

# ETC3550 Applied forecasting for business and economics

Ch8. Exponential smoothing OTexts.org/fpp3/

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# **Historical perspective**

- Developed in the 1950s and 1960s as methods (algorithms) to produce point forecasts.
- Combine a "level", "trend" (slope) and "seasonal" component to describe a time series.
- The rate of change of the components are controlled by "smoothing parameters":  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  respectively.
- Need to choose best values for the smoothing parameters (and initial states).
- Equivalent ETS state space models developed in the 1990s and 2000s.

# Big idea: control the rate of change (smoothing)

## $\alpha$ controls the flexibility of the **level**

- If  $\alpha$  = 0, the level never updates (mean)
- If  $\alpha$  = 1, the level updates completely (naive)

## $\beta$ controls the flexibility of the **trend**

- If  $\beta$  = 0, the trend is linear (regression trend)
- If  $\beta$  = 1, the trend updates every observation

# $\gamma$ controls the flexibility of the **seasonality**

- If  $\gamma$  = 0, the seasonality is fixed (seasonal means)
- If  $\gamma$  = 1, the seasonality updates completely (seasonal naive)

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How do the level, trend and seasonal components evolve over time?

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- Want something in between these methods.
- Most recent data should have more weight.

## Forecast equation

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	Weights assigned to observations for:			
Observation	$\alpha$ = 0.2	$\alpha$ = 0.4	$\alpha$ = 0.6	$\alpha$ = 0.8
Ут	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.8
<b>y</b> <sub>T-1</sub>	0.16	0.24	0.24	0.16
<b>y</b> <sub>T-2</sub>	0.128	0.144	0.096	0.032
<b>y</b> <sub>T-3</sub>	0.1024	0.0864	0.0384	0.0064
<b>y</b> <sub>T-4</sub>	$(0.2)(0.8)^4$	$(0.4)(0.6)^4$	$(0.6)(0.4)^4$	$(0.8)(0.2)^4$
<b>y</b> <sub>T-5</sub>	$(0.2)(0.8)^5$	$(0.4)(0.6)^5$	$(0.6)(0.4)^5$	$(0.8)(0.2)^5$

## **Component form**

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$$\hat{y}_{t+h|t} = \ell_t$$
  
Smoothing equation  $\ell_t = \alpha y_t + (1 - \alpha)\ell_{t-1}$ 

- $\ell_t$  is the level (or the smoothed value) of the series at time t.
- $\hat{y}_{t+1|t} = \alpha y_t + (1 \alpha)\hat{y}_{t|t-1}$ Iterate to get exponentially weighted moving average form.

## Weighted average form

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}}_{T+1|T} = \sum_{i=0}^{T-1} \alpha (\mathbf{1} - \alpha)^{i} \mathbf{y}_{T-i} + (\mathbf{1} - \alpha)^{T} \ell_{0}$$

# **Optimising smoothing parameters**

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SSE = 
$$\sum_{t=1}^{l} (y_t - \hat{y}_{t|t-1})^2$$
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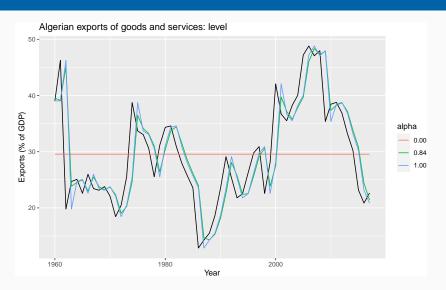
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- For Algerian Exports example:
  - $\hat{\alpha}$  = 0.8400
  - $\hat{\ell}_0 = 39.54$



## Models and methods

#### **Methods**

Algorithms that return point forecasts.

## Models

- Generate same point forecasts but can also generate forecast distributions.
- A stochastic (or random) data generating process that can generate an entire forecast distribution.
- Allow for "proper" model selection.

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#### **Error correction form**

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{y}_t &= \ell_{t-1} + e_t \\ \ell_t &= \ell_{t-1} + \alpha (\mathbf{y}_t - \ell_{t-1}) \\ &= \ell_{t-1} + \alpha e_t \end{aligned}$$

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Specify probability distribution for  $e_t$ , we assume  $e_t = \varepsilon_t \sim \text{NID}(0, \sigma^2)$ .

# ETS(A,N,N)

Measurement equation 
$$y_t = \ell_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$
  
State equation  $\ell_t = \ell_{t-1} + \alpha \varepsilon_t$ 

where  $\varepsilon_t \sim \text{NID}(0, \sigma^2)$ .

- "innovations" or "single source of error" because equations have the same error process,  $\varepsilon_t$ .
- Measurement equation: relationship between observations and states.
- State equation(s): evolution of the state(s) through time.

# ETS(M,N,N)

## SES with multiplicative errors.

- Specify relative errors  $\varepsilon_t = \frac{y_t \hat{y}_{t|t-1}}{\hat{y}_{t|t-1}} \sim \text{NID}(0, \sigma^2)$
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Models with additive and multiplicative errors with the same parameters generate the same point forecasts but different prediction intervals.

# ETS(A,N,N): Specifying the model

```
ETS(y ~ error("A") + trend("N") + season("N"))
```

By default, an optimal value for  $\alpha$  and  $\ell_0$  is used.  $\alpha$  can be chosen manually in trend().

```
trend("N", alpha = 0.5)
trend("N", alpha_range = c(0.2, 0.8))
```

## **Example: Algerian Exports**

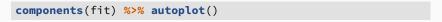
##

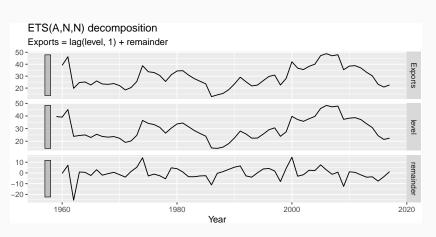
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```
algeria_economy <- global_economy %>%
  filter(Country == "Algeria")
fit <- algeria_economy %>%
  model(ANN = ETS(Exports ~ error("A") + trend("N") + season("N")))
report(fit)
## Series: Exports
## Model: ETS(A,N,N)
##
     Smoothing parameters:
##
       alpha = 0.84
##
##
    Initial states:
##
   39.54
##
##
     sigma^2: 35.63
##
```

# **Example: Algerian Exports**





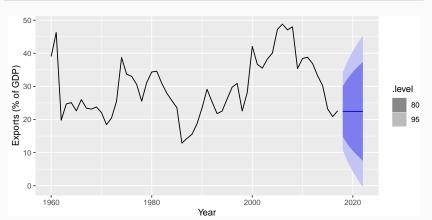
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components(fit) %>%

```
left_join(fitted(fit), by = c("Country", ".model", "Year"))
## # A tsibble: 59 x 7 [1Y]
##
  # Key: Country, .model [1]
##
    Country .model Year Exports level remainder .fitted
           <chr>
                 <dbl>
                        <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
                                             <dbl>
##
     <fct>
                         NA 39.5
                                             NA
##
   1 Algeria ANN 1959
                                     NA
##
   2 Algeria ANN 1960 39.0 39.1 -0.496
                                             39.5
##
   3 Algeria ANN 1961 46.2 45.1 7.12
                                             39.1
##
   4 Algeria ANN 1962 19.8 23.8
                                    -25.3
                                             45.1
##
   5 Algeria ANN
                  1963
                         24.7 24.6
                                      0.841
                                             23.8
   6 Algeria ANN
                  1964
                         25.1 25.0
                                     0.534
                                             24.6
##
   7 Algeria ANN
                         22.6 23.0
                                     -2.39
##
                  1965
                                             25.0
   8 Algeria ANN
                  1966
                         26.0 25.5
                                     3.00
                                             23.0
##
   9 Algeria ANN
                         23.4 23.8
                                     -2.07
                                             25.5
##
                  1967
  10 Algeria ANN
                  1968
                         23.1 23.2
                                     -0.630
                                             23.8
## # ... with 49 more
                  rows
```

### **Example: Algerian Exports**

```
fit %>%
  forecast(h = 5) %>%
  autoplot(algeria_economy) +
  ylab("Exports (% of GDP)") + xlab("Year")
```



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### Holt's linear trend

#### **Component form**

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- Two smoothing parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\beta^*$  (0 <  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta^*$  < 1).
- $\ell_t$  level: weighted average between  $y_t$  and one-step ahead forecast for time t,  $(\ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1} = \hat{y}_{t|t-1})$
- $b_t$  slope: weighted average of  $(\ell_t \ell_{t-1})$  and  $b_{t-1}$ , current and previous estimate of slope.

## ETS(A,A,N)

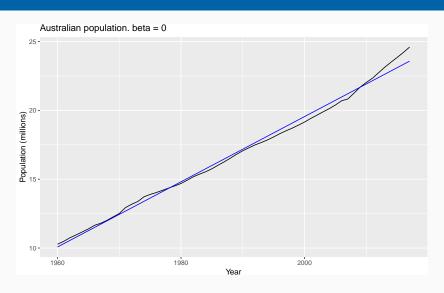
Holt's linear method with additive errors.

- Assume  $\varepsilon_t$  =  $y_t \ell_{t-1} b_{t-1} \sim \text{NID}(0, \sigma^2)$ .
- Substituting into the error correction equations for Holt's linear method

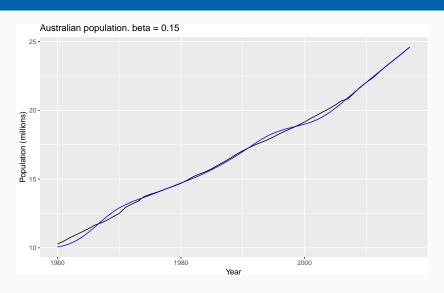
$$\begin{aligned} y_t &= \ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t \\ \ell_t &= \ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1} + \alpha \varepsilon_t \\ b_t &= b_{t-1} + \alpha \beta^* \varepsilon_t \end{aligned}$$

For simplicity, set  $\beta = \alpha \beta^*$ .

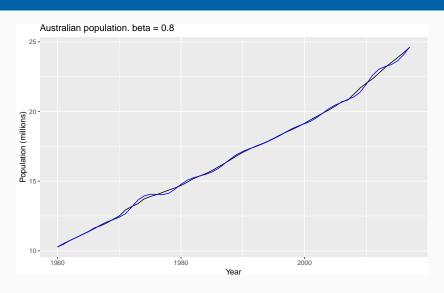
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### ETS(M,A,N)

Holt's linear method with multiplicative errors.

- Assume  $\varepsilon_t = \frac{y_t (\ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1})}{(\ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1})}$
- Following a similar approach as above, the innovations state space model underlying Holt's linear method with multiplicative errors is specified as

specified as 
$$y_t = (\ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1})(1 + \varepsilon_t)$$
 
$$\ell_t = (\ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1})(1 + \alpha \varepsilon_t)$$
 
$$b_t = b_{t-1} + \beta(\ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1})\varepsilon_t$$
 where again  $\beta = \alpha \beta^*$  and  $\varepsilon_t \sim \text{NID}(0, \sigma^2)$ .

### ETS(A,A,N): Specifying the model

```
ETS(y ~ error("A") + trend("A") + season("N"))
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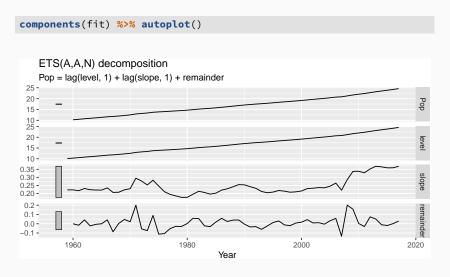
By default, optimal values for  $\beta$  and  $b_0$  are used.

 $\beta$  can be chosen manually in trend().

```
trend("A", beta = 0.004)
trend("A", beta_range = c(0, 0.1))
```

```
aus_economy <- global_economy %>% filter(Code == "AUS") %>%
  mutate(Pop = Population/1e6)
fit <- aus_economy %>%
  model(AAN = ETS(Pop ~ error("A") + trend("A") + season("N")))
report(fit)
```

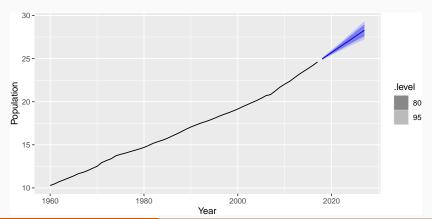
```
## Series: Pop
## Model: ETS(A,A,N)
##
    Smoothing parameters:
##
      alpha = 0.9999
##
      beta = 0.3266
##
    Initial states:
##
##
    l b
##
   10.05 0.2225
##
##
    sigma^2: 0.0041
##
     ATC ATCC
                 BTC
##
```



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```
left_join(fitted(fit), by = c("Country", ".model", "Year"))
## # A tsibble: 59 x 8 [1Y]
## # Kev: Country. .model [1]
  Country .model Year Pop level slope remainder .fitted
##
##
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                                                   <dbl>
##
  1 Australia AAN 1959
                         NA 10.1 0.222 NA
                                                    NA
##
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                    1960 10.3 10.3 0.222 -0.000145
                                                    10.3
##
  3 Australia AAN
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                                                    10.5
##
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                                                    10.7
##
   5 Australia AAN
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                         11.2 11.2 0.221 -0.00641
                                                    11.2
##
                    1964
## 7 Australia AAN
                    1965
                         11.4 11.4 0.221 -0.000314
                                                    11.4
## 8 Australia AAN
                    1966
                         11.7 11.7 0.235 0.0418
                                                    11.6
## 9 Australia AAN
                    1967
                         11.8 11.8 0.206 -0.0869
                                                    11.9
## 10 Australia AAN
                    1968
                         12.0 12.0 0.208 0.00350
                                                    12.0
## # ... with 49 more rows
```

```
fit %>%
  forecast(h = 10) %>%
  autoplot(aus_economy) +
  ylab("Population") + xlab("Year")
```



## **Damped trend method**

#### **Component form**

$$\hat{y}_{t+h|t} = \ell_t + (\phi + \phi^2 + \dots + \phi^h)b_t$$

$$\ell_t = \alpha y_t + (1 - \alpha)(\ell_{t-1} + \phi b_{t-1})$$

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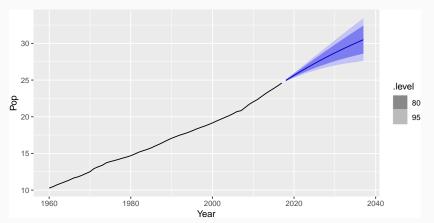
$$b_t = \beta^*(\ell_t - \ell_{t-1}) + (1 - \beta^*)\phi b_{t-1}.$$

- Damping parameter  $0 < \phi < 1$ .
- If  $\phi$  = 1, identical to Holt's linear trend.
- As  $h \to \infty$ ,  $\hat{y}_{T+h|T} \to \ell_T + \phi b_T/(1-\phi)$ .
- Short-run forecasts trended, long-run forecasts constant.

#### Your turn

■ Write down the model for ETS(A,Ad,N)

```
aus_economy %>%
model(holt = ETS(Pop ~ error("A") + trend("Ad") + season("N"))) %>%
forecast(h = 20) %>%
autoplot(aus_economy)
```



```
fit <- aus_economy %>%
  filter(Year <= 2010) %>%
model(
    ses = ETS(Pop ~ error("A") + trend("N") + season("N")),
    holt = ETS(Pop ~ error("A") + trend("A") + season("N")),
    damped = ETS(Pop ~ error("A") + trend("Ad") + season("N"))
)
```

```
tidy(fit)
accuracy(fit)
```

term	SES	Linear trend	Damped trend
$\alpha$	1.00	1.00	1.00
$eta^*$		0.30	0.40
$\phi$			0.98
$\ell_{o}$	10.28	10.05	10.04
$b_0$		0.22	0.25
Training RMSE	0.24	0.06	0.07
Test RMSE	1.63	0.15	0.21
Test MASE	6.18	0.55	0.75
Test MAPE	6.09	0.55	0.74
Test MAE	1.45	0.13	0.18

#### Your turn

fma::eggs contains the price of a dozen eggs in the United States from 1900–1993

- Use SES and Holt's method (with and without damping) to forecast "future" data.

  [Hint: use h=100 so you can clearly see the differences between the options when plotting the forecasts.]
- Which method gives the best training RMSE?
- Are these RMSE values comparable?
- Do the residuals from the best fitting method look like white noise?

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#### Holt-Winters additive method

Holt and Winters extended Holt's method to capture seasonality.

#### **Component form**

$$\begin{split} \hat{y}_{t+h|t} &= \ell_t + hb_t + s_{t+h-m(k+1)} \\ \ell_t &= \alpha (y_t - s_{t-m}) + (1 - \alpha)(\ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1}) \\ b_t &= \beta^* (\ell_t - \ell_{t-1}) + (1 - \beta^*) b_{t-1} \\ s_t &= \gamma (y_t - \ell_{t-1} - b_{t-1}) + (1 - \gamma) s_{t-m} \end{split}$$

- k = integer part of (h-1)/m. Ensures estimates from the final year are used for forecasting.
- Parameters:  $0 \le \alpha \le 1$ ,  $0 \le \beta^* \le 1$ ,  $0 \le \gamma \le 1 \alpha$  and m = period of seasonality (e.g. m = 4 for quarterly data).

#### Holt-Winters additive method

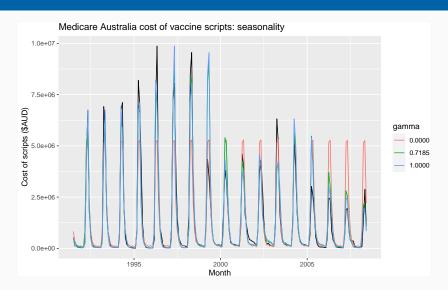
- Seasonal component is usually expressed as  $s_t = \gamma^*(y_t \ell_t) + (1 \gamma^*)s_{t-m}$ .
- Substitute in for  $\ell_t$ :

$$s_t = \gamma^* (1 - \alpha)(y_t - \ell_{t-1} - b_{t-1}) + [1 - \gamma^* (1 - \alpha)]s_{t-m}$$

- We set  $\gamma = \gamma^*(1 \alpha)$ .
- The usual parameter restriction is  $0 \le \gamma^* \le 1$ , which translates to  $0 \le \gamma \le (1 \alpha)$ .

# **Exponential smoothing: seasonality**

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# ETS(A,A,A)

Holt-Winters additive method with additive errors.

Forecast equation 
$$\hat{y}_{t+h|t} = \ell_t + hb_t + s_{t+h-m(k+1)}$$
  
Observation equation  $y_t = \ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1} + s_{t-m} + \varepsilon_t$   
State equations  $\ell_t = \ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1} + \alpha \varepsilon_t$   
 $b_t = b_{t-1} + \beta \varepsilon_t$   
 $s_t = s_{t-m} + \gamma \varepsilon_t$ 

- Forecast errors:  $\varepsilon_t = y_t \hat{y}_{t|t-1}$
- k is integer part of (h-1)/m.

#### Your turn

■ Write down the model for ETS(A,N,A)

### Holt-Winters multiplicative method

For when seasonal variations are changing proportional to the level of the series.

#### **Component form**

$$\hat{y}_{t+h|t} = (\ell_t + hb_t)s_{t+h-m(k+1)}$$

$$\ell_t = \alpha \frac{y_t}{s_{t-m}} + (1 - \alpha)(\ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1})$$

$$b_t = \beta^*(\ell_t - \ell_{t-1}) + (1 - \beta^*)b_{t-1}$$

$$s_t = \gamma \frac{y_t}{(\ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1})} + (1 - \gamma)s_{t-m}$$

- k is integer part of (h-1)/m.
- With additive method  $s_t$  is in absolute terms: within each year  $\sum_i s_i \approx 0$ .
- With multiplicative method  $s_t$  is in relative terms: within each year  $\sum_i s_i \approx m$ .

# ETS(M,A,M)

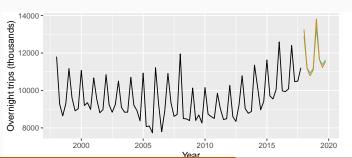
Holt-Winters multiplicative method with multiplicative errors.

Forecast equation 
$$\hat{y}_{t+h|t} = (\ell_t + hb_t)s_{t+h-m(k+1)}$$
  
Observation equation  $y_t = (\ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1})s_{t-m}(1 + \varepsilon_t)$   
State equations  $\ell_t = (\ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1})(1 + \alpha \varepsilon_t)$   
 $b_t = b_{t-1}(1 + \beta \varepsilon_t)$   
 $s_t = s_{t-m}(1 + \gamma \varepsilon_t)$ 

- Forecast errors:  $\varepsilon_t = (y_t \hat{y}_{t|t-1})/\hat{y}_{t|t-1}$
- $\blacksquare$  k is integer part of (h-1)/m.

## **Example: Australian holiday tourism**

```
aus holidays <- tourism %>%
  filter(Purpose == "Holiday") %>%
  summarise(Trips = sum(Trips))
fit <- aus holidays %>%
  model(
    additive = ETS(Trips ~ error("A") + trend("A") + season("A")),
    multiplicative = ETS(Trips ~ error("M") + trend("A") + season("M"))
fc <- fit %>% forecast()
```



.model additive

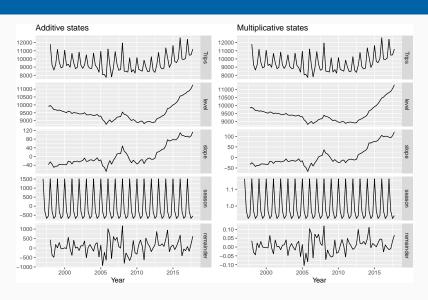


### **Estimated components**

#### components(fit)

```
## # A dable:
                                        168 x 7 [10]
## # Key:
                                        .model [2]
## # ETS(A,A,A) & ETS(M,A,M) Decomposition: Trips = lag(level, 1)
## # lag(slope, 1) + lag(season, 4) + remainder
##
     .model Quarter Trips level slope season remainder
##
     <chr> <qtr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <</pre>
                                                 <dbl>
##
   1 additive 1997 Q1
                       NA
                             NA
                                  NA 1512.
                                                 NA
   2 additive 1997 O2 NA
                             NA
                                 NA -290.
                                                 NA
##
##
   3 additive 1997 Q3 NA
                             NA NA -684.
                                                 NA
##
   4 additive 1997 Q4 NA 9899. -37.4 -538.
                                                 NA
##
   5 additive 1998 01 11806. 9964. -24.5 1512. 433.
##
   6 additive 1998 Q2 9276. 9851. -35.6 -290.
                                                -374.
   7 additive 1998 03 8642. 9700. -50.2 -684.
##
                                                -489.
##
   8 additive 1998 Q4 9300. 9694. -44.6 -538.
                                                 188.
   9 additive 1999 Q1 11172. 9652. -44.3 1512.
                                                          52
                                               10.7
##
## 10 additive 1000 02 0600 0676 -25 6 -200
                                                 200
```

# **Estimated components**



### **Holt-Winters damped method**

Often the single most accurate forecasting method for seasonal data:

$$\hat{y}_{t+h|t} = [\ell_t + (\phi + \phi^2 + \dots + \phi^h)b_t]s_{t+h-m(k+1)}$$

$$\ell_t = \alpha(y_t/s_{t-m}) + (1 - \alpha)(\ell_{t-1} + \phi b_{t-1})$$

$$b_t = \beta^*(\ell_t - \ell_{t-1}) + (1 - \beta^*)\phi b_{t-1}$$

$$s_t = \gamma \frac{y_t}{(\ell_{t-1} + \phi b_{t-1})} + (1 - \gamma)s_{t-m}$$

#### Your turn

Apply Holt-Winters' multiplicative method to the Gas data from aus\_production.

- Why is multiplicative seasonality necessary here?
- Experiment with making the trend damped.
- Check that the residuals from the best method look like white noise.

## **Outline**

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# **Exponential smoothing methods**

		Seasonal Component			
	Trend	N	Α	М	
Component		(None)	(Additive)	(Multiplicative)	
N	(None)	(N,N)	(N,A)	(N,M)	
Α	(Additive)	(A,N)	(A,A)	(A,M)	
$A_d$	(Additive damped)	$(A_d,N)$	$(A_d,A)$	$(A_d, M)$	

(N,N): Simple exponential smoothing

(A,N): Holt's linear method

(A<sub>d</sub>,N): Additive damped trend method (A.A): Additive Holt-Winters' method

(A,M): Multiplicative Holt-Winters' method

(A<sub>d</sub>,M): Damped multiplicative Holt-Winters' method

# **ETS models**

Additive Error		Seasonal Component			
Trend		N	Α	М	
Component		(None)	(Additive)	(Multiplicative)	
Ν	(None)	A,N,N	A,N,A	A,N,M	
Α	(Additive)	A,A,N	A,A,A	A,A,M	
$A_{d}$	(Additive damped)	$A,A_d,N$	$A,A_d,A$	$A,A_d,M$	

Multiplicative Error		Seasonal Component			
	Trend	N	Α	М	
Component		(None)	one) (Additive) (Multiplic		
N	(None)	M,N,N	M,N,A	M,N,M	
Α	(Additive)	M,A,N	M,A,A	M,A,M	
$A_d$	(Additive damped)	M,A <sub>d</sub> ,N	$M,A_d,A$	$M,A_d,M$	

## **Additive error models**

Trend		Seasonal	
	N	A	M
N	$y_t = \ell_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$	$y_t = \ell_{t-1} + s_{t-m} + \varepsilon_t$	$y_t = \ell_{t-1} s_{t-m} + \varepsilon_t$
	$\ell_t = \ell_{t-1} + \alpha \varepsilon_t$	$\ell_t = \ell_{t-1} + \alpha \varepsilon_t$	$\ell_t = \ell_{t-1} + \alpha \varepsilon_t / s_{t-m}$
		$s_t = s_{t-m} + \gamma \varepsilon_t$	$s_t = s_{t-m} + \gamma \varepsilon_t / \ell_{t-1}$
	$y_t = \ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$	$y_t = \ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1} + s_{t-m} + \varepsilon_t$	$y_t = (\ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1})s_{t-m} + \varepsilon_t$
A	$\ell_t = \ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1} + \alpha \varepsilon_t$	$\ell_t = \ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1} + \alpha \varepsilon_t$	$\ell_t = \ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1} + \alpha \varepsilon_t / s_{t-m}$
	$b_t = b_{t-1} + \beta \varepsilon_t$	$b_t = b_{t-1} + \beta \varepsilon_t$	$b_t = b_{t-1} + \beta \varepsilon_t / s_{t-m}$
		$s_t = s_{t-m} + \gamma \varepsilon_t$	$s_t = s_{t-m} + \gamma \varepsilon_t / (\ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1})$
	$y_t = \ell_{t-1} + \phi b_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$	$y_t = \ell_{t-1} + \phi b_{t-1} + s_{t-m} + \varepsilon_t$	$y_t = (\ell_{t-1} + \phi b_{t-1}) s_{t-m} + \varepsilon_t$
$A_d$	$\ell_t = \ell_{t-1} + \phi b_{t-1} + \alpha \varepsilon_t$	$\ell_t = \ell_{t-1} + \phi b_{t-1} + \alpha \varepsilon_t$	$\ell_t = \ell_{t-1} + \phi b_{t-1} + \alpha \varepsilon_t / s_{t-m}$
	$b_t = \phi b_{t-1} + \beta \varepsilon_t$	$b_t = \phi b_{t-1} + \beta \varepsilon_t$	$b_t = \phi b_{t-1} + \beta \varepsilon_t / s_{t-m}$
		$s_t = s_{t-m} + \gamma \varepsilon_t$	$s_t = s_{t-m} + \gamma \varepsilon_t / (\ell_{t-1} + \phi b_{t-1})$

# **Multiplicative error models**

Trend		Seasonal		
	N	Α	M	
N	$y_t = \ell_{t-1}(1 + \varepsilon_t)$	$y_t = (\ell_{t-1} + s_{t-m})(1 + \varepsilon_t)$	$y_t = \ell_{t-1} s_{t-m} (1 + \varepsilon_t)$	
	$\ell_t = \ell_{t-1}(1 + \alpha \varepsilon_t)$	$\ell_t = \ell_{t-1} + \alpha(\ell_{t-1} + s_{t-m})\varepsilon_t$	$\ell_t = \ell_{t-1}(1 + \alpha \varepsilon_t)$	
		$s_t = s_{t-m} + \gamma (\ell_{t-1} + s_{t-m}) \varepsilon_t$	$s_t = s_{t-m}(1 + \gamma \varepsilon_t)$	
	$y_t = (\ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1})(1 + \varepsilon_t)$	$y_t = (\ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1} + s_{t-m})(1 + \varepsilon_t)$	$y_t = (\ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1})s_{t-m}(1 + \varepsilon_t)$	
A	$\ell_t = (\ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1})(1 + \alpha \varepsilon_t)$	$\ell_t = \ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1} + \alpha(\ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1} + s_{t-m})\varepsilon_t$	$\ell_t = (\ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1})(1 + \alpha \varepsilon_t)$	
	$b_t = b_{t-1} + \beta(\ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1})\varepsilon_t$	$b_t = b_{t-1} + \beta(\ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1} + s_{t-m})\varepsilon_t$	$b_t = b_{t-1} + \beta(\ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1})\varepsilon_t$	
		$s_t = s_{t-m} + \gamma (\ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1} + s_{t-m}) \varepsilon_t$	$s_t = s_{t-m}(1 + \gamma \varepsilon_t)$	
	$y_t = (\ell_{t-1} + \phi b_{t-1})(1 + \varepsilon_t)$	$y_t = (\ell_{t-1} + \phi b_{t-1} + s_{t-m})(1 + \varepsilon_t)$	$y_t = (\ell_{t-1} + \phi b_{t-1}) s_{t-m} (1 + \varepsilon_t)$	
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		$s_t = s_{t-m} + \gamma (\ell_{t-1} + \phi b_{t-1} + s_{t-m}) \varepsilon_t$	$s_t = s_{t-m}(1 + \gamma \varepsilon_t)$	

# **Estimating ETS models**

- Smoothing parameters  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$  and  $\phi$ , and the initial states  $\ell_0$ ,  $b_0$ ,  $s_0$ ,  $s_{-1}$ , ...,  $s_{-m+1}$  are estimated by maximising the "likelihood" = the probability of the data arising from the specified model.
- For models with additive errors equivalent to minimising SSE.
- For models with multiplicative errors, not equivalent to minimising SSE.

# Innovations state space models

Let 
$$\mathbf{x}_t = (\ell_t, b_t, s_t, s_{t-1}, \dots, s_{t-m+1})$$
 and  $\varepsilon_t \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} N(0, \sigma^2)$ .

$$y_{t} = \underbrace{h(\mathbf{x}_{t-1})}_{\mu_{t}} + \underbrace{k(\mathbf{x}_{t-1})\varepsilon_{t}}_{e_{t}}$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{t} = f(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}) + g(\mathbf{x}_{t-1})\varepsilon_{t}$$

#### **Additive errors**

$$k(x) = 1.$$
  $y_t = \mu_t + \varepsilon_t.$ 

#### **Multiplicative errors**

$$k(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}) = \mu_t.$$
  $\mathbf{y}_t = \mu_t(\mathbf{1} + \varepsilon_t).$   $\varepsilon_t = (\mathbf{y}_t - \mu_t)/\mu_t$  is relative error.

# Innovations state space models

#### **Estimation**

$$L^*(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{x}_0) = n \log \left( \sum_{t=1}^n \varepsilon_t^2 / k^2(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}) \right) + 2 \sum_{t=1}^n \log |k(\mathbf{x}_{t-1})|$$
  
= -2 log(Likelihood) + constant

Estimate parameters  $\theta = (\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \phi)$  and initial states  $\mathbf{x}_0 = (\ell_0, b_0, s_0, s_{-1}, \dots, s_{-m+1})$  by minimizing  $L^*$ .

#### **Parameter restrictions**

### **Usual** region

- Traditional restrictions in the methods  $0 < \alpha, \beta^*, \gamma^*, \phi < 1$  (equations interpreted as weighted averages).
- In models we set  $\beta = \alpha \beta^*$  and  $\gamma = (1 \alpha)\gamma^*$ .
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## **Admissible region**

- To prevent observations in the distant past having a continuing effect on current forecasts.
- Usually (but not always) less restrictive than the traditional region.
- For example for ETS(A,N,N): traditional  $0 < \alpha < 1$  admissible is  $0 < \alpha < 2$ .

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## **Bayesian Information Criterion**

$$BIC = AIC + k(\log(T) - 2).$$

### **AIC and cross-validation**

Minimizing the AIC assuming
Gaussian residuals is asymptotically
equivalent to minimizing one-step
time series cross validation MSE.

## **Automatic forecasting**

## From Hyndman et al. (IJF, 2002):

- Apply each model that is appropriate to the data.
   Optimize parameters and initial values using MLE (or some other criterion).
- Select best method using AICc:
- Produce forecasts using best method.
- Obtain forecast intervals using underlying state space model.

Method performed very well in M3 competition.

# **Example: National populations**

```
fit <- global_economy %>%
 mutate(Pop = Population / 1e6) %>%
 model(ets = ETS(Pop))
fit
## # A mable: 263 x 2
## # Key: Country [263]
## Country
                       ets
## <fct>
                      <model>
## 1 Afghanistan
                       <ETS(A,A,N)>
## 2 Albania
                        <ETS(M,A,N)>
## 3 Algeria
                        <ETS(M,A,N)>
## 4 American Samoa
                        <ETS(M,A,N)>
## 5 Andorra
                        <ETS(M,A,N)>
## 6 Angola
                        <ETS(M,A,N)>
## 7 Antigua and Barbuda <ETS(M,A,N)>
## 8 Arab World
                        <ETS(M,A,N)>
## 9 Argentina
                        <ETS(A,A,N)>
## 10 Armenia
                        <ETS(M,A,N)>
## # ... with 253 more rows
```

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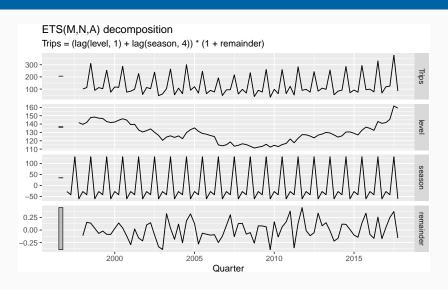
fit %>%

```
forecast(h = 5)
## # A fable: 1,315 x 5 [1Y]
  # Key: Country, .model [263]
##
## Country .model Year Pop .distribution
## <fct> <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <dist>
##
   1 Afghanistan ets 2018 36.4 N(36, 0.012)
##
   2 Afghanistan ets
                      2019 37.3
                                N(37, 0.059)
   3 Afghanistan ets
                       2020 38.2 N(38, 0.164)
##
                       2021 39.0 N(39, 0.351)
##
   4 Afghanistan ets
##
   5 Afghanistan ets
                       2022 39.9
                                N(40, 0.644)
                       2018 2.87 N(2.9, 0.00012)
##
   6 Albania
               ets
##
   7 Albania
               ets
                       2019 2.87 N(2.9, 0.00060)
##
   8 Albania
               ets
                       2020 2.87 N(2.9, 0.00169)
                       2021 2.86 N(2.9, 0.00362)
   9 Albania
##
               ets
```

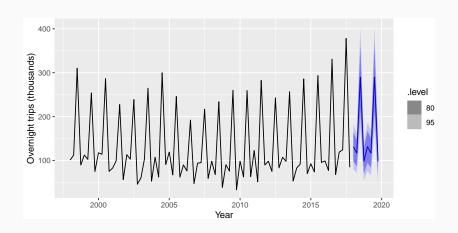
```
holidays <- tourism %>%
  filter(Purpose == "Holiday")
fit <- holidays %>% model(ets = ETS(Trips))
fit
## # A mable: 76 x 4
## # Key: Region, State, Purpose [76]
##
      Region
                               State
                                                 Purpose ets
      <chr>>
                               <chr>>
                                                 <chr>
                                                         <model>
##
    1 Adelaide
                               South Australia
                                                 Holiday <ETS(A,N,A~
##
    2 Adelaide Hills
##
                               South Australia
                                                 Holiday <ETS(A,A,N~
##
    3 Alice Springs
                               Northern Territo~ Holiday <ETS(M,N,A~
##
    4 Australia's Coral Coast
                               Western Australia Holiday <ETS(M,N,A~
                               Western Australia Holiday <ETS(M,N,M~
##
    5 Australia's Golden Outb~
    6 Australia's North West
##
                               Western Australia Holiday <ETS(A,N,A~
    7 Australia's South West
                               Western Australia Holiday <ETS(M,N,M~
##
##
   8 Ballarat
                               Victoria
                                                 Holiday <ETS(M,N,A~
##
    9 Barkly
                               Northern Territo~ Holiday <ETS(A,N,A~
## 10 Barossa
                               South Australia
                                                 Holiday <ETS(A,N,N~
```

```
## Series: Trips
## Model: ETS(M,N,A)
##
    Smoothing parameters:
      alpha = 0.1571
##
##
      gamma = 0.0001001
##
##
    Initial states:
##
    l s1 s2 s3 s4
   141.7 -60.96 130.9 -42.24 -27.66
##
##
##
    sigma^2: 0.0388
##
##
    AIC AICC BIC
## 852.0 853.6 868.7
```

```
## # A dable:
                             84 x 9 [10]
                             Region, State, Purpose, .model [1]
## # Kev:
  # ETS(M,N,A) Decomposition: Trips = (lag(level, 1) + lag(season,
    4)) * (1 + remainder)
## #
     Region State Purpose .model
                                   Quarter Trips level season
##
##
     <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr>
                                    <qtr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
##
   1 Snowy~ New ~ Holiday ets
                                   1997 Q1 NA
                                                   NA
                                                       -27.7
##
   2 Snowv~ New ~ Holiday ets
                                   1997 02 NA
                                                   NA
                                                       -42.2
##
   3 Snowv~ New ~ Holidav ets
                                   1997 Q3 NA
                                                  NA
                                                       131.
                                   1997 04 NA 142. -61.0
##
   4 Snowy~ New ~ Holiday ets
##
   5 Snowv~ New ~ Holiday ets
                                   1998 Q1 101.
                                                 140. -27.7
##
   6 Snowv~ New ~ Holidav ets
                                   1998 Q2 112.
                                                 142. -42.2
##
   7 Snowy~ New ~ Holiday ets
                                   1998 03 310.
                                                 148. 131.
##
   8 Snowy~ New ~ Holiday ets
                                   1998 04 89.8 148. -61.0
##
   9 Snowv~ New ~ Holiday ets
                                   1999 Q1 112. 147. -27.7
  10 Snowv~ New ~ Holidav ets
                                   1999 02 103. 147. -42.2
## # ... with 74 more rows, and 1 more variable: remainder <dbl>
```



```
## # A fable: 608 x 7 [10]
## # Key:
             Region, State, Purpose, .model [76]
##
     Region
               State
                      Purpose .model
                                       Ouarter Trips .distribution
##
     <chr> <chr> <chr>
                              <chr>
                                         <qtr> <dbl> <dist>
##
   1 Adelaide South ~ Holiday ets
                                       2018 Q1 210. N(210, 457)
   2 Adelaide South ~ Holiday ets
                                       2018 Q2 173. N(173, 473)
##
   3 Adelaide South ~ Holiday ets
                                       2018 Q3 169. N(169, 489)
##
   4 Adelaide South ~ Holiday ets
                                                    N(186, 505)
##
                                       2018 04 186.
   5 Adelaide South ~ Holiday ets
##
                                       2019 Q1 210. N(210, 521)
##
   6 Adelaide South ~ Holiday ets
                                       2019 02 173. N(173, 537)
##
   7 Adelaide South ~ Holiday ets
                                                    N(169, 553)
                                       2019 Q3 169.
##
   8 Adelaide South ~ Holiday ets
                                       2019 04 186.
                                                    N(186, 569)
##
   9 Adelaide~ South ~ Holiday ets
                                       2018 01 19.4 N(19, 36)
## 10 Adelaide~ South ~ Holiday ets
                                       2018 Q2 19.6 N(20, 36)
## # ... with 598 more rows
```



## Some unstable models

- Some of the combinations of (Error, Trend, Seasonal) can lead to numerical difficulties; see equations with division by a state.
- These are: ETS(A,N,M), ETS(A,A,M),  $ETS(A,A_d,M)$ .
- Models with multiplicative errors are useful for strictly positive data, but are not numerically stable with data containing zeros or negative values. In that case only the six fully additive models will be applied.

# **Exponential smoothing models**

Additive Error		Seasonal Component			
Trend		N	Α	М	
Component		(None)	(Additive)	(Multiplicative)	
N	(None)	A,N,N	A,N,A	<u> </u>	
Α	(Additive)	A,A,N	A,A,A	<u> </u>	
$A_d$	(Additive damped)	$A,A_d,N$	$A,A_d,A$	$\Lambda_{,b}\Lambda_{,\Delta}$	

Multiplicative Error		Seasonal Component			
Trend		N	Α	М	
Component		(None) (Additive) (Mu		(Multiplicative)	
Ν	(None)	M,N,N	M,N,A	M,N,M	
Α	(Additive)	M,A,N	M,A,A	M,A,M	
$A_d$	(Additive damped)	M,A <sub>d</sub> ,N	$M,A_d,A$	$M,A_d,M$	

### Residuals

### Response residuals

$$\hat{e}_t = \mathsf{y}_t - \hat{\mathsf{y}}_{t|t-1}$$

#### **Innovation residuals**

Additive error model:

$$\hat{\varepsilon}_t = \mathbf{y}_t - \hat{\mathbf{y}}_{t|t-1}$$

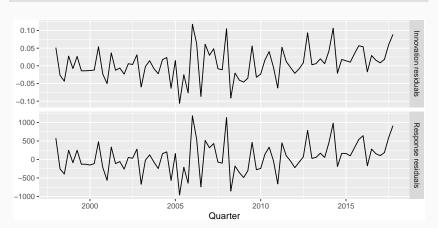
Multiplicative error model:

$$\hat{\varepsilon_t} = \frac{y_t - \hat{y}_{t|t-1}}{\hat{y}_{t|t-1}}$$

```
aus_holidays <- tourism %>%
  filter(Purpose == "Holiday") %>%
  summarise(Trips = sum(Trips))
fit <- aus_holidays %>%
  model(ets = ETS(Trips)) %>%
  report()
```

```
## Series: Trips
  Model: ETS(M,N,M)
##
    Smoothing parameters:
      alpha = 0.3578
##
##
      gamma = 0.0009686
##
    Initial states:
##
##
      l s1 s2
                         s3 s4
   9667 0.943 0.9268 0.9684 1.162
##
```

```
residuals(fit)
residuals(fit, type = "response")
```



## **Outline**

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## **Forecasting with ETS models**

Point forecasts: iterate the equations for

$$t = T + 1, T + 2, \dots, T + h$$
 and set all  $\varepsilon_t = 0$  for  $t > T$ .

## Forecasting with ETS models

Point forecasts: iterate the equations for t = T + 1, T + 2, ..., T + h and set all  $\varepsilon_t = 0$  for t > T.

- Not the same as  $E(y_{t+h}|\mathbf{x}_t)$  unless trend and seasonality are both additive.
- Point forecasts for ETS(A,\*,\*) are identical to ETS(M,\*,\*) if the parameters are the same.

# **Example: ETS(A,A,N)**

etc.

$$\begin{aligned} y_{T+1} &= \ell_T + b_T + \varepsilon_{T+1} \\ \hat{y}_{T+1|T} &= \ell_T + b_T \\ y_{T+2} &= \ell_{T+1} + b_{T+1} + \varepsilon_{T+2} \\ &= (\ell_T + b_T + \alpha \varepsilon_{T+1}) + (b_T + \beta \varepsilon_{T+1}) + \varepsilon_{T+2} \\ \hat{y}_{T+2|T} &= \ell_T + 2b_T \end{aligned}$$

# **Example: ETS(M,A,N)**

$$\begin{aligned} y_{T+1} &= (\ell_T + b_T)(1 + \varepsilon_{T+1}) \\ \hat{y}_{T+1|T} &= \ell_T + b_T. \\ y_{T+2} &= (\ell_{T+1} + b_{T+1})(1 + \varepsilon_{T+2}) \\ &= \left\{ (\ell_T + b_T)(1 + \alpha \varepsilon_{T+1}) + [b_T + \beta(\ell_T + b_T)\varepsilon_{T+1}] \right\} (1 + \varepsilon_{T+2}) \\ \hat{y}_{T+2|T} &= \ell_T + 2b_T \end{aligned}$$
 etc.

## **Forecasting with ETS models**

Prediction intervals: can only generated using the models.

- The prediction intervals will differ between models with additive and multiplicative errors.
- Exact formulae for some models.
- More general to simulate future sample paths, conditional on the last estimate of the states, and to obtain prediction intervals from the percentiles of these simulated future paths.

### Prediction intervals

PI for most ETS models:  $\hat{y}_{T+h|T} \pm c\sigma_h$ , where c depends on coverage probability and  $\sigma_h$  is forecast standard deviation.

$$(A,N,N) \qquad \sigma_{h} = \sigma^{2} \left[ 1 + \alpha^{2}(h-1) \right]$$

$$(A,A,N) \qquad \sigma_{h} = \sigma^{2} \left[ 1 + (h-1) \left\{ \alpha^{2} + \alpha \beta h + \frac{1}{6} \beta^{2} h(2h-1) \right\} \right]$$

$$(A,A_{d},N) \qquad \sigma_{h} = \sigma^{2} \left[ 1 + \alpha^{2}(h-1) + \frac{\beta \phi h}{(1-\phi)^{2}} \left\{ 2\alpha(1-\phi) + \beta \phi \right\} \right]$$

$$- \frac{\beta \phi(1-\phi^{h})}{(1-\phi)^{2}(1-\phi^{2})} \left\{ 2\alpha(1-\phi^{2}) + \beta \phi(1+2\phi-\phi^{h}) \right\} \right]$$

$$(A,N,A) \qquad \sigma_{h} = \sigma^{2} \left[ 1 + \alpha^{2}(h-1) + \gamma k(2\alpha+\gamma) \right]$$

$$(A,A,A,A) \qquad \sigma_{h} = \sigma^{2} \left[ 1 + (h-1) \left\{ \alpha^{2} + \alpha \beta h + \frac{1}{6} \beta^{2} h(2h-1) \right\} + \gamma k \left\{ 2\alpha + \gamma + \beta m(k+1) \right\} \right]$$

$$(A,A_{d},A) \qquad \sigma_{h} = \sigma^{2} \left[ 1 + \alpha^{2}(h-1) + \frac{\beta \phi h}{(1-\phi)^{2}} \left\{ 2\alpha(1-\phi) + \beta \phi \right\} \right]$$

$$- \frac{\beta \phi(1-\phi^{h})}{(1-\phi)^{2}(1-\phi^{2})} \left\{ 2\alpha(1-\phi^{2}) + \beta \phi(1+2\phi-\phi^{h}) \right\}$$

$$+ \gamma k(2\alpha+\gamma) + \frac{2\beta \gamma \phi}{(1-\phi)(1-\phi^{m})} \left\{ k(1-\phi^{m}) - \phi^{m}(1-\phi^{mk}) \right\} \right]$$

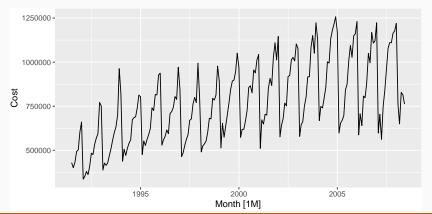
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```
h02 <- PBS %>%

filter(ATC2 == "H02") %>%

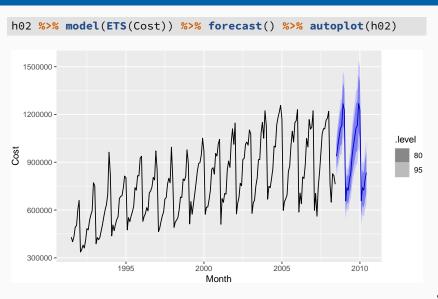
summarise(Cost = sum(Cost))
h02 %>%

autoplot(Cost)
```



```
h02 %>%
 model(ETS(Cost)) %>%
 report()
## Series: Cost
## Model: ETS(M,Ad,M)
##
    Smoothing parameters:
##
      alpha = 0.3071
##
      beta = 0.0001007
##
  gamma = 0.0001007
      phi = 0.9775
##
##
    Initial states:
##
##
                  s1 s2 s3 s4
                                            s5
                                                  s6
                                                        s7
                                                             s8
   417269 8206 0.8717 0.826 0.7563 0.7733 0.6872 1.284 1.325 1.18
##
      59 510 511
                       512
   1.164 1.105 1.048 0.9806
##
##
    sigma^2: 0.0046
##
##
##
   ATC ATCC BTC
## 5515 5519 5575
```

```
h02 %>%
 model(ETS(Cost ~ error("A") + trend("A") + season("A"))) %>%
 report()
## Series: Cost
## Model: ETS(A,A,A)
##
    Smoothing parameters:
##
      alpha = 0.1702
##
      beta = 0.006311
##
      gamma = 0.4546
##
    Initial states:
##
##
        1 h s1 s2 s3 s4
                                               s5
                                                      56
   409706 9097 -99075 -136602 -191496 -174531 -241437 210644
##
##
       s7 s8 s9 s10 s11 s12
##
   244644 145368 130570 84458 39132 -11674
##
##
    sigma^2: 3.499e+09
##
##
   ATC ATCC BTC
## 5585 5589 5642
```



```
h02 %>%
  model(
    auto = ETS(Cost),
    AAA = ETS(Cost ~ error("A") + trend("A") + season("A"))
) %>%
  accuracy()
```

Model	ME	MAE	RMSE	MAPE	MASE
auto AAA			51102 56784		

### **Your turn**

- Use ETS() on some of these series: tourism, gafa\_stock, pelt
- Does it always give good forecasts?
- Find an example where it does not work well.
  Can you figure out why?