# X-13-Data Version 2.0

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## 1. Introduction

Input and output files from X-13ARIMA-SEATS(X-13A-S) (U.S. Census Bureau, 2015) must be text files; however, many users store their data in Microsoft Excel files and would like their output in Microsoft Excel format.

X-13-Data is a tool that can:

- Convert data from Microsoft Excel to a text file in datevalue format.
- Convert X-13ARIMA-SEATS output files in x13save format to a Microsoft Excel file.

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# 2. Requirements

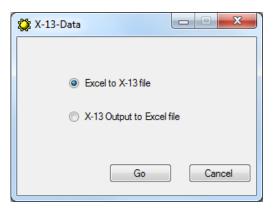
X-13-Data has been tested on Windows XP, Windows 7, and Windows 8. To run the program, Microsoft.NET Framework 3.5 must be installed on your computer. It can be downloaded here.

X-13-Data also requires Microsoft Excel installed on your computer and has been tested with Microsoft Excel 2007 and Microsoft Excel 2010.

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# 3. Getting Started

- 1. Download X13Data.zip.
- 2. Unzip X13Data.zip.
- 3. Double click on X13Data.exe to launch. The X-13-Data main screen will display.



#### **Keyboard Shortcuts:**

Go=Alt+g Cancel=Alt+c

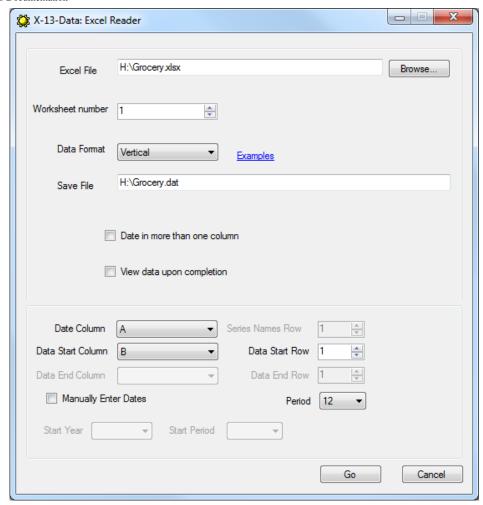
4. From here, you can choose to convert your Excel data into a file that can be read by X-13ARIMA-SEATS (see Section 4), or convert your X-13 output files to Excel files (see Section 5).

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## 4. Convert from Excel to X-13.

X-13-Data will read data in a Microsoft Excel file in a variety of formats (all described in Section 6) and convert them to an X-13 data file in datevalue format. (See the X-13ARIMA-SEATS Reference Manual (2015) for more information about datevalue and other accepted formats.)

- 1. Select Excel to X-13 file from the X-13-Data main page and press Go. The X-13-Data Excel Reader window will appear.
- 2. Select a Microsoft Excel file by either typing the complete file name in the *Excel File* text box or navigating to the file using the *Browse* button. Once an existing Excel file has been selected, the other controls will become available; use them to select the output file, define the data format, and locate the data within the spreadsheet, as described below.



#### **Keyboard Shortcuts:**

Browse=Alt+b Go=Alt+g Cancel=Alt+c

- 3. Select the Excel worksheet that contains the data using the *Worksheet Number* box.
- 4. Select the format that your data are in using the *Data Format* box. See <u>Data Formats</u> below for more information on supported formats.
- 5. If you are reading a single series with Vertical or Horizontal format, use the Save File box to select a name for the data file that will be created.
  - a. The file must have a .dat extension. X-13-Data will change or add the .dat extension, if necessary.
  - b. If a file with the selected name already exists, a box will display asking if you would like to overwrite or rename the file.
- 6. If you are reading a file containing multiple series in Vertical-Multiple, Horizontal-Multiple or MRTS format, each series will be saved to its own data file. These data files will be saved in the same directory as the input Excel file.
  - a. For Vertical-Multiple and Horizontal-Multiple formats, the data file names will be the series names whose locations are specified using the Series Names Row/Column box.
  - b. For MRTS format, the location of the series names does not need to be specified.
  - c. For all of these formats, if a file with the same name already exists, the new file name will have a numeric suffix. For example, if books.dat already exists in the same directory as the input file, the new data file will be named books(2).dat.

- 7. Check the *Date in more than one column* box if the dates are organized such that the year is in the first date column and the period (months or quarters) is in the next column.
- 8. Use the following controls to describe the location of the data within Excel file:
  - a. Date Column: The column in which the dates begin.
  - b. Data Start Column: The column in which the numeric data begin.
  - c. Data Start Row: The row in which the numeric data begin.
  - d. Series Names Row: The row containing the series names. Only available for Vertical-Multiple format.
  - e. Series Names Column: The column containing the series names. Only available for Horizontal-Multiple format.
  - f. Data End Column: The column where the user would like the data to end. Only available for Regression Matrix format.
  - g. Data End Row: The row where the user would like the data to end. Only available for Regression Matrix format.
- 9. Alternatively, you can specify the starting date manually by checking the *Manually Enter Dates* box and then selecting the starting year using the *Start Year* box and the starting period using the *Start Period* box. NOTE: *Manually Enter Dates* is not available for MRTS format.
- 10. Use the *Period* box to select the frequency of the data: 12 for monthly data, 6 for bimonthly data, 4 for quarterly data, 2 for biannual data or 1 for annual data.
- 11. X-13-Data will stop reading an Excel file when:
  - a. Two consecutive non-numeric values in a series, e.g. two consecutive missing values. (Note that in X-13ARIMA-SEATS, by default the value -99999 in a series is considered a missing value; if your data has missing values, it is best to change them to this value before attempting to convert the file.)
  - b. An empty row or column is encountered

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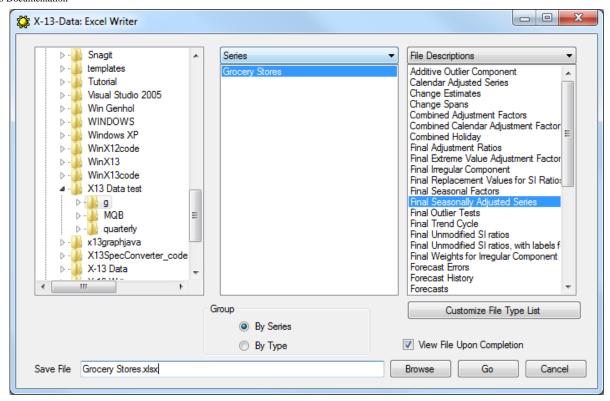
# 5. Convert X-13 Output to an Excel file.

The exact format of the Excel file varies depending on the type of file being converted and how many series are being converted at a time. But the general format will include:

- the series name
- the file type
- labels for the date and data columns
- · converted data

To convert X-13 output files to Excel files.

1. Select X-13 Output to Excel file from the X-13-Data main page and press Go. The X-13-Data Excel Writer window will appear.



#### **Keyboard Shortcuts:**

Browse=Alt+b Go=Alt+g Cancel=Alt+c

- 2. Navigate to your directory using the file explorer tree on the left. This will populate the list of series in the first list box. By default, series names will be displayed here. You can populate this list with metafiles (text files containing lists of series) by selecting "Metafile" from the drop-down box above the list.
- 3. Select at least one item from the list. The second list will be populated with possible file types. If you select by series, X-13-Data will display the file types that actually exist in the directory for the selected series. If you select by metafile, X-13-Data will display all file types.
- 4. Select one or more file types from the list on the right. You can select file types by file description or by file extension. Use the drop down menu above the list on the right to switch between these two options. You can customize the order of the file types by clicking on the *Customize File Type List* button. Click <a href="here">here</a> to see an example of the Change File Type Order box.
- 5. Select how the data wil be grouped in the Excel file. You can group data by series or by file type.
- 6. Enter the name for the Microsoft Excel file in the save file box. If you would like to save the file to the currently selected directory, just enter the file name. Otherwise, include the complete path and filename. This file must have a .xls or .xlsx extension. You can also navigate to the location where you would like to save the file using the *Browse* button.
- 7. Press the *Go* button to convert the files. See below for an example of a converted file.

A	Α	В			
		В	С	D	Е
1		All other g	en. merch	andise sto	res
2	date	Original Se	eries		
3	Jan-2000	2050.00			
4	Feb-2000	2280.00			
5	Mar-2000	2559.00			
6	Apr-2000	2477.00			
7	May-2000	2653.00			
8	Jun-2000	2639.00			
9	Jul-2000	2595.00			
10	Aug-2000	2668.00			
11	Sep-2000	2513.00			
12	Oct-2000	2660.00			
13	Nov-2000	3026.00			
14	Dec-2000	4019.00			
15	Jan-2001	2276.00			
16	Feb-2001	2363.00			
17	Mar-2001	2645.00			
18	Apr-2001	2785.00			
19	May-2001	2969.00			
20	Jun-2001	2741.00			
21	Jul-2001	2725.00			
22	Aug-2001	2802.00			
23	Sep-2001	2511.00			
24	Oct-2001	2739.00			
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## A note about grouping.

Series can be grouped by series or file type. Each grouping will be on its own worksheet in the Excel file. X-13ARIMA-SEATS can accommodate series with one of five periods: annual, biannual, quarterly, bimonthly, and monthly. X-13-Data can convert files of all four periods at once if requested by the user. When organizing the output by series, this doesn't present a problem since all file types for a single series will have the same period. However, when organizing the output by file types; there is the potential for different periods for the same file type. In this case, X-13-Data creates a separate worksheet for each combination of file type and period. In this case, the worksheet name will be the file type followed by the period.

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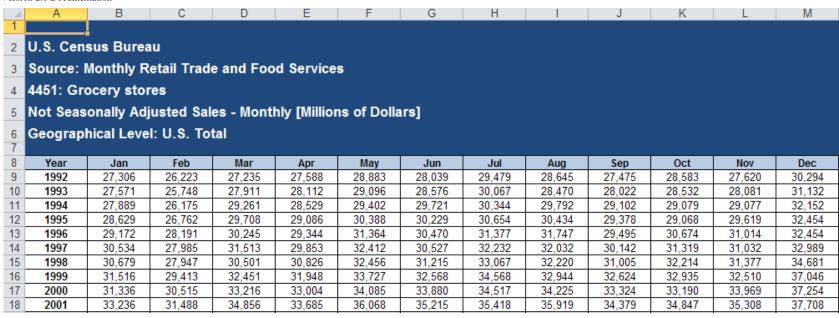
## 6. Data Formats

Vertical



The dates are in one or two columns and the data is in another column

#### Horizontal



Data is in a table, with each row containing one year of data. Each column contains data for one period.

#### Vertical-Multiple

	Α	В	С	D	E	F								
1														
2	U.S. Census Bureau													
3	Source: Quarterly Services Survey													
4	51 Information													
5	Not Sea	sonally Adi	usted Total	revenue	[Millions of	Dollars								
				ovolido	[	Donaro								
7	Geogra	pnicai Levei	: U.S. Total											
8	Period	Information	Motion Picture	Software	Radio and TV	Cable								
9	Q4-2003	237,312	24,310	30,679	12,868									
10	Q1-2004	223,586	20,386	26,439	11,594									
11	Q2-2004	233,202	21,595	26,749	13,569									
12	Q3-2004	232,990	19,472	26,763	12,980									
13	Q4-2004	246,321	24,089	30,254	14,273									
14	Q1-2005	235,968	21,697	27,382	12,620									
15	Q2-2005	244,096	21,764	28,760	13,332									
16	Q3-2005	244,776	21,164	28,356	12,323									
17	Q4-2005	255,896	24,341	32,145	14,377									
18	Q1-2006	245,165	21,511	29,521	13,563									
19	Q2-2006	254,695	23,016	30,587	13,973									
20	Q3-2006	255,763	21,958	30,517	12,917	10,077								
21	Q4-2006	271,440	26,780	34,578	14,951	10,874								
22	Q1-2007	258,050	23,204	33,757	13,376	10,154								
23	Q2-2007	265,760	23,408	33,236	13,970	11,147								
24	Q3-2007	267,333	22,649	31,547	13,146	11,516								
25	Q4-2007	281,198	25,725	36,861	14,501	12,109								
26 27	Q1-2008	270,308	23,248	35,013 36,078	13,965	11,360 12,251								
28	Q2-2008 Q3-2008	277,714 277,654	24,297 22,724	34,189	14,199 13,655	12,422								
29	Q4-2008	282,673	25,002	37,437	13,196	13,536								
30	Q1-2009	261,828	22,066	32,436	11,233	12,437								
31	Q2-2009	266,885	22,243	34,038	11,800	12,765								
32	Q3-2009	265,504	21,231	32,535	11,306	12,943								
33	Q4-2009	280,742	24,858	39,972	13,164	13,286								
34	Q1-2010	267,820	23,229	34,167	12,950	12,966								
35	Q2-2010	275,092	23,264	36,171	12,647	14,361								
36	Q3-2010	276,004	22,696	34,422	12,206	13,492								
37	Q4-2010	291,309	25,929	40,665	14,549	14,349								
38	Q1-2011	276,123	20,849	35,630	12,616	14,278								
39	Q2-2011	286,900	22,839	37,690	12,537	15,707								
40	Q3-2011	285,780	22,838	36,034	11,729	14,975								
41	Q4-2011	300,630	25,548	42,189	13,747	15,489								
42	Q1-2012	X	X	X	Х	X								
43	Q2-2012	X	X	X	Х	X								
44	Q3-2012 Q4-2012	X	X	X	X	X								
	→ → CIE		Sheet1 Sheet2			X								

Similar to Vertical for single series, each series is in its own column. There is a row containing the names of each series. These are used to name the data files created by X-13-Data.

#### **Horizontal-Multiple**

	А	В	С	D	Е	F	G	Н	1	J	K	L	M	N
1	AMTMNO	1992		223837	233184	238667	241733	240788	238894	235296	238914	243069	240926	244027
2	AMTMNO	1993	239295	247607	245007	245027	245546	249055	246167	246398	245787	251700	248814	249661
3	AMTMNO	1994	256762	257195	256893	259751	263767	266928	267806	269810	270411	275430	276952	282325
4	AMTMNO	1995	279756	285693	281536	283264	283095	282046	281559	285823	293290	287580	288452	296783
5	AMTMNO	1996	285913	278941	298612	290405	298584	299640	298623	293069	302518	301580	309413	299708
6	AMTMNO	1997	300906	311513	308183	312547	308725	315165	318449	317752	319368	320391	334315	315144
7	AMTMNO	1998	316008	323103	318411	320409	319596	312538	307778	318281	318998	316657	318706	316415
8	AMTMNO	1999	322977	324830	323810	320936	326029	324275	329695	333075	333858	340346	334601	344241
9	AMTMNO	2000	350521	332073	344453	347585	340606	375483	343348	341550	353850	339382	343363	342778
10	AMTMNO	2001	331290	334551	334134	321351	330628	323463	318206	321838	311090	318188	308889	312239
11	AMTMNO	2002	307492	315678	314951	318347	321452	314866	321981	327139	320596	320300	321497	316577
12	AMTMNO	2003	322083	328741	331890	321062	323642	327942	331362	330239	335485	341718	338442	340105
13	AMTMNO	2004	336025	337483	355729	349217	350800	353006	358223	357325	360560	363491	373864	373092
14	AMTMNO	2005	375675	379018	377177	384765	395356	400602	388555	400562	403575	408550	420648	421400
15	AMTMNO	2006	412213	416067	429827	418475	422332	428651	419823	419151	434349	413592	425983	438546
16	AMTMNO	2007	419850	428973	441590	448641	445685	447679	456665	448507	448167	456033	468344	480914
17	AMTMNO	2008	471193	467100	468819	476331	478562	484944	484047	463049	448957	418574	387424	366341
18	AMTMNO	2009	343743	346354	335873	335983	344338	347275	357787	355894	361910	367537	368788	373572
19	AMTMNO	2010	385593	388104	391734	398577	393090	390126	397922	395248	410063	406014	411543	416654
20	AMTMNO	2011	430864	429658	445836	441740	444454	442711	451885	452121	451636	450932	460931	467341
21	AMTMNO	2012	462357	468406										
22	AMXTNO	1992		191789	199122	200489	204021	206152	204086	202501	206667	202545	207627	209682
23	AMXTNO	1993	209351	208808	210402	209166	209990	210272	210274	210597	212490	214367	212338	214445
24	AMXTNO	1994	216077	218201	219024	220358	223397	226628	227325	228011	229660	233539	233755	239577
25	AMXTNO	1995	241404	240683	238823	242234	241729	241638	241299	244067	245648	247788	245553	250479
26	AMXTNO	1996	242235	237915	247998	247410	251445	252938	251798	253624	252970	255902	257988	254569
27	AMXTNO	1997	257605	264268	263322	264797	263151	266750	269061	268721	271925	269436	271441	269376
28	AMXTNO	1998	269051	272270	269737	266388	269189	269615	264398	265875	266419	262976	264568	267915
29	AMXTNO	1999	264022	269511	268306	268739	270763	271365	275538	277551	280744	283276	282332	286500
30	AMXTNO	2000	288957	280548	292239	293809	289763	298698	292514	291357	295395	290918	289979	288824
31	AMXTNO	2001	285614	286142	277285	270779	279343	272149	270245	274218	265656	262438	262817	264763
32	AMXTNO	2002	258372	260440	261366	265515	269849	266617	264487	267164	270415	268796	268051	268673
33	AMXTNO	2003	269184	273788	275233	266531	269048	272899	275974	276596	279511	284191	280959	283487
34	AMXTNO	2004	282452	281275	295980	293353	295544	296900	298963	303021	306014	310478	314568	316835
35	AMXTNO	2005	319671	323250	326764	326549	326376	332190	328293	340034	345009	344215	347122	349158
36	AMXTNO	2006	356487	351107	357830	355479	360734	362395	361374	360086	354046	351124	354201	366018
37	AMXTNO	2007	357025	363406	367500	373260	376569	372059	376564	376254	379869	387756	396895	399626

One column contains the series names. (Here it is column A.) Each series is presented in its entirety before the next series begins. Each row contains one year of data. Each month (quarter) is in its own column.

#### **MRTS**

MRTS refers to the U.S. Census Bureau's Monthly Retail Trade and Food Services report. It is available at <a href="http://www.census.gov/retail/">http://www.census.gov/retail/</a>

F	stimates of	B Monthly Retail and Food Services Sales by Ki	C nd of Bus	iness: 20	E 11	F	G	Н		J	K	L	М	N	0
		hown in millions of dollars and are based on data from the Mo				etail Trade S	Survey, and	administrativ	records]						
					,										
	NAICS Code	Kind of Business													
			Jan. 2011	Feb. 2011	Mar. 2011	Apr. 2011	May 2011	Jun. 2011	Jul. 2011	Aug. 2011	Sep. 2011	Oct. 2011	Nov. 2011	Dec. 2011	TOTAL
		NOT ADJUSTED													
		Retail and food services sales, total	338,500	340,500			396,066			398,950	379,330		395,724	457,468	
		Retail sales and food services excl motor vehicle and parts	279,782		314,066		325,448		318,246	326,393			330,984	385,794	-,
		Retail sales, total	301,732				353,318			356,718			355,969		
		Retail sales, total (excl. motor vehicle and parts dealers)	243,014	239,654			282,700				270,035		291,229		- 1
		GAFO(1)	81,186 58.718			92,521	94,310		93,214	98,373		,	107,147	143,357	- 1
		Motor vehicle and parts dealers	,	,			70,618		70,503	72,557 64.919	68,024		64,740		
		Automobile and other motor vehicle dealers  Automobile dealers	53,044 50,636				63,765 58,881	64,099 59.126		60,741	60,866 57,489		57,946 55,216		
		Automobile dealers New car dealers	44.246				52,056	,	50,929	53.711	51,469		49.240		
			6.390				6.825						5.976		
		Used car dealers	5.674		7.143	- 1	6,853	- 1	-1	- 1	-,	-1	6.794	-1	
		Automotive parts, acc., and tire stores Furniture, home furn, electronics, and appliance stores	13.798	14.245		14.174	14.664		-,	16.065			18.079		
		Furniture, nome furn, electronics, and appliance stores	6.329				7.148		7.316				8.110		
		Furniture stores	3.593	-,	- 1	-,	3.872	- 1	- 1	4,157	4,085		4,185	-,	
		Home furnishings stores	2,736	-,	-,		-,	-,	.,	3,615			3,925		
		Floor covering stores	939				1,233		-,	1,458			1,308		
		All other home furnishings stores	1,693				1,233		1,232	2,049			2,508		
		Electronics and appliance stores	7,469				7,516						9,969		
		Appl.,TV, and other elect. stores	5,551	5,811			5.491	5,716		6,147	5,542		7,102		
		Household appliance stores	1,027	1,087		1,122	1,208	-1	-1	1,277			1,497	1,514	
		Radio, T.V., and other elect. stores	4,524				4,283						5,605		
		Computer and software stores	1,734	1,687			1,791	1,795					2,629		
		Building mat, and garden equip, and supplies dealers	16,476	16,460			28,694		24,256	24,540	23,299				
		Building mat. and supplies dealers	14,440				22,932		21,071	21,499			19,764		
		Paint and wallpaper stores	510				707	851	799	859			664		
		Hardware stores	1,329				2.025			1,781	1,637		1,725		
		Food and beverage stores	48.674	45.856		- 11	51,905		-1	52.054	50,360		51,730	56,466	
		Grocery stores	44,445		45,327	45,888	46,677	46.256		46.841	45,229		46,338		
		Supermarkets and other grocery (except convenience) store					43,821	43,403		43,940			43,787	46,512	_
		Beer, wine, and liquor stores	2,929				3,545			3,658			3,725		
		Health and personal care stores	22,242		-1		22,783	-1	-,	23,032	-1		22,468	-1	
		Pharmacies and drug stores	19.078				19,357	18,935		19,349			19.048		
		Gasoline stations	37,659				47,615			47,602			42.312		
		Clothing and clothing access, stores	13,633	15.820		18,498	18,618		17,776	19,056			20,787	30.893	3 2
		Clothing stores	10,170			13.842	13,627			13.876			15.813	21.735	
		Men's clothing stores	528			749	736	718	639	596	698	740	766	1,171	
		Women's clothing stores	2.273	2,660	3.327	3,448	3.371	3.155	2.938	2.909	3,177	3,180	3,505	4.666	6 :
		Family clothing stores	5,214			7,117	7,011	6,833	7,249	7,685	6,854	7,209	8,587	11,972	2
		Other clothing stores	1,007	922			1,092	1,139	- 1	- 1	-1		1,202		
		Shoe stores	1,685	2,069	2,245		2,180	2,102	2,195	2,824	2,163	2,129	2,326	3,214	1 :
	44831	Jewelry stores	1,627	2,238	1,982	2,200	2,631	2,098	1,987	2,183		2,009	2,461	5,636	;
		Sporting goods, hobby, book, and music stores	6,479	5,577	6,574	6,401	6,348	6,666	6,441	8,239	6,899	6,051	7,472	11,524	1
		Sporting goods stores	2,471	2,514			3,241	3,585					3,298		
		Hobby, toy, and game stores	1,033				1,159						2,166		
		Book stores	2,039				1,031	1,002		2,402			934	1,643	
	452	General merchandise stores	44,578	46,044	49,927	50,733	51,708	51,193	50,990	51,642	48,615	51,324	57,735	74,634	6:
	4521	Department stores (excl.L.D)	11,974	12,934	14,264	14,598	14,577	14,823	14,015	14,811	13,730	14,425	18,244	26,541	16
		Discount dept. stores	8,081	8,503	9,378	9,453	9,499	9,730	9,304	9,901	8,893	9,482	11,674	16,168	12
-		Department stores(excl. discount department stores)	3,893	4,431	4.886	5.145	5,078	5.093	4,711	4.910	4,837	4.943	6,570	10,373	3 6

X-13-Data will create a data file for each unadjusted series from the MRTS report. You do not need to specify any parameters when the MRTS format has been selected.

#### **Regression Matrix**

4	А	В	С	D	Е	F	G
1	Regressio	Matrix					
2	Date	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	Jan-1992	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00
4	Feb-1992	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
5	Mar-1992	0.00	0.00	-1.00	-1.00	-1.00	-1.00
6	Apr-1992	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
7	May-1992	-1.00	-1.00	-1.00	-1.00	0.00	0.00
8	Jun-1992	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9	Jul-1992	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00
10	Aug-1992	0.00	-1.00	-1.00	-1.00	-1.00	0.00
11	Sep-1992	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12	Oct-1992	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
13	Nov-1992	0.00	-1.00	-1.00	-1.00	-1.00	-1.00
14	Dec-1992	0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
15	Jan-1993	-1.00	-1.00	-1.00	-1.00	0.00	0.00
16	Feb-1993	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17	Mar-1993	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
18	Apr-1993	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00
19	May-1993	0.00	-1.00	-1.00	-1.00	-1.00	0.00

This is similar to Vertical Multiple format except that entire matrix will be saved into one data file. This type of file can be read into X-13ARIMA-SEATS as a user-defined regressor.

Use the controls to specify the start and end rows and columns of the regression matrix. *Data Start Column* and *Data Start Row* are required. Leave *Data End Column* and *Data End Row* at their default values to read the entire matrix. Otherwise, use *Data End Column* and *Data End Row* to read a subset of the data in the Excel file.

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