

Visionary Final

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library packages

```
library(tseries)
library(lubridate)
library(here)
library(tidyverse)
library(outliers)
library(ggplot2)
library(forecast)
library(kableExtra)
library(readxl)
```

load the data

```
# automatically set the working directory as personal local path to R project
# so the file path in read.csv can work for everyone
setwd(here())

# load the data
electricity_prices.df <- read.csv("./Data/Average_retail_price_of_electricity.csv", header = TRUE, skip=1)

nc_electricity.df<-electricity_prices.df[228,4:(ncol(electricity_prices.df))] %>%
  pivot_longer(cols=everything(), names_to = 'my_date', values_to = 'price_per_kWh')

# examine whether there is missing value or not
summary(nc_electricity.df)

##      my_date      price_per_kWh
## Length:265      Length:265
## Class :character Class :character
## Mode  :character  Mode  :character

# there is no missing value

nc_electricity.df$price_per_kWh<-as.numeric(nc_electricity.df$price_per_kWh)

# Import Natural Gas data

natural_gas.df <- read.csv("./Data/NC_NaturalGas.csv", header = TRUE, skip=2,col.names = c("year", "price_per_kWh"))

#Check for missing data. There is an extra row with an NA at the end of the data, so I removed it with
```

```
summary(na.omit(natural_gas.df))
```

```
##      year      price
## Length:409      Min.   : 5.54
## Class :character 1st Qu.: 9.07
## Mode  :character Median :12.54
##                      Mean  :13.78
##                      3rd Qu.:18.11
##                      Max.   :30.43
```

```
str(natural_gas.df)
```

```
## 'data.frame':  410 obs. of  2 variables:
## $ year : chr  "Jan-1989" "Feb-1989" "Mar-1989" "Apr-1989" ...
## $ price: num  6.17 6.3 6.29 6.8 6.99 8.02 8.71 8.97 8.68 7.44 ...
```

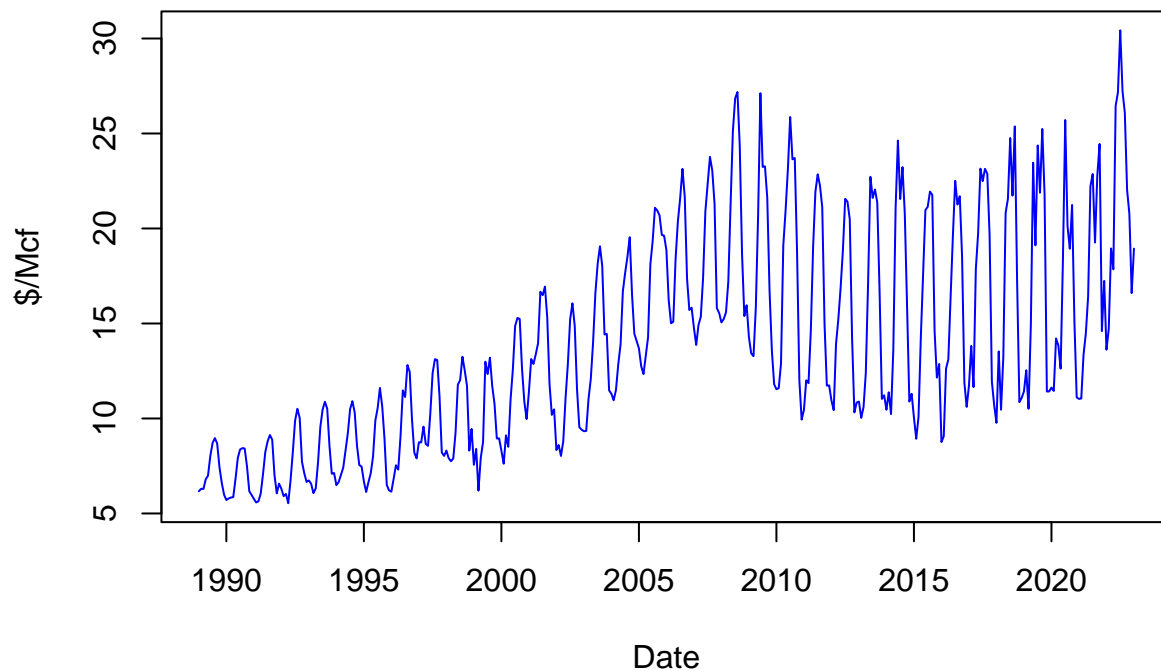
```
#create timeseries for natural gas
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ts_NG<-ts(na.omit(natural_gas.df[,2]), start=c(1989,1), frequency=12)
```

```
# plot raw timeseries
```

```
plot(ts_NG, col="blue", ylab="$ /Mcf", xlab="Date", main="NC Residential Natural Gas Cost")
```

NC Residential Natural Gas Cost



##

standardize the unit of natural gas data to make it comparable with electricity

```
# convert natural gas data from $/Mcf to $/kWh based on 80% heating efficiency
# $/kWh = [($/mcf/1.037)/293.07107]/0.9 = $/mcf/273.52
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conversion <- 0.8*293.07107*1.037/100
```

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natural_gas.df$kw equiv<-((natural_gas.df$price)/conversion)

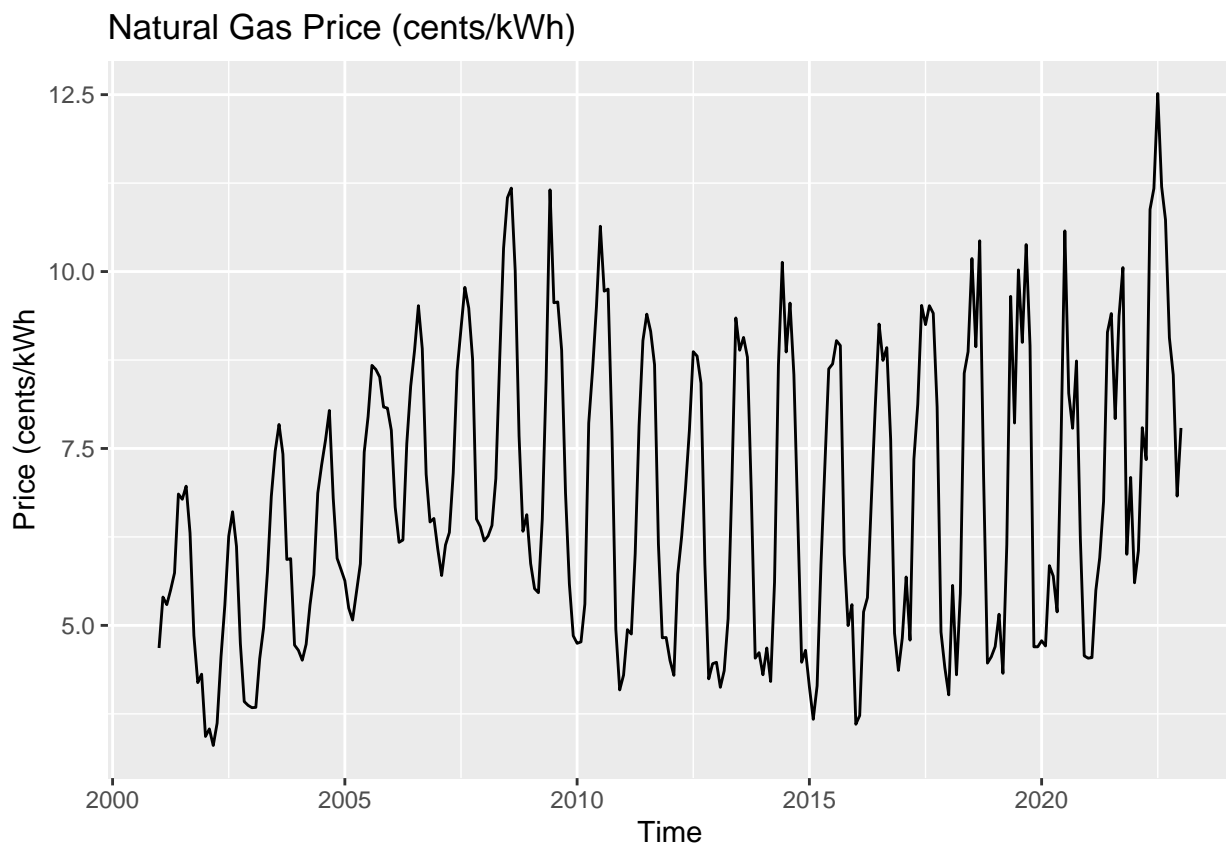
natural_gas.df<-na.omit(natural_gas.df)

ts_gas_equiv<-ts(natural_gas.df[,3], start=c(1989,1), frequency=12)

ts_gas_equiv<-window(ts_gas_equiv, start=c(2001, 1))

#plot gas TS in kw/hr equiv
autoplot(ts_gas_equiv) +
  ylab("Price (cents/kWh)" ) +
  ggtitle("Natural Gas Price (cents/kWh)")

```



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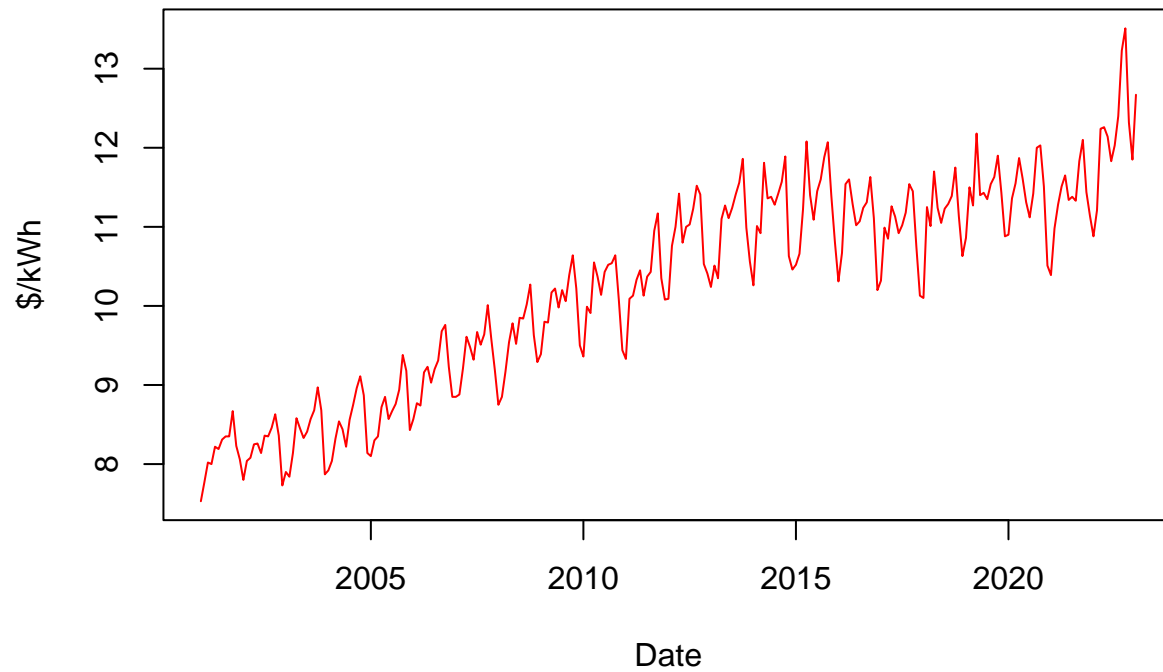
# coerce electricity to a time series object

ts_electricity<-ts(rev(nc_electricity.df[,2]), start=c(2001,1), frequency=12)

plot(ts_electricity, col="red", ylab="$ /kWh", xlab="Date", main="NC Residential Electricity Cost")

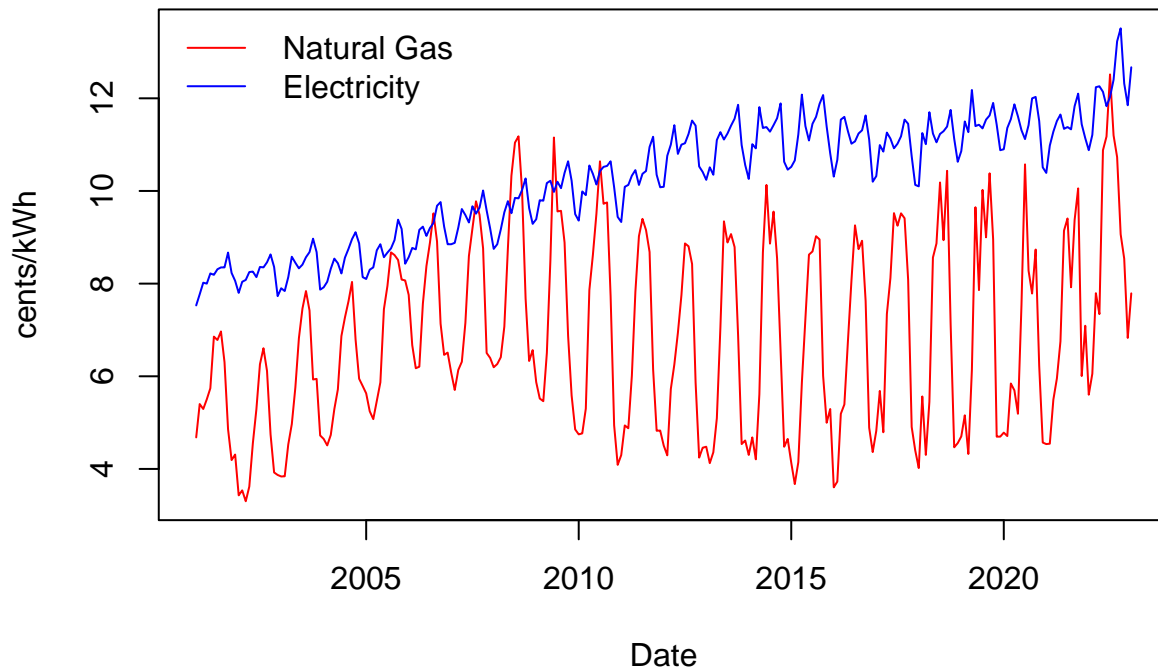
```

NC Residential Electricity Cost



```
#plot both electric & gas TS together
ts.plot(ts_gas_equiv, ts_electricity, gpars = list(col = c("red", "blue")),
        xlab="Date", ylab="cents/kWh",
        main="Comparison of Natural Gas and Electricity Costs")
legend("topleft", bty="n", lty=c(1,1), col=c("red","blue"),
       legend=c(" Natural Gas ", " Electricity "))
```

Comparison of Natural Gas and Electricity Costs



```
#Create Dataframe with both Gas & Electricity prices...
#create new date column
new_date<-seq(as.Date("2001/1/1"), by = "month", length.out = nrow(ts_electricity))

#bind date, gas, & electricity
nc_energy.df<-cbind.data.frame("Month_Date"=new_date,
                               "electricity"=nc_electricity.df$price_per_kWh,
                               "gas_equiv"=ts_gas_equiv)

#Subtract Gas price from Electricity price
nc_energy.df$cost_diff<-(nc_energy.df$electricity - nc_energy.df$gas_equiv)
```

add covariates

```
# create an indicator variable for Ukraine War for gas

# create a column with row index
natural_gas.df <- rownames_to_column(natural_gas.df, var = "index")

natural_gas.df$index = as.numeric(natural_gas.df$index)

natural_gas.df$UKRWAR <- ifelse(natural_gas.df$index >= 399, 1, 0)

natural_gas.df <- natural_gas.df[, c(-1, -6)]

ts_gas_equiv<-ts(natural_gas.df[,c(3,4)], start=c(1989,1), frequency=12) %>%
  window(start = c(2001, 1))

# create an indicator variable for Ukraine War for electricity
```

```

nc_electricity.df <- rownames_to_column(nc_electricity.df, var = "index")

nc_electricity.df$index <- as.numeric(nc_electricity.df$index)

nc_electricity.df$UKRWAR <- ifelse(nc_electricity.df$index >= 255, 1, 0)

nc_electricity.df <- nc_electricity.df[, -1]

# coerce electricity to a time series object

ts_electricity<-ts(rev(nc_electricity.df[,2:3]), start=c(2001,1), frequency=12)

# import temperature data
temperautre <- read_xlsx("./Data/Raleigh Temperature.xlsx") %>%
  gather(key = "Month", value = "temperature", Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec)

temperautre <- temperautre[order(temperautre$Year), ]

ts_temperature <- temperautre[,3] %>%
  na.omit() %>%
  ts(start = c(1995, 1), frequency = 12) %>%
  window(start = c(2001, 1), end = c(2023, 1))

# create a data frame for covariates for electricity (2001-2022)
# we need to do this because electricity and natural gas
# have different fourier terms
fourier_train_e <- fourier(window(ts_electricity[, 2],
                                end = c(2022, 1)),
                          K = 6)

covariates_train_e <- ts_electricity[, 1] %>%
  window(end = c(2022, 1)) %>%
  cbind(window(ts_temperature, end = c(2022,1)),
        fourier_train_e)

# create covariates data frame for electricity (2001-2023)
fourier_full_e <- fourier(window(ts_electricity[, 2],
                                end = c(2023, 1)),
                          K = 6)

covariates_full_e <- cbind(ts_electricity[, 1], ts_temperature, fourier_full_e)

# create covariates data frame for natural gas (2001-2022)
fourier_train_gas <- fourier(window(ts_gas_equiv[, 1],
                                end = c(2022, 1)),
                          K = 6)

covariates_train_gas <- ts_gas_equiv[, 2] %>%
  window(end = c(2022, 1)) %>%
  cbind(window(ts_temperature, end = c(2022,1))
        ),

```

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fourier_train_gas)

# create covariates data frame for electricity (2001-2023)
fourier_full_gas <- fourier(window(ts_gas_equiv[, 1],
                                end = c(2023, 1)),
                            K = 6)

covariates_full_gas <- cbind(ts_gas_equiv[, 2], ts_temperature, fourier_full_gas)

```

Decompose TS

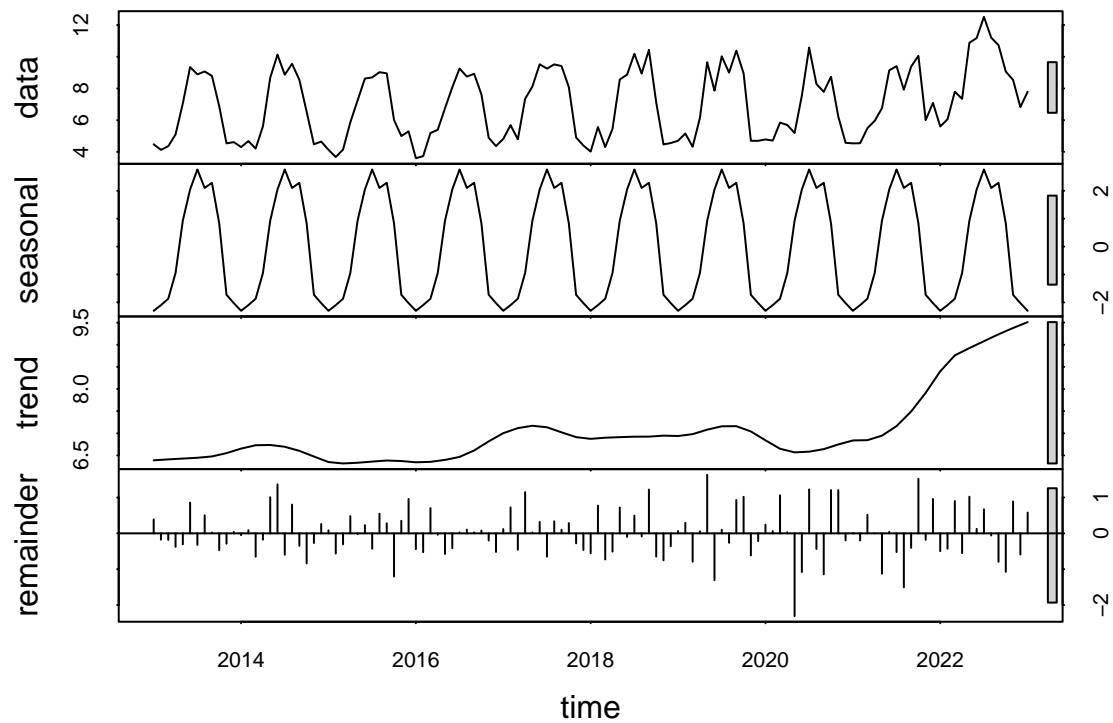
```

#Decompose TS

decomp_elec<-decompose(ts_electricity[,2], type="additive")
decomp_gas<-decompose(ts_gas_equiv[,1], type="multiplicative")

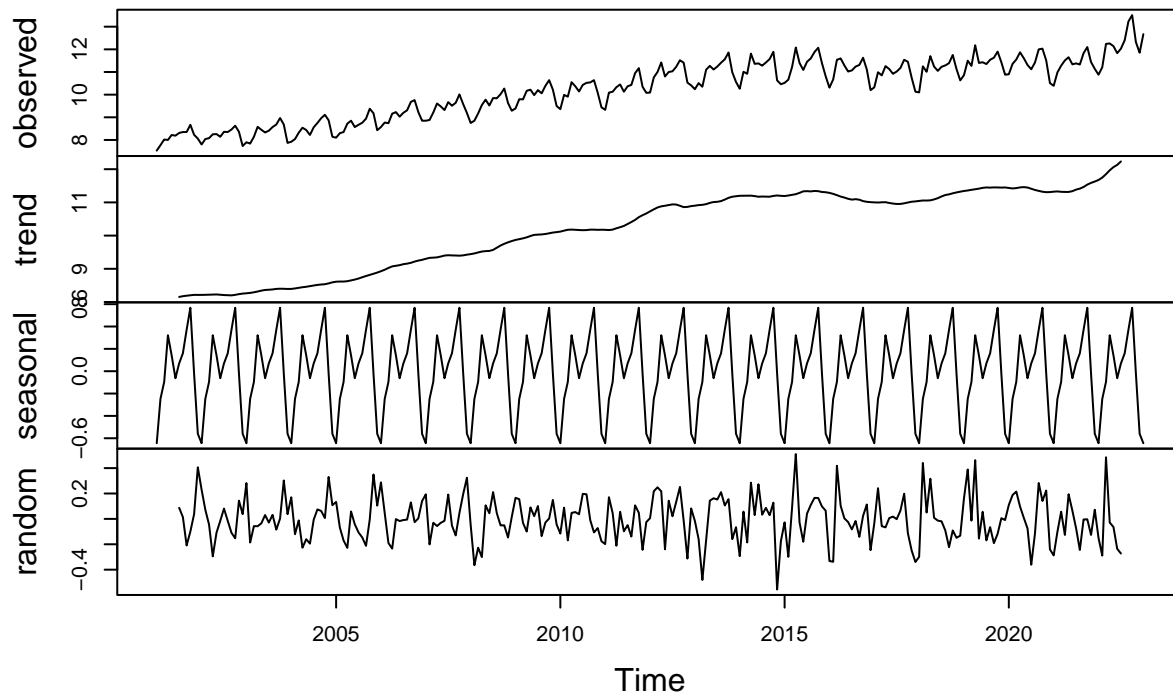
ts_gas_equiv[,1] %>%
  window(start = c(2013,1), end = c(2023,1)) %>%
  stl(s.window = "periodic") %>%
  plot()

```



```
plot(decomp_elec)
```

Decomposition of additive time series

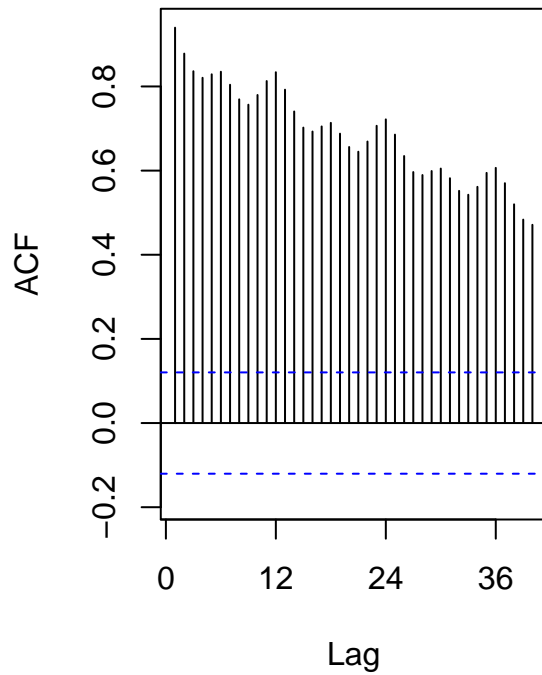


```
#remove seasonality  
ts_elec_ns<-(ts_electricity[,2] - decomp_elec$seasonal)  
ts_gas_ns<-(ts_gas_equiv[,1] - decomp_gas$seasonal)
```

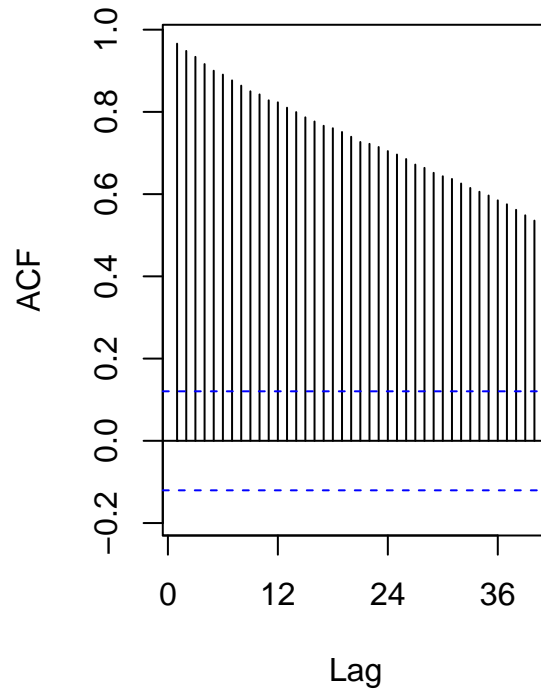
plot ACF and PACF to see the general pattern of two series

```
# ACF and PACF of electricity data  
par(mfrow=c(1,2))  
Acf(ts_electricity[,2], lag.max=40, main="ACF Electricity")  
Acf(ts_elec_ns, lag.max=40, main="ACF Non-Seasonal Electricity")
```


ACF Electricity

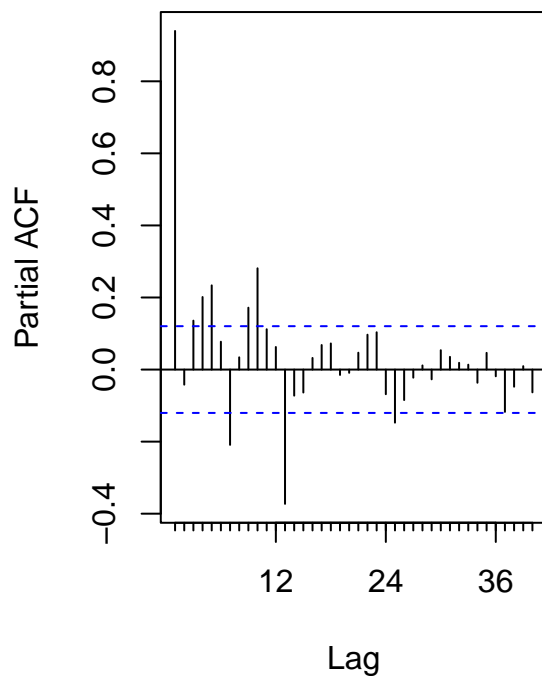


ACF Non-Seasonal Electricity

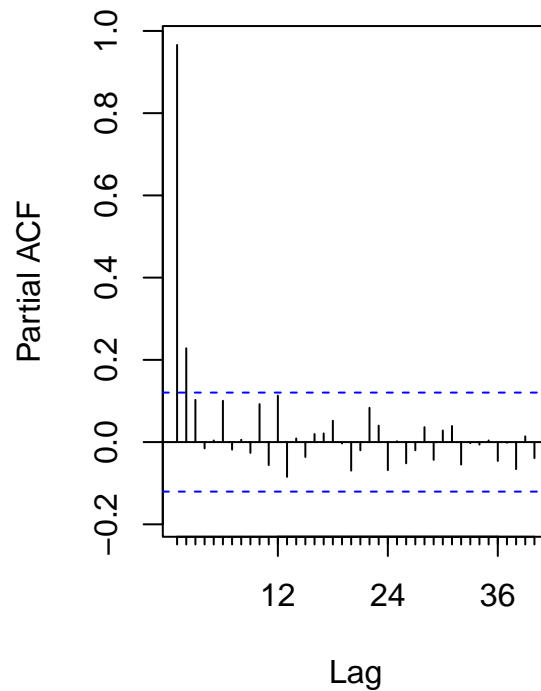


```
par(mfrow=c(1,2))
Pacf(ts_electricity[,2], lag.max=40, main="PACF Electricity")
Pacf(ts_elec_ns, lag.max=40, main="PACF Non-Seasonal Electricity")
```

PACF Electricity

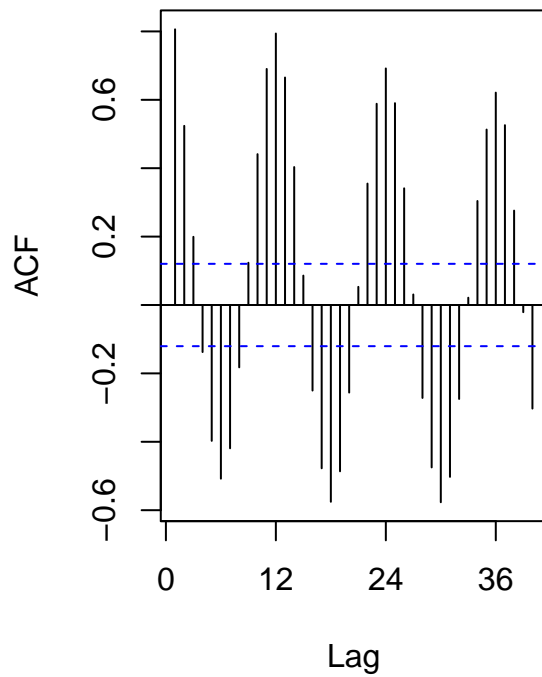


PACF Non-Seasonal Electricity

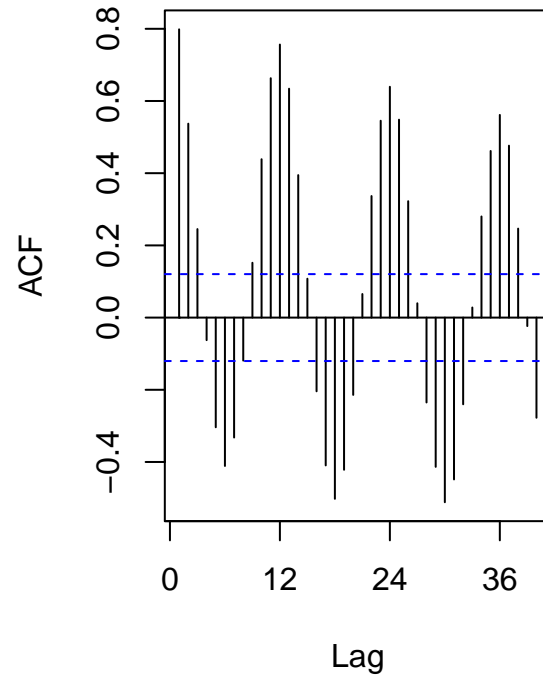


```
# ACF and PACF of natural gas data
par(mfrow=c(1,2))
Acf(ts_gas_equiv[,1], lag.max=40, main="ACF Natural Gas")
Acf(ts_gas_ns, lag.max=40, main="ACF Non-Seasonal Gas")
```

ACF Natural Gas

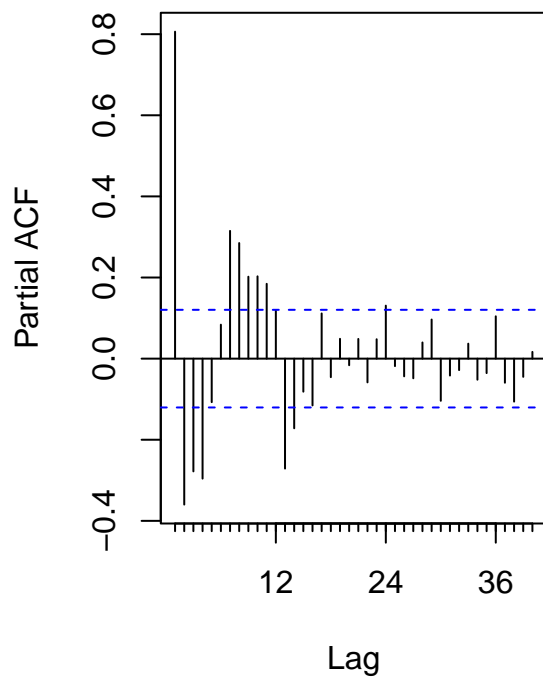


ACF Non-Seasonal Gas

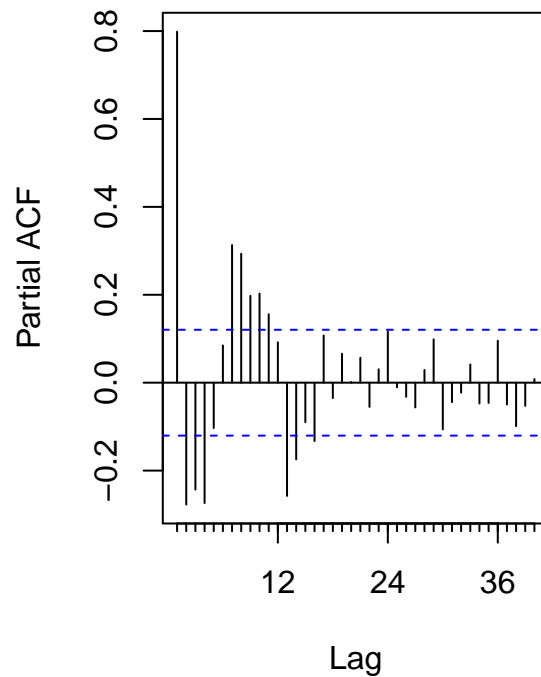


```
par(mfrow=c(1,2))
Pacf(ts_gas_equiv[,1], lag.max=40, main="PACF Natural Gas")
Pacf(ts_gas_ns, lag.max=40, main="PACF Non-Seasonal Gas")
```

PACF Natural Gas



PACF Non-Seasonal Gas



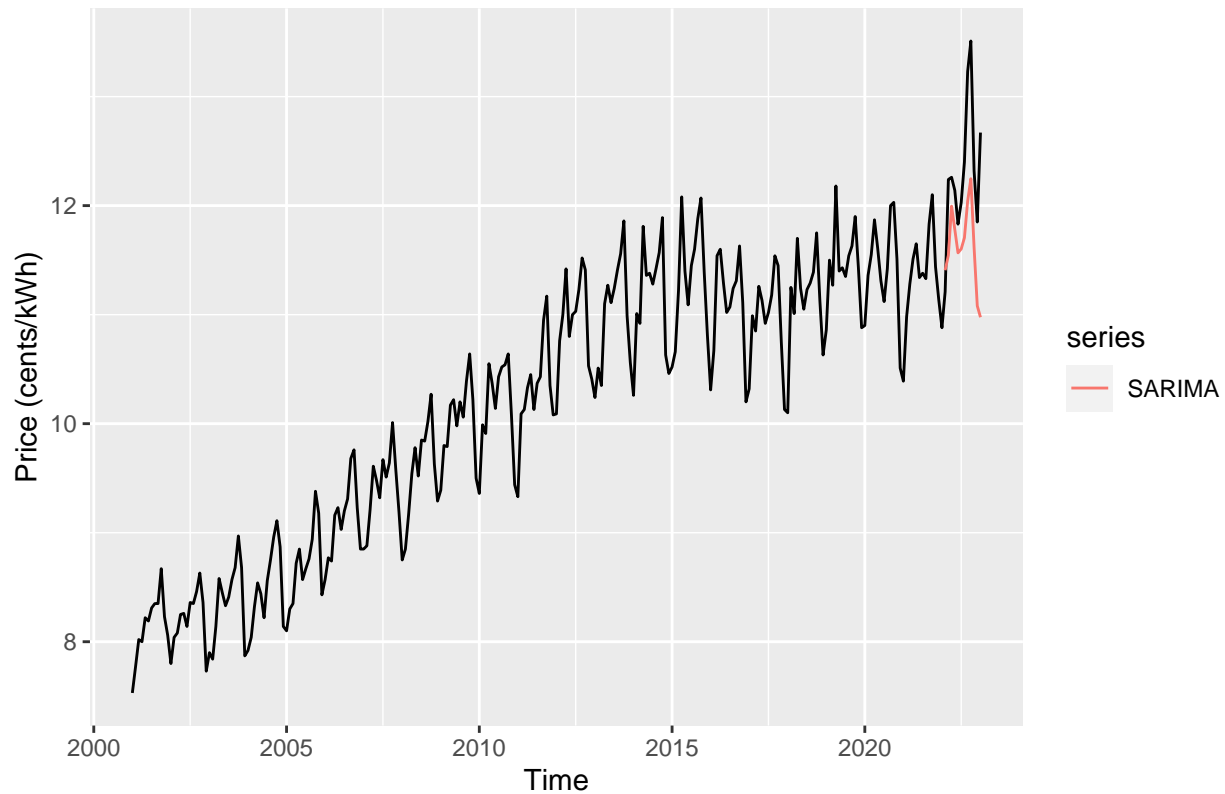
Use seasonal Arima to model eletricity and natural gas

```
#forecast Electricity SARIMA
```

```
arima.e.model<-auto.arima(window(ts_electricity[, 2], end=c(2022,1)))
arima.e.forecast<-forecast(arima.e.model, h=12)
```

```
autoplot(ts_electricity[, 2]) +
  autolayer(arima.e.forecast$mean, series = "SARIMA") +
  ylab("Price (cents/kWh)") +
  ggtitle("Electricity - SARIMA")
```

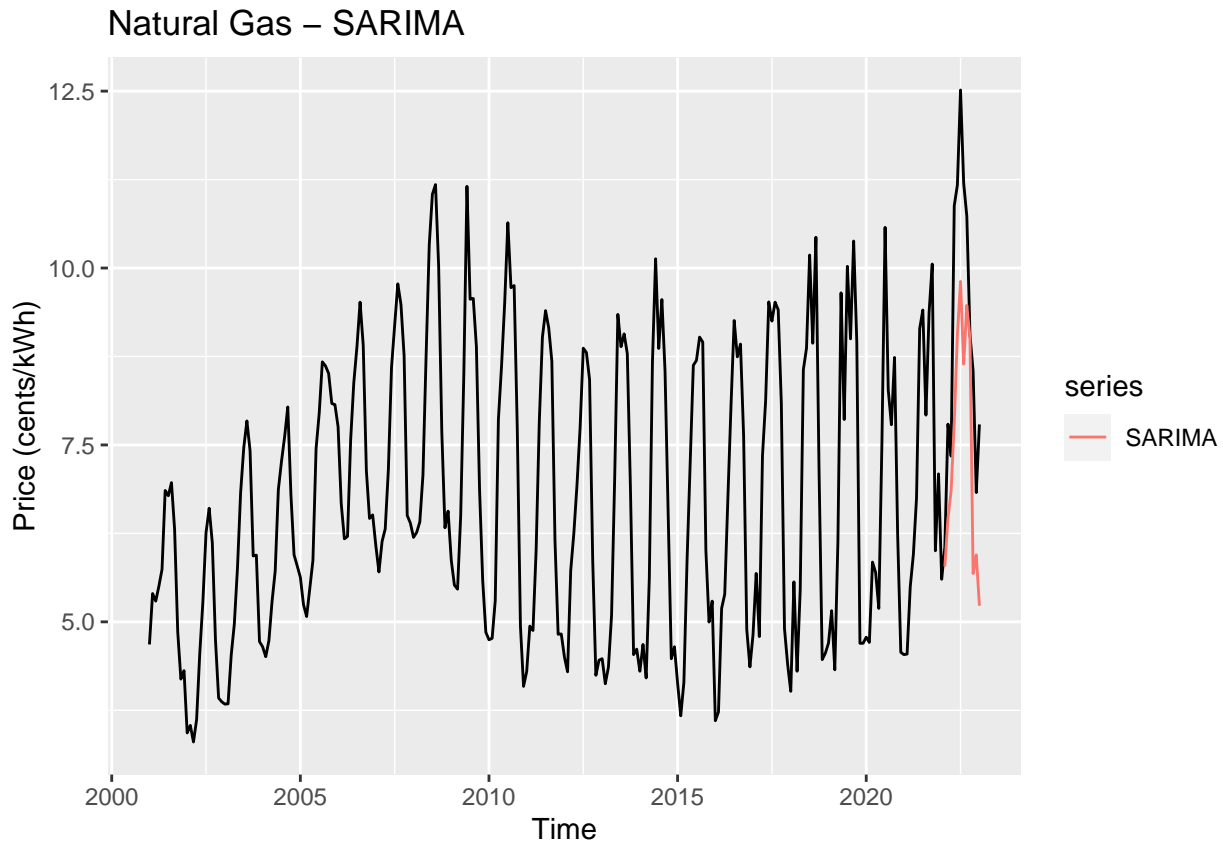
Electricity – SARIMA



```
# performance is not that good

#Gas SARIMA forecast
arima.gas.model<-auto.arima(window(ts_gas_equiv[, 1], end=c(2022,1)))
arima.gas.forecast<-forecast(arima.gas.model, h=12)

autoplot(ts_gas_equiv[, 1])+
  autolayer(arima.gas.forecast$mean, series = "SARIMA") +
  ylab("Price (cents/kWh)") +
  ggtitle("Natural Gas - SARIMA")
```



performance is not that good

Examine seasonal Arima model's performance on electricity and NG data

```
# model performance for electricity data
sarima_e_perf <- ts_electricity[, 2] %>%
  window(start = c(2022, 2)) %>%
  accuracy(arima.e.forecast$mean)

# model performance for gas data
sarima_gas_perf <- ts_gas_equiv[, 1] %>%
  window(start = c(2022, 2)) %>%
  accuracy(arima.gas.forecast$mean)
```

Use Arima with Fourier terms to model

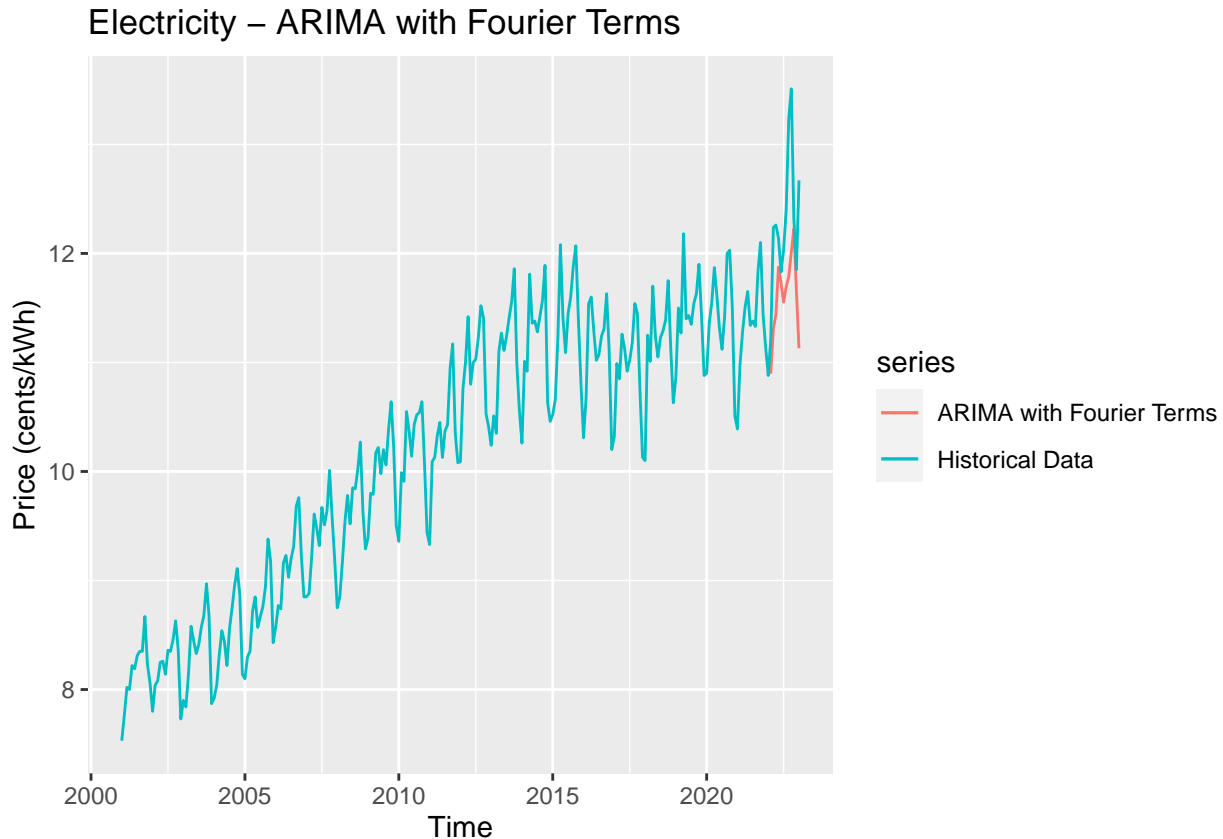
```
# arima with fourier terms for eletricity
arima.e.four.forecast <- ts_electricity[, 2] %>%
  window(end = c(2022, 1)) %>%
  auto.arima(seasonal = FALSE,
             xreg = fourier(window(ts_electricity[, 2], end = c(2022, 1)),
                           K = 6)) %>%
  forecast(xreg = fourier(window(ts_electricity[, 2],
                                start = c(2022, 2)
                                ),
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                                K = 6),
                                h = 12)

autoplot(arima.e.four.forecast$mean, series = "ARIMA with Fourier Terms") +
  autolayer(ts_electricity[, 2], series = "Historical Data") +
  ggtitle("Electricity - ARIMA with Fourier Terms") +
  ylab("Price (cents/kWh)")

```



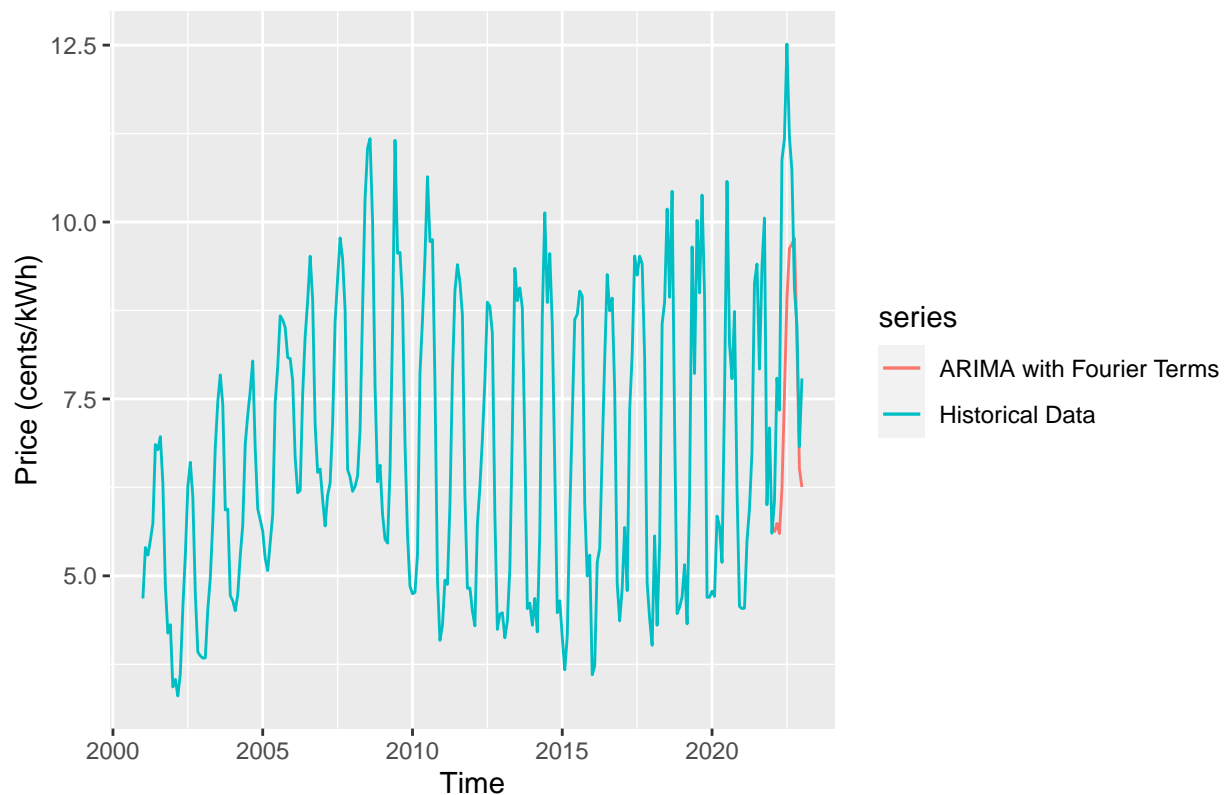
```

# arima with fourier terms for gas
arima.gas.four.forecast <- ts_gas_equiv[, 1] %>%
  window(end = c(2022, 1)) %>%
  auto.arima(seasonal = FALSE,
             xreg = fourier(window(ts_gas_equiv[, 1], end = c(2022, 1)),
                           K = 6)
             ) %>%
  forecast(xreg = fourier(window(ts_gas_equiv[, 1],
                                start = c(2022, 2)
                                ),
            K = 6),
            h = 12)

autoplot(arima.gas.four.forecast$mean, series = "ARIMA with Fourier Terms") +
  autolayer(ts_gas_equiv[, 1], series = "Historical Data") +
  ggtitle("Natural Gas - ARIMA with Fourier Terms") +
  ylab("Price (cents/kWh)")

```

Natural Gas – ARIMA with Fourier Terms



Examine Arima with fourier's performance on electricity and NG data

```
# model performance for electricity data
arima_four_e_perf <- ts_electricity[, 2] %>%
  window(start = c(2022, 2)) %>%
  accuracy(arima.e.four.forecast$mean)

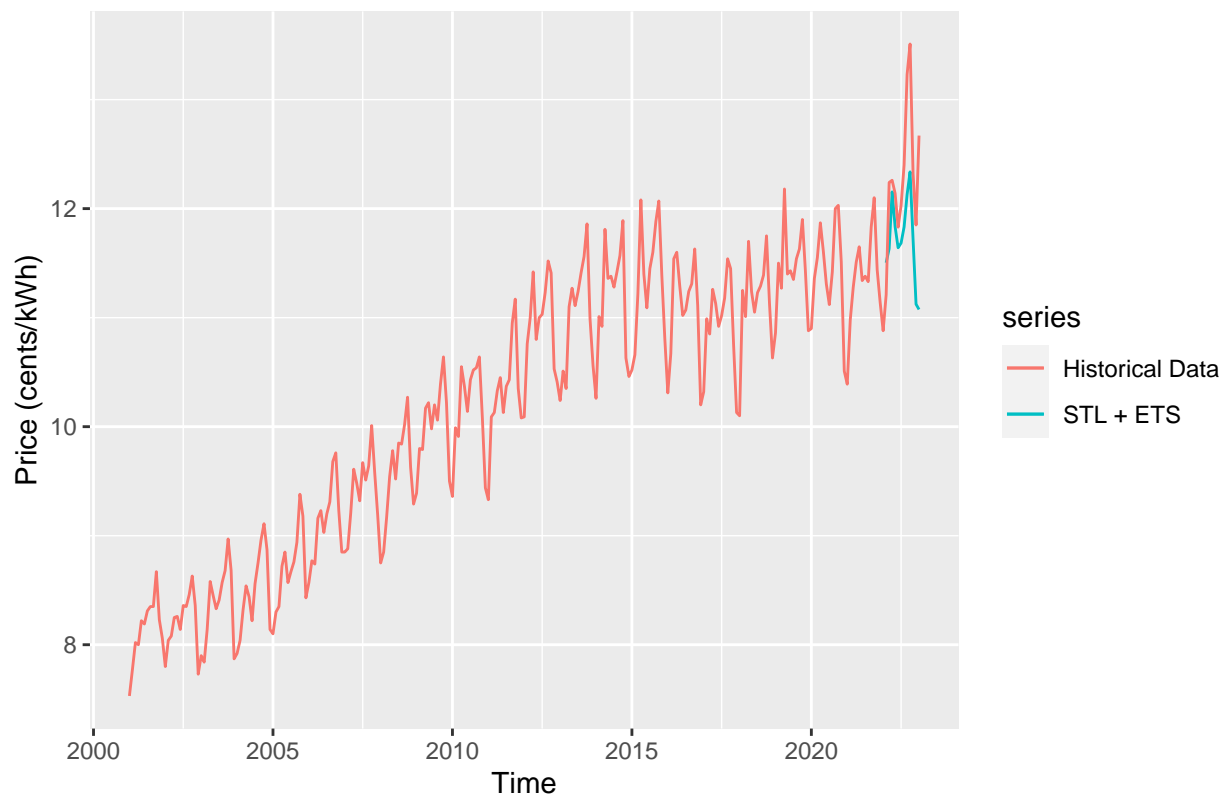
# model performance for gas data
arima_four_gas_perf <- ts_gas_equiv[, 1] %>%
  window(start = c(2022, 2)) %>%
  accuracy(arima.gas.four.forecast$mean)
```

Use STL to model

```
# STL for eletricity
stl.e.forecast <- ts_electricity[, 2] %>%
  window(end = c(2022, 1)) %>%
  stlf(h = 12)

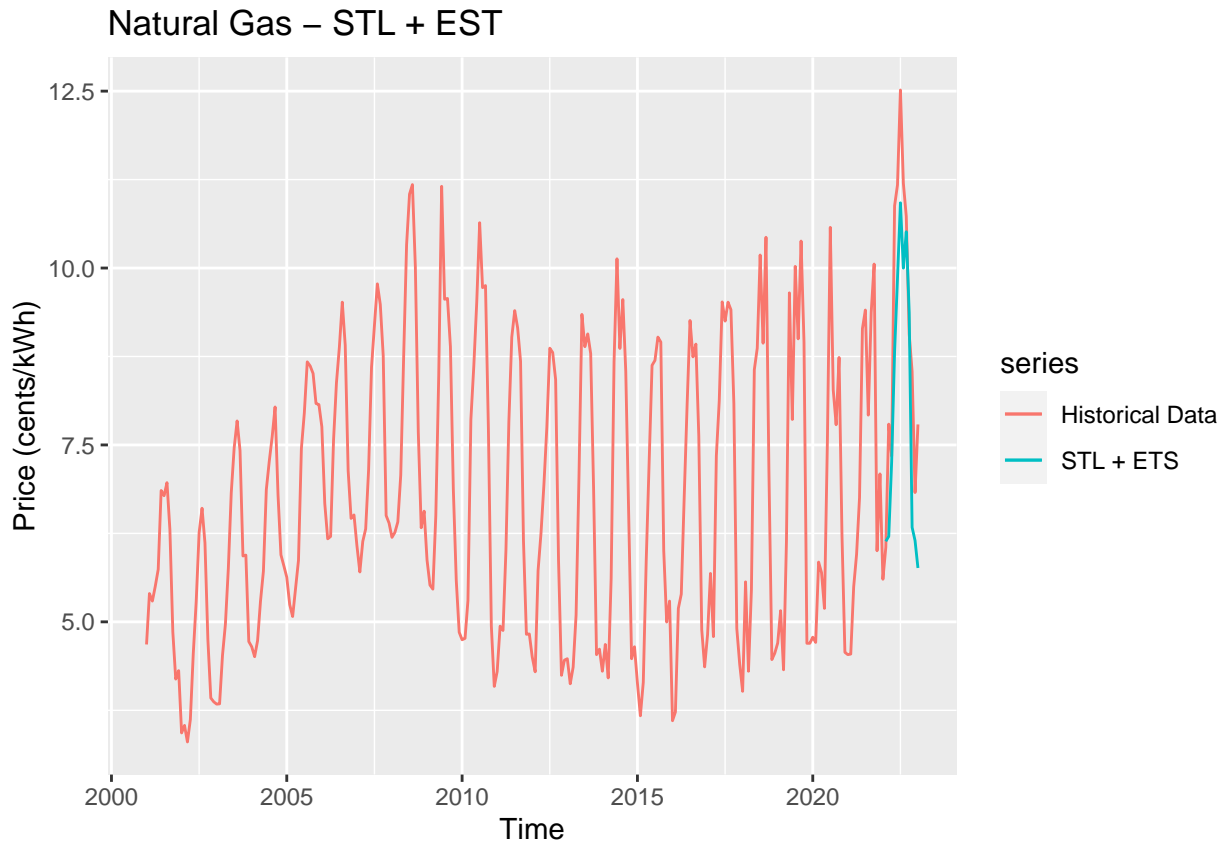
autoplot(stl.e.forecast$mean, series = "STL + ETS") +
  autolayer(ts_electricity[, 2], series = "Historical Data") +
  ggtitle("Electricity - STL + EST") +
  ylab("Price (cents/kWh)")
```

Electricity – STL + EST



```
# STL for gas
stl.gas.forecast <- ts_gas_equiv[, 1] %>%
  window(end = c(2022, 1)) %>%
  stlf(h = 12)

autoplot(ts_gas_equiv[, 1], series = "Historical Data") +
  autolayer(stl.gas.forecast$mean, series = "STL + ETS") +
  ggtitle("Natural Gas - STL + EST") +
  ylab("Price (cents/kWh)")
```

Examine STL's performance on electricity and NG data

```
# model performance for electricity data
stl_e_perf <- ts_electricity[, 2] %>%
  window(start = c(2022, 2)) %>%
  accuracy(stl.e.forecast$mean)

# model performance for gas data
stl_gas_perf <- ts_gas_equiv[, 1] %>%
  window(start = c(2022, 2)) %>%
  accuracy(stl.gas.forecast$mean)
```

Use ETS to model – not finished

```
# I think STL doesn't need fourier terms. So, I will get covariates dataframes without fourier terms
# because UKRWAR and temperature are the same across two data frames, we only need one
cov_train_nofour <- covariates_train_e[, 1:2]
colnames(cov_train_nofour) <- c("UKRWAR", "temperature")

cov_test_nofour <- covariates_full_e[, 1:2] %>%
  window(start = c(2022, 2))
colnames(cov_test_nofour) <- c("UKRWAR", "temperature")
```

Use Neural Network and fourier to model

```
# neural network forecast for electricity data
nn.e.forecast <- ts_electricity[, 2] %>%
```

```

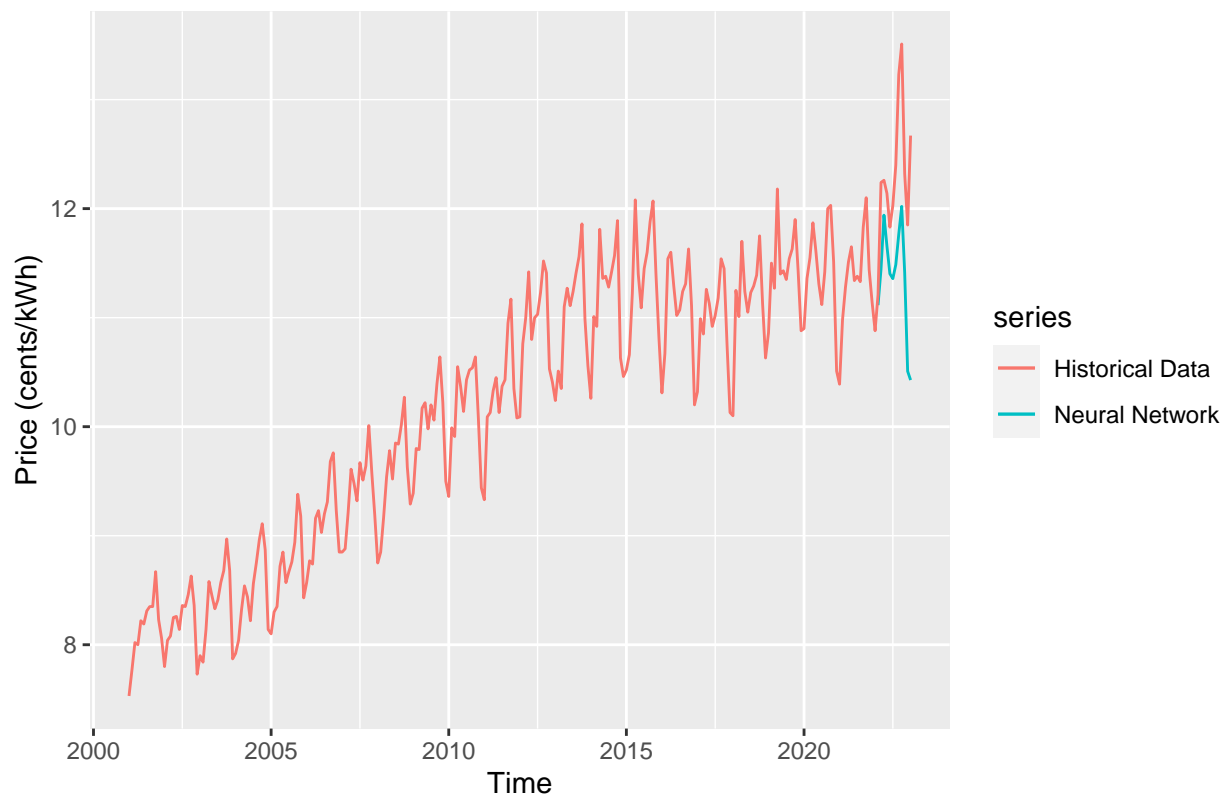
window(end = c(2022, 1)) %>%
nnetar(p = 2, P = 1,
      xreg = fourier(window(ts_electricity[, 2],
                           end = c(2022, 1)
                           ),
                           K = 6)
      ) %>%
forecast(xreg = fourier(window(ts_electricity[, 2],
                              end = c(2022, 1)
                              ),
                              K = 6, # a single K should be smaller than period/2
                              h = 12),
          h = 12)

# neural network forecast for gas data
nn.gas.forecast <- ts_gas_equiv[, 1] %>%
window(end = c(2022, 1)) %>%
nnetar(p = 2, P = 1,
      xreg = fourier(window(ts_gas_equiv[, 1],
                           end = c(2022, 1)
                           ),
                           K = 6)
      ) %>%
forecast(xreg = fourier(window(ts_gas_equiv[, 1],
                              start = c(2022, 2)
                              ),
                              K = 6),
          h = 12)

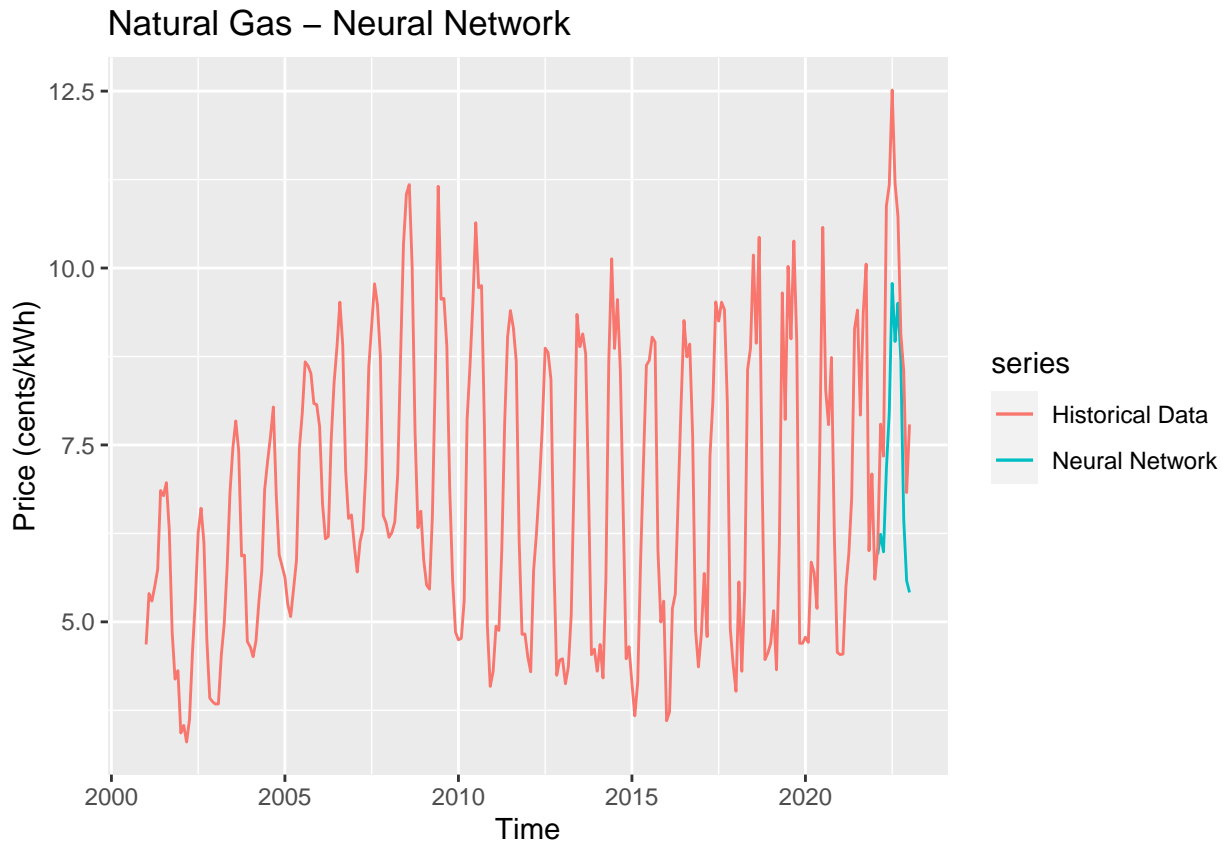
autoplot(nn.e.forecast$mean, series = "Neural Network") +
  autolayer(ts_electricity[, 2], series = "Historical Data") +
  ggtitle("Electricity - Neural Network") +
  ylab("Price (cents/kWh)")

```

Electricity – Neural Network



```
autoplot(nn.gas.forecast$mean, series = "Neural Network") +  
  autolayer(ts_gas_equiv[, 1], series = "Historical Data") +  
  ggtitle("Natural Gas - Neural Network") +  
  ylab("Price (cents/kWh)")
```



neural network model performance

```
# neural network model performance for electricity data
nn_e_perf <- ts_electricity[, 2] %>%
  window(start = c(2022, 2)) %>%
  accuracy(nn.e.forecast$mean)

# neural network model performance for gas data
nn_gas_perf <- ts_gas_equiv[, 1] %>%
  window(start = c(2022, 2)) %>%
  accuracy(nn.gas.forecast$mean)
```

Use Neural Network, temperature, UKRWAR, and fourier to model

```
# neural network forecast for electricity data
nn.cov.e.forecast <- ts_electricity[, 2] %>%
  window(end = c(2022, 1)) %>%
  nnetar(p = 2, P = 1,
        xreg = covariates_train_e) %>%
  forecast(xreg = window(covariates_full_e, start = c(2022, 2)),
          h = 12)
```

```
## Warning in nnetar(., p = 2, P = 1, xreg = covariates_train_e): Constant xreg
## column, setting scale.inputs=FALSE

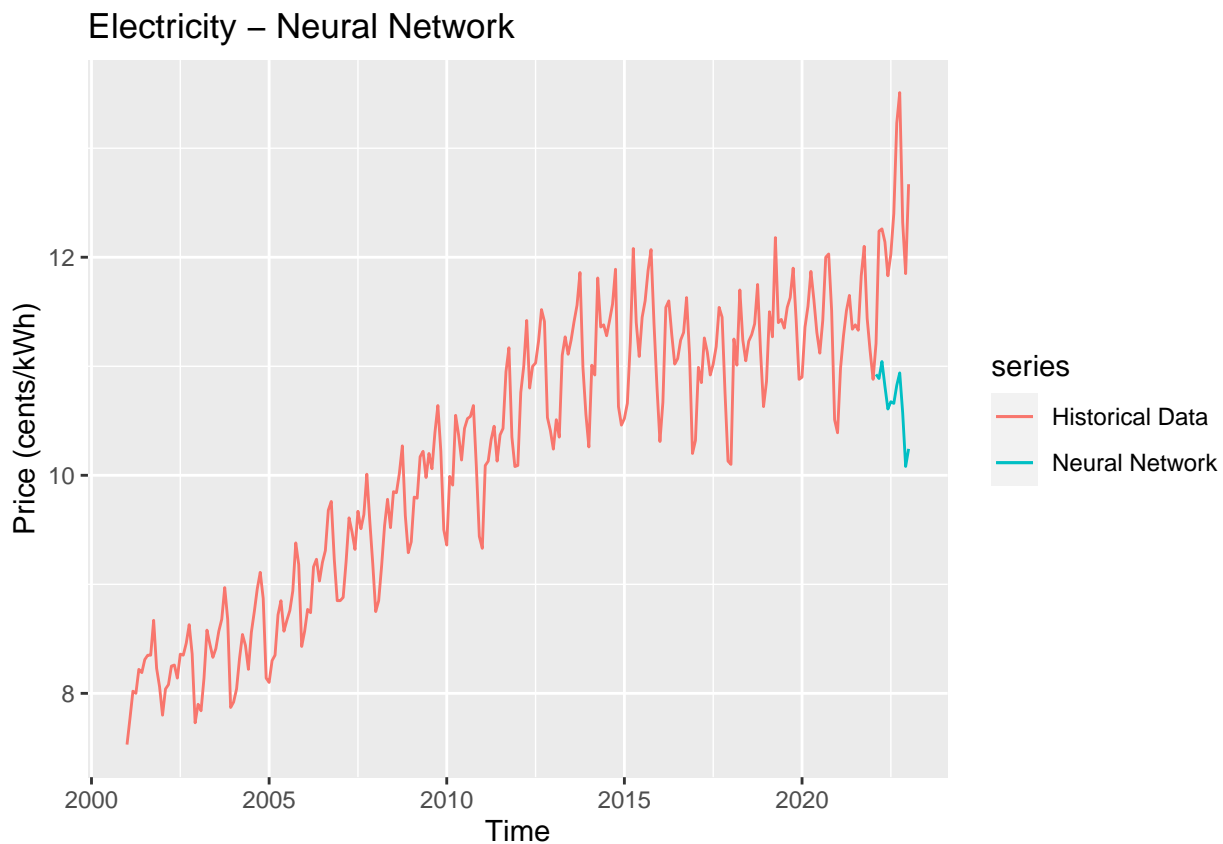
## Warning in forecast.nnetar(., xreg = window(covariates_full_e, start = c(2022, :
## xreg contains different column names from the xreg used in training. Please
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```
## check that the regressors are in the same order.
# neural network forecast for gas data
nn.cov.gas.forecast <- ts_gas_equiv[, 1] %>%
  window(end = c(2022, 1)) %>%
  nnetar(p = 2, P = 1,
        xreg = covariates_train_gas) %>%
  forecast(xreg = window(covariates_full_gas, start = c(2022, 2)),
          h = 12)

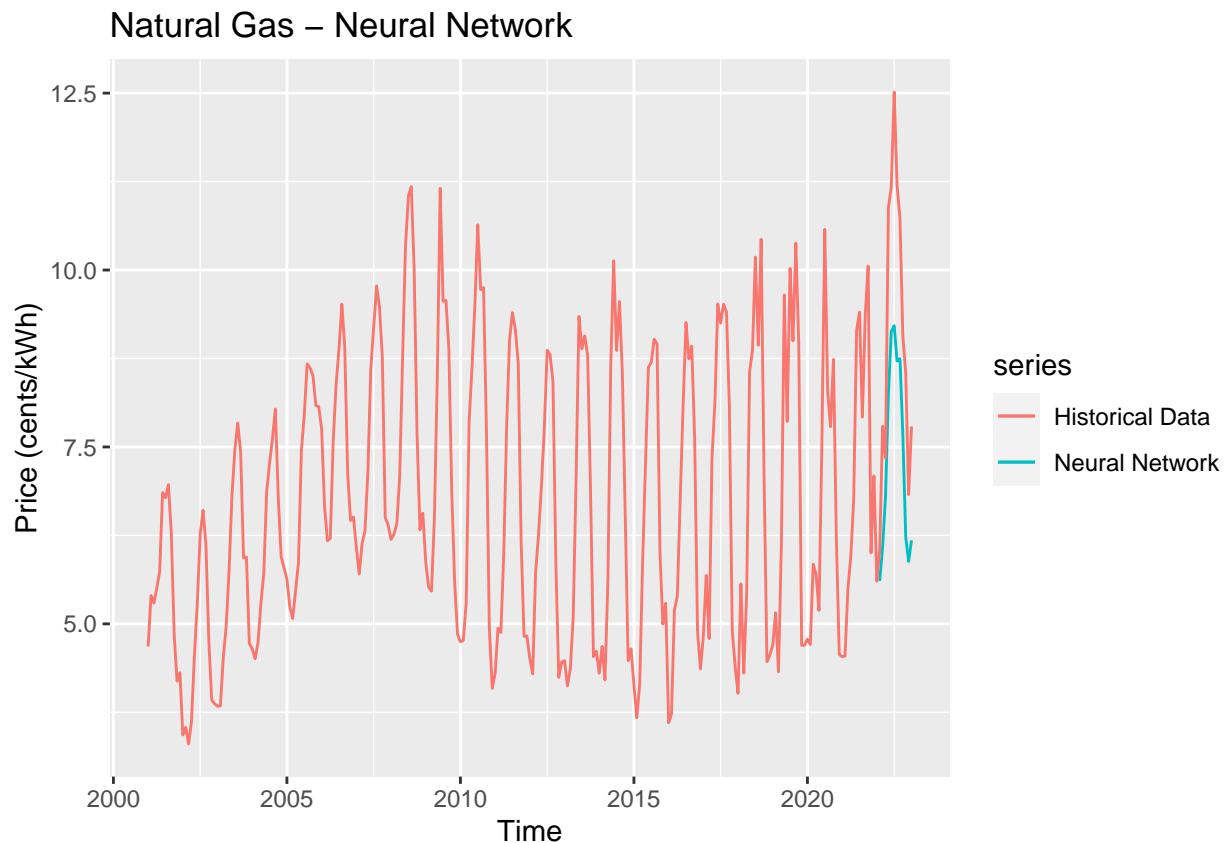
## Warning in nnetar(., p = 2, P = 1, xreg = covariates_train_gas): Constant xreg
## column, setting scale.inputs=FALSE

## Warning in forecast.nnetar(., xreg = window(covariates_full_gas, start =
## c(2022, : xreg contains different column names from the xreg used in training.
## Please check that the regressors are in the same order.

autoplot(nn.cov.e.forecast$mean, series = "Neural Network") +
  autolayer(ts_electricity[, 2], series = "Historical Data") +
  ggtitle("Electricity - Neural Network") +
  ylab("Price (cents/kWh)")
```



```
autoplot(nn.cov.gas.forecast$mean, series = "Neural Network") +
  autolayer(ts_gas_equiv[, 1], series = "Historical Data") +
  ggtitle("Natural Gas - Neural Network") +
  ylab("Price (cents/kWh)")
```



neutral network model, temperature, fourier, UKRWAR performance

```
# neural network model performance for electricity data
nn_cov_e_perf <- ts_electricity[, 2] %>%
  window(start = c(2022, 2)) %>%
  accuracy(nn.cov.e.forecast$mean)

# neural network model performance for gas data
nn_cov_gas_perf <- ts_gas_equiv[, 1] %>%
  window(start = c(2022, 2)) %>%
  accuracy(nn.cov.gas.forecast$mean)
```

use TBATS model

```
# TBATS for electricity
tbats.e.forecast <- ts_electricity[, 2] %>%
  window(end = c(2022, 1)) %>%
  tbats() %>%
  forecast(h = 12)

# TBATS for natural gas
tbats.gas.forecast <- ts_gas_equiv[, 1] %>%
  window(end = c(2022, 1)) %>%
  tbats() %>%
  forecast(h = 12)
```

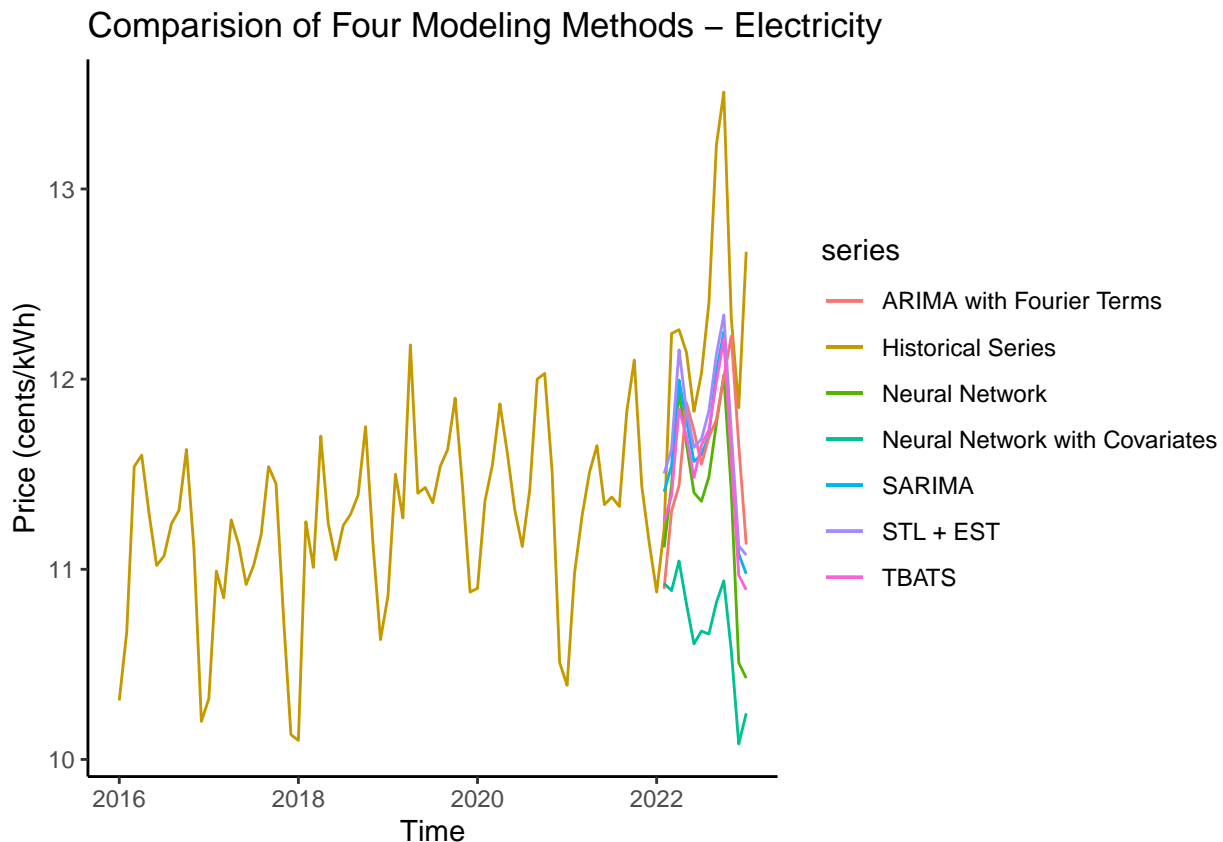
TBATS model performance

```
# neural network model performance for electricity data
tbats_e_perf <- ts_electricity[, 2] %>%
  window(start = c(2022, 2)) %>%
  accuracy(tbats.e.forecast$mean)

# neural network model performance for gas data
tbats_gas_perf <- ts_gas_equiv[, 1] %>%
  window(start = c(2022, 2)) %>%
  accuracy(tbats.gas.forecast$mean)
```

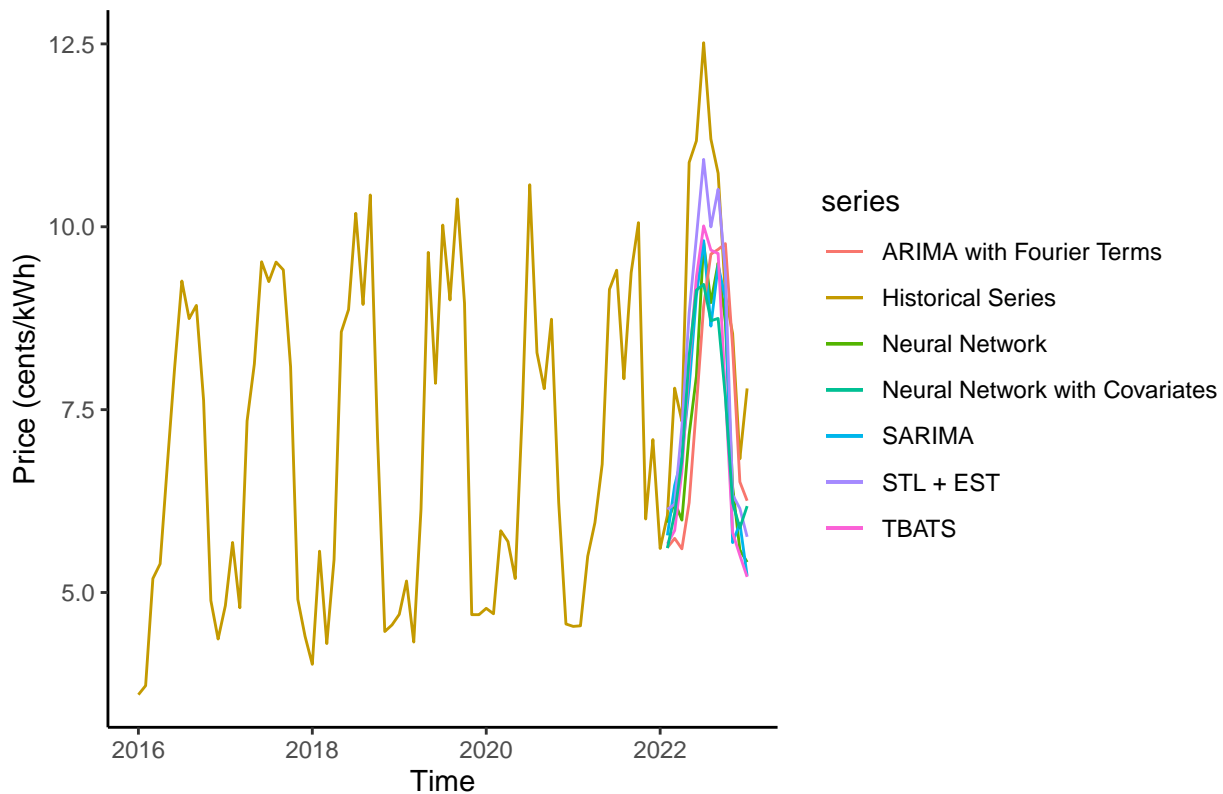
compare performance scores and generate tables for use

```
# plot these together
ts_electricity[, 2] %>%
  window(start = c(2016, 1)) %>%
  autoplot(series = "Historical Series") +
  autolayer(nn.e.forecast$mean, series = "Neural Network") +
  autolayer(arma.e.forecast$mean, series = "SARIMA") +
  autolayer(arma.e.four.forecast$mean, series = "ARIMA with Fourier Terms") +
  autolayer(stl.e.forecast$mean, series = "STL + EST") +
  autolayer(tbats.e.forecast$mean, series = "TBATS") +
  autolayer(nn.cov.e.forecast$mean, series = "Neural Network with Covariates") +
  ylab("Price (cents/kWh)") +
  ggtitle("Comparision of Four Modeling Methods - Electricity") +
  theme_classic()
```



```
ts_gas_equiv[, 1] %>%
  window(start = c(2016, 1)) %>%
  autoplot(series = "Historical Series") +
  autolayer(nn.gas.forecast$mean, series = "Neural Network") +
  autolayer(arima.gas.forecast$mean, series = "SARIMA") +
  autolayer(arima.gas.four.forecast$mean, series = "ARIMA with Fourier Terms") +
  autolayer(stl.gas.forecast$mean, series = "STL + EST") +
  autolayer(tbats.gas.forecast$mean, series = "TBATS") +
  autolayer(nn.cov.gas.forecast$mean, series = "Neural Network with Covariates") +
  ylab("Price (cents/kWh)") +
  ggtitle("Comparison of Four Modeling Methods - Natural Gas") +
  theme_classic()
```

Comparison of Four Modeling Methods – Natural Gas



```
# scores for electricity
scores.e <- rbind(sarima_e_perf,
                  arima_four_e_perf,
                  stl_e_perf,
                  nn_e_perf,
                  tbats_e_perf,
                  nn_cov_e_perf
                  ) %>%
  as.data.frame()

# rename rows
row.names(scores.e) <- c("SARIMA",
                        "ARIMA with Fourier",
                        "STL",
```



```

        "Neural Network",
        "TBATS",
        "Neural Network with Covariates")

# find the row index of the lowest RMSE
best.e.model <- scores.e$RMSE %>%
  which.min()

cat("The best model for electricity by RMSE is: ",
    row.names(scores.e[best.e.model, ]))

## The best model for electricity by RMSE is: STL

# generate a visualized table to use in the report
kbl(scores.e,
     caption = "Forecast Accuracy for NC Residential Electricity Price",
     digits = array(5, ncol(scores.e))) %>%
  kable_styling(full_width = FALSE, position = "center",
                latex_options = "hold_position") %>%
  kable_styling(latex_options = "striped",
                stripe_index = best.e.model,
                stripe_color = "red")

```

Table 1: Forecast Accuracy for NC Residential Electricity Price

	ME	RMSE	MAE	MPE	MAPE	ACF1	Theil's U
SARIMA	-0.67702	0.83764	0.70998	-5.83726	6.12612	0.25988	2.73983
ARIMA with Fourier	-0.69902	0.87542	0.69902	-6.04751	6.04751	0.08221	2.82854
STL	-0.58551	0.76708	0.63447	-5.01390	5.43949	0.25835	2.36056
Neural Network	-0.92952	1.09791	0.92952	-8.27757	8.27757	0.39892	2.89282
TBATS	-0.74971	0.89063	0.75658	-6.50522	6.56626	0.23462	2.86546
Neural Network with Covariates	-1.61781	1.73126	1.61781	-15.19221	15.19221	0.41188	8.00138

```

# scores for gas
scores.gas <- rbind(sarima_gas_perf,
                    arima_four_gas_perf,
                    stl_gas_perf,
                    nn_gas_perf,
                    tbats_gas_perf,
                    nn_cov_gas_perf) %>%
  as.data.frame()

# rename rows
row.names(scores.gas) <- c("SARIMA",
                          "ARIMA with Fourier",
                          "STL",
                          "Neural Network",
                          "TBATS",
                          "Neural Network with Covariates")

# find the row index of the lowest RMSE
best.gas.model <- scores.gas$RMSE %>%
  which.min()

```

```
cat("The best model for natural gas by RMSE is: ",
    row.names(scores.gas[best.gas.model, ]))

## The best model for natural gas by RMSE is: STL
# generate a visualized table to use in the report
kbl(scores.gas,
     caption = "Forecast Accuracy for NC Residential Natural Gas Price",
     digits = array(5, ncol(scores.gas))) %>%
kable_styling(full_width = FALSE, position = "center",
               latex_options = "hold_position") %>%
kable_styling(latex_options = "striped",
               stripe_index = best.gas.model,
               stripe_color = "red")
```

Table 2: Forecast Accuracy for NC Residential Natural Gas Price

	ME	RMSE	MAE	MPE	MAPE	ACF1	Theil's U
SARIMA	-1.67902	1.97784	1.67902	-23.35174	23.35174	-0.15535	1.81675
ARIMA with Fourier	-1.67285	2.26958	1.79025	-24.13085	25.33255	0.58434	3.06836
STL	-1.04788	1.35599	1.11314	-14.03428	14.80904	-0.33348	1.28849
Neural Network	-1.85243	2.12447	1.85243	-25.86382	25.86382	0.28405	2.35615
TBATS	-1.72858	1.89245	1.72858	-24.53539	24.53539	-0.32231	2.08610
Neural Network with Covariates	-1.78496	1.96585	1.78496	-23.58732	23.58732	0.04252	2.39054

Use STL to model electricity and natural gas for the next 12 month

```
e.forecast.2324 <- ts_electricity[, 2] %>%
  stlf(h = 12)

gas.forecast.2324 <- ts_gas_equiv[, 1] %>%
  stlf(h = 12)

e.forecast.2324$mean %>%
  autoplot() +
  autolayer(e.forecast.2324$mean, series = "electricity forecast for 23-24") +
  autolayer(gas.forecast.2324$mean, series = "gas forecast for 23-24") +
  autolayer(window(ts_electricity[, 2], start = c(2017, 1)),
             series = "historical data for electricity") +
  autolayer(window(ts_gas_equiv[, 1], start = c(2017, 1)),
             series = "historical data for natural gas") +
  theme_classic() +
  ggtitle("Forecast of Electricity and Natural Gas Price for the Next 12 Months") +
  ylab("Price (cents/kWh)")
```

Forecast of Electricity and Natural Gas Price for the Next 12 Months

