A MATLAB LIBRARY OF TEMPORAL DISAGGREGATION METHODS: SUMMARY

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1. INTRODUCTION

The library includes a set of function to perform temporal disaggregation (distribution, averaging and interpolation), according to the following structure:

Adjustment or quadratic programming methods:

- bfl
- denton_uni

served by: tduni_print (ASCII output), tduni_plot (graphic output)

Model-based (or BLUE) methods:

- chowlin
- fernandez
- litterman

served by: td_print (ASCII output), td_plot (graphic output)

Multivariate methods that include a transversal restriction:

- denton
- difonzo

served by: mtd_print (ASCII output), mtd_plot (graphic output)

Extrapolation is feasible using chowlin, fernandez, litterman and difonzo. Constrained extrapolation can be performed also by means of difonzo.

The presentation of the functions is self-contained: help text, script to run the function and output (ASCII file and plots).

Matlab source code is freely available if requested at: info@ine.es

2. BOOT-FEIBES-LISMAN

PURPOSE: Temporal disaggregation using the Boot-Feibes-Lisman method
---
SYNTAX: res=bfl(Y,ta,d,s);

OUTPUT: res: a structure
res.meth = 'Boot-Feibes-Lisman';
res.N = Number of low frequency data
res.ta = Type of disaggregation
res.s = Frequency conversion
res.d = Degree of differencing
res.y = High frequency estimate
res.et = Elapsed time

INPUT: Y: Nx1 ---> vector of low frequency data
ta: type of disaggregation
ta=1 ---> sum (flow)
ta=2 ---> average (index)
ta=3 ---> last element (stock) ---> interpolation
d: objective function to be minimized: volatility of ...
d=0 ---> levels
d=1 ---> first differences
d=2 ---> second differences
s: number of high frequency data points for each low frequency data point
s= 4 ---> annual to quarterly
s=12 ---> annual to monthly
s= 3 ---> quarterly to monthly

LIBRARY: aggreg

SEE ALSO: tduni_print, tduni_plot

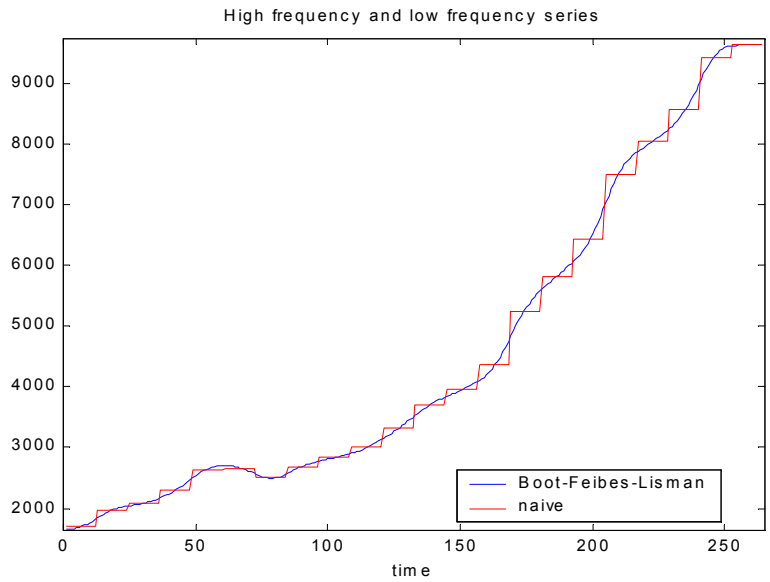
REFERENCE: Boot, J.C.G., Feibes, W. y Lisman, J.H.C. (1967)
"Further methods of derivation of quarterly figures from annual data",
Applied Statistics, vol. 16, n. 1, p. 65-75.

Application:

```
Y=load('c:\x\td\data\Y.anu');
res=bfl(Y,1,1,12);
tduni_print(res,'td.sal');
tduni_plot(res);
edit td.sal
```

ASCII file containing detailed output:

```
 ****************************************************
 TEMPORAL DISAGGREGATION METHOD: Boot-Feibes-Lisman
 ****************************************************
------------------------------------------------------
 Number of low-frequency observations  :   22
 Frequency conversion                  :   12
 Number of high-frequency observations :  264
 ------------------------------------------------------
 Degree of differencing                :    1
 Type of disaggregation: sum (flow).
 ------------------------------------------------------
 High frequency series (columnwise):
 ------------------------------------------------------
 4972.2800
 4971.1389
 .........
 .........
 .........
 7898.7692
 7899.3631
 7899.6600
 ------------------------------------------------------
 Elapsed time:   0.3200
```



3. DENTON

PURPOSE: Temporal disaggregation using the Denton method

SYNTAX: res=denton_uni(Y,x,ta,d,s);

OUTPUT: res: a structure

- res.meth = 'Denton';
- res.N = Number of low frequency data
- res.ta = Type of disaggregation
- res.s = Frequency conversion
- res.d = Degree of differencing
- res.y = High frequency estimate
- res.U = Low frequency residuals
- res.u = High frequency residuals
- res.et = Elapsed time

INPUT: Y: Nx1 ---> vector of low frequency data

- x: nx1 ---> vector of low frequency data
- ta: type of disaggregation
  - ta=1 ---> sum (flow)
  - ta=2 ---> average (index)
  - ta=3 ---> last element (stock) ---> interpolation
- d: objective function to be minimized: volatility of ...
  - d=0 ---> levels
  - d=1 ---> first differences
  - d=2 ---> second differences
- s: number of high frequency data points for each low frequency data point
  - s= 4 ---> annual to quarterly
  - s=12 ---> annual to monthly
  - s= 3 ---> quarterly to monthly

LIBRARY: aggreg, bfl

SEE ALSO: tduni_plot, tduni_print

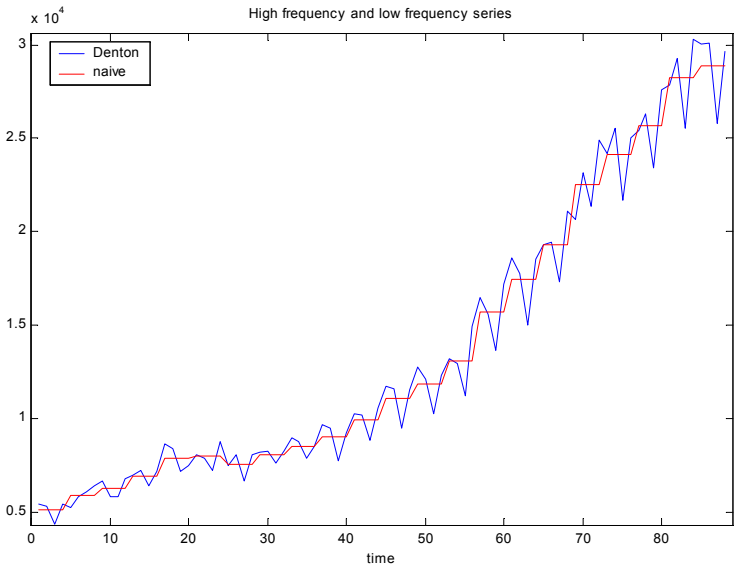
REFERENCE: Denton, F.T. (1971) "Adjustment of monthly or quarterly series to annual totals: an approach based on quadratic minimization", Journal of the American Statistical Society, vol. 66, n. 333, p. 99-102.

Application:

```
Y=load('c:\x\td\data\Y.prn');
x=load('c:\x\td\data\x.ind');
res=denton_uni(Y,x,1,1,4);
tduni_print(res,'td.sal');
tduni_plot(res);
edit td.sal
```

ASCII file containing detailed output:

```
 ****************************************************
 TEMPORAL DISAGGREGATION METHOD: Denton
 ****************************************************
-----------------------------------------------------
 Number of low-frequency observations  :   22
 Frequency conversion                  :    4
 Number of high-frequency observations :   88
 -----------------------------------------------------
 Degree of differencing                :    1
 Type of disaggregation: sum (flow).
 -----------------------------------------------------
 High frequency series (columnwise):
 -----------------------------------------------------
 15374.9285
 15169.7571
 ..........
 ..........
 ..........
 24883.3098
 20609.0705
 24415.4509
 -----------------------------------------------------
 Elapsed time:   0.0500
```



4. CHOW-LIN

PURPOSE: Temporal disaggregation using the Chow-Lin method

SYNTAX: res=chowlin(Y,x,ta,s,type);

OUTPUT: res: a structure

```
        res.meth    ='Chow-Lin';
        res.ta      = type of disaggregation
        res.type    = method of estimation
        res.N       = nobs. of low frequency data
        res.n       = nobs. of high-frequency data
        res.pred    = number of extrapolations
        res.s       = frequency conversion between low and high freq.
        res.p       = number of regressors (including intercept)
        res.Y       = low frequency data
        res.x       = high frequency indicators
        res.y       = high frequency estimate
        res.y_dt    = high frequency estimate: standard deviation
        res.y_lo    = high frequency estimate: sd - sigma
        res.y_up    = high frequency estimate: sd + sigma
        res.u       = high frequency residuals
        res.U       = low frequency residuals
        res.beta    = estimated model parameters
        res.beta_sd = estimated model parameters: standard deviation
        res.beta_t  = estimated model parameters: t ratios
        res.rho     = innovational parameter
        res.aic     = Information criterion: AIC
        res.bic     = Information criterion: BIC
        res.val     = Objective function used by the estimation method
        res.r       = grid of innovational parameters used by the estimation method
```

INPUT: Y: Nx1 ---> vector of low frequency data

```
      x: nxp ---> matrix of high frequency indicators (without intercept)
      ta: type of disaggregation
         ta=1 ---> sum (flow)
         ta=2 ---> average (index)
         ta=3 ---> last element (stock) ---> interpolation
      s: number of high frequency data points for each low frequency data points
         s= 4 ---> annual to quarterly
         s=12 ---> annual to monthly
         s= 3 ---> quarterly to monthly
      type: estimation method:
         type=0 ---> weighted least squares
         type=1 ---> maximum likelihood
```

LIBRARY: aggreg

SEE ALSO: litterman, fernandez, td_plot, td_print

REFERENCE: Chow, G. y Lin, A.L. (1971) "Best linear unbiased distribution and extrapolation of economic time series by related series", Review of Economic and Statistics, vol. 53, n. 4, p. 372-375.

Application:

```
Y=load('c:\x\td\data\Y.prn');
x=load('c:\x\td\data\x.ind');
res=chowlin(Y,x,1,4,1);
td_print(res,'td.sal',1);      % op1=1: series are printed in ASCII file
td_plot(res);
edit td.sal
```

ASCII file containing detailed output:

```
 ***************************************************
 TEMPORAL DISAGGREGATION METHOD: Chow-Lin
 ***************************************************
-----------------------------------------------------
 Number of low-frequency observations :   22
 Frequency conversion                 :    4
 Number of high-frequency observations:   88
 Number of extrapolations             :    0
 Number of indicators (+ constant)    :    2
 -----------------------------------------------------
 Type of disaggregation: sum (flow).
 -----------------------------------------------------
 Estimation method: Maximum likelihood.
 -----------------------------------------------------
 Beta parameters (columnwise):
   * Estimate
   * Std. deviation
   * t-ratios
 -----------------------------------------------------
  215.4518        111.7079          1.9287
    0.9828          0.0069        142.0272
 -----------------------------------------------------
 Innovational parameter:   0.7600
 -----------------------------------------------------
 AIC:  10.0340
 BIC:  10.1828
 -----------------------------------------------------
 Low-frequency correlation
  - levels     : 0.9998
  - yoy rates  : 0.9617
 -----------------------------------------------------
 High-frequency correlation
  - levels     : 0.9998
  - yoy rates  : 0.9812
 -----------------------------------------------------
 High-frequency volatility of yoy rates
  - estimate   : 8.4282
  - indicator  : 9.0226
  - ratio      : 0.9341
 -----------------------------------------------------
```

```
High frequency series (columnwise):
   * Estimate
   * Std. deviation
   * 1 sigma lower limit
   * 1 sigma upper limit
   * Residuals
 ------------------------------------------------------
  5400.9896        114.8247       5286.1649       5515.8143       112.3095
  5311.2409         83.7296       5227.5112       5394.9705       128.7034
  .........        .......       .........       .........       ........
  .........        .......       .........       .........       ........
  .........        .......       .........       .........       ........
 30079.6885         86.7557      29992.9328      30166.4443       -97.4913
 25874.7702         86.2867      25788.4835      25961.0569       -43.9249
 29614.4998        116.3242      29498.1756      29730.8240       -16.2417
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 Elapsed time:   1.8100
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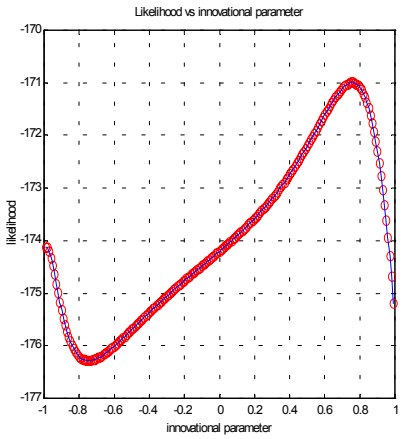

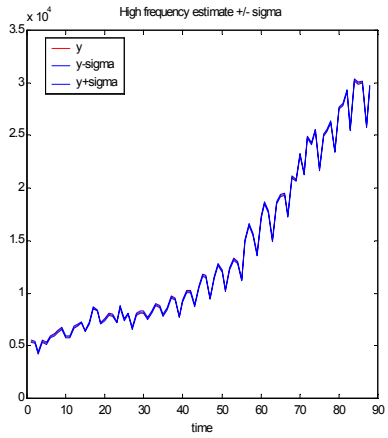

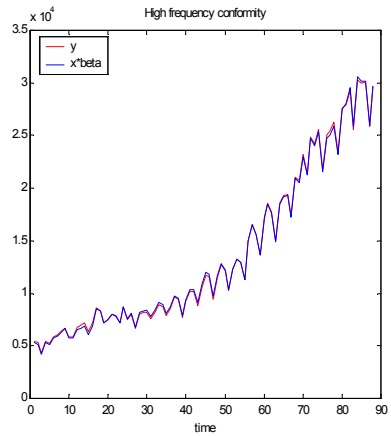

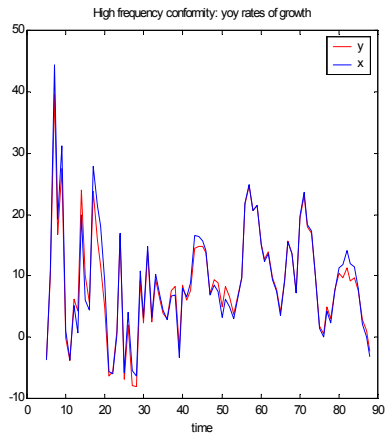

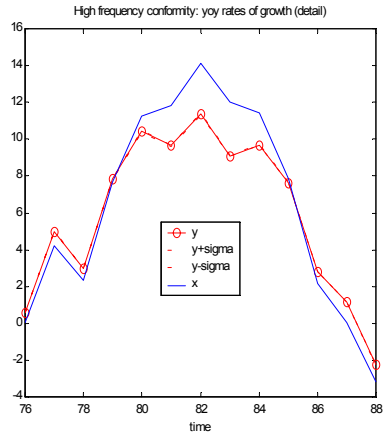

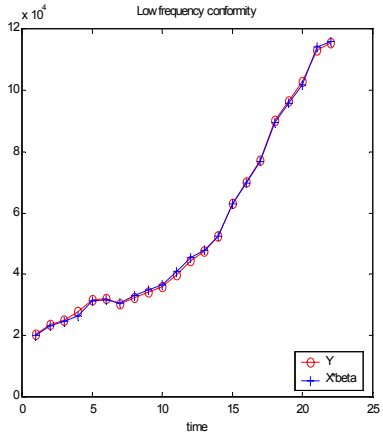

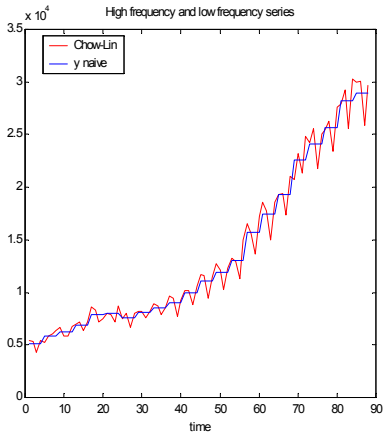

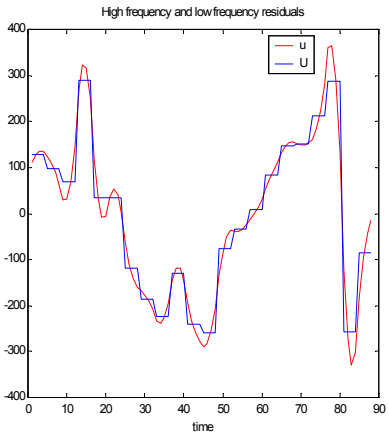

A variant to be applied with a fixed innovational parameter:

PURPOSE: Temporal disaggregation using the Chow-Lin method
rho parameter is fixed (supplied by the user)

SYNTAX: res=chowlin_fix(Y,x,ta,s,type,rho);

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5. FERNÁNDEZ

PURPOSE: Temporal disaggregation using the Fernandez method

SYNTAX: res=fernandez(Y,x,ta,s);

OUTPUT: res: a structure

```
        res.meth    ='Fernandez';
        res.ta      = type of disaggregation
        res.type    = method of estimation
        res.N       = nobs. of low frequency data
        res.n       = nobs. of high-frequency data
        res.pred    = number of extrapolations
        res.s       = frequency conversion between low and high freq.
        res.p       = number of regressors (including intercept)
        res.Y       = low frequency data
        res.x       = high frequency indicators
        res.y       = high frequency estimate
        res.y_dt    = high frequency estimate: standard deviation
        res.y_lo    = high frequency estimate: sd - sigma
        res.y_up    = high frequency estimate: sd + sigma
        res.u       = high frequency residuals
        res.U       = low frequency residuals
        res.beta    = estimated model parameters
        res.beta_sd = estimated model parameters: standard deviation
        res.beta_t  = estimated model parameters: t ratios
        res.aic     = Information criterion: AIC
        res.bic     = Information criterion: BIC
```

INPUT: Y: Nx1 ---> vector of low frequency data

```
      x: nxp ---> matrix of high frequency indicators (without intercept)
      ta: type of disaggregation
         ta=1 ---> sum (flow)
         ta=2 ---> average (index)
         ta=3 ---> last element (stock) ---> interpolation
      s: number of high frequency data points for each low frequency data points
         s= 4 ---> annual to quarterly
         s=12 ---> annual to monthly
         s= 3 ---> quarterly to monthly
```

LIBRARY: aggreg

SEE ALSO: chowlin, litterman, td_plot, td_print

REFERENCE: Fernández, R.B.(1981)"Methodological note on the estimation of time series", Review of Economic and Statistics, vol. 63, n. 3, p. 471-478.

Application:

```
Y=load('c:\x\td\data\Y.prn');
x=load('c:\x\td\data\x.tri');
res=fernandez(Y,x,1,4);
 td_print(res,'td.sal',1);      % op1=1: series are printed in ASCII file
td_plot(res);
edit td.sal
```

ASCII file containing detailed output:

```
 ***************************************************
 TEMPORAL DISAGGREGATION METHOD: Fernandez
 ***************************************************
 -----------------------------------------------------
 Number of low-frequency observations :   22
 Frequency conversion                 :    4
 Number of high-frequency observations:   90
 Number of extrapolations             :    2
 Number of indicators (+ constant)    :    2
 -----------------------------------------------------
 Type of disaggregation: sum (flow).
-------------------------------------------------------
 Estimation method: Maximum likelihood.
-------------------------------------------------------
 Beta parameters (columnwise):
   * Estimate
   * Std. deviation
   * t-ratios
 -----------------------------------------------------
  564.9834        195.9404          2.8834
    0.9360          0.0292         32.0284
 -----------------------------------------------------
 Innovational parameter:   1.0000
 -----------------------------------------------------
 AIC:   9.6079
 BIC:   9.7567
 -----------------------------------------------------
 Low-frequency correlation
  - levels     : 0.9998
  - yoy rates  : 0.9617
 -----------------------------------------------------
 High-frequency correlation
  - levels     : 0.9997
  - yoy rates  : 0.9817
 -----------------------------------------------------
 High-frequency volatility of yoy rates
  - estimate   : 8.3477
  - indicator  : 9.1506
  - ratio      : 0.9123
 -----------------------------------------------------
```

```
High frequency series (columnwise):
  * Estimate
  * Std. deviation
  * 1 sigma lower limit
  * 1 sigma upper limit
  * Residuals
-----------------------------------------------------
 5396.6742         91.6250       5305.0492       5488.2992       -0.0000
 5297.9198         60.8871       5237.0327       5358.8069        2.3349
 .........         .......       .........       .........        ......
 .........         .......       .........       .........        ......
 .........         .......       .........       .........        ......
30021.1833         73.6977      29947.4856      30094.8810      920.9566
26022.3844        108.3992      25913.9852      26130.7837      977.8951
29586.1687         92.9937      29493.1750      29679.1625      1006.3644
-----------------------------------------------------
28366.5459        140.8431      28225.7028      28507.3889      1006.3644
29461.6792        176.5235      29285.1557      29638.2027      1006.3644
-----------------------------------------------------
Elapsed time:   0.0500
```

Graphs are the same than in the Chow-Lin case, except that the first one (objective function vs innovational parameter) is not generated.

6. LITTERMAN

PURPOSE: Temporal disaggregation using the Litterman method

SYNTAX: res=litterman(Y,x,ta,s,type);

OUTPUT: res: a structure

```
        res.meth    ='Litterman';
        res.ta      = type of disaggregation
        res.type    = method of estimation
        res.N       = nobs. of low frequency data
        res.n       = nobs. of high-frequency data
        res.pred    = number of extrapolations
        res.s       = frequency conversion between low and high freq.
        res.p       = number of regressors (including intercept)
        res.Y       = low frequency data
        res.x       = high frequency indicators
        res.y       = high frequency estimate
        res.y_dt    = high frequency estimate: standard deviation
        res.y_lo    = high frequency estimate: sd - sigma
        res.y_up    = high frequency estimate: sd + sigma
        res.u       = high frequency residuals
        res.U       = low frequency residuals
        res.beta    = estimated model parameters
        res.beta_sd = estimated model parameters: standard deviation
        res.beta_t  = estimated model parameters: t ratios
        res.rho     = innovational parameter
        res.aic     = Information criterion: AIC
        res.bic     = Information criterion: BIC
        res.val     = Objective function used by the estimation method
        res.r       = grid of innovational parameters used by the estimation method
```

INPUT: Y: Nx1 ---> vector of low frequency data

```
      x: nxp ---> matrix of high frequency indicators (without intercept)
      ta: type of disaggregation
         ta=1 ---> sum (flow)
         ta=2 ---> average (index)
         ta=3 ---> last element (stock) ---> interpolation
      s: number of high frequency data points for each low frequency data points
         s= 4 ---> annual to quarterly
         s=12 ---> annual to monthly
         s= 3 ---> quarterly to monthly
      type: estimation method:
         type=0 ---> weighted least squares
         type=1 ---> maximum likelihood
```

LIBRARY: aggreg

SEE ALSO: chowlin, fernandez, td_plot, td_print

REFERENCE: Litterman, R.B. (1983a) "A random walk, Markov model for the distribution of time series", Journal of Business and Economic Statistics, vol. 1, n. 2, p. 169-173.

Application:

```
Y=load('c:\x\td\data\Y.prn');
x=load('c:\x\td\data\x.tri');
res=litterman(Y,x,1,4,0);
td_print(res,'td.sal',0); % op1=0: series are not printed in ASCII file
td_plot(res);
edit td.sal
```

ASCII file containing detailed output:

```
*****************************************************
TEMPORAL DISAGGREGATION METHOD: Litterman
*****************************************************
-----------------------------------------------------
Number of low-frequency observations :   22
Frequency conversion                 :    4
Number of high-frequency observations:   90
Number of extrapolations             :    2
Number of indicators (+ constant)    :    2
-----------------------------------------------------
Type of disaggregation: sum (flow).
-----------------------------------------------------
Estimation method: Weighted least squares.
-----------------------------------------------------
Beta parameters (columnwise):
  * Estimate
  * Std. deviation
  * t-ratios
-----------------------------------------------------
 1205.4851        233.5241          5.1621
    0.7910          0.0480         16.4821
-----------------------------------------------------
Innovational parameter:   0.9700
-----------------------------------------------------
AIC:   7.9478
BIC:   8.0966
-----------------------------------------------------
Low-frequency correlation
 - levels     : 0.9998
 - yoy rates  : 0.9617
-----------------------------------------------------
High-frequency correlation
 - levels     : 0.9994
 - yoy rates  : 0.9735
-----------------------------------------------------
High-frequency volatility of yoy rates
 - estimate   : 7.6249
 - indicator  : 9.1506
 - ratio      : 0.8333
-----------------------------------------------------
Elapsed time:   2.5300
```

A variant to be applied with a fixed innovational parameter:

```
PURPOSE: Temporal disaggregation using the Litterman method
        mu parameter is fixed (supplied by the user)
-------------------------------------------------------------
SYNTAX: res=litterman(Y,x,ta,s,type,mu);
```

Graphical output contains the same information than in the Chow-Lin case.

7. MULTIVARIATE DENTON

PURPOSE: Multivariate temporal disaggregation with transversal constraint

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SYNTAX: res = denton(Y,x,z,ta,s,d);

OUTPUT: res: a structure

res.meth = 'Multivariate Denton';
res.N = Number of low frequency data
res.n = Number of high frequency data
res.pred = Number of extrapolations (=0 in this case)
res.ta = Type of disaggregation
res.s = Frequency conversion
res.d = Degree of differencing
res.y = High frequency estimate
res.et = Elapsed time

INPUT: Y: NxM ---> M series of low frequency data with N observations

x: nxM ---> M series of high frequency data with n observations
z: nx1 ---> high frequency transversal constraint
ta: type of disaggregation
ta=1 ---> sum (flow)
ta=2 ---> average (index)
ta=3 ---> last element (stock) ---> interpolation
s: number of high frequency data points for each low frequency data points
s= 4 ---> annual to quarterly
s=12 ---> annual to monthly
s= 3 ---> quarterly to monthly
d: objective function to be minimized: volatility of ...
d=0 ---> levels
d=1 ---> first differences
d=2 ---> second differences

LIBRARY: aggreg, dif, vec, desvec

SEE ALSO: difonzo, mtd_print, mtd_plot

REFERENCE: di Fonzo, T. (1994) "Temporal disaggregation of a system of time series when the aggregate is known: optimal vs. adjustment methods", INSEE-Eurostat Workshop on Quarterly National Accounts, Paris, december

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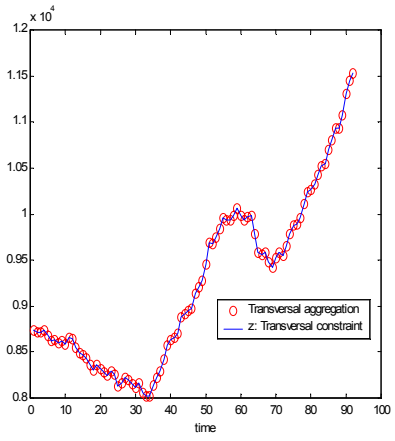
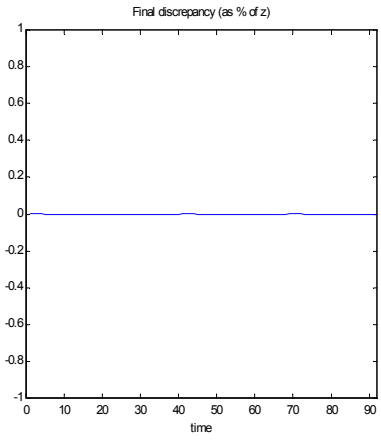
Application:

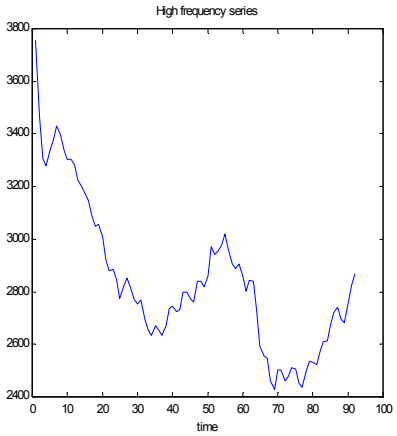
```
Y=load('YY.anu'); % Loading low frequency data
x=load('x.tri'); % Loading high frequency data
z=load('z.prn'); % Loading high frequency transversal restriction
res=denton(Y,x,z,2,4,1);
mtd_print(res,'mtd.sal');
edit mtd.sal;
mtd_plot(res,z);
```

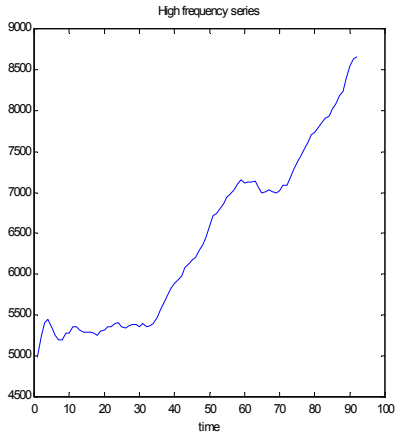
ASCII file containing detailed output:

```
*******************************************************
TEMPORAL DISAGGREGATION METHOD: Multivariate Denton
*******************************************************
-------------------------------------------------------
Number of low-frequency observations  :   23
Frequency conversion                  :    4
Number of high-frequency observations :   92
Number of extrapolations              :    0
-------------------------------------------------------
Degree of differencing                :    1
Type of disaggregation: average (index).
-------------------------------------------------------
High frequency series (columnwise):
  * Point estimate
-------------------------------------------------------
3752.9096  4982.6505
3459.3681  5257.1693
.........  .........
.........  .........
.........  .........
2757.8458  8545.8074
2825.1411  8624.4561
2867.5816  8657.9733
-------------------------------------------------------
Elapsed time:   0.2800
```






High frequency series
3800
3600
3400
3200
3000
2800
2600
2400
0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
time


High frequency series
9000
8500
8000
7500
7000
6500
6000
5500
5000
4500
0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
time

8. DI FONZO

PURPOSE: Multivariate temporal disaggregation with transversal constraint

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SYNTAX: res = difonzo(Y,x,z,ta,s,type);

OUTPUT: res: a structure

res.meth = 'Multivariate di Fonzo';
res.N = Number of low frequency data
res.n = Number of high frequency data
res.pred = Number of extrapolations
res.ta = Type of disaggregation
res.s = Frequency conversion
res.type = Model for high frequency innovations
res.beta = Model parameters
res.y = High frequency estimate
res.d_y = High frequency estimate: std. deviation
res.et = Elapsed time

INPUT: Y: NxM ---> M series of low frequency data with N observations
x: nxM ---> M series of high frequency data with n observations
z: nx1 ---> high frequency transversal constraint with nz obs.
ta: type of disaggregation
ta=1 ---> sum (flow)
ta=2 ---> average (index)
ta=3 ---> last element (stock) ---> interpolation
s: number of high frequency data points for each low frequency data points
s= 4 ---> annual to quarterly
s=12 ---> annual to monthly
s= 3 ---> quarterly to monthly
type: model for the high frequency innovations
type=0 ---> multivariate white noise
type=1 ---> multivariate random walk

NOTE: Extrapolation is automatically performed when n>sN.
If n=nz>sN restricted extrapolation is applied.
Finally, if n>nz>sN extrapolation is perfomed in constrained
form in the first nz-sN observatons and in free form in
the last n-nz observations.

LIBRARY: aggreg, dif, vec, desvec

SEE ALSO: denton, mtd_print, mtd_plot

REFERENCE: di Fonzo, T.(1990)"The estimation of M disaggregate time series when contemporaneous and temporal aggregates are known", Review of Economics and Statistics, vol. 72, n. 1, p. 178-182.

Application:

```
Y=load('YY.anu'); % Loading low frequency data
x=load('x.tri'); % Loading high frequency data
z=load('z.prn'); % Loading high frequency transversal restriction
res = difonzo(Y,x,z,2,4,1);
mtd_print(res,'mtd.sal');
edit mtd.sal;
mtd_plot(res,z);
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ASCII file containing detailed output:

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*******************************************************
TEMPORAL DISAGGREGATION METHOD: Multivariate di Fonzo
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-------------------------------------------------------
Number of low-frequency observations  :   23
Frequency conversion                  :    4
Number of high-frequency observations :   92
Number of extrapolations              :    0
-------------------------------------------------------
Model for the innovations: random walk.
Type of disaggregation: average (index).
-------------------------------------------------------
High frequency series (columnwise):
  * Point estimate
-------------------------------------------------------
3413.3839  5322.1762
3447.4092  5269.1282
.........  .........
.........  .........
.........  .........
2758.4657  8545.1875
2817.9882  8631.6090
2856.1605  8669.3944
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-------------------------------------------------------------
 High frequency series (columnwise):
   * Std. desviation
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  197.8732   197.8732
  127.3900   127.3900
  .........  .........
  .........  .........
  .........  .........
  137.9397   137.9397
  128.1006   128.1006
  194.9112   194.9112
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Elapsed time:   0.3300
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