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# **Functional time series**

with applications in demography

**4. Connections, extensions and applications**

# Outline

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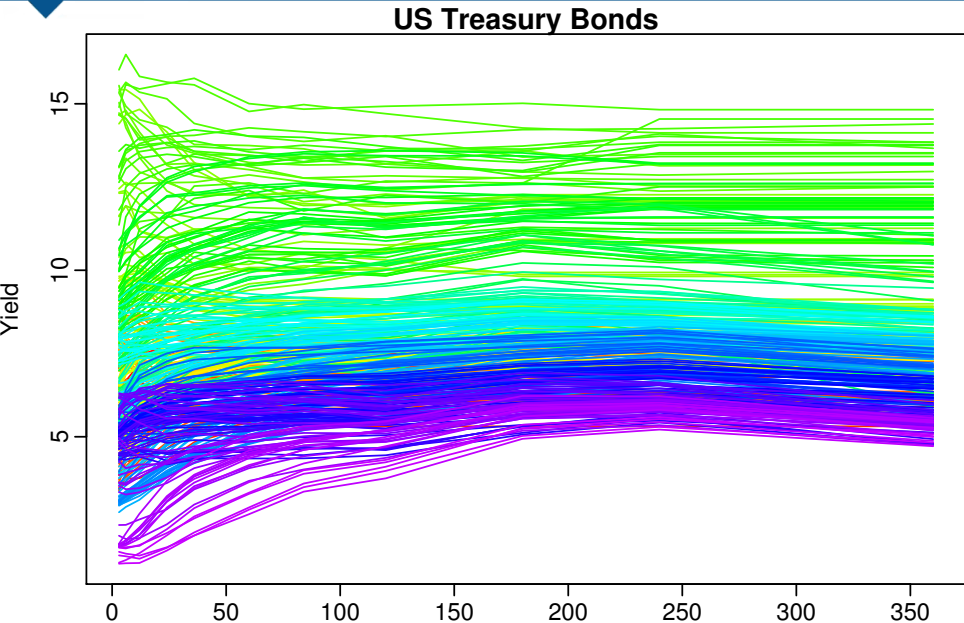
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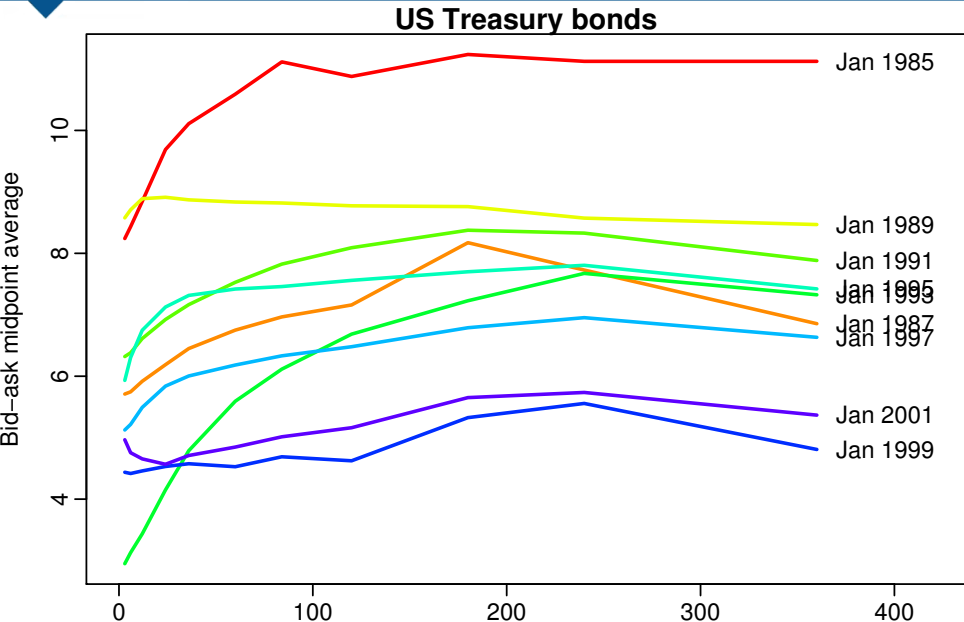
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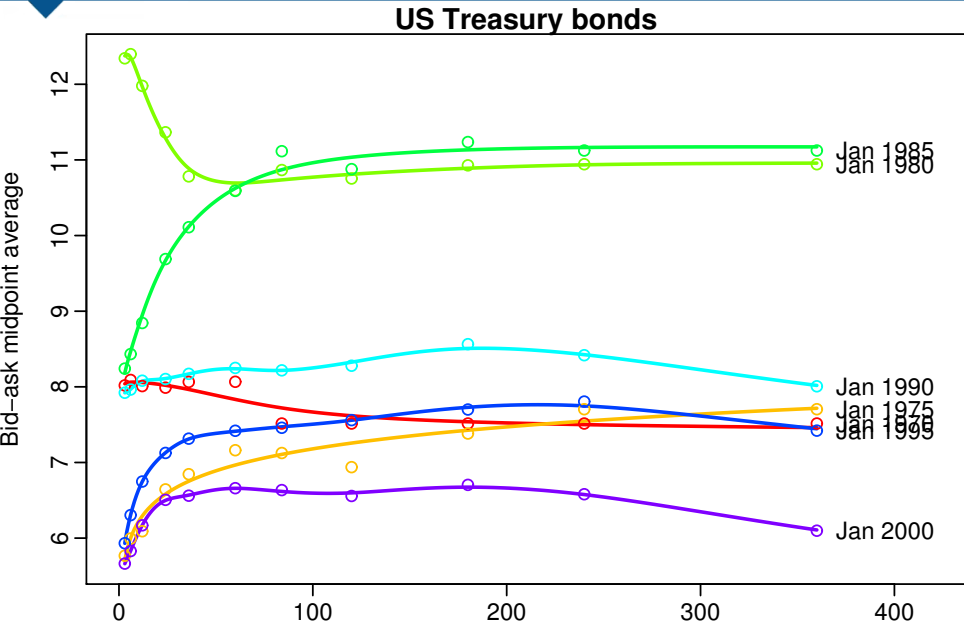
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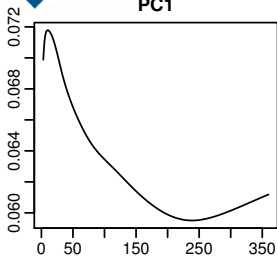


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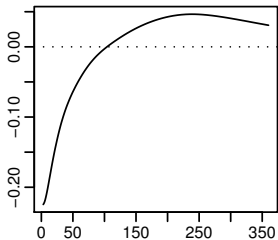
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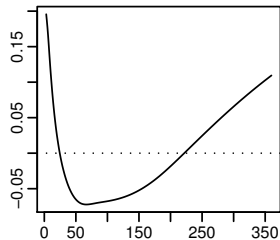
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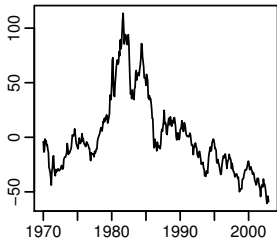
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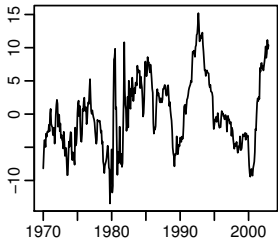
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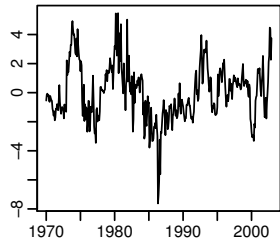
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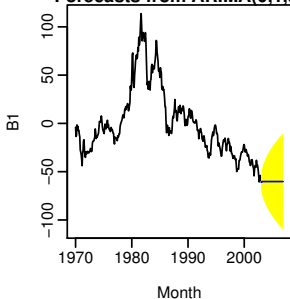


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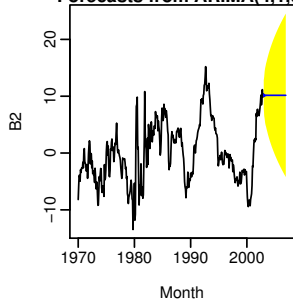
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ARIMA forecasts (with first differencing). 80% prediction intervals shown in yellow.

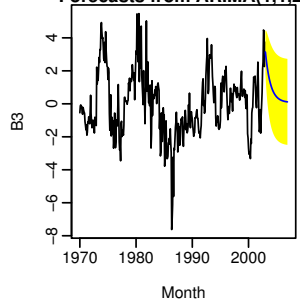
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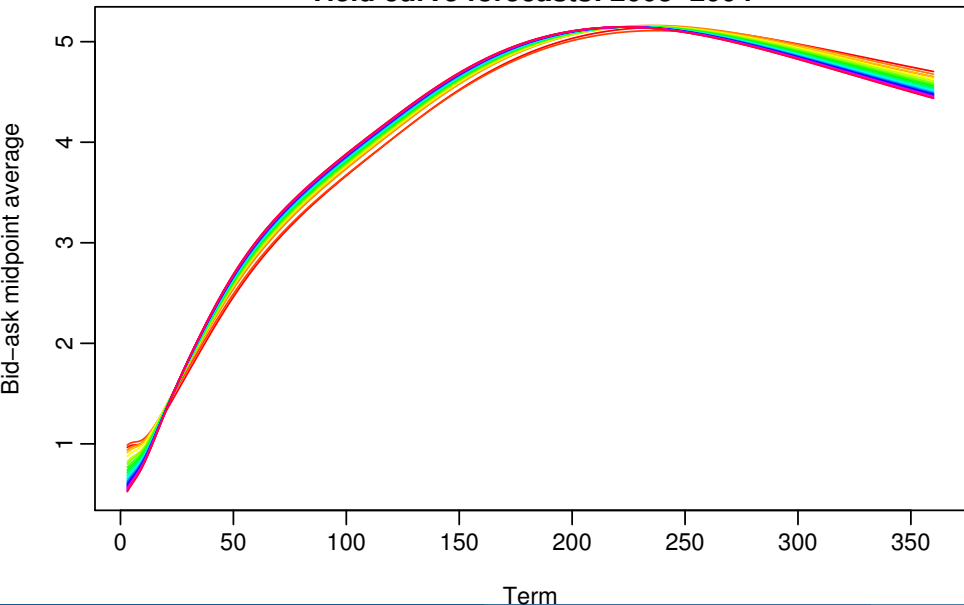


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# 2 year forecasts for yield curves

Yield curve forecasts: 2003–2004





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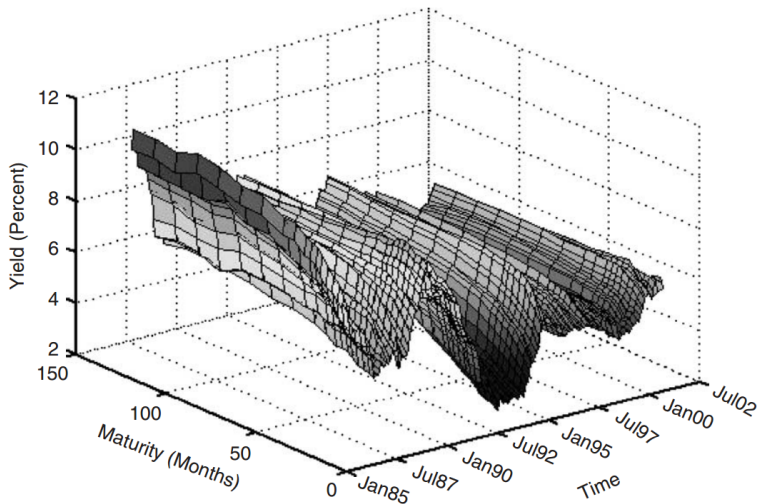
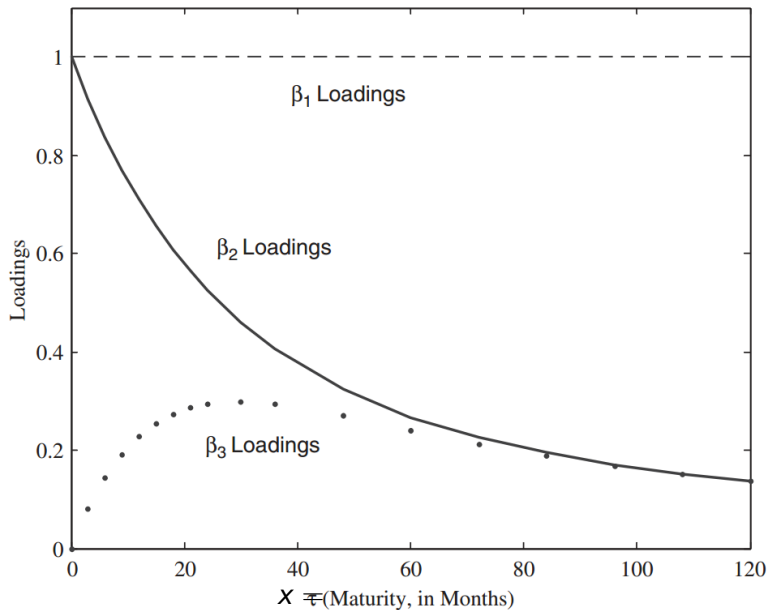
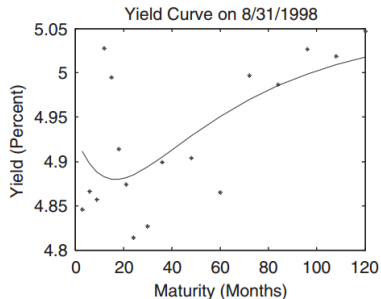
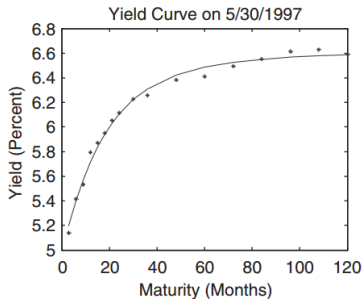
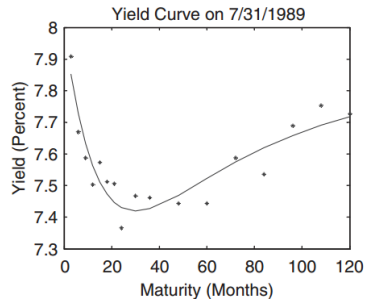
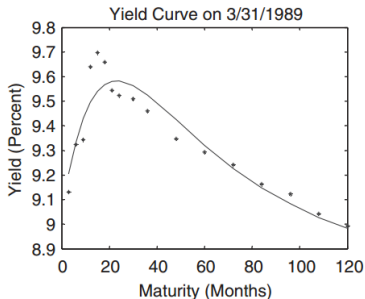


Fig. 2. Yield curves, 1985.01–2000.12. The sample consists of monthly yield data from January 1985 to December 2000 at maturities of 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24, 30, 36, 48, 60, 72, 84, 96, 108, and 120 months.

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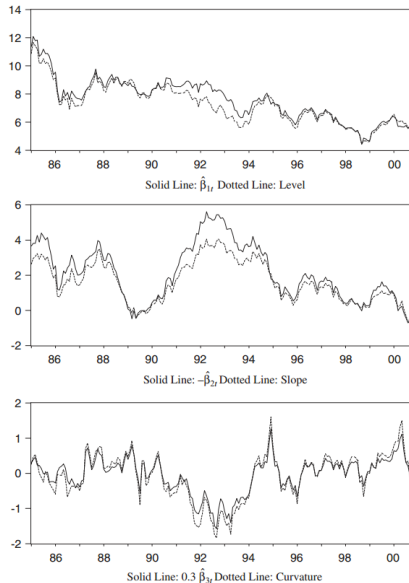


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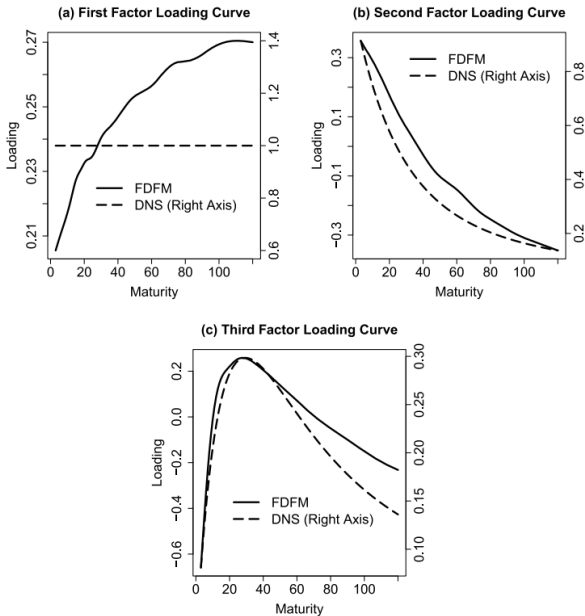
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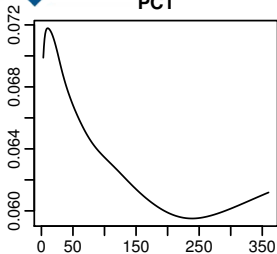
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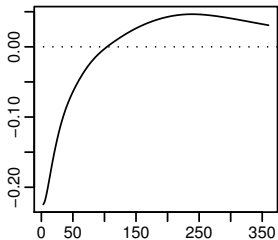
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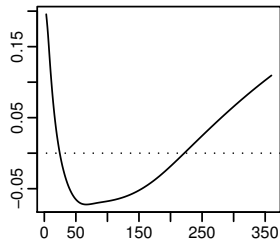
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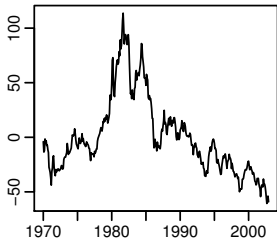
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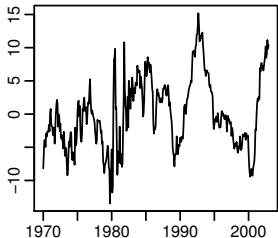
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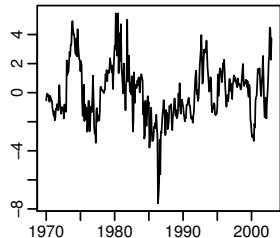
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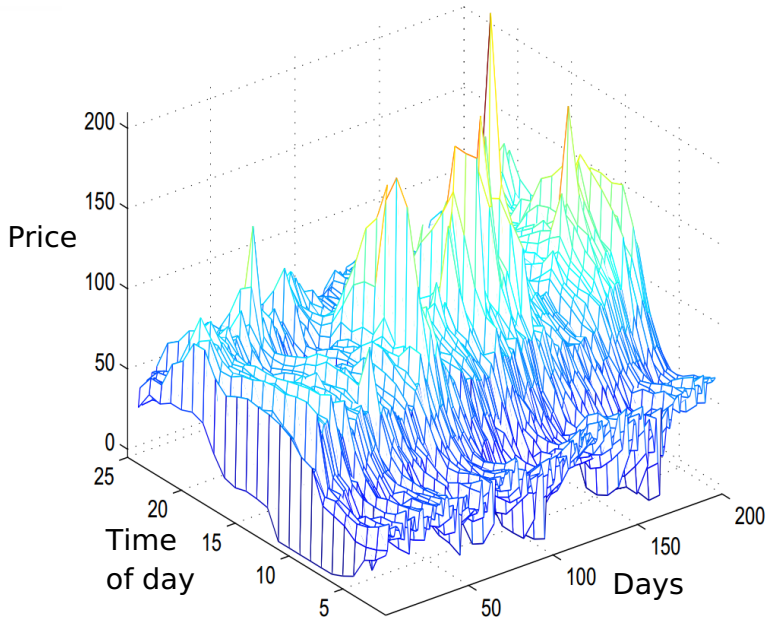
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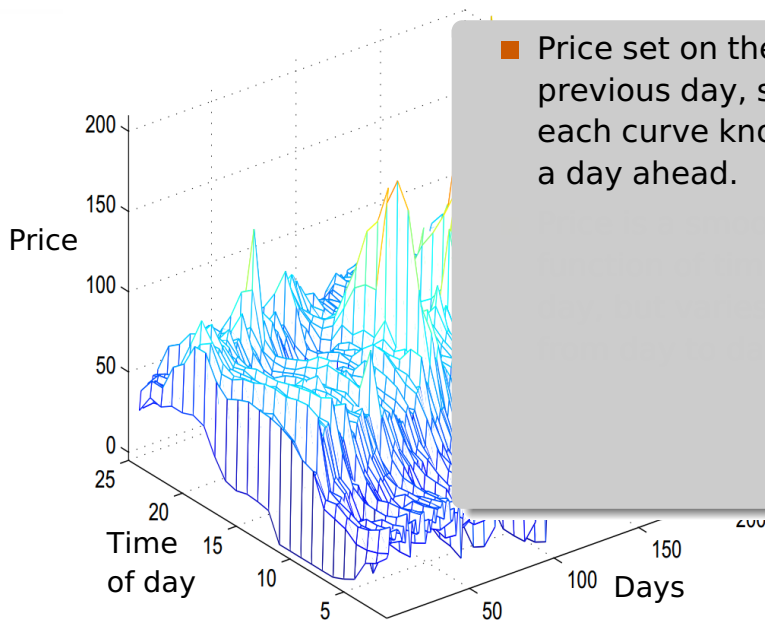
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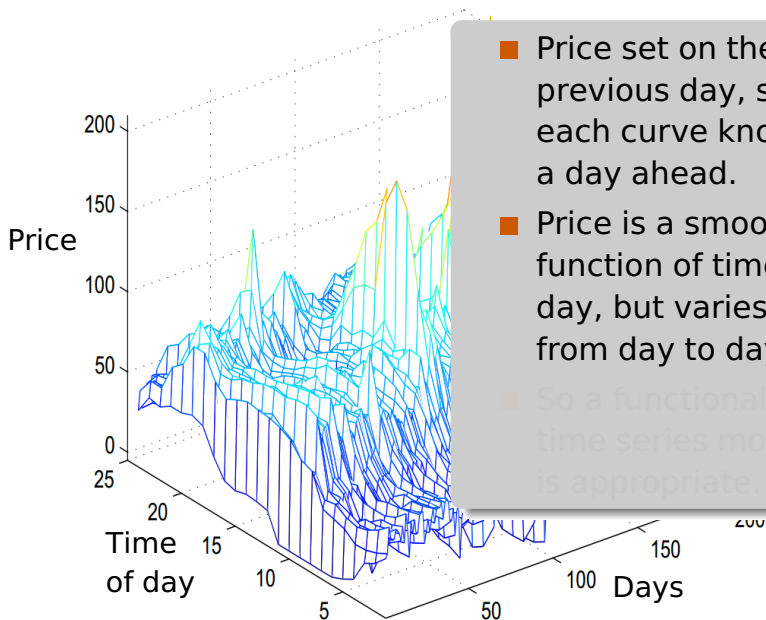


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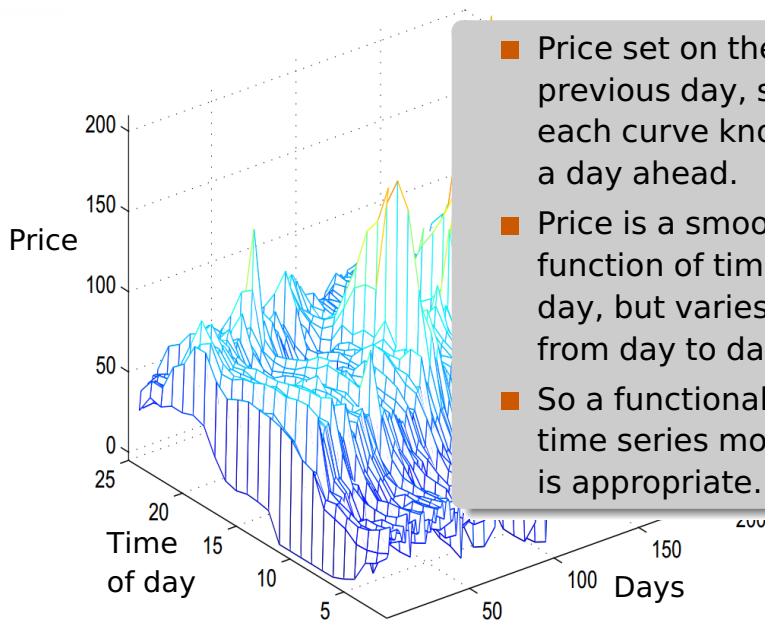
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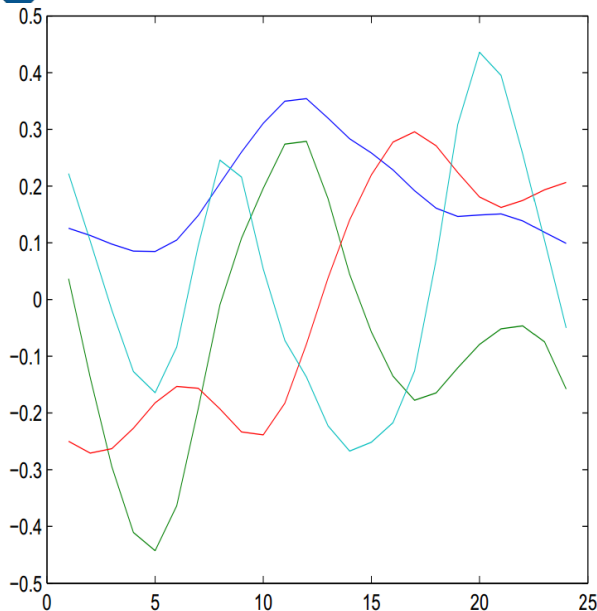
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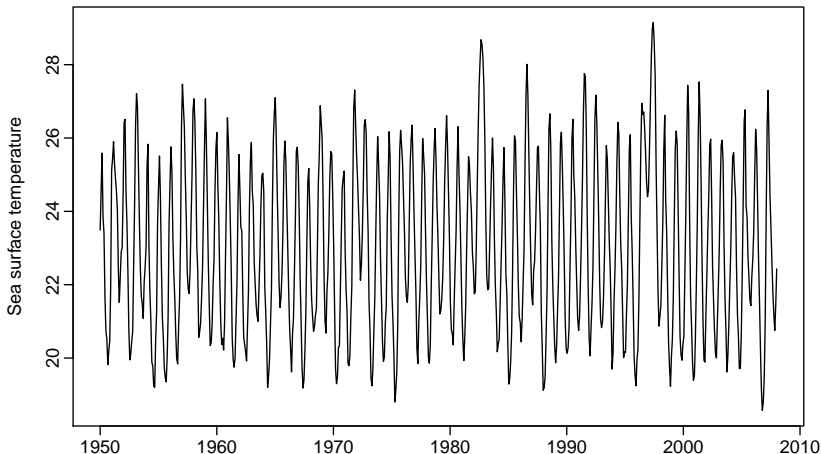
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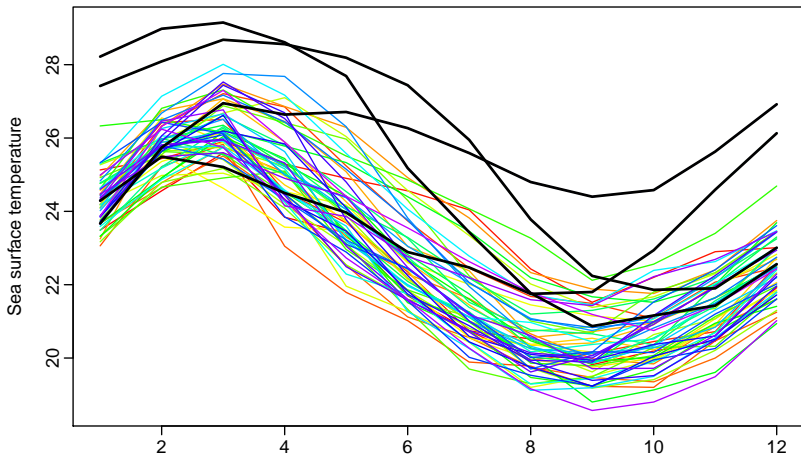
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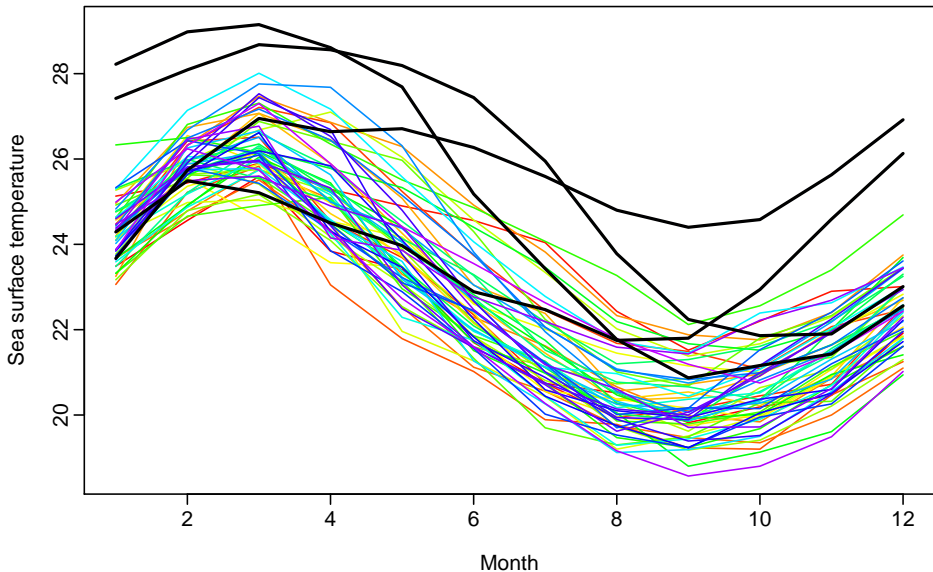
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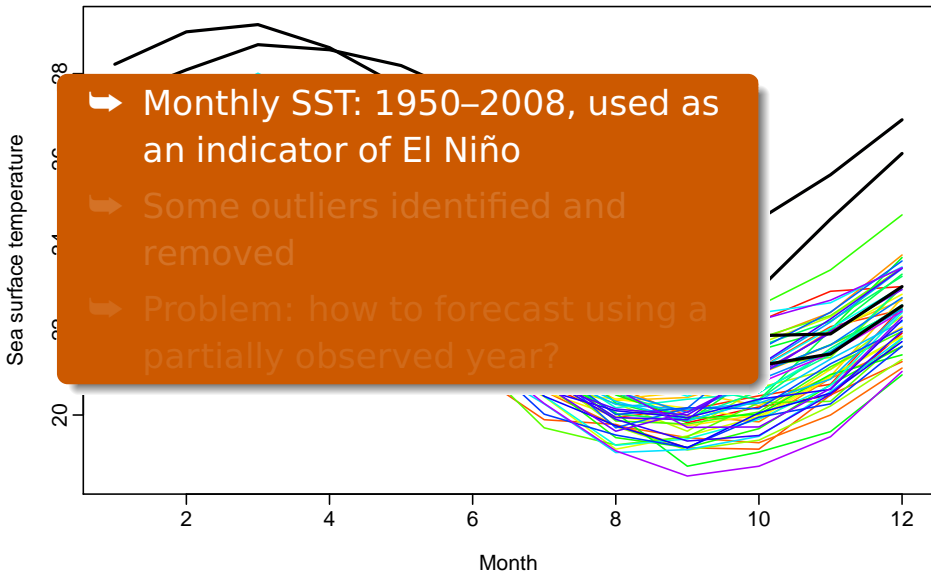
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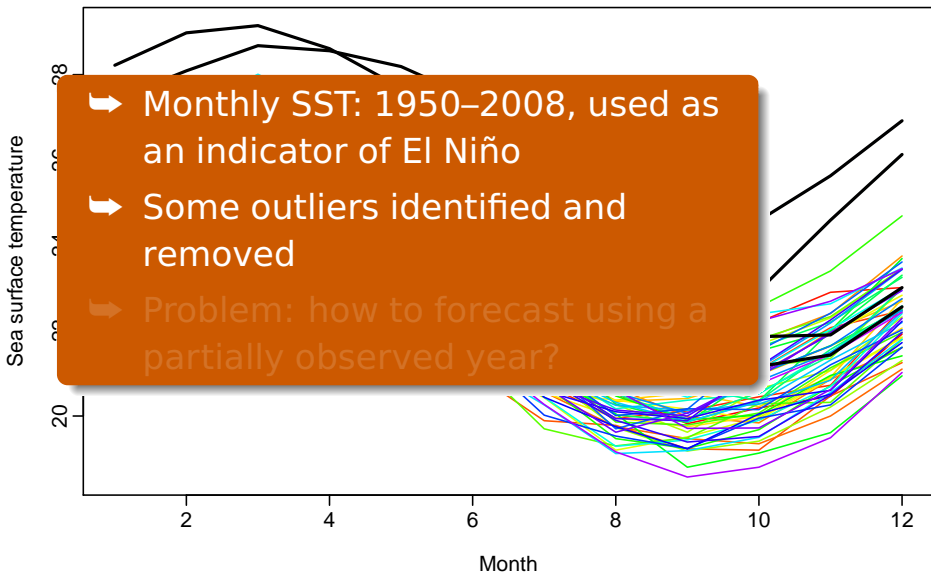
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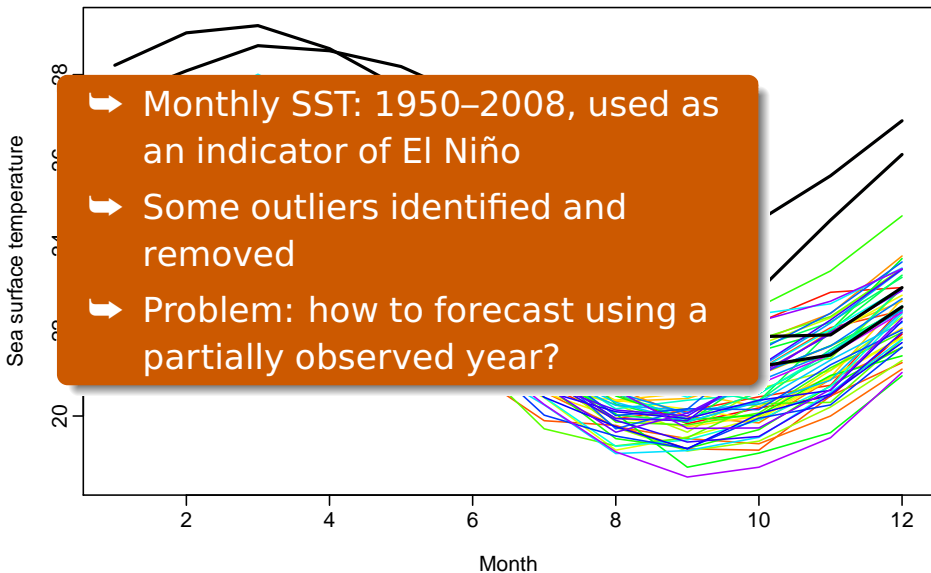


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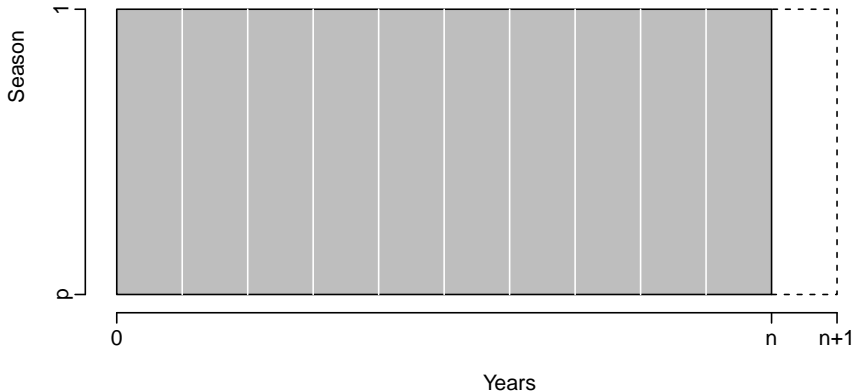


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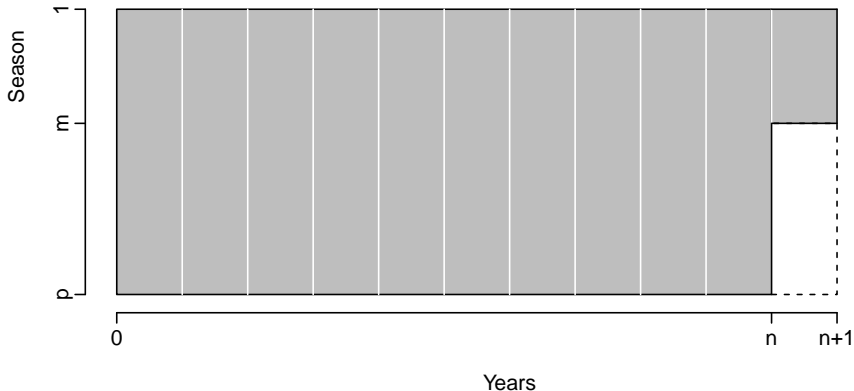
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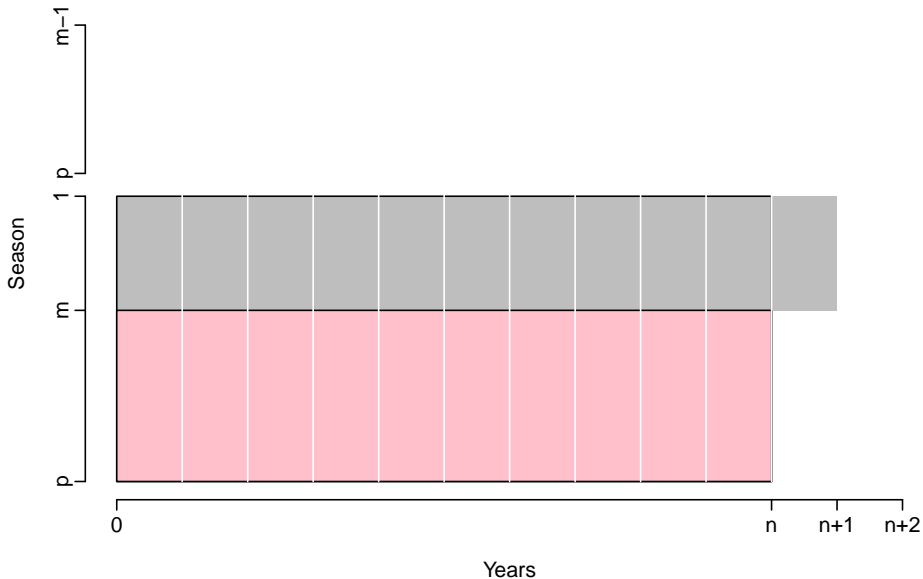


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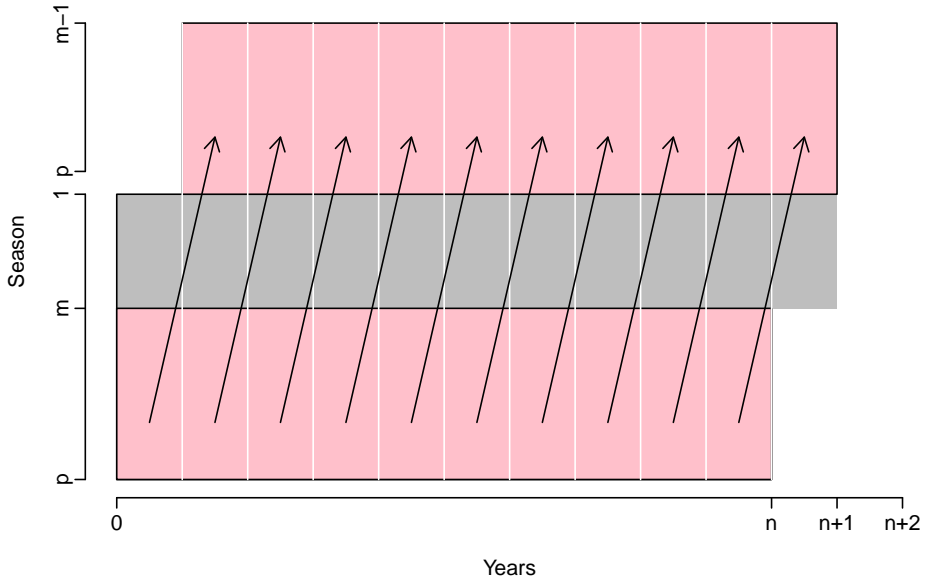
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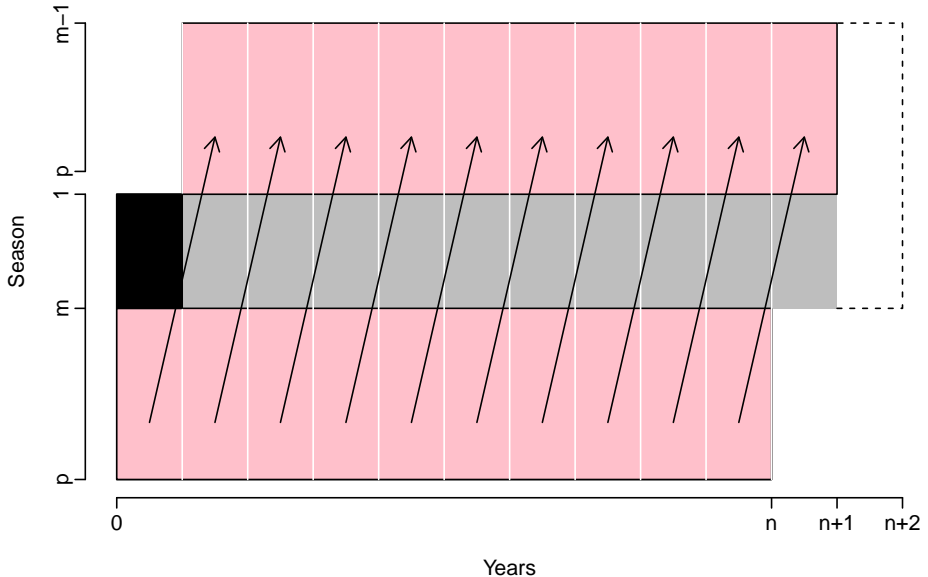
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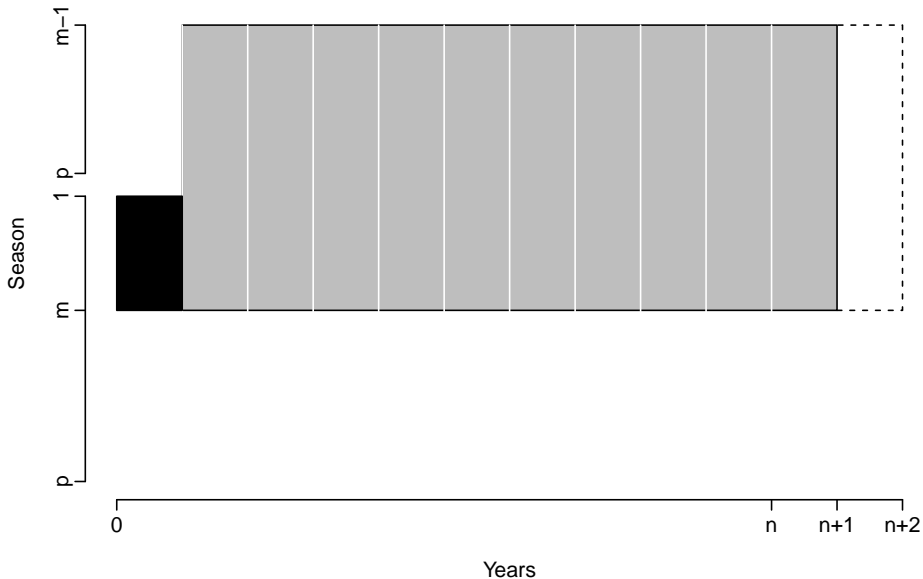
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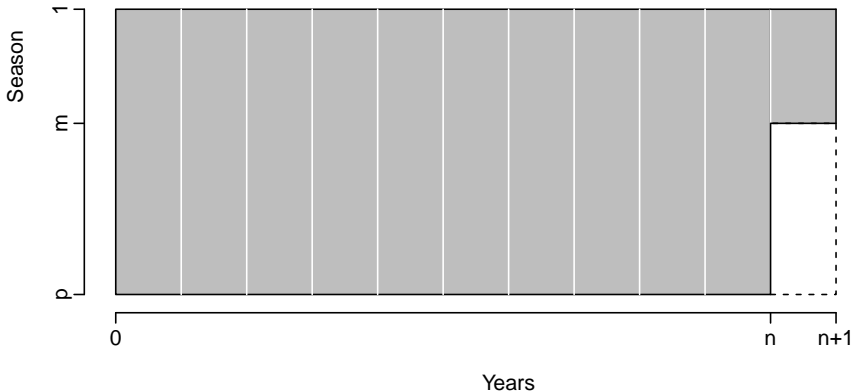
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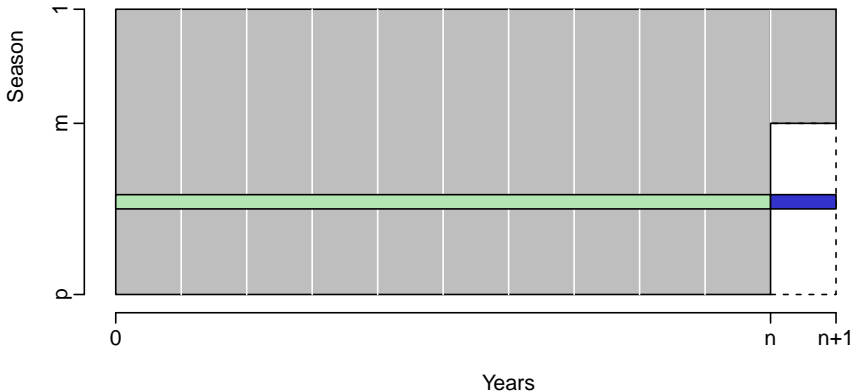




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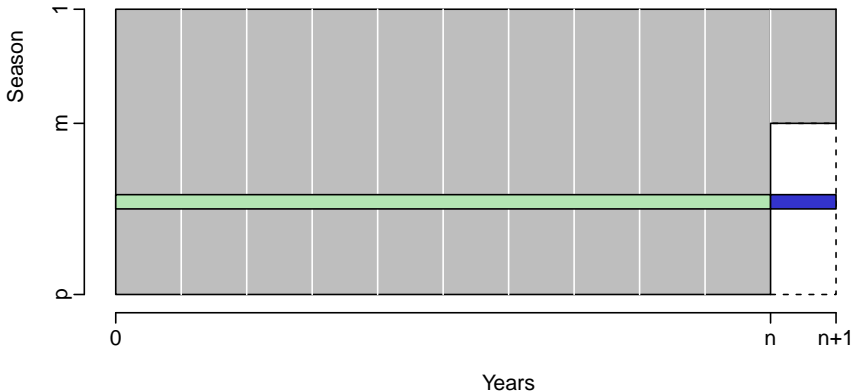
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# Dynamic updating

## Mean squared error

*Computed on a rolling forecast origin*

Univariate methods				Dynamic updating		
MP	RW	SARIMA	FTS	BM	OLS	RR
0.69	1.45	0.98	0.74	0.69	1.04	0.48

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