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# FORECASTING

## PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE

A comprehensive introduction to the latest forecasting methods using R. Learn to improve your forecast accuracy using dozens of real data examples.



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# Forecasting and decomposition

$$y_t = \hat{S}_t + \hat{A}_t$$

- $\hat{A}_t$  is seasonally adjusted component
  - $\hat{S}_t$  is seasonal component.
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- Forecast  $\hat{S}_t$  using SNAIVE.
  - Forecast  $\hat{A}_t$  using non-seasonal time series method.
  - Combine forecasts of  $\hat{S}_t$  and  $\hat{A}_t$  to get forecasts of original data.

# US Retail Employment

```
us_retail_employment <- us_employment |>
  filter(year(Month) >= 1990, Title == "Retail Trade") |>
  select(-Series_ID)
us_retail_employment
```

```
## # A tsibble: 357 x 3 [1M]
##       Month Title      Employed
##   <mtch> <chr>      <dbl>
## 1 1990 Jan Retail Trade 13256.
## 2 1990 Feb Retail Trade 12966.
## 3 1990 Mar Retail Trade 12938.
## 4 1990 Apr Retail Trade 13012.
## 5 1990 May Retail Trade 13108.
## 6 1990 Jun Retail Trade 13183.
## 7 1990 Jul Retail Trade 13170.
## 8 1990 Aug Retail Trade 13160.
## 9 1990 Sep Retail Trade 13112.
```

# US Retail Employment

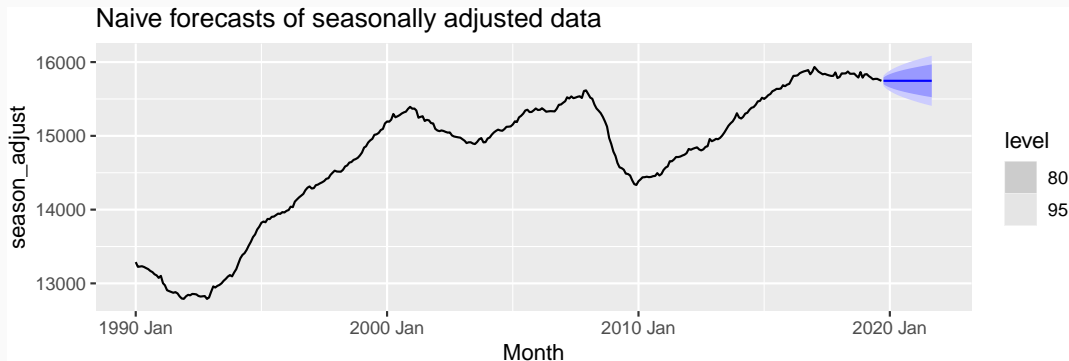
```
dcmp <- us_retail_employment |>
  model(STL(Employed)) |>
  components() |>
  select(-.model)
dcmp
```

```
## # A tsibble: 357 x 6 [1M]
```

##		Month	Employed	trend	season_year	remainder	season_adjust
##		<mth>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>
##	1	1990 Jan	13256.	13288.	-33.0	0.836	13289.
##	2	1990 Feb	12966.	13269.	-258.	-44.6	13224.
##	3	1990 Mar	12938.	13250.	-290.	-22.1	13228.
##	4	1990 Apr	13012.	13231.	-220.	1.05	13232.
##	5	1990 May	13108.	13211.	-114.	11.3	13223.
##	6	1990 Jun	13183.	13192.	-24.3	15.5	13207.
##	7	1990 Jul	13170.	13172.	-23.2	21.6	13193.
##	8	1990 Aug	13160.	13151.	-9.52	17.8	13169.

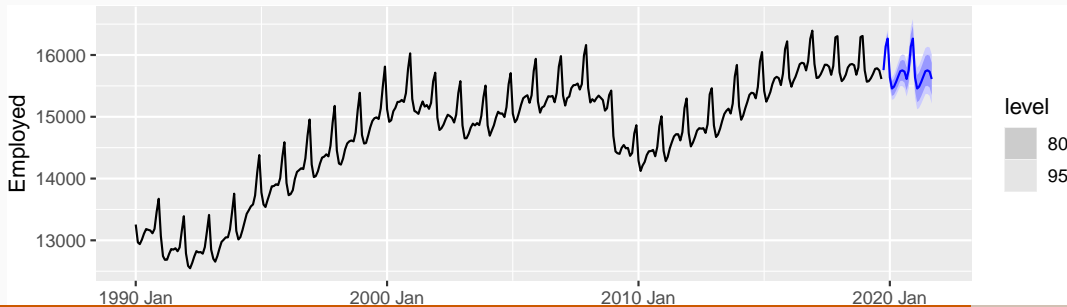
# US Retail Employment

```
dcmp |>  
  model(NAIVE(season_adjust)) |>  
  forecast() |>  
  autoplot(dcmp) +  
  labs(title = "Naive forecasts of seasonally adjusted data")
```



# US Retail Employment

```
us_retail_employment |>  
  model(stlf = decomposition_model(  
    STL(Employed ~ trend(window = 7), robust = TRUE),  
    NAIVE(season_adjust)  
  )) |>  
  forecast() |>  
  autoplot(us_retail_employment)
```



# Decomposition models

`decomposition_model()` creates a decomposition model

- You must provide a method for forecasting the `season_adjust` series.
- A seasonal naive method is used by default for the `seasonal` components.
- The variances from both the seasonally adjusted and seasonal forecasts are combined.