

# ETC3550: Applied forecasting for business and economics

Ch8. ARIMA models

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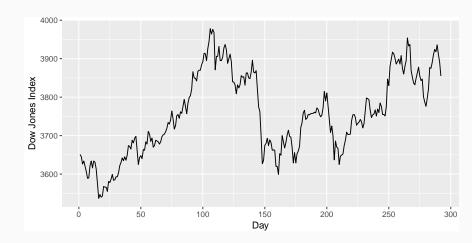
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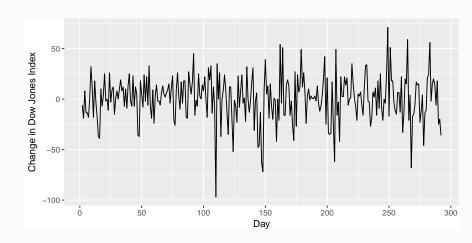
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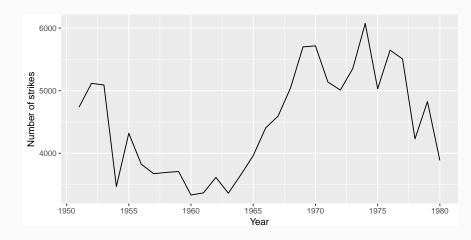
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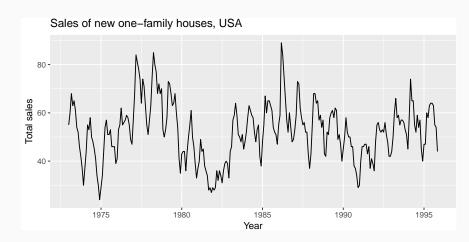
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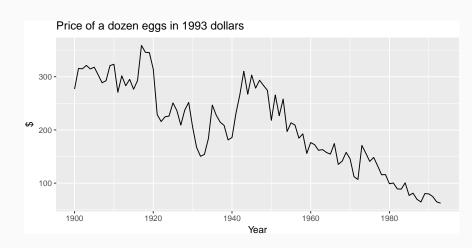
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- constant variance
- no patterns predictable in the long-term

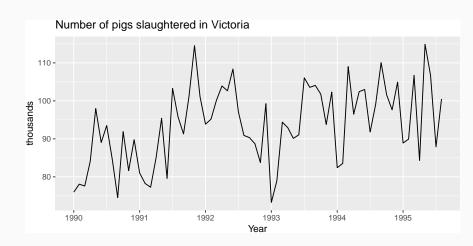


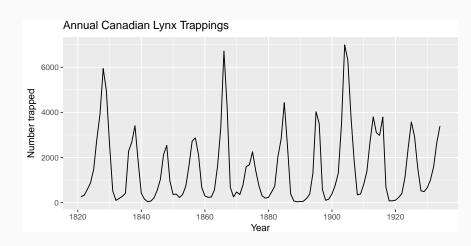


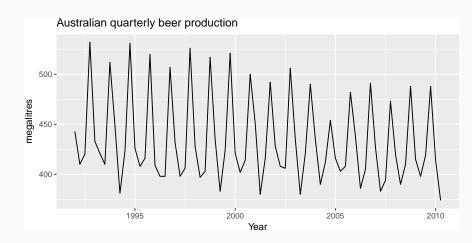












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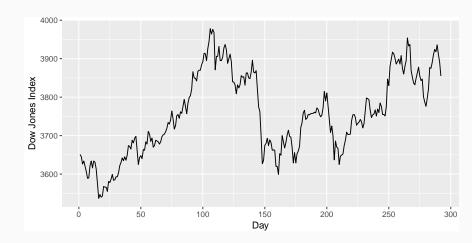
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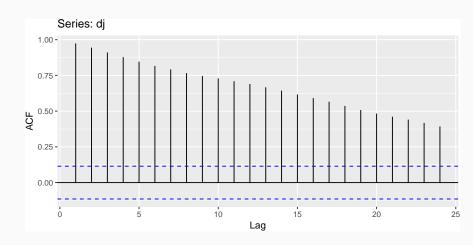
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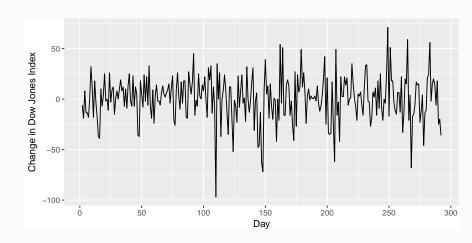
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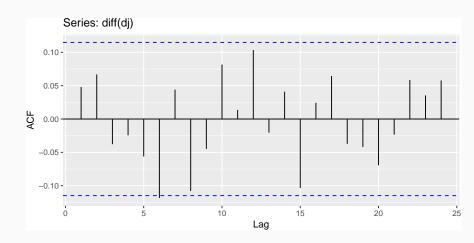
#### **Identifying non-stationary series**

- time plot.
- The ACF of stationary data drops to zero relatively quickly
- The ACF of non-stationary data decreases slowly.
- For non-stationary data, the value of  $r_1$  is often large and positive.









#### **Differencing**

- Differencing helps to **stabilize the mean**.
- The differenced series is the *change* between each observation in the original series:

$$\mathsf{y}_t' = \mathsf{y}_t - \mathsf{y}_{t-1}.$$

■ The differenced series will have only T-1 values since it is not possible to calculate a difference  $y'_1$  for the first observation.

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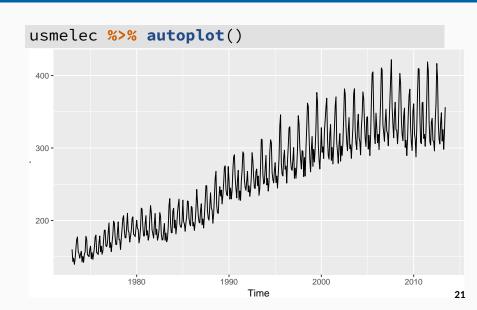
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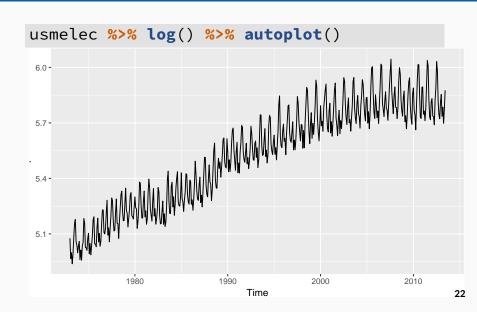
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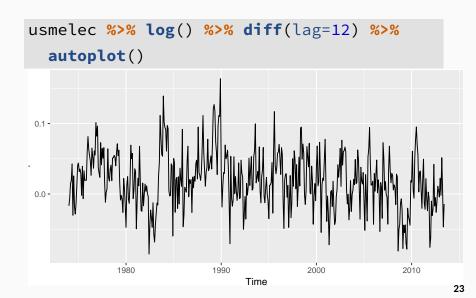
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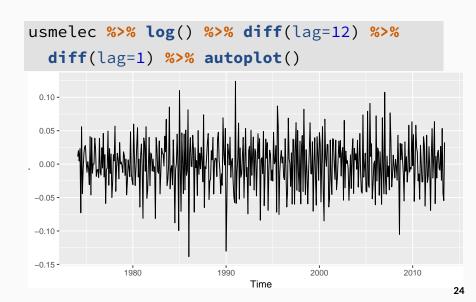
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- For monthly data m = 12.
- For quarterly data m = 4.









- Seasonally differenced series is closer to being stationary.
- Remaining non-stationarity can be removed with further first difference.

If  $y'_t = y_t - y_{t-12}$  denotes seasonally differenced series, then twice-differenced series i

$$y_t^* = y_t' - y_{t-1}'$$

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But taking lag 3 differences for yearly data, for example, results in a model which cannot be sensibly interpreted.

#### **Unit root tests**

# Statistical tests to determine the required order of differencing.

- Augmented Dickey Fuller test: null hypothesis is that the data are non-stationary and non-seasonal.
- Kwiatkowski-Phillips-Schmidt-Shin (KPSS) test: null hypothesis is that the data are stationary and non-seasonal.
- Other tests available for seasonal data.

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usmelec %>% log() %>% nsdiffs()
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usmelec %>% log() %>% diff(lag=12) %>% ndiffs()
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## Your turn

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For monthly data, if we wish to shift attention to "the same month last year," then  $B^{12}$  is used, and the notation is  $B^{12}y_t = y_{t-12}$ .

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.

- Second-order difference is denoted  $(1 B)^2$ .
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- In general, a dth-order difference can be written as

$$(1-B)^d y_t.$$

 A seasonal difference followed by a first difference can be written as

$$(1-B)(1-B^m)y_t$$
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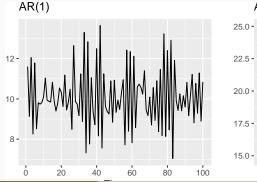
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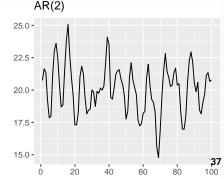
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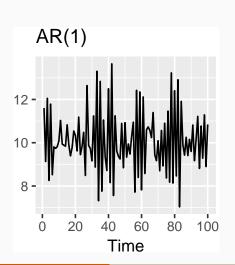
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$$y_t = 2 - 0.8y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$



 $\varepsilon_t \sim N(0, 1)$ , T = 100.

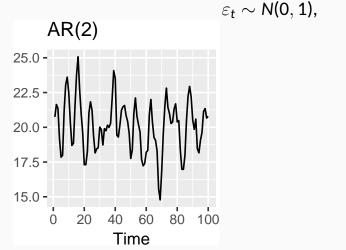
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$$\mathbf{y}_t = \mathbf{c} + \phi_1 \mathbf{y}_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$

- When  $\phi_1$  = 0,  $y_t$  is **equivalent to WN**
- When  $\phi_1$  = 1 and c = 0,  $y_t$  is **equivalent to a RW**
- When  $\phi_1$  = 1 and  $c \neq 0$ ,  $y_t$  is equivalent to a RW with drift
- When  $\phi_1$  < 0,  $y_t$  tends to oscillate between positive and negative values.

# AR(2) model

$$y_t = 8 + 1.3y_{t-1} - 0.7y_{t-2} + \varepsilon_t$$



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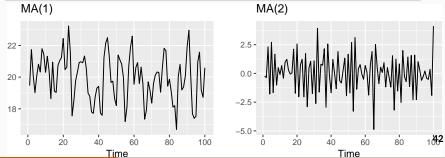
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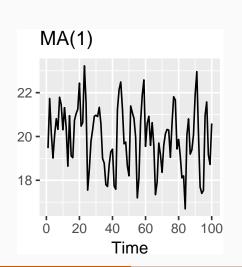
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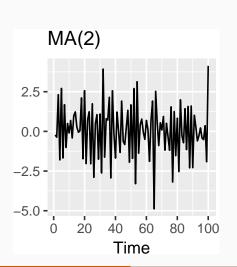
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Provided  $-1 < \phi_1 < 1$ :

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- Any MA(q) process can be written as an AR( $\infty$ ) process if we impose some constraints on the MA parameters.
- Then the MA model is called "invertible".
- Invertible models have some mathematical properties that make them easier to use in practice.
- Invertibility of an ARIMA model is equivalent to forecastability of an ETS model.

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## **Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average models**

- Combine ARMA model with **differencing**.
- $\blacksquare$   $(1 B)^d y_t$  follows an ARMA model.

#### **Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average models**

#### ARIMA(p, d, q) model

AR: p = order of the autoregressive part

I: d =degree of first differencing involved

MA: q = order of the moving average part.

- White noise model: ARIMA(0,0,0)
- Random walk: ARIMA(0,1,0) with no constant
- Random walk with drift: ARIMA(0,1,0) with const.
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## **Backshift notation for ARIMA**

ARMA model:

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ARIMA(1,1,1) model:

$$(1 - \phi_1 B)$$
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## R model

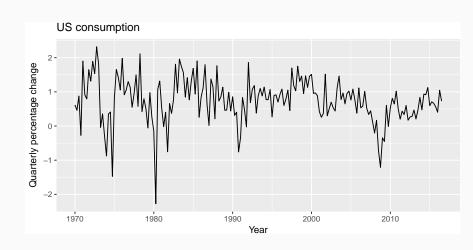
### **Intercept form**

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#### Mean form

$$(1 - \phi_1 B - \cdots - \phi_p B^p)(y_t' - \mu) = (1 + \theta_1 B + \cdots + \theta_q B^q)\varepsilon_t$$

- $y_t' = (1 B)^d y_t$
- $\blacksquare$   $\mu$  is the mean of  $y'_t$ .
- $c = \mu(1 \phi_1 \cdots \phi_p).$

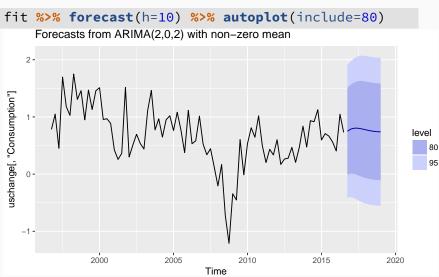


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## Series: uschange[, "Consumption"]
## ARIMA(2,0,2) with non-zero mean
##
## Coefficients:
##
           ar1 ar2
                           ma1
                                   ma2
                                          mean
## 1.3908 -0.5813 -1.1800 0.5584 0.7463
## s.e. 0.2553 0.2078 0.2381 0.1403 0.0845
##
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        ar1 ar2 ma1 ma2
                                         mean
## 1.3908 -0.5813 -1.1800 0.5584 0.7463
## s.e. 0.2553 0.2078 0.2381 0.1403 0.0845
##
## sigma^2 estimated as 0.3511: log likelihood=-165.14
## ATC=342.28 ATCc=342.75 BTC=361.67
"
```

#### ARIMA(2,0,2) model:

```
y_t = c + 1.391y_{t-1} - 0.581y_{t-2} - 1.180\varepsilon_{t-1} + 0.558\varepsilon_{t-2} + \varepsilon_t, where c = 0.746 \times (1 - 1.391 + 0.581) = 0.142 and \varepsilon_t is white noise with a standard deviation of 0.593 = \sqrt{0.351}.
```



# **Understanding ARIMA models**

- If c = 0 and d = 0, the long-term forecasts will go to zero.
- If c = 0 and d = 1, the long-term forecasts will go to a non-zero constant.
- If c = 0 and d = 2, the long-term forecasts will follow a straight line.
- If  $c \neq 0$  and d = 0, the long-term forecasts will go to the mean of the data.
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- If  $c \neq 0$  and d = 2, the long-term forecasts will follow a quadratic trend.

# **Understanding ARIMA models**

### Forecast variance and d

- The higher the value of *d*, the more rapidly the prediction intervals increase in size.
- For d = 0, the long-term forecast standard deviation will go to the standard deviation of the historical data.

## **Cyclic behaviour**

- For cyclic forecasts,  $p \ge 2$  and some restrictions on coefficients are required.
- If p = 2, we need  $\phi_1^2 + 4\phi_2 < 0$ . Then average cycle of length  $(2\pi)/\left[\operatorname{arc}\cos(-\phi_1(1-\phi_2)/(4\phi_2))\right]$ .

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 MLE is very similar to least squares estimation obtained by minimizing

$$\sum_{t=1}^{T} e_t^2$$

- The Arima() command allows CLS or MLE estimation.
- Non-linear optimization must be used in either case.
- Different software will give different estimates.

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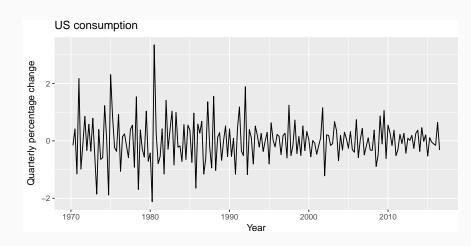
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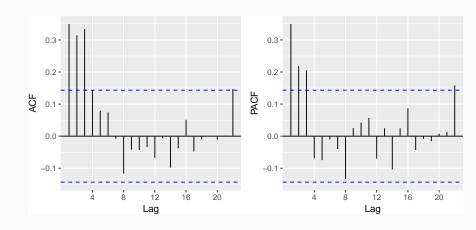
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- Varying number of terms on RHS gives  $\alpha_k$  for different values of k.
- There are more efficient ways of calculating  $\alpha_k$ .
- $\alpha_1 = \rho_1$

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## **AR(1)**

$$\rho_k = \phi_1^k$$
 for  $k = 1, 2, ...$ ;  
 $\alpha_1 = \phi_1$   $\alpha_k = 0$  for  $k = 2, 3, ...$ 

So we have an AR(1) model when

- autocorrelations exponentially decay
- there is a single significant partial autocorrelation.

# AR(p)

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- PACF has all zero spikes beyond the *p*th spike So we have an AR(*p*) model when
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## **MA(1)**

$$\rho_1 = \theta_1 \qquad \rho_k = 0 \qquad \text{for } k = 2, 3, \dots;$$

$$\alpha_k = -(-\theta_1)^k$$

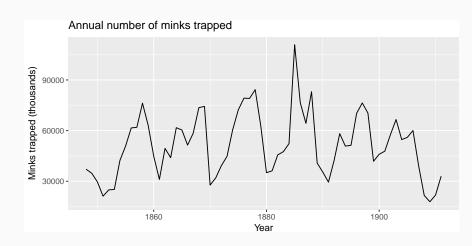
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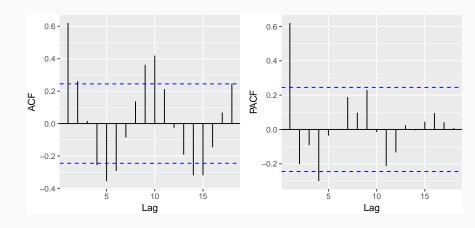
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### A non-seasonal ARIMA process

$$\phi(B)(1-B)^d y_t = c + \theta(B)\varepsilon_t$$

Need to select appropriate orders: p, q, d

## Hyndman and Khandakar (JSS, 2008) algorithm:

- Select no. differences d and D via KPSS test and seasonal strength measure.
- Select p, q by minimising AICc.
- Use stepwise search to traverse model space.

AICc =  $-2 \log(L) + 2(p+q+k+1) \left[1 + \frac{(p+q+k+2)}{T-p-q-k-2}\right]$ . where L is the maximised likelihood fitted to the differenced data, k = 1 if  $c \neq 0$  and k = 0 otherwise.

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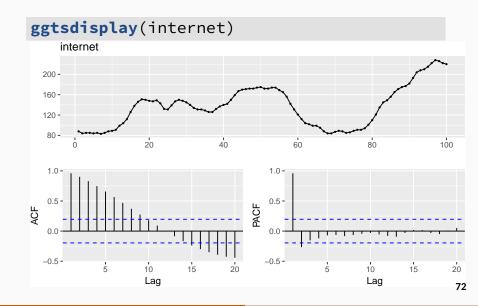
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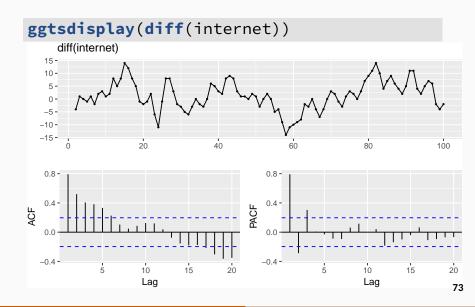
**Step 2:** Consider variations of current model:

- vary one of p, q, from current model by  $\pm 1$ ;
- **p**, q both vary from current model by  $\pm 1$ ;
- Include/exclude *c* from current model.

Model with lowest AICc becomes current model.

Repeat Step 2 until no lower AICc can be found.

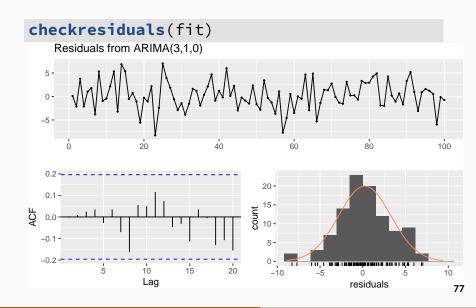




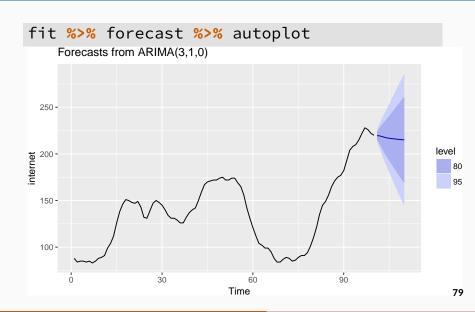
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## ARIMA(3,1,0)
##
## Coefficients:
##
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## s.e. 0.0950 0.1353 0.0941
##
## sigma^2 estimated as 9.656: log likelihood=-
252
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## auto.arima(internet) ## Series: internet ## ARIMA(1,1,1)## ## Coefficients: ## arl mal ## 0.6504 0.5256 ## s.e. 0.0842 0.0896 ## ## sigma^2 estimated as 9.995: log likelihood=-254.15 ## AIC=514.3 AICc=514.55 BIC=522.08

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auto.arima(internet, stepwise=FALSE,
  approximation=FALSE)
## Series: internet
## ARIMA(3,1,0)
##
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```



```
##
## Ljung-Box test
##
## data: Residuals from ARIMA(3,1,0)
## Q* = 4.4913, df = 7, p-value = 0.7218
##
## Model df: 3. Total lags used: 10
```



### Modelling procedure with Arima

- Plot the data. Identify any unusual observations.
- If necessary, transform the data (using a Box-Cox transformation) to stabilize the variance.
- If the data are non-stationary: take first differences of the data until the data are stationary.
- Examine the ACF/PACF: Is an AR(p) or MA(q) model appropriate?
- Try your chosen model(s), and use the AICc to search for a better model.
- Check the residuals from your chosen model by plotting the ACF of the residuals, and doing a portmanteau test of the residuals. If they do not look like white noise, try a modified model.
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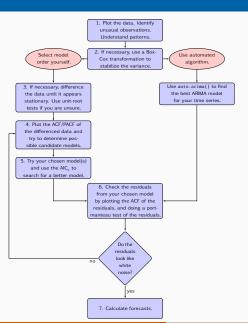
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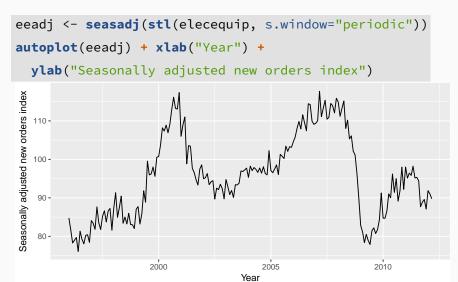
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Use auto.arima to select a model.

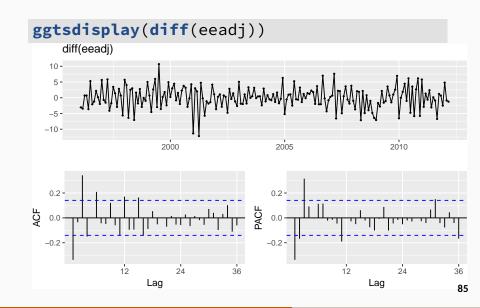
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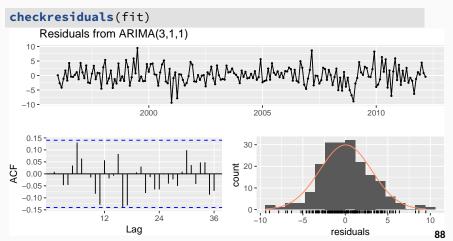
- Time plot shows sudden changes, particularly big drop in 2008/2009 due to global economic environment. Otherwise nothing unusual and no need for data adjustments.
- No evidence of changing variance, so no Box-Cox transformation.
- Data are clearly non-stationary, so we take first differences.



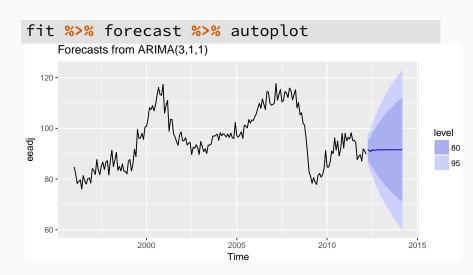
- PACF is suggestive of AR(3). So initial candidate model is ARIMA(3,1,0). No other obvious candidates.
- Fit ARIMA(3,1,0) model along with variations: ARIMA(4,1,0), ARIMA(2,1,0), ARIMA(3,1,1), etc. ARIMA(3,1,1) has smallest AICc value.

```
(fit <- Arima(eeadj, order=c(3,1,1)))
## Series: eeadj
## ARIMA(3,1,1)
##
## Coefficients:
## ar1 ar2 ar3 ma1
## 0.0044 0.0916 0.3698 -0.3921
## s.e. 0.2201 0.0984 0.0669 0.2426
##
## sigma^2 estimated as 9.577: log likelihood=-492.69
## AIC=995.38 AICc=995.7 BIC=1011.72</pre>
```

ACF plot of residuals from ARIMA(3,1,1) model look like white noise.



```
##
## Ljung-Box test
##
## data: Residuals from ARIMA(3,1,1)
## Q* = 24.034, df = 20, p-value = 0.2409
##
## Model df: 4. Total lags used: 24
```



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- Rearrange ARIMA equation so  $y_t$  is on LHS.
- Rewrite equation by replacing t by T + h.
- On RHS, replace future observations by their forecasts, future errors by zero, and past errors by corresponding residuals.

Start with h = 1. Repeat for h = 2, 3, ...

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- AR(1): Rewrite as  $M\bar{A}(\infty)$  and use above result.
- Other models beyond scope of this subject.

- Prediction intervals increase in size with forecast horizon.
- Prediction intervals can be difficult to calculate by hand
- Calculations assume residuals are uncorrelated and normally distributed.
- Prediction intervals tend to be too narrow.
  - the uncertainty in the parameter estimates has not been accounted for.
  - the ARIMA model assumes historical patterns will not change during the forecast period.
  - the ARIMA model assumes uncorrelated future errors 98

#### Your turn

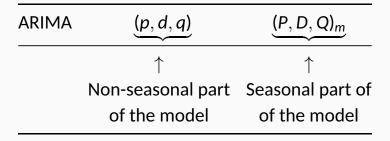
#### For the usgdp data:

- if necessary, find a suitable Box-Cox transformation for the data;
- fit a suitable ARIMA model to the transformed data using auto.arima();
- check the residual diagnostics;
- produce forecasts of your fitted model. Do the forecasts look reasonable?

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### **Seasonal ARIMA models**



where m = number of observations per year.

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All the factors can be multiplied out and the general model written as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} y_t &= (1+\phi_1)y_{t-1} - \phi_1 y_{t-2} + (1+\Phi_1)y_{t-4} \\ &- (1+\phi_1+\Phi_1+\phi_1\Phi_1)y_{t-5} + (\phi_1+\phi_1\Phi_1)y_{t-6} \\ &- \Phi_1 y_{t-8} + (\Phi_1+\phi_1\Phi_1)y_{t-9} - \phi_1\Phi_1 y_{t-10} \\ &+ \varepsilon_t + \theta_1 \varepsilon_{t-1} + \Theta_1 \varepsilon_{t-4} + \theta_1 \Theta_1 \varepsilon_{t-5}. \end{aligned}$$

#### **Common ARIMA models**

The US Census Bureau uses the following models most often:

ARIMA $(0,1,1)(0,1,1)_m$	with log transformation
ARIMA $(0,1,2)(0,1,1)_m$	with log transformation
ARIMA(2,1,0)(0,1,1) <sub>m</sub>	with log transformation
ARIMA $(0,2,2)(0,1,1)_m$	with log transformation
ARIMA(2,1,2)(0,1,1) <sub>m</sub>	with no transformation

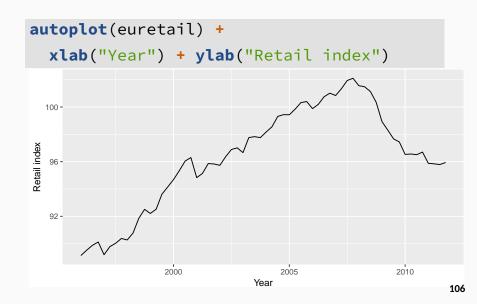
The seasonal part of an AR or MA model will be seen in the seasonal lags of the PACF and ACF.

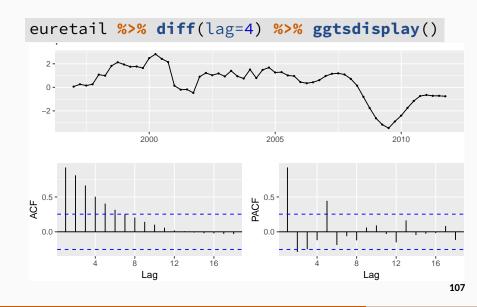
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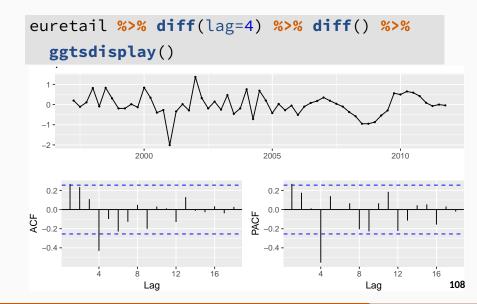
- a spike at lag 12 in the ACF but no other significant spikes.
- The PACF will show exponential decay in the seasonal lags; that is, at lags 12, 24, 36, ....

#### ARIMA $(0,0,0)(1,0,0)_{12}$ will show:

- exponential decay in the seasonal lags of the ACF
- a single significant spike at lag 12 in the PACF.







- $\blacksquare$  d = 1 and D = 1 seems necessary.
- Significant spike at lag 1 in ACF suggests non-seasonal MA(1) component.
- Significant spike at lag 4 in ACF suggests seasonal MA(1) component.
- Initial candidate model: ARIMA(0,1,1)(0,1,1)<sub>4</sub>.
- We could also have started with  $ARIMA(1,1,0)(1,1,0)_4$ .

```
fit <- Arima(euretail, order=c(0,1,1),
   seasonal=\mathbf{c}(0,1,1))
checkresiduals(fit)
     Residuals from ARIMA(0,1,1)(0,1,1)[4]
   1.0 -
  0.5 -
  0.0 -
  -0.5 -
  -1.0 -
                                              2005
                        2000
                                                                    2010
  0.3 -
                                           15 -
   0.2 -
  0.1 -
                                         count
                                           10 -
                                            5 -
  -0.1 -
  -0.2
                          12
                                 16
                                                                     0.5
                     Lag
                                                           residuals
```

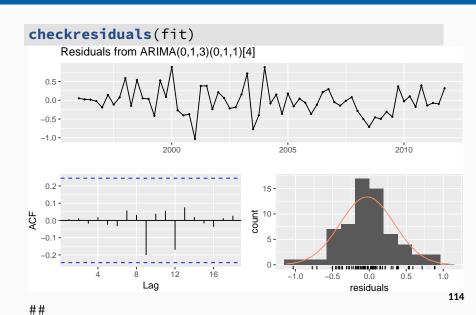
```
##
## Ljung-Box test
##
## data: Residuals from ARIMA(0,1,1)(0,1,1)[4]
## Q* = 10.654, df = 6, p-value = 0.09968
##
## Model df: 2. Total lags used: 8
```

- ACF and PACF of residuals show significant spikes at lag 2, and maybe lag 3.
- AICc of ARIMA(0,1,2)(0,1,1)<sub>4</sub> model is 74.27.
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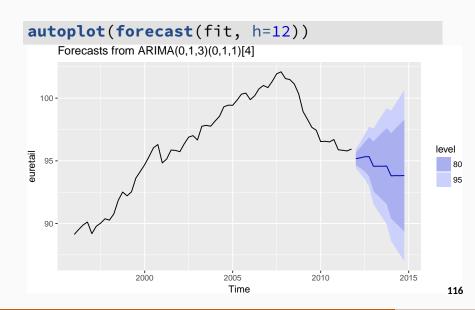
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```
fit <- Arima(euretail, order=c(0,1,3),
    seasonal=c(0,1,1))
checkresiduals(fit)</pre>
```

```
## Series: euretail
## ARIMA(0,1,3)(0,1,1)[4]
##
## Coefficients:
##
                  ma2
                          ma3
           ma1
                                  sma1
##
        0.2630 0.3694 0.4200 -0.6636
## s.e. 0.1237 0.1255 0.1294 0.1545
##
## sigma^2 estimated as 0.156: log likelihood=-28.63
## ATC=67.26 ATCc=68.39 BTC=77.65
```

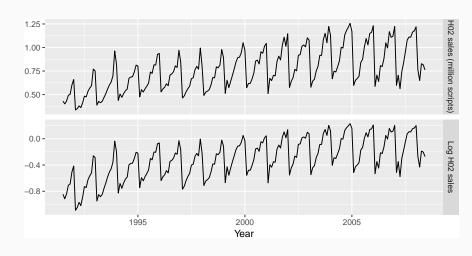


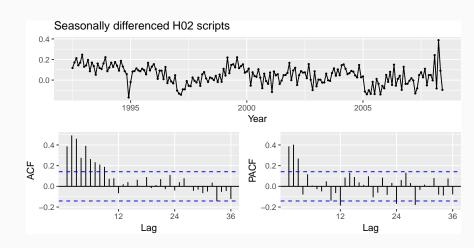
```
##
## Ljung-Box test
##
## data: Residuals from ARIMA(0,1,3)(0,1,1)[4]
## Q* = 0.51128, df = 4, p-value = 0.9724
##
## Model df: 4. Total lags used: 8
```



```
auto.arima(euretail)
## Series: euretail
## ARIMA(1,1,2)(0,1,1)[4]
##
## Coefficients:
##
                            ma2
           ar1
                    ma1
                                    sma1
##
        0.7362 - 0.4663 0.2163 - 0.8433
## s.e. 0.2243 0.1990
                         0.2101 0.1876
##
## sigma^2 estimated as 0.1587: log likelihood=-29.62
## AIC=69.24 AICc=70.38 BIC=79.63
```

```
auto.arima(euretail,
  stepwise=FALSE, approximation=FALSE)
## Series: euretail
## ARIMA(0,1,3)(0,1,1)[4]
##
## Coefficients:
##
           ma1
                 ma2
                       ma3
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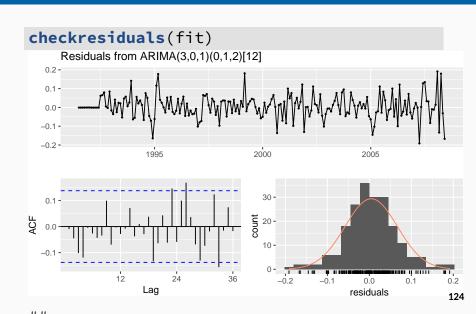




- Choose D = 1 and d = 0.
- Spikes in PACF at lags 12 and 24 suggest seasonal AR(2) term.
- Spikes in PACF suggests possible non-seasonal AR(3) term.
- Initial candidate model: ARIMA(3,0,0)(2,1,0)<sub>12</sub>.

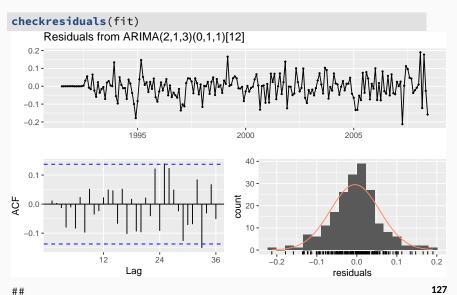
Model	AICc
ARIMA(3,0,1)(0,1,2) <sub>12</sub>	-485.48
ARIMA(3,0,1)(1,1,1) <sub>12</sub>	-484.25
ARIMA(3,0,1)(0,1,1) <sub>12</sub>	-483.67
ARIMA(3,0,1)(2,1,0) <sub>12</sub>	-476.31
ARIMA(3,0,0)(2,1,0) <sub>12</sub>	-475.12
ARIMA(3,0,2)(2,1,0) <sub>12</sub>	-474.88
ARIMA(3,0,1)(1,1,0) <sub>12</sub>	-463.40

```
(fit \leftarrow Arima(h02, order=c(3,0,1), seasonal=c(0,1,2),
  lambda=0))
## Series: h02
## ARIMA(3,0,1)(0,1,2)[12]
## Box Cox transformation: lambda= 0
##
## Coefficients:
##
            ar1 ar2 ar3 ma1
                                          sma1
                                                  sma2
##
       -0.1603 0.5481 0.5678 0.3827 -0.5222 -0.1768
## s.e. 0.1636 0.0878 0.0942 0.1895 0.0861 0.0872
##
## sigma^2 estimated as 0.004278: log likelihood=250.04
## AIC=-486.08 AICc=-485.48 BIC=-463.28
```



```
##
## Ljung-Box test
##
## data: Residuals from ARIMA(3,0,1)(0,1,2)[12]
## Q* = 23.663, df = 18, p-value = 0.1664
##
## Model df: 6. Total lags used: 24
```

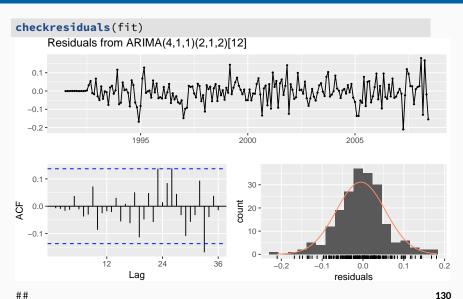
```
(fit <- auto.arima(h02, lambda=0))
## Series: h02
## ARIMA(2,1,3)(0,1,1)[12]
## Box Cox transformation: lambda= 0
##
## Coefficients:
##
            ar1
                    ar2
                         ma1
                                    ma2
                                            ma3
                                                    sma1
  -1.0194 -0.8351 0.1717 0.2578 -0.4206 -0.6528
##
## s.e. 0.1648 0.1203 0.2079 0.1177 0.1060
                                                  0.0657
##
## sigma^2 estimated as 0.004203: log likelihood=250.8
## AIC=-487.6 AICc=-486.99 BIC=-464.83
```



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```
##
## Ljung-Box test
##
## data: Residuals from ARIMA(2,1,3)(0,1,1)[12]
## Q* = 21.49, df = 18, p-value = 0.2554
##
## Model df: 6. Total lags used: 24
```

```
(fit <- auto.arima(h02, lambda=0, max.order=9,
 stepwise=FALSE, approximation=FALSE))
## Series: h02
## ARIMA(4,1,1)(2,1,2)[12]
  Box Cox transformation: lambda= 0
##
## Coefficients:
                   ar2 ar3
                                                           sar2
##
            ar1
                                   ar4
                                           ma1
                                                  sar1
                                                                   sma1
##
       -0.0425 0.2098 0.2017
                               -0.2273 -0.7424 0.6213 -0.3832 -1.2019
## s.e. 0.2167 0.1813 0.1144 0.0810 0.2074 0.2421 0.1185
                                                                 0.2491
         sma2
##
##
       0.4959
## s.e. 0.2135
##
## sigma^2 estimated as 0.004049: log likelihood=254.31
## ATC=-488.63
               ATCc=-487.4
                             BTC=-456.1
```



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```
##
## Ljung-Box test
##
## data: Residuals from ARIMA(4,1,1)(2,1,2)[12]
## Q* = 15.657, df = 15, p-value = 0.4052
##
## Model df: 9. Total lags used: 24
```

Training data: July 1991 to June 2006 Test data: July 2006-June 2008 getrmse <- function(x,h,...)</pre> train.end <- time(x)[length(x)-h]test.start <- time(x)[length(x)-h+1] train <- window(x,end=train.end)</pre> test <- window(x,start=test.start)</pre> fit <- Arima(train,...)</pre> fc <- forecast(fit,h=h)</pre> return(accuracy(fc,test)[2,"RMSE"]) getrmse(h02,h=24,order=c(3,0,0),seasonal=c(2,1,0),lambda=0)getrmse(h02,h=24,order=c(3,0,1),seasonal=c(2,1,0),lambda=0)getrmse(h02,h=24,order=c(3,0,2),seasonal=c(2,1,0),lambda=0)getrmse(h02,h=24,order=c(3,0,1),seasonal=c(1,1,0),lambda=0)

Model	RMSE
ARIMA(4,1,1)(2,1,2)[12]	0.0615
ARIMA(3,0,1)(0,1,2)[12]	0.0622
ARIMA(3,0,1)(1,1,1)[12]	0.0630
ARIMA(2,1,4)(0,1,1)[12]	0.0632
ARIMA(2,1,3)(0,1,1)[12]	0.0634
ARIMA(3,0,3)(0,1,1)[12]	0.0639
ARIMA(2,1,5)(0,1,1)[12]	0.0640
ARIMA(3,0,1)(0,1,1)[12]	0.0644
ARIMA(3,0,2)(0,1,1)[12]	0.0644
ARIMA(3,0,2)(2,1,0)[12]	0.0645
ARIMA(3,0,1)(2,1,0)[12]	0.0646
ARIMA(3,0,0)(2,1,0)[12]	0.0661

- Models with lowest AICc values tend to give slightly better results than the other models.
- AICc comparisons must have the same orders of differencing. But RMSE test set comparisons can involve any models.
- Use the best model available, even if it does not pass all tests.

```
fit \leftarrow Arima(h02, order=c(3,0,1), seasonal=c(0,1,2),
  lambda=0)
autoplot(forecast(fit)) +
  ylab("H02 sales (million scripts)") + xlab("Year")
     Forecasts from ARIMA(3,0,1)(0,1,2)[12]
H02 sales (million scripts)
                                                                        level
                                 2000
                                                                2010
                                                2005
                                    Year
```

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#### **ARIMA vs ETS**

- Myth that ARIMA models are more general than exponential smoothing.
- Linear exponential smoothing models all special cases of ARIMA models.
- Non-linear exponential smoothing models have no equivalent ARIMA counterparts.
- Many ARIMA models have no exponential smoothing counterparts.
- ETS models all non-stationary. Models with seasonality or non-damped trend (or both) have two unit roots; all other models have one unit roqt,

# **Equivalences**

ETS model	ARIMA model	Parameters
ETS(A,N,N)	ARIMA(0,1,1)	$\theta_1 = \alpha - 1$
ETS(A,A,N)	ARIMA(0,2,2)	$\theta_1$ = $\alpha$ + $\beta$ $-$ 2
		$\theta_{\mathrm{2}}$ = 1 $-\alpha$
ETS(A,A,N)	ARIMA(1,1,2)	$\phi_1$ = $\phi$
		$\theta_1$ = $\alpha$ + $\phi\beta$ $-$ 1 $ \phi$
		$\theta_2$ = (1 $-\alpha$ ) $\phi$
ETS(A,N,A)	$ARIMA(0,0,m)(0,1,0)_m$	
ETS(A,A,A)	ARIMA $(0,1,m+1)(0,1,0)_m$	
ETS(A,A,A)	ARIMA $(1,0,m+1)(0,1,0)_m$	

#### Your turn

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- Do the data need transforming? If so, find a suitable transformation.
- Are the data stationary? If not, find an appropriate differencing which yields stationary data.
- Identify a couple of ARIMA models that might be useful in describing the time series.
- Which of your models is the best according to their AIC values?
- Estimate the parameters of your best model and do diagnostic testing on the residuals. Do the residuals resemble white noise? If not, try to find another ARIMA model which fits better.
- Forecast the next 24 months of data using your preferred model.