

# Modelling a time series using a feedforward neural network

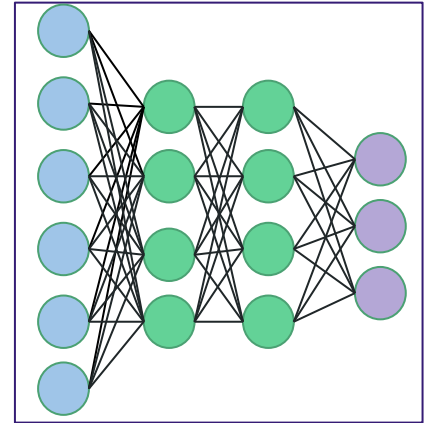
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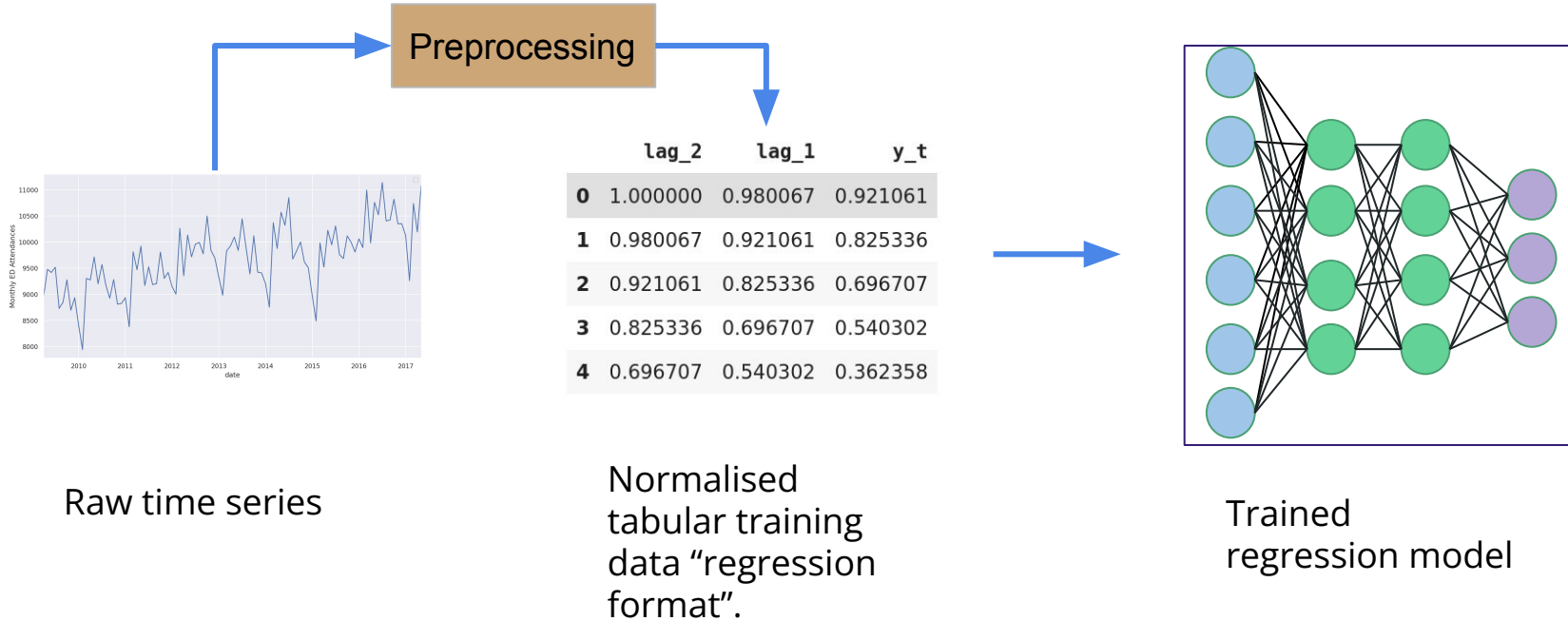
# Overview

By the end of the lecture you will have gained knowledge in:

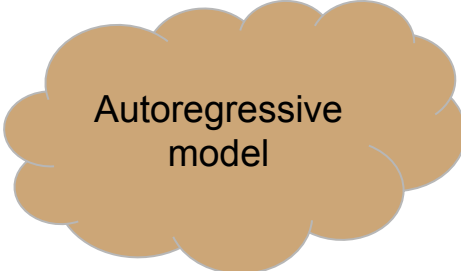
- Preprocessing time series ready for neural networks
- Methods for forecasting with feedforward neural networks
  - Iterative method
  - Director method
  - Vector output method
- How to reduce overfitting using ensemble learning



# Feedforward neural networks for time series



# Preprocessing - building tabular data



Autoregressive  
model

Raw time  
series

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Processed time series

lag_2	lag_1	Y

Let's build a training dataset for a lag 2  
AR model.

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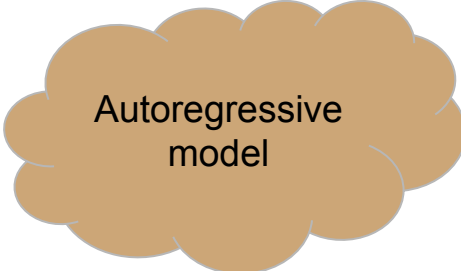
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Sliding window.

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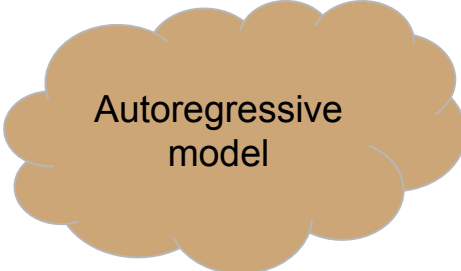
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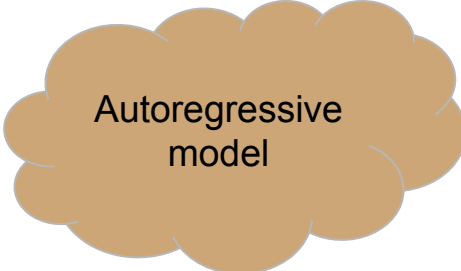
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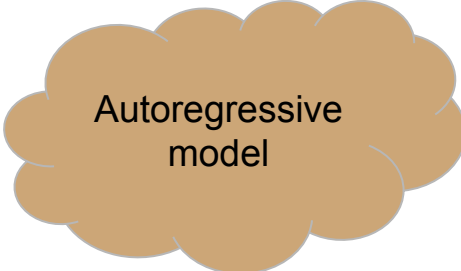
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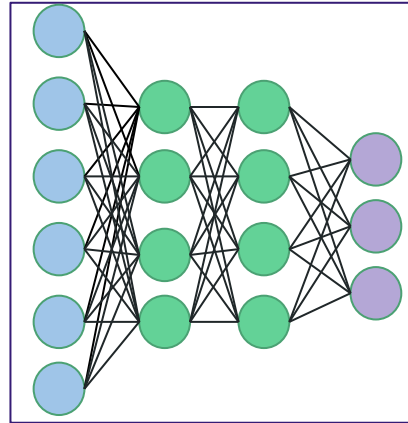
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# Iterative Forecasting

1_6	1_5	1_4	1_3	1_2	1_1
10	17	18	12	10	15



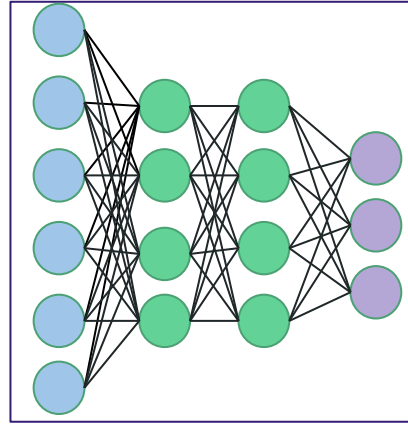
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# Multi-step forecasting: iterative approach

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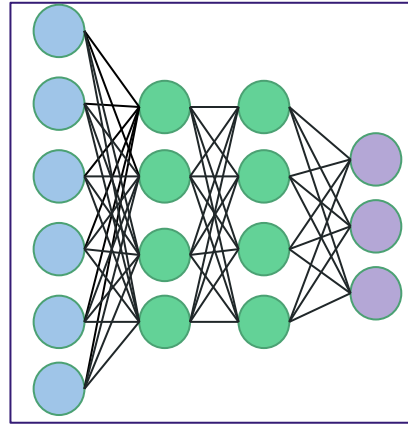


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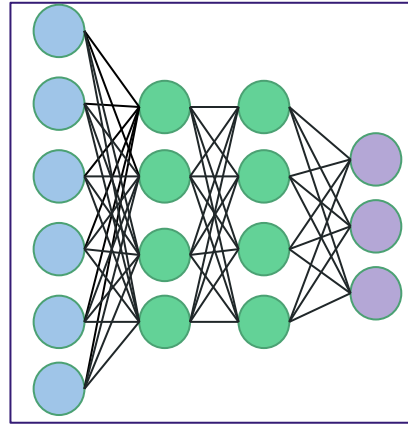
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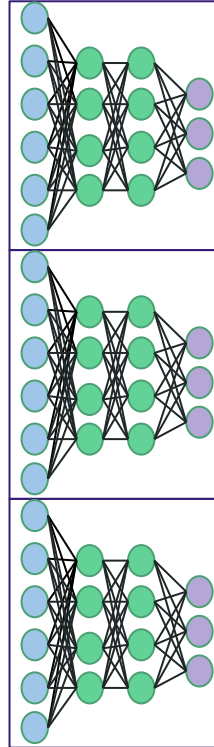
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# Multi-step forecasting: direct method

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t+1	t+2	t+3
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For a model where  $h = 2$

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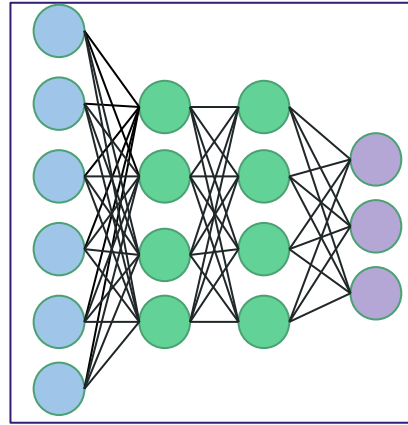
lag_2	lag_1	Y
10	15	21

For a model where  $h = 3$



# Forecasting a vector

1_6	1_5	1_4	1_3	1_2	1_1
10	17	18	12	10	15



t+1	t+2	t+3
16	20	18

# Preprocessing for vector method

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lag_2	lag_1	$Y_{t+1}$	$Y_{t+2}$	$Y_{t+3}$
10	15	12	18	21

For a model where  $h = 3$