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.stretch_re	<i>Use time warping to reduce the number of observations in a month</i>
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### Description

Reduce the number of observations in a month using time warping / stretching. Only relevant if a daily time series is simulated

### Usage

```
.stretch_re(seas_component)
```

### Arguments

seas\_component Seasonal component for day-of-the-month

### Details

Usually time warping would be used to stretch the number of observations of a time series in a given interval to more observations. Here it is used to reduce the number of observations (31) to the number of days in a given month while maintaining the underlying trajectory of the data. This is done by first creating a very long time series for each month, interpolating missing values by spline interpolation and then reducing the number of observations to the number suitable for a given month.

### Value

Returns a xts time series containing the day-of-the-month effect.

### Author(s)

Daniel Ollech

### References

Ollech, D. (2021). Seasonal adjustment of daily time series. *Journal of Time Series Econometrics*. doi:[10.1515/jtse20200028](https://doi.org/10.1515/jtse20200028)

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sim_calendar	<i>Simulate calendar effects</i>
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**Description**

Simulate a time series containing specified calendar effects

**Usage**

```
sim_calendar(  
  n,  
  which = c("Easter", "Ascension"),  
  from = 0,  
  to = 0,  
  freq = 12,  
  effect_size = 3,  
  start = "2020-01-01",  
  multiplicative = TRUE,  
  time_dynamic = 1,  
  center = TRUE  
)
```

**Arguments**

n	Time series length
which	Holidays to be used, functions from timeDate package used
from	days before the Holiday to include
to	days after the Holiday to include
freq	Frequency of the time series
effect_size	Mean size of calendar effect
start	Start Date of output time series
multiplicative	Boolean. Is multiplicative time series model assumed?
time_dynamic	Should the calendar effect change over time
center	Should calendar variable be center, i.e. mean=0

**Details**

If multiplicative is true, the effect size is measured in percentage. If is not true, the effect size is unit less and thus adopts the unit of the time series the calendars are added to. The time\_dynamic parameter controls the change of the calendar effect. The effect of the previous year is multiplied by the time\_dynamic factor.

**Value**

The function returns a time series of class xts

**Author(s)**

Daniel Ollech

**References**

Ollech, D. (2021). Seasonal adjustment of daily time series. *Journal of Time Series Econometrics*.  
[doi:10.1515/jtse20200028](https://doi.org/10.1515/jtse20200028)

**Examples**

```
plot(sim_calendar(60, from=0, to=4, freq=12))
```

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sim\_daily

*Simulate a daily seasonal series*

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**Description**

Simulate a daily seasonal series as described in Ollech (2021).

**Usage**

```
sim_daily(  
  N,  
  sd = 5,  
  moving = TRUE,  
  week_sd = NA,  
  month_sd = NA,  
  year_sd = NA,  
  week_change_sd = NA,  
  month_change_sd = NA,  
  year_change_sd = NA,  
  innovations_sd = 1,  
  sa_sd = NA,  
  model = list(order = c(3, 1, 1), ma = 0.5, ar = c(0.2, -0.4, 0.1)),  
  beta_tau7 = 0.01,  
  beta_tau31 = 0,  
  beta_tau365 = 0.2,  
  start = c(2020, 1),  
  multiplicative = TRUE,  
  extra_smooth = FALSE,  
  calendar = list(which = "Easter", from = -2, to = 2),  
  outlier = NULL,  
  timewarping = FALSE,  
  as_index = FALSE  
)
```

**Arguments**

N	length in years
sd	Standard deviation for all seasonal factors
moving	Is the seasonal pattern allowed to change over time
week_sd	Standard deviation of the seasonal factor for day-of-the-week
month_sd	Standard deviation of the seasonal factor for day-of-the-month
year_sd	Standard deviation of the seasonal factor for day-of-the-year
week_change_sd	Standard deviation of shock to seasonal factor
month_change_sd	Standard deviation of shock to seasonal factor
year_change_sd	Standard deviation of shock to seasonal factor
innovations_sd	Standard deviation of the innovations used in the non-seasonal regarima model
sa_sd	Standard deviation of the non-seasonal time series
model	Model for non-seasonal time series. A list.
beta_tau7	Persistence wrt to one year/cycle before of the seasonal change for day-of-the-week
beta_tau31	Persistence wrt to one year/cycle before of the seasonal change for day-of-the-month
beta_tau365	Persistence wrt to one year/cycle before of the seasonal change for day-of-the-year
start	Start date of output time series
multiplicative	Boolean. Should multiplicative seasonal factors be simulated
extra_smooth	Boolean. Should the seasonal factors be smooth on a period-by-period basis
calendar	Parameters for calendar effect, a list, see sim_calendar
outlier	Parameters for outlier effect, a list, see sim_outlier
timewarping	Should timewarping be used to obtain the day-of-the-month factors
as_index	Shall series be made to look like an index (i.e. shall values be relative to reference year = second year)

**Details**

Standard deviation of the seasonal factor is in percent if a multiplicative time series model is assumed. Otherwise it is in unitless. Using a non-seasonal ARIMA model for the initialization of the seasonal factor does not impact the seasonality of the time series. It can just make it easier for human eyes to grasp the seasonal nature of the series. The definition of the ar and ma parameter needs to be inline with the chosen model. The parameters that can be set for calendar and outlier are those defined in sim\_outlier and sim\_calendar.

**Value**

Multiple simulated daily time series of class xts including:

**original** The original series

**seas\_adj** The original series without calendar and seasonal effects

**sfac7** The day-of-the-week effect

**sfac31** The day-of-the-month effect

**sfac365** The day-of-the-year effect

**cfac** The calendar effects

**outlier** The outlier effects

**Author(s)**

Daniel Ollech

**References**

Ollech, D. (2021). Seasonal adjustment of daily time series. *Journal of Time Series Econometrics*.  
[doi:10.1515/jtse20200028](https://doi.org/10.1515/jtse20200028)

**Examples**

```
x=sim_daily(5, sd=10, multiplicative=TRUE, outlier=list(k=5, type=c("A0", "LS")))
ts.plot(x[,1])
```

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sim\_daily\_hs

*Simulate a daily time series based on the HS model*

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**Description**

This function simulates a daily time series with a Monte Carlo simulation based on an STS model based on Harvey and Shephard (1993) (HS model). The daily data consists of a trend, weekly seasonal, annual seasonal and irregular component. The components are each simulated by a transition process with daily random shocks. At the end of the simulation the components are combined and normalized to form the complete time series.

**Usage**

```
sim_daily_hs(  
  N,  
  multiplicative = TRUE,  
  sizeWeeklySeas = 100,  
  sizeAnnualSeas = 100,  
  sizeTrend = 100,  
  sizeDrift = 100,  
  varIrregularity = 100,
```

```

    sizeWeeklySeasAux = 100,
    sizeAnnualSeasAux = 100,
    start = 2020,
    sizeBurnIn = 730,
    shockLevel = 1,
    shockDrift = 1,
    shockWeeklySeas = 1,
    shockAnnualSeas = 1,
    index = 100
)

```

### Arguments

N	Length of the simulated time series in years.
multiplicative	If TRUE, a multiplicative model is simulated, an additive model if FALSE.
sizeWeeklySeas	Size and stability of the weekly seasonal factor.
sizeAnnualSeas	Size and stability of the annual seasonal factor.
sizeTrend	Size of the trend component.
sizeDrift	Size of the drift of the trend component.
varIrregularity	Variance of the random irregular component.
sizeWeeklySeasAux	Size of the auxiliary variable for the weekly seasonal factor.
sizeAnnualSeasAux	size of the auxiliary variable for the annual seasonal factor.
start	The initial date or year.
sizeBurnIn	Size of burn-in sample in days.
shockLevel	Variance of the shock to the level (trend).
shockDrift	Variance of the shock to the drift (trend).
shockWeeklySeas	Variance of the shock to the weekly seasonal.
shockAnnualSeas	Variance of the shock to the annual seasonal.
index	A value to which the mean of the base year (first effective year) of the time series is normalized.

### Details

The size of the components and the variance of the irregular component are defaulted to 100 each and the variances of the shocks are defaulted to 1.

The first effective year serves as base year for the time series

The impact of a seasonal factor on the time series depends on its ratio to the other components. To increase (decrease) a factor's impact, the value of the size needs to be increased (decreased) while the other components need to be kept constant. Therefore, the stability of the seasonal factor also grows as the shocks on the given component have less impact. In order to increase the impact without increasing the stability, the variance of the shock also needs to be raised accordingly.

**Value**

Multiple simulated daily time series of class xts including:

**original** The original series

**seas\_adj** The original series seasonal effects

**sfac7** The day-of-the-week effect

**sfac365** The day-of-the-year effect

**Author(s)**

Nikolas Fritz , Daniel Ollech, based on code provided by Ángel Cuevas and Enrique M Quilis

**References**

Cuevas, Ángel and Quilis, Enrique M., Seasonal Adjustment Methods for Daily Time Series. A Comparison by a Monte Carlo Experiment (December 20, 2023). Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=4670922> or <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.4670922>

Structural Time Series (STS) Monte Carlo simulation  $Z = \text{trend} + \text{seasonal\_weekly} + \text{seasonal\_annual} + \text{irregular}$ , according to Harvey and Shephard (1993): "Structural Time Series Models", in Maddala, G.S., Rao, C.R. and Vinod, H.D. (Eds.) Handbook of Statistics, vol. 11, Elsevier Science Publishers.

**Examples**

```
x <- sim_daily_hs(4)
ts.plot(x[,1])
```

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sim\_daily\_mstl

*Daily time series simulation for the MSTL-algorithm*

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**Description**

This function simulates a daily time series according to the simulation model of Bandara, Hyndman and Bergmeir (2021) about the MSTL-algorithm for seasonal-trend decomposition. The simulated time series consists of a trend, weekly, annual and irregular component which are each simulated independently from each other. After the simulation process they are normalized and then combined to form the complete time series. As in the paper, this simulation function has the option to distinguish between a deterministic and a stochastic data generation process.

**Usage**

```
sim_daily_mstl(
  N,
  multiplicative = TRUE,
  start = 2020,
  sizeAnnualSeas = 100,
```



```

    sizeWeeklySeas = 100,
    sizeIrregularity = 100,
    shockAnnualSeas = 1,
    shockWeeklySeas = 1,
    deterministic = FALSE
  )

```

### Arguments

**N** length in years

**multiplicative** If TRUE, a multiplicative model is simulated, if FALSE, the model is additive

**start** Start year or start date of the simulation.

**sizeAnnualSeas** Size of the annual seasonal factor, defaulted to 100.

**sizeWeeklySeas** Size of the weekly seasonal factor, defaulted to 100.

**sizeIrregularity** Size of the irregular component, defaulted to 100.

**shockAnnualSeas** Shock to the annual seasonal coefficient, defaulted to 1.

**shockWeeklySeas** Shock to the weekly seasonal coefficient, defaulted to 1.

**deterministic** If TRUE, the seasonal coefficients are deterministic, meaning they do not change after a seasonal cycle. If FALSE, the coefficients are stochastic, meaning they change randomly after a seasonal cycle.

### Value

Multiple simulated daily time series of class xts including:

**original** The original series

**seas\_adj** The original series without seasonal effects

**sfac7** The day-of-the-week effect

**sfac365** The day-of-the-year effect

### Author(s)

Nikolas Fritz, Daniel Ollech

### References

Bandara, K., Hyndman, R. J., & Bergmeir, C. (2021). MSTL: A seasonal-trend decomposition algorithm for time series with multiple seasonal patterns. arXiv preprint arXiv:2107.13462.

### Examples

```

x <- sim_daily_mstl(4)
ts.plot(x[,1])

```

---

 sim\_monthly

*Simulate a monthly seasonal series*


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**Description**

Simulate a monthly seasonal series

**Usage**

```
sim_monthly(
  N,
  sd = 5,
  change_sd = sd/10,
  beta_1 = 0.6,
  beta_tau = 0.4,
  moving = TRUE,
  model = list(order = c(3, 1, 1), ma = 0.5, ar = c(0.2, -0.4, 0.1)),
  start = c(2010, 1),
  multiplicative = TRUE,
  extra_smooth = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

N	Length in years
sd	Standard deviation for all seasonal factors
change_sd	Standard deviation of shock to seasonal factor
beta_1	Persistence wrt to previous period of the seasonal change
beta_tau	Persistence wrt to one year/cycle of the seasonal change
moving	Is the seasonal pattern allowed to change over time
model	Model for non-seasonal time series. A list.
start	Start date of output time series
multiplicative	Boolean. Should multiplicative seasonal factors be simulated
extra_smooth	Boolean. Should the seasonal factors be smooth on a period-by-period basis

**Details**

Standard deviation of the seasonal factor is in percent if a multiplicative time series model is assumed. Otherwise it is in unitless. Using a non-seasonal ARIMA model for the initialization of the seasonal factor does not impact the seasonality of the time series. It can just make it easier for human eyes to grasp the seasonal nature of the series. The definition of the ar and ma parameter needs to be inline with the chosen model.

**Value**

Multiple simulated monthly time series of class xts including:

**original** The original series

**seas\_adj** The original series without seasonal effects

**sfac** The seasonal effect

**Author(s)**

Daniel Ollech

**References**

Ollech, D. (2021). Seasonal adjustment of daily time series. *Journal of Time Series Econometrics*.  
[doi:10.1515/jtse20200028](https://doi.org/10.1515/jtse20200028)

**Examples**

```
x=sim_monthly(5, multiplicative=TRUE)
ts.plot(x[,1])
```

---

sim\_monthly\_hs

*Simulate a monthly time series based on the HS model*

---

**Description**

This function simulates a monthly time series with a Monte Carlo simulation based on an STS model based on Harvey and Shephard (1993) (HS model). The monthly data consists of a trend, annual seasonal and irregular component. The components are each simulated by a transition process with monthly random shocks and then combined at the end of the simulation to form the complete time series.

**Usage**

```
sim_monthly_hs(  
  N,  
  multiplicative = TRUE,  
  sizeSeasonality = 100,  
  sizeTrend = 100,  
  sizeDrift = 100,  
  sizeSeasonalityAux = 100,  
  varIrregularity = 1,  
  start = 2020,  
  sizeBurnIn = 24,  
  shockLevel = 1,  
  shockDrift = 1,  
  shockSeasonality = 1,  
  index = 100  
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>N</code>	Length of the simulated time series in years.
<code>multiplicative</code>	If true, a multiplicative model is simulated, an additive model if FALSE.
<code>sizeSeasonality</code>	Size and stability of the annual seasonal factor.
<code>sizeTrend</code>	Size and stability of the trend component.
<code>sizeDrift</code>	Size and stability of the drift of the trend component.
<code>sizeSeasonalityAux</code>	Size of the auxiliary variable for the annual seasonal factor.
<code>varIrregularity</code>	Variance of the random irregular component.
<code>start</code>	The initial date or year.
<code>sizeBurnIn</code>	Size of burn-in sample in months.
<code>shockLevel</code>	Variance of the shock to the level (trend).
<code>shockDrift</code>	Variance of the shock to the drift (trend).
<code>shockSeasonality</code>	Variance of the shock to the annual seasonal.
<code>index</code>	A value to which the mean of the base year (first effective year) of the time series is normalized.

**Details**

The impact of a component on the time series depends on its ratio to the other components. To increase (decrease) a component's impact, the value of the size needs to be increased (decreased) while the other components need to be kept constant. Therefore, the stability of the component (e.g. the shape of a seasonal component) also grows as the shocks on the given component have less impact. In order to increase the impact without increasing the stability, the variance of the shock also needs to be raised accordingly. The size of the components are defaulted to 100 each and the variances of the shocks are defaulted to 1.

The first effective year serves as base year for the time series

**Value**

Multiple simulated monthly time series of class xts including:

**original** The original series

**seas\_adj** The original series without seasonal effects

**sfac** The seasonal effect

**Author(s)**

Nikolas Fritz, Daniel Ollech, based on code provided by Ángel Cuevas and Enrique M Quilis

## References

Cuevas, Ángel and Quilis, Enrique M., Seasonal Adjustment Methods for Daily Time Series. A Comparison by a Monte Carlo Experiment (December 20, 2023). Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=4670922> or <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.4670922>

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## Examples

```
x <- sim_monthly_hs(4)
ts.plot(x[,1])
```

---

sim\_monthly\_mstl

*Monthly time series simulation for the MSTL-algorithm*

---

## Description

This function simulates a monthly time series according to the simulation model of Bandara, Hyn-dman and Bergmeir (2021) about the MSTL-algorithm for seasonal-trend decomposition. The simulated time series consists of a trend, annual seasonal and irregular component which are each simulated independently from each other. After the simulation process they are normalized and then combined to form the complete time series. As in the paper, this simulation function has the option to distinguish between a deterministic and a stochastic data generation process.

## Usage

```
sim_monthly_mstl(
  N,
  multiplicative = TRUE,
  start = 2020,
  sizeSeasonality = 100,
  sizeIrregularity = 100,
  sizeTrend = 100,
  shockSeasonality = 1,
  deterministic = FALSE
)
```

## Arguments

**N** length in years

**multiplicative** If TRUE, a multiplicative model is simulated, if FALSE, the model is additive

**start** Start year or start date of the simulation.

**sizeSeasonality** Size of the annual seasonal factor.

**sizeIrregularity** Size of the irregular component.  
**sizeTrend** Size of trend component.  
**shockSeasonality** Variance of the shock to the annual seasonal coefficient, defaulted to 1.  
**deterministic** If TRUE, the seasonal coefficients are deterministic, meaning they do not change after a seasonal cycle. If FALSE, the coefficients are stochastic, meaning they change by random shocks after a seasonal cycle.

### Value

Multiple simulated monthly time series of class xts including:

**original** The original series  
**seas\_adj** The original series without seasonal effects  
**sfac** The seasonal effect

### Author(s)

Nikolas Fritz, Daniel Ollech

### References

Bandara, K., Hyndman, R. J., & Bergmeir, C. (2021). MSTL: A seasonal-trend decomposition algorithm for time series with multiple seasonal patterns. arXiv preprint arXiv:2107.13462.

### Examples

```
x <- sim_monthly_mstl(4)
ts.plot(x[,1])
```

---

sim\_outlier

*Simulate an outlier*

---

### Description

Simulate an outlier

### Usage

```
sim_outlier(
  n,
  k,
  freq = 12,
  type = c("AO", "LS", "TC"),
  effect_size = 10,
  start = c(2020, 1),
  multiplicative = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

n	Time series length
k	Number of outliers
freq	Frequency of the time series
type	Type of outlier
effect_size	Mean size of outlier
start	Start date of output time series
multiplicative	Boolean. Is multiplicative time series model assumed?

**Details**

Three types of outliers are implemented: AO=Additive outlier, LS=Level shift, TC=Temporary Change. The effect size is stochastic as it is drawn from a normal distribution with mean equal to the specified effect\_size and a standard deviation of  $1/4 \cdot \text{effect\_size}$ . This is multiplied randomly with -1 or 1 to get negative shocks as well. If multiplicative is true, the effect size is measured in percentage. If is not true, the effect size is unit less and thus adopts the unit of the time series the outliers are added to.

**Value**

The function returns k time series of class xts containing the k outlier effects

**Author(s)**

Daniel Ollech

**References**

Ollech, D. (2021). Seasonal adjustment of daily time series. Journal of Time Series Econometrics. [doi:10.1515/jtse20200028](https://doi.org/10.1515/jtse20200028)

**Examples**

```
plot(sim_outlier(60, 4, type=c("AO", "LS")))
```

---

sim\_sfac

*Simulate a seasonal factor*

---

**Description**

Simulate a seasonal factor

**Usage**

```

sim_sfac(
  n,
  freq = 12,
  sd = 1,
  change_sd = sd/10,
  moving = TRUE,
  beta_1 = 0.6,
  beta_tau = 0.4,
  start = c(2020, 1),
  multiplicative = TRUE,
  ar = NULL,
  ma = NULL,
  model = c(1, 1, 1),
  sc_model = list(order = c(1, 1, 1), ar = 0.65, ma = 0.25),
  smooth = TRUE,
  burnin = 7,
  extra_smooth = FALSE
)

```

**Arguments**

n	Number of observations
freq	Frequency of the time series
sd	Standard deviation of the seasonal factor
change_sd	Standard deviation of shock to seasonal factor
moving	Is the seasonal pattern allowed to change over time
beta_1	Persistence wrt to previous period of the seasonal change
beta_tau	Persistence wrt to one year/cycle of the seasonal change
start	Start date of output time series
multiplicative	Boolean. Should multiplicative seasonal factors be simulated
ar	AR parameter
ma	MA parameter
model	Model for initial seasonal factor
sc_model	Model for the seasonal change
smooth	Boolean. Should initial seasonal factor be smoothed
burnin	(burnin*n-n) is the burn-in period
extra_smooth	Boolean. Should the seasonal factor be smoothed on a period-by-period basis

**Details**

Standard deviation of the seasonal factor is in percent if a multiplicative time series model is assumed. Otherwise it is in unitless. Using a non-seasonal ARIMA model does not impact the seasonality of the time series. It can just make it easier for human eyes to grasp the seasonal nature of the series. The definition of the ar and ma parameter needs to be in line with the chosen model.



**Value**

The function returns a time series of class `ts` containing a seasonal or periodic effect.

**Author(s)**

Daniel Ollech

**References**

Ollech, D. (2021). Seasonal adjustment of daily time series. *Journal of Time Series Econometrics*.  
[doi:10.1515/jtse20200028](https://doi.org/10.1515/jtse20200028)

**Examples**

```
ts.plot(sim_sfac(60))
```

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