

5. The forecaster's toolbox

5.4 Residual diagnostics

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FORECASTING

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE

A comprehensive introduction to the latest forecasting methods using R. Learn to improve your forecast accuracy using dozens of real data examples.

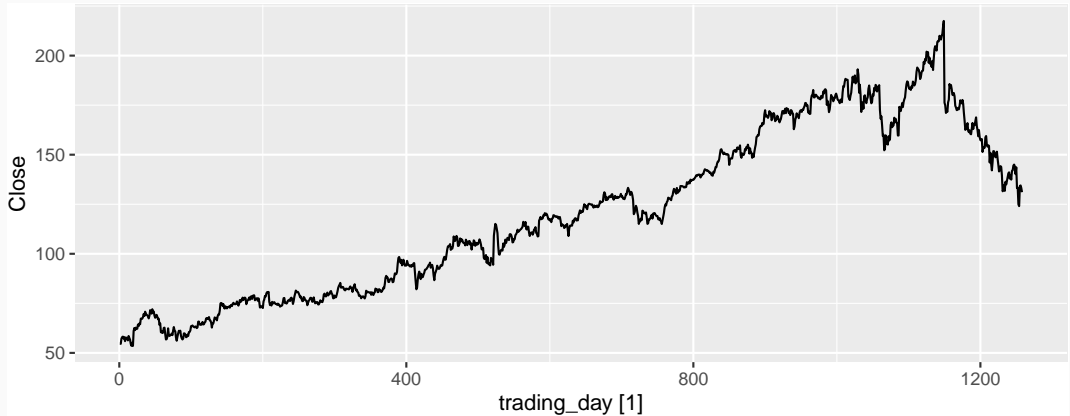


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Facebook closing stock price

```
fb_stock |> autoplot(Close)
```



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```

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##   Symbol .model      trading_day Close .fitted .resid .innov  
##   <chr>  <chr>          <int> <dbl>  <dbl>  <dbl>  <dbl>  
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 $\hat{y}_{t|t-1}$ e_t

Naïve forecasts:

$$\hat{y}_{t|t-1} = y_{t-1}$$

$$e_t = y_t - \hat{y}_{t|t-1} = y_t - y_{t-1}$$

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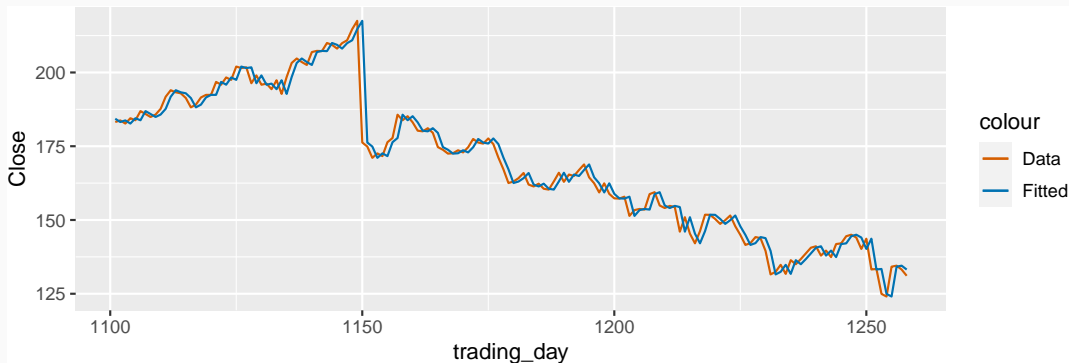
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```
augment(fit) |>  
  ggplot(aes(x = trading_day)) +  
  geom_line(aes(y = Close, colour = "Data")) +  
  geom_line(aes(y = .fitted, colour = "Fitted"))
```



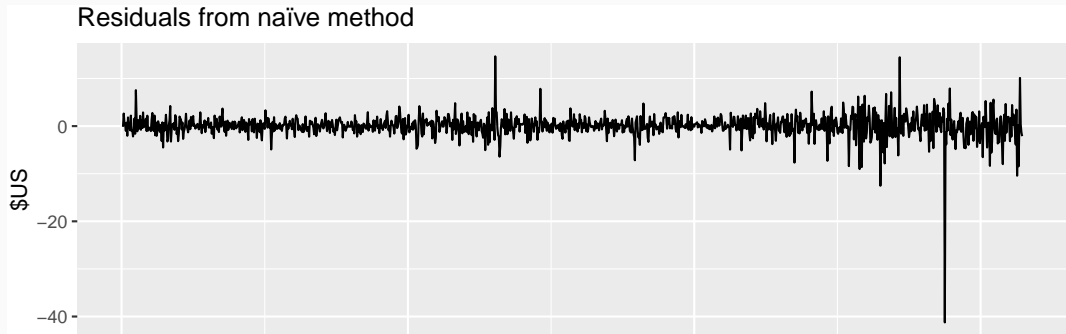
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```
augment(fit) |>  
  filter(trading_day > 1100) |>  
  ggplot(aes(x = trading_day)) +  
  geom_line(aes(y = Close, colour = "Data")) +  
  geom_line(aes(y = .fitted, colour = "Fitted"))
```



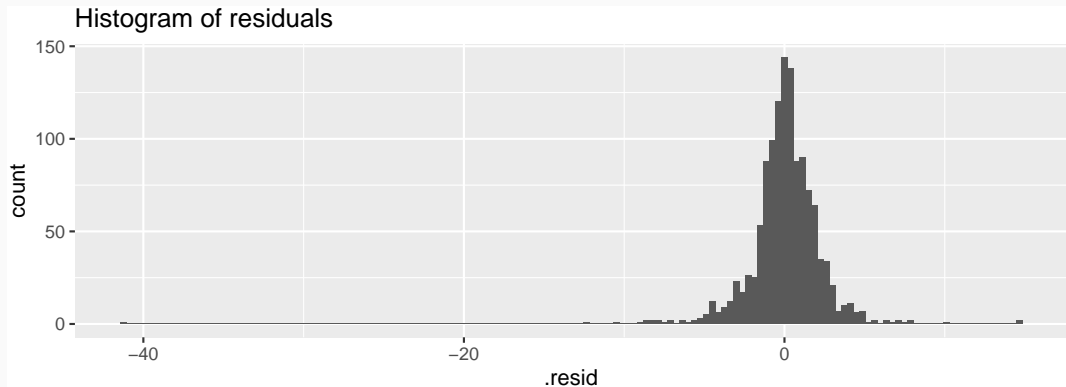
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```
augment(fit) |>  
  autoplot(.resid) +  
  labs(  
    y = "$US",  
    title = "Residuals from naïve method"  
  )
```



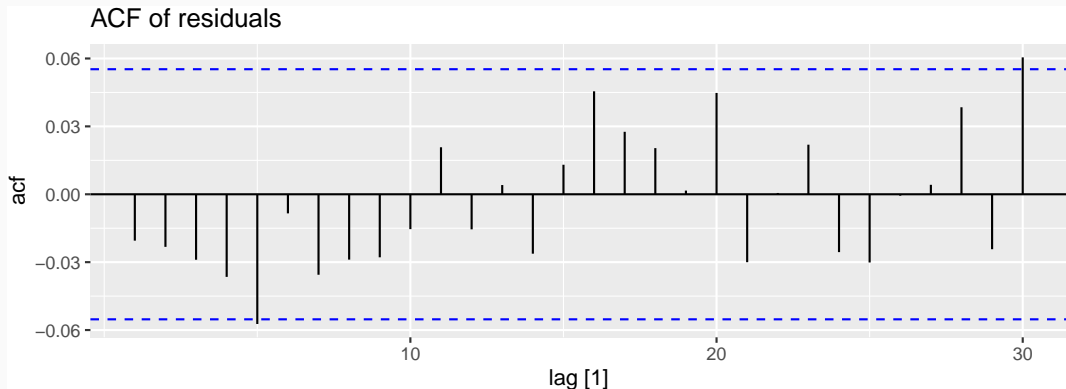
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```
augment(fit) |>  
  ggplot(aes(x = .resid)) +  
  geom_histogram(bins = 150) +  
  labs(title = "Histogram of residuals")
```



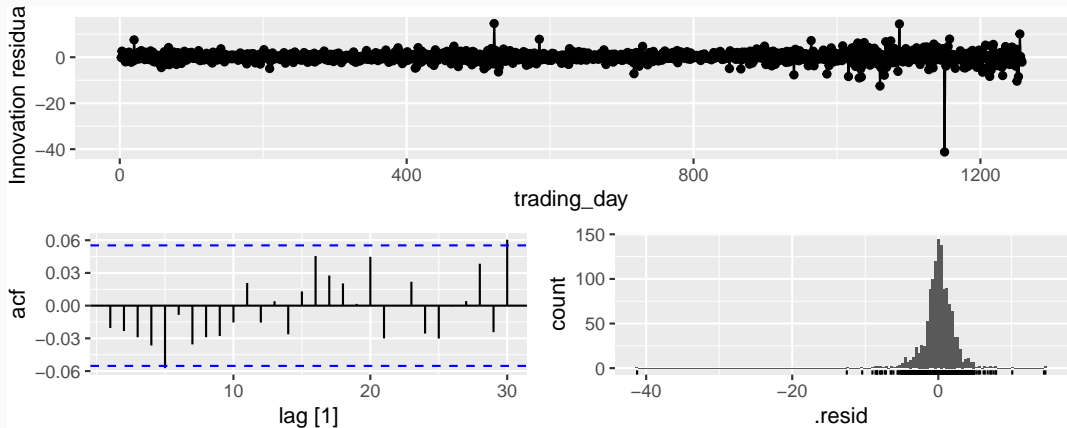
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```
augment(fit) |>  
  ACF(.resid) |>  
  autoplot() + labs(title = "ACF of residuals")
```



gg_tsresiduals() function

```
gg_tsresiduals(fit)
```



ACF of residuals

- We assume that the residuals are white noise (uncorrelated, mean zero, constant variance). If they aren't, then there is information left in the residuals that should be used in computing forecasts.
- So a standard residual diagnostic is to check the ACF of the residuals of a forecasting method.
- We *expect* these to look like white noise.

Portmanteau tests

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Consider a *whole set* of r_k values, and develop a test to see whether the set is significantly different from a zero set.

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Box-Pierce test

$$Q = T \sum_{k=1}^{\ell} r_k^2$$

where ℓ is max lag being considered and T is number of observations.

- If each r_k close to zero, Q will be **small**.
- If some r_k values large (positive or negative), Q will be **large**.

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Ljung-Box test

$$Q^* = T(T+2) \sum_{k=1}^{\ell} (T-k)^{-1} r_k^2$$

where ℓ is max lag being considered and T is number of observations.

- My preferences: $\ell = 10$ for non-seasonal data, $h = 2m$ for seasonal data (where m is seasonal period).
- Better performance, especially in small samples.

Portmanteau tests

- If data are WN, Q^* has χ^2 distribution with $(\ell - K)$ degrees of freedom where K = no. parameters in model.
- When applied to raw data, set $K = 0$.
- $\text{lag} = \ell$, $\text{dof} = K$

```
augment(fit) |>  
  features(.resid, ljung_box, lag = 10, dof = 0)
```

```
## # A tibble: 1 x 4  
##   Symbol .model      lb_stat lb_pvalue  
##   <chr>   <chr>      <dbl>    <dbl>  
## 1 FB     NAIVE(Close)    12.1     0.276
```