

PROJECT TIME SERIES FORECAST

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Problem 1: Sparkling wine

For this particular assignment, the data of different types of wine sales in the 20th century is to be analyzed. Both of these data are from the same company but of different wines. As an analyst in the ABC Estate Wines, you are tasked to analyze and forecast Wine Sales in the 20th century.

1. Read the data as an appropriate Time Series data and plot the data.

| Sparkling | |
|------------|------|
| YearMonth | |
| 1980-01-01 | 1686 |
| 1980-02-01 | 1591 |
| 1980-03-01 | 2304 |
| 1980-04-01 | 1712 |
| 1980-05-01 | 1471 |

Figure 1: Dataset

| | count | mean | std | min | 25% | 50% | 75% | max |
|-----------|-------|-------------|------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Sparkling | 187.0 | 2402.417112 | 1295.11154 | 1070.0 | 1605.0 | 1874.0 | 2549.0 | 7242.0 |

Figure 2: Description of data

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 187 entries, 0 to 186
Data columns (total 2 columns):
 #   Column      Non-Null Count  Dtype  
--- 
 0   YearMonth    187 non-null    datetime64[ns]
 1   Sparkling    187 non-null    int64   
dtypes: datetime64[ns](1), int64(1)
memory usage: 3.0 KB
```

Figure 4: Info of data set

| Data Type | |
|-----------|----------------|
| YearMonth | datetime64[ns] |
| Sparkling | int64 |

Figure 3 : Data type

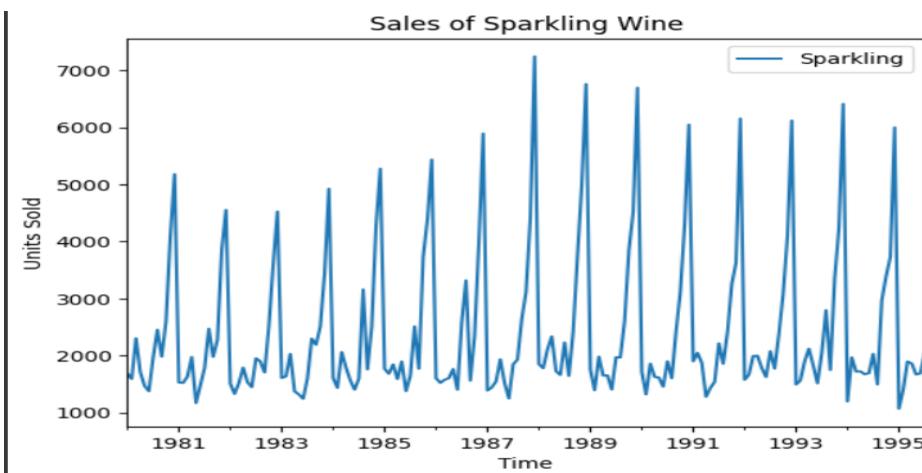


Figure 5 :Time series plot

Inference

- The data type of first column YearMonth is datetime64 and sparkling is int64, first column is converted to index column
- There are two columns with 187 rows
- Sparkling column represents sales of sparkling wine
- No null value in the data

- From the description of the data, min value is 1070, max value is 7242.
- From plot of time series observed that data has seasonality and trend

2. Perform appropriate Exploratory Data Analysis to understand the data and also perform decomposition.

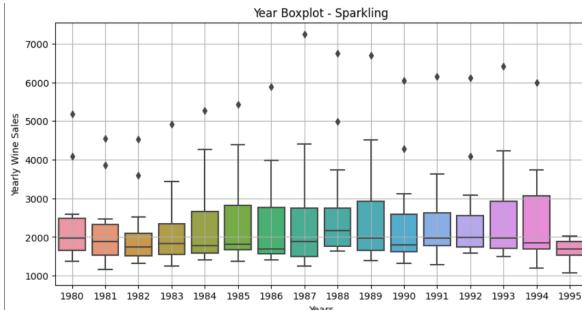


Figure 6: Boxplot of year sales

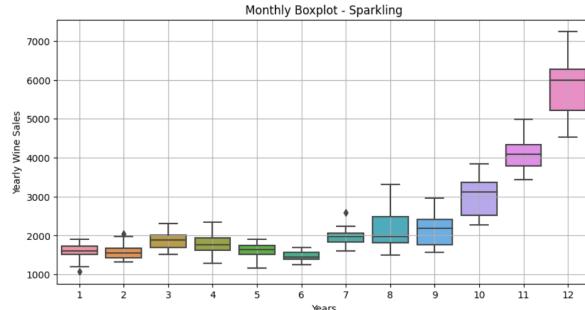


Figure 7: Boxplot of monthly sales

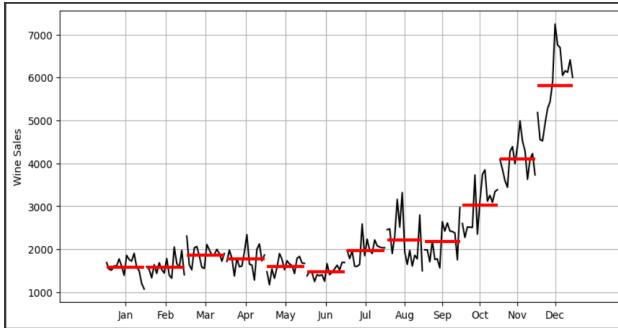


Figure7: Monthly time series

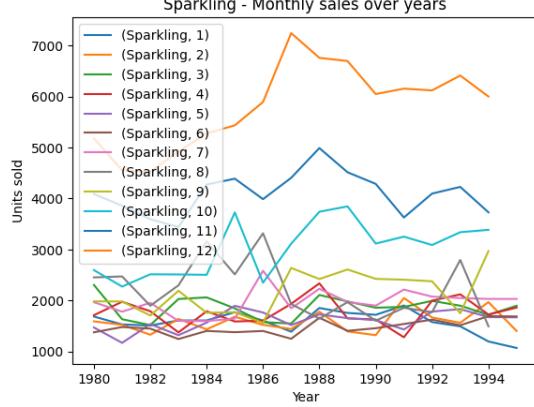


Figure8: Monthly sales over year

| Sparkling | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| YearMonth | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 1980 | 1686.0 | 1591.0 | 2304.0 | 1712.0 | 1471.0 | 1377.0 | 1966.0 | 2453.0 | 1984.0 | 2596.0 | 4087.0 | 5179.0 |
| 1981 | 1530.0 | 1523.0 | 1633.0 | 1976.0 | 1170.0 | 1480.0 | 1781.0 | 2472.0 | 1981.0 | 2273.0 | 3857.0 | 4551.0 |
| 1982 | 1510.0 | 1329.0 | 1518.0 | 1790.0 | 1537.0 | 1449.0 | 1954.0 | 1897.0 | 1706.0 | 2514.0 | 3593.0 | 4524.0 |
| 1983 | 1609.0 | 1638.0 | 2030.0 | 1375.0 | 1320.0 | 1245.0 | 1600.0 | 2298.0 | 2191.0 | 2511.0 | 3440.0 | 4923.0 |
| 1984 | 1609.0 | 1435.0 | 2061.0 | 1789.0 | 1567.0 | 1404.0 | 1597.0 | 3159.0 | 1759.0 | 2504.0 | 4273.0 | 5274.0 |
| 1985 | 1771.0 | 1682.0 | 1846.0 | 1589.0 | 1856.0 | 1379.0 | 1645.0 | 2512.0 | 1771.0 | 3727.0 | 4388.0 | 5434.0 |
| 1986 | 1606.0 | 1523.0 | 1577.0 | 1605.0 | 1765.0 | 1403.0 | 2584.0 | 3318.0 | 1562.0 | 2349.0 | 3987.0 | 5891.0 |
| 1987 | 1389.0 | 1442.0 | 1548.0 | 1935.0 | 1518.0 | 1250.0 | 1847.0 | 1930.0 | 2638.0 | 3114.0 | 4405.0 | 7242.0 |
| 1988 | 1853.0 | 1779.0 | 2108.0 | 2336.0 | 1728.0 | 1661.0 | 2230.0 | 1645.0 | 2421.0 | 3740.0 | 4988.0 | 6757.0 |
| 1989 | 1757.0 | 1394.0 | 1982.0 | 1650.0 | 1654.0 | 1406.0 | 1971.0 | 1968.0 | 2608.0 | 2845.0 | 4514.0 | 6694.0 |
| 1990 | 1720.0 | 1321.0 | 1859.0 | 1628.0 | 1615.0 | 1457.0 | 1899.0 | 1605.0 | 2424.0 | 3116.0 | 4286.0 | 6047.0 |
| 1991 | 1902.0 | 2049.0 | 1874.0 | 1279.0 | 1432.0 | 1540.0 | 2214.0 | 1857.0 | 2408.0 | 3252.0 | 3627.0 | 6153.0 |
| 1992 | 1577.0 | 1667.0 | 1993.0 | 1997.0 | 1783.0 | 1625.0 | 2076.0 | 1773.0 | 2377.0 | 3068.0 | 4096.0 | 6119.0 |
| 1993 | 1494.0 | 1564.0 | 1898.0 | 2121.0 | 1831.0 | 1515.0 | 2048.0 | 2795.0 | 1749.0 | 3339.0 | 4227.0 | 6410.0 |
| 1994 | 1197.0 | 1968.0 | 1720.0 | 1725.0 | 1674.0 | 1693.0 | 2031.0 | 1495.0 | 2968.0 | 3385.0 | 3729.0 | 5999.0 |
| 1995 | 1070.0 | 1402.0 | 1897.0 | 1862.0 | 1670.0 | 1688.0 | 2031.0 | Nan | Nan | Nan | Nan | Nan |

Figure9: Monthly sales over year table

Inference

- From fig 6 , Boxplot of year sales indicates the presence of outlier and presence of trend
- From Figure 7 Boxplot of monthly sales indicates few months has outlier and sales of wine rise over the months
- Figure7: Monthly time series, the sales of wine has no pattern upto September and then increased exponentially.
- Figure8 & 9: Monthly sales over year sales of wine increased from September onwards and reached highest by december.

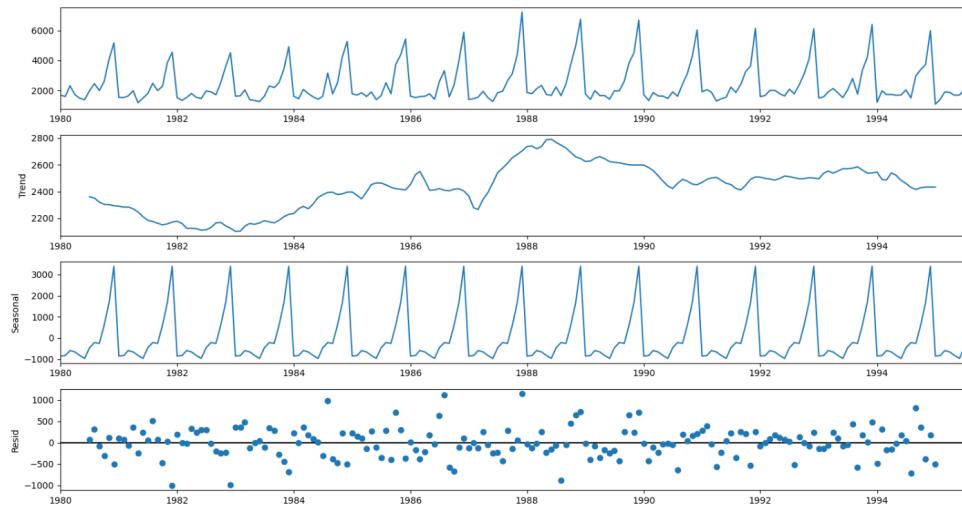


Figure10: Additive decomposition

- Upto 1988 trend is increasing then decreasing
- Seasonality is present in data.
- Residual has no pattern

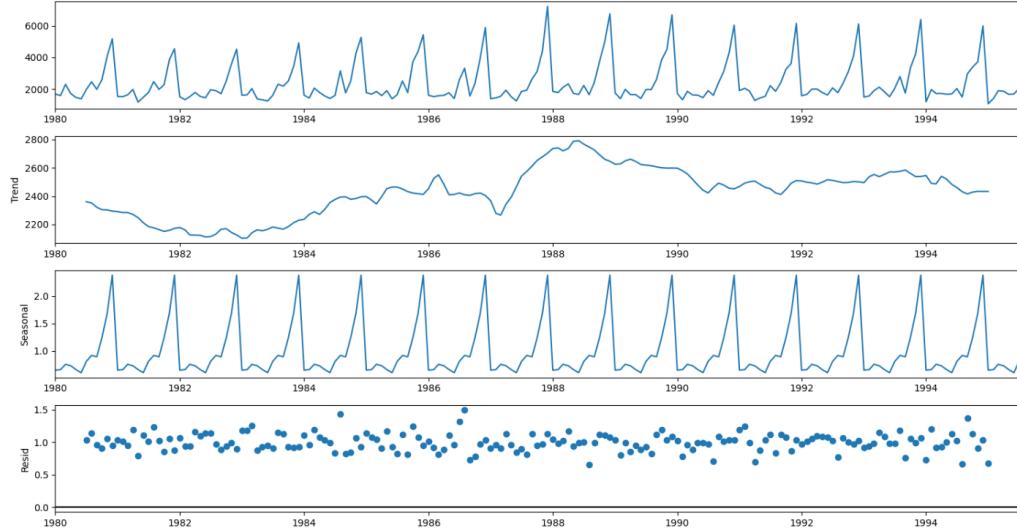


Figure11: Multiplication decomposition

- Upto 1988 trend is increasing then decreasing
- Seasonality is present in data.
- Residual has no pattern

3. Split the data into training and test. The test data should start in 1991.

The data is split to training and test data, and test data split starts at 1991.

| First few rows of Training Data Sparkling | | First few rows of Test Data Sparkling | |
|--|-----------|--|-----------|
| YearMonth | Sparkling | YearMonth | Sparkling |
| 1980-01-01 | 1686 | 1991-01-01 | 1902 |
| 1980-02-01 | 1591 | 1991-02-01 | 2049 |
| 1980-03-01 | 2304 | 1991-03-01 | 1874 |
| 1980-04-01 | 1712 | 1991-04-01 | 1279 |
| 1980-05-01 | 1471 | 1991-05-01 | 1432 |

| Last few rows of Training Data Sparkling | | Last few rows of Test Data Sparkling | |
|---|-----------|---|-----------|
| YearMonth | Sparkling | YearMonth | Sparkling |
| 1990-08-01 | 1605 | 1995-03-01 | 1897 |
| 1990-09-01 | 2424 | 1995-04-01 | 1862 |
| 1990-10-01 | 3116 | 1995-05-01 | 1670 |
| 1990-11-01 | 4286 | 1995-06-01 | 1688 |
| 1990-12-01 | 6047 | 1995-07-01 | 2031 |

Fig 12: Head of train and test data

Fig 13: Tail of train and test data

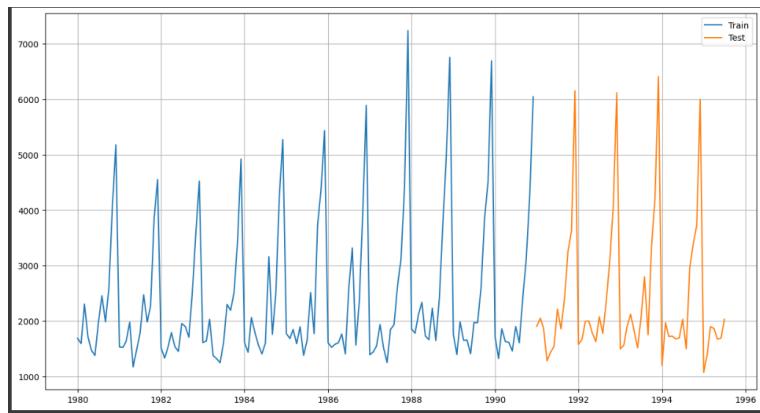


Fig 14: Plot of train and test data

4. Build all the exponential smoothing models on the training data and evaluate the model using RMSE on the test data. Other models such as regression, naïve forecast models and simple average models. should also be built on the training data and check the performance on the test data using RMSE.

Model 1: Linear Regression

| Sparkling time | | |
|----------------|-----------|------|
| YearMonth | Sparkling | time |
| 1980-01-01 | 1686 | 1 |
| 1980-02-01 | 1591 | 2 |
| 1980-03-01 | 2304 | 3 |
| 1980-04-01 | 1712 | 4 |
| 1980-05-01 | 1471 | 5 |

| Sparkling forecast_lr | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|-------------|
| YearMonth | Sparkling | forecast_lr |
| 1991-01-01 | 1902 | 2791.652 |
| 1991-02-01 | 2049 | 2797.485 |
| 1991-03-01 | 1874 | 2803.317 |
| 1991-04-01 | 1279 | 2809.150 |
| 1991-05-01 | 1432 | 2814.983 |

Fig 15: train and test data

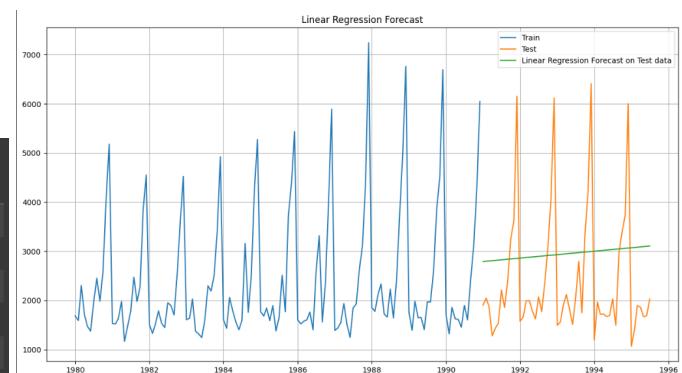


Fig 16: Sample forecast data

Fig 17: Plot of forecasted sales in LD Model

- The data is split accordingly and numerical time instance is generated
- Head and tail is shown in fig 15
- Fig 16 is the forecasted value
- Figure 17 us the Plot of forecasted sales in LD Model , green line indicated LD which is not matching with actual value
- RMSE calculated is 1389.13

Model 2: Naive Approach

| Sparkling forecast_naive | | |
|--------------------------|------|------|
| YearMonth | | |
| 1991-01-01 | 1902 | 6047 |
| 1991-02-01 | 2049 | 6047 |
| 1991-03-01 | 1874 | 6047 |
| 1991-04-01 | 1279 | 6047 |
| 1991-05-01 | 1432 | 6047 |

Fig 18: Forecasted value table

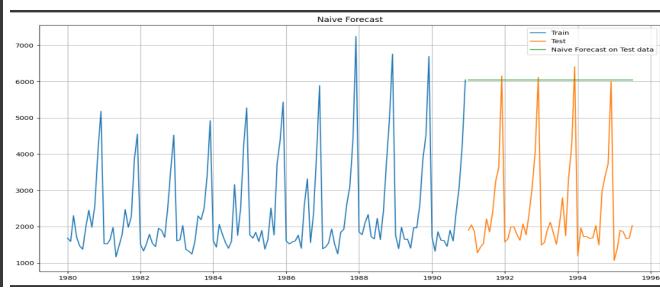


Figure 19: Plot of forecasted sales in Naive model

- The forecast value is same throughout
- Forecasted value is a straight line and not matching with actual value
- RMSE is 3864.27

Model 3: Simple average approach

| Sparkling forecast_sa | | |
|-----------------------|------|---------|
| YearMonth | | |
| 1991-01-01 | 1902 | 2403.78 |
| 1991-02-01 | 2049 | 2403.78 |
| 1991-03-01 | 1874 | 2403.78 |
| 1991-04-01 | 1279 | 2403.78 |
| 1991-05-01 | 1432 | 2403.78 |

Fig 20: Forecasted value table

Figure 21: Plot of forecasted sales in Simple average model

- The forecast value is same throughout
- Forecasted value is a straight line and not matching with actual value
- RMSE is 1275.08

Model 4: Simple Exponential Smoothing

| Sparkling forecast_ses_optimized | | |
|----------------------------------|------|----------|
| YearMonth | | |
| 1991-01-01 | 1902 | 2804.663 |
| 1991-02-01 | 2049 | 2804.663 |
| 1991-03-01 | 1874 | 2804.663 |
| 1991-04-01 | 1279 | 2804.663 |
| 1991-05-01 | 1432 | 2804.663 |

Fig 22: Forecasted value table

Figure 23: Plot of forecasted sales in SES

- The model doesn't consider trend and seasonality
- The forecasted value is same throughout
- Forecasted value is a straight line and not matching with actual value
- RMSE is 1338

Optimizing Alpha based on Test RMSE

- Different values are used to find the lowest RMSE. From it best alpha is 0.1
- Forecasted value is a straight line and not matching with actual value
- RMSE is 1375.39

| Alpha_Values | RMSE_Train | RMSE_Test |
|--------------|------------|-----------|
| 0 | 0.1 | 1336.428 |
| 1 | 0.2 | 1356.950 |
| 2 | 0.3 | 1359.953 |
| 3 | 0.4 | 1352.862 |
| 4 | 0.5 | 1344.203 |
| | | 2666.351 |

Fig 24: Forecasted value table

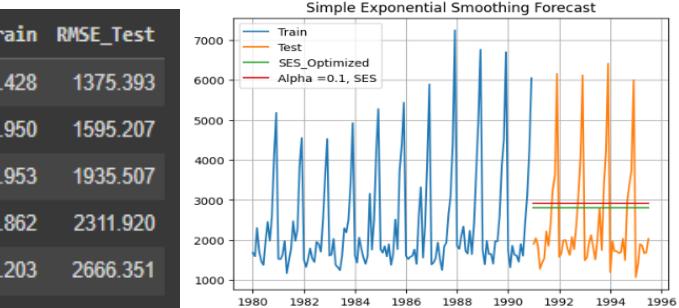


Figure 25: Plot of forecasted sales in SES optimized alpha

Model5: Double Exponential Smoothing

| YearMonth | Sparkling | forecast_des_optimized |
|------------|-----------|------------------------|
| 1991-01-01 | 1902 | 5401.733 |
| 1991-02-01 | 2049 | 5476.005 |
| 1991-03-01 | 1874 | 5550.277 |
| 1991-04-01 | 1279 | 5624.550 |
| 1991-05-01 | 1432 | 5698.822 |

Fig 26: Forecasted value table

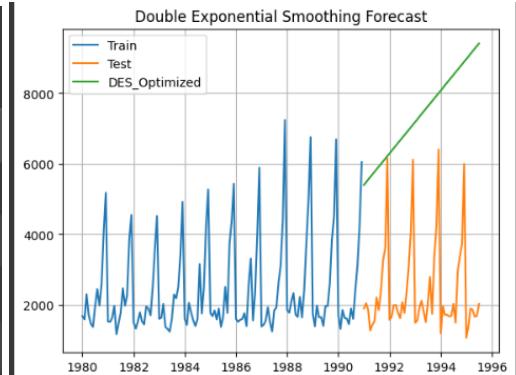


Figure 27: Plot of forecasted sales in DES

| YearMonth | Sparkling | forecast_des_optimized | forecast_des |
|------------|-----------|------------------------|--------------|
| 1991-01-01 | 1902 | 5401.733 | 2847.662 |
| 1991-02-01 | 2049 | 5476.005 | 2874.629 |
| 1991-03-01 | 1874 | 5550.277 | 2901.596 |
| 1991-04-01 | 1279 | 5624.550 | 2928.563 |
| 1991-05-01 | 1432 | 5698.822 | 2955.530 |

Fig 28: Forecasted value table

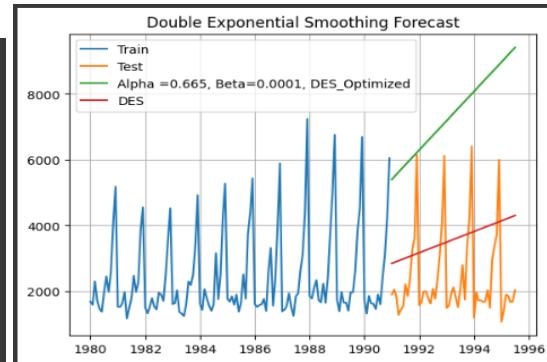


Figure 29: Plot of forecasted sales in DES optimized alpha, beta

- This model has trend but no seasonality the rmse without optimisation is 5291.87
- After optimizing alpha and beta between 0 to 1. The best model is optimised, RMSE : 1777.73

Fig 30: Triple Exponential Smoothing with Additive trend & Additive seasonality

Fig 31: Triple Exponential Smoothing with Additive trend & Multiplication seasonality

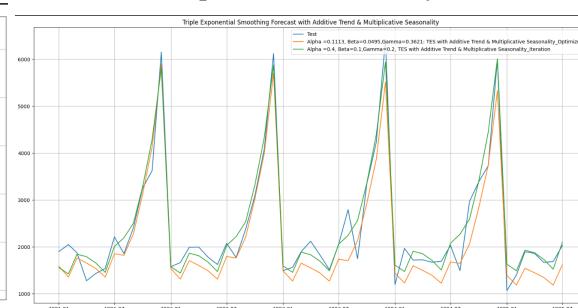
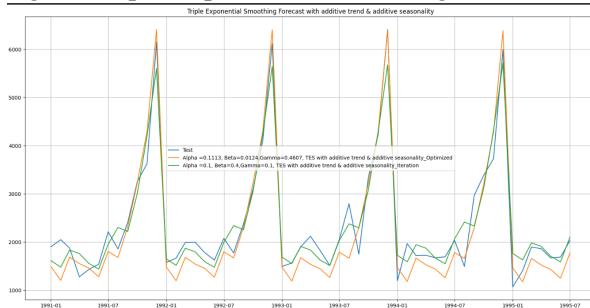
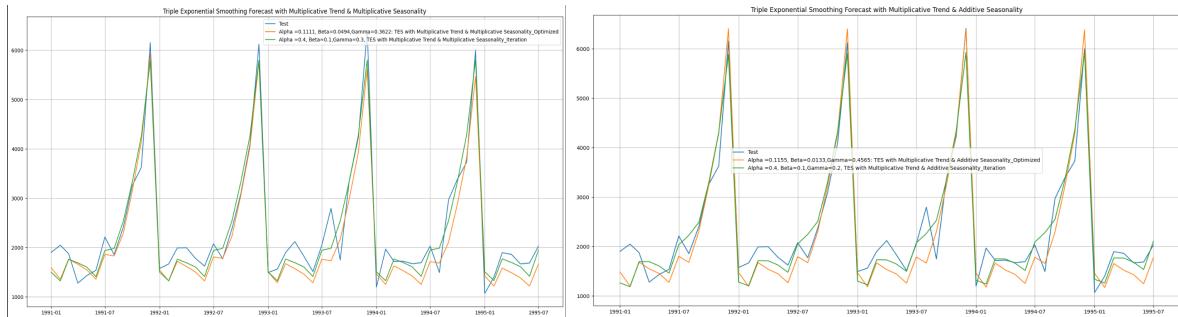


Fig 32: Triple Exponential Smoothing with Multiplication trend & Additive seasonality

Fig 33: Triple Exponential Smoothing with Multiplication trend & Multiplication seasonality



- RMSE of Triple Exponential Smoothing with Additive trend & Additive seasonality–342.93
- RMSE of Triple Exponential Smoothing with Additive trend & Multiplication seasonality–317.4
- RMSE of Triple Exponential Smoothing with Multiplication trend & Additive seasonality–326.57
- RMSE of Triple Exponential Smoothing with Multiplication trend & Multiplication seasonality–341.65

5. Check for the stationarity of the data on which the model is being built on using appropriate statistical tests and also mention the hypothesis for the statistical test. If the data is found to be non-stationary, take appropriate steps to make it stationary. Check the new data for stationarity and comment. Note: Stationarity should be checked at alpha = 0.05.

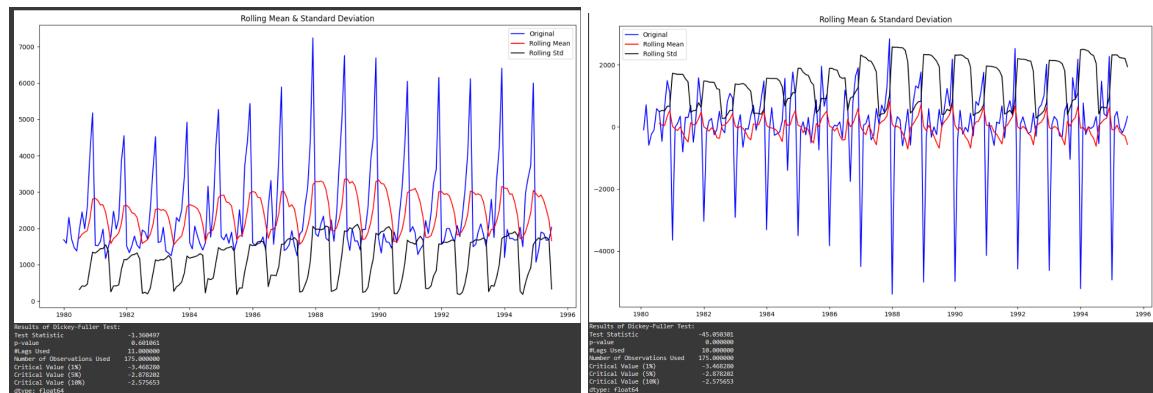


Fig 34 Dickey Fuller test on whole time series Fig 35 Dickey Fuller test on differenced whole time series

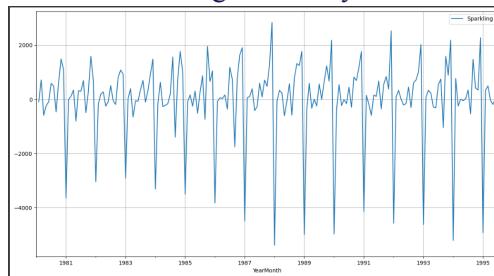


Fig 36:Plot of differenced whole time series

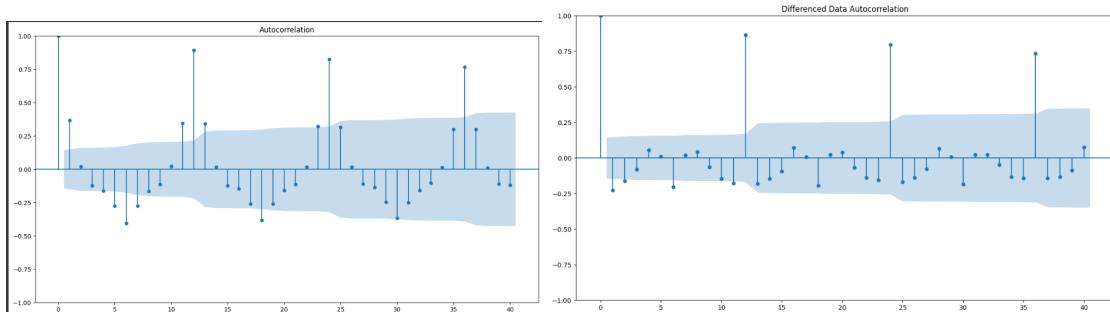


Fig 37:Autocorrelation plot of whole time series Fig 38:Autocorrelation plot of differenced whole time series

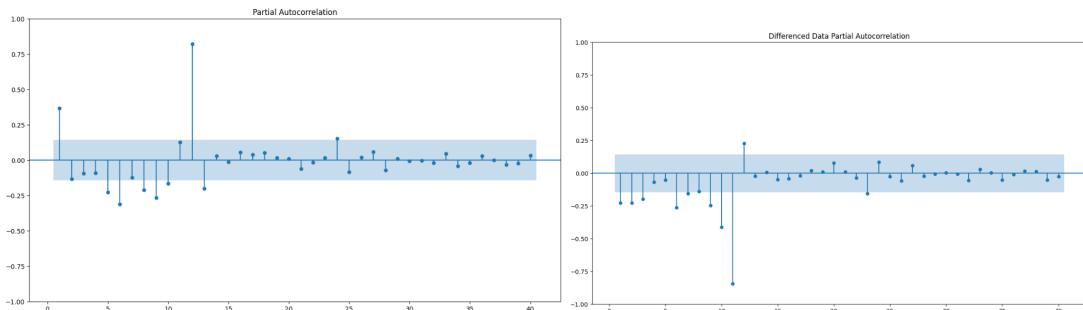


Fig 39:Partial Autocorrelation plot of whole time series Fig 40: Partial Autocorrelation plot of differenced whole time series

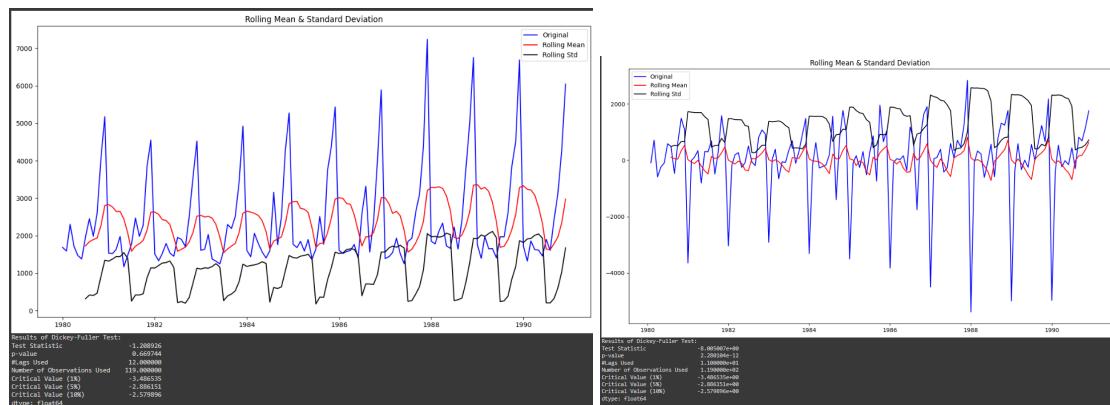


Fig 41: Stationarity of Train Dataset Fig 42: Stationarity of differencing Train Dataset

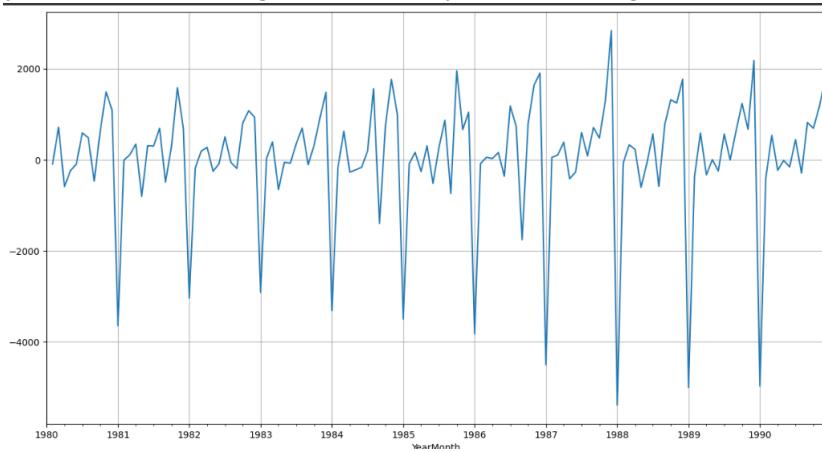


Fig 43: Differenced Time series

Inteferece

- ADF is a test to find if the model is stationary or not
- H_0 states model is non stationary, H_1 states model is stationary

- If alpha is ≤ 0.5 then null value can be disproved
- Fig 34 , p is 0.6 means model whole time series is non stationary
- Fig 35 , p is 0.66 means model Partial Autocorrelation plot of whole time series is non stationary
- Fig 34 , p is 2.2 means model Partial Autocorrelation plot of differenced whole time series is non stationary

6. Build an automated version of the ARIMA/SARIMA model in which the parameters are selected using the lowest Akaike Information Criteria (AIC) on the training data and evaluate this model on the test data using RMSE.

The arima model is created with $p=0$ to 3, $q=0$ to 3, $d=1$

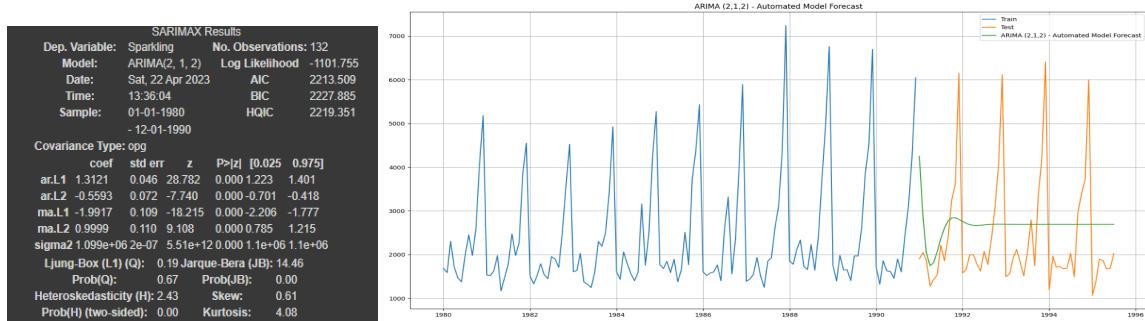


Fig 44: summary automated arima model Fig 45 Plot of forecasted sales automated arima model

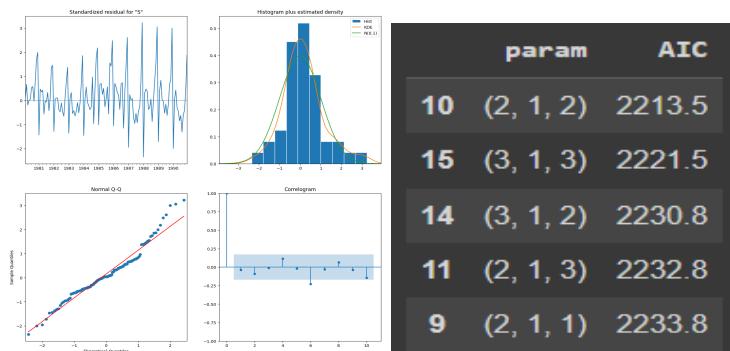


Fig 46:diagnostic automated arima model Fig 47:Order based on AIC

- From this observed actual not matching with forecast, it is thus not a good model for forecasting.
- RMSE is 1299.9
- Based on the Lowest AIC the best parameter is (2,1,2)

SARIMA Model

Following value p between 0 to 3, q between 0 to 3, d between 0 to 1

- From this observed actual not matching with forecast, it is thus not a good model for forecasting.
- RMSE is 784.1
- Based on the Lowest AIC the best parameter is (1,1,3,6) AIC = 1541.6

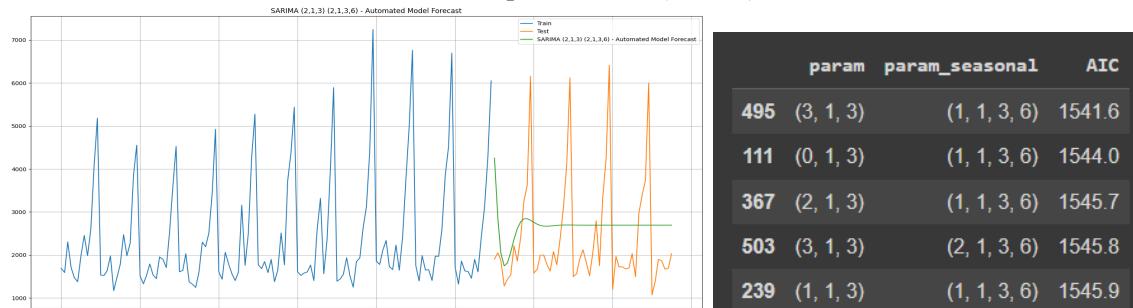


Fig 48: Plot of forecasted sales automated sarima model Fig 51::Order based on AIC

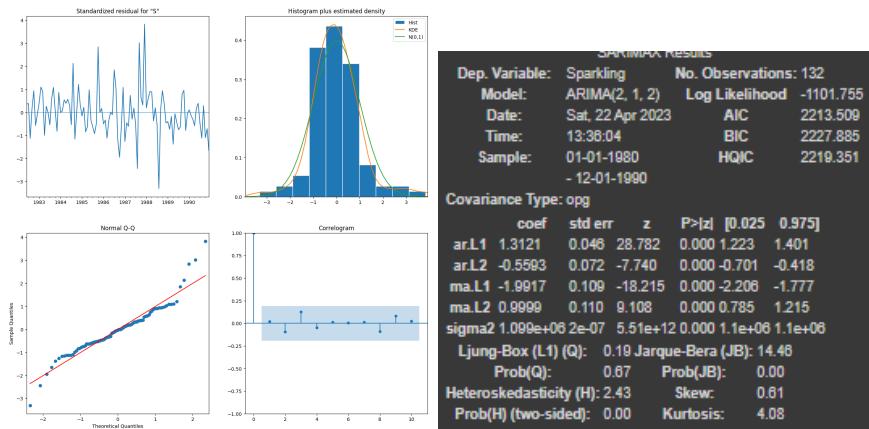


Fig 49:diagnostic automated sarima model

| SARIMAX RESULTS | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------|--------|---------|---------|
| Dep. Variable: | Sparkling | No. Observations: | 132 | | | |
| Model: | ARIMA(2, 1, 2) | Log Likelihood: | -1101.755 | | | |
| Date: | Sat, 22 Apr 2023 | AIC: | 2213.509 | | | |
| Time: | 13:36:04 | BIC: | 2227.885 | | | |
| Sample: | 01-01-1980 - 12-01-1990 | HQIC: | 2219.351 | | | |
| Covariance Type: | opg | | | | | |
| coef | std err | z | P> z | [0.025 | 0.975] | |
| ar.L1 | 1.3121 | 0.046 | 28.782 | 0.000 | 1.223 | 1.401 |
| ar.L2 | -0.5593 | 0.072 | -7.740 | 0.000 | -0.701 | -0.418 |
| ma.L1 | -1.9917 | 0.109 | -18.215 | 0.000 | -2.206 | -1.777 |
| ma.L2 | 0.9999 | 0.110 | 9.108 | 0.000 | 0.785 | 1.215 |
| sigma2 | 1.090e+06 | 2e-07 | 5.51e+12 | 0.000 | 1.1e+08 | 1.1e+08 |
| Ljung-Box (L1) (Q): | 0.19 | Jarque-Bera (JB): | 14.46 | | | |
| Prob(Q): | 0.67 | Prob(JB): | 0.00 | | | |
| Heteroskedasticity (H): | 2.43 | Skew: | 0.61 | | | |
| Prob(H) (two-sided): | 0.00 | Kurtosis: | 4.08 | | | |

Fig 50: summary automated sarima model

7. Build a table (create a data frame) with all the models built along with their corresponding parameters and the respective RMSE values on the test data.

| | Test | RMSE |
|--|------|----------|
| Triple Exponential Smoothing Forecast with Additive Trend & Multiplicative Seasonality Alpha =0.4, Beta=0.1, Gamma=0.2 | | 317.434 |
| Triple Exponential Smoothing Forecast with Multiplicative Trend & Multiplicative Seasonality Alpha =0.4, Beta=0.1, Gamma=0.3 | | 326.580 |
| Triple Exponential Smoothing Forecast with Multiplicative Trend & Additive Seasonality Alpha =0.4, Beta=0.1, Gamma=0.2 | | 341.654 |
| Triple Exponential Smoothing Forecast with additive trend & additive seasonality Alpha =0.1, Beta=0.4, Gamma=0.1, | | 342.935 |
| Triple Exponential Smoothing Forecast with Additive Trend & Additive Seasonality | | 378.626 |
| Triple Exponential Smoothing Forecast with Multiplicative Trend & Additive Seasonality | | 379.646 |
| Triple Exponential Smoothing Forecast with Multiplicative Trend & Multiplicative Seasonality | | 380.393 |
| Triple Exponential Smoothing Forecast with Additive Trend & Multiplicative Seasonality | | 403.706 |
| forecast_SARIMA_auto | | 867.384 |
| Simple Average | | 1275.082 |
| forecast_ARIMA_auto | | 1299.980 |
| Simple Exponential Smoothing Forecast | | 1338.005 |
| Simple Exponential Smoothing Forecast with alpha =0.1 | | 1375.393 |
| Linear Regression | | 1389.135 |
| Double Exponential Smoothing Forecast Alpha =0.665, Beta=0.0001 | | 1777.735 |
| Naive Forecast | | 3864.279 |
| Double Exponential Smoothing Forecast | | 5291.880 |

Fig 51: summary of all models

From the above the table, the best model is the triple exponential smoothing with additive trend and multiplicative seasonality with the parameters with alpha = 0.4, beta =0.1 and gamma = 0.2

8. Based on the model-building exercise, build the most optimum model(s) on the complete data and predict 12 months into the future with appropriate confidence intervals/bands.

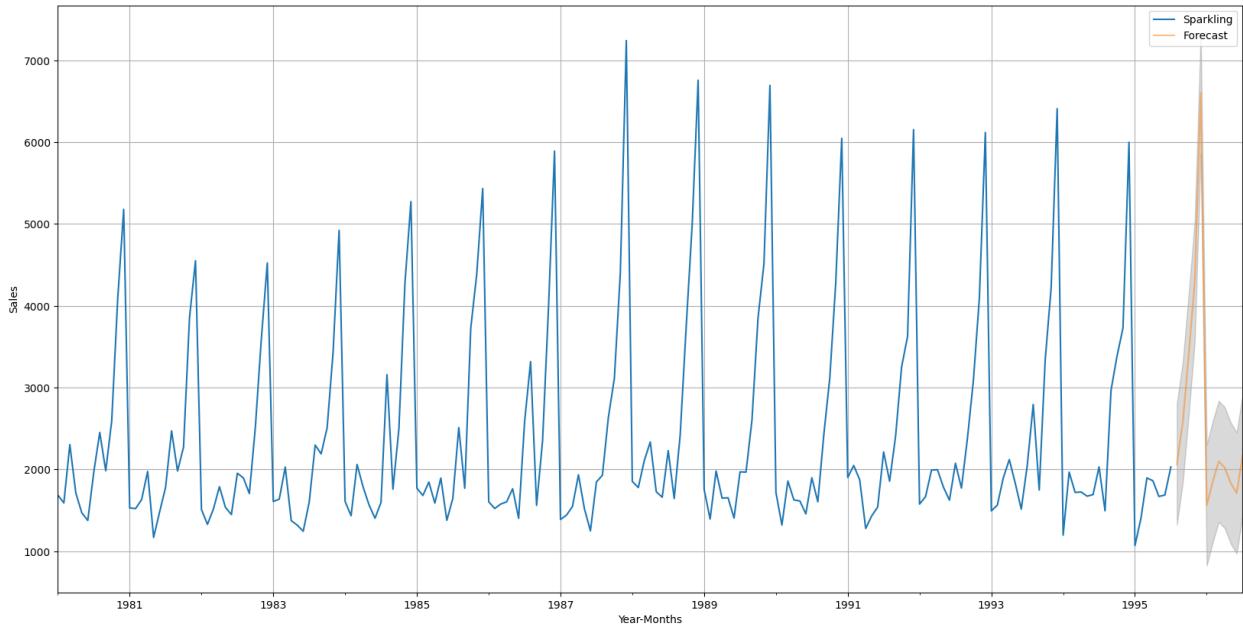


Fig 52: Forecast with 95% confidence to 12 month in future

| | lower_CI | Forecast | upper_ci |
|------------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1995-08-01 | 1323.0 | 2063.4 | 2803.9 |
| 1995-09-01 | 1838.9 | 2579.4 | 3319.9 |
| 1995-10-01 | 2676.2 | 3416.7 | 4157.1 |
| 1995-11-01 | 3564.0 | 4304.5 | 5044.9 |
| 1995-12-01 | 5864.4 | 6604.9 | 7345.3 |
| 1996-01-01 | 824.1 | 1564.5 | 2305.0 |
| 1996-02-01 | 1109.3 | 1849.8 | 2590.2 |
| 1996-03-01 | 1358.4 | 2098.9 | 2839.3 |
| 1996-04-01 | 1282.0 | 2022.4 | 2762.9 |
| 1996-05-01 | 1094.1 | 1834.5 | 2575.0 |
| 1996-06-01 | 971.9 | 1712.4 | 2452.9 |
| 1996-07-01 | 1436.0 | 2176.4 | 2916.9 |

Fig 53: Forecast with 95% confidence to 12 month in future tabl

Best model is the triple exponential smoothing with additive trend and multiplicative seasonality with the parameters with alpha = 0.4, beta =0.1 and gamma = 0.2

- RMSE is 377.3
- The value is forecasted to 12 month interval with this model

9. Comment on the model thus built and report your findings and suggest the measures that the company should be taking for future sales.

- The Best model is the triple exponential smoothing with additive trend and multiplicative seasonality with the parameters with alpha = 0.4, beta =0.1 and gamma = 0.2
- RMSE is 377.3
- Plot of 12 month forecast is following similar pattern as original data
- Sales is increasing gradually then exponentially as per the pattern observed the actual data
- We can expect that sales has no pattern till september

Measures to increase sales:

- During peak season maximum stock should be available for more sales
- Find out the reason why sales is less in other months

- Since the trend is upwards the forecasted value is good