Platinum_Palladium_Price_Forecasting

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1 Imports

```
[1]: from itertools import permutations
     from functools import reduce
     import itertools
     import pandas as pd
     import numpy as np
     import pickle
     # Data source
     import quandl
     # Facebook's Prophet
     from fbprophet import Prophet
     # Stats
     import statsmodels.api as sm
     import statsmodels.graphics.tsaplots as sgt
     import statsmodels.tsa.stattools as sts
     from statsmodels.tsa.seasonal import seasonal_decompose
     from statsmodels.tsa.statespace.sarimax import SARIMAX
     from statsmodels.tsa.seasonal import STL
     # Plotting
     from pylab import rcParams
     import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
     from matplotlib.gridspec import GridSpec
     plt.style.use('fivethirtyeight')
     import warnings
     warnings.filterwarnings("ignore")
     warnings.simplefilter('once', category=UserWarning)
```

2 Functions

```
[2]: def dickey_fuller_test(df = None):
         Performs the Dickey-Fuller
         Parameters
         _____
         df : dataframe
             A series of values
         Returns
         _____
         dataframe
             Returns a dataframe containing the Dickey-Fuller statistics
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         if df is None:
             raise RuntimeError('The dataframe and columns must both be specified')
         indicies = ['Test Statistic',
                     'p-value',
                     'Number of lags used',
                     'Number of observations',
                     'Critical Value (1%)',
                     'Critical Value (5%)',
                     'Critical Value (10%)',
                     'Maximized information critiera',
         # Perform Dickey-Fuller Test
         df_res = list(sts.adfuller(df))
         # Process output for dataframe
         stats = df_res[:4] + [x for x in df_res[4].values()] + df_res[5:]
         return pd.DataFrame({'indicies': indicies, 'Statistic': stats}).
      ⇔set_index('indicies')
[3]: def plot_acf_pacf(df, column, title, nlags=40):
         Plots the observed values and their acf and pacf plots
         Parameters
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         df : dataframe
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A series of values

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column: string
             a string representing the column name desired from the dataframe
         nlags: int
             number of lags to consider
         top_row = plt.subplot2grid((2,2), (0,0), rowspan=1, colspan=2)
         bot_left = plt.subplot2grid((2, 2), (1, 0), rowspan=1, colspan=1)
         bot_right = plt.subplot2grid((2, 2), (1, 1), rowspan=1, colspan=1)
         df[column].plot(ax=top_row)
         top_row.set_title(title)
         sgt.plot_pacf(df[column], lags=nlags, zero=True, ax=bot_left)
         bot_left.set_title('PACF')
         sgt.plot_acf(df[column], lags=nlags, zero=True, ax=bot_right)
         bot_right.set_title('ACF')
         plt.show()
[4]: def sarima_model_selection(df, orders, method = 'lbfgs'):
         Performs a grid search to find the model which minimizes the AICc score
         Parameters
         _____
         df : dataframe
             A series of values
         orders: dict
             a dictionary of lists for keys p,d,q, P, D, Q and an integer for s.
         method: string
             indicates the optimizer for the model selection
         Returns
         mod: SARIMAX model
             Returns the SARIMAX which minimizes the AICc score among all the order
      \rightarrow combinations
         11 11 11
         p, d, q = orders['p'], orders['d'], orders['q']
         P, D, Q = orders['P'], orders['D'], orders['Q']
         s = orders['s']
        min_aicc = float('inf')
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best_order = None
  best_model = None
   iterations = reduce(lambda a,b: a * b, [len(x) for x in [p,q,d,P,Q,D]])
  print('There are {} combination to evaluate...'.format(iterations))
  pdq = list(itertools.product(p, d, q))
  seasonal_pdq = [(x[0], x[1], x[2], s) for x in list(itertools.product(P, D, U
→Q))]
  for param in pdq:
       for param_seasonal in seasonal_pdq:
               mod = sm.tsa.statespace.SARIMAX(df,
                                                order=param,
                                                seasonal_order=param_seasonal,
                                                enforce_stationarity=False,
                                                enforce_invertibility=False)
               results = mod.fit(max_iter=500, disp=0)
               if results.aicc < min_aicc:</pre>
                   min aicc = results.aicc
                   best model = mod
                   best_params = '{} x {}{}'.format(param, param_seasonal, s)
           except:
               continue
  print('Best Model:{}\nLowest Score:{}'.format(best_params, min_aicc))
  return mod
```

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[5]: def plot_STL_decomposition(df, method='additive'):

"""

Plots the observed values and their trend, seasonality, and residuals.

→Additionally, outputs

the trend strength and seasonality strength.

Parameters

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df: dataframe

A series of values

method: string

a string indicating whether to use a additive or multiplicative

→decomposition method

"""

observed_ax = plt.subplot2grid((4,1), (0,0), rowspan=1, colspan=1)

trend_ax = plt.subplot2grid((4, 1), (1, 0), rowspan=1, colspan=1)

season_ax = plt.subplot2grid((4, 1), (2, 0), rowspan=1, colspan=1)
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resid_ax = plt.subplot2grid((4, 1), (3, 0), rowspan=1, colspan=1)
   trend_strength, seasonality_strength = 0, 0
   observed ax.set_title(df.name + ' STL '+ method + ' decomposition')
   observed_ax.set_ylabel('Observed')
   trend_ax.set_ylabel('Trend')
   season_ax.set_ylabel('Season')
   resid ax.set ylabel('Resid')
   if method == 'additive':
       stl = STL(df).fit()
       df.plot(ax=observed_ax)
       stl.trend.plot(ax=trend_ax)
       stl.seasonal.plot(ax=season_ax)
       stl.resid.plot(ax=resid_ax)
       trend_strength = max(0, 1 - np.var( stl.resid) / np.var( stl.trend + u
→stl.resid))
       seasonality_strength = max(0, 1 - np.var( stl.resid) / np.var( stl.
⇒seasonal + stl.resid))
   elif method == 'multiplicative':
       df = np.log(df)
       stl = STL(df).fit()
       np.exp(df).plot(ax=observed_ax)
       np.exp(stl.trend).plot(ax=trend_ax)
       np.exp(stl.seasonal).plot(ax=season_ax)
       np.exp(stl.resid).plot(ax=resid_ax)
       trend strength = max(0, 1 - np.var(stl.resid) / np.var(stl.trend + 11
⇒stl.resid))
       seasonality strength = max(0, 1 - np.var( stl.resid) / np.var( stl.
⇒seasonal + stl.resid))
   else:
       raise RuntimeError("Method must either 'additive' or 'multiplicative'.")
   print('Trend Strength: {}\nSeasonality Strength: {}'.format(trend_strength, __
⇒seasonality strength))
```

3 Loading the Data

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[6]: quandl.ApiConfig.api_key = 'k2csLJUpyjYPGKKeCSBN'
    platinum_data = quandl.get('LPPM/PLAT', column_index='1')
    palladium_prices = quandl.get('LPPM/PALL', column_index='1')

[7]: df = platinum_data.rename(columns={'USD AM': 'plat_prices'})
    df['pall_prices'] = palladium_prices['USD AM']
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[8]: df.index.min(), df.index.max()
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[8]: (Timestamp('1990-04-02 00:00:00'), Timestamp('2020-06-19 00:00:00'))

There is about 20 years worth of data

4 Pre-process Data

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[9]: df.head()
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[9]:
                 plat_prices pall_prices
     Date
     1990-04-02
                       471.00
                                     128.00
     1990-04-03
                                     128.35
                       475.80
     1990-04-04
                       475.70
                                     128.35
     1990-04-05
                       481.75
                                     128.40
     1990-04-06
                       481.00
                                     128.75
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[10]: df.isna().sum()
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[10]: plat_prices 0 pall_prices 3 dtype: int64
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4.0.1 Fill missing data and resample into monthly frequency

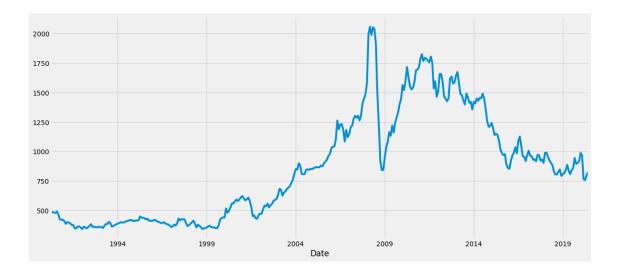
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[11]: df['pall_prices'] = df['pall_prices'].fillna(method='ffill')
df = df[['plat_prices','pall_prices']].resample('MS').mean()
df = df.apply(lambda x: round(x, 2))
```

5 Platinum

5.1 Time Plot of Platinum

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[12]: rcParams['figure.figsize'] = 18, 8
    df.plat_prices.plot()
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[12]: <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x7f82022d2050>



The time-series has a seasonally pattern, although it is hard to discern, where the prices has a series a consecutive increases followed by consecutive decreases. The trend seems to gradually until 2002 where the price spikes and experiences great flucation, likely due to the stock market crash, and then gradually decreases.





While classical decomposition is widely used, it's not recommended. Instead, I will opt to use STL decomposition which is not only versatile and robust. STL has many advantages over over the classical, SEATS and X11 decomposition methods.

The variation in the seasonal pattern appears proportional to the level of the time series, therefore we will opt for a multiplicative decomposition. The caveat of STL is that it only works for additive models. However, it is possible to obtain a multiplicative decomposition by taking the logs of the data and then back-transforming the componenets. This is possible because $y_t = S_t \times T_t \times R_t \equiv$

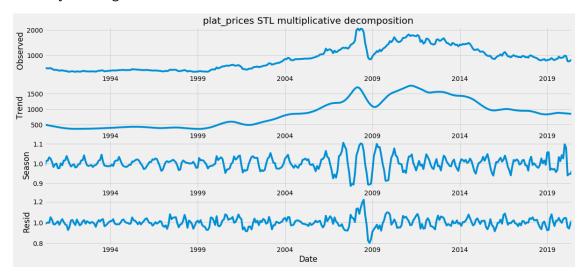
 $log(y_t) log(S_t) \times log(T_t) \times log(R_t)$

https://otexts.com/fpp3/stl.html

[14]: plot_STL_decomposition(df.plat_prices, method='multiplicative')

Trend Strength: 0.9932297077382147

Seasonality Strength: 0.4369190761188051



The plot indicates a trend that gradually increases until 2008 and then gradually decreases. Moreover, the plot definitiely indicates seasonality

[15]: dickey_fuller_test(df.plat_prices)

[15]:	Statistic
indicies	
Test Statistic	-1.316759
p-value	0.621471
Number of lags used	8.000000
Number of observations	354.000000
Critical Value (1%)	-3.448958
Critical Value (5%)	-2.869739
Critical Value (10%)	-2.571138
Maximized information critiera	3759.805843

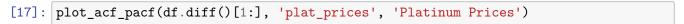
Examining the Dickey-Fuller test, the p-value suggests 62% of not rejecting the null hypothesis. Additionally, the test statistic is larger than the critical values at 1%, 5%, and 10%. All this suggests we can't confirm stationarity.

ARIMA models require stationarity, so we must perform differencing

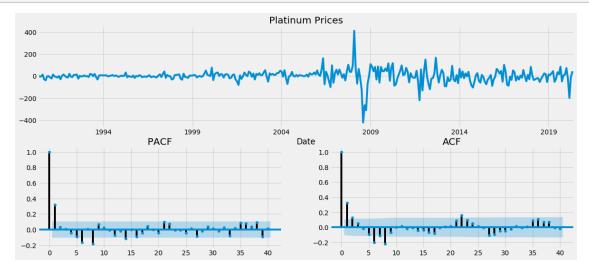
[16]: Statistic indicies Test Statistic -8.882680e+00 p-value 1.305076e-14 Number of lags used 7.000000e+00 Number of observations 3.540000e+02 Critical Value (1%) -3.448958e+00 Critical Value (5%) -2.869739e+00 Critical Value (10%) -2.571138e+00

Maximized information critiera

Perfect, the test statistic is much smaller than all the critical values and the p-value is also significant indicating stationarity.



3.749959e+03



For the AR component p, we examine the significant lags in the PACF plot For the seasonal AR component, we look at lags of multiples of 12. We see the 24th lag is significant so we can examine seasonality when P=2.

For the MA component q, we examine the significant lags in the ACF plot. For the seasonal MA component, we look at the lags of multiples of 12. There doesn't seem to be any significant lags.

```
plat_best_model = sarima_model_selection(df.plat_prices, orders)
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There are 120 combination to evaluate...

/opt/anaconda3/envs/mlenv/lib/python3.7/sitepackages/statsmodels/base/model.py:568: ConvergenceWarning: Maximum Likelihood optimization failed to converge. Check mle_retvals

"Check mle_retvals", ConvergenceWarning)

Best Model:(8, 1, 1) x (2, 1, 1, 12)12 Lowest Score:3501.4581092542307

[19]: plat_results = plat_best_model.fit()
print(plat_results.summary().tables[1])

	coef	std err	z	P> z	[0.025	0.975]
ar.L1	-1.3628	0.104	-13.094	0.000	-1.567	-1.159
ar.L2	-1.1127	0.183	-6.088	0.000	-1.471	-0.754
ar.L3	-1.0501	0.204	-5.142	0.000	-1.450	-0.650
ar.L4	-0.7624	0.227	-3.354	0.001	-1.208	-0.317
ar.L5	-0.7762	0.220	-3.536	0.000	-1.206	-0.346
ar.L6	-0.8390	0.181	-4.625	0.000	-1.195	-0.483
ar.L7	-0.9734	0.144	-6.754	0.000	-1.256	-0.691
ar.L8	-0.6362	0.084	-7.599	0.000	-0.800	-0.472
ma.L1	1.6726	0.109	15.317	0.000	1.459	1.887
ma.L2	1.6350	0.205	7.975	0.000	1.233	2.037
ma.L3	1.6614	0.255	6.511	0.000	1.161	2.162
ma.L4	1.4228	0.282	5.046	0.000	0.870	1.975
ma.L5	1.3915	0.275	5.061	0.000	0.853	1.930
ma.L6	1.2932	0.233	5.540	0.000	0.836	1.751
ma.L7	1.3362	0.164	8.144	0.000	1.015	1.658
ma.L8	0.8389	0.082	10.229	0.000	0.678	1.000
ar.S.L12	-0.2094	0.101	-2.077	0.038	-0.407	-0.012
ar.S.L24	-0.0390	0.094	-0.414	0.679	-0.224	0.146
ma.S.L12	-0.8854	0.073	-12.075	0.000	-1.029	-0.742
sigma2	4087.9684	419.815	9.738	0.000	3265.146	4910.791

Many of the p-values are significant indicating the lags are significantly different from 0.

5.1.1 Ljung-Box test

In addition to looking at the ACF plot, we can do a more formal test for autocorrelation by considering a whole set residuals instead of treating each one separately. Therefore, we test whether the first autocorrelations are significantly different from what would be expected from a white noise process.

It is suggested to use lags = 10 for non-seasonal data and lags = 2m for seasonal data where m is the period of seasonality. However, if

However, the test is not good when the number of lags is too high so if the number of lags is larger than T/5 where T is the number of observations, then use lags = T/5.

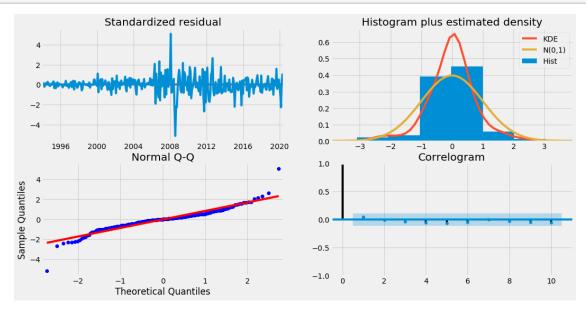
source: https://otexts.com/fpp3/diagnostics.html

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[20]: sm.stats.acorr_ljungbox(plat_results.resid, lags=[24], return_df=True)
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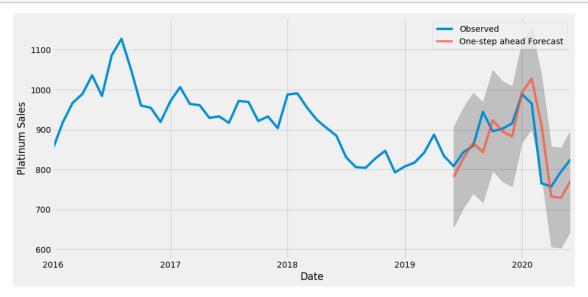
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[20]: lb_stat lb_pvalue 24 57.705438 0.000134
```

Our p-value indicates the first autocorelations are significantly different from what would be expected from a white noise process.

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[21]: plat_results.plot_diagnostics(figsize=(16, 8))
    plt.show()
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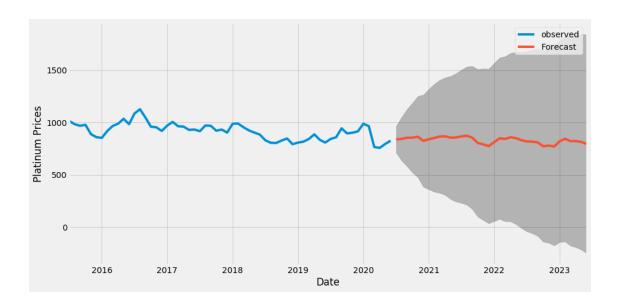


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plt.legend()
plt.show()
```



The forecasts seem to align well with the observed values.

The Mean Squared Error of our forecasts is 3536.01 The Root Mean Squared Error of our forecasts is 59.46



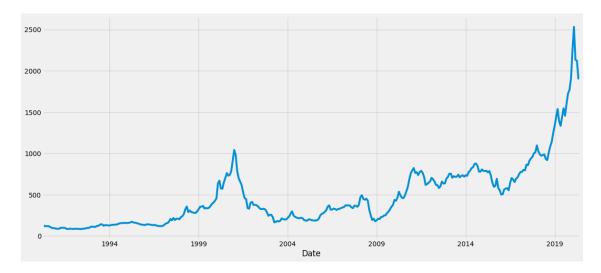
6 Palladium

6.1 Time Plot of Palladium

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[25]: rcParams['figure.figsize'] = 18, 8

df.pall_prices.plot()
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[25]: <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x7f81d81cf6d0>



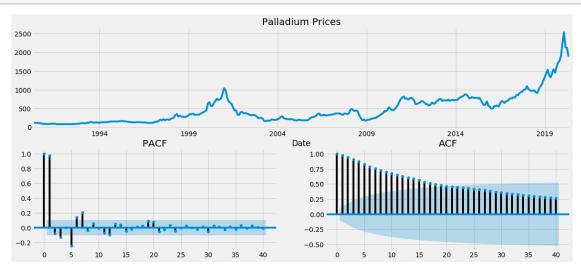
The time-series has a seasonally pattern with occasional spikes such as in 2001-2002. The trend increases through the entire timeseries with notable expoential growth after 2016.

[26]: dickey_fuller_test(df.pall_prices)

[26]:		Statistic
	indicies	
	Test Statistic	0.812363
	p-value	0.991833
	Number of lags used	17.000000
	Number of observations	345.000000
	Critical Value (1%)	-3.449447
	Critical Value (5%)	-2.869954
	Critical Value (10%)	-2.571253
	Maximized information critiera	3691.410626

The p-value suggests 99.2% of not rejecting the null hypothesis. Additionally, the test statistic is larger than the critical values at 1%, 5%, and 10%. All this suggests we can't confirm stationarity

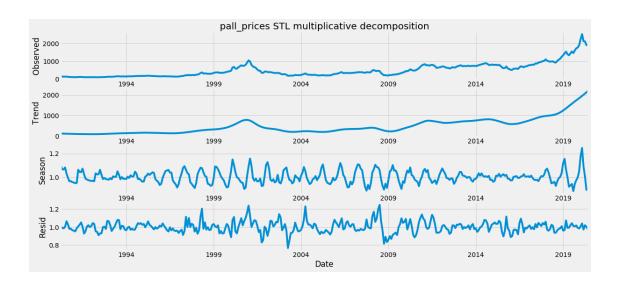
[27]: plot_acf_pacf(df, 'pall_prices', 'Palladium Prices')



As above, we will use multiplicative STL decomposition

Trend Strength: 0.9940630024022675

Seasonality Strength: 0.4592015311752917



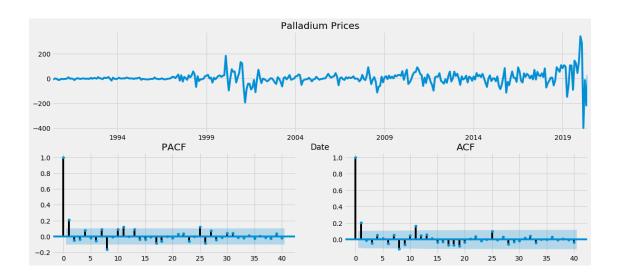
Let's examine the stationary after differencing

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[29]: dickey_fuller_test(df.pall_prices.diff()[1:])
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[29]:		Statistic
	indicies	
	Test Statistic	-3.484995
	p-value	0.008381
	Number of lags used	12.000000
	Number of observations	349.000000
	Critical Value (1%)	-3.449227
	Critical Value (5%)	-2.869857
	Critical Value (10%)	-2.571201
	Maximized information critiera	3679.906205

Perfect, the test statistic is much smaller than all the critical values and the p-value is also significant indicating stationarity.

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[30]: plot_acf_pacf(df.diff()[1:], 'pall_prices', 'Palladium Prices')
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There are 36 combination to evaluate...

/opt/anaconda3/envs/mlenv/lib/python3.7/sitepackages/statsmodels/base/model.py:568: ConvergenceWarning: Maximum Likelihood optimization failed to converge. Check mle_retvals "Check mle_retvals", ConvergenceWarning)

Best Model: (2, 1, 9) x (1, 1, 1, 12)12 Lowest Score: 3546.042914254437

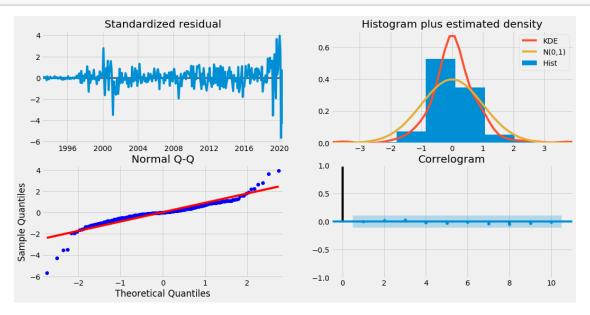
Best Model:(1, 1, 9) x (0, 1, 1, 12)12 Lowest Score:3549.1285862915197

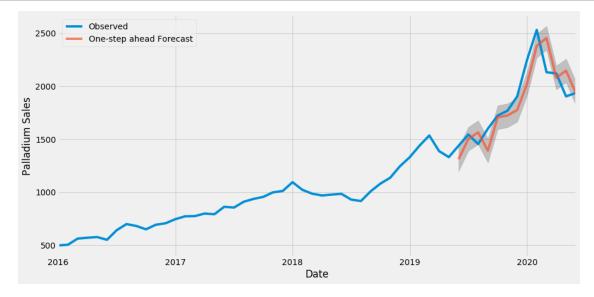
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[32]: pall_results = pall_best_model.fit() print(pall_results.summary().tables[1])
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	coef	std err	z	P> z	[0.025	0.975]
ar.L1	0.1705	0.659	0.259	0.796	-1.122	1.463
ar.L2	-0.3624	0.565	-0.641	0.522	-1.471	0.746
ar.L3	-0.7616	0.600	-1.269	0.204	-1.938	0.415

ar.L4	0.1224	0.905	0.135	0.892	-1.652	1.897
ar.L5	-0.1744	0.788	-0.221	0.825	-1.719	1.370
ar.L6	0.2941	0.573	0.514	0.607	-0.828	1.416
ar.L7	0.0770	0.466	0.165	0.869	-0.837	0.991
ar.L8	-0.0114	0.384	-0.030	0.976	-0.764	0.742
ar.L9	0.5283	0.298	1.776	0.076	-0.055	1.111
ma.L1	0.0686	0.664	0.103	0.918	-1.233	1.371
ma.L2	0.3112	0.672	0.463	0.643	-1.006	1.629
ma.L3	0.7651	0.680	1.125	0.260	-0.568	2.098
ma.L4	0.1757	0.990	0.177	0.859	-1.764	2.116
ma.L5	0.2270	1.028	0.221	0.825	-1.788	2.242
ma.L6	-0.4673	0.860	-0.543	0.587	-2.153	1.219
ma.L7	0.2207	0.551	0.400	0.689	-0.860	1.301
ma.L8	-0.1454	0.606	-0.240	0.810	-1.332	1.041
ma.L9	-0.5643	0.447	-1.262	0.207	-1.441	0.312
ar.S.L12	0.0133	0.158	0.084	0.933	-0.296	0.323
ma.S.L12	-0.8855	0.145	-6.126	0.000	-1.169	-0.602
sigma2	3264.7086	248.572	13.134	0.000	2777.517	3751.900

[33]: pall_results.plot_diagnostics(figsize=(16, 8)) plt.show()



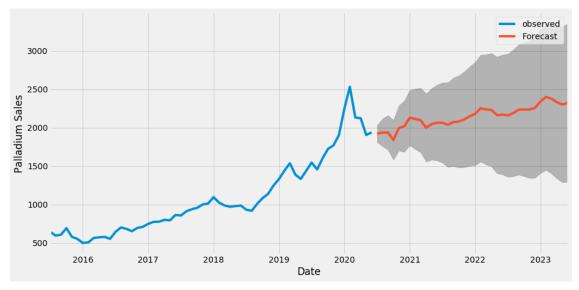


The forecasts seem to align well with the observed values

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[35]: y_forecasted = pred.predicted_mean
y_truth = df.pall_prices['2008-01-01':]
mse = ((y_forecasted - y_truth) ** 2).mean()
print('The Mean Squared Error of our forecasts is {}'.format(round(mse, 2)))
print('The Root Mean Squared Error of our forecasts is {}'.format(round(np.
→sqrt(mse), 2)))
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The Mean Squared Error of our forecasts is 25437.19 The Root Mean Squared Error of our forecasts is 159.49

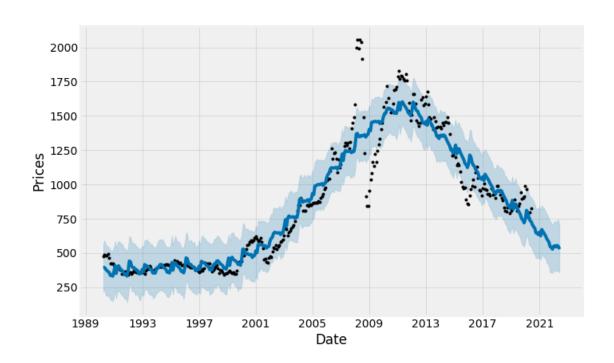
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ax.set_xlabel('Date')
ax.set_ylabel('Palladium Sales')
plt.legend()
plt.show()
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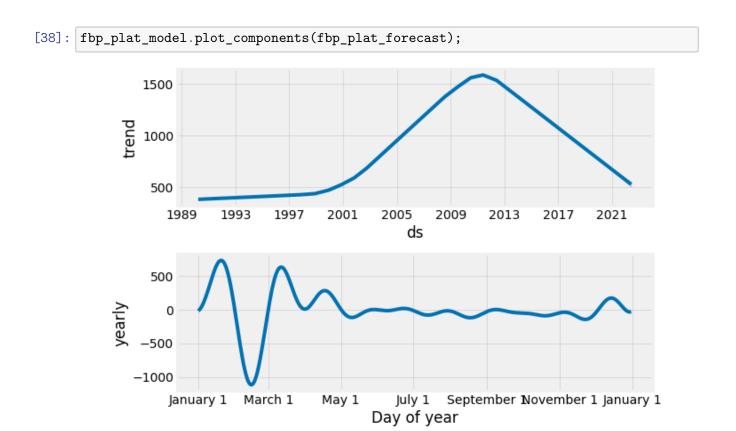


7 Prophet

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[37]: fbp_plat_model = Prophet()
   fbp_plat_model.fit(pd.DataFrame({'ds': df.index,'y': df.plat_prices}))
   fbp_plat_future = fbp_plat_model.make_future_dataframe(periods=24, freq='MS')
   fbp_plat_forecast = fbp_plat_model.predict(fbp_plat_future)
   fbp_plat_model.plot(fbp_plat_forecast, xlabel = 'Date', ylabel = 'Prices')
   plt.show()
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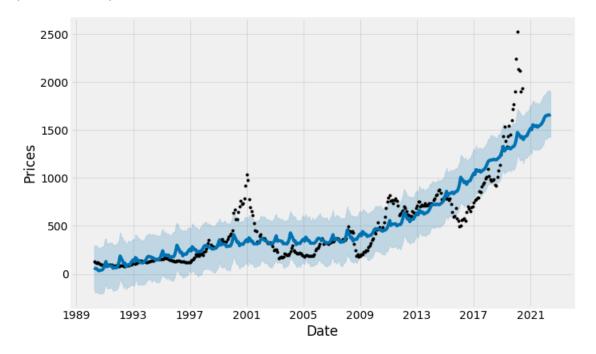
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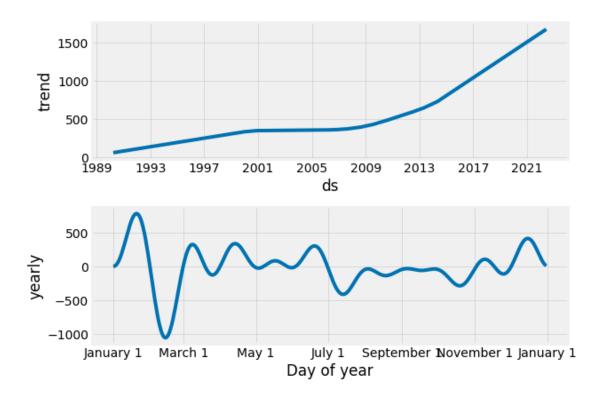


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[39]: fbp_pall_model = Prophet()
  fbp_pall_model.fit(pd.DataFrame({'ds': df.index,'y': df.pall_prices}))
  fbp_pall_future = fbp_pall_model.make_future_dataframe(periods=24, freq='MS')
  fbp_pall_forecast = fbp_pall_model.predict(fbp_plat_future)
  fbp_pall_model.plot(fbp_pall_forecast, xlabel = 'Date', ylabel = 'Prices')
  plt.show()
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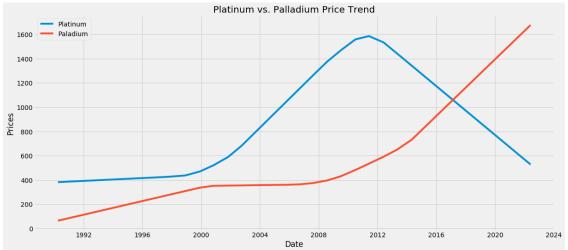
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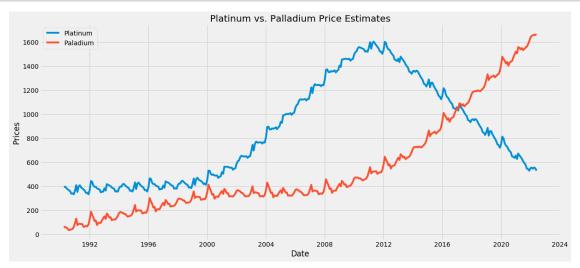
[40]: fbp_pall_model.plot_components(fbp_pall_forecast);







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[42]: plt.plot(fbp_plat_forecast['ds'], fbp_plat_forecast['yhat'], label='Platinum')
    plt.plot(fbp_pall_forecast['ds'], fbp_pall_forecast['yhat'], label='Paladium')
    plt.xlabel('Date')
    plt.ylabel('Prices')
    plt.title('Platinum vs. Palladium Price Estimates');
    plt.legend()
    plt.show()
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7.1 Pickle Forecasting Models