

DATA 624: Project 1 - Part B

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1 Part B: Forecasting Power

Instructions: Part B consists of a simple dataset of residential power usage for January 1998 until December 2013. Your assignment is to model these data and a monthly forecast for 2014. The data is given in a single file. The variable 'KWH' is power consumption in Kilowatt hours, the rest is straight forward. Add these to your existing files above - clearly labeled.

1.1 Data Exploration

Explore data.

```
power_data <- read_excel("data/ResidentialCustomerForecastLoad-624.xlsx")
```

2 Data preprocessing

Transformed data into time-series with freq - 12.

```
ts_data <- ts(power_data$KWH, frequency = 12, start = c(1998,1))
```

3 EDA - mean imputation, seasonal plots, STL decomposition, Acf graphs, summary statistics

Box-Ljung test shows the series is not white noise (non-stationary with a weak positive trend and strong seasonality). 2008-Sep is missing and it was handled by mean imputation of all Septembers. On Jul 2010, we see that KWH suddenly drops dramatically (indeed outlier) - it could be due to input error but we are not so sure so we will keep it. During summer and winter time, we see the usage is usually higher. Seasonplot and ggAcf show that seasonality is pretty much consistent every year.

```
# Missing data detected
ts_data
```

FALSE		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
FALSE	1998	6862583	5838198	5420658	5010364	4665377	6467147	8914755
FALSE	1999	7183759	5759262	4847656	5306592	4426794	5500901	7444416
FALSE	2000	7068296	5876083	4807961	4873080	5050891	7092865	6862662
FALSE	2001	7538529	6602448	5779180	4835210	4787904	6283324	7855129
FALSE	2002	7099063	6413429	5839514	5371604	5439166	5850383	7039702
FALSE	2003	7256079	6190517	6120626	4885643	5296096	6051571	6900676
FALSE	2004	7584596	6560742	6526586	4831688	4878262	6421614	7307931
FALSE	2005	8225477	6564338	5581725	5563071	4453983	5900212	8337998
FALSE	2006	7793358	5914945	5819734	5255988	4740588	7052275	7945564
FALSE	2007	8031295	7928337	6443170	4841979	4862847	5022647	6426220
FALSE	2008	7964293	7597060	6085644	5352359	4608528	6548439	7643987
FALSE	2009	8072330	6976800	5691452	5531616	5264439	5804433	7713260
FALSE	2010	9397357	8390677	7347915	5776131	4919289	6696292	770523
FALSE	2011	8394747	8898062	6356903	5685227	5506308	8037779	10093343
FALSE	2012	8991267	7952204	6356961	5569828	5783598	7926956	8886851
FALSE	2013	10655730	7681798	6517514	6105359	5940475	7920627	8415321
FALSE		Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		
FALSE	1998	8607428	6989888	6345620	4640410	4693479		
FALSE	1999	7564391	7899368	5358314	4436269	4419229		
FALSE	2000	7517830	8912169	5844352	5041769	6220334		
FALSE	2001	8450717	7112069	5242535	4461979	5240995		
FALSE	2002	8058748	8245227	5865014	4908979	5779958		
FALSE	2003	8476499	7791791	5344613	4913707	5756193		
FALSE	2004	7309774	6690366	5444948	4824940	5791208		
FALSE	2005	7786659	7057213	6694523	4313019	6181548		
FALSE	2006	8241110	7296355	5104799	4458429	6226214		
FALSE	2007	7447146	7666970	5785964	4907057	6047292		
FALSE	2008	8037137	NA	5101803	4555602	6442746		
FALSE	2009	8350517	7583146	5566075	5339890	7089880		
FALSE	2010	7922701	7819472	5875917	4800733	6152583		
FALSE	2011	10308076	8943599	5603920	6154138	8273142		
FALSE	2012	9612423	7559148	5576852	5731899	6609694		
FALSE	2013	9080226	7968220	5759367	5769083	9606304		

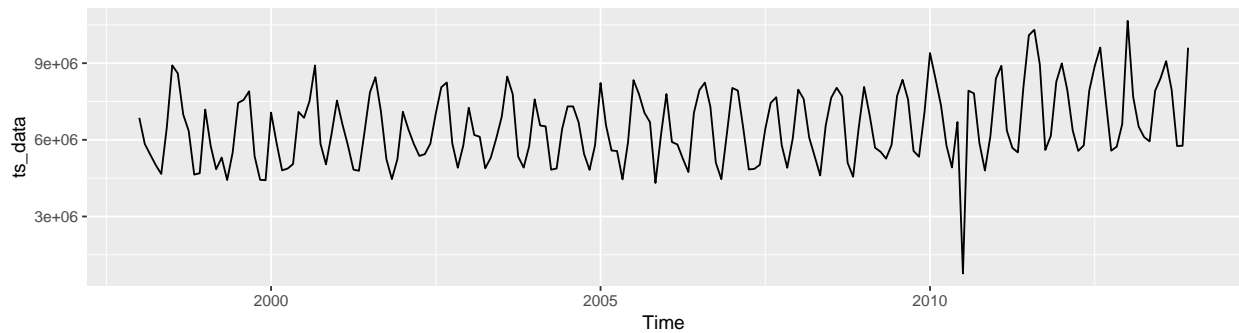
```
# Mean imputation - with September
sept <- subset(power_data, grepl("Sep", power_data$`YYYY-MMM`))[3]
```

```
sept_mean <- mean(sept$KWH, na.rm=TRUE)

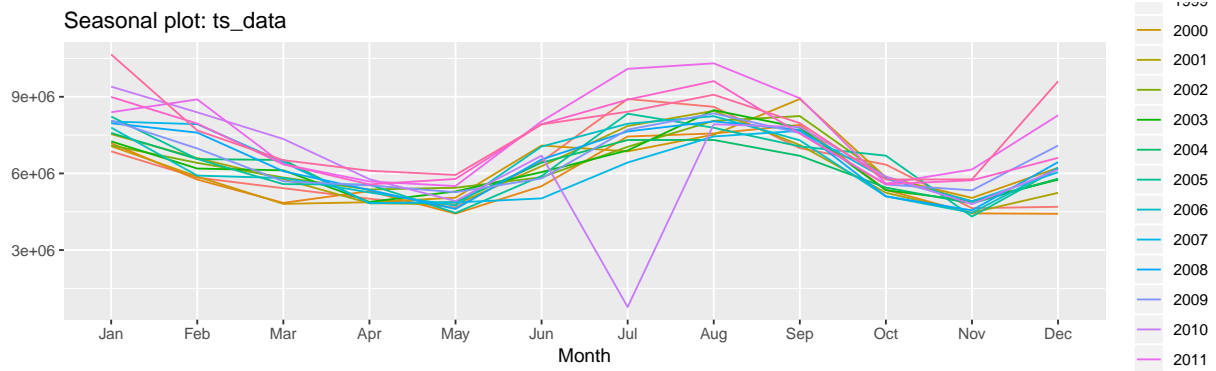
# Apply mean to missing row
power_data$KWH[is.na(power_data$KWH) == TRUE] <- sept_mean

# Re-created ts
ts_data <- ts(power_data$KWH, frequency = 12, start = c(1998,1))

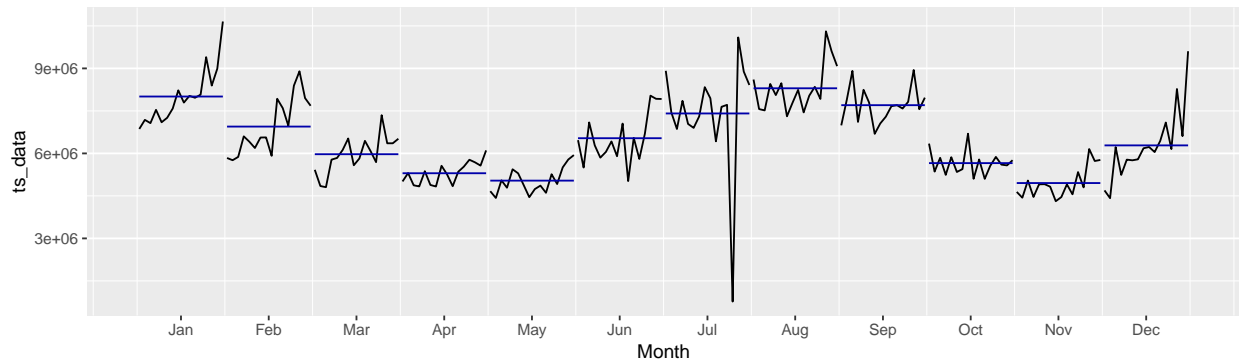
# general series plot
autoplot(ts_data)
```



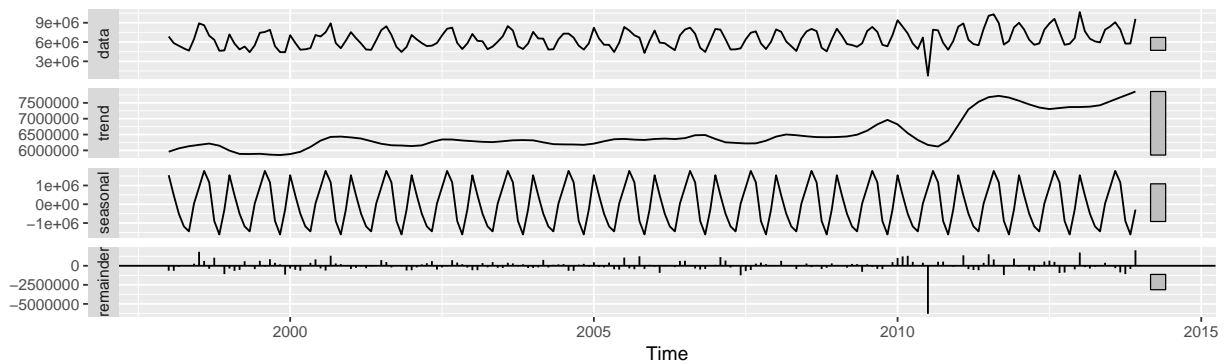
```
# seasonal plot
ggseasonplot(ts_data)
```



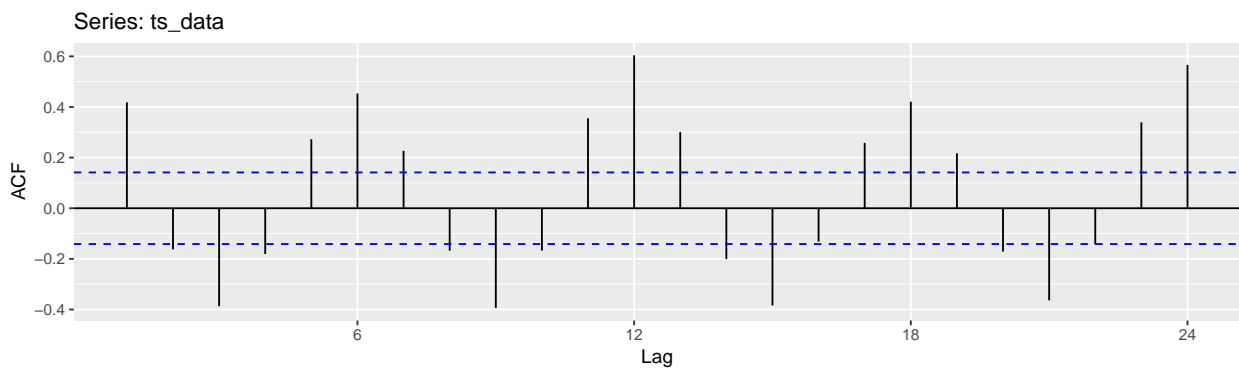
```
# sub-seasonal plot
ggsubseriesplot(ts_data)
```



```
# STL decomposition
stl(ts_data, s.window = 'periodic') %>% autoplot()
```



```
# Autocorrelation
ggAcf(ts_data)
```



```
Box.test(ts_data, type = c("Ljung-Box"))
```

```
FALSE
FALSE   Box-Ljung test
FALSE
FALSE data:  ts_data
FALSE X-squared = 34.118, df = 1, p-value = 5.187e-09
```

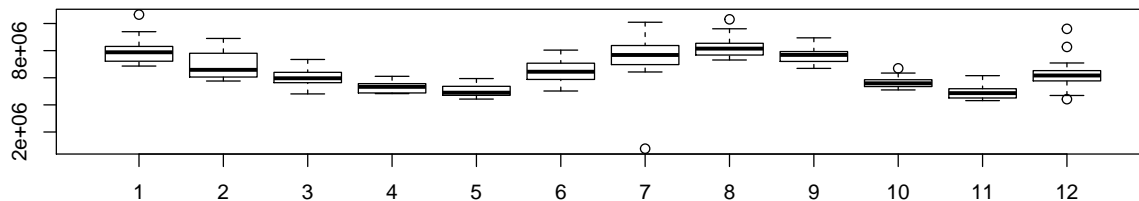
```
# summary statistics
summary(ts_data)
```

```
FALSE      Min.   1st Qu.   Median     Mean   3rd Qu.     Max.
FALSE  770523  5434539  6314472  6508724  7649733 10655730
```

```
summary(power_data)
```

```
FALSE      CaseSequence      YYYY-MMM           KWH
FALSE  Min.      :733.0    Length:192      Min.      : 770523
FALSE  1st Qu.:780.8    Class :character  1st Qu.: 5434539
FALSE  Median :828.5    Mode  :character  Median : 6314472
FALSE  Mean   :828.5                      Mean   : 6508724
FALSE  3rd Qu.:876.2                      3rd Qu.: 7649733
FALSE  Max.   :924.0                      Max.   :10655730
```

```
# Boxplot
boxplot(ts_data~cycle(ts_data))
```



3.1 Data Model

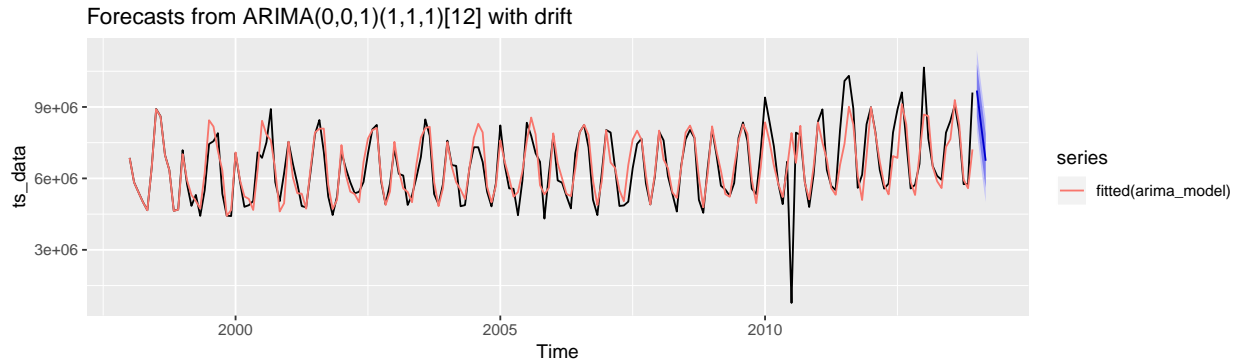
From residual test (Box-Ljung), we found that ets - MNM is not reliable predictor as residuals are not white noise. Other models are all valid as residuals are all white noise ($p > 0.05$ from checkresiduals()). We will compare Arima and ets - AAN and ets - AAdN from stl decomposition in terms of RMSE on test set in the next section.

3.1.1 Model #1: ARIMA

```
# auto.arima
arima_model <- auto.arima(ts_data)

# forecast values
arima_model <- forecast(arima_model, h=3)

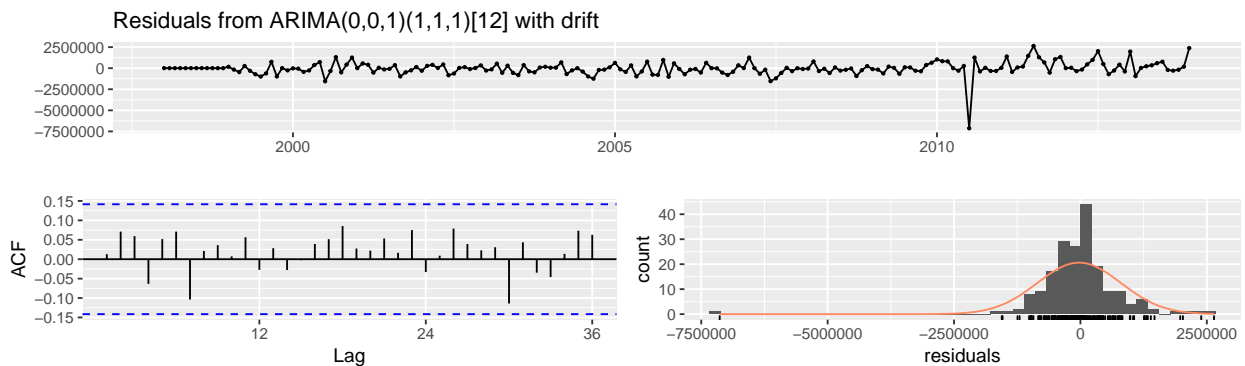
# forecast plot
autoplot(arima_model) + autolayer(fitted(arima_model))
```

```
accuracy(arima_model)
```

```
FALSE          ME      RMSE      MAE      MPE      MAPE      MASE
FALSE Training set -25755.56 823918.8 489803.5 -5.518168 11.63252 0.7141674
FALSE          ACF1
FALSE Training set 0.0130951
```

```
checkresiduals(arima_model)
```

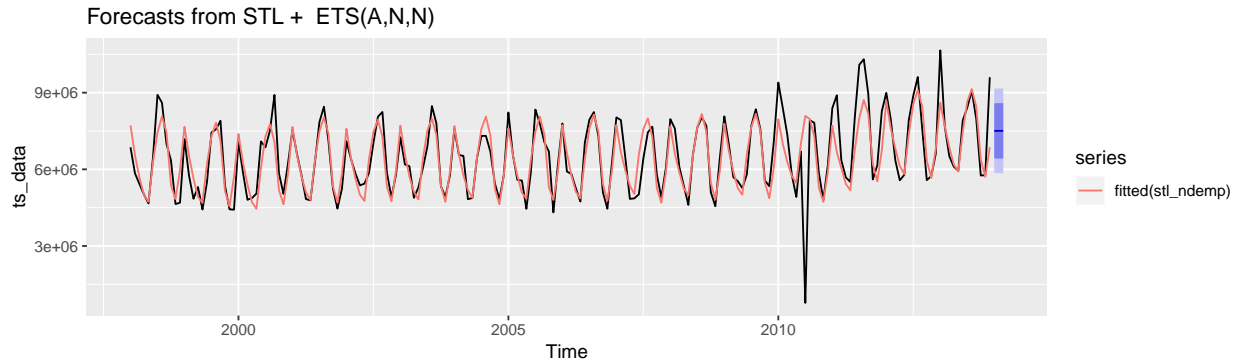


```
FALSE
FALSE  Ljung-Box test
FALSE
FALSE data:  Residuals from ARIMA(0,0,1)(1,1,1)[12] with drift
FALSE Q* = 12.619, df = 20, p-value = 0.8931
FALSE
FALSE Model df: 4.    Total lags used: 24
```

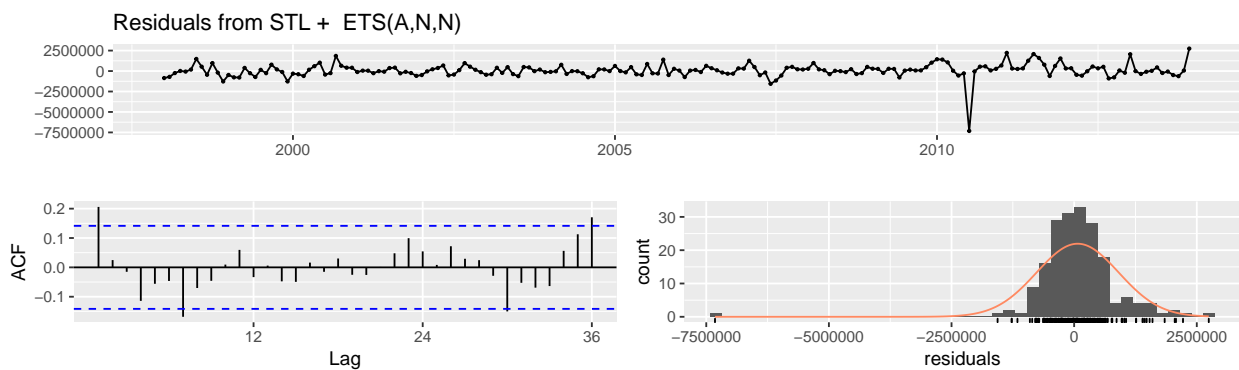
3.1.2 Model #2: STL (no-damped) - ANN

```
#stlf - etsmodel estimation --- A,N,N is chosen.
stl_ndemp <- stlf(ts_data, damped=FALSE, s.window = "periodic", robust=TRUE, h = 3)

# forecast plot
autoplot(stl_ndemp) + autolayer(fitted(stl_ndemp))
```



```
checkresiduals(stl_ndemp)
```

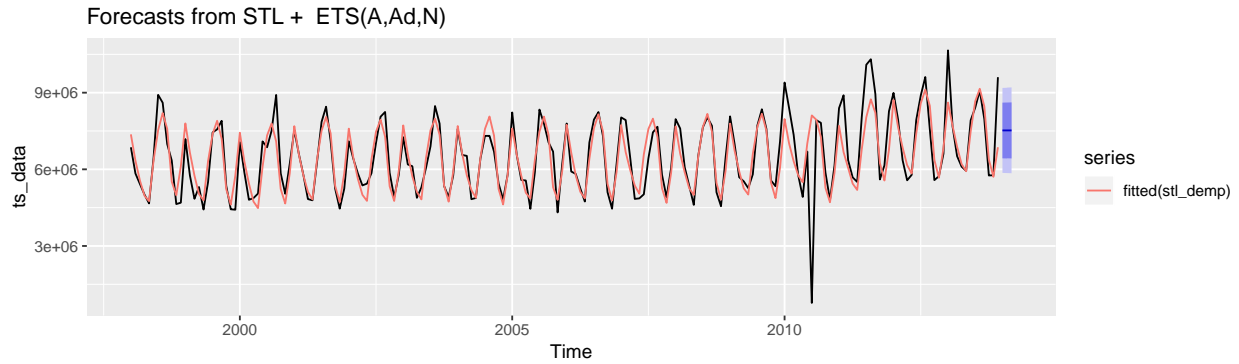


```
FALSE
FALSE  Ljung-Box test
FALSE
FALSE data:  Residuals from STL +  ETS(A,N,N)
FALSE Q* = 25.094, df = 22, p-value = 0.2926
FALSE
FALSE Model df: 2.    Total lags used: 24
```

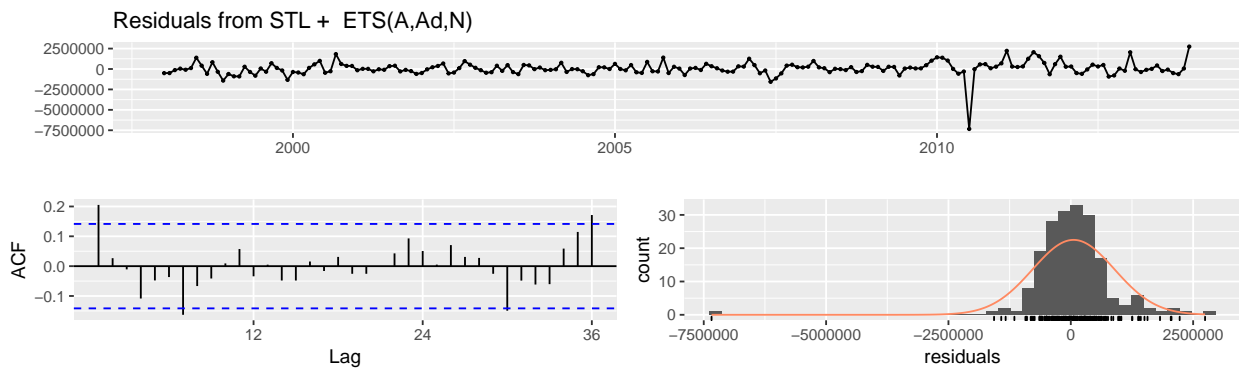
3.1.3 Model #2-2: STL (demped) - AAdN

```
#stlf - etsmodel estimation --- M, Ad, N is chosen.
stl_demp <- stlf(ts_data, damped=TRUE, s.window = "periodic", robust=TRUE, h = 3)

# forecast plot
autoplot(stl_demp) + autolayer(fitted(stl_demp))
```



```
checkresiduals(stl_demp)
```

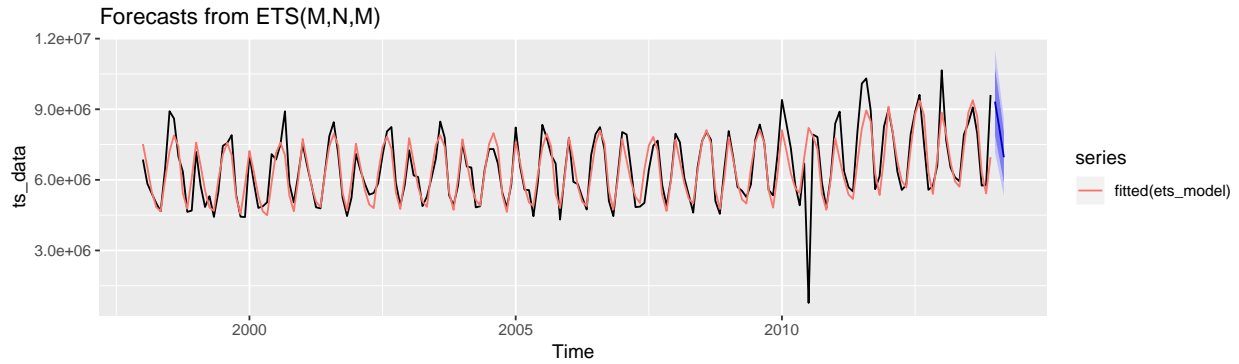


```
FALSE
FALSE  Ljung-Box test
FALSE
FALSE data:  Residuals from STL +  ETS(A,Ad,N)
FALSE Q* = 23.407, df = 19, p-value = 0.2199
FALSE
FALSE Model df: 5.   Total lags used: 24
```

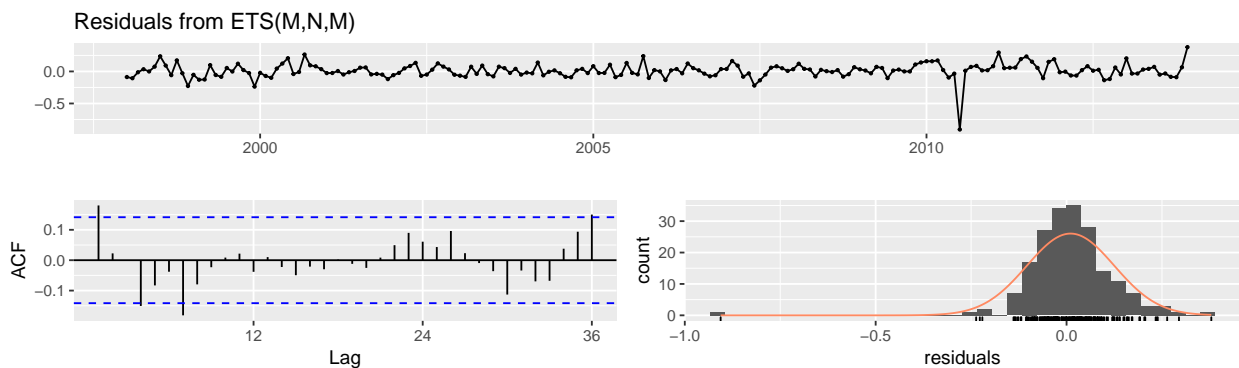
3.1.4 Model #3: ets - MNM

```
# ETS models - MNM
ets_model <- ets(ts_data)

# forecast plot
autoplot(forecast(ets_model, h=3)) + autolayer(fitted(ets_model))
```



```
checkresiduals(ets_model)
```



```
FALSE
FALSE  Ljung-Box test
FALSE
FALSE data:  Residuals from ETS(M,N,M)
FALSE Q* = 25.272, df = 10, p-value = 0.004853
FALSE
FALSE Model df: 14.   Total lags used: 24
```

3.2 Forecast accuracy

Using Time series cross-validation, we compute RMSE on testset ($h=3$). We will pick the model with the lowest RMSE on testset as our final model.

3.2.1 Model #1: ARIMA

```
arima_cv <- function(x, h){forecast(Arima(ts_data, order = c(0, 0, 1), seasonal = c(1, 1, 1), include.d
e <- tsCV(ts_data, arima_cv, h=3)

sqrt(mean(e^2, na.rm=TRUE))
```

```
FALSE [1] 2536394
```

3.2.2 Model #2: STL (no-damped) - ANN

```
e <- tsCV(ts_data, stlf, damped=FALSE, s.window = "periodic", robust=TRUE, h=3)

sqrt(mean(e^2, na.rm=TRUE))
```

```
FALSE [1] 1467209
```

3.2.3 Model #2-2: STL (damped) - AAdN

```
e <- tsCV(ts_data, stlf, damped=TRUE, s.window = "periodic", robust=TRUE, h=3)

sqrt(mean(e^2, na.rm=TRUE))
```

```
FALSE [1] 1473538
```

3.3 Discussion

From above, we found that ARIMA is the worst predictor and STL (damped) - AAdN is the best model as RMSE on testset is the lowest. We will pick Model #2-2.