

# **ETC3550**

## **Applied forecasting for business and economics**

Ch8. Exponential smoothing

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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

$\alpha$  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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The diagram shows three arrows pointing from the words 'Error', 'Trend', and 'Season' below to the letters 'E', 'T', and 'S' respectively in the 'ETS' part of the text above.

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

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Observation	Weights assigned to observations for:			
	$\alpha = 0.2$	$\alpha = 0.4$	$\alpha = 0.6$	$\alpha = 0.8$
$y_T$	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.8
$y_{T-1}$	0.16	0.24	0.24	0.16
$y_{T-2}$	0.128	0.144	0.096	0.032
$y_{T-3}$	0.1024	0.0864	0.0384	0.0064
$y_{T-4}$	$(0.2)(0.8)^4$	$(0.4)(0.6)^4$	$(0.6)(0.4)^4$	$(0.8)(0.2)^4$
$y_{T-5}$	$(0.2)(0.8)^5$	$(0.4)(0.6)^5$	$(0.6)(0.4)^5$	$(0.8)(0.2)^5$

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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

$$\hat{y}_{T+1|T} = \sum_{j=0}^{T-1} \alpha(1 - \alpha)^j y_{T-j} + (1 - \alpha)^T \ell_0$$

# Optimising smoothing parameters

- Need to choose best values for  $\alpha$  and  $\ell_0$ .
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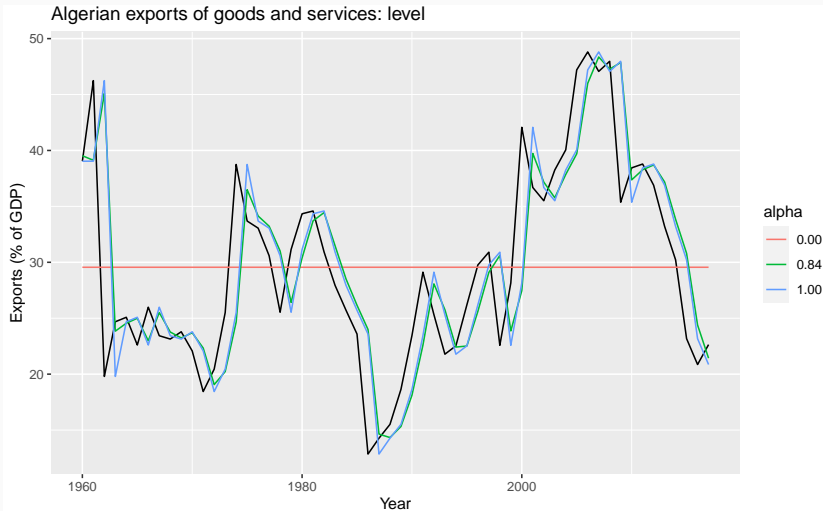
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- For Algerian Exports example:
  - ▶  $\hat{\alpha} = 0.8400$
  - ▶  $\hat{\ell}_0 = 39.54$

# Simple Exponential Smoothing





# 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

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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

$$y_t = l_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$

State equation

$$l_t = l_{t-1} + \alpha \varepsilon_t$$

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  $\varepsilon_t = \frac{y_t - \hat{y}_{t|t-1}}{\hat{y}_{t|t-1}} \sim \text{NID}(0, \sigma^2)$
- Substituting  $\hat{y}_{t|t-1} = l_{t-1}$  gives:
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$$y_t = \ell_{t-1}(1 + \varepsilon_t)$$

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- Models with additive and multiplicative errors with the same parameters generate the same point forecasts but different prediction intervals. 18

# 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))
```

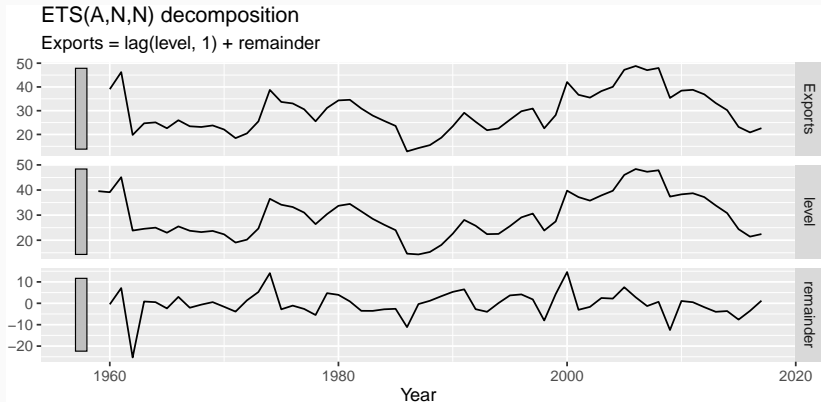
# Example: Algerian Exports

```
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:  
##   l  
## 39.54  
##  
## sigma^2: 35.63  
##  
## AIC AICc BIC  
## 446.7 447.2 452.9
```

# Example: Algerian Exports

```
components(fit) %>% autoplot()
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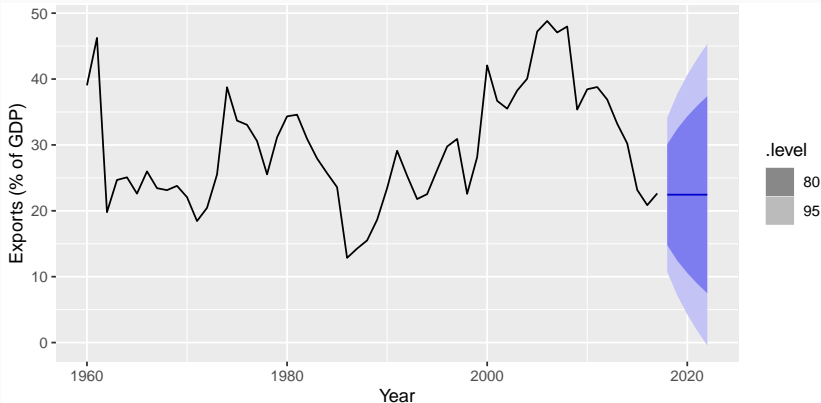
# Example: Algerian Exports

```
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  
##   <fct>   <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>      <dbl> <dbl>  
## 1 Algeria ANN    1959    NA    39.5      NA      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    1965   22.6   23.0    -2.39    25.0  
## 8 Algeria ANN    1966   26.0   25.5     3.00    23.0  
## 9 Algeria ANN    1967   23.4   23.8    -2.07    25.5  
## 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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- Two smoothing parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\beta^*$  ( $0 \leq \alpha, \beta^* \leq 1$ ).
- $\ell_t$  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.

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

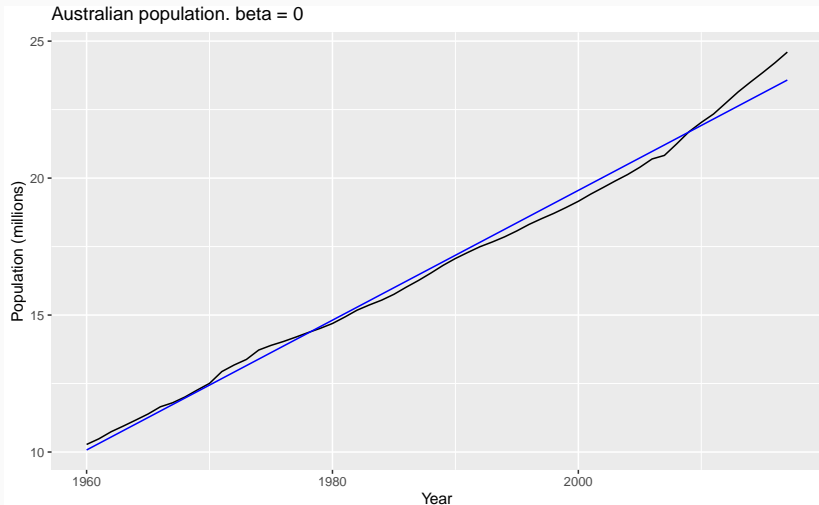
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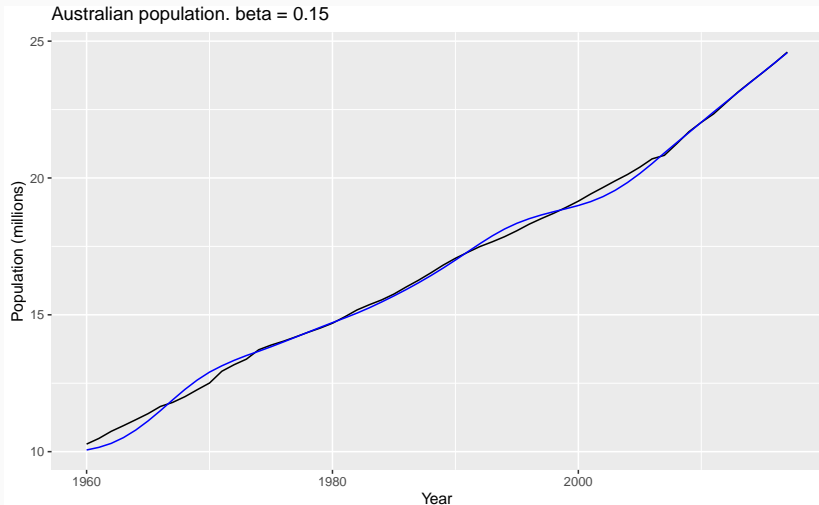
$$b_t = b_{t-1} + \alpha \beta^* \varepsilon_t$$

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

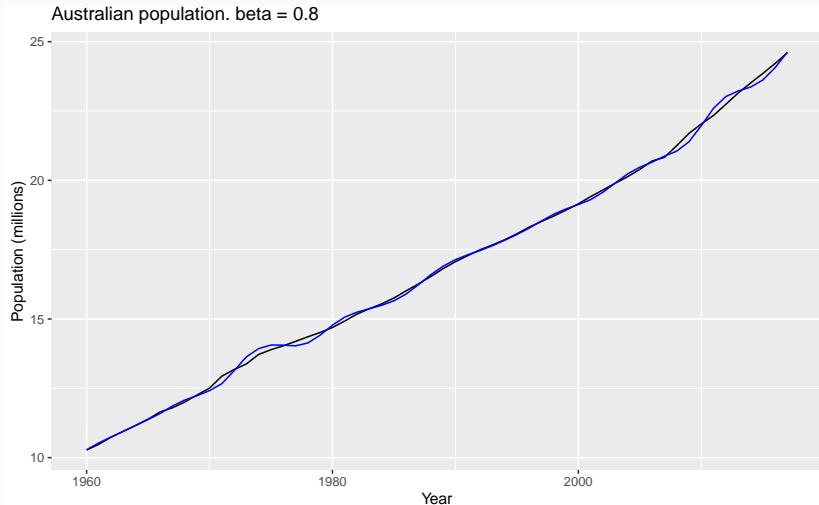
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Holt's linear method with multiplicative errors.

- 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

$$y_t = (\ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1})(1 + \varepsilon_t)$$

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

$$b_t = b_{t-1} + \beta(\ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1})\varepsilon_t$$

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"))
```

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))
```

# Example: Australian population

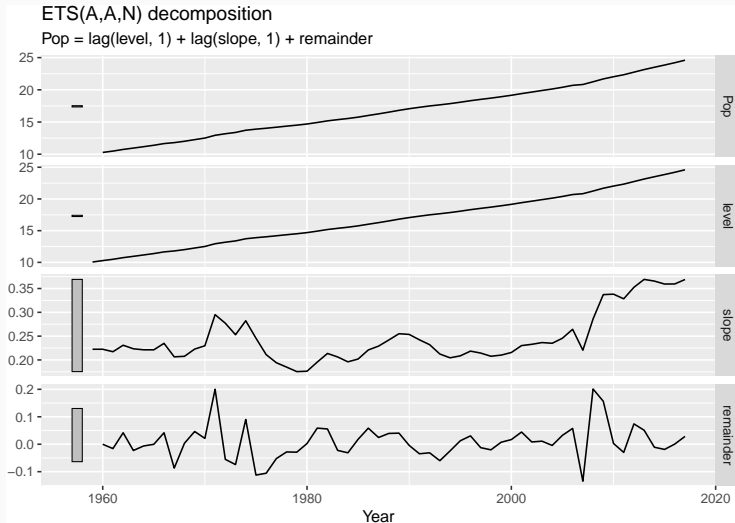
```
aus_economy <- global_economy %>% filter(Code == "AUS") %>%  
  mutate(Pop = Population/1e6)  
fit <- aus_economy %>%  
  model(AAN = ETS(Pop ~ error("A") + trend("A") + season("N")))  
report(fit)
```

```
## 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  
##  
##      AIC   AICc   BIC  
## -76.99 -75.83 -66.68
```



# Example: Australian population

```
components(fit) %>% autoplot()
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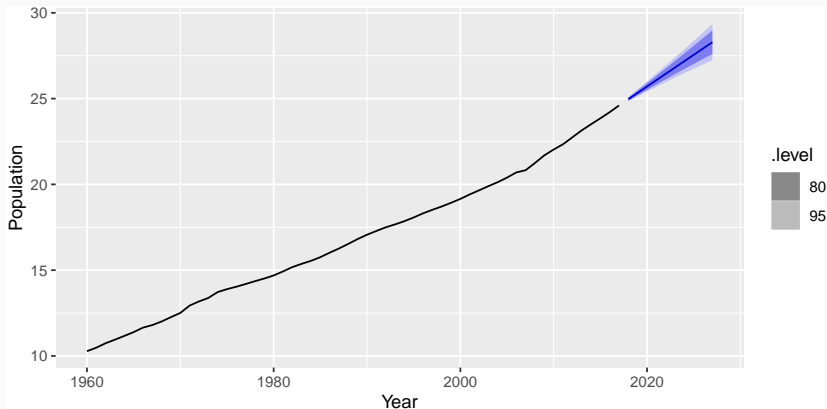
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components(fit) %>%  
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## 8 Australia AAN      1966  11.7  11.7 0.235  0.0418    11.6  
## 9 Australia AAN      1967  11.8  11.8 0.206 -0.0869    11.9  
## 10 Australia AAN      1968  12.0  12.0 0.208  0.00350   12.0  
## # ... with 49 more rows
```

# Example: Australian population

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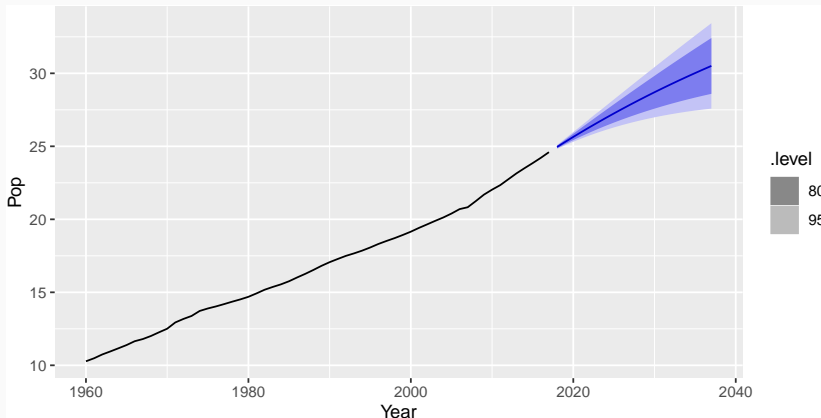
- Damping parameter  $0 < \phi < 1$ .
- If  $\phi = 1$ , identical to Holt's linear trend.
- As  $h \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\hat{y}_{T+h|T} \rightarrow \ell_T + \phi b_T / (1 - \phi)$ .
- Short-run forecasts trended, long-run forecasts constant.

# Your turn

- Write down the model for  $ETS(A, A_d, N)$

# Example: Australian population

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



# Example: Australian population

```
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)
```



## Example: Australian population

term	SES	Linear trend	Damped trend
$\alpha$	1.00	1.00	1.00
$\beta^*$		0.30	0.40
$\phi$			0.98
$\ell_0$	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

- 1 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.]
- 2 Which method gives the best training RMSE?
- 3 Are these RMSE values comparable?
- 4 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

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

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

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

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

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

# 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  $\ell_t$ :

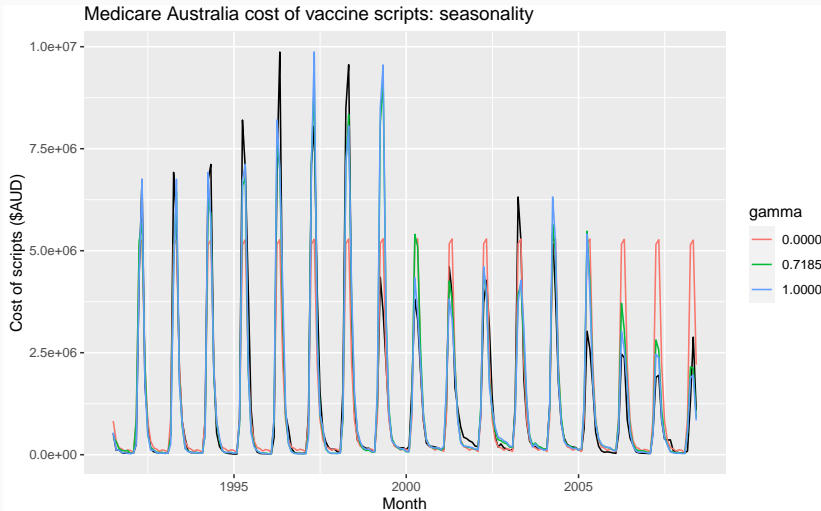
$$s_t = \gamma^*(1 - \alpha)(y_t - \ell_{t-1} - b_{t-1}) + [1 - \gamma^*(1 - \alpha)]s_{t-m}$$

- We set  $\gamma = \gamma^*(1 - \alpha)$ .

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

# 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  $\sum_i s_i \approx m$ .

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

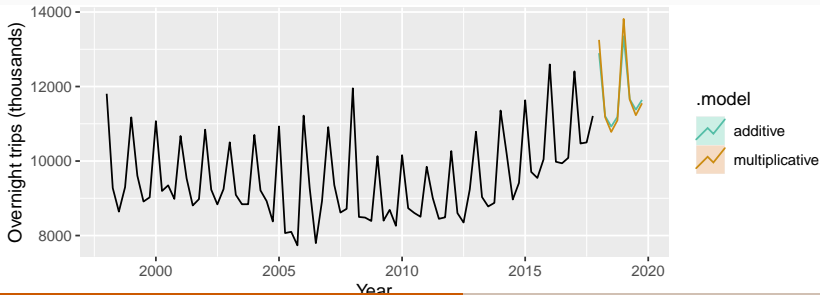
$$b_t = b_{t-1}(1 + \beta\varepsilon_t)$$

$$s_t = s_{t-m}(1 + \gamma\varepsilon_t)$$

- Forecast errors:  $\varepsilon_t = (y_t - \hat{y}_{t|t-1})/\hat{y}_{t|t-1}$
- $k$  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()
```

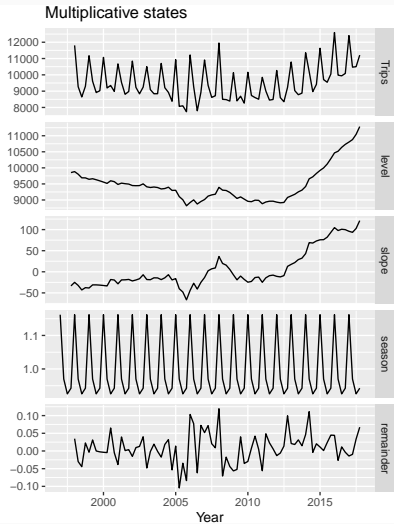
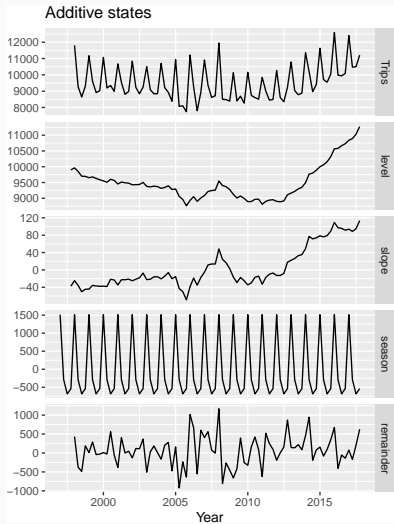


# Estimated components

```
components(fit)
```

```
## # A dable:                                168 x 7 [1Q]
## # 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>
## 1 additive 1997 Q1     NA     NA   NA    1512.      NA
## 2 additive 1997 Q2     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 Q1 11806. 9964. -24.5  1512.    433.
## 6 additive 1998 Q2  9276. 9851. -35.6  -290.   -374.
## 7 additive 1998 Q3  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.    10.7
## 10 additive 1999 Q2  9608. 9676. -35.6  -290.    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`.

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



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# Exponential smoothing methods

		Seasonal Component		
		N	A	M
Trend Component		(None)	(Additive)	(Multiplicative)
N	(None)	(N,N)	(N,A)	(N,M)
A	(Additive)	(A,N)	(A,A)	(A,M)
A <sub>d</sub>	(Additive damped)	(A <sub>d</sub> ,N)	(A <sub>d</sub> ,A)	(A <sub>d</sub> ,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 Component		N (None)	A (Additive)	M (Multiplicative)
N	(None)	A,N,N	A,N,A	A,N,M
A	(Additive)	A,A,N	A,A,A	A,A,M
A <sub>d</sub>	(Additive damped)	A,A <sub>d</sub> ,N	A,A <sub>d</sub> ,A	A,A <sub>d</sub> ,M

## Multiplicative Error

		Seasonal Component		
Trend Component		N (None)	A (Additive)	M (Multiplicative)
N	(None)	M,N,N	M,N,A	M,N,M
A	(Additive)	M,A,N	M,A,A	M,A,M
A <sub>d</sub>	(Additive damped)	M,A <sub>d</sub> ,N	M,A <sub>d</sub> ,A	M,A <sub>d</sub> ,M

# Additive error models

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

Trend	Seasonal		
	N	A	M
N	$y_t = \ell_{t-1}(1 + \varepsilon_t)$ $\ell_t = \ell_{t-1}(1 + \alpha\varepsilon_t)$	$y_t = (\ell_{t-1} + s_{t-m})(1 + \varepsilon_t)$ $\ell_t = \ell_{t-1} + \alpha(\ell_{t-1} + s_{t-m})\varepsilon_t$ $s_t = s_{t-m} + \gamma(\ell_{t-1} + s_{t-m})\varepsilon_t$	$y_t = \ell_{t-1}s_{t-m}(1 + \varepsilon_t)$ $\ell_t = \ell_{t-1}(1 + \alpha\varepsilon_t)$ $s_t = s_{t-m}(1 + \gamma\varepsilon_t)$
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# Estimating ETS models

- Smoothing parameters  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$  and  $\phi$ , and the initial states  $\ell_0$ ,  $b_0$ ,  $s_0$ ,  $s_{-1}, \dots, s_{-m+1}$  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  $\mathbf{x}_t = (\ell_t, \mathbf{b}_t, s_t, s_{t-1}, \dots, s_{t-m+1})$  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

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

## Multiplicative errors

$$k(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}) = \mu_t. \quad y_t = \mu_t(1 + \varepsilon_t).$$

$\varepsilon_t = (y_t - \mu_t)/\mu_t$  is relative error.

# Innovations state space models

## Estimation

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

- Estimate parameters  $\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \phi)$  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).
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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  $0 < \alpha < 2$ .

# Model selection

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## Bayesian Information Criterion

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

# 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
```



# Example: National populations

```
fit %>%  
  forecast(h = 5)
```

```
## # A tibble: 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)  
## 4 Afghanistan ets     2021  39.0 N(39, 0.351)  
## 5 Afghanistan ets     2022  39.9 N(40, 0.644)  
## 6 Albania     ets     2018   2.87 N(2.9, 0.00012)  
## 7 Albania     ets     2019   2.87 N(2.9, 0.00060)  
## 8 Albania     ets     2020   2.87 N(2.9, 0.00169)  
## 9 Albania     ets     2021   2.86 N(2.9, 0.00362)
```

# Example: Australian holiday tourism

```
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~
## 5	Australia's Golden Outb~	Western Australia	Holiday	<ETS(M,N,M~
## 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~

# Example: Australian holiday tourism

```
## 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
```

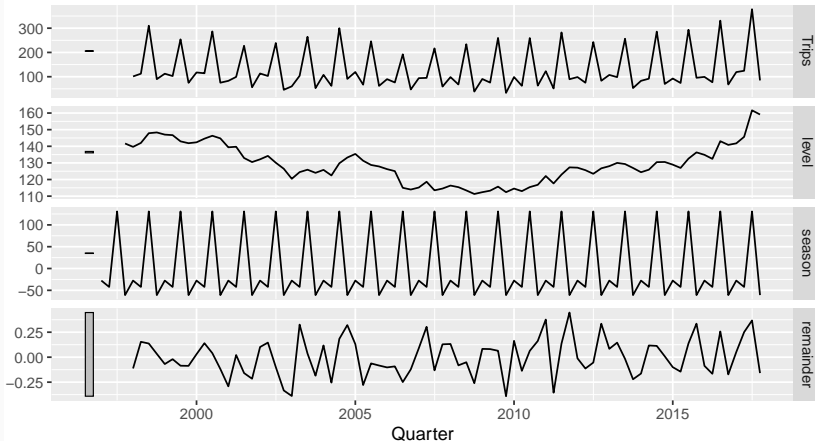
# Example: Australian holiday tourism

```
## # A dable:                        84 x 9 [1Q]
## # Key:                            Region, State, Purpose, .model [1]
## # 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>
## 1 Snowy~ New ~ Holiday ets      1997 Q1  NA      NA    -27.7
## 2 Snowy~ New ~ Holiday ets      1997 Q2  NA      NA    -42.2
## 3 Snowy~ New ~ Holiday ets      1997 Q3  NA      NA    131.
## 4 Snowy~ New ~ Holiday ets      1997 Q4  NA     142.   -61.0
## 5 Snowy~ New ~ Holiday ets      1998 Q1 101.    140.   -27.7
## 6 Snowy~ New ~ Holiday ets      1998 Q2 112.    142.   -42.2
## 7 Snowy~ New ~ Holiday ets      1998 Q3 310.    148.    131.
## 8 Snowy~ New ~ Holiday ets      1998 Q4  89.8   148.   -61.0
## 9 Snowy~ New ~ Holiday ets      1999 Q1 112.    147.   -27.7
## 10 Snowy~ New ~ Holiday ets      1999 Q2 103.    147.   -42.2
## # ... with 74 more rows, and 1 more variable: remainder <dbl>
```

# Example: Australian holiday tourism

ETS(M,N,A) decomposition

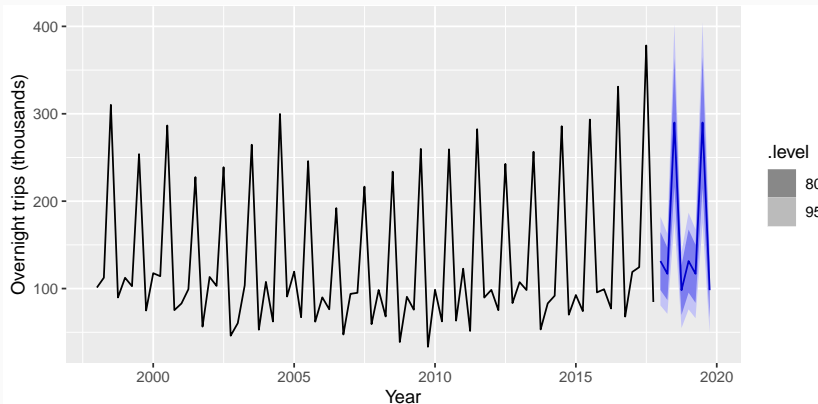
$\text{Trips} = (\text{lag}(\text{level}, 1) + \text{lag}(\text{season}, 4)) * (1 + \text{remainder})$



# Example: Australian holiday tourism

```
## # A tibble: 608 x 7 [1Q]
## # Key:      Region, State, Purpose, .model [76]
##   Region    State Purpose .model Quarter 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      2018 Q4 186. N(186, 505)
## 5 Adelaide South ~ Holiday ets      2019 Q1 210. N(210, 521)
## 6 Adelaide South ~ Holiday ets      2019 Q2 173. N(173, 537)
## 7 Adelaide South ~ Holiday ets      2019 Q3 169. N(169, 553)
## 8 Adelaide South ~ Holiday ets      2019 Q4 186. N(186, 569)
## 9 Adelaide~ South ~ Holiday ets      2018 Q1  19.4 N(19, 36)
##10 Adelaide~ South ~ Holiday ets      2018 Q2  19.6 N(20, 36)
## # ... with 598 more rows
```

# Example: Australian holiday tourism



## 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 Component		N (None)	A (Additive)	M (Multiplicative)
N	(None)	A,N,N	A,N,A	<del>A,N,M</del>
A	(Additive)	A,A,N	A,A,A	<del>A,A,M</del>
A <sub>d</sub>	(Additive damped)	A,A <sub>d</sub> ,N	A,A <sub>d</sub> ,A	<del>A,A<sub>d</sub>,M</del>

## Multiplicative Error

		Seasonal Component		
Trend Component		N (None)	A (Additive)	M (Multiplicative)
N	(None)	M,N,N	M,N,A	M,N,M
A	(Additive)	M,A,N	M,A,A	M,A,M
A <sub>d</sub>	(Additive damped)	M,A <sub>d</sub> ,N	M,A <sub>d</sub> ,A	M,A <sub>d</sub> ,M

# Residuals

## Response residuals

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

## Innovation residuals

Additive error model:

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

Multiplicative error model:

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

# Example: Australian holiday tourism

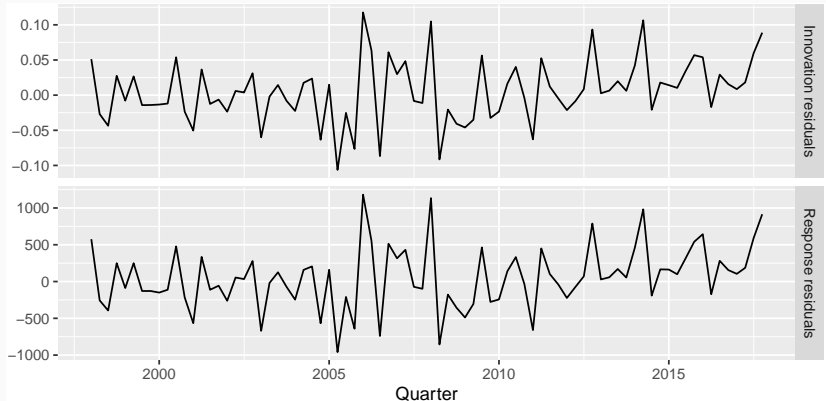
```
aus_holidays <- tourism %>%  
  filter(Purpose == "Holiday") %>%  
  summarise(Trips = sum(Trips))  
fit <- aus_holidays %>%  
  model(ets = ETS(Trips)) %>%  
  report()
```

```
## 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
```

# Example: Australian holiday tourism

```
residuals(fit)
```

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



# Outline

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# Forecasting with ETS models

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

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

$$y_{T+1} = \ell_T + b_T + \varepsilon_{T+1}$$

$$\hat{y}_{T+1|T} = \ell_T + b_T$$

$$y_{T+2} = \ell_{T+1} + b_{T+1} + \varepsilon_{T+2}$$

$$= (\ell_T + b_T + \alpha\varepsilon_{T+1}) + (b_T + \beta\varepsilon_{T+1}) + \varepsilon_{T+2}$$

$$\hat{y}_{T+2|T} = \ell_T + 2b_T$$

etc.



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

$$y_{T+1} = (\ell_T + b_T)(1 + \varepsilon_{T+1})$$

$$\hat{y}_{T+1|T} = \ell_T + b_T.$$

$$y_{T+2} = (\ell_{T+1} + b_{T+1})(1 + \varepsilon_{T+2})$$

$$= \{(\ell_T + b_T)(1 + \alpha\varepsilon_{T+1}) + [b_T + \beta(\ell_T + b_T)\varepsilon_{T+1}]\} (1 + \varepsilon_{T+2})$$

$$\hat{y}_{T+2|T} = \ell_T + 2b_T$$

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.

$$(A,N,N) \quad \sigma_h = \sigma^2 \left[ 1 + \alpha^2(h-1) \right]$$

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

$$(A,A_d,N) \quad \sigma_h = \sigma^2 \left[ 1 + \alpha^2(h-1) + \frac{\beta\phi h}{(1-\phi)^2} \{2\alpha(1-\phi) + \beta\phi\} \right. \\ \left. - \frac{\beta\phi(1-\phi^h)}{(1-\phi)^2(1-\phi^2)} \{2\alpha(1-\phi^2) + \beta\phi(1+2\phi-\phi^h)\} \right]$$

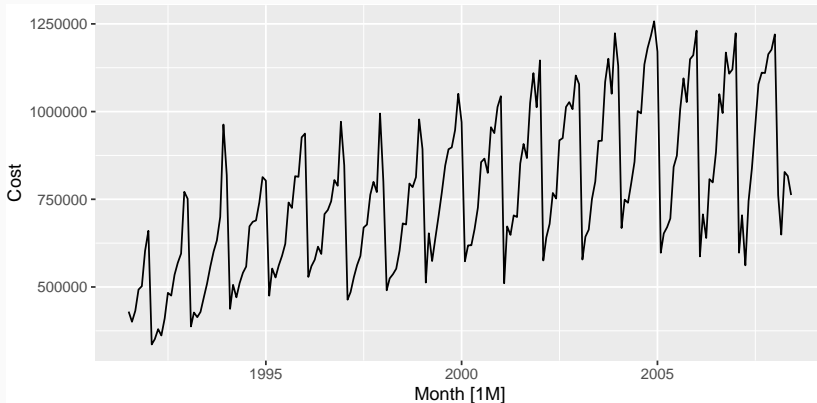
$$(A,N,A) \quad \sigma_h = \sigma^2 \left[ 1 + \alpha^2(h-1) + \gamma k(2\alpha + \gamma) \right]$$

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# Example: Corticosteroid drug sales

```
h02 <- PBS %>%  
  filter(ATC2 == "H02") %>%  
  summarise(Cost = sum(Cost))  
h02 %>%  
  autoplot(Cost)
```



# Example: Corticosteroid drug sales

```
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:  
##      l      b      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  
##      s9      s10      s11      s12  
## 1.164 1.105 1.048 0.9806  
##  
## sigma^2: 0.0046  
##  
## AIC AICc BIC  
## 5515 5519 5575
```

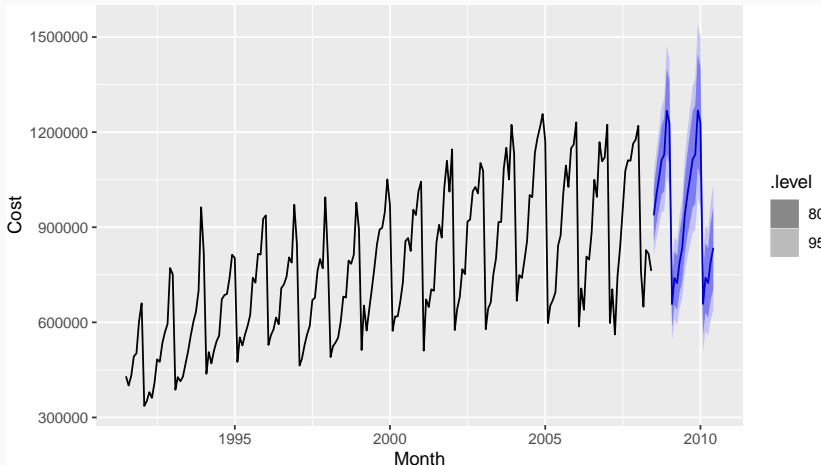
# Example: Corticosteroid drug sales

```
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:  
##      l      b      s1      s2      s3      s4      s5      s6  
## 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  
##  
## AIC AICc BIC  
## 5585 5589 5642
```

# Example: Corticosteroid drug sales

```
h02 %>% model(ETS(Cost)) %>% forecast() %>% autoplot(h02)
```



# Example: Corticosteroid drug sales

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

Model	ME	MAE	RMSE	MAPE	MASE
auto	2461	38649	51102	4.989	0.6376
AAA	-5780	43378	56784	6.048	0.7156



## 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?