

Forecasting: principles and practice

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2.4 Non-seasonal ARIMA models

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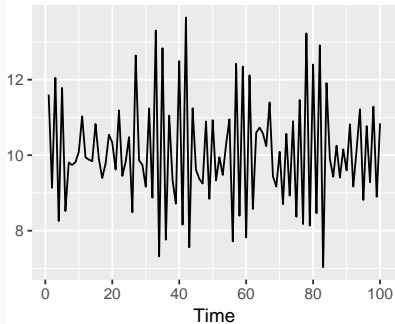
Autoregressive models

Autoregressive (AR) models:

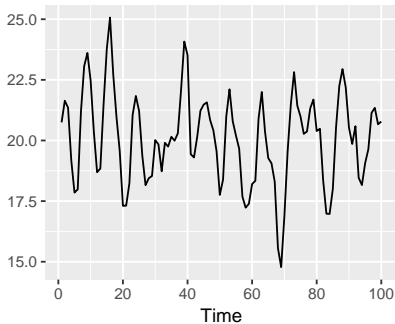
$$y_t = c + \phi_1 y_{t-1} + \phi_2 y_{t-2} + \cdots + \phi_p y_{t-p} + \varepsilon_t,$$

where ε_t is white noise. This is a multiple regression with **lagged values** of y_t as predictors.

AR(1)



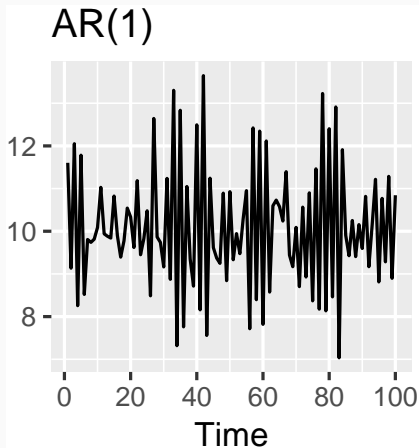
AR(2)



AR(1) model

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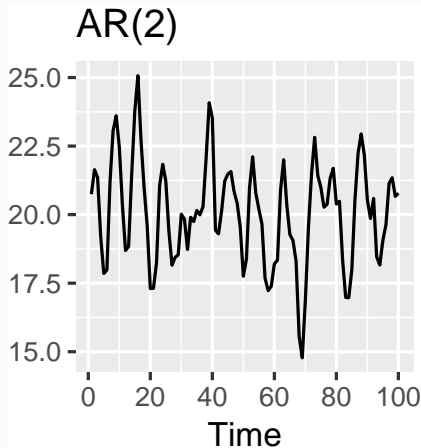
$$y_t = c + \phi_1 y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$

- 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

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

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



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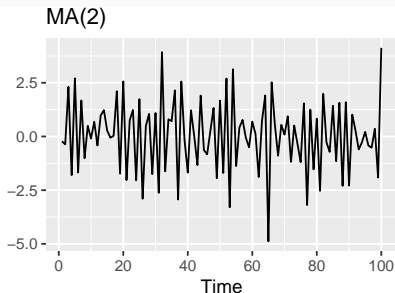
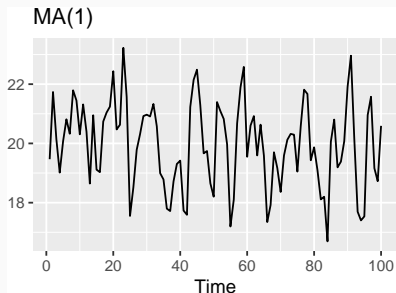
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Moving Average (MA) models

Moving Average (MA) models:

$$y_t = c + \varepsilon_t + \theta_1 \varepsilon_{t-1} + \theta_2 \varepsilon_{t-2} + \cdots + \theta_q \varepsilon_{t-q},$$

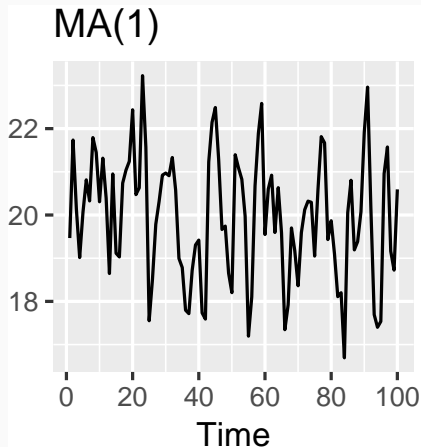
where ε_t is white noise. This is a multiple regression with **past errors** as predictors. *Don't confuse this with moving average smoothing!*



MA(1) model

$$y_t = 20 + \varepsilon_t + 0.8\varepsilon_{t-1}$$

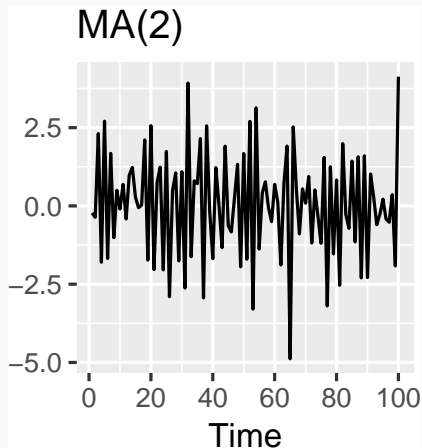
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MA(2) model

$$y_t = \varepsilon_t - \varepsilon_{t-1} + 0.8\varepsilon_{t-2}$$

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Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average models

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

ARIMA models

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.
- AR(p): ARIMA($p,0,0$)
- MA(q): ARIMA(0,0, q)

Backshift notation for ARIMA

■ ARMA model:

$$y_t = c + \phi_1 B y_t + \dots + \phi_p B^p y_t + \varepsilon_t + \theta_1 B \varepsilon_t + \dots + \theta_q B^q \varepsilon_t$$

$$\text{or } (1 - \phi_1 B - \dots - \phi_p B^p) y_t = c + (1 + \theta_1 B + \dots + \theta_q B^q) \varepsilon_t$$

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↑

AR(1)

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difference

↑

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Written out:

$$y_t = c + y_{t-1} + \phi_1 y_{t-1} - \phi_1 y_{t-2} + \theta_1 \varepsilon_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$

R model

Intercept form

$$(1 - \phi_1 B - \dots - \phi_p B^p) y'_t = c + (1 + \theta_1 B + \dots + \theta_q B^q) \varepsilon_t$$

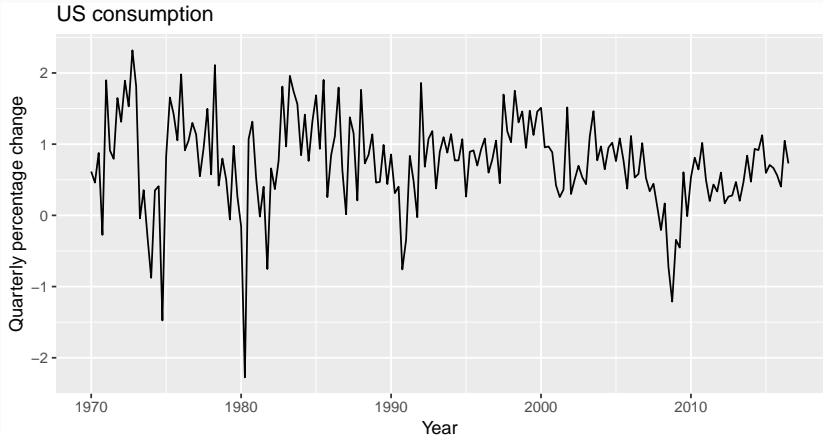
Mean form

$$(1 - \phi_1 B - \dots - \phi_p B^p)(y'_t - \mu) = (1 + \theta_1 B + \dots + \theta_q B^q) \varepsilon_t$$

- $y'_t = (1 - B)^d y_t$
- μ is the mean of y'_t .
- $c = \mu(1 - \phi_1 - \dots - \phi_p)$.
- R uses mean form.

US personal consumption

```
autoplot(uschange[, "Consumption"]) +  
  xlab("Year") + ylab("Quarterly percentage change") +  
  ggtitle("US consumption")
```



US personal consumption

```
(fit <- auto.arima(uschange[, "Consumption"]))
```

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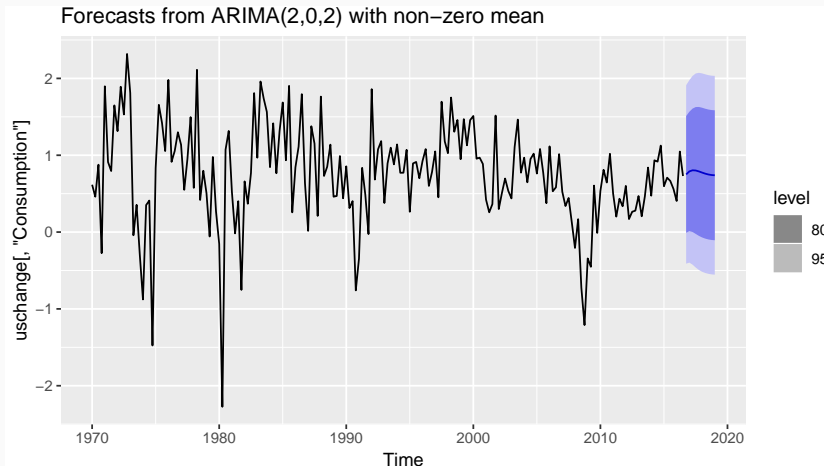
ARIMA(2,0,2) model:

$$y_t = c + 1.391y_{t-1} - 0.581y_{t-2} - 1.180\varepsilon_{t-1} + 0.558\varepsilon_{t-2} + \varepsilon_t,$$

where $c = 0.746 \times (1 - 1.391 + 0.581) = 0.142$ and $\varepsilon_t \sim N(0, 0.351)$.

US personal consumption

```
fit %>% forecast(h=10) %>% autoplot(include=80)
```



Understanding ARIMA models

Long-term forecasts

| | | |
|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| zero | $c = 0, d = 0$ | |
| non-zero constant | $c = 0, d = 1$ | $c \neq 0, d = 0$ |
| linear | $c = 0, d = 2$ | $c \neq 0, d = 1$ |
| quadratic | $c = 0, d = 3$ | $c \neq 0, d = 2$ |

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.

Understanding ARIMA models

Cyclic behaviour

- For cyclic forecasts, $p \geq 2$ and some restrictions on coefficients are required.
- If $p = 2$, we need $\phi_1^2 + 4\phi_2 < 0$. Then average cycle of length

$$(2\pi) / \left[\arccos(-\phi_1(1 - \phi_2)/(4\phi_2)) \right] .$$

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- MLE is very similar to least squares estimation obtained by minimizing

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

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

Information criteria

Akaike's Information Criterion (AIC):

$$\text{AIC} = -2 \log(L) + 2(p + q + k + 1),$$

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Good models are obtained by minimizing either the AIC, AICc or BIC. My preference is to use the AICc.

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How does auto.arima() work?

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.

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Step 3: Consider variations of current model:

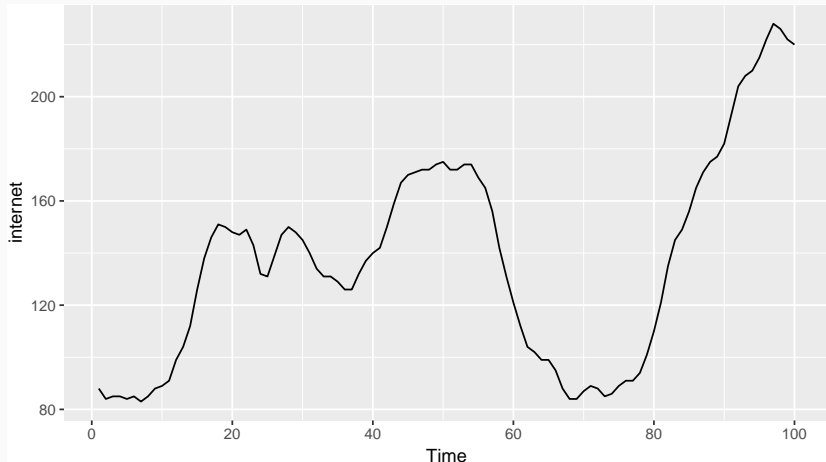
- vary one of p , q , from current model by ± 1 ;
- p , q both vary from current model by ± 1 ;
- Include/exclude c from current model.

Model with lowest AICc becomes current model.

Repeat Step 3 until no lower AICc can be found.

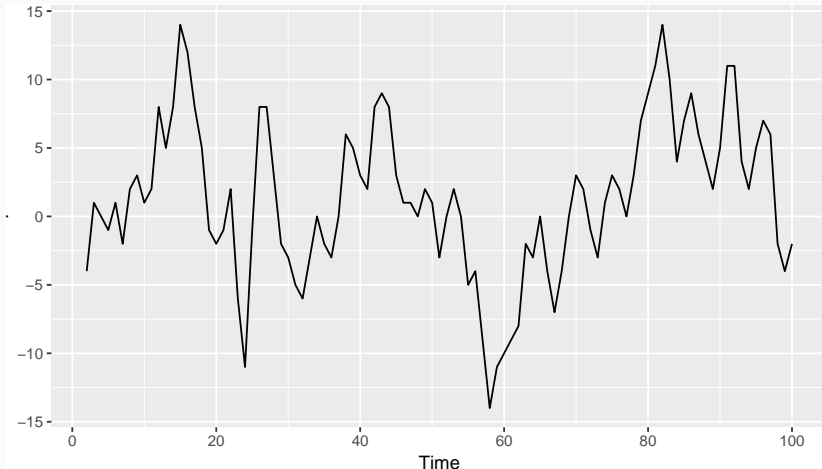
Choosing an ARIMA model

```
autoplot(internet)
```



Choosing an ARIMA model

```
internet %>% diff() %>% autoplot()
```



Choosing an ARIMA model

```
(fit <- auto.arima(internet))
```

```
## Series: internet
```

```
## ARIMA(1,1,1)
```

```
##
```

```
## Coefficients:
```

```
##          ar1      ma1
```

```
##          0.650   0.526
```

```
## s.e.    0.084   0.090
```

```
##
```

```
## sigma^2 estimated as 10:  log likelihood=-254.2
```

```
## AIC=514.3   AICc=514.5   BIC=522.1
```

Choosing an ARIMA model

```
(fit <- auto.arima(internet, stepwise=FALSE,  
  approximation=FALSE))
```

```
## Series: internet
```

```
## ARIMA(3,1,0)
```

```
##
```

```
## Coefficients:
```

```
##          ar1      ar2      ar3
```

```
##          1.151   -0.661   0.341
```

```
## s.e.    0.095    0.135    0.094
```

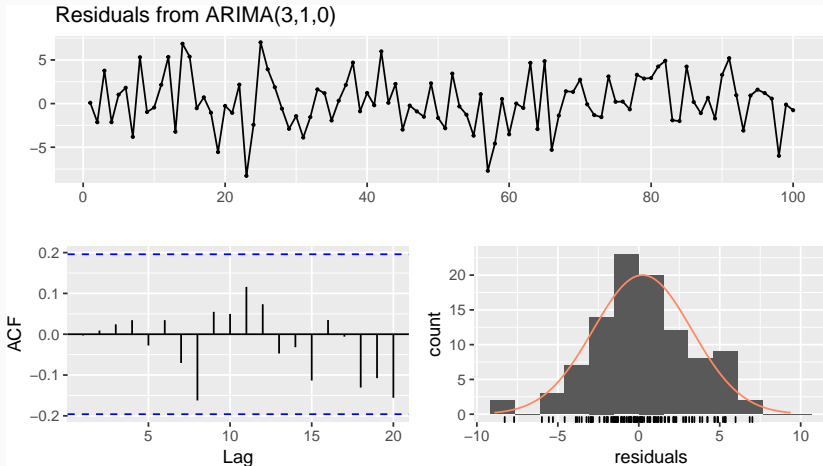
```
##
```

```
## sigma^2 estimated as 9.66:  log likelihood=-252
```

```
## AIC=512    AICc=512.4    BIC=522.4
```

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```
checkresiduals(fit, plot=TRUE)
```



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```

```
##
```

```
##  Ljung-Box test
```

```
##
```

```
## data:  Residuals from ARIMA(3,1,0)
```

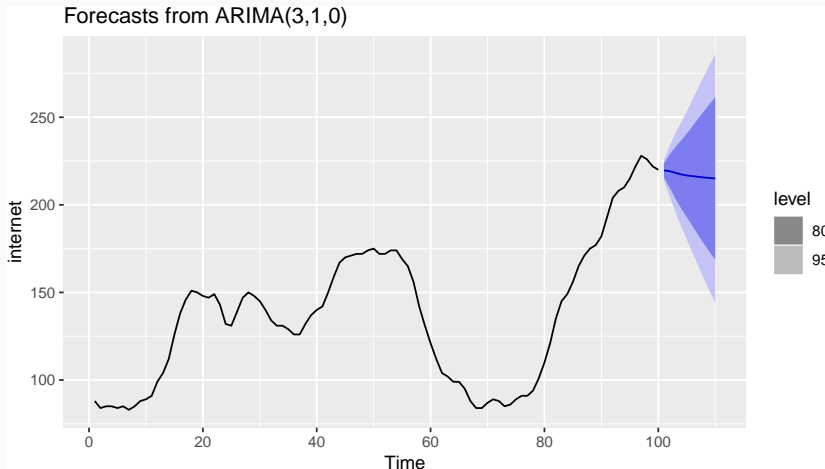
```
## Q* = 4.5, df = 7, p-value = 0.7
```

```
##
```

```
## Model df: 3.    Total lags used: 10
```

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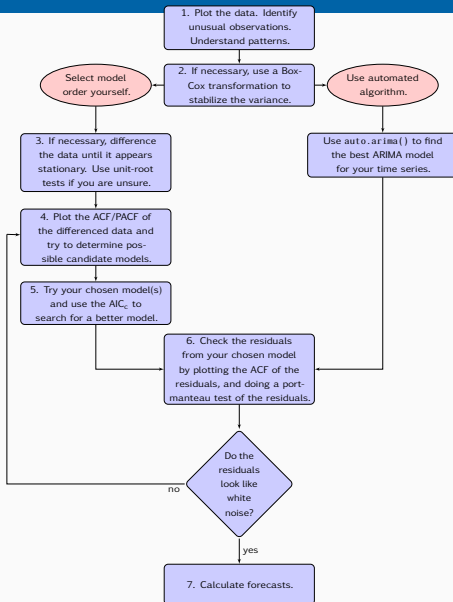
```
fit %>% forecast() %>% autoplot()
```



Modelling procedure with `auto.arima`

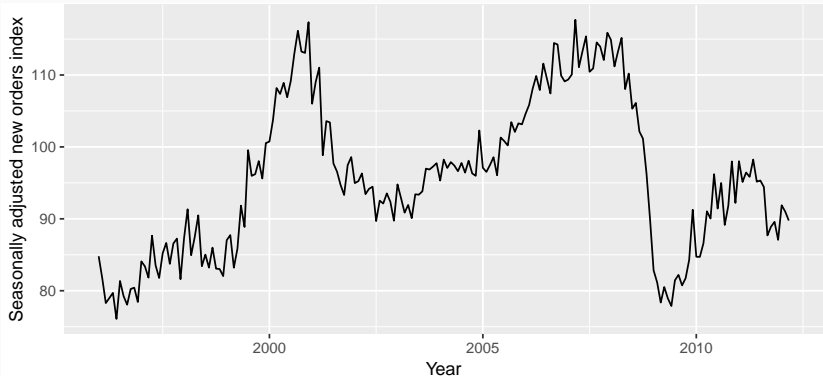
- 1 Plot the data. Identify any unusual observations.
- 2 If necessary, transform the data (using a Box-Cox transformation) to stabilize the variance.
- 3 Use `auto.arima` to select a model.
- 4 Check the residuals from your chosen model by plotting the ACF of the residuals, and doing a portmanteau test of the residuals. If they do not look like white noise, try a modified model.
- 5 Once the residuals look like white noise, calculate forecasts.

Modelling procedure



Seasonally adjusted electrical equipment

```
eeadj <- seasadj(stl(elecequip, s.window="periodic")  
autoplot(eeadj) + xlab("Year") +  
  ylab("Seasonally adjusted new orders index"))
```

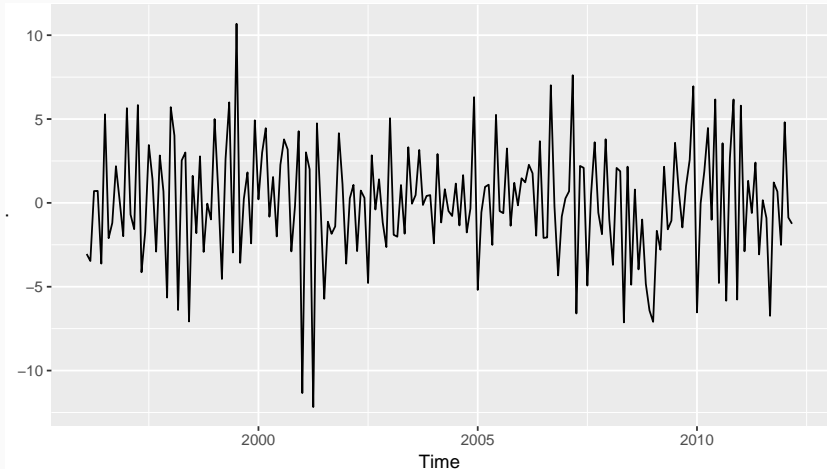


Seasonally adjusted electrical equipment

- 1 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.
- 2 No evidence of changing variance, so no Box-Cox transformation.
- 3 Data are clearly non-stationary, so we take first differences.

Seasonally adjusted electrical equipment

```
eeadj %>% diff() %>% autoplot()
```



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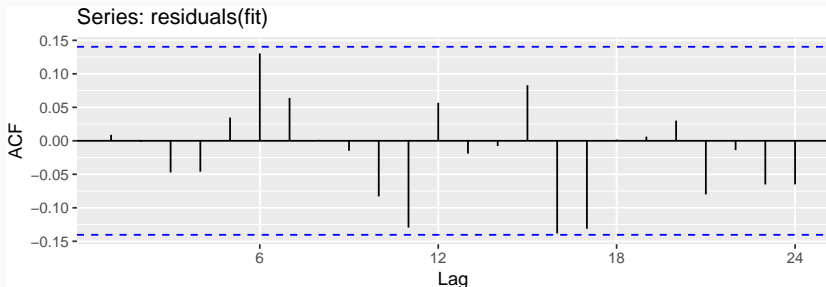
```
fit <- auto.arima(eeadj, stepwise=FALSE, approximation=FALSE)
summary(fit)
```

```
## Series: eeadj
## ARIMA(3,1,1)
##
## Coefficients:
##          ar1      ar2      ar3      ma1
##          0.004  0.092  0.370  -0.392
## s.e.    0.220  0.098  0.067   0.243
##
## sigma^2 estimated as 9.58:  log likelihood=-492.7
## AIC=995.4   AICc=995.7   BIC=1012
##
## Training set error measures:
##              ME  RMSE   MAE      MPE  MAPE   MASE
## Training set 0.03288 3.055 2.357 -0.00647 2.482 0.2884
##
##              ACF1
```

Seasonally adjusted electrical equipment

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

```
ggAcf(residuals(fit))
```



Seasonally adjusted electrical equipment

```
checkresiduals(fit, plot=FALSE)
```

```
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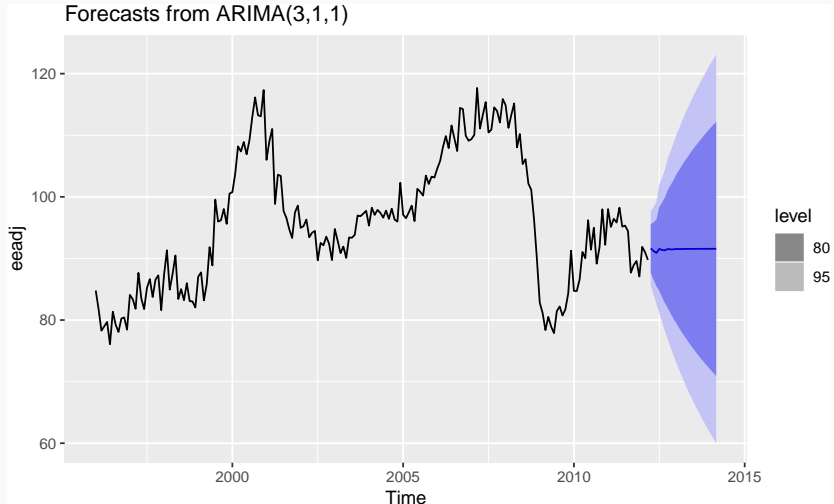
```
## Q* = 24, df = 20, p-value = 0.2
```

```
##
```

```
## Model df: 4.    Total lags used: 24
```

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```
fit %>% forecast() %>% autoplot()
```



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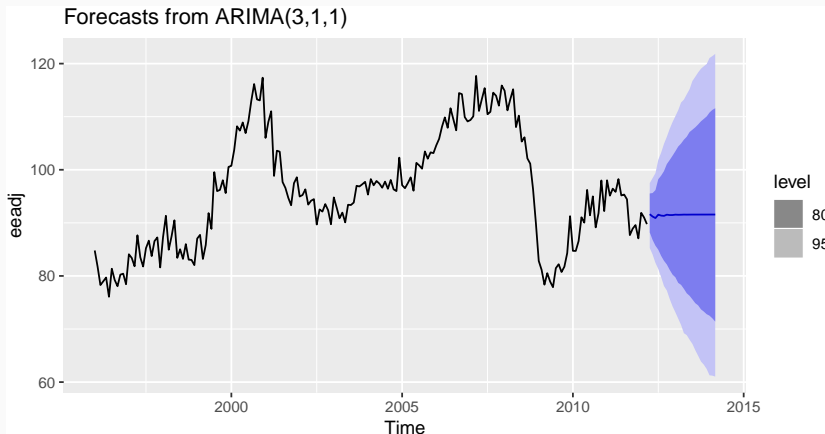
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Prediction intervals

- Prediction intervals **increase in size with forecast horizon.**
- 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

Bootstrapped prediction intervals

```
fit %>% forecast(bootstrap=TRUE) %>% autoplot()
```



- No assumption of normally distributed residuals.