



SYS 670: Forecasting and Demand Modeling

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1. INTRODUCTION:

In this project, time series forecasting techniques are implemented to predict OPEC crude oil basket price. The dataset is obtained from OPEC official website and can be downloaded in four different forms which are original price, change in price, percentage of change in price and the cumulative price. Each of the four datasets is analyzed separately and a comparison of the four is done with regards to accuracy in prediction.

2. PRICE DATASET:

2.1 Basic Diagnostics

Plotting Time Series for the data:

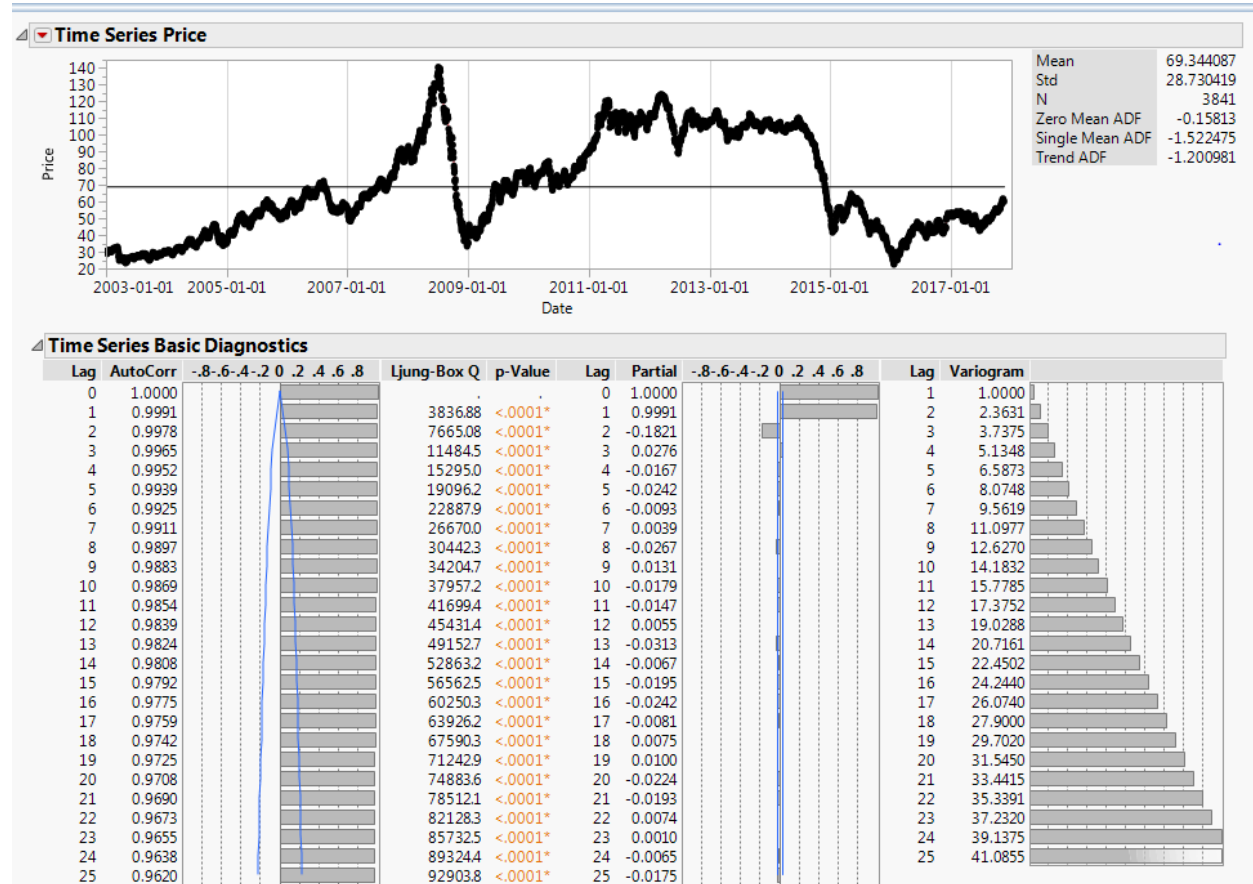


Figure 2.1 Time Series for Price

Time Series Analysis:

- It displays graphs of the autocorrelations and partial auto correlations of the series. These indicate how and to what degree each point in the series is correlated with earlier values in the series.
- It helps to understand the underlying structure and function that produce the observations. It is assumed that a time series data set has at least one symmetric pattern. The most common patterns are trends and seasonality. There is no specific or impressive trend is followed in the proposed time series model for the given data. This emphasis that the given data is not standardized and it needs some smoothing procedure to standardize.
- Data is stationary and it showed mixed behavior.
- Visual inspection shows there is a steep rise in price of \$140 is observed at the time period of 2008-05-01 and sudden fall in price of \$35 in the year 2009. From the year 2011 to 2015 the oil

price is almost stabilized in the range of \$100 to \$120. Throughout the years from 2003 to 2017, there is huge fluctuations of oil price is observed between \$25 and \$120.

- The statistical tests like Standard deviation, Zero mean ADF, Single mean ADF and Trend ADF for the proposed models are analyzed. ADF stands for Augmented Dickey Fuller test, which is a way to check for a unit root within the time series and it is checking for an underlying time dependent trend within the data. The three metrics correspond to checking for no underlying time component (zero mean), constant increase over time (single mean) and acceleration over time (Trend). The Zero mean ADF, Single mean ADF and Trend ADF are in negative values which strongly emphasizes that the proposed model need to be standardized through smoothing
- By looking at the auto correlations and variogram functions, it is clearly evident that the proposed model data should be standardized.

2.2 MODELS:

Given the previous basic diagnostics, models are examined.

2.2.1 Simple Exponential Smoothing:

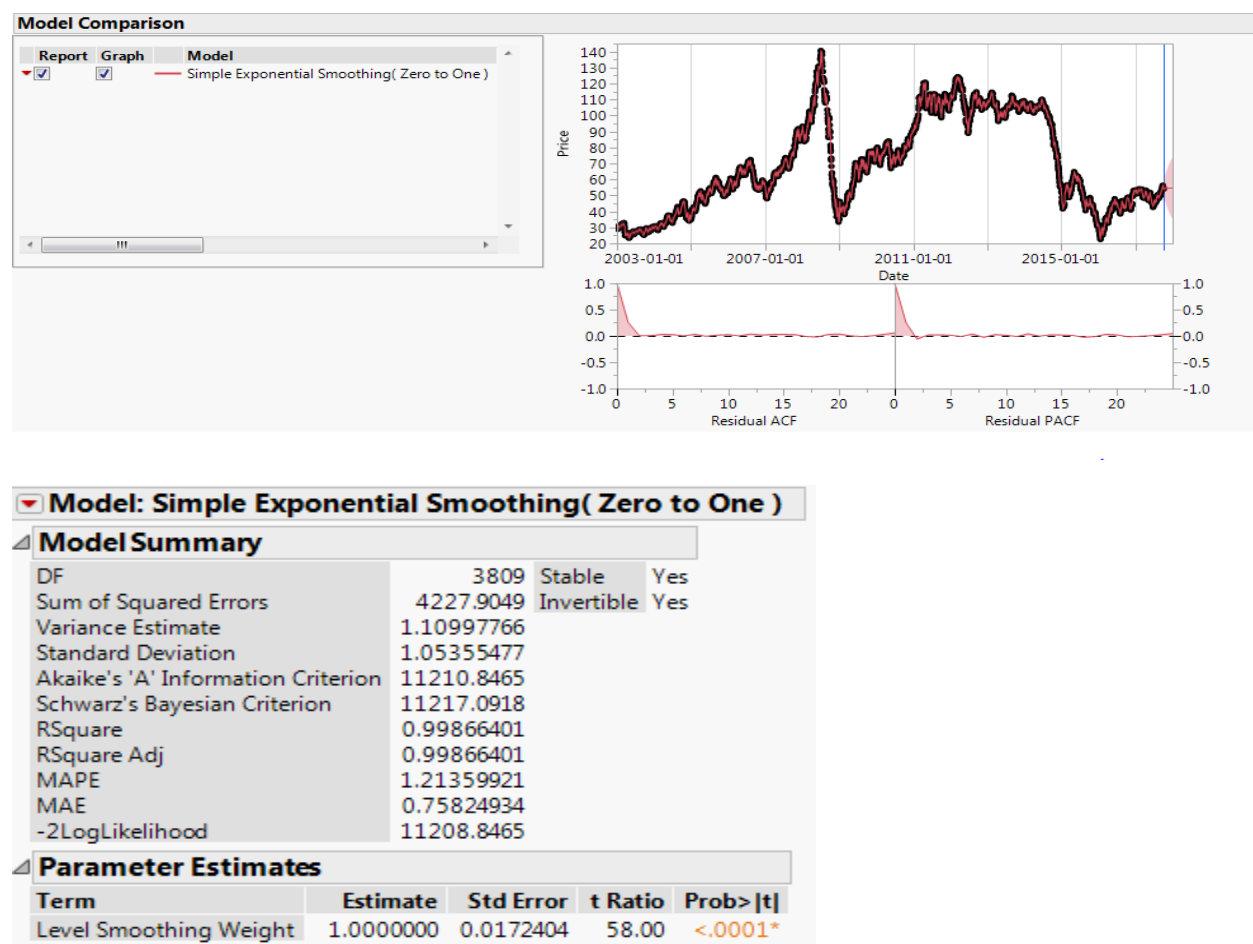


Figure 2.2 Simple Exponential Model Analysis

Interpretation:

- Accuracy measures like **MAPE, MAD and MSD** are used to compare the fitting of different time series models. Smaller values indicate a better fit.
- The model summary indicates that, $\text{MAPE} = 1.21$
 $\text{MAE} = 0.7582$
- And also the R-Square and R-Square adjusted values observed to be same (0.998) and it is approximately equal to 1. This clearly states that the model is highly stable.

2.2.2 Double Exponential Smoothing:

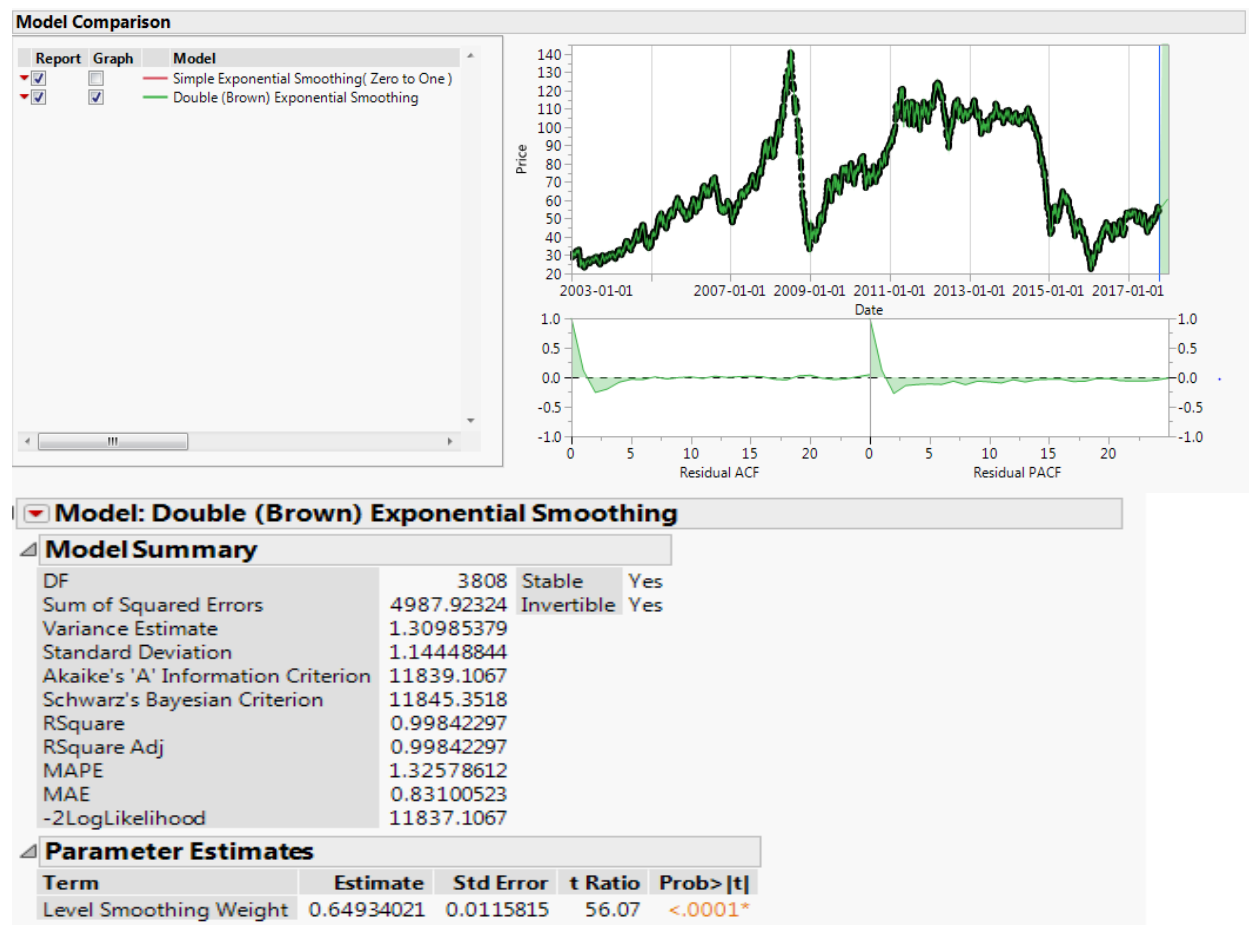


Figure 2.3 Double Exponential Model Analysis

Interpretation:

- Accuracy measures like **MAPE, MAD and MSD** are used to compare the fitting of different time series models. Smaller values indicate a better fit.
- The model summary indicates that, $\text{MAPE} = 1.325$
 $\text{MAE} = 0.831$
- And also the R-Square and R-Square adjusted values observed to be same (0.998) and it is approximately equal to 1. This clearly states that the model is highly stable.

2.2.3 Winters method:

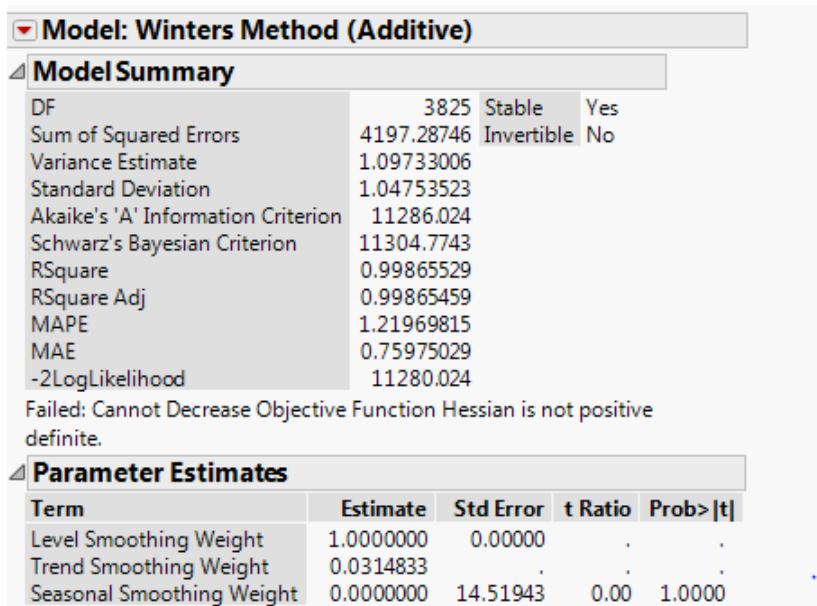
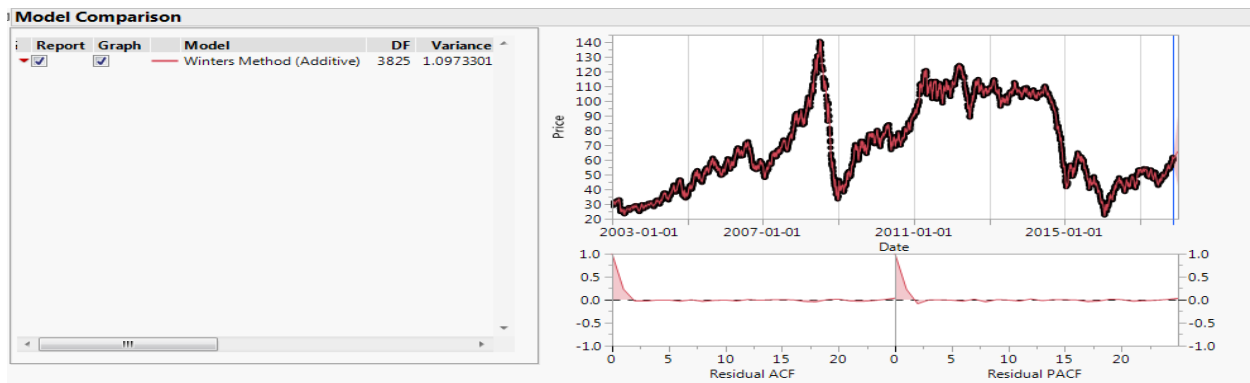


Figure 2.4 Winter Model Analysis

Interpretation:

- On comparing the MAPE and MAE values of all the models we conclude that

	Simple Exponential Smoothing	Double Exponential Smoothing	Winters Method
MAPE	1.12135	1.325	1.2196
MAE	0.758	0.831	0.7597

MAPE and MAE values got increased in double exponential smoothing when compared to simple exponential smoothing. This clearly indicates that 'Simple exponential smoothing model' is more fitted model than Double exponential method. Almost Simple Exponential and Winters Method are approximately same but there observed to be slight change in the error values, which clearly states that Simple Exponential smoothing is the best fitted model with less error values and more inclined towards its accuracy.

- Here also the R-square and R-Square adjusted observed to be same (0.998) and it is approximately equal to 1. This clearly states that Simple Exponential model is highly stable.
- Usually Double Exponential Smoothing model and winters method fits the data perfectly when there is a trend observed in the data. As there is no trend observed in the given data, it is clearly evident that Double exponential smoothing model won't give a standardized result.
- The t-ratio is estimate divided by the standard error. More the standard error less the t-ratio will be. On comparing the t-ratio results of Simple and Double exponential smoothing model, it is observed that simple exponential model is having the more value of 58 whereas Double Exponential smoothing model is having the value of 56.07.
- The estimate optimal alpha value is one, even though Simple exponential is highly stable, it is better to check for best fitted model through ARIMA
- As there is no trend is observed in the given data, there is no point in checking for other smoothing models like Holt's method etc.

2.2.4 ARIMA:

After a time series has been stationarized by differencing, the next step in fitting an ARIMA model is to determine whether AR or MA terms are needed to correct any autocorrelation that remains in the differenced series.

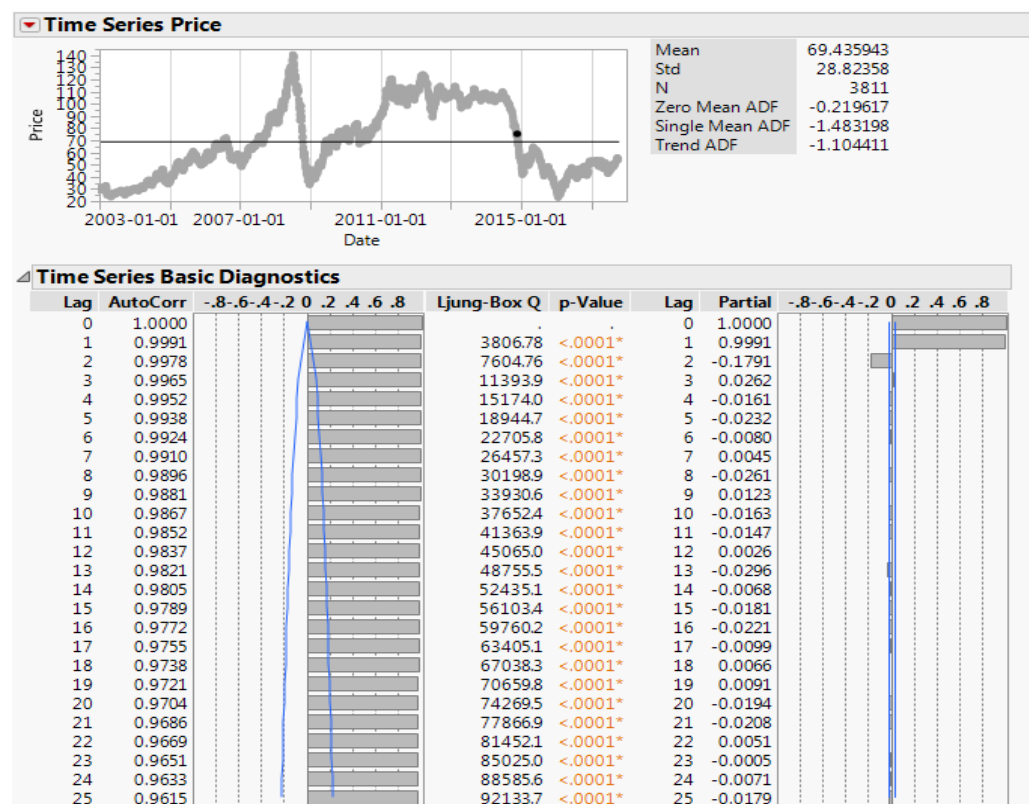


Figure 2.5 ACF & PACF Analysis

Interpretation:

From Time Series results, it is observed that Partial Auto correlation lag is 1. So, ARIMA model has been performed with the order (0, 1, 0)

ARIMA (0, 1, 0)

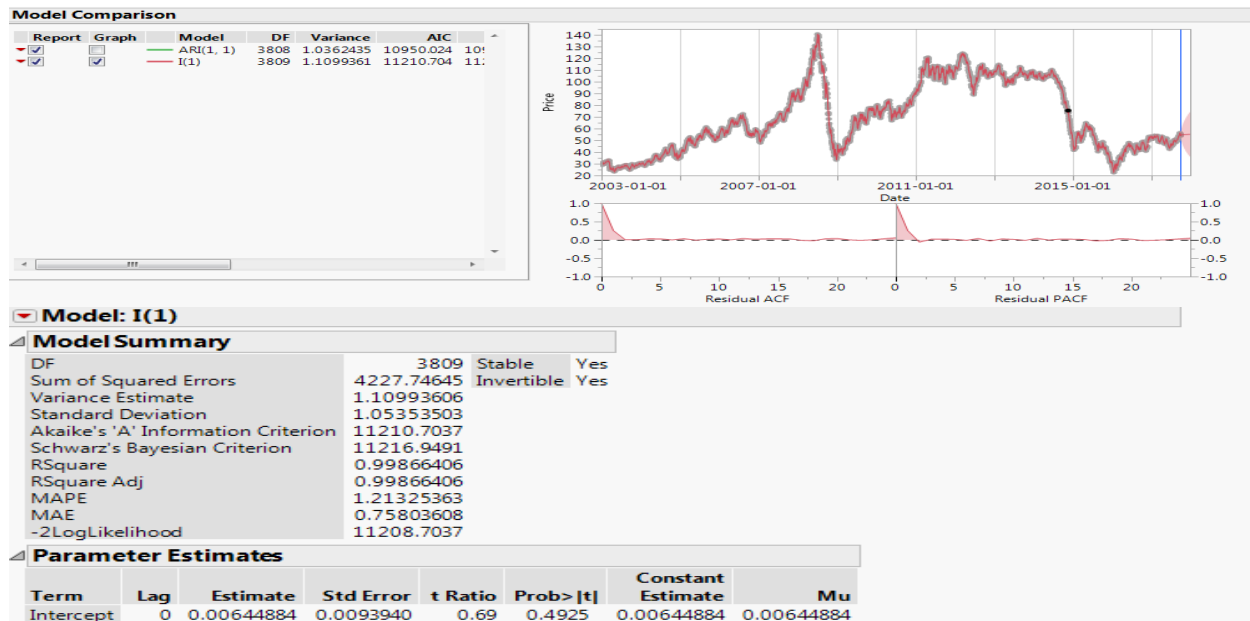


Figure 2.6 ARIMA(0,1,0) Model Analysis

Interpretation:

- Accuracy measures like **MAPE, MAD and MSD** are used to compare the fitting of different time series models. Smaller values indicate a better fit.
- The model summary indicates that, MAPE = 1.213
MAE = 0.758
- And also the R-Square and R-Square adjusted values observed to be same (0.998) and it is approximately equal to 1. This clearly states that the model is highly stable.

Residuals:

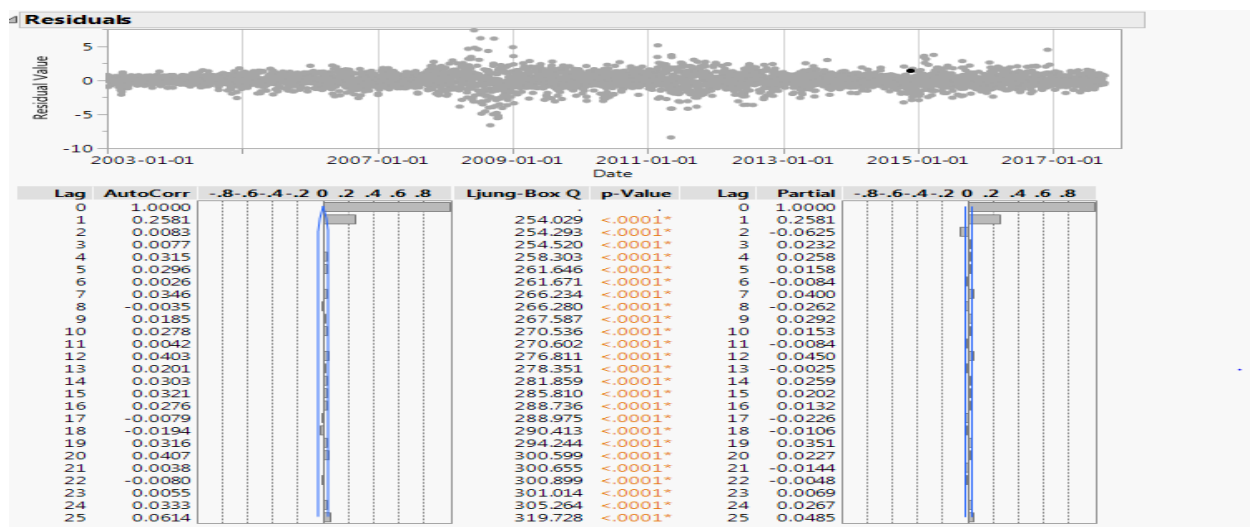


Figure 2.7 Residuals & ACF, PACF of ARIMA (0,1,0)

Interpretation:

- If the residuals appeared to behave randomly, it indicates that model fits the data well. On the other hand, if non-random structure is evident in the residuals, it clearly indicates that model fits the data poorly. So, if the model fit to the data correctly, that makes the statistical relationship between the predictive variable and the response variable.
- The graphical residual plot indicates that residuals scattered properly. As the residuals scattered completely, we can evident an impressive statistical relationship between the Price of the oil at respective time interval.
- Generally sum of residuals should be equal to zero and the residuals should be standardized among the mean line befitted in the middle of the plot. Here, all the residuals are scattered properly and retained around the mean line. This clearly states that the model fitter perfectly but up on careful visualization of PACF, it is observed to be of one significant spike. Still certain standard error retained in predicted model data. So, ARIMA need to be performed with the order (1, 1, 0).

ARIMA (1,1,0)

From the results of ARIMA (0, 1, 0) it is observed that, the PACF has only one significant spike, so consider now order as (1, 1, 0).

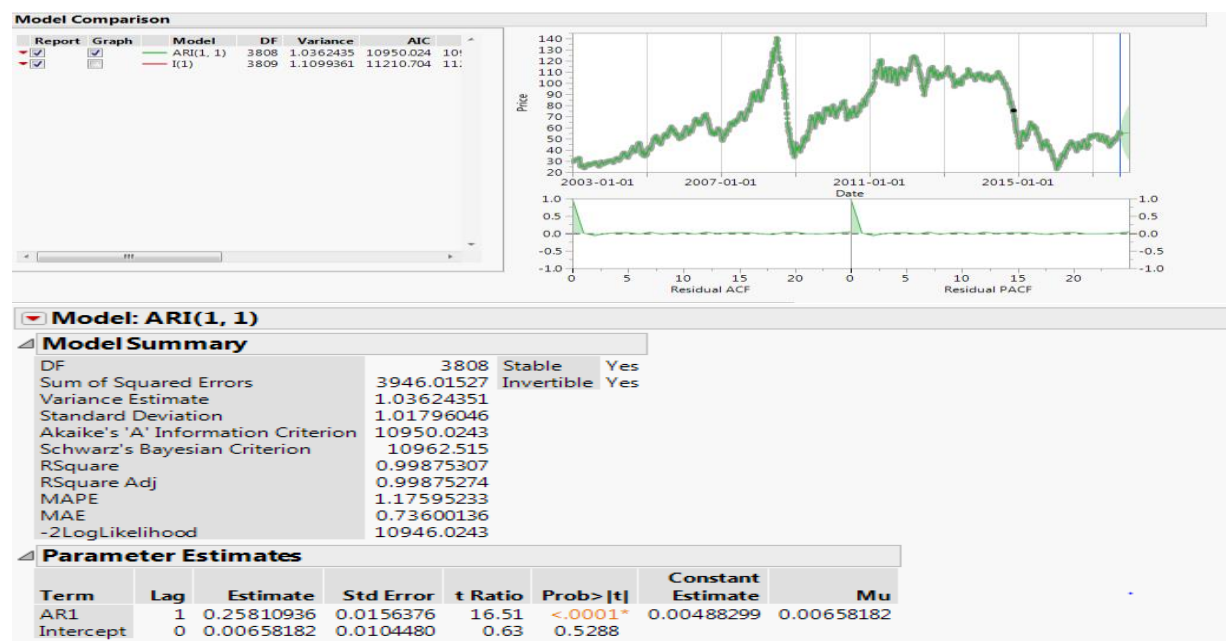


Figure 2.8 ARIMA (1,1,0) Model Analysis

Interpretation:

- Accuracy measures like **MAPE**, **MAD** and **MSD** are used to compare the fitting of different time series models. Smaller values indicate a better fit.
- The model summary indicates that, MAPE = 1.17
MAE = 0.73
- And also the R-Square and R-Square adjusted values observed to be same (0.998) and it is approximately equal to 1. This clearly states that the model is highly stable.
- On comparing the MAPE and MAE values of both the models we conclude that

	ARIMA(0, 1, 0)	ARIMA(1, 1, 0)
MAPE	1.213	1.17
MAE	0.758	0.73

- MAPE and MAE values got decreased in ARIMA (1, 1, 0) model when compared to ARIMA (0, 1, 0) model. This clearly indicates that 'ARIMA (1, 1, 0) model' is more fitted model with less error values and more inclined towards its accuracy. And perfect model for forecasting.

Residuals:

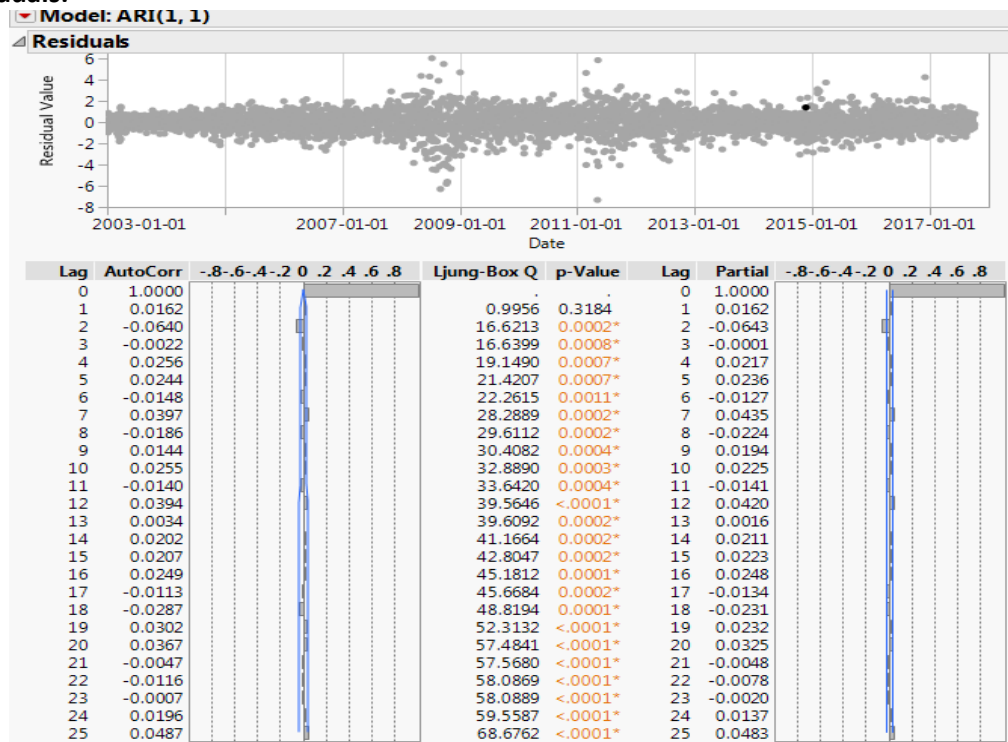


Figure 2.9 Residuals & ACF, PACF of ARIMA (1,1,0)

Interpretation:

There observed to no lags in PCFA, which clearly infers that the fitted model is free of error values.

Forecast the data through ARIMA (1, 1, 0) model:

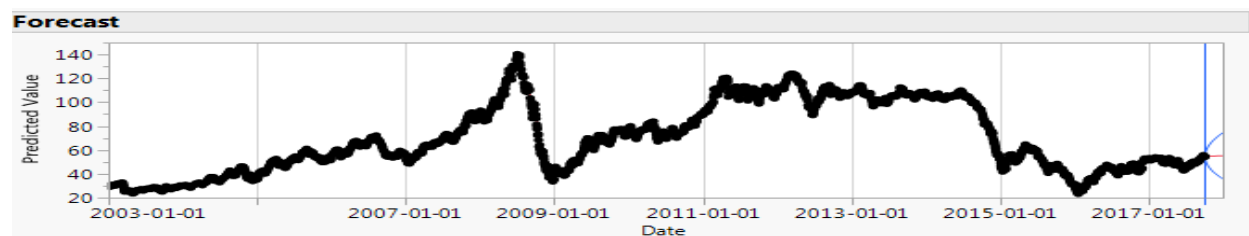


Figure 2.10 ARIMA (1,1,0) forecast

Forecasted Data:

	Actual Price	Date	Predicted Price	Std Err Pred Price	Residual Price	Upper CL (0.95) Price	Lower CL (0.95) Price
3811	54.62	2017-10-05	53.936448835	1.0535350303	0.6835511647	56.001339551	51.87155812
3812	•	2017-10-06	54.626448835	1.0535350303	•	56.691339551	52.56155812
3813	•	2017-10-07	54.632897671	1.4899235282	•	57.553094126	51.712701215
3814	•	2017-10-08	54.639346506	1.8247762	•	58.215842138	51.062850874
3815	•	2017-10-09	54.645795341	2.1070700605	•	58.775576773	50.51601391
3816	•	2017-10-10	54.652244176	2.3557759443	•	59.269480183	50.03500817
3817	•	2017-10-11	54.658693012	2.5806232503	•	59.71662164	49.600764383
3818	•	2017-10-12	54.665141847	2.7873916876	•	60.128329165	49.201954528
3819	•	2017-10-13	54.671590682	2.9798470565	•	60.511983592	48.831197772
3820	•	2017-10-14	54.678039517	3.1606050908	•	60.872711665	48.48336737
3821	•	2017-10-15	54.684488353	3.3315702904	•	61.214246134	48.154730572
3822	•	2017-10-16	54.690937188	3.4941803989	•	61.539404925	47.842469451
3823	•	2017-10-17	54.697386023	3.6495523999	•	61.850377287	47.54439476
3824	•	2017-10-18	54.703834859	3.7985745721	•	62.148904212	47.258765505
3825	•	2017-10-19	54.710283694	3.9419671282	•	62.436397293	46.984170094
3826	•	2017-10-20	54.716732529	4.0803236269	•	62.714019883	46.719445175
3827	•	2017-10-21	54.723181364	4.2141401211	•	62.982744227	46.463618501
3828	•	2017-10-22	54.7296302	4.3438362101	•	63.243392726	46.215867673
3829	•	2017-10-23	54.736079035	4.4697705847	•	63.4966684	45.97548967
3830	•	2017-10-24	54.74252787	4.5922527304	•	63.74317783	45.741877911
3831	•	2017-10-25	54.748976705	4.7115518887	•	63.983448719	45.514504692
3832	•	2017-10-26	54.755425541	4.8279040235	•	64.217943548	45.292907534
3833	•	2017-10-27	54.761874376	4.9415173095	•	64.447070332	45.07667842
3834	•	2017-10-28	54.768323211	5.0525765091	•	64.671191198	44.865455224
3835	•	2017-10-29	54.774772047	5.1612465006	•	64.890629303	44.65891479
3836	•	2017-10-30	54.781220882	5.2676751513	•	65.105674461	44.456767303
3837	•	2017-10-31	54.787669717	5.3719956776	•	65.31658777	44.258751664
3838	•	2017-11-01	54.794118552	5.4743285999	•	65.523605448	44.064631657
3839	•	2017-11-02	54.800567388	5.5747833752	•	65.726942024	43.874192751
3840	•	2017-11-03	54.807016223	5.6734597681	•	65.926793036	43.68723941
3841	•	2017-11-04	54.813465058	5.770449012	•	66.123337296	43.50359282
3842	•	2017-11-05	54.819913893	5.8658347965	•	66.316738834	43.323088953

The above table is the forecasted data for 30 observations of fitted ARIMA (1,1,0) model.

3. CHANGE IN PRICE DATASET

3.1 Basic Diagnostics:

Plotting Time Series for the data:

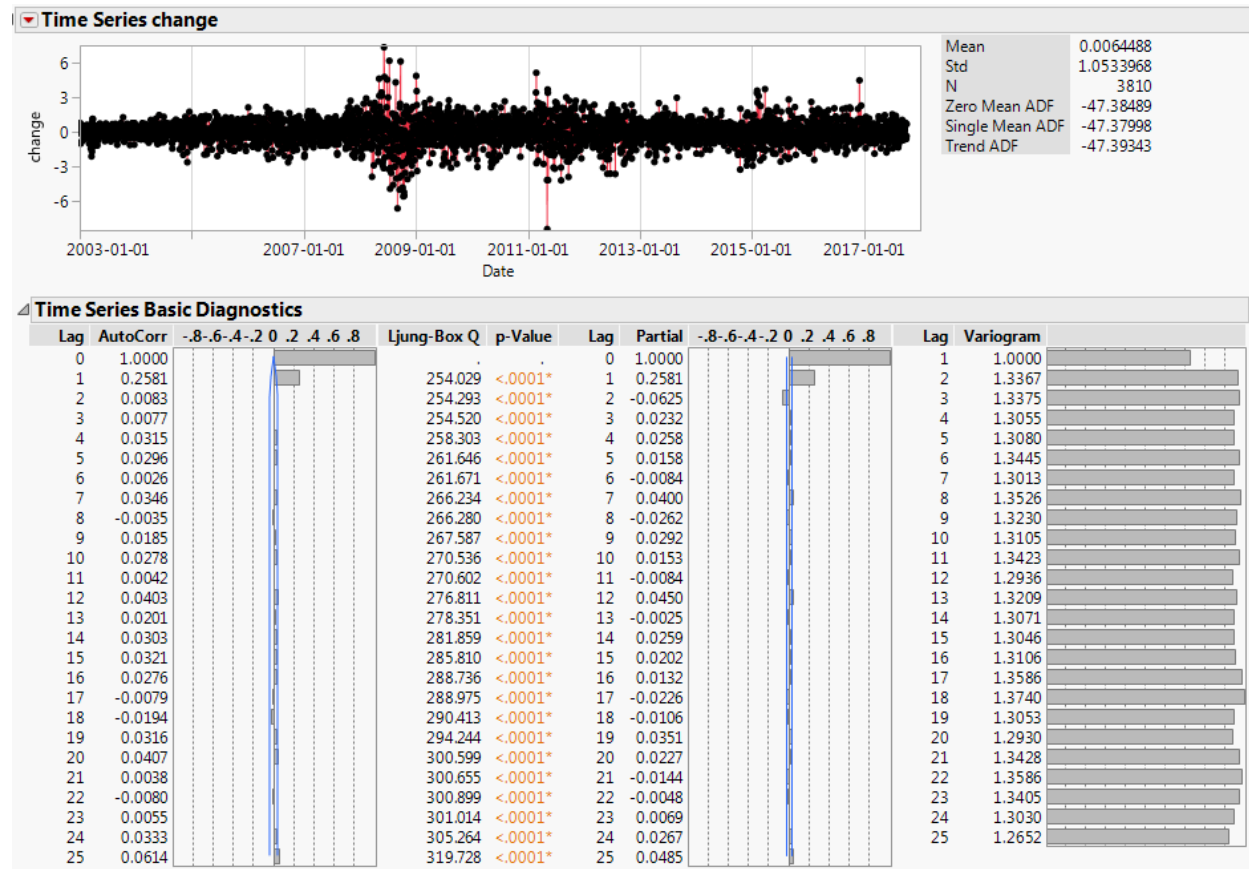


Figure 3.1 Time Series Analysis

Interpretation:

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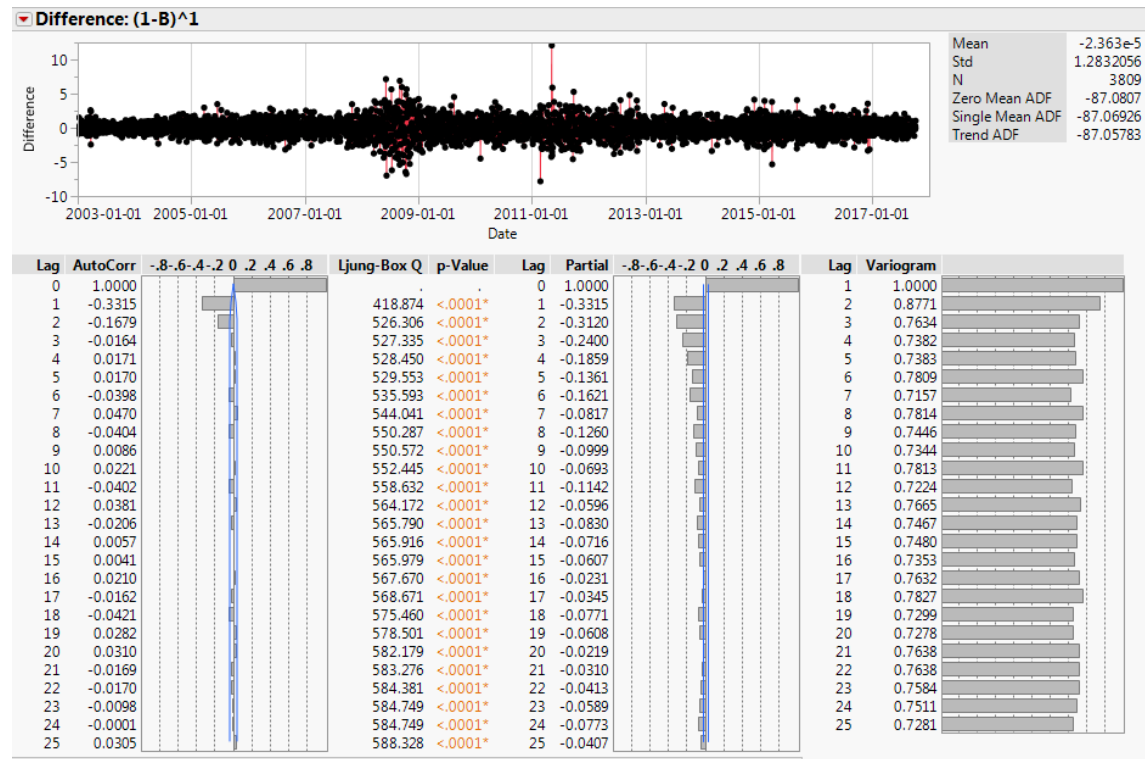


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Interpretation:

- It displays graphs of the autocorrelations and partial auto correlations of the series. These indicate how and to what degree each point in the series is correlated with earlier values in the series.
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- Visual inspection shows there is a huge fluctuation of change in price through the years from 2003 to 2017 but all the change in price values varied in the range of +5 to -5.
- Noticed the test statistics like Stand deviation, Zero mean ADF, Single mean ADF and Trend ADF for the proposed model. ADF stands for Augmented Dickey Fuller test, which is a way to check for a unit root within the time series and it is checking for an underlying time dependent trend within the data. The three metrics correspond to checking for no underlying time component (zero mean), constant increase over time (single mean) and acceleration over time (Trend). The Zero mean ADF, Single mean ADF and Trend ADF are in negative values which strongly emphasizes that the proposed model need to be standardized through smoothing
- By looking at the auto correlations and variogram functions, it is clearly evident that the proposed model data should be standardized.

3.2 MODELS:

3.2.1 Simple Exponential Smoothing:

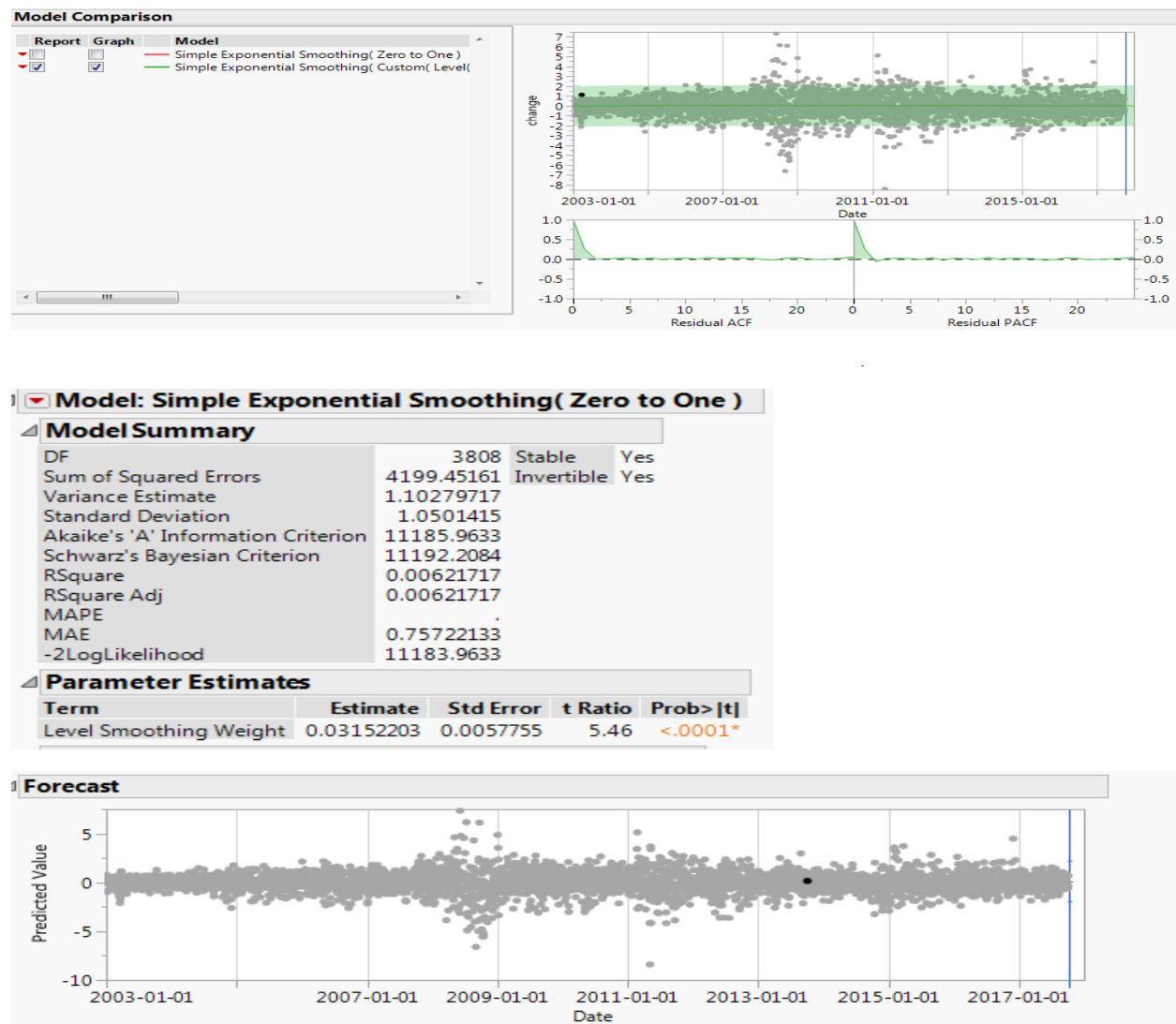


Figure 3.3 Simple Exponential Smoothing Analysis

Interpretation:

- Accuracy measures like **MAPE**, **MAD** and **MSD** are used to compare the fitting of different time series models. Smaller values indicate a better fit.
- The model summary indicates that, MAE = 0.7582
- And also the R-Square and R-Square adjusted values observed to be negative. It is possible to get a negative R-square for equations that do not contain a constant term because R-square is defined as the proportion of variance explained by the fit, if the fit is actually worse than just fitting a horizontal line then R-square is negative. As R-Square is negative it is not a stable model.

3.2.2 Double Exponential Smoothing:

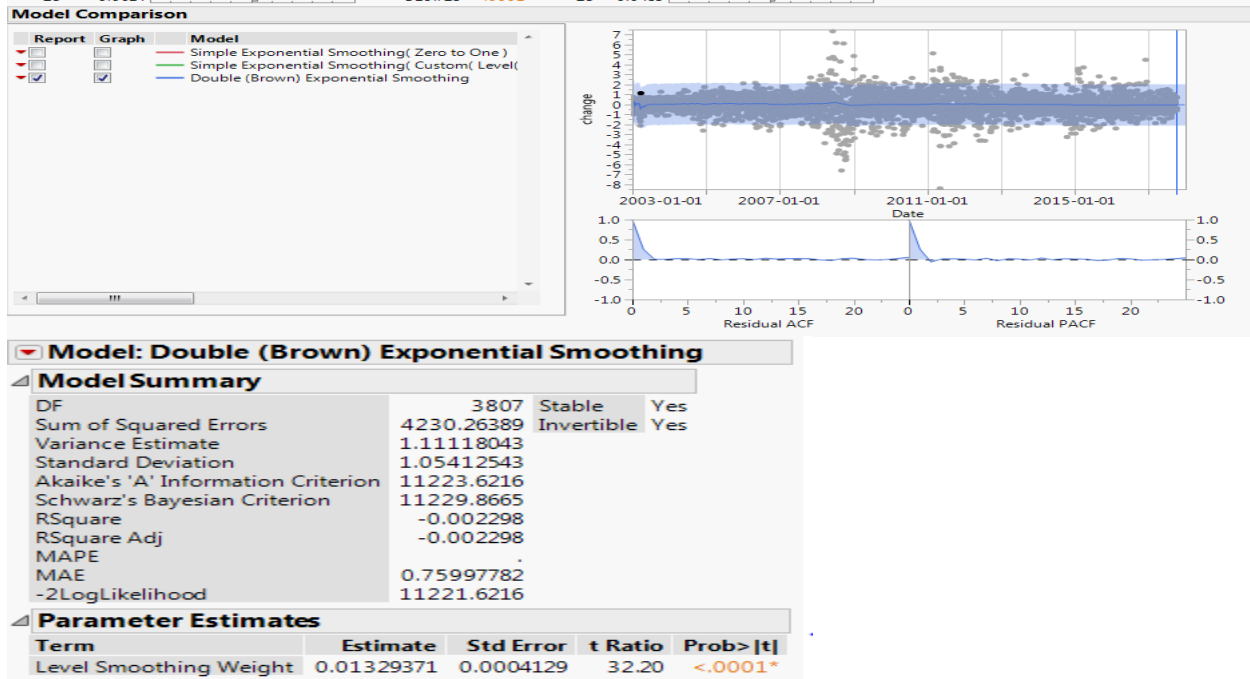
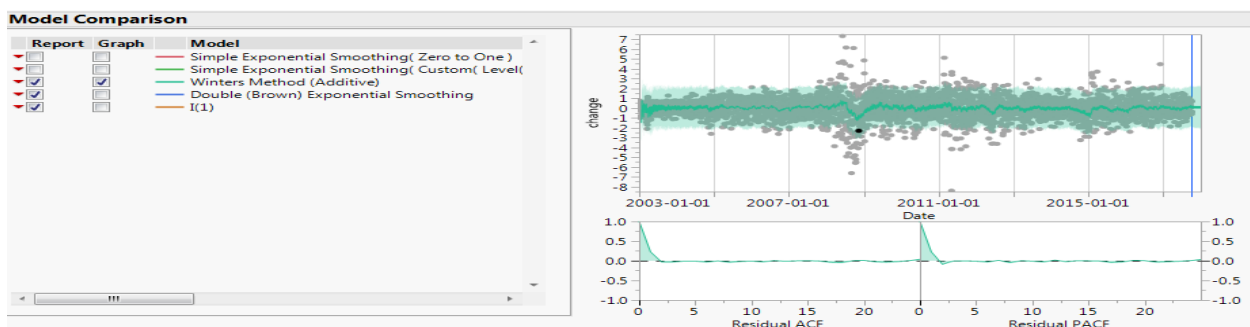


Figure 3.4 Double Exponential Smoothing Analysis

Interpretation:

- On comparing the MAE values of both the models we conclude that they are observed to be same. The results are not sufficient to predict the most fitted model.
- And also the R-Square and R-Square adjusted values observed to be negative. It is possible to get a negative R-square for equations that do not contain a constant term because R-square is defined as the proportion of variance explained by the fit, if the fit is actually worse than just fitting a horizontal line then R-square is negative. Here also R-Square is negative it is not a stable model.
- Usually Double Exponential Smoothing model fits the data perfectly when there is a trend observed in the data. As there is no trend observed in the given data, it is clearly evident that Double exponential smoothing model won't give a standardized result.
- As there is no trend is observed in the given data, there is no point in checking for other smoothing models like Holt's method etc.

3.2.3 Winters Model:



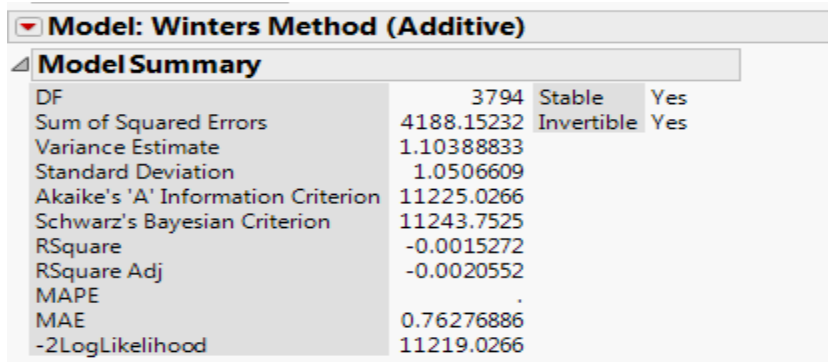


Figure 3.5 Winters Model Analysis

Interpretation:

- The model summary indicates that, MAE = 0.762. So the MAE value observed to be more for the winters method, this indicates it is not a fitted model.
- And also the R-Square and R-Square adjusted values observed to be negative. It is possible to get a negative R-square for equations that do not contain a constant term because R-square is defined as the proportion of variance explained by the fit, if the fit is actually worse than just fitting a horizontal line then R-square is negative.
- It is difficult to identify the stability of change in price through smoothing model, it is better to check for ARIMA.

3.2.4 ARIMA:

After a time series has been stationarized by differencing, the next step in fitting an ARIMA model is to determine whether AR or MA terms are needed to correct any autocorrelation that remains in the differenced series.

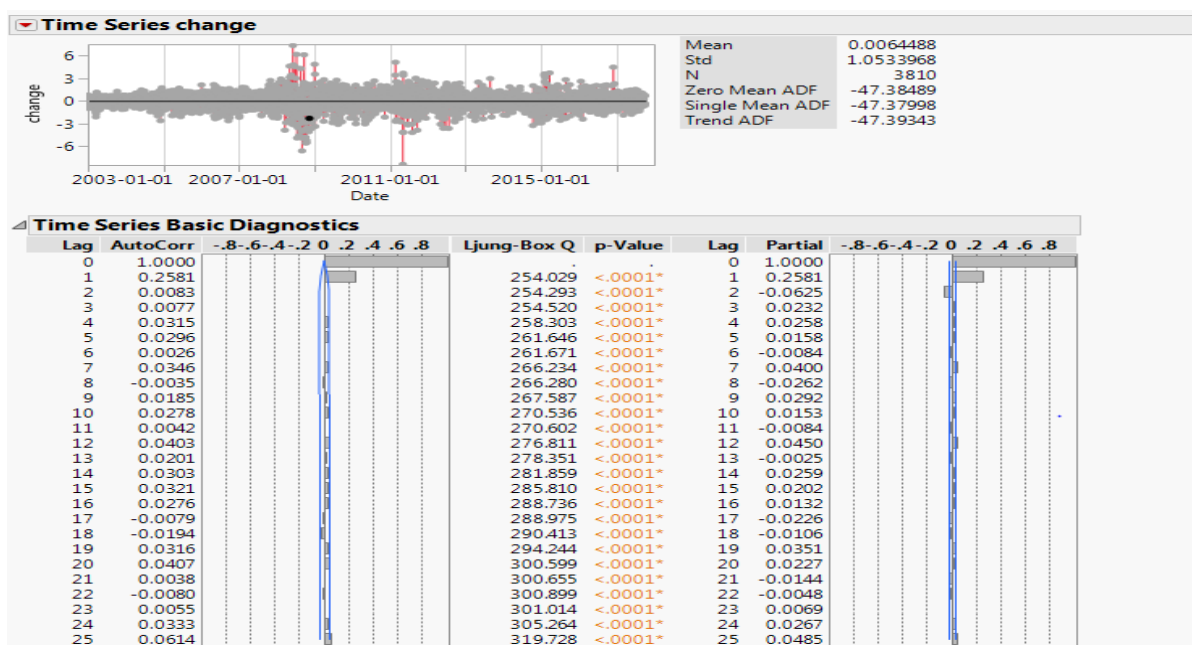


Figure 3.6 ACF & PACF Analysis

Interpretation:

From Time Series results, it is observed that Partial Auto correlation lag is 1.
So, ARIMA model has been performed with the order (0, 1, 0)

ARIMA (0, 1, 0)

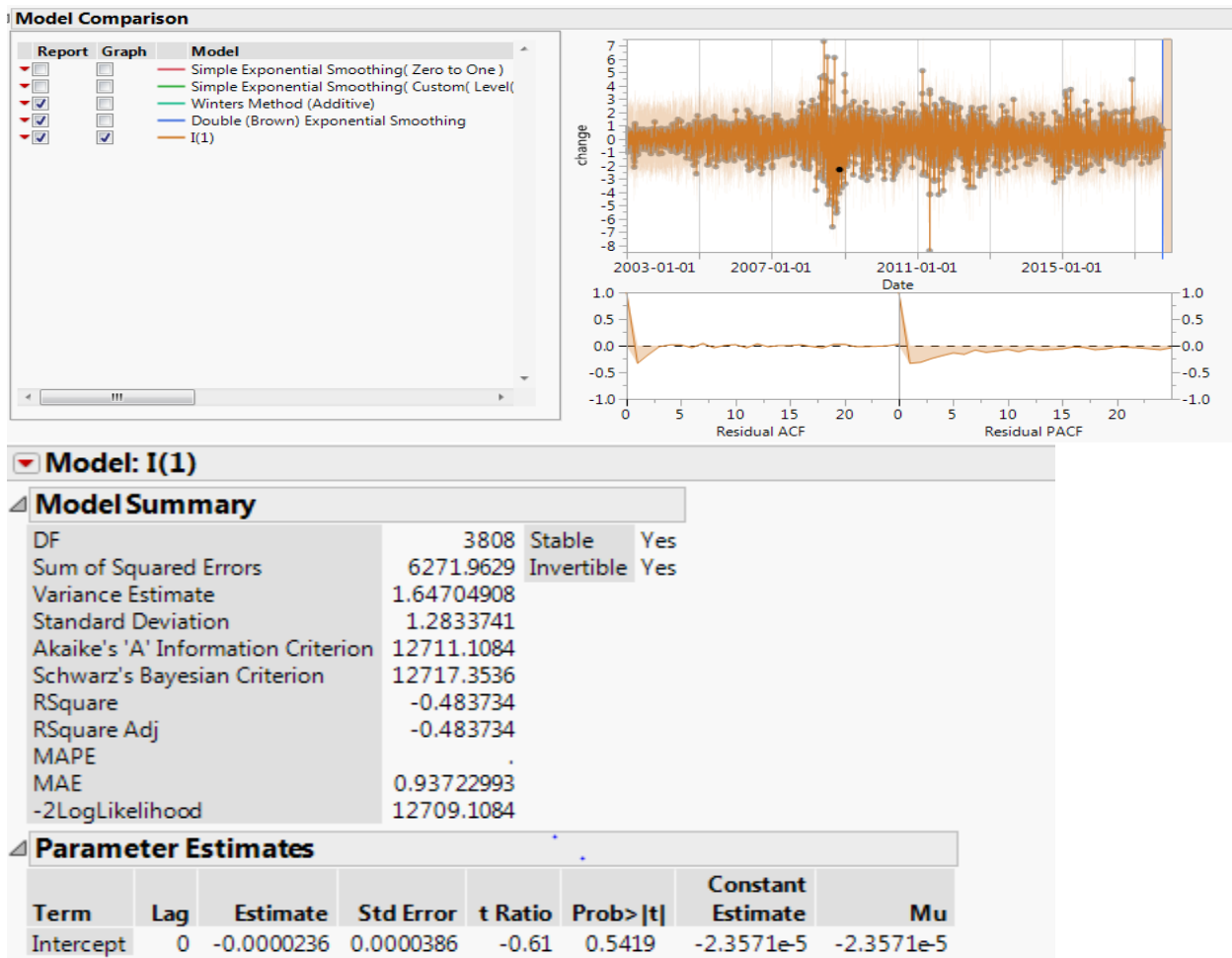


Figure 3.7 ARIMA (0,1,0) Analysis

Interpretation:

Accuracy measures like **MAPE**, **MAD** and **MSD** are used to compare the fitting of different time series models. Smaller values indicate a better fit.

The model summary indicates that, MAE = 0.937

Here also the R-Square and R-Square adjusted values observed to be negative and even estimate value is also negative. It is not a best fitted model.

Residuals:

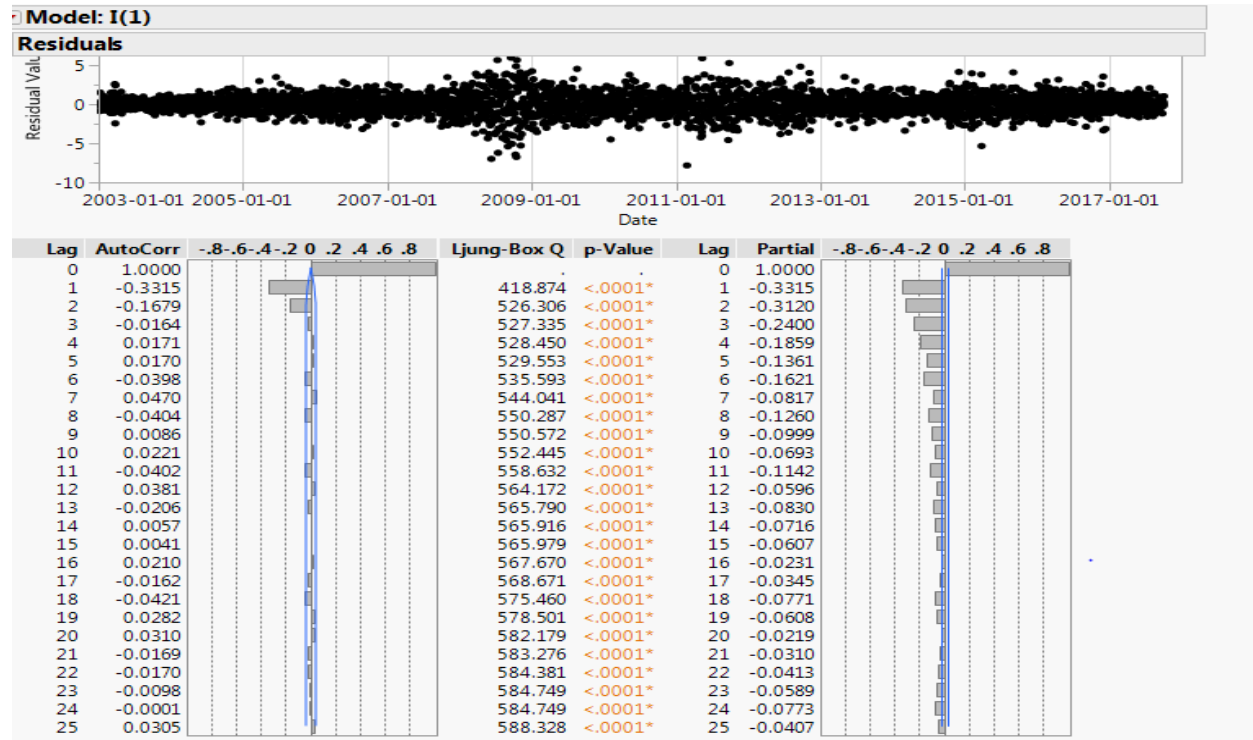
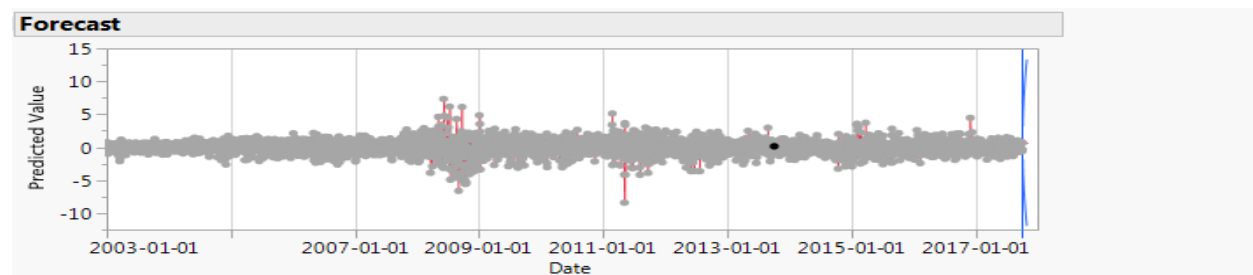


Figure 3.8 ARIMA (0,1,0) Residual Analysis

Interpretation:

- If the residuals appeared to behave randomly, it indicates that model fits the data well. On the other hand, if non-random structure is evident in the residuals, it clearly indicates that model fits the data poorly. So, if the model fit to the data correctly, that makes the statistical relationship between the predictive variable and the response variable.
- The graphical residual plot indicates that residuals scattered properly. As the residuals scattered completely, we can evident an impressive statistical relationship between the change in Price of the oil at respective time interval.
- Generally sum of residuals should be equal to zero and the residuals should be standardized among the mean line befitted in the middle of the plot. Here, all the residuals are scattered properly and retained around the mean line.

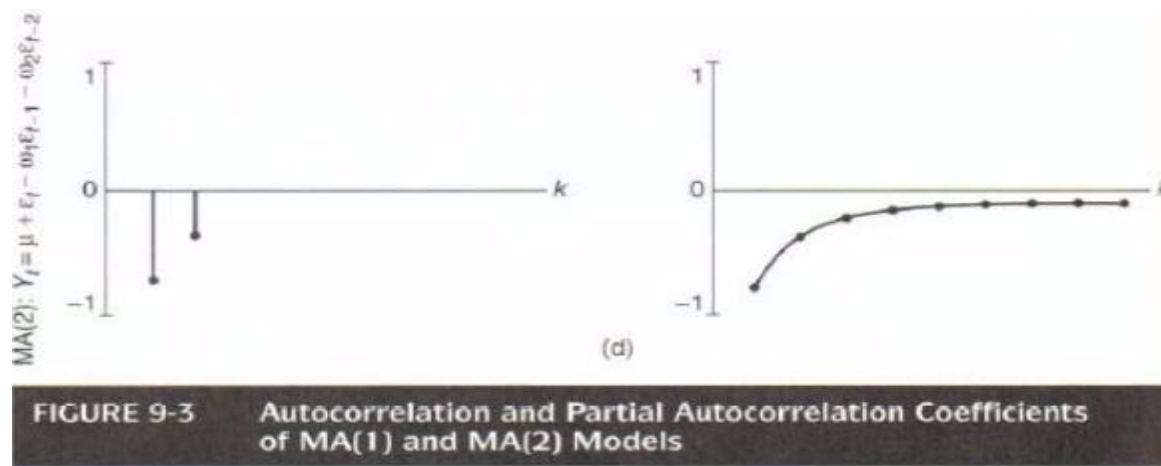
Forecast:



	Actual change	Date	Predicted change	Std Err Pred change	Residual change	Upper CL (0.95) change	Lower CL (0.95) change
3807	-0.39	2017-09-29	-0.480023571	1.2833740999	0.0900235709	2.0353434436	-2.995390585
3808	-0.6	2017-10-02	-0.390023571	1.2833740999	-0.209976429	2.1253434436	-2.905390585
3809	-0.32	2017-10-03	-0.600023571	1.2833740999	0.2800235709	1.9153434436	-3.115390585
3810	-0.35	2017-10-04	-0.320023571	1.2833740999	-0.029976429	2.1953434436	-2.835390585
3811	0.69	2017-10-05	-0.350023571	1.2833740999	1.0400235709	2.1653434436	-2.865390585
3812		• 2017-10-06	0.6899764291	1.2833740999	•	3.2053434436	-1.825390585
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3815		• 2017-10-09	0.6899057165	2.5667481998	•	5.7206397455	-4.340828313
3816		• 2017-10-10	0.6898821456	2.869711728	•	6.3144137784	-4.934649487
3817		• 2017-10-11	0.6898585747	3.1436116939	•	6.8512242761	-5.471507127
3818		• 2017-10-12	0.6898350038	3.3954887074	•	7.3448705803	-5.965200573
3819		• 2017-10-13	0.6898114329	3.6299301154	•	7.8043437255	-6.42472086
3820		• 2017-10-14	0.6897878621	3.8501222997	•	8.2358889056	-6.856313181
3821		• 2017-10-15	0.6897642912	4.0583852458	•	8.6440532083	-7.264524626
3822		• 2017-10-16	0.6897407203	4.2564703551	•	9.0322693175	-7.652787877
3823		• 2017-10-17	0.6897171494	4.4457382923	•	9.4032040871	-8.023769788
3824		• 2017-10-18	0.6896935785	4.6272711228	•	9.758978326	-8.37959169
3825		• 2017-10-19	0.6896700076	4.8019461809	•	10.101311578	-8.721971563
3826		• 2017-10-20	0.6896464368	4.9704865159	•	10.431620994	-9.05232812
3827		• 2017-10-21	0.6896228659	5.1334963996	•	10.751090924	-9.371845192
3828		• 2017-10-22	0.689599295	5.2914869711	•	11.060723183	-9.681524593
3829		• 2017-10-23	0.6895757241	5.4448951731	•	11.361374163	-9.982222715
3830		• 2017-10-24	0.6895521532	5.5940980083	•	11.653782775	-10.27467847
3831		• 2017-10-25	0.6895285824	5.7394234559	•	11.938591848	-10.55953468
3832		• 2017-10-26	0.6895050115	5.8811589578	•	12.216364756	-10.83735473
3833		• 2017-10-27	0.6894814406	6.019558104	•	12.487598527	-11.10863565
3834		• 2017-10-28	0.6894578697	6.1548459646	•	12.752734291	-11.37381855
3835		• 2017-10-29	0.6894342988	6.2872233878	•	13.012165702	-11.6332971
3836		• 2017-10-30	0.6894107279	6.4168704996	•	13.266245801	-11.88742434

Figure 3.9 Forecasted data

The above table is forecasted data of 30 observations based on the ARIMA model (0,1,0).



We observed that the ACF and PACF layouts are similar to that of the MA (2) model. Therefore, we will try to fit the MA (2) model to this dataset.

ARIMA – MA (2) Model:

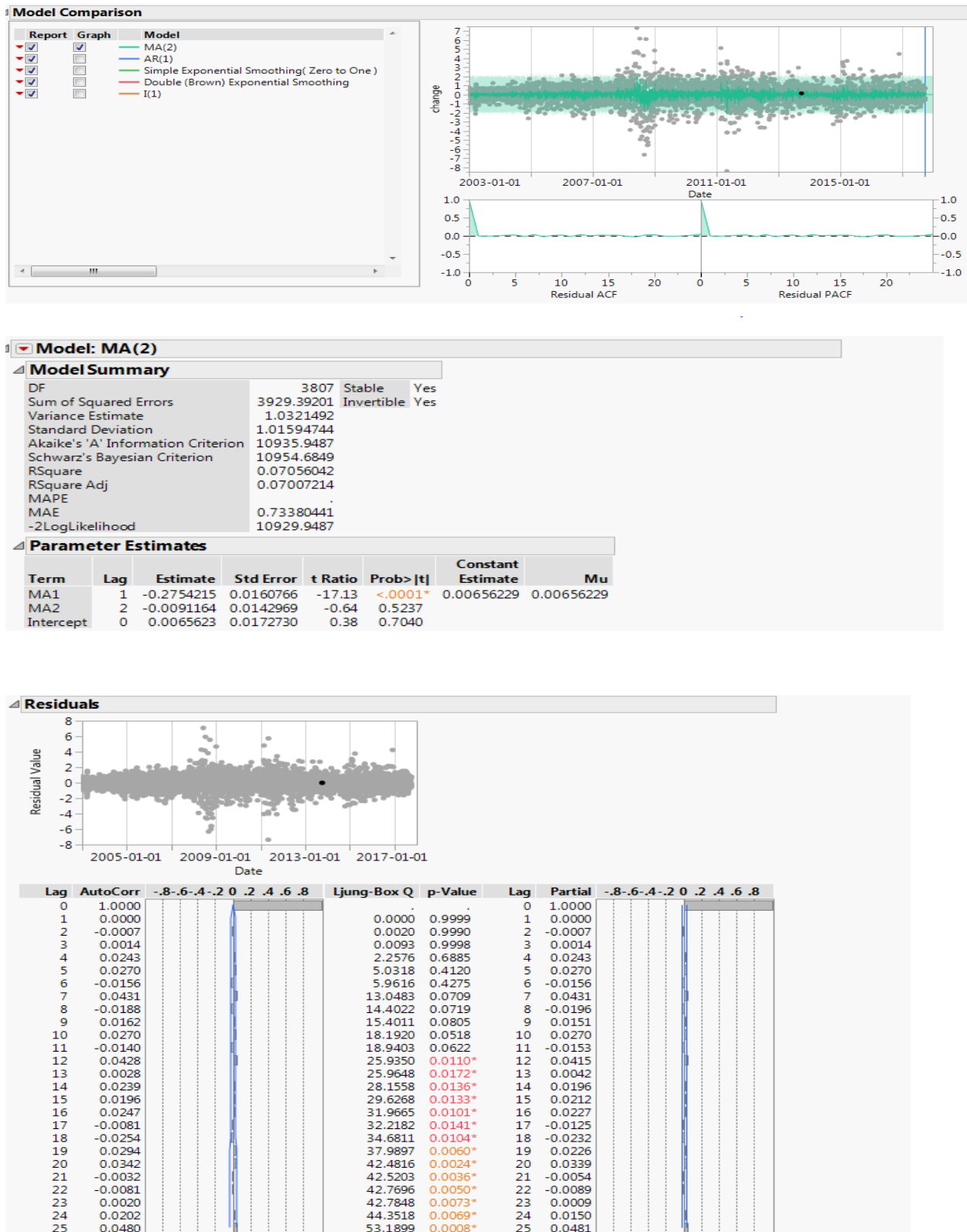


Figure 3.10 MA(2) Analysis

Interpretation:

- Accuracy measures like **MAPE**, **MAD** and **MSD** are used to compare the fitting of different time series models. Smaller values indicate a better fit.
- The model summary indicates that, MAE = 0.733
- Here also the R-Square and R-Square adjusted values observed to be 0.0705 and positive. Of all the proposed models, ARIMA MA (2) best fitted model.
- There observed to be no lags, this clearly evident that, this model is fitted with less error and more accuracy.

Forecast:

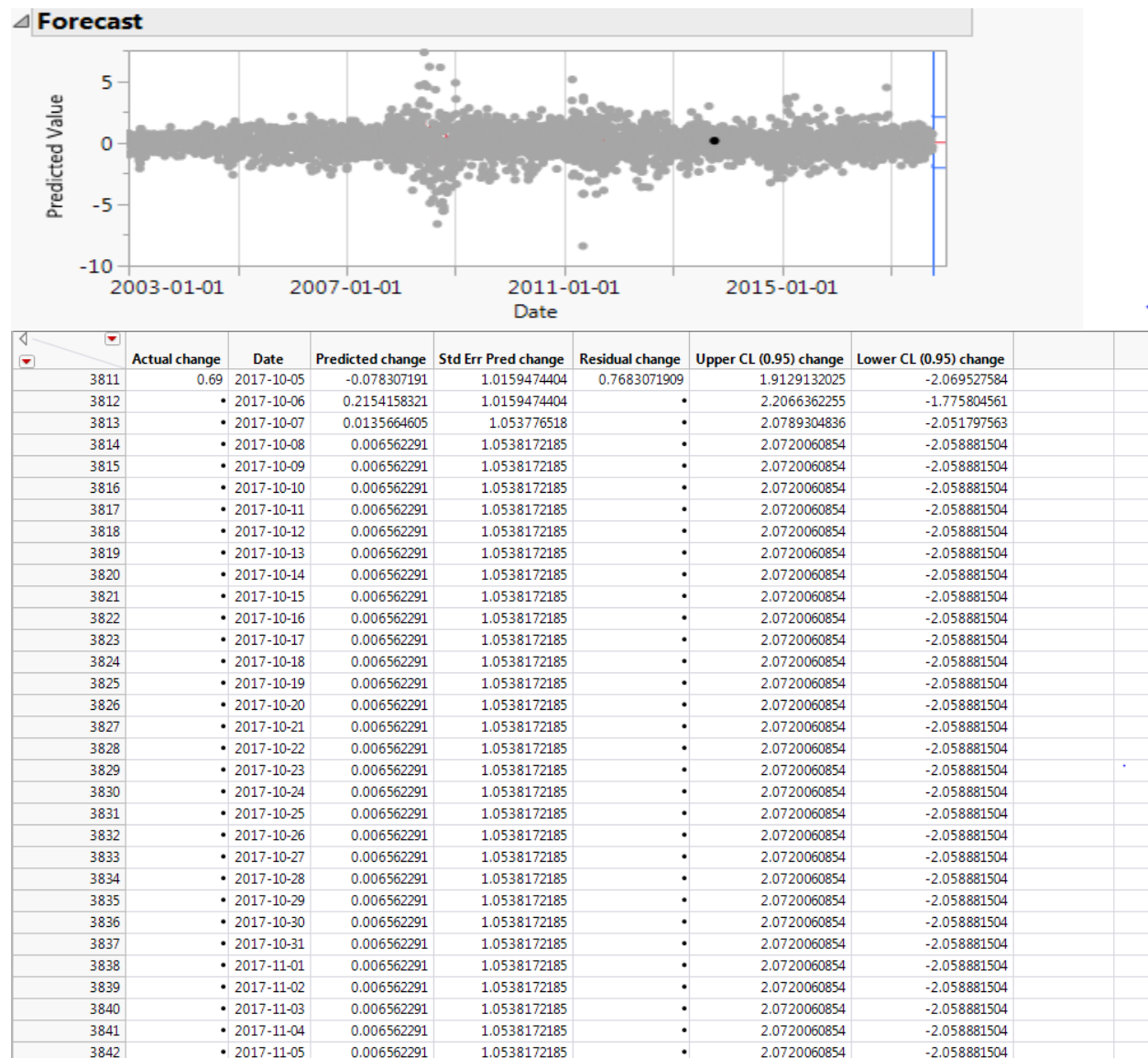


Figure 3.11 Forecasted data

The above table is forecasted data of 30 observations based on the best fitted MA(2) model.

4. PERCENTAGE OF CHANGE DATASET:

4.1 BASIC DIAGNOSTICS:

The time series model of the percentage change in oil prices is given by:

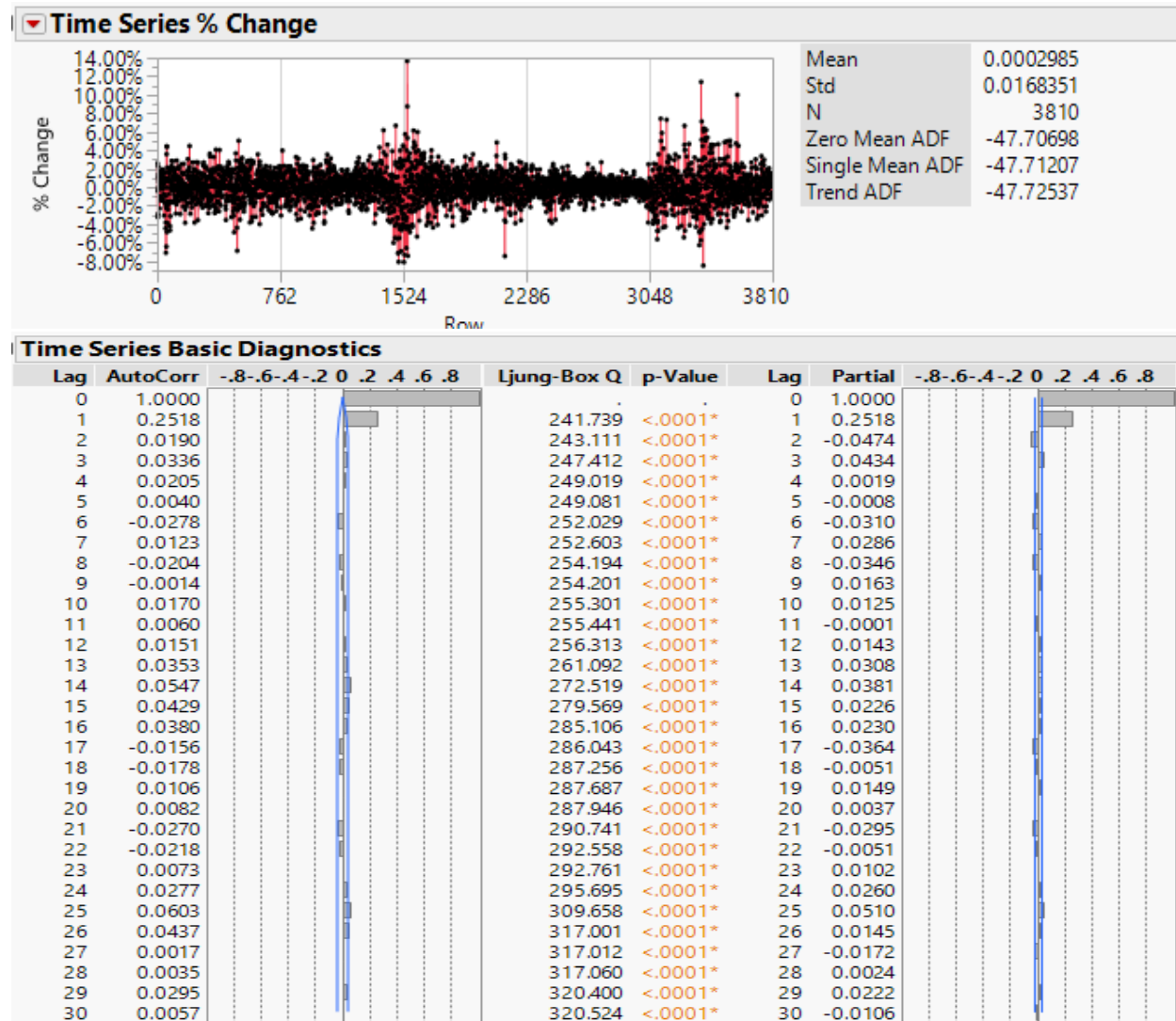


Figure 4.1 Time series Analysis

Interpretation:

- By analyzing the time series of this data, we find that the data is stationary. The data is distributed evenly around the mean line. Most of the values lie within interval of +4% and -4%. There are very few values outside of this interval.
- We find that the data is non-seasonal and non-cyclic because there is no repeating pattern in the data. There is no trend in this data because the data is distributed along a flat horizontal line.
- Since the data is stationary, we will try to fit the following models to this dataset:

4.2 MODELS

4.2.1 Simple Exponential Smoothing:

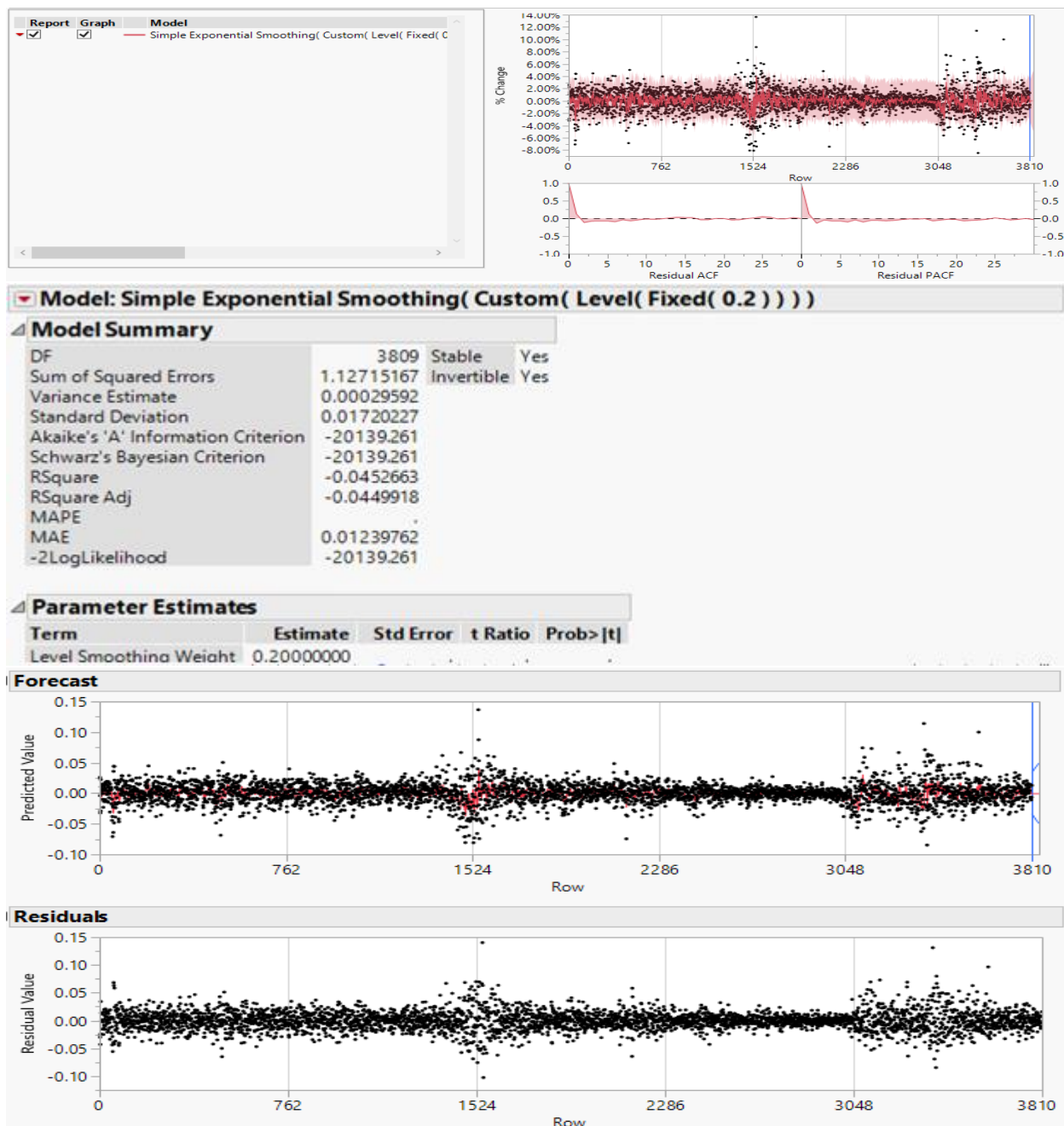


Figure 4.2 Simple Exponential Smoothing Analysis

Interpretation:

- This model has MAE value of 0.0123 and standard deviation of 0.0172.
- This model has RSquare value of -0.0452 and RSquare Adjusted value of -0.0449.
- Since the RSquare value is negative, this model is unstable and not a good fit for this data.

4.2.2 Double Exponential Smoothing:

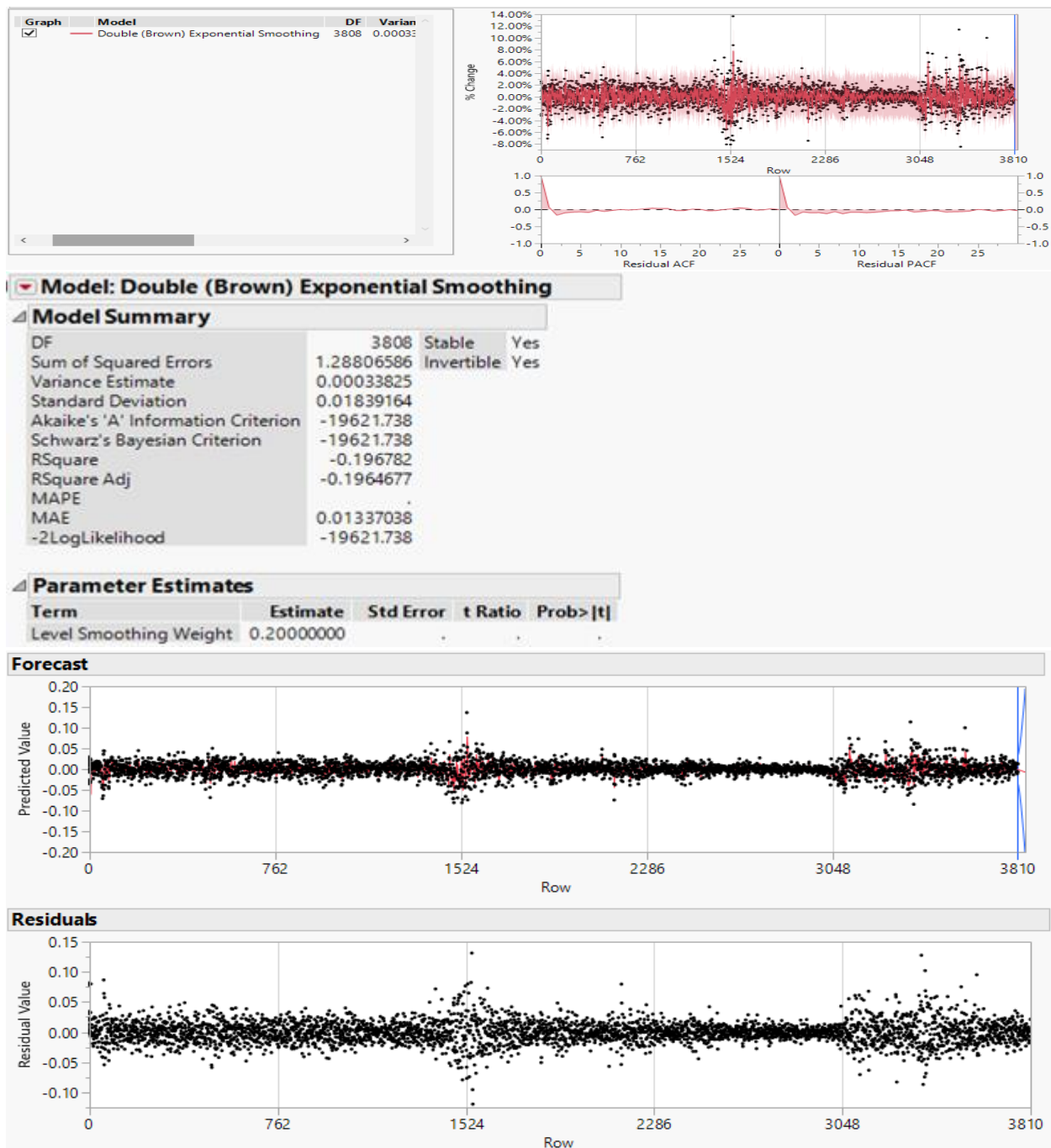


Figure 4.3 Double Exponential Smoothing Analysis

Interpretation:

- This model has MAE value of 0.0133 and standard deviation of 0.0183.
- This model has R-Square value of -0.1967 and R-Square Adjusted value of -0.1964.
- Since the R-Square value is negative, this model is unstable and not a good fit for this data.

4.2.3 Linear Exponential Smoothing:

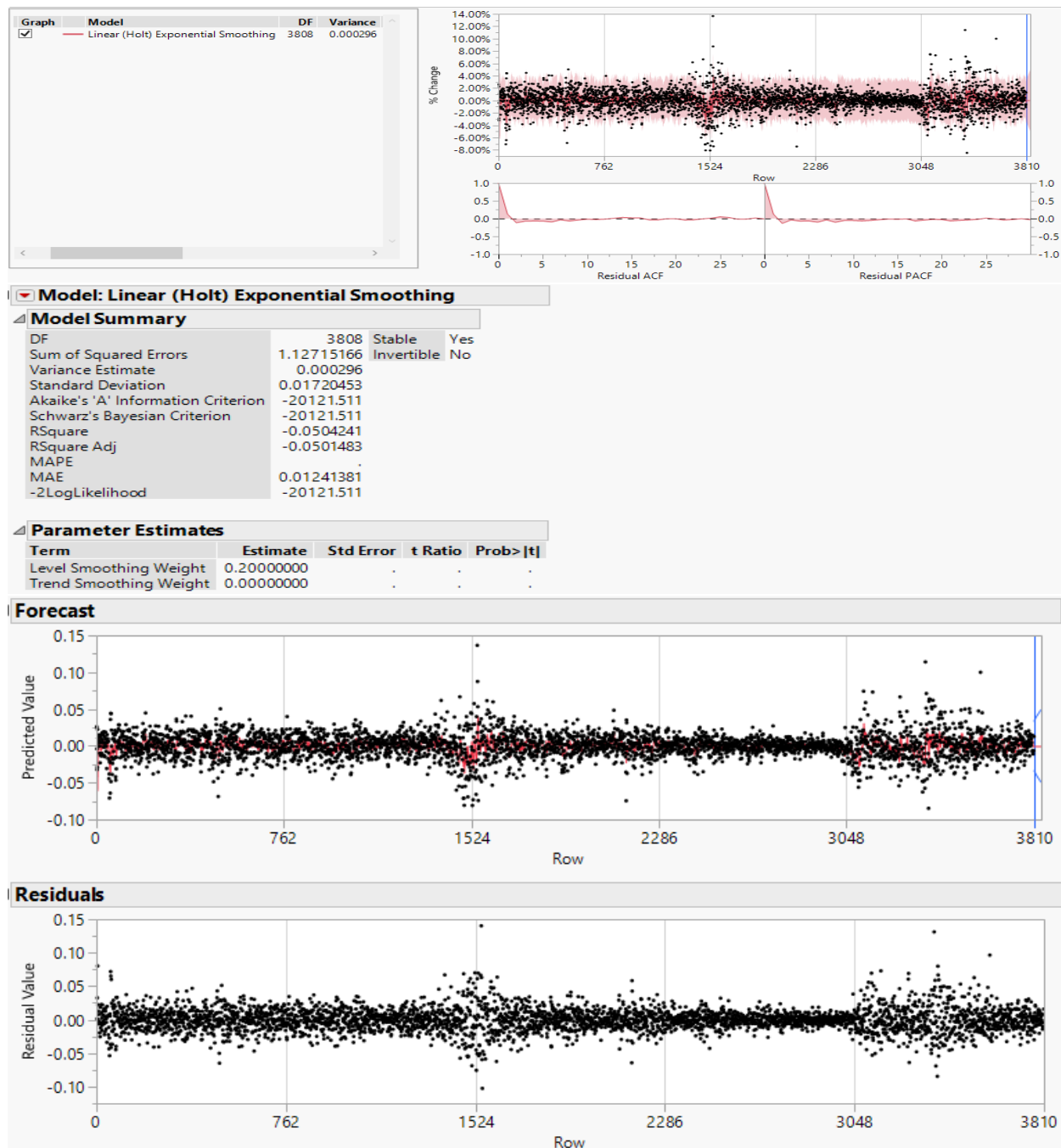


Figure 4.4 Linear Exponential Smoothing Analysis

Interpretation:

This model has MAE value of 0.0124 and standard deviation of 0.0172.

This model has R-Square value of -0.0504 and R-Square Adjusted value of -0.0501.

Since the R-Square value is negative, this model is unstable and not a good fit for this data.

4.2.4 ARIMA – I (1) Model:

By analyzing the initial time series model, we see that there is one spike in ACF and PACF lags. Therefore, we try the I (1) model for this dataset:

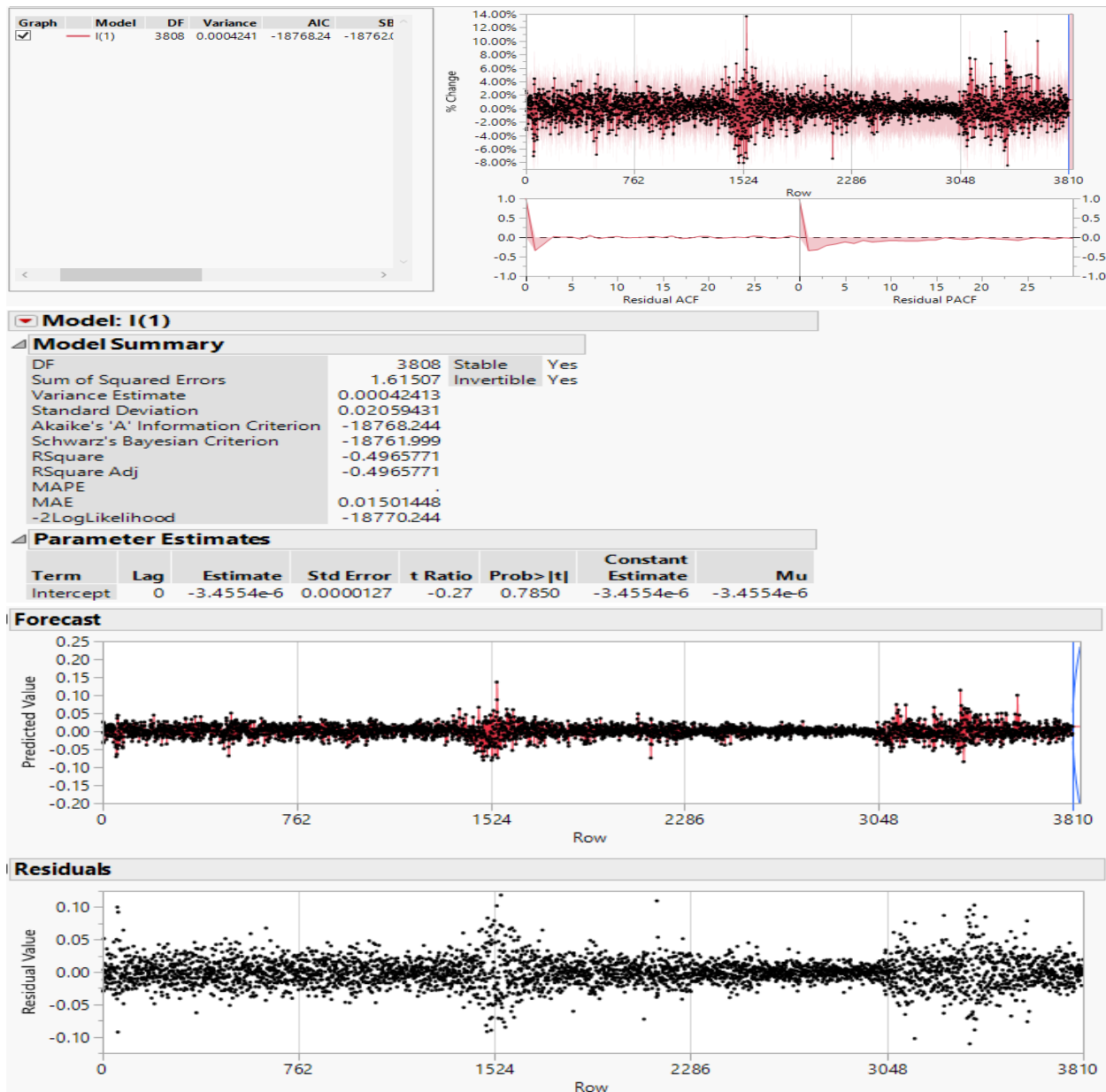


Figure 4.5 ARIMA (0,1,0) Model Analysis

Interpretation:

- This model has MAE value of 0.0150 and standard deviation of 0.0205.
- This model has R-Square value of -0.4965 and R-Square Adjusted value of -0.4965.
- Since the R-Square value is negative, this model is unstable and not a good fit for this data.

By analyzing the ACF and PACF lags of the residuals of I (1) model, we get:

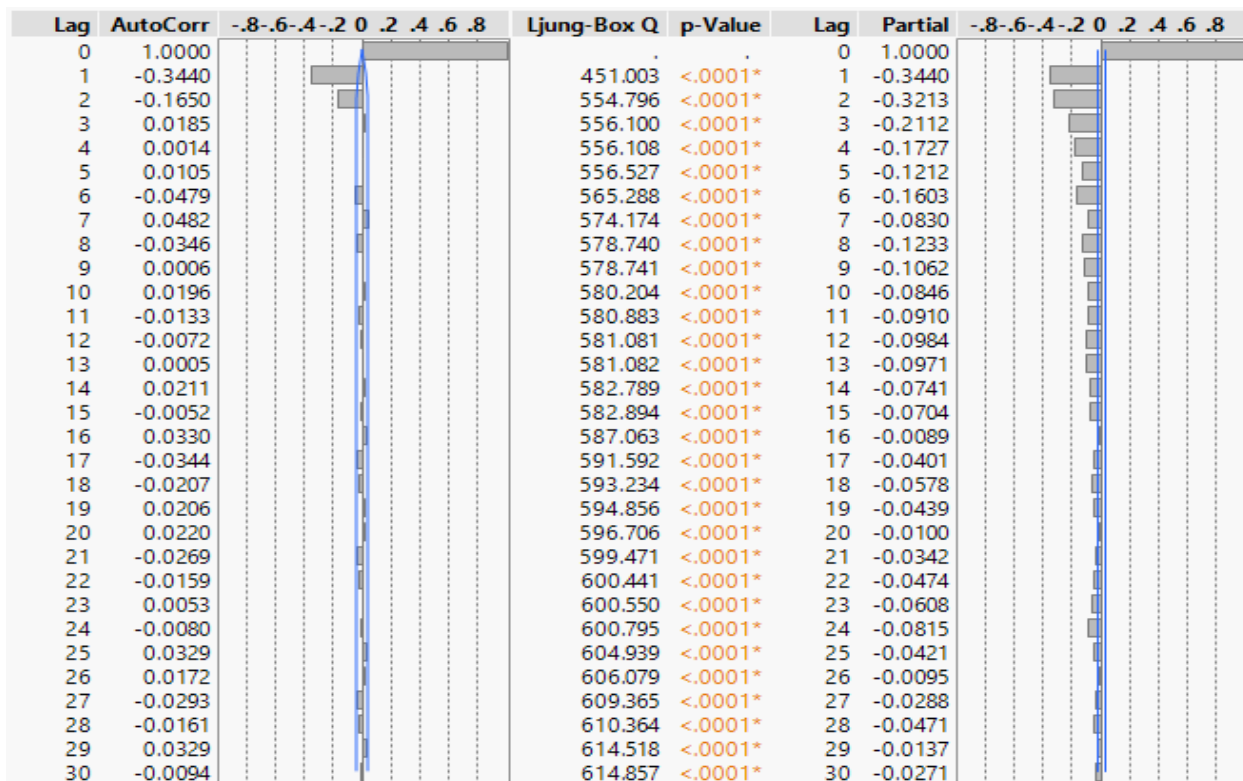
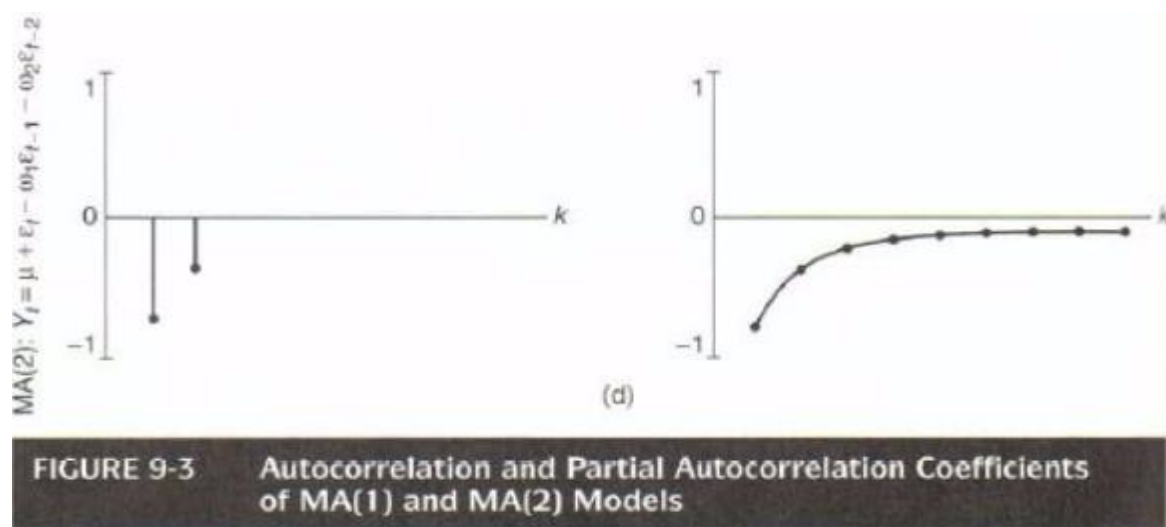


Figure 4.6 ACF & PACF Analysis

Comparing these values with the ACF and PACF layouts of various ARIMA models, we get:



We find that the ACF and PACF layouts are similar to that of the MA (2) model.

Therefore, we will try to fit the MA (2) model to this dataset.

ARIMA – MA (2) Model:

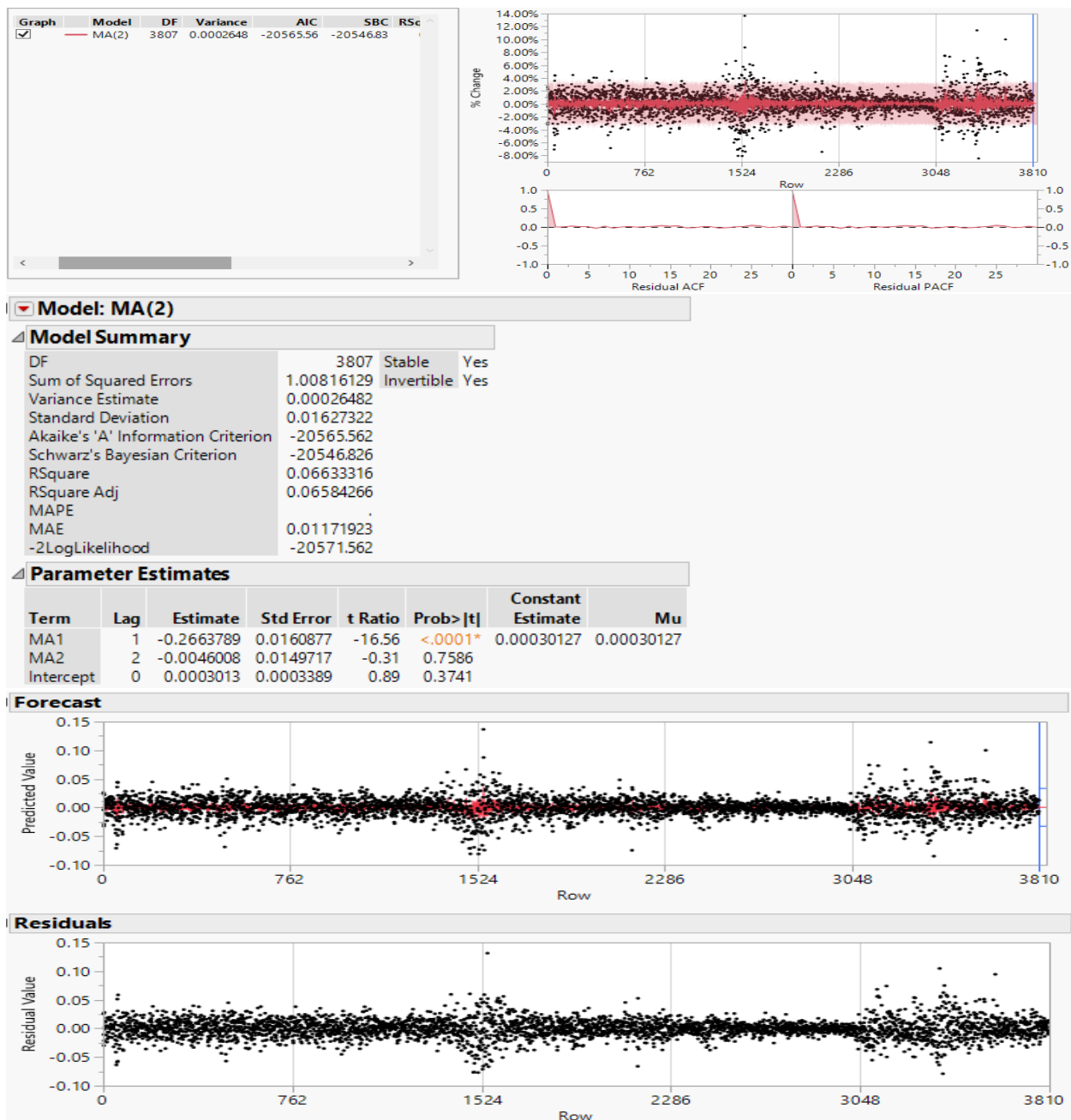


Figure 4.7 ARIMA MA(2) Model Analysis

Interpretation:

- This model has MAE value of 0.0117 and standard deviation of 0.0162.
- This model has R-Square value of 0.0663 and R-Square Adjusted value of 0.0658.
- Since the R-Square value is positive, this model is more stable and a good fit for this data.
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By analyzing the ACF and PACF lags of the residuals of MA (2) model, we get:

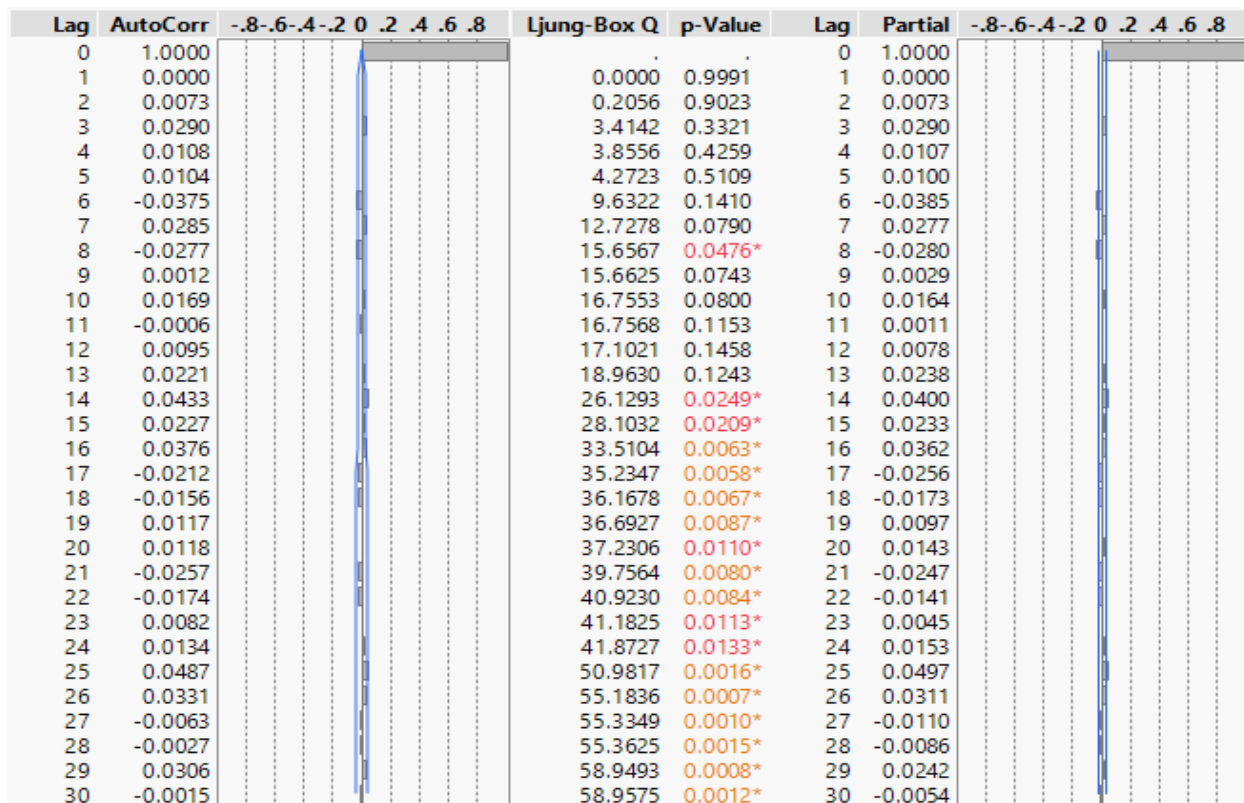


Figure 4.8 ACF & PACF Analysis

We see this model has eliminated the spikes in the ACF and PACF lags. Therefore, this model is a good fit for this dataset.

By comparing the different models for this dataset, we get:

Model Comparison						
Model	DF	Variance	RSquare	MAPE	MAE	
MA(2)	3837	0.0002636	0.066	.	0.011696	
Simple Exponential Smoothing(Custom(Level(Fixed(0.2))))	3839	0.0002946	-0.05	.	0.012373	
Linear (Holt) Exponential Smoothing	3838	0.0002947	-0.05	.	0.012389	
Double (Brown) Exponential Smoothing	3838	0.0003367	-0.20	.	0.013339	
I(1)	3838	0.0004223	-0.50	.	0.014989	

Figure 4.9 Comparison Model

Interpretation:

- We observed that MA (2) is the best model for this dataset.
- It has the largest R-Square value of 0.066.
- It has the lowest MAE value of 0.011.
- It has also eliminated all the spikes from the ACF and PACF lags.

Therefore,

We will use the MA (2) model for predicting the percentage change in prices.

Using this MA (2) model to predict the last 30 values of the dataset, we get:

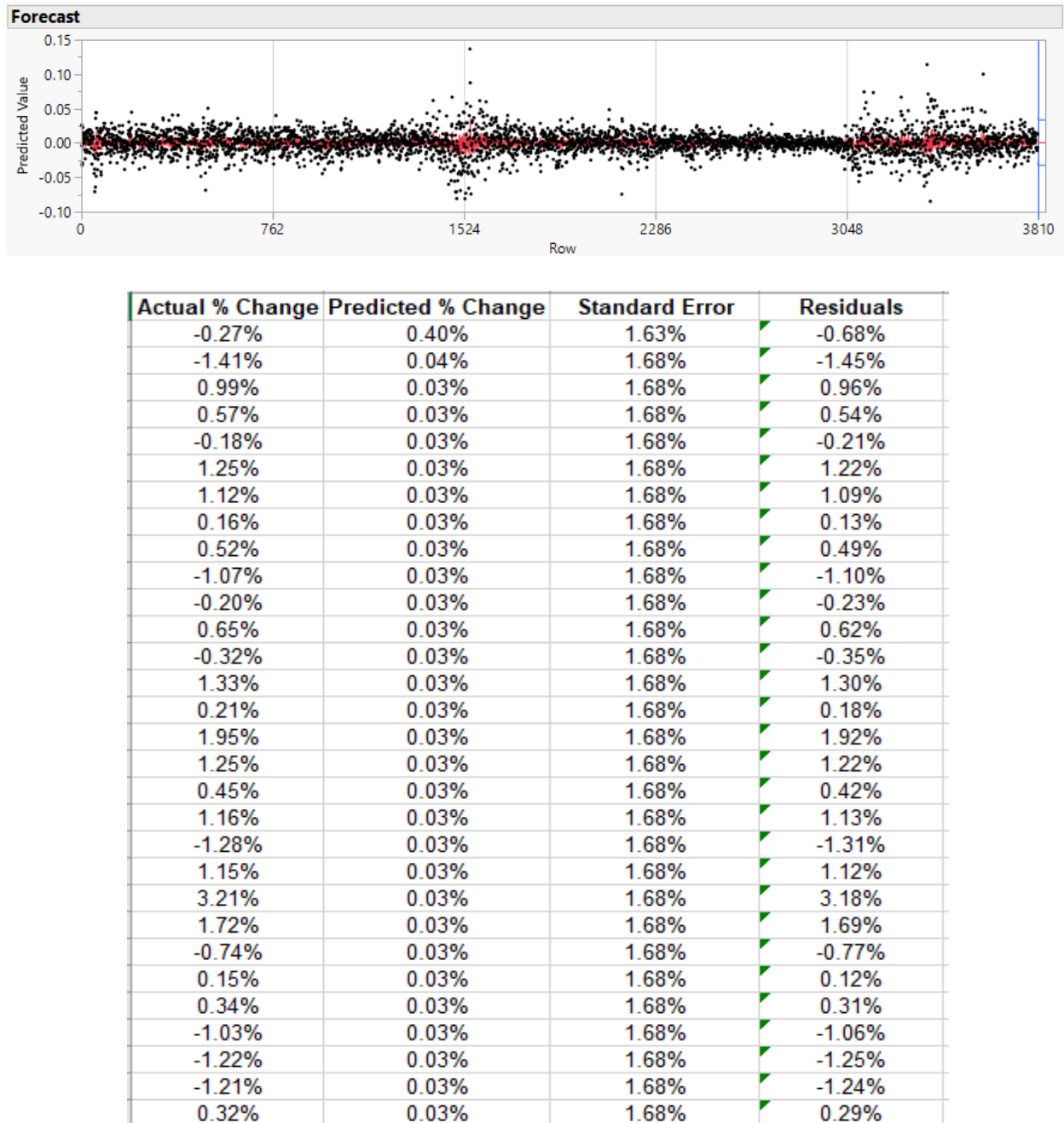


Figure 4.10 Forecasted data

Forecasted values for 30 observations of percentage change in oil prices using best fitted MA(2) model is shown above.

5. CUMULATIVE DATASET:

5.1. BASIC DIAGNOSTICS:

Analyzing the cumulative data is quite tricky because a significant drop or increase in the original price cannot be observed in the short-term analysis of the accumulative graph. For example, the original prices experienced a drastic drop from 140.73 to 33.36 between 7/3/2008 and 12/24/2008. This can be clearly seen in the price graph (figure 5.1). On the contrary, this huge drop needs time to be identified in the cumulative graph. Thus, using cumulative data solely to study the behavior of a time series is not favored.

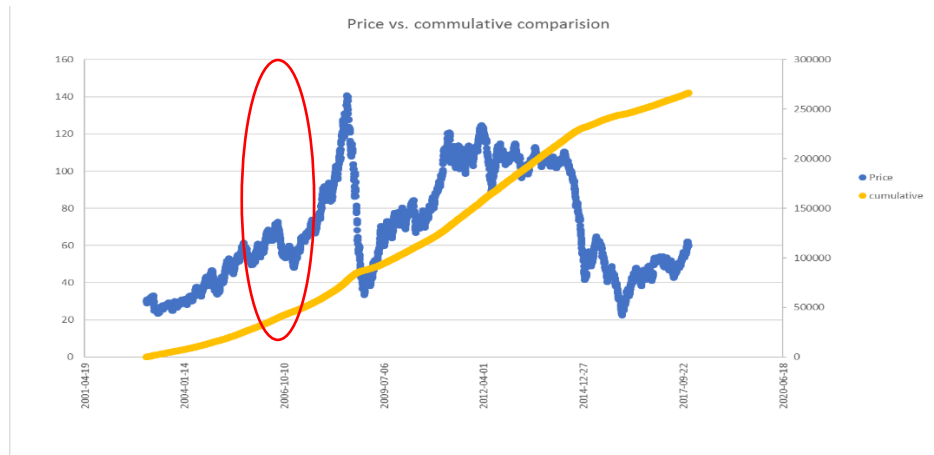


Figure 5.1. The behavior of the cumulative vs the original price

The cumulative data shows an increasing trend. It is, also, highly autocorrelated by nature. The basic diagnostics in figure 5.2 demonstrates that as all the readings in the autocorrelation function exceed the 5% significance limit while the partial autocorrelation function cuts off after lag 1. Thus, the perfect move would be to take the first difference. This is going to be discussed in detail in section 5.5.

Four models are examined to predict the cumulative which are Linear Regression, Simple Exponential, Double Exponential and ARIMA.

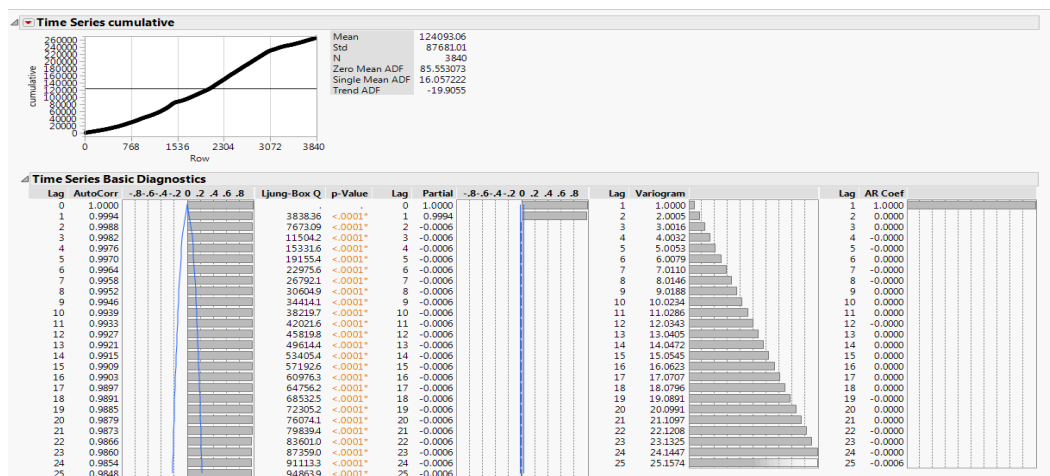


Figure 5.2. ACF and PACF

5.2 MODELS:

5.2.1. Linear Regression

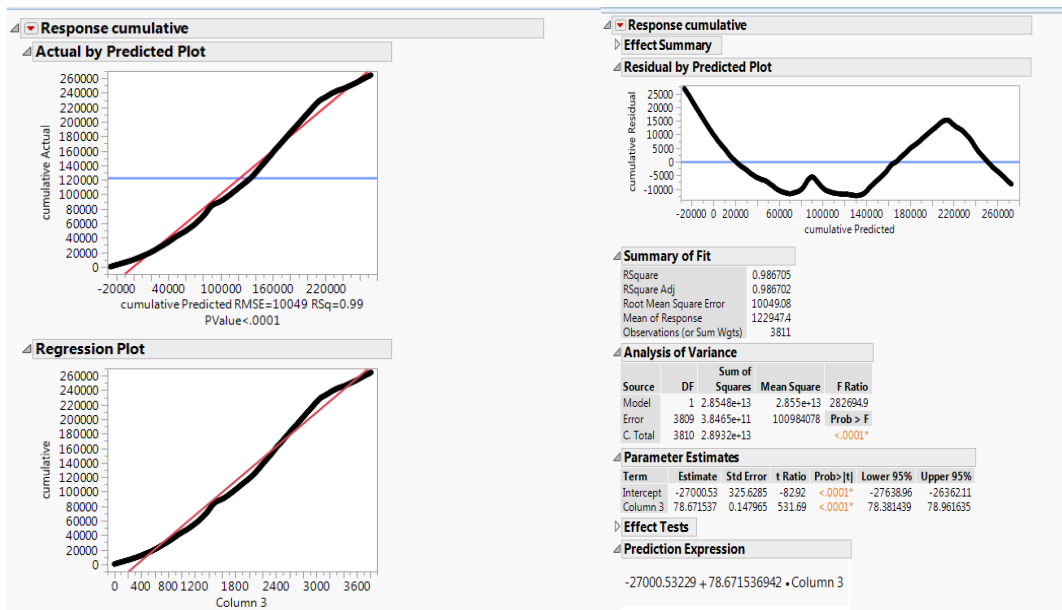


Figure 5.3. Linear Regression Model Statistics

The first model assumes that the data accepts a linear relationship with time. The linear regression fit statistics are found to be good with 0.986 R^2 -adjusted value, high F-Ratio of 282694.9 and high t Ratios (figure 5.3). Also, the 95% confidence and prediction intervals are quite good as the range is not that large between the upper and the lower 95%. However, the residual analysis shows violation of the regression model assumptions. The residuals are not normally distributed, the errors variation is inconstant and the residual strangely shows a trend. (figure 5.4)

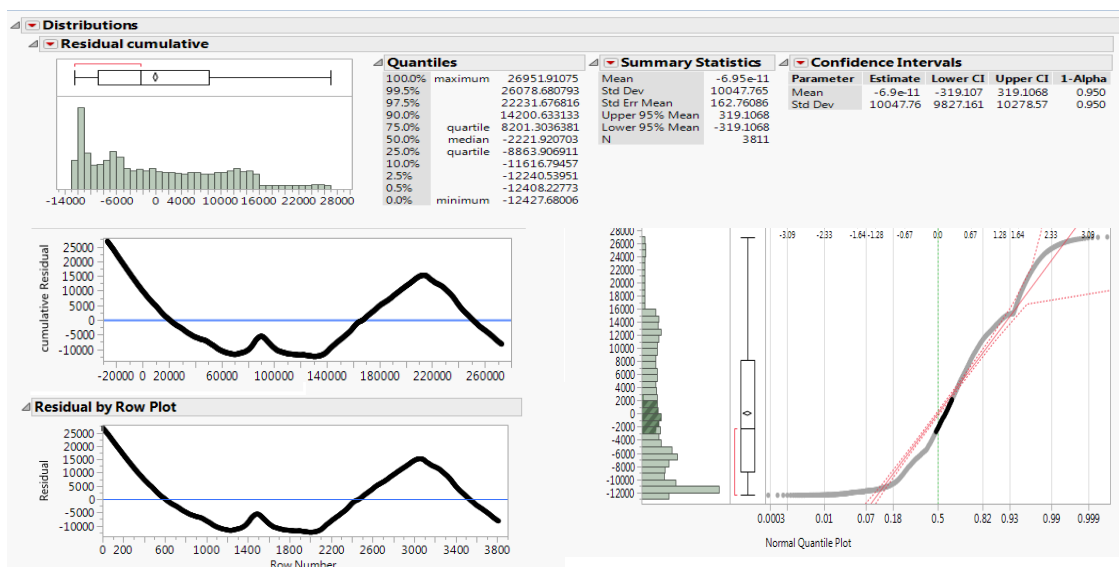


Figure 5.4. Residual Plots

In order to investigate potential outliers, R-student was considered and all data proved to be within the range. (figure 5.5)

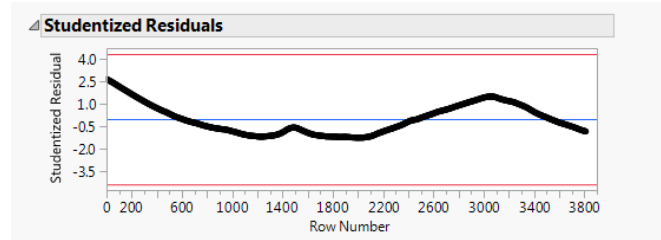


Figure 5.5. Studentized Residuals

To test the performance of the model in prediction the cumulative values, the last 30 values were predicted. As shown in table 5.1, the sum of squared error is too large even though the percentage of errors averages around 3%. This supports the initial analysis that using cumulative is sometimes misleading.

Table 5.1. Forecasting the last 30 values using the Linear Regression Model

Linear Regression Model ($SS_E = 2,123,002,651$)				
Forecasted	Actual	Error	Squared Error	% Error
272974.0381	264728.6	8245.488	67988073.51	3.11%
273052.7096	264782.8	8269.93	68391735.7	3.12%
273131.3811	264837.3	8294.061	68791450.26	3.13%
273210.0527	264891.8	8318.293	69193993.12	3.14%
273288.7242	264946.9	8341.844	69586364.95	3.15%
273367.3958	265002.6	8364.776	69969473.42	3.16%
273446.0673	265058.5	8387.617	70352123.83	3.16%
273524.7388	265114.6	8410.169	70730939.72	3.17%
273603.4104	265170.1	8433.32	71120892.39	3.18%
273682.0819	265225.5	8456.582	71513777.47	3.19%
273760.7534	265281.3	8479.483	71901639.4	3.20%
273839.425	265336.9	8502.565	72293611.17	3.20%
273918.0965	265393.2	8524.907	72674031.06	3.21%
273996.7681	265449.6	8547.128	73053397.9	3.22%
274075.4396	265507.2	8568.25	73414900.99	3.23%

274154.1111	265565.5	8588.651	73764928.13	3.23%
274232.7827	265624	8608.793	74111311.08	3.24%
274311.4542	265683.2	8628.254	74446770.5	3.25%
274390.1257	265741.7	8648.476	74796132.54	3.25%
274468.7973	265800.8	8668.027	75134696.78	3.26%
274547.4688	265861.8	8685.679	75441016.37	3.27%
274626.1403	265923.9	8702.28	75729683.21	3.27%
274704.8119	265985.5	8719.342	76026922.87	3.28%
274783.4834	266047.2	8736.313	76323172.16	3.28%
274862.155	266109.1	8753.075	76616321.19	3.29%
274940.8265	266170.4	8770.476	76921257.92	3.30%
275019.498	266230.9	8788.628	77239982.66	3.30%
275098.1696	266290.7	8807.51	77572224.78	3.31%
275176.8411	266350.6	8826.201	77901825.93	3.31%

Another scenario is considered which is removing the dataset before the sudden drop in 7/3/2008 and forecasting 90 values into the future. The model is shown in figure 5.6.

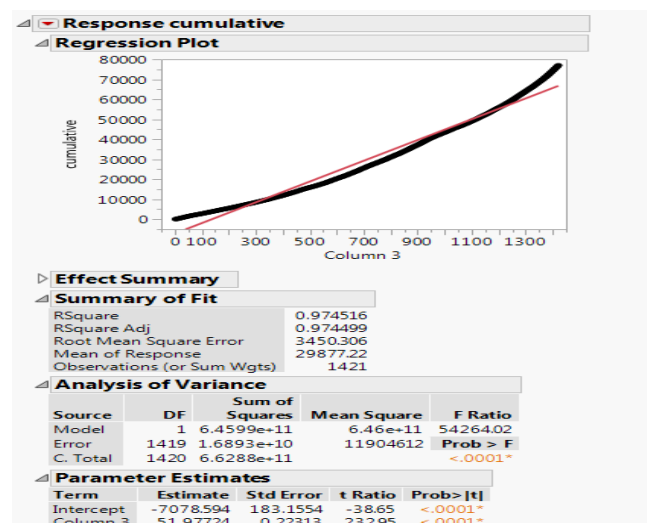


Figure 5.6. Linear Regression Model (7/3/2008)

In figure 5.7, the analysis shows that the percentage of error slightly grows from 1% to only 4.6% even though the actual price dropped by 76%. The point here again is that a sudden drop cannot be observed using the cumulative data as the cumulative is not sensitive enough to such a change.

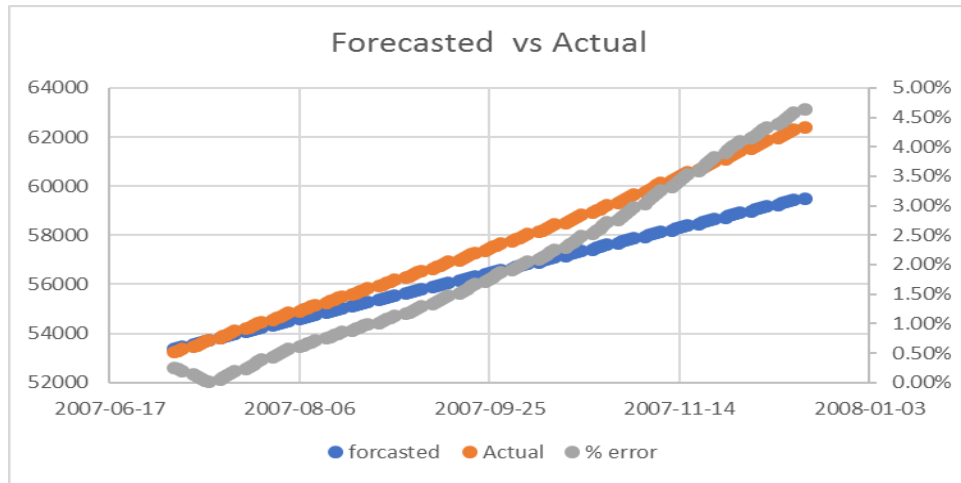


Figure 5.7. Forecasting using Linear Regression Model (7/3/2008)

5.2.2. Simple Exponential Smoothing

Several simple exponential models were tried to find the optimum exponential factor λ . However, given that the data is highly correlated, it was expected to see the sum of squared error keeps decreasing with increasing λ as shown in figure 5.8. Also, the simple exponential does not do well when the data has trends. Therefore, the simple exponential smoothing was found inadequate.

Model Comparison													
Report	Graph	Model	DF	Variance	AIC	SBC	RSquare	-2LogLH	Weights	.2	.4	.6	.8
✓		Simple Exponential Smoothing(Zero to One)	3809	5654.8797	43732.756	43739.001	1.000	43730.756	1.000000				
✓		Simple Exponential Smoothing(Custom(Level(Fixed(0.9))))	3810	6979.2137	44533.456	44533.456	1.000	44533.456	0.000000				
✓		Simple Exponential Smoothing(Custom(Level(Fixed(0.8))))	3810	8832.6301	45430.805	45430.805	1.000	45430.805	0.000000				
✓		Simple Exponential Smoothing(Custom(Level(Fixed(0.6))))	3810	15700.201	47622.530	47622.530	1.000	47622.53	0.000000				
✓		Simple Exponential Smoothing(Custom(Level(Fixed(0.4))))	3810	35315.463	50711.368	50711.368	1.000	50711.368	0.000000				
✓		Simple Exponential Smoothing(Custom(Level(Fixed(0.2))))	3810	141138.89	55990.407	55990.407	1.000	55990.407	0.000000				
										0.227171	0.250838	0.280081	0.365646
										69.446281	77.160758	86.803299	115.72699
										0.529054	173.55625	0.981066	346.89883

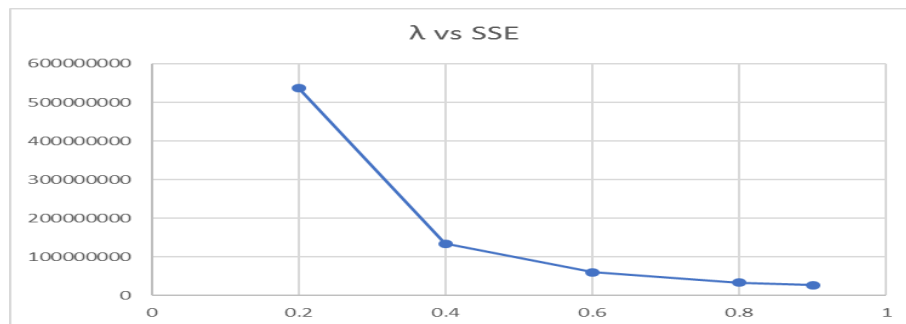


Figure 5.8. Simple Exponential Smoothing - Models Comparison

5.2.3. Double Exponential Smoothing

The double exponential models showed similar behavior to the single exponential models. the SS_E gets lower as λ increases. This also suggest that the double exponential smoothing is not a good fit for the data. The high value of λ is because the data is highly autocorrelated and more weight is placed on recent values. Figure 5.9 shows the comparison between different double exponential models.

Model Comparison															
Report	Graph	Model	DF	Variance	AIC	SBC	RSquare	-2LogLH	Weights	.2	.4	.6	.8	MAPE	MAE
		Double (Brown) Exponential Smoothing	3808	1.1101094	11208.356	11214.601	1.000	11206.356	1.000000					0.002755	0.758244
		Double (Brown) Exponential Smoothing	3809	1.2740478	11732.050	11732.050	1.000	11732.05	0.000000					0.002939	0.812283
		Double (Brown) Exponential Smoothing	3809	1.5675904	12521.934	12521.934	1.000	12521.934	0.000000					0.003196	0.904258
		Double (Brown) Exponential Smoothing	3809	2.9886006	14980.284	14980.284	1.000	14980.284	0.000000					0.004256	1.264770
		Double (Brown) Exponential Smoothing	3809	8.8067629	19097.814	19097.814	1.000	19097.814	0.000000					0.006869	2.204645
		Double (Brown) Exponential Smoothing	3809	68.921362	26936.929	26936.929	1.000	26936.929	0.000000					0.016525	6.125195

Figure 5.9. Double Exponential Smoothing - Models Comparison

5.2.4. ARIMA

Recalling the ACF and the PACF in section 5.1, the PACF cuts off after lag 1, suggesting an MA (1) or MA (2), and the ACF exceed the significance limit at all the lags, which can be taken care of by taken the 1st or the 2nd difference. Thus, the ARIMA Model Group function in JMP was used to find the best fit for this data. 36 different models were compared as shown in figure 5.10.

Time Series cumulative															
Model Comparison															
Report	Graph	Model	DF	Variance	AIC	SBC	RSquare	-2LogLH	Weights	.2	.4	.6	.8	MAPE	MAE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ARIMA(1, 2, 2)	3805	1.0286943	10921.357	10946.337	1.000	10913.357	0.476020					0.002615	0.732688
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ARIMA(1, 2, 3)	3804	1.0288813	10923.050	10954.276	1.000	10913.05	0.204075					0.002613	0.732490
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ARIMA(2, 2, 2)	3804	1.0288934	10923.095	10954.320	1.000	10913.095	0.199599					0.002613	0.732519
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ARIMA(2, 2, 3)	3803	1.0290711	10924.751	10962.222	1.000	10912.751	0.087198					0.002614	0.732619
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ARIMA(2, 1, 2)	3805	1.0275859	10927.816	10959.043	1.000	10917.816	0.018836					0.017621	0.741790
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ARIMA(2, 1, 3)	3804	1.0277685	10929.494	10966.967	1.000	10917.494	0.008138					0.017620	0.741588
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	IMA(2, 1)	3807	1.0320856	10931.845	10944.335	1.000	10927.845	0.002513					0.002608	0.733558
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	IMA(2, 2)	3806	1.0322695	10933.523	10952.259	1.000	10927.523	0.001086					0.002610	0.733757
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ARIMA(1, 2, 1)	3806	1.0322711	10933.529	10952.264	1.000	10927.529	0.001082					0.002610	0.733752
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AR(2, 2)	3806	1.0325905	10934.706	10953.442	1.000	10928.706	0.000601					0.002616	0.734084
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ARIMA(2, 3)	3805	1.0325319	10935.490	10960.471	1.000	10927.49	0.000406					0.002610	0.733772
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ARIMA(2, 2, 1)	3805	1.0325387	10935.515	10960.496	1.000	10927.515	0.000401					0.002610	0.733760
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ARIMA(1, 1, 1)	3807	1.0317937	10941.313	10960.049	1.000	10935.313	0.000022					0.015359	0.741383
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ARIMA(1, 1, 2)	3806	1.0319681	10942.957	10967.939	1.000	10934.957	0.000010					0.015410	0.741586
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ARIMA(2, 1, 1)	3806	1.0319695	10942.962	10967.944	1.000	10934.962	0.000010					0.015411	0.741582
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ARIMA(1, 1, 3)	3805	1.032233	10944.934	10976.161	1.000	10934.934	0.000004					0.015398	0.741592
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AR(1, 2)	3807	1.036345	10947.524	10960.014	1.000	10943.524	0.000001					0.002635	0.735944
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AR(2, 1)	3807	1.0359876	10956.759	10975.495	1.000	10950.759	0.000000					0.015686	0.743871
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I(2)	3808	1.1100704	11208.222	11214.467	1.000	11206.222	0.000000					0.002755	0.758039
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AR(1, 1)	3808	1.1099383	11218.293	11230.784	1.000	11214.293	0.000000					0.014438	0.765156
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	IMA(1, 1)	3806	27.467508	23445.676	23470.658	1.000	23437.676	0.000000					0.053675	4.421076
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	IMA(1, 2)	3807	68.065747	26900.759	26919.495	1.000	26894.759	0.000000					0.076373	7.029353
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	IMA(1, 1)	3808	215.50089	31288.636	31301.127	1.000	31284.636	0.000000					0.123190	12.741158
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ARIMA(1, 2)	3807	355.3785	35462.186	35487.169	0.983	35454.186	0.000000					610.45838	206.70009
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I(1)	3809	830.82762	36425.741	36431.986	1.000	36423.741	0.000000					0.222178	25.116311
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ARIMA(1, 1)	3808	1516.6052	38755.996	38774.732	0.996	38749.996	0.000000					293.39134	122.88885
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ARIMA(1, 3)	3806	4426.1515	42857.333	42888.561	0.999	42847.333	0.000000					151.71207	97.201707
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AR(1)	3809	5654.8797	43745.234	43757.725	1.000	43741.234	0.000000					0.227111	69.428058
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ARIMA(2, 1)	3807	5657.8505	43749.234	43774.216	1.000	43741.234	0.000000					0.227111	69.428058
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AR(2)	3808	22622.407	49029.887	49048.624	1.000	49023.887	0.000000					0.447907	138.84178
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MA(3)	3807	20192377	81751472	81776454	0.983	81743472	0.000000					225.32847	9795.0702
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MA(2)	3808	476027645	86985885	87004622	0.936	86979885	0.000000					307.96349	1941.3712
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MA(1)	3809	1.9001e+9	92248.067	92260.558	0.749	92244.067	0.000000					467.90500	38668.663
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ARIMA(0, 0, 0)	3810	7.5938e+9	97518.672	97524.917	-0.00	97516.672	0.000000					803.79029	77196.714
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ARIMA(2, 2)	3806	7.6645e+9	97557.980	97589.208	-0.01	97547.98	0.000000					751.69779	76754.242
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ARIMA(2, 3)	3805	7.6741e+9	97563.763	97601.237	-0.01	97551.763	0.000000					752.00065	76792.660

Figure 5.10. ARIMA - Models Comparison

JMP suggested ARIMA (1,2,2) as the best fit since it has the lowest MAE. It also has high t-statistics except for the intercept. The residuals are stationary and within the 5% limit. The summary is shown in figure 5.11.

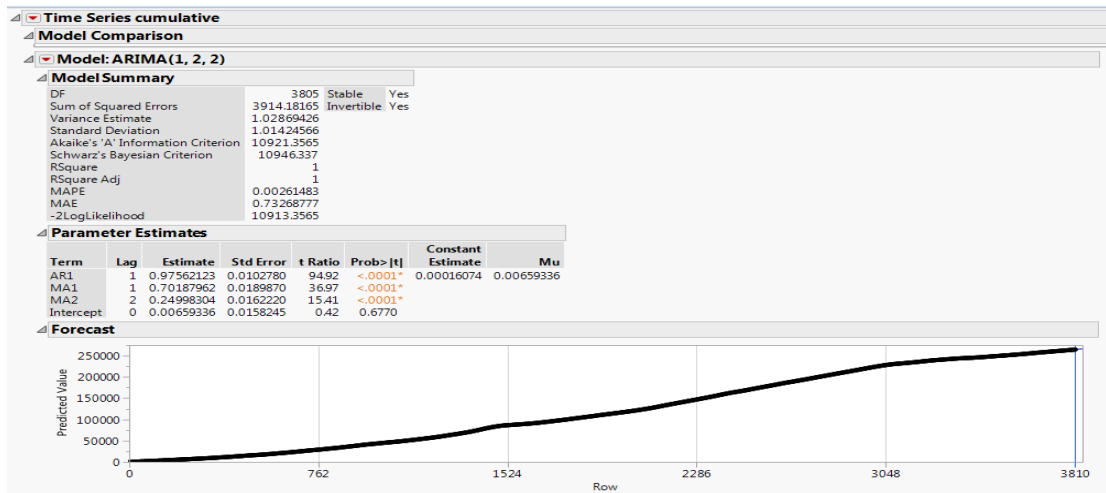


Figure 5.11. ARIMA (1,2,2)

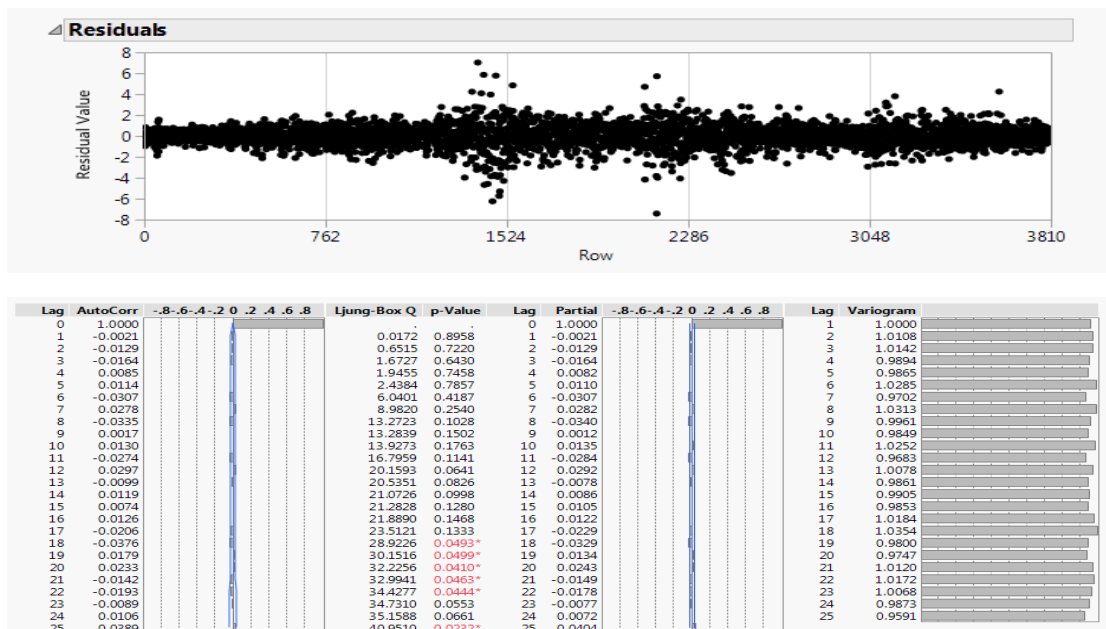


Figure 5.12. ARIMA (1,2,2) - Residual

The last 30 values were forecasted using ARIMA (1,2,2). The results are shown in table 5.2 and figure 5.13.

Table 5.2. Forecasting the last 30 values using ARIMA (1,2,2)

ARIMA (1,2,2) -- ($SS_E = 24131.35$)					
Actual	Forecasted	Error	Squared Error	Upper CL	Lower CL
264674.9	264675.2	-0.38586	0.14888794	264677.2	264673.2
264728.6	264730.1	-1.58646	2.516855333	264735.1	264725.2

264782.8	264785.1	-2.30087	5.294002759	264793.7	264776.4
264837.3	264840.1	-2.74818	7.552493315	264853	264827.1
264891.8	264895.1	-3.33751	11.138973	264913	264877.2
264946.9	264950.2	-3.288	10.810944	264973.5	264926.8
265002.6	265005.3	-2.6588	7.069217442	265034.6	264976
265058.5	265060.4	-1.97909	3.91679723	265096.1	265024.8
265114.6	265115.6	-1.04807	1.098450726	265158.1	265073.1
265170.1	265170.8	-0.75496	0.569964602	265220.7	265121
265225.5	265226.1	-0.60899	0.370868821	265283.6	265168.6
265281.3	265281.4	-0.13942	0.019437937	265347	265215.8
265336.9	265336.7	0.11448	0.01310567	265410.8	265262.6
265393.2	265392.1	1.07342	1.152230496	265475.1	265309.1
265449.6	265447.5	2.11808	4.486262885	265539.7	265355.3
265507.2	265503	4.22915	17.88570972	265604.8	265401.1
265565.5	265558.4	7.02729	49.38280474	265670.2	265446.6
265624	265613.9	10.05312	101.0652217	265736.1	265491.8
265683.2	265669.5	13.72729	188.4384907	265802.3	265536.7
265741.7	265725	16.6104	275.9053882	265868.8	265581.2
265800.8	265780.6	20.13305	405.3397023	265935.8	265625.5
265861.8	265836.3	25.52582	651.5674867	266003.1	265669.5
265923.9	265891.9	31.93927	1020.116968	266070.7	265713.1
265985.5	265947.6	37.86397	1433.680224	266138.7	265756.5
266047.2	266003.3	43.85045	1922.861965	266207.1	265799.6
266109.1	266059.1	50.01924	2501.92437	266275.8	265842.3
266170.4	266114.8	55.52086	3082.565895	266344.8	265884.8
266230.9	266170.6	60.2458	3629.556418	266414.2	265927.1
266290.7	266226.4	64.21455	4123.508432	266483.9	265969
266350.6	266282.3	68.3476	4671.394426	266553.9	266010.7

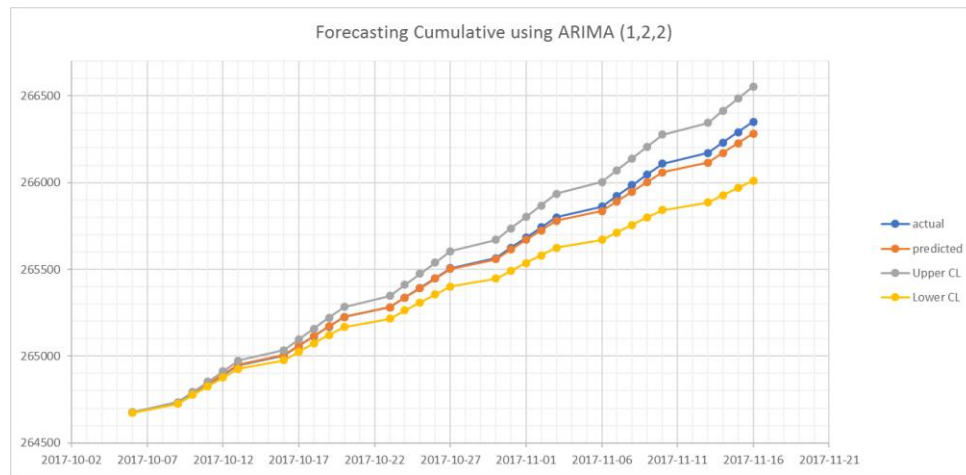


Figure 5.13. Forecasting using ARIMA (1,2,2)

Interpretation:

Out of the four forecasting techniques that we used to predict the cumulative values, ARIMA (1,2,2) found to be the best fit as it has.

6. CONCLUSION:

Up on performing analysis with all the four different datasets, we obtained best fitted model with less error and more accuracy for individual dataset respectively.

To predict the best fitted model , of all the datasets, collective comparison interpreted that,

DATASET	Best Fitted Model	MAPE	MAE	R-Square	R-Square adjusted
Price	ARIMA(1,1,0)	1.17	0.73	0.998	0.998
Change	MA(2)	-	0.73	0.0705	0.07
Percentage of Change	MA(2)	-	0.0166	0.066	0.065
Cummulative	ARIMA(1,2,2,)	0.00261	0.732	0.92	0.92

On observing all the Accuracy measures like MAPE, MAE, R-Square and R-Square adjusted values, we observed that **“Oil Price dataset”** ARIMA (1,1,0) model is the best model with more accuracy and less error. Even forecasted 30 observations with this model are more approximately near to the actual values.