

THE TIME SERIES

A T.S. is a set of numerical values or observations x_t of a group variable listed at successive intervals of time which means that the data regarding the variables is listed in chronological order. It is continuous.

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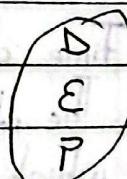
From the definition an important feature of TS is that the observations are correlated.

Types of time series

- 1) Economic time series - Many TS arise in economics e.g. share prices on successive days, export totals in successive months, monthly inflations, yearly G.D.P., balance of trade, tax rates (share prices on successive days, average incomes in successive months, export totals)
- 2) Physical time series - Many TS occur in physical sciences particularly in marine services and meteorology, examples rainfall on successive days; temperature in successive hours etc.
- 3) Marketing Time Series - Examples ; sales time series, advertising features of population, analysis of sales figures in successive weeks.
- 4) Demographic Time Series - time series occurs in the study of populations e.g. population of country in 10 years.

Objectives of time series - Analysis (TSA) trend-long term change in the mean level.

- There are n^o of t.s.g.
- This are grouped in three
 - 1) description
 - 2) prediction
 - 3) explanation.



1) Description

When presented with T.S,

- what type of trend
(increasing, decreasing) how to identify
- what seasonal effect.

Ex-plot First step is to plot the data and obtain simple descriptive measures of the main properties of the series.

- Features such as the trend and seasonal effects can sometime be seen from the plot.

- The plot/graph normally shows trend and seasonal effect but sometimes some unusual observations are normally seen.
(Outliers)

Plot
obtain data
outliers

② Explanation.

- When observations are taken on 2 or more variables, it may be possible to use the variation in 1 variable to explain the variation to another variable.
- This may lead to understanding the mechanism that generated the series

③ Predictions

e.g. ~~predict observed~~ ^{predicted}
~~observed data~~ ^{Time domain}
Giving an observed TS, one may want to predict the future values of the series.

Autocorrelation - Time domain
Spectral density - Frequency domain

Approaches to T.S.A.

- There are 2 way approaches to T.S.A.
- In the ~~first approach~~, main tool of analysis is called Autocorrelation Function (ACF)

The ACF describes the evolution of a process through time.

Inference based on ACF is called Time Series Analysis in the Time domain.

The other approach depends on the Spectral Density function which describes how variation in a series may be explained by variations at different frequencies.

Analysis based on S.D.F is called the analysis in frequency domain

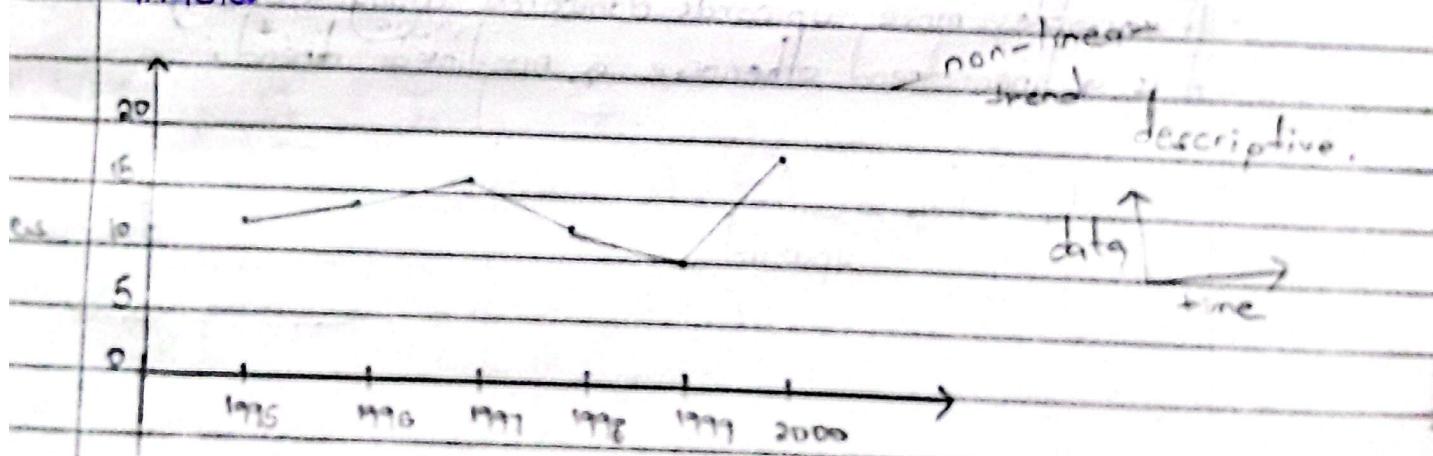
- Given a time series we need to study about the factors that influence the variations in the series over the given period of time
- Consider the sales of T.V in (thousands) by a producing company.

Table 1

Tr	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Nº of TV sets sold in ('000)	12	14	16	12	10	18

€ 1995-2000.

- Analyze the data and give some trends regarding the sales.
- Also the company would want to know why sales dropped in 1998, 1999 and why did it increase afterwards.
- In other words, company would like to explain forces that affect the sales.
- The following are the 4 changes in the values of the variables.



tendencies of data Yr.

- 1) Changes which occurred due to general tendencies of the data to increase or decrease.
- 2) Changes which occurred due to change in climate, weather conditions and festivals.
- 3) Changes which occurred due to booms and depressions.

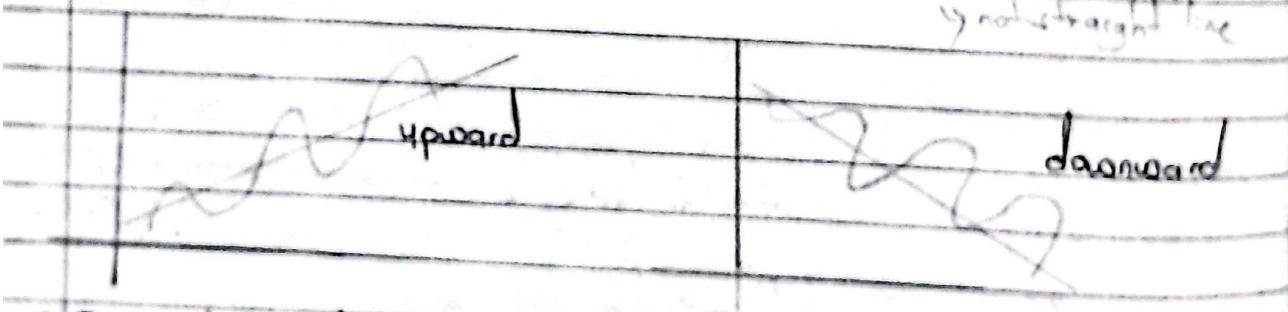
Changes which occurred due to some unpredictable forces.

Components of time series

- The behaviour of a T.S over periods of time is called the movement of T.S
- T.S is classified into the following 4 components behaviour of T.S over a period of time.
 - 1) Long-term trend / Secular trend.
 - 2) Seasonal variations
 - 3) Cyclic variations
 - 4) Irregular / Random variations.

1) Long term / Secular trend,

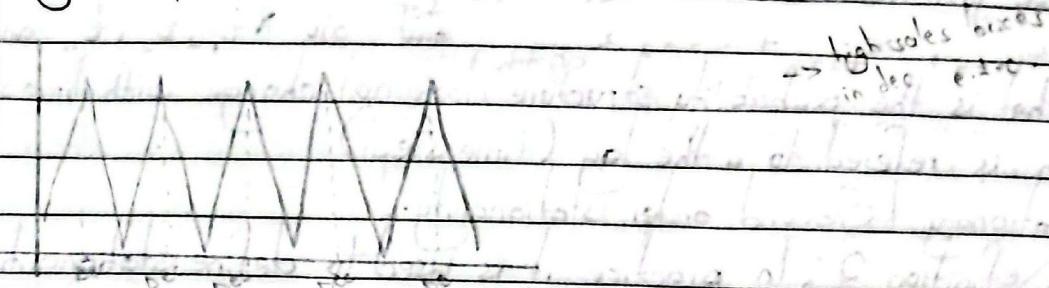
- This refers to the upward / downward trends of the series.
- The movement can be characterized by a trend curve.
 - If the curve is a straight line, it is called a trend line.
 - If the variables increases over a long period of time, then it is an upward trend.
 - Variables decreases over a long period - downward trend
 - If variables move upwards downwards along a straight line, it is a linear trend otherwise a non-linear trend.



a) Seasonal variations:

- Variation in T.S that are periodic in nature and occur regularly over a short period of time during a year.
- Variations can be precise and can be forecasted.
- Prices of vegetables drop after a rainy season and up during summer every year.

; Prices of cooking oil reduces after harvest of oil seeds and goes up after sometime.



- eg. economic data are sometimes thought
- 3) Cyclic variations. \rightarrow to be affected by biz cycles; period b/w 5-7 yrs.
- long term variations that represent consistent rise and decline in the values of the variables.
 - Since this are long term variations in the TS, period of variation is usually $>$ one year.

- 4) Random variations. \rightarrow unpredictable in nature.
- They are called irregular movements.
 - Movt that occur usually in brief period of time without any pattern and that are unpredictable in nature.
 - This movement will not have any regular period time of occurrence, e.g. national strikes, floods, earthquakes, outbreak of diseases (COVID), wars.
 - It is difficult to study the behaviour of such series.

Stationarity. - if (statistical) values of the time series are constant in time, independent of time.

A TS is stationary if it has no systematic change in mean (no trend), no systematic change in variance and if they are no periodic variations.

- Mathematical definition on (stationarity).
 - no change in mean
 - no systematic variance
 - no periodic variation
- * turning a non-stationary series to a stationary one.

$\Rightarrow n \cdot E(y) = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i$

Diff. than \Rightarrow 1st or 2nd order
Stationarity

⇒ Strictly stationary / 1st order stationarity.

replace y in Definition 1; A TS is said to be strictly stationary if
the joint distribution of $x_{t_1}, x_{t_2}, \dots, x_{t_n}$ is the same as
 $x_{t_1+h}, x_{t_2+h}, \dots, x_{t_n+h}$ for all t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n and h ,
that is the probability structure does not change with time.

- h is referred to as the lag (timestep).

Weakly stationary / Second order stationarity.

Definition 2; In practice it is used to define stationarity in less stringent way than given in definition 1.

- A TS is weakly stationary if mean is constant and autocovariance function (ACVF) is independent of time but depend only on the distances b/w the variables.

Remark → definition 1 is defined as 1st order stationarity

" " " " 2nd "

→ 2nd order is more practical as compared to the 1st.

→ In case of 2nd order stationarity the ACVF is denoted and defined as

$$\delta(h) = \text{Cov}(X_t, X_{t+h}) \quad \begin{matrix} \text{mean } (0) \\ \text{assumption of normality} \end{matrix}$$

$$= E(X_t X_{t+h}) - E(X_t) E(X_{t+h}) \quad \dots \quad (1.1)$$

- Since the mean of a stationary process is constant, it can be taken as zero hence we have

$$\delta(h) = E(X_t X_{t+h}) - 0 \quad \dots \quad (1.2)$$

- We note that is influenced by the units of measurement. To compare the basic properties of TS, it is important to have a f_n that is not influenced by units of measurement.

- Such a f_n is a theoretical autocorrelation function which is defined as $\rho_h = \frac{\delta(h)}{\delta(0)}$ \Rightarrow no element of time \rightarrow independent on time. \rightarrow not influenced by units of measurement

- Clearly the acf is independent of time.

- The ACF is important for describing the TS.

n graphs - clear title
state units of measurements T.S.
clearly label the axis economic data.

- It is also an important tool for assessing the properties of the T.S model.

e; Henceforth we shall take stationarity to mean that stationarity in the weak state.

long term trend
secular trend
one of the components.

Methods used of fitting/measuring trend.

1. Freehand / Graphic methods.
2. Semi average method
3. Moving averages methods
4. Method of least squares
5. Filtering

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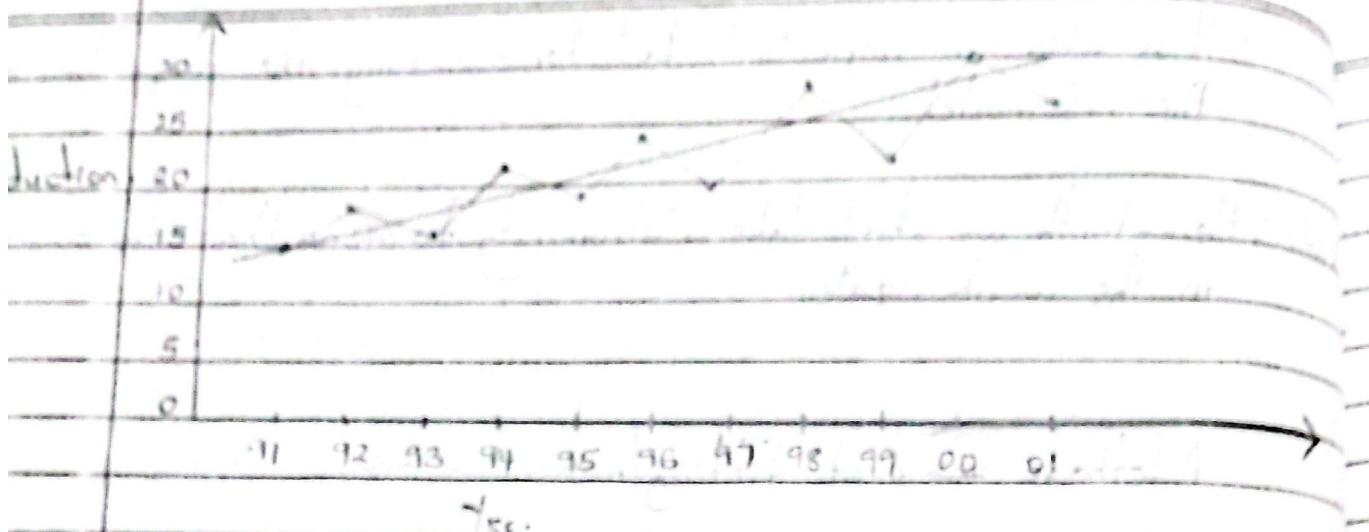
1) Freehand / Graphic methods.

- This is simplest method of drawing a trend curve.
- We plot the values of the variable against time on the graph.
- and join the points.
- The trendline is then fitted by inspecting the graph of the time series.
- Fitting the trend line by this method is arbitrary.
- Trend line is drawn such that the no of fluctuations on either sides are approximately the same.
- The trend line should be a smooth curve.

Example 1

Find the trend with the help of a free hand curve method for the data below.

1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
15	18	16	22	19	24	20	28	22	30	26



2. Semi average methods

The methods of fitting a linear trend with the help of semi-average methods are as follows

a) When n^o of yrs is even,

When n^o of yrs is even, the T.S. is divided into two equal parts.

- The total in each part is estimated and divided by the n^o of items to obtain the arithmetic means of the two parts.
- Each average is centred in the period of time it has been computed and plotted on the graph.
- A straight line is drawn passing through these points.
- This is the required trend line.

b) When n^o of yrs is odd.

When n^o of yrs is odd, the value of the middle yr is omitted to divide the T.S. in two equal parts.

The procedure above is followed

The figures given below shows the export of sugar from India from 1971 to 1980. Determine the trend by using semi average method.

	4.02	*	5.4						
1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
3.9	1.3	1.1	4.4	9.4	9.6	3.4	2.5	8.6	2.9

The no. of yrs is 10, that is it is even.
The series is divided into two parts consisting of first
and last 5 yrs.

Average for first 5 yrs

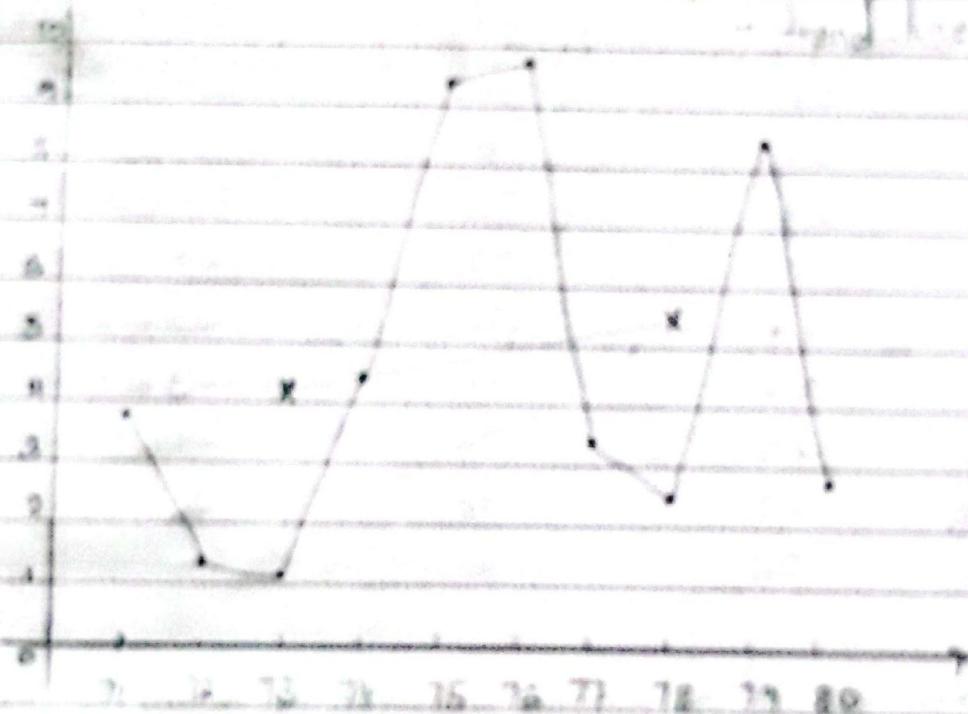
$$\frac{3.9 + 1.3 + 1.1 + 3.4 + 7.4}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow 4.02$$

Average for last 5 yrs

$$\frac{7.6 + 3.4 + 2.5 + 8.6 + 2.9}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow 5.4$$



② Moving averages method.

a) When the period of moving average is odd

- Obtain the TS

- Select a period of moving average such as 3, 5, 7, ...

- Compute moving totals according to the length of period
of moving average.

If the length of the period of moving average is 3, it is

3 yrs moving average and moving totals is computed
as follows

- $a+b+c, b+c+d, c+d+e, d+e+f, \dots$
- Similarly for a 4-yr moving totals
 $a+b+c+d, b+c+d+e, c+d+e+f, \dots$
- Place the moving totals at the centre of the time span,
from which they are computed.
- Compute moving averages by dividing the moving totals by
the period of moving average.
These moving averages are called the trend values.

Example 3

- * Calculate the 3-yr moving averages for the data in the table below.
- | Year | Production | 3-yr moving totals | | 3-yr M.A (t _t) | Short-term
fluctuation |
|------|------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| | | Moving totals | Moving averages | | |
| 1988 | 21 | | | | |

Year	Production	Moving totals	Moving averages	Short-term fluctuation
1988	21			
1989	22	66	22	0
1990	23	70	23.33	-0.33
1991	25	72	24	1
1992	24	71	23.67	0.33
1993	22	71	23.67	-1
1994	25	74	24.67	-0.67
1995	27	78	26	-1
1996	26	-	-	-
$n=9$				

- b) When period of moving average is even.
- When period of moving av. is even such as 4, compute the moving averages using the following steps.
 - Obtain the T.S. data.
 - Obtain the length of the period of moving av. e.g. 6, 8, 10, ...
 - Compute 4-yrly moving totals and place them at the centre of the time span.
 - The 4-yrly moving totals are computed as follows
 $a+b+c+d, b+c+d+e, c+d+e+f, \dots$
 - Compute 4-yrly averages and place them at the centre of the time span.

Step 5: Take 2 period moving average of moving averages and place them at the centre of the periods.
This is called centering of moving averages.

Example The following table gives the average monthly productions (thousands) of new passenger cars b/wn 1976 and 1985.

Calculate 4 yearly moving averages:

	y_t	Production	M.T	M.A	(y_{t-1}) 2-item MA
1976	708				
1977	767		2941	735.25	
1978	764		2766	691.5	713.375
1979	7082		2520	630	660.75
1980	533		2177	544.25	587.125
1981	521		2037	509.25	526.75
1982	421		2139	534.75	522
1983	562		2285	571.25	553
1984	635				
1985	667				

④ Method of least squares:

- In this method, the trend curve is determined by fitting a mathematical equation.
- This method is more accurate & precise and can be used in forecasting.
- Given a T.S data set, a straight line / parabolic curve can be fitted.
- There are 2 methods
 - a) Direct method
 - b) Short-cut method.

a) Direct method:

- 1; Convert y_{ts} into natural numbers and call it x and find $\sum x$

(2.1) - $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x$ - no specific value for x hence step 2
 getting normal equation - Apply summation.
 $\sum y = n \beta_0 + \beta_1 \sum x$ --- (2.2)
 $\sum xy = \beta_0 \sum x + \beta_1 x^2$ --- (2.3)

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x$$

- Step 2; Find the squares of x values and obtain the sum ($\sum x^2$)
 Step 3; Add the values of y and to obtain sum of y .
 Step 4; Multiply x values with corresponding y values and have the totals ($\sum xy$).
 Step 5; Substitute the values into the normal equations and solve the parameters.
 Step 6; Substitute the values into the least square equation and find the trend values for the various values of x .

$$\begin{array}{cccc} y & x & \sum x^2 & \sum y & \sum xy \end{array}$$

b) Short-cut method.

- The calculations are simplified such that the mid point in time is taken as the origin so that (sum of x) $\sum x = 0$ -
- When $\sum x = 0$, the normal equations reduces to

$$\sum y = n \beta_0 \quad (2.4)$$

$$\beta_0 = \frac{\sum y}{n}$$

$$\frac{\sum xy}{\sum x^2} = \beta_1 \frac{\sum x^2}{\sum x^2}$$

$$\text{Short-cut, make } \sum x = 0$$

$$\beta_1 = \frac{\sum xy}{\sum x^2} \quad (2.5)$$

sample Find the trendline by the method of least squares given the following data. (Y)

Yr	Production	$X = Y_r - 1979$	X^2	XY
1976	672	-3	9	-2016
1977	824	-2	4	-1648
1978	967	-1	1	-967
1979	1204	0	0	0
1980	1464	1	1	1464
1981	1758	2	4	3516
1982	2057	3	9	6171
	8946	$\sum x = 0$	28	6511

$$\beta_0 = \frac{8946}{7} \rightarrow 1278$$

$$\beta_1 = \frac{6520}{28} \Rightarrow 232.86.$$

$$\hat{y} = 1278 + 232.86x$$

5) Filtering

In time series filtering is used to extract isolate a particular component of the data set. The underlying signal while removing noise [unwanted components (trends seasonal effects)]

- It can help in

- 1) Smoothing the data
- 2) Removing trends | Detrending
- 3) Isolating cyclical | seasonal components
- 4) Enhancing signal to noise ratio.

Types of filters

- There several types of filters used in T.S.

1) Moving Average filters

- In this filter each data point is replaced in the average of its neighbours. For a centered moving average with a window size $2k+1$, the M.A. filter is given by

$$\bar{y}_t = \frac{1}{(2k+1)} \sum_{i=k}^k y_{t+i}$$

\bar{y}_t = filtered value at time t

k = determines the window size

$2k+1$ = is the total window size

smooth short term fluctuations and highlight long term trends

- The aim of the MA filtering is to smooth short term fluctuations and highlight long term trend.

Example.

Given the following dataset

$$y = (10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22)$$

Apply a 3 point Moving Average Filter k=1

Solution

$$t=3$$

$$\bar{y}_3 = \frac{1}{3} \sum_{i=-1}^1 y_{3+i} \quad \text{Since } i = -1, 0, 1$$

$$\bar{y}_3 = \frac{y_{3-1} + y_3 + y_4}{3}$$

$$= \underline{y_2 + y_3 + y_4}$$

Checking from the dataset

$$y_2 = 12 \quad y_3 = 14 \quad y_4 = 16$$

$$\frac{12+14+16}{3} = 14$$

2) When t=4

$$\bar{y}_4 = \frac{1}{3} \sum_{i=-1}^1 y_{4+i}$$

$$\bar{y}_4 = \frac{1}{3} (y_{4-1} + y_4 + y_5)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} (14+16+18)$$

$$= 16$$

3) When t=5

$$\bar{y}_5 = \frac{1}{3} (y_{5-1} + y_5 + y_6)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} (16+18+20)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} (54)$$

$$= 18$$

$$4) t=3 \quad k=2 \quad i = -2, -1, 0, 1, 2$$

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{y}_3 &= \frac{1}{2(2)+1} \sum_{i=-2}^2 (y_{3-i} + y_{3-1} + y_{3+0} + y_{3+1} + y_{3+2}) \\ &= \frac{1}{5} (y_1 + y_2 + y_3 + y_4 + y_5) \\ &= \frac{1}{5} (10 + 12 + 14 + 16 + 18 + 20 + 22) = \frac{1}{5} (70) \\ &= 14.\end{aligned}$$

$$5) t=4 \quad k=2.$$

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{y}_4 &= \frac{1}{2(2)+1} \sum_{i=-2}^2 (y_{4-i} + y_{4-1} + y_{4+0} + y_{4+1} + y_{4+2}) \\ &= \frac{1}{5} (y_2 + y_3 + y_4 + y_5 + y_6) \\ &= \frac{1}{5} (12 + 14 + 16 + 18 + 20) \\ &= \frac{1}{5} (80) \\ &= 16.\end{aligned}$$

$$6) t=5 \quad k=2.$$

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{y}_5 &= \frac{1}{2(2)+1} \sum_{i=-2}^2 (y_{5-i} + y_{5-1} + y_{5+0} + y_{5+1} + y_{5+2}) \\ &= \frac{1}{5} (y_3 + y_4 + y_5 + y_6 + y_7) \\ &= \frac{1}{5} (90) \\ &= 18.\end{aligned}$$

2) Exponential Smoothing

- In this method more recent observations are given more weight. The simple exponential smoothing formula is.

$$S_t = \alpha y_t + (1 - \alpha) S_{t-1}, \dots$$

where

Exponential
smoothing

smooth the T.S. while maintaining
responsive to changes

S_t is the smooth value of time t .

α ($0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$) is the smoothing parameter.

The aim is to smooth the T.S. data while maintaining
responsive to changes

Example.

Given the same data set in the last data set previous example and an initial smooth value $S_1 = 10$, Apply simple exponential smoothing with $\alpha = 0.5$. Calculate the smooth value at $t=3$.

The recursive formula is

Calculate S_2

$$S_t = \alpha y_t + (1-\alpha) S_{t-1}$$

Calculate S_2 .

$$S_2 = 0.5(12) + (1-0.5)10 \\ = 11$$

Calculate S_3 .

$$S_3 = \alpha y_3 + (1-\alpha) S_2 \\ = 0.5(14) + (1-0.5)11 \\ = 12.5$$

Calculate S_4

$$S_4 = \alpha y_4 + (1-\alpha) S_3 \\ = 0.5(16) + (1-0.5)12.5 \\ = 14.25$$

hence S_5 .

$$\alpha y_5 + (1-\alpha) S_4 \\ 0.5(18) + (1-0.5)14.25 \\ = 16.125$$

3. Differentiating Method

$$S_5 = \alpha S_{1,t} + (1-\alpha) S_4.$$

$$= 0.5(18) + (0.5)(14.5) = 16.25.$$

iii) Differencing Method:

Differencing is a transformation applied to a TS to remove non-stationarity and achieve stationarity.

If $S \neq X_t$ the 1st order difference is defined as

$$\text{1st order } \Delta X_t = X_t - X_{t-1}$$

If differencing the series its still exhibiting trends/seasonal order more differencing may be applied; and it is given as

$$\Delta^2 X_t = \Delta X_t - \Delta X_{t-1}$$

$$= X_t - 2X_{t-1} + X_{t-2}$$

$$\text{3rd order } \Delta^3 X_t = \Delta X_t - \Delta^2 X_t$$

$$= \Delta X_t - (\Delta X_t - \Delta X_{t-1})$$

$$= \Delta X_t - 3X_{t-3} + 3X_{t-2} + X_{t-1}$$

Example-

$$a + bt + \varepsilon_t, \quad \varepsilon_t \sim \text{iid}(0, \sigma^2)$$

The first order difference.

$$\text{(Sol). } \Delta X_t = X_t - X_{t-1}$$

$$\Delta X_t = a + bt + \varepsilon_t - [a + b(t-1) + \varepsilon_{t-1}]$$

$$= a + bt + \varepsilon_t - a - b(t-1) - \varepsilon_{t-1}$$

$$= a + bt + \varepsilon_t - a - bt + b - \varepsilon_{t-1}$$

$$= b + \varepsilon_t - \varepsilon_{t-1}$$

Example.

$$= a + bt + ct^2 + \varepsilon_t \quad \varepsilon_t \sim \text{iid}(0, \sigma^2). \quad \text{Make it stationary}$$

(Sol).

1st difference, if we still have t we apply 2nd diff.

$$\text{1st difference } \Delta X_t = X_t - X_{t-1}$$

$$\Delta X_t = a + bt + ct^2 + \varepsilon_t - [a + b(t-1) + c(t-1)^2 + \varepsilon_{t-1}]$$

$$a + bt + ct^2 - \varepsilon_t - a - b(t-1) + c(t^2 - 2t + 1) + \varepsilon_{t-1}$$

$$d + bt + ct^2 + \epsilon_t = b - bt + b + ct^2 + \alpha ct = c + \epsilon_{t-1}$$

$$\epsilon_t + \alpha ct = c + \epsilon_{t-1} + b$$

$$b = c + \alpha ct + \epsilon_t + \epsilon_{t-1}$$

2nd difference $\Delta^2 X_t = \Delta \epsilon_{t-1}$

$$= \epsilon_t - 2\epsilon_{t-1} + \epsilon_{t-2}$$

$$2c + \epsilon_t = 2\epsilon_{t-1} + \epsilon_{t-2}$$

$$b - c + 2ct + \epsilon_t + \epsilon_{t-1} - 2(b - c + \alpha ct + \epsilon_t + \epsilon_{t-1}) + bt + c + 2(t-2 + \epsilon_{t-2} + \epsilon_{t-3})$$

$$b - f - 2\alpha ct + \epsilon_t + \epsilon_{t-1} - 2b - fc - 4ct - 2\epsilon_t - 2\epsilon_{t-1} + b + f + \alpha ct + \epsilon_{t-2} + \epsilon_{t-3}$$

Mathematical Models for Time Series:

There are 2 models mostly used for the decomposition of a TS.

These are additive model and multiplicative model.

i) Additive Model

It assumes that the observed value is the sum of 4 components of TS. This is given as

$$X = T + S + C + I$$

where T = Trend Value.

S = Seasonal component

C = Cyclic component

I = Irregular component

X = Observed component

ii) Multiplicative

It assumes that the observed value is obtained by multiplying the values of 4 components. It's given as

$$X = T \times S \times C \times I$$

The definitions are still the same.