

# Time Series Analysis & Forecasting Using R

## 8. ARIMA models



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An ARIMA model is rarely interpretable in terms of visible data structures like trend and seasonality. But it can capture a huge range of time series patterns.

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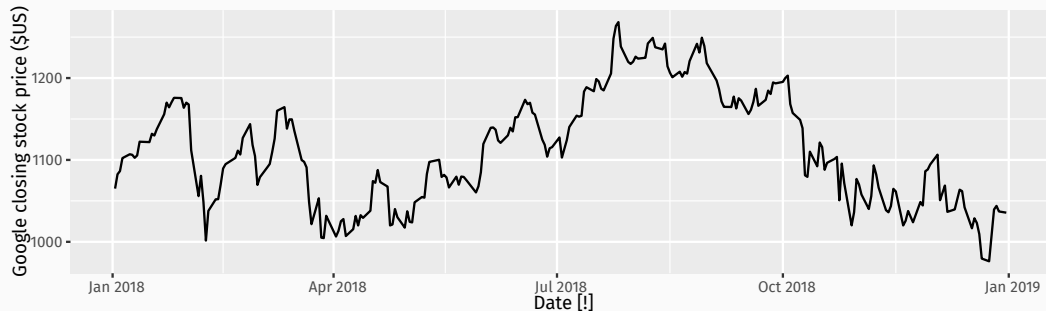
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A **stationary series** is:

- roughly horizontal
- constant variance
- no patterns predictable in the long-term

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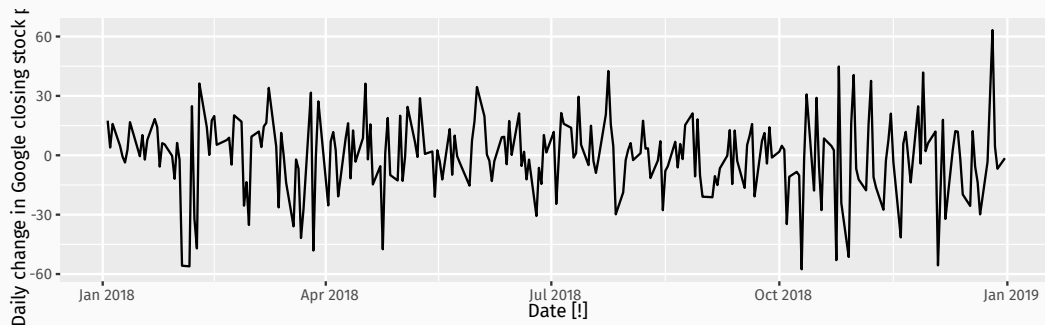
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```
gafa_stock |>  
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# Differencing

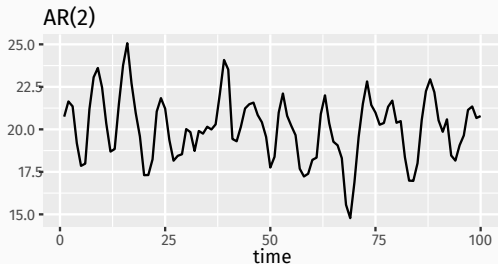
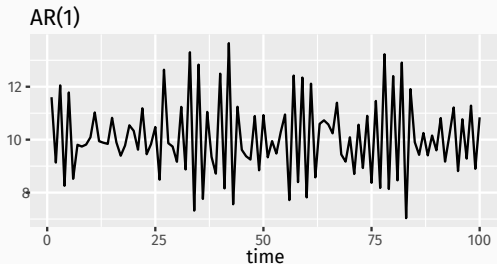
- Differencing helps to **stabilize the mean**.
- The differenced series is the *change* between each observation in the original series.
- Occasionally the differenced data will not appear stationary and it may be necessary to difference the data a second time.
- In practice, it is almost never necessary to go beyond second-order differences.

# Autoregressive models

## Autoregressive (AR) models:

$$y_t = c + \phi_1 y_{t-1} + \phi_2 y_{t-2} + \cdots + \phi_p y_{t-p} + \varepsilon_t,$$

where  $\varepsilon_t$  is white noise. A multiple regression with **lagged values** of  $y_t$  as predictors.



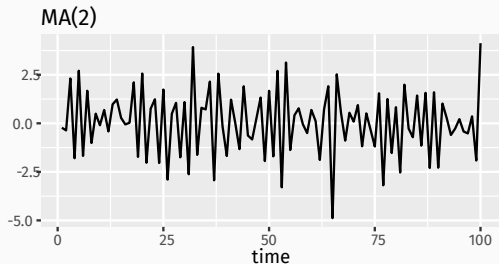
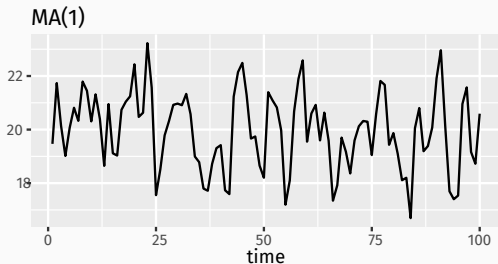
- Cyclic behaviour is possible when  $p \geq 2$ .

# Moving Average (MA) models

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$$y_t = c + \varepsilon_t + \theta_1\varepsilon_{t-1} + \theta_2\varepsilon_{t-2} + \dots + \theta_q\varepsilon_{t-q},$$

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## Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average models

- Combine ARMA model with **differencing.**
- $d$ -differenced series follows an ARMA model.
- Need to choose  $p, d, q$  and whether or not to include  $c$ .

# ARIMA models

## ARIMA( $p, d, q$ ) model

AR:  $p$  = order of the autoregressive part

I:  $d$  = degree of first differencing involved

MA:  $q$  = order of the moving average part.

- White noise model: ARIMA(0,0,0)
- Random walk: ARIMA(0,1,0) with no constant
- Random walk with drift: ARIMA(0,1,0) with const.
- AR( $p$ ): ARIMA( $p,0,0$ )
- MA( $q$ ): ARIMA(0,0, $q$ )



# Example: National populations

```
fit <- global_economy |>  
  model(arima = ARIMA(Population))  
fit
```

```
# A mable: 263 x 2
```

```
# Key:      Country [263]
```

Country	arima
<fct>	<model>
1 Afghanistan	<ARIMA(4,2,1)>
2 Albania	<ARIMA(0,2,2)>
3 Algeria	<ARIMA(2,2,2)>
4 American Samoa	<ARIMA(2,2,2)>
5 Andorra	<ARIMA(2,1,2) w/ drift>
6 Angola	<ARIMA(4,2,1)>
7 Antigua and Barbuda	<ARIMA(2,1,2) w/ drift>
8 Arab World	<ARIMA(0,2,1)>
9 Argentina	<ARIMA(2,2,2)>

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fit |>  
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  report()
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$$y_t = 2y_{t-1} - y_{t-2} - 0.7\varepsilon_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$
$$\varepsilon_t \sim \text{NID}(0, 4 \times 10^9)$$

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# Understanding ARIMA models

- If  $c = 0$  and  $d = 0$ , the long-term forecasts will go to zero.
- If  $c = 0$  and  $d = 1$ , the long-term forecasts will go to a non-zero constant.
- If  $c = 0$  and  $d = 2$ , the long-term forecasts will follow a straight line.
- If  $c \neq 0$  and  $d = 0$ , the long-term forecasts will go to the mean of the data.
- If  $c \neq 0$  and  $d = 1$ , the long-term forecasts will follow a straight line.
- If  $c \neq 0$  and  $d = 2$ , the long-term forecasts will follow a quadratic trend.

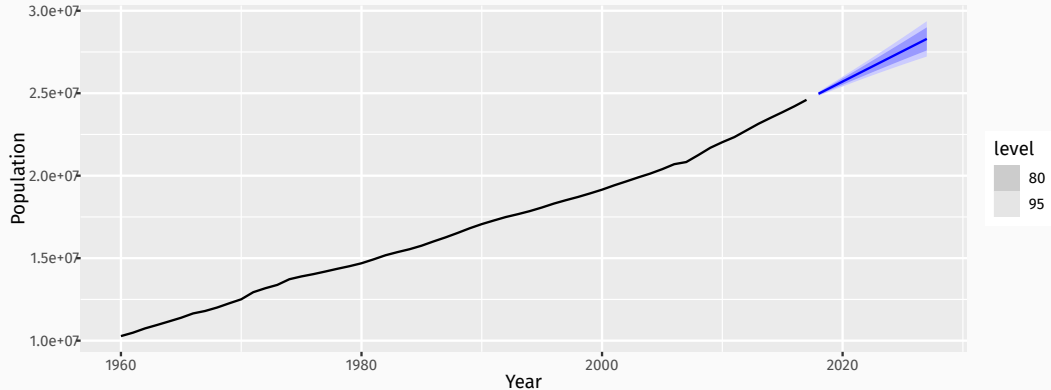
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## Forecast variance and $d$

- The higher the value of  $d$ , the more rapidly the prediction intervals increase in size.
- For  $d = 0$ , the long-term forecast standard deviation will go to the standard deviation of the historical data.

# Example: National populations

```
fit |>  
  forecast(h = 10) |>  
  filter(Country == "Australia") |>  
  autoplot(global_economy)
```



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Note: Can't compare AICc for different values of  $d$ .

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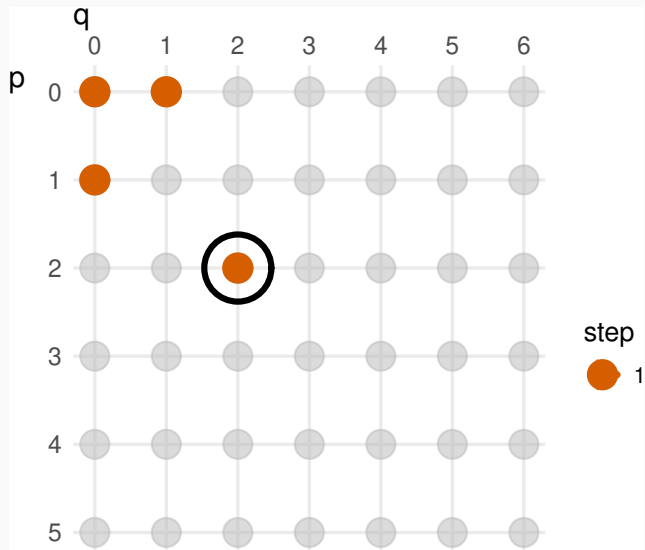
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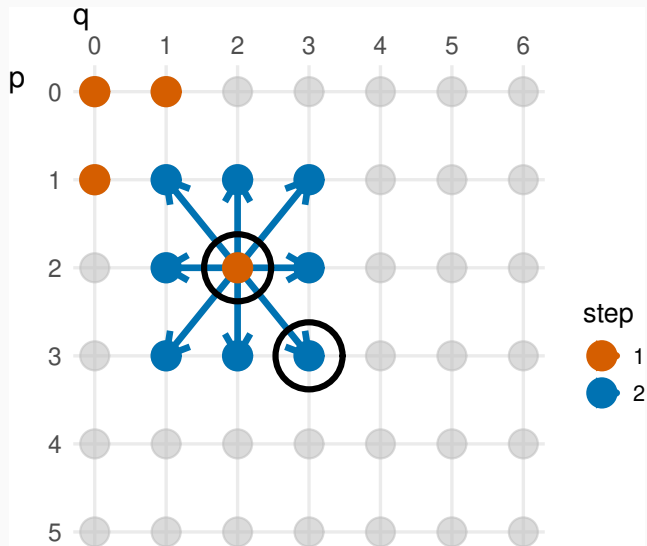
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**Repeat Step 2 until no lower AICc can be found.**

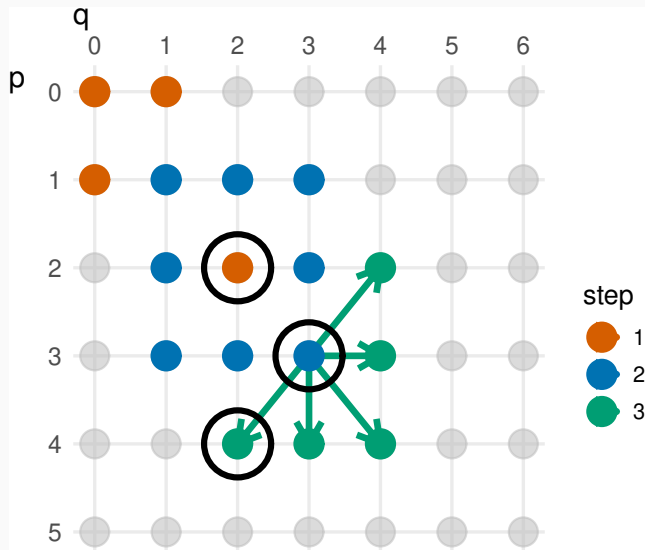
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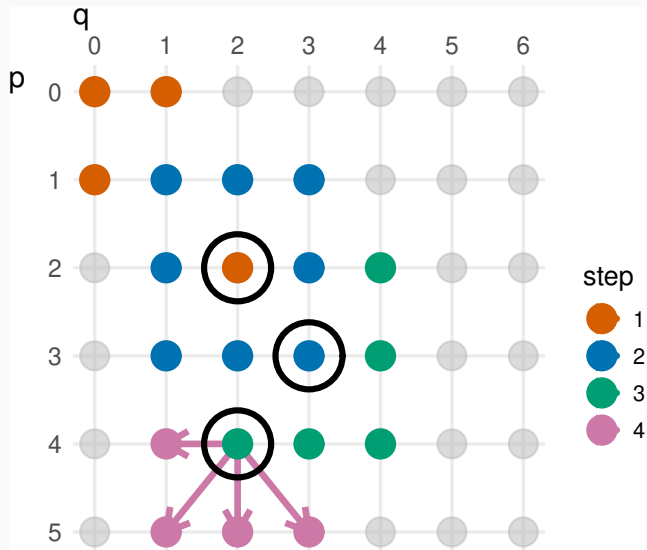
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# Seasonal ARIMA models

ARIMA	$\underbrace{(p, d, q)}$	$\underbrace{(P, D, Q)_m}$
	↑	↑
	Non-seasonal part of the model	Seasonal part of of the model

- $m$  = number of observations per year.
- $d$  first differences,  $D$  seasonal differences
- $p$  AR lags,  $q$  MA lags
- $P$  seasonal AR lags,  $Q$  seasonal MA lags

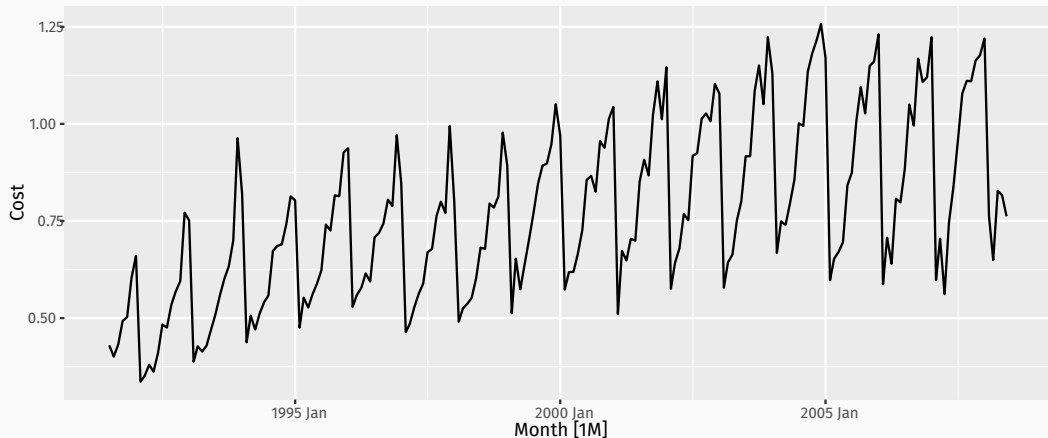
Seasonal and non-seasonal terms combine multiplicatively

# Corticosteroid drug sales

```
h02 <- PBS |>
  filter(ATC2 == "H02") |>
  summarise(Cost = sum(Cost) / 1e6)
```

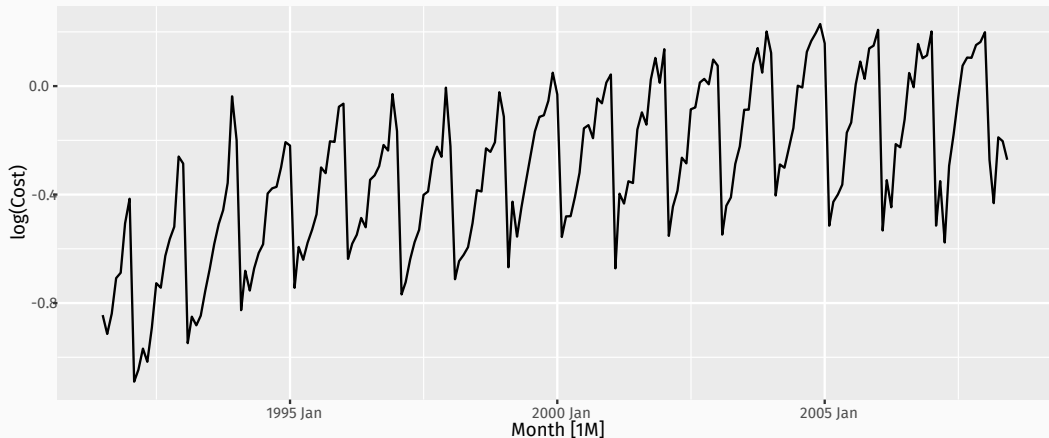
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h02 |> autoplot(  
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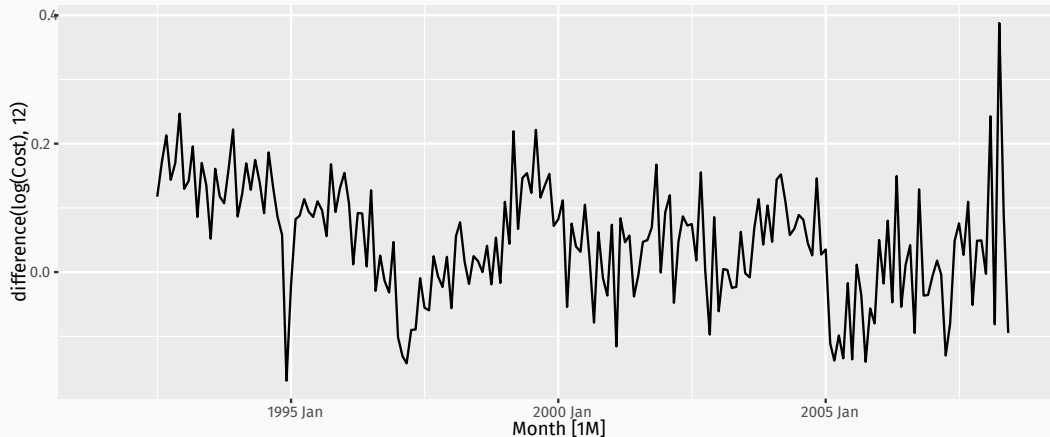
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h02 |> autoplot(  
  log(Cost)  
)
```



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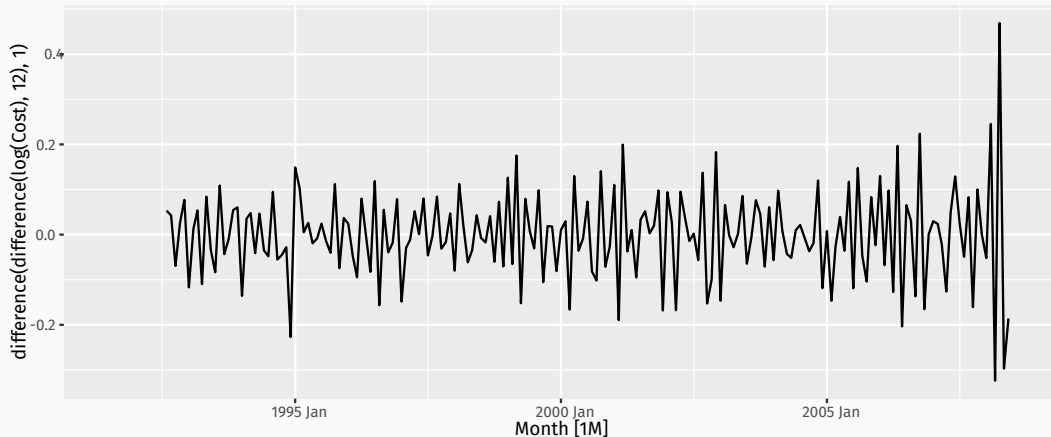
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h02 |> autoplot(  
  log(Cost) |> difference(12)  
)
```





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```
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)
```



# Example: US electricity production

```
h02 |>  
  model(arima = ARIMA(log(Cost))) |>  
  report()
```

Series: Cost

Model: ARIMA(2,1,0)(0,1,1)[12]

Transformation: log(Cost)

Coefficients:

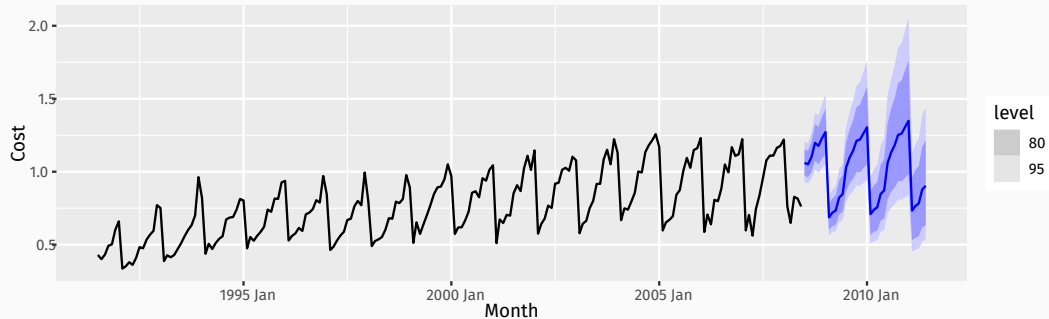
	ar1	ar2	sma1
	-0.8491	-0.4207	-0.6401
s.e.	0.0712	0.0714	0.0694

sigma<sup>2</sup> estimated as 0.004387: log likelihood=245

AIC=-483 AICc=-483 BIC=-470

# Example: US electricity production

```
h02 |>  
  model(arima = ARIMA(log(Cost))) |>  
  forecast(h = "3 years") |>  
  autoplot(h02)
```



# Corticosteroid drug sales

```
fit <- h02 |>  
  model(best = ARIMA(log(Cost),  
    stepwise = FALSE,  
    approximation = FALSE,  
    order_constraint = p + q + P + Q <= 9  
  ))  
report(fit)
```

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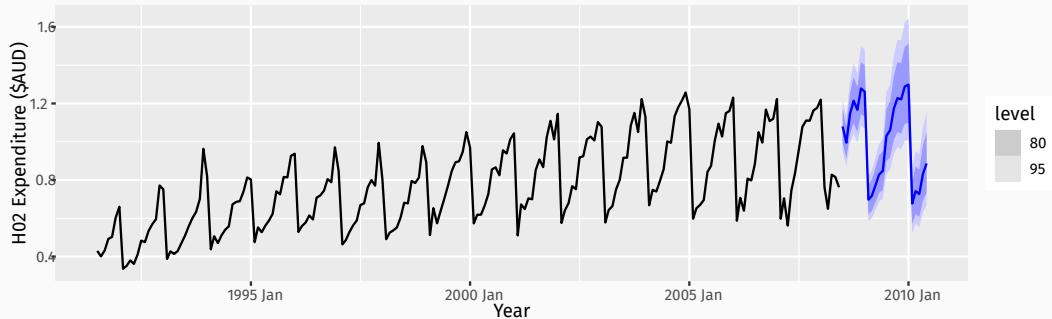
	ar1	ar2	ar3	ar4	ma1	sar1	sar2	sma1	sma2
	-0.0425	0.210	0.202	-0.227	-0.742	0.621	-0.383	-1.202	0.496
s.e.	0.2167	0.181	0.114	0.081	0.207	0.242	0.118	0.249	0.213

sigma^2 estimated as 0.004049: log likelihood=254

AIC=-489 AICc=-487 BIC=-456

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```
fit |>  
  forecast() |>  
  autoplot(h02) +  
  labs(y = "H02 Expenditure ($AUD)", x = "Year")
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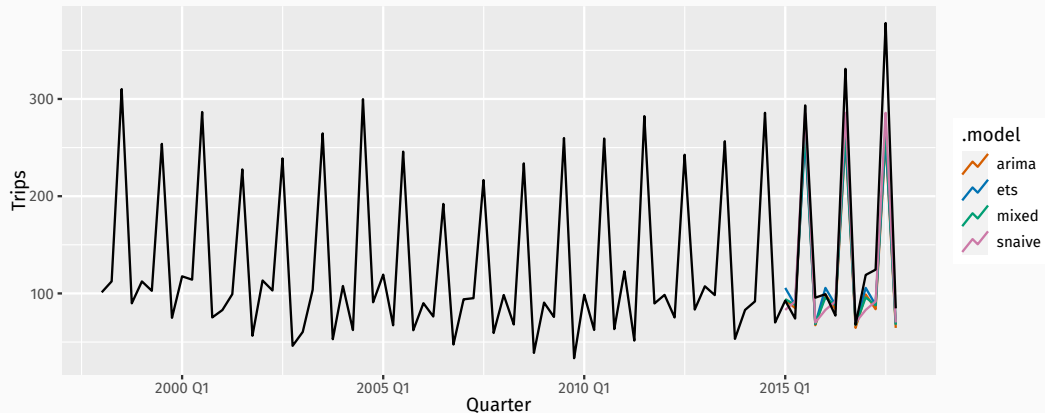
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```
train <- tourism |>
  filter(year(Quarter) <= 2014)
fit <- train |>
  model(
    ets = ETS(Trips),
    arima = ARIMA(Trips),
    snaive = SNAIVE(Trips)
  ) |>
  mutate(mixed = (ets + arima + snaive) / 3)
```

- Ensemble forecast `mixed` is a simple average of the three fitted models.
- `forecast()` will produce distributional forecasts taking into account the correlations between the forecast errors of the component models.

# Forecast ensembles

```
fc <- fit |> forecast(h = "3 years")
fc |>
  filter(Region == "Snowy Mountains", Purpose == "Holiday") |>
  autoplot(tourism, level = NULL)
```



# Forecast ensembles

```
accuracy(fc, tourism) |>  
  group_by(.model) |>  
  summarise(  
    RMSE = mean(RMSE),  
    MAE = mean(MAE),  
    MASE = mean(MASE)  
  ) |>  
  arrange(RMSE)
```

# A tibble: 4 x 4

	.model	RMSE	MAE	MASE
	<chr>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>
1	mixed	19.8	16.0	0.997
2	ets	20.2	16.4	1.00
3	snaive	21.5	17.3	1.17
4	arma	21.9	17.8	1.06

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## FFORMA (Feature-based FOforecast Model Averaging)

- Vector of time series features used to predict best weights.
- A modification of xgboost is used.
- Method came 2nd in the 2018 M4 international forecasting competition.
- Main author: Pablo Montero-Manso (now Uni Sydney)
- Not (yet) available for fable.