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- Examples: customers' behavioral data at today's update,companies' account balances at the end of the last year,patients' medical records at the end of the current month.

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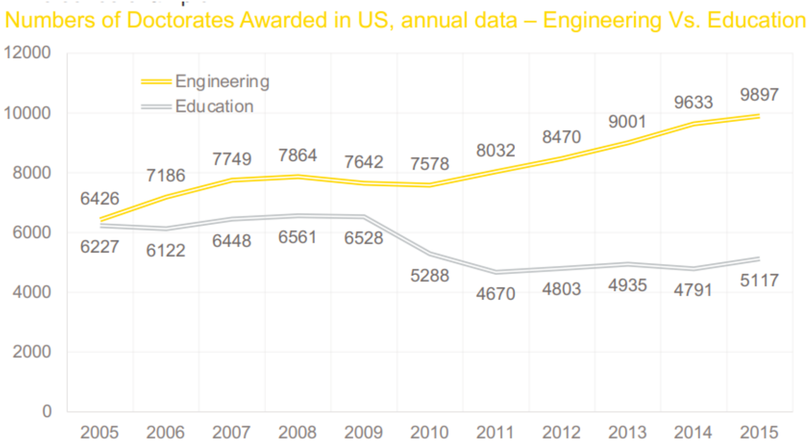
- Examples: quarterly Italian GDP of the last 10 years, weekly supermarket sales of the previous year, yesterday's hourly temperature measurements.

Examples


Numbers of Doctorates Awarded in US, annual data – Engineering Vs. Education
Engineering
Education
12000
10000
8000
6000
4000
2000
0
2005
2006
2007
2008
2009
2010
2011
2012
2013
2014
2015
6426
7186
7749
7864
7642
7578
8032
8470
9001
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4803
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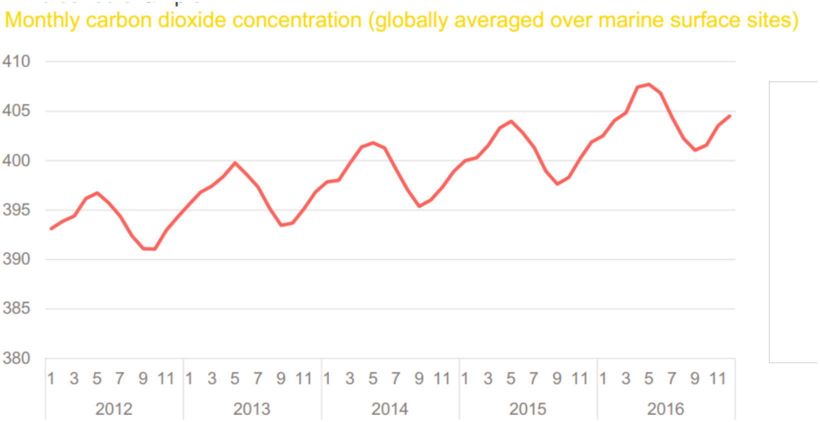
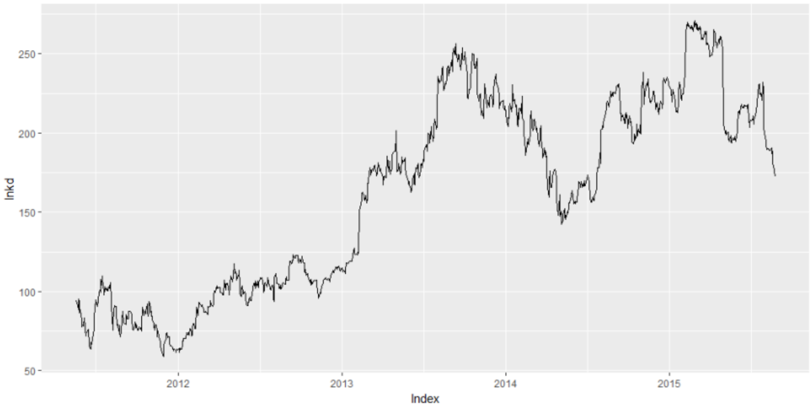
5117

Examples


Monthly carbon dioxide concentration (globally averaged over marine surface sites)
410
405
400
395
390
385
380
1 3 5 7 9 11 1 3 5 7 9 11 1 3 5 7 9 11 1 3 5 7 9 11 1 3 5 7 9 11
2012
2013
2014
2015
2016

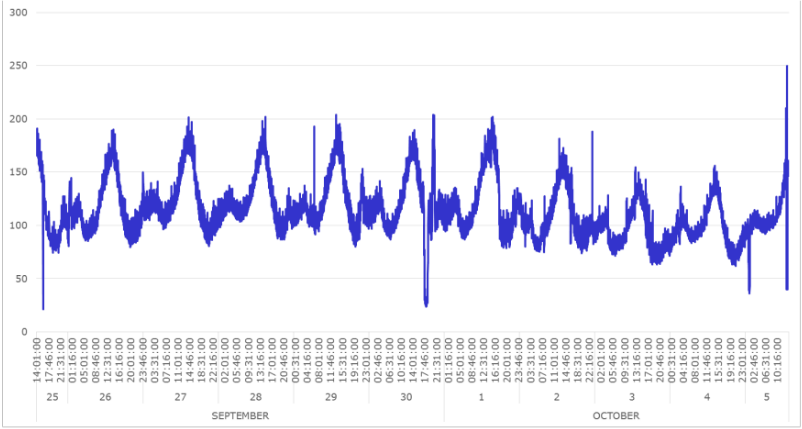
Examples

LinkedIn daily stock market closing price



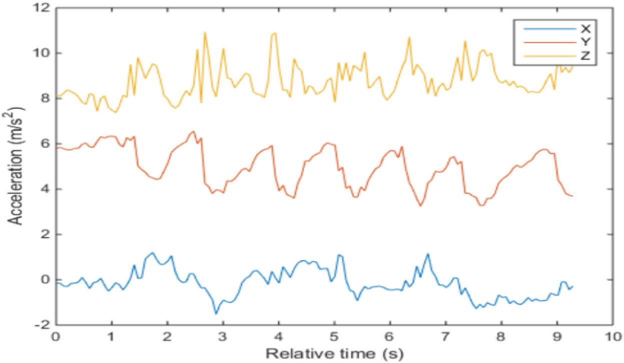
Examples

Number of photos uploaded on the Instagram every minute (regional sub-sample)

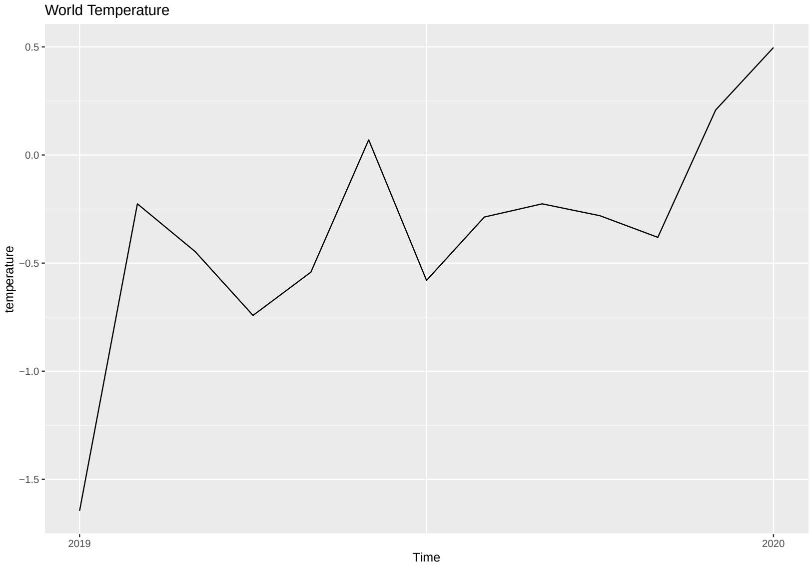


Examples

Acceleration detected by a smartphone sensors during a workout session (10 seconds)



Examples



What to do with time series?

- Understanding of specific series features or pattern
- Forecasting

Smoothing

Smoothing

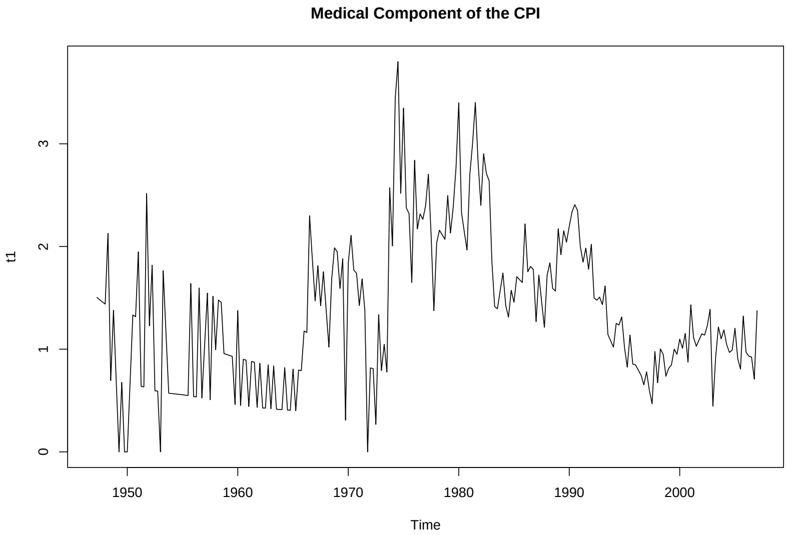
- Smoothing is usually done to reveal the series patterns and trends.

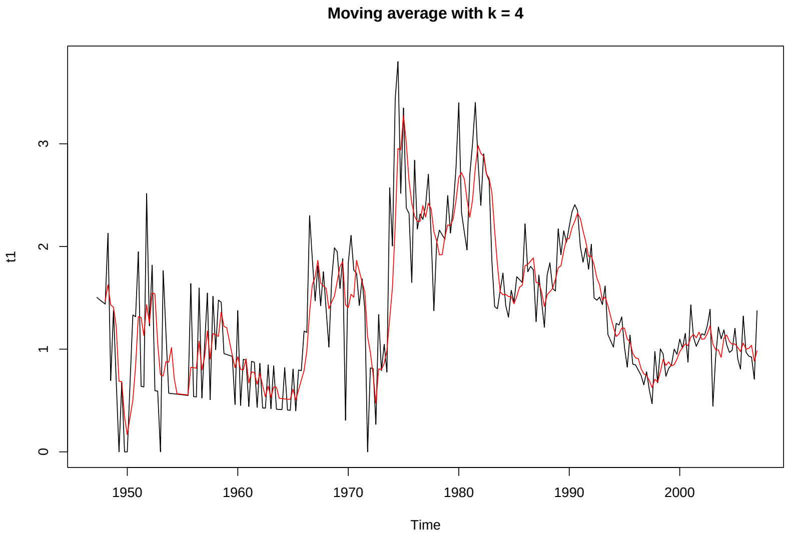
Simple Moving Average Smoothing

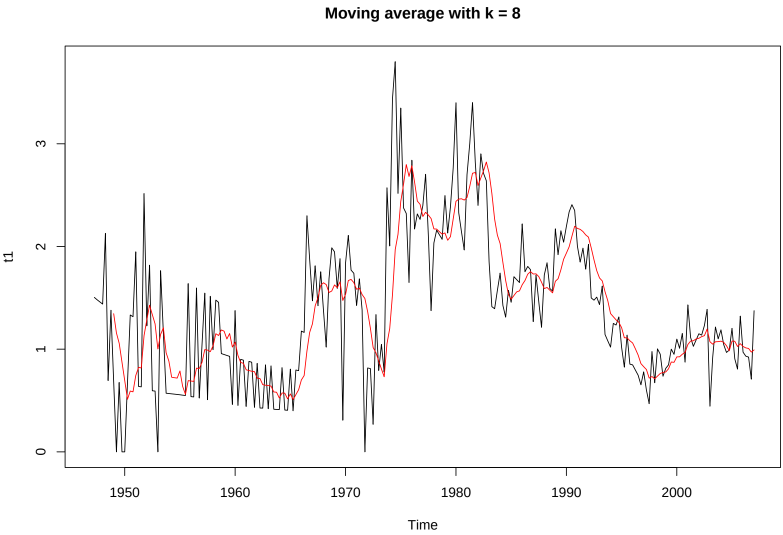
- Moving Average (MA) creates a new series by averaging the most recent observations from the original series.
- MA(k) creates s_t as follows.

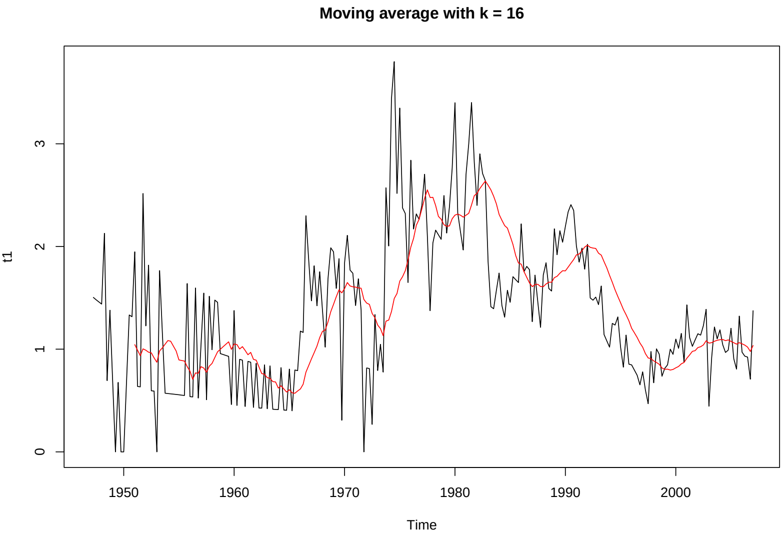
$$s_t = \frac{y_t + y_{t-1} + ... + y_{t-k+1}}{k}$$

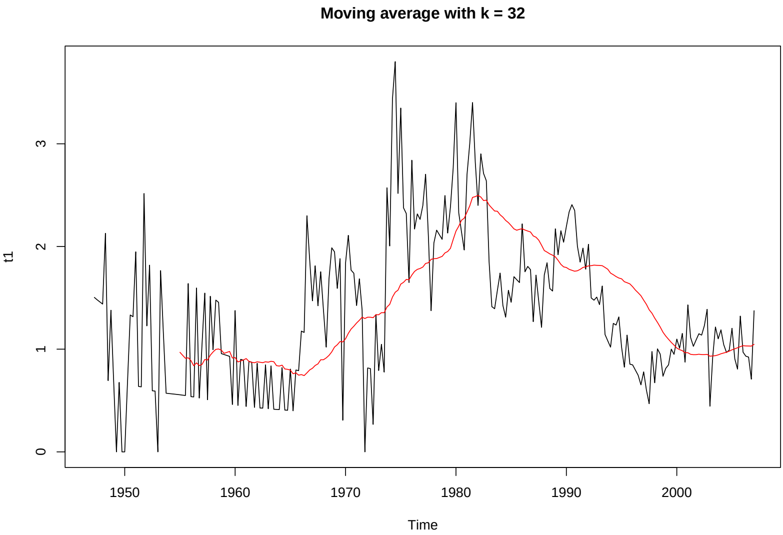
- Larger k will smooth the series more strongly


Medical Component of the CPI
t1
0
1
2
3
1950
1960
1970
1980
1990
2000
Time

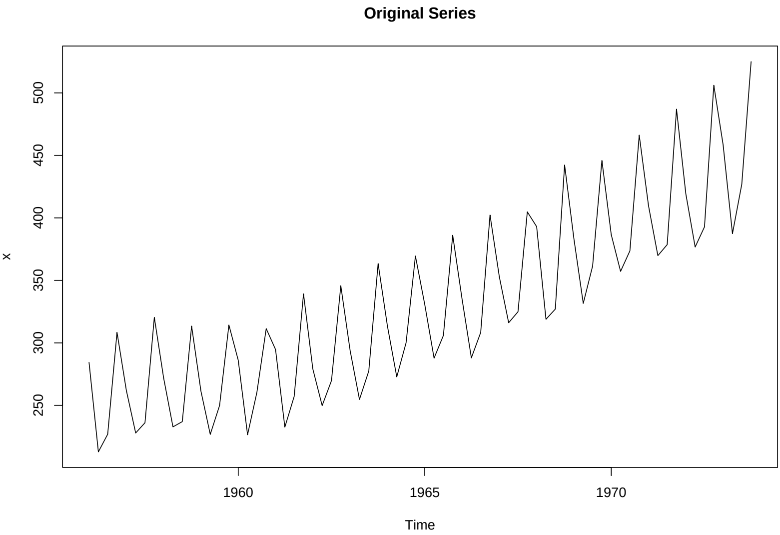

Moving average with k = 4
t1
0
1
2
3
1950
1960
1970
1980
1990
2000
Time

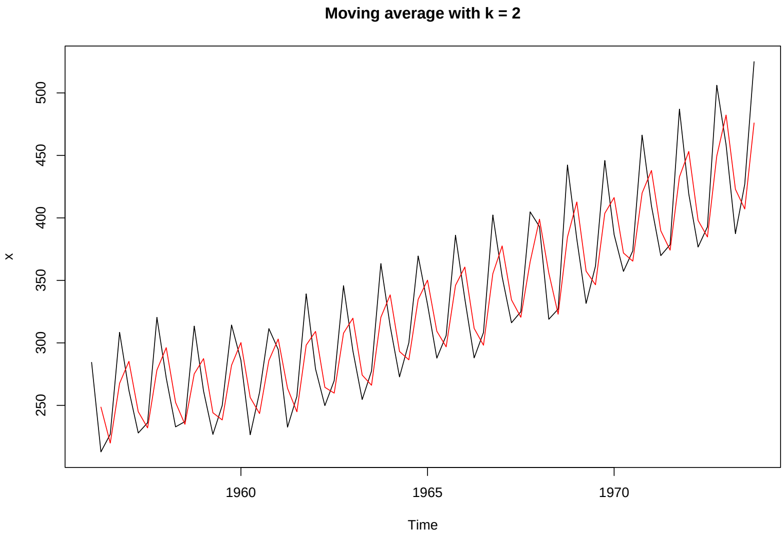

Moving average with k = 8
t1
0
1
2
3
1950
1960
1970
1980
1990
2000
Time


Moving average with k = 16
t1
0
1
2
3
1950
1960
1970
1980
1990
2000
Time

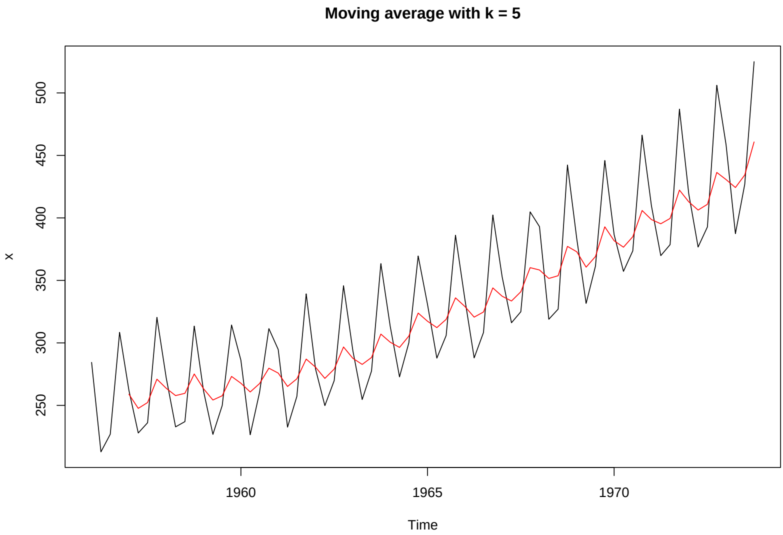


Moving average with k = 32
t1
0
1
2
3
1950
1960
1970
1980
1990
2000
Time

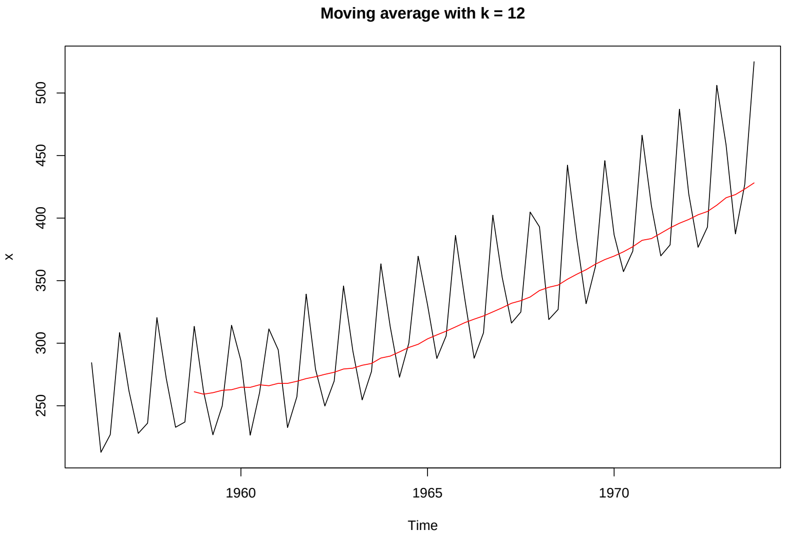

Original Series
x
Time
250
300
350
400
450
500
1960
1965
1970



Moving average with k = 2
500
450
400
350
300
250
x
1960
1965
1970
Time



Moving average with k = 5
x
250
300
350
400
450
500
1960
1965
1970
Time


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

Forecasting

- We can use MA smoothing for forecasting
- We have

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

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

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- Linear trend time series:

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

- Step 1: MA Smooth the series

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

- Step 2: MA Smooth the smoothed series

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

- Step 3: Calculate the linear trend/slope

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

Forecasting

- Forecasting l lead time into future by

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

You are given the following time series

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

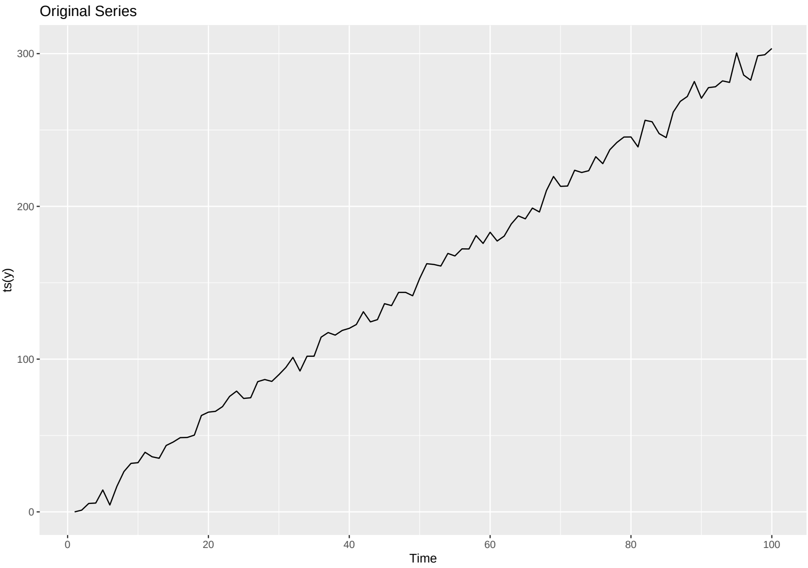
- Forecasting y_6 using simple moving average with $k = 2$
- Forecasting y_6 using double moving average with $k = 2$

Example

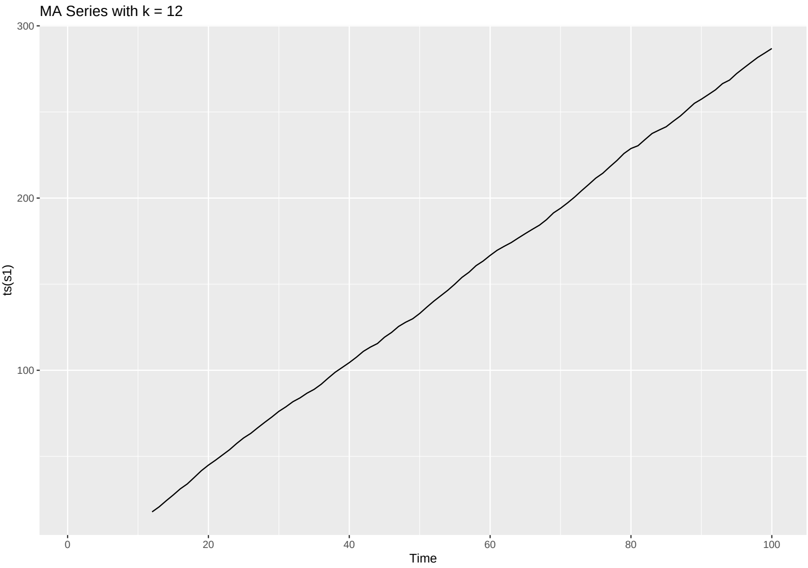
- We simulate 100 data points ($T = 100$) of

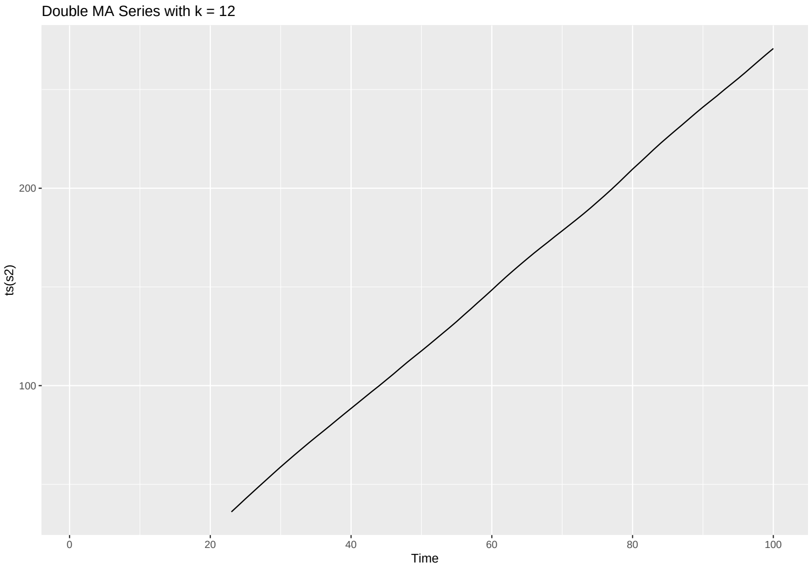
$$y_t = 1 + 3t + \epsilon,$$

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



Original Series
300
200
100
0
ts(y)
0
20
40
60
80
100
Time


MA Series with k = 12
300
200
100
ts(s1)
0
20
40
60
80
100
Time


Double MA Series with k = 12
ts(s2)
200
100
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

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