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FORECASTING

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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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9. ARIMA models

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Point forecasts

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

Start with $h = 1$. Repeat for $h = 2, 3, \dots$

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- Other models beyond scope of this book.

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- 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**.