Exponential Smoothing

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Introduction

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Simple Exponential

What is exponential smoothing?

Forecasting future observations using weighted averages of past observations, with the weights decaying exponentially as observations recede further into the past

ES_1: Naive model

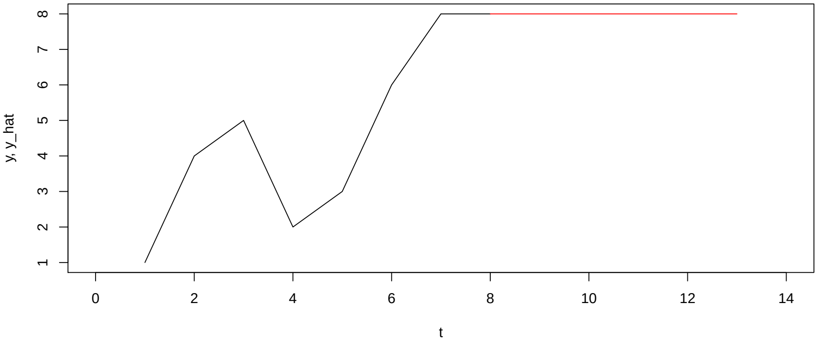
- The naive forecasting model can be thought of us exponential smoothing
- Where 100 percent of weight is given to the last observation:

```
forecast_naive <- function(y, h) {
    n <- length(y)
    y_hat <- rep(y[n], h)
    return( y_hat )
}
```

ES_1: Naive model: Example

```r
y <- c(1, 4, 5, 2, 3, 6, 8)
y_hat <- forecast_naive(y, h=7)

plot_forecast(y, y_hat)
```



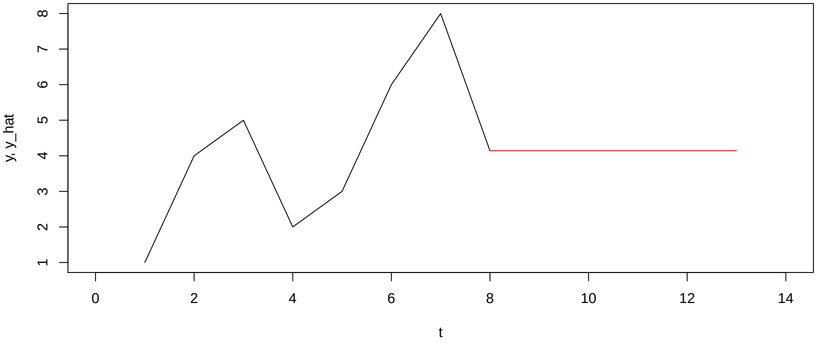
ES_2: Average model

- All future values are forecast as the average of the observed data
- Equivalent to to exponential smoothing where each observation is given equal weight

```r
forecast_avg <- function(y, h) {
    y_hat <- rep(mean(y), h)
    return( y_hat )
}
```

ES_2: Average model: Example

```
y_hat <- forecast_avg(y, h=7)
plot_forecast(y, y_hat)
```



ES_3: Exponential weighted average

- More sophisticated model would given recent observations more weight, and decreasing weight for past observations
- Control the pace of decreasing weight with a parameter α between 0 and 1
- Like the previous two models, this is a flat forecast where all forecasts take the same value, equal to the last level component

```
# TODO: Fix this up: Need to incorporate T and y and h par
# the math looksfine
ewa <- function(i, T, alpha) alpha * (1 - alpha)^i * y[T -

# T <- length(y)
# ( y_hat <- sum(sapply(1:T-1, ewa, T=T, alpha=0.5 )) )
```

ES_3: Weighted average: Optimize $\hat{\alpha}$

ES_3: Weighted average: Example

Holt's linear trend + damped

Holt-Winters method + multiplicative + taxonomy

ETS modeling (Innovations state space models)

Conclusion

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