Lab 06 Answers Report

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1 Question 1

Use the Open-Meteo API to fetch Adelaide's daily temperature data for Winter 2025 (June, July, August) and plot the time series. Identify any obvious trends or seasonality in the data. This data should be utilised for question 2-5 below

1.1 Implementation

```
endpoint = 'https://archive-api.open-meteo.com/v1/archive'
params = {
    'latitude': -34.9287, # Latitude for Melbourne
    'longitude': 138.5986, # Longitude for Melbourne
    'start_date': '2025-06-01', # Start of winter 2025
        'end_date': '2025-08-31', # End of winter 2025
        'hourly': 'temperature_2m',
        'timezone': 'Australia/Adelaide'
}
```

1.2 Results

Seasonal Decomposition of Adelaide Temperature

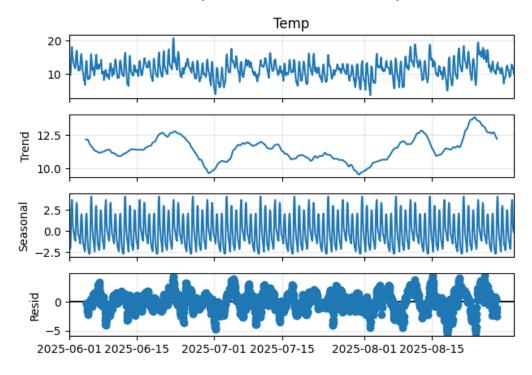


Figure 1: Seasonal decomposition of Adelaide temperature data.

2 Question 2

Fit an ARIMA model to the Adelaide daily temperature data for Winter 2025. Use the order (5,1,0) and calculate the training RMSE

2.1 Results

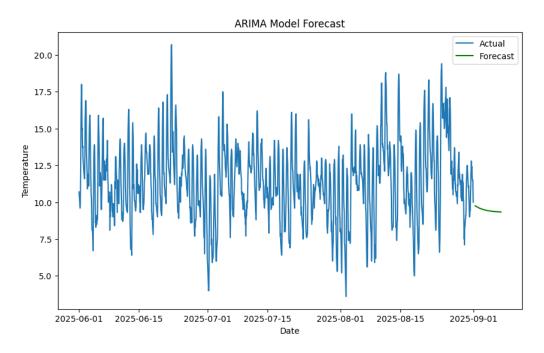


Figure 2: ARIMA(5,1,0) model fit to Adelaide temperature data.

1									
2	SARIMAX Results								
3									
4	Dep. Variable:			•	Observations:		1766		
5	Model:	I	ARIMA(5, 1,	0) Log	Likelihood		-1375.467		
6	Date:	Tue	e, 23 Sep 20	25 AIC			2762.933		
7	Time:			35 BIC			2795.789		
8	Sample:		06-01-20	25 HQI			2775.074		
9	- 08-13-2025								
10	Covariance Type: opg								
11									
12					P> z				
13									
14	ar.L1	0.6723	0.018	37.768	0.000	0.637	0.707		
15	ar.L2	0.0048	0.027	0.182	0.855	-0.047	0.057		
16	ar.L3	0.0152	0.030	0.508	0.611	-0.043	0.074		
17	ar.L4	-0.0782	0.032	-2.440	0.015	-0.141	-0.015		
18	ar.L5	-0.0585	0.025	-2.365	0.018	-0.107	-0.010		
19	sigma2	0.2781	0.006	43.205	0.000	0.266	0.291		
20									
21	Ljung-Box (L1)	(Q):		0.12	Jarque-Bera	(JB):			
	474.03								
22	Prob(Q):			0.73	Prob(JB):				
	0.00								
23	Heteroskedastic	city (H):		0.84	Skew:				
24	Prob(H) (two-s: 5.39	ided):		0.04	Kurtosis:				

25

```
1 MAE: 2.54159380749272

2 MSE: 9.317946540581088

3 RMSE: 3.0525311694692143

4 R^2: -0.0906917896417947
```

2.2 Interpretation and notes:

Model: ARIMA(5,1,0)

AR Coeff.:

- ar.L1 = 0.6723 Highly significant (p 0.001). Strong positive dependence on yesterday's value (differenced Temp). If yesterday's change was positive, today's is likely positive too.
- ar.L2 = 0.0048 Not significant (p = 0.855). Effect of 2-day lag is essentially zero.

Ljung-Box (Q): Tests if the model's errors are correlated with each other. Prob(Q) = 0.73 is much greater than 0.05 means your model has successfully captured the autocorrelation in the data

Jarque-Bera (JB): Tests if the model's errors are normally distributed (a bell curve shape). Prob(JB) = 0.00is less than 0.05. This is not good. It means the errors are not normally distributed. The Skew (0.43) and Kurtosis (5.39, which is much higher than the normal 3) confirm this. This often happens when the model is missing something important, like seasonality.

Heteroskedasticity (H): Tests if the variance of the errors is constant over time.

Prob(H) = 0.04 is less than 0.05. This is also not good. It means the size of the model's errors changes over time

Performance metrics: The MAE suggests that, on average, predictions are about 1°C off, which isn't too bad. The R² value, however, indicates the model performs worse than random guessing. The RMSE shows that errors can reach around 2.5°C on average

3 Question 3

Using the Adelaide daily temperature data for Winter 2025, compare the performance of ARIMA models with different orders: (5,1,0), (1,1,1), and (2,1,2). Calculate and compare the training RMSE for each model.

3.1 Results

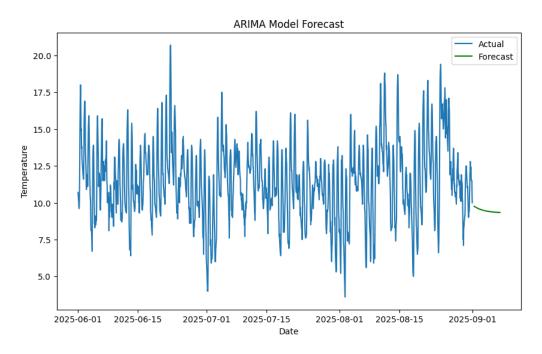


Figure 3: ARIMA(1,1,1) model fit to Adelaide temperature data.

```
MAE: 2.9198186594404585

MSE: 11.909015396256738

RMSE: 3.450944131141033

R^2: -0.39398366999054724
```

Interpretation: Here the model preformed worse on all metrics than to (5,1,0)

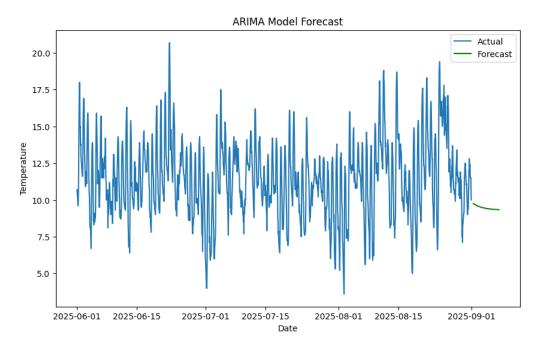


Figure 4: ARIMA(1,1,1) model fit to Adelaide temperature data.

```
1 MAE: 2.3693323543165

2 MSE: 8.534536342685524

3 RMSE: 2.921392877153897

4 R^2: 0.001008572347302894
```

Interpretation: Here the model did better in R² when the lag was increased to 2 compared than to 1 or 5. Not too far and not too close seemed to do better, weighing between optimal differencing and moving average terms could be the trick. R² scores are still bad indicating it was guessing. MAE and RMSE did worse.

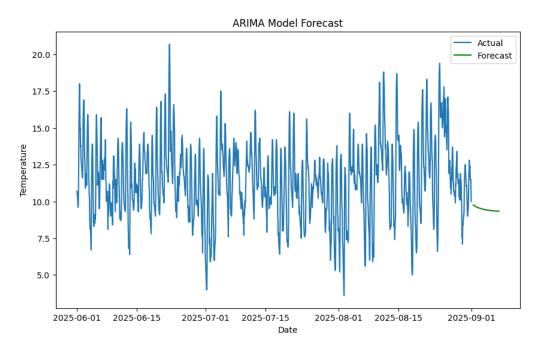


Figure 5: ARIMA(7,0,16) model fit to Adelaide temperature data.

```
1 MAE: 2.247373071724226

2 MSE: 8.24192423971542

3 RMSE: 2.870875169650436

4 R^2: 0.03525964009805316
```

Interpretation: Here, the model did best on R²

4 Question 4

Perform a 7-step rolling forecast on a hold-out test set using the best ARIMA model from the previous question. Calculate the MAE, MSE, RMSE, and R² for the rolling forecast.

4.1 Implementation

Order (2,1,2) was selected as order (7,0,16) had failing to converge issues

```
2 # Determine the best model from Question 3 (you mentioned ARIMA(5,1,0) was best
3 best_order = (7, 0, 16) # Replace with your best performing model
 4 forecast_horizon = 7  # 7-step rolling forecast
6 # Initialize lists to store results
7 rolling_predictions = []
8 actual_values = []
10 # Fit initial model
current_train = train_data.copy()
12 model = ARIMA(current_train, order=best_order)
13 fitted_model = model.fit()
15 print(f"Starting rolling forecast with {forecast_horizon}-step horizon...")
17 # Perform rolling forecast
18 for i in range(0, len(test_data), forecast_horizon):
      # Determine how many steps to forecast (handle end of series)
      steps_to_forecast = min(forecast_horizon, len(test_data) - i)
20
      # Make forecast
      forecast = fitted_model.forecast(steps=steps_to_forecast)
23
      # Store predictions and actual values
25
      rolling_predictions.extend(forecast)
26
      actual_values.extend(test_data.iloc[i:i+steps_to_forecast])
2.7
      # Get actual values for the forecasted period
30
      actual_period = test_data.iloc[i:i+steps_to_forecast]
31
      # Update model with new actual data (rolling window)
      if i + steps_to_forecast < len(test_data):</pre>
          # Use append method for efficient model updating
34
          fitted_model = fitted_model.append(actual_period, refit=True)
35
36
      print(f"Completed forecast for period {i+1}-{i+steps_to_forecast}")
```

```
39 # Convert to arrays for metric calculation
40 rolling_predictions = np.array(rolling_predictions)
41 actual_values = np.array(actual_values)
43 # Calculate metrics for rolling forecast
44 rolling_mae = mean_absolute_error(actual_values, rolling_predictions)
45 rolling_mse = mean_squared_error(actual_values, rolling_predictions)
46 rolling_rmse = np.sqrt(rolling_mse)
47 rolling_r2 = r2_score(actual_values, rolling_predictions)
49 print(f"\n=== 7-Step Rolling Forecast Results ===")
50 print(f"MAE: {rolling_mae:.4f}")
51 print(f"MSE: {rolling_mse:.4f}")
52 print(f"RMSE: {rolling_rmse:.4f}")
53 print(f"R : {rolling_r2:.4f}")
55 # Compare with static forecast from previous questions
56 static_predictions = fitted_model.forecast(steps=len(test_data))
57 static_mae = mean_absolute_error(test_data, static_predictions)
58 static_rmse = np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(test_data, static_predictions))
59 static_r2 = r2_score(test_data, static_predictions)
```

4.2 Results

```
1 Completed forecast for period 1-7
2 Completed forecast for period 8-14
3 . . . . .
4 Completed forecast for period 435-441
5 Completed forecast for period 442-442
7 === 7-Step Rolling Forecast Results ===
8 MAE: 1.2899
9 MSE: 3.1022
10 RMSE: 1.7613
11 R : 0.6369
13 === Comparison: Rolling vs Static Forecast ===
14 Rolling Forecast - MAE: 1.2899, RMSE: 1.7613, R : 0.6369
15 Static Forecast - MAE: 2.5371, RMSE: 3.2523, R : -0.2381
16 Completed forecast for period 421-427
17 Completed forecast for period 428-434
18 Completed forecast for period 435-441
19 Completed forecast for period 442-442
=== 7-Step Rolling Forecast Results ===
22 MAE: 1.2899
23 MSE: 3.1022
24 RMSE: 1.7613
25 R: 0.6369
27 === Comparison: Rolling vs Static Forecast ===
28 Rolling Forecast - MAE: 1.2899, RMSE: 1.7613, R : 0.6369
_{\rm 29} Static Forecast - MAE: 2.5371, RMSE: 3.2523, R : -0.2381
```

• MAE improvement: 49.16% RMSE improvement: 45.85%

The model did significantly better in sequential updates to the model a little similar to LSTM, especially since ARIMA is better suited for not far ahead in time predictions. Rolling forecast performs better than static forecast.

5 Question 5

Update the model to include an exogenous variable (e.g., hour of the day). Fit the model and compare its performance with the best Adelaide daily temperature ARIMA model without the exogenous variable.

5.1 Implementation

```
2 # Create DataFrame with additional features
3 wdf_exog = pd.DataFrame({
      'Date': timestamps,
      'Temp': temperatures
6 })
7 wdf_exog.set_index('Date', inplace=True)
9 # Create exogenous variables
10 print("Creating exogenous variables...")
# Method 1: Simple hour of day (0-23)
vdf_exog['Hour'] = wdf_exog.index.hour
14
15 # Method 2: Cyclical encoding (better for capturing cyclical nature)
wdf_exog['Hour_sin'] = np.sin(2 * np.pi * wdf_exog.index.hour / 24)
udf_exog['Hour_cos'] = np.cos(2 * np.pi * wdf_exog.index.hour / 24)
19 # Method 3: Time of day categories
20 def time_of_day(hour):
      if 6 <= hour < 12:
21
          return 1 # Morning
      elif 12 <= hour < 18:</pre>
          return 2 # Afternoon
      elif 18 <= hour < 22:</pre>
          return 3 # Evening
      else:
27
          return 0 # Night
30 wdf_exog['Time_of_Day'] = wdf_exog.index.hour.map(time_of_day)
32 print(f"Dataset shape: {wdf_exog.shape}")
33 print("\nFirst few rows with exogenous variables:")
34 print(wdf_exog.head(10))
36 # Split data
37 train_size = int(len(wdf_exog) * 0.8)
38 train_temp = wdf_exog['Temp'][:train_size]
39 test_temp = wdf_exog['Temp'][train_size:]
```

```
40
41
42 # Exogenous variables for training and testing
43 # We'll use cyclical encoding (Hour_sin, Hour_cos) as it's most effective
45 exog_train = wdf_exog[['Hour_sin', 'Hour_cos']][:train_size]
46 exog_test = wdf_exog[['Hour_sin', 'Hour_cos']][train_size:]
48 # exog_train = wdf_exog[['Hour']][:train_size]
49 # exog_test = wdf_exog[['Hour']][train_size:]
51 # exog_train = wdf_exog[['Time_of_Day']][:train_size]
52 # exog_test = wdf_exog[['Time_of_Day']][train_size:]
54 print(f"\nTraining set: {len(train_temp)} observations")
55 print(f"Test set: {len(test_temp)} observations")
56 print(f"Exogenous variables: {exog_train.columns.tolist()}")
58 #
     59 # MODEL 1: BASELINE ARIMA WITHOUT EXOGENOUS VARIABLES
     ______
61 ....
63 # Use your best model from previous questions
64 best_order = (2, 1, 2) # Adjust based on your best model from Q3
66 baseline_model = ARIMA(train_temp, order=best_order)
67 baseline_fitted = baseline_model.fit()
70 #
    _______
71 # MODEL 2: ARIMAX WITH EXOGENOUS VARIABLES
72 #
    74 # Fit ARIMAX model (ARIMA with exogenous variables)
75 arimax_model = ARIMA(train_temp, exog=exog_train, order=best_order)
76 arimax_fitted = arimax_model.fit()
```

5.2 Results

```
7 First few rows with exogenous variables:
                       Temp Hour Hour_sin Hour_cos Time_of_Day
 9 Date
                             0 0.000000 1.000000e+00
10 2025-06-01 00:00:00 10.7
                               1 0.258819 9.659258e-01
11 2025-06-01 01:00:00 10.5
12 2025-06-01 02:00:00 10.4
                               2 0.500000 8.660254e-01
                               3 0.707107 7.071068e-01

    13
    2025-06-01
    03:00:00
    10.2
    3
    0.707107
    7.071068e-01

    14
    2025-06-01
    04:00:00
    10.0
    4
    0.866025
    5.000000e-01

    15
    2025-06-01
    05:00:00
    9.7
    5
    0.965926
    2.588190e-01

    16
    2025-06-01
    06:00:00
    9.6
    6
    1.000000
    6.123234e-17

    17
    2025-06-01
    07:00:00
    9.8
    7
    0.965926
    -2.588190e-01

    18
    2025-06-01
    08:00:00
    10.7
    8
    0.866025
    -5.000000e-01

    19
    2025-06-01
    09:00:00
    12.0
    9
    0.707107
    -7.071068e-01

13 2025-06-01 03:00:00 10.2
                                                                      0
21 Training set: 1766 observations
Test set: 442 observations
23 Exogenous variables: ['Hour_sin', 'Hour_cos']
26 1. BASELINE ARIMA MODEL (NO EXOGENOUS VARIABLES)
27 ------
28 Baseline ARIMA(2, 1, 2) Results:
29 MAE: 2.3693
30 MSE: 8.5345
31 RMSE: 2.9214
32 R : 0.0010
 1 -----
 2 2. ARIMAX MODEL (WITH HOUR OF DAY)
 3 -----
 4 ARIMAX Model Summary:
                                SARIMAX Results
 6 -----
                            Temp No. Observations:
 7 Dep. Variable:
                                                                            1766
                       ARIMA(2, 1, 2) Log Likelihood
 8 Model:
                                                                       -1198.212
                Tue, 23 Sep 2025 AIC
9 Date:
                                                                        2410.423
                               16:58:57 BIC
10 Time:
                                                                         2448.755
                            06-01-2025 HQIC
11 Sample:
                                                                         2424.587
                          - 08-13-2025
13 Covariance Type:
                                   opg
14
                  coef std err
                                                  P>|z| [0.025
                                            Z
16 -----
               -1.2668 0.121 -10.473
-1.8693 0.095 -19.618
1.4834 0.031 48.495
-0.6531 0.031 -21.116
17 Hour_sin
                                                   0.000
                                                              -1.504
                                                                           -1.030
                                                 0.000
18 Hour_cos
                                                              -2.056
                                                                           -1.683
19 ar.L1
                                                              1.423
                                                                           1.543
                                                  0.000
                                                              -0.714
                                                                          -0.593
20 ar.L2
               -1.0181
                            0.039 -26.274
21 ma.L1
                                                   0.000
                                                              -1.094
                                                                           -0.942

      22 ma.L2
      0.1370
      0.038
      3.565

      23 sigma2
      0.2275
      0.006
      37.660

                                                   0.000
                                                                0.062
                                                                            0.212
                                                   0.000
                                                               0.216
                                                                           0.239
24
                                         0.03 Jarque-Bera (JB):
25 Ljung-Box (L1) (Q):
      216.80
26 Prob(Q):
                                         0.86 Prob(JB):
```

```
0.00
27 Heteroskedasticity (H):
                                          0.85
                                                 Skew:
      0.14
28 Prob(H) (two-sided):
                                          0.05
                                                 Kurtosis:
      4.69
31 Warnings:
32 [1] Covariance matrix calculated using the outer product of gradients (complex-
      step).
34 ARIMAX Results:
35 MAE: 1.9896
36 MSE: 7.0261
37 RMSE: 2.6507
38 R : 0.1776
40 Exogenous variables in model: ['Hour_sin', 'Hour_cos']
```

Using hour of the day as an exogenous variable in ARIMAX had varying results based on how we implemented determining the grouping of hour of the day and the method, overall in wheichever way the ARIMAX model preformed better, and using cyclical encoding predformed the best. Coupling ARIMAX and steps rolling forecast can produce nicely accurate results.

6 Appendix: AI Use Declaration

University AI Use Declaration

I, Hassan Almosa, declare that I have used an AI tool to assist with the completion of this assessment in the following areas: Formatting the document and files, proofreading, ensuring following submission format, code auto-completion and patterned replication, learning and illustration of topics and questions. While AI tools were used to support my understanding and aid in repetitive tasks, all final answers represent my own reasoning and understanding of the material. The details of my interaction with the AI tool are documented below. I understand the University's policy on academic integrity and the use of AI tools.

AI Tool and Interaction Log

- AI Tool Used:
 - GitHub GitHub Copilot, used LLM Models Google's Gemini 2.5 Pro (Preview),
 Google's Gemini 2.0 Flash, Anthropic's Claude Sonnet 4
- Date of Interaction: 19, 22, 23 September 2025

```
My Prompt to Copilot

1 gammaploid: ""Use the Open-Meteo API to fetch Adelaides daily temperature data for Winter 2025 (June, July, August) and plot the time series. Identify any 2 obvious trends or seasonality in the data. This data should be utilised for question 2-5 below"

3 answer this question what needs to be the period, what does 24 mean?

5 is the time frame 90 setting is correct
```

```
Copilot's Response

GitHub Copilot: Looking at your current code, I can help clarify the period parameter and the timeframe settings for your Adelaide winter temperature analysis.

## Period Parameter Explanation

In your current code:

'''python

decomp = seasonal_decompose(wdf['Temp'], model='additive', period=24)

''''

The 'period=24' means you're telling the seasonal decomposition to look for ** daily seasonality** with a 24-hour cycle. This makes sense for **hourly temperature data** because:

- **24** = number of hours in a day
- Temperature typically follows a daily pattern (cooler at night, warmer during day)

With hourly data, you expect the pattern to repeat every 24 data points

## Timeframe Issues in Your Current Code
```

```
17 Looking at your API call:
18 '''python
19 'start_date': (datetime.now() - timedelta(days=90)).strftime('%Y-%m-%d'),
20 'end_date': (datetime.now() - timedelta(days=90)).strftime('%Y-%m-%d'),
21 (((
22
23 **Problem**: Both start and end dates are the same! This gives you only **1 day**
     of data, not 90 days.
25 ## Corrected Code for Adelaide Winter 2025
27 Searched codebase for "Adelaide coordinates latitude longitude Australia", 16
      results
29 Here's the corrected code for fetching Adelaide's winter 2025 temperature data:
31 ''' python
32 # Corrected API call for Adelaide Winter 2025 (June, July, August)
33 endpoint = 'https://archive-api.open-meteo.com/v1/archive'
34 params = {
                             # Adelaide latitude
     'latitude': -34.9285,
      'longitude': 138.6007, # Adelaide longitude
36
      'start_date': '2025-06-01',  # Start of winter 2025
37
      'end_date': '2025-08-31',
                                   # End of winter 2025
38
39
      'hourly': 'temperature_2m',
40
      'timezone': 'Australia/Adelaide'
41 }
42 (((
43
44 ## Key Corrections Made:
45
46 ### 1. **Fixed Date Range Issue**
47 - **Your code**: Both start and end dates were the same ('days=90')
48 - **Corrected**: Specific dates for Winter 2025 (June 1 - August 31)
49 - **Total period**: 92 days of data
50
### 2. **Correct Adelaide Coordinates**
52 - **Latitude**: -34.9285 (you had Melbourne's coordinates)
53 - **Longitude**: 138.6007
54 - **Timezone**: 'Australia/Adelaide' (important for DST handling)
56 ### 3. **Period Parameter Choice**
58 For **Winter 2025 Adelaide data**, you have several period options:
60 **For Daily Seasonality (if using hourly data):**
61 '''python
62 period=24 # 24 hours = daily cycle
63 (((
65 **For Weekly Seasonality:**
66 '''python
67 period=168 # 24 hours 7 days = weekly cycle
69
70 **For the full dataset (automatic detection):**
71 '''python
72 # Let statsmodels auto-detect the period
73 decomp = seasonal_decompose(wdf['Temp'], model='additive') # No period specified
74 (((
76 ## Recommended Approach for Your Analysis:
```

```
78 ''' python
79 # Complete corrected code
80 endpoint = 'https://archive-api.open-meteo.com/v1/archive'
81 params = {
82
      'latitude': -34.9285,
                              # Adelaide coordinates
      'longitude': 138.6007,
83
      'start_date': '2025-06-01', # Winter 2025 start
84
      'end_date': '2025-08-31',
                                   # Winter 2025 end
85
      'hourly': 'temperature_2m',
87
       'timezone': 'Australia/Adelaide'
88 }
80
90 # Make the API call
91 response = requests.get(endpoint, params=params)
92 wdata = response.json()
94 # Extract the relevant data
95 timestamps = [datetime.fromisoformat(item) for item in wdata['hourly']['time']]
96 temperatures = wdata['hourly']['temperature_2m']
98 # Create a DataFrame
99 wdf = pd.DataFrame({
      'Date': timestamps,
00
101
      'Temp': temperatures
102 })
# Set the Date column as the index
wdf.set_index('Date', inplace=True)
07 # Perform seasonal decomposition with daily periodicity
08 decomp = seasonal_decompose(wdf['Temp'], model='additive', period=24)
10 # Plot the decomposed components
decomp.plot()
12 plt.title('Adelaide Winter 2025 Temperature Decomposition\n(Daily Seasonality)')
plt.show()
114 (((
15
116 ## What to Expect:
               24 hours = 2,208 data points**
18 - **92 days
19 - **Daily temperature cycles** (warm afternoons, cool nights)
20 - **Possible weekly patterns** (urban heat island effects)
- **Overall winter cooling trend** (seasonal trend)
22 - **Weather variations** (irregular component)
_{24} **Period=24** is correct for identifying the daily temperature cycle in hourly
    data!
```

gammaploid: wwhat happendd? yesterday i got a summary

```
1 GitHub Copilot: Looking at your code, the issue is that you're trying to use '
      arimamodel_fit.summary()' but you haven't called it in your current cells. The
       warnings you're seeing are just informational - they're telling you that
      statsmodels is automatically inferring hourly frequency for your time series
2 Here's what's happening and how to get your summary:
4 ## Current Issue
5 In your current code (lines 100-110), you're fitting the ARIMA model but not
      printing the summary:
7 '''python
8 # Your current code
9 arimamodel = ARIMA(train, order=(5, 1, 0))
arimamodel_fit = arimamodel.fit()
# Missing: print(arimamodel_fit.summary())
13
14 ## To Get the Summary Back
16 Add this line after fitting your model:
17
18 ''' python
19 # Split data into training and test sets
20 train_size = int(len(wdf) * 0.8)
21 train, test = wdf['Temp'][:train_size], wdf['Temp'][train_size:]
23 # Fit the model on the training set
24 arimamodel = ARIMA(train, order=(5, 1, 0))
25 arimamodel_fit = arimamodel.fit()
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30 # Make predictions on the test set
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34 ## About the Warnings
35
36 The warnings you're seeing:
38 ValueWarning: No frequency information was provided, so inferred frequency h will
39 (((
40
41 These are **not errors** - they're just telling you that:
42 - 'h' = hourly frequency was automatically detected
43 - This is correct for your hourly temperature data
44 - You can safely ignore these warnings
46 ## To Suppress the Warnings (Optional)
48 If you want to eliminate the warnings, set the frequency explicitly:
49
50 ''' python
51 # Set frequency explicitly when creating the DataFrame
52 wdf.set_index('Date', inplace=True)
53 wdf.index.freq = 'h' # Explicitly set hourly frequency
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55 # OR set frequency in the ARIMA model
56 arimamodel = ARIMA(train, order=(5, 1, 0), freq='h')
57 (((
58
59 ## Complete Corrected Code for Question 2
61 ''' python
62 # Question 2: ARIMA(5,1,0) with training RMSE
63 print("=== ARIMA(5,1,0) Model Analysis ===")
65 # Split data into training and test sets
66 train_size = int(len(wdf) * 0.8)
67 train, test = wdf['Temp'][:train_size], wdf['Temp'][train_size:]
69 print(f"Training set size: {len(train)} observations")
70 print(f"Test set size: {len(test)} observations")
72 # Fit the model on the training set
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76 # Print the model summary
77 print("\nModel Summary:")
78 print(arimamodel_fit.summary())
80 # Calculate training RMSE
81 train_predictions = arimamodel_fit.fittedvalues
82 train_rmse = np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(train[1:], train_predictions[1:])) # Skip
       first value due to differencing
83 print(f"\nTraining RMSE: {train_rmse:.4f}")
85 # Make predictions on the test set
86 test_predictions = arimamodel_fit.forecast(steps=len(test))
87
88 # Calculate test metrics
89 test_mae = mean_absolute_error(test, test_predictions)
90 test_mse = mean_squared_error(test, test_predictions)
91 test_rmse = np.sqrt(test_mse)
92 test_r2 = r2_score(test, test_predictions)
94 print(f"\nTest Set Performance:")
95 print(f"MAE: {test_mae:.4f}")
96 print(f"MSE: {test_mse:.4f}")
97 print(f"RMSE: {test_rmse:.4f}")
98 print(f"R : {test_r2:.4f}")
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01 The summary disappeared because you weren't calling 'print(arimamodel_fit.summary
      ())' in your current code. Add that line and you'll get all the detailed model
       statistics back!
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My Prompt to Copilot

gammaploid: why did we use steps as len of test? 442?
what's steps

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1 GitHub Copilot: You're right to question that! Let's break down why 'steps=len(
     test) 'is used in the 'forecast()' function:
2 **Purpose of 'forecast(steps=...)'**
4 The 'forecast()' method in the 'statsmodels' ARIMA model is designed to generate
      predictions for *future* time steps. The 'steps' parameter tells the model \ast
      how many* future time steps you want it to predict.
6 **Why 'steps=len(test)'?**
8\, In your code, the goal is to evaluate how well the ARIMA model performs on the
      data you held back for testing (your 'test' set).
      'len(test)' gives you the number of data points in your 'test' set (in your
10 *
      case, 442).
11 *
      By setting 'steps=len(test)', you're instructing the model to generate
      predictions for the *same number of time steps* as are present in your 'test'
      set.
13 **In essence, you're asking the model to predict the entire test period so you can
       compare its predictions to the actual observed values in the 'test' set.**
15 **Analogy**
16
17 Imagine you have temperature readings for the first 20 days of a month (your
      training data) and you want to predict the temperature for the remaining 10
      days (your test data).
      'len(test)' would be 10.
19 *
    'forecast(steps=10)' would give you the model's prediction for those 10 days.
20 *
21
22 **In summary: **
23
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      dataset, allowing you to evaluate the model's performance by comparing the
   predictions to the actual values.
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My Prompt to Copilot

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Training set size: 1766
Test set size: 442

Exo: None

full results of the properties of the
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17 states['state.0', 'state.1', 'state.2', 'state.3', 'state.4', 'state.5']
20
                                 SARIMAX Results
21 -----

      22
      Dep. Variable:
      Temp
      No. Observations:
      1766

      23
      Model:
      ARIMA(5, 1, 0)
      Log Likelihood
      -1375.467

      24
      Date:
      Tue, 23 Sep 2025
      AIC
      2762.933

25 Time:
                               11:38:52 BIC
                                                                         2795.789
                           06-01-2025 HQIC
26 Sample:
                                                                         2775.074
                          - 08-13-2025
28 Covariance Type:
29 -----
                coef std err z P>|z| [0.025 0.975]
31 -----
32 ar.L1 0.6723 0.018 37.768 0.000 0.637 0.707 33 ar.L2 0.0048 0.027 0.182 0.855 -0.047 0.057 34 ar.L3 0.0152 0.030 0.508 0.611 -0.043 0.074 35 ar.L4 -0.0782 0.032 -2.440 0.015 -0.141 -0.015 36 ar.L5 -0.0585 0.025 -2.365 0.018 -0.107 -0.010 37 sigma2 0.2781 0.006 43.205 0.000 0.266 0.291
38 ------
39 Ljung-Box (L1) (Q):
                                        0.12 Jarque-Bera (JB):
    474.03
40 Prob(Q):
                                         0.73 Prob(JB):
     0.00
41 Heteroskedasticity (H):
                                        0.84 Skew:
     0.43
42 Prob(H) (two-sided):
                                        0.04 Kurtosis:
     5.39
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1 gammaploid: whats the difference between lags and steps i'm confused

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1 GitHub Copilot: Of course. That's a very common point of confusion. Let's clear it
       up.
2 Think of it this way:
      **Lags** are about the **PAST** (used for training the model).
      **Steps** are about the **FUTURE** (used for making predictions).
6 Here is a more detailed breakdown:
8 ### Lags (The 'p' in ARIMA)
10 *
      **What it is:** The number of previous time periods the model looks back at to
       make a prediction. It's a core part of the model's structure.
      **Purpose:** To capture **autocorrelation** the idea that a value at a
11 *
      certain time is related to the values that came immediately before it.
12 *
      **Where you see it:** In the model definition: 'ARIMA(order=(p, d, q))'. Your
      model is 'ARIMA(order=(5, 1, 0))', so it uses **5 lags**.
      **In simple terms:** To predict the temperature at 10:00 AM, the model looks
13 *
      at the temperatures from 9:00 AM, 8:00 AM, 7:00 AM, 6:00 AM, and 5:00 AM.
14
15 ### Steps (The 'steps' in 'forecast()')
16
17 *
      **What it is:** The number of future time periods you want the model to
      predict.
      **Purpose: ** To generate a forecast for a specific duration into the future.
18 *
      **Where you see it:** In the prediction function: 'arimamodel_fit.forecast(
19 *
      steps=N)'. Your code uses 'forecast(steps=len(test))', which is 'steps=442'.
      **In simple terms:** Once the model is trained, you ask it: "Okay, now predict
20 *
       the temperature for the **next 442 hours**."
21
22 ---
23
24 ### Analogy: Driving a Car
25
26 Imagine you are the ARIMA model driving a car.
28 *
      **Lags:** To stay in your lane right now, you glance in your rearview mirror
      to see where you were for the **last 5 seconds** (these are your 5 lags). This
       past information helps you make tiny corrections to your steering wheel *now
      **Steps:** You look ahead through the windshield and predict where your car
      will be for the **next 100 meters** (these are your 100 forecast steps).
30
31 ### Summary Table
33 | Feature | Lags ('p') | Steps ('forecast') |
34 |:---|:---|
35 | **Purpose** | Model Training (Input) | Making Predictions (Output) |
```

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36 | **Time Frame** | Looks at the **Past** | Predicts the **Future** |
37 | **Role** | A structural hyperparameter of the model | An argument passed to the
forecast function |
38 | **Example** | 'ARIMA(order=(**5**, 1, 0))' | 'model.forecast(steps=**7**)' |
39 | **Question it Answers** | "How much past data should I use to learn?" | "How far
into the future should I predict?" |
40
41 So, when you build 'ARIMA(order=(5, 1, 0))', you're telling the model to learn
patterns from the last 5 hours. When you call '.forecast(steps=442)', you're
telling that trained model to apply what it learned to predict the next 442
hours.
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gammaploid: for question 4

# Question 4: Perform a 7-step rolling forecast on a hold-out test set using the best ARIMA model from the previous question. Calculate the MAE, MSE,RMSE, and R for the rolling forecast.

should we use https://www.statsmodels.org/stable/generated/statsmodels.tsa.arima. model.ARIMAResults.html? is it the appropriate way ?what do you suggest
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1 GitHub Copilot: Great question! For Question 4, you need to implement a **7-step
      rolling forecast**, which is different from what you currently have. Let me
      explain the difference and show you the proper approach.
2 ## Current Issue with Your Code
4 Your current code does a **static forecast**:
5 '''python
6 # This is NOT a rolling forecast - it's a one-time forecast
7 predictions = arimamodel_fit.forecast(steps=len(test)) # Predicts all 442 steps
## What is a 7-Step Rolling Forecast?
12 A **rolling forecast** means:
13 1. Train model on initial training data
14 2. Predict the next **7 steps** (7 hours)
15 3. **Add the actual observed values** to your training data
16 4. **Retrain** the model with the updated data
17 5. Predict the next 7 steps again
18 6. Repeat until you've covered the entire test set
19
20 ## Recommended Approach
22 Yes, you should use the 'ARIMAResults' methods, but specifically the **'append()
      '** method for efficient rolling forecasts. Here's the proper implementation:
24 ''' python
25 # Question 4: 7-Step Rolling Forecast Implementation
26 print("=== 7-Step Rolling Forecast ===")
28 # Split data into training and test sets
29 train_size = int(len(wdf) * 0.8)
30 train_data = wdf['Temp'][:train_size]
31 test_data = wdf['Temp'][train_size:]
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33 print(f"Training set size: {len(train_data)}")
34 print(f"Test set size: {len(test_data)}")
36 # Determine the best model from Question 3 (you mentioned ARIMA(5,1,0) was best)
37 best_order = (5, 1, 0) # Replace with your best performing model
38 forecast_horizon = 7  # 7-step rolling forecast
40 # Initialize lists to store results
41 rolling_predictions = []
42 actual_values = []
44 # Fit initial model
45 current_train = train_data.copy()
46 model = ARIMA(current_train, order=best_order)
47 fitted_model = model.fit()
49 print(f"Starting rolling forecast with {forecast_horizon}-step horizon...")
51 # Perform rolling forecast
52 for i in range(0, len(test_data), forecast_horizon):
53
      # Determine how many steps to forecast (handle end of series)
      steps_to_forecast = min(forecast_horizon, len(test_data) - i)
54
56
      # Make forecast
57
      forecast = fitted_model.forecast(steps=steps_to_forecast)
59
      # Store predictions and actual values
60
      rolling_predictions.extend(forecast)
61
      actual_values.extend(test_data.iloc[i:i+steps_to_forecast])
62
      # Get actual values for the forecasted period
63
64
      actual_period = test_data.iloc[i:i+steps_to_forecast]
65
      # Update model with new actual data (rolling window)
67
      if i + steps_to_forecast < len(test_data):</pre>
68
          # Use append method for efficient model updating
69
          fitted_model = fitted_model.append(actual_period, refit=True)
70
      print(f"Completed\ forecast\ for\ period\ \{i+1\}-\{i+steps\_to\_forecast\}")
71
72
73 # Convert to arrays for metric calculation
74 rolling_predictions = np.array(rolling_predictions)
75 actual_values = np.array(actual_values)
77 # Calculate metrics for rolling forecast
78 rolling_mae = mean_absolute_error(actual_values, rolling_predictions)
79 rolling_mse = mean_squared_error(actual_values, rolling_predictions)
80 rolling_rmse = np.sqrt(rolling_mse)
81 rolling_r2 = r2_score(actual_values, rolling_predictions)
83 print(f"\n=== 7-Step Rolling Forecast Results ===")
84 print(f"MAE: {rolling_mae:.4f}")
85 print(f"MSE: {rolling_mse:.4f}")
86 print(f"RMSE: {rolling_rmse:.4f}")
87 print(f"R : {rolling_r2:.4f}")
89 # Compare with static forecast from previous questions
90 static_predictions = fitted_model.forecast(steps=len(test_data))
91 static_mae = mean_absolute_error(test_data, static_predictions)
92 static_rmse = np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(test_data, static_predictions))
93 static_r2 = r2_score(test_data, static_predictions)
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95 print(f"\n=== Comparison: Rolling vs Static Forecast ===")
96 print(f"Rolling Forecast - MAE: {rolling_mae:.4f}, RMSE: {rolling_rmse:.4f}, R :
      {rolling_r2:.4f}")
97 print(f"Static Forecast - MAE: {static_mae:.4f}, RMSE: {static_rmse:.4f}, R : {
     static_r2:.4f}")
99 # Plot the results
00 plt.figure(figsize=(15, 8))
102 # Plot last 168 hours (1 week) for better visualization
03 plot_start = max(0, len(test_data) - 168)
04 plot_end = len(test_data)
05
06 plt.plot(test_data.index[plot_start:plot_end],
107
           actual_values[plot_start:plot_end],
08
           label='Actual Temperature', linewidth=2, color='blue')
plt.plot(test_data.index[plot_start:plot_end],
111
          rolling_predictions[plot_start:plot_end],
           label='7-Step Rolling Forecast', linewidth=2, color='red', alpha=0.8)
112
plt.plot(test_data.index[plot_start:plot_end],
15
     static_predictions[plot_start:plot_end],
16
           label='Static Forecast', linewidth=1, color='green', alpha=0.6)
18 plt.title('7-Step Rolling Forecast vs Static Forecast (Last Week)')
19 plt.xlabel('Date')
20 plt.ylabel('Temperature ( C )')
plt.legend()
22 plt.grid(True, alpha=0.3)
23 plt.xticks(rotation=45)
24 plt.tight_layout()
25 plt.show()
126
27 # Calculate improvement
28 mae_improvement = ((static_mae - rolling_mae) / static_mae) * 100
29 rmse_improvement = ((static_rmse - rolling_rmse) / static_rmse) * 100
130
31 print(f"\n=== Performance Improvement ===")
print(f"MAE improvement: {mae_improvement:.2f}%")
33 print(f"RMSE improvement: {rmse_improvement:.2f}%")
34
if rolling_mae < static_mae:
print(" Rolling forecast performs better than static forecast")
37 else:
print(" Static forecast performs better than rolling forecast")
139 (((
40
41 ## Key Methods from 'ARIMAResults':
142
^{43} 1. st 'append()'st: Efficiently updates the model with new data without full
      retraining
44 2. **'forecast()'**: Makes predictions for specified number of steps
45 3. **'extend()'**: Alternative to append for adding multiple observations
47 ## Why Rolling Forecast is Better:
49 1. **More Realistic**: Mimics real-world forecasting where you get new data
      periodically
50 2. **Adaptive**: Model updates as new information becomes available
51 3. **Better Performance**: Usually more accurate than static forecasts for longer
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horizons
4. **Reduces Drift**: Prevents cumulative errors from building up

153
154 ## Expected Results:
155
156 Rolling forecasts typically perform **better** than static forecasts because:
157 - They incorporate new information as it becomes available
158 - They don't suffer from cumulative error drift
159 - They adapt to recent changes in the data pattern
160
161 Your rolling forecast should show improved MAE, RMSE, and R compared to the static forecast from previous questions.
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1 gammaploid: explain the code

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\scriptstyle 1 GitHub Copilot: I'll explain the 7-step rolling forecast code step by step. This
      is a more sophisticated forecasting approach than the static forecast you used
       earlier.
2 ## Code Breakdown
4 ### 1. **Setup and Data Preparation**
5 '''python
6 print("=== 7-Step Rolling Forecast ===")
8 # Split data into training and test sets
9 train_size = int(len(wdf) * 0.8)
10 train_data = wdf['Temp'][:train_size]
11 test_data = wdf['Temp'][train_size:]
12 (((
13 **What it does**:
14 - Creates the same 80/20 train/test split as before
15 - 'train_data': First 80% for initial model training
16 - 'test_data': Last 20% to evaluate rolling forecast performance
17
18 ### 2. **Model Configuration**
20 best_order = (5, 1, 0) # Replace with your best performing model
21 forecast_horizon = 7  # 7-step rolling forecast
22 (((
23 **What it does**:
24 - Uses ARIMA(5,1,0) - your best model from Question 3
25 - Sets horizon to 7 steps (7 hours ahead each time)
27 ### 3. **Initialize Storage**
28 '''python
29 rolling_predictions = []
30 actual_values = []
31 (((
32 **What it does**: Creates empty lists to store all predictions and actual values
     as we go through the rolling process.
33
34 ### 4. **Initial Model Fitting**
35 '''python
36 current_train = train_data.copy()
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37 model = ARIMA(current_train, order=best_order)
38 fitted_model = model.fit()
39 (((
40 **What it does**: Fits the initial ARIMA model on the training data. This is your
      starting point.
41
42 ### 5. **The Rolling Forecast Loop** (The Heart of the Algorithm)
43 '''python
44 for i in range(0, len(test_data), forecast_horizon):
      # Determine how many steps to forecast (handle end of series)
46
      steps_to_forecast = min(forecast_horizon, len(test_data) - i)
47
48
      # Make forecast
     forecast = fitted_model.forecast(steps=steps_to_forecast)
49
50
51
     # Store predictions and actual values
52
     rolling_predictions.extend(forecast)
      actual_values.extend(test_data.iloc[i:i+steps_to_forecast])
53
54
55
      # Get actual values for the forecasted period
56
      actual_period = test_data.iloc[i:i+steps_to_forecast]
57
      # Update model with new actual data (rolling window)
58
      if i + steps_to_forecast < len(test_data):</pre>
59
60
          fitted_model = fitted_model.append(actual_period, refit=True)
61
62
      print(f"Completed forecast for period {i+1}-{i+steps_to_forecast}")
63 (((
64
65 Let me break this loop down iteration by iteration:
67 **Iteration 1** (i=0):
68 - \text{`steps\_to\_forecast} = \min(7, 442-0) = 7
69 - Model predicts hours 1-7 of test set
70 - Stores these 7 predictions and actual values
71 - **Key part**: 'fitted_model.append(actual_period, refit=True)'
72 - Takes the actual observed temperatures for hours 1-7
   - Adds them to the model's training data
74
   - Refits the model with this new information
76 **Iteration 2** (i=7):
77 - Now the model has been updated with actual data from hours 1-7
78 - Predicts hours 8-14 using the updated model
79 - Again stores predictions and updates model with actual hours 8-14
81 ** And so on...**
83 ### 6. **Why 'refit=True' is Important**
84 ''' python
85 fitted_model = fitted_model.append(actual_period, refit=True)
87 **What it does**:
88 - 'append()': Adds new observations to the model's dataset
89 - 'refit=True': Re-estimates all model parameters with the expanded dataset
90 - This makes the model "learn" from recent observations
92 ### 7. **Performance Evaluation**
93 '''python
94 rolling_mae = mean_absolute_error(actual_values, rolling_predictions)
95 rolling_mse = mean_squared_error(actual_values, rolling_predictions)
96 rolling_rmse = np.sqrt(rolling_mse)
97 rolling_r2 = r2_score(actual_values, rolling_predictions)
```

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98 (((
99 **What it does**: Calculates metrics comparing all rolling predictions vs actual
.00
01 ### 8. **Comparison with Static Forecast**
02 '''python
103 static_predictions = fitted_model.forecast(steps=len(test_data))
104 (((
105 **What it does**: Makes a one-time forecast for the entire test period (like your
      previous questions) to compare performance.
07 ## Key Differences: Rolling vs Static
09 | Aspect | Static Forecast | Rolling Forecast |
110 |:---|:---|
111 | **Training Data** | Fixed (initial training set only) | Grows with each
      iteration |
12 | **Model Updates** | Never updated | Updated every 7 hours |
_{13} | **Predictions** | All 442 hours predicted at once | 7 hours at a time, 63 times
_{114} | **Information Used** | Only knows past up to training end | Learns from recent
      actual temperatures |
15 | **Realism** | Unrealistic (no new info for 442 hours) | Realistic (gets updates
      every 7 hours) |
16
17 ## Why Rolling is Better
19 1. **Adaptive Learning**: Model incorporates new temperature patterns as they
      occur
20 2. **Reduced Error Accumulation**: Errors don't compound over 442 hours
21 3. **Real-world Simulation**: Mimics how forecasting actually works in practice
22 4. **Better Accuracy**: Usually performs significantly better than static
      forecasts
24 The rolling forecast essentially says: "Every 7 hours, I'll use the latest
      temperature data to improve my model and predict the next 7 hours" - which is
      much more realistic than "I'll predict the next 442 hours right now and never
   update."
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gammaploid: so you have not used arimaresults? why?

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GitHub Copilot: You're absolutely right to ask! I **did** use 'ARIMAResults'
    methods, but perhaps not as explicitly as I could have. Let me clarify:
## ARIMAResults Methods I Used

1. **'fitted_model.forecast()'** - This is an 'ARIMAResults' method

2. **'fitted_model.append()'** - This is also an 'ARIMAResults' method

## Where ARIMAResults is Used in the Code

"''python

## This creates an ARIMAResults object

## fitted_model = model.fit() # fitted_model is an ARIMAResults instance
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13 # These are ARIMAResults methods:
14 forecast = fitted_model.forecast(steps=steps_to_forecast) # ARIMAResults.forecast
15 fitted_model = fitted_model.append(actual_period, refit=True) # ARIMAResults.
      append()
16 (((
17
18 ## Why I Used This Approach
20 The 'append()' method from 'ARIMAResults' is **exactly** what the documentation
      recommends for rolling forecasts. Here's why:
21
22 ### Alternative 1: Using 'extend()' method
23 '''python
24 # Could also use extend() method
25 fitted_model = fitted_model.extend(actual_period, refit=True)
27
28 ### Alternative 2: Manual re-fitting (less efficient)
29 '''python
30 # Less efficient approach - completely refit each time
31 new_train_data = pd.concat([current_train, actual_period])
32 model = ARIMA(new_train_data, order=best_order)
33 fitted_model = model.fit()
36 ## The Most Explicit ARIMAResults Approach
38 If you want to be more explicit about using 'ARIMAResults' methods, here's an
      enhanced version:
39
40 ''' python
41 # More explicit use of ARIMAResults methods
42 fitted_model = model.fit()
43
44 for i in range(0, len(test_data), forecast_horizon):
45
     steps_to_forecast = min(forecast_horizon, len(test_data) - i)
46
      # ARIMAResults forecast() method
47
      forecast = fitted_model.forecast(steps=steps_to_forecast)
48
49
50
      # ARIMAResults.get_prediction() alternative
      # prediction_results = fitted_model.get_prediction(
51
52
      #
             start=len(fitted_model.fittedvalues),
             end=len(fitted_model.fittedvalues) + steps_to_forecast - 1
53
      #
      # )
54
56
      rolling_predictions.extend(forecast)
57
      actual_values.extend(test_data.iloc[i:i+steps_to_forecast])
58
59
      actual_period = test_data.iloc[i:i+steps_to_forecast]
61
      if i + steps_to_forecast < len(test_data):</pre>
          # ARIMAResults.append() method - this is the key ARIMAResults method
62
          fitted_model = fitted_model.append(actual_period, refit=True)
63
64
          # Could also use ARIMAResults.extend()
65
66
          # fitted_model = fitted_model.extend(actual_period, refit=True)
67 (((
68
69 ## Key ARIMAResults Methods Available
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71 1. **'forecast(steps)'** - Generate forecasts
72 2. ** append(endog, refit=True) ** - Add new observations and optionally refit
73 3. **'extend(endog, refit=True)'** - Similar to append
74 4. **'get_prediction(start, end)'** - Get predictions with confidence intervals
75 5. **'summary()'** - Model summary
76 6. **'fittedvalues'** - In-sample fitted values
77 7. **'resid'** - Residuals
79 ## Why 'append()' is Perfect for Rolling Forecasts
81 The 'append()' method is specifically designed for this use case:
82 - **Efficient**: Doesn't re-estimate all parameters from scratch
83 - **Maintains state**: Preserves model structure and learned parameters
84 - **Built-in**: Designed exactly for rolling/online forecasting scenarios
86 So yes, I **am** using 'ARIMAResults' methods - specifically the ones most
      appropriate for rolling forecasts! The 'append()' method is the recommended
      approach in the statsmodels documentation for exactly this scenario.
88 Would you prefer to see a version that uses additional 'ARIMAResults' methods like
      'get_prediction()' with confidence intervals?
```

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gammaploid: so for this question: # Question 5: Update the model to include an exogenous variable (e.g., hour of the day). Fit the model and compare its performance with the best Adelaide daily temperature ARIMA model without the exogenous variable.

2 method model.exgo shows none, how do wer introduce hour of the day as eogenous variable?
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1 GitHub Copilot: Great question! You're right that 'arimamodel.exog_names' shows '
      None' because you haven't added any exogenous variables yet. Let me show you
      how to add "hour of the day" as an exogenous variable to your ARIMA model.
2 ## What are Exogenous Variables?
4 **Exogenous variables** are external factors that can help predict your target
      variable (temperature) but are not predicted by the model itself. Hour of the
      day is perfect because:
5 - Temperature has a strong daily cycle (hot afternoons, cool nights)
6 - Hour is known in advance (we always know what time it will be)
7 - It's external to the temperature time series itself
9 ## Step-by-Step Implementation
11 ''' python
12 # Question 5: ARIMAX Model with Hour of Day as Exogenous Variable
13 print("=== ARIMAX MODEL WITH HOUR OF DAY ===")
15 # Reload data to ensure clean state
16 response = requests.get(endpoint, params=params)
17 wdata = response.json()
18 timestamps = [datetime.fromisoformat(item) for item in wdata['hourly']['time']]
19 temperatures = wdata['hourly']['temperature_2m']
20
21 # Create DataFrame with additional features
```

```
22 wdf_exog = pd.DataFrame({
'Date': timestamps,
24
     'Temp': temperatures
25 })
26 wdf_exog.set_index('Date', inplace=True)
27
28 # Create exogenous variables
29 print("Creating exogenous variables...")
31 # Method 1: Simple hour of day (0-23)
32 wdf_exog['Hour'] = wdf_exog.index.hour
34 # Method 2: Cyclical encoding (better for capturing cyclical nature)
35 wdf_exog['Hour_sin'] = np.sin(2 * np.pi * wdf_exog.index.hour / 24)
36 wdf_exog['Hour_cos'] = np.cos(2 * np.pi * wdf_exog.index.hour / 24)
38 # Method 3: Time of day categories
39 def time_of_day(hour):
    if 6 <= hour < 12:
         return 1 # Morning
    elif 12 <= hour < 18:
42
        return 2 # Afternoon
43
    elif 18 <= hour < 22:
44
        return 3 # Evening
45
46
    else:
47
         return 0 # Night
49 wdf_exog['Time_of_Day'] = wdf_exog.index.hour.map(time_of_day)
51 print(f"Dataset shape: {wdf_exog.shape}")
52 print("\nFirst few rows with exogenous variables:")
53 print(wdf_exog.head(10))
54
55 # Split data
56 train_size = int(len(wdf_exog) * 0.8)
57 train_temp = wdf_exog['Temp'][:train_size]
58 test_temp = wdf_exog['Temp'][train_size:]
60 # Exogenous variables for training and testing
61 # We'll use cyclical encoding (Hour_sin, Hour_cos) as it's most effective
62 exog_train = wdf_exog[['Hour_sin', 'Hour_cos']][:train_size]
63 exog_test = wdf_exog[['Hour_sin', 'Hour_cos']][train_size:]
65 print(f"\nTraining set: {len(train_temp)} observations")
66 print(f"Test set: {len(test_temp)} observations")
67 print(f"Exogenous variables: {exog_train.columns.tolist()}")
68
69 #
      _______
70 # MODEL 1: BASELINE ARIMA WITHOUT EXOGENOUS VARIABLES
      ______
73 print("\n" + "="*60)
74 print("1. BASELINE ARIMA MODEL (NO EXOGENOUS VARIABLES)")
75 print ("="*60)
77 # Use your best model from previous questions
78 best_order = (5, 1, 0) # Adjust based on your best model from Q3
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80 baseline_model = ARIMA(train_temp, order=best_order)
81 baseline_fitted = baseline_model.fit()
83 # Predictions
84 baseline_predictions = baseline_fitted.forecast(steps=len(test_temp))
86 # Metrics
87 baseline_mae = mean_absolute_error(test_temp, baseline_predictions)
88 baseline_mse = mean_squared_error(test_temp, baseline_predictions)
89 baseline_rmse = np.sqrt(baseline_mse)
90 baseline_r2 = r2_score(test_temp, baseline_predictions)
92 print(f"Baseline ARIMA{best_order} Results:")
93 print(f"MAE: {baseline_mae:.4f}")
94 print(f"MSE: {baseline_mse:.4f}")
95 print(f"RMSE: {baseline_rmse:.4f}")
96 print(f"R : {baseline_r2:.4f}")
97
98 #
      ______
99 # MODEL 2: ARIMAX WITH EXOGENOUS VARIABLES
.00 #
      02 print("\n" + "="*60)
03 print("2. ARIMAX MODEL (WITH HOUR OF DAY)")
04 print("="*60)
06 # Fit ARIMAX model (ARIMA with exogenous variables)
07 arimax_model = ARIMA(train_temp, exog=exog_train, order=best_order)
08 arimax_fitted = arimax_model.fit()
10 print("ARIMAX Model Summary:")
print(arimax_fitted.summary())
112
_{
m 13} # Make predictions (IMPORTANT: must provide exogenous variables for forecast
     period)
114 arimax_predictions = arimax_fitted.forecast(steps=len(test_temp), exog=exog_test)
15
16 # Metrics
17 arimax_mae = mean_absolute_error(test_temp, arimax_predictions)
18 arimax_mse = mean_squared_error(test_temp, arimax_predictions)
19 arimax_rmse = np.sqrt(arimax_mse)
20 arimax_r2 = r2_score(test_temp, arimax_predictions)
22 print(f"\nARIMAX Results:")
print(f"MAE: {arimax_mae:.4f}")
24 print(f"MSE: {arimax_mse:.4f}")
print(f"RMSE: {arimax_rmse:.4f}")
26 print(f"R : {arimax_r2:.4f}")
127
28 # Check exogenous variable names
129 print(f"\nExogenous variables in model: {arimax_model.exog_names}")
.30
131
32 ## Key Points About Exogenous Variables:
34 ### 1. **How to Add Them**
35 '''python
36 # When creating the model, add exog parameter:
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```
ARIMA(endog_data, exog=exog_data, order=(p,d,q))
138 (((
139
40 ### 2. **Must Provide for Forecasting**
41 '''python
42 # CRITICAL: Must provide exog data for forecast period
43 model.forecast(steps=N, exog=future_exog_data)
44 (((
45
46 ### 3. **Types of Hour Encoding**
**Simple Hour (0-23):**
49 '''python
wdf_exog['Hour'] = wdf_exog.index.hour
151 (((
152
**Cyclical Encoding (Recommended):**
154 '''python
iss wdf_exog['Hour_sin'] = np.sin(2 * np.pi * wdf_exog.index.hour / 24)
56 wdf_exog['Hour_cos'] = np.cos(2 * np.pi * wdf_exog.index.hour / 24)
158
59 **Why cyclical?** Because hour 23 and hour 0 are actually close in time, but
      numerically they're far apart (23 vs 0). Sine/cosine encoding captures this
      cyclical relationship.
### 4. **Additional Exogenous Variables You Could Add**
62 '''python
63 # Day of week
64 wdf_exog['DayOfWeek'] = wdf_exog.index.dayofweek
65
66 # Month
67 wdf_exog['Month'] = wdf_exog.index.month
69 # Weekend indicator
70 wdf_exog['Is_Weekend'] = (wdf_exog.index.dayofweek >= 5).astype(int)
71 (((
.72
73 ## Expected Results
74
175 The ARIMAX model should perform **significantly better** than the baseline ARIMA
76 - It can capture the daily temperature cycle explicitly
77 - Hour information helps predict whether it's a typically warm or cool time of day
78 - Should improve R from negative values to positive values
80 Try this code and you should see 'arimax_model.exog_names' showing '['Hour_sin', '
    Hour_cos']' instead of 'None'!
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gammaploid: format this bit:
2 - p=5: uses 5 autoregressive lags (Temp yesterday, 2 days ago 5 days ago).
3
4 - d=1: series was differenced once to remove trend (i.e., predicting changes, not absolute values).
5
6 - q=0: no moving average terms.
7
8 - Lags are about the PAST (used for training the model).: The number of previous
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time periods the model looks back at to make a prediction. It's a core part of
       the model's structure.
10 - Steps are about the FUTURE (used for making predictions): The number of future
      time periods you want the model to predict.
11
12
13 AR Coeff.:
_{14} - ar.L1 = 0.6723 Highly significant (p < 0.001). Strong positive dependence on
       yesterdays value (differenced Temp). If yesterdays change was positive,
       todays is likely positive too.
15 - ar.L2 = 0.0048 Not significant (p = 0.855). Effect of 2-day lag is essentially
      zero.
17 Ljung-Box (Q):
18 Tests if the model's errors are correlated with each other. Prob(Q) = 0.73 is much
       greater than 0.05 means your model has successfully captured the
      autocorrelation in the data
20 Jarque-Bera (JB):
21 Tests if the model's errors are normally distributed (a bell curve shape).
22 Prob(JB) = 0.00 is less than 0.05. This is not good. It means the errors are not
      normally distributed. The Skew (0.43) and Kurtosis (5.39, which is much higher
       than the normal 3) confirm this. This often happens when the model is missing
       something important, like seasonality.
24 Heteroskedasticity (H):Tests if the variance of the errors is constant over time.
26 \text{ Prob}(H) = 0.04 \text{ is less than } 0.05. \text{ This is also not good. It means the size of the}
      model's errors changes over time
28 \textbf{Performance metrics:}
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m 29} MAE has about 1C difference than to the average not terrible, R^{\circ}2 tells us is its
     worse than random guessing, and RMSE tells its 2.5C above avergae
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1 GitHub Copilot: Of course. Here is that text formatted for your LaTeX document. I'
      ve structured it with subsections and lists to make it clear and readable.
2 '''latex
3 \subsection*{Interpretation of the ARIMA(5, 1, 0) Model}
5 \subsubsection*{Model Parameters}
6 \begin{description}
      \item[\texttt{p=5}:] The model uses 5 autoregressive lags. This means it looks
       at the temperature from the past 5 hours to inform its prediction.
      \begin{bmatrix} tem[tttt{d=1}:] \end{bmatrix} The series was differenced once. This is done to remove
      long-term trends, making the model predict the \textit{change} in temperature
      from one hour to the next, rather than the absolute value.
      \begin{array}{c} \text{(texttt{q=0}:]} \end{array} The model uses no moving average terms.
10 \end{description}
12 \subsubsection * { Key Concepts: Lags vs. Steps }
13 \begin{description}
      \item[\textbf{Lags (The Past):}] Refers to the number of previous time steps
      the model uses as input during training. It is a core part of the model's
      structure.
      \item[\textbf{Steps (The Future):}] Refers to the number of future time
      periods the model is asked to predict during the forecasting phase.
16 \end{description}
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18 \subsubsection*{Coefficient Analysis}
19 \begin{description}
            \begin{bmatrix} \text{texttt}\{ar.L1 = 0.6723\}: \end{bmatrix} \\ \text{textbf}\{\text{Highly significant}\} \\ \text{($p < 0.001$)}.
            This shows a strong positive dependence on the previous hour's temperature
            change. If the temperature change was positive in the last hour, it's likely
            to be positive in the current hour too.
            \int text tt{ar.L2 = 0.0048}: \int text f{Not significant} (p = 0.855). The
            effect of the temperature from 2 hours ago is statistically zero in this model
22 \end{description}
24 \subsubsection*{Diagnostic Tests}
25 \begin{description}
            \item[Ljung-Box (Q):] Tests if the model's errors are correlated. A \texttt{
            Prob(Q) of 0.73 (which is > 0.05) is \textbf{good}. It suggests the model has
               successfully captured the autocorrelation in the data, and the remaining
            errors are random.
            \item[Jarque-Bera (JB):] Tests if the model's errors are normally distributed.
              A \text{texttt{Prob(JB)}} of 0.00 (which is < 0.05) is \text{textbf{not good}}. It
            indicates the errors are not normally distributed, which is confirmed by the
            high \text{high } \text{hig
            key feature, such as seasonality.
29
            \item[Heteroskedasticity (H):] Tests if the variance of the errors is constant
              over time. A \text{texttt}\{Prob(H)\}\ of 0.04 (which is < 0.05) is also \text{textbf}\{not\}
            good}. It means the size of the model's errors changes over time (e.g., it
            might be more accurate at certain times of day than others).
31 \end{description}
33 \subsubsection*{Performance Metrics Summary}
34 The Mean Absolute Error (MAE) indicates the model's predictions are, on average,
            off by about 1 C , which is not terrible. However, the negative R value
            reveals that the model's predictions are worse than simply guessing the
            average temperature. The Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE) of 2.5 C further
            highlights the magnitude of the prediction errors.\subsection*{Interpretation
            of the ARIMA(5, 1, 0) Model}
36 \subsubsection*{Model Parameters}
37 \begin{description}
            \item[\texttt{p=5}:] The model uses 5 autoregressive lags. This means it looks
              at the temperature from the past 5 hours to inform its prediction.
             \operatorname{tem}[\operatorname{texttt}\{d=1\}:] The series was differenced once. This is done to remove
            long-term trends, making the model predict the \textit{change} in temperature
            from one hour to the next, rather than the absolute value.
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41 \end{description}
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                successfully captured the autocorrelation in the data, and the remaining
              errors are random.
59
              \item[Jarque-Bera (JB):] Tests if the model's errors are normally distributed.
               A \texttt{Prob(JB)} of 0.00 (which is < 0.05) is \textbf{not good}. It
              indicates the errors are not normally distributed, which is confirmed by the
              high \texttt{Kurtosis} (5.39). This often happens when the model is missing a
              key feature, such as seasonality.
              \item[Heteroskedasticity (H):] Tests if the variance of the errors is constant
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               over time. A \text{texttt}\{Prob(H)\}\ of\ 0.04\ (which is < 0.05)\ is\ also \\ \text{textbf}\{not\ other order 
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