

# Forecasting with ARIMA models

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The basic idea of forecasting with an ARIMA model to estimate the parameters and forecast forward.

For example, let's say we want to forecast with a ARIMA(2,1,0) model with drift:

$$z_t = \mu + \beta_1 z_{t-1} + \beta_2 z_{t-2} + e_t$$

where  $z_t = x_t - x_{t-1}$ , the first difference.

`Arima()` would write this model:

$$(z_t - m) = \beta_1(z_{t-1} - m) + \beta_2(z_{t-2} - m) + e_t$$

The relationship between  $\mu$  and  $m$  is  $\mu = m(1 - \beta_1 - \beta_2)$ .

Let's estimate the  $\beta$ 's for this model from the anchovy data.

```
fit <- forecast::Arima(anchovyts, order=c(2,1,0), include.drift=TRUE)
coef(fit)
```

```
##           ar1           ar2           drift
## -0.53850433 -0.44732522  0.05367062
```

```
mu <- coef(fit)[3]*(1-coef(fit)[1]-coef(fit)[2])
mu
```

```
##           drift
## 0.1065807
```

So we will forecast with this model:

$$z_t = 0.1065807 - 0.53850433z_{t-1} - 0.44732522z_{t-2} + e_t$$

To get our forecast for 1990, we do this

$$(x_{90} - x_{89}) = 0.106 - 0.538(x_{89} - x_{88}) - 0.447(x_{88} - x_{87})$$

Thus

$$x_{90} = x_{89} + 0.106 - 0.538(x_{89} - x_{88}) - 0.447(x_{88} - x_{87})$$

Here is R code to do that:

```
anchovyts[26]+mu+coef(fit)[1]*(anchovyts[26]-anchovyts[25])  
  coef(fit)[2]*(anchovyts[25]-anchovyts[24])
```

```
##      drift  
## 9.962083
```

## Forecasting with forecast()

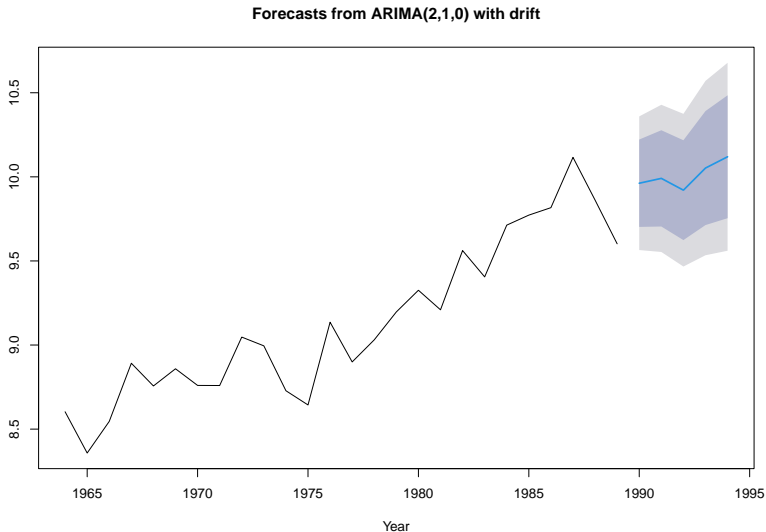
`forecast(fit, h=h)` automates the forecast calculations for us and computes the upper and lower prediction intervals. Prediction intervals include uncertainty in parameter estimates plus the process error uncertainty.

```
fr <- forecast::forecast(fit, h=5)
fr
```

##	Point Forecast	Lo 80	Hi 80	Lo 95	Hi 95
## 1990	9.962083	9.702309	10.22186	9.564793	10.35937
## 1991	9.990922	9.704819	10.27703	9.553365	10.42848
## 1992	9.920798	9.623984	10.21761	9.466861	10.37473
## 1993	10.052240	9.713327	10.39115	9.533917	10.57056
## 1994	10.119407	9.754101	10.48471	9.560719	10.67809

# Plotting our forecasts

```
plot(fr, xlab="Year")
```



## Missing values

Missing values are allowed for `forecast::Arima()`. We can produce forecasts with the same code.

```
anchovy.miss <- anchovyts
anchovy.miss[10:11] <- NA
anchovy.miss[20:21] <- NA
fit <- forecast::Arima(anchovy.miss, order=c(2,1,0), include.mean=TRUE)
fr <- forecast::forecast(fit, h=5)
fr
```

##	Point Forecast	Lo 80	Hi 80	Lo 95	Hi 95
## 1990	9.938269	9.664479	10.21206	9.519543	10.35700
## 1991	10.014686	9.700961	10.32841	9.534885	10.49449
## 1992	9.924208	9.601147	10.24727	9.430129	10.41829
## 1993	10.029988	9.666069	10.39391	9.473421	10.58656
## 1994	10.128066	9.729066	10.52707	9.517848	10.73828



```
plot(fr)
```

Forecasts from ARIMA(2,1,0) with drift



## Using auto.arima()

We can let forecast to select the ARIMA model:

```
anchovy.miss <- anchovyts  
anchovy.miss[10:11] <- NA  
anchovy.miss[20:21] <- NA  
fit <- forecast::auto.arima(anchovy.miss)  
fit
```

```
## Series: anchovy.miss  
## ARIMA(0,1,1) with drift  
##  
## Coefficients:  
##          ma1    drift  
##      -0.7240  0.0548  
## s.e.    0.2283  0.0125  
##  
## sigma^2 = 0.04355:  log likelihood = 3.52  
## AIC=-1.03    AICc=0.11    BIC=2.63
```

```
fr <- forecast::forecast(fit, h=5)  
plot(fr)
```

