Choosing the Observations (Sample Size)

The portion of the data that EViews uses for analysis is determined by sample size.

Sample size can be changed from the defaults by using the **QUICK** menu. (Figure 4)

- Click on **QUICK**
- then click on **SAMPLE**

In the sample box (Figure 5) fill in the starting and ending date. You must use Proper EViews date form. The correct form for a date is:

**Annual Data**
1960 for the year 1960

**Quarterly Data**
1960:1 (or 60:1) for first quarter in 1960. Use 60:3 for third quarter.

**Monthly Data**

**Undated Data**
Use observation numbers.

**Skipping Data**
To skip a set of observations, use four dates, start date 1, end date 1, start date 2, end date 2.