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Holiday variable generating routines within our in-house versions of the Census Method

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- CA 1998 CA 2002: Added regressor generating routines. Researched for other holidays.
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- 2002: Lin and Liu, measured Chinese calendar holiday effects on series of Taiwan. Furuya, Chinese New Year on series of Taiwan, Korea, and Japan. Although Japan celebrates no Chinese New Year as public holidays, but holiday effects exists.
- 2005: Australian Bureau of Statistics, holiday effects on short term visitor arrivals: Chinese New Year on visitor from Hong Kong, and Ramadan on visitor from Indonesia.

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2007: Yap et al., Chinese New Year, Eid-ul Fitl of Hijili lunar, and Deepavali of Hindu lunisolar calendar on statistics of Malaysia.

2017: Sanyal et al., Sharada Navaratri and Deepavali of Hindu lunisolar calendar on statistics of India.

2021: Began tuning of X-13ARIMA-SEATS.









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X-12-A: Already built in X-12-ARIMA during 1994 to 2004, to be used for X-13AS. Current version is based on build 101, version 0.3 beta dated Oct. 7, 2004. About 130 files are changed or added.

X-13AS: Planned to built in X-13ARIMA-SEATS. Now coding or unit testing.

As of SAPW 2022, based on build 58, version 1.1 dated Jun. 28, 2021.

2.1. Metafile run changed to "bundle input/output".

Metafile expanded to maximum 5 columns,

specfile: name of the series, altfile: name of the spec file used, outfile: output file name, and (? and [tab], i.e. tab character are delimiters), all the strings "spec" in the spec altfile.spc are replaced by "altspec".

Also a spec bundle { } was added for control.

specfile1	altfile1	outfile1	?spec[tab]altspec
specfile2	altfile2	outfile2	?spec[tab]altspec
specfileN	altfileN	outfileN	?spec[tab]altspec







2. What are tunings (2)

2.2. Added Bry and Boschan turning point detection routine. A spec briboschan { } was added to control this routine.

2.3. Planning to apply Hodrick-Prescott filter to series from x11. Not only classical cycle of d12 (TC) or d11 (TCI), growth cycle of cyc (C) is an important factor for forecasts.

> Almost all runs are metafile run. 1. Bundle spec files, input series, save files, and log files. 2. Turning point detection 3. Growth cycle







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be changed anytime anyhow.

Calculated by When_exe



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Type 4. Formulae.

1. Christian liturgical calendars, d:-48 Shrove Monday, -46 Ash Wednesday, -2 Good Friday, 0 Easter, 1 Easter Monday, 39 Ascension Day, 50 Pentecoste, 60 Corpus Christi.

- 1.1. Western Christianity (5,700,000 year cycle: See section 4.)
- 1.2. Eastern Christianity
- 2. Thai traditional astronomy "Suriyayart"
- 2.1. Maha Songkran

Easter and Pascha: English Wiki Traditional Songkran: Thai Wiki easter[dd] paskha[dd]

Calculated by When_exe

Songkran



3. Calendar and holiday list (4)

Type 5. Public holiday list.

List of Japan and EU to be built in.

This list should have

(1) name for confirmation,

(2) start year or 0 for unknown,

(3) end year or 9999 for not decided,

(4) definition, and

(5) substitute holiday.

Definition is whether

(4.1) month and date,

(4.2) possibly latest month, date, and day-of-week, ex., "Nov 28 Thu", or

(4.3) other date defined in type 1 to 4 above.

(4.4) And also, frequency (n-annual), although almost all are annual.

Substitute holiday could be so complexed. Currently, the list is designed that each holiday has its substitute holiday candidate dates. It should have

(5.1) start year or 0 for unknown,

(5.2) end year, the last year before changed, or 9999 for not decided, and

(5.3) conditions.

Variation of substitute holiday has a long story, but exiguitas non caperet.











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CALENDARIVM GREGORIANVM PERPETVVM.

Orbi Christiano vniuerso à Gregorio XIII. P. M. propofitum. Anno M. D. LXXXII.

GREGORIVS EPISCOPVS SERVVS SERVORVM DEI

AD PERPETVAM REI MEMORIAM.



NTER granisimas Pastoralis officij nostri curas, ea postrema non est, vt qua à facro Tridentino Concilio Sedi Apostolica referuata funt, illa ad finem optatum, Deo adiutore, perducantur. Sane eiufdem Concilij Patres, cum ad reliquam cogitationem Breulary quoque curam adiungerent, tempore tamen exclusi rem totam ex ipfius Concilij decreto ad auctoritatem, & iudicium Romani Pontificis retulerunt. Duo autem Breulario pracipue continentur;quorum enum preces , laudefq. diuinas festis, profestisfque diebus perfoluendas comple-elitur, alterum pertinet ad annuos Pascha , festorumque ex eo pendentium reeurfus, Solis, & Luna motu metiendos: Atque illud quidem felicis recordationis Pius V. pradeceffor nofter abfoluendum curauit, atque edidit. Hos vero, quod nimirum exigit legitimam Calendary re-Hitutionem , sam diu à Romanis Pontificious pradecefforibus noffris , & fapius tent stum est , verum abfolui, & ad exitum perduci ad hoc ofque tempus non potuit; quod rationes emendandi Calen dary, qua à caleftium motuum peritis groponebantur, propter magnas, & fere inextricabiles difficultates, quas buiufmodi emendatio femper babuit, neque perennes erant, neque antiquos Ecclefiastieos ritus incolumes (quod in primis bac in re curaudum erat) feruabant. Dum itaque nos quoque cre-dita vobis, licet indignit, à Deo dispensatione freti in bac cogitatione, curaque versaremur, allatus est nobis liber à diletto filio Antonio Lilio artium. E medicina doctore, quem quondam Aloyfius esus ger manus frater conferipferat , in quo per nouum quendam Epactarum Cyclum ab eo excogitatum, & ad certam ipfius Aurei numeri normam directum, atque ad quamcumque anni folaris magnitudinem accommodatum omnia, qua in Calendario collapfa funt, confranti ratione, & feculis omnibus dura-

tura, fic rellitui poffe oftendit, vt Calendarium ipfum nulli vnquam mutationi in pofferum expofitum effe videatur. Nousm banc restituendi Galendarij rationem exiguo volumine comprebenfam ad Chriftianos Principes, celebriorefq. univerfitates paucos ante annos mifimus, ut res, qua omnium communis est , communi etian omnium confilio perficeretur ; illi cum, qua maxime optabamus,con-condes respondiffent, corum nos omnium consensione addaeti,viros ad Calendary emendationem adhi buimus in alma 14 rhe barum rerum peritifsimos, quos longe ante ex primariji Chriftiani orbis nationibus delegeramus : Ii cum multum temporis, & diligentia ad eam lucubrationem adbibuiffent, & Cyclos tam veterum, quàm recentiorum vondique conquisitos, ac diligentifime perpenfos inter le con-tuliffent , fuo, & doctorum bominum , qui de ca re feripferunt , iudicio bunc pra cateris elegerunt Epactarum Cyclum, cui nonnulla etiam adiecerunt, que ex accurata circumspettione visa funt ad

Calendarij perfectionem maxime pertinere . Confiderantes igitur nos, ad rectam Pafchalis fefti celebrationem iuxta fanctorum Patrum, ac veterum Romanorum Pontificum , prafertim Py & Victoris primorum, nec non magni illius acumenici Concilij Ni cani, & aliorum fanctiones, tria neceffario coniungenda, & Hatuenda effe, primte eersam V erni aquinoctij fedem, deinde rectam politionem xiiij. luna primi Menfis,qua vel in ipfum aquinoëbij diem incidit, vel ei proxime fuccedit, postremo primum quemque diem Dominicum, qui eandem xitij. lunam fequitur, curaumus non folum aquinoEtium V ernum in pristinam fedem, à qua tam à Concilio Nicano decem cireiter diebus receffit, reffituendum, & xiiy. Pafchalem fuo in loco, à quo quatuor , & eo amplius dies bos tempore diffat, reponendam.fed viam quoque tradendam, & rationem, qua cauetur, vi in posterum aquinoctiumiet xiiÿ luna à proprýs fedibus nunquam dimoueau tur

The Gregorian Calendar was introduced to fix date of Easter, or in short, March equinox to around March 21st.

The first date of Gregorian Calendar was October 15th, 1582, the next day of Julian October 4th, 1582, a 10-day adjustment.

Left photo:

Pope Gregory XIII wrote in his "Inter gravissimas" (1582) that, the aim of Gregorian calendar was to fix Easter dates as decided at the Council Ncæa held May to August AD 325. The first (primii) of three necessary conditions of proper dates was to fix Vernal (March) equinox date (certam Verni æquinoctii sedem).

tria necessario coniungenda et statuenda esse, primii, certam Verni æquinoctii sedem,



4. Long-term average (2)







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The Gregorian calendar without adjustments is not eternal. March equinox dates would shift from March 21st in the long run.

Gregorian calendar would be adjusted in the long run. Therefore, averages of tens of thousand years, or longer span, are unrealistic.





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Many of major calendars shift against the Gregorian calendar. The author chose the span to calculate long-term average within 1600 CE (< Common Era) and 2599 CE to fix around not so much different from recent dates.



4. Long-term average (3)



Recent Dates of New Years and Easters on the Gregorian Calendar





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Key dates to be included into our in-house version of X-13ARIMA-SEATS to generate regressors and long-term averages.







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Problem of 1990's: Spikes of holiday were there but rejected by AIC tests.

Taiwan Industrial Production Index Ratio scale and dates of new year 2016 output = 100 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 - CNY rejected (official holiday dates)

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Holiday effects transfer through international linkage.



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- Easter, Labor, Thank-Christmas factors
- Pre CNY =china{ [0101(-8)](-3 MON), [0101(-8)] }
- △ Post CNY =china{ [0101(-7)], [0102](+1 SUN) }





Fluctuations of production during January and February among major industrial countries are often found since earlier this century. Therefore, industrial production index (IP) for USA, Germany, and Japan were tested for Chinese New Year (CNY) factors. The three has no public holidays based on Chinese type lunisolar calendars.

Two kinds of factors were detected. (Sorry only US chart today.)

- Surge and decline prior to CNY. They would be effects from export.
 USA: about 1 week earlier. Japan: 1 or 2 months earlier.
- (2) Surge after CNY. They would be effects from import. Germany: about 3 weeks later. Japan: about 2 weeks later.

Below is for US IPI: Modelspan = (2000.01, 2022.03). Aictest = (user). # Note that additional holiday regressors are generated as user holiday variables.

Easter[8] \times Labor[8] \times Thanksgiving[1] factors \bigcirc

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Post Chinese New Year factor \triangle lower production; start: 7 days earlier than the New Year Day [0101(-7)], end: the 1st Sunday from the second day of New Year [0102].





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Post-holiday window, when the production stops and slowly accelerates: from the new year's eve to the Thursday 2 weeks after the second day of new year.

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5. Detection of holiday effects (4)

(2) RegARIMA model. See further details for chapter 4 of the Reference Manual.

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2.1.
$$\phi_p(B)\Phi_P(B^S)(1-B)^d(1-B^S)^D(y_t-\beta'X_t-\sum_{i=1}^3\alpha_iH_i(\tau,t))=\theta_q(B)\Theta_Q(B^S)\varepsilon_t.$$

Or,

2.2.
$$y_t = \beta' X_t + \sum_{i=1}^3 \alpha_i H_i(\tau, t) + z_t$$
,

where, $y_t = \ln Y_t$, logarithm of the original series,

 $\beta' X_t$, other regressors, say, trading day regressors,

 $\sum_{i=1}^{3} \alpha_i H_i(\tau, t)$, holiday regressors, that is,

pre-holiday $H_1(\tau, t)$, peri-holiday $H_2(\tau, t)$, post-holiday $H_3(\tau, t)$ regressors of the period t, which month is τ ,

and, z_t , residual to follow ARIMA process.





5. Detection of holiday effects (5)

(3) Generation of holiday regressors.

For example, pre-holiday regressor for flow series would be generated as

3.1. $H_1(\tau, t) = N_1(\tau, t)/N_1(\tau),$

where $N_1(\tau, t)$ for days of pre-holiday window falls on the period *t*, which month is τ ,

 $N_1(\tau)$ for long-term average days of pre-holiday window falls on the month τ .

Peri- and post-holiday regressors can be write in the same manner.

Division by long-term average means seasonal adjustment of regressor to avoid multicollinearity. So don't miss it.





5. Detection of holiday effects (6)

What is the measure to choose?:

Holiday windows are chosen by AICC (Akaike Information Criterion). **Procedure**:

Below are the procedure for full test the author applies since 1990's.

- 1. Fix other things equal to keep AICC comparable.
- 1.1. No other dummies except for re-unification dummy of Germany (ls1991.01).

1.2. Fix ARIMA = $(pdq) (PDQ)_s$. Difference times d and seasonal difference times D should not be changed. So use airline model= $(011)(011)_s$.

1.3. Do not apply aictest to other dummies (td, easter, and else, which usually applied). Ex., US IP, if easter[w] is rejected, CNY seems easier to be accepted.





5. Detection of holiday effects (7)

2. Find border between pre-holiday and post-holiday windows.

2.1. Three windows or two windows? Public holiday exists, compare AICC₃ and AICC₂. AICC₃; pre-holiday: $[d3_{y,11} d3_{y,12}]$, peri: $[d3_{y,21} d3_{y,22}]$, post: $[d3_{y,31} d3_{y,33}]$ peri window = public holiday.

AICC₂; pre-holiday: [$d2_{y,11} d2_{y,12}$], peri & post (holiday): [$d2_{y,21} d2_{y,22}$]

 $d2_{y,21}$ = start of public holiday, or the weekend right before.

2.2. No public holidays.

Ex., set as initial values: pre-holiday = $[d_{y,21}-8 d_{y,21}-1]$, holiday = $[d_{y,21} d_{y,21}+7]$. Then compare AICC's of various $d_{y,21}$.

If the series is merchandise import or export, the span can be as long as several months.





5. Detection of holiday effects (8)

3. Find start of pre-holiday window and end of holiday window.

pre-holiday = $[d_{y,11} d_{y,21}-1]$, holiday = $[d_{y,21} d_{y,22}]$.

Example is industrial production of Taiwan (1971 – 2001).

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5. Detection of holiday effects (10)





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5. Detection of holiday effects (11)











5. Detection of holiday effects (12 end)

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Holiday regressor with the lowest AICC among airline models would derive low AICC with automatically selected ARIMA model.

2-regressor model		
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	end:	The day before New Year's Eve.
Holiday window	start:	New Year's Eve.
-	end:	2^{nd} Thursday after New Year the 3^{rd} exclusive. \langle Day-of-week
3-regressor model		
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Post-holiday window	start:	New Year the 4 th .
	end:	2^{nd} Thursday after New Year the 4^{th} inclusive. \langle Day-of-week





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Above procedure needs thousands of regressors to be tests. (actually about 6000)			
Conclusion is clear. Automatic detection.			









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The Gregorian Calendar was introduced to set proper dates of Easter (*ad rectam Paschalis festi*). In the today's title "Inter Gravissimas", Pope Gregory XIII stated as three appropriate that

- first, correct placement of the vernal equinox; The first condition is, March equinox to fall around March 21st.
- next, correct placement of the fourteenth day of the moon in the first month, which [fourteenth day] either occurs on the day of the equinox itself or is the next to follow after;
- $\cdot\,$ and lastly, the first Sunday which follows that same fourteenth day of the moon.

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