

# Tidy Time Series & Forecasting in R

## 7. Exponential smoothing

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**The Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) is the Australian government drugs subsidy scheme.**

- Many drugs bought from pharmacies are subsidised to allow more equitable access to modern drugs.
- The cost to government is determined by the number and types of drugs purchased. Currently nearly 1% of GDP.
- The total cost is budgeted based on forecasts of drug usage.

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## Opp demands drug price restriction after PBS budget blow-out

The Federal Opposition has called for tighter controls on drug prices after the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) budget blew out by almost \$800 million.

The money was spent on two new drugs including the controversial anti-smoking aid Zyban, which dropped in price from \$220 to \$22 after it was listed on the PBS.



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# Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme

- In 2001: \$4.5 billion budget, under-forecasted by \$800 million.
- Thousands of products. Seasonal demand.
- Subject to covert marketing, volatile products, uncontrollable expenditure.
- Although monthly data available for 10 years, data are aggregated to annual values, and only the first three years are used in estimating the forecasts.
- All forecasts being done with the FORECAST function in MS-Excel!

# Historical perspective

- Developed in the 1950s and 1960s as methods (algorithms) to produce point forecasts.
- Combine a “level”, “trend” (slope) and “seasonal” component to describe a time series.
- The rate of change of the components are controlled by “smoothing parameters”:  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  respectively.
- Need to choose best values for the smoothing parameters (and initial states).
- Equivalent ETS state space models developed in the 1990s and 2000s



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The diagram shows the acronym 'ETS' with arrows pointing from the words 'Error', 'Trend', and 'Season' below to the letters 'E', 'T', and 'S' respectively. The full name 'Exponential Smoothing' is written to the right of 'ETS'.


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- “innovations” or “single source of error” because equations have the same error process,  $\varepsilon_t$ .
- Measurement equation: relationship between observations and states.
- Transition/state equation(s): evolution of the state(s) through time.

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- Models with additive and multiplicative errors with the same parameters generate the same point forecasts but different prediction intervals.

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# Example: Australian population

```
aus_economy <- global_economy %>%  
  filter(Code == "AUS") %>%  
  mutate(Pop = Population / 1e6)  
fit <- aus_economy %>% model(AAN = ETS(Pop))  
report(fit)
```

```
## Series: Pop  
## Model: ETS(A,A,N)  
## Smoothing parameters:  
##   alpha = 1  
##   beta  = 0.327  
##  
## Initial states:  
##   l      b  
## 10.1 0.222  
##  
## sigma^2: 0.0041  
##  
## AIC AICc BIC  
## -77.0 -75.8 -66.7
```



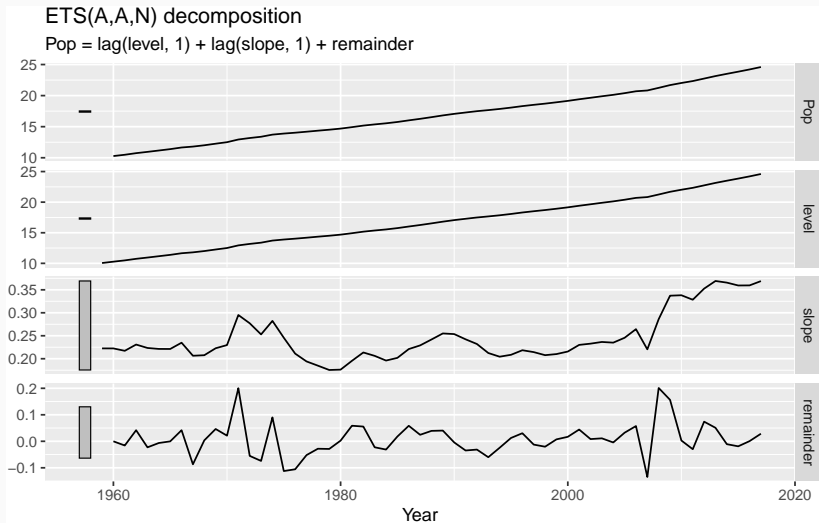
# Example: Australian population

```
components(fit)
```

```
## # A dable:                59 x 7 [1Y]
## # Key:                    Country, .model [1]
## # ETS(A,A,N) Decomposition: Pop = lag(level, 1) + lag(slope, 1)
## #   remainder
##   Country   .model Year   Pop level slope remainder
##   <fct>     <chr>  <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>      <dbl>
## 1 Australia AAN    1959  NA    10.1 0.222 NA
## 2 Australia AAN    1960  10.3  10.3 0.222 -0.000145
## 3 Australia AAN    1961  10.5  10.5 0.217 -0.0159
## 4 Australia AAN    1962  10.7  10.7 0.231  0.0418
## 5 Australia AAN    1963  11.0  11.0 0.223 -0.0229
## 6 Australia AAN    1964  11.2  11.2 0.221 -0.00641
## 7 Australia AAN    1965  11.4  11.4 0.221 -0.000314
## 8 Australia AAN    1966  11.7  11.7 0.235  0.0418
## 9 Australia AAN    1967  11.8  11.8 0.206 -0.0869
## 10 Australia AAN    1968  12.0  12.0 0.208  0.00350
## # ... with 49 more rows
```

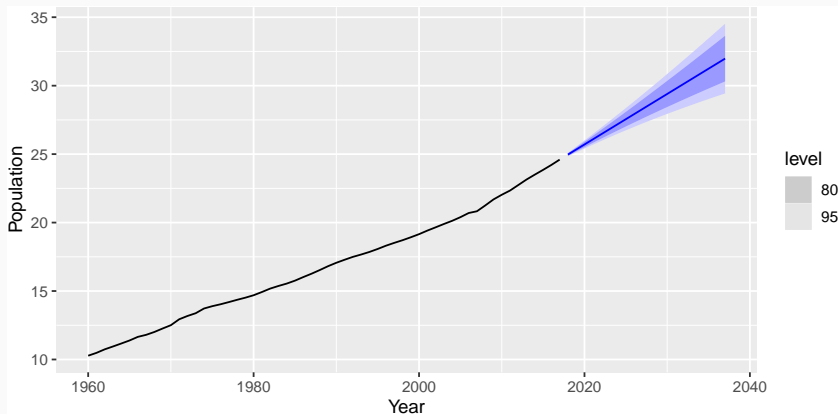
# Example: Australian population

```
components(fit) %>% autoplot()
```



# Example: Australian population

```
fit %>%  
  forecast(h = 20) %>%  
  autoplot(aus_economy) +  
  ylab("Population") + xlab("Year")
```



# ETS(A,Ad,N): Damped trend method

## Additive errors

Forecast equation	$\hat{y}_{T+h T} = l_T + (\phi + \dots + \phi^{h-1})$
Measurement equation	$y_t = (l_{t-1} + \phi b_{t-1}) + \varepsilon_t$
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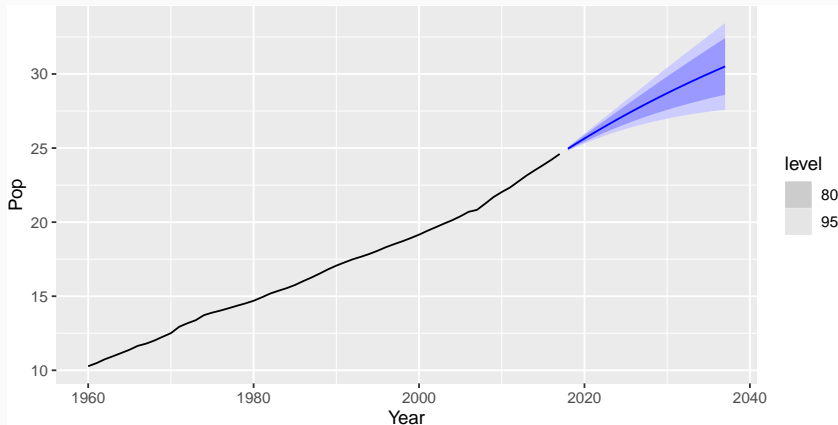
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	$b_t = \phi b_{t-1} + \beta \varepsilon_t$

- Damping parameter  $0 < \phi < 1$ .
- If  $\phi = 1$ , identical to Holt's linear trend.
- As  $h \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\hat{y}_{T+h|T} \rightarrow \ell_T + \phi b_T / (1 - \phi)$ .
- Short-run forecasts trended, long-run forecasts constant.

# Example: Australian population

```
aus_economy %>%  
  model(holt = ETS(Pop ~ trend("Ad"))) %>%  
  forecast(h = 20) %>%  
  autoplot(aus_economy)
```



# Example: National populations

```
fit <- global_economy %>%  
  mutate(Pop = Population / 1e6) %>%  
  model(ets = ETS(Pop))  
fit
```

```
## # A mable: 263 x 2  
## # Key:      Country [263]  
##   Country      ets  
##   <fct>        <model>  
## 1 Afghanistan <ETS(A,A,N)>  
## 2 Albania     <ETS(M,A,N)>  
## 3 Algeria     <ETS(M,A,N)>  
## 4 American Samoa <ETS(M,A,N)>  
## 5 Andorra     <ETS(M,A,N)>  
## 6 Angola      <ETS(M,A,N)>  
## 7 Antigua and Barbuda <ETS(M,A,N)>  
## 8 Arab World  <ETS(M,A,N)>  
## 9 Argentina   <ETS(A,A,N)>  
## 10 Armenia    <ETS(M,A,N)>  
## # ... with 253 more rows
```

# Example: National populations

```
fit %>%  
  forecast(h = 5)
```

```
## # A tibble: 1,315 x 5 [1Y]  
## # Key:      Country, .model [263]  
##   Country      .model Year      Pop .mean  
##   <fct>        <chr>  <dbl>      <dist> <dbl>  
## 1 Afghanistan ets      2018      N(36, 0.012) 36.4  
## 2 Afghanistan ets      2019      N(37, 0.059) 37.3  
## 3 Afghanistan ets      2020      N(38, 0.16) 38.2  
## 4 Afghanistan ets      2021      N(39, 0.35) 39.0  
## 5 Afghanistan ets      2022      N(40, 0.64) 39.9  
## 6 Albania     ets      2018      N(2.9, 0.00012) 2.87  
## 7 Albania     ets      2019      N(2.9, 6e-04) 2.87  
## 8 Albania     ets      2020      N(2.9, 0.0017) 2.87  
## 9 Albania     ets      2021      N(2.9, 0.0036) 2.86  
## 10 Albania    ets      2022      N(2.9, 0.0066) 2.86  
## # with 1,305 more rows
```



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## Lab Session 14

Try forecasting the Chinese GDP from the `global_economy` data set using an ETS model.

Experiment with the various options in the `ETS()` function to see how much the forecasts change with damped trend, or with a Box-Cox transformation. Try to develop an intuition of what each is doing to the forecasts.

[Hint: use  $h=20$  when forecasting, so you can clearly see the differences between the various options when plotting the forecasts.]

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# ETS(A,A,A): Holt-Winters additive method

Forecast equation	$\hat{y}_{t+h t} = \ell_t + hb_t + s_{t+h-m(k+1)}$
Observation equation	$y_t = \ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1} + s_{t-m} + \varepsilon_t$
State equations	$\ell_t = \ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1} + \alpha\varepsilon_t$ $b_t = b_{t-1} + \beta\varepsilon_t$ $s_t = s_{t-m} + \gamma\varepsilon_t$

- $k = \text{integer part of } (h - 1)/m$ .
- $\sum_i s_i \approx 0$ .
- 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).

# ETS(M,A,M): Holt-Winters multiplicative method

Forecast equation	$\hat{y}_{t+h t} = (\ell_t + hb_t)s_{t+h-m(k+1)}$
Observation equation	$y_t = (\ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1})s_{t-m}(\mathbf{1} +$
State equations	$\ell_t = (\ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1})(\mathbf{1} + \alpha\varepsilon_t)$
	$b_t = b_{t-1}(\mathbf{1} + \beta\varepsilon_t)$
	$s_t = s_{t-m}(\mathbf{1} + \gamma\varepsilon_t)$

- $k$  is integer part of  $(h - 1)/m$ .
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```
holidays <- tourism %>%  
  filter(Purpose == "Holiday")  
fit <- holidays %>% model(ets = ETS(Trips))  
fit
```

```
## # A mable: 76 x 4  
## # Key:      Region, State, Purpose [76]  
##   Region                State      Purpose      ets  
##   <chr>                 <chr>      <chr>      <model>  
## 1 Adelaide             South Australia Holiday <ETS(A,N,A)>  
## 2 Adelaide Hills       South Australia Holiday <ETS(A,A,N)>  
## 3 Alice Springs        Northern Territ~ Holiday <ETS(M,N,A)>  
## 4 Australia's Coral Coast Western Austral~ Holiday <ETS(M,N,A)>  
## 5 Australia's Golden Outba~ Western Austral~ Holiday <ETS(M,N,M)>  
## 6 Australia's North West Western Austral~ Holiday <ETS(A,N,A)>  
## 7 Australia's South West Western Austral~ Holiday <ETS(M,N,M)>  
## 8 Ballarat             Victoria      Holiday <ETS(M,N,A)>  
## 9 Barkly               Northern Territ~ Holiday <ETS(A,N,A)>  
## 10 Barossa             South Australia Holiday <ETS(A,N,N)>  
## # ... with 66 more rows
```

# Example: Australian holiday tourism

```
fit %>%  
  filter(Region == "Snowy Mountains") %>%  
  report()
```

```
## Series: Trips  
## Model: ETS(M,N,A)  
## Smoothing parameters:  
##   alpha = 0.157  
##   gamma = 1e-04  
##  
## Initial states:  
##   l   s1   s2   s3   s4  
## 142 -61 131 -42.2 -27.7  
##  
## sigma^2: 0.0388  
##  
## AIC AICc BIC  
## 852 854 869
```

# Example: Australian holiday tourism

```
fit %>%  
  filter(Region == "Snowy Mountains") %>%  
  components(fit)
```

```
## # A dable:                        84 x 9 [1Q]  
## # Key:                            Region, State, Purpose, .model [1]  
## # ETS(M,N,A) Decomposition: Trips = (lag(level, 1) + lag(season,  
## #   4)) * (1 + remainder)  
##   Region State Purpose .model Quarter Trips level season  
##   <chr>   <chr> <chr>  <chr>    <qtr> <dbl> <dbl>  <dbl>  
## 1 Snowy~ New ~ Holiday ets    1997 Q1  NA      NA    -27.7  
## 2 Snowy~ New ~ Holiday ets    1997 Q2  NA      NA    -42.2  
## 3 Snowy~ New ~ Holiday ets    1997 Q3  NA      NA    131.  
## 4 Snowy~ New ~ Holiday ets    1997 Q4  NA     142.  -61.0  
## 5 Snowy~ New ~ Holiday ets    1998 Q1 101.    140.  -27.7  
## 6 Snowy~ New ~ Holiday ets    1998 Q2 112.    142.  -42.2  
## 7 Snowy~ New ~ Holiday ets    1998 Q3 310.    148.   131.  
## 8 Snowy~ New ~ Holiday ets    1998 Q4  89.8   148.  -61.0  
## 9 Snowy~ New ~ Holiday ets    1999 Q1 112.    147.  -27.7  
## 10 Snowy~ New ~ Holiday ets    1999 Q2 103.    147.  -42.2  
## # ... with 74 more rows, and 1 more variable: remainder <dbl>
```

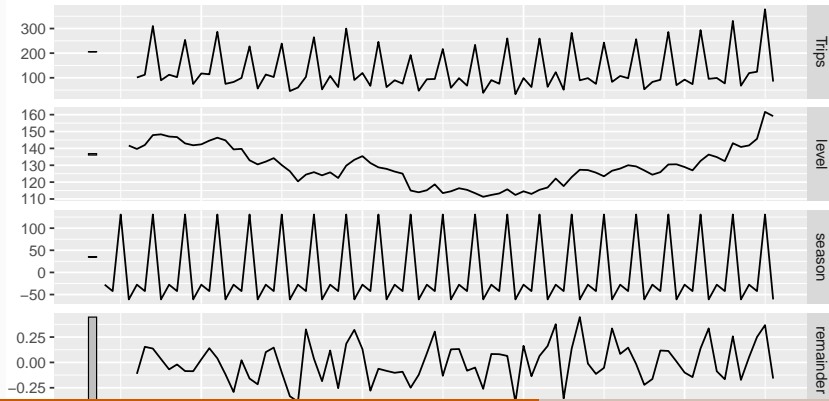


# Example: Australian holiday tourism

```
fit %>%  
  filter(Region == "Snowy Mountains") %>%  
  components(fit) %>%  
  autoplot()
```

ETS(M,N,A) decomposition

Trips = (lag(level, 1) + lag(season, 4)) \* (1 + remainder)



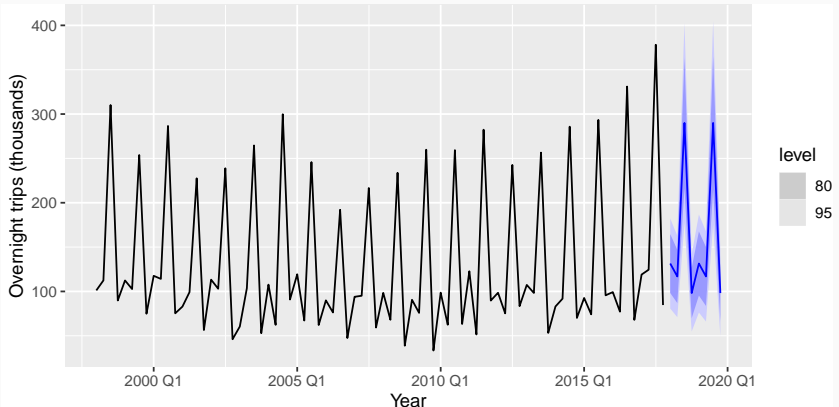
# Example: Australian holiday tourism

```
fit %>% forecast()
```

```
## # A tibble: 608 x 7 [1Q]
## # Key:   Region, State, Purpose, .model [76]
##   Region      State      Purpose .model Quarter      Trips .mean
##   <chr>      <chr>      <chr>  <chr>    <qtr>      <dist> <dbl>
## 1 Adelaide    South Aus~ Holiday ets    2018 Q1 N(210, 457) 210.
## 2 Adelaide    South Aus~ Holiday ets    2018 Q2 N(173, 473) 173.
## 3 Adelaide    South Aus~ Holiday ets    2018 Q3 N(169, 489) 169.
## 4 Adelaide    South Aus~ Holiday ets    2018 Q4 N(186, 505) 186.
## 5 Adelaide    South Aus~ Holiday ets    2019 Q1 N(210, 521) 210.
## 6 Adelaide    South Aus~ Holiday ets    2019 Q2 N(173, 537) 173.
## 7 Adelaide    South Aus~ Holiday ets    2019 Q3 N(169, 553) 169.
## 8 Adelaide    South Aus~ Holiday ets    2019 Q4 N(186, 569) 186.
## 9 Adelaide H~ South Aus~ Holiday ets    2018 Q1   N(19, 36)  19.4
## 10 Adelaide H~ South Aus~ Holiday ets    2018 Q2   N(20, 36)  19.6
## # ... with 598 more rows
```

# Example: Australian holiday tourism

```
fit %>%  
  forecast() %>%  
  filter(Region == "Snowy Mountains") %>%  
  autoplot(holidays) +  
  xlab("Year") + ylab("Overnight trips (thousands)")
```



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# Exponential smoothing models

## Additive Error

### Trend Component

N	(None)
A	(Additive)
A <sub>d</sub>	(Additive damped)

## Seasonal Component

N	A	M
(None)	(Additive)	(Multiplicative)

A,N,N	A,N,A	<del>A,N,M</del>
A,A,N	A,A,A	<del>A,A,M</del>
A,A <sub>d</sub> ,N	A,A <sub>d</sub> ,A	<del>A,A<sub>d</sub>,M</del>

## Multiplicative Error

### Trend Component

N	(None)
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A <sub>d</sub>	(Additive damped)

## Seasonal Component

N	A	M
(None)	(Additive)	(Multiplicative)

M,N,N	M,N,A	M,N,M
M,A,N	M,A,A	M,A,M
M,A <sub>d</sub> ,N	M,A <sub>d</sub> ,A	M,A <sub>d</sub> ,M

# Estimating ETS models

- Smoothing parameters  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$  and  $\phi$ , and the initial states  $\ell_0$ ,  $b_0$ ,  $s_0$ ,  $s_{-1}, \dots, s_{-m+1}$  are estimated by maximising the “likelihood” = the probability of the data arising from the specified model.
- For models with additive errors equivalent to minimising SSE.
- For models with multiplicative errors, **not** equivalent to minimising SSE.

# Model selection

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## Bayesian Information Criterion

$$\text{BIC} = \text{AIC} + k(\log(T) - 2).$$

# AIC and cross-validation

Minimizing the AIC assuming Gaussian residuals is asymptotically equivalent to minimizing one-step time series cross validation MSE.

# Automatic forecasting

## From Hyndman et al. (IJF, 2002):

- 1 Apply each model that is appropriate to the data. Optimize parameters and initial values using MLE.
  - 2 Select best method using AICc.
  - 3 Produce forecasts using best method.
  - 4 Obtain forecast intervals using underlying state space model.
- Method performed very well in M3 competition.
  - Used as a benchmark in the M4 competition.

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# Lab Session 15

Find an ETS model for the Gas data from `aus_production`.

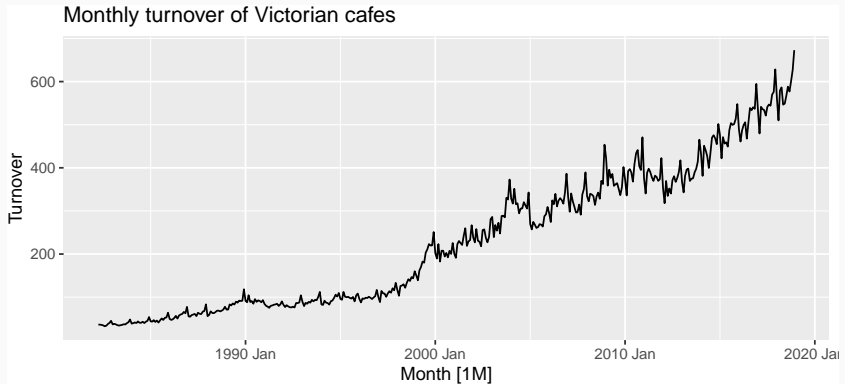
- Why is multiplicative seasonality necessary here?
- Experiment with making the trend damped. Does it improve the forecasts?

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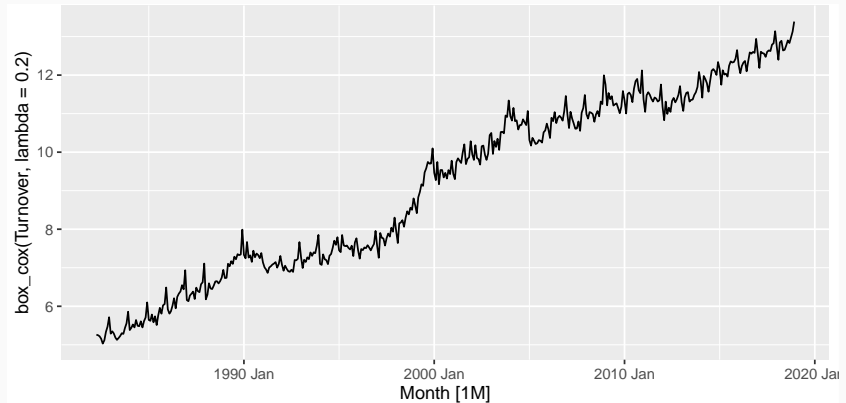
# Non-Gaussian forecast distributions

```
vic_cafe <- tsibbledata::aus_retail %>%  
  filter(State == "Victoria",  
         Industry == "Cafes, restaurants and catering services") %>%  
  select(Month, Turnover)  
vic_cafe %>%  
  autoplot(Turnover) + ggtitle("Monthly turnover of Victorian cafes")
```



# Forecasting with transformations

```
vic_cafe %>% autoplot(box_cox(Turnover, lambda = 0.2))
```





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fit <- vic_cafe %>%  
  model(ets = ETS(box_cox(Turnover, 0.2)))  
fit
```

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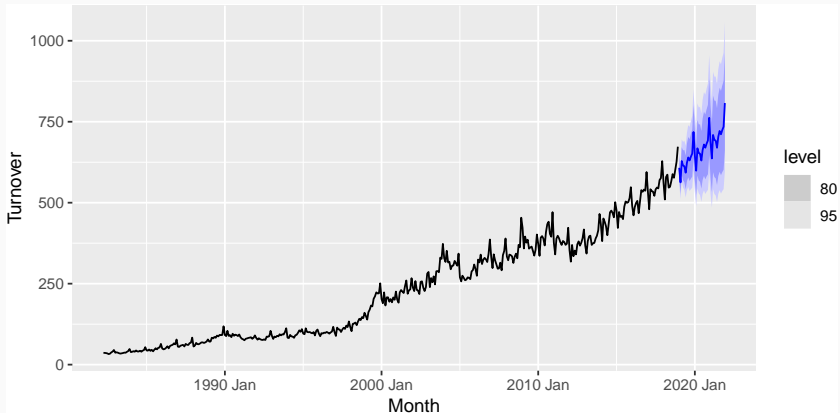
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- $t(N)$  denotes a transformed normal distribution.
- back-transformation and bias adjustment is done automatically.

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```
fc %>% autoplot(vic_cafe)
```



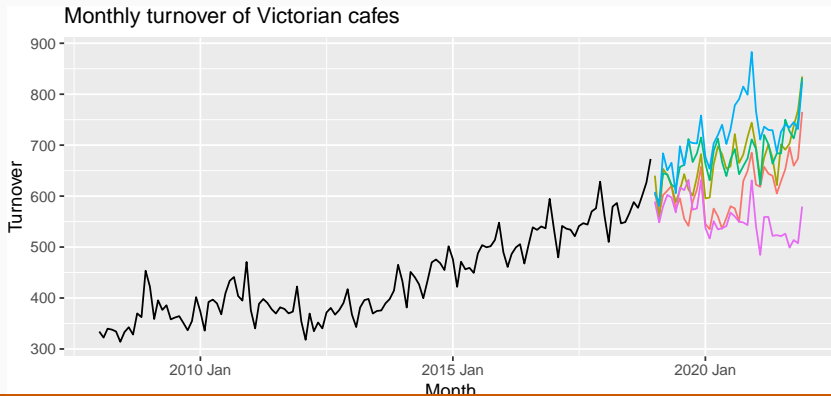
# Bootstrapped forecast distributions

```
sim <- fit %>% generate(h = "3 years", times = 5, bootstrap = TRUE)
sim
```

```
## # A tsibble: 180 x 4 [1M]
## # Key:           .model, .rep [5]
##   .model      Month .rep   .sim
##   <chr>       <mth> <chr> <dbl>
## 1 ets        2019 Jan 1     608.
## 2 ets        2019 Feb 1     564.
## 3 ets        2019 Mar 1     602.
## 4 ets        2019 Apr 1     611.
## 5 ets        2019 May 1     620.
## 6 ets        2019 Jun 1     575.
## 7 ets        2019 Jul 1     596.
## 8 ets        2019 Aug 1     555.
## 9 ets        2019 Sep 1     542.
## 10 ets       2019 Oct 1     589.
## # ... with 170 more rows
```

# Bootstrapped forecast distributions

```
vic_cafe %>%  
  filter(year(Month) >= 2008) %>%  
  ggplot(aes(x = Month)) +  
  geom_line(aes(y = Turnover)) +  
  geom_line(aes(y = .sim, colour = as.factor(.rep)), data = sim) +  
  ggtitle("Monthly turnover of Victorian cafes") +  
  guides(col = FALSE)
```



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fc <- fit %>% forecast(h = "3 years", bootstrap = TRUE)
fc
```

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## # Key:   .model [1]
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## 1 ets      2019 Jan t(sample[5000]) 607.
## 2 ets      2019 Feb t(sample[5000]) 562.
## 3 ets      2019 Mar t(sample[5000]) 628.
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## 8 ets      2019 Aug t(sample[5000]) 640.
## 9 ets      2019 Sep t(sample[5000]) 631.
## 10 ets     2019 Oct t(sample[5000]) 642.
## # ... with 26 more rows
```

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  ggtitle("Monthly turnover of Victorian cafes")
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