

Forecasting: principles and practice

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2.4 Non-seasonal ARIMA models

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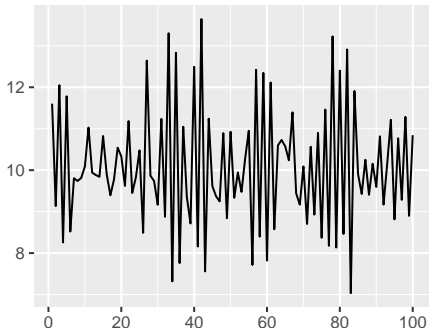
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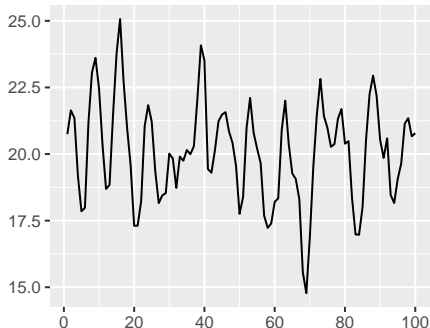
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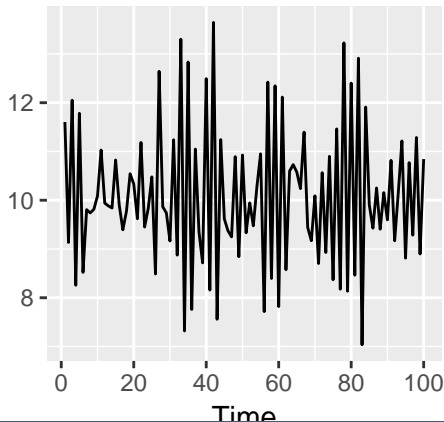
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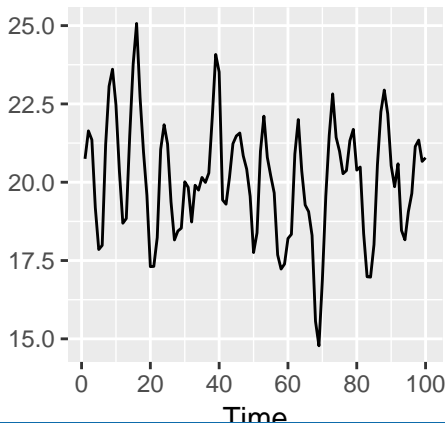
- When $\phi_1 = 0$, y_t is **equivalent to WN**
- When $\phi_1 = 1$ and $c = 0$, y_t is **equivalent to a RW**
- When $\phi_1 = 1$ and $c \neq 0$, y_t is **equivalent to a RW with drift**
- When $\phi_1 < 0$, y_t tends to **oscillate between positive and negative values**.

AR(2) model

$$y_t = 8 + 1.3y_{t-1} - 0.7y_{t-2} + e_t$$

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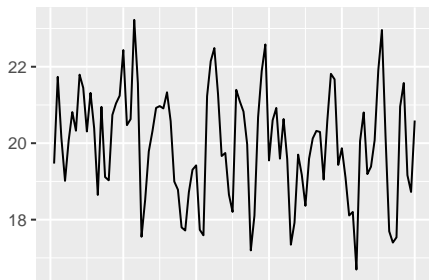
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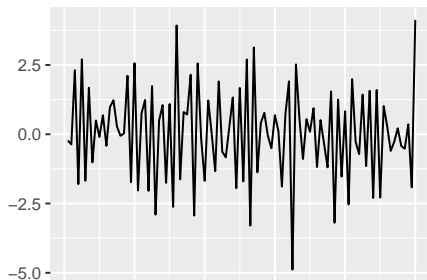
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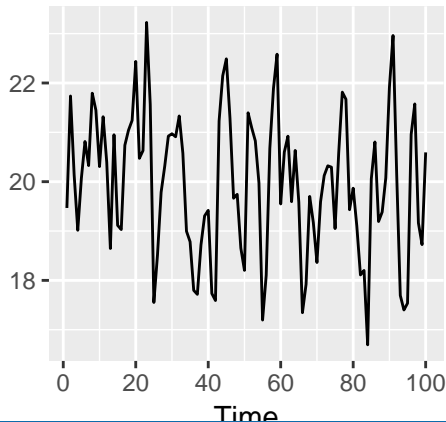


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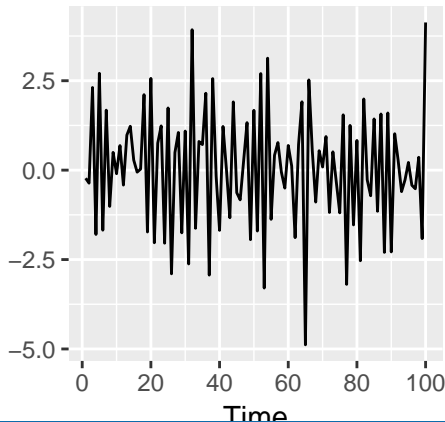


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$$y_t = e_t - e_{t-1} + 0.8e_{t-2}$$

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Invertibility

- Any $MA(q)$ process can be written as an $AR(\infty)$ process if we impose some constraints on the MA parameters.
- Then the MA model is called “invertible”.
- Invertible models have some mathematical properties that make them easier to use in practice.
- Invertibility of an ARIMA model is equivalent to forecastability of an ETS model.

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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)

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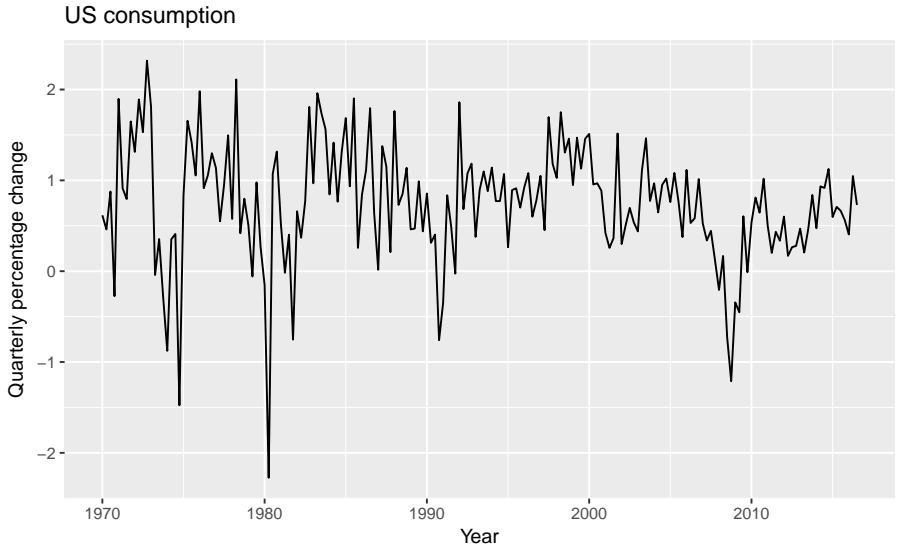
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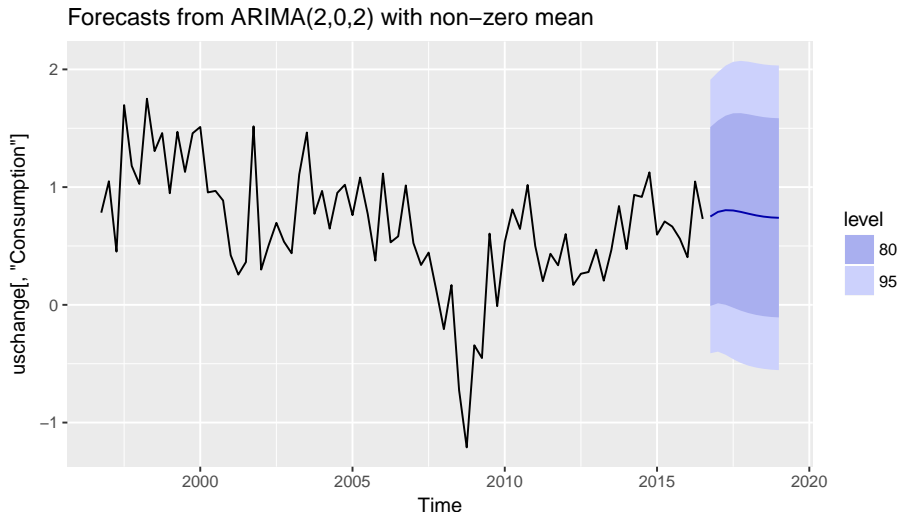
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fit %>% forecast(h=10) %>% autoplot(include=80)
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- If $c = 0$ and $d = 2$, the long-term forecasts will follow a straight line.
- If $c \neq 0$ and $d = 0$, the long-term forecasts will go to the mean of the data.
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- If $c \neq 0$ and $d = 2$, the long-term forecasts will follow a quadratic trend.

Understanding ARIMA models

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.

Cyclic behaviour

- For cyclic forecasts, $p > 2$ and some restrictions on coefficients are required.
- If $p = 2$, we need $\phi_1^2 + 4\phi_2 < 0$. Then average cycle of length

$$(2\pi) / \left[\arccos(-\phi_1(1 - \phi_2)/(4\phi_2)) \right].$$

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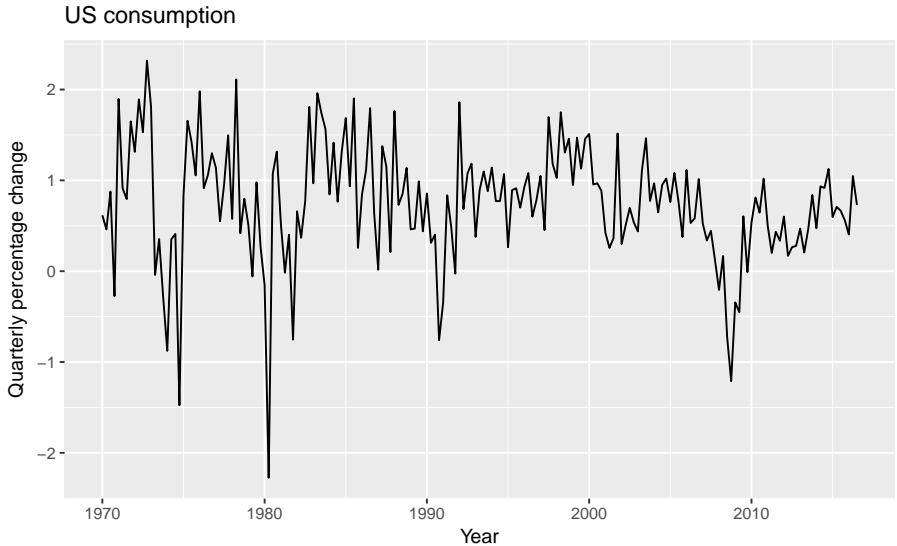
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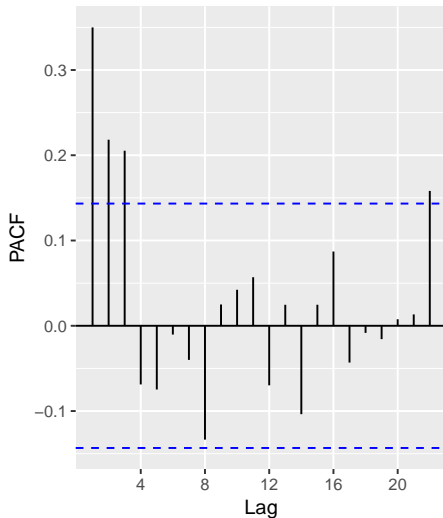
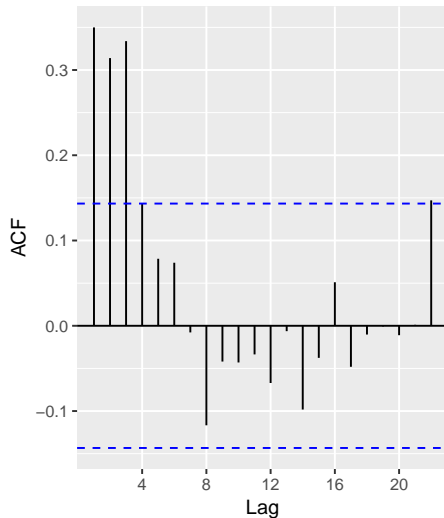
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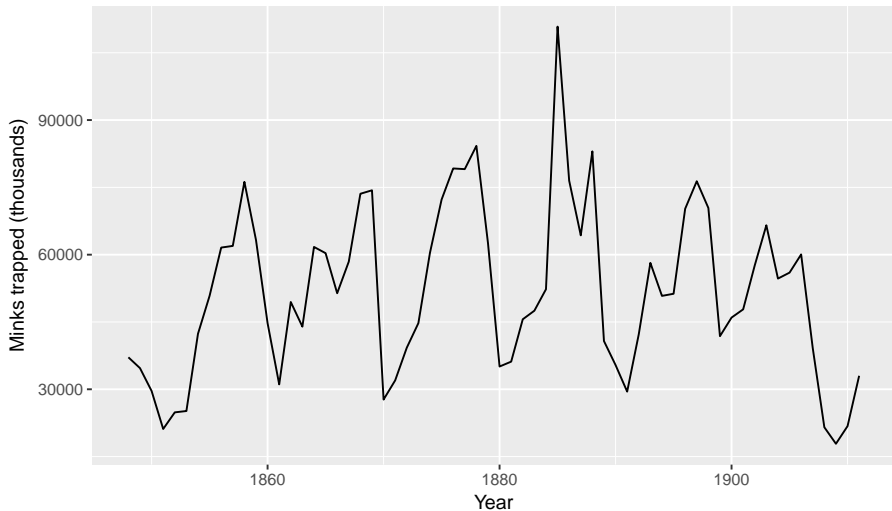
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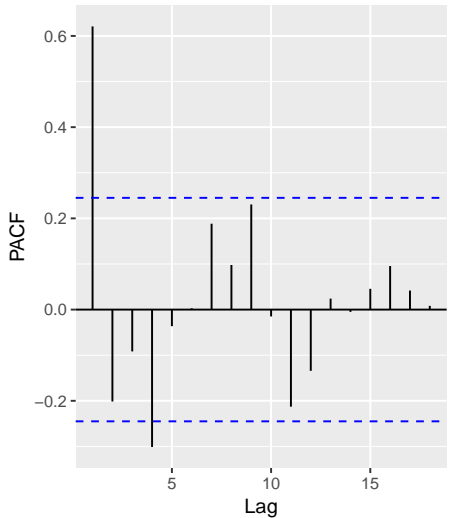
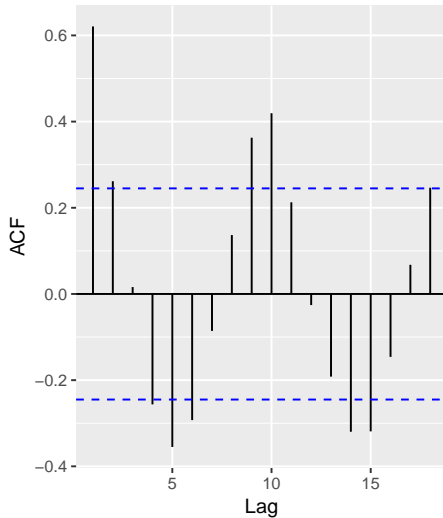
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A non-seasonal ARIMA process

$$\phi(B)(1 - B)^d y_t = c + \theta(B)\varepsilon_t$$

Need to select appropriate orders: p, q, d

Hyndman and Khandakar (JSS, 2008) algorithm:

- Select no. differences d and D via unit root tests.
- Select p, q by minimising AICc.
- Use stepwise search to traverse model space.

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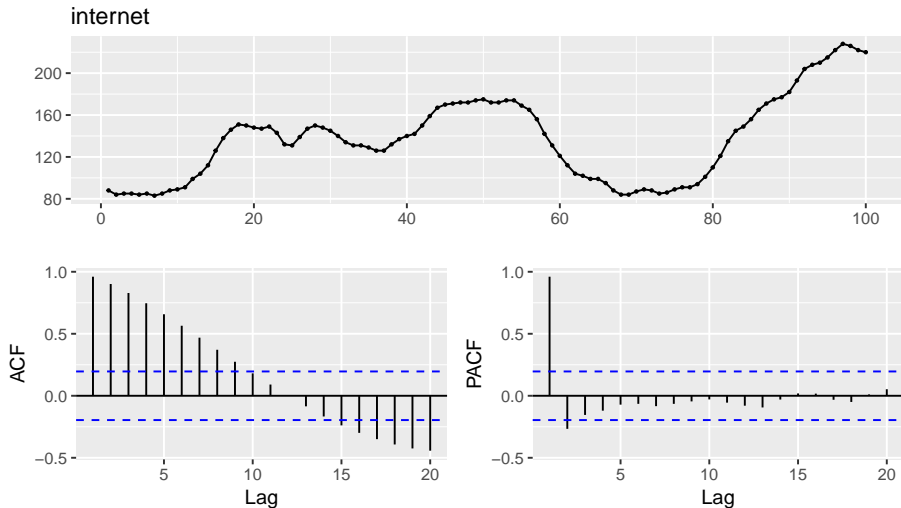
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Model with lowest AICc becomes current model.

Repeat Step 2 until no lower AICc can be found.

Choosing your own model

```
ggtsdisplay(internet)
```



Choosing your own model

```
tseries::adf.test(internet)
```

```
##  
## Augmented Dickey-Fuller Test  
##  
## data: internet  
## Dickey-Fuller = -2.6421, Lag order = 4, p-value = 0.3107  
## alternative hypothesis: stationary
```

```
tseries::kpss.test(internet)
```

```
##  
## KPSS Test for Level Stationarity  
##  
## data: internet  
## KPSS Level = 0.72197, Truncation lag parameter = 2, p-value =  
## 0.01155
```

Choosing your own model

```
tseries::kpss.test(diff(internet))
```

```
##
```

```
## KPSS Test for Level Stationarity
```

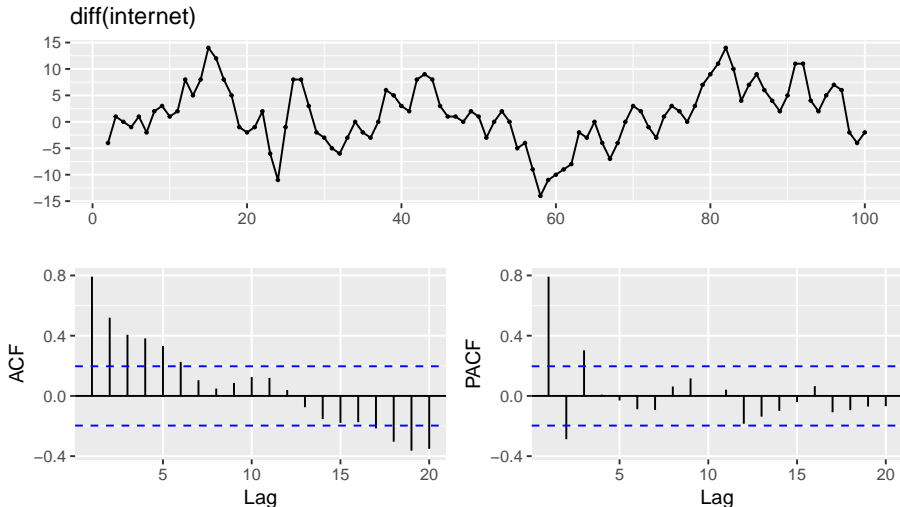
```
##
```

```
## data: diff(internet)
```

```
## KPSS Level = 0.26352, Truncation lag parameter = 2, p-value = 0.1
```

Choosing your own model

```
ggtsdisplay(diff(internet))
```



Choosing your own model

```
(fit <- Arima(internet,order=c(3,1,0)))
```

```
## Series: internet
## ARIMA(3,1,0)
##
## Coefficients:
##           ar1          ar2          ar3
##          1.1513   -0.6612    0.3407
## s.e.    0.0950    0.1353    0.0941
##
## sigma^2 estimated as 9.656:  log likelihood=-252
## AIC=511.99   AICc=512.42   BIC=522.37
```

Choosing your own model

```
(fit2 <- auto.arima(internet))
```

```
## Series: internet
```

```
## ARIMA(1,1,1)
```

```
##
```

```
## Coefficients:
```

```
##          ar1      ma1
```

```
##          0.6504  0.5256
```

```
## s.e.    0.0842  0.0896
```

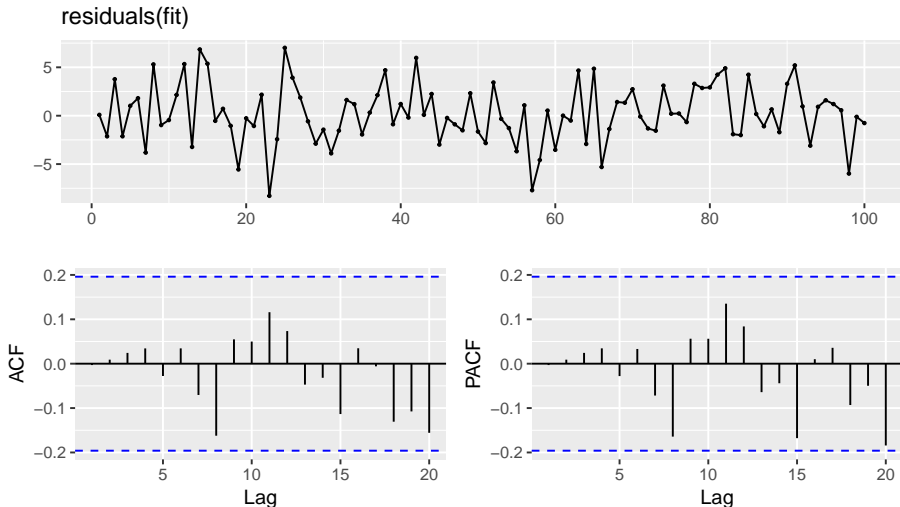
```
##
```

```
## sigma^2 estimated as 9.995:  log likelihood=-254.1
```

```
## AIC=514.3   AICc=514.55   BIC=522.08
```


Choosing your own model

```
ggtsdisplay(residuals(fit))
```



Choosing your own model

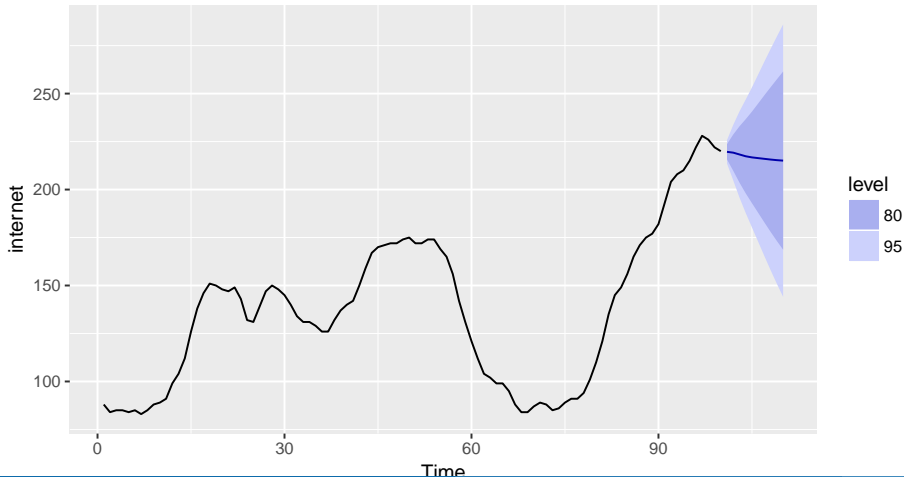
```
Box.test(residuals(fit), fitdf=3, lag=10,  
         type="Ljung")
```

```
##  
## Box-Ljung test  
##  
## data: residuals(fit)  
## X-squared = 4.4913, df = 7, p-value = 0.7218
```

Choosing your own model

```
fit %>% forecast %>% autoplot
```

Forecasts from ARIMA(3,1,0)



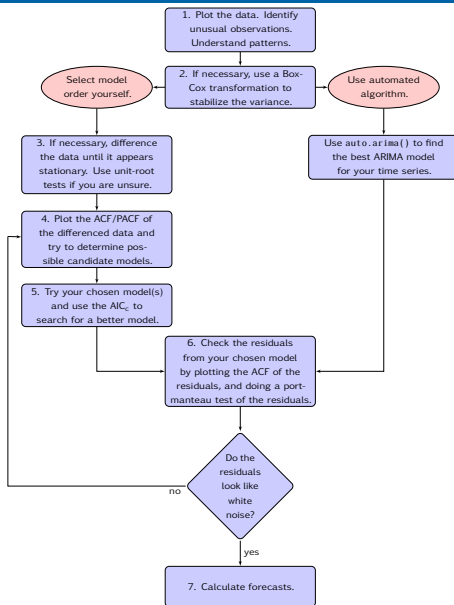
Modelling procedure with Arima

- 1 Plot the data. Identify any unusual observations.
- 2 If necessary, transform the data (using a Box-Cox transformation) to stabilize the variance.
- 3 If the data are non-stationary: take first differences of the data until the data are stationary.
- 4 Examine the ACF/PACF: Is an $AR(p)$ or $MA(q)$ model appropriate?
- 5 Try your chosen model(s), and use the AICc to search for a better model.
- 6 Check the residuals from your chosen model by plotting the ACF of the residuals, and doing a portmanteau test of the residuals. If they do not look like white noise, try a modified model.
- 7 Once the residuals look like white noise, calculate forecasts.

Modelling procedure with `auto.arima`

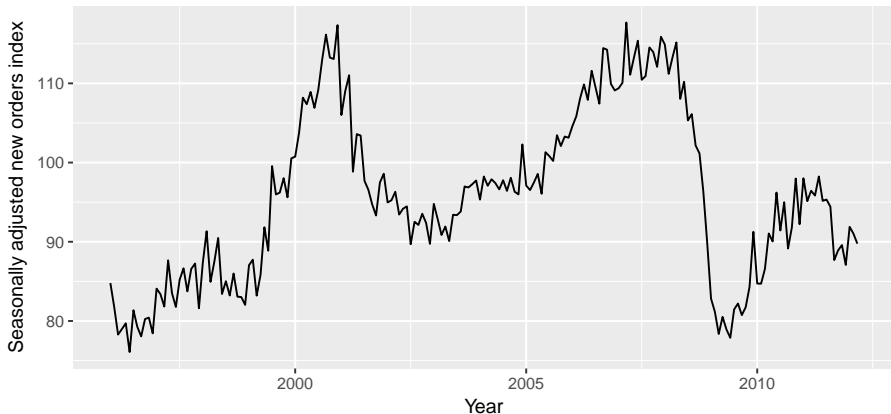
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Modelling procedure



Seasonally adjusted electrical equipment

```
eeadj <- seasadj(stl(elecequip, s.window="periodic"))  
autoplot(eeadj) + xlab("Year") +  
  ylab("Seasonally adjusted new orders index")
```

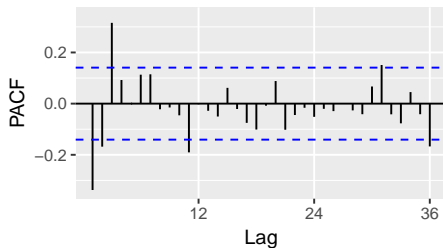
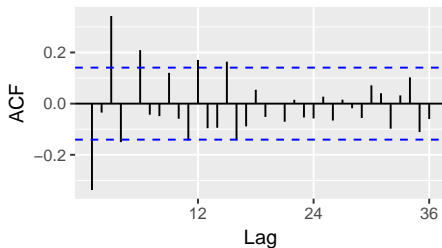
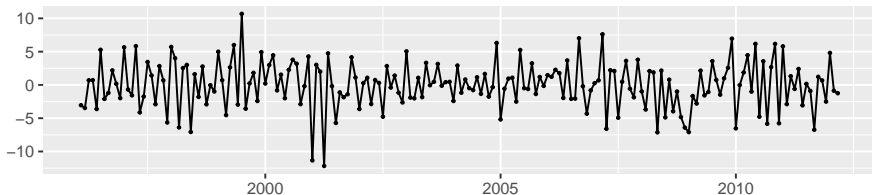


Seasonally adjusted electrical equipment

- 1 Time plot shows sudden changes, particularly big drop in 2008/2009 due to global economic environment. Otherwise nothing unusual and no need for data adjustments.
- 2 No evidence of changing variance, so no Box-Cox transformation.
- 3 Data are clearly non-stationary, so we take first differences.

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```
ggtstdisplay(diff(eeadj), main="")
```



- 4 PACF is suggestive of AR(3). So initial candidate model is ARIMA(3,1,0). No other obvious candidates.
- 5 Fit ARIMA(3,1,0) model along with variations: ARIMA(4,1,0), ARIMA(2,1,0), ARIMA(3,1,1), etc. ARIMA(3,1,1) has smallest AICc value.

Seasonally adjusted electrical equipment

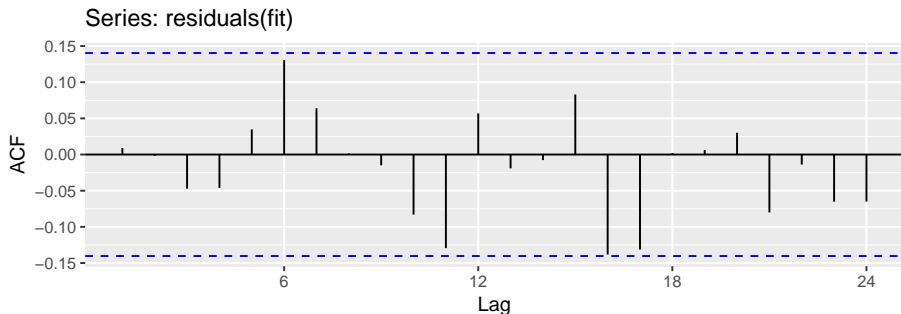
```
fit <- Arima(eeadj, order=c(3,1,1))  
summary(fit)
```

```
## Series: eeadj  
## ARIMA(3,1,1)  
##  
## Coefficients:  
##          ar1      ar2      ar3      ma1  
##       0.0044  0.0916  0.3698 -0.3921  
## s.e.  0.2201  0.0984  0.0669  0.2426  
##  
## sigma^2 estimated as 9.577:  log likelihood=-492.69  
## AIC=995.38   AICc=995.7   BIC=1011.72  
##  
## Training set error measures:  
##              ME      RMSE      MAE      MPE      MAPE  
## Training set 0.0328818 3.054718 2.357169 -0.006470086 2.481603 0  
##              ACF1  
## Training set 0.008980716
```

Seasonally adjusted electrical equipment

- 6 ACF plot of residuals from ARIMA(3,1,1) model look like white noise.

```
ggAcf(residuals(fit))
```



Seasonally adjusted electrical equipment

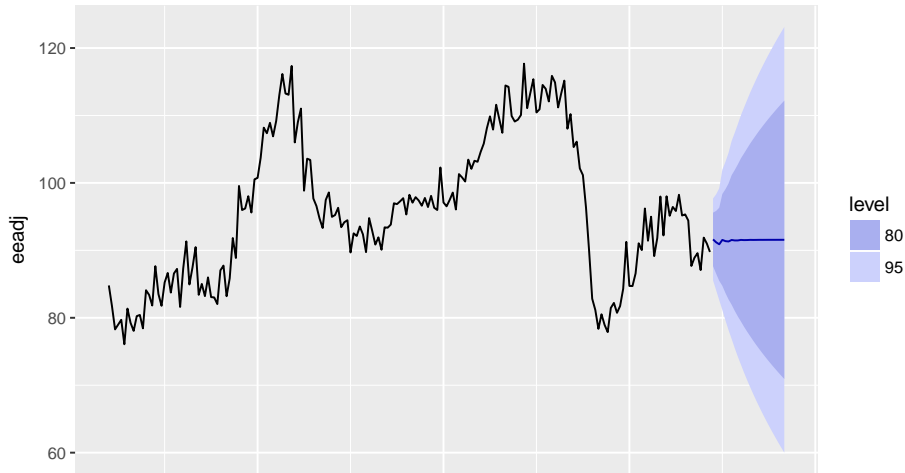
```
Box.test(residuals(fit), lag=24,  
         fitdf=4, type="Ljung")
```

```
##  
## Box-Ljung test  
##  
## data: residuals(fit)  
## X-squared = 24.034, df = 20, p-value = 0.2409
```

Seasonally adjusted electrical equipment

```
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```

Forecasts from ARIMA(3,1,1)



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Point forecasts

- 1 Rearrange ARIMA equation so y_t is on LHS.
- 2 Rewrite equation by replacing t by $T + h$.
- 3 On RHS, replace future observations by their forecasts, future errors by zero, and past errors by corresponding residuals.

Start with $h = 1$. Repeat for $h = 2, 3, \dots$

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95% Prediction interval

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where $v_{T+h|T}$ is estimated forecast variance.

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Prediction intervals

- Prediction intervals **increase in size with forecast horizon.**
- Prediction intervals can be difficult to calculate by hand
- Calculations assume residuals are **uncorrelated** and **normally distributed.**
- Prediction intervals tend to be too narrow.
 - the uncertainty in the parameter estimates has not been accounted for.
 - the ARIMA model assumes historical patterns will not change during the forecast period.
 - the ARIMA model assumes uncorrelated future errors

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