

ETC3550

Applied forecasting for business and economics

Ch12. Some practical forecasting issues

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FORECASTING

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Models for daily, hourly and other sub-daily data

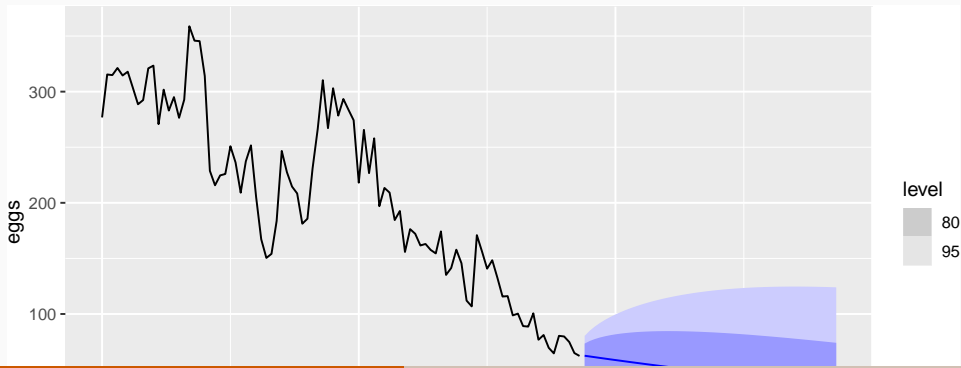
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Positive forecasts

```
recent_prices <- prices |> filter(!is.na(eggs))  
recent_prices |>  
  model(ETS(log(eggs) ~ error("A") + trend("A") + season("N"))) |>  
  forecast(h = 50) |>  
  autoplot(recent_prices)
```



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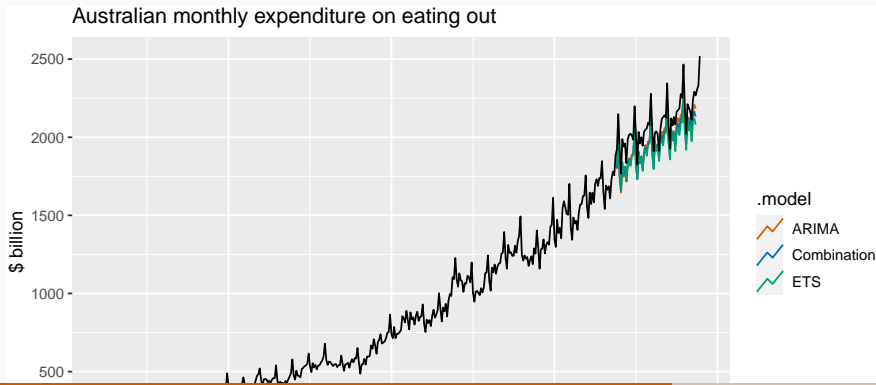
“The results have been virtually unanimous: combining multiple forecasts leads to increased forecast accuracy. ... In many cases one can make dramatic performance improvements by simply averaging the forecasts.”

Forecast combinations

```
aus_cafe <- aus_retail |>
  filter(Industry == "Cafes, restaurants and catering services") |>
  summarise(Turnover = sum(Turnover))
fc <- aus_cafe |>
  filter(Month <= yearmonth("2013 Sep")) |>
  model(
    ETS = ETS(Turnover),
    ARIMA = ARIMA(Turnover)
  ) |>
  mutate(
    Combination = (ETS + ARIMA) / 2
  ) |>
  forecast(h = "5 years")
```

Forecast combinations

```
fc |> autoplot(aus_cafe, level = NULL) +  
  labs(  
    x = "Year", y = "$ billion",  
    title = "Australian monthly expenditure on eating out"  
  )
```



Forecast combinations

```
fc |> accuracy(aus_cafe)
```

```
## # A tibble: 3 x 10
```

##	.model	.type	ME	RMSE	MAE	MPE	MAPE	MASE	RMSSE	ACF1
##	<chr>	<chr>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>
## 1	ARIMA	Test	112.	122.	112.	5.44	5.44	1.80	1.50	0.510
## 2	Combination	Test	120.	125.	120.	5.81	5.81	1.93	1.55	0.382
## 3	ETS	Test	128.	133.	128.	6.18	6.18	2.06	1.64	0.324

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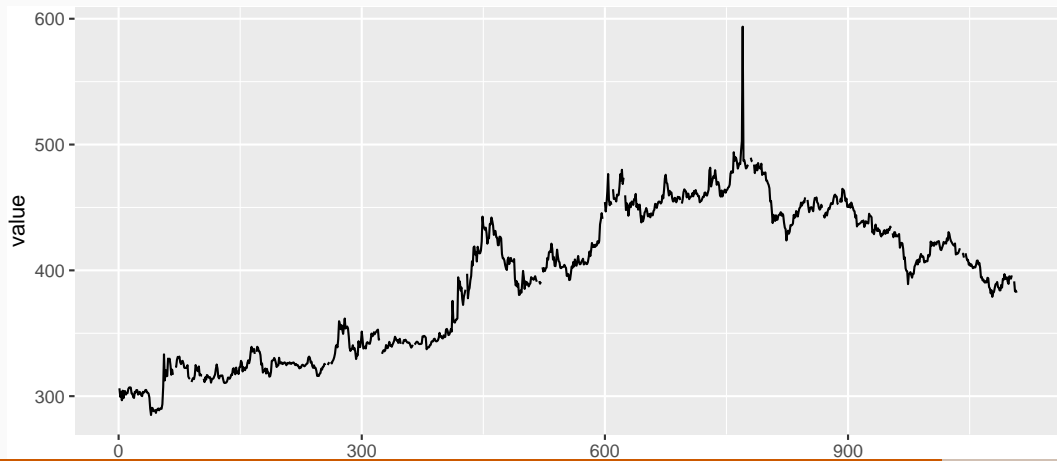
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What to do?

- 1 Model section of data after last missing value.

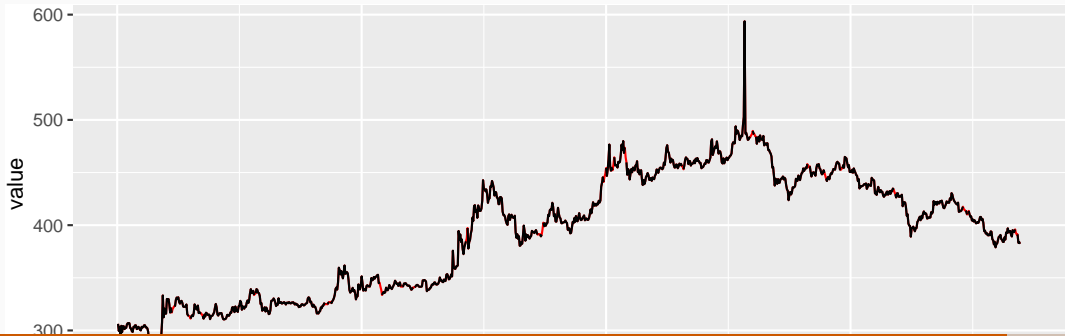
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```
gold <- as_tsibble(forecast::gold)
gold |> autoplot(value)
```



Missing values

```
gold_complete <- gold |>  
  model(ARIMA(value)) |>  
  interpolate(gold)  
gold_complete |>  
  autoplot(value, colour = "red") +  
  autolayer(gold, value)
```



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```
fit <- gold |>
  model(ARIMA(value))
augment(fit) |>
  mutate(stdres = .resid / sd(.resid, na.rm = TRUE)) |>
  filter(abs(stdres) > 10)
```

```
## # A tsibble: 2 x 7 [1]
```

```
## # Key:           .model [1]
```

##	.model	index	value	.fitted	.resid	.innov	stdres
##	<chr>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>
## 1	ARIMA(value)	770	594.	499.	94.7	94.7	16.4
## 2	ARIMA(value)	771	487.	562.	-74.8	-74.8	-12.9