

## FIXEDSEAS.M

`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(... ,method);
s = fixedseas(... ,method,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.

'method' (and 'methodarg') determines the method of trend. For possible choices, see `help trendfilter`. 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 'method' 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.

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'.
- `.method` 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 `data = tr + sf + ir`. Furthermore, `sa = data - sf` (or equivalently, `sa = tr + ir`). For the multiplicative decomposition, `data = tr * sf * ir`, and `sa = data ./ sf` (or equivalently, `sa = tr * 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')
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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,

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

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

These are the seasonal factors.

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

Compute the seasonally adjusted time series as  $\text{sa} = x - \text{sf}$ .

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

Compute the irregular as  $\text{ir} = \text{sa} - \text{trend}$ . 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 = fixedseas(log(data),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 you to implement seasonal filters without using the Census Bureau programs.

The toolbox consists of the following programs, `guix`, `x13`, `makespec`, `x13spec`, `x13series`, `x13composite`, `x13series.plot`, `x13composite.plot`, `x13series.seasbreaks`, `x13composite.seasbreaks`, `fixedseas`, `camplet`, `spr`, `InstallMissingCensusProgram`, `makedates`, `yqmd`, `TakeDayOff`, `EasterDate`.

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