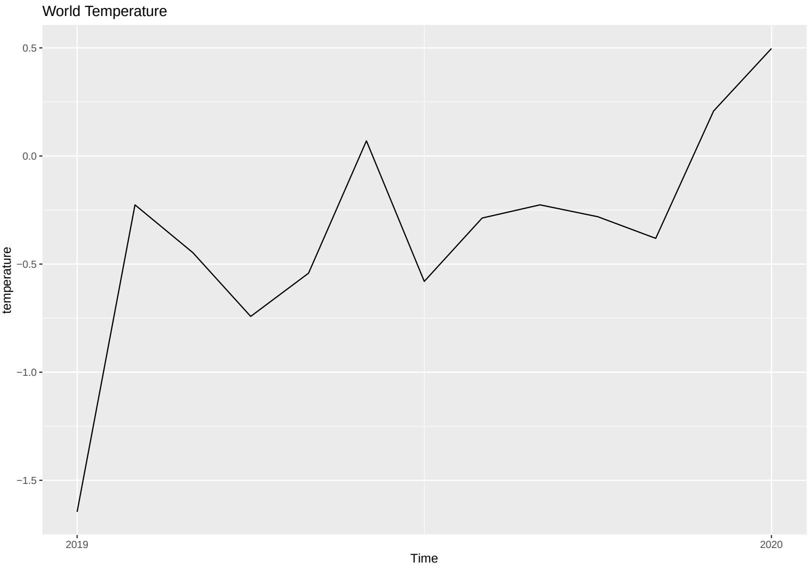
Time Series

1. What is a time series

- A time series is a sequence of observation taken over time


World Temperature
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2019
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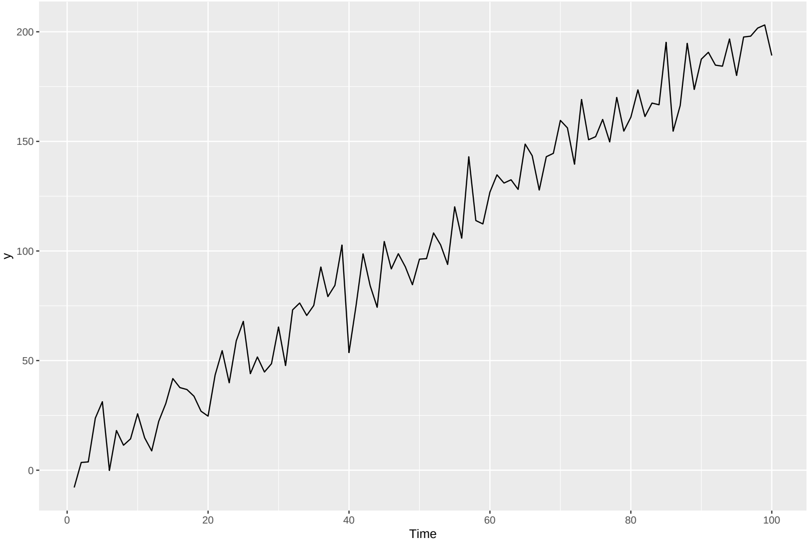
Time

Stationary

2. Stationary

- A time series y_t is stationary if
  - $E(y_t) = constant$
  - $Cov(y_t, y_s)$ only depends on the time lag $|t - s|$
- If y_t is stationary then $Var(y_t) = Constant$

Example



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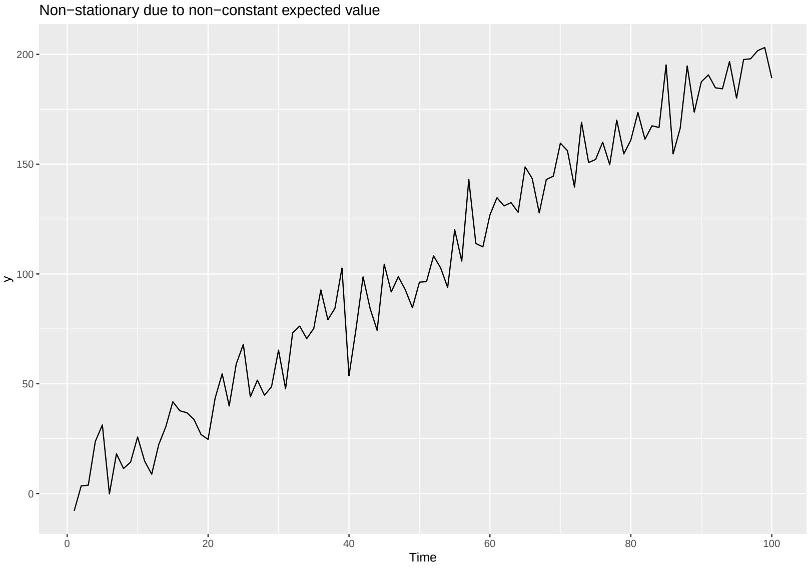
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y
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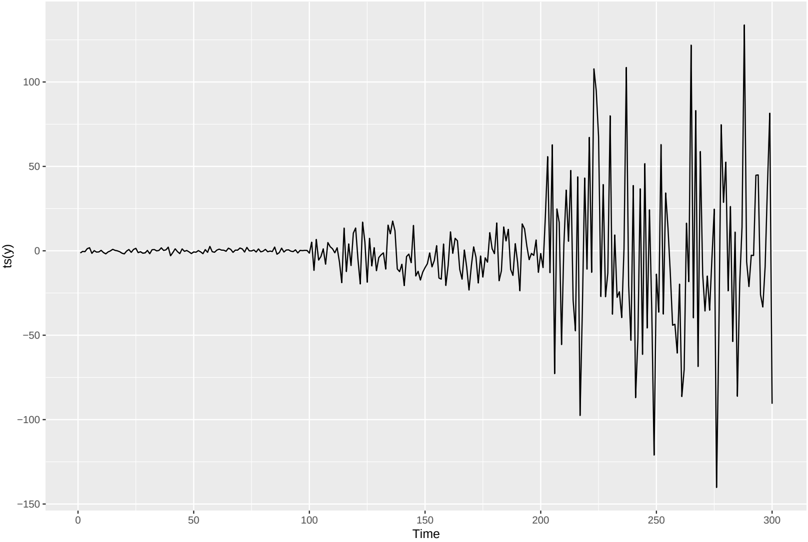
Time

Example



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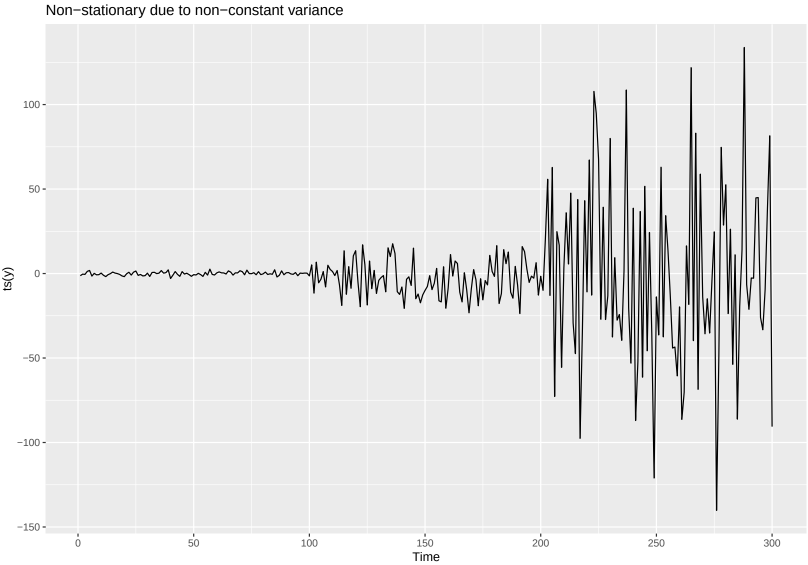

Non−stationary due to non−constant variance
ts(y)
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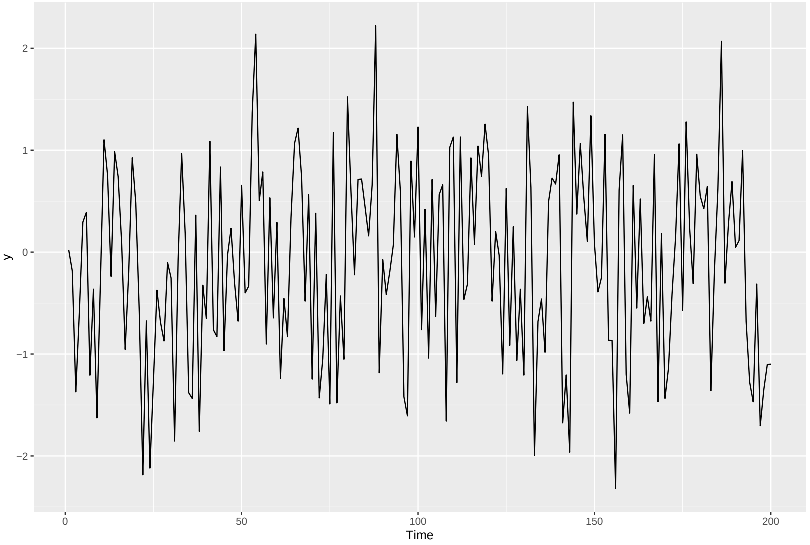
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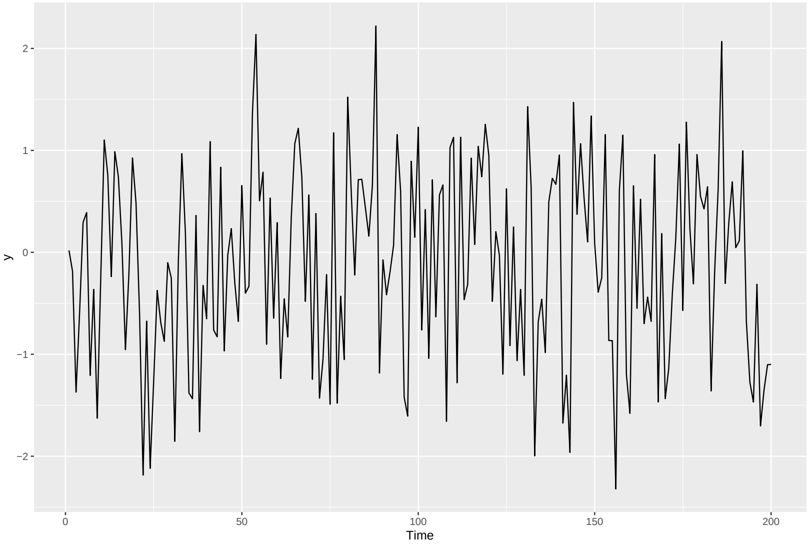
200
Time

A Stationary Time Series

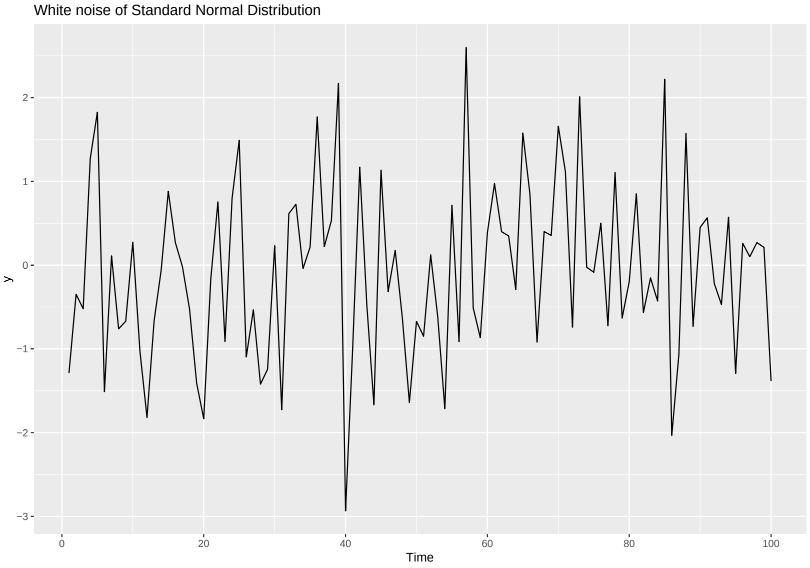


White Noise

3. White Noise

- y_t is a white-noise process (series) if y_1, y_2,...y_t... are i.i.d random variables from a certain distribution (usually normal)
- A White noise is stationary

Example


White noise of Standard Normal Distribution
y
Time
2
1
0
−1
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−3
0
20
40
60
80
100

Random Walk

4. Random Walk

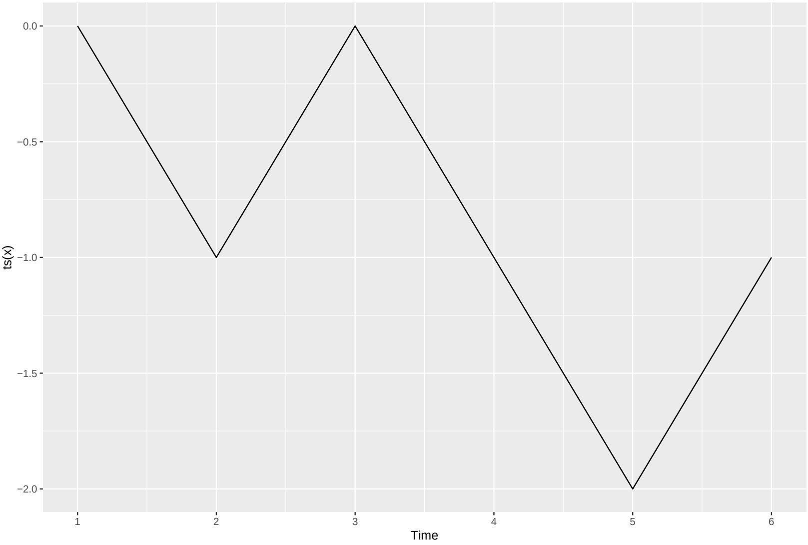
- A time series y_t is called a random walk if

$$y_t = y_{t-1} + c_t,$$

  where c_t is a white-noise
- A random walk can be written as

$$y_t = y_0 + c_1 + c_2 + ... + c_t$$

Example



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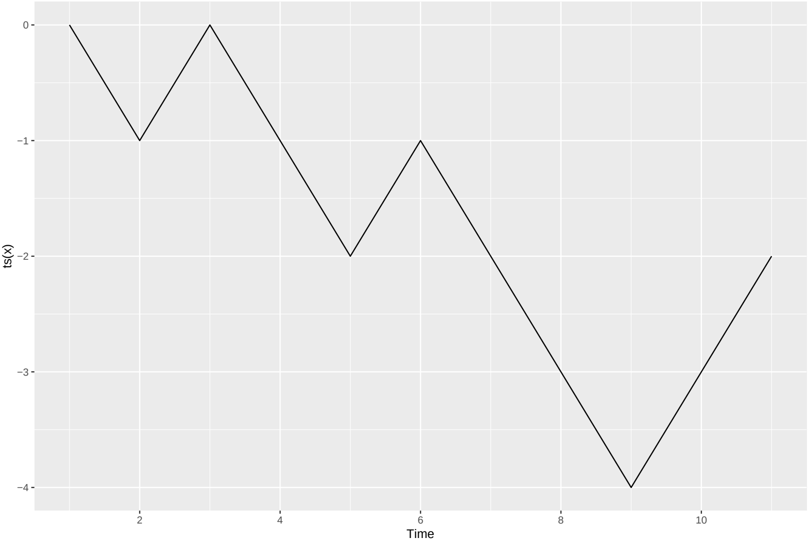

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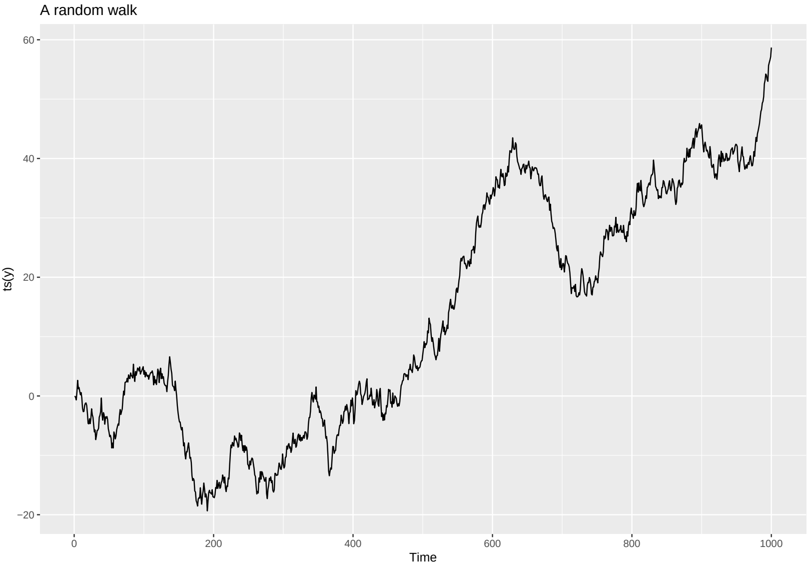

Some Properties

- If $c_t \sim (\mu_c, \sigma_c^2)$, then

$$E(y_t) = E(y_0 + c_1 + c_2 + ... + c_t = y_0 + t\mu_c,$$

and

$$V(y_t) = t\sigma_c^2$$

- A random walk is non-stationary (unless the associated white-noise is non-random, i.e. $\mu_c = \sigma_c^2 = 0$)

$$Cov(y_t, y_s) = s\sigma_c^2$$

Forecasting with Random Walks

Forecasting with Random Walks

Suppose that we know $y_0, y_1, ..., y_T$ and we want to forecast y_{T+l} for some fixed $l > 0$

- Point forecast: the estimated l step-ahead is

$$\hat{y}_{T+l} = y_T + l\hat{\mu}_c,$$

where $\hat{\mu}_c$ is the estimated mean of the white-noise. $\hat{\mu}_c$ can be $\bar{c}$

$$\bar{c} = \frac{c_1 + c_2 + ... + c_T}{T}$$

- The standard error of the forecast is $s_c\sqrt{l}$, where s_c is the estimated standard deviation of σ_c,

$$s_c^2 = \frac{1}{n-1}\sum_{i=1}^{T}\left(c_i - \bar{c}\right)^2$$

Example

You are given:

i) The random walk model

$$y_t = y_0 + c_1 + c_2 + c_3 + ... + c_t,$$

where $c_i, (i = 1, 2, ..., t)$ denote observations from a white noise process.

ii) The following ten observed values of c_t:

t	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
y_t	2	5	10	13	18	20	24	25	27	30

iii) $y_0 = 0$

Calculate the 9 step-ahead forecast, $\hat{y}_{19}$.

Example

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Calculate the standard error of the 9 step-ahead forecast, $\hat{y}_{19}$.

We have

$c_t = y_t - y_{t-1} \implies c_1, c_2, ..., c_{10} = 2, 3, 5, 3, 5, 2, 4, 1, 2, 3$

$$\implies \bar{c} = \frac{c_1 + c_2 + ... + c_{10}}{10} = 3$$

$$\implies s_c^2 = \frac{1}{9} \sum_{i=1}^{10} \left(c_i - 3\right)^2 = 16/9$$

Hence, the standard error is $s_c\sqrt{l} = \frac{4}{3}\sqrt{9} = 4$

Example

You are given the following eight observations from a time series that follows a random walk model:

t	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
y_t	3	5	7	8	12	15	21	22

You plan to fit this model to the first five observations and then evaluate it against the last three observations using one-step forecast residuals. The estimated mean of the white noise process is 2.25.

Calculate the mean error (ME) of the three predicted observations.

We have $\hat{\mu}_c = 2.25$. Notice that we are forced to use one-step ahead estimation to calculate $\hat{y}_5, \hat{y}_6, \hat{y}_7$. Thus, we need to use y_4 to estimate $\hat{y}_5$, y_5 to estimate $\hat{y}_6$, and y_6 to estimate $\hat{y}_7$. We have

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{y}_5 &= y_4 + \hat{\mu}_c = 12 + 2.25 = 14.25 \\
\hat{y}_6 &= y_5 + \hat{\mu}_c = 15 + 2.25 = 17.25 \\
\hat{y}_7 &= y_6 + \hat{\mu}_c = 21 + 2.2.5 = 23.25
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, the ME error is

$$\begin{aligned}
ME &= \frac{1}{3}\big(y_{15} - \hat{y}_{15} + y_{16} - \hat{y}_{16} + y_{17} - \hat{y}_{17}\big) \\
&= 15 - 14.25 + 21 - 17.25 + 22 - 23.25 \\
&= 1.083
\end{aligned}$$

Autoregressive model

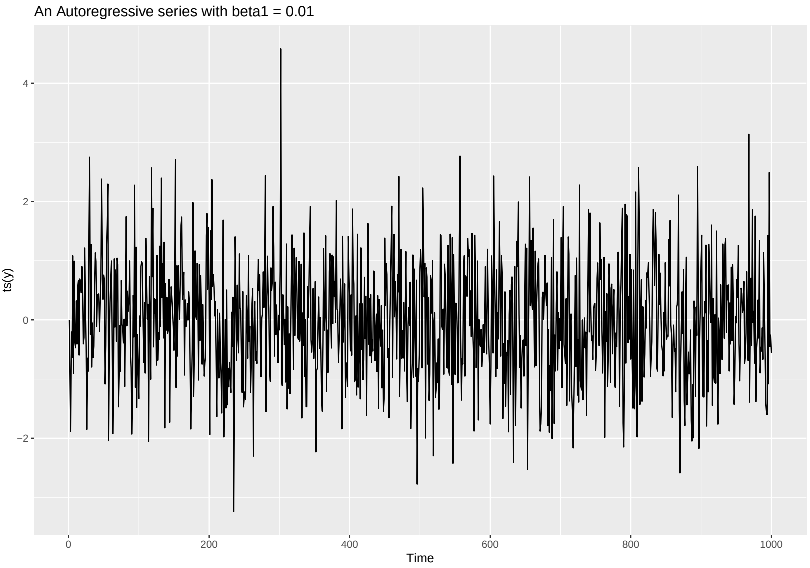
5. Autoregressive model

- A time series y_t is called a *first-order autoregressive model*, or AR(1) if

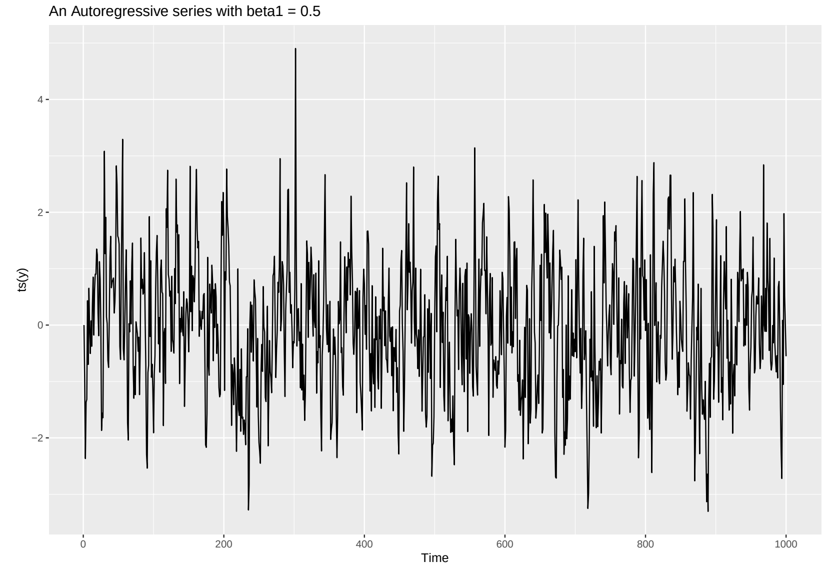
$$y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 y_{t-1} + \epsilon_t,$$

where $|\beta_1| \leq 1$, ϵ_t is a zero mean white-noise process and ϵ_{t+k} is independent of y_t for any $t > 0$ and $k > 0$.

- When $\beta_1 = 1$, AR(1) becomes a random walk model.
- When $\beta_1 = 0$, AR(1) becomes a white noise.
- when $|\beta_1| < 1$, AR(1) is stationary and vice versa



An Autoregressive series with beta1 = 0.01
ts(y)
4
2
0
−2
0
200
400
600
800
1000
Time


An Autoregressive series with beta1 = 0.5
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200
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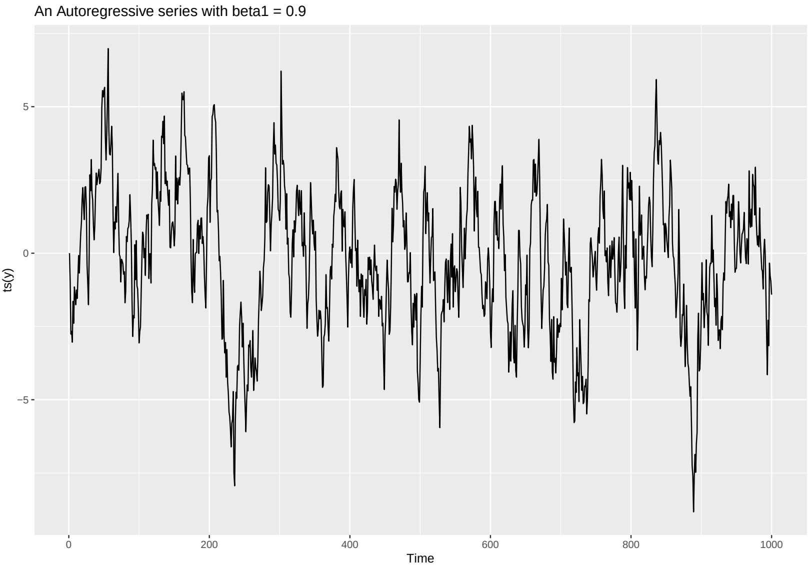
1000
Time



An Autoregressive series with beta1 = 0.9
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ts(y)
0
200
400
600
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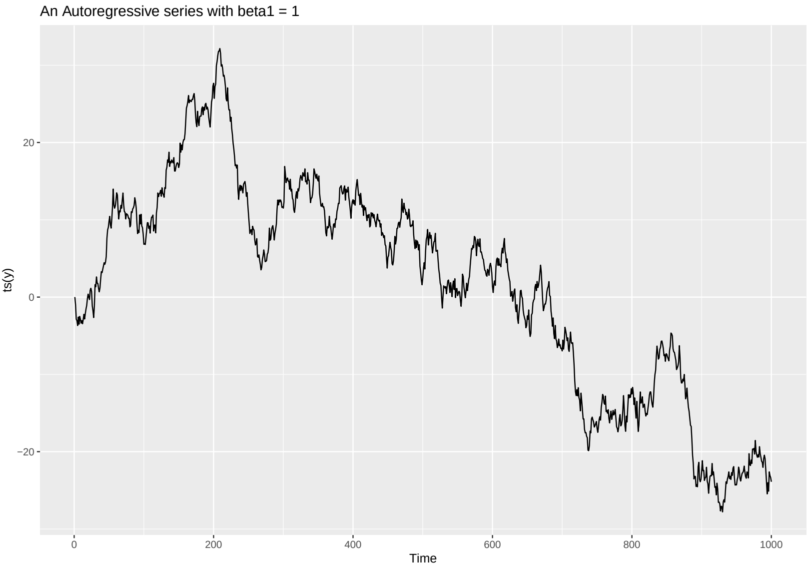
1000
Time


An Autoregressive series with beta1 = 1
ts(y)
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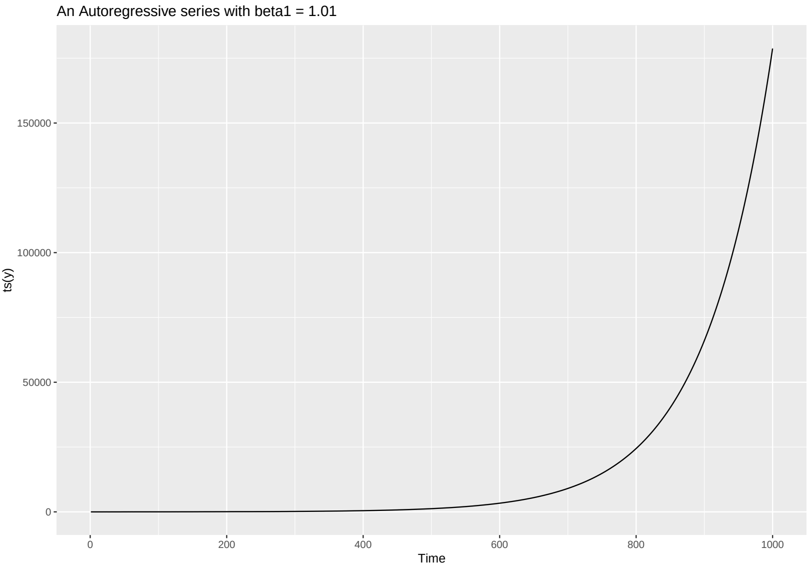
200
400
600
800
1000
Time



An Autoregressive series with beta1 = 1.01
ts(y)
150000
100000
50000
0
0
200
400
600
800
1000
Time

Properties: Expectation

- Assume we have a stationary AR(1). Thus, $E(y_t) = E(y_{t-1})$. Therefore,

$$
\begin{aligned}
E(y_t) &= E\Big(\beta_0 + \beta_1 y_{t-1} + \epsilon_t\Big) \\
&= \beta_0 + \beta_1 E(y_{t-1}) \\
&= \beta_0 + \beta_1 E(y_t) \\
\implies E(y_t) &= \frac{\beta_0}{1 - \beta_1}
\end{aligned}
$$

Properties: Variance

- Since we have a stationary AR(1), $V(y_t) = V(y_{t-1})$. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
V(y_t) &= V\Big(\beta_0 + \beta_1 y_{t-1} + \epsilon_t\Big) \\
&= \beta_1^2 V(y_{t-1}) + \sigma_\epsilon^2 \\
&= \beta_1^2 V(y_t) + \sigma_\epsilon^2 \\
\implies V(y_t) &= \frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{1-\beta_1^2}
\end{aligned}$$

Parameter Estimation

- AR(1) is very similar to linear model where y_{t-1} play the roles of the predictor and y_t is the response
- In linear model, the predictor x is assumed to be non-random while the predictor y_{t-1} is non-random in AR(1)
- We estimate β_0 and β_1 by minimizing

$$\sum_{t=2}^{T}\Big(y_t - E(y_t|y_{t-1})\Big)^2 = \sum_{t=2}^{T}\Big(y_t - \beta_0 - \beta_1 y_{t-1}\Big)^2$$

- These estimators are called the conditional least squares estimators

The coefficients are estimated by

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{\sum_{t=2}^{T}(y_{t-1} - \bar{y})(y_t - \bar{y})}{\sum_{t=2}^{T}(y_t - \bar{y})^2}$$

$$\hat{\beta}_0 = \bar{y}(1 - \hat{\beta}_1)$$

The only parameter left to estimate is the error variance, σ_ϵ^2, (error mean is zero), which can be estimated by s^2

$$s^2 = \frac{\sum_{t=2}^{T}(e_t - \bar{e})^2}{T - 3}$$

where $e_t = y_t - (\hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 y_{t-1})$.

Example

You are given the following six observed values of the autoregressive model of order one time series

$$y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 y_{t-1} + \epsilon_t, \text{ with } Var(\epsilon_t) = \sigma^2.$$

t	1	2	3	4	5
y_t	1	3	5	8	13

Calculate $\hat{\beta}_1$ using the conditional least squares method.

Forecasting with AR(1)

- Suppose we have the AR(1) time series with known β_0 and β_1. If these parameters are unknown we can estimate them by the formula in the previous slices.
- We use the following formulas to for forecasting

$$\hat{y}_{T+1} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 y_T$$

$$\hat{y}_{T+k} = \mu + \beta_1^k (y_T - \mu)$$

where $\mu = \frac{\beta_0}{1-\beta_1}$.

Example

You are given

$$\begin{aligned} y_t &= .3y_{t-1} + 4 + \epsilon \\ y_T &= 7 \end{aligned}$$

Calculate the three step ahead forecast of y_{T+3}

Smoothing

6. Smoothing

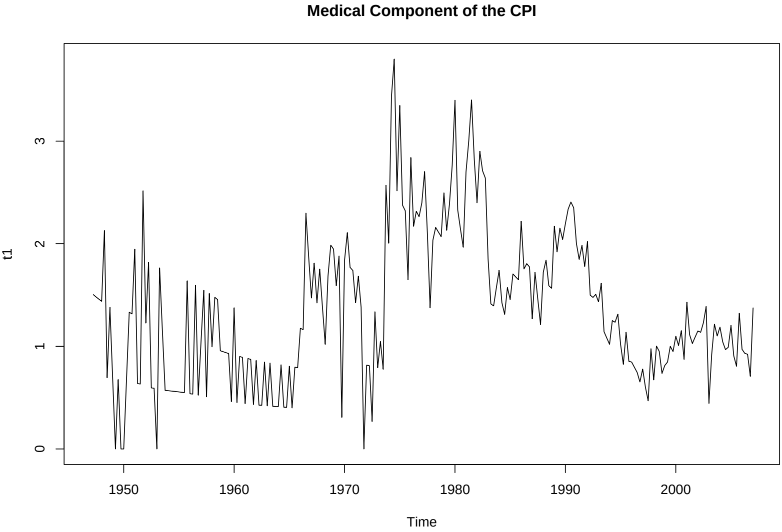
- Smoothing is usually done to reveal the series patterns and trends.

Simple Moving Average Smoothing

- Moving Average (MA) creates a new series by averaging the most recent observations from the original series.
- MA(k) creates s_t as follows.

$$s_t = \frac{y_t + y_{t-1} + ... + y_{t-k+1}}{k}$$

- Larger k will smooth the series more strongly



Medical Component of the CPI
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1950
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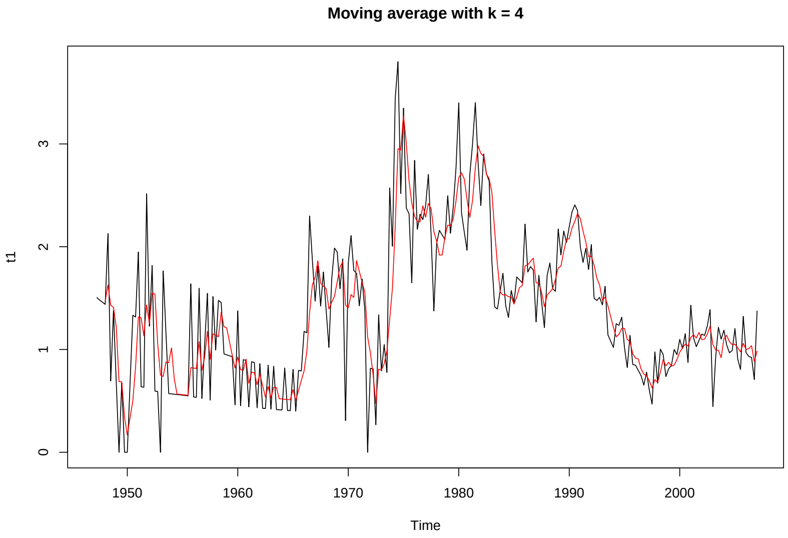
Time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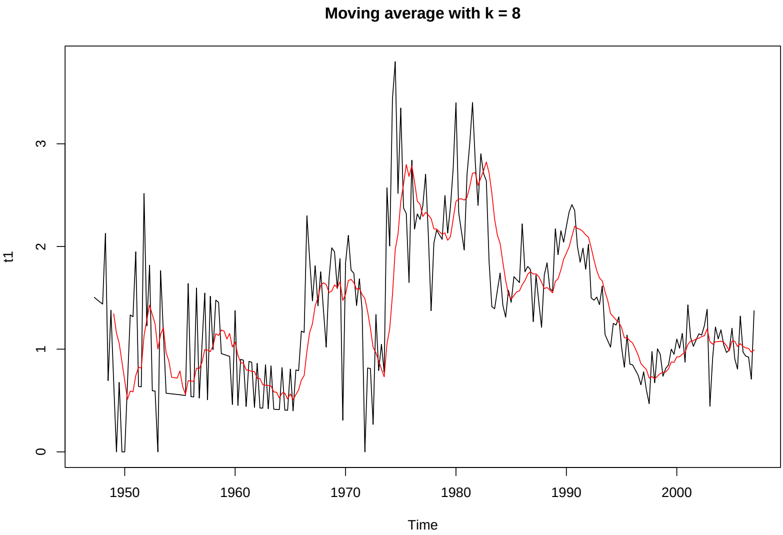
Moving average with k = 8
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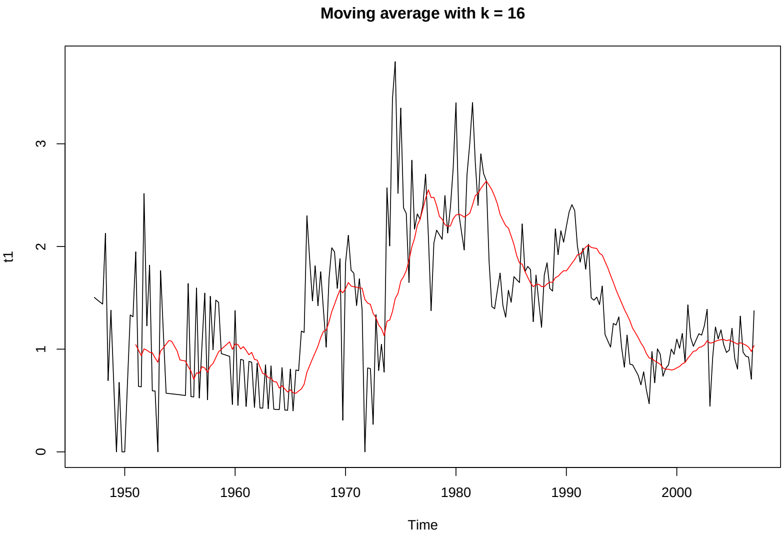

Moving average with k = 16
t1
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1950
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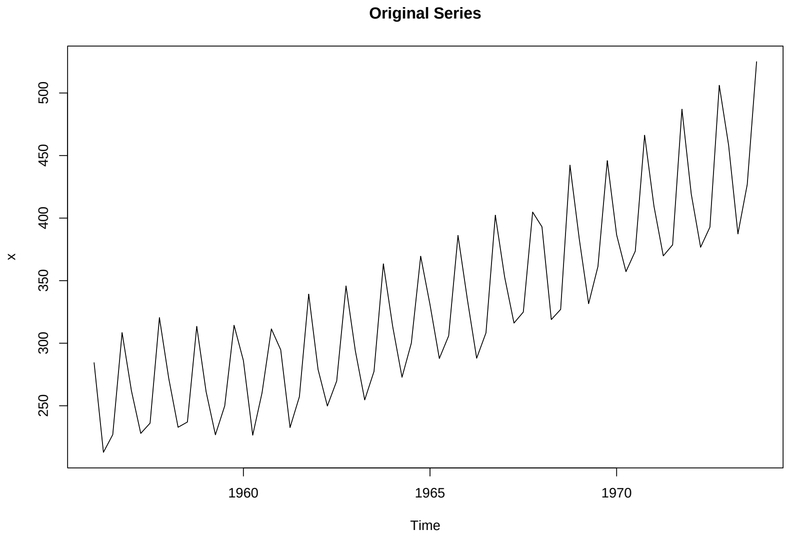
Time


Original Series
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500
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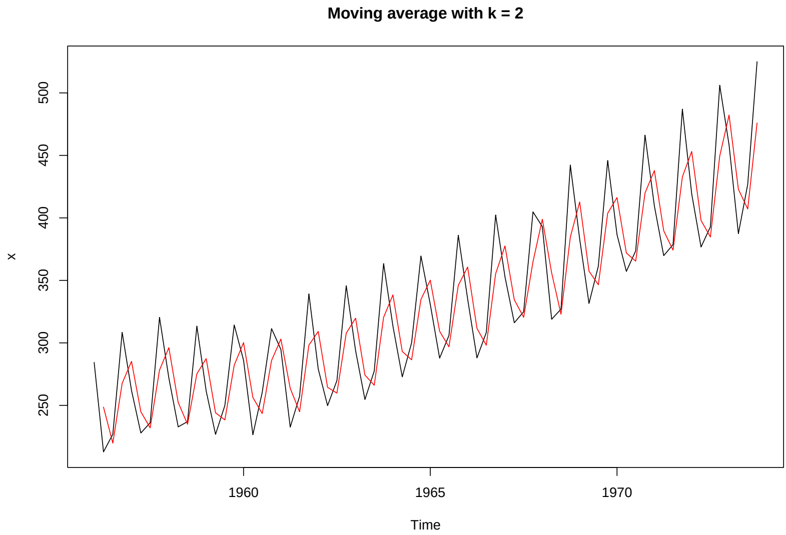
400
350
300
250
1960
1965
1970
Time


Moving average with k = 2
x
Time
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300
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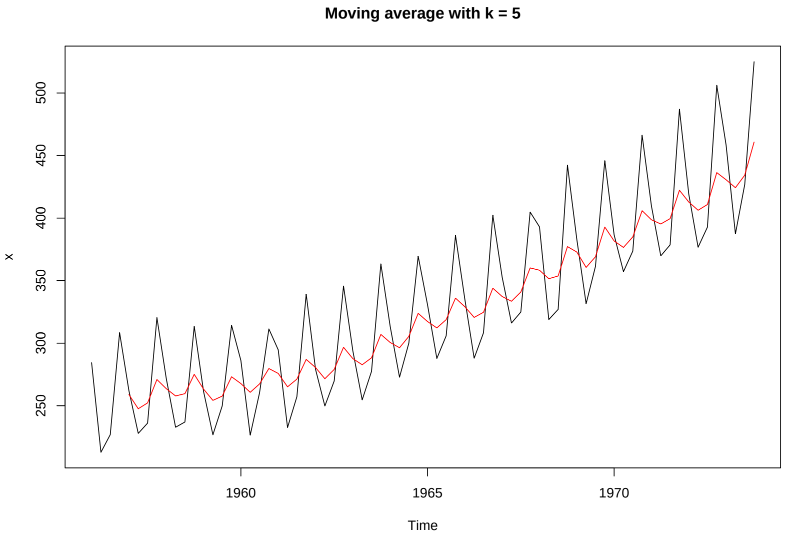
Moving average with k = 5
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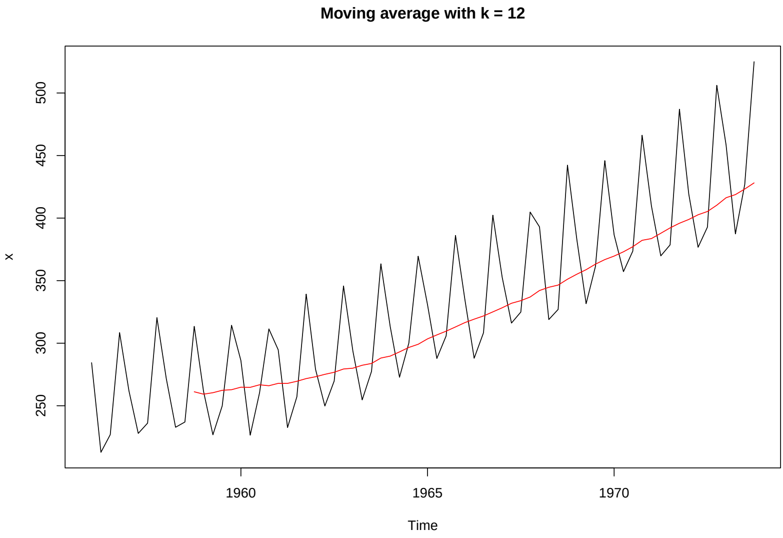
1965
1970
Time


Moving average with k = 12
x
250
300
350
400
450
500
1960
1965
1970
Time

Forecasting

- We can use smoothing for forecasting
- We have

$$
\begin{aligned}
\hat{s}_t &= \frac{y_t + y_{t-1} + \ldots + y_{t-k+1}}{k} \\
&= \frac{y_t + y_{t-1} + \ldots + y_{t-k+1} + y_{t-k} - y_{t-k}}{k} \\
&= \frac{y_t + \left(y_{t-1} + \ldots + y_{t-k+1} + y_{t-k}\right) - y_{t-k}}{k} \\
&= \frac{y_t + k\hat{s}_{t-1} - y_{t-k}}{k} \\
&= \hat{s}_{t-1} + \frac{y_t - y_{t-k}}{k}
\end{aligned}
$$

Forecasting

- If there is no trend in y_t the second term $(y_t - y_{t-k})/k$ can be ignored
- Forecasting l lead time into future by

$$\hat{y}_{T+l} = \hat{s}_T$$

- If there is a linear trend in a series, we can use the double moving average to estimate the trend (slope)

Double MA

7. Double MA

- Linear trend time series:

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

- Step 1: Smooth the series

$$\hat{s}_t^{(1)} = \frac{y_t + y_{t-1} + ... + y_{t-k+1}}{k}$$

- Step 2: Smooth the smoothed series

$$\hat{s}_t^{(2)} = \frac{\hat{s}_t^{(1)} + \hat{s}_{t-1}^{(1)} + ... + \hat{s}_{t-k+1}^{(1)}}{k}$$

- Step 3: Calculate the trend

$$b_1 = \hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{2}{k-1}\left(\hat{s}_T^{(1)} - \hat{s}_T^{(2)}\right)$$

Forecasting

- Forecasting l lead time into future by

$$\hat{y}_{T+l} = \hat{s}_T + b_1 \cdot l$$

You are given the following time series

t	1	2	3	4	5
y_t	1	3	5	8	13

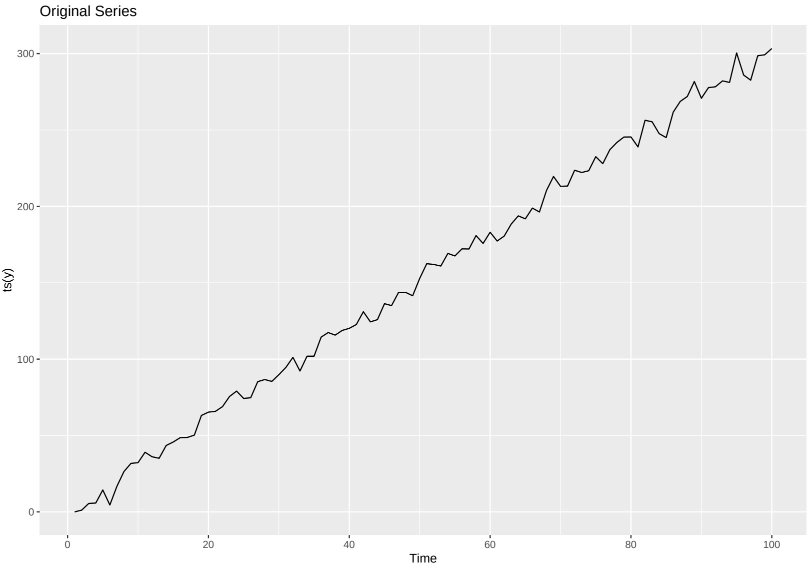
- Forecasting y_7 using simple moving average with $k = 2$
- Forecasting y_7 using double moving average with $k = 2$

Example

- We simulate 100 data points ($T = 100$) of

$$y_t = 1 + 3t + \epsilon,$$

where, $\epsilon \sim N(0, 5^2)$.



Original Series
ts(y)
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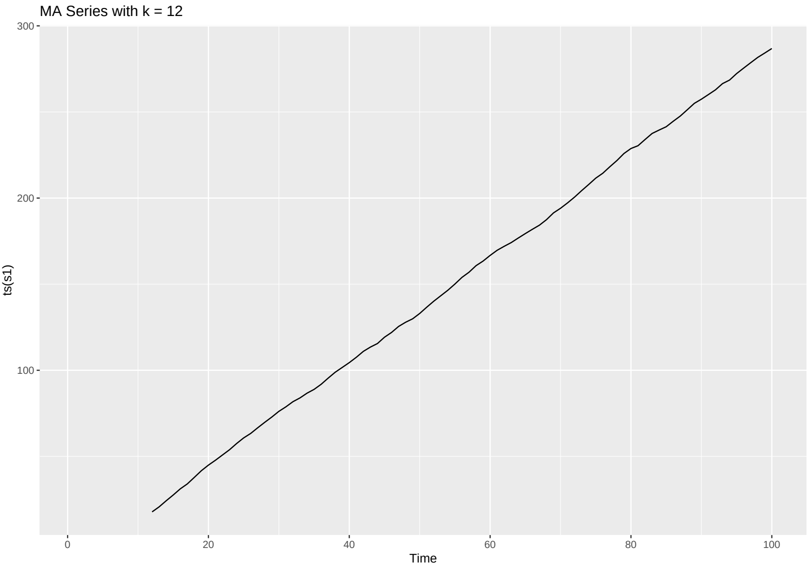
Time


MA Series with k = 12
300
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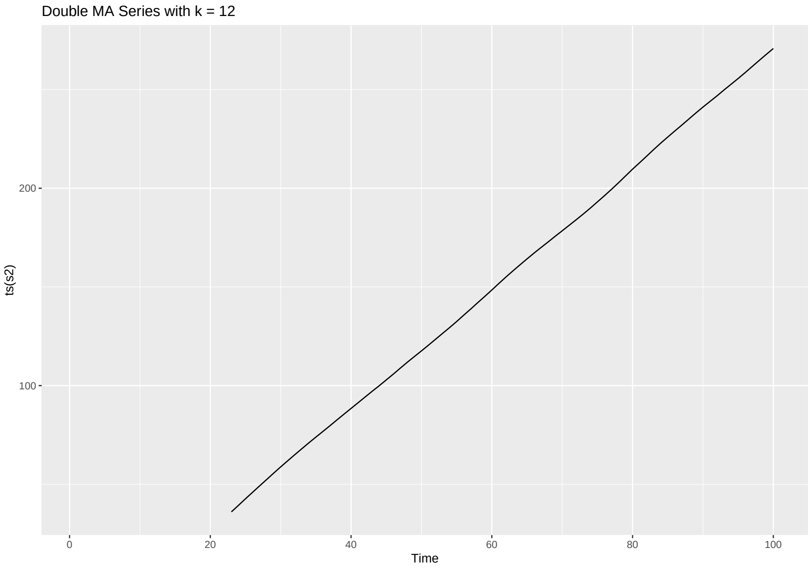
100
ts(s1)
0
20
40
60
80
100
Time


Double MA Series with k = 12
200
100
ts(s2)
0
20
40
60
80
100
Time

- Using the above steps, the estimated trend is $b_1 = 2.92$
- The forecast for the next points from y_{100} is

$$\hat{y}_{100+l} = \hat{s}_{100} + b_1 \cdot l = \hat{s}_{100} + 2.92 \cdot l$$

Exponential Smoothing

Exponential Smoothing

- MA distributes the weight equally to the recent observations
- Exponential Smoothing controls the weights of the recent observations by w

$$\hat{s}_t = \frac{y_t + wy_{t-1} + w^2 y_{t-2} + ... + w^t y_0}{1/(1-w)}$$

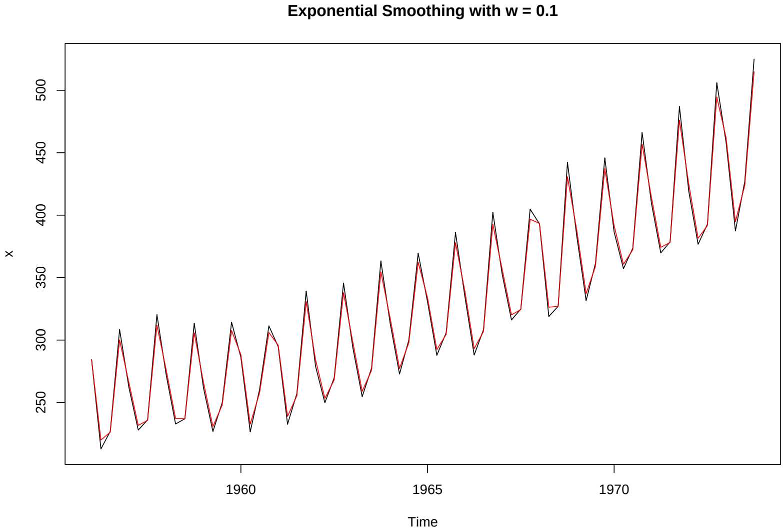
- Smaller w ($w \to 0$) gives higher weights to the more recent observations
- Smaller w smooths the series more lightly.

Exponential Smoothing

- We have

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{s}_t &= \hat{s}_{t-1} + (1-w)(y_t - \hat{s}_{t-1}) \\ &= (1-w)y_t + w\hat{s}_{t-1}\end{aligned}$$

- When $w \to 0$, $\hat{s}_t \to y_t$, or little smoothing has taken


Exponential Smoothing with w = 0.1
x
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500
Time
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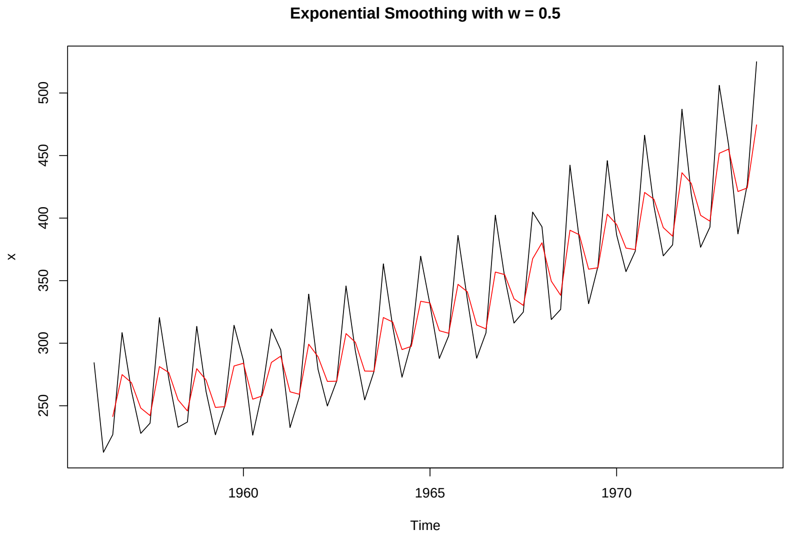
1965
1970



Exponential Smoothing with w = 0.5
x
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1960
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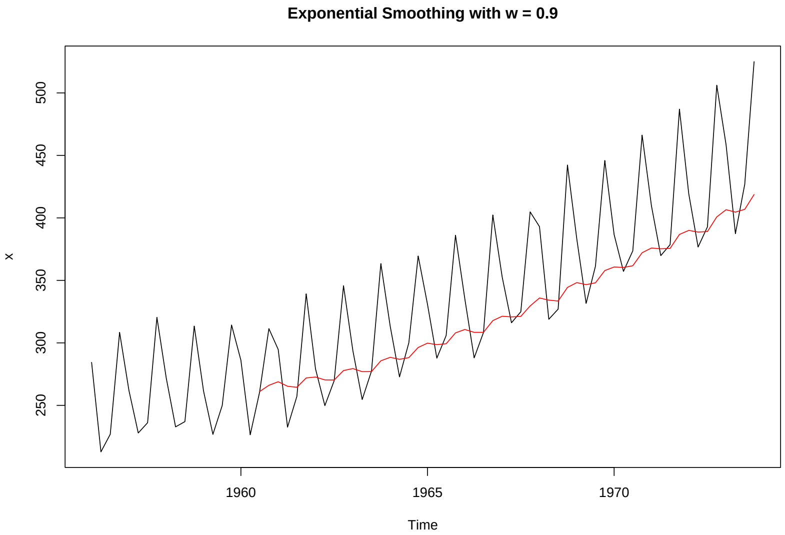
Time


Exponential Smoothing with w = 0.9
x
Time
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500
1960
1965
1970

Double Exponential Smoothing

Double Exponential Smoothing

We can use double smoothing to identify the trend and forecast linear trend time series as follows.

- Step 1: Create a smoothed series: $\hat{s}_t^{(1)} = (1-w)y_t + w\hat{s}_{t-1}^{(1)}$
- Step 2: Create a double smoothed series: $\hat{s}_t^{(2)} = (1-w)\hat{s}_t^{(1)} + w\hat{s}_{t-1}^{(2)}$
- Step 3: Estimate the trend:

$$b_1 = \frac{1-w}{w}(\hat{s}_T^{(1)} - \hat{s}_T^{(2)})$$

- Step 4: Forecast

$$\hat{y}_{T+l} = 2\hat{s}_T^{(1)} - \hat{s}_T^{(2)} + b_1 \cdot l$$

Example

You are given the following time series

t	1	2	3	4	5
y_t	1	3	5	8	13

- Forecasting y_7 using exponential smoothing with $w = .8$
- Forecasting y_7 using double exponential smoothing with $w = .8$