are read by the x13as.exe program). Default is '\_user.dat'

**specialweekdays** List of two integers, indicating the weekdays to test for at the beginning of a special day and at the end of it. Default is [3 5], so that the program tests if the beginning is a Tuesday (3) and the end is a Thursday (5).

**fromYear, toYear** The user variable is created for this interval of years. Default is from 1900 to 2200.

**spec** A x13spec object to be integrated into your x13 run.

Example:

```
userspec = TakeDayOff();  
disp(userspec);
```

This produces

```
=====
X-13/X-12 specification object
.....
- regression
  - user : (Dec24Tue Dec25Thu)
  - file : _user.dat
  - format : datevalue
  - usertype : (holiday holiday)
  - aictest : user
  - save : hol
```

This spec can be used by saying:

```
spec = makespec('DEFAULT',userspec);  
x = x13(dates,data,spec);
```

## EasterDate

EasterDate computes date of Easter for the western and the orthodox churches

Usage:

```
[d,g,j] = EasterDate(y,['western' or 'eastern' or 'orthodox']);
```

y     A year or a vector of years.

d     The date of Easter as a datenum.

g     A [year,month,day] vector containing the date in the Gregorian calendar.

j     The same as g but using the Julian calendar. This is only returned if the orthodox version of the Easter date is computed.

'w','e','o'     Indicates if the western or the orthodox (eastern) Easter date is to be computed. 'eastern' is synonymous to 'orthodox'.

Example:

```
w = EasterDate(2020:2030);
o = EasterDate(2020:2030,'orth');
[datestr(w),repmat('; ',11,1),datestr(o)]
'12-Apr-2020; 19-Apr-2020'
'04-Apr-2021; 02-May-2021'
'17-Apr-2022; 24-Apr-2022'
'09-Apr-2023; 16-Apr-2023'
'31-Mar-2024; 05-May-2024'
'20-Apr-2025; 20-Apr-2025'
'05-Apr-2026; 12-Apr-2026'
'28-Mar-2027; 02-May-2027'
'16-Apr-2028; 16-Apr-2028'
'01-Apr-2029; 08-Apr-2029'
'21-Apr-2030; 28-Apr-2030'
```

The program implements the Meeus/Jones/Butcher algorithm for the Western Easter date and the Meeus algorithm for the Orthodox Easter date, see <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Computus>

## Casting

A class in Matlab is really a structured variable (a struct), embellished with class-specific functions. It is therefore natural to allow the user to cast an ordinary struct into a x13series.

## structtox13

structtox13 uses the content of a struct to create a x13object

Usage:

```
x = structtox13(s)
```

s is a struct. It must at least contain the fields 'dates', 'dat', 'period', and either 'type' or 'transform'.

.period	is the number of observations (positive integer) for the cycle that is removed, 'type' or 'transform' is either 'additive', 'multiplicative', 'logadditive' or some other transform function supported by the program you use, indicating the type of decomposition.
.dates	These are column vectors containing the dates of observation
.dat	(datenum) and the observations (floats). Both must have the equal length. x is a x13series object containing the same information.

Optional fields that are treaded in a special way are 'name' and 'prog'.

.name	is the name of the variable that is seasonally adjusted (if this content is a string).
.prog	is the name of the program that was used to perform the seasonal adjustment.

All other fields are added to the x13series object if their fieldnames have at most three characters. (Variablenames in x13series objects are constrained to three-letter names).

structtox13 sets up the x13series variable and adds the dates and data vector to it, and then defers to addstructtox13 to do the rest of the work.

## addstructtox13

addstructtox13 uses the content of a struct and adds it to a x13object

Usage:

```
x = structtox13(x,s)
```

s is a struct. It must at least contain the fields 'dates', 'dat', 'period', and either 'type' or 'transform'.

.period	is the number of observations (positive integer) for the cycle that is removed, 'type' or 'transform' is either 'additive', 'multiplicative', 'logadditive' or some other transform function supported by the program you use, indicating the type of decomposition.
.dates	These are column vectors containing the dates of observation
.dat	(datenum) and the observations (floats). Both must have the equal length. x is a x13series object containing the same information.

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All other fields are added to the x13series object if their fieldnames have at most three characters (variable names in x13series objects are constrained to three-letter names).

## Backward Compatibility Issues

Version 1.50 of the toolbox has seen considerable changes over previous versions. As a result, it was not possible (or it would have been very cumbersome) to uphold all aspects of the syntax to ensure compatibility with previous versions of the toolbox. If you have written a script that uses the X-13 Toolbox, you therefore might have to adapt it.

### Only *one* algorithm per x13series instance

In earlier version, it was possible to have, say, X11 and FixedSeas adjustments in the same x13series variable. This is no longer the case. This was limited anyway. For instance, it was not possible to mix X11 with SEATS. For clarity, the mixture of algorithms in one instance has been removed. You can still work with multiple algorithms on the same data, of course, You only need to have separate variables containing the results.

To generate an adjustment with the X-11 program or using the approximate X-11 algorithm (as implemented in x11.m), one says, for instance,

```
x = x13(dates,data,makespec('X11', 'LOG', 'EASTER'), 'x-12')
x = x13(dates,data,makespec('X11', 'LOG', 'EASTER'), 'x-11')
```

In previous versions of the toolbox, the syntax was different for using 'fixedseas' or 'camplet',

```
x = x13(dates,data,makespec('FIXED', 'LOG', 'EASTER'))
x = x13(dates,data,makespec('CAMPLET', 'LOG', 'EASTER'))
```

generated an adjustment using the fixedseas or camplet algorithms, respectively.

This does no longer work. Now it is necessary to provide 'camplet' as an argument to x13, instead of just having it as a section in the spec.

```
x = x13(dates,data,makespec('FIXED', 'LOG', 'EASTER'),'fixedseas')
x = x13(dates,data,makespec('CAMPLET', 'LOG', 'EASTER'),'camplet')
```

This solution improves consistency of the syntax across algorithms.

### seas.m

I have taken the liberty already in pervious iterations of the toolbox to freely change seas.m. This m-file is intended as an example how to implement a custom seasonal adjustment algorithm. You are supposed to play with it. The current version is different than the previous ones, so if you relied on the previous version, just give the new seas.m another name, so that you can keep using the previous implementation.



## x11.m and method1.m

`x11.m` has also been completely re-written. It is hardly recognizable compared to the previous version. I believe that it is now much closer to the original X-11 as developed in 1965 by Shishkin and others.

There is also a new `method1.m` seasonal adjustment algorithm that is likely quite close to the Census Bureau Method I that was used even before that. If you are interested how it works you can study the code. This is surprisingly straightforward to implement using the tools of the `seas` subdirectory. It is just nine lines of code:

```
tr1 = trendfilter(data,'cma',p,'mirror',ceil(p/2));
s11 = normalize_seas(data,tr1,ismult);
sf1 = seasfilter(s11,p,'ma',[3,3],'mirror',3);
sa1 = normalize_seas(data,sf1,ismult);
tr  = trendfilter(sa1,'ma',5,'mirror',3);
si  = normalize_seas(data,tr,ismult);
sf  = seasfilter(si,p,'ma',[3,3],'mirror',3);
sa  = normalize_seas(data,sf,ismult);
ir  = normalize_seas(sa,tr,ismult);
```

## calendar adjustments

A simplified version, based on regressions on the irregular component, has been implemented. This means that if `td` or `hol` are saved in the specification, a calendar adjustment will be performed also for the custom seasonal adjustment algorithms, i.e. `x11`, `method1`, `seas`, `fixedseas`. This does not work with `camplet` because this algorithm misses an irregular component. Also, the new method has no effect when using the original Census Bureau exe files (i.e. x-12 or x-13).

The method works as follow: A first pass of the seasonal adjustment is computed. The resulting irregular component (containing only high frequency fluctuations) is then regressed on dummies that count the number of different types of weekdays in a month, and the location of Easter in the calendar. The original data are then adjusted for the variations that are explained by the calendar dummies, and the seasonal adjustment is run again on these adjusted data. This procedure is inspired by the original's `regARIMA`, and is relatively effective in removing trading-day frequency spikes in the spectra.

## add, logadd, mult

Some of the custom seasonal adjustments allowed a long form to be specified for the adjustment mode ('`additive`', '`logadditive`', '`multiplicative`'). This has been changed, and only the shorter forms are supported now.

Also, `makespec` has two new collective sets, `LOG` and `NOTRANSFORM`. `LOG` is equivalent to `MULT`, and `NOTRANSFORM` is equivalent to `ADD`. This has been done to enhance

clarity. After all, MULT does not really induce a multiplicative adjustment, but a log-additive one.

To shed some light on this issue: the SEATS and X11 algorithm allows the user to apply a variety of transformations of the data before processing them. This is relevant for the regARIMA stage. By taking the log of the data, you get effectively a multiplicative decomposition, or more precisely, a log-additive decomposition

$$\log(\text{data}) = \log(\text{tr}) + \log(\text{sf}) + \log(\text{ir}).$$

although these terms are not used at least by SEATS.

X11 also has a 'mode' key is set in the 'x11' section, which accepts one of four values: 'add', 'logadd', 'pseudeadd', or 'mult'. This is the only way to achieve a truly multiplicative decomposition

$$\text{data} = \text{tr} * \text{sf} * \text{ir}.$$

Because the 'mode' key is only available when using the X11 algorithm, there is no way to force a truly multiplicative decomposition in all cases. For this reason, in `makespec`, 'LOG' is a more precise description of what is done than 'MULT' (which is kept only for backward compatibility). Likewise, 'NOTTRANSFORM' is a more precise description of the fact that the data are not transformed before treatment, but does not by itself imply an additive decomposition, hence 'ADD' is misleading.

Here's an example

```
spec = makespec('X11','MULT')
```

is the same as

```
spec = makespec('X11','LOG')
```

This just adds the entries 'transform','function','log', but leaves 'x11','mode' unaffected.

To force a truly multiplicative decomposition you can say

```
spec = makespec('X11','x11','mode','mult')
```

The multiplicative decomposition is supported by X11 (so x-13, x-12, also the approximate x-11 and Method I), as well as by FIXED and SEAS. It is not supported by CAMPLET. Forcing a multiplicative decomposition with a custom algorithm (using an m-file instead of a Census exe), the syntax is analogous, as shown here as an example,

```
spec = makespec('FIXED','fixed','mode','mult')
```

The custom m-files for seasonal adjustment do not support regARIMA (except for calendar adjustment), but do support three of the X11 modes, 'add', 'logadd', 'mult'. The 'logadd' setting simply takes the log of the data first, then performs an additive decomposition, and un-logs the result in the end. 'pseudeadd' is not supported, and other transformations of the data are also not supported (but you can transform the data in Matlab before processing them with the toolbox in any way you like, of course).

## A new 'custom' section in x13spec

X13spec now features a new section called 'custom'. This section accepts the keys 'period', 'mode', 'adjtype', 'options', and 'save'. The contents of this section are used to determine what to do when using a custom m-file for seasonal adjustment (such as seas.m). Any variables that should be saved need to be listed in custom-save.

Likewise, when using fixedseas, the variables that should be saved must be listed in fixedseas-save. The same logic applies to camplet.

This is not true for x11 or method1. These two algorithms are governed by the x11 section.

## Some properties have been removed from x13series, some have been added to x13spec

The .title, .name, and .filename properties of the x13series class have been removed. Instead, x13spec now has a property .title and .name. These are derived from the content of the spec. x13 reads the .name property specified by the user in the spec. If that is missing, it derives a valid file name from the .title property, and writes it into the spec. For this reason, a separate .filename property is no longer required.

The .isLog property has also been removed from x13series. Instead, x13spec has gained a few properties. .transfunc returns the function used to transform the data before treatment, .adjmode returns the type of decomposition that is used.

There is also another new property called .adjmethod in x13spec that returns the name of the seasonal adjustment algorithm that is used (x11, seats, camplet, ...).

## x13series.keyv

The x13series class now contains a new property called .keyv. This property contains a struct with the fields 'dat', 'tr', 'sa', 'sf', 'ir', 'rsd'. These fields contain the names of the most important variables, which do depend on the algorithm used. For instance, the seasonally adjusted series is called 'd11' in X11, but is called 's11' in SEATS.

If you design your own seasonal adjustment m-file, make sure to include a corresponding keyv field in your struct.

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## Preliminaries

```
% get correct path
p = fileparts(mfilename('fullpath')); % directory of this m-file
% if the section is run with Shift-Ctrl-Enter ...
if isempty(p); p = [cd,'\']; end
% location of graphics files for use with X-13-Graph program
grloc = fullfile(p,'graphics\');

% size for figures with subplots
scSize = get(groot,'ScreenSize'); % size of physical monitor in pixels
scwidth = scSize(3); scheight = scSize(4);
sizeFig = @(h,v) round([0.04*scwidth, scheight*(1-0.08-v/100)-50, ...
    h/100*scwidth, v/100*scheight]);

size1 = sizeFig(40,80);
size2 = sizeFig(80,45);
size3 = sizeFig(95,45);
size4 = sizeFig(70,70);
size6 = sizeFig(75,68);
size8 = sizeFig(95,65);
size9 = sizeFig(95,90);
size10 = sizeFig(70,80);

% line width
lwidth = 78;

% single and double line
sline = repmat('-',1,lwidth+1);
dline = repmat('=',1,lwidth+1);

% display with wrapped lines and leading space
report = @(s) disp(wrapLines(s,lwidth,' '));

% write heading
clc; disp(dline);
report(['DEMONSTRATION OF X-13 TOOLBOX FOR MATLAB : ', ...
    'run on a single timeseries']);
report(['This script was developed with MATLAB Version ', ...
    '8.3.0.532 (R2014a)']);
disp(sline)
```

```
=====
DEMONSTRATION OF X-13 TOOLBOX FOR MATLAB : run on a single timeseries
This script was developed with MATLAB Version 8.3.0.532 (R2014a)
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```

## Loading Data

```
% US. Federal Highway Administration, Vehicle Miles Traveled  
% [TRFVOLUSM227NFWA], retrieved from FRED, Federal Reserve Bank of St.  
% Louis https://research.stlouisfed.org/fred2/series/TRFVOLUSM227NFWA/,  
% December 31, 2014.
```

```
load travel  
report(['Source and discription of data: ',travel.source,newline]);  
name = 'miles traveled';
```

```
% travel = fetchdata('TRFVOLUSM227NFWA', 'source','fred');  
% travelSA = fetchdata('TRFVOLUSM227SFWA', 'source','fred');  
% travel = fetchdata('TRFVOLUSM227NFWA', 'source','fred', ...  
% 'from',travelSA.dates(1));
```

Source and discription of data: US. Federal Highway Administration, Vehicle Miles Traveled [TRFVOLUSM227NFWA], retrieved from FRED, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis <https://research.stlouisfed.org/fred2/series/TRFVOLUSM227NFWA/>, December 31, 2014.

## Step 1: Quick and Dirty

```
disp(sline)
fprintf(' Step 1: 'Quick-and-Dirty'\n\n');

report(['We run a seasonal adjustment with the default parameters ', ...
        'and see what is coming out of it.',newline]);

spec1a = makespec('AUTO','TRAMOPURE','DIAG','series','name',travel.descr);
travella = x13(travel.dates,travel.data,spec1a,'quiet');

disp(travella.table('transform'));
report(['CONCLUSION: The filtering will be additive.',newline]);

spec1 = makespec(spec1a, 'NOTTRANS');
travel1 = x13(travel.dates,travel.data,spec1,'quiet');

disp(travel1.table('d8a'));
report(['CONCLUSION: The data are clearly seasonal.',newline]);
```

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Step 1: 'Quick-and-Dirty'

We run a seasonal adjustment with the default parameters and see what is coming out of it.

Likelihood statistics for model fit to untransformed series.

Likelihood Statistics

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Number of observations (nobs)	538
Effective number of observations (nefobs)	525
Number of parameters estimated (np)	3
Log likelihood (L)	-4911.1795
AIC	9828.3590
AICC (F-corrected-AIC)	9828.4051
Hannan Quinn	9833.3673
BIC	9841.1492

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Likelihood statistics for model fit to log transformed series.

Likelihood Statistics

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Number of observations (nobs)	538
Effective number of observations (nefobs)	525
Number of parameters estimated (np)	3
Log likelihood	1431.9971
Transformation Adjustment	-6344.8440
Adjusted Log likelihood (L)	-4912.8468
AIC	9831.6937
AICC (F-corrected-AIC)	9831.7398
Hannan Quinn	9836.7020
BIC	9844.4839

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\*\*\*\*\* AICC (with aicdiff=-2.00) prefers no transformation \*\*\*\*\*

CONCLUSION: The filtering will be additive.

CONCLUSION: The data are clearly seasonal.



## Step 2: Calendar Dummies

```
disp(sline)
fprintf(' Step 2: Optimizing the regression\n\n');

report(sprintf(['TRAMO has chosen an ARIMA %s, but the autocorrelation ', ...
    'function is problematic. We have significant autocorrelation of the ', ...
    'residuals.\n'], travel1.arma));

fh = figure('Position',size2);
plot(fh,travel1,'acf','spr');

report(sprintf(['The problem could be the lack of a dummy for Easter and ', ...
    'trading days. It is very likely that Easter as well as the distribution ', ...
    'of weekends plays a role in travel behavior. We therefore add ', ...
    'Easter and trading day dummies and check if that solves the problem.\n']));

spec2a = makespec(spec1,'EASTER','TD');
travel2a = x13(travel.dates,travel.data,spec2a,'quiet');

disp(travel2a.table('regression'));
disp(travel2a.table('tukey'));

fh = figure('Position',size2);
plot(fh,travel2a,'acf','spr');

report(sprintf(['\nThe trading days are significant, but Easter is not. The ', ...
    'algorithm kicks out this dummy when it is not significant enough. We will ', ...
    'therefore keep the Easter dummy in for the moment; maybe it will become ', ...
    'relevant later. Also, the trading day dummies have not yet resolved the ', ...
    'autocorrelation issue.\n'], ...
    travel2a.arma));

report([newline,'The Tukey report shows a problem at frequency 6 in the ', ...
    'but a visual inspection of the spectrum also indicates a problem at ', ...
    'trading day frequencies. We try to address this by also adding ', ...
    'dummies for labor day and thanksgiving. This does not fully solve ', ...
    'the problem, however.',newline]);

ti = '(labor[1] thank[1])';
s11 = makespec(spec2a, 'FORCETD', 'regression','variables',ti, 'series','name',ti);
ti = '(labor[1] thank[8])';
s18 = makespec(spec2a, 'FORCETD', 'regression','variables',ti, 'series','name',ti);
ti = '(labor[8] thank[1])';
s81 = makespec(spec2a, 'FORCETD', 'regression','variables',ti, 'series','name',ti);
ti = '(labor[8] thank[8])';
s88 = makespec(spec2a, 'FORCETD', 'regression','variables',ti, 'series','name',ti);

t11 = x13([travel.dates,travel.data],s11,'quiet');
t18 = x13([travel.dates,travel.data],s18,'quiet');
t81 = x13([travel.dates,travel.data],s81,'quiet');
t88 = x13([travel.dates,travel.data],s88,'quiet');

fh = figure('Position',size8);
```

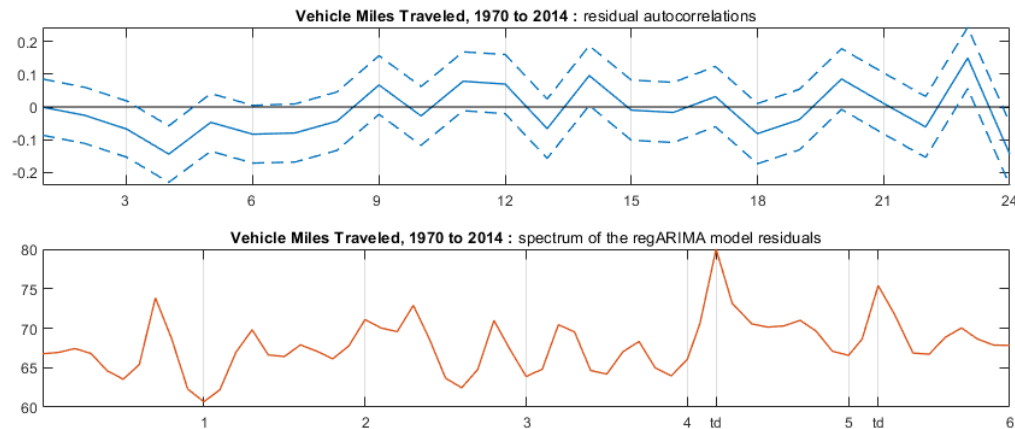
```
plot(fh,t11,t18,t81,t88,'acf','spr');

report(['We have tried combinations of thank[1] and thank [8] on the one hand ', ...
      'and labor[1] and labor[8] on the other. All of these specifications are ', ...
      'very similar. The best likelihood is achieved with the labor[8] and ', ...
      'thank[1] combination, so we will include these dummies.',newline]);

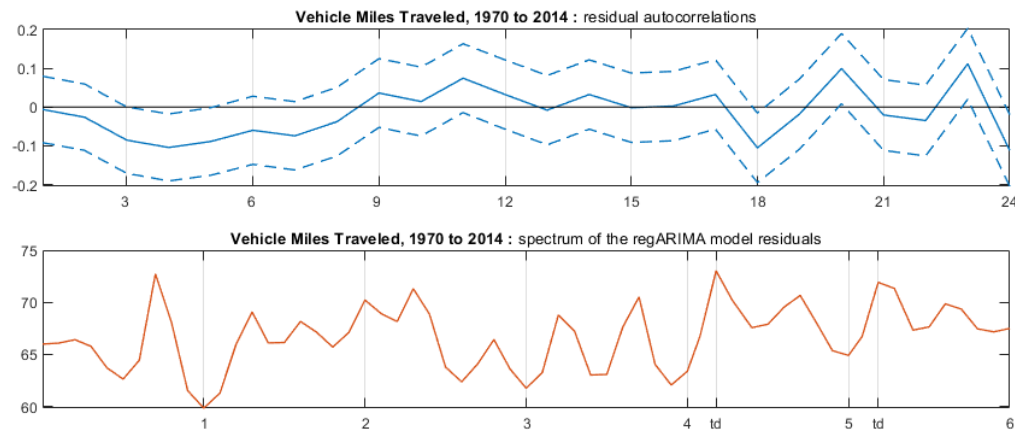
spec2 = makespec(s81,'series','name',travel.descr);
travel2 = t81;
```

## Step 2: Optimizing the regression

TRAMO has chosen an ARIMA (2 1 0)(0 1 1), but the autocorrelation function is problematic. We have significant autocorrelation of the residuals.



The problem could be the lack of a dummy for Easter and trading days. It is very likely that Easter as well as the distribution of weekends plays a role in travel behavior. We therefore add Easter and trading day dummies and check if that solves the problem.



Estimation converged in 10 ARMA iterations, 89 function evaluations.

Regression Model

Variable	Parameter Estimate	Standard Error	t-value
Leap Year	1043.8270	638.13205	1.64
Trading Day			
Mon	-86.4250	200.08303	-0.43
Tue	129.4466	198.94503	0.65
Wed	-51.7153	199.65579	-0.26
Thu	644.7656	201.06038	3.21
Fri	478.4668	200.41043	2.39
Sat	-588.8076	200.04820	-2.94
*Sun (derived)	-525.7312	199.89926	-2.63

\*For full trading-day and stable seasonal effects, the derived parameter estimate is obtained indirectly as minus the sum of the directly estimated parameters that define the effect.

#### Chi-squared Tests for Groups of Regressors

Regression Effect	df	Chi-Square	P-Value
Trading Day	6	86.83	0.00
Combined Trading Day and Leap Year Regressors	7	89.56	0.00

Trading Day	6, 518	14.28	0.00
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ARIMA Model: (2 1 0)(0 1 1)  
 Nonseasonal differences: 1  
 Seasonal differences: 1

Parameter	Estimate	Standard Errors
Nonseasonal AR		
Lag 1	-0.4389	0.04293
Lag 2	-0.1756	0.04276
Seasonal MA		
Lag 12	0.6628	0.03307
Variance	0.66997E+07	
SE of Var	0.41352E+06	

#### Likelihood Statistics

Number of observations (nobs)	538
Effective number of observations (nefobs)	525
Number of parameters estimated (np)	11
Log likelihood (L)	-4874.3855
AIC	9770.7710
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Hannan Quinn	9789.1349
BIC	9817.6684

# Roots of ARIMA Model

Root	Real	Imaginary	Modulus	Frequency
Nonseasonal AR				
Root 1	-1.2493	2.0328	2.3860	0.3377
Root 2	-1.2493	-2.0328	2.3860	-0.3377
Seasonal MA				
Root 1	1.5087	0.0000	1.5087	0.0000

Peak probabilities for Tukey spectrum estimator  
Spectrum estimated from 2006.Nov to 2014.Oct.

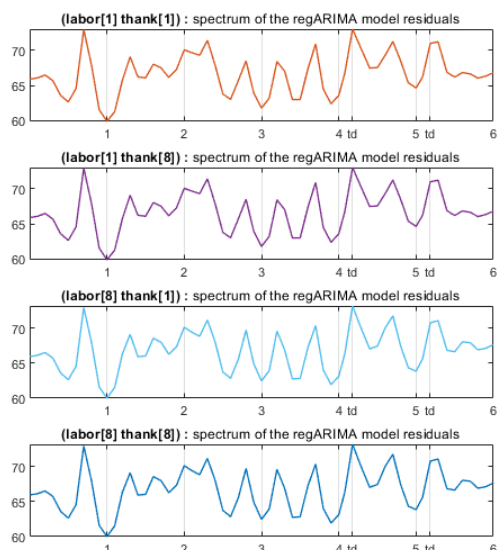
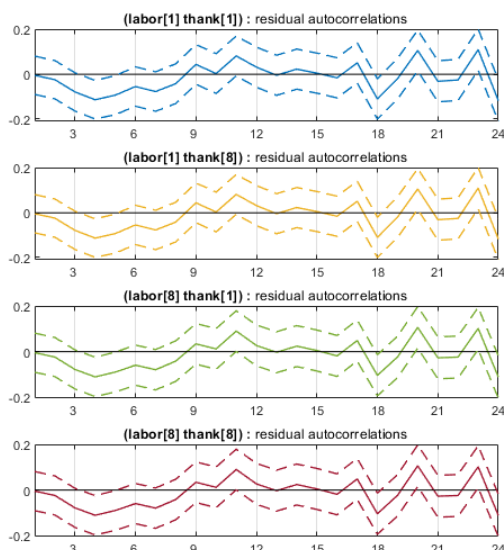
	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	TD
Model Residuals	0.561	0.293	0.930*	0.005	0.270	0.914*	0.527
Prior Adjusted Series (Table B1)	0.960*	0.999**	0.998**	0.990*	1.000**	0.785	0.031

\*\* - Peak Probability > 0.99,  
\* - 0.90 < Peak Probability < 0.99

The trading days are significant, but Easter is not. The algorithm kicks out this dummy when it is not significant enough. We will therefore keep the Easter dummy in for the moment; maybe it will become relevant later. Also, the trading day dummies have not yet resolved the autocorrelation issue.

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## Step 3: Automatic detection of structural breaks and outliers

```
disp(sline)
fprintf(' Step 3: Finding structural breaks\n\n');

report(['Next we allow the algorithm to detect one-time outliers and ', ...
       'level shifts, ba adding the AO and LS options.',newline]);

spec3 = makespec(spec2,'AO','LS');
travel3 = x13(travel.dates,travel.data,spec3,'quiet');

fh = figure('Position',size2);
plot(fh,travel3,'acf','spr')

report(['Two ouliers have been detected, a level shift LS1979.May and a ', ...
       'one-time outlier AO1995.Jan.',newline,newline,'The spikes in the ', ...
       'spectrum are now under control, but the autocorrelation issue remains.', ...
       newline]);
```

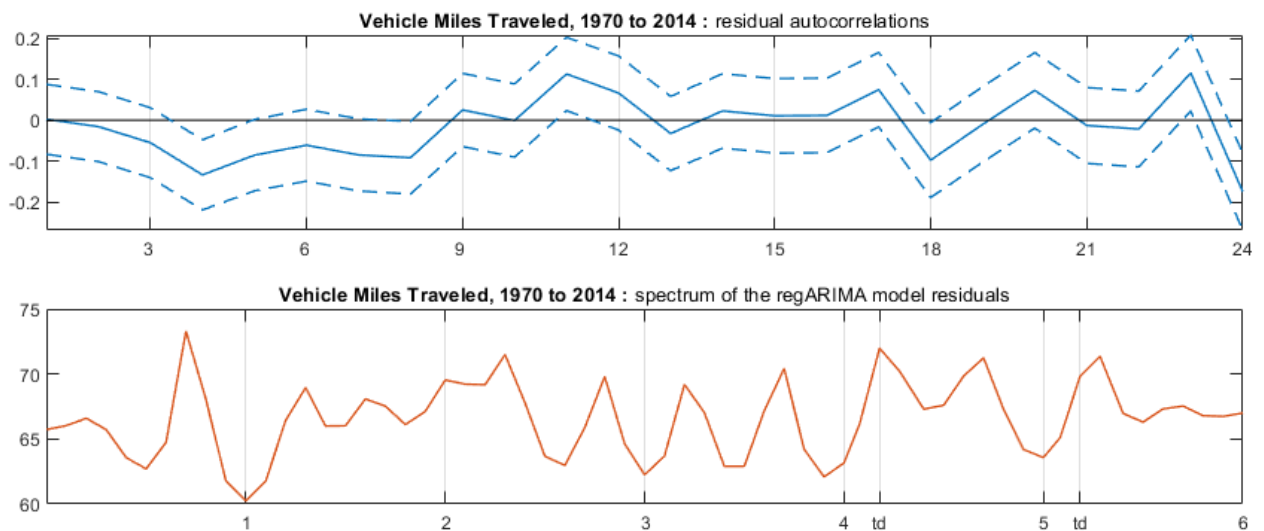
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## Step 4: Tweaking the ARIMA

```
disp(sline)
fprintf(' Step 4: Tweaking the ARIMA\n\n');

report(['The Spectrum and autocorrelation problems have still not been ', ...
    'resolved. It seems that we have to tweak the ARIMA specification ', ...
    'manually. Inspecting the ACF, there is a significant problem at lag ', ...
    '4 and maybe at lag 18. Such a long lag (18) would normally not be an ', ...
    'issue, but it might indicate an inappropriate choice of the seasonal ', ...
    'part of the ARIMA, since 18 lags is 1.5 years.', newline, ' ', newline, ...
    'But we address the problem at lag 4 first. We check (4 1 0) and (0 1 4) ', ...
    'and find that (0 1 4) works much better.', newline, ' ', newline, ...
    'However, looking at the regression output, we notice that the 2nd and 3rd ', ...
    'MA coefficients are not significant, so we remove them, (0 1 [1 4]).', ...
    newline, ' ', newline, 'We now look at lag 18 and try to address it by ', ...
    'increasing the seasonal ARIMA. We have tried several specifications. ', ...
    'An extensive one would be (2 1 2), but the ACF and PACF do not improve.', ...
    newline, ' ', newline]);

% remove TRAMO and significance testing in regression, fix outliers
s = makespec(spec3,'automdl',[],[], 'regression','aictest',[], 'NO OUTLIERS', ...
    'regression','variables','(LS1979.May A01995.Jan easter[15] labor[8] thank[1])');

arima = travel3.arima;
s = x13spec(s,'arima','model',arima, 'series','name',arima);
t0 = x13(travel.dates,travel.data,s,'quiet');

arima = '(4 1 0)(0 1 1)';
s = x13spec(s,'arima','model',arima, 'series','name',arima);
t1 = x13(travel.dates,travel.data,s,'quiet');

arima = '(0 1 4)(0 1 1)';
s = x13spec(s,'arima','model',arima, 'series','name',arima);
t2 = x13(travel.dates,travel.data,s,'quiet');

arima = '(0 1 [1 4])(0 1 1)';
s = x13spec(s,'arima','model',arima, 'series','name',arima);
t3 = x13(travel.dates,travel.data,s,'quiet');

arima = '(0 1 [1 4])(2 1 2)';
s = x13spec(s,'arima','model',arima, 'series','name',arima);
t4 = x13(travel.dates,travel.data,s,'quiet');

fh = figure('Position',size10);
plot(fh,t0,t1,t2,t3,t4,'acf','pcf');

report(['Our final specification is therefore (0 1 [1 4])(0 1 1), which ', ...
    'gives us an almost perfectly clean ACF and PACF an acceptable spectrum ', ...
    'of the residuals.', newline]);

arima = '(0 1 [1 4])(0 1 1)';
spec4 = x13spec(s,'arima','model',arima,'series','name',travel.descr);
travel4 = x13(travel.dates,travel.data,spec4,'quiet');
```

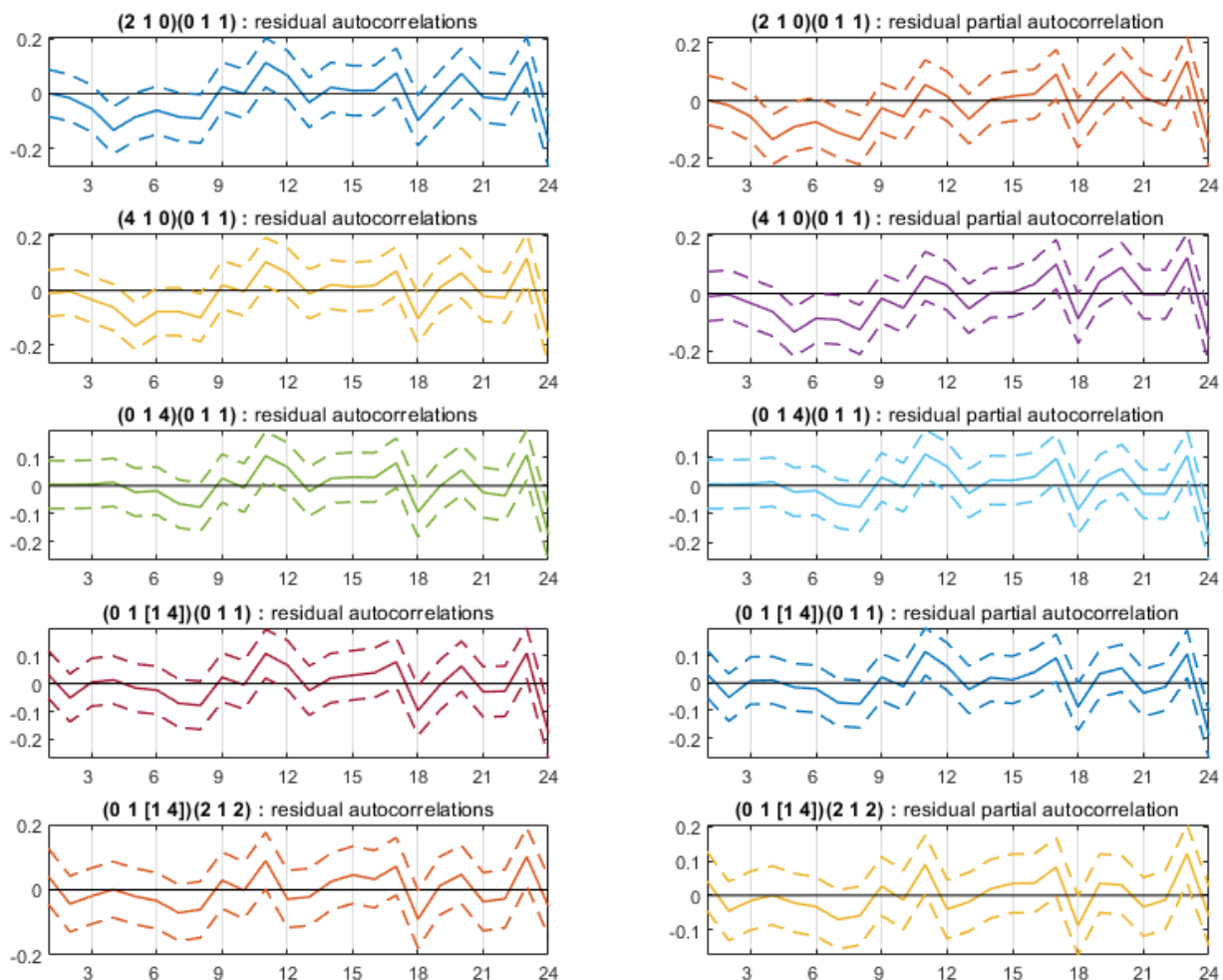
```
fh = figure('Position',sizeFig(50,80));
plot(fh,travel14,'acf','pcf','spr','rowwise')
```

#### Step 4: Tweaking the ARIMA

The spectrum and autocorrelation problems have still not been resolved. It seems that we have to tweak the ARIMA specification manually. Inspecting the ACF, there is a significant problem at lag 4 and maybe at lag 18. Such a long lag (18) would normally not be an issue, but it might indicate an inappropriate choice of the seasonal part of the ARIMA, since 18 lags is 1.5 years.

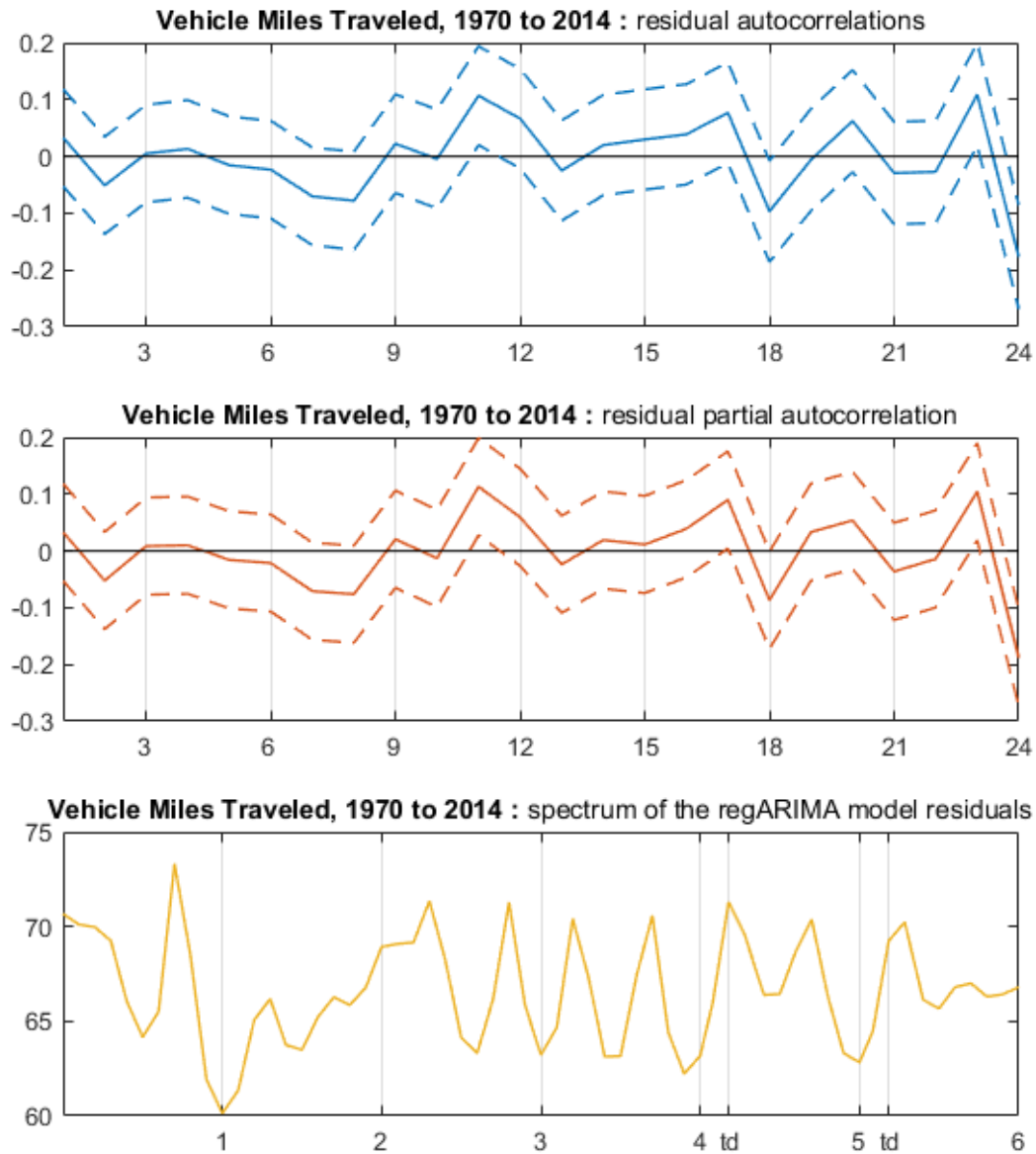
But we address the problem at lag 4 first. We check (4 1 0) and (0 1 4) and find that (0 1 4) works much better.

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we now look at lag 18 and try to address it by increasing the seasonal ARIMA. We have tried several specifications. An extensive one would be  $(2\ 1\ 2)$ , but the ACF and PACF do not improve.

Our final specification is therefore  $(0\ 1\ [1\ 4])(0\ 1\ 1)$ , which gives us an almost perfectly clean ACF and PACF and acceptable spectrum of the residuals.





## Step 5: Do the Seasonal Filtering

```
disp(sline)
fprintf(' Step 5: Performing the seasonal filtering\n\n');

spec5 = makespec(spec4,'x11','x11','mode','add');
travel5 = x13([travel.dates,travel.data],spec5);

figure('Position',size4)
ax = subplot(2,2,1);
plot(ax,travel5,'dat','e2','d12','comb');
ax = subplot(2,2,2);
plot(ax,travel5,'d10','bymonth');
ax = subplot(2,2,3);
plot(ax,travel5,'spr','sp1','sp2','comb');
ax = subplot(2,2,4);
plot(ax,travel5,'d13','span','boxplot');

report(['The seasonal factors are rather stable (the graph on the ', ...
        'top right shows little variation). The decomposition (top left ', ...
        'graph) looks reasonable.']);

fh = figure('Position',size6);
seasbreaks(fh,travel5);

report(['A closer inspection into possible seasonal breaks reveals no ', ...
        'major problems either. This graph shows the seasonal factors and ', ...
        'the SI ratios separately for each month. We do see some quantitatively ', ...
        'important shifts, but they are all slow enough so that the X-11 ', ...
        'procedure can deal with it. We do not need to specify seasonal ', ...
        'breaks in the estimation.']);
```

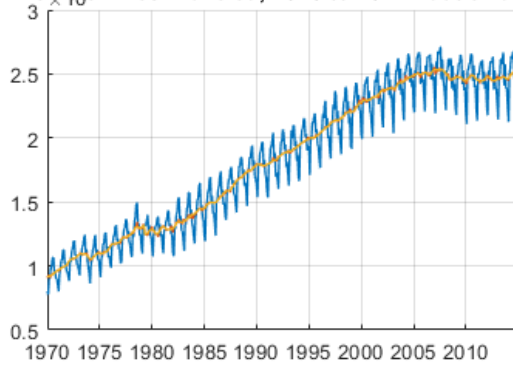
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Step 5: Performing the seasonal filtering

Warning:

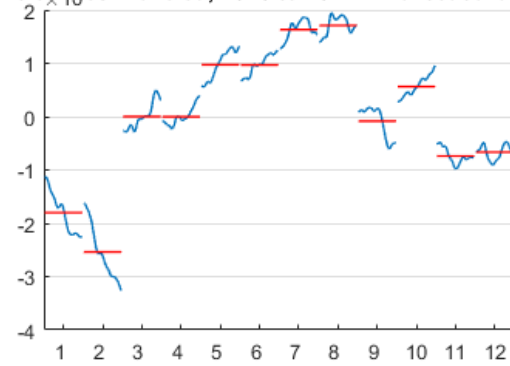
WARNING: At least one visually significant trading day peak has been  
found in one or more of the estimated spectra.

The seasonal factors are rather stable (the graph on the top right shows  
little variation). The decomposition (top left graph) looks reasonable.  
A closer inspection into possible seasonal breaks reveals no major problems  
either. This graph shows the seasonal factors and the SI ratios separately  
for each month. We do see some quantitatively important shifts, but they are  
all slow enough so that the X-11 procedure can deal with it. We do not need  
to specify seasonal breaks in the estimation.

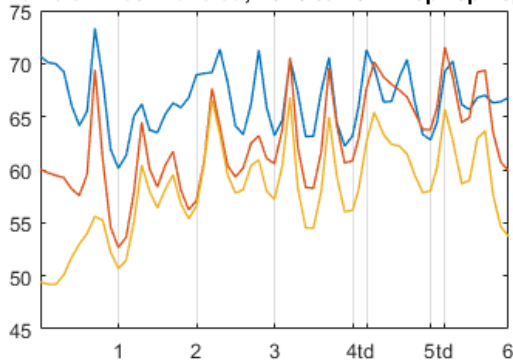
Vehicle Miles Traveled, 1970 to 2014 : dat e2 d12



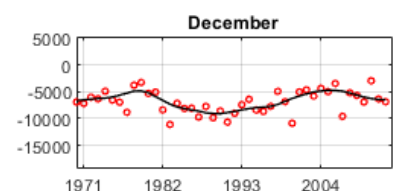
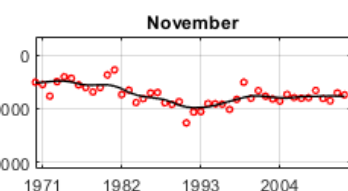
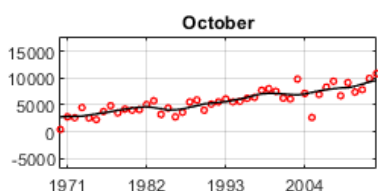
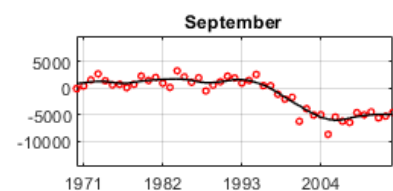
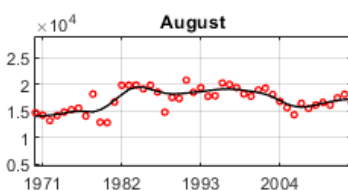
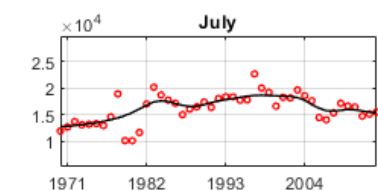
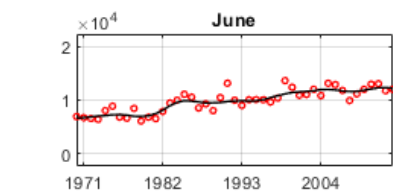
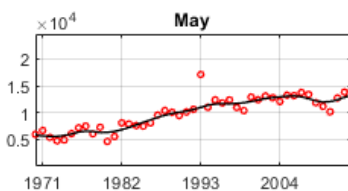
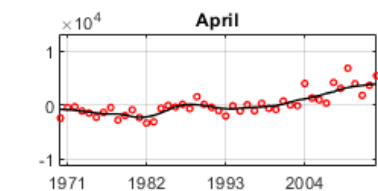
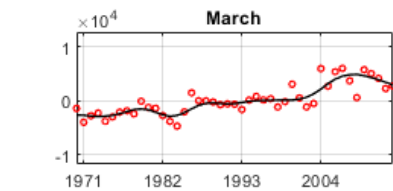
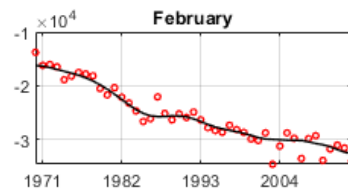
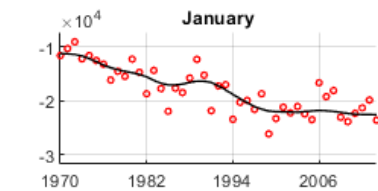
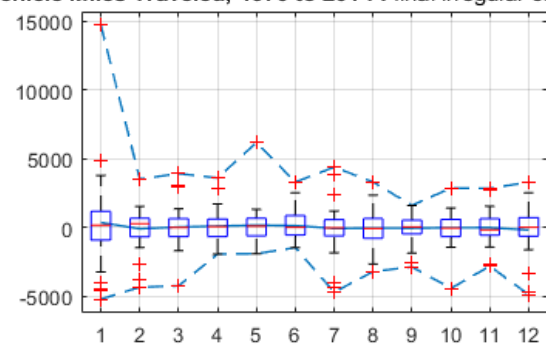
Vehicle Miles Traveled, 1970 to 2014 : final seasonal factors



Vehicle Miles Traveled, 1970 to 2014 : spr sp1 sp2



Vehicle Miles Traveled, 1970 to 2014 : final irregular component



## Step 6: Check Stability

```
disp(sline)
fprintf(' Step 6: Checking stability (this takes a while...)\n\n');

spec6 = makespec(spec5,'SLIDING','HISTORY');
travel6 = x13([travel.dates,travel.data],spec6,'quiet');

% --- sliding span analysis

figure('Position',size4,'Name',[name,': sliding span analysis']);

ax = subplot(2,2,1);
[~,ax] = plot(ax,travel6,'sfs','selection',[0 0 0 0 1]);
title(ax,'\bfmaximum change SA series (sfs)');
ax = subplot(2,2,2);
[~,ax] = plot(ax,travel6,'chs','selection',[0 0 0 0 1]);
title(ax,'\bfmax change seasonal factor (chs)');

ax = subplot(2,2,3);
[~,ax] = plot(ax,travel6,'sfs','selection',[0 0 0 0 1],'span','boxplot');
title(ax,'\bfmaximum change SA series (sfs)');
ax = subplot(2,2,4);
[~,ax] = plot(ax,travel6,'chs','selection',[0 0 0 0 1],'span','boxplot');
title(ax,'\bfmax change seasonal factor (chs)');

report(['CONCLUSION: The sliding span analysis reveals small changes ', ...
    'of the seasonally adjusted series or the seasonal factors. ', ...
    'The maximum revisions are about 2''000, and the level of ', ...
    'the data is between 100''000 and 250''000, so the revisions ', ...
    'amount to about 1%.']);

% --- stability analysis

figure('Position',size4,'Name',[name,': stability analysis']);

ax = subplot(2,2,1);
plot(ax,travel6,'sar')
title(ax,'\bfmax % change of final vs','concurrent SA series (sar)');
% % Note: sar = (final./concurrent-1)*100, where
% final = travel4.sae.Final_SA;
% concurrent = travel4.sae.Conc_SA;
% d = travel4.sar.SA_revision-(final./concurrent-1)*100;
% d is equal to zero, except for numerical noise.
ax = subplot(2,2,3);
plot(ax,travel6,'sar','span','boxplot')
title(ax,'\bfmax % change of final vs','concurrent SA series (sar)');

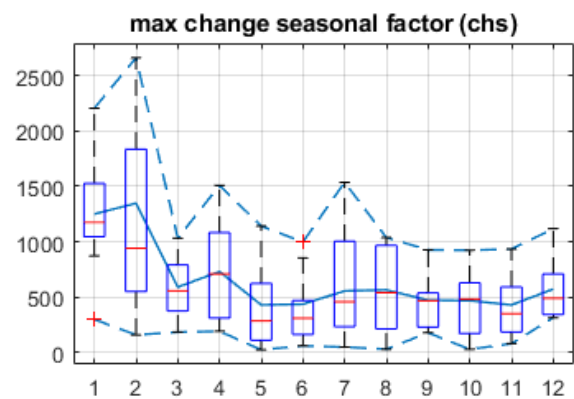
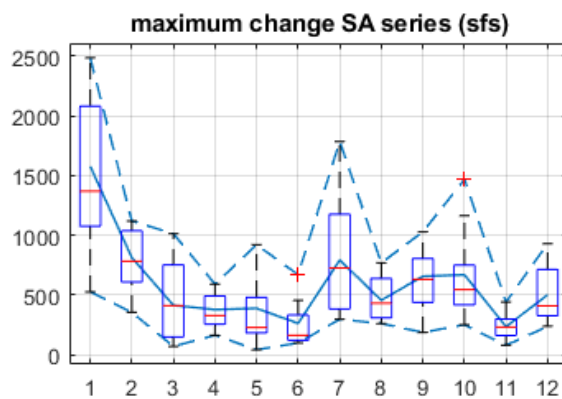
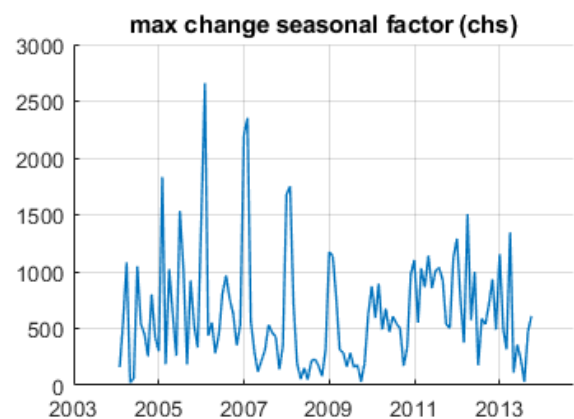
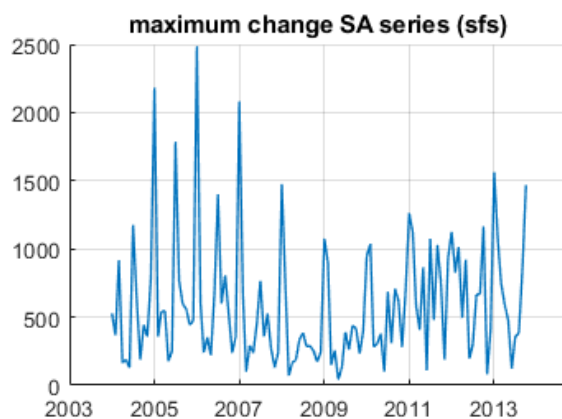
ax = subplot(2,2,2);
plot(ax,travel6,'sar','from',datenum(1985,1,1))
title(ax,'\bf... since 1985');
ax = subplot(2,2,4);
plot(ax,travel6,'sar','span','boxplot','from',datenum(1985,1,1))
title(ax,'\bf... since 1985');
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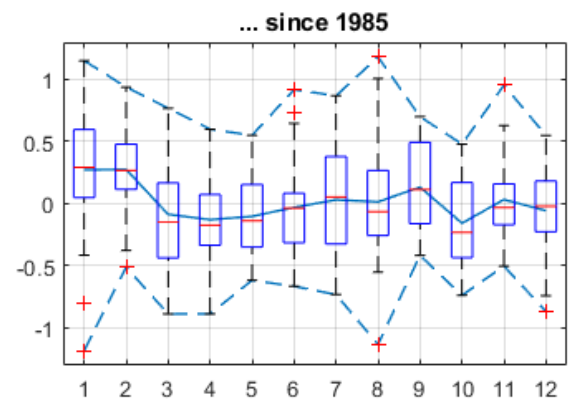
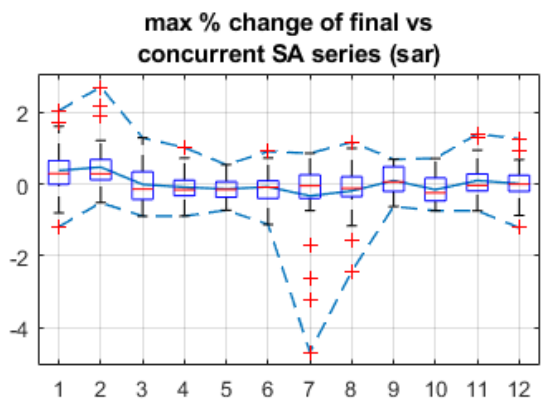
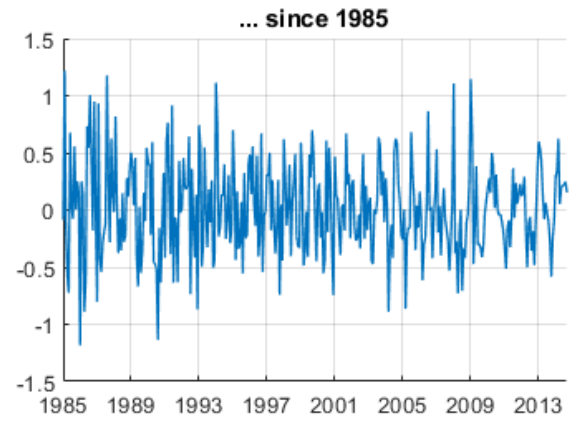
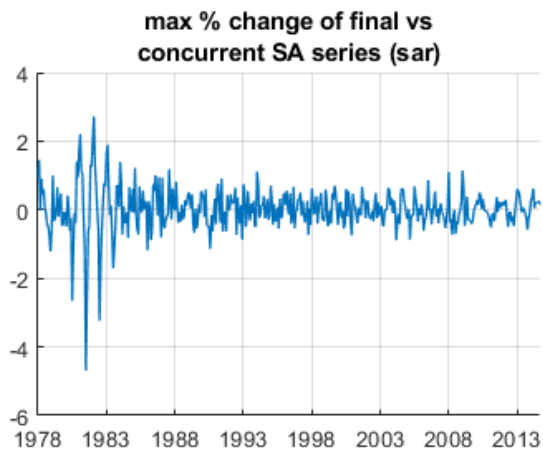
```
report(['CONCLUSION: The historical analysis also reveals small ', ...
      'changes of the seasonally adjusted series, except in the ', ...
      'beginning of the sample in the late 70s, early 80s.']);
```

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 Step 6: Checking stability (this takes a while...)

CONCLUSION: The sliding span analysis reveals small changes of the seasonally adjusted series or the seasonal factors. The maximum revisions are about 2'000, and the level of the data is between 100'000 and 250'000, so the revisions amount to about 1%.

CONCLUSION: The historical analysis also reveals small changes of the seasonally adjusted series, except in the beginning of the sample in the late 70s, early 80s.





## Step 7: Adjust Length Of Filter

```
disp(sline)
fprintf(' Step 7: Adjusting the length of the seasonal filter\n\n');

disp(travel6.table('d9a'));
report(['The X11 procedure selects the length of the filter ', ...
    'according to the global moving seasonality ratio, GMSR. ', ...
    'For a GMSR above 3.5, X11 selects a 3x5 filter, for GMSR below ', ...
    '2.5 it selects a 3x3 filter. Values between 2.5 and 3.5 are in ', ...
    'a grey area, and I don''t know how the filter is selected then.']);

report(['The GMSR for February indicates 3x3 filter for that month. ', ...
    'January, July, and August are in the grey area. However, we can ', ...
    'marginally increase the stability of the filtering by enforcing ', ...
    'a 3x5 filter for all months.']);

spec7 = makespec(spec6,'x11','seasonalma','s3x5');
travel7 = x13([travel6.dates,travel6.data],spec7,'quiet');

% --- sliding span and stability analysis

figure('Position',size6,'Name',[name,': sliding span analysis']);

ax = subplot(2,3,1);
[~,ax] = plot(ax,travel6,travel7,'sfs','selection',[0 0 0 0 1],'comb');
title(ax,'\bfmaximum change SA series (sfs)');

% On my computer, the series I'm looking for is called 'Max__DIFF', but on
% others, strangely, it is called 'Max_0x25_DIFF'. To make this computer-
% independent, I look up the fieldnames.
fn5 = fieldnames(travel6.sfs);
fn6 = fieldnames(travel7.sfs);
ax = subplot(2,3,4);
scatter(ax,travel6.sfs.(fn5{end}),travel7.sfs.(fn6{end}),'.');
hold on; plot(xlim,xlim,'k'); grid on;
xlabel(ax,'sfs spec #5');
ylabel(ax,'sfs spec #6');

ax = subplot(2,3,2);
[~,ax] = plot(ax,travel6,travel7,'chs','selection',[0 0 0 0 1],'comb');
title(ax,'\bfmax change seasonal factor (chs)');

fn5 = fieldnames(travel6.chs);
fn6 = fieldnames(travel7.chs);
ax = subplot(2,3,5);
plot(ax,travel6.chs.(fn5{end}),travel7.chs.(fn6{end}),'.');
hold on; plot(xlim,xlim,'k'); grid on;
xlabel(ax,'chs spec #5');
ylabel(ax,'chs spec #6');

ax = subplot(2,3,3);
[~,ax] = plot(ax,travel6,travel7,'sar','comb');
title(ax,'\bfmax % change of final vs','concurrent SA series (sar)');
```

```

ax = subplot(2,3,6);
plot(ax,travel6.sar.SA_revision,travel7.sar.SA_revision,'.');
hold on; plot(xlim,xlim,'k'); grid on;
xlabel(ax,'sar spec #5');
ylabel(ax,'sar spec #6');
drawnow;

report(['The difference is small, but the largest deviations for ', ...
       'are made a bit smaller with spec #7, so we keep this.']);

```

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Step 7: Adjusting the length of the seasonal filter

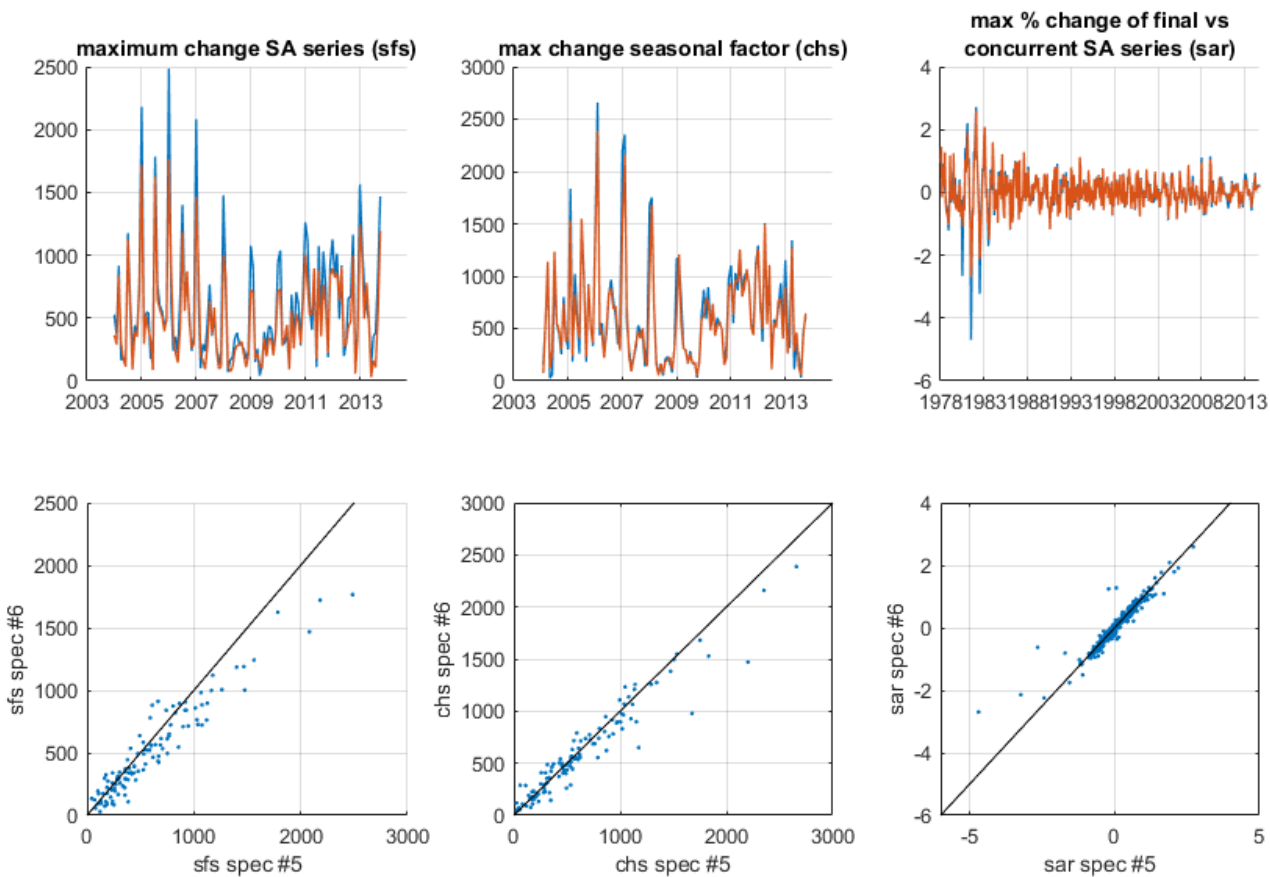
#### D 9.A Moving seasonality ratio

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
I	1144.897	967.537	980.580	1095.617	893.605	937.510
S	335.489	385.304	277.560	217.950	217.555	188.425
RATIO	3.413	2.511	3.533	5.027	4.107	4.975

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
I	893.515	1001.450	956.141	968.932	921.431	1018.555
S	267.326	294.939	255.364	198.975	203.795	273.814
RATIO	3.342	3.395	3.744	4.870	4.521	3.720

The x11 procedure selects the length of the filter according to the global moving seasonality ratio, GMSR. For a GMSR above 3.5, x11 selects a 3x5 filter, for GMSR below 2.5 it selects a 3x3 filter. Values between 2.5 and 3.5 are in a grey area, and I don't know how the filter is selected then. The GMSR for February indicates 3x3 filter for that month. January, July, and August are in the grey area. However, we can marginally increase the stability of the filtering by enforcing a 3x5 filter for all months. The difference is small, but the largest deviations for are made a bit smaller with spec #7, so we keep this.





## Final Step: specification for production

```
% remove history and sliding spans
spec8 = makespec(spec7, 'history',[],[], 'slidingspans',[],[]);

% this is the final specification
specfinal = makespec('series','name',travel.descr, 'DIAG', ...
    'NO OUTLIERS', 'regression','variables', ...
    '(AO1995.Jan LS1979.May easter[15] labor[8] td thank[1])', ...
    'regression','save','(ho1 td ao ls)', ...
    'arima', 'model', '(0 1 [1 4])(0 1 1)', ...
    'transform','function','none', ...
    'x11', 'x11','mode','add', 'x11','seasonalma','s3x5');

% compare the two
%disp(spec8);
disp(specfinal);

% perform the computations
travelsa = x13([travel.dates,travel.data],specfinal,'quiet');
travelhtml = x13([travel.dates,travel.data],specfinal,'html','quiet');
report('You can view results with web(travelhtml.out).')

% report final results

disp(travelsa);

disp(travelsa.x2d);
disp(travelsa.table('tukey'));

figure('Position',size1,'name','X11')
ax = subplot(3,2,1);
plot(ax,travelsa,'dat','e2','d12','comb');
ax = subplot(3,2,3);
plot(ax,travelsa,'acf','pcf','comb');
ax = subplot(3,2,5);
plot(ax,travelsa,'d13','boxplot','span');
ax = subplot(3,2,2);
plot(ax,travelsa,'spr','str','comb');
ax = subplot(3,2,4);
plot(ax,travelsa,'sp1','st1','comb');
ax = subplot(3,2,6);
plot(ax,travelsa,'sp2','st2','comb');

fh = figure('Position',size6,'name','breaks');
seasbreaks(fh,travelsa);

fh = figure('Position',size4,'name','final decomposition');
plot(fh,travelsa,'d12','e2','d10','e3');

disp(travelsa.table('f3'));

report('CONCLUSION: The decomposition appears acceptable.');
```

```
disp(dline);
```

```
=====
X-13/X-12 specification object
.....
- series
  └ name : Vehicle Miles Traveled, 1970 to 2014
- arima
  └ model : (0 1 [1 4])(0 1 1)
- check
  ├── save : (acf ac2 pcf)
  └ print : (hst nrm)
- estimate
  ├── save : (mdl ref rsd rts est lks)
  └ print : (est lks rts)
- outlier
  └ types : none
- regression
  ├── variables : (A01995.Jan LS1979.May easter[15] labor[8] td thank[1])
  └ save : (ao hol ls td)
- spectrum
  ├── save : (sp0 sp1 sp2 s1s s2s spr is0 is1 is2 st0 st1 st2 t1s t2s str it0
  │ it1 it2)
  └ print : tpk
- transform
  └ function : none
- x11
  ├── print : (d8f d9a f2 f3 rsf)
  ├── save : (b1 d10 d11 d12 d13 d16 d8 e2 e3)
  ├── mode : add
  └ seasonalma : s3x5
```

You can view results with `web(travelhtml.out)`.

```
=====
X-13ARIMA-SEATS
Version Number 1.1 Build 57 (x13as.exe)
.....
Title : Vehicle Miles Traveled, 1970 to 2014
Span : 1970.1 to 2014.10, monthly data
Data : 538 observations
Model : (0 1 [1 4])(0 1 1)
.....
Time Series
- ao : regARIMA additive (or point) outlier factors (table A8.A0)
- dat : unfiltered data
- d8 : final unmodified SI ratios (differences)
- d10 : final seasonal factors
- d11 : final seasonally adjusted data
- d12 : final trend-cycle
- d13 : final irregular component
- d16 : combined adjustment factors
- e2 : modified seasonally adjusted series
- e3 : modified irregular series
- hol : regARIMA holiday factors (table A7)
```

- ls : regARIMA level change outlier component
- ref : estimated regression effects ( $X'\beta$ )
- rsd : residuals from the estimated model
- td : regARIMA trading day component

## ACF and PACF

- acf : residual autocorrelations
- ac2 : squared residual autocorrelations
- pcf : residual partial autocorrelation

## Spectra

- spr : spectrum of the regARIMA model residuals
- sp0 : spectrum of the first-differenced original series
- sp1 : spectrum of differenced seasonally adjusted series
- sp2 : spectrum of modified irregular series
- str : Tukey spectral estimates of regARIMA model residuals
- st0 : Tukey spectral estimates of first-differenced original series
- st1 : Tukey spectral estimates of differenced seasonally adjusted series
- st2 : Tukey spectral estimates of irregular series

## Text Items

- con : console output
- err : program error file
- est : regression and ARMA parameter estimates, with standard errors
- lks : log-likelihood at final parameter estimates and, if exact = arma is used (default option), corresponding model selection criteria (AIC, AICC, Hannan-Quinn, BIC)
- log : program log file
- mdl : regression and arima specs corresponding to the model, with the estimation results used to specify initial values for the ARMA parameters
- out : program output file
- rts : roots of the AR and MA operators
- spc : specification file
- udg : diagnostics summary file
- x2d : seasonal adjustment diagnostics

## Tables

heading : U. S. Department of Commerce, U. S. Census Bureau

eval : MODEL ESTIMATION/EVALUATION

```
regression : Estimation converged in      8 ARMA iterations,   91 function eval
```

diagnostic : DIAGNOSTIC CHECKING

d8a : D 8.A F-tests for seasonality

d9a : D 9.A Moving seasonality ratio

residseas : Test for the presence of residual seasonality.

## f2 : F 2. Summary Measures

f2a : F 2.A: Average differences without regard to sign over the

f2b : F 2.B: Relative contributions to the variance of the diffe

f2c : F 2.C: Average differences with regard to sign and standard

Variable	CI	I	C
f2d : F 2.D: Average duration of run			

f2e : F 2.E: I/C Ratio for months span

f2f : F 2.F: Relative contribution of the components to the station

f2g : F 2.G: The autocorrelation of the irregulars for spans 1 to 1

f2h : F 2.H: The final I/C Ratio from Table D12: 2.06

f2i : F 2.I: Sta

### f3 : F 3. Monitoring and Quality Assessment Statistics

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      tukey : Peak probabilities for Tukey spectrum estimator
.....
NOTE: Use obj.table('name') to see content of a table, where 'name' can be
abbreviated.
.....
Time of run: 28-Apr-2021 14:02:19 (0.7 sec)
=====

```

```

Series name: VehicleMilesTraveled_1970to201
Span used: 1st month,1970 to 10th month,2014

```

X-11 Seasonal Adjustment

```

Seasonal filter length:
    3x5  3x5  3x5  3x5  3x5  3x5  3x5  3x5  3x5  3x5  3x5  3x5
Trend filter length: default
X-11 Extreme adjustment: Standard Error
Type of Adjustment: additive seasonal adjustment

```

Diagnostics for direct seasonally adjusted series

```

F-test for Stable Seasonality (D8):      837.131
F-test for Moving Seasonality (D8):      7.080
Identifiable Seasonality present

```

Relative Contribution of the Irregular to the Variance

	I	C	S	P	TD	TOTAL
F2.F :	0.34	37.17	63.51	4.18	0.25	105.44

```

I/C RATIO:      2.06  I/S RATIO:      3.78

```

```

M1:  0.040  M2:  0.036  M3:  0.531  M4:  0.132
M5:  0.484  M6:  0.089  M7:  0.130  M8:  0.195
M9:  0.107  M10: 0.158  M11: 0.144
Q = 0.19
Q(without M2) = 0.21

```

Visually distinct seasonal spectral peaks were not found.

Visually distinct trading day spectral peaks were found in:  
regARIMA model residuals

Peak probabilities for Tukey spectrum estimator  
Spectrum estimated from 2006.Nov to 2014.Oct.

	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	TD
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Model Residuals	0.717	0.426	0.880	0.005	0.303	0.241	0.634
Prior Adjusted Series (Table B1)	0.960*	0.999**	0.998**	0.988*	1.000**	0.818	0.024
Seasonally adjusted series (E2)	0.045	0.034	0.112	0.053	0.033	0.125	0.864
Modified Irregular (E3)	0.303	0.070	0.115	0.050	0.033	0.127	0.884

```

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** - Peak Probability > 0.99,
* - 0.90 < Peak Probability < 0.99

```

### F 3. Monitoring and Quality Assessment Statistics

All the measures below are in the range from 0 to 3 with an acceptance region from 0 to 1.

1. The relative contribution of the irregular over three months span (from Table F 2.B).	M1 = 0.040
2. The relative contribution of the irregular component to the stationary portion of the variance (from Table F 2.F).	M2 = 0.036
3. The amount of month to month change in the irregular component as compared to the amount of month to month change in the trend-cycle (from Table F2.H).	M3 = 0.531
4. The amount of autocorrelation in the irregular as described by the average duration of run (Table F 2.D).	M4 = 0.132
5. The number of months it takes the change in the trend-cycle to surpass the amount of change in the irregular (from Table F 2.E).	M5 = 0.484
6. The amount of year to year change in the irregular as compared to the amount of year to year change in the seasonal (from Table F 2.H).	M6 = 0.089
7. The amount of moving seasonality present relative to the amount of stable seasonality (from Table F 2.I).	M7 = 0.130
8. The size of the fluctuations in the seasonal component throughout the whole series.	M8 = 0.195
9. The average linear movement in the seasonal component throughout the whole series.	M9 = 0.107
10. Same as 8, calculated for recent years only.	M10 = 0.158
11. Same as 9, calculated for recent years only.	M11 = 0.144

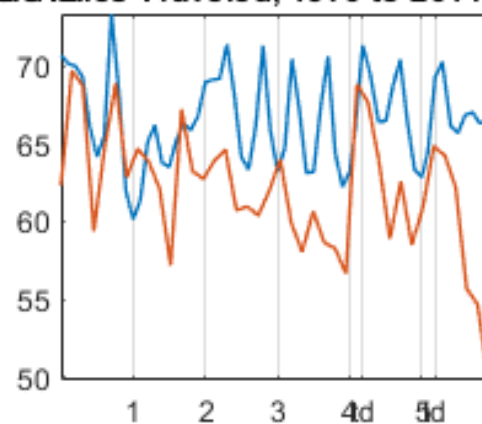
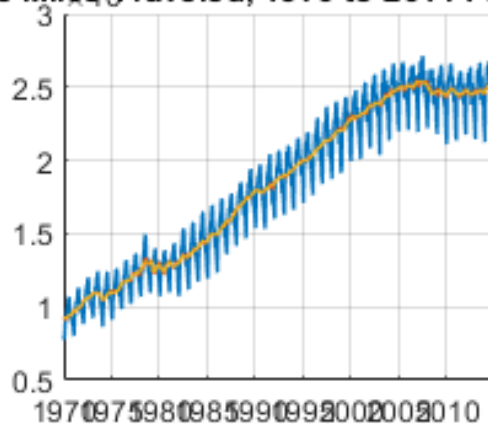
\*\*\* ACCEPTED \*\*\* at the level 0.19

\*\*\* Q (without M2) = 0.21 ACCEPTED.

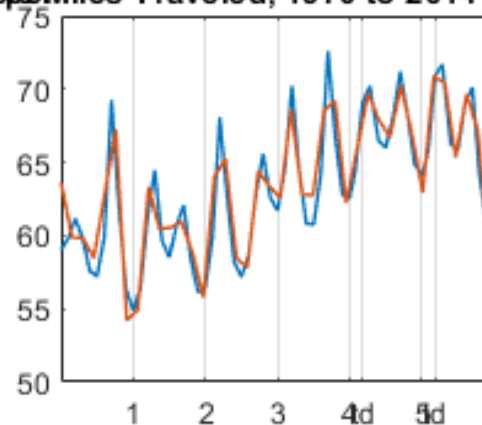
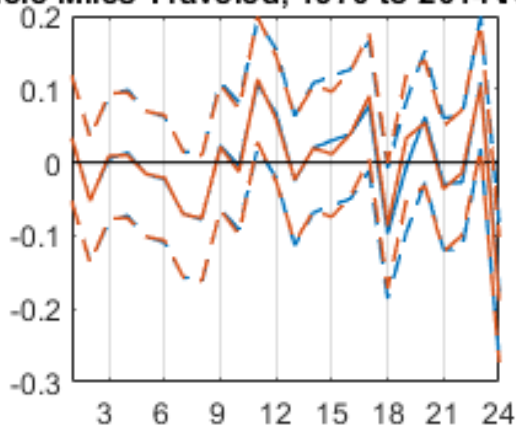
CONCLUSION: The decomposition appears acceptable.

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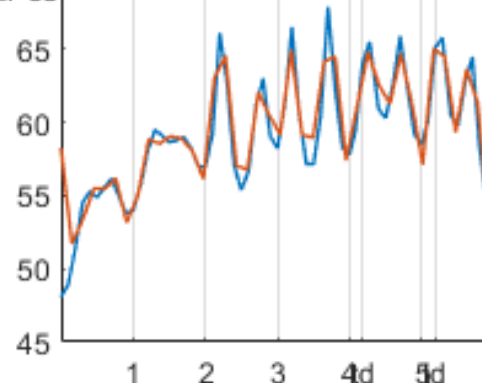
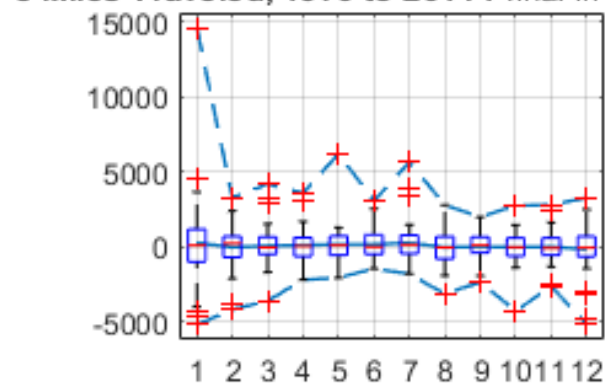
Vehicle Miles Traveled, 1970 to 2014 : spr str

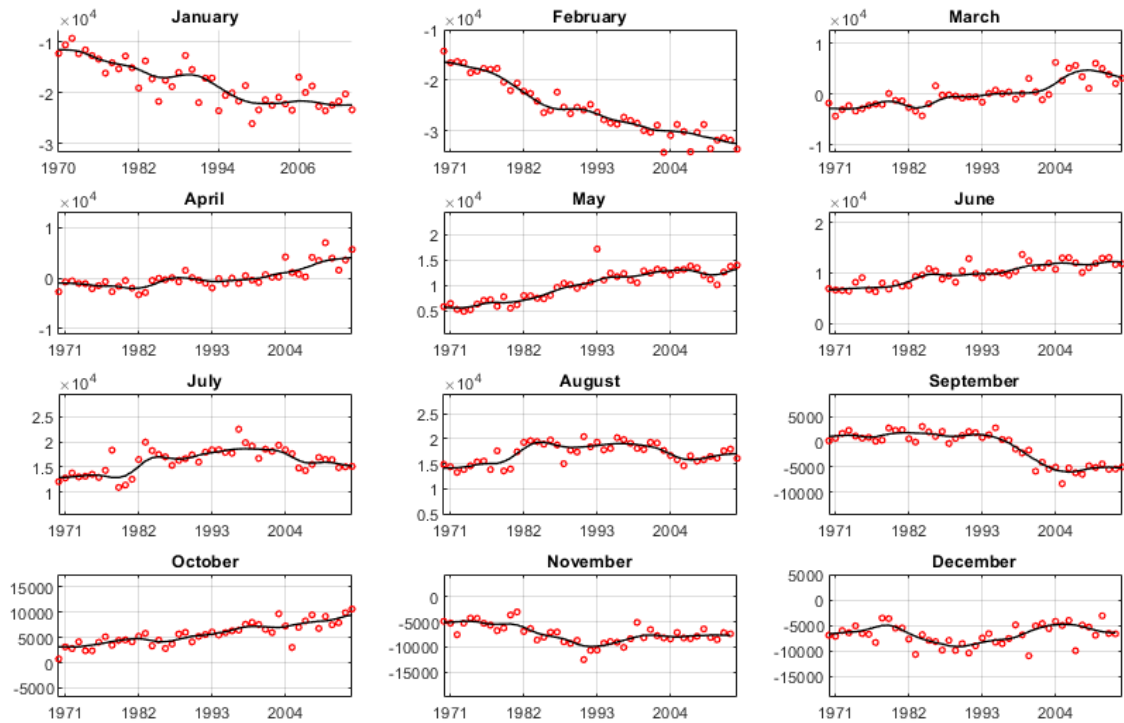


Vehicle Miles Traveled, 1970 to 2014 : sp1 str

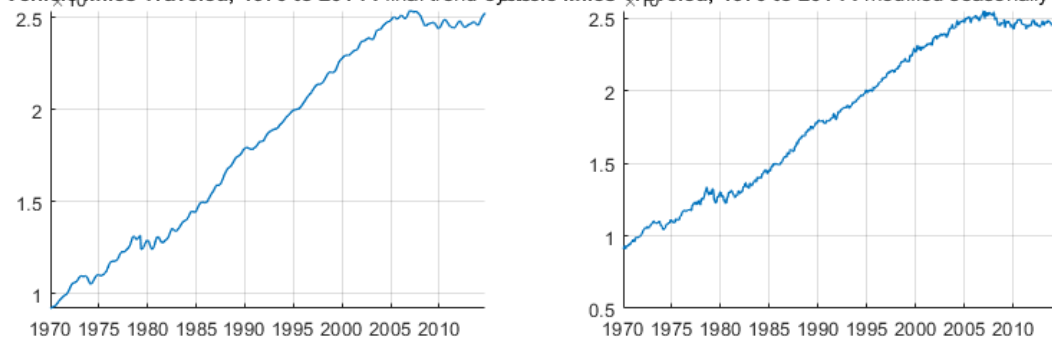


Vehicle Miles Traveled, 1970 to 2014 : sp2 str

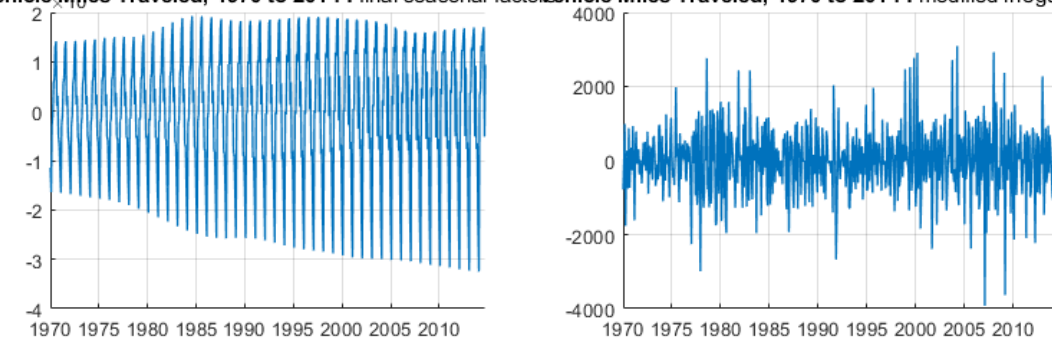




Vehicle Miles Traveled, 1970 to 2014 : final trend - Vehicle Miles Traveled, 1970 to 2014 : modified seasonally adjusted series



Vehicle Miles Traveled, 1970 to 2014 : final seasonal factor - Vehicle Miles Traveled, 1970 to 2014 : modified irregular series



## COMPARING VARIOUS ALGORITHMS

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## Load Data and Specs

```
fprintf(['We are performing the seasonal decomposition with eight different ', ...
        'algorithms and compare the outcome.\n\n']);

% These are monthly data taken from the book by D. Ladiray and
% B. Quenneville on the X-11 method.
load LadirayQuenneville

% This is a classic dataset used in ARIMA modelling and seasonal
% adjustment. It is known as Box-Jenkin's Series G and describes the number
% of airline passengers from Jan 1949 and Dec 1960.
load BoxJenkinsG

% Unemployment quota in the USA.
load unemp;

% Unemployment quota in the USA.
load travel;

% choose the data set to use
data = BoxJenkinsG;
%data = LadirayQuenneville;
%data = unemp;
%data = travel;

basespec = makespec('LOG','TDAYS','EASTER','SPECTRUM');
```

we are performing the seasonal decomposition with eight different algorithms and compare the outcome.

## Computations

```
n = {};  
  
n{end+1} = 'X-13AS with X-11'; disp(n{end})  
spec = makespec(basespec, 'TRAMO', 'X11', 'series', 'title', n{end});  
%spec = makespec(basespec, 'series', 'title', n);  
x3x = x13(data.dates, data.data, spec, 'quiet');  
x3x.addMatlabSpectrum;  
  
n{end+1} = 'X-13AS with SEATS'; disp(n{end})  
spec = makespec(basespec, 'TRAMO', 'SEATS', 'series', 'title', n{end});  
%spec = makespec(basespec, 'SEATS', 'series', 'title', n);  
x3s = x13(data.dates, data.data, spec, 'quiet');  
x3s.addMatlabSpectrum;  
  
n{end+1} = 'X-12'; disp(n{end})  
spec = makespec(basespec, 'TRAMO', 'X11', 'series', 'title', n{end});  
%spec = makespec(basespec, 'series', 'title', n);  
x2 = x13(data.dates, data.data, spec, 'x-12', 'quiet');  
  
n{end+1} = 'X-11'; disp(n{end})  
spec = makespec(basespec, 'X11', 'series', 'title', n{end});  
%spec = makespec(basespec, 'series', 'title', n);  
x1 = x13(data.dates, data.data, spec, 'x-11', 'quiet');  
  
n{end+1} = 'Method I'; disp(n{end})  
spec = makespec(basespec, 'X11', 'series', 'title', n{end});  
%spec = makespec(basespec, 'series', 'title', n);  
m = x13(data.dates, data.data, spec, 'method1', 'quiet');  
  
n{end+1} = 'FIXED'; disp(n{end})  
spec = makespec(basespec, 'FIXEDSEASONAL', 'series', 'title', n{end});  
f = x13(data.dates, data.data, spec, 'quiet');  
  
n{end+1} = 'C.A.M.P.LE.T'; disp(n{end})  
spec = makespec(basespec, 'CAMPLET', 'series', 'title', n{end});  
c = x13(data.dates, data.data, spec, 'quiet');  
  
n{end+1} = 'seas.m'; disp(n{end})  
spec = x13spec(basespec, 'series', 'title', n{end});  
s = x13(data.dates, data.data, spec, 'prog', 'seas.m', 'quiet');
```

```
X-13AS with X-11  
X-13AS with SEATS  
X-12  
X-11  
Method I  
FIXED  
C.A.M.P.LE.T  
seas.m
```

## Correlation between seasonal factors

```
fprintf(' Correlations between different seasonally adjusted series\n\n');
all_sa = [x3x.d11.d11,x3s.s11.s11,x2.d11.d11,x1.d11.d11, ...
          m.d11.d11,f.sa.sa,c.sa.sa,s.sa.sa];
corr_sa = corr(all_sa);
corr_sa_tbl = table(corr_sa(:,1),corr_sa(:,2),corr_sa(:,3),corr_sa(:,4), ...
                  corr_sa(:,5),corr_sa(:,6),corr_sa(:,7),corr_sa(:,8), ...
                  'VariableNames',n, 'RowNames',n);
disp(corr_sa_tbl);

n(7) = []; % CAMPLET does not produce a seasonal factor
fprintf(' Correlations between different seasonal factors\n\n');
all_sf = [x3x.d10.d10,x3s.s10.s10,x2.d10.d10,x1.d10.d10, ...
          m.d10.d10,f.sf.sf,s.sf.sf];
corr_sf = corr(all_sf);
corr_sf_tbl = table(corr_sf(:,1),corr_sf(:,2),corr_sf(:,3),corr_sf(:,4), ...
                  corr_sf(:,5),corr_sf(:,6),corr_sf(:,7), ...
                  'VariableNames',n, 'RowNames',n);
disp(corr_sf_tbl);

fprintf('The differences are very small.\n\n');
```

Correlations between different seasonally adjusted series

	X-13AS with X-11	X-13AS with SEATS	X-12	X-11	Method I	FIXED	C.A.M.P.L.E.T	seas.m
X-13AS with X-11	1	0.9999	0.99997	0.99983	0.9998	0.99814	0.9993	0.9997
X-13AS with SEATS	0.9999	1	0.99987	0.99985	0.9999	0.99814	0.99943	0.9998
X-12	0.99997	0.99987	1	0.9998	0.99978	0.99814	0.99925	0.99967
X-11	0.99983	0.99985	0.9998	1	0.99992	0.99784	0.99932	0.99983
Method I	0.9998	0.9999	0.99978	0.99992	1	0.99779	0.99947	0.99993
FIXED	0.99814	0.99814	0.99814	0.99784	0.99779	1	0.99737	0.99743
C.A.M.P.L.E.T	0.9993	0.99943	0.99925	0.99932	0.99947	0.99737	1	0.99943
seas.m	0.9997	0.9998	0.99967	0.99983	0.99993	0.99743	0.99943	1

Correlations between different seasonal factors

	X-13AS with X-11	X-13AS with SEATS	X-12	X-11	Method I	FIXED	seas.m
X-13AS with X-11	1	0.9988	0.99985	0.99898	0.99821	0.98194	0.99661
X-13AS with SEATS	0.9988	1	0.99885	0.99868	0.99919	0.98262	0.99765
X-12	0.99985	0.99885	1	0.99903	0.99824	0.9829	0.99654
X-11	0.99898	0.99868	0.99903	1	0.99917	0.98046	0.99787
Method I	0.99821	0.99919	0.99824	0.99917	1	0.98	0.99912
FIXED	0.98194	0.98262	0.9829	0.98046	0.98	1	0.97637
seas.m	0.99661	0.99765	0.99654	0.99787	0.99912	0.97637	1

The differences are very small.

## Charts

```
fh = figure('Position',[74 69 854 693]); movegui(fh,'center');
plot(fh,x3x,s,x1,c,m,f,'sp1')
%plot(x3x,x3s,'sp1','s1s','combined','quiet')

fh = figure('Position',[74 69 854 693]); movegui(fh,'center');
plot(fh,x3x,s,x1,c,m,f,'sp2','quiet')
%plot(x3x,x3s,'sp2','s2s','combined','quiet')

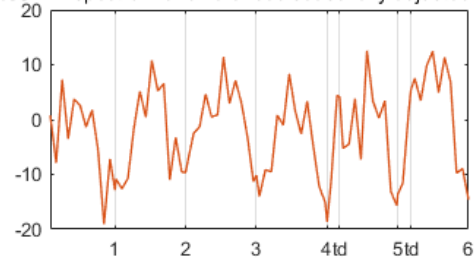
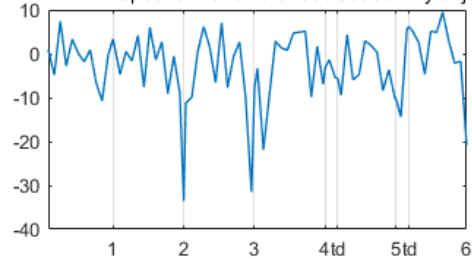
fh = figure('Position',[211 45 998 706]); movegui(fh,'center');
ah = subplot(3,2,1); plot(ah,x3x,x3s,'e2','s11','comb','quiet')
ah = subplot(3,2,3); plot(ah,x3x,x1,'e2','comb');
ah = subplot(3,2,5); plot(ah,x3x,m,'d11','comb');
ah = subplot(3,2,2); plot(ah,x3x,s,'d11','sa','comb','quiet')
ah = subplot(3,2,4); plot(ah,x3x,c,'d11','sa','comb','quiet')
ah = subplot(3,2,6); plot(ah,x3x,f,'d11','sa','comb','quiet')

fh = figure('Position',[211 45 998 706]); movegui(fh,'center');
ah = subplot(3,2,1); plot(ah,x3x,x3s,'d12','s12','comb','quiet')
ah = subplot(3,2,3); plot(ah,x3x,x1,'d12','comb');
ah = subplot(3,2,5); plot(ah,x3x,m,'d12','comb');
ah = subplot(3,2,2); plot(ah,x3x,s,'d12','tr','comb','quiet')
ah = subplot(3,2,4); plot(ah,x3x,c,'d12',c.keyv.tr,'comb','quiet')
ah = subplot(3,2,6); plot(ah,x3x,f,'d12','tr','comb','quiet')

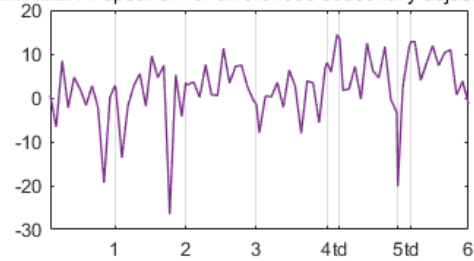
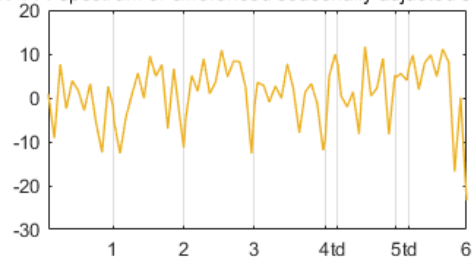
fprintf(['CAMPLET is different because it is an only backward looking filter. ', ...
        'The advantage of a purely backward-looking algorithm is that the seasonal ', ...
        'adjustment is not changed when new data come along. But as can be seen, ', ...
        'the trend and seasonally adjusted series are merkedly different. To be ', ...
        'fair, they are estimated ``on the go,`` so without the benefit of the ', ...
        'future evolution, so we should expect larger differences.\n']);
```

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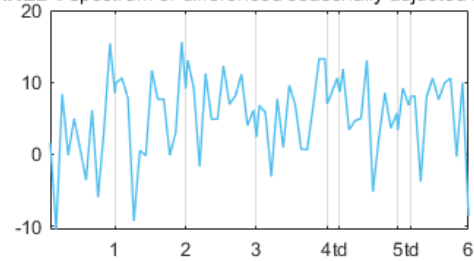
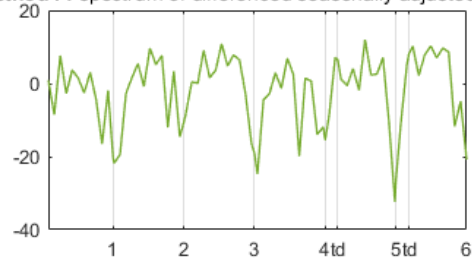
**X-13AS with X-11** : spectrum of differenced seasonally adjusted series **seas.m** : spectrum of differenced seasonally adjusted series



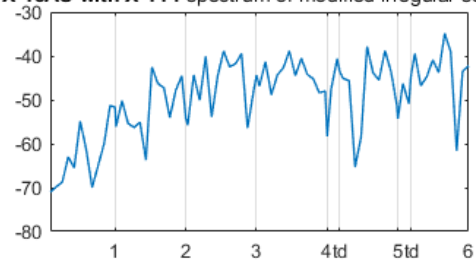
**X-11** : spectrum of differenced seasonally adjusted series **C.A.M.P.L.E.T** : spectrum of differenced seasonally adjusted series



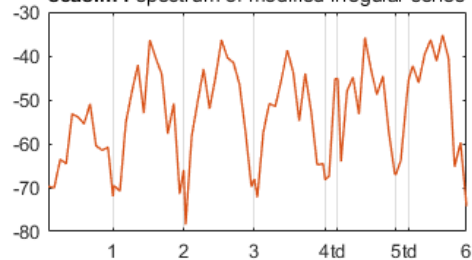
**Method I** : spectrum of differenced seasonally adjusted series **FIXED** : spectrum of differenced seasonally adjusted series



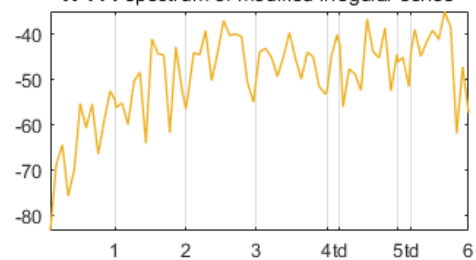
**X-13AS with X-11** : spectrum of modified irregular series



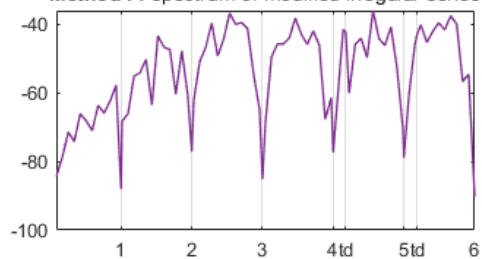
**seas.m** : spectrum of modified irregular series



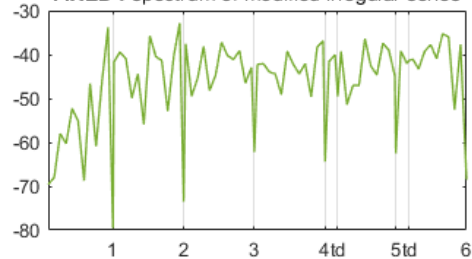
**X-11** : spectrum of modified irregular series

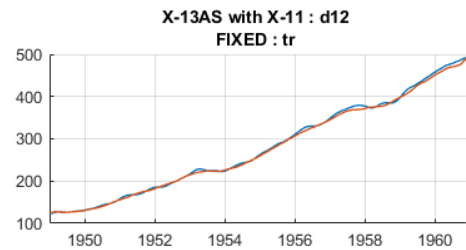
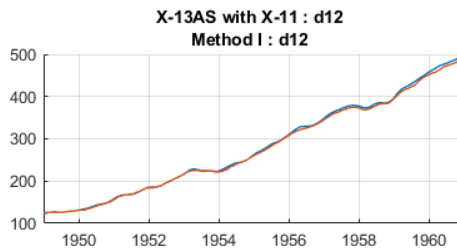
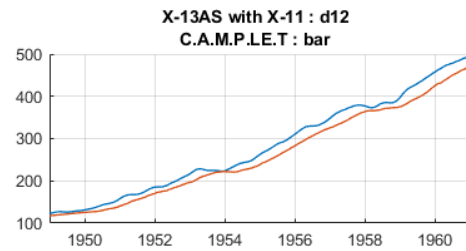
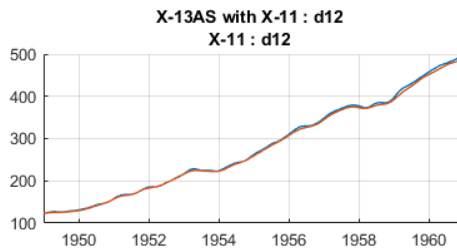
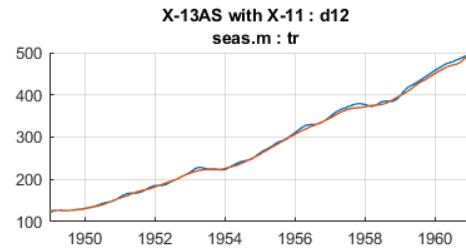
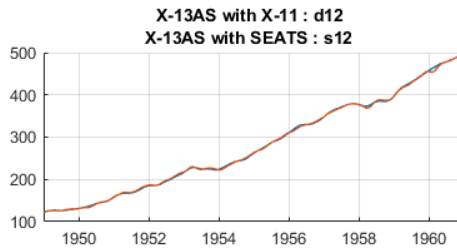
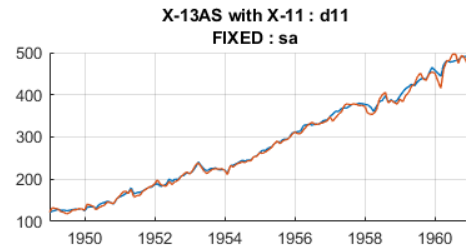
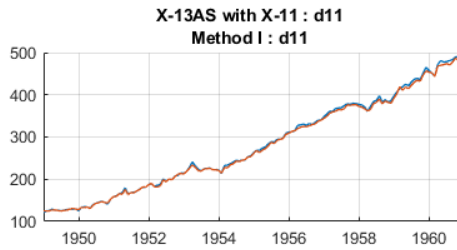
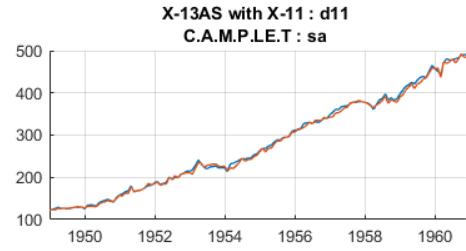
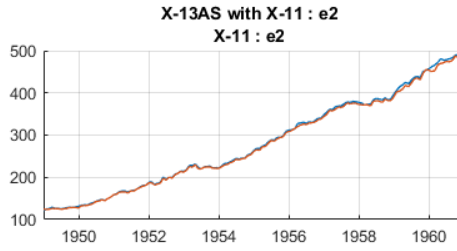
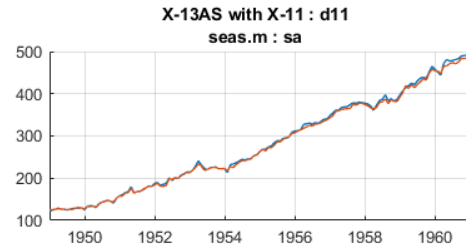
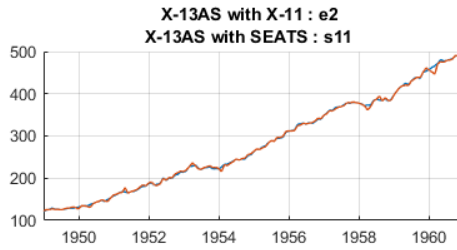


**Method I** : spectrum of modified irregular series



**FIXED** : spectrum of modified irregular series





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## DEMO for X13 Toolbox: Composite Run

```
%#ok<*CHARTEN>  
%#ok<*SAGROW>  
  
% turn warnings temporarily off  
orig_warning_state = warning('off','all');
```

## PRELIMINARIES

```
% get correct path
p = fileparts(mfilename('fullpath')); % directory of this m-file
% if the section is run with Shift-Ctrl-Enter ...
if isempty(p); p = [cd,'\']; end
% location of graphics files for use with X-13-Graph program
grloc = fullfile(p,'graphics\');

% size for figures with subplots
scSize = get(groot,'ScreenSize');
scwidth = scSize(3); scHeight = scSize(4);
sizeFig = @(h,v) round([0.04*scwidth, scHeight*(1-0.08-v/100)-50, ...
    h/100*scwidth, v/100*scHeight]);

size1 = sizeFig(40,80);
size2 = sizeFig(80,45);
size3 = sizeFig(95,45);
size4 = sizeFig(70,70);
size6 = sizeFig(75,68);
size8 = sizeFig(95,65);
size9 = sizeFig(95,90);

% line width
lwidth = 78;

% single and double line
sline = repmat('-',1,lwidth+1);
dline = repmat('=',1,lwidth+1);

% display with wrapped lines and leading space
report = @(s) disp(wrapLines(s,lwidth,' '));

% write heading
clc; disp(dline);
report(['DEMONSTRATION OF X-13 TOOLBOX FOR MATLAB : ', ...
    'composite run']);
report(['This script was developed with MATLAB Version ', ...
    '8.3.0.532 (R2014a)']);
disp(sline)
```

```
=====
DEMONSTRATION OF X-13 TOOLBOX FOR MATLAB : composite run
This script was developed with MATLAB Version 8.3.0.532 (R2014a)
-----
```

## LOADING DATA

```
load(fullfile(p,'gdp'));
report(['Data from Eurostat: quarterly GDP for several countries ', ...
       'http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/national-accounts/data/database']);
name = 'Nominal GDP European Countries';

ctry = gdp{1};
dates = gdp{2};
data = gdp{3};

remove = any(isnan(data),2);
data(remove,:) = [];
dates(remove) = [];

disp(sline)
```

Data from Eurostat: quarterly GDP for several countries  
http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/national-accounts/data/database  
-----

## COMPOSITE RUN

```
report(['We do a composite run of the GDPs of some European ', ...
      'countries. We seasonally adjust the aggregate GDP (direct ', ...
      'seasonal adjustment) and we seasonally adjust the individual ', ...
      'components and aggregate them afterwards (indirect seasonal ', ...
      'adjustment).']);
n = numel(ctry);

% specifications for the individual series ...
spec = cell(1,n);
common = makespec('MULT','TRAMOPURE','X11','AO','LS','ACF', ...
                  'series','comptype','add');
for c = 1:n
    spec{c} = x13spec(common, 'series','title',ctry{c});
end

% ... and for the composite series
compspec = makespec('MULT','TRAMOPURE','X11','AO','LS','ACF', ...
                   'outlier','method','addone', ...
                   'composite','save','(cms itn isa iir iaf)', ...
                   'composite','title','Aggregate');

% run x13 and show result
xgdp = x13(dates,data,spec,compspec,'graphicsloc',grloc,'quiet');
disp(xgdp);
```

We do a composite run of the GDPs of some European countries. We seasonally adjust the aggregate GDP (direct seasonal adjustment) and we seasonally adjust the individual components and aggregate them afterwards (indirect seasonal adjustment).

```
=====
composite seasonal adjustemnt object
Version Number 1.1 Build 57
Data : 2000.3 to 2014.3
```

```
.....
List of series:
```

```
-> Aggregate
- Austria
- Belgium
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic  [.CzechRepublic]
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Iceland
- Ireland
- Italy
```

- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Malta
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Turkey
- United Kingdom    [.UnitedKingdom]

.....  
Time of run: 28-Apr-2021 17:30:27 (17.1 sec)

=====

## REPORT SOME RESULTS

```
allseries = xgdp.listofseries;

fprintf('\n --- KEY STATISTICS -----\n');
% THERE IS A PROBLEM HERE. x2d is not available.
for c = 1:numel(allseries)
    try
        strOUT = xgdp(allseries{c}).x2d;
    catch
        strOUT = '';
    end
    strOUT = strrep(strOUT,char(10),[char(32),char(10)]);
    linesOUT = strsplit(strOUT,char(10));
    strD8A = xgdp(allseries{c}).table('d8a');
    linesD8A = strsplit(strD8A,char(10));
    fprintf('\n *** %s ***\n Model: %s\n', ...
        upper(xgdp(allseries{c}).name), ...
        xgdp(allseries{c}).arima)
    fprintf('\n %s\n\n',strtrim(lower(linesD8A{end-1})));
    if strcmp(xgdp(allseries{c}).name,xgdp.compositeseries)
        first = -17;
    else
        first = -5;
    end
    try
        for l = first:1:0
            disp(linesOUT{end+l});
        end
    end
end
fprintf('\n -----\n\n');

report(['Most M-statistics pass, with some exceptions. The M4 and M8 ', ...
    'statistic marginally fail (>1) for some countries countries, but ', ...
    'these are not the most crucial quality control statistics, so we ', ...
    'ignore that. The M1-statistic marginally fails for the United ', ...
    'Kingdom. We ignore this as well, but you are welcome to look for ', ...
    'improvements. Interestingly, TRAMO identifies an ARIMA model with ', ...
    'no seasonal component for UK (model (0 1 1)), yet stable seasonality ', ...
    'is present according to the tests reported in table d8a.']);
% report(['Furthermore, PICKMDL did not find a good model for Finland. ', ...
% 'You might want to experiment with that (you can do so by ', ...
% 'analyzing the Finnish data separately; you don''t need to embed ', ...
% 'it in a composite while searching for a good model for the ', ...
% 'Finnsh series). Maybe TRAMO finds a usable model? For this ', ...
% 'demo, we ignore this problem.']);
fprintf(' -----\n\n');
```

--- KEY STATISTICS -----

\*\*\* AGGREGATE \*\*\*

Model: (0 1 1)(0 1 1)

identifiable seasonality present

M1: 0.080 M2: 0.029 M3: 0.000 M4: 0.413  
M5: 0.200 M6: 0.662 M7: 0.086 M8: 0.250  
M9: 0.148 M10: 0.336 M11: 0.247  
Q = 0.20  
Q(without M2) = 0.22

Comparison between Smoothness Measures for Direct and Indirect Adjustments

	(Dir - Ind) Percentage Change	
	Entire srs.	Last 3 yrs.
R1 - MSE	4.304	0.860
R1 - RMSE	2.176	0.431
R2 - MSE	92.592	22.479
R2 - RMSE	72.782	11.954

Positive percentage changes indicate that the indirect seasonally adjusted composite is smoother than the direct seasonally adjusted composite.

\*\*\* AUSTRIA \*\*\*

Model: (0 1 0)(0 1 1)

identifiable seasonality present

M1: 0.185 M2: 0.088 M3: 0.038 M4: 0.785  
M5: 0.200 M6: 0.128 M7: 0.176 M8: 0.324  
M9: 0.260 M10: 0.317 M11: 0.317  
Q = 0.23  
Q(without M2) = 0.24

\*\*\* BELGIUM \*\*\*

Model: (0 1 1)(0 1 1)

identifiable seasonality present

M1: 0.008 M2: 0.013 M3: 0.000 M4: 0.413  
M5: 0.200 M6: 0.155 M7: 0.057 M8: 0.123  
M9: 0.082 M10: 0.158 M11: 0.154  
Q = 0.11  
Q(without M2) = 0.12

\*\*\* BULGARIA \*\*\*

Model: (0 1 0)(0 1 1)

identifiable seasonality present

M1: 0.029 M2: 0.017 M3: 0.000 M4: 0.661  
M5: 0.200 M6: 0.471 M7: 0.072 M8: 0.232  
M9: 0.167 M10: 0.276 M11: 0.235  
Q = 0.16

Q(without M2) = 0.18

\*\*\* CROATIA \*\*\*

Model: (0 1 1)(0 1 1)

identifiable seasonality present

M1: 0.021 M2: 0.006 M3: 0.000 M4: 0.909  
M5: 0.200 M6: 0.771 M7: 0.095 M8: 0.406  
M9: 0.103 M10: 0.627 M11: 0.592

Q = 0.22

Q(without M2) = 0.25

\*\*\* CYPRUS \*\*\*

Model: (1 1 0)(0 1 1)

identifiable seasonality present

M1: 0.029 M2: 0.003 M3: 0.000 M4: 0.661  
M5: 0.200 M6: 0.744 M7: 0.142 M8: 0.386  
M9: 0.164 M10: 0.277 M11: 0.255

Q = 0.18

Q(without M2) = 0.21

\*\*\* CZECH REPUBLIC \*\*\*

Model: (0 1 1)(0 1 1)

identifiable seasonality present

M1: 0.055 M2: 0.012 M3: 0.000 M4: 0.165  
M5: 0.200 M6: 0.198 M7: 0.132 M8: 0.308  
M9: 0.129 M10: 0.201 M11: 0.099

Q = 0.13

Q(without M2) = 0.14

\*\*\* DENMARK \*\*\*

Model: (0 1 0)(0 1 1)

identifiable seasonality present

M1: 0.128 M2: 0.096 M3: 0.070 M4: 0.413  
M5: 0.200 M6: 0.399 M7: 0.169 M8: 0.448  
M9: 0.334 M10: 0.518 M11: 0.487

Q = 0.25

Q(without M2) = 0.27

\*\*\* ESTONIA \*\*\*

Model: (0 1 0)(0 1 2)

identifiable seasonality present

M1: 0.145 M2: 0.018 M3: 0.000 M4: 1.280  
M5: 0.200 M6: 0.539 M7: 0.231 M8: 0.879  
M9: 0.276 M10: 0.662 M11: 0.533

Q = 0.35

Q(without M2) = 0.39



\*\*\* FINLAND \*\*\*

Model: (0 1 0)(0 1 1)

identifiable seasonality present

M1: 0.163 M2: 0.096 M3: 0.297 M4: 1.156  
M5: 0.200 M6: 0.481 M7: 0.112 M8: 0.222  
M9: 0.142 M10: 0.244 M11: 0.240  
Q = 0.28  
Q(without M2) = 0.31

\*\*\* FRANCE \*\*\*

Model: (0 1 0)(2 1 0)

identifiable seasonality present

M1: 0.027 M2: 0.015 M3: 0.000 M4: 0.413  
M5: 0.200 M6: 0.118 M7: 0.081 M8: 0.182  
M9: 0.148 M10: 0.152 M11: 0.148  
Q = 0.12  
Q(without M2) = 0.13

\*\*\* GERMANY \*\*\*

Model: (0 1 0)(2 1 0)

identifiable seasonality present

M1: 0.303 M2: 0.177 M3: 0.113 M4: 0.413  
M5: 0.200 M6: 0.077 M7: 0.159 M8: 0.326  
M9: 0.297 M10: 0.227 M11: 0.194  
Q = 0.21  
Q(without M2) = 0.22

\*\*\* GREECE \*\*\*

Model: (0 1 0)(0 1 1)

identifiable seasonality present

M1: 0.032 M2: 0.004 M3: 0.000 M4: 0.289  
M5: 0.200 M6: 0.807 M7: 0.141 M8: 0.380  
M9: 0.355 M10: 0.632 M11: 0.626  
Q = 0.20  
Q(without M2) = 0.22

\*\*\* HUNGARY \*\*\*

Model: (1 0 0)(2 1 0)

identifiable seasonality present

M1: 0.111 M2: 0.028 M3: 0.079 M4: 0.909  
M5: 0.200 M6: 0.076 M7: 0.105 M8: 0.294  
M9: 0.220 M10: 0.477 M11: 0.470  
Q = 0.22  
Q(without M2) = 0.24

\*\*\* ICELAND \*\*\*

Model: (1 1 0)(1 0 0)

identifiable seasonality present

M1: 0.641 M2: 0.040 M3: 0.000 M4: 0.537

M5: 0.200 M6: 0.337 M7: 0.513 M8: 1.897

M9: 0.306 M10: 0.979 M11: 0.964

Q = 0.51

Q(without M2) = 0.57

\*\*\* IRELAND \*\*\*

Model: (1 1 0)(1 0 0)

identifiable seasonality present

M1: 1.540 M2: 0.058 M3: 0.455 M4: 1.156

M5: 0.359 M6: 0.282 M7: 0.759 M8: 1.461

M9: 0.708 M10: 1.748 M11: 1.566

Q = 0.79

Q(without M2) = 0.88

\*\*\* ITALY \*\*\*

Model: (0 1 0)(0 1 1)

identifiable seasonality present

M1: 0.018 M2: 0.014 M3: 0.000 M4: 1.032

M5: 0.200 M6: 0.778 M7: 0.137 M8: 0.385

M9: 0.266 M10: 0.450 M11: 0.435

Q = 0.24

Q(without M2) = 0.27

\*\*\* LATVIA \*\*\*

Model: (1 1 0)(0 1 2)

identifiable seasonality present

M1: 0.044 M2: 0.010 M3: 0.000 M4: 0.413

M5: 0.200 M6: 0.775 M7: 0.147 M8: 0.478

M9: 0.251 M10: 0.498 M11: 0.498

Q = 0.20

Q(without M2) = 0.22

\*\*\* LITHUANIA \*\*\*

Model: (1 1 0)(0 1 0)

identifiable seasonality present

M1: 0.052 M2: 0.017 M3: 0.000 M4: 0.661

M5: 0.200 M6: 0.735 M7: 0.157 M8: 0.679

M9: 0.384 M10: 0.646 M11: 0.375

Q = 0.25

Q(without M2) = 0.28

\*\*\* LUXEMBOURG \*\*\*

Model: (0 1 0)(0 1 1)

identifiable seasonality present

M1: 0.239 M2: 0.087 M3: 0.008 M4: 0.413  
M5: 0.200 M6: 0.079 M7: 0.217 M8: 0.521  
M9: 0.318 M10: 0.781 M11: 0.781  
Q = 0.26  
Q(without M2) = 0.28

\*\*\* MALTA \*\*\*

Model: (0 1 1)(0 1 1)

identifiable seasonality present

M1: 0.147 M2: 0.109 M3: 0.206 M4: 0.413  
M5: 0.200 M6: 0.009 M7: 0.161 M8: 0.266  
M9: 0.222 M10: 0.308 M11: 0.276  
Q = 0.19  
Q(without M2) = 0.20

\*\*\* NETHERLANDS \*\*\*

Model: (1 1 0)(0 1 1)

identifiable seasonality present

M1: 0.013 M2: 0.009 M3: 0.000 M4: 0.413  
M5: 0.200 M6: 0.415 M7: 0.100 M8: 0.319  
M9: 0.211 M10: 0.231 M11: 0.063  
Q = 0.14  
Q(without M2) = 0.16

\*\*\* NORWAY \*\*\*

Model: (0 1 0)(2 0 0)

identifiable seasonality present

M1: 0.378 M2: 0.574 M3: 0.000 M4: 0.909  
M5: 0.200 M6: 0.216 M7: 0.338 M8: 1.055  
M9: 0.508 M10: 0.807 M11: 0.366  
Q = 0.46  
Q(without M2) = 0.44

\*\*\* POLAND \*\*\*

Model: (2 0 0)(0 1 1)

identifiable seasonality present

M1: 0.205 M2: 0.066 M3: 0.005 M4: 0.909  
M5: 0.200 M6: 0.691 M7: 0.157 M8: 0.270  
M9: 0.117 M10: 0.197 M11: 0.098  
Q = 0.26  
Q(without M2) = 0.28

\*\*\* PORTUGAL \*\*\*

Model: (2 1 0)(0 1 1)

identifiable seasonality present

M1: 0.153 M2: 0.062 M3: 0.303 M4: 1.156  
M5: 0.200 M6: 0.364 M7: 0.105 M8: 0.319  
M9: 0.098 M10: 0.665 M11: 0.665  
Q = 0.30  
Q(without M2) = 0.33

\*\*\* ROMANIA \*\*\*

Model: (0 1 0)(0 1 1)

identifiable seasonality present

M1: 0.040 M2: 0.017 M3: 0.002 M4: 0.661  
M5: 0.200 M6: 0.114 M7: 0.048 M8: 0.132  
M9: 0.021 M10: 0.217 M11: 0.206  
Q = 0.13  
Q(without M2) = 0.14

\*\*\* SLOVAKIA \*\*\*

Model: (0 1 0)(0 1 1)

identifiable seasonality present

M1: 0.171 M2: 0.030 M3: 0.000 M4: 0.413  
M5: 0.200 M6: 0.570 M7: 0.170 M8: 0.677  
M9: 0.367 M10: 0.482 M11: 0.378  
Q = 0.24  
Q(without M2) = 0.27

\*\*\* SLOVENIA \*\*\*

Model: (0 1 0)(0 1 1)

identifiable seasonality present

M1: 0.044 M2: 0.008 M3: 0.000 M4: 0.661  
M5: 0.200 M6: 0.621 M7: 0.146 M8: 0.396  
M9: 0.318 M10: 0.177 M11: 0.139  
Q = 0.19  
Q(without M2) = 0.21

\*\*\* SPAIN \*\*\*

Model: (1 1 0)(0 1 0)

identifiable seasonality present

M1: 0.007 M2: 0.001 M3: 0.000 M4: 0.289  
M5: 0.200 M6: 0.688 M7: 0.098 M8: 0.320  
M9: 0.109 M10: 0.340 M11: 0.276  
Q = 0.13  
Q(without M2) = 0.15

\*\*\* SWEDEN \*\*\*

Model: (0 1 1)(0 1 1)

identifiable seasonality present

M1: 0.085 M2: 0.054 M3: 0.000 M4: 0.537  
M5: 0.200 M6: 0.178 M7: 0.186 M8: 0.375  
M9: 0.273 M10: 0.337 M11: 0.300  
Q = 0.20  
Q(without M2) = 0.22

\*\*\* SWITZERLAND \*\*\*

Model: (0 1 1)(0 1 1)

identifiable seasonality present

M1: 0.596 M2: 0.021 M3: 0.000 M4: 1.280  
M5: 0.200 M6: 0.095 M7: 0.683 M8: 1.566  
M9: 0.455 M10: 1.322 M11: 1.174  
Q = 0.56  
Q(without M2) = 0.63

\*\*\* TURKEY \*\*\*

Model: (0 1 1)(0 1 1)

identifiable seasonality present

M1: 0.590 M2: 0.185 M3: 0.201 M4: 0.785  
M5: 0.200 M6: 0.475 M7: 0.291 M8: 0.604  
M9: 0.305 M10: 0.861 M11: 0.861  
Q = 0.42  
Q(without M2) = 0.45

\*\*\* UNITED KINGDOM \*\*\*

Model: (0 1 1)

identifiable seasonality present

M1: 1.066 M2: 0.069 M3: 0.131 M4: 0.413  
M5: 0.200 M6: 0.580 M7: 0.603 M8: 1.169  
M9: 0.324 M10: 1.370 M11: 1.196  
Q = 0.56  
Q(without M2) = 0.62

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Most M-statistics pass, with some exceptions. The M4 and M8 statistic marginally fail ( $>1$ ) for some countries, but these are not the most crucial quality control statistics, so we ignore that. The M1-statistic marginally fails for the United Kingdom. We ignore this as well, but you are welcome to look for improvements. Interestingly, TRAMO identifies an ARIMA model with no seasonal component for UK (model (0 1 1)), yet stable seasonality is present according to the tests reported in table d8a.  
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## COMPARE DIRECT WITH INDIRECT ADJUSTMENTS

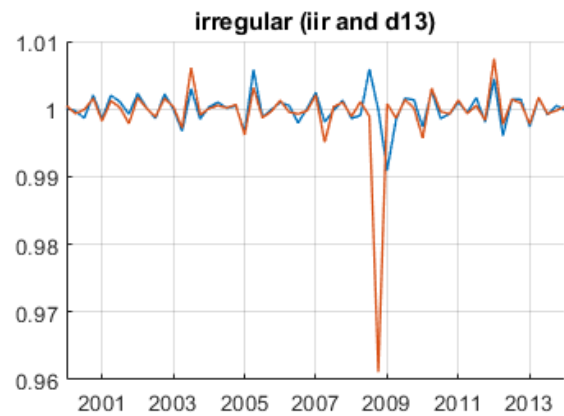
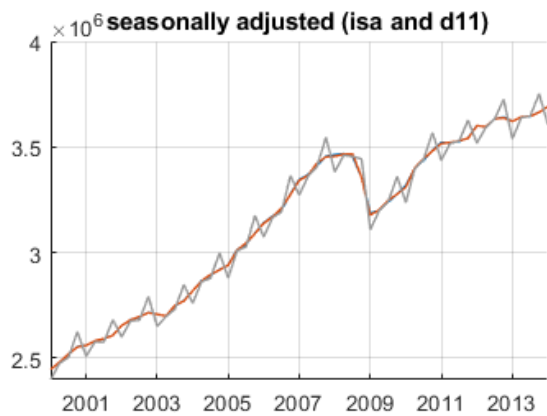
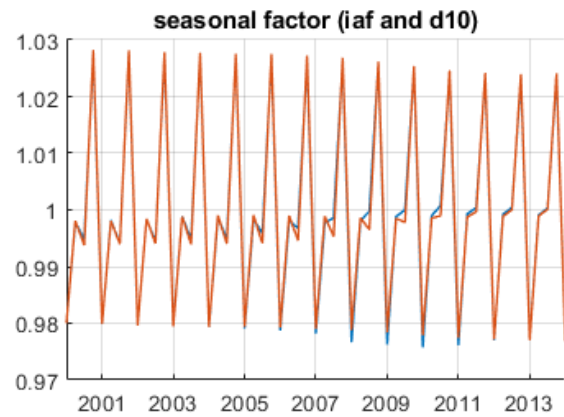
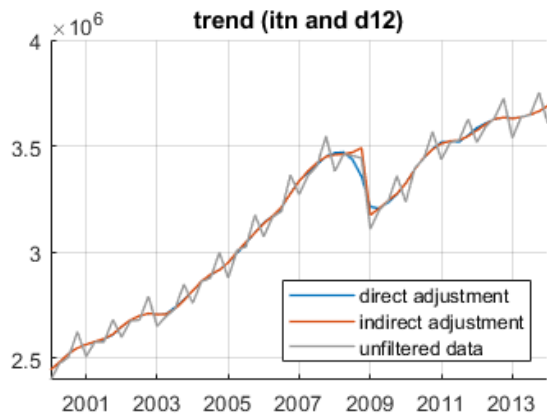
```
figure('Position',size4, ...
      'Name',[name,': comparing direct with indirect adjustment']);

aggr = xgdp.compositeseries;    % name of composite series

ax = subplot(2,2,2);
plot(ax,xgdp.(aggr),'iaf','d10','combined');
title('\bfseasonal factor (iaf and d10)');
%
ax = subplot(2,2,3);
plot(ax,xgdp.(aggr),'isa','d11','combined');
plot(ax,xgdp.(aggr),'cms','combined','options',{'Color',[0.6,0.6,0.6]});
title('\bfseasonally adjusted (isa and d11)');
%
ax = subplot(2,2,1);
plot(ax,xgdp.(aggr),'itn','d12','combined');
plot(ax,xgdp.(aggr),'cms','combined','options',{'Color',[0.6,0.6,0.6]});
legend(ax,'direct adjustment','indirect adjustment','unfiltered data');
legend(ax,'Location','SouthEast');
title('\bftrend (itn and d12)');
%
ax = subplot(2,2,4);
plot(ax,xgdp.(aggr),'iir','d13','combined');
title('\bfirregular (iir and d13)');

report(['CONCLUSION from FIGURE 1: The differences between direct and ', ...
      'indirect adjustments are small --- except for the spike in the ', ...
      'indirect irregular component. The directly and indirectly seasonally ', ...
      'adjusted series look quite similar, though, and it is not obvious ', ...
      'which one is better. The sum of the individual irregulars in the GFC ', ...
      'is much greater than the irregular identified in the aggregate.']);
```

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## PLOT NORMALIZED LOG GDP FOR ALL COUNTRIES

```
% get list of countries
prop = xgdp.listofseries;
remove = ismember(prop,aggr);
prop(remove) = [];

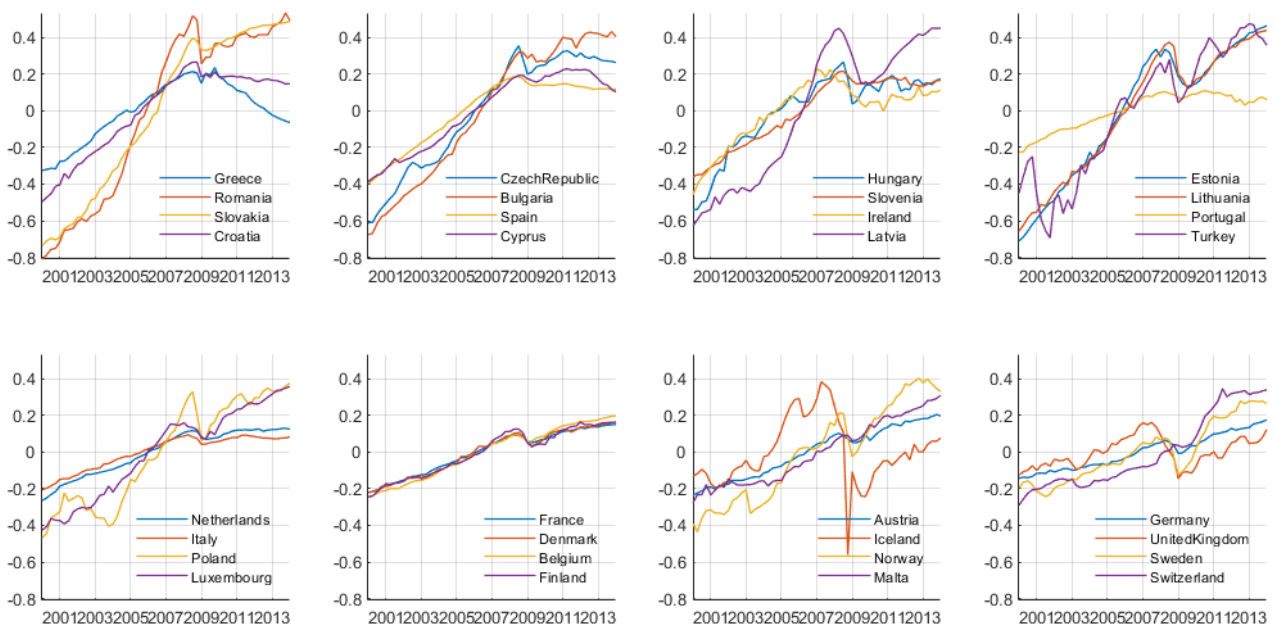
% sort according to decline of trend growth rate before and after crisis
s = nan(1,numel(prop));
for c = 1:numel(prop)
    loggdp = log(xgdp.(prop{c}).d11.d11);
    y = loggdp(1:35);
    x = [1:numel(y); ones(1,numel(y))];
    slopebefore = x\y;
    y = loggdp(37:end);
    x = [1:numel(y); ones(1,numel(y))];
    slopeafter = x\y;
    s(c) = slopeafter(1) - slopebefore(1);
end
[~,ord] = sort(s);
prop = prop(ord);

% plot seasonally adjusted series
% use log scale and normalize means for better comparison
fh = figure('Position',size8);
nax = 8;
n = ceil(numel(prop)/nax);
yl = [0,0];
colorOrder = get(gcf,'DefaultAxesColorOrder');
nColors = size(colorOrder,1);
for f = 1:nax
    ax(f) = subplot(2,4,f);
    leg = cell(0);
    colorRow = 0;
    for c = (f-1)*n+1:min(numel(prop),f*n)
        col = colorOrder(colorRow + 1,:);
        colorRow = mod(colorRow + 1, nColors);
        plot(ax(f),xgdp.(prop{c}).d11,'logscale','meannorm','comb', ...
            'options',{ 'Color',col});
        hold(ax(f),'all');
        leg{end+1} = prop{c};
    end
    legend(ax(f),leg{:});
    legend(ax(f),'Location','SouthEast');
    legend(ax(f),'boxoff');
    title(ax(f),'');
    axis(ax(f),'tight');
    ylnew = ylim;
    yl(1) = min(yl(1),ylnew(1));
    yl(2) = max(yl(2),ylnew(2));
end
for f = 1:nax
    ylim(ax(f),[yl(1),yl(2)]);
end
```



```
report(['CONCLUSION from FIGURE 2: The normalized log seasonally adjusted ', ...
'levels give a clear view of how the financial / govt debt crisis has ', ...
'affected different countries. Some were hit brutally but have ', ...
'recovered quickly (e.g. Sweden). Others are back on their ', ...
'pre-crisis growth rates, but their levels seem to have shifted ', ...
'down permanently (UK, Iceland). Still others have essentially ', ...
'stalled since the crisis (e.g. Spain). Greece has even ', ...
'developped a negative (!) trend.']);
```

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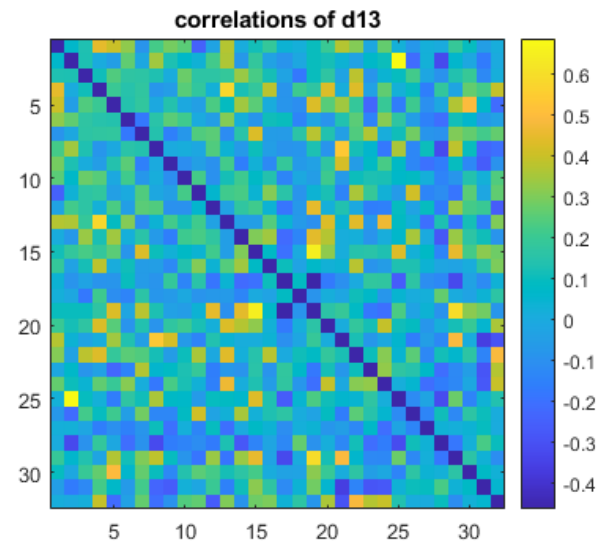
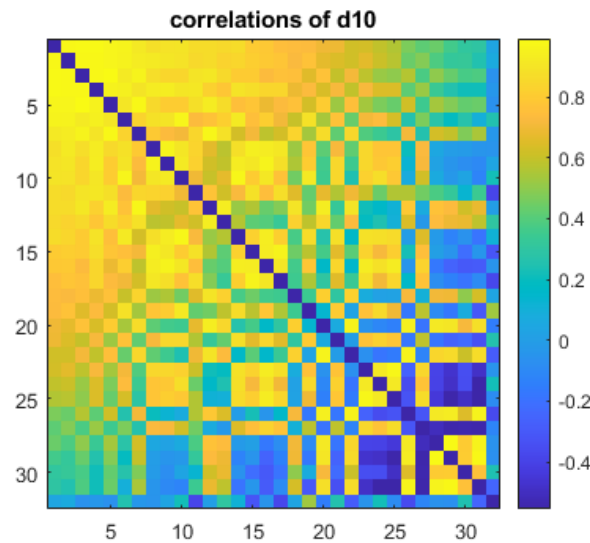
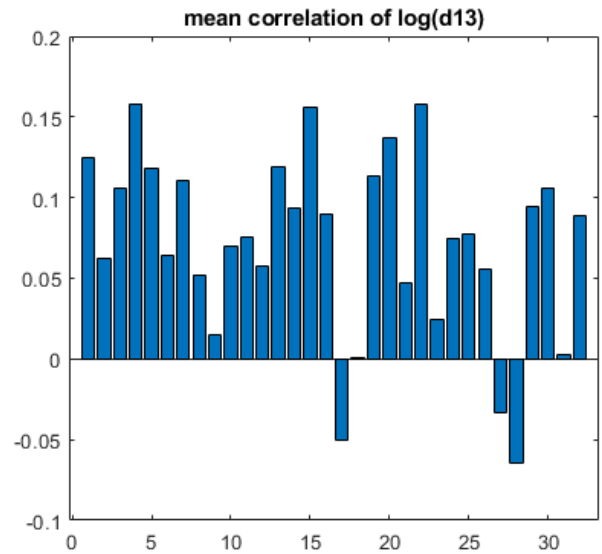
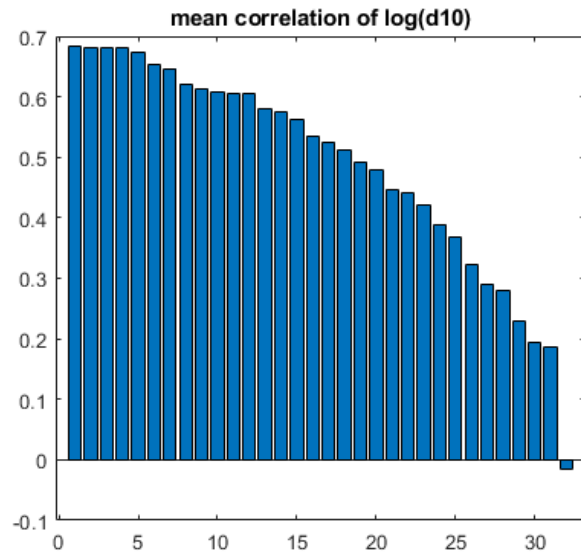


## STUDY CORRELATIONS OF HIGH FREQUENCY COMPONENTS

```
% extract variables from x13series objects and place them into arrays
prop = xgdp.listofseries;
remove = ismember(prop,aggr);
prop(remove) = [];
d10 = nan(numel(dates),numel(prop));
d13 = nan(numel(dates),numel(prop));
for c = 1:numel(prop)
    d10(:,c) = log(xgdp.(prop{c}).d10.d10);
    d13(:,c) = log(xgdp.(prop{c}).d13.d13);
end
% mean correlations
figure('Position',size2,'Name',[name,': mean correlations']);
ax = subplot(1,2,1);
meancorr = mean(corr(d10)-diag(ones(1,numel(prop))));
[~,ord] = sort(meancorr,'descend');
bar(ax,meancorr(ord));
title(ax,'\bfmean correlation of log(d10)');
ax = subplot(1,2,2);
meancorr = mean(corr(d13)-diag(ones(1,numel(prop))));
bar(ax,meancorr(ord));
title(ax,'\bfmean correlation of log(d13)');
% study correlations of seasonal and irregular components
figure('Position',size2, ...
    'Name',[name,': pairwise correlations']);
subplot(1,2,1);
imagesc(corr(d10(:,ord)) - diag(NaN(1,numel(prop))));
colorbar;
title('\bfcorrelations of d10');
xlabel([prop{ord(32)},' (country #32) seems to be much less'], ...
    'synchronous than everyone else.});
subplot(1,2,2);
imagesc(corr(d13(:,ord)) - diag(NaN(1,numel(prop))));
colorbar;
title('\bfcorrelations of d13');

report(['CONCLUSION from FIGURE 4: Some countries, the UK in particular, ', ...
    'have seasonal adjustments that are very different from those of ', ...
    'other countries in the sample. From the correlation plot we can ', ...
    'identify at least two groups of countries that behave similarly. ', ...
    'To find out more, we try to cluster them.']);
```

CONCLUSION from FIGURE 4: Some countries, the UK in particular, have seasonal adjustments that are very different from those of other countries in the sample. From the correlation plot we can identify at least two groups of countries that behave similarly. To find out more, we try to cluster them.



UnitedKingdom (country #32) seems to be much less synchronous than everyone else.

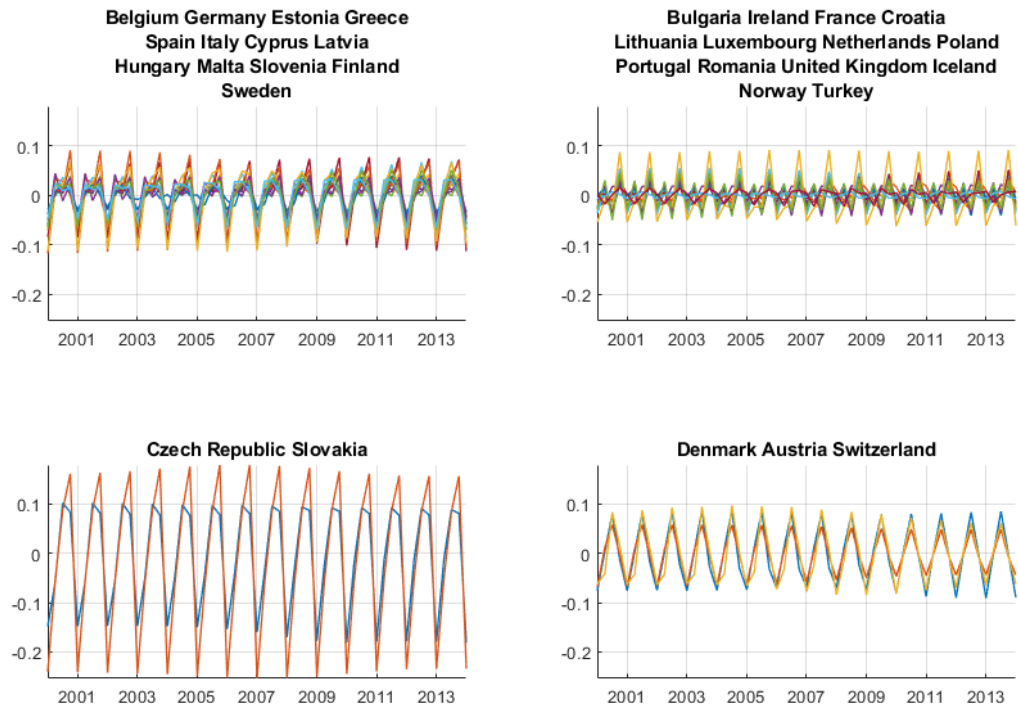
## CLUSTER d10

```
% compute kmeans clusters
ncluster = 4; % number of clusters; you can play around with this
rng default; % reproducibility
[idx,sa] = kmeans(d10,ncluster,'Distance','sqeuclidean');

% make a plot
figure('Position',size6, ...
      'Name',[name,': clustering the seasonal factors (d10)']);
nrows = ceil(sqrt(ncluster));
ncols = ceil(ncluster/nrows);
yl = [0,0];
% plot seasonal factors in one axis per cluster
colorOrder = get(gcf,'DefaultAxesColorOrder');
nColors = size(colorOrder,1);
for c = 1:ncluster
    ax(c) = subplot(nrows,ncols,c);
    fidx = find(idx == c);
    colorRow = 0;
    for cc = 1:numel(fidx)
        col = colorOrder(colorRow + 1,:);
        colorRow = mod(colorRow + 1, nColors);
        plot(ax(c),xgdp.(prop{fidx(cc)}),'d10','combined','logscale', ...
              'options',{'color',col})
    end
    ntit = ceil(numel(fidx)/4); ti = cell(1,ntit);
    for t = 1:ntit-1
        ti{t} = strjoin(ctry(fidx(1:4))');
        fidx(1:4) = [];
    end
    ti{ntit} = strjoin(ctry(fidx)');
    title(ti);
    grid on;
    axis tight;
    ylnew = ylim;
    yl(1) = min(yl(1),ylnew(1));
    yl(2) = max(yl(2),ylnew(2));
end
% same ylim for all axes (to ease comparison)
for c = 1:ncluster
    ylim(ax(c),[yl(1),yl(2)]);
end

report(['CONCLUSION from FIGURE 5: This graph shows the clustering of the ', ...
      'seasonal factors. The Czech Republic and Slovakia are a clear ', ...
      'cluster. So are Denmark, Austria, and Switzerland. The remaining ', ...
      'countries are divided into two equally large groups, and the UK's ', ...
      'seasonal pattern appears --- surprisingly --- not that special.']);
```

CONCLUSION from FIGURE 5: This graph shows the clustering of the seasonal factors. The Czech Republic and Slovakia are a clear cluster. So are Denmark, Austria, and Switzerland. The remaining countries are divided into two equally large groups, and the UK's seasonal pattern appears --- surprisingly --- not that special.



## finish up

```
disp(dline);  
  
% turn warnings on again (or to whatever state they were)  
warning(orig_warning_state);
```

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