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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.



3RD EDITION

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Holt-Winters additive method

Holt and Winters extended Holt's method to capture seasonality.

Component form

$$\hat{y}_{t+h|t} = \ell_t + hb_t + s_{t+h-m(k+1)}$$

$$\ell_t = \alpha(y_t - s_{t-m}) + (1 - \alpha)(\ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1})$$

$$b_t = \beta^*(\ell_t - \ell_{t-1}) + (1 - \beta^*)b_{t-1}$$

$$s_t = \gamma(y_t - \ell_{t-1} - b_{t-1}) + (1 - \gamma)s_{t-m}$$

- $k = \text{integer part of } (h - 1)/m$. Ensures estimates from the final year are used for forecasting.
- Parameters: $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$, $0 \leq \beta^* \leq 1$, $0 \leq \gamma \leq 1 - \alpha$ and $m = \text{period of seasonality}$ (e.g. $m = 4$ for quarterly data).

Holt-Winters additive method

- Seasonal component is usually expressed as

$$s_t = \gamma^*(y_t - \ell_t) + (1 - \gamma^*)s_{t-m}.$$

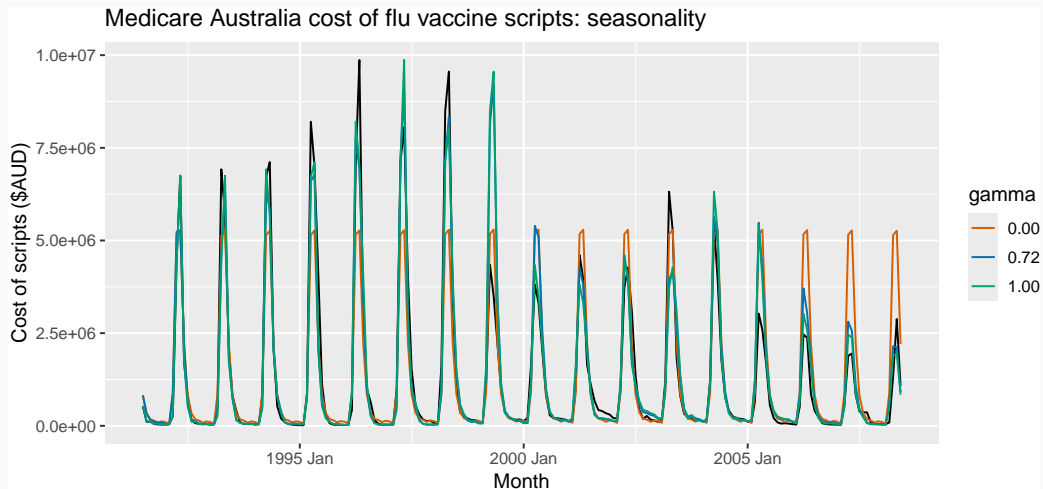
- Substitute in for ℓ_t :

$$s_t = \gamma^*(1 - \alpha)(y_t - \ell_{t-1} - b_{t-1}) + [1 - \gamma^*(1 - \alpha)]s_{t-m}$$

- We set $\gamma = \gamma^*(1 - \alpha)$.
- The usual parameter restriction is $0 \leq \gamma^* \leq 1$, which translates to $0 \leq \gamma \leq (1 - \alpha)$.

Exponential smoothing: seasonality

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Holt-Winters multiplicative method

Seasonal variations change in proportion to the level of the series.

Component form

$$\hat{y}_{t+h|t} = (\ell_t + hb_t)s_{t+h-m(k+1)}$$

$$\ell_t = \alpha \frac{y_t}{s_{t-m}} + (1 - \alpha)(\ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1})$$

$$b_t = \beta^*(\ell_t - \ell_{t-1}) + (1 - \beta^*)b_{t-1}$$

$$s_t = \gamma \frac{y_t}{(\ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1})} + (1 - \gamma)s_{t-m}$$

- k is integer part of $(h - 1)/m$.
- Additive method: s_t in absolute terms — within each year $\sum_i s_i \approx 0$.
- Multiplicative method: s_t in relative terms — within each year $\sum_i s_i \approx m$.

Example: Australian holiday tourism

```
aus_holidays <- tourism |>
  filter(Purpose == "Holiday") |>
  summarise(Trips = sum(Trips))
fit <- aus_holidays |>
  model(
    additive = ETS(Trips ~ error("A") + trend("A") + season("A")),
    multiplicative = ETS(Trips ~ error("M") + trend("A") + season("M"))
  )
fc <- fit |> forecast()
```

Estimated coefficients

```
tidy(fit) |>  
  spread(.model, estimate)
```

```
## # A tibble: 9 x 3  
##   term      additive multiplicative  
##   <chr>      <dbl>         <dbl>  
## 1 alpha      0.236           0.186  
## 2 b[0]     -37.4           -33.4  
## 3 beta      0.0298           0.0248  
## 4 gamma     0.000100        0.000100  
## 5 l[0]    9899.           9853.  
## 6 s[-1]   -684.           0.926  
## 7 s[-2]  -290.           0.970  
## 8 s[-3]  1512.           1.16  
## 9 s[0]   -538.           0.943
```


Estimated components

```
components(fit) |> filter(.model=="additive") |>
  left_join(fitted(fit), by = c(".model", "Quarter"))
```

```
## # A dable: 84 x 8 [1Q]
## # Key:      .model [1]
## # :      Trips = lag(level, 1) + lag(slope, 1) + lag(season, 4) +
## #   remainder
##   .model   Quarter   Trips level slope season remainder .fitted
##   <chr>      <qtr>    <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>  <dbl>      <dbl>    <dbl>
## 1 additive 1997 Q1      NA     NA   NA    1512.      NA      NA
## 2 additive 1997 Q2      NA     NA   NA    -290.      NA      NA
## 3 additive 1997 Q3      NA     NA   NA    -684.      NA      NA
## 4 additive 1997 Q4      NA  9899. -37.4  -538.      NA      NA
## 5 additive 1998 Q1 11806. 9964. -24.5  1512.    433.  11373.
## 6 additive 1998 Q2  9276. 9851. -35.6  -290.   -374.   9649.
## 7 additive 1998 Q3  8642. 9700. -50.2  -684.   -489.   9131.
```

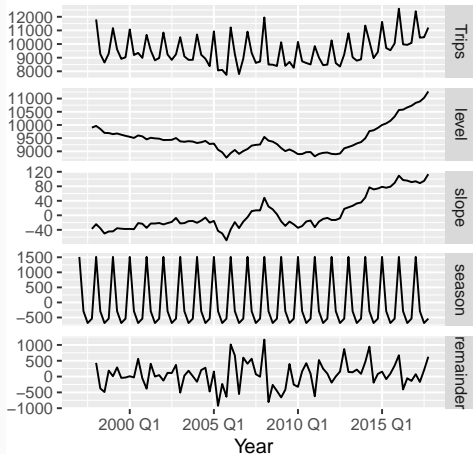
Estimated components

```
components(fit) |> filter(.model=="multiplicative") |>
  left_join(fitted(fit), by = c(".model", "Quarter"))
```

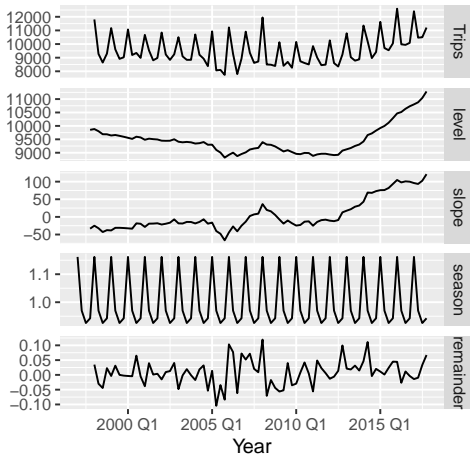
```
## # A dable: 84 x 8 [1Q]
## # Key:      .model [1]
## # :        Trips = lag(level, 1) + lag(slope, 1) + lag(season, 4) +
## #   remainder
##   .model      Quarter  Trips level slope season remainder .fitted
##   <chr>        <qtr>   <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>  <dbl>      <dbl>   <dbl>
## 1 multiplicative 1997 Q1      NA     NA   NA     1.16      NA        NA
## 2 multiplicative 1997 Q2      NA     NA   NA     0.970     NA        NA
## 3 multiplicative 1997 Q3      NA     NA   NA     0.926     NA        NA
## 4 multiplicative 1997 Q4      NA  9853. -33.4   0.943     NA        NA
## 5 multiplicative 1998 Q1 11806. 9883. -24.9   1.16     0.0348   11409.
## 6 multiplicative 1998 Q2  9276. 9803. -32.3   0.970    -0.0299   9562.
## 7 multiplicative 1998 Q3  8642. 9690. -43.0   0.926    -0.0444   9044.
```

Estimated components

Additive states

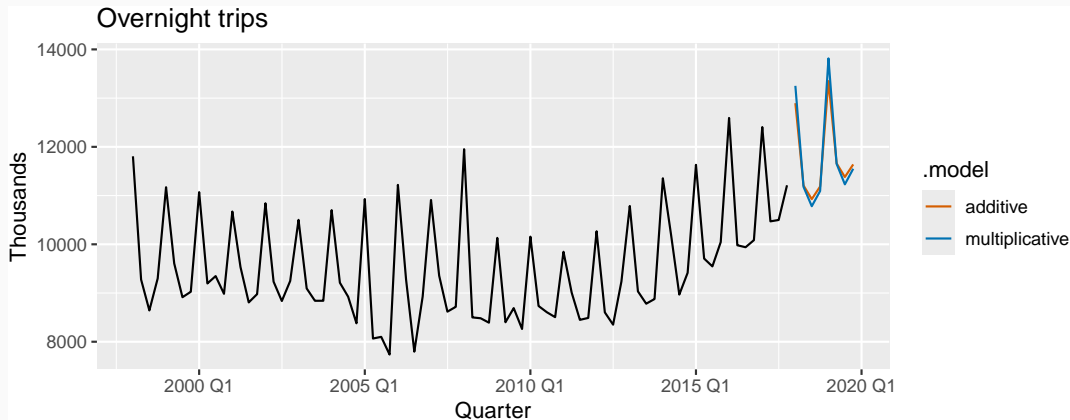


Multiplicative states



Example: Australian holiday tourism

```
fc |>  
  autoplot(aus_holidays, level = NULL) +  
  labs(y = "Thousands", title = "Overnight trips")
```



Holt-Winters damped method

Often the single most accurate forecasting method for seasonal data:

$$\hat{y}_{t+h|t} = [\ell_t + (\phi + \phi^2 + \dots + \phi^h)b_t]s_{t+h-m(k+1)}$$

$$\ell_t = \alpha(y_t/s_{t-m}) + (1 - \alpha)(\ell_{t-1} + \phi b_{t-1})$$

$$b_t = \beta^*(\ell_t - \ell_{t-1}) + (1 - \beta^*)\phi b_{t-1}$$

$$s_t = \gamma \frac{y_t}{(\ell_{t-1} + \phi b_{t-1})} + (1 - \gamma)s_{t-m}$$

Holt-Winters with daily data

```
sth_cross_ped <- pedestrian |>
  filter(
    Date >= "2016-07-01",
    Sensor == "Southern Cross Station"
  ) |>
  index_by(Date) |>
  summarise(Count = sum(Count) / 1000)
sth_cross_ped |>
  filter(Date <= "2016-07-31") |>
  model(hw = ETS(Count ~ error("M") + trend("Ad") + season("M"))) |>
  forecast(h = "2 weeks") |>
  autoplot(sth_cross_ped |> filter(Date <= "2016-08-14")) +
  labs(
    title = "Daily traffic: Southern Cross",
    y = "Pedestrians ('000)"
  )
```

Holt-Winters with daily data

