

R Notebook

```
library(readxl)
Tng_Ctr_Hour <- read_excel("C:/RBS/Business Forecasting/Group Project/Tng_Ctr_Hour.xlsx")
View(Tng_Ctr_Hour)
```

```
library(data.table)
library(ggplot2)
library(TTR)
library(fpp)
```

```
## Loading required package: forecast
```

```
## Registered S3 method overwritten by 'quantmod':
##   method      from
##   as.zoo.data.frame zoo
```

```
## Loading required package: fma
```

```
## Loading required package: expsmoother
```

```
## Loading required package: lmtest
```

```
## Loading required package: zoo
```

```
##
## Attaching package: 'zoo'
```

```
## The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
##
##   as.Date, as.Date.numeric
```

```
## Loading required package: tseries
```

```
library(fpp2)
```

```
##
## Attaching package: 'fpp2'
```

```
## The following objects are masked from 'package:fpp':
##
##   ausair, ausbeer, austa, austourists, debitcards, departures,
##   elecequip, euretail, guinearice, oil, sunspotarea, usmelec
```

```
library(ggplot2)
library(stats)
library(dplyr)
```

```
##
## Attaching package: 'dplyr'

## The following objects are masked from 'package:data.table':
##
##   between, first, last

## The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':
##
##   filter, lag

## The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
##
##   intersect, setdiff, setequal, union
```

```
library(graphics)
library(ggfortify)
```

```
## Registered S3 methods overwritten by 'ggfortify':
##   method          from
##   autoplot.Arima   forecast
##   autoplot.acf     forecast
##   autoplot.ar      forecast
##   autoplot.bats    forecast
##   autoplot.decomposed.ts forecast
##   autoplot.ets     forecast
##   autoplot.forecast forecast
##   autoplot.stl     forecast
##   autoplot.ts      forecast
##   fitted.ar        forecast
##   fortify.ts       forecast
##   residuals.ar     forecast
```

```
summary(Tng_Ctr_Hour)
```

```
##      Year      Quarter      Month      Device_Hrs
## Length:81    Length:81    Length:81    Min.   : 222.8
## Class :character Class :character Class :character 1st Qu.: 899.0
## Mode  :character Mode  :character Mode  :character Median :1008.0
##                                     Mean  : 990.1
##                                     3rd Qu.:1101.7
##                                     Max.   :1519.9
## DH_Prev_Year  DH_YoY_Change  DH_YoY_Ch_Per  Total_Inst_Hrs
## Length:81    Length:81    Length:81    Min.   : 504.6
## Class :character Class :character Class :character 1st Qu.:1937.3
## Mode  :character Mode  :character Mode  :character Median :2203.2
##                                     Mean  :2165.7
```

```
##                                     3rd Qu.:2446.8
##                                     Max.      :3084.1
## Total_Inst_Hrs_Prev_Year Inst_Hrs_YoY_Change Total_Inst_Hrs_YoY_Change_Per2
## Length:81                Length:81          Length:81
## Class :character          Class :character    Class :character
## Mode  :character          Mode  :character    Mode  :character
##
##
##
```

Create a Factor for the Dataset

```
setDT(Tng_Ctr_Hour)
#changing the character values into factors
Tng_Ctr_Hour[,Quarter:=factor(Quarter)]
Tng_Ctr_Hour[,Month:=factor(Month)]
Tng_Ctr_Hour[,Year:=factor(Year)]
```

Create a subset for the tested data

```
FD = select(Tng_Ctr_Hour, Year, Quarter, Month, Device_Hrs, Total_Inst_Hrs )
```

```
FD
```

```
##      Year Quarter Month Device_Hrs Total_Inst_Hrs
##  1: 2015-01      Q1   Jan    960.42      1700.67
##  2: 2015-02      Q1   Feb    944.08      1614.00
##  3: 2015-03      Q1   Mar   1429.12      2532.90
##  4: 2015-04      Q2   Apr   1097.00      2152.25
##  5: 2015-05      Q2   May    915.85      1695.43
##  6: 2015-06      Q2   Jun    783.45      1675.91
##  7: 2015-07      Q3   Jul   1034.52      2095.00
##  8: 2015-08      Q3   Aug   1169.50      2459.83
##  9: 2015-09      Q3   Sep   1027.08      2219.00
## 10: 2015-10      Q4   Oct   1262.32      2765.47
## 11: 2015-11      Q4   Nov    999.25      2239.33
## 12: 2015-12      Q4   Dec    929.42      2054.59
## 13: 2016-01      Q1   Jan    796.42      1935.51
## 14: 2016-02      Q1   Feb    874.55      2017.40
## 15: 2016-03      Q1   Mar   1091.55      2235.33
## 16: 2016-04      Q2   Apr   1141.84      2409.30
## 17: 2016-05      Q2   May    871.36      1937.34
## 18: 2016-06      Q2   Jun   1181.21      2606.56
## 19: 2016-07      Q3   Jul    757.59      1791.01
## 20: 2016-08      Q3   Aug    972.73      2216.60
## 21: 2016-09      Q3   Sep    807.02      1934.39
## 22: 2016-10      Q4   Oct   1519.92      3084.09
## 23: 2016-11      Q4   Nov   1101.67      2361.81
```

## 24: 2016-12	Q4	Dec	801.83	1853.99
## 25: 2017-01	Q1	Jan	995.09	2446.80
## 26: 2017-02	Q1	Feb	962.00	2169.17
## 27: 2017-03	Q1	Mar	1130.24	2768.35
## 28: 2017-04	Q2	Apr	1054.71	2291.76
## 29: 2017-05	Q2	May	1044.95	2172.54
## 30: 2017-06	Q2	Jun	1013.73	2366.74
## 31: 2017-07	Q3	Jul	693.33	1739.90
## 32: 2017-08	Q3	Aug	983.25	2304.53
## 33: 2017-09	Q3	Sep	987.64	2302.29
## 34: 2017-10	Q4	Oct	1252.69	2810.70
## 35: 2017-11	Q4	Nov	969.31	2249.47
## 36: 2017-12	Q4	Dec	806.10	1800.08
## 37: 2018-01	Q1	Jan	1060.57	2466.01
## 38: 2018-02	Q1	Feb	1200.25	2414.06
## 39: 2018-03	Q1	Mar	1262.25	2666.14
## 40: 2018-04	Q2	Apr	1184.45	2625.94
## 41: 2018-05	Q2	May	1059.92	2455.24
## 42: 2018-06	Q2	Jun	993.55	2098.89
## 43: 2018-07	Q3	Jul	908.37	1973.29
## 44: 2018-08	Q3	Aug	1096.93	2403.06
## 45: 2018-09	Q3	Sep	1121.75	2368.10
## 46: 2018-10	Q4	Oct	1412.47	2955.81
## 47: 2018-11	Q4	Nov	1010.25	2203.17
## 48: 2018-12	Q4	Dec	970.12	1991.45
## 49: 2019-01	Q1	Jan	1063.13	2542.16
## 50: 2019-02	Q1	Feb	1036.95	2441.90
## 51: 2019-03	Q1	Mar	1130.87	2456.02
## 52: 2019-04	Q2	Apr	903.97	2286.02
## 53: 2019-05	Q2	May	1284.95	2734.56
## 54: 2019-06	Q2	Jun	1265.56	2571.35
## 55: 2019-07	Q3	Jul	848.64	2075.30
## 56: 2019-08	Q3	Aug	1247.40	2767.26
## 57: 2019-09	Q3	Sep	1106.84	2441.50
## 58: 2019-10	Q4	Oct	1217.08	2626.36
## 59: 2019-11	Q4	Nov	1091.84	2377.05
## 60: 2019-12	Q4	Dec	1024.67	2085.33
## 61: 2020-01	Q1	Jan	1094.62	2523.89
## 62: 2020-02	Q1	Feb	1050.98	2137.86
## 63: 2020-03	Q1	Mar	726.19	1556.44
## 64: 2020-04	Q2	Apr	222.80	504.57
## 65: 2020-05	Q2	May	556.92	1181.00
## 66: 2020-06	Q2	Jun	899.00	1831.79
## 67: 2020-07	Q3	Jul	585.58	1427.42
## 68: 2020-08	Q3	Aug	811.74	1982.89
## 69: 2020-09	Q3	Sep	1047.41	2283.34
## 70: 2020-10	Q4	Oct	1239.26	2568.26
## 71: 2020-11	Q4	Nov	911.93	1968.93
## 72: 2020-12	Q4	Dec	569.75	1303.50
## 73: 2021-01	Q1	Jan	685.91	1685.08
## 74: 2021-02	Q1	Feb	692.88	1605.12
## 75: 2021-03	Q1	Mar	805.42	1810.00
## 76: 2021-04	Q2	Apr	904.00	2178.17
## 77: 2021-05	Q2	May	937.62	1977.58

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## 78: 2021-06      Q2   Jun      954.00      2056.29
## 79: 2021-07      Q3   Jul      605.00      1457.42
## 80: 2021-08      Q3   Aug     1027.23      2175.39
## 81: 2021-09      Q3   Sep     1008.00      2173.00
##      Year Quarter Month Device_Hrs Total_Inst_Hrs
```

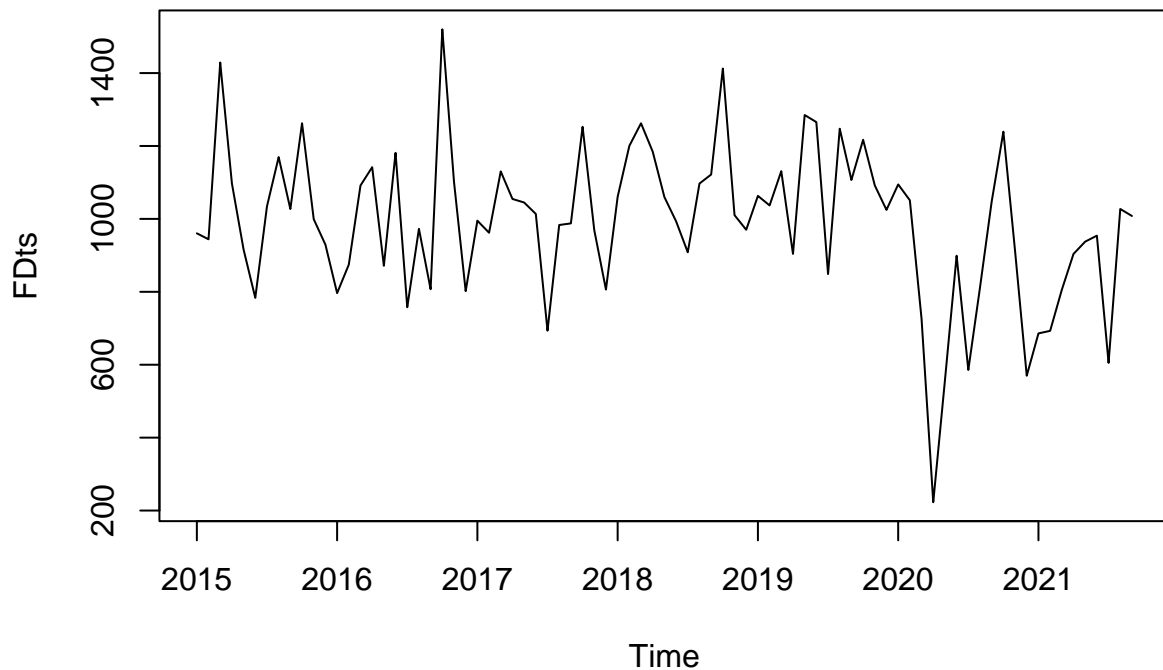
Convert to Time Series Data

```
FDts = ts(FD$Device_Hrs, frequency = 12, start = c(2015,1))
FDts
```

```
##      Jan      Feb      Mar      Apr      May      Jun      Jul      Aug      Sep
## 2015  960.42  944.08 1429.12 1097.00  915.85  783.45 1034.52 1169.50 1027.08
## 2016  796.42  874.55 1091.55 1141.84  871.36 1181.21  757.59  972.73  807.02
## 2017  995.09  962.00 1130.24 1054.71 1044.95 1013.73  693.33  983.25  987.64
## 2018 1060.57 1200.25 1262.25 1184.45 1059.92  993.55  908.37 1096.93 1121.75
## 2019 1063.13 1036.95 1130.87  903.97 1284.95 1265.56  848.64 1247.40 1106.84
## 2020 1094.62 1050.98  726.19  222.80  556.92  899.00  585.58  811.74 1047.41
## 2021  685.91  692.88  805.42  904.00  937.62  954.00  605.00 1027.23 1008.00
##      Oct      Nov      Dec
## 2015 1262.32  999.25  929.42
## 2016 1519.92 1101.67  801.83
## 2017 1252.69  969.31  806.10
## 2018 1412.47 1010.25  970.12
## 2019 1217.08 1091.84 1024.67
## 2020 1239.26  911.93  569.75
## 2021
```

Create a plot of the time series

```
plot(FDts)
```



The plot shows a series of peaks and valleys, which suggests seasonality. Hours seemed to flow between ~700 and ~1500 consistently until 2020 when COVID struck. This caused a drop to 222 hrs in April. October is the most busy month, never falling below 1200 hrs. July and December appear to be the lightest months, only surpassing 1000 hours once each during the observed history.

Because of the pandemic, we will remove the data beginning in 2020 as it was affected by unforecastable forces.

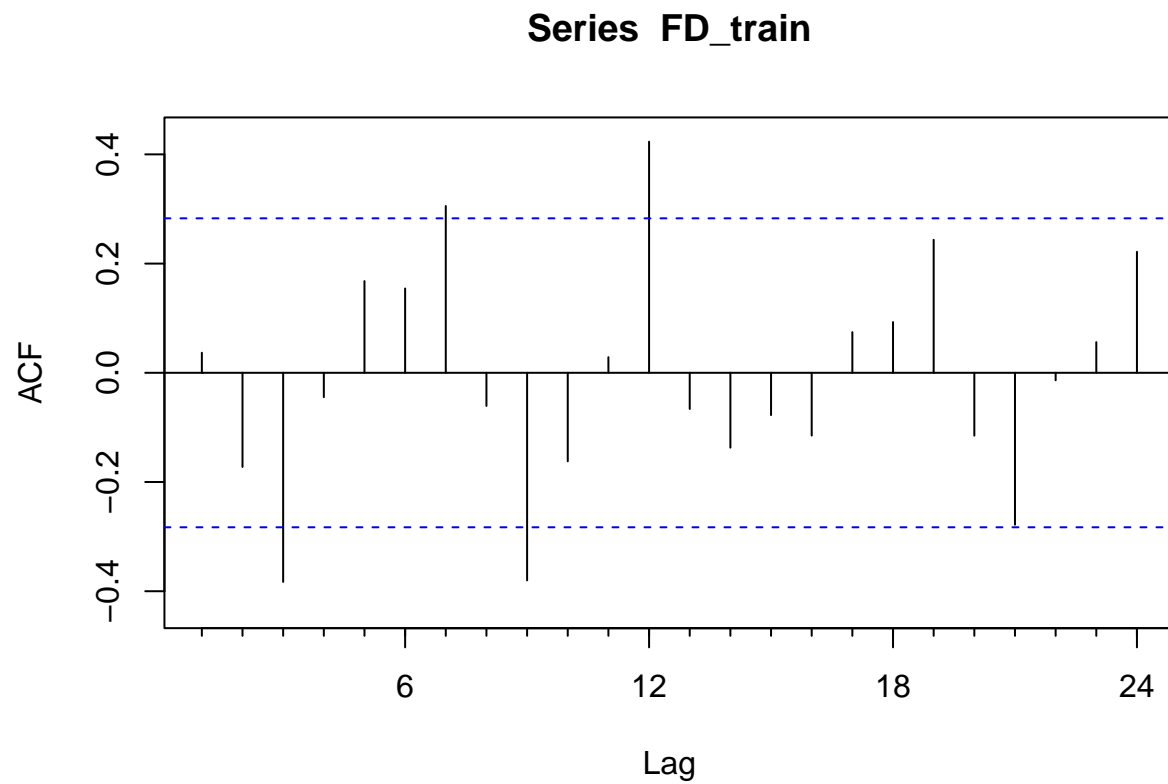
Training the Model

```
FD_train = ts(FD$Device_Hrs, frequency = 12, start = c(2015,1), end = c(2018, 12))
```

```
FD_test = ts(FD$Device_Hrs, frequency = 12, start = c(2019,1), end = c(2019, 12))
```

Autocorrelation of the data

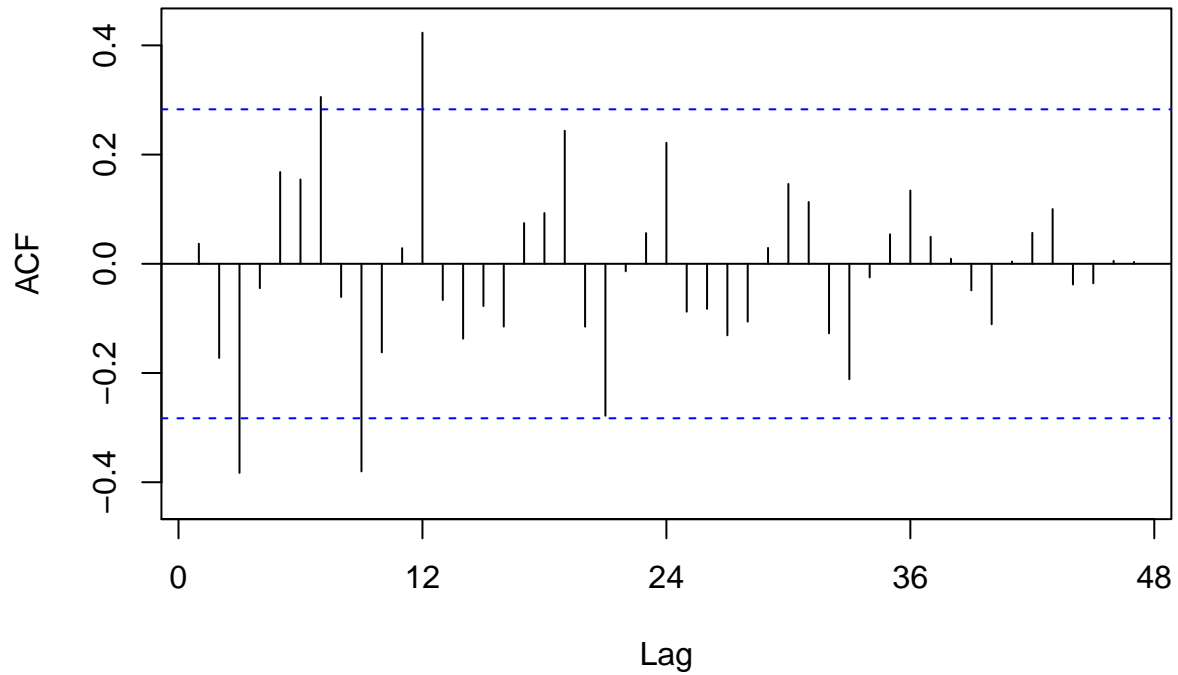
```
Acf(FD_train)
```



We observe strong positive and negative autocorrelation, which furthers our suspicions that there is seasonality

```
Acf(FD_train, lag.max = 48)
```

Series FD_train



Checking For Seasonality and Trends

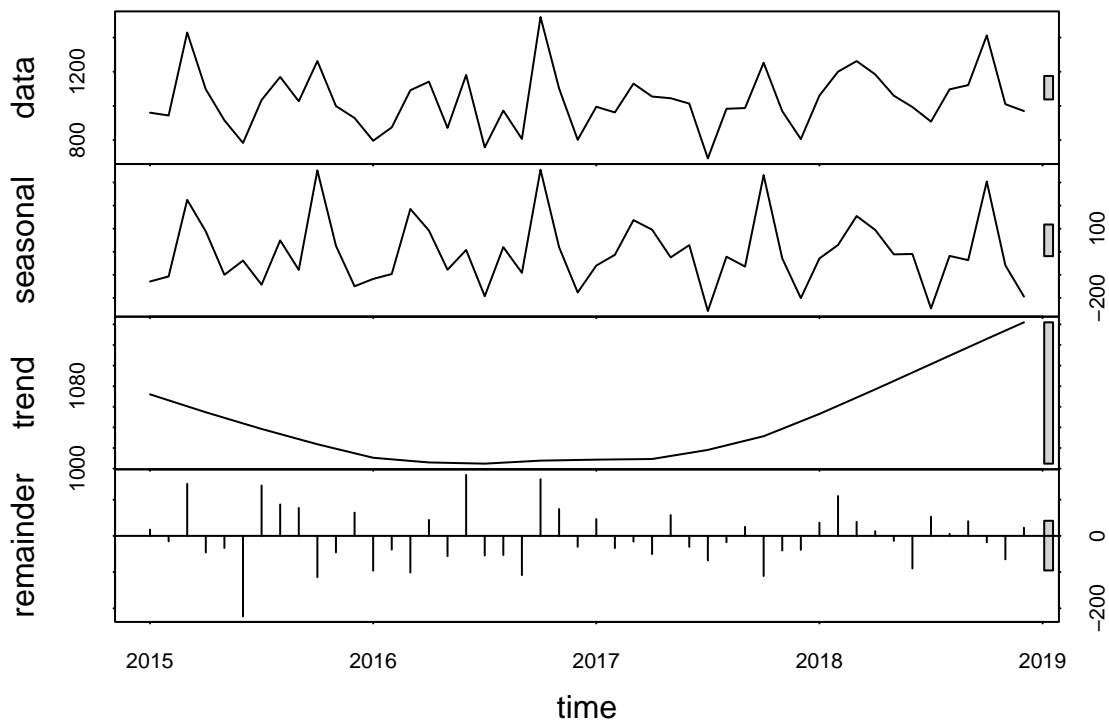
```
fit= stl(FD_train, s.window = 5)
fit
```

```
## Call:
## stl(x = FD_train, s.window = 5)
##
## Components
##      seasonal      trend      remainder
## Jan 2015 -129.045449 1072.110   17.355668
## Feb 2015 -107.262914 1066.307  -14.963741
## Mar 2015  224.832060 1060.504  143.784413
## Apr 2015   88.044656 1054.700  -45.745057
## May 2015 -100.010890 1049.299  -33.438306
## Jun 2015  -38.452890 1043.898 -221.995102
## Jul 2015 -142.974820 1038.497  138.998032
## Aug 2015   49.132423 1033.557   86.811014
## Sep 2015  -78.637347 1028.616   77.101009
## Oct 2015  352.636565 1023.676 -113.992678
## Nov 2015   25.472369 1019.294  -45.516306
## Dec 2015 -149.739347 1014.912   64.247586
## Jan 2016 -117.920199 1010.530  -96.189386
## Feb 2016  -96.644317 1009.011  -37.816415
## Mar 2016  185.174945 1007.492 -101.116824
## Apr 2016   91.762657 1005.973   44.104317
## May 2016  -78.120110 1005.592  -56.111737
```



```
## Jun 2016      7.703243 1005.211 168.296088
## Jul 2016 -192.946834 1004.829 -54.292656
## Aug 2016   19.761423 1005.800 -52.831165
## Sep 2016  -91.470378 1006.770 -108.279615
## Oct 2016  355.701025 1007.740 156.478730
## Nov 2016   19.348695 1008.064  74.257790
## Dec 2016 -176.476142 1008.387 -30.080643
## Jan 2017  -60.060469 1008.710  46.440415
## Feb 2017  -13.295386 1008.911 -33.615230
## Mar 2017  137.033245 1009.111 -15.904423
## Apr 2017   95.565533 1009.312 -50.167271
## May 2017  -24.715705 1012.262  57.403293
## Jun 2017   28.641174 1015.213 -30.124259
## Jul 2017 -256.977073 1018.164 -67.856686
## Aug 2017  -21.654380 1022.593 -17.688292
## Sep 2017  -64.283047 1027.022  24.901463
## Oct 2017  332.006351 1031.450 -110.766847
## Nov 2017  -28.975050 1038.667 -40.382206
## Dec 2017 -201.159951 1045.884 -38.624064
## Jan 2018  -29.025710 1053.101  36.494935
## Feb 2018   29.202447 1061.037 110.010983
## Mar 2018  154.571226 1068.972  38.706409
## Apr 2018   94.558383 1076.908  12.983457
## May 2018  -11.493527 1085.086 -13.672874
## Jun 2018   -9.889678 1093.265 -89.824965
## Jul 2018 -245.915270 1101.443  52.842385
## Aug 2018  -18.182053 1109.607   5.505051
## Sep 2018  -36.462252 1117.771  40.441132
## Oct 2018  304.327121 1125.935 -17.792358
## Nov 2018  -59.028409 1133.988 -64.710038
## Dec 2018 -194.556831 1142.042  22.635174
```

```
plot(fit)
```



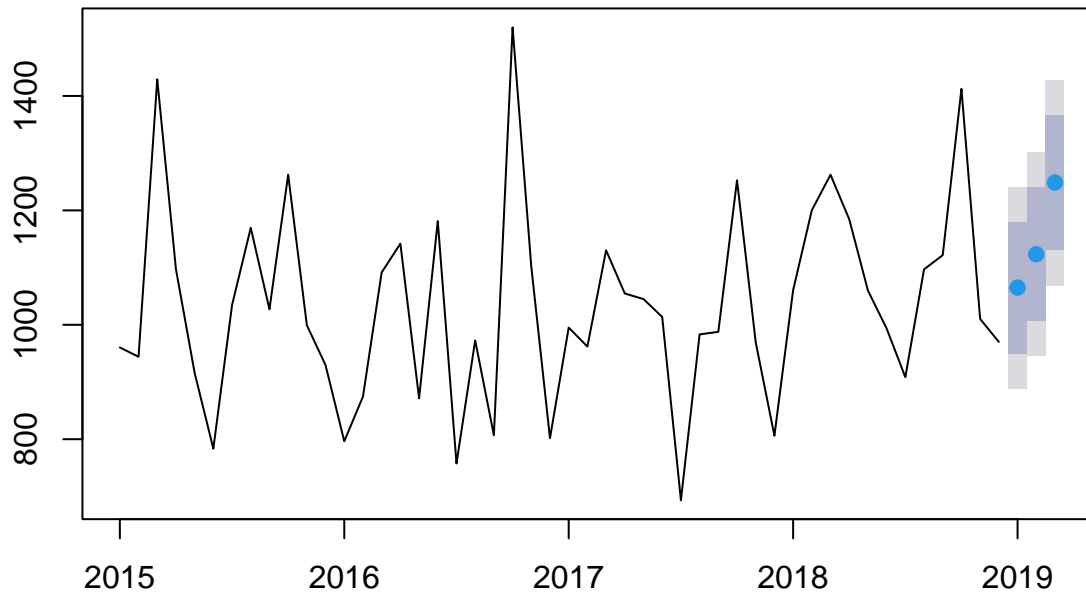
We can see some seasonality though it is not perfect. The trend is interesting as it appears that training hours were trending down, only to rebound.

Forecasting Data

Simple forecast of three periods

```
FitFore3 = forecast(fit, h=3)
plot(FitFore3)
```

Forecasts from STL + ETS(A,N,N)

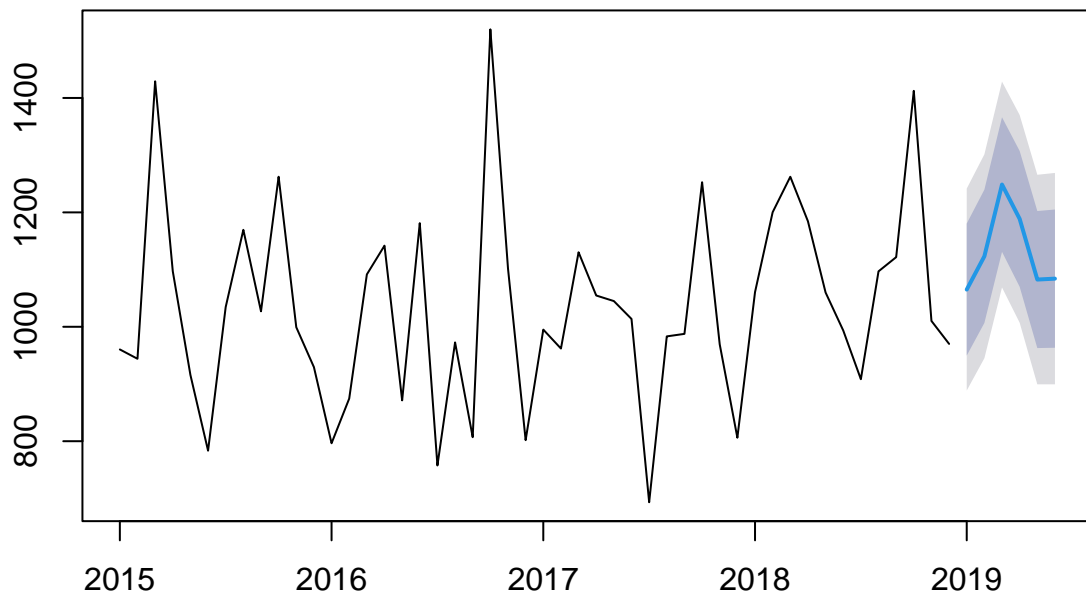


Over the next three periods, we expect the number of hours to increase

What about 6 periods?

```
FitFore6 = forecast(fit, h=6)  
plot(FitFore6)
```

Forecasts from STL + ETS(A,N,N)

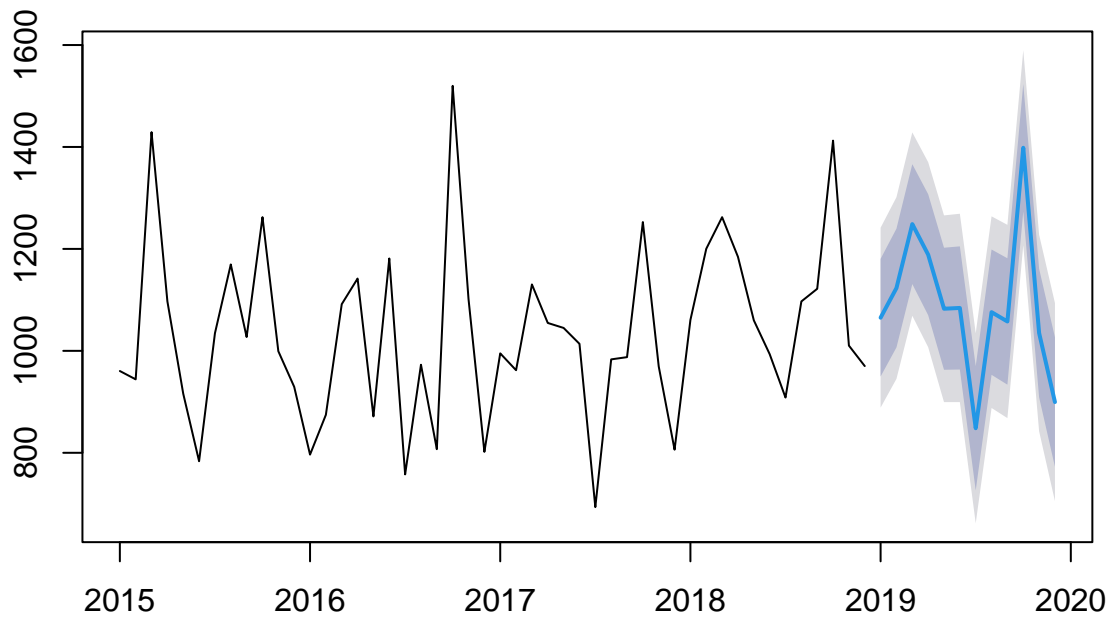


We expect the data to increase, then decrease after three periods, consistent with our history

What about 12 Periods?!?!

```
FitFore12 = forecast(fit, h=12)
plot(FitFore12)
```

Forecasts from STL + ETS(A,N,N)



This is interesting and shows the seasonality of the data. It doesn't appear to be an exact duplication of the previous 12 months.

```
accuracy(FitFore3)
```

Accuracy Test of Forecast

```
##              ME      RMSE      MAE      MPE      MAPE      MASE
## Training set  7.149583 88.13674 72.24431 -0.02977668 7.049975 0.5119645
##              ACF1
## Training set -0.04022578
```

```
accuracy(FitFore6)
```

```
##              ME      RMSE      MAE      MPE      MAPE      MASE
## Training set  7.149583 88.13674 72.24431 -0.02977668 7.049975 0.5119645
##              ACF1
## Training set -0.04022578
```

```
accuracy(FitFore12)
```

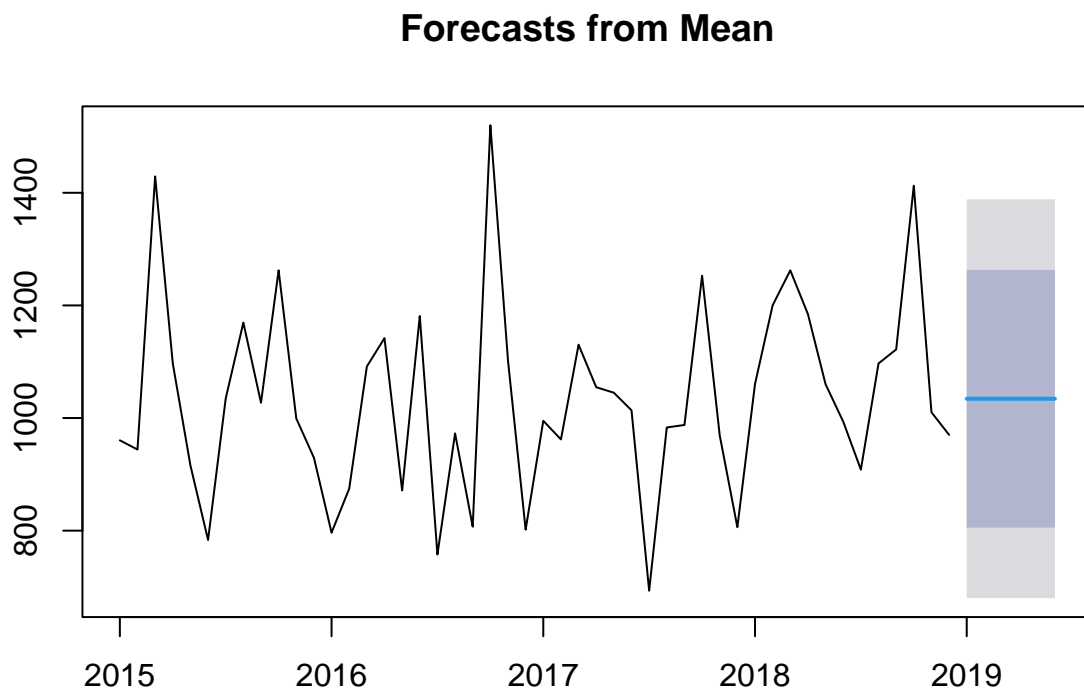
```
##              ME      RMSE      MAE      MPE      MAPE      MASE
```

```
## Training set 7.149583 88.13674 72.24431 -0.02977668 7.049975 0.5119645
##               ACF1
## Training set -0.04022578
```

All forecasts have the same accuracy measures. Length of the forecast does not impact the accuracy. Interesting.

Mean Forecast Method

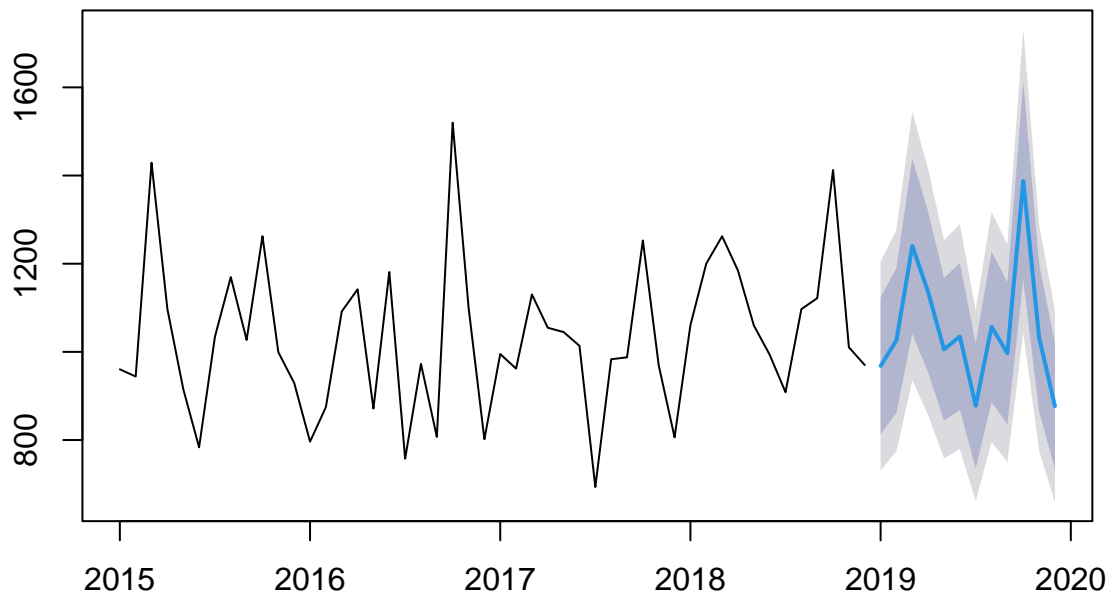
```
mean_FDT <- meanf(FD_train,6) # 6 is the forecasting period (6 quarters out)
plot(mean_FDT)
```



12 Month Forecast of Trained data (raw) vs. FIT data

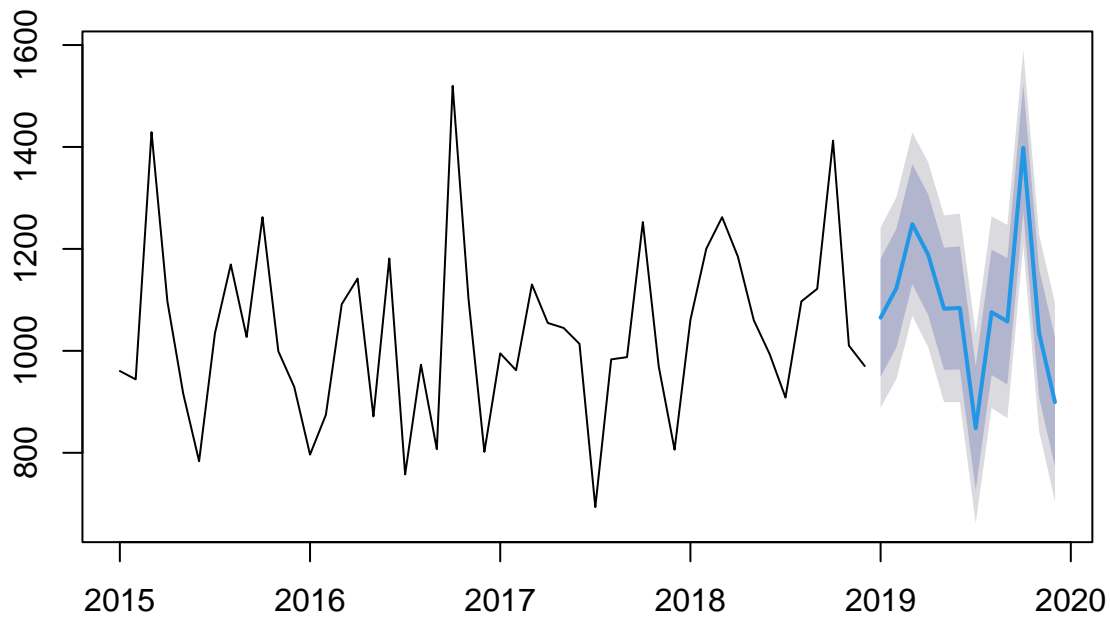
```
Forecast_Train12 = forecast(FD_train, h=12)
plot(Forecast_Train12)
```

Forecasts from ETS(M,N,M)



```
FitFore12 = forecast(fit, h=12)  
plot(FitFore12)
```

Forecasts from STL + ETS(A,N,N)



Fit forecast is steeper. Is it capturing more of the seasonal swings?

```
accuracy(FitFore12)
```

Let's compare the accuracy of the forecasts

```
##           ME      RMSE      MAE      MPE      MAPE      MASE
## Training set  7.149583 88.13674 72.24431 -0.02977668 7.049975 0.5119645
##           ACF1
## Training set -0.04022578
```

```
accuracy(Forecast_Train12)
```

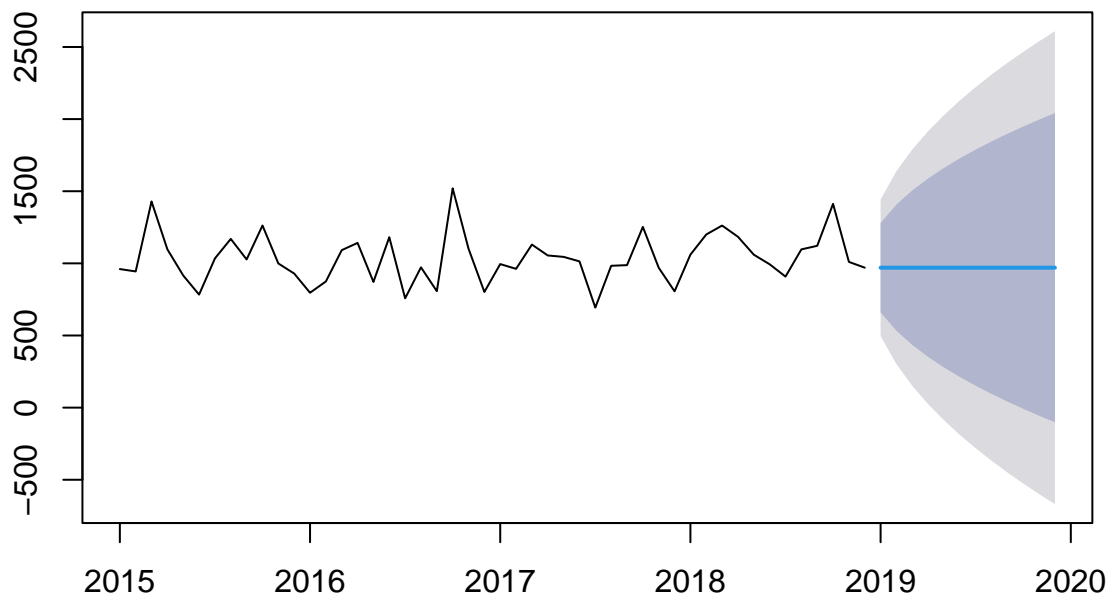
```
##           ME      RMSE      MAE      MPE      MAPE      MASE
## Training set  8.442611 105.9033 87.19015 -0.2842957 8.633811 0.6178793
##           ACF1
## Training set  0.02967374
```

Fit forecast appears more accurate. Has lower RMSE and MAPE.

Naive Forecast

```
naive_forecast <- naive(FD_train,12)  
plot(naive_forecast)
```

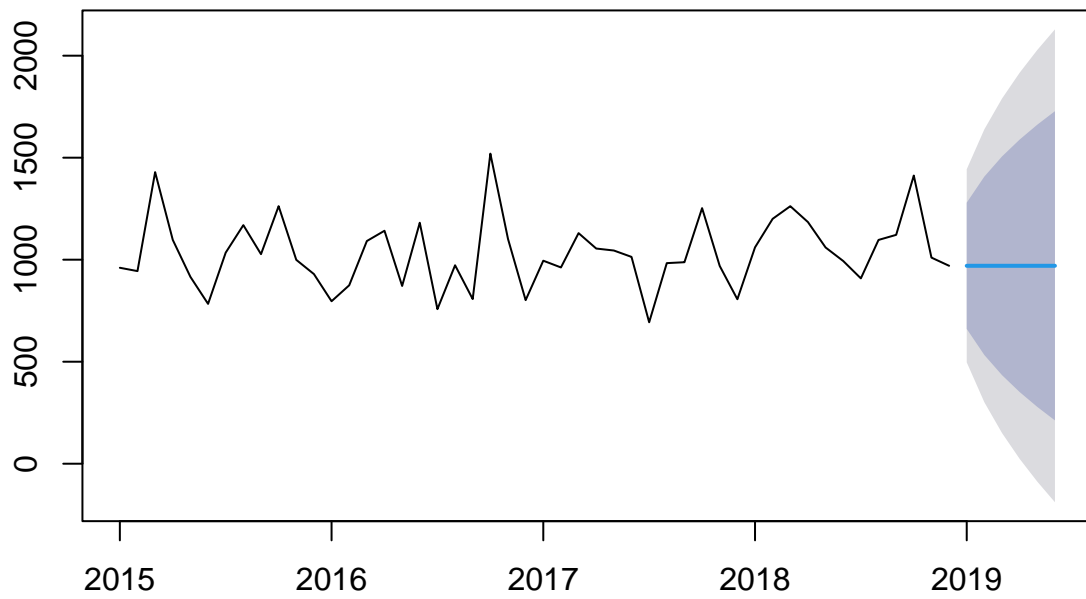
Forecasts from Naive method



Not particularly useful because the the scope stretches into negative territory. Lets trim down the forecast to something shorter

```
naive_forecast6 <- naive(FD_train,6)  
plot(naive_forecast6)
```

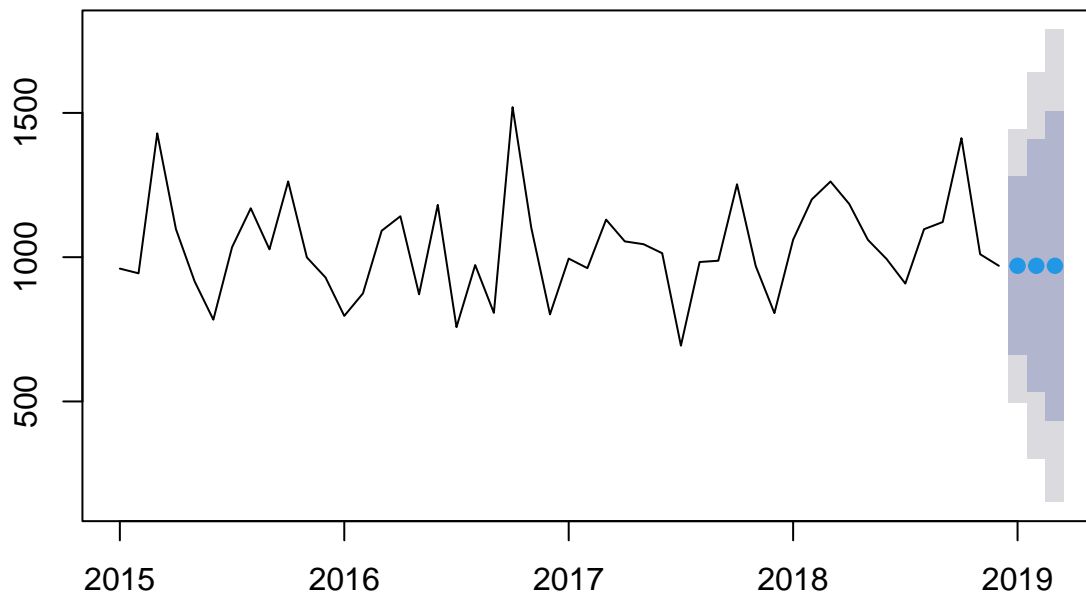
Forecasts from Naive method



Still not good. 3 Months?

```
naive_forecast3 <- naive(FD_train,3)
plot(naive_forecast3)
```

Forecasts from Naive method

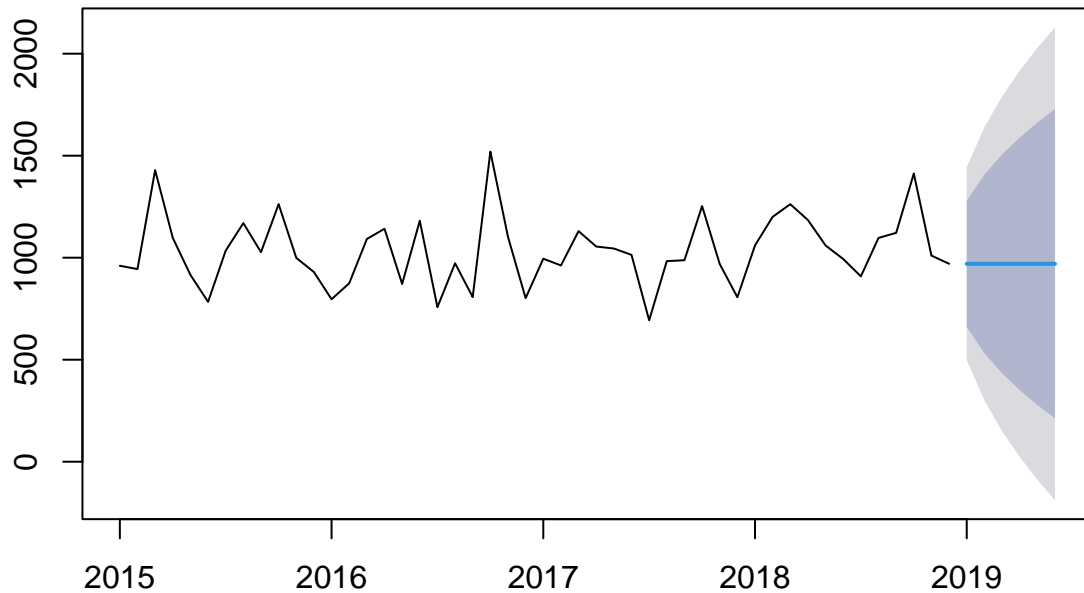


The range of outcomes still appears too large. Naive doesn't look like the best model.

Random Walk Forecast

```
rwf_forecast <- rwf(FD_train,6)
plot(rwf_forecast)
```

Forecasts from Random walk



This graph also shows little by way of seasonality.

Lets compare the accuracy of all the forecasts:

```
accuracy(Forecast_Train12)
```

```
##           ME      RMSE      MAE      MPE      MAPE      MASE
## Training set  8.442611 105.9033  87.19015 -0.2842957  8.633811  0.6178793
##           ACF1
## Training set  0.02967374
```

```
accuracy(FitFore12)
```

```
##           ME      RMSE      MAE      MPE      MAPE      MASE
## Training set  7.149583  88.13674  72.24431 -0.02977668  7.049975  0.5119645
##           ACF1
## Training set -0.04022578
```

```
accuracy(rwf_forecast)
```

```
##           ME      RMSE      MAE      MPE      MAPE      MASE      ACF1
## Training set  0.206383 241.3982 194.2936 -2.591405 18.87992  1.376876 -0.3923039
```

```
accuracy(naive_forecast)
```

```
##
## Training set 0.206383 241.3982 194.2936 -2.591405 18.87992 1.376876 -0.3923039
```

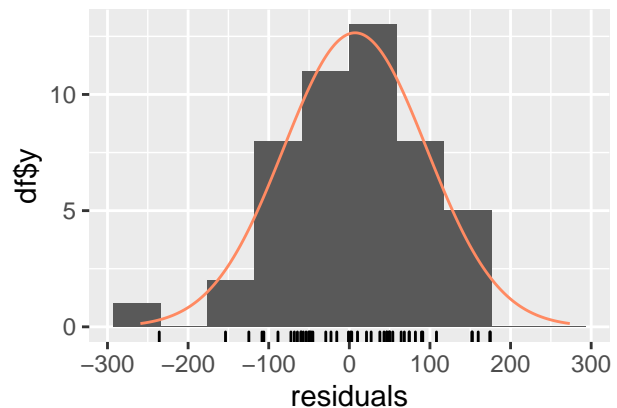
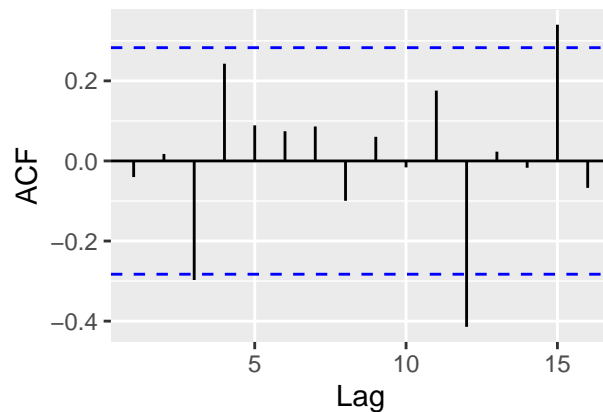
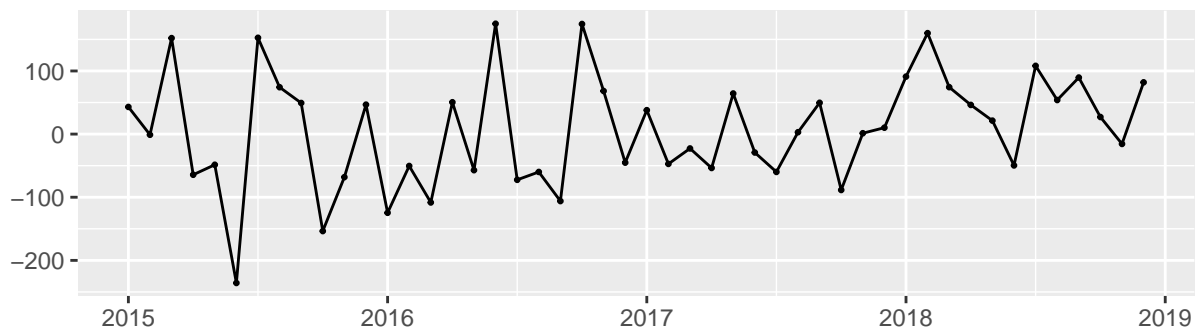
Fit forecast appears the strongest based on these metrics. It also captures the seasonality well.

Check Residuals for Fit Forecast

```
checkresiduals(FitFore12)
```

```
## Warning in checkresiduals(FitFore12): The fitted degrees of freedom is based on
## the model used for the seasonally adjusted data.
```

Residuals from STL + ETS(A,N,N)



```
##
## Ljung-Box test
##
## data: Residuals from STL + ETS(A,N,N)
## Q* = 10.05, df = 8, p-value = 0.2615
##
## Model df: 2. Total lags used: 10
```

Residuals appear to be normally distributed with some slight skewing to the left. P-values are above .05 meaning

what? ^^^

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