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Reminders

- Third lab available, please take a look and work on the exercises
- Fourth lab will be available this Friday
- Participation taken. Please participate in polls.
- HW 1 (due-date March 31, 2023)
- So far, we used material from Chapters 2, 5, 8 and 9 of Athanasopoulos and Hyndman's book: Forecasting Principles and Practice
 - Link on blackboard:
 - New edition: https://otexts.com/fpp3/

Class Exercise from last lecture

CLASS EXERCISE, March 23, 2023

1. Take the time series Y_t and let $W_t = Y_t - Y_{t-1}$ Consider an ARIMA(1,1,0) model for Y_t . This is equal to:

Solution: ARIMA(1,1,0) uses 1 order of differencing (middle term) and an 1 AR term after differencing (first term). We therefore have:

$$W_t = c + \phi_1 W_{t-1} + \epsilon_t$$

Reverting the transformation, we have:

$$Y_t = W_t + Y_{t-1} = c + \phi_1 W_{t-1} + \epsilon_t$$

We can simplify further to:

$$Y_t = c + Y_{t-1} + \phi_1(Y_{t-1} - Y_{t-2}) + \epsilon_t = c + (1 + \phi_1)Y_{t-1} - \phi_1Y_{t-2} + \epsilon_t$$

2. An ARIMA (0,2,0) model for Y_t corresponds to:

Solution: ARIMA(0,2,0) uses 2 orders of differencing (middle term) but no AR and MA terms. We have $W_t = Y_t - Y_{t-1}$ and $U_t = W_t - W_{t-1}$ and

$$U_t = c + \epsilon_t$$

We can then revert the transformations: $W_t = U_t + W_{t-1}$ and $Y_t = W_t + Y_{t-1}$

$$Y_t = Y_{t-1} + U_t + W_{t-1} = Y_{t-1} + c + \epsilon_t + (Y_{t-1} - Y_{t-2})$$

Simplifying, we obtain:

$$Y_t = c + 2Y_{t-1} - Y_{t-2} + \epsilon_t$$

Class Exercise from last lecture

3. The backshift notation representation for ARIMA(1,3,0) is: Solution: The representation is:

$$(1 - \phi_1 B)(1 - B)^3 y_t = c + \epsilon_t$$

4. In backshift notation, $Y_t = c + 2Y_{t-1} + Y_{t-2} + \epsilon_t$ corresponds to: Solution:

$$Y_t = c + 2BY_t + B^2Y_t + \epsilon_t$$

or

$$Y_t - 2BY_t + B^2Y_t = (1 - B)^2Y_t = c\epsilon_t$$

Summary last lectures

- Software is able to fit (i.e. estimate the coefficients of) ARIMA models
- It is easy to experiment with different models
- Overfitting is an issue

Bias – Variance Tradeoff

- There are two types of errors when estimation is based on a sample of data using a mathematical model.
- Sampling error (variance) because the estimated model yields different results in a new sample.
- Model based error (bias) because the model that was fit is an inaccurate representation of reality.
- Unfortunately, the two errors are in conflict:
 - To reduce bias, we need a model that yields a closer fit to the training sample. This, in general, means more complicated models with a larger number of parameters.
 - But complicated models generate more sampling errors when tested out of sample. They are an excellent representation of the training sample but do not necessarily perform well in other samples from the same population. This is the problem of overfitting.
- There is a need to find the right trade-off between model complexity and variance.

Overfitting: some introduction

- ARIMA models and their software implementation enable us to test and implement alternative models with different parameters.
- Using more parameters (more AR and MA terms) increases the degrees of freedom and therefore increases the model fitting error performance (MSE etc.) on the given data.
- But by using too many parameters we might be overfitting the model to the particular (training) sample.
- We should be aware of this and take caution.

Bias – Variance Tradeoff: Information Criteria

Information Criteria

Akaike's Information Criterion (AIC), which was useful in selecting predictors for regression, is also useful for determining the order of an ARIMA model. It can be written as

$$AIC = -2 \log(L) + 2(p+q+k+1),$$

where L is the likelihood of the data, k=1 if $c\neq 0$ and k=0 if c=0. Note that the last term in parentheses is the number of parameters in the model (including σ^2 , the variance of the residuals).

For ARIMA models, the corrected AIC can be written as

$$ext{AICc} = ext{AIC} + rac{2(p+q+k+1)(p+q+k+2)}{T-p-q-k-2},$$

and the Bayesian Information Criterion can be written as

$$BIC = AIC + [\log(T) - 2](p + q + k + 1).$$

Good models are obtained by minimising the AIC, AICc or BIC. Our preference is to use the AICc.

Model Fitting Examples

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7]: # Fit the model
    modar = sm.tsa.statespace.SARIMAX(y_ar[100:499], trend='c', order=(1,0,0))
    res = modar.fit(disp=False)
    print(res.summary())
                                    SARIMAX Results
    Dep. Variable:
                                             No. Observations:
                                             Log Likelihood
    Model:
                         SARIMAX(1, 0, 0)
                                                                           -1458.647
                         Tue, 01 Mar 2022
    Date:
                                             AIC
                                                                            2923.295
    Time:
                                  10:09:29
                                             BIC
                                                                            2935,261
    Sample:
                                             HQIC
                                                                            2928.034
                                     - 399
    Covariance Type:
                                       opg
                                                       P> z
                      coef
                              std err
                                                                   [0.025
                                                                              0.975]
    intercept
                 293.9478
                               33.949
                                           8.658
                                                      0.000
                                                                 227,408
                                                                             360,487
    ar.L1
                                          15.866
                                                      0.000
                                                                               0.727
                    0.6470
                                0.041
                                                                   0.567
    sigma2
                  87.7254
                                6.350
                                          13.815
                                                       0.000
                                                                  75.279
                                                                             100.172
    Ljung-Box (L1) (Q):
                                                  Jarque-Bera (JB):
                                           0.00
                                                                                      3.89
    Prob(Q):
                                           0.95
                                                  Prob(JB):
                                                                                     0.14
    Heteroskedasticity (H):
                                                                                     -0.24
                                           1.44
                                                  Skew:
    Prob(H) (two-sided):
                                                   Kurtosis:
                                                                                      3.01
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The fitted model is Y_t = 293+ 0.64 Y_{t-1} + ε_t

The true model was $Y_t = 250 + 0.7 Y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$ and $\sigma^2 = 100$.

Model Fitting Examples: (wrong) ARMA

Let's check the effect of fitting a wrong model. For instance, we might wrongfully think that MA terms are needed at lags 1 and 3.

 We can also attempt to fit a wrong (or superficial) model. For instance, we can attempt to fit:

$$Y_t = c + \phi_1 Y_{t-1} + \theta_1 \epsilon_{t-1} + \theta_3 \epsilon_{t-3} + \epsilon_t$$

- Note that the above is not exactly ARIMA(1,0,3) since it does not contain the MA-term at the second lag.
- We would need a more complete specification and use ARIMA(1,0,[1,0,1]).

Model Fitting Examples: (wrong) ARMA

```
In [4]: # Fit the model
        restest = modtest.fit(disp=False)
        print(restest.summary());
                                           SARIMAX Results
        Dep. Variable:
                                                     No. Observations:
        Model:
                            SARIMAX(1, 0, [1, 3])
                                                     Log Likelihood
                                                                                   -1483.013
                                 Sun, 06 Mar 2022
        Date:
                                                     AIC
                                                                                    2976,026
        Time:
                                         18:47:31
                                                     BIC
                                                                                    2995,971
        Sample:
                                                     HQIC
                                                                                    2983,926
                                             - 399
        Covariance Type:
                                               opg
                                  std err
                                                           P> z
                          coef
                                                                       [0.025
                                                                                   0.975]
        intercept
                      275,9916
                                               5.584
                                                           0.000
                                                                     179,127
                                   49,422
                                                                                  372.857
                        0.6693
                                                                       0.553
                                                                                    0.786
         ar.L1
                                    0.059
                                               11.292
                                                           0.000
                        0.0112
                                              0.146
                                                                                    0.162
        ma.L1
                                    0.077
                                                           0.884
                                                                       -0.140
        ma.L3
                       -0.0270
                                    0.061
                                               -0.442
                                                           0.658
                                                                      -0.147
                                                                                    0.093
                                                           0.000
        sigma2
                       98.9059
                                     7.420
                                               13.329
                                                                       84.362
                                                                                  113,450
        Ljung-Box (L1) (Q):
                                                       Jarque-Bera (JB):
                                                                                          0.36
                                                0.00
        Prob(Q):
                                                       Prob(JB):
                                               0.96
                                                                                          0.84
        Heteroskedasticity (H):
                                                0.92
                                                       Skew:
                                                                                          0.05
        Prob(H) (two-sided):
                                                                                          2.89
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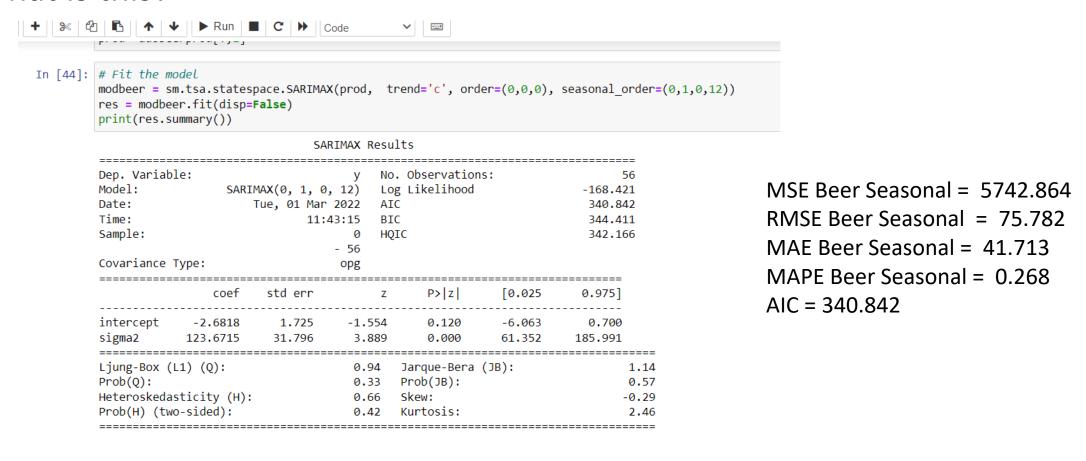
Model Fitting Examples: (wrong) ARMA

- The resulting model is very different than the theoretical model we simulated.
- MSE 1 = 99.62, MSE 2 = 99.55
- AIC 1 = 2923, AIC 2 = 2976
 - Smaller AIC is better
- Second model has lower MSE but it looks very suspicious because the p-values of the two MA terms are not statistically significant.
- These are all signs of overfitting due to the additional parameters.
- We'll do our best to avoid overfitting.

Bias – Variance Tradeoff: Information Criteria

- We must always keep an eye on AIC and BIC measures.
- But they are not always conclusive.
- For the synthetic AR-1 example, model 1 has slightly lower AIC than model 2.
- We will also have to validate out-of-sample (more on this later).
 - Fit the model on training data
 - Evaluate performance on a separate test set.

• Let's fit a model a very simple model first: SARIMA(0,0,0)(0,1,0,12). What is this?



Model Fitting Examples: Aus Beer Data

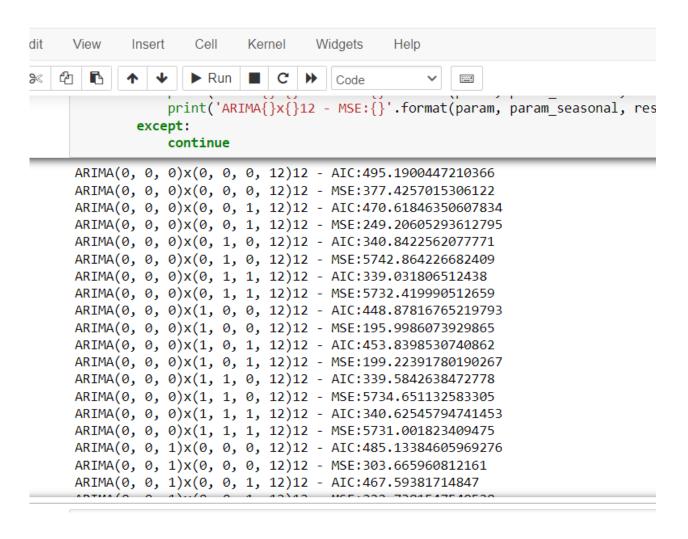


• Let's fit a model a more complicated model now: SARIMA(1,0,1)(1,1,1,12).

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In [51]: # Fit more complicated model
         mod2beer = sm.tsa.statespace.SARIMAX(prod, trend='c', order=(1,0,1), seasonal order=(1,1,1,12))
          res2 = mod2beer.fit(disp=False)
         print(res2.summary())
                                                SARIMAX Results
          Dep. Variable:
                                                                No. Observations:
          Model:
                             SARIMAX(1, 0, 1)x(1, 1, 1, 12)
                                                                Log Likelihood
                                                                                                -165.104
          Date:
                                            Fri, 04 Mar 2022
                                                                AIC
                                                                                                342,208
          Time:
                                                                BIC
                                                                                                352.913
                                                    18:21:33
          Sample:
                                                            0
                                                                HOIC
                                                                                                346,178
                                                         - 56
          Covariance Type:
                                                             P> | z |
                            coef
                                    std err
                                                                         [0.025
                                                                                     0.975]
          intercept
                        -1.8745
                                      2.813
                                                 -0.666
                                                             0.505
                                                                        -7.388
                                                                                      3.639
          ar.L1
                         0.0019
                                      0.733
                                                 0.003
                                                             0.998
                                                                        -1.434
                                                                                      1.438
          ma.L1
                        -0.2621
                                      0.733
                                                -0.358
                                                             0.721
                                                                        -1.698
                                                                                      1.174
          ar.S.L12
                         0.2807
                                      0.709
                                                 0.396
                                                             0.692
                                                                        -1.108
                                                                                     1,669
          ma.S.L12
                        -0.9990
                                    279.578
                                                -0.004
                                                             0.997
                                                                      -548.962
                                                                                    546.964
          sigma2
                        78,4543
                                   2.19e + 04
                                                             0.997
                                                                     -4.28e + 04
                                                                                    4.3e + 04
          Ljung-Box (L1) (Q):
                                                         Jarque-Bera (JB):
                                                                                            1.30
          Prob(Q):
                                                 0.98
                                                         Prob(JB):
                                                                                            0.52
          Heteroskedasticity (H):
                                                         Skew:
                                                                                           -0.02
                                                 0.74
          Prob(H) (two-sided):
                                                                                            2.16
                                                         Kurtosis:
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- The residuals look fine. AIC = 342.208.
- MSE is smaller but AIC is up. Several coefficients are statistically insignificant.
- The simple model is probably good enough. But the gold standard is to fit the model on a training set and compute the error performance of the fitted model on a test set.
 - This data set is too small to do that meaningfully.

We can further automate and check all reasonable models.



- But it is sounder to perform a more comprehensive check among all reasonable models rather than numerically looking at the AIC.
 - Check p-values of coefficients
 - Remove coefficients with high p-values, rerun the model with reduced parameters
 - Always test out-of sample.
- We'll dig into this more with other methods.

- An efficient class of models to capture the auto-correlation structure in the data.
- They are effective on stationary data:
 - But ARIMA framework incorporates differencing
 - And SARIMA also incorporates seasonal differencing
- Model fitting (i.e. Finding the AR and MA coefficient that best fit the sample) through Maximum Likelihood Estimation
 - More robust in larger samples
- Adding a new term always increases likelihood (more degrees of freedom in optimization)

- Adding a new term always increases likelihood (more degrees of freedom in optimization) but we must be cautious of overfitting.
 - Check the statistical significance (p-value) of the fitted coefficients
 - Check AIC, BIC etc.
- Ideally, fit the model on part of the data (training) and test its error performance on a separate part (test).
 - Ensure that the error does not worsen by much on the test set.

- Note that we are not looking for causality but are using the model for making predictions.
- We don't deeply question the auto-correlation structure of the model
 - Apart from basic things like seasonality and trend etc.
- Note that we can run ARIMA models on top of other unbiased forecasts.
 - Run a double exponential smoothing forecast, check the residuals, if the residuals are auto-correlated then fit an ARIMA model to the residuals.

- Recall the introductory lecture, our eventual objective is to connect predictions to prescriptions.
- The predicted mean \hat{y}_t is an important part of the planning process.
- But what makes the prescriptive problem is interesting and challenging is usually the error term ϵ_t .

$$Y_{t} = c + \phi_{1}Y_{t-1} + \phi_{2}Y_{t-2} + \dots + \phi_{p}Y_{t-p} + \theta_{1}\epsilon_{t-1} + \theta_{2}\epsilon_{t-2} + \dots + \theta_{q}\epsilon_{t-q} + \epsilon_{t}$$

• This is why we emphasize the residuals and their distribution.

- Linear regression is a general tool that looks for a linear relationship between a response and predictors.
- We have observations at different levels of the predictors and the corresponding response.
- The goal is to have predictions for the response that will be generated by so far unobserved levels of the predictors.
- We'll look into time series data where the data is the time series itself. The prediction is then typically a forecast for future demand, prices etc.

• Consider the following linear model:

$$y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{1t} + \beta_2 x_{2t} + ... + \beta_n x_{nt} + \epsilon_t$$

- y_t is the forecast and x_{kt} are the predictors.
- We are therefore looking for a linear relationship between the predictors and the response (the forecast).
- Note that in the setting of forecasting, this is somewhat different than
 designing a controlled experiment where we can control the levels of the
 predictors. The predictors that are available to us cannot be controlled in
 general.

- We make the first assumption that the response is approximately a linear function of the predictors.
- We also have to assume that the errors ϵ_t :
 - have mean zero; otherwise the forecasts will be systematically biased.
 - are not autocorrelated; otherwise the forecasts will be inefficient, as there is more information in the data that can be exploited. item they are unrelated to the predictor variables; otherwise we could have an additional predictor in the model that explains the relationship between the error and the forecast
 - are hopefully normally distributed with constant variance.

• The ordinary least squares regression finds the parameters $\beta_0, \beta_1, ..., \beta_n$ to minimize:

$$\sum_{t=1}^{T} \epsilon_t^2 = \sum_{t=1}^{T} (y_t - (\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{1t} + \beta_2 x_{2t} + \dots + \beta_n x_{nt}))^2$$

- The above is an unconstrained convex optimization problem. In addition, the derivative with respect to each parameter β_k of the objective function is a linear function.
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- We can therefore easily find the coefficients $\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1, ..., \hat{\beta}_n$ that minimize the total square error.
- To have a prediction, we can then use:

$$\hat{y}_t = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_{1t} + \dots + \hat{\beta}_n x_{nt}$$

Regression for Time Series: Goodness of Fit

• We measure the goodness of fit by the coefficient of determination R^2 :

$$R^{2} = \frac{\sum_{t} (y_{t} - \bar{y})^{2} - \sum_{t} (y_{t} - \hat{y}_{t})^{2}}{\sum_{t} (y_{t} - \bar{y})^{2}} = \frac{\sum_{t} (\hat{y}_{t} - \bar{y})^{2}}{\sum_{t} (y_{t} - \bar{y})^{2}}$$

- Note that $R^2 = Corr(Y, \hat{Y})^2$ the square of the correlation between the predictions and the data. The least squares optimization leads to the parameters that maximizes the correlation.
- We'll see that while R^2 is an important measure, we cannot rely on it completely without additional checks.

Regression for Time Series: Goodness of Fit

• RMSE is another measure of the goodness of fit. Since multiple parameters are estimated, we correct the RMSE for the degrees of freedom to estimate the standard deviation of the residuals:

$$\hat{\sigma}_e = \sqrt{\frac{\sum \epsilon_t^2}{T - n - 1}}$$

• We'll use $\hat{\sigma}_e$ to build confidence intervals.

Regression for Time Series: Goodness of Fit

- By design of the least squares optimization problem, linear regression yields unbiased estimators. The errors and the predictors are also uncorrelated.
- But we have seen that auto-correlation is an issue and that remains an issue for the error terms which may be auto-correlated in time.
- We should also be concerned about using as predictors other time series that have a similar pattern to the series we would like to predict.

Regression for Time Series: Spurious Correlations

 Any two data series with a similar pattern (trend/seasonality etc.) are likely to be correlated. It's very easy to find wrong (spurious) relationships.

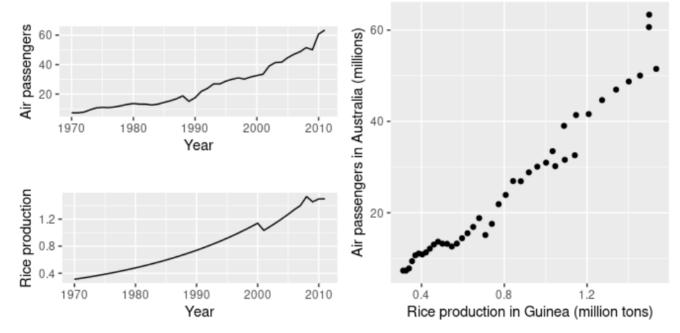


Figure 5.12: Trending time series data can appear to be related, as shown in this example where air passengers in Australia are regressed against rice production in Guinea.

Regression for Time Series: Basic Predictors

- Here are some basic predictors that can capture the patterns in the data:
- To capture simple linear trend, we can use:

$$y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 t + \epsilon_t$$

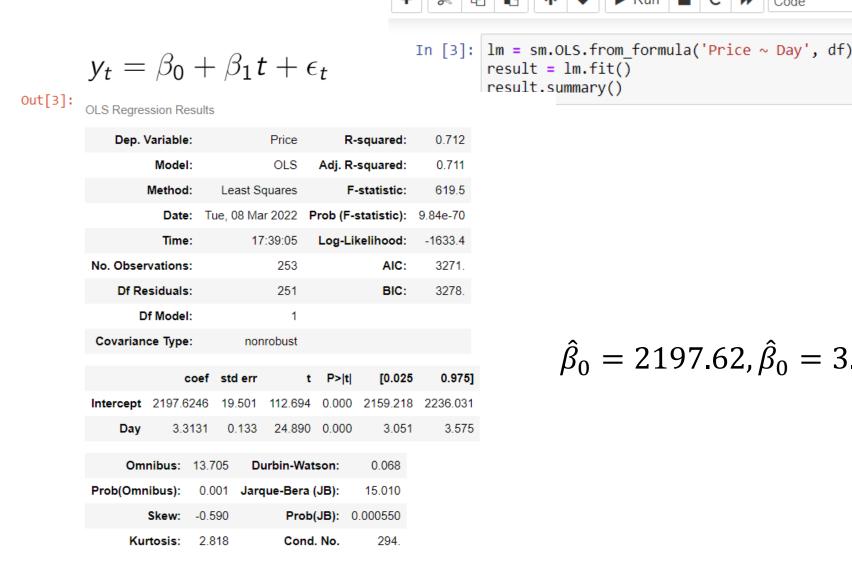
• We'll see that non-linear trends can also be handled, for instance:

$$y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 t + \beta_2 t^2 + \epsilon_t$$

- The Google Share Price Data has a strong trend.
- Let's try a simple trend based regression.

$$y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 t + \epsilon_t$$

	Price	Day
1	2064.879883	1
2	2070.860107	2
3	2095.169922	3
4	2031.359985	4
5	2036.859985	5



$$\hat{\beta}_0 = 2197.62, \hat{\beta}_0 = 3.31$$

Code

 Since the execution is very easy, we are tempted to try other predictors, let us try:

$$y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 t + \beta_2 \sqrt{t} + \beta_3 t^2 + \epsilon_t$$

Out[2]:

	Price	Day	Sqrtd	Sqrd
1	2064.879883	1	1.000000	1
2	2070.860107	2	1.414214	4
3	2095.169922	3	1.732051	9
4	2031.359985	4	2.000000	16
5	2036.859985	5	2.236068	25

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In [12]: lm2 = sm.OLS.from_formula('Price ~ Day + Sqrtd+ Sqrd', df)
    result2 = lm2.fit()
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Let us call this model Model 2.

Regression for Time Series: Basic Predictors: Google Share Price OLS Regression Results

 $y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 t + \beta_2 \sqrt{t} + \beta_3 t^2 + \epsilon_t$

Dep. Variable:):		Price	e R-squared		0.937
	Model	l:		OLS	Adj. R	squared:	0.936
Method:		l:	Least Squares		F-statistic:		1236.
Date: Tu		ue, 08 Mar 2022		Prob (F-statistic):		3.40e-149	
Time:		12:17:45		Log-Likelihood:		-1440.8	
No. Observations:			253		AIC:	2890.	
Df Residuals:			249		BIC:	2904.	
Df Model:		l:		3			
Covariance Type:			nor	robust			
	(coef	std err	t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]
Intercept	2207.3		std err 43.714	t 50.496		[0.025 2121.282	0.975] 2293.476
Intercept Day		3790			0.000	•	-
	2207.3	3790 3417	43.714	50.496	0.000	2121.282	2293.476
Day	2207.3 19.8 -111.2	3790 3417	43.714 1.304	50.496 15.219	0.000	2121.282	2293.476 22.409
Day Sqrtd	2207.3 19.8 -111.2	3790 3417 2141	43.714 1.304 14.968	50.496 15.219 -7.430	0.000 0.000 0.000	2121.282 17.274 -140.695	2293.476 22.409 -81.733
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$$y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 t + \beta_2 \sqrt{t} + \beta_3 t^2 + \epsilon_t$$

	coef	std err	t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]
Intercept	2207.3790	43.714	50.496	0.000	2121.282	2293.476
Day	19.8417	1.304	15.219	0.000	17.274	22.409
Sqrtd	-111.2141	14.968	-7.430	0.000	-140.695	-81.733
Sqrd	-0.0432	0.002	-18.802	0.000	-0.048	-0.039

• Note that $\hat{\beta}_2$ and $\hat{\beta}_3$ are also statistically significant.