

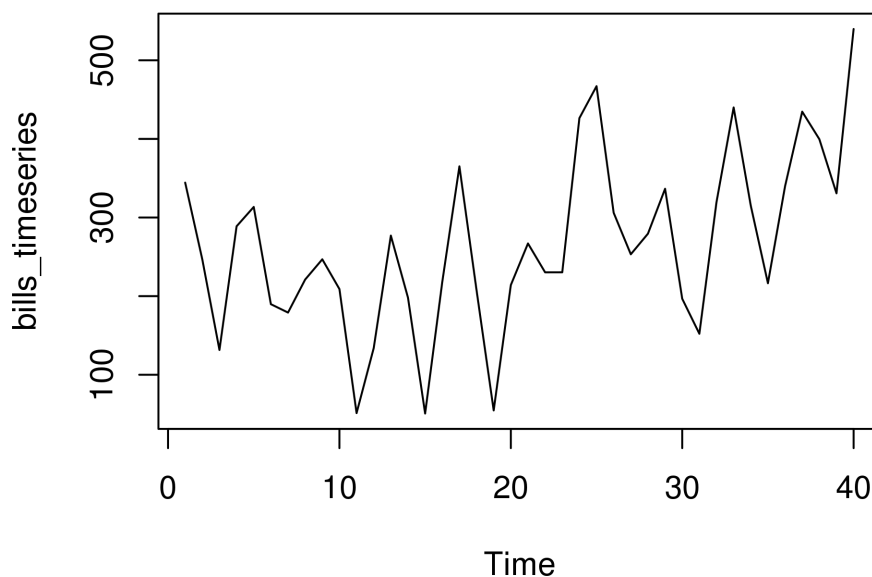
Homework Assignment 10

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Problem 1. Plot the energy bills versus time. What kind of trend appears to exist? What type of seasonal variation appears to exist? Is a transformation needed to obtain a series that displays constant variation?

Solution. See below for a plot of the bills time series data:



It is clear from the plot that there is a trend that appears to move upwards as time increases and a seasonal variation with period 4 lags present in the data so a transformation is needed to obtain residuals that represent a stationary time series. \square

Problem 2. Write algebraically a time series model with trend and seasonal component with definitions of the dummy variable.

Solution. Note that it appears that this time series has a linear trend. Additionally, we are interested in capturing the seasonal quarter data of the time series. Therefore, a time series model for the data with trend and seasonal components is given by

$$X_t = a_0 + a_1t + a_2Q_1 + a_3Q_2 + a_4Q_3 + a_5Q_4,$$

where we define Q_i as 1 if $t \equiv i \pmod{4}$ and 0 otherwise and a_j is constant. □

Problem 3. Are all the variables in the model statistically significant? Justify your answer.

Solution. The following R code performs a linear regression on our data set using the above equation:

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quarter_variable <- function(ts, position){
  vector <- rep(0, 4)
  vector[position] <- 1

  variable <- rep(vector, length(ts) / 4)

  return(variable)
}

bills <- scan("bills.csv", skip=1)
bills.ts <- ts(bills)

bills.ts.Q1 <- quarter_variable(bills.ts, 1)
bills.ts.Q2 <- quarter_variable(bills.ts, 2)
bills.ts.Q3 <- quarter_variable(bills.ts, 3)
bills.ts.Q4 <- quarter_variable(bills.ts, 4)

bills.ts.regression_equation <- bills.ts ~ 0 + time(bills.ts) +
  bills.ts.Q1 + bills.ts.Q2 + bills.ts.Q3 + bills.ts.Q4
bills.ts.regression <- lm(bills.ts.regression_equation)

# The following tells us that all variables are significant
# using a significance level of alpha = 0.05.
summary(bills.ts.regression)
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The code above outputs the following table displaying the significance of the variables in the regression equation:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
time(bills.ts)	4.8922	0.9753	5.016	1.53e-05 ***
bills.ts.Q1	256.2549	29.0803	8.812	2.08e-10 ***
bills.ts.Q2	152.0117	29.7113	5.116	1.13e-05 ***

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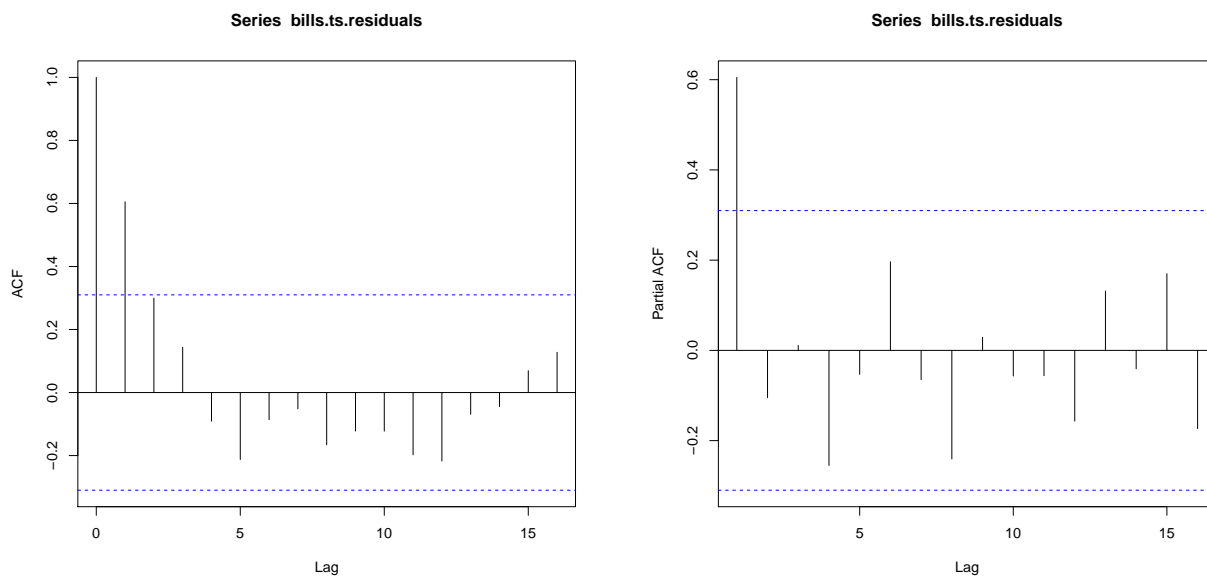
bills.ts.Q3      62.2705    30.3606    2.051    0.0478 *
bills.ts.Q4     190.4843    31.0269    6.139 5.06e-07 ***
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From this table we see that all of our variables are statistically significant using a significance level of $\alpha = 0.05$. \square

Problem 4. Plot the ACF and PACF of the residual. Are the residuals correlated?

Solution. The following are the ACF and PACF plots of the residuals of our time series and our regression equation.



Note that the residuals are correlated as the ACF shows a nonzero value for a lag greater than 0. \square

Problem 5. What is the time series model that best fits the model? Is the model statistically significant?

Solution. Combining all of the information above, the time series model that best fits the data is

$$X_t = 4.892t + 256.255Q_1 + 152.012Q_2 + 62.270Q_3 + 190.484Q_4 + Y_t$$

where $Y_t \sim \text{ARMA}(1, 1)$. Note that this model is statistically significant. \square