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1. Introduction and Overview

The DC bike-sharing dataset spans from January 1st, 2011 to December 31st, 2012,

and involves 9 variables. These include counts of bike share rentals, date day, month,

holiday, weekday, and weather features. Our project focuses on the counts of bike share

rentals as the dependent variable. In Section 2 (univariate time series model), we will

consider the month variable and sine and cosine pairs as the independent variables, while

in Section 3 (time series regression model), we will use weather features as the

independent variables. Additionally, our holdout sample will consist of 106 observations,

which is 15% of the total dataset.

We started examining Exhibit 1, a Time Series Plot of Daily Bike Rentals, we

observed some fluctuations in bike rental counts over time. These fluctuations suggest the

presence of both trend and seasonality in the data. The plot does not follow a flat line,

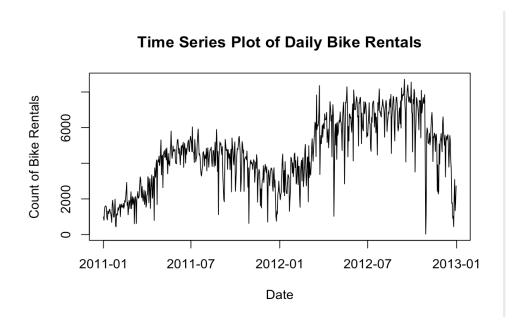
which implies the series is non-stationary. Furthermore, during certain periods,

particularly around the middle of the year, there's a visible spike in rentals, likely an

indication of seasonal trends such as better weather and increased outdoor activities.

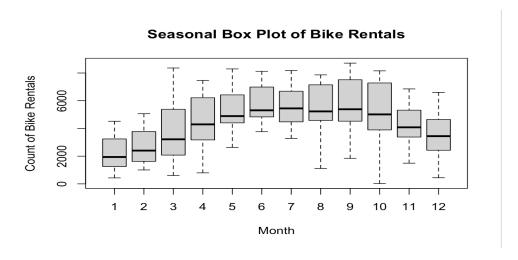
Exhibit 1: Time Series Plot of Daily Bike Rentals

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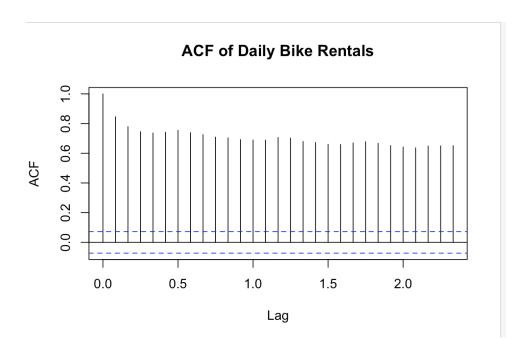
Moving to **Exhibit 2**, the Seasonal Box Plot of Bike Rentals, we can see the changeability of bike rentals throughout different months. The box plots show the typical values and range of rentals, with each box showing the middle 50% of the data and the line inside marking the middle value. From this visual, it's clear that rental patterns are not constant across the year. The higher median and larger range during warmer months suggest a surge in rental activity, possibly due to favorable weather conditions that encourage biking. Conversely, the lower median during the colder months indicates a decrease, likely due to the less conducive weather for outdoor activities.

Exhibit 2: Seasonal Box Plot of Bike Rentals



Lastly **Exhibit 3**, the Autocorrelation Function (ACF) of Daily Bike Rentals, reveals the correlation between the counts of bike rentals over a series of time lags. The plot shows a gradually declining pattern, indicating a strong positive correlation that decreases as the lags increase. This suggests that past values have an influence on future values in the series. The slow decay of the autocorrelation reconfirms that the series is nonstationary.

Exhibit 3: Autocorrelation Function (ACF) of Daily Bike Rentals



Now that we've looked at these patterns, we're ready to dive into Section 2 and 3 for more in depth analysis of the Daily Bike Rentals.

2. Univariate Time-series models.

2.1 Deterministic Time Series Models (Seasonal Dummies and Trend, Cyclical Trend)

Seasonal Dummies with Trends

```
Call:
lm(formula = n_CNT \sim time + as.factor(n_MONTH))
Residuals:
   Min
            1Q Median
                            3Q
                                   Max
-6433.9 -441.9
                 135.6
                         609.2 3451.6
Coefficients:
                     Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
                                           6.914 1.11e-11 ***
(Intercept)
                     903.6547
                                130.7060
time
                       6.4115
                                  0.2127 30.141 < 2e-16 ***
as.factor(n_MONTH)2
                     267.6610
                                178.8674
                                           1.496
                                                   0.1350
as.factor(n_MONTH)3 1134.4347
                                175.3922
                                           6.468 1.93e-10 ***
as.factor(n_MONTH)4 1731.5257
                                177.4226
                                           9.759 < 2e-16 ***
as.factor(n_MONTH)5 2400.8490
                                176.8029 13.579 < 2e-16 ***
as.factor(n_MONTH)6 2627.8905
                                179.2875 14.657 < 2e-16 ***
                                179.1448 12.413 < 2e-16 ***
as.factor(n_MONTH)7 2223.6503
                                          11.765 < 2e-16 ***
as.factor(n_MONTH)8 2125.6356
                                180.6807
as.factor(n_MONTH)9 2032.1820
                                183.8048 11.056 < 2e-16 ***
as.factor(n_MONTH)10 1269.3402
                                184.3557
                                           6.885 1.34e-11 ***
as.factor(n_MONTH)11 424.2023
                                209.1335
                                           2.028
                                                   0.0429 *
as.factor(n_MONTH)12 -330.8109
                                216.6608 -1.527
                                                   0.1273
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Residual standard error: 974 on 662 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.7577,
                               Adjusted R-squared: 0.7533
F-statistic: 172.5 on 12 and 662 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
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Exhibit 4: Seasonal Dummies Model

As seen in **Exhibit 4**, the p-value associated with time is less than 0.05, meaning that there exists a trend term in this model, and the p-values associated with each month are also less than 0.05, indicating that there is a seasonality in the model. Also, the multiple R-squared

is 0.7577, which is satisfied. We will further investigate this in the next section by calculating its MAPE and correlatio

Cyclical Trend:

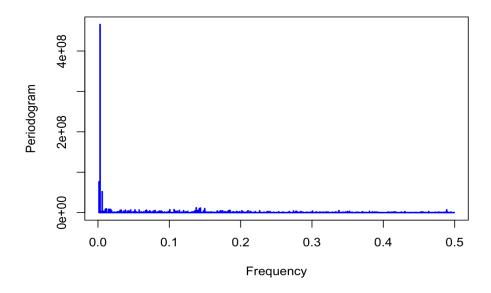


Exhibit 5: Frequency of Cyclical Model

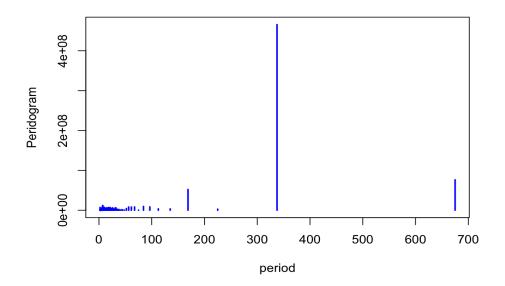


Exhibit 6: Period of Cyclical Model

```
frequency
         period
                               amplitude
[1,] 675.000000 0.001481481 7.634832e+07
[2,] 337.500000 0.002962963 4.656379e+08
[3,] 225.000000 0.00444444 2.751548e+06
[4,] 168.750000 0.005925926 5.207984e+07
Γ5.7 135.000000 0.007407407 3.502209e+06
[6,] 112.500000 0.008888889 3.565971e+06
[7,]
     96.428571 0.010370370 8.474886e+06
Γ8,
     84.375000 0.011851852 9.505479e+06
Г9,Т
     75.000000 0.013333333 3.525000e+05
     67.500000 0.014814815 8.228072e+06
Γ10,7
[11,]
      61.363636 0.016296296 8.073377e+06
[12,]
      56.250000 0.017777778 8.226449e+06
[13,]
      51.923077 0.019259259 4.368144e+06
[14,]
      48.214286 0.020740741 1.922530e+05
[15,]
      45.000000 0.02222222 1.242386e+06
[16,]
      42.187500 0.023703704 1.190091e+06
[17,]
      39.705882 0.025185185 4.141979e+05
[18,]
     37.500000 0.026666667 2.011438e+06
[19,]
     35.526316 0.028148148 2.166398e+06
[20,]
      33.750000 0.029629630 2.328648e+06
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Exhibit 7: Periodogram of Cyclical Model

As seen in **Exhibit 7**, we observe the highest amplitude, which is 465637855 at Period 337.5. To create sine and cosine pairs, we consider periods associated with the top 6 highest amplitude by sorting the amplitude in a descending order.

```
period frequency amplitude
[1,] 337.500000 0.002962963 465637855
[2,] 675.000000 0.001481481 76348321
[3,] 168.750000 0.005925926 52079837
[4,] 7.258065 0.137777778 12021327
[5,] 6.958763 0.143703704 11349454
[6,] 7.031250 0.142222222 10442903
```

Exhibit 8: Top 6 Amplitudes

```
Call:
lm(formula = n_CNT \sim time + cos1 + sin1 + cos2 + sin2 + cos3 +
   sin3 + cos4 + sin4 + cos5 + sin5 + cos6 + sin6
Residuals:
   Min
            1Q Median
                           3Q
                                 Max
               118.8 565.9 2799.4
-5799.3 -395.9
Coefficients:
             Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) 2197.1743 140.8044 15.604 < 2e-16 ***
             6.8400
                       0.4033 16.961 < 2e-16 ***
time
         -1059.0836 49.9313 -21.211 < 2e-16 ***
cos1
          -567.6951 66.1043 -8.588 < 2e-16 ***
sin1
           364.2059 49.9313 7.294 8.63e-13 ***
cos2
           184.6996 100.0027 1.847 0.065202 .
sin2
             6.1943 49.9313 0.124 0.901309
cos3
          -423.2475 54.4251 -7.777 2.87e-14 ***
sin3
           -99.9742 49.9313 -2.002 0.045667 *
cos4
        -160.9466 49.9373 -3.223 0.001331 **
-122.7573 49.9313 -2.459 0.014206 *
sin4
cos5
           134.5470 49.9366 2.694 0.007232 **
sin5
          -173.6605 49.9313 -3.478 0.000538 ***
cos6
            -25.4048 49.9367 -0.509 0.611104
sin6
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' '1
Residual standard error: 917.3 on 661 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.7854, Adjusted R-squared: 0.7812
F-statistic: 186.1 on 13 and 661 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
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Exhibit 9: Cyclical Model with Sine and Cosine Pairs

According to the top 6 amplitudes, the periods are provided in **Exhibit 8**, associating with the Harmonic 2, 1, 4, 93, 97, 96 in the overall periodogram. We then create the sine and cosine pairs based on these values to run a cyclical model. As seen in **Exhibit 9**, most p-values associated with each cosine and sine pair are less than 0.05, meaning that the coefficients are different than 0, and that the periods associated with these pairs contribute to the model.

2.2 Comparison of "candidate" models in terms of fit and hold-out sample.

Exhibit 10: Plot of Actual Versus Predicted of Seasonal Dummies Model

Actual versus Predicted Count

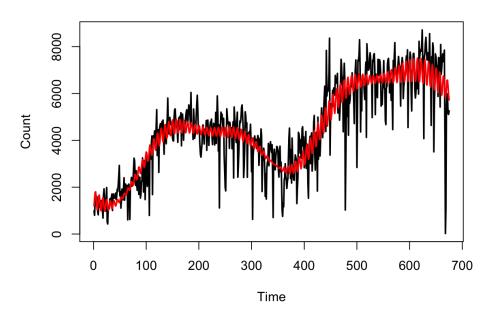


Exhibit 11: Plot of Actual Versus Predicted of Cyclical Model

Based on the plots, we can see that the plot of the actual and predicted counts of rental for the cyclical model fits relatively better than the seasonal dummies model. To consider statistically, you can refer to the following.

	MAPE (Training)	MAPE (Out-of-sample)	Correlation
Seasonal Dummies with Trends	66.37%	74.27%	0.8705
Cyclical Model	60.73%	79.28%	0.8862

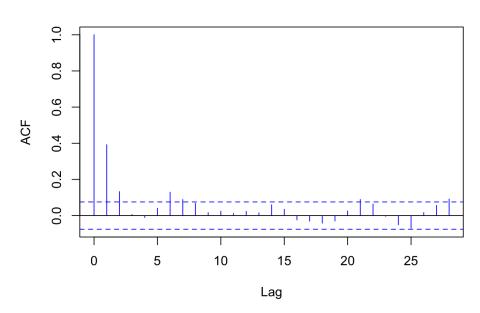
The lower MAPE for the training dataset of the cyclical model, which is 60.73%, suggests that this model fits better compared to the seasonal dummies model, whose MAPE is 66.37%.

However, the MAPE for the out-of-sample dataset of the cyclical model, which is 79.28%, is higher than the MAPE of the seasonal dummies model, meaning that the cyclical model performs worse when applied to the out-of-sample dataset. This suggests that while the model captures certain cyclic patterns well in the training data, it might be overfitting to the training data or may not be capturing all relevant factors influencing the data. However, the correlation of the cyclical model is slightly higher than that of the seasonal dummies model, indicating that the cyclical model demonstrates a stronger relationship between predictions and observations. Therefore, we then look at the residuals of the model for further analysis.

2.3 Looking at residuals of the model(s).

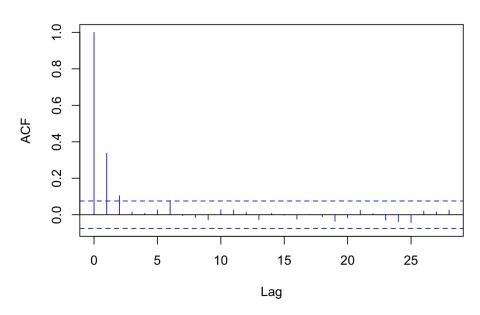
Seasonal Dummies with Trends

ACF of the residuals of the seasonal model



Cyclical Model





The residuals of both models are not white noise, as evidenced by the Box-Pierce test p-value being lower than 0.05, but stationary after Lag 1.

3. Time Series Regression Models

3.1 Discussion of independent variables. Correlation analysis and scatter plots

Correlation matrix:

	temp	hum	windspeed	cnt
temp	1.0000000	0.1269629	-0.1579441	0.6274940
hum	0.1269629	1.0000000	-0.2484891	-0.1006586
windspeed	-0.1579441	-0.2484891	1.0000000	-0.2345450
cnt	0.6274940	-0.1006586	-0.2345450	1.0000000

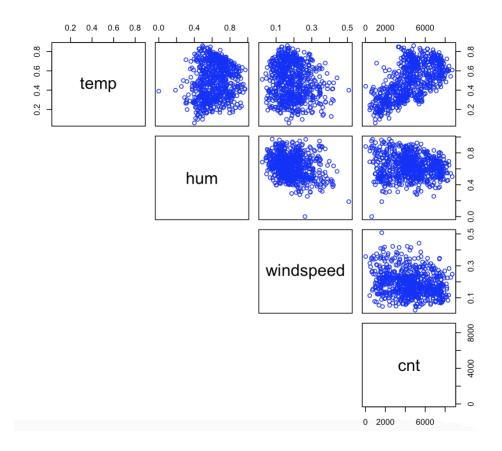
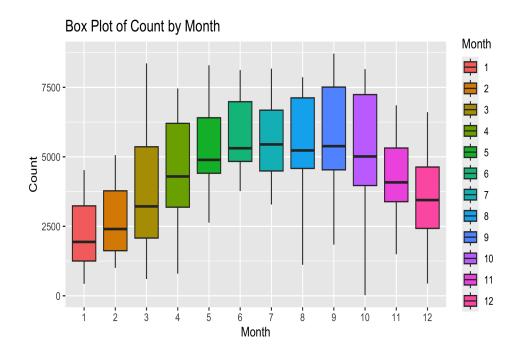
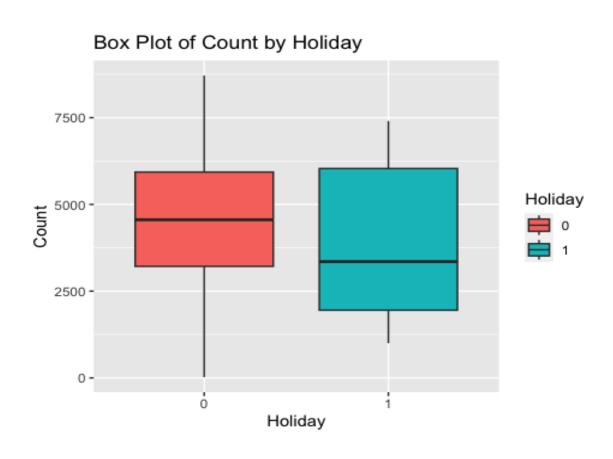


Exhibit 12: Correlation Analysis and Scatter Plots

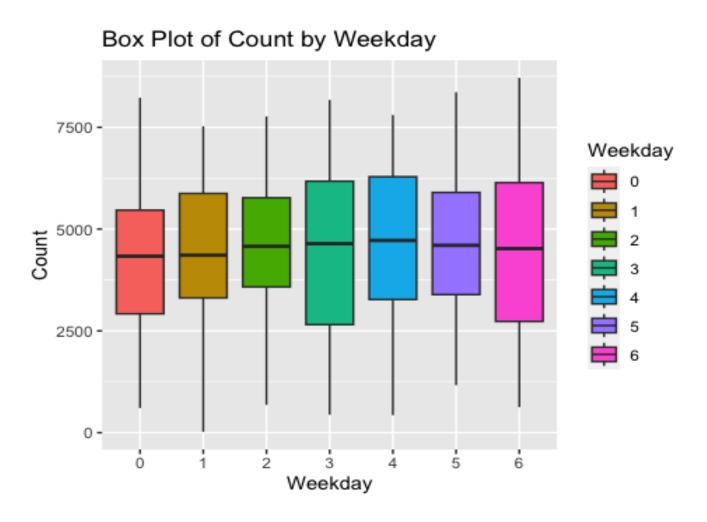
In the correlation matrix, we checked how each variable is positively and negatively correlated with each other, as seen in **Exhibit 12**. We have focused primarily on the relationship between count and other variables to determine how their unique trends contribute. Comparing month, weekday, and temperature showed a positive correlation. Since the month, holiday, and weather situation are based on the categorical data set, the following regression models will be implemented with the following box plots.



Our data analysis has revealed a distinct relationship between Bike rentals and month. Specifically, we've found that March, April, September, and October exhibit a significant degree of variability, indicating potential seasonal patterns in bike rentals.

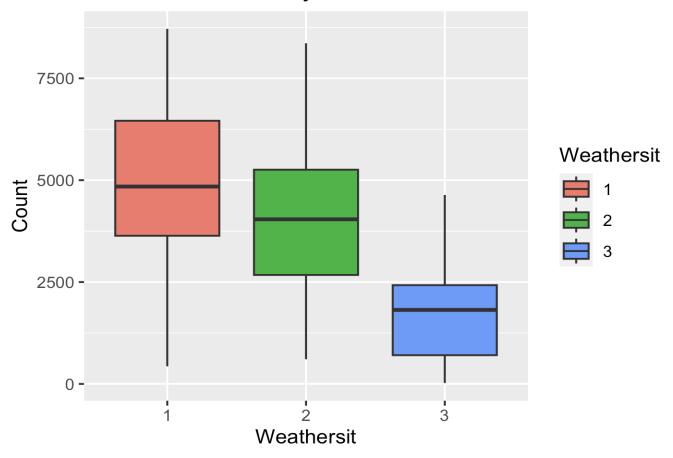


The Plot shows the relationship between variable bike counts and Holidays. By checking the Box plot results we could check that customers are more willing to pick up and drop them not during the holiday seasons.



The plot shows the relationship between the weekdays and bike rentals. From the box plots and data set from 1/1/2011, we see that there is not much difference between the weekdays for the bike rental by checking their counts which all show a range between 2,500 to 5,000.

Box Plot of Count by Weathersit



The box plot shows the relationship between bike rentals and weather situations. We could check from the graph that when the weather improves (1: excellent, 2: worse, 3: worst), customers are willing to rent more bicycles; however, when the weather gets worse, the situation goes vice versa.

3.2 Comparison of "candidate" models in terms of fit and hold-out sample

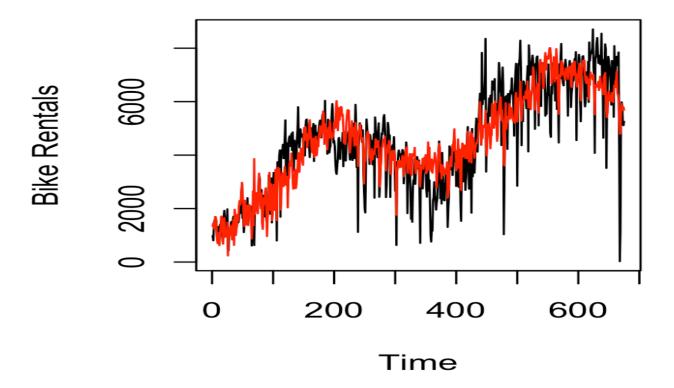


Exhibit 13: Plot of Actual Versus Predicted of Regression Model

Exhibit 13 depicts the actual and the predicted value of the regression model.

```
lm(formula = n\_cnt \sim time + n\_temp + n\_hum + n\_wind, data = pro)
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Residuals:

Min 1Q Median 3Q Max -4764.8 -505.6 69.3 563.4 2796.8

Coefficients:

Residual standard error: 915.3 on 670 degrees of freedom Multiple R-squared: 0.7834, Adjusted R-squared: 0.7821 F-statistic: 605.9 on 4 and 670 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

Exhibit 14: Regression Model

As seen in **Exhibit 14**, all the coefficients of the regression model are significant, since p value for temperature, humidity and wind speed is less than .05.

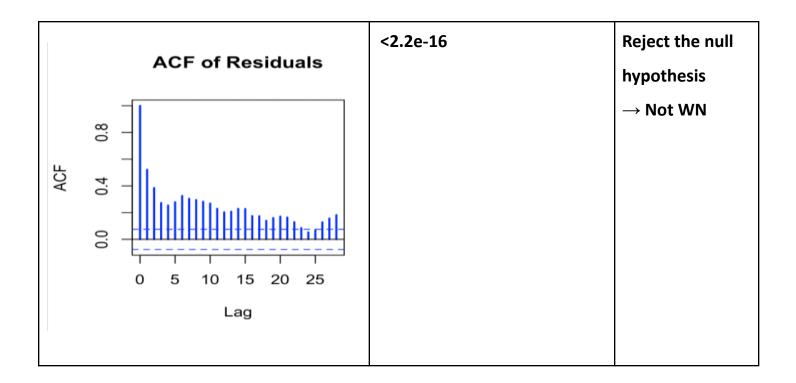
	MAPE (Train)	MAPE (Out-of-sample)	Correlation
Time Series Regression model	52.83569%	72.48018%	0.8843642

From the regression model we found that the MAPE for in sample data is 53% which is less than the holdout sample of 72%. The correlation coefficient in Actual and Predicted value is 88% which suggests a good correlation.

RMSE of the Time Series Regression Model :911.9317

3.3 Looking at residuals of the model(s).

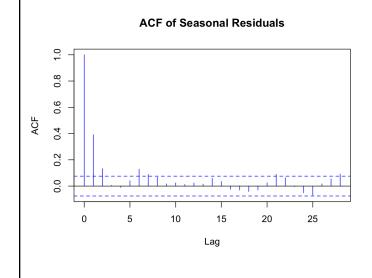
Residuals of the Regression model	Box-Pierce p-value	White Noise or
		not

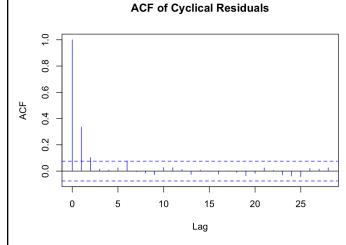


4. Stochastic Time Series Models

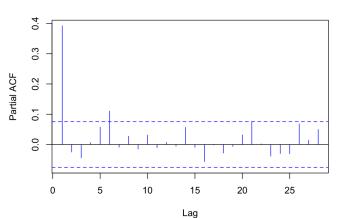
4.1 Analysis and modeling of deterministic time series model residuals

Seasonal Dummies Model	Cyclical Model

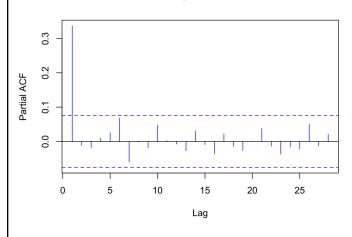




PACF of Seasonal Residuals



PACF of Cyclical Residuals



As seen in the above graphs, the ACF decays quickly, and PACF chops off to 0 after lag 1.

Therefore, we will consider the AR(1)

AR(1)

Series: cr

ARIMA(1,0,0) with non-zero mean

Coefficients:

ar1 mean

0.3363 -0.0753

s.e. 0.0362 49.5270

sigma^2 = 732653: log likelihood = -5514.59 AIC=11035.17 AICc=11035.21 BIC=11048.72

process.

Series: resforfinal1

ARIMA(1,0,0) with non-zero mean

Coefficients:

ar1 mean 0.3913 -0.0958 0.0354 56.0629

sigma^2 = 789872: log likelihood = -5539.99 AIC=11085.98 AICc=11086.01 BIC=11099.52

Box-Pierce test

data: fit_arar\$resid
X-squared = 19.809, df = 20, p-value = 0.47

Since the ratio of phi1 and s.e., which is 0.3913/0.0354, is greater than 2, we can conclude that the coefficient at lag 1 is statistically different from 0.

Moreover, according to the Box-Pierce Test, the p-value, 0.47, is greater than 0.05, meaning that the residuals from this AR model are white noise after we model the series as AR(1).

Box-Pierce test

data: cc\$resid

X-squared = 11.568, df = 20, p-value = 0.9301

Since the ratio of phi1 and s.e., which is 0.3363/0.0362, is greater than 2, we can conclude that the coefficient at lag 1 is statistically different from 0.

Moreover, according to the Box-Pierce Test, the p-value, 0.9301, is greater than 0.05, meaning that the residuals from this AR model are white noise after we model the series as AR(1).

MA(2)

Series: res3

ARIMA(0,0,2) with non-zero mean

Coefficients:

 ma1
 ma2
 mean

 0.3376
 0.1040
 -0.0973

 s.e.
 0.0380
 0.0376
 47.3936

sigma^2 = 733652: log likelihood = -5514.54 AIC=11037.09 AICc=11037.15 BIC=11055.15

Box-Pierce test

data: res_armi

X-squared = 0.0046962, df = 1, p-value = 0.9454

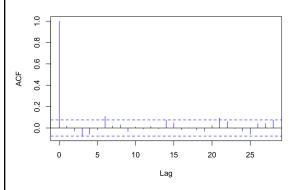
Also, we can use the MA(2) model, since the t-stats are 0.3376/0.0380 and 0.1040/0.0376, which are greater than 2, we can conclude that the t-stat is significant.

Additionally, according to the Box-Pierce Test, the p-value, 0.9454, is greater than 0.05, meaning that the residuals from this MA model are white noise after we model the series as MA(2).

Corrected Model:

ARIMA(2,0,1)

ACF of Corrected Seasonal Model



The ACF falls within 2 standard error bounds, meaning that the series is white noise.

```
Series: n_CNT
Regression with ARIMA(2,0,1) errors
```

Coefficients:

	uri	urz	maı	intercept	CLINE	
	1.3176	-0.3238	-0.9000	2026.4730	7.0990	-18.0626
s.e.	0.0430	0.0421	0.0188	833.9941	2.0245	45.2946

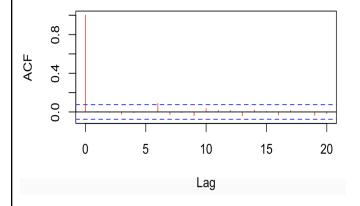
sigma^2 = 826387: log likelihood = -5553.85
AIC=11121.7 AICc=11121.87 BIC=11153.3

After trying the ARIMA process, we find that ARIMA(2,0,1) is an appropriate model. The t-stats are all greater than 2, indicating the

Corrected Model:

ARIMA(1,0,0)

ACF of Corrected Cyclical Model



The ACF falls within 2 standard error bounds, meaning that the series is white noise.

```
Series: n usage
Regression with ARIMA(1,0,0) errors
        ar1 intercept
                         time
                                  cos1
                                            sin1
                                                       cos2
                                                                 sin2
     0.3364 2200.0345 6.8301 363.2670 182.5726 -1060.0224 -568.7695
                                                                       5.2559
             195.6294 0.5599
                              70.0012 139.2343
                                                    69.9943
s.e. 0.0362
                                                              92.3593 69.9667
                                         cos5
                    cos4
                               sin4
                                                  sin5
                                                             cos6
      -423.8064 -100.5792 -161.5714 -174.2441 -26.0417 -123.3338 133.9063
       76.2405
                 56.5054
                           56.5532
                                      55.9129 55.9578
                                                         55.7166
sigma^2 = 747083: log likelihood = -5514.59
AIC=11061.17 AICc=11062 BIC=11133.41
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After trying the ARIMA process, we find that ARIMA(1,0,0) is an appropriate model. The t-stats are all greater than 2, indicating the

significance, thus validating the use of this model.

Box-Pierce test

data: sfit_corrected\$resid
X-squared = 23.899, df = 20, p-value = 0.2468

Additionally, we assess the residuals using the Box-Pierce test. The p-value is greater than 0.05, leading to the conclusion that they present white noise.

significance, thus validating the use of this model.

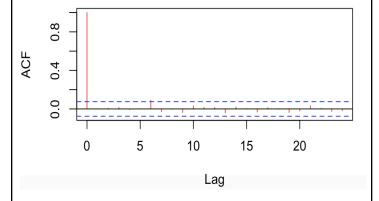
Box-Pierce test

data: cfit_corrected\$resid
X-squared = 11.56, df = 20, p-value = 0.9304

Additionally, we assess the residuals using the Box-Pierce test. The p-value is greater than 0.05, leading to the conclusion that they present white noise.

ARIMA(0,0,2)

ACF of Corrected Cyclical Model



The ACF falls within 2 standard error bounds, meaning that the series is white noise.

Series: n_usage Regression with ARIMA(0,0,2) errors Coefficients: ma1 ma2 intercept time cos1 sin1 0.3376 0.1040 2198.1207 6.8363 363.5864 183.8950 -1059.7032 -568.1047 0.0380 0.0376 187.6344 0.5371 66.9885 133.4738 66.9852 88.4625 sin3 cos4 sin4 cos5 sin5 cos6 sin6 -423.4670 -100.4378 -161.3747 -174.1135 -25.8431 -123.2067 134.1055 cos3 5.5750 72.9832 58.3358 58.3823 57.8706 s.e. 66.9721 57.8268 sigma^2 = 748124: log likelihood = -5514.54 AIC=11063.09 AICc=11064.02

After trying the ARIMA process, we find that ARIMA(0,0,2) is an appropriate model. The t-stats are all greater than 2, indicating the significance, thus validating the use of this model.

Box-Pierce test

data: cfit_corrected\$resid
X-squared = 11.14, df = 20, p-value = 0.9425

Additionally, we assess the residuals using the Box-Pierce test. The p-value is greater than 0.05, leading to the conclusion that they present white noise.

4.2 Analysis and modeling of regression model residuals

Model of Regression Residual	Since the series obtained from the Regression model is
	nonstationary, we differentiate the series.

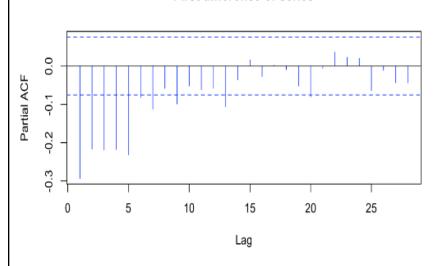
The difference series ACF is chopped after lag 2.

First difference of series

First difference of series

PACF is decaying quickly.

We fit an MA(2) with corrected residuals.



Regression coefficients of the corrected Model

Fitting the model with ARIMA(0,1,2) we found that the absolute value of coefficients of the model are greater than 1.96.

Regression Coefficients with Residuals

Regression with ARIMA(0,1,2) errors

Coefficients:

ma1 ma2 n_temp n_hum n_wind -0.6154 -0.2044 5.2233 4850.1841 -3306.1891 -3181.0677 s.e. 0.0358 0.0350 5.3138 480.7439 239.9195 413.9787

Hence, all the coefficients in the model are significant.

We further found the accuracy of the model for In sample and out of Sample.

For holdout Sample

Correlation Coefficient = 0.78642

RMSE: 1002.372

MAPE:

29.55824%

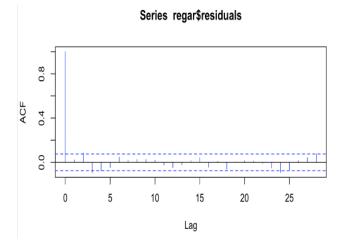
For In Sample

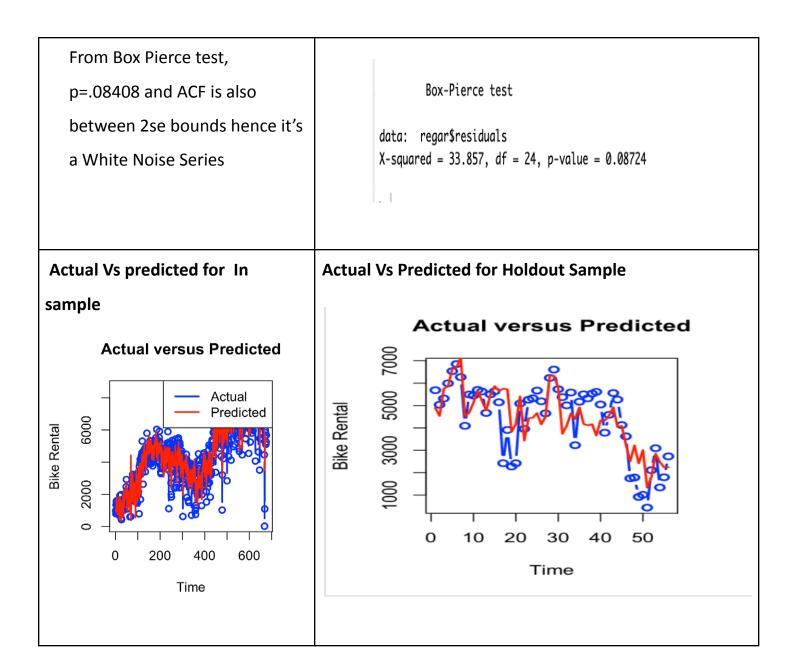
Correlation Coefficient

=0.7864226

RMSE: 758.0977

MAPE: 49.49%



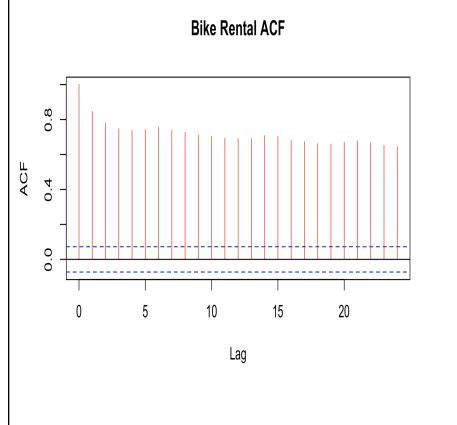


4.3 ARIMA models (for the variable of interest)

Model ARIMA(1,1,1)

Bike Rental residuals as shown in the plot are decaying slowly so we differenced the series and further modeled it with ARIMA(1,1,1).

Since in the section 4.2 value for Box plot p value is near to .05 so we tried fitting ARIMA(1,1,1) to the Bike rental series.



The Model Box plot is now .3557 and ACF is between 2 standard error bounds.

In sample:

As the p value is greater than the .05 so we can say that we cannot reject the null hypothesis and the series is a white Noise series.

MAPE: 48.91067%

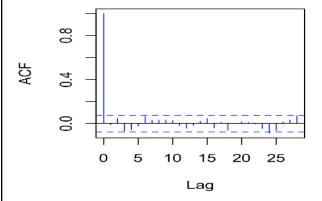
RMSE: 753.9765

Correlation Coefficient:

0.9233345

BIC=10891.34

Series regar\$residuals



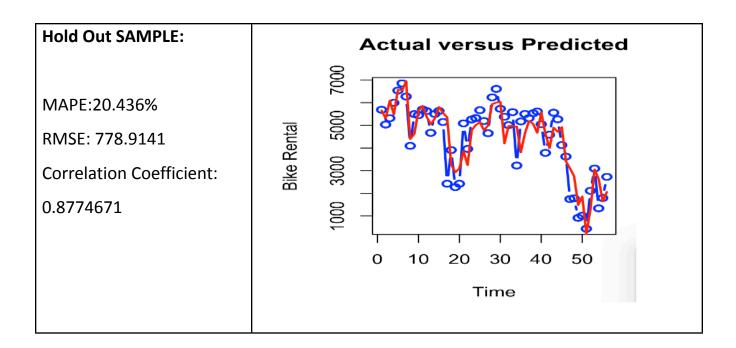
 $sigma^2 = 574438$: log likelihood = -5422.87

AIC=10859.75 AICc=10859.92

Box-Pierce test

data: regar\$residuals

X-squared = 25.911, df = 24, p-value = 0.3577



5. Conclusion summary of your findings and comparison of deterministic and stochastic model performance based on the hold-out sample.

In conclusion, our study provides insights into the deterministic and regression model that explain the forecast of rental counts.

In terms of the deterministic model, we conclude that the seasonal dummies model demonstrates a significant trend term and seasonality, as analyzed by low p-values associated with time and each month, and that the cyclical model captures cyclical patterns well, as evidenced by low p-values associated with time and sine and cosine pairs. However, the higher out-of-sample MAPE for the cyclical model suggests potential overfitting or inadequacy in capturing all relevant factors. Therefore, analyzing the residuals, we model the seasonal dummies model using ARIMA(2,0,1) process, and the cyclical model using AR(1) or MA(2) process, as the t-stats imply the significance of the coefficient associated with lags, and both models' residuals are considered as white noise, as analyzed by Box-Pierce test p-values greater than 0.05. This means that the models adequately capture the underlying structure of the data, providing a foundation for further refinement and application in rental count forecasting.

As for the regression model, we difference the series and conclude that the model with 3 independent variables, temperature, humidity, and wind speed, From the Regression models we found the MAPE to be 52% for in sample and 72.48018% for out sample but we fitted regression model with residuals with ARIMA(0,1,2) we found that the MAPE for Insample is 49.49% and for hold out sample is 29.5%. Thus we can say that by fitting the regression model with residuals the MAPE is reduced which means the model is improved by fitting the regression model with residuals. Further we see the RMSE of the regression model is 911.91 while the RMSE for corrected regression model is 753.97 for in sample and 1005 for hold out may be due to overfitting. Due to this overfitting we also have implemented ARIMA(1,1,1) which shows Insample RMSE is 753.9765 and MAPE of 48.91067% and also the holdout sample Accuracy is also improved, RMSE is 778.9141 and MAPE of 20.49%. This suggests that after taking the difference of the residuals and also fitting the model with residuals the performance of the model is increased. ARIMA(1,1,1) error is appropriate, as evidenced by the significant t-stats and residuals falling within the standard error bounds and MAPE and RMSE values.

Overall, our findings suggest that refining regression models through residual fitting and incorporating ARIMA processes can enhance forecasting accuracy, mitigating potential overfitting issues and improving model performance for rental count predictions.