Applied Research Project - Housing Analysis (California)

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Introduction:

There are two parts in this project. In the first part, I used time series method to show the trends and pattern of house inventory and house sales count monthly in California (2008 Jan. - 2021 Apr.). I compared the difference and found the relationship between sales count and house inventory using cor.test(), linear model and anova() methods. I also used ARIMA() and ETS() method to forecast the sales count in San Francisco in 3 years.

In the second part, I used *time series* method to show the trends and pattern of average house value in California (1996 Jan. - 2021 Apr.). I made the time series for the value of different types of house (single family, condo, one bedroom, two bedrooms, three bedrooms, four bedrooms and five bedrooms) in San Francisco (1996 Jan. - 2021 Apr.). At the end, I forecast the house value of single family house in San Francisco in 3 years.

The databases of this project are downloaded from zillow.com.

```
options(Ncpus = 8)
library(pacman)
p_load(fs, readr, lubridate, tidyverse, janitor, DataExplorer, summarytools, data.table, dtplyr, ggplot
```

Part 1. Inventory and Sales Count

House Inventory

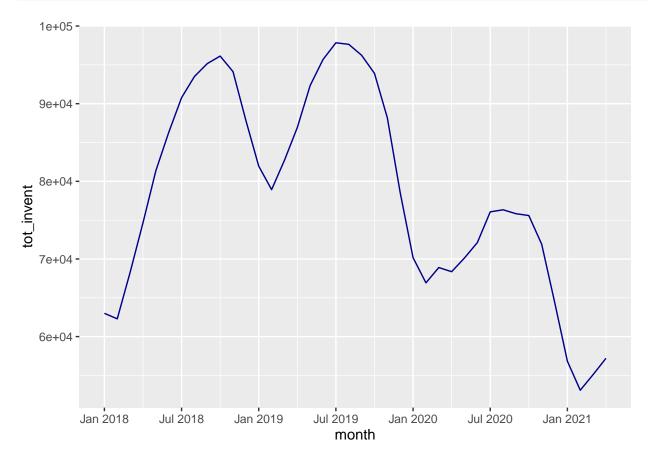
Downloading and cleaning the inventory data set for further analysis.

```
inventory <- read_csv('https://files.zillowstatic.com/research/public_v2/invt_fs/Metro_invt_fs_uc_sfrcom/research/public_v2/invt_fs/Metro_invt_fs_uc_sfrcom/research/public_v2/invt_fs/Metro_invt_fs_uc_sfrcom/research/public_v2/invt_fs/Metro_invt_fs_uc_sfrcom/research/public_v2/invt_fs/Metro_invt_fs_uc_sfrcom/research/public_v2/invt_fs/Metro_invt_fs_uc_sfrcom/research/public_v2/invt_fs/Metro_invt_fs_uc_sfrcom/research/public_v2/invt_fs/Metro_invt_fs_uc_sfrcom/research/public_v2/invt_fs/Metro_invt_fs_uc_sfrcom/research/public_v2/invt_fs/Metro_invt_fs_uc_sfrcom/research/public_v2/invt_fs/Metro_invt_fs_uc_sfrcom/research/public_v2/invt_fs/Metro_invt_fs_uc_sfrcom/research/public_v2/invt_fs/Metro_invt_fs_uc_sfrcom/research/public_v2/invt_fs/Metro_invt_fs_uc_sfrcom/research/public_v2/invt_fs/Metro_invt_fs_uc_sfrcom/research/public_v2/invt_fs/Metro_invt_fs_uc_sfrcom/research/public_v2/invt_fs/Metro_invt_fs_uc_sfrcom/research/public_v2/invt_fs/Metro_invt_fs_uc_sfrcom/research/public_v2/invt_fs/Metro_invt_fs_uc_sfrcom/research/public_v2/invt_fs/Metro_invt_fs_uc_sfrcom/research/public_v2/invt_fs/Metro_invt_fs_uc_sfrcom/research/public_v2/invt_fs/Metro_invt_fs_uc_sfrcom/research/public_v2/invt_fs/Metro_invt_fs_uc_sfrcom/research/public_v2/invt_fs/Metro_invt_fs_uc_sfrcom/research/public_v2/invt_fs/Metro_invt_fs_uc_sfrcom/research/public_v2/invt_fs/Metro_invt_fs_uc_sfrcom/research/public_v2/invt_fs/Metro_invt_fs_uc_sfrcom/research/public_v2/invt_fs/Metro_invt_fs_uc_sfrcom/research/public_v2/invt_fs_uc_sfrcom/research/public_v2/invt_fs_uc_sfrcom/research/public_v2/invt_fs_uc_sfrcom/research/public_v2/invt_fs_uc_sfrcom/research/public_v2/invt_fs/Metro_invt_fs_uc_sfrcom/research/public_v2/invt_fs_uc_sfrcom/research/public_v2/invt_fs_uc_sfrcom/research/public_v2/invt_fs_uc_sfrcom/research/public_v2/invt_fs_uc_sfrcom/research/public_v2/invt_fs_uc_sfrcom/research/public_v2/invt_fs_uc_sfrcom/research/public_v2/invt_fs_uc_sfrcom/research/public_v2/invt_fs_uc_sfrcom/research/public_v2/invt_fs_uc_sfrcom/research/public_v2/invt_fs_
```

The time series of inventory shows there are peaks value in the middle of the years and bottoms at the second month of the years. It also shows there is a decresing trend over all.

```
invent <- inventory %>% group_by(month) %>%
   summarize(tot_invent = sum(inventory))

invent %>%
   ggplot(aes(x = month, y = tot_invent)) +
   geom_line(col = 'dark blue')
```



House Sales Count

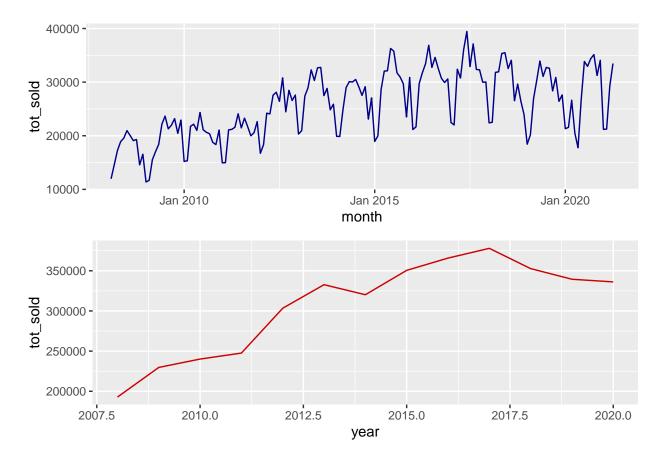
Downloading and cleaning the sales count data set for further analysis.

```
house_county <- read.csv('https://files.zillowstatic.com/research/public_v2/sales_count_now/Metro_sales
sale_county <- house_county %>%
  pivot_longer(-c(1:5), names_to = 'date', values_to = 'sold') %>%
  filter(StateName == 'CA') %>%
  separate(RegionName, c('city', 'state'), sep = ',') %>%
  filter(!is.na(sold))
sale_county$date <- as.Date(sale_county$date, format = 'X%Y.%m.%d')</pre>
```

```
sale_county <- sale_county %>% mutate(month = as.yearmon(date))
head(sale\_county, n = 3)
## # A tibble: 3 x 9
##
    RegionID SizeRank city
                                state RegionType StateName date
                                                                     sold month
##
       <int> <int> <chr>
                                <chr> <chr>
                                               <chr>
                                                          <date>
                                                                    <dbl> <yea>
## 1
      753899
                   2 Los Angel~ " CA" Msa
                                                CA
                                                          2008-02-29 3625 Feb ~
## 2 753899
                    2 Los Angel~ " CA" Msa
                                                CA
                                                          2008-03-31 4381 Mar ~
      753899
                    2 Los Angel~ " CA" Msa
                                                CA
## 3
                                                          2008-04-30 5197 Apr ~
```

The first plot is the trend of sales count for each month. There are more houses sold in the middle of the year than the other time. And the winter season has the lowest number of houses sold. The second plot shows an increase in sales count from 2008 to 2017 and start to decrease from 2017.

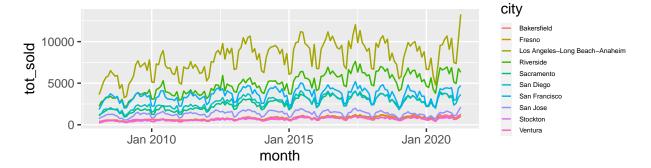
```
sale1 <- sale_county %>%
  select(month, sold) %>%
  group_by(month) %>%
  summarize(tot_sold = sum(sold))
a <- ggplot(sale1, aes(x=month, y=tot_sold)) +</pre>
    geom_line(col = 'blue4') +
    theme(aspect.ratio=0.3)
sale2 <- sale_county %>%
  select(month, sold) %>%
  mutate(year = year(month)) %>%
  group_by(year) %>%
  summarize(tot sold = sum(sold)) %>%
  filter(year < '2021')</pre>
b <- ggplot(sale2, aes(x=year, y=tot_sold)) +
    geom_line(col = 'red3') +
    theme(aspect.ratio=0.3)
ggarrange(a,b, nrow = 2)
```

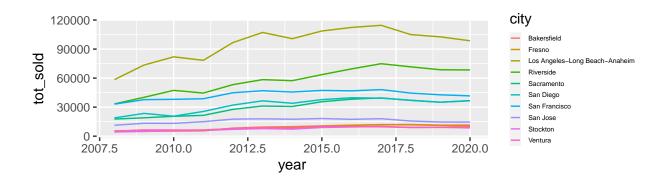


Time series of sales count in different cities.

```
sale_region_1 <- sale_county %>%
  select(month, sold, city) %>%
  group_by(month, city) %>%
  summarize(tot_sold = sum(sold))
a <- ggplot(sale_region_1, aes(x=month, y=tot_sold, colour = city)) +
   geom_line() +
   theme(aspect.ratio=0.3,
          legend.text = element_text(size = 5),
          legend.key.size = unit(0.3, "cm"))
sale_region_2 <- sale_county %>%
  select(month, sold, city) %>%
  mutate(year = year(month)) %>%
  group_by(year, city) %>%
  summarize(tot_sold = sum(sold)) %>%
  filter(year < '2021')</pre>
b <- ggplot(sale_region_2, aes(x=year, y=tot_sold, col = city)) +
   geom_line() +
   theme(aspect.ratio=0.3,
          legend.text = element_text(size = 5),
```







House Inventory vs. Sales Count

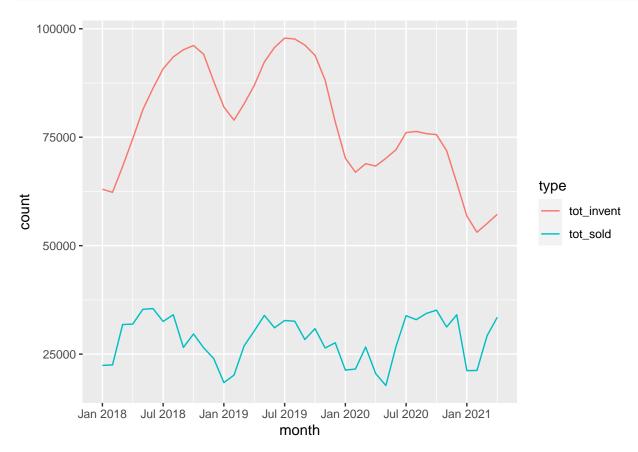
Using *inner_join()* function to join the sales count and inventory data frames.

```
sale_inventory <- invent %>%
  inner_join(sale1, by = 'month') %>%
  select(month, tot_invent, tot_sold)
head(sale_inventory, n = 3)
## # A tibble: 3 x 3
##
     month
               tot_invent tot_sold
                              <dbl>
##
     <yearmon>
                     <dbl>
## 1 Jan 2018
                              22402
                    63001
## 2 Feb 2018
                    62291
                              22508
## 3 Mar 2018
                    68283
                              31822
```

Comparing the time series of inventroy and sales count in California, they are having a similar pattern, while the sales count does not have a decreaing trend as inventory.

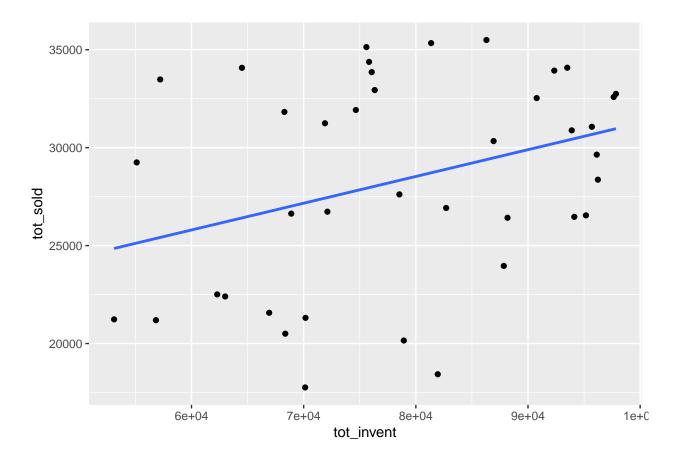
```
sale_inventory0 <- sale_inventory %>%
  pivot_longer(tot_invent:tot_sold, names_to = 'type', values_to = 'count')

ggplot(sale_inventory0,aes(x=month, y=count, col = type)) +
    geom_line()
```



The scatter plot show the linear relationship between total inventory and total sales count of California is not clear nor clear.

```
sale_inventory %>%
  ggplot(aes(x=tot_invent, y=tot_sold)) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_smooth(method = 'lm', se = FALSE)
```



The result of cor.test() shows the correlation coefficient for California house inventory and sales count is about 0.34, which agrees with the plot above that the linear relationship between them is not strong.

```
cor.test(sale_inventory$tot_invent, sale_inventory$tot_sold)
```

```
##
## Pearson's product-moment correlation
##
## data: sale_inventory$tot_invent and sale_inventory$tot_sold
## t = 2.2255, df = 38, p-value = 0.03206
## alternative hypothesis: true correlation is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## 0.03137807 0.58879560
## sample estimates:
## cor
## 0.3395683
```

The result of simple linear regression model shows the inventory is a significant predictor, while the R-squared value shows this model is not a good model to explain the responser.

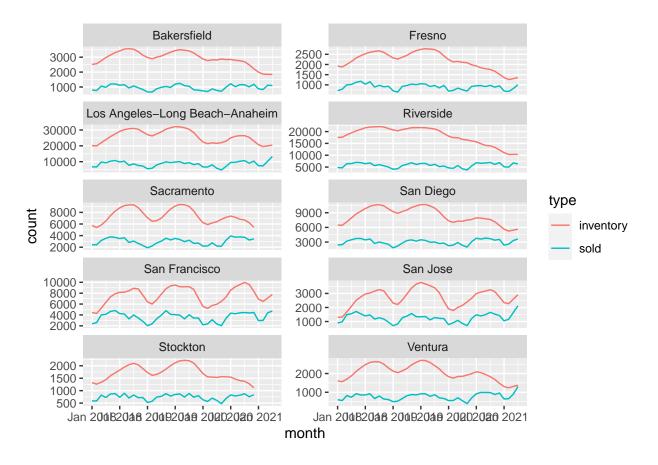
```
mod_lm <- lm(tot_sold ~ tot_invent, data = sale_inventory)
summary(mod_lm)</pre>
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = tot_sold ~ tot_invent, data = sale_inventory)
##
## Residuals:
                                   3Q
##
       Min
                 1Q
                     Median
                                           Max
## -10364.8 -3852.1
                         5.1
                               4119.2
                                        8064.1
##
## Coefficients:
##
               Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) 1.760e+04 4.891e+03
                                   3.599 0.00091 ***
## tot_invent 1.366e-01 6.139e-02
                                   2.225 0.03206 *
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 5081 on 38 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.1153, Adjusted R-squared: 0.09203
## F-statistic: 4.953 on 1 and 38 DF, p-value: 0.03206
```

Comparing the time series of inventroy and sales count in cities of California. There is a similar pattern between the two variables for cities: Sacramento, San Francisco and San Jose. There is a decreasing inventory trend for cities: Bakersfield, Fresno, Riverside and Ventura.

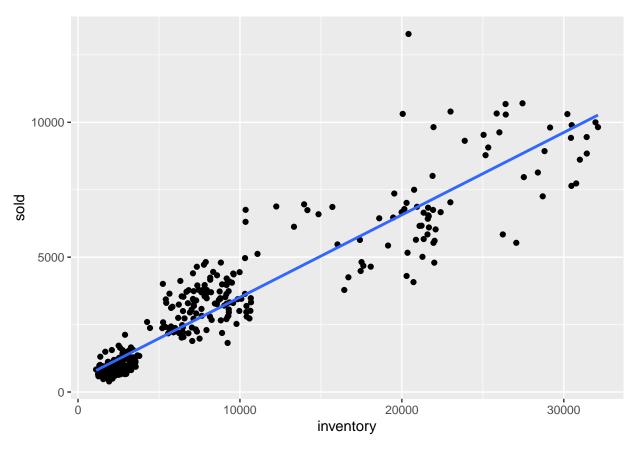
```
sale_invent_ct <- inventory %>%
  inner_join(sale_county, by = c('month', 'city'))

sale_invent_ct %>%
  pivot_longer(c(inventory,sold), names_to = 'type', values_to = 'count') %>%
  ggplot(aes(x=month, y=count, col = type)) +
  geom_line() +
  facet_wrap(.~ city, nrow = 5, scales = 'free_y')
```

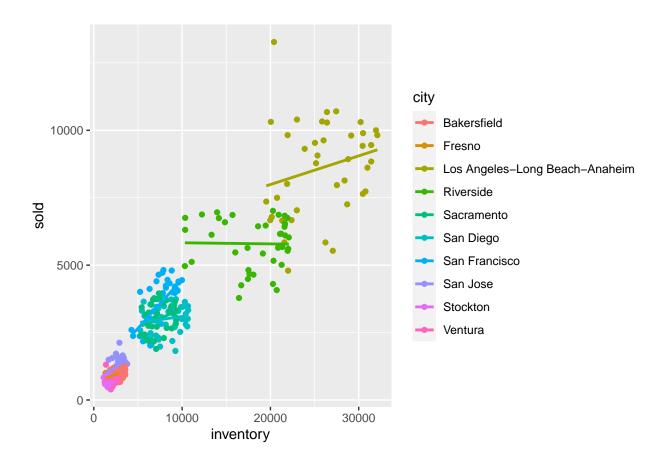


The scatter plots show a clear and strong linear relationship between the sales count and inventory for each cities.

```
sale_invent_ct %>%
  ggplot(aes(x=inventory, y=sold)) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_smooth(method = 'lm', se = FALSE)
```



```
sale_invent_ct %>%
  ggplot(aes(x=inventory, y=sold, col=city)) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_smooth(method = 'lm', se = FALSE)
```



The *anova()* function indicats that add the city variable to the linear regression model is necessary. Both explaining variables (inventory and city) are significant for estimating the response variable sales count.

```
mod_lm2 <- lm(sold ~ inventory * city, data = sale_invent_ct)</pre>
anova(mod_lm2)
## Analysis of Variance Table
##
## Response: sold
##
                   Df
                                    Mean Sq
                                              F value Pr(>F)
                          Sum Sq
                    1 2310764376 2310764376 4479.0247 < 2e-16 ***
## inventory
                       123980108
                                   13775568
                                              26.7016 < 2e-16 ***
## city
## inventory:city
                    9
                        12277856
                                    1364206
                                                2.6443 0.00559 **
## Residuals
                       191917750
                                     515908
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

The result of cor.test() (r = 0.94) shows the sales count and inventory have a strong positve linear relationship, which agrees with the conclusion above.

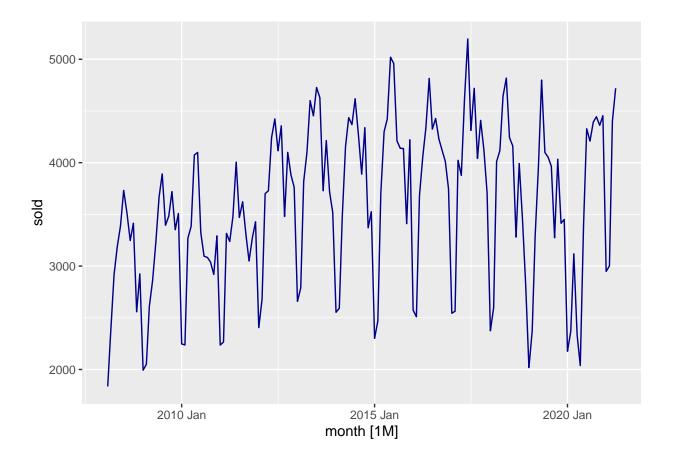
```
cor.test(sale_invent_ct$inventory, sale_invent_ct$sold)
```

```
##
## Pearson's product-moment correlation
##
## data: sale_invent_ct$inventory and sale_invent_ct$sold
## t = 52.403, df = 390, p-value < 2.2e-16
## alternative hypothesis: true correlation is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## 0.9221811 0.9470297
## sample estimates:
## cor
## 0.935757</pre>
```

Forecast the sales count of San Francisco in 3 years.

Time series of sales count for San Francisco from 2008 February to 2021 April.

```
tss %>% autoplot(col = 'blue4')
```



Determining whether differencing is required using unitroot_kpss() test.

```
tss %>%
  features(sold, unitroot_kpss)

## # A tibble: 1 x 2

## kpss_stat kpss_pvalue
## <dbl> <dbl>
## 1 0.658 0.0174
```

The p-value is less than 0.05, indicating that the null hypothesis is rejected. That is, the data are not stationary. We can difference the data, and apply the test again.

Determining the appropriate *number* of first differences is carried out using the *unitroot_ndiffs()* feature.

```
tss %>%
  features(sold, unitroot_ndiffs)

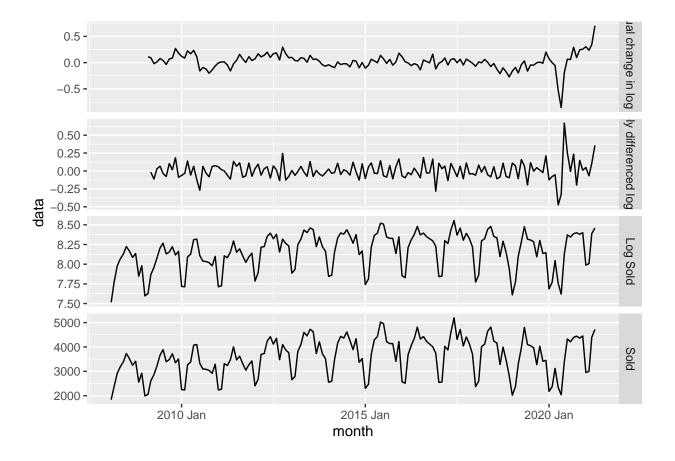
## # A tibble: 1 x 1
## ndiffs
## <int>
## 1 1
```

Determining whether seasonal differencing is required using unitroot_nsdiffs() function.

```
tss %>%
  features(sold, unitroot_nsdiffs)

## # A tibble: 1 x 1
## nsdiffs
## <int>
## 1 1
```

The time series shows stationary after transmution.



Comparing ARIMA() and ETS() model.

Splitting the data from 2008 Jan. to 2018 Dec. as training data, and the rest data to testing data.

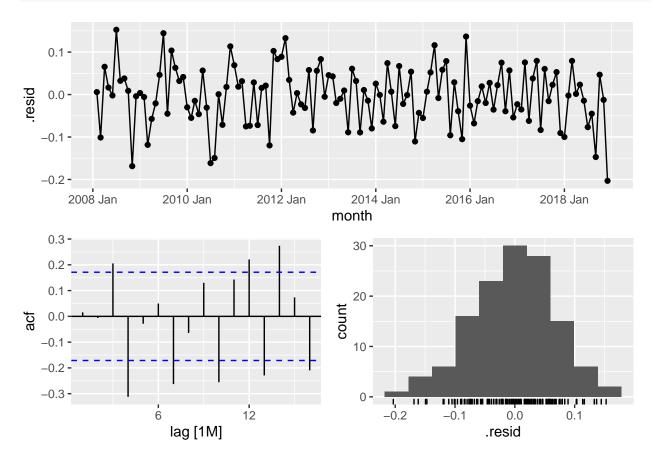
```
train <- tss %>%
  filter_index(. ~ "2018 Dec")
ARIMA()
fit_arima <- train %>% model(ARIMA(sold))
report(fit_arima)
## Series: sold
## Model: ARIMA(3,0,1)(0,1,2)[12] w/ drift
##
## Coefficients:
##
                              ar3
                                      ma1
                                              sma1
                                                              constant
##
                  0.5026
                          0.3654
                                   0.8502
                                           -0.4474
                                                    -0.3063
                                                               38.6205
         -0.3457
## s.e.
          0.1332
                  0.1125
                          0.1006
                                  0.1279
                                            0.1240
                                                               17.7532
##
                                 log likelihood=-833.21
## sigma^2 estimated as 69123:
                 AICc=1683.74
## AIC=1682.43
                                 BIC=1704.66
```

```
fit_arima %>% gg_tsresiduals(lag_max = 16)
```

```
400 -
resid
  -400 -
  -800 -
                     2010 Jan
                                    2012 Jan
                                                  2014 Jan
                                                                2016 Jan
                                                                               2018 Jan
       2008 Jan
                                               month
   0.2 -
                                                  30 -
   0.1 -
                                                  20 -
                                                  10 -
  -0.1 -
                                 12
                                                    -800
                                                               -400
                                                                          0
                      lag [1M]
                                                                      .resid
augment(fit_arima) %>%
  features(.innov, ljung_box, lag = 16, dof = 6)
## # A tibble: 1 x 3
     .model
                lb_stat lb_pvalue
##
##
     <chr>
                    <dbl>
                              <dbl>
## 1 ARIMA(sold)
                     26.9
                            0.00269
ETC()
fit_ets <- train %>% model(ETS(sold))
report(fit_ets)
## Series: sold
## Model: ETS(M,Ad,M)
     Smoothing parameters:
##
##
       alpha = 0.4192802
##
       beta = 0.0001182539
##
       gamma = 0.0001021992
##
       phi = 0.9794088
##
##
     Initial states:
```

```
##
          1
                    b
                             s1
                                        s2
                                                  s3
                                                                               s6
##
    2663.68 30.63286 0.6583096 0.9793581 0.9617384 1.070028 1.013035 1.127003
##
                    s8
                             s9
                                      s10
                                                s11
    1.150471 1.217332 1.141757 1.035703 0.9676088 0.677655
##
##
##
               0.0053
     sigma^2:
##
##
        AIC
                AICc
                           BIC
## 2111.121 2117.228 2162.875
```

```
fit_ets %>%
  gg_tsresiduals(lag_max = 16)
```



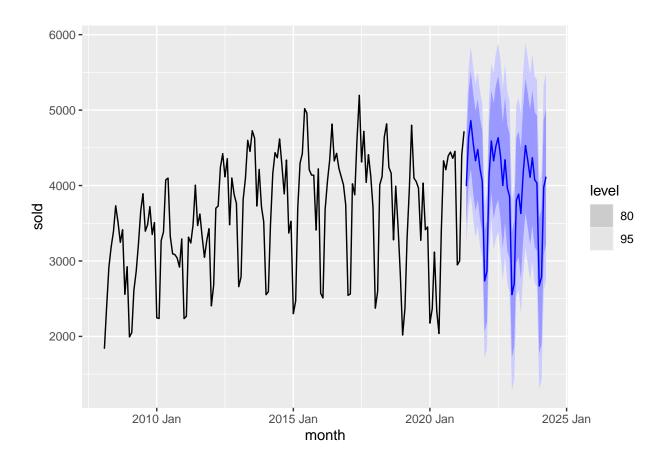
```
augment(fit_ets) %>%
features(.innov, ljung_box, lag = 16, dof = 6)
```

The output below evaluates the forecasting performance of the two competing models over the train and test set. In this case the ARIMA model seems to be the slightly more accurate model based on the test set RMSE, MAPE and MASE.

```
bind_rows(
   fit_arima %>% accuracy(),
   fit_ets %>% accuracy(),
   fit_arima %>% forecast(h = "3 years") %>%
     accuracy(tss),
   fit_ets %>% forecast(h = "3 years") %>%
     accuracy(tss)
 ) %>%
 select(-ME, -MPE, -ACF1)
## # A tibble: 4 x 7
##
    .model
                          RMSE
                                 MAE MAPE MASE RMSSE
              .type
                <chr>
    <chr>
                         <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <
## 1 ARIMA(sold) Training 243.
                                183. 5.13 0.635 0.658
## 2 ETS(sold)
                Training 246.
                                195. 5.51 0.676 0.667
## 3 ARIMA(sold) Test
                                457. 15.5 1.59 1.93
                          713.
## 4 ETS(sold)
                Test
                          745.
                                579. 16.9 2.01 2.02
```

Generating and ploting forecasts from the ARIMA model for the next 3 years.

```
tss %>%
  model(ARIMA(sold)) %>%
  forecast(h="3 years") %>%
 head(n = 5)
## # A fable: 5 x 4 [1M]
## # Key:
          .model [1]
##
                    month
     .model
                                     sold .mean
     <chr>>
                    <mth>
                                   <dist> <dbl>
## 1 ARIMA(sold) 2021 May N(3992, 153230) 3992.
## 2 ARIMA(sold) 2021 Jun N(4638, 220239) 4638.
## 3 ARIMA(sold) 2021 Jul N(4859, 249542) 4859.
## 4 ARIMA(sold) 2021 Aug N(4566, 262357) 4566.
## 5 ARIMA(sold) 2021 Sep N(4329, 267960) 4329.
tss %>%
  model(ARIMA(sold)) %>%
  forecast(h="3 years") %>%
  autoplot(tss)
```



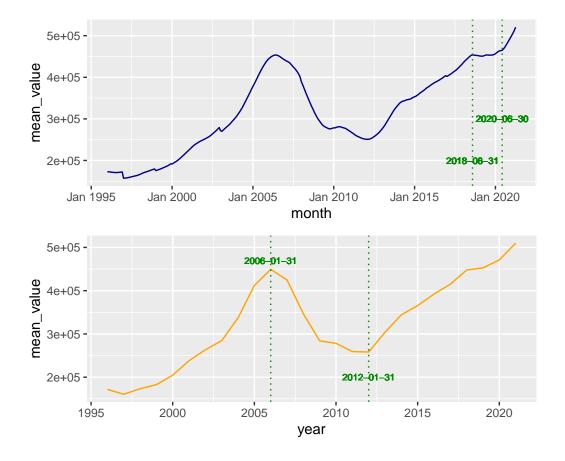
Part 2. House Value and Forecasting

Downloading and cleaning the house value data set for further analysis.

```
house_value <- read.csv('https://files.zillowstatic.com/research/public_v2/zhvi/Metro_zhvi_uc_sfrcondo_
house_value <- house_value %>%
  separate(RegionName, c('city', 'state'), sep = ',') %>%
  pivot_longer(-c(1:6), names_to = 'date', values_to = 'value') %>%
  filter(StateName == 'CA') %>%
  filter(!is.na(value))
house_value$date <- as.Date(house_value$date, format = 'X%Y.%m.%d')
house_value <- house_value %>% mutate(month = as.yearmon(date))
head(house\_value, n = 3)
## # A tibble: 3 x 9
##
     RegionID SizeRank city
                                 state RegionType StateName date
                                                                         value month
##
        <int>
                 <int> <chr>
                                  <chr> <chr>
                                                   <chr>>
                                                                         <dbl> <yea>
                     2 Los Ange~ " CA" Msa
## 1
       753899
                                                   CA
                                                             1996-01-31 188830 Jan ~
                     2 Los Ange~ " CA" Msa
                                                   CA
## 2
       753899
                                                             1996-02-29 189094 Feb ~
                     2 Los Ange~ " CA" Msa
## 3
       753899
                                                   CA
                                                             1996-03-31 189114 Mar ~
```

Time series of average house value in California from 1996 January to 2021 April. It increases form 1996 to 2006 and from 2012 to 2021. It decreases from 2006 to 2012. In the monthly plot, there is a flat trend between August 2018 to June 2020.

```
value_a <- house_value %>%
  select(city, month, value) %>%
  group_by(month) %>%
  summarize(mean_value = mean(value))
a <- ggplot(value_a, aes(x=month, y=mean_value)) +
  geom line(col = 'dark blue') +
  geom_vline(aes(xintercept = as.numeric(as.yearmon('2018-08'))),
               linetype = 'dotted', col = 'green4') +
  geom_vline(aes(xintercept = as.numeric(as.yearmon('2020-06'))),
               linetype = 'dotted', col = 'green4') +
  geom text(aes(x=as.numeric(as.yearmon('2018-08')), y = 200000),
            label = '2018-08-31', size = 2.5, col = 'green4')+
  geom_text(aes(x=as.numeric(as.yearmon('2020-06')), y = 300000),
            label = '2020-06-30', size = 2.5, col = 'green4')+
   theme(aspect.ratio=0.37)
value_b <- house_value %>%
  mutate(year = year(month)) %>%
  select(city, year, month, value) %>%
  group_by(year) %>%
  summarize(mean_value = mean(value))
b <- ggplot(value b,aes(x=year, y=mean value)) +
  geom_line(col = 'orange') +
  geom vline(aes(xintercept = as.numeric(as.yearmon('2006-01'))),
               linetype = 'dotted', col = 'green4') +
  geom_vline(aes(xintercept = as.numeric(as.yearmon('2012-01'))),
              linetype = 'dotted', col = 'green4') +
  geom text(aes(x=as.numeric(as.yearmon('2006-01')), y = 470000),
            label = '2006-01-31', size = 2.5, col = 'green4')+
  geom_text(aes(x=as.numeric(as.yearmon('2012-01')), y = 200000),
            label = '2012-01-31', size = 2.5, col = 'green4')+
    theme(aspect.ratio=0.37)
ggarrange(a,b, nrow = 2)
```



Time series of house value for cities in California. The plots show the cities have similar pattern and trends.

```
city1 <- c('San Francisco', 'San Jose', 'Sacramento', 'Rriveside',</pre>
           'Napa', 'Santa Cruz')
value_city <- house_value %>%
  filter(city %in% city1)
value_city1 <- value_city %>%
  select(month, value, city) %>%
  group_by(month, city) %>%
  summarize(mean_price = mean(value))
a <- value_city1 %>%
  ggplot(aes(x=month, y=mean_price, col = city)) +
  geom_line()+
  theme(aspect.ratio=0.35)
value_city2 <- value_city %>%
  mutate(year = year(month)) %>%
  select(year, value, city) %>%
  group_by(year, city) %>%
  summarize(mean_value = mean(value))
```

```
b <- value_city2 %>%
  ggplot(aes(x=year, y=mean_value, col = city)) +
  geom_line() +
  theme(aspect.ratio=0.35)
ggarrange(a,b, nrow = 2)
                                                                                    city
                                                                                         Napa
nean_price
   1e+06
                                                                                         Sacramento
                                                                                         San Francisco
   5e+05 -
                                                                                         San Jose
                                                                                         Santa Cruz
                   Jan 2000
                                Jan 2005
                                            Jan 2010
                                                         Jan 2015
                                                                      Jan 2020
      Jan 1995
                                         month
                                                                                    city
                                                                                         Napa
nean_value
   1e+06 ·
                                                                                         Sacramento
                                                                                         San Francisco
  5e+05
                                                                                         San Jose
                                                                                         Santa Cruz
                     2000
                                              2010
                                                           2015
                                  2005
                                                                        2020
        1995
                                          year
```

Downing the house value data set for different types of houses (single-family, condo, one-room, two-room, three-room, four-room, five-room).

```
valueOsg <- read_csv('https://files.zillowstatic.com/research/public_v2/zhvi/City_zhvi_uc_sfr_tier_0.33
valueOcd <- read_csv('https://files.zillowstatic.com/research/public_v2/zhvi/City_zhvi_uc_condo_tier_0.valueO1 <- read_csv('https://files.zillowstatic.com/research/public_v2/zhvi/City_zhvi_bdrmcnt_1_uc_sfrc_valueO2 <- read_csv('https://files.zillowstatic.com/research/public_v2/zhvi/City_zhvi_bdrmcnt_2_uc_sfrc_valueO3 <- read_csv('https://files.zillowstatic.com/research/public_v2/zhvi/City_zhvi_bdrmcnt_3_uc_sfrc_valueO4 <- read_csv('https://files.zillowstatic.com/research/public_v2/zhvi/City_zhvi_bdrmcnt_4_uc_sfrc_valueO5 <- read_csv('https://files.zillowstatic.com/research/public_v2/zhvi/City_zhvi_bdrmcnt_5_uc_sfrc_valueO5 <- read_csv('https://files.zillowstatic.com/research/publi
```

Cleaning the data set to be tidy for further analysis.

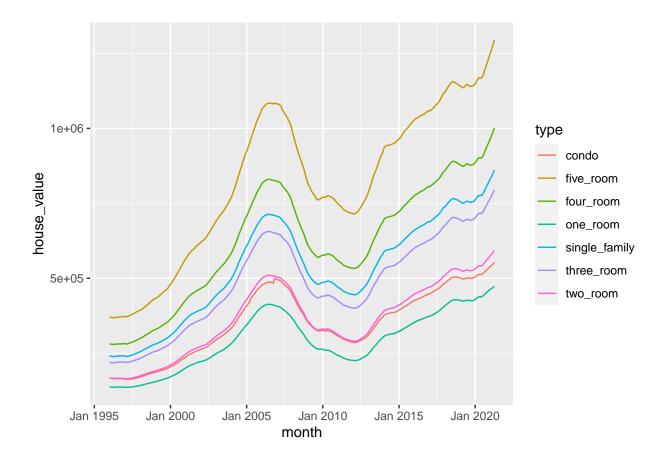
```
value_1 <- value01 %>%
  filter(StateName == 'CA') %>%
  pivot_longer(-c(1:8) , names_to = 'date', values_to = 'room1') %>%
```

```
filter(!is.na(room1))
value_2 <- value02 %>%
  filter(StateName == 'CA') %>%
  pivot_longer(-c(1:8) , names_to = 'date', values_to = 'room2') %>%
  filter(!is.na(room2))
value_3 <- value03 %>%
  filter(StateName == 'CA') %>%
  pivot longer(-c(1:8) , names to = 'date', values to = 'room3') %>%
  filter(!is.na(room3))
value_4 <- value04 %>%
  filter(StateName == 'CA') %>%
  pivot_longer(-c(1:8) , names_to = 'date', values_to = 'room4') %>%
  filter(!is.na(room4))
value_5 <- value05 %>%
  filter(StateName == 'CA') %>%
  pivot_longer(-c(1:8) , names_to = 'date', values_to = 'room5') %>%
  filter(!is.na(room5))
value_s <- value0sg %>%
  filter(StateName == 'CA') %>%
  pivot_longer(-c(1:8) , names_to = 'date', values_to = 'values') %>%
  filter(!is.na(values))
value_c <- value0cd %>%
  filter(StateName == 'CA') %>%
  pivot_longer(-c(1:8) , names_to = 'date', values_to = 'valuec') %>%
  filter(!is.na(valuec))
value 1$month <- as.yearmon(value 1$date)</pre>
value_2$month <- as.yearmon(value_2$date)</pre>
value_3$month <- as.yearmon(value_3$date)</pre>
value_4$month <- as.yearmon(value_4$date)</pre>
value_5$month <- as.yearmon(value_5$date)</pre>
value_s$month <- as.yearmon(value_s$date)</pre>
value_c$month <- as.yearmon(value_c$date)</pre>
head(value_1, n = 2)
## # A tibble: 2 x 11
     RegionID SizeRank RegionName RegionType StateName State Metro CountyName date
                 <dbl> <chr>
                                              <chr>
                                                         <chr> <chr> <chr>
##
        <dbl>
                                   <chr>
## 1
        12447
                     1 Los Angel~ City
                                              CA
                                                         CA
                                                               Los ~ Los Angel~ 1996~
                     1 Los Angel~ City
                                              CA
                                                               Los ~ Los Angel~ 1996~
## # ... with 2 more variables: room1 <dbl>, month <yearmon>
value_s_city <- value_s %>%
  mutate(year=year(month))%>%
  select(RegionName, date, month, year, values)
value_c_city <- value_c %>%
 mutate(year=year(month))%>%
  select(RegionName, date, month, year, valuec)
value 1 city <- value 1 %>%
  mutate(year=year(month))%>%
```

```
select(RegionName, date, month, year, room1)
value_2_city <- value_2 %>%
mutate(year=year(month))%>%
  select(RegionName, date, month, year, room2)
value_3_city <- value_3 %>%
  mutate(year=year(month))%>%
  select(RegionName, date, month, year, room3)
value_4_city <- value_4 %>%
  mutate(year=year(month))%>%
  select(RegionName, date, month, year, room4)
value_5_city <- value_5 %>%
mutate(year=year(month))%>%
  select(RegionName, date, month, year, room5)
head(value_s_city, n = 2)
## # A tibble: 2 x 5
##
     RegionName date
                            month
                                       year values
                            <yearmon> <int> <dbl>
     <chr>
                 <chr>
## 1 Los Angeles 1996-01-31 Jan 1996
                                       1996 196175
## 2 Los Angeles 1996-02-29 Feb 1996
                                       1996 196220
```

Using $inner_join()$ function to join the different type of house value data sets together. Making the time series for different type of house value (on average) in California. The plot shows they have similar trends overall.

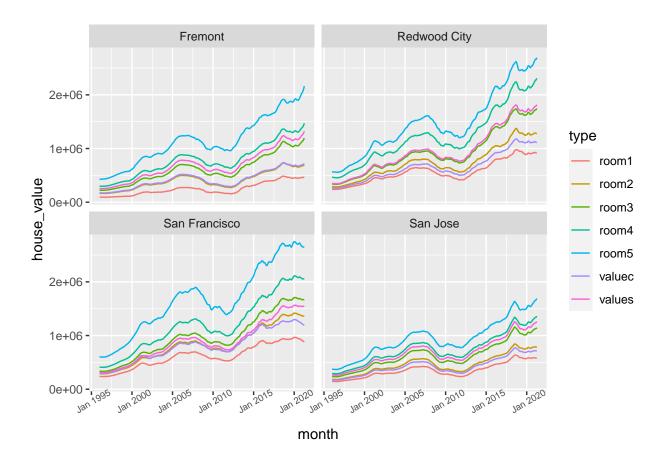
```
value_city <- value_s_city %>%
  inner_join(value_c_city, by = c('RegionName', 'month', 'date')) %>%
  inner_join(value_1_city, by = c('RegionName', 'month', 'date')) %>%
  inner_join(value_2_city, by = c('RegionName', 'month', 'date')) %>%
  inner_join(value_3_city, by = c('RegionName', 'month', 'date')) %>%
  inner_join(value_4_city, by = c('RegionName', 'month', 'date')) %>%
  inner_join(value_5_city, by = c('RegionName', 'month', 'date'))
value_city0 <-</pre>
  value_city %>%
  select(month, values, valuec, room1, room2, room3, room4, room5) %%
  group_by(month) %>%
  summarize(single_family=mean(values), condo=mean(valuec),
            one_room = mean(room1), two_room = mean(room2),
            three_room = mean(room3), four_room = mean(room4),
           five room = mean(room5))
value_city0 %>%
  pivot_longer(-1, names_to = 'type', values_to = 'house_value') %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = month, y = house_value, col = type)) +
  geom_line()
```



Making the time series for different type of house value (on average) for four cities. The plot shows the different types of house value have similar trends for each city.

```
city2 <- c('San Francisco', 'San Jose', 'Redwood City', 'Fremont')

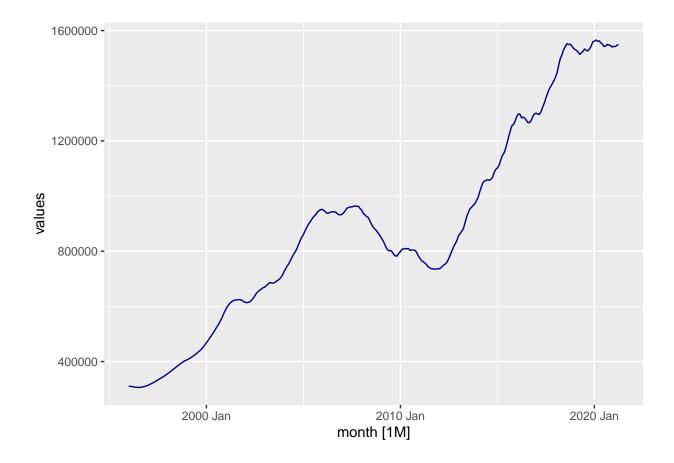
value_city %>%
  filter(RegionName %in% city2) %>%
  select(RegionName, month, values, valuec, room1, room2, room3, room4, room5) %>%
  pivot_longer(-c(1:2), names_to = 'type', values_to = 'house_value') %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = month, y = house_value, col = type)) +
  geom_line() +
  facet_wrap(.~ RegionName, nrow = 2) +
  theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 30, size = 7))
```



Forecast the single family house value of San Francisco in 3 years.

Time series of single family house value for San Francisco from 1996 January to 2021 April.

```
ts %>% autoplot(col = 'blue4')
```



Determining whether differencing is required using unitroot_kpss() test.

```
ts %>%
  features(values, unitroot_kpss)

## # A tibble: 1 x 2

## kpss_stat kpss_pvalue
## <dbl> <dbl>
## 1 4.38 0.01
```

The p-value is less than 0.05, indicating that the null hypothesis is rejected. That is, the data are not stationary. We can difference the data, and apply the test again.

```
ts %>%
  mutate(diff_value = difference(values)) %>%
  features(diff_value, unitroot_kpss)

## # A tibble: 1 x 2
## kpss_stat kpss_pvalue
## <dbl> <dbl>
## 1 0.241 0.1
```

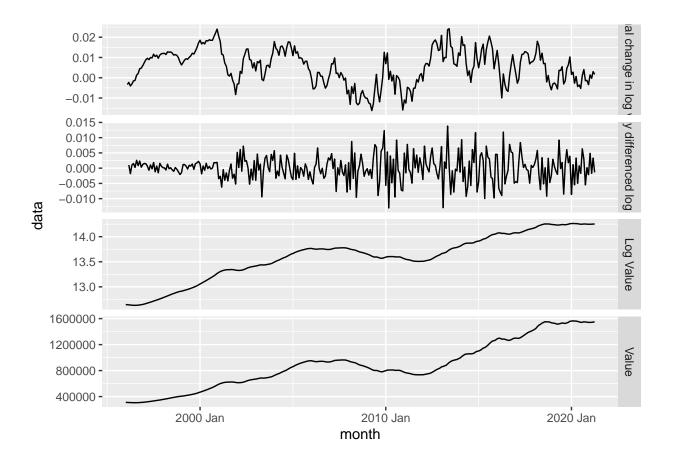
Determining the appropriate *number* of first differences is carried out using the *unitroot_ndiffs()* feature.

```
ts %>%
  features(values, unitroot_ndiffs)

## # A tibble: 1 x 1
## ndiffs
## <int>
## 1 1
```

Determining whether seasonal differencing is required using unitroot_nsdiffs() function.

```
ts %>%
  mutate(log_value = log(values)) %>%
  features(log_value, unitroot_nsdiffs)
## # A tibble: 1 x 1
##
    nsdiffs
##
       <int>
## 1
ts %>%
  transmute(
    `Value` = values,
    `Log Value` = log(values),
    `Annual change in log value` = difference(log(values), 1),
    `Doubly differenced log value` =
                     difference(difference(log(values), 1), 1)) %>%
  pivot_longer(-month, names_to="data_type", values_to="data") %>%
  mutate(
    data_type = as.factor(data_type)) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = month, y = data)) +
  geom_line() +
  facet_grid(vars(data_type), scales = "free_y")
```



Comparing ARIMA() and ETS() model.

```
train <- ts %>%
  filter_index(. ~ "2016-12-31")
ARIMA()
fit_arima <- train %>% model(ARIMA(log(values)))
report(fit_arima)
## Series: values
## Model: ARIMA(3,2,0)(2,0,0)[12]
## Transformation: log(values)
##
## Coefficients:
##
                     ar2
                              ar3
                                      sar1
                                               sar2
##
         -0.0047
                  0.1281 -0.3823
                                  -0.7613
                                            -0.4774
## s.e.
         0.0590
                  0.0593
                           0.0589
                                    0.0577
                                             0.0581
##
## sigma^2 estimated as 1.055e-05: log likelihood=1095.87
## AIC=-2179.75
                 AICc=-2179.4
                                 BIC=-2158.6
```

```
fit_arima %>% gg_tsresiduals(lag_max = 16)
```

```
0.01 -
    0.00 -
resid.
   -0.01 -
                             2000 Jan
                                                   2005 Jan
                                                                          2010 Jan
                                                                                                 2015 Jan
      1995 Jan
                                                           month
                                                               60 -
    0.1
                                                           count
                                                               40 -
                                                               20 -
   -0.1
                         6
                                          12
                                                                               -0.01
                                                                                                0.00
                                                                                                                0.01
                            lag [1M]
                                                                                        .resid
```

```
augment(fit_arima) %>%
features(.innov, ljung_box, lag = 16, dof = 6)
```

ETC()

```
fit_ets <- train %>% model(ETS(log(values)))
report(fit_ets)
```

```
## Series: values
## Model: ETS(M,Ad,N)
## Transformation: log(values)
## Smoothing parameters:
## alpha = 0.9679686
## beta = 0.9458467
## phi = 0.9275335
##
## Initial states:
```

```
##
    12.65051 -0.003867577
##
##
##
     sigma^2:
                0
##
                    AICc
##
          AIC
                                BIC
   -1362.309 -1361.968 -1341.109
fit_ets %>%
  gg_tsresiduals(lag_max = 16)
    1e-03 -
    5e-04
   -5e-04 -
                         2000 Jan
                                            2005 Jan
                                                                                  2015 Jan
       1995 Jan
                                                                2010 Jan
                                                   month
    0.25 -
                                                     40 -
    0.00
                                                     30 -
                                                  30 -
20 -
acf
   -0.25
                                                     10-
   -0.50 -
                      6
                                   12
                                                                         0e+00
                                                      -1e-03
                                                               -5e-04
                                                                                   5e-04
                                                                                            1e-03
                        lag [1M]
                                                                          .resid
augment(fit_ets) %>%
  features(.innov, ljung_box, lag = 16, dof = 6)
##
   # A tibble: 1 x 3
##
     .model
                        lb_stat lb_pvalue
##
     <chr>
                           <dbl>
                                      <dbl>
## 1 ETS(log(values))
                            127.
```

The output below evaluates the forecasting performance of the two competing models over the train and test set. The ARIMA model seems to be the slightly more accurate model based on the test set RMSE, MAPE and MASE.

```
bind_rows(
   fit_arima %>% accuracy(),
   fit_ets %>% accuracy(),
   fit_arima %>% forecast(h = "3 years") %>%
      accuracy(ts),
   fit_ets %>% forecast(h = "3 years") %>%
      accuracy(ts)
  ) %>%
  select(-ME, -MPE, -ACF1)
## # A tibble: 4 x 7
##
     .model
                                    RMSE
                                                        MASE RMSSE
                                             MAE MAPE
                        .type
     <chr>
##
                        <chr>
                                   <dbl>
                                           <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <
                                           1952. 0.236 0.0274 0.0325
## 1 ARIMA(log(values)) Training
                                   2786.
## 2 ETS(log(values))
                                 3947.
                                           2751. 0.321 0.0386 0.0460
                        Training
## 3 ARIMA(log(values)) Test
                                  82963. 60839. 4.03 0.854 0.968
## 4 ETS(log(values))
                        Test
                                 149251. 133743. 8.84 1.88
```

Generating and ploting forecasts from the ARIMA model for the next 3 years.

```
value_fc <- ts %>%
  model(ARIMA(values)) %>%
  forecast(h="3 years") %>%
 hilo(level = c(80, 95))
value_fc \%\% head(n = 5)
## # A tsibble: 5 x 6 [1M]
## # Key:
                .model [1]
                                  values .mean
##
     .model
               month
                                                                `80%`
##
     <chr>>
               <mth>
                                  <dist> <dbl>
                                                               <hilo>
                     N(1550698, 1e+07) 1.55e6 [1546619, 1554777]80
## 1 ARIMA~ 2021 May
## 2 ARIMA~ 2021 Jun N(1551676, 4.9e+07) 1.55e6 [1542704, 1560649]80
## 3 ARIMA~ 2021 Jul N(1553071, 1.4e+08) 1.55e6 [1537894, 1568249]80
## 4 ARIMA~ 2021 Aug N(1554121, 2.8e+08) 1.55e6 [1532842, 1575401]80
## 5 ARIMA~ 2021 Sep N(1550612, 4.7e+08) 1.55e6 [1522967, 1578258]80
## # ... with 1 more variable: `95%` <hilo>
ts %>%
  model(ARIMA(values)) %>%
  forecast(h="3 years") %>%
  autoplot(ts)
```

