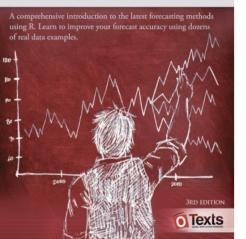
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# FORECASTING PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE



# 7. Time series regression models

7.5 Selecting predictors

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Computer output for regression will always give the  $R^2$  value. This is a useful summary of the model.

- It is equal to the square of the correlation between y and  $\hat{y}$ .
- It is often called the "coefficient of determination".
- It can also be calculated as follows:

$$R^{2} = \frac{\sum (\hat{y}_{t} - \bar{y})^{2}}{\sum (y_{t} - \bar{y})^{2}}$$

■ It is the proportion of variance accounted for (explained) by the predictors.

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# Maximizing $\bar{R}^2$ is equivalent to minimizing $\hat{\sigma}^2$ .

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{T - k - 1} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \varepsilon_t^2$$

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#### **Corrected AIC**

For small values of *T*, the AIC tends to select too many predictors, and so a bias-corrected version of the AIC has been developed.

$$AIC_C = AIC + \frac{2(k+2)(k+3)}{T-k-3}$$

As with the AIC, the AIC<sub>C</sub> should be minimized.

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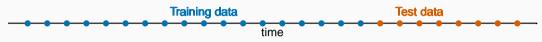
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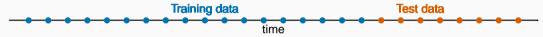
For regression, leave-one-out cross-validation is faster and more efficient than time-series cross-validation.

- Select one observation for test set, and use *remaining* observations in training set. Compute error on test observation.
- Repeat using each possible observation as the test set.
- Compute accuracy measure over all errors.

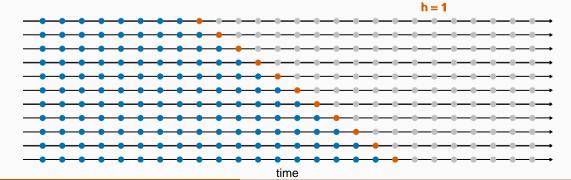
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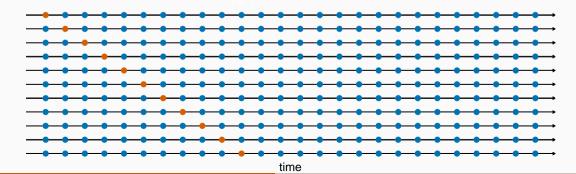
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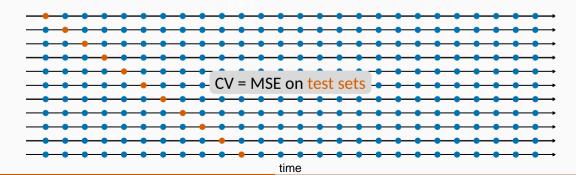
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#### Warning!

- If there are a large number of predictors, this is not possible.
- For example, 50 predictors leads to over 1 quadrillion possible models!

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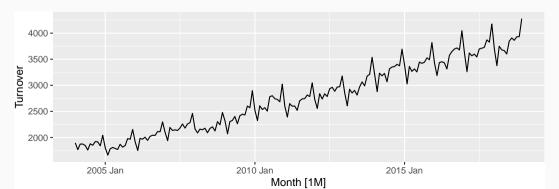
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#### **Notes**

- Stepwise regression is not guaranteed to lead to the best possible model.
- Inference on coefficients of final model will be wrong.



```
fit <- aus cafe |>
  model(
    K1 = TSLM(log(Turnover) ~ trend() + fourier(K = 1)),
    K2 = TSLM(log(Turnover) ~ trend() + fourier(K = 2)).
    K3 = TSLM(log(Turnover) ~ trend() + fourier(K = 3)),
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    K5 = TSLM(log(Turnover) ~ trend() + fourier(K = 5)).
    K6 = TSLM(log(Turnover) ~ trend() + fourier(K = 6))
glance(fit) > select(.model, r_squared, adj_r_squared, CV, AICc)
## # A tibble: 6 x 5
## .model r squared adi r squared CV AICc
## <chr>
            <dbl>
                <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
## 1 K1
      0.962
                      0.962 0.00238 -1085.
## 2 K2
      0.966
                      0.965 0.00220 -1099.
## 3 K3
            0.976
                       0.975 0.00157 -1160.
## 4 K4
       0.980
                      0.979 0.00138 -1183.
## 5 K5
         0.985
                      0.984 0.00104 -1234.
## 6 K6
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