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ETC3550: Applied forecasting for business and economics

Ch7. Exponential smoothing

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- Want something in between that weights most recent data more highly.
- Simple exponential smoothing uses a weighted moving average with weights that decrease exponentially.

Simple Exponential Smoothing

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	Weights assigned to observations for:			
Observation	$\alpha = 0.2$	$\alpha = 0.4$	$\alpha = 0.6$	$\alpha = 0.8$
y_T	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.8
y_{T-1}	0.16	0.24	0.24	0.16
y_{T-2}	0.128	0.144	0.096	0.032
y_{T-3}	0.1024	0.0864	0.0384	0.0064
y_{T-4}	$(0.2)(0.8)^4$	$(0.4)(0.6)^4$	$(0.6)(0.4)^4$	$(0.8)(0.2)^4$
y_{T-5}	$(0.2)(0.8)^5$	$(0.4)(0.6)^5$	$(0.6)(0.4)^5$	$(0.8)(0.2)^5$

Simple Exponential Smoothing

Component form

Forecast equation $\hat{y}_{t+h|t} = \ell_t$

Smoothing equation $\ell_t = \alpha y_t + (1 - \alpha)\ell_{t-1}$

- ℓ_t is the level (or the smoothed value) of the series at time t.
- $\hat{y}_{t+1|t} = \alpha y_t + (1 - \alpha)\hat{y}_{t|t-1}$
  Iterate to get exponentially weighted moving average form.

Weighted average form

$$\hat{y}_{T+1|T} = \sum_{j=0}^{T-1} \alpha(1 - \alpha)^j y_{T-j} + (1 - \alpha)^T \ell_0$$

Optimisation

- Need to choose value for α and ℓ_0
- Similarly to regression — we choose α and ℓ_0 by minimising SSE:
$$\text{SSE} = \sum_{t=1}^{T} (y_t - \hat{y}_{t|t-1})^2.$$
- Unlike regression there is no closed form solution — use numerical optimization.

Example: Oil production

```r
oildata <- window(oil, start=1996)
# Estimate parameters
fc <- ses(oildata, h=5)
summary(fc$model)
```

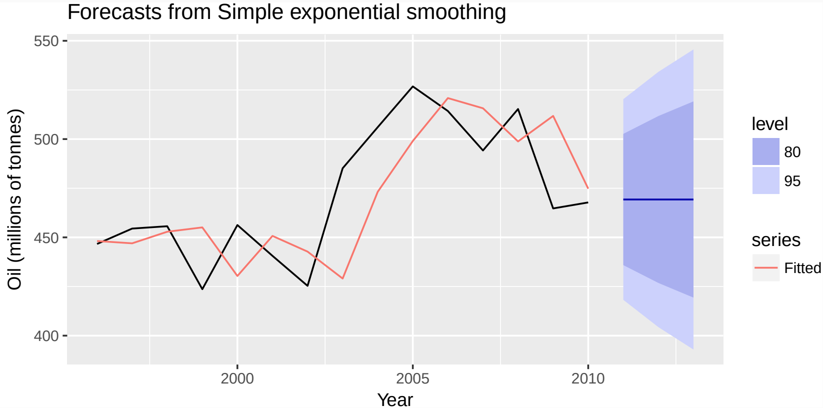
```
## Simple exponential smoothing
##
## Call:
##  ses(y = oildata, h = 5)
##
##   Smoothing parameters:
##     alpha = 0.7864
##
##   Initial states:
##     l = 448.1323
##
```

Example: Oil production

Year	Time	Observation	Level	Forecast
	t	y_t	ℓ_t	$\hat{y}_{t+1\|t}$
1995	0		448.13	
1996	1	446.66	446.97	448.13
1997	2	454.47	452.87	446.97
1998	3	455.66	455.07	452.87
1999	4	423.63	430.35	455.07
2000	5	456.27	450.73	430.35
2001	6	440.59	442.76	450.73
2002	7	425.33	429.05	442.76
2003	8	485.15	473.17	429.05
2004	9	506.05	499.02	473.17
2005	10	526.79	520.86	499.02
2006	11	514.27	515.68	520.86
2007	12	494.21	498.80	515.68
2008	13	515.31	511.78	498.80
2009	14	464.72	474.77	511.78
2010	15	467.77	469.27	474.77
	h			$\hat{y}_{T+h\|T}$
2011	1			469.27

Example: Oil production

```r
autoplot(fc) +
  autolayer(fitted(fc), series="Fitted") +
  ylab("Oil (millions of tonnes)") + xlab("Year")
```



Outline

Holt's linear trend

Component form

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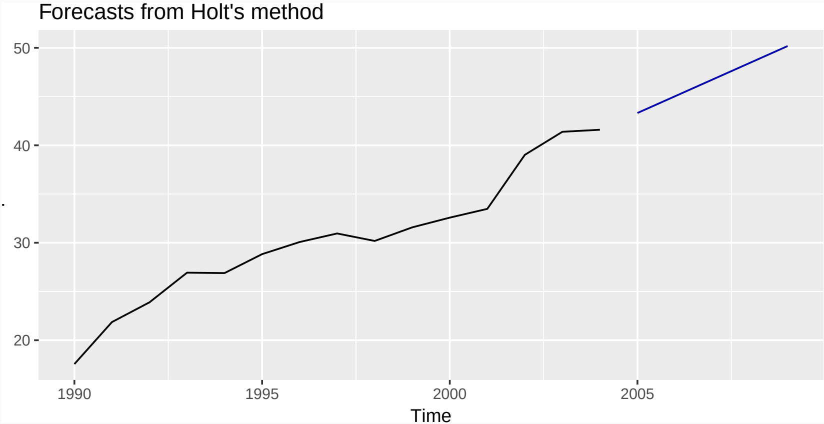
- Two smoothing parameters α and β^* $(0 \leq \alpha, \beta^* \leq 1)$.
- ℓ_t level: weighted average between y_t one-step ahead forecast for time t, $(\ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1} = \hat{y}_{t|t-1})$
- b_t slope: weighted average of $(\ell_t - \ell_{t-1})$ and b_{t-1}, current and previous estimate of slope.
- Choose $\alpha, \beta^*, \ell_0, b_0$ to minimise SSE.

Holt's method in R

```r
window(ausair, start=1990, end=2004) %>%
  holt(h=5, PI=FALSE) %>% autoplot
```



Damped trend method

Component form

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{y}_{t+h|t} &= \ell_t + (\phi + \phi^2 + \cdots + \phi^h)b_t \\
\ell_t &= \alpha y_t + (1 - \alpha)(\ell_{t-1} + \phi b_{t-1}) \\
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\end{aligned}$$

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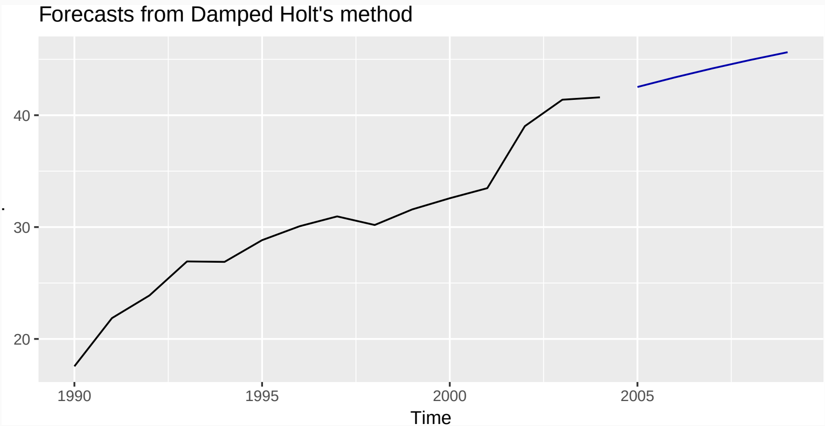
\end{aligned}$$

- Damping parameter $0 < \phi < 1$.
- If $\phi = 1$, identical to Holt's linear trend.
- As $h \to \infty$, $\hat{y}_{T+h|T} \to \ell_T + \phi b_T/(1 - \phi)$.
- Short-run forecasts trended, long-run forecasts constant.

Example: Air passengers

```
window(ausair, start=1990, end=2004) %>%
  holt(damped=TRUE, h=5, PI=FALSE) %>% autopl
```



Example: Sheep in Asia

```r
livestock2 <- window(livestock, start=1970,
                     end=2000)
fit1 <- ses(livestock2)
fit2 <- holt(livestock2)
fit3 <- holt(livestock2, damped = TRUE)
```

```r
accuracy(fit1, livestock)
accuracy(fit2, livestock)
accuracy(fit3, livestock)
```

Example: Sheep in Asia

	SES	Linear trend	Damped trend
α	1.00	0.98	0.98
β^*		0.00	0.00
ϕ			0.98
ℓ_0	263.92	258.88	253.69
b_0		5.03	5.70
Training RMSE	14.77	13.92	14.00
Test RMSE	25.46	11.88	15.50
Test MAE	20.38	10.67	13.95
Test MAPE	4.60	2.53	3.21
Test MASE	2.26	1.18	1.55

Your turn

`eggs` contains the price of a dozen eggs in the United States from 1900–1993

1. Use SES and Holt's method (with and without damping) to forecast "future" data.
   [Hint: use h=100 so you can clearly see the differences between the options when plotting the forecasts.]
2. Which method gives the best training RMSE?
3. Are these RMSE values comparable?
4. Do the residuals from the best fitting method look like white noise?

Outline

Holt-Winters additive method

Holt and Winters extended Holt's method to capture seasonality.

Component form

$$
\begin{aligned}
\hat{y}_{t+h|t} &= \ell_t + hb_t + s_{t-m+h_m^+} \\
\ell_t &= \alpha(y_t - s_{t-m}) + (1-\alpha)(\ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1}) \\
b_t &= \beta^*(\ell_t - \ell_{t-1}) + (1-\beta^*)b_{t-1} \\
s_t &= \gamma(y_t - \ell_{t-1} - b_{t-1}) + (1-\gamma)s_{t-m},
\end{aligned}
$$

- $h_m^+ = [(h-1) \mod m] + 1 =$ largest integer not greater than $(h-1) \mod m$. Ensures estimates from the final year are used for forecasting.
- Parameters: $0 \le \alpha \le 1$, $0 \le \beta^* \le 1$, $0 \le \gamma \le 1-\alpha$ and $m =$ period of seasonality (e.g. $m = 4$ for quarterly data).

Holt-Winters additive method

- Seasonal component is usually expressed as $s_t = \gamma^*(y_t - \ell_t) + (1 - \gamma^*)s_{t-m}$.
- Substitute in for ℓ_t:
  $s_t = \gamma^*(1-\alpha)(y_t-\ell_{t-1}-b_{t-1})+[1-\gamma^*(1-\alpha)]s_{t-m}$
- We set $\gamma = \gamma^*(1 - \alpha)$.
- The usual parameter restriction is $0 \leq \gamma^* \leq 1$, which translates to $0 \leq \gamma \leq (1 - \alpha)$.

Holt-Winters multiplicative

For when seasonal variations are changing proportional to the level of the series.

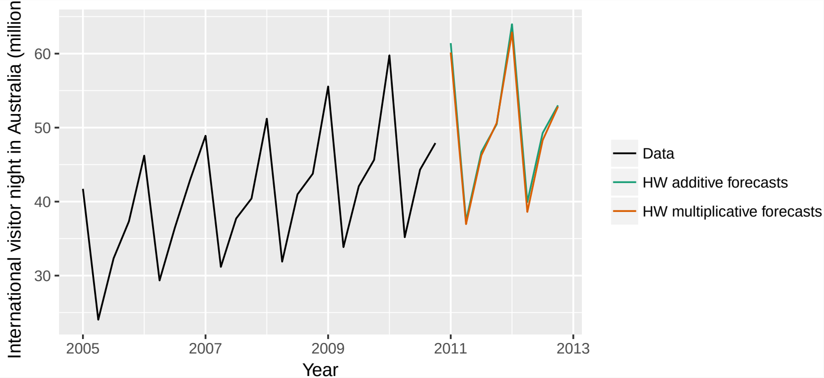
Component form

$$
\begin{aligned}
\hat{y}_{t+h|t} &= (\ell_t + hb_t)s_{t-m+h_m^+}. \\
\ell_t &= \alpha\frac{y_t}{s_{t-m}} + (1-\alpha)(\ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1}) \\
b_t &= \beta^*(\ell_t - \ell_{t-1}) + (1-\beta^*)b_{t-1} \\
s_t &= \gamma\frac{y_t}{(\ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1})} + (1-\gamma)s_{t-m}
\end{aligned}
$$

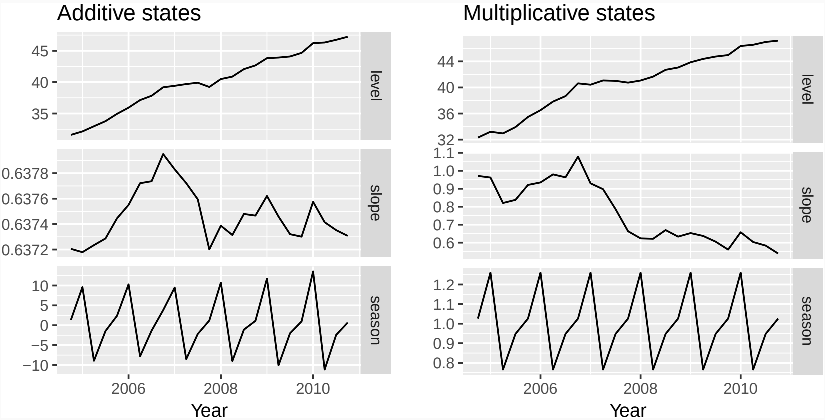
- With additive method s_t is in absolute terms: within each year $\sum_i s_i \approx 0$.
- With multiplicative method s_t is in relative terms: within each year $\sum_i s_i \approx m$.

Example: Visitor Nights

```
aust <- window(austourists,start=2005)
fit1 <- hw(aust,seasonal="additive")
fit2 <- hw(aust,seasonal="multiplicative")
```



Estimated components



Holt-Winters damped method

Often the single most accurate forecasting method for seasonal data:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\hat{y}_{t+h|t} &= [\ell_t + (\phi + \phi^2 + \cdots + \phi^h)b_t]s_{t-m+h_m^+} \\
\ell_t &= \alpha(y_t/s_{t-m}) + (1-\alpha)(\ell_{t-1} + \phi b_{t-1}) \\
b_t &= \beta^*(\ell_t - \ell_{t-1}) + (1-\beta^*)\phi b_{t-1} \\
s_t &= \gamma \frac{y_t}{(\ell_{t-1} + \phi b_{t-1})} + (1-\gamma)s_{t-m}
\end{aligned}
$$

Your turn

Apply Holt-Winters' multiplicative method to the `gas` data.

1. Why is multiplicative seasonality necessary here?
2. Experiment with making the trend damped.
3. Check that the residuals from the best method look like white noise.

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Exponential smoothing methods

Trend Component		Seasonal Component N (None)	A (Additive)	M (Multiplicative)
N	(None)	(N,N)	(N,A)	(N,M)
A	(Additive)	(A,N)	(A,A)	(A,M)
A_d	(Additive damped)	(A_d,N)	(A_d,A)	(A_d,M)

(N,N): Simple exponential smoothing
(A,N): Holt's linear method
(A_d,N): Additive damped trend method
(A,A): Additive Holt-Winters' method
(A,M): Multiplicative Holt-Winters' method
(A_d,M): Damped multiplicative Holt-Winters' method

Recursive formulae

Trend	Seasonal N	Seasonal A	Seasonal M
N	$\hat{y}_{t+h\|t} = \ell_t$ $\ell_t = \alpha y_t + (1-\alpha)\ell_{t-1}$	$\hat{y}_{t+h\|t} = \ell_t + s_{t-m+h_m^+}$ $\ell_t = \alpha(y_t - s_{t-m}) + (1-\alpha)\ell_{t-1}$ $s_t = \gamma(y_t - \ell_{t-1}) + (1-\gamma)s_{t-m}$	$\hat{y}_{t+h\|t} = \ell_t s_{t-m+h_m^+}$ $\ell_t = \alpha(y_t/s_{t-m}) + (1-\alpha)\ell_{t-1}$ $s_t = \gamma(y_t/\ell_{t-1}) + (1-\gamma)s_{t-m}$
A	$\hat{y}_{t+h\|t} = \ell_t + hb_t$ $\ell_t = \alpha y_t + (1-\alpha)(\ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1})$ $b_t = \beta^*(\ell_t - \ell_{t-1}) + (1-\beta^*)b_{t-1}$	$\hat{y}_{t+h\|t} = \ell_t + hb_t + s_{t-m+h_m^+}$ $\ell_t = \alpha(y_t - s_{t-m}) + (1-\alpha)(\ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1})$ $b_t = \beta^*(\ell_t - \ell_{t-1}) + (1-\beta^*)b_{t-1}$ $s_t = \gamma(y_t - \ell_{t-1} - b_{t-1}) + (1-\gamma)s_{t-m}$	$\hat{y}_{t+h\|t} = (\ell_t + hb_t)s_{t-m+h_m^+}$ $\ell_t = \alpha(y_t/s_{t-m}) + (1-\alpha)(\ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1})$ $b_t = \beta^*(\ell_t - \ell_{t-1}) + (1-\beta^*)b_{t-1}$ $s_t = \gamma(y_t/(\ell_{t-1} - b_{t-1})) + (1-\gamma)s_{t-m}$
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R functions

- Simple exponential smoothing: no trend.
  `ses(y)`
- Holt's method: linear trend.
  `holt(y)`
- Damped trend method.
  `holt(y, damped=TRUE)`
- Holt-Winters methods
  `hw(y, damped=TRUE, seasonal="additive")`
  `hw(y, damped=FALSE, seasonal="additive")`
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Innovations state space models

- Generate same point forecasts but can also generate forecast intervals.
- A stochastic (or random) data generating process that can generate an entire forecast distribution.
- Allow for “proper” model selection.

ETS models

- Each model has an *observation* equation and *transition* equations, one for each state (level, trend, seasonal), i.e., state space models.
- Two models for each method: one with additive and one with multiplicative errors, i.e., in total 18 models.
- ETS(Error,Trend,Seasonal):
  - Error = $\{A,M\}$
  - Trend = $\{N,A,A_d\}$
  - Seasonal = $\{N,A,M\}$.

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Error correction form

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Specify probability distribution for e_t, we assume $e_t = \varepsilon_t \sim \mathrm{NID}(0, \sigma^2)$.

ETS(A,N,N)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Measurement equation} \qquad y_t &= \ell_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t \\ \text{State equation} \qquad \ell_t &= \ell_{t-1} + \alpha\varepsilon_t \end{aligned}$$

where $\varepsilon_t \sim \text{NID}(0, \sigma^2)$.

- "innovations" or "single source of error" because same error process, ε_t.
- Measurement equation: relationship between observations and states.
- Transition equation(s): evolution of the state(s) through time.

ETS(M,N,N)

SES with multiplicative errors.

- Specify relative errors $\varepsilon_t = \frac{y_t - \hat{y}_{t|t-1}}{\hat{y}_{t|t-1}} \sim \text{NID}(0, \sigma^2)$
- Substituting $\hat{y}_{t|t-1} = \ell_{t-1}$ gives:
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- Models with additive and multiplicative errors with the same parameters generate the same point forecasts but different prediction intervals.

ETS(A,A,N)

Holt's linear method with additive errors.

- Assume $\varepsilon_t = y_t - \ell_{t-1} - b_{t-1} \sim \text{NID}(0, \sigma^2)$.
- Substituting into the error correction equations for Holt's linear method

$$
\begin{aligned}
y_t &= \ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t \\
\ell_t &= \ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1} + \alpha\varepsilon_t \\
b_t &= b_{t-1} + \alpha\beta^*\varepsilon_t
\end{aligned}
$$

- For simplicity, set $\beta = \alpha\beta^*$.

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Holt's linear method with multiplicative errors.

- Assume $\varepsilon_t = \frac{y_t - (\ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1})}{(\ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1})}$
- Following a similar approach as above, the innovations state space model underlying Holt's linear method with multiplicative errors is specified as

$$
\begin{aligned}
y_t &= (\ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1})(1 + \varepsilon_t) \\
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b_t &= b_{t-1} + \beta(\ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1})\varepsilon_t
\end{aligned}
$$

where again $\beta = \alpha\beta^*$ and $\varepsilon_t \sim \text{NID}(0, \sigma^2)$.

ETS(A,A,A)

Holt-Winters additive method with additive errors.

Forecast equation	$\hat{y}_{t+h\|t} = \ell_t + hb_t + s_{t-m+h_m^+}$
Observation equation	$y_t = \ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1} + s_{t-m} + \varepsilon_t$
State equations	$\ell_t = \ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1} + \alpha\varepsilon_t$
	$b_t = b_{t-1} + \beta\varepsilon_t$
	$s_t = s_{t-m} + \gamma\varepsilon_t$

- Forecast errors: $\varepsilon_t = y_t - \hat{y}_{t|t-1}$
- $h_m^+ = [(h-1) \mod m] + 1$.

Additive error models

Trend	Seasonal N	Seasonal A	Seasonal M
N	$y_t = \ell_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$ $\ell_t = \ell_{t-1} + \alpha\varepsilon_t$	$y_t = \ell_{t-1} + s_{t-m} + \varepsilon_t$ $\ell_t = \ell_{t-1} + \alpha\varepsilon_t$ $s_t = s_{t-m} + \gamma\varepsilon_t$	$y_t = \ell_{t-1}s_{t-m} + \varepsilon_t$ $\ell_t = \ell_{t-1} + \alpha\varepsilon_t/s_{t-m}$ $s_t = s_{t-m} + \gamma\varepsilon_t/\ell_{t-1}$
A	$y_t = \ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$ $\ell_t = \ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1} + \alpha\varepsilon_t$ $b_t = b_{t-1} + \beta\varepsilon_t$	$y_t = \ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1} + s_{t-m} + \varepsilon_t$ $\ell_t = \ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1} + \alpha\varepsilon_t$ $b_t = b_{t-1} + \beta\varepsilon_t$ $s_t = s_{t-m} + \gamma\varepsilon_t$	$y_t = (\ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1})s_{t-m} + \varepsilon_t$ $\ell_t = \ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1} + \alpha\varepsilon_t/s_{t-m}$ $b_t = b_{t-1} + \beta\varepsilon_t/s_{t-m}$ $s_t = s_{t-m} + \gamma\varepsilon_t/(\ell_{t-1} + b_{t-1})$
$\mathbf{A_d}$	$y_t = \ell_{t-1} + \phi b_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$ $\ell_t = \ell_{t-1} + \phi b_{t-1} + \alpha\varepsilon_t$ $b_t = \phi b_{t-1} + \beta\varepsilon_t$	$y_t = \ell_{t-1} + \phi b_{t-1} + s_{t-m} + \varepsilon_t$ $\ell_t = \ell_{t-1} + \phi b_{t-1} + \alpha\varepsilon_t$ $b_t = \phi b_{t-1} + \beta\varepsilon_t$ $s_t = s_{t-m} + \gamma\varepsilon_t$	$y_t = (\ell_{t-1} + \phi b_{t-1})s_{t-m} + \varepsilon_t$ $\ell_t = \ell_{t-1} + \phi b_{t-1} + \alpha\varepsilon_t/s_{t-m}$ $b_t = \phi b_{t-1} + \beta\varepsilon_t/s_{t-m}$ $s_t = s_{t-m} + \gamma\varepsilon_t/(\ell_{t-1} + \phi b_{t-1})$

Multiplicative error models

Trend	Seasonal N	Seasonal A	Seasonal M
N	$y_t = \ell_{t-1}(1+\varepsilon_t)$ $\ell_t = \ell_{t-1}(1+\alpha\varepsilon_t)$	$y_t = (\ell_{t-1}+s_{t-m})(1+\varepsilon_t)$ $\ell_t = \ell_{t-1}+\alpha(\ell_{t-1}+s_{t-m})\varepsilon_t$ $s_t = s_{t-m}+\gamma(\ell_{t-1}+s_{t-m})\varepsilon_t$	$y_t = \ell_{t-1}s_{t-m}(1+\varepsilon_t)$ $\ell_t = \ell_{t-1}(1+\alpha\varepsilon_t)$ $s_t = s_{t-m}(1+\gamma\varepsilon_t)$
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Estimating ETS models

- Smoothing parameters α, β, γ and ϕ, and the initial states $\ell_0, b_0, s_0, s_{-1}, \dots, s_{-m+1}$ are estimated by maximising the "likelihood" = the probability of the data arising from the specified model.
- For models with additive errors equivalent to minimising SSE.
- For models with multiplicative errors, **not** equivalent to minimising SSE.
- We will estimate models with the `ets()` function in the forecast package.

Innovations state space models

Let $\boldsymbol{x}_t = (\ell_t, b_t, s_t, s_{t-1}, \dots, s_{t-m+1})$ and $\varepsilon_t \overset{\text{iid}}{\sim} \mathrm{N}(0, \sigma^2)$.

$$\begin{aligned} y_t &= \underbrace{h(\boldsymbol{x}_{t-1})}_{\mu_t} + \underbrace{k(\boldsymbol{x}_{t-1})\varepsilon_t}_{e_t} \\ \boldsymbol{x}_t &= f(\boldsymbol{x}_{t-1}) + g(\boldsymbol{x}_{t-1})\varepsilon_t \end{aligned}$$

Additive errors

$$k(x) = 1. \qquad y_t = \mu_t + \varepsilon_t.$$

Multiplicative errors

$$k(\boldsymbol{x}_{t-1}) = \mu_t. \qquad y_t = \mu_t(1 + \varepsilon_t).$$

$\varepsilon_t = (y_t - \mu_t)/\mu_t$ is relative error.

Innovations state space models

Estimation

$$\begin{aligned} L^*(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{x}_0) &= n \log\left(\sum_{t=1}^{n} \varepsilon_t^2 / k^2(\boldsymbol{x}_{t-1}) \right) + 2 \sum_{t=1}^{n} \log |k(\boldsymbol{x}_{t-1})| \\ &= -2 \log(\text{Likelihood}) + \text{constant} \end{aligned}$$

- Estimate parameters $\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \phi)$ and initial states $\boldsymbol{x}_0 = (\ell_0, b_0, s_0, s_{-1}, \dots, s_{-m+1})$ by minimizing L^*.

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- Traditional restrictions in the methods
  $0 < \alpha, \beta^*, \gamma^*, \phi < 1$
  (equations interpreted as weighted averages).
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Admissible region

- To prevent observations in the distant past having a continuing effect on current forecasts.
- Usually (but not always) less restrictive than the *usual* region.

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Bayesian Information Criterion

$$\text{BIC} = \text{AIC} + k(\log(T) - 2).$$

Automatic forecasting

From Hyndman et al. (IJF, 2002):

- Apply each model that is appropriate to the data. Optimize parameters and initial values using MLE (or some other criterion).
- Select best method using AICc:
- Produce forecasts using best method.
- Obtain Forecast intervals using underlying state space model.

Method performed very well in M3 competition.

Some unstable models

- Some of the combinations of (Error, Trend, Seasonal) can lead to numerical difficulties; see equations with division by a state.
- These are: ETS(A,N,M), ETS(A,A,M), ETS(A,A_d,M).
- Models with multiplicative errors are useful for strictly positive data, but are not numerically stable with data containing zeros or negative values. In that case only the six fully additive models will be applied.

Exponential smoothing models

Additive Error		**Seasonal Component**		
Trend Component		N (None)	A (Additive)	M (Multiplicative)
N	(None)	A,N,N	A,N,A	~~A,N,M~~
A	(Additive)	A,A,N	A,A,A	~~A,A,M~~
A_d	(Additive damped)	A,A_d,N	A,A_d,A	~~A,A_d,M~~

Multiplicative Error		**Seasonal Component**		
Trend Component		N (None)	A (Additive)	M (Multiplicative)
N	(None)	M,N,N	M,N,A	M,N,M

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- Not the same as $\mathrm{E}(y_{t+h} | \boldsymbol{x}_t)$ unless trend and seasonality are both additive.
- Point forecasts for ETS(A,x,y) are identical to ETS(M,x,y) if the parameters are the same.

Example: ETS(A,A,N)

$$
\begin{aligned}
y_{T+1} &= \ell_T + b_T + \varepsilon_{T+1} \\
\hat{y}_{T+1|T} &= \ell_T + b_T \\
y_{T+2} &= \ell_{T+1} + b_{T+1} + \varepsilon_{T+1} \\
&= (\ell_T + b_T + \alpha\varepsilon_{T+1}) + (b_T + \beta\varepsilon_{T+1}) + \varepsilon_{T+1} \\
\hat{y}_{T+2|T} &= \ell_T + 2b_T
\end{aligned}
$$

etc.

Example: ETS(M,A,N)

$$
\begin{aligned}
y_{T+1} &= (\ell_T + b_T)(1 + \varepsilon_{T+1}) \\
\hat{y}_{T+1|T} &= \ell_T + b_T. \\
y_{T+2} &= (\ell_{T+1} + b_{T+1})(1 + \varepsilon_{T+1}) \\
&= \left\{(\ell_T + b_T)(1 + \alpha\varepsilon_{T+1}) + [b_T + \beta(\ell_T + b_T)\varepsilon_{T+1}]\right\}(1 + \varepsilon_{T+
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\hat{y}_{T+2|T} = \ell_T + 2b_T
$$

etc.

Forecasting with ETS models

Prediction intervals: cannot be generated using the methods, only the models.

- The prediction intervals will differ between models with additive and multiplicative errors.
- Exact formulae for some models.
- More general to simulate future sample paths, conditional on the last estimate of the states, and to obtain prediction intervals from the percentiles of these simulated future paths.
- Options are available in R using the `forecast` function in the forecast package.

Outline

Example: drug sales

```r
ets(h02)
```

```
## ETS(M,Ad,M)
##
## Call:
##  ets(y = h02)
##
##   Smoothing parameters:
##     alpha = 0.2173
##     beta  = 2e-04
##     gamma = 1e-04
##     phi   = 0.9756
##
##   Initial states:
##     l = 0.3996
##     b = 0.0098
##     s=0.8675 0.8259 0.7591 0.7748 0.6945 1.2838
##            1.3366 1.1753 1.1545 1.0968 1.0482 0.983
##
##   sigma:  0.0647
##
```

Example: drug sales

```r
ets(h02, model="AAA", damped=FALSE)
```

```
## ETS(A,A,A)
##
## Call:
##  ets(y = h02, model = "AAA", damped = FALSE)
##
##   Smoothing parameters:
##     alpha = 0.1957
##     beta  = 1e-04
##     gamma = 0.4211
##
##   Initial states:
##     l = 0.4146
##     b = 0.0026
##     s=-0.1064 -0.1028 -0.1211 -0.1086 -0.161 0.2173
##            0.2306 0.0671 0.0667 0.0299 -0.0156 0.0038
##
##   sigma:  0.0538
##
##       AIC      AICc        BIC
```

The `ets()` function

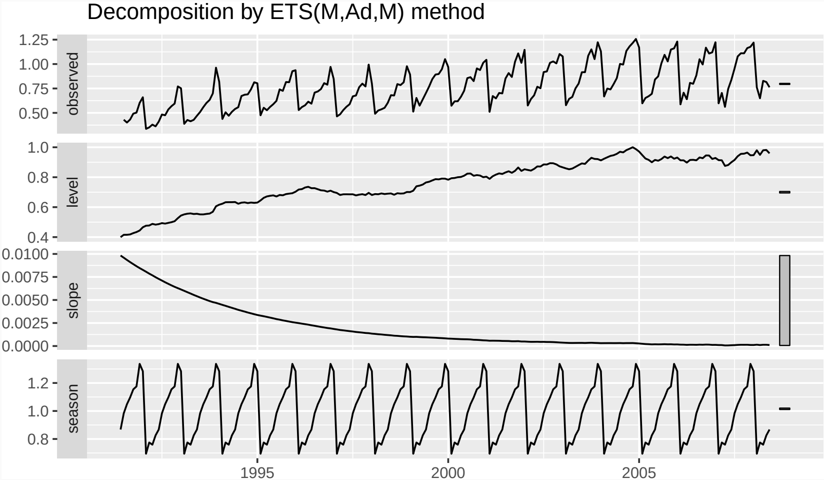
- Automatically chooses a model by default using the AIC, AICc or BIC.
- Can handle any combination of trend, seasonality and damping
- Ensures the parameters are admissible (equivalent to invertible)
- Produces an object of class “ets”.

`ets` objects

- **Methods:** `coef()`, `autoplot()`, `plot()`, `summary()`, `residuals()`, `fitted()`, `simulate()` and `forecast()`
- `autoplot()` shows time plots of the original time series along with the extracted components (level, growth and seasonal).

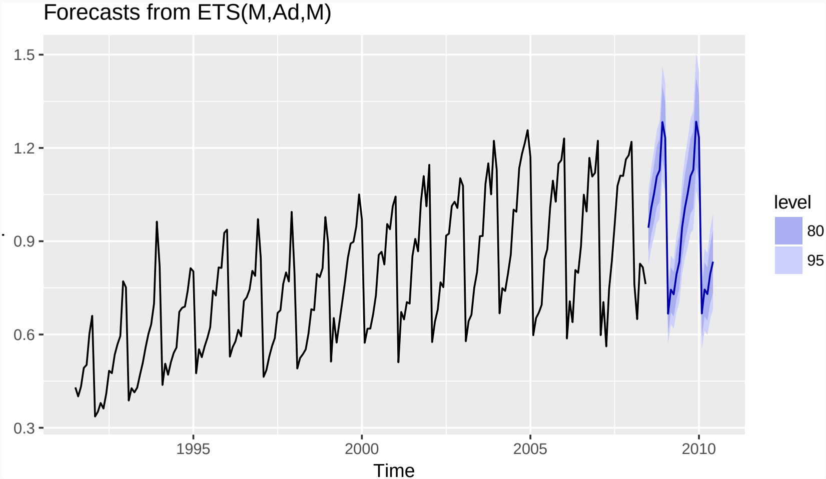
Example: drug sales

```
h02 %>% ets %>% autoplot
```



Example: drug sales

```
h02 %>% ets %>% forecast %>% autoplot
```



Example: drug sales

```r
h02 %>% ets %>% accuracy
```

```
##                       ME       RMSE        MAE       MPE     MAPE
## Training set 0.003353397 0.05144236 0.03919035 0.0437546 5.054949
##                   MASE         ACF1
## Training set 0.6465103 -0.007295816
```

```r
h02 %>% ets(model="AAA", damped=FALSE) %>% accuracy
```

```
##                       ME       RMSE        MAE        MPE     MAPE
## Training set 0.000396129 0.05381921 0.04038841 -0.3530507 5.375484
##                   MASE        ACF1
## Training set 0.6662743 -0.06641172
```

The ets() function

ets() function also allows refitting model to new data set.

```
train <- window(h02, end=c(2004,12))
test <- window(h02, start=2005)
fit1 <- ets(train)
fit2 <- ets(test, model = fit1)
accuracy(fit2)
```

```
##                       ME       RMSE        MAE        MPE     MAPE
## Training set 0.002828719 0.0556371 0.04510416 -0.3111965 5.424523
##                   MASE       ACF1
## Training set 0.7094596 -0.3807942
```

```
accuracy(forecast(fit1,10), test)
```

```
##                        ME       RMSE        MAE        MPE      MAPE
## Training set  0.003385115 0.04466096 0.03278583   0.169324  4.332804
## Test set     -0.079220419 0.09420250 0.08237909 -10.353804 10.642337
##                   MASE        ACF1 Theil's U
## Training set 0.5560485 -0.01039592        NA
```

The `ets()` function in R

```r
ets(y, model = "ZZZ", damped = NULL,
  additive.only = FALSE,
  lambda = NULL, biasadj = FALSE,
  lower = c(rep(1e-04, 3), 0.8),
  upper = c(rep(0.9999, 3), 0.98),
  opt.crit = c("lik", "amse", "mse", "sigma",
  nmse = 3,
  bounds = c("both", "usual", "admissible"),
  ic = c("aicc", "aic", "bic"),
  restrict = TRUE,
  allow.multiplicative.trend = FALSE, ...)
```

The `ets()` function in R

- `y`
  The time series to be forecast.
- `model`
  use the ETS classification and notation: "N" for none, "A" for additive, "M" for multiplicative, or "Z" for automatic selection. Default `ZZZ` all components are selected using the information criterion.
- `damped`
- If `damped=TRUE`, then a damped trend will be used (either A_d or M_d).
- `damped=FALSE`, then a non-damped trend will used.
- If `damped=NULL` (the default), then either a damped or a non-damped trend will be selected according to

The `ets()` function in R

- `additive.only`
  Only models with additive components will be considered if `additive.only=TRUE`. Otherwise all models will be considered.
- `lambda`
  Box-Cox transformation parameter. It will be ignored if `lambda=NULL` (the default value). Otherwise, the time series will be transformed before the model is estimated. When `lambda` is not `NULL`, `additive.only` is set to `TRUE`.
- `biadadj`
  Uses bias-adjustment when undoing Box-Cox transformation for fitted values.

The `ets()` function in R

- `lower,upper` bounds for the parameter estimates of α, β^*, γ^* and ϕ.
- `opt.crit=lik` (default) optimisation criterion used for estimation.
- `bounds` Constraints on the parameters.
  - *usual* region – `"bounds=usual"`;
  - *admissible* region – `"bounds=admissible"`;
  - `"bounds=both"` (the default) requires the parameters to satisfy both sets of constraints.
- `ic=aicc` (the default) information criterion to be used in selecting models.
- `restrict=TRUE` (the default) models that cause numerical difficulties are not considered in model

The `forecast()` function in R

```
forecast(object,
  h=ifelse(object$m>1, 2*object$m, 10),
  level=c(80,95), fan=FALSE,
  simulate=FALSE, bootstrap=FALSE,
  npaths=5000, PI=TRUE,
  lambda=object$lambda, biasadj=FALSE,...)
```

- `object`: the object returned by the `ets()` function.
- `h`: the number of periods to be forecast.
- `level`: the confidence level for the prediction intervals.
- `fan`: if `fan=TRUE`, suitable for fan plots.
- `simulate`: If `TRUE`, prediction intervals generated via

The `forecast()` function in R

- `bootstrap`: If `bootstrap=TRUE` and `simulate=TRUE`, then simulated prediction intervals use re-sampled errors rather than normally distributed errors.
- `npaths`: The number of sample paths used in computing simulated prediction intervals.
- `PI`: If `PI=TRUE`, then prediction intervals are produced; otherwise only point forecasts are calculated. If `PI=FALSE`, then `level`, `fan`, `simulate`, `bootstrap` and `npaths` are all ignored.
- `lambda`: The Box-Cox transformation parameter. Ignored if `lambda=NULL`. Otherwise, forecasts are back-transformed via inverse Box-Cox transformation.

Your turn

- Use `ets()` on some of these series:

  $bicoal$, $chicken$, $dole$, $usdeaths$, $bricksq$, $lynx$, $ibmclose$, $eggs$, $bricksq$, $ausbeer$

- Does it always give good forecasts?
- Find an example where it does not work well. Can you figure out why?