

3803ICT Big Data Analysis

Lab 05 – Predictive Data Analysis

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Forecasting

Given the following historical data of exact sales numbers:

Month	Sales
1	5384
2	8081
3	10282
4	9156
5	6118
6	9139
7	12460
8	10717
9	7825
10	9693
11	15177
12	10990

- 1. Visualize and interpret the pattern of this time-series
- 2. Predict future demand in month 13,14,15,16 without seasonality
 - ❖ Using moving average, exponential smoothing and linear regression
- 3. Predict future demand in month 13,14,15,16 with seasonality

Divide the time-series into 3 cycles (Month 1-4, 5-8, 9-12), then

- ❖ Compute the average sales for each cycle
- ❖ Compute the seasonal indices for each month of each cycle
- Compute the seasonal indices for next cycle
- ❖ Use linear regression on the average sales of cycles to predict the average sale for next cycle
- Compute the seasonalize forecasts
- 4. Evaluation: compare the above implemented methods
 - Compute forecast errors
 - Make conclusions