# STAT 560 Final

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# 1.

Analyze the attached final\_data1 by three methods: ARIMA, exponential smoothing, and linear regression. The first column of final\_data1 is the year; the second column is the coal production.

# 1.1 ARIMA model

## 1.1.1

Fit an ARIMA model to this time series, excluding the last 10 observations.

## Answer

First, we examine the time series plot, ACF, and PACF of final\_data1 (excluding the last 10 observations).

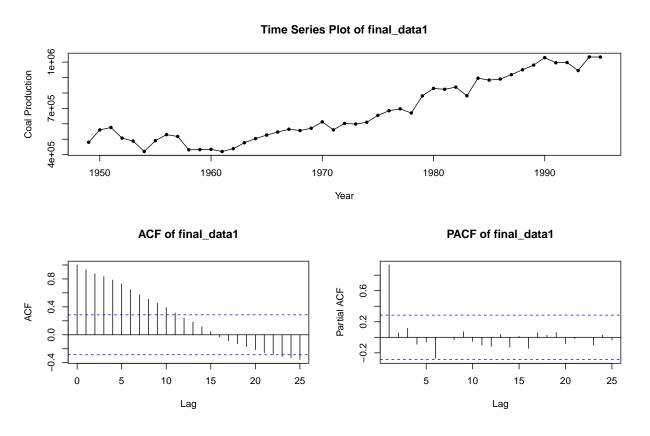


Figure 1: Time series plot, ACF, and PACF of final\_data1.

**Figure 1** shows the time series plot, ACF, and PACF of final\_data1. The data exhibits an upward trend (nonstationary). The ACF decays slowly, and the PACF cuts off after lag 1. Thus, we could fit an **AR(1)** model. Since the data appears nonstationary, we proceed with taking the first difference of the data.

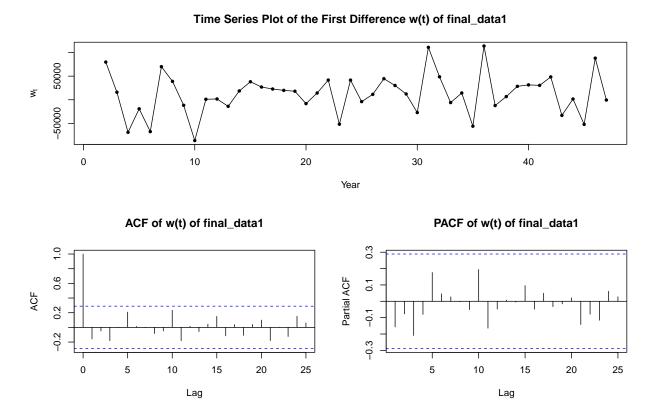


Figure 2: Time series plot, ACF, and PACF of the first difference  $w_t$  of final data1.

**Figure 2** shows the time series plot, ACF, and PACF of the first difference  $w_t$  of final\_data1. The first difference of the data appears stationary, and the ACF and PACF do not indicate any significant autocorrelation. Thus, we could fit an **ARIMA(0,1,0)** model as well.

Putting it all together, we fit an AR(1) and an ARIMA(0,1,0) model to the data (excluding the last 10 observations) then compare their AIC's.

Table 1: AIC Comparison

	AIC
$\overline{AR(1)}$	1149.371
ARIMA(0,1,0)	1116.514

**Table 1** shows the AIC's of the fitted models. We can see that the ARIMA(0,1,0) model has the lowest AIC. The output for the ARIMA(0,1,0) model is below:

```
## Series: final_data1$coal_production[1:47]
## ARIMA(0,1,0) with drift
##
## Coefficients:
## drift
## 12008.778
## s.e. 6369.539
##
## sigma^2 estimated as 1.908e+09: log likelihood=-556.26
## AIC=1116.51 AICc=1116.79 BIC=1120.17
```

The parameter estimate is  $\hat{\delta} = 12008.778$ , so the fitted ARIMA(0,1,0) model is

```
y_t = 12008.778 + y_{t-1} + \epsilon_t
```

## ARIMA Fitted Values Plot for final\_data1

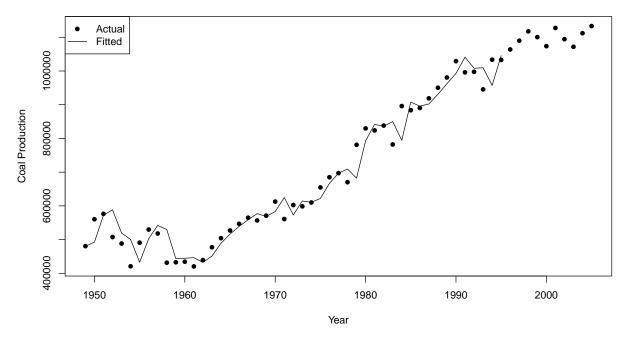


Figure 3: Fitted values for the ARIMA(0,1,0) model of final\_data1.

**Figure 3** shows the fitted values for the ARIMA(0,1,0) model of final\_data1.

## 1.1.2

Forecast the last 10 observations. Calculate the mean squared error (MSE) and the mean absolute percent forecast error (MAPE).

#### Answer

At year 1995, we make the one-step-ahead forecast for 1996. Then when data for 1996 is available, we make the one-step-ahead forecast for 1997, and so on. At each year from 1996-2004, we also update the ARIMA model as we update the actual values.

```
arima010 <- Arima(final data1$coal production[1:47], order=c(0, 1, 0), include.drift=T)
# One-step ahead ARIMA forecast and prediction limits for year 1996
forecast.arima010 <- forecast(arima010, h=1)$mean</pre>
lpl <- forecast(arima010, h=1)$lower[,2]</pre>
upl <- forecast(arima010, h=1) upper[,2]
a <- final_data1$coal_production[1:47]</pre>
# One-step ahead ARIMA forecasts and prediction limits for years 1997-2005
for (i in 1:9) {
  # Updated actual value
  a[47+i] <- final_data1$coal_production[47+i]</pre>
  # Updated ARIMA model
  arima010 <- Arima(a, order=c(0, 1, 0), include.drift=T)
  # Vector of forecasted values
  forecast.arima010 <- c(forecast.arima010, forecast(arima010, h=1)$mean)</pre>
  # Vectors of prediction limits
 lpl <- c(lpl, forecast(arima010, h=1)$lower[,2])</pre>
  upl <- c(upl, forecast(arima010, h=1) upper[,2])
# ARIMA forecast plot
plot(final_data1$coal_production[1:47] ~ year[1:47], data=final_data1, type='p', pch=16,
     xlim=c(1949, 2005), ylim=c(420000, 1223000),
     main='ARIMA Forecasts for final_data1\n(1996-2005)', ylab='Coal Production', xlab='Year')
points(1996:2005, final_data1$coal_production[48:57])
lines(1996:2005, forecast.arima010)
lines(1996:2005, lpl, lty=2)
lines(1996:2005, upl, lty=2)
legend('topleft', pch=c(16,1,NA,NA), lty=c(NA,NA,1,2), bty='n',
       legend=c('Actual (1949-1995)','Actual (1996-2005)',
                'Forecast', '95% Prediction Intervals'))
```

# ARIMA Forecasts for final\_data1 (1996–2005)

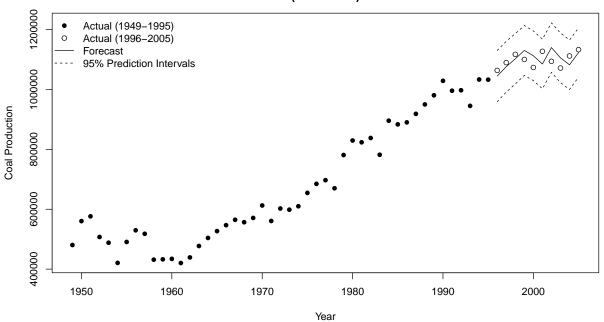


Figure 4: One-step ahead ARIMA forecasts for final data1 from 1996-2005.

Figure 4 shows the one-step ahead ARIMA forecasts for final\_data1 from 1996-2005.

Next, we calculate the mean squared error (MSE) and mean absolute percentage error (MAPE) of the ARIMA forecasts.

```
# ARIMA forecast errors
error.arima010 <- final_data1$coal_production[48:57] - forecast.arima010

# MSE and MAPE of ARIMA forecasts
MSE.arima011 <- sum(error.arima010^2) / 10
MAPE.arima011 <- 100*sum(abs(error.arima010/final_data1$coal_production[48:57])) / 10

dt <- rbind(MSE=MSE.arima011, MAPE=MAPE.arima011)
kable(dt, caption='MSE and MAPE of ARIMA Forecasts')</pre>
```

Table 2: MSE and MAPE of ARIMA Forecasts

MSE	9.234861e + 08
MAPE	2.538415e+00

Table 2 shows the MSE and MAPE of the ARIMA forecasts.

#### 1.1.3

Show how to obtain the 95% prediction intervals (PIs) for the forecasts in part 1.1.2). Your answer should include how to obtain the linear filter  $\psi_i$ s for  $y_{t+\tau}$ , the formula of calculating PIs and the calculated intervals.

#### Answer

The product of the required polynomials for the ARIMA(0,1,0) model is

$$(\psi_0 + \psi_1 B + \psi_2 B^2 + \psi_3 B^3 + \dots)(1 - B) = 1$$

Equating like power of B, we find that

$$B^0: \psi_0 = 1$$

$$B^1: \psi_1 - \psi_0 = 0 \rightarrow \psi_1 = 1$$

$$B^2: \psi_2 - \psi_1 = 0 \rightarrow \psi_2 = 1$$

$$B^3: \psi_3 - \psi_2 = 0 \to \psi_3 = 1$$

In general, we can show for the ARIMA(0,1,0) model that  $\psi_j = \psi_{j-1} = 1$ .

The variance of the forecast error is

$$Var[e_T(\tau)] = \sigma^2 \sum_{i=0}^{\tau-1} \psi_i^2 = \sigma^2 \tau$$

Thus, the  $100(1-\alpha)$  percent prediction interval for  $y_{T+\tau}$  is

$$\hat{y}_{T+\tau}(T) \pm Z_{\alpha/2} * \sqrt{Var[e_T(\tau)]} \text{ or } \hat{y}_{T+\tau}(T) \pm Z_{\alpha/2} * \sigma \sqrt{\tau}$$

For  $\tau = 1$  the prediction interval becomes

$$\hat{y}_{T+1}(T) \pm Z_{\alpha/2} * \sigma$$

The calculated intervals are displayed in the table below:

```
# Table of ARIMA forecasts and prediction intervals from 1996-2005
dt <- cbind(Year=1996:2005, Forecast=forecast.arima010, '95% LPL'=lpl, '95% UPL'=upl)
kable(dt, row.names=F, caption='ARIMA Forecasts and 95% Prediction Intervals (1996-2005)')</pre>
```

Table 3: ARIMA Forecasts and 95% Prediction Intervals (1996-2005)

Year	Forecast	$95\%~\mathrm{LPL}$	95% UPL
1996	1044983	959375.5	1130590
1997	1076266	991422.7	1161109
1998	1102627	1018602.1	1186652
1999	1130534	1047284.9	1213784
2000	1112829	1030011.6	1195646
2001	1085240	1002551.6	1167928
2002	1140133	1057450.9	1222816
2003	1105863	1023053.8	1188671
2004	1082700	1000173.6	1165227
2005	1123581	1041453.8	1205709

Table 3 shows the ARIMA forecasts and 95% prediction intervals for final\_data1 from 1996-2005.

# 1.2 Exponential Smoothing method

## 1.2.1

Use an exponential smoothing with the optimum value of  $\lambda$  to smooth the data, excluding the last 10 observations. Let the range of  $\lambda$  be [0.3, 1].

#### Answer

First, we need to find the optimal  $\lambda$ . The optimal  $\lambda$  for a linear trend process is the  $\lambda$  value that minimizes the sum of squared prediction errors (SSE) of the second smoothing.

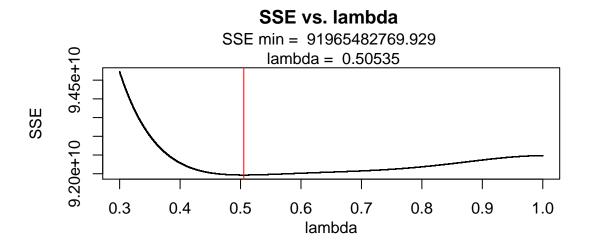


Figure 5: SSE vs.  $\lambda$ .

**Figure 5** shows the SSE vs.  $\lambda$ . We can see that the optimal  $\lambda$  is 0.50535.

We use second-order exponential smoothing on the data (excluding the last 10 observations) with  $\lambda = 0.50535$ .

# Exponential Smoothing Fitted Values Plot for final\_data1 (lambda = 0.50535)

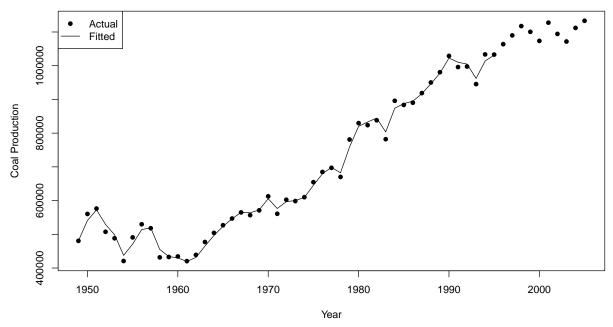


Figure 6: Fitted values for the second-order exponential smoothing of final data1.

Figure 6 shows the fitted values for the second-order exponential smoothing of final\_data1.

## 1.2.2

Forecast the last 10 observations. Calculate the mean squared error (MSE) and the mean absolute percent forecast error (MAPE).

#### Answer

At year 1995, we make the one-step-ahead forecast for 1996. Then when data for 1996 is available, we make the one-step-ahead forecast for 1997, and so on.

```
# One-step ahead exponential smoothing forecasts for years 1996-2005
lambda <- 0.50535
T <- 47
tau <- 10
alpha.lev <- .05
forecast.smooth <- rep(0, tau)
cl <- rep(0, tau)
smooth1 <- rep(0, T+tau)
smooth2 <- rep(0, T+tau)
for (i in 1:tau) {
    smooth1[1:(T+i-1)] <- firstsmooth(y=final_data1$coal_production[1:(T+i-1)], lambda=lambda)
    smooth2[1:(T+i-1)] <- firstsmooth(y=smooth1[1:(T+i-1)], lambda=lambda)
    forecast.smooth[i] <- (2+(lambda/(1-lambda)))*smooth1[T+i-1]-(1+(lambda/(1-lambda)))*smooth2[T+i-1]</pre>
```

```
y.hat <- 2*smooth1[1:(T+i-1)]-smooth2[1:(T+i-1)]
  sig.est <- sqrt(var(final_data1$coal_production[2:(T+i-1)] - y.hat[1:(T+i-2)]))</pre>
  cl[i] <- qnorm(1-alpha.lev/2)*sig.est</pre>
}
# Exponential smoothing forecast plot
plot(final_data1$coal_production[1:T] ~ year[1:T], data=final_data1, type='p', pch=16,
     xlim=c(1949,2005), ylim=c(420000, 1223000),
     main='Exponential Smoothing Forecasts for final_data1\n(1996-2005, lambda = 0.50535)',
     ylab='Coal Production', xlab='Year')
points(1996:2005, final_data1$coal_production[(T+1):(T+tau)])
lines(1996:2005, forecast.smooth)
lines(1996:2005, forecast.smooth+cl, lty=2)
lines(1996:2005, forecast.smooth-cl, lty=2)
legend('topleft', pch=c(16,1,NA,NA), lty=c(NA,NA,1,2), bty='n',
       legend=c('Actual (1949-1995)','Actual (1996-2005)',
                'Forecast', '95% Prediction Intervals'))
```

# Exponential Smoothing Forecasts for final\_data1 (1996–2005, lambda = 0.50535)

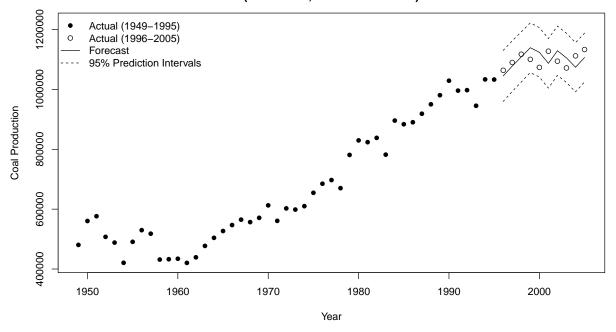


Figure 7: One-step ahead second-order exponential smoothing forecasts for final\_data1 from 1996-2005.

**Figure 7** shows the one-step ahead second-order exponential smoothing forecasts for final\_data1 from 1996-2005.

Next, we calculate the mean squared error (MSE) and mean absolute percentage error (MAPE) of the exponential smoothing forecasts.

```
# Exponential smoothing forecast errors
error.smooth <- final_data1$coal_production[48:57] - forecast.smooth</pre>
```

```
# MSE and MAPE of exponential smoothing forecasts
MSE.smooth <- sum(error.smooth^2) / 10
MAPE.smooth <- 100*sum(abs(error.smooth/final_data1$coal_production[48:57])) / 10

dt <- rbind(MSE=MSE.smooth, MAPE=MAPE.smooth)
kable(dt, caption='MSE and MAPE of Exponential Smoothing Forecasts')</pre>
```

Table 4: MSE and MAPE of Exponential Smoothing Forecasts

MSE	1.07986e + 09
MAPE	2.76123e+00

Table 4 shows the MSE and MAPE of the exponential smoothing forecasts.

## 1.2.3

Show how to obtain the 95% prediction intervals for the forecasts in part 1.2.2). Your answer should include the formula of calculating PIs and the calculated intervals.

#### Answer

The  $100(1-\alpha)$  percent prediction interval for any lead time  $\tau$  is

$$(2 + \frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda}\tau)\hat{y}_{T}^{(1)} - (1 + \frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda}\tau)\hat{y}_{T}^{(2)} \pm Z_{\alpha/2}\frac{c_{\tau}}{c_{1}}\hat{\sigma}_{e} \text{ or } \hat{y}_{T+\tau}(T) \pm Z_{\alpha/2}\frac{c_{\tau}}{c_{1}}\hat{\sigma}_{e}$$
  
where  $c_{i}^{2} = 1 + \frac{\lambda}{(2-\lambda)^{3}}[(10 - 14\lambda + 5\lambda^{2}) + 2i\lambda(4 - 3\lambda) + 2i^{2}\lambda^{2}]$ 

For  $\tau = 1$  the prediction interval becomes

$$(2 + \frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda})\hat{y}_T^{(1)} - (1 + \frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda})\hat{y}_T^{(2)} \pm Z_{\alpha/2} * \hat{\sigma}_e \text{ or } \hat{y}_{T+1}(T) \pm Z_{\alpha/2} * \hat{\sigma}_e$$

The calculated intervals are displayed in the table below:

Table 5: Exponential Smoothing Forecasts and 95% Prediction Intervals (1996-2005)

Year	Forecast	$95\%~\mathrm{LPL}$	95% UPL
1996	1045133	959924.6	1130341
1997	1077885	993409.1	1162362
1998	1108672	1024944.5	1192399
1999	1139317	1056322.4	1222312
2000	1123966	1041447.4	1206485
2001	1087093	1004295.5	1169891
2002	1129284	1046901.2	1211667
2003	1105437	1023278.2	1187595

Year	Forecast	$95\%~\mathrm{LPL}$	95% UPL
2004	1073982	991802.3	1156161
2005	1106494	1024888.2	1188100

**Table 5** shows the exponential smoothing forecasts and 95% prediction intervals for final\_data1 from 1996-2005.

## 1.3 Linear regression model

#### 1.3.1

Use a linear regression model to fit the data, excluding the last 10 observations.

#### Answer

First, we convert the data (excluding the last 10 observations) to a time-series object using the **ts** function. Then, we fit a linear model with trend component to the time-series object using the **tslm** function from the **forecast** package. The summary of the model is below:

```
# Convert data to ts object
y <- ts(final_data1$coal_production[1:47], start=1949, end=1995)
# Fitted linear model with trend component
lm <- tslm(y ~ trend)
# Model summary
summary(lm)</pre>
```

```
##
## Call:
## tslm(formula = y ~ trend)
##
## Residuals:
##
      Min
                10 Median
                                3Q
                                       Max
  -105853 -63630 -10117
##
                             52524
                                    186302
##
## Coefficients:
              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) 349159.7
                                     15.47
                           22567.4
                                             <2e-16 ***
## trend
                13624.3
                             818.6
                                     16.64
                                             <2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Residual standard error: 76130 on 45 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.8602, Adjusted R-squared: 0.8571
## F-statistic:
                 277 on 1 and 45 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

Thus, the fitted linear regression model is

```
\hat{y} = 349159.7 + 13624.3x
```

where  $\hat{y} = \text{predicted}$  value of coal production and x = time (x = 1 for 1949, x = 2 for 1950, etc.).

## Linear Regression Fitted Values Plot for final\_data1

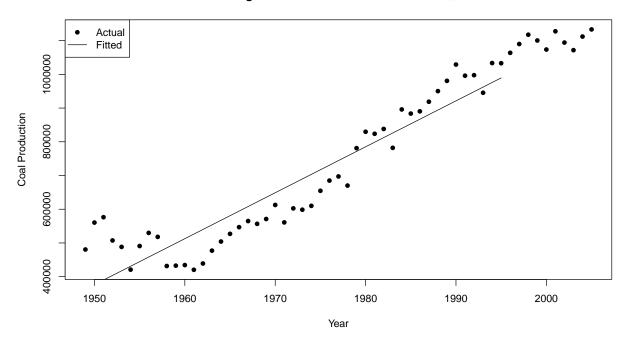


Figure 8: Fitted values for the linear regression model of final\_data1.

Figure 8 shows the fitted values for the linear regression model of final\_data1.

## 1.3.2

Forecast the last 10 observations. Calculate the mean squared error (MSE) and the mean absolute percent forecast error (MAPE).

## Answer

At year 1995, we make the one-step-ahead forecast for 1996. Then when data for 1996 is available, we make the one-step-ahead forecast for 1997, and so on. At each year from 1996-2004, we also update the linear regression model as we update the actual values.

```
# One-step ahead linear regression forecast and prediction limits for year 1996
forecast.lm <- forecast(lm, h=1)$mean</pre>
lpl <- forecast(lm, h=1)$lower[,2]; upl <- forecast(lm, h=1)$upper[,2]</pre>
# One-step ahead linear regression forecasts and prediction limits for years 1997-2005
for (i in 1:9) {
  # Updated actual value
 y \leftarrow ts(final_data1\$coal_production[1:(47+i)], start=1949, end=(1995+i))
  # Updated linear model
  lm <- tslm(y ~ trend)</pre>
  # Vector of forecasted values
  forecast.lm <- c(forecast.lm, forecast(lm, h=1)$mean)</pre>
  # Vectors of prediction limits
 lpl <- c(lpl, forecast(lm, h=1)$lower[,2])</pre>
  upl <- c(upl, forecast(lm, h=1) upper[,2])
# Linear regression forecast plot
plot(final_data1$coal_production[1:47] ~ year[1:47], data=final_data1, type='p', pch=16,
xlim=c(1949, 2005), ylim=c(420000, 1295000),
main='Linear Regression Forecasts for final_data1\n(1996-2005)', ylab='Coal Production', xlab='Year')
points(1996:2005, final_data1$coal_production[48:57])
lines(1996:2005, forecast.lm); lines(1996:2005, lpl, lty=2); lines(1996:2005, upl, lty=2)
legend('topleft', pch=c(16,1,NA,NA), lty=c(NA,NA,1,2), bty='n',
       legend=c('Actual (1949-1995)','Actual (1996-2005)',
                 'Forecast', '95% Prediction Intervals'))
```

# Linear Regression Forecasts for final\_data1 (1996–2005)

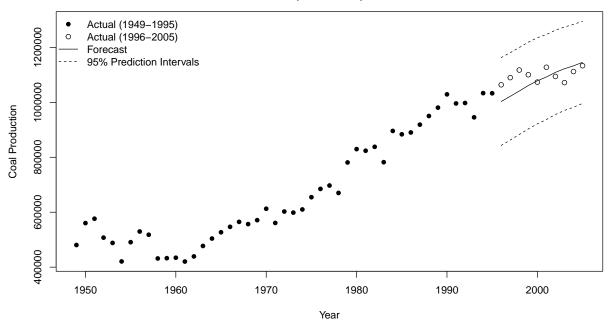


Figure 9: One-step ahead linear regression forecasts for final\_data1 from 1996-2005.

Figure 9 shows the one-step ahead linear regression forecasts for final data1 from 1996-2005.

Next, we calculate the mean squared error (MSE) and mean absolute percentage error (MAPE) of the linear regression forecasts.

```
# Linear regression forecast errors
error.lm <- final_data1$coal_production[48:57] - forecast.lm
# MSE and MAPE of linear regression forecasts
MSE.lm <- sum(error.lm^2) / 10
MAPE.lm <- 100*sum(abs(error.lm/final_data1$coal_production[48:57])) / 10
dt <- rbind(MSE=MSE.lm, MAPE=MAPE.lm)
kable(dt, caption='MSE and MAPE of Linear Regression Forecasts')</pre>
```

Table 6: MSE and MAPE of Linear Regression Forecasts

MSE	2.033958e+09
MAPE	$3.497526e{+00}$

Table 6 shows the MSE and MAPE of the linear regression forecasts.

We can now compare the MSE's and MAPE's of all three methods.

Table 7: MSE and MAPE Comparison

	ARIMA	Exponential Smoothing	Linear Regression
MSE	9.23e+08	1.08e+09	2.03e+09
MAPE	2.538	2.761	3.498

**Table 7** shows the MSE's and MAPE's of the three methods: ARIMA, exponential smoothing, and linear regression. The ARIMA forecasts are the most accurate (smallest errors), while the linear regression forecasts are the least accurate (largest errors).

## 1.3.3

Show how to obtain the 95% prediction intervals for the forecasts in part 1.3.2). Your answer should include the formula of calculating PIs and the calculated intervals.

## Answer

The  $100(1-\alpha)$  percent prediction interval for  $y_{n+1}$  when the predictor  $x=x_{n+1}$  is

$$\hat{y}_{n+1} \pm t_{(\alpha/2, n-2)} * \sqrt{MSE} \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x_{n+1} - \bar{x})^2}{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}}$$

The calculated intervals are displayed in the table below:

Table 8: Linear Regression Forecasts and 95% Prediction Intervals (1996-2005)

Year	Forecast	$95\%~\mathrm{LPL}$	95% UPL
1996	1003127	843206.0	1163048
1997	1021812	862847.7	1180777
1998	1041152	882844.2	1199460
1999	1061209	903209.8	1219208
2000	1078411	921830.3	1234992
2001	1092256	937436.4	1247076
2002	1109135	955700.3	1262569
2003	1122313	970480.0	1274146
2004	1132884	982013.8	1283754
2005	1145549	996134.9	1294964

Table 8 shows the linear regression forecasts and 95% prediction intervals for final\_data1 from 1996-2005.

# 2.

The data final\_data\_560 contains 7 years of monthly data on the number of airline miles flown in the United Kingdom. This is a seasonal data. Develop an appropriate ARIMA model and a procedure for these data. And calculate the prediction intervals for the eighth year (next 12 months).

## Answer

First, we examine the time series plot, ACF, and PACF of the data.

#### **Time Series Plot of UK Airline Miles Flown** 16 Miles (In Millions) 4 12 10 Jul-65 Oct-65 Jul-66 Jul-67 Oct-68 Apr-67 Oct-67 Jul-68 **ACF of UK Airline Miles Flown PACF of UK Airline Miles Flown** 0.4 Partial ACF ACF 0.0 30 40 0 10 40 0 10 20 20 30 Lag Lag

Figure 10: Time series plot, ACF, and PACF of UK airline miles flown.

**Figure 10** shows the time series plot, ACF, and PACF of UK airline miles flown. The data exhibits an upward trend as well as a seasonal pattern. ACF values at lags 12, 24, 36 are significant and slowly decreasing, which indicate a monthly seasonality (s=12). We proceed with taking the seasonal difference and first difference of the data.

#### Time Series Plot of w(t)

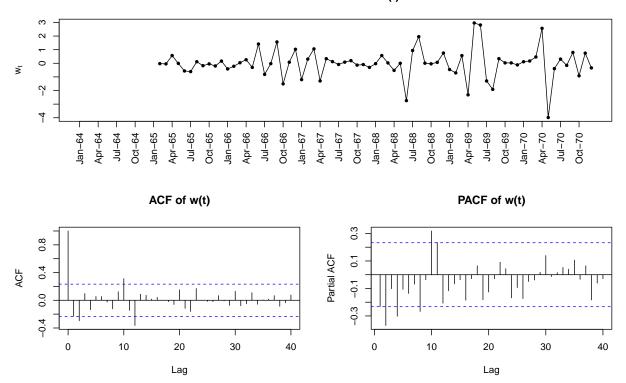


Figure 11: Time series plot, ACF, and PACF of  $w_t = (1 - B)(1 - B^{12})y_t$ .

Figure 11 shows the time series plot, ACF, and PACF of  $w_t = (1 - B)(1 - B^{12})y_t$ . Applying seasonal differencing D = 12 and first differencing appears to have removed the trend. The ACF seems to be significant at the first two lags, and the PACF decays at early lags. This suggests a nonseasonal MA(2) component in the model. The ACF having a significant value at lag 12 and the PACF decaying at lags 12, 24, and 36 also suggest a seasonal MA(1) component. Thus, we fit an ARIMA(0,1,2) x  $(0,1,1)_{12}$  model to the data.

The parameter estimates are:

```
## Series: final_data_560$Miles
   ARIMA(0,1,2)(0,1,1)[12]
##
##
   Coefficients:
##
                       ma2
                               sma1
             ma1
##
         -0.5845
                   -0.2429
                            -0.5425
##
          0.1528
                    0.1664
                             0.1204
  s.e.
##
## sigma^2 estimated as 0.6389: log likelihood=-86.01
## AIC=180.02
                AICc=180.63
```

Thus, the fitted model is

$$(1-B)(1-B)^{12}y_t = (1-0.5845B - 0.2429B^2)(1-0.5425B^{12})\epsilon_t$$

Next, we plot the ACF and PACF of the residuals.

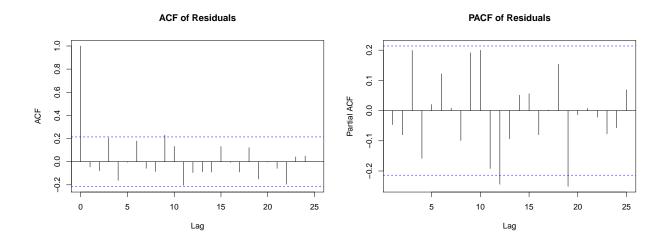


Figure 12: ACF and PACF of residuals from the ARIMA(0,1,2) x  $(0,1,1)_{12}$  model.

**Figure 12** shows the ACF and PACF of residuals from the ARIMA(0,1,2) x  $(0,1,1)_{12}$  model. There are still some small significant values, but most of the autocorrelation has been modeled out.

Next, we look at the 4-in-1 residual plots (normal Q-Q, residual vs. fitted value, histogram, and residual vs. observation order).

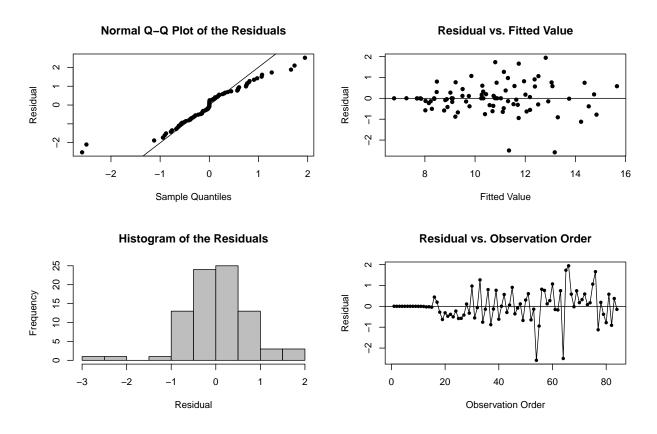


Figure 13: Residual plots from the ARIMA(0,1,2) x  $(0,1,1)_{12}$  model.

Figure 13 shows the residual plots from the ARIMA(0,1,2) x  $(0,1,1)_{12}$  model. The normal q-q plot of the residuals shows that most of the residuals follow a normal distribution except at the tails. The histogram of the residuals looks mostly normal. The residual vs. fitted value plot does not show any obvious patterns in the residuals, so the equal variance assumption does not appear to be violated. The residual vs. observation order plot does not indicate any autocorrelation.

Finally, we plot the fitted values and forecast the eighth year (next 12 months).

#### **SARIMA Fitted Values Plot**

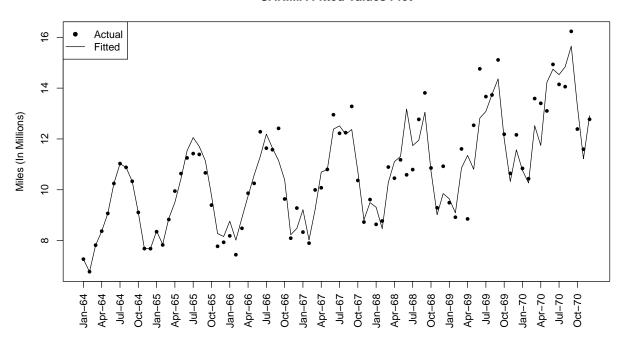


Figure 14: Fitted values for the ARIMA(0,1,2) x  $(0,1,1)_{12}$  model.

**Figure 14** shows the fitted values for the ARIMA(0,1,2) x  $(0,1,1)_{12}$  model. The model provides a reasonable fit to the data.

## **SARIMA Forecasts for the Eighth Year (Next 12 Months)**

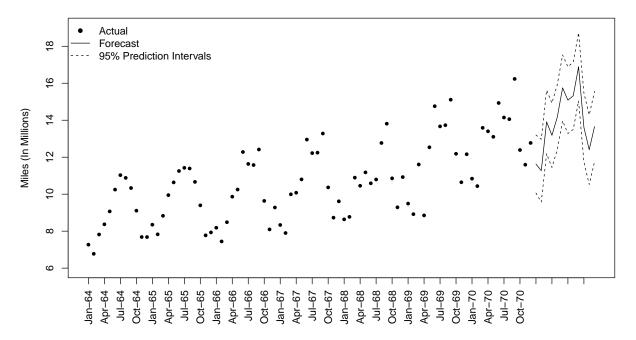


Figure 15: One- to 12-step ahead SARIMA forecasts for the next 12 months.

Figure 15 shows the one- to 12-step ahead SARIMA forecasts for the next 12 months.

```
dt <- cbind(Forecast=forecast.sarima, '95% LPL'=lpl, '95% UPL'=upl)
kable(dt, caption='SARIMA Forecasts and 95% Prediction Intervals for the Eighth Year (Next 12 Months)')</pre>
```

Table 9: SARIMA Forecasts and 95% Prediction Intervals for the Eighth Year (Next 12 Months)

Forecast	$95\%~\mathrm{LPL}$	95% UPL
11.63127	10.064325	13.19821
11.27238	9.575575	12.96919
13.91280	12.194590	15.63101
13.18440	11.445043	14.92375
14.16068	12.400439	15.92092
15.75091	13.970035	17.53179
15.08497	13.283681	16.88625
15.32265	13.501188	17.14411
16.88642	15.045006	18.72784
13.61482	11.753664	15.47598
12.40506	10.524369	14.28575
13.66080	11.760756	15.56084

Table 9 shows the SARIMA forecasts and 95% prediction intervals for the next 12 months.