6.1.2 - SAS: Time Series Case Study

Data: Weekly sales (in thousands of units) of Super Tech Videocassette Tapes over 161 weeks [see Bowerman & O'Connell "Forecasting and Time Series: An Applied Approach", 3rd Edition, Section 10.4 Case Study.

Goal: Want to forecast sales 25 weeks beyond end of data

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data sales; input weekly @@; cards;
  45.9  45.4  42.8  34.4  31.9  36.6  39.2  41.4  40.3  43.1  43.2
  41.2  38.4  38.3  41.9  37.1  34.5  31.3  30.2  28.3  25.9  26.6
  26.2  29    34.8  36.8  37.2  41.7  41.2  40.7  39.5  40.4  38
  35.6  33.9  35.2  41.8  42.4  38.9  42.1  41.7  39.2  38.5  42.5
  47.9  48.6  52    53.5  53.5  52.9  53.4  52.8  51.4  52.5  52.4
  51.5  51.7  53.3  55.4  56.9  60    60.8  62.3  62.6  63.1  62.8
  64.7  66.3  63    65.5  70.6  76    80.1  78.6  78.3  78.1  73.6
  68.8  64.4  62.4  61.1  63.1  65.3  68.3  72.5  73.2  72.9  70.5
  69.4  68.2  69.3  72.3  73.5  70.3  68.3  64.1  62.5  62.6  60.4
  61.1  64.7  65.1  61.5  64.2  67.8  66.8  64.1  66.4  68    71
  76.9  84.1  85.9  85.2  86.2  85.7  81.3  75.9  75    72.5  69.6
  67.3  69.8  72.2  75.2  77.2  76.8  72.4  69.4  68.7  65.1  64.4
  64.2  63.2  62.1  65.8  73.7  77.1  76    74.6  70.6  67.5  67.9
  68.9  67.8  65.1  65    67.6  67.9  66.5  68.2  71.7  71.3  68.9
  70    73.1  69.1  67.3  72.9  78.6  82.3
;
run;

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/* Look at original data and check stationarity */
data sales; set sales;
      Time = _N_;
proc arima data=sales;
  identify var=weekly nlag=24;
  title1 'Look for Stationarity in SAC; Original Time
Series';
run;
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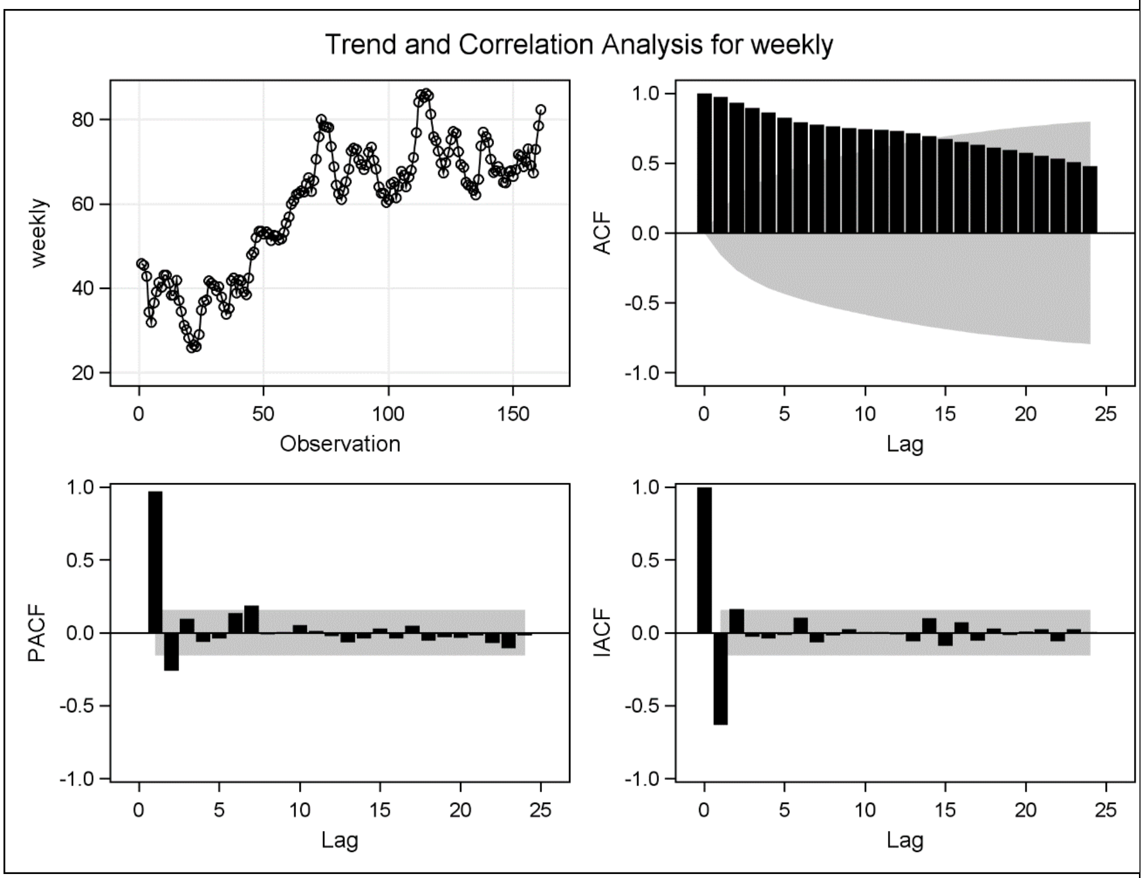
Look for Stationarity in SAC; Original Time Series

The ARIMA Procedure

Name of Variable = weekly	
Number of Observations	161

Autocorrelation Check for White Noise									
To Lag	**Chi-Square**	**DF**	**Pr > ChiSq**	**Autocorrelations**					
6	779.33	6	<.0001	0.974	0.935	0.899	0.862	0.825	0.794
12	1366.70	12	<.0001	0.777	0.765	0.753	0.745	0.739	0.730
18	1845.25	18	<.0001	0.715	0.695	0.676	0.654	0.634	0.614
24	2177.35	24	<.0001	0.594	0.575	0.556	0.535	0.508	0.480



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/* Remove linear effect of time */
proc reg data=sales noprint;
  model weekly = time;
  output out=out1 r=residtime;
proc arima data=out1;
  identify var=residtime nlag=24;
  title1 'Look for Stationarity in SAC; Removed Linear
Time';
run;
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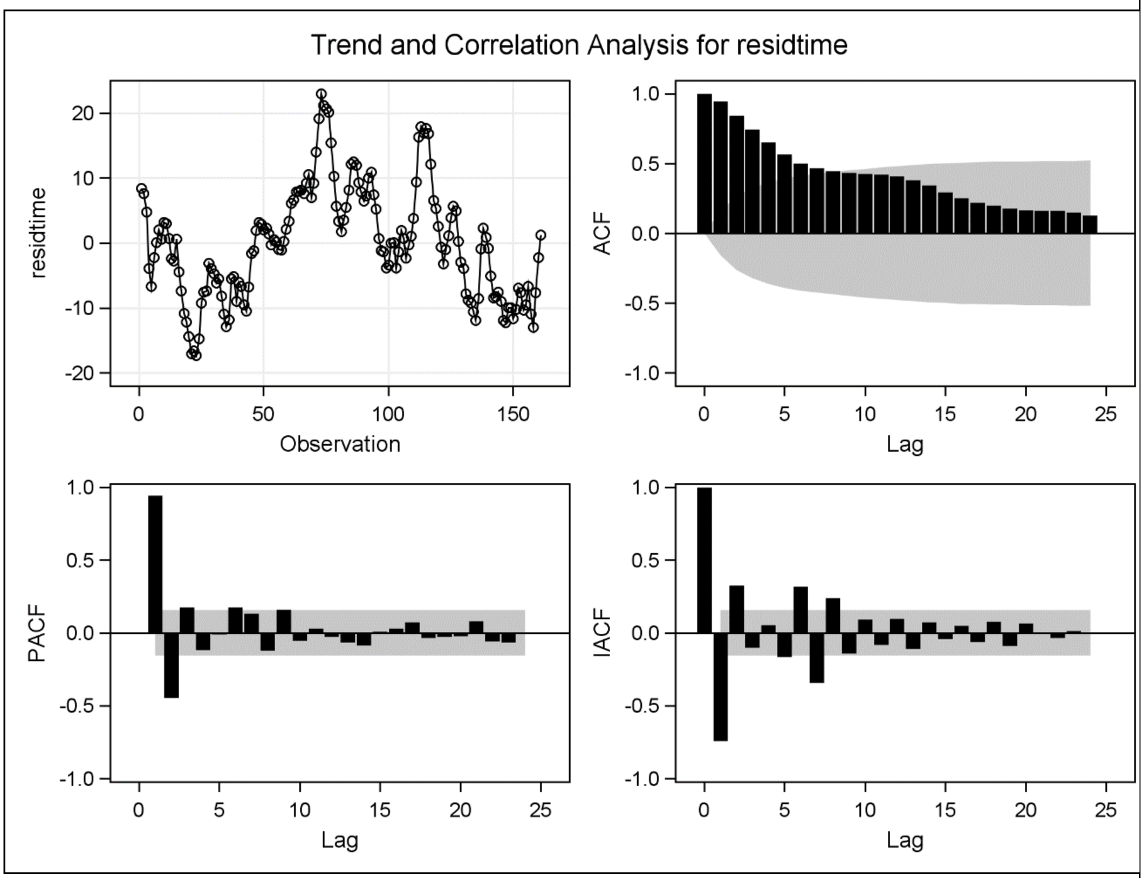
Look for Stationarity in SAC; Removed Linear Time

Autocorrelation Check for White Noise

To Lag	Chi-Square	DF	Pr > ChiSq	Autocorrelations					
6	523.89	6	<.0001	0.944	0.843	0.746	0.654	0.567	0.501
12	720.33	12	<.0001	0.469	0.447	0.434	0.427	0.422	0.409



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/* Try to remove cyclic behavior
   -- there appears to be a 2-year cycle */
data sales; set sales;
   sin1 = sin(2*3.14*time/104);
   cos1 = cos(2*3.14*time/104);
proc reg data=sales noprint;
  model weekly = time sin1 cos1;
  output out=out2 r=residTimeTrig;
proc arima data=out2;
  identify var=residTimeTrig nlag=24;
  title1 'Look for Stationarity in SAC; Removed Linear &
Trig. Time';
run;
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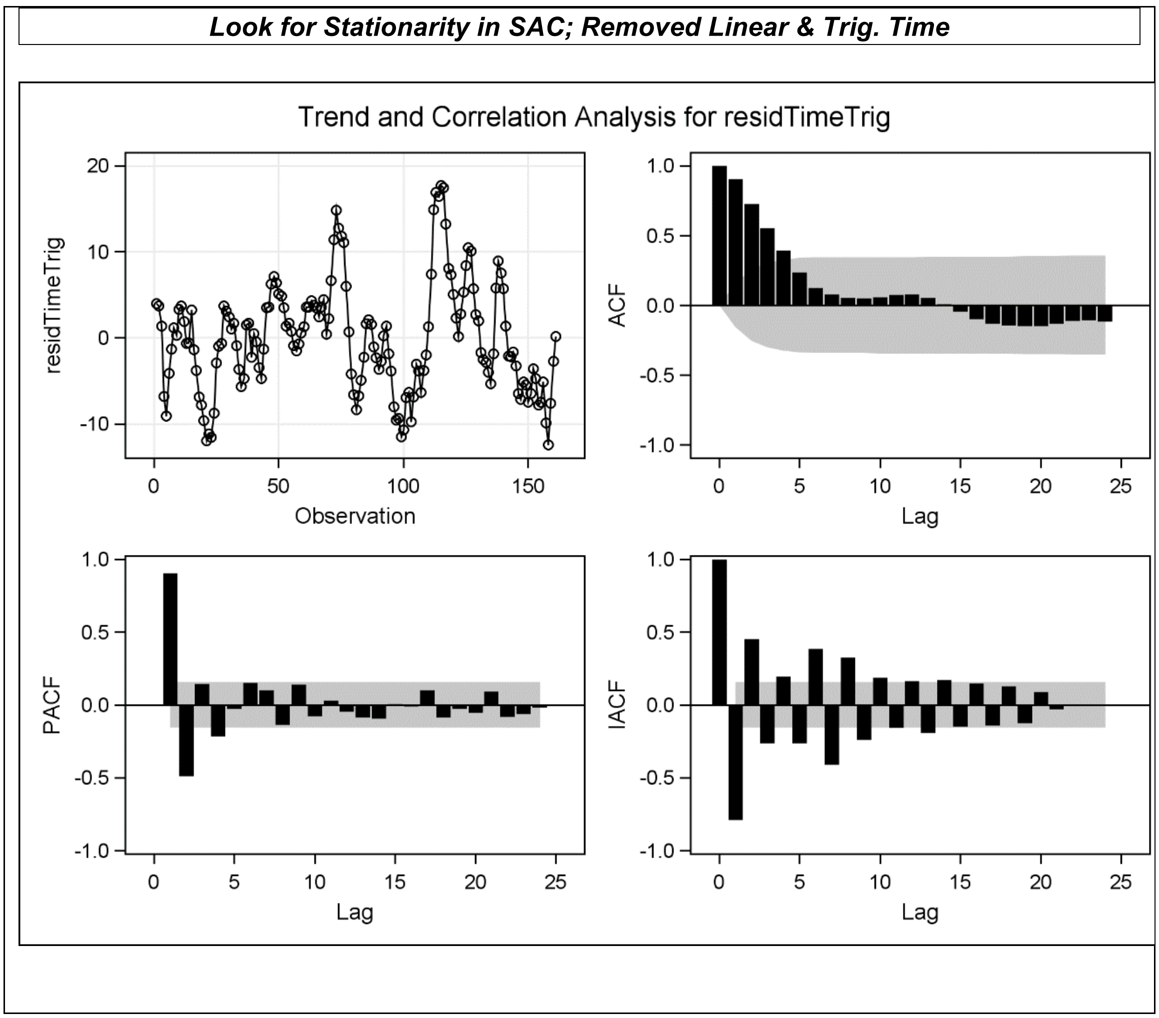

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/* It doesn't look like this will work
   -- need to consider differencing  */
data sales; set sales;
     weeklyd1 = weekly - lag(weekly);
      weeklyd2 = weeklyd1 - lag(weeklyd1);
run;

proc arima data=sales;
  identify var=weeklyd1 nlag=24;
  title1 'Look for Stationarity in SAC; First Difference';
run;
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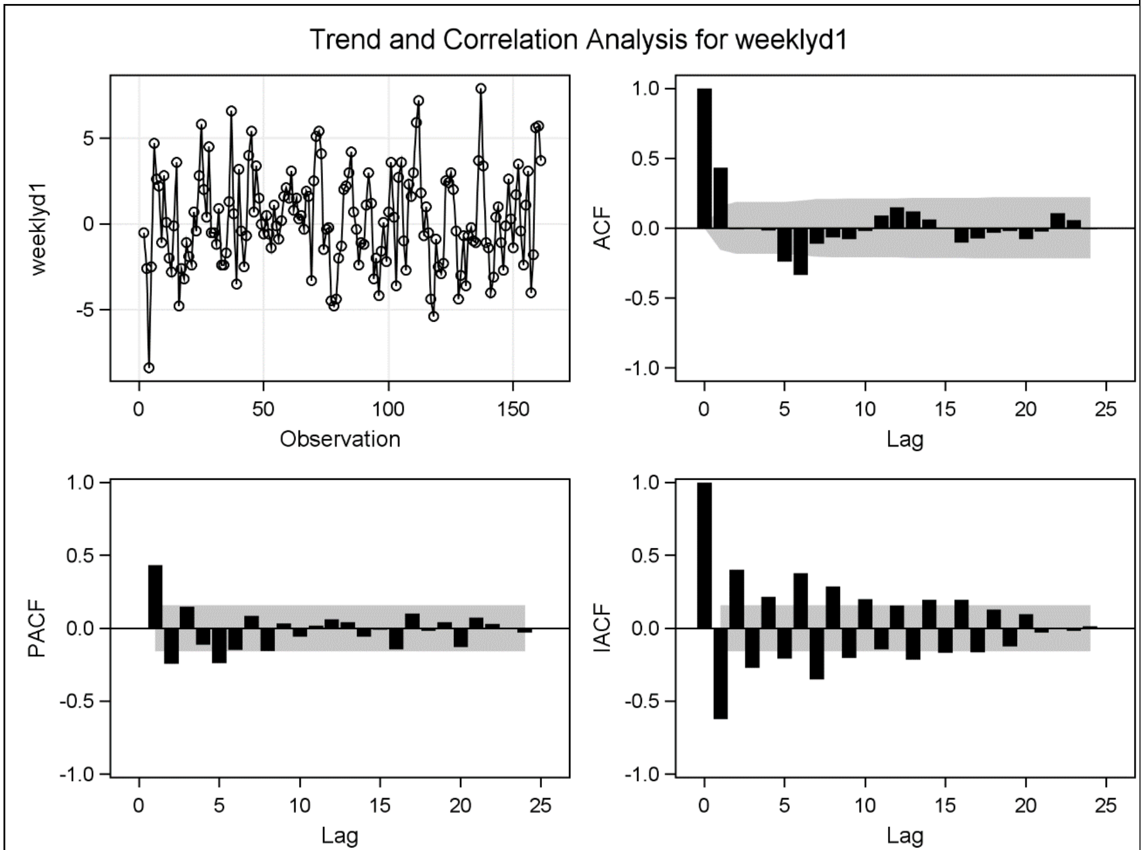
Look for Stationarity in SAC; First Difference

Autocorrelation Check for White Noise									
To Lag	Chi-Square	DF	Pr > ChiSq	Autocorrelations					
6	59.37	6	<.0001	0.435	-0.008	0.002	-0.017	-0.239	-0.336



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proc arima data=sales;
  identify var=weeklyd2 nlag=24;
  title1 'Look for Stationarity in SAC; Second Difference';
run;
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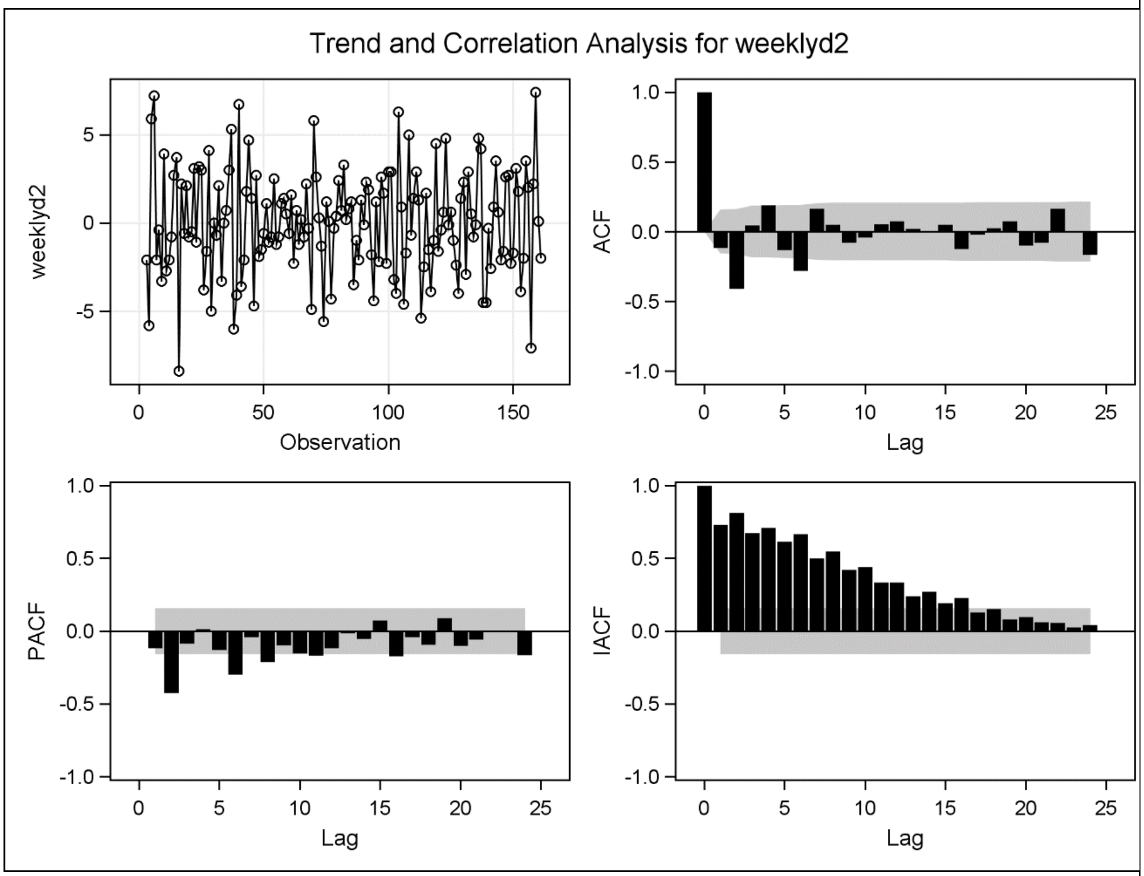
Look for Stationarity in SAC; Second Difference

Autocorrelation Check for White Noise

To Lag	Chi-Square	DF	Pr > ChiSq	Autocorrelations					
6	51.55	6	<.0001	-0.115	-0.408	0.047	0.190	-0.130	-0.281



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/* Now look for ARMA errors in first difference */
proc arima data=sales;
   identify var=weeklyd1  nlag=15;
   title1 'Look for ARMA errors with first difference';
run;
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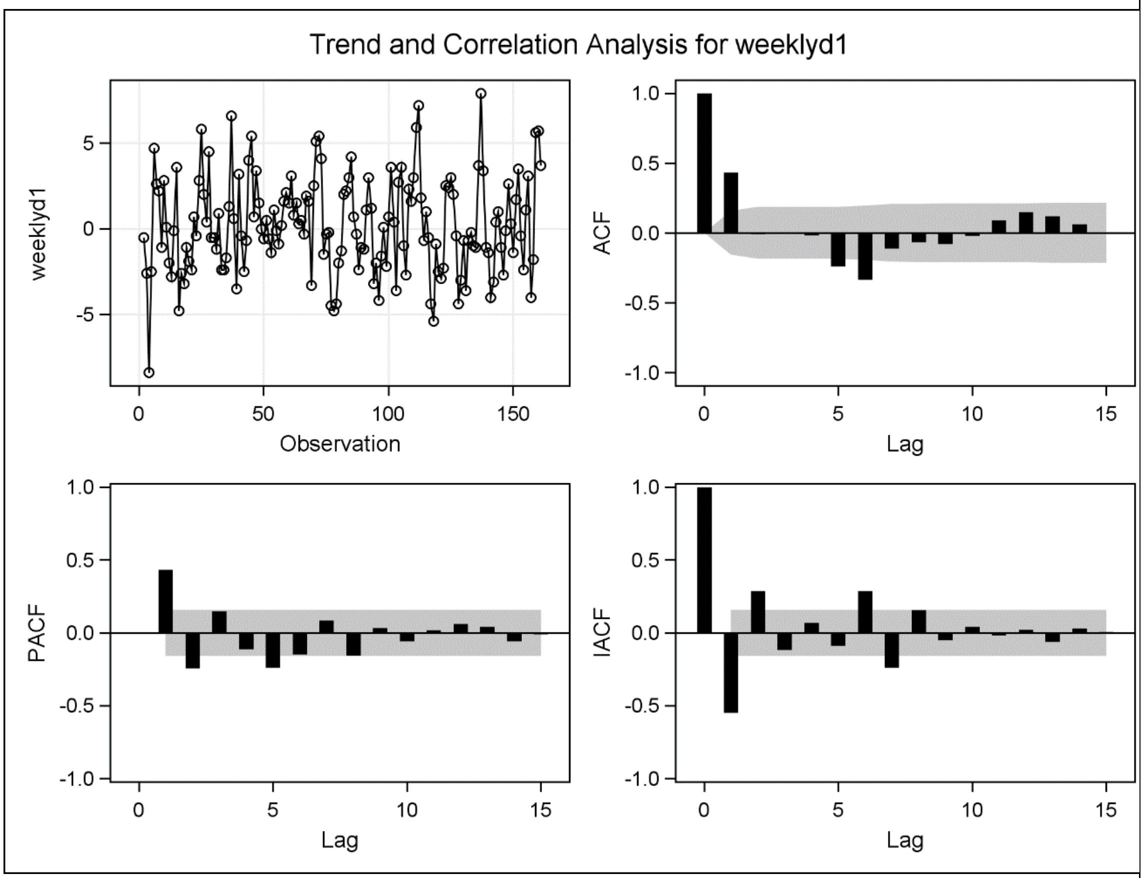
Look for ARMA errors with first difference

Autocorrelation Check for White Noise									
To Lag	Chi-Square	DF	Pr > ChiSq	Autocorrelations					
6	59.37	6	<.0001	0.435	-0.008	0.002	-0.017	-0.239	-0.336
12	68.80	12	<.0001	-0.113	-0.066	-0.080	-0.019	0.092	0.149



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/* Model 1:  ARIMA(2,1,0), based on
   SAC's damped exponential / sine pattern,
   and SPAC spikes at 1 and 2 */
proc arima data=sales;
   identify var=weekly(1);
   estimate p=2 plot method=uls;
   forecast lead=25 alpha=0.05 noprint out=f1;
   title1 'Model 1: ARIMA(2,1,0)';
run;
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Model 1: ARIMA(2,1,0)

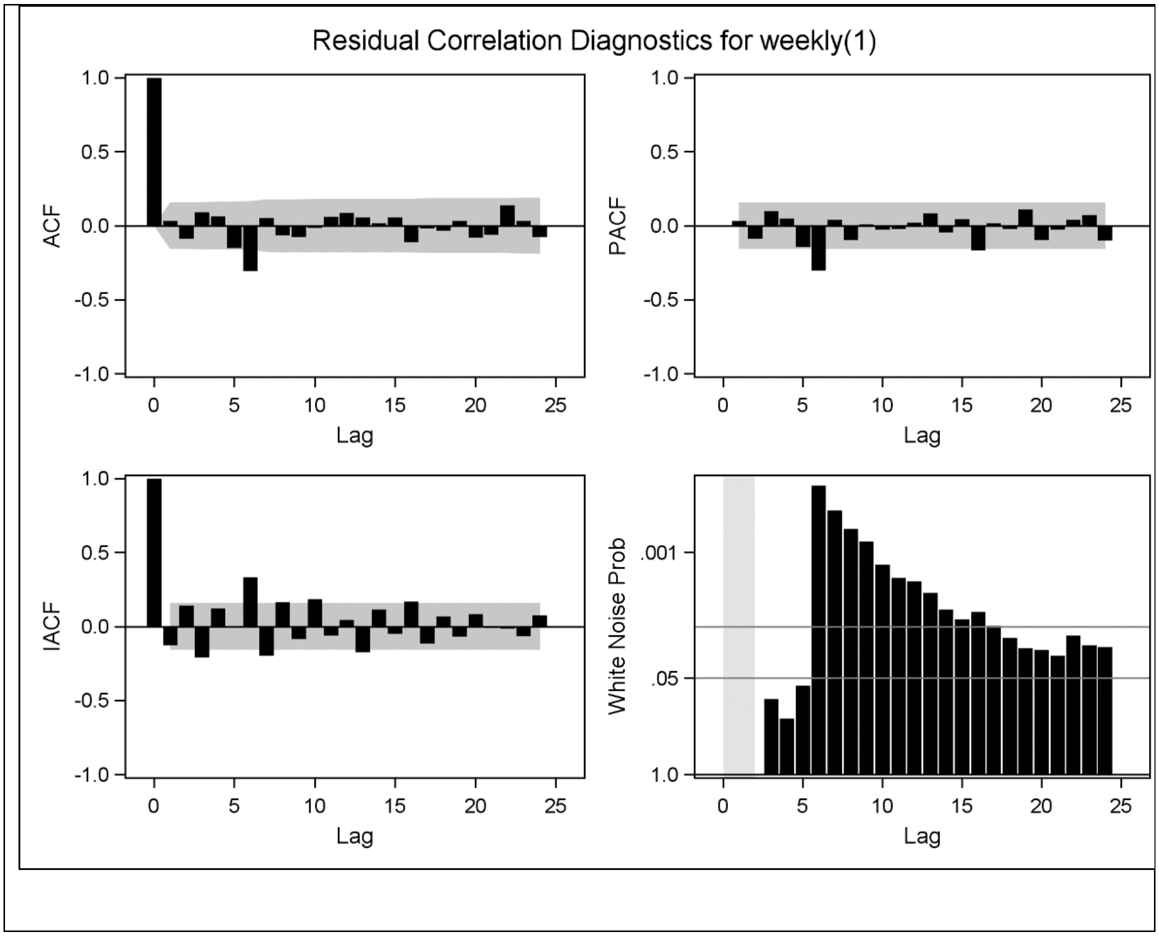
Unconditional Least Squares Estimation

Parameter	Estimate	Standard Error	t Value	Approx Pr > |t|	Lag
MU	0.22900	0.27904	0.82	0.4131	0
AR1,1	0.54277	0.07749	7.00	<.0001	1
AR1,2	-0.24502	0.07844	-3.12	0.0021	2

Constant Estimate	0.160818
Variance Estimate	6.147007
Std Error Estimate	2.479316

Autocorrelation Check of Residuals

To Lag	Chi-Square	DF	Pr > ChiSq	Autocorrelations					
6	23.06	4	0.0001	0.035	-0.087	0.090	0.065	-0.151	-0.306
12	27.19	10	0.0024	0.053	-0.063	-0.074	-0.014	0.059	0.089
18	30.84	16	0.0141	0.057	0.017	0.056	-0.111	-0.019	-0.032
24	37.90	22	0.0188	0.035	-0.080	-0.058	0.140	0.034	-0.077
30	42.29	28	0.0407	0.107	0.092	-0.042	0.000	-0.030	-0.006



Residual Correlation Diagnostics for weekly(1)
ACF
PACF
IACF
White Noise Prob
Lag

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/* Model 2:  ARIMA(2,1,(6)), based on
   RSAC/RSPAC spikes in Model 1 */
proc arima data=sales;
   identify var=weekly(1);
   estimate p=2 q=(6) plot method=uls;
   forecast lead=25 alpha=0.05 noprint out=f2;
   title1 'Model 2: ARIMA(2,1,(6))';
run;
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Model 2: ARIMA(2,1,(6))

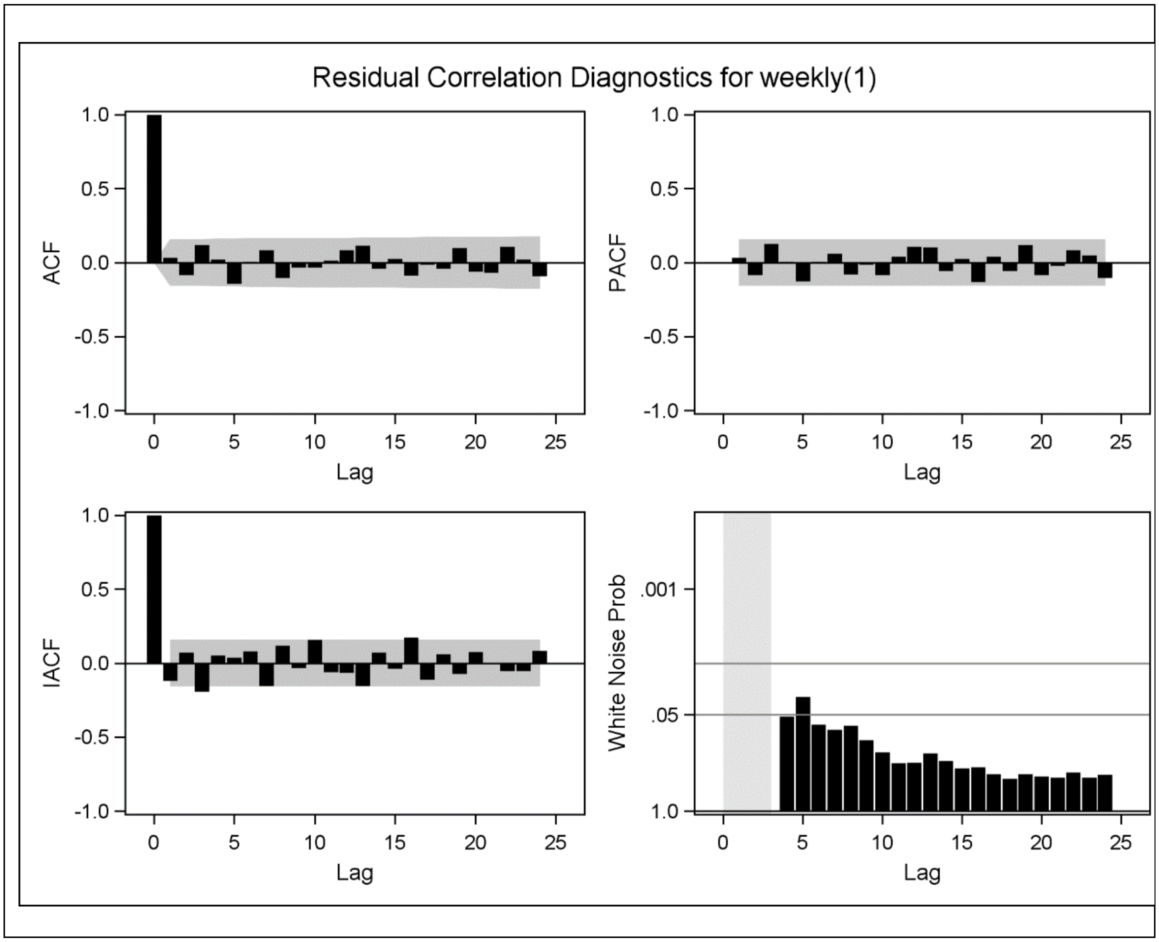
Unconditional Least Squares Estimation

Parameter	Estimate	Standard Error	t Value	Approx Pr > |t|	Lag
MU	0.22841	0.16843	1.36	0.1770	0
MA1,1	0.34955	0.07858	4.45	<.0001	6
AR1,1	0.52984	0.07798	6.79	<.0001	1
AR1,2	-0.26407	0.07901	-3.34	0.0010	2

Constant Estimate	0.167703
Variance Estimate	5.54486
Std Error Estimate	2.354753

Autocorrelation Check of Residuals

To Lag	Chi-Square	DF	Pr > ChiSq	Autocorrelations					
6	7.13	3	0.0679	0.032	-0.082	0.121	0.022	-0.142	0.007
12	11.84	9	0.2226	0.085	-0.103	-0.033	-0.034	0.015	0.084
18	16.27	15	0.3645	0.114	-0.040	0.028	-0.087	-0.013	-0.041
24	23.44	21	0.3210	0.101	-0.060	-0.067	0.105	0.023	-0.092
30	29.05	27	0.3584	0.110	0.078	-0.078	0.005	-0.046	-0.050


Residual Correlation Diagnostics for weekly(1)
ACF
PACF
IACF
White Noise Prob
Lag
1.0
0.5
0.0
-0.5
-1.0
.001
.05
0
5
10
15
20
25

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/* Model 3:  ARIMA(0,1,(1,6)), based on
   alternative reading of first diff. SAC */
proc arima data=sales;
     identify var=weekly(1);
      estimate p=0 q=(1,6) plot method=uls;
      forecast lead=25 alpha=0.05 noprint out=f3;
      title1 'Model 3: ARIMA(0,1,(1,6))';
run;
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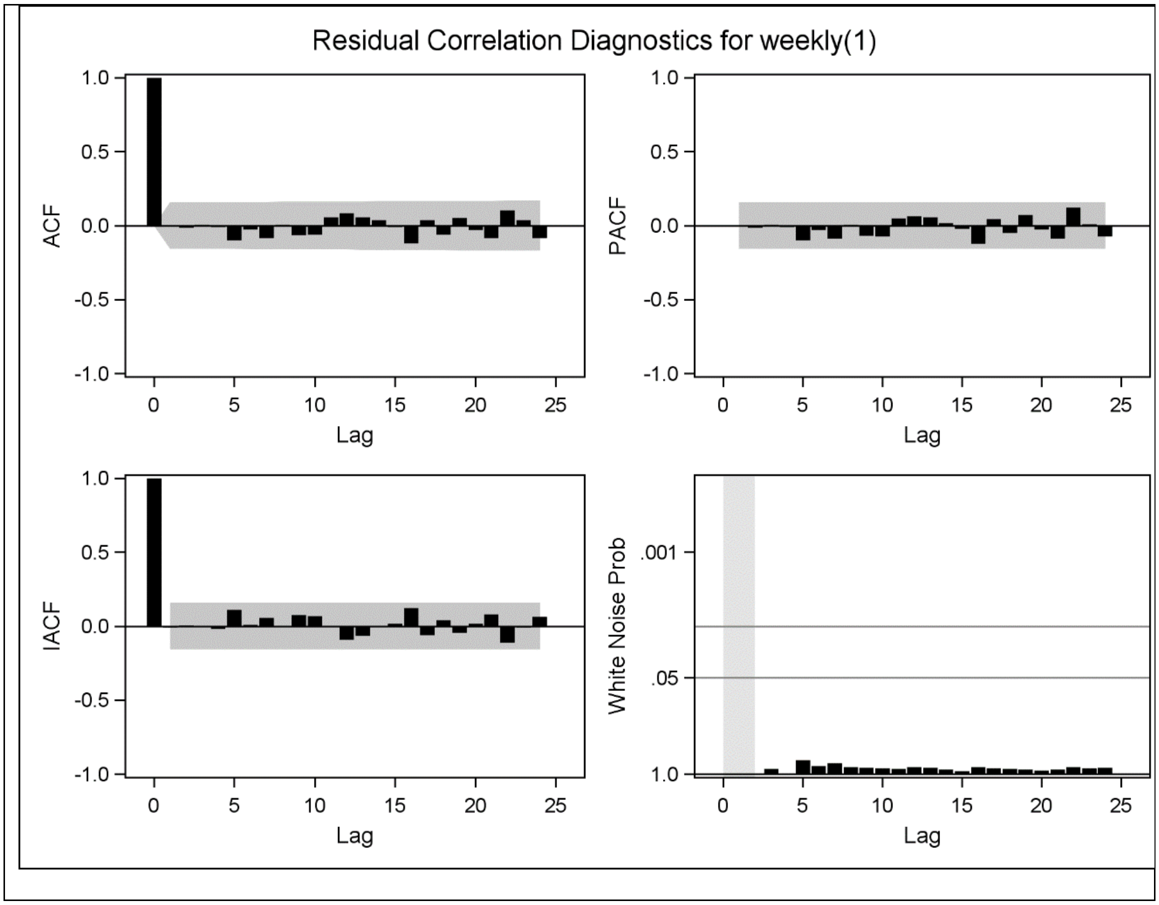
Model 3: ARIMA(0,1,(1,6))

Unconditional Least Squares Estimation					
Parameter	**Estimate**	**Standard Error**	**t Value**	**Approx Pr > |t|**	**Lag**
MU	0.24618	0.22800	1.08	0.2819	0
MA1,1	-0.63823	0.09741	-6.55	<.0001	1
MA1,2	0.36176	0.07368	4.91	<.0001	6

Constant Estimate	0.246183
Variance Estimate	5.026094
Std Error Estimate	2.241895

Autocorrelation Check of Residuals									
To Lag	**Chi-Square**	**DF**	**Pr > ChiSq**	**Autocorrelations**					
6	1.76	4	0.7793	-0.000	-0.014	0.007	-0.009	-0.098	-0.026
12	6.12	10	0.8055	-0.084	0.008	-0.063	-0.061	0.059	0.083
18	10.37	16	0.8464	0.056	0.036	-0.008	-0.118	0.039	-0.062
24	16.05	22	0.8135	0.055	-0.030	-0.084	0.105	0.037	-0.083
30	21.87	28	0.7873	0.120	0.066	-0.061	0.035	-0.076	-0.019



Residual Correlation Diagnostics for weekly(1)
ACF
PACF
IACF
White Noise Prob
Lag
1.0
0.5
0.0
-0.5
-1.0
.001
.05
0
5
10
15
20
25

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/* Forecasts from Model 2:  ARIMA(2,1,(6)) */
data f2; set f2;
  time = _n_;
proc sgplot data=f2;
  series x=time y=weekly / lineattrs=(pattern=solid
thickness=5);
  series x=time y=forecast / lineattrs=(pattern=solid);
  series x=time y=l95 / lineattrs=(pattern=dash);
  series x=time y=u95 / lineattrs=(pattern=dash);
  xaxis label='Time' values=(0 to 190 by 25);
  yaxis label='Weekly Sales' values=(0 to 190 by 50);
  title1 'Model 2: ARIMA(2,1,(6))';
  title2 'Forecast with 95 percent confidence intervals';
run;
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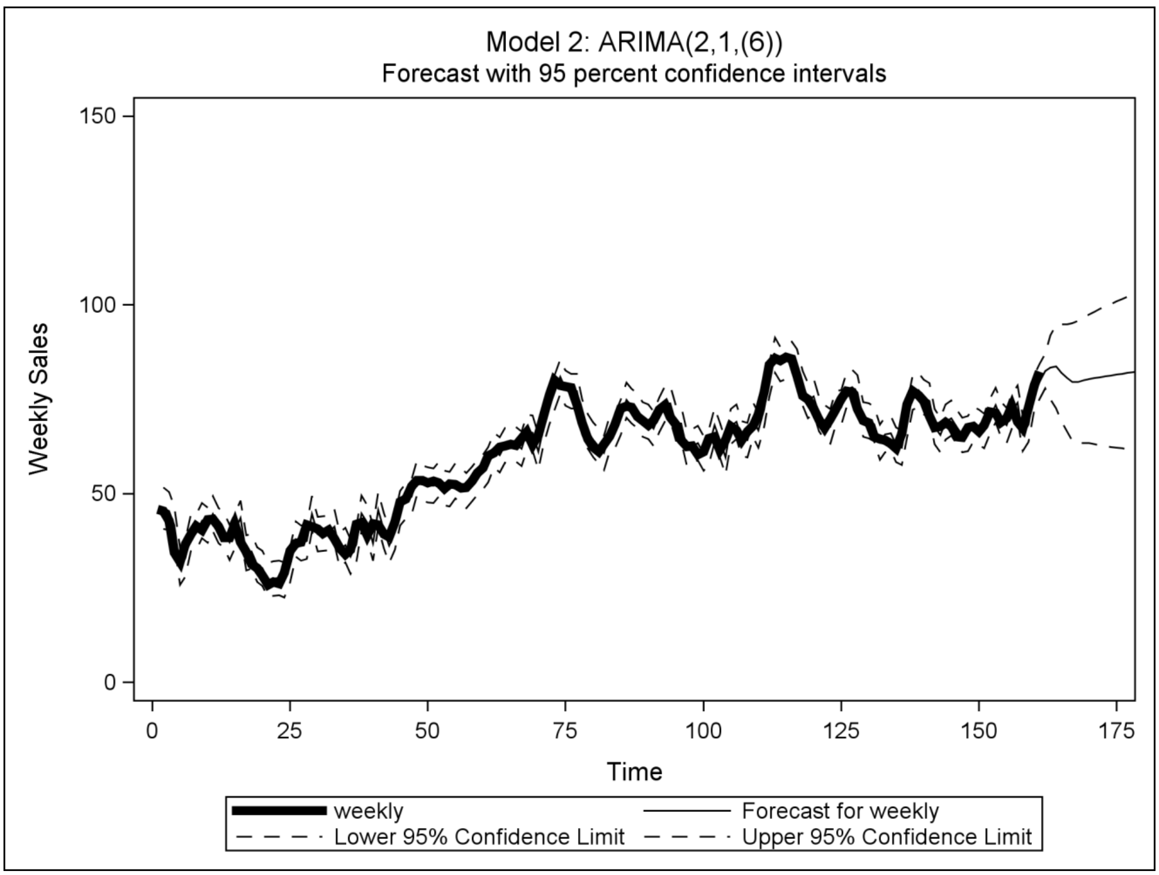

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proc print data=f2;
  where time>159;
  var time weekly forecast l95 u95 std residual;
  title1 'Model 2: Forecasts from ARIMA(2,1,(6))';
run;
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Model 2: Forecasts from ARIMA(2,1,(6))

Obs	time	weekly	FORECAST	L95	U95	STD	RESIDUAL
160	160	78.6	76.8043	72.1891	81.420	2.3548	1.79569
161	161	82.3	79.6317	75.0165	84.247	2.3548	2.66829
162	162	.	82.4544	77.8392	87.070	2.3548	.
163	163	.	83.4632	75.0281	91.898	4.3037	.
164	164	.	83.6356	72.5860	94.685	**5.6377**	.
165	165	.	82.0292	69.1930	94.865	**6.5492**	.
166	166	.	80.6726	66.4211	94.924	**7.2713**	.
167	167	.	79.6130	64.0830	95.143	**7.9236**	.
168	168	.	79.5775	63.3702	95.785	**8.2692**	.
169	169	.	80.0062	63.3527	96.660	**8.4968**	.
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181	181	.	82.9144	61.1051	104.724	**11.1274**	.
182	182	.	83.1429	60.9536	105.332	**11.3213**	.
183	183	.	83.3713	60.8085	105.934	**11.5119**	.
184	184	.	83.5997	60.6694	106.530	**11.6993**	.
185	185	.	83.8281	60.5362	107.120	**11.8839**	.
186	186	.	84.0565	60.4085	107.705	**12.0656**	.

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/* Forecasts from Model 3: ARIMA(0,1,(1,6))   */
data f3; set f3;
  time = _n_;
proc sgplot data=f3;
  series x=time y=weekly / lineattrs=(pattern=solid
thickness=5);
  series x=time y=forecast / lineattrs=(pattern=solid);
  series x=time y=l95 / lineattrs=(pattern=dash);
  series x=time y=u95 / lineattrs=(pattern=dash);
  xaxis label='Time' values=(0 to 190 by 25);
  yaxis label='Weekly Sales' values=(0 to 190 by 50);
  title1 'Model 3: ARIMA(0,1,(1,6))';
  title2 'Forecast with 95 percent confidence intervals';
run;
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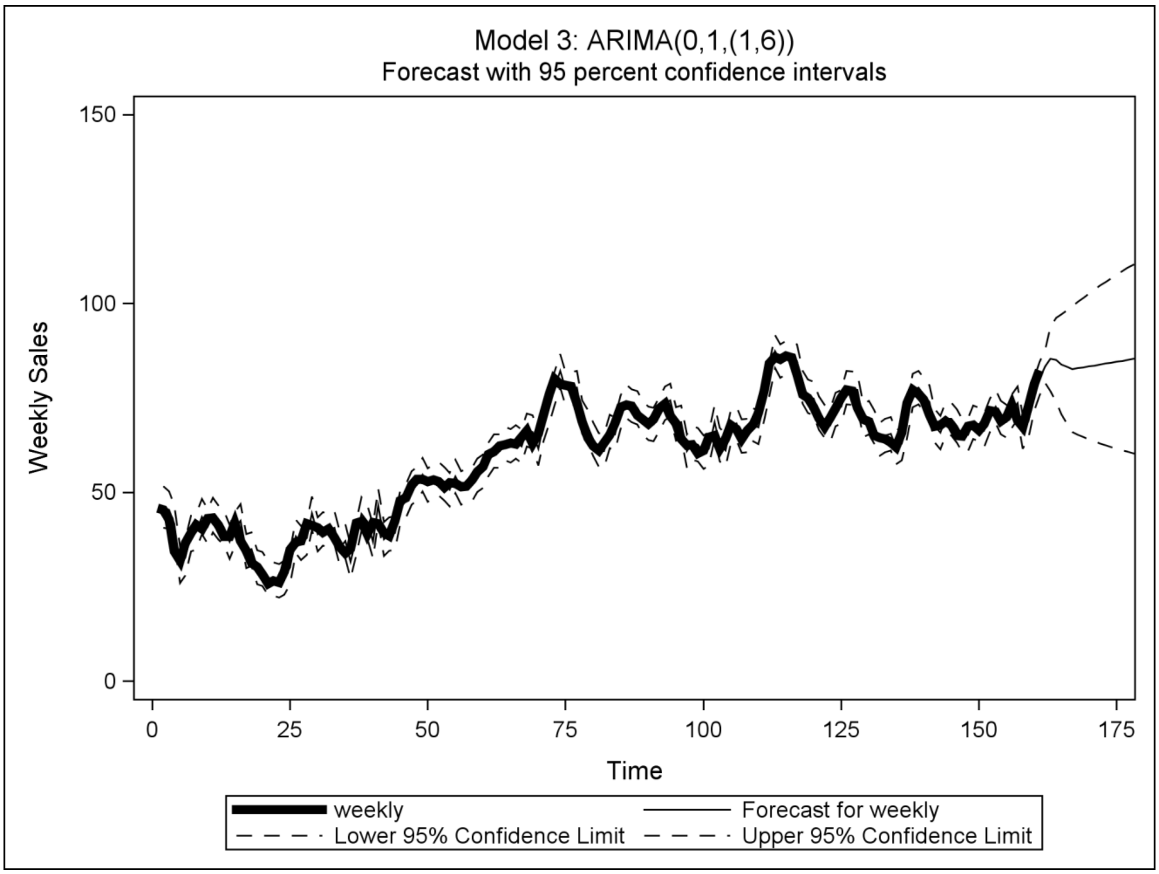

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proc print data=f3;
  where time>159;
  var time weekly forecast l95 u95 std residual;
  title1 'Model 3: Forecasts from ARIMA(0,1,(1,6))';
run;
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Model 3: Forecasts from ARIMA(0,1,(1,6))

Obs	time	weekly	FORECAST	L95	U95	STD	RESIDUAL
160	160	78.6	76.0198	71.6123	80.427	2.2488	2.58023
161	161	82.3	80.0402	75.6328	84.448	2.2487	2.25981
162	162	.	83.4161	79.0221	87.810	**2.2419**	.
163	163	.	85.3235	76.8899	93.757	**4.3029**	.
164	164	.	85.0879	74.0000	96.176	5.6572	.
165	165	.	83.8918	70.6721	97.112	6.7449	.
166	166	.	83.2053	68.1528	98.258	7.6800	.
167	167	.	82.6389	65.9537	99.324	8.5130	.
168	168	.	82.8851	65.2824	100.488	8.9811	.
169	169	.	83.1313	64.6566	101.606	9.4260	.
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181	181	.	86.0855	59.2746	112.896	13.6793	.
182	182	.	86.3317	58.9403	113.723	13.9754	.
183	183	.	86.5779	58.6182	114.538	14.2654	.
184	184	.	86.8241	58.3073	115.341	14.5496	.
185	185	.	87.0702	58.0071	116.133	14.8284	.
186	186	.	87.3164	57.7170	116.916	15.1020	.

Rough script:

0. Introduce data and express desire to forecast 25 weeks.
1. See need for stationarity based on time plot and SAC (p. 2).
   Try linear trend, see remaining ~2 year cycle (p. 3).
   Try linear + trigonometric trends (p. 4).
   -- But still see problems with 1st-order stationarity.
2. See stubbornness of time trends (p. 4), and need for differencing; first diff. appears sufficient (pp. 5-6).
3. See need for dependence structure after white noise check in first difference (p. 7).
4. Model 1: ARIMA(2,1,0), based on mixture of damped exp. decay and sine waves in SAC, and SPAC cuts off after lag 2 -- note may have additional spikes at lags 5 and 6 (pp. 8-9).
   Goodness of fit checks: parameters significant, but model is inadequate (p. 8).
5. Model 2: ARIMA(2,1,(6)), based on spike in RSAC of Model 1 (pp. 10-11).
   Goodness of fit checks: no evidence of model inadequacy (pp. 8-9) (? -- note Ljung-Box p-value).
6. Model 3: ARIMA(0,1,(1,6)), based on alternative reading of SAC and SPAC of first difference -- on page 7, SAC spikes at lags 1 and 6, SPAC dies down in oscillating fashion. (pp. 12-13).
   Goodness of fit checks: no evidence of model inadequacy (pp. 12-13).
7. Compare forecasts from two 'adequate' models (pp 14-17):
   - Model 3 better only for short-term (2 week) forecasts, based on tighter confidence intervals (smaller STD for forecasts only for weeks 162-163).
   - Model 2 has tighter confidence intervals (smaller STD) for longer-term forecasts (weeks 164-186).

Model summaries:

- Model 1: S=2.48, Q=23.06 (P=.0001),
  RSAC & RSPAC have spike at lag 6
- Model 2: S=2.35, Q=7.13 (P=.07),
  RSAC & RSPAC have 'nothing'
- Model 3: S=2.24, Q=1.76 (P=.78),
  RSAC & RSPAC have 'less nothing'

Conclude: Model 1 inadequate,
Model 2 best for longer-term forecasts,
Model 3 best for short-term forecasts