# Class Agnostic Time Series with tsbox:: cheat sheet



# **Basics**

#### **IDEA**

tsbox provides a time series toolkit which:

- 1. works identically with most time series **classes**
- 2. handles regular and irregular frequencies
- 3. **converts** between classes and frequencies

Most functions in tsbox have the same structure:

function starts with ts\_ first argument is any ts-boxable object

a <- ts\_pc(AirPassengers)</pre>

returns a ts-boxable obect of the same class as input

#### **COMBINE TIME SERIES**

collect time series of **all classes** and **frequencies** as multiple time series



ts\_c(mdeaths, austres)

combine time series to a new, single time series (first series wins if overlapping)



ts\_bind(mdeaths, austres)

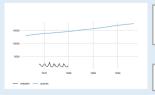
like ts\_bind, but extra- and retropolate, using growth rates



ts\_chain(mdeaths, austres)

#### **PLOT AND SUMMARIZE**

Plot time series of all classes and frequencies



ts\_plot(mdeaths, austres)
ts\_ggplot(mdeaths, austres)

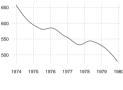
ts\_summary(ts\_c(mdeaths, austres))

id obs diff freq start end 1 mdeaths 72 1 month 12 1974-01-01 1979-12-01 2 austres 89 3 month 4 1971-04-01 1993-04-01

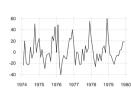
# **Helper Functions**

Transform time series of all classes and frequencies

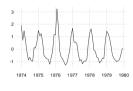
#### **TRANSFORM**



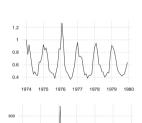
ts\_trend(): Trend estimation based on loess
ts trend(fdeaths)



ts\_pc(), ts\_pcy(), ts\_pca(), ts\_diff(),
ts\_diffy(): (annualized) Percentage change
rates or differences to previous period, vear
ts\_pc(fdeaths)



**ts scale()**: normalize mean and variance ts scale(fdeaths)

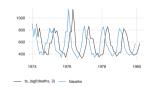


ts\_index():Index, based on levels
ts\_compound(): Index, based on growth rates
ts\_index(fdeaths, base = 1976)

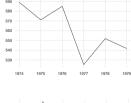


ts\_seas(): seasonal adjustment using X-13
ts\_seas(fdeaths)

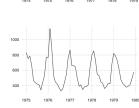
#### **SPAN AND FREQUENCY**



ts\_lag(): Lag or lead of time series
ts\_lag(fdeaths, 4)



ts\_frequency(): convert to frequency
ts\_frequency(fdeaths, "year")



ts\_span(): filter time series for a time span.
ts\_span(fdeaths, "1976-01-01")
ts\_span(fdeaths, "-5 year")

### **Class Conversion**

tsbox is built around a set of converters, which convert time series of the following **supported classes** to each other:

converter function	ts-boxable class
ts_ts()	ts, mts
ts_data.frame(), ts_df()	data.frame
ts_data.table(), ts_dt()	data.table
ts_tbl()	df_tbl, "tibble"
ts_xts()	xts
ts_zoo()	Z00
ts_tibbletime()	tibbletime
ts_timeSeries()	timeSeries
ts_tsibble()	tsibble
ts_tslist()	a list with ts objects

## Time Series in data frames

#### LONG STRUCTURE

Default structure to store multiple time series in long data frames (or data tables, or tibbles)

ts\_df(ts\_c(fdeaths, mdeaths))

id	time	value	
fdeaths	1974-01-01	901	
fdeaths	1974-02-01	689	
fdeaths	1974-03-01	827	
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#### **AUTO-DETECT COLUMN NAMES**

tsbox auto-detects a *value*-, a *time*- and zero, one or several *id*-columns. Alternatively, the *time*- and the *value*-column can be explicitly named **time** and **value**.

**ts\_default():** standardize column names in data frames

#### **RESHAPE**

ts\_wide(): convert default long structure to wide
ts\_long(): convert wide structure to default long

#### **USE WITH PIPE**

tsbox plays well with tibbles and with %>%, so it can be easily integrated into a dplyr/pipe workflow

```
library(dplyr)
ts_c(fdeaths, mdeaths) %>% 
  ts_tbl() %>%
  ts_trend() %>%
  ts_pc()
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pass return value as first argument to the next function