

5. The forecaster's toolbox

5.7 Forecasting with decomposition

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Forecasting and decomposition

$$y_t = \hat{S}_t + \hat{A}_t$$

- \hat{A}_t is seasonally adjusted component
 - \hat{S}_t is seasonal component.
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- Forecast \hat{S}_t using SNAIVE.
 - Forecast \hat{A}_t using non-seasonal time series method.
 - Combine forecasts of \hat{S}_t and \hat{A}_t to get forecasts of original data.

US Retail Employment

```
us_retail_employment <- us_employment |>
  filter(year(Month) >= 1990, Title == "Retail Trade") |>
  select(-Series_ID)
us_retail_employment
```

```
## # A tsibble: 357 x 3 [1M]
##       Month Title      Employed
##       <mtch> <chr>      <dbl>
## 1 1990 Jan Retail Trade 13256.
## 2 1990 Feb Retail Trade 12966.
## 3 1990 Mar Retail Trade 12938.
## 4 1990 Apr Retail Trade 13012.
## 5 1990 May Retail Trade 13108.
## 6 1990 Jun Retail Trade 13183.
## 7 1990 Jul Retail Trade 13170.
## 8 1990 Aug Retail Trade 13160.
## 9 1990 Sep Retail Trade 13112.
```

US Retail Employment

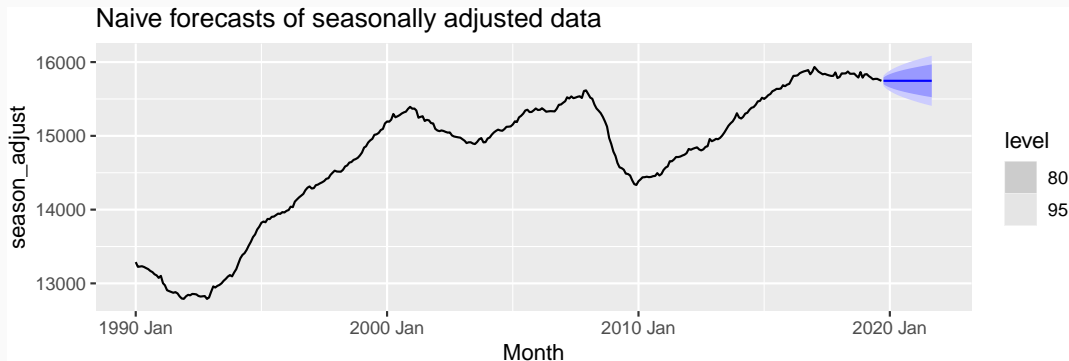
```
dcmp <- us_retail_employment |>
  model(STL(Employed)) |>
  components() |>
  select(-.model)
dcmp
```

```
## # A tsibble: 357 x 6 [1M]
```

| ## | | Month | Employed | trend | season_year | remainder | season_adjust |
|----|---|----------|----------|--------|-------------|-----------|---------------|
| ## | | <mth> | <dbl> | <dbl> | <dbl> | <dbl> | <dbl> |
| ## | 1 | 1990 Jan | 13256. | 13288. | -33.0 | 0.836 | 13289. |
| ## | 2 | 1990 Feb | 12966. | 13269. | -258. | -44.6 | 13224. |
| ## | 3 | 1990 Mar | 12938. | 13250. | -290. | -22.1 | 13228. |
| ## | 4 | 1990 Apr | 13012. | 13231. | -220. | 1.05 | 13232. |
| ## | 5 | 1990 May | 13108. | 13211. | -114. | 11.3 | 13223. |
| ## | 6 | 1990 Jun | 13183. | 13192. | -24.3 | 15.5 | 13207. |
| ## | 7 | 1990 Jul | 13170. | 13172. | -23.2 | 21.6 | 13193. |
| ## | 8 | 1990 Aug | 13160. | 13151. | -9.52 | 17.8 | 13169. |

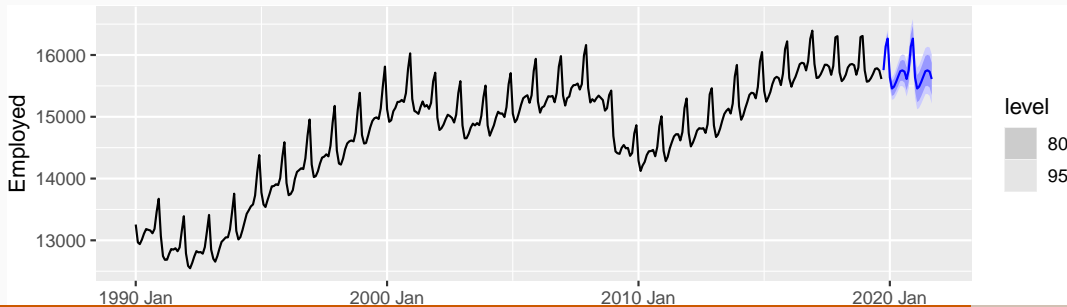
US Retail Employment

```
dcmp |>  
  model(NAIVE(season_adjust)) |>  
  forecast() |>  
  autoplot(dcmp) +  
  labs(title = "Naive forecasts of seasonally adjusted data")
```



US Retail Employment

```
us_retail_employment |>  
  model(stlf = decomposition_model(  
    STL(Employed ~ trend(window = 7), robust = TRUE),  
    NAIVE(season_adjust)  
  )) |>  
  forecast() |>  
  autoplot(us_retail_employment)
```



Decomposition models

`decomposition_model()` creates a decomposition model

- You must provide a method for forecasting the `season_adjust` series.
- A seasonal naive method is used by default for the `seasonal` components.
- The variances from both the seasonally adjusted and seasonal forecasts are combined.