Time Series Database Interface: R fame (TSfame)

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1 Introduction

The code from the vignette that generates this guide can be loaded into an editor with edit(vignette("TSfame")). This uses the default editor, which can be changed using options(). It should be possible to view the pdf version of the guide for this package with print(vignette("TSfame")).

WARNING: Running these example will overwrite a fame database called "testvigFame.db". Beware, if by any chance you have a database with this name.

Once R is started, the functions in this package are made available with

```
> library("TSfame")
```

This will also load required packages TSdbi, DBI, fame, methods, and tframe. Some examples below also require zoo, and tseries.

The package fame may be installed but not functional because the Fame HLI code is not available. A warning will be issues and the vignette example will not work,

2 Using the Database - TSdbi Functions

This section gives several simple examples of putting series on and reading them from the database. (If a large number of series are to be loaded into a database, one would typically do this with a batch process in Fame.) The first thing to do is to establish a connection to the database:

```
> con <- TSconnect("fame", dbname = "testvigFame.db")
```

(It is also possible to establish connections to Fame databases using Fame server. See the section "Examples Using TSdbi with ets" below for more details.) This puts a series called *vec* on the database and then reads is back.

```
> z <- ts(rnorm(10), start = c(1990, 1), frequency = 1)
> seriesNames(z) <- "vec"
> if (TSexists("vec", con)) TSdelete("vec", con)
> TSput(z, con)
> z <- TSget("vec", con)</pre>
```

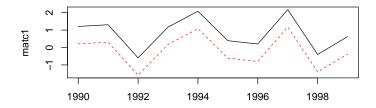
If the series is printed it is seen to be a "ts" time series with some extra attributes.

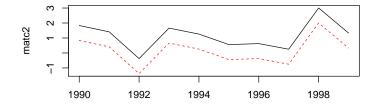
TSput fails if the series already exists on the con, so the above example checks and deletes the series if it already exists. TSreplace does not fail if the series does not yet exist, so examples below use it instead. Several plots below show original data and the data retrieved after it is written to the database. One is added to the original data so that both lines are visible.

And now more examples:

```
> z < -ts(matrix(rnorm(20), 10, 2), start = c(1990, 1), frequency = 1)
> seriesNames(z) <- c("matc1", "matc2")</pre>
> TSreplace(z, con)
[1] TRUE
> TSget("matc1", con)
Time Series:
Start = 1990
End = 1999
Frequency = 1
 [1] 0.8948390 0.7041838 -1.0060744 1.2564881 -1.0866649 1.2771609
 [7] 1.3297235 -0.5088901 -0.3874239 0.9562873
attr(,"seriesNames")
[1] matc1
attr(,"TSmeta")
serIDs: matc1
source: Fame db
from dbname testvigFame.db using TSfameConnection on 2011-10-26 12:41:53
> TSget("matc2", con)
Time Series:
Start = 1990
End = 1999
Frequency = 1
  \begin{bmatrix} 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad 0.7570226 \quad 0.4733475 \quad -0.6132862 \quad -1.5720848 \quad 0.1780249 \quad -0.5606622 
 [7] 0.4169557 0.6863113 0.4374751 0.1258767
attr(,"seriesNames")
[1] matc2
attr(,"TSmeta")
serIDs: matc2
source: Fame db
from dbname testvigFame.db using TSfameConnection on 2011-10-26 12:41:53
> TSget(c("matc1", "matc2"), con)
Time Series:
Start = 1990
```

```
End = 1999
Frequency = 1
          matc1
                     matc2
1990 0.8948390
                0.7570226
1991 0.7041838
                0.4733475
1992 -1.0060744 -0.6132862
1993 1.2564881 -1.5720848
                 0.1780249
1994 -1.0866649
1995
     1.2771609 -0.5606622
1996 1.3297235
                0.4169557
1997 -0.5088901
                0.6863113
1998 -0.3874239
                 0.4374751
1999 0.9562873
                0.1258767
attr(,"TSmeta")
serIDs: matc1 matc2
source: Fame db Fame db
from dbname testvigFame.db testvigFame.db using TSfameConnection on 2011-10-26 12:41:53
> tfplot(z + 1, TSget(c("matc1", "matc2"), con), lty = c("solid",
      "dashed"), col = c("black", "red"))
```





> $z \leftarrow ts(matrix(rnorm(20), 10, 2), start = c(1990, 1), frequency = 4)$ > $seriesNames(z) \leftarrow c("matc1", "matc2")$

```
> TSreplace(z, con)
```

[1] TRUE

> TSget(c("matc1", "matc2"), con)

matc1 matc2

1990 Q1 1.18637943 -1.5388460

1990 Q2 -0.64579814 1.7839715

1990 Q3 -0.56333988 0.2626801

1990 Q4 0.08450536 -0.8871513

1991 Q1 0.11870224 -0.4561875

1991 Q2 -0.50898294 1.8207622

1991 Q3 -0.15557944 -0.5967469

1991 Q4 1.44468662 -0.4283224

1992 Q1 0.71405961 -0.3326404

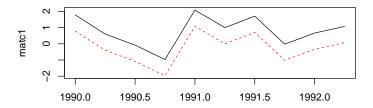
1992 Q2 0.02189133 1.1350901

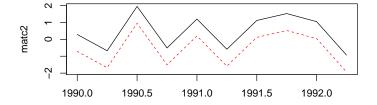
attr(,"TSmeta")

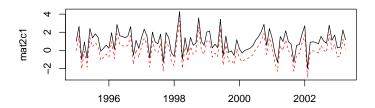
serIDs: matc1 matc2

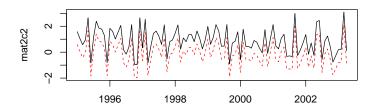
serIDs: matc1 matc2
source: Fame db Fame db

from dbname testvigFame.db testvigFame.db using TSfameConnection on 2011-10-26 12:41:53









The following extract information about the series from the database, although not much information has been added for these examples, and not all fields are supported by the Fame database. (The output is suppressed.)

```
> TSmeta("mat2c1", con)
> TSmeta("vec", con)
> TSdates("vec", con)
> TSdescription("vec", con)
> TSdoc("vec", con)
> TSlabel("vec", con)
> TSsource("vec", con)
```

Below are examples that make more use of TS description and codeTSdoc. Often it is convenient to set the default connection:

```
> options(TSconnection = con)
```

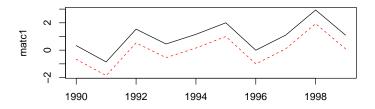
and then the *con* specification can be omitted from the function calls unless another connection is needed. The *con* can still be specified, and some examples below do specify it, just to illustrate the alternative syntax.

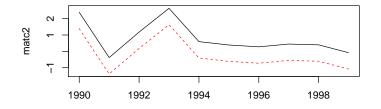
```
> z <- TSget("mat2c1")
> TSmeta("mat2c1")
serIDs: mat2c1
from dbname testvigFame.db using TSfameConnection
```

Data documentation can be in two forms, a description specified by TSdescription or longer documentation specified by TSdoc. These can be added to the time series object, in which case they will be written to the database when TSput or TSreplace is used to put the series on the database. Alternatively, they can be specified as arguments to TSput or TSreplace. The description or documentation will be retrieved as part of the series object with TSget only if this is specified with the logical arguments TSdescription and TSdoc. They can also be retrieved directly from the database with the functions TSdescription and TSdoc.

```
> z < -ts(matrix(rnorm(10), 10, 1), start = c(1990, 1), frequency = 1)
> TSreplace(z, serIDs = "Series1", con)
[1] TRUE
> zz <- TSget("Series1", con)
> TSreplace(z, serIDs = "Series1", con, TSdescription = "short rnorm series",
      TSdoc = "Series created as an example in the vignette.")
[1] TRUE
> zz <- TSget("Series1", con, TSdescription = TRUE, TSdoc = TRUE)
> start(zz)
[1] 1990
            1
> end(zz)
[1] 1999
> TSdescription(zz)
[1] "short rnorm series from testvigFame.db"
> TSdoc(zz)
[1] "Series created as an example in the vignette."
> TSdescription("Series1", con)
```

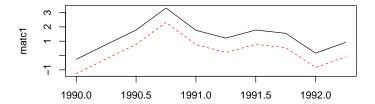
```
[1] "short rnorm series"
> TSdoc("Series1", con)
[1] "Series created as an example in the vignette."
> z <- ts(rnorm(10), start = c(1990, 1), frequency = 1)
> seriesNames(z) <- "vec"
> TSreplace(z, con)
[1] TRUE
> zz <- TSget("vec", con)
> z <- ts(matrix(rnorm(20), 10, 2), start = c(1990, 1), frequency = 1)
> seriesNames(z) <- c("matc1", "matc2")
> TSreplace(z, con)
[1] TRUE
> tfplot(z + 1, TSget(c("matc1", "matc2"), con), lty = c("solid", "dashed"), col = c("black", "red"))
```

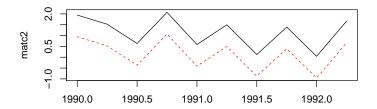




> $z \leftarrow ts(matrix(rnorm(20), 10, 2), start = c(1990, 1), frequency = 4)$ > $seriesNames(z) \leftarrow c("matc1", "matc2")$ > TSreplace(z, con)

[1] TRUE

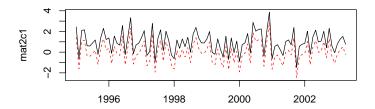


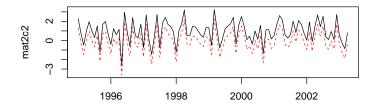


```
> z \leftarrow ts(matrix(rnorm(200), 100, 2), start = c(1995, 1), frequency = 12)
> seriesNames(z) \leftarrow c("mat2c1", "mat2c2")
> TSreplace(z, con)
```

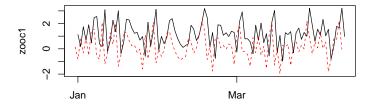
[1] TRUE

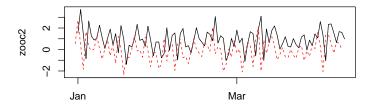
> tfplot(z + 1, TSget(c("mat2c1", "mat2c2"), con), lty = c("solid", "dashed"), col = c("black", "red"))





The following examples use dates and times which are not handled by ts, so the zoo time representation is used.





```
Beware that (as of Dec, 2010) there is a bug with weekly dates:
> z <- zoo(matrix(rnorm(200), 100, 2), as.Date("1990-01-01") +
      0:99 * 7)
> seriesNames(z) <- c("zooWc1", "zooWc2")</pre>
> TSreplace(z, con)
[1] TRUE
> z2 <- TSget(c("zooWc1", "zooWc2"), con)</pre>
> time(z)
  [1] "1990-01-01" "1990-01-08" "1990-01-15" "1990-01-22" "1990-01-29"
  [6] "1990-02-05" "1990-02-12" "1990-02-19" "1990-02-26" "1990-03-05"
  [11] \ "1990-03-12" \ "1990-03-19" \ "1990-03-26" \ "1990-04-02" \ "1990-04-09" 
 [16] "1990-04-16" "1990-04-23" "1990-04-30" "1990-05-07" "1990-05-14"
 [21] "1990-05-21" "1990-05-28" "1990-06-04" "1990-06-11" "1990-06-18"
 [26] "1990-06-25" "1990-07-02" "1990-07-09" "1990-07-16" "1990-07-23"
 [31] "1990-07-30" "1990-08-06" "1990-08-13" "1990-08-20" "1990-08-27"
 [36] "1990-09-03" "1990-09-10" "1990-09-17" "1990-09-24" "1990-10-01"
 [41] "1990-10-08" "1990-10-15" "1990-10-22" "1990-10-29" "1990-11-05"
 [46] "1990-11-12" "1990-11-19" "1990-11-26" "1990-12-03" "1990-12-10"
 [51] "1990-12-17" "1990-12-24" "1990-12-31" "1991-01-07" "1991-01-14"
```

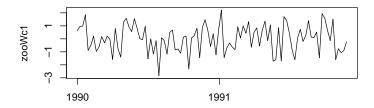
[56] "1991-01-21" "1991-01-28" "1991-02-04" "1991-02-11" "1991-02-18"

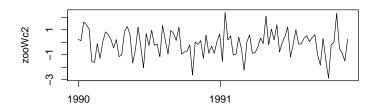
```
[61] "1991-02-25" "1991-03-04" "1991-03-11" "1991-03-18" "1991-03-25"
 [66] "1991-04-01" "1991-04-08" "1991-04-15" "1991-04-22" "1991-04-29"
 [71] "1991-05-06" "1991-05-13" "1991-05-20" "1991-05-27" "1991-06-03"
 [76] "1991-06-10" "1991-06-17" "1991-06-24" "1991-07-01" "1991-07-08"
 [81] "1991-07-15" "1991-07-22" "1991-07-29" "1991-08-05" "1991-08-12"
 [86] "1991-08-19" "1991-08-26" "1991-09-02" "1991-09-09" "1991-09-16"
 [91] "1991-09-23" "1991-09-30" "1991-10-07" "1991-10-14" "1991-10-21"
 [96] "1991-10-28" "1991-11-04" "1991-11-11" "1991-11-18" "1991-11-25"
> time(z2)
```

```
[1] "1989-12-31" "1990-01-07" "1990-01-14" "1990-01-21" "1990-01-28"
 [6] "1990-02-04" "1990-02-11" "1990-02-18" "1990-02-25" "1990-03-04"
[11] "1990-03-11" "1990-03-18" "1990-03-25" "1990-04-01" "1990-04-08"
[16] "1990-04-15" "1990-04-22" "1990-04-29" "1990-05-06" "1990-05-13"
[21] "1990-05-20" "1990-05-27" "1990-06-03" "1990-06-10" "1990-06-17"
[26] "1990-06-24" "1990-07-01" "1990-07-08" "1990-07-15" "1990-07-22"
[31] "1990-07-29" "1990-08-05" "1990-08-12" "1990-08-19" "1990-08-26"
[36] "1990-09-02" "1990-09-09" "1990-09-16" "1990-09-23" "1990-09-30"
[41] "1990-10-07" "1990-10-14" "1990-10-21" "1990-10-28" "1990-11-04"
[46] "1990-11-11" "1990-11-18" "1990-11-25" "1990-12-02" "1990-12-09"
[51] "1990-12-16" "1990-12-23" "1990-12-30" "1991-01-06" "1991-01-13"
[56] "1991-01-20" "1991-01-27" "1991-02-03" "1991-02-10" "1991-02-17"
[61] "1991-02-24" "1991-03-03" "1991-03-10" "1991-03-17" "1991-03-24"
[66] "1991-03-31" "1991-04-07" "1991-04-14" "1991-04-21" "1991-04-28"
[71] "1991-05-05" "1991-05-12" "1991-05-19" "1991-05-26" "1991-06-02"
[76] "1991-06-09" "1991-06-16" "1991-06-23" "1991-06-30" "1991-07-07"
[81] "1991-07-14" "1991-07-21" "1991-07-28" "1991-08-04" "1991-08-11"
[86] "1991-08-18" "1991-08-25" "1991-09-01" "1991-09-08" "1991-09-15"
[91] "1991-09-22" "1991-09-29" "1991-10-06" "1991-10-13" "1991-10-20"
[96] "1991-10-27" "1991-11-03" "1991-11-10" "1991-11-17" "1991-11-24"
```

and while this works:

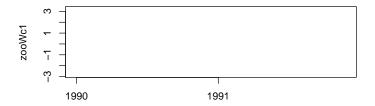
> tfplot(z2)

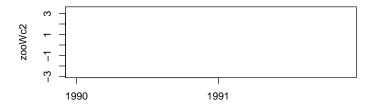




this may not:

>
$$tfplot(z + 1, z2, col = c("black", "red"), lty = c("dashed", "solid"))$$





3 Examples Using Web Data

This section illustrates fetching data from a web server and loading it into the database. This would be a very slow way to load a database, but provides examples of different kinds of time series data. The fetching is done with TShistQuote which provides a wrapper for get.hist.quote from package tseries to give syntax consistent with the TSdbi.

Fetching data may fail due to lack of an Interenet connection or delays.

The connection *con* established above to the database will be used to save data but, to make the use of the two connections more obvious, neither will be set as the default:

> options(TSconnection = NULL)

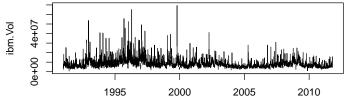
Now connect to the web server and fetch data:

```
> require("TShistQuote")
> Yahoo <- TSconnect("histQuote", dbname = "yahoo")
> x <- TSget("^gspc", quote = "Close", con = Yahoo)
> plot(x)
> tfplot(x)
> TSrefperiod(x)
```

```
[1] "Close"
> TSdescription(x)
[1] "^gspc Close from yahoo"
> TSdoc(x)
[1] "^gspc Close from yahoo retrieved 2011-10-26 12:41:58"
  Then write the data to the local server, specifying table B for business day
data (using TSreplace in case the series is already there from running this ex-
ample previously):
> TSreplace(x, serIDs = "gspc", Table = "B", con = con)
[1] TRUE
  and check the saved version:
> TSrefperiod(TSget(serIDs = "gspc", con = con))
[1] "daily"
> TSdescription("gspc", con = con)
[1] NA
> TSdoc("gspc", con = con)
[1] NA
> tfplot(TSget(serIDs = "gspc", con = con))
```

```
> x <- TSget("ibm", quote = c("Close", "Vol"), con = Yahoo)
> TSreplace(x, serIDs = c("ibm.Cl", "ibm.Vol"), con = con, Table = "B",
      TSdescription. = c("IBM Close", "IBM Volume"), TSdoc. = paste(c("IBM Close"))
          "IBM Volume retrieved on "), Sys.Date()))
[1] TRUE
> z <- TSget(serIDs = c("ibm.Cl", "ibm.Vol"), TSdescription = TRUE,
      TSdoc = TRUE, con = con)
> TSdescription(z)
[1] "IBM Close from testvigFame.db"
                                       "IBM Volume from testvigFame.db"
> TSdoc(z)
[1] "IBM Close
                 retrieved on 2011-10-26"
[2] "IBM Volume retrieved on 2011-10-26"
> tfplot(z, xlab = TSdoc(z), Title = TSdescription(z))
> tfplot(z, Title = "IBM", start = "2007-01-01")
```

IBM Close from testvigFame.db IBM Volume from testvigFame.db 1995 2000 2005 2010 IBM Close retrieved on 2011–10–26



IBM Volume retrieved on 2011-10-26

> dbDisconnect(con)
> dbDisconnect(Yahoo)

3.1 Examples Using TSdbi with ets

These examples use a database called "ets" which is available at the Bank of Canada. This set of examples illustrates how the programs might be used if a larger database is available. Typically a large database would be installed using database scripts directly rather than from R with *TSput* or *TSreplace*.

The following are wrapped in if (!inherits(con, "try-error")) so that the vignette will build even when the database is not available. This seems to require an explicit call to print(), but that is not usually needed to display results below. Another artifact of this is that results printed in the if block do not display until the end of the block.

Assuming 'ets /home/ets/db/etsintoecd.db' is a Fame Server path due to white space. Assuming 'ets /home/ets/db/etsintoecd.db' is a Fame Server path due to white space.

```
description: Special Drawing Right---Currency Conversions/US$ exchange rate/Average of dail
documentaion: Special Drawing Right---Currency Conversions/US$ exchange rate/Average of data
The above connection is recognized to be a server because of the white space
between "ets" and the database name. This produces a warning message from
the fame package call, because it is guessing that a Fame server call is intended.
An alternative way to establish the connnection is to explicitely indicate that
the server functionality is to be used:
> conServer <- try(TSconnect("fameServer", dbname = "/home/ets/db/etsintoecd.db",
      service = "2959", host = "ets", user = "", password = "",
      stopOnFail = TRUE))
> if (!inherits(conServer, "try-error")) {
      print(TSmeta("M.SDR.CCUSMA02.ST", con = conServer))
serIDs: M.SDR.CCUSMA02.ST
from dbname /home/ets/db/etsintoecd using TSfameServerConnection
description: Special Drawing Right---Currency Conversions/US$ exchange rate/Average of dail
documentaion: Special Drawing Right---Currency Conversions/US$ exchange rate/Average of data
   This does not give the warning message, and for that reason will be used
below, but they are interchangable.
> if (!inherits(conServer, "try-error")) {
      options(TSconnection = conServer)
      print(TSmeta("M.SDR.CCUSMA02.ST"))
      EXCH.IDs <- t(matrix(c("M.SDR.CCUSMA02.ST", "SDR/USD exchange rate",
          "M.CAN.CCUSMA02.ST", "CAN/USD exchange rate", "M.MEX.CCUSMA02.ST",
          "MEX/USD exchange rate", "M.JPN.CCUSMA02.ST", "JPN/USD exchange rate",
          "M.EMU.CCUSMA02.ST", "Euro/USD exchange rate", "M.OTO.CCUSMA02.ST",
          "OECD /USD exchange rate", "M.G7M.CCUSMA02.ST", "G7
                                                                  /USD exchange rate",
          "M.E15.CCUSMA02.ST", "Euro 15. /USD exchange rate"),
      print(TSdates(EXCH.IDs[, 1]))
      z <- TSdates(EXCH.IDs[, 1])</pre>
      print(start(z))
      print(end(z))
      tfplot(TSget(serIDs = "M.CAN.CCUSMA02.ST", conServer), ylab = "CDN dollors per US doll
          Title = "Canada - U.S. Exchange Rate")
  }
serIDs: M.SDR.CCUSMA02.ST
 from dbname /home/ets/db/etsintoecd using TSfameServerConnection
description: Special Drawing Right---Currency Conversions/US$ exchange rate/Average of dail
```

from dbname ets /home/ets/db/etsintoecd.db using TSfameConnection

serIDs: M.SDR.CCUSMA02.ST

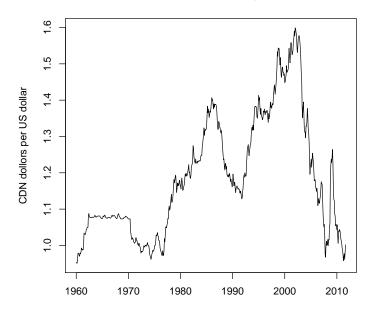
```
documentaion: Special Drawing Right---Currency Conversions/US$ exchange rate/Average of date
[1,] "M.SDR.CCUSMA02.ST from 1960 1 to 2011 9
                                                      12"
[2,] "M.CAN.CCUSMA02.ST from 1960 1 to 2011 9
                                                      12"
[3,] "M.MEX.CCUSMA02.ST from 1963 1 to 2011 9
                                                      12"
[4,] "M.JPN.CCUSMA02.ST from 1960 1 to 2011 9
                                                      12"
[5,] "M.EMU.CCUSMAO2.ST from 1979 1 to 2011 9
                                                      12"
[6,] "M.OTO.CCUSMA02.ST not available"
[7,] "M.G7M.CCUSMA02.ST not available"
[8,] "M.E15.CCUSMA02.ST not available"
[[1]]
[1] 1960
            1
[[2]]
[1] 1960
            1
[[3]]
[1] 1963
[[4]]
[1] 1960
            1
[[5]]
[1] 1979
            1
[[6]]
[1] NA
[[7]]
[1] NA
[[8]]
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[[4]]
```

[1] 2011

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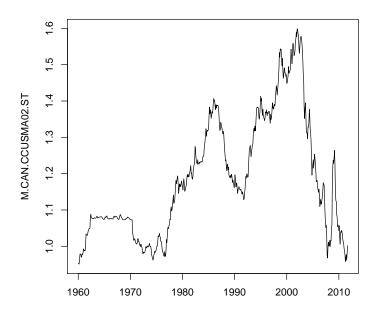
```
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```

Canada - U.S. Exchange Rate



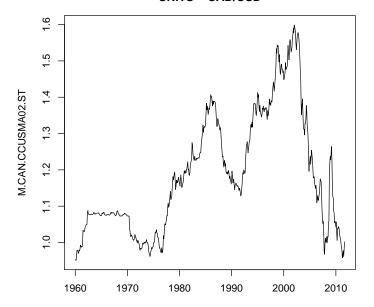
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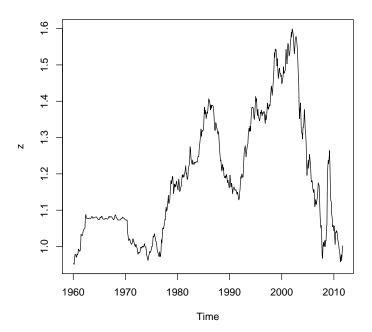


```
> if (!inherits(conServer, "try-error")) {
    z <- TSget("M.CAN.CCUSMA02.ST", TSdescription = TRUE)
    tfplot(z, Title = strsplit(TSdescription(z), "//")[[1]][1:2])
}</pre>
```

of daily rates/National currency:USD---CAN CAD/USD exchange UNITS = CAD/USD



```
> if (!inherits(conServer, "try-error")) {
      plot(z)
}
```



```
> if (!inherits(conServer, "try-error")) {
     options(TSconnection = NULL)
}
```

Finally, dbDisconnect closes the connection if it is a Fame Server connect, and does nothing otherwise, but is provided for compatability with other connections.

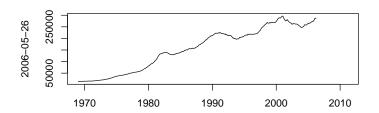
```
> dbDisconnect(conets)
> dbDisconnect(conServer)
> dbDisconnect(con)
> options(TSconnection = NULL)
```

A simple mechanism for accessing vintages of data stored in different Fame databases is available as illustrated by the following examples.

```
tfplot(z)
options(TSconnection = conetsV)
z <- TSget("V122646")
z <- TSget(c("V122646", "V122647"))
tfplot(z)
dbDisconnect(conetsV)
}</pre>
```

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```
"2006-05-26"))
tfplot(r)
dbDisconnect(conServerV)
}
```

[1] TRUE

