# **Time Series Forecasting**

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## 2 Project Objectives

The objective of the report is to explore the dataset gas in R using forecast package and generate insights about the data set. This exploration report will consists of the following scenarios:

- Exploratory Data Analysis of the data
- Observations from the dataset
- Inspecting stationarity in the Time Series by performing necessary test
- Build appropriate models using the data
- Check the accuracy of all the models on the test dataset
- Forecasting the data for the next 12 months using the most accurate model

## 3 Exploratory Data Analysis - Step by step approach

A Typical Data exploration activity consists of the following steps:

- 1. Environment Set up and Data Import
- 2. Variable Identification
- 3. Visualisation Plots

We shall follow these steps in exploring the provided dataset.

## 3.1 Environment Set up and Data Import

#### 3.1.1 Set up working Directory

Setting a working directory on starting of the R session makes importing and exporting data files and code files easier. Basically, working directory is the location/ folder on the PC where you have the data, codes etc. related to the project. Please refer Appendix A for Source Code.

### 3.1.2 Import and Read the Dataset

The dataset 'gas' was imported in r using 'forecast' package. Please refer Appendix A for Source Code.

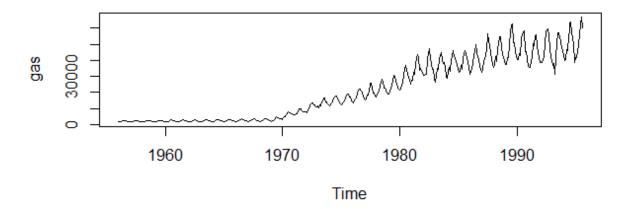
#### 3.2 Variable Identification

The length and breadth of the gas data was examined and the names of the data were pulled from the dataset. The data consisted of 1 time series variable consisting of 476 data points depicting the gas production from 1970 to 1996. The string type of the data was also verified by using the str() function.

## 3.3 Visualisation Plots

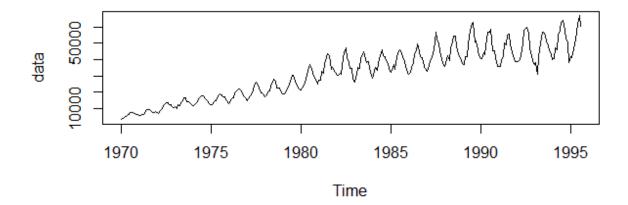
### Time Series plot of the gas dataset

Below is the plot for the gas dataset which has been obtained from forecast package.

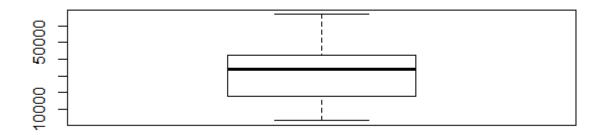


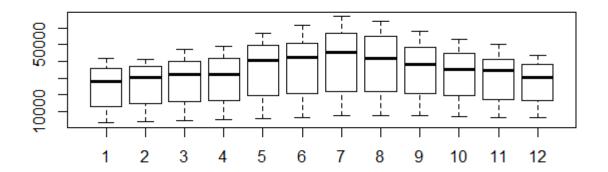
## **Refining the dataset**

The gas dataset has been trimmed until 1970 as there were no changes in the plot of the data. The same has been plotted below.



## **Boxplot**

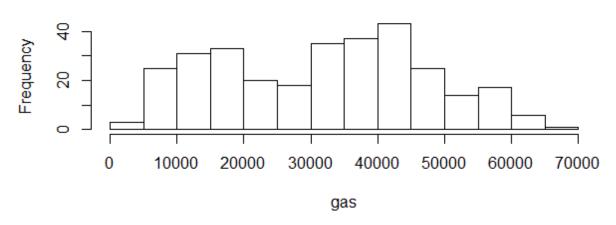




- The above plots signify the overall and monthly distribution of the gas production.
- The maximum production was recorded in the month of July

# **Histogram**

# Histogram of gas



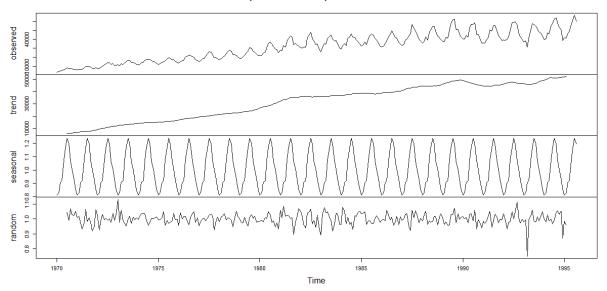
• The above is a histogram plot of the gas production

 The maximum monthly gas production for the data varied between 40000-45000

# 4. Decomposing the dataset

The dataset was decomposed and the graph was plotted as below

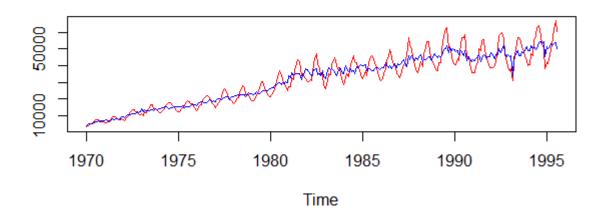
Decomposition of multiplicative time series



## **Observations**

- The decomposition type was selected as multiplicative since the magnitude of seasonality increased with increase in time period.
- Trend and seasonality were observed in the data.
- It is a 12 month periodic dataset with data ranging from 1970-1995.
- Since there is seasonality we will proceed with de-seasonalising the data

#### Gas data vs De-seasoned Gas



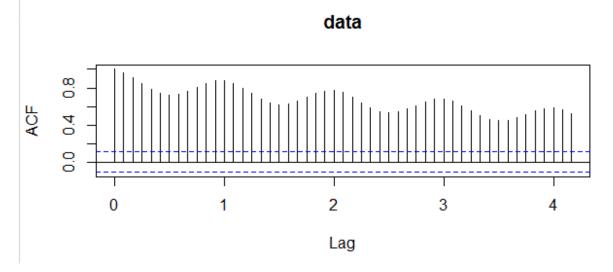
## 5. Test for stationarity

• The Test for stationarity of the data was conducted using Augmented Dickey Fuller Test. Below are its Hypothesis

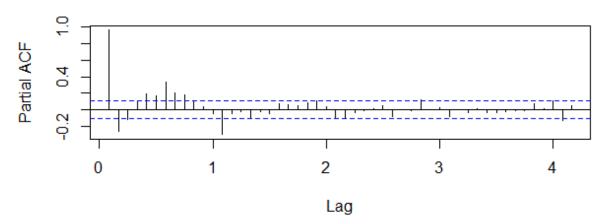
H0: Data is not stationary

H1: Data is stationary

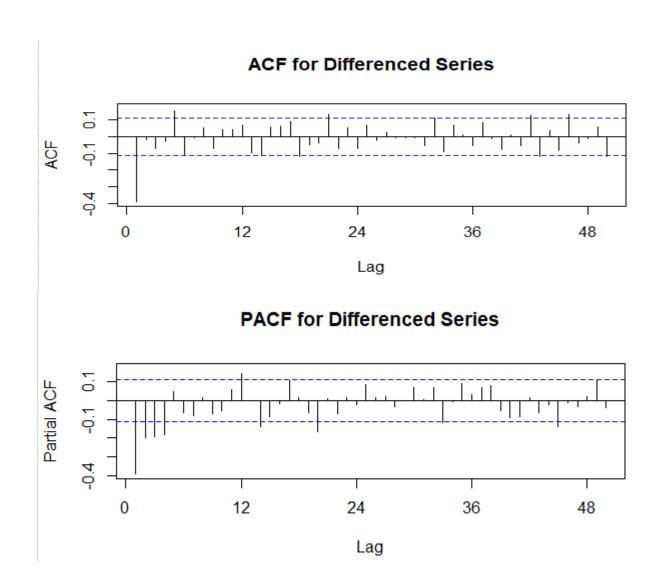
- P value of 0.5826 was obtained from the test which failed to reject the null Hypothesis and concluded that the data is not stationary.
- The below ACF and PACF plots were obtained for the data.



# Series gas

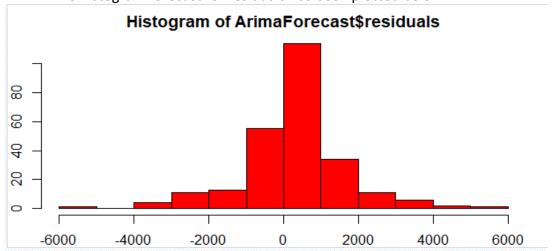


- Differencing was performed for the deseasonalised data and p value of 0.01 was obtained for ADF test.
- ACF and PACF for the differenced data were plotted as below.

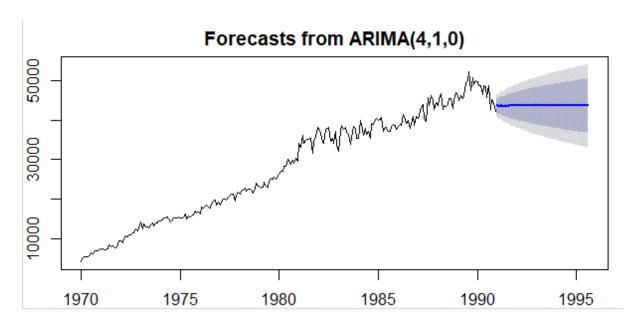


# 6. Fitting an ARIMA model

- ARIMA model was developed for an order of (4,1,0) for (p,d,q)
- AIC obtained was 4356.41
- The histogram forecast for residuals has been plotted below

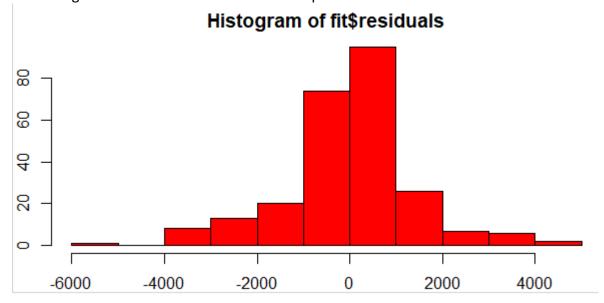


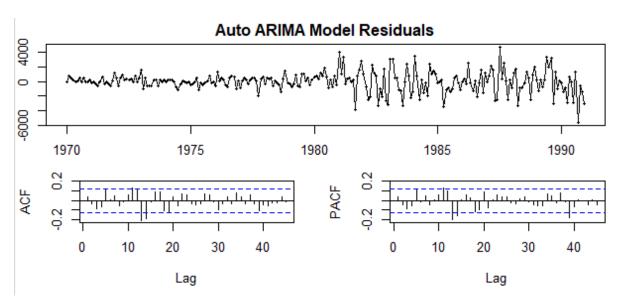
• Box-Pierce test was performed for ArimaForecast\$residuals and p value of 0.486 was recorded which concludes that residuals are independent.



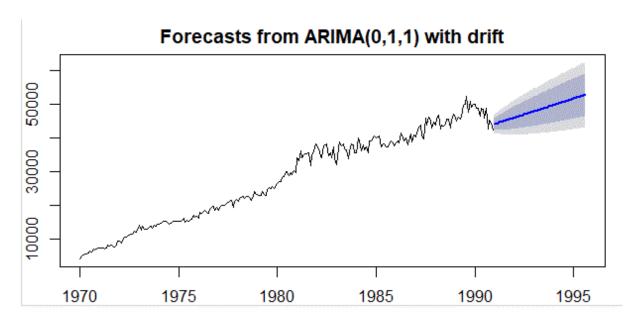
# Fitting an Auto ARIMA model

- Auto ARIMA model was developed and AIC value of 4344.64 was obtained.
- The histogram forecast for residuals has been plotted below





• Box-Pierce test was performed for ArimaForecast\$residuals and p value of 0.505 was recorded which concludes that residuals are independent.



## **Accuracy**

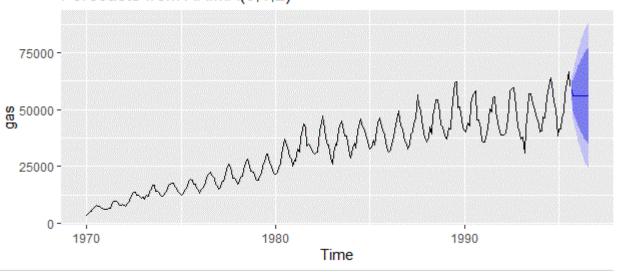
 The accuracy of the models for ARIMA and AUTO ARIMA was checked and found to be below

Accuracy	Train	Test	AIC
ARIMA	3.881558	9.97286	4356.41
AUTO ARIMA	3.457422	3.988248	4344.64

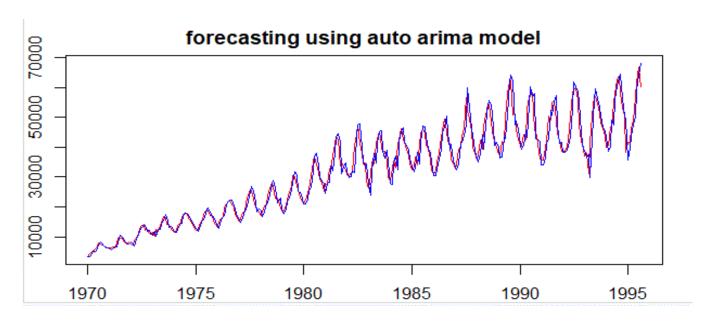
• From the above table we can conclude that auto.arima model performs better than arima. Hence we will use the same for forecasting on the future dataset for next 12 months.

# 7. Forecasting on future dataset

# Forecasts from ARIMA(0,1,2)



# Model Comparison with the original dataset



#### 8. Conclusion

Australia has the 10<sup>th</sup> largest natural gas exports in the world. It is proud to deliver the economic and environmental benefits of natural gas to homes and businesses throughout Australia and Asia. The core assets provide stable production, long-term revenue streams and significant upside opportunities.

The gas dataset contains monthly gas production from 1956-1995. Trend and seasonality were observed after decomposing the data. The data was then deseasonalised to test for stationarity which was conducted using Augmented Dickey Fuller (ADF) Test. The Time Series was stationarised by differencing the deseasonalised dataset one time. ACF and PACF were recorded as 0 and 4 respectively and were used to build the manual ARIMA model. Fitting was performed on both manual and auto ARIMA where the latter performed better with an AIC value of 4344.64. The model was then forecasted in the future for the next 12 months and the same has been plotted in the above section.

## 9. Appendix A - Source Code

Here is the code produced in RStudio for doing an analysis on Product Service Management.

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> library(forecast)
> library('ggplot2')
> library('forecast')
> library('tseries')
    'tseries' version: 0.10-47
    'tseries' is a package for time series analysis and computational fina
nce.
    See 'library(help="tseries")' for details.
> library(readx1)
> #ts plot of the gas dataset
> plot(gas)
> setwd("C:/Users/Chetan Suvarna/Desktop/project/Time Series-p6")
> gas_total=read_excel("C:/Users/Chetan Suvarna/Desktop/project/Time Serie
s-p6/data.xlsx")
> gas <- ts(gas_total[,3], start=c(1970,1), frequency=12)</pre>
> #ts plot of the gas dataset
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> plot(gas)
> boxplot(gas)
> str(gas)
 Time-Series [1:308, 1] from 1970 to 1996: 3345 4220 4874 5064 5951 ...
 - attr(*, "dimnames")=List of 2
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> summary(gas)
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  seasonplot(gas)
  #gas_data=read_excel("data.xlsx")
> #gas_data=read_excel("data.xlsx")
> monthplot(gas)
> hist(gas)
> #The frequency is given in cycle
> cycle(gas)
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> plot(decomp_gas)
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$figure
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$type
[1] "multiplicative"
attr(,"class")
[1] "decomposed.ts"
> deseasonal_gas=seasadj(decomp_gas)
> ts.plot(gas, deseasonal_gas, col=c("red", "blue"),
          main="Gas data vs De-seasoned Gas")
> #Check for stationarity using the Augmented Dickey-Fuller test
> adf.test(deseasonal_gas, alternative = "stationary")
       Augmented Dickey-Fuller Test
data:
       deseasonal_gas
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Dickey-Fuller = -1.9851, Lag order = 6, p-value = 0.5826
alternative hypothesis: stationary
> #0.5826 for 95% confidence level. < 0.05
> #Series is not stationary
> #Check autocorrelation plots
> #ACF and PACF plots
> acf(gas)
> pacf(gas)
> acf(gas, lag.max = 50)
> pacf(gas, lag.max = 50)
> #There are significant autocorrelations with many lags in our gas series, as shown
by
> #the ACF plot.
> #PACF plot shows that there could be monthly seasonality since the plot peaks at
> #at various intervals
> #Differencing the time series data
> #deseasonal_gas=seasadj(gas)
> count_d1 = diff(deseasonal_gas, differences = 1)
> plot(count_d1)
> adf.test(count_d1, alternative = "stationary")
         Augmented Dickey-Fuller Test
data: count d1
Dickey-Fuller = -8.8861, Lag order = 6, p-value = 0.01
alternative hypothesis: stationary
Warning message:
In adf.test(count_d1, alternative = "stationary") :
  p-value smaller than printed p-value
> #acf and pacf for dif time series. ARIMA(p,d,q)
> Acf(count_d1, main='ACF for Differenced Series',lag=50) #--- q
> Pacf(count_d1, main='PACF for Differenced Series',lag.max = 50) #--- p
> #From the ACF plot, there is a cut off after lag \hat{0}. This implies that q=0. > #PACF cuts off after lag 10. Hence p=4.
> \#p=4, d=1, q=0
> #Splitting into training and test sets
> gas_train <- window(deseasonal_gas, start=c(1970,1), end=c(1990,12), frequency=12)
> gas_test <- window(deseasonal_gas, start=c(1991,1), frequency=12)</pre>
> #Fitting an ARIMA model
> gas_ARIMA = arima(gas_train, order=c(4,1,0))
> gas_ARIMA
call:
arima(x = gas_train, order = c(4, 1, 0))
Coefficients:
            ar1
                        ar2
                                   ar3
                                               ar4
                   -0.2331
                               -0.1734
       -0.4483
                                          -0.1442
         0.0630
                    0.0681
                                0.0678
                                           0.0647
sigma^2 estimated as 1938176: log likelihood = -2173.2, aic = 4356.41
> ArimaForecast <- forecast(gas_ARIMA, h=56)</pre>
> plot(ArimaForecast)
> VecA01 <- cbind(gas_test,ArimaForecast)
> par(mfrow=c(1,1), mar=c(2, 2, 2, 2), mgp=c(3, 1, 0), las=0)
> ts.plot(VecA01[,1],VecA01[,2], col=c("blue","red"),xlab="year", ylab="gas", main="g
as: Actual vs Forecast")
> VecA01 <- cbind(gas_test,ArimaForecast)</pre>
> par(mfrow=c(1,1), mar=c(2, 2, 2, 2), mgp=c(3, 1, 0), las=0)
> ts.plot(VecA01[,1], VecA01[,2], col=c("blue", "red"), xlab="year", ylab="gas", main="g
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as: Actual vs Forecast")
> Box.test(ArimaForecast$residuals)
        Box-Pierce test
data: ArimaForecast$residuals
X-squared = 0.48533, df = 1, p-value = 0.486
> hist(ArimaForecast$residuals,col="red")
> #Fitting with Auto ARIMA
> fit<-auto.arima(gas_train, seasonal=FALSE)</pre>
Series: gas_train
ARIMA(0,1,1) with drift
Coefficients:
                   drift
           ma1
      -0.5369
                156.4853
s.e.
       0.0591
                 40.2627
sigma^2 estimated as 1894002: log likelihood=-2169.32
AIC=4344.64    AICc=4344.74    BIC=4355.22
> tsdisplay(residuals(fit), lag.max=45, main='Auto ARIMA Model Residuals')
> Box.test(fit$residuals)
        Box-Pierce test
data: fit$residuals
X-squared = 0.44444, df = 1, p-value = 0.505
> #p 0.505
> hist(fit$residuals,co]="red")
> #Residual analysis using Ljung-Box test
> #HO: Residuals are independent
> #Ha: Residuals are not independent
> library(stats)
> #Validate_both the manual and automatically fitted ARIMA models
> fcast <- forecast(gas_ARIMA, h=56)
> fcast1 <- forecast(fit, h=56)</pre>
> plot(fcast)
> plot(fcast1)
> autoplot(fcast)
> autoplot(fcast1)
> accuracy(fcast,gas_test)
                            RMSE
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NA
              4407.324 5733.296 4806.1859 8.606601 9.733419 1.8483801 0.59603116 1.5
Test set
56219
> accuracy(fcast1,gas_test)
                        ME
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Training set
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NA
              -325.586994 2684.184 1735.379 -1.0403617 3.809315 0.6673983 0.26269287 0
Test set
.7724838
> #Forecast into the future
> fit1<-auto.arima(gas, seasonal=FALSE)</pre>
> fcast2=forecast(fit1, h=12)
> plot(fcast2)
> autoplot(fcast2)
> ts.plot(gas,fcast2$fitted,col=c("red","blue"))
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