

Time Series Forecasting

Walmart Store Sales

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Walmart 

Agenda

- Introduction
- Problem Statement
- Data Description
- Data Exploration (EDA)
- Data Modification
- Modeling
 - Forecasting Total sales of all departments in Store 34
 - Forecasting 5 individual department sales in Store 34
- Business Findings & Recommendations

Introduction

- Sales Forecasting for Walmart using Time series data
- Data available from Feb 2010 to Nov 2012
- For 45 stores and 99 departments
- **Objective**
 - To forecast weekly sales for Store 34 which has 78 departments.
 - To forecast sales for 5 different departments under Store 34
- **Why STORE 34 ?**
 - Gasoline - Sold exclusively ++
 - Sales of Store 34 is near to Avg Sales of all 45 stores.
- **Methodology: SEMMA** Approach



Problem Statement

Retail Industry -Highly competitive, tighter margins.

Multiple Interface- Brick & Mortar and Online Ecommerce- Problem of Plenty.

Importance of Forecasting Sales

- Operational Efficiency -Supply chain & Inventory management
- Demand Forecasting- Just in Time
- Predicting potential Strategic shifts in Marketing and customer Promotions
- Financial planning & Internal controls



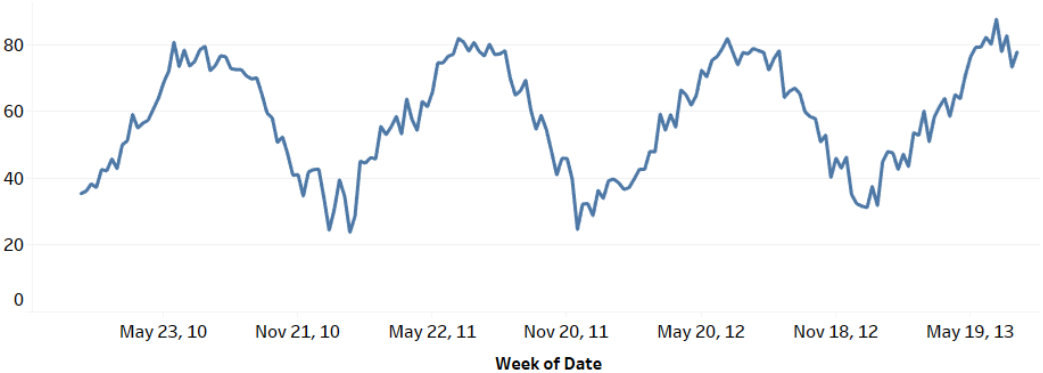
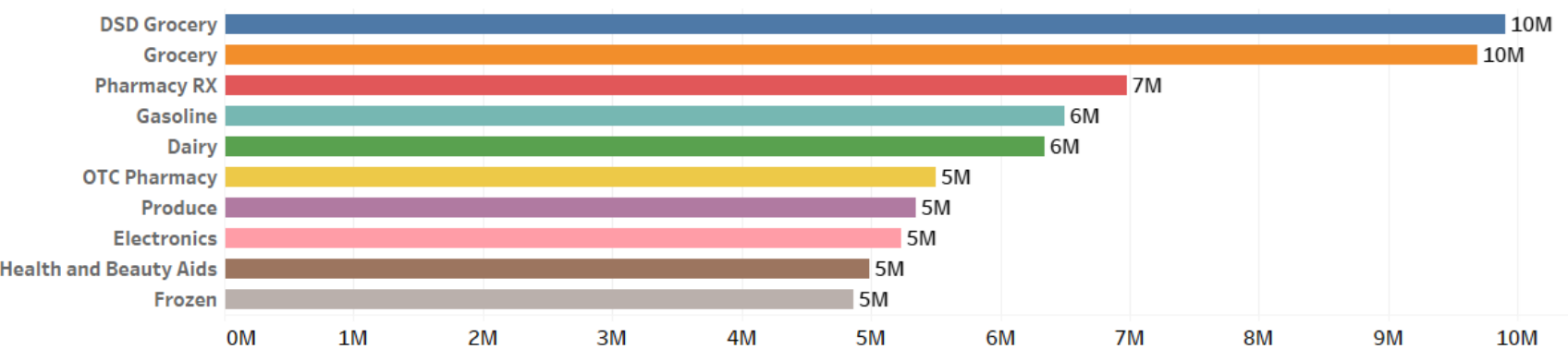
- **Time Variable:**
 - **Date** - the end date of weekly cycle from Feb 2010 to Nov 2012.
- **Dependent Variable:**
 - **Weekly Sales** - Sales for a given department in the given store in dollars(\$).
- **Independent Variables (Used in Modeling):**
 - **Is Holiday** - Whether the week is a holiday week where **1 - Holiday** and **0 - Not a Holiday**. Holidays are Labor day, Valentines day, Super Bowl, Thanksgiving and Christmas.
 - **Temperature(Fahrenheit)** - Temperature in the region where the store is located.
 - **Fuel Price** - Cost of fuel in dollars(\$) in the region where the store is located.
 - **Mark Down1** - 1st round of Promotional Markdown in dollars(\$).
 - **MarkDown2** - 2nd round of Promotional Markdown in dollars(\$).
 - **Mark Down3** - 3rd round of Promotional Markdown in dollars(\$).
 - **Mark Down4** - 4th round of Promotional Markdown in dollars(\$).
 - **Mark Down5** - 5th round of Promotional Markdown in dollars(\$).
 - **CPI** - Consumer Price Index.
 - **Unemployment** - Unemployment rate in percentage.
- **Independent Variables (Not used in Modeling)**
 - **Dept** - The department number numbered from **1-99** in Walmart.
 - **Store** - Store numbered from **1-45** in Walmart.
 - **Size** - Sizes in Square Feet for each Store.
 - **Type** - Types of Stores labeled with A,B and C.

Data Exploration of Store 34

Store Size



Top 10 departments by Sales

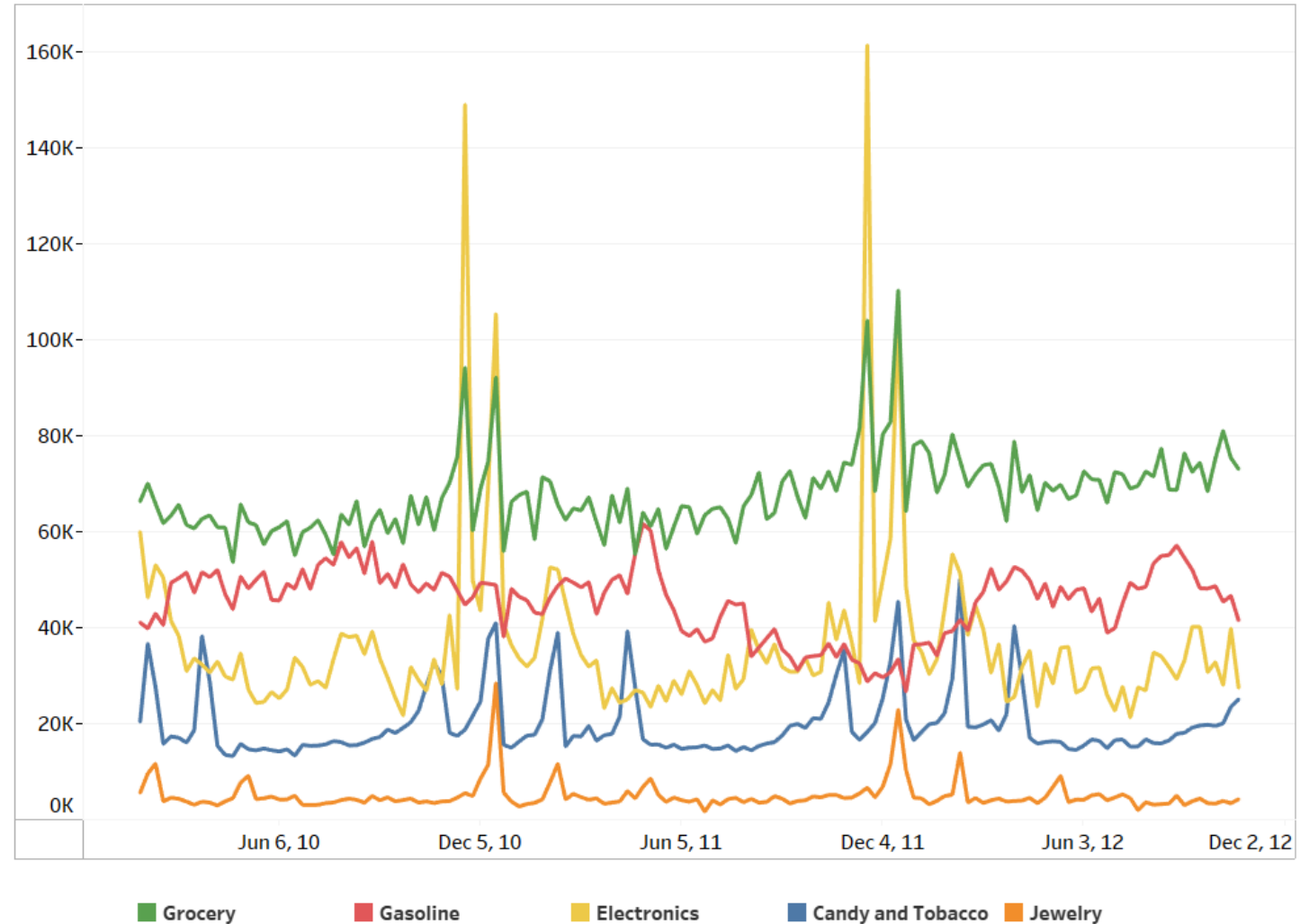


From Temperature Graph, Store Location seems to be in Northern states of the USA (Chicago / Boston / Seattle Area).

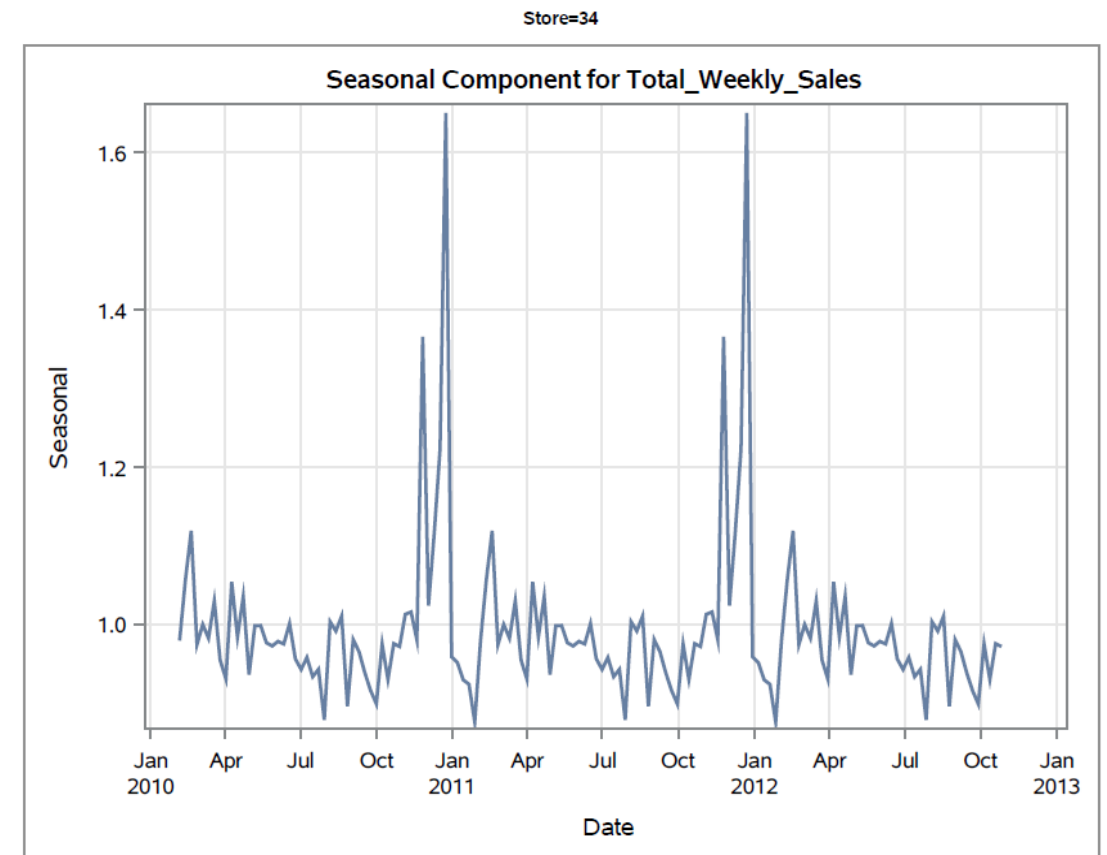
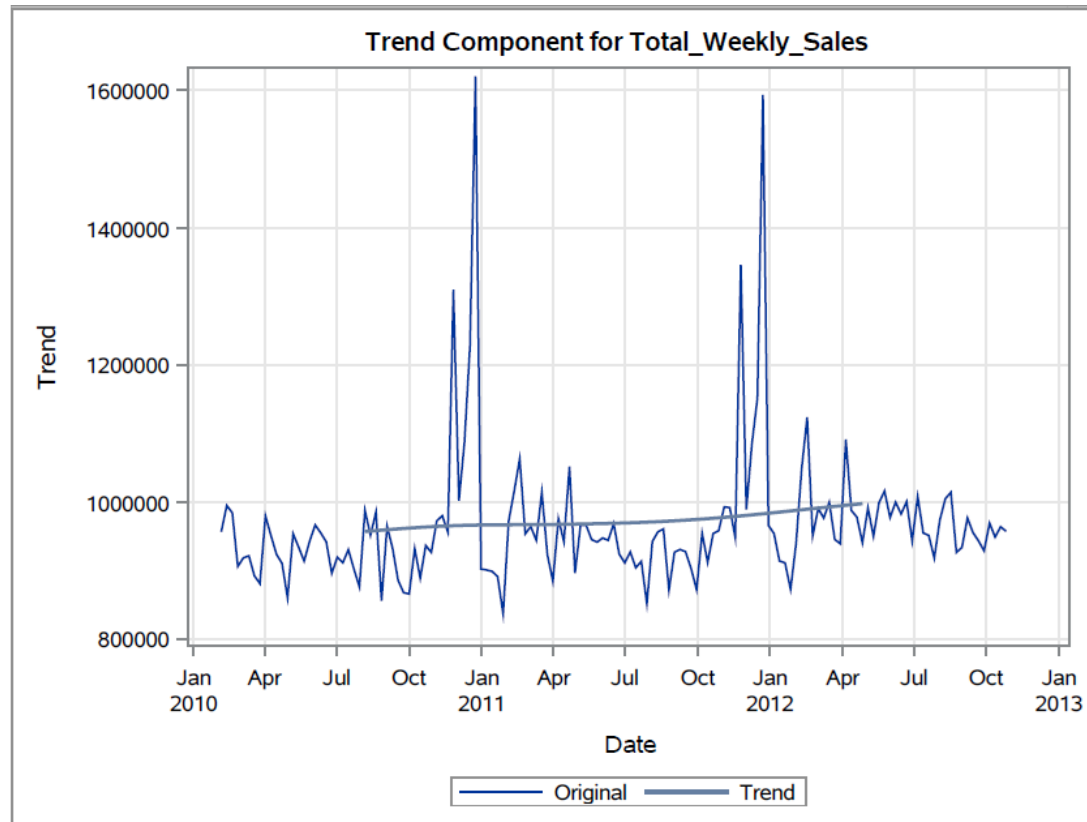
Exact location information is Not Available.

Data Exploration - 5 Departments in Store 34

- **Grocery** - Highest Sales. Slightly positive trend with seasonality
- **Gasoline** - Opposite trend during Christmas. No seasonality.
- **Electronics** - No trend but Seasonality. Huge Spike during Christmas season.
- **Candy and Tobacco** - Only series with 4 clear spikes with seasonality. Seasonality but no trend.
- **Jewelry** - Lowest Sales. Seasonality but no trend.



Data Seasonality

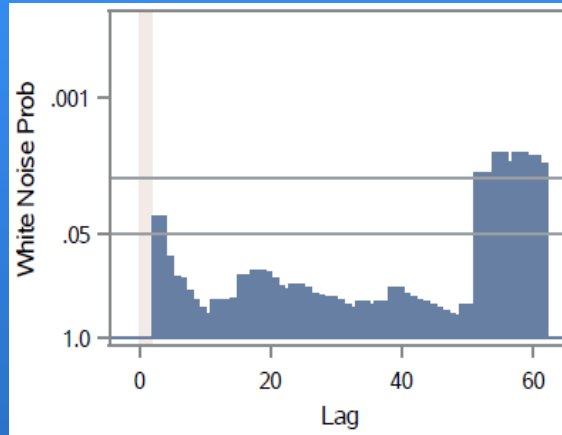


Data Modification

- Filled missing values in “Markdown” replaced with Zero
- Accumulated by summing the Sales of all individual departments to calculate Total weekly sales of Store 34 per week;
- Number of rows : 143
 - Fit Sample: 123 weeks
 - Holdout Sample: 20 weeks (from 06-2012 to 10-2012)
- Used only 20 rows for Test sample; since we cannot use more than 25% percent as test sample.
- Wanted more Rows for Fit sample in order to model the seasonality accurately
- Cannot use stratified sample as time series requires continuous data to test

ESM Models - Total Sales of All Departments

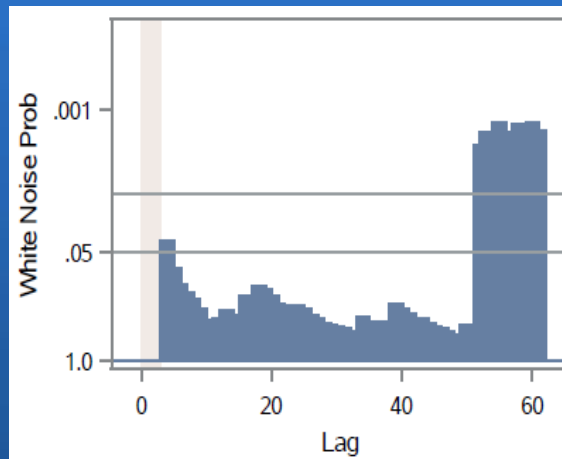
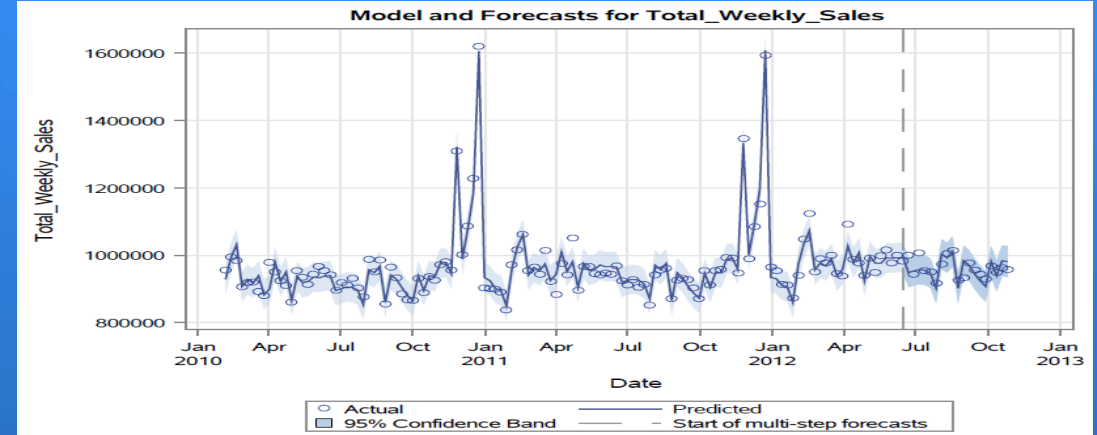
Residuals



- **Additive Seasonal**

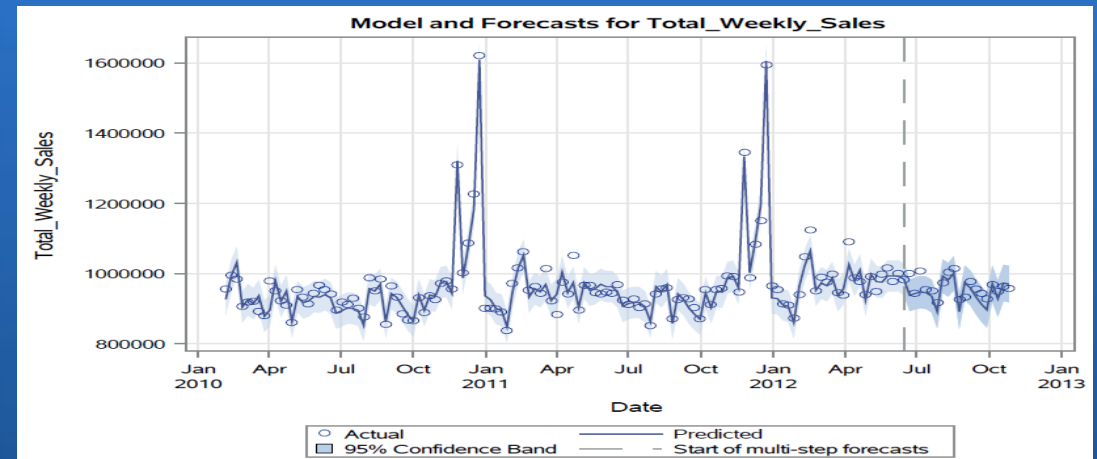
- **MAPE = 2.3%**
- **WMAE = 2152**

Model



- **Additive Winters**

- **MAPE = 2.017%**
- **WMAE = 17289**



Arimax Models - Total Sales of all Departments

Methodology

- Determining order of differencing
 - $dif=0$
 - $sdif=1$
- Determining p,q values
 - possible p:1,4,5
 - possible q:1,2,4
- Dealing with autocorrelation in explanatory variables
- Check cross correlation between target variable and explanatory variables
 - 8 variables: Temperature, Fuel_Price, CPI, Unemployment IsHoliday, Mark Down 2, Mark Down 3, Mark Down 5
- Stepwise variable selection
- Final model

ARIMAX Model 1 - Total Sales of all Departments

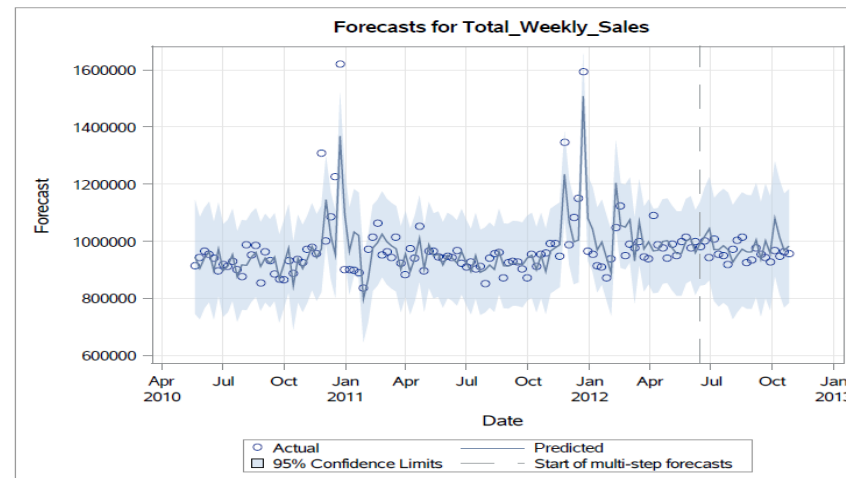
Model Parameters

- $dif=0$, $sdif=0$
- $p=0$
- $q=1,2,4$
- inputs
 - (1)Temperature
 - 4 \$ (11)IsHoliday
 - 6 \$ Markdown2
 - Markdown3
 - 3 \$ Markdown5

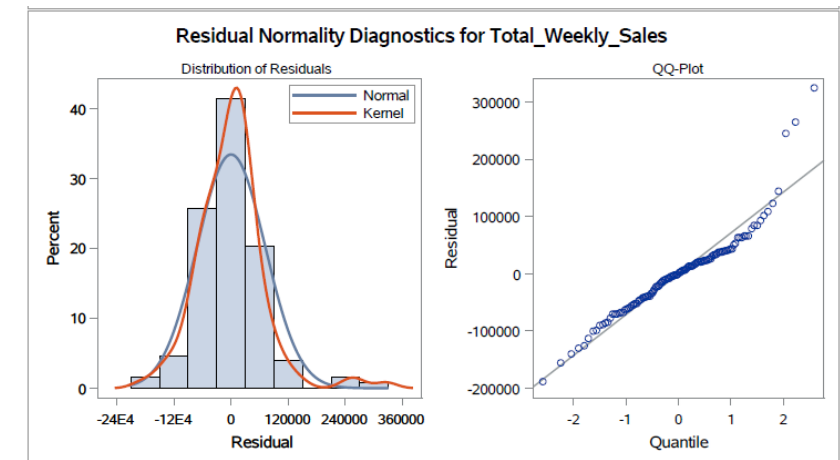
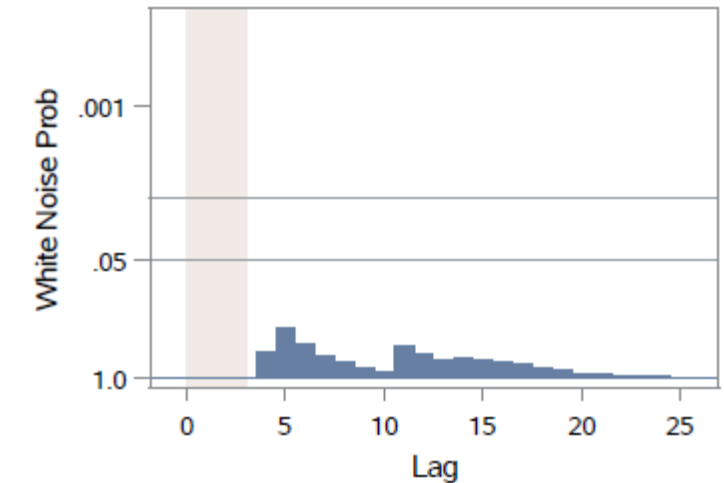
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MA1,1	-0.59426	0.20349	-2.92	0.0035	1	Total_Weekly_Sales	0
MA1,2	-0.39345	0.17152	-2.29	0.0218	2	Total_Weekly_Sales	0
MA1,3	-0.58382	0.19427	-3.01	0.0027	4	Total_Weekly_Sales	0
NUM1	2453.8	743.90964	3.30	0.0010	0	Temperature	0
NUM1,1	3325.1	750.89664	4.43	<.0001	1	Temperature	0
NUM2	85525.3	15420.5	5.55	<.0001	0	IsHoliday_numeric	4
NUM1,1	25821.7	13078.9	1.97	0.0483	11	IsHoliday_numeric	4
NUM3	11.48906	2.60629	4.41	<.0001	0	Markdown_2	6
NUM4	6.27550	1.41729	4.43	<.0001	0	Markdown_3	0
NUM5	12.96701	3.08155	4.21	<.0001	0	Markdown_5	3

Accuracy Statistics

- MAPE=6.13%
- WMAE=60290



Residuals



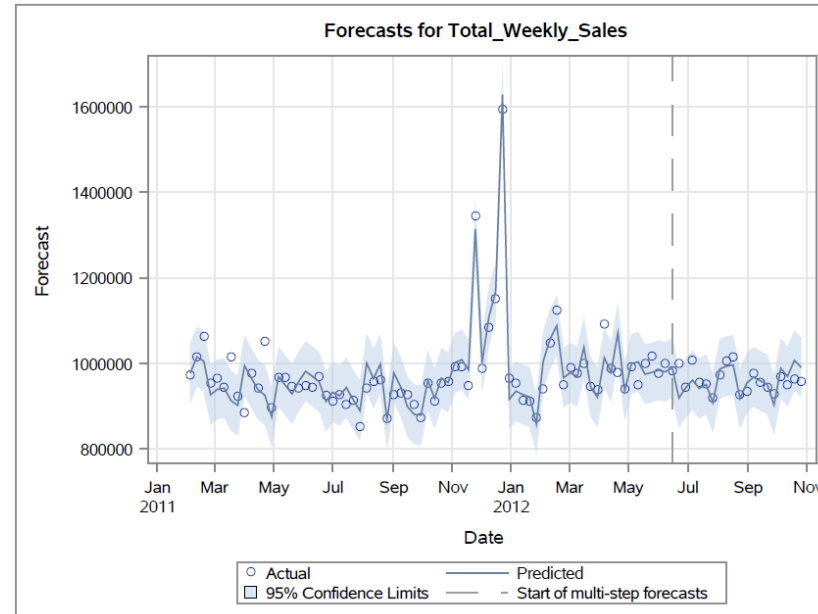
ARIMAX Model 2 - Total Sales of all Departments

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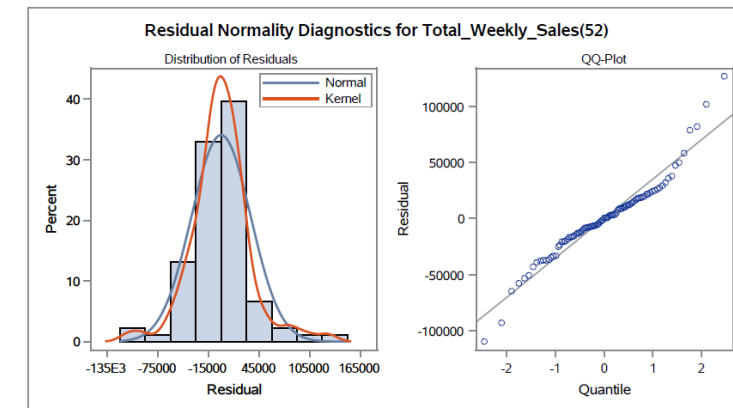
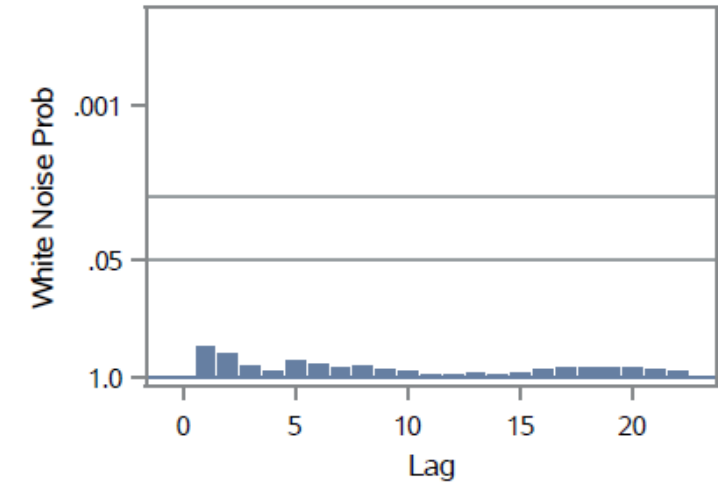
- $dif=0$, $sdif=1$
- $p=0$
- $q=0$
- Inputs
 - Unemployment
 - 3 \$ Markdown3

Accuracy Statistics

- $MAPE=2.05\%$
- $WMAE=18133$



Residuals



Model Comparison - Total Sales of All Departments

$$\text{WMAE} = \frac{1}{\sum w_i} \sum_{i=1}^n w_i |y_i - \hat{y}_i|$$

- n is the number of rows
- \hat{y}_i is the predicted sales
- y_i is the actual sales
- w_i are weights. $w = 5$ if the week is a holiday week, 1 otherwise

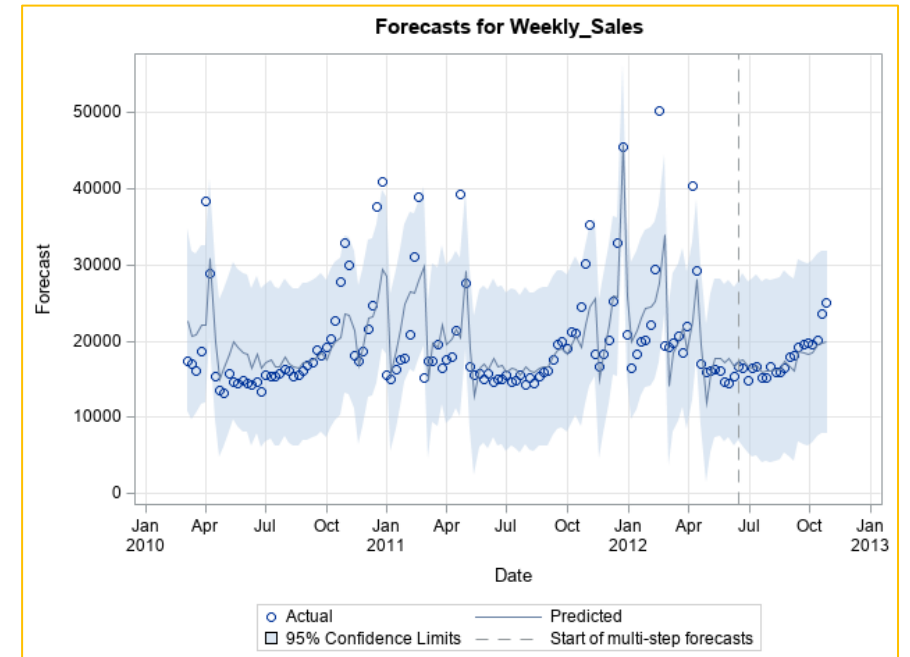
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Arimax Model 1	6.13%	60290
Arimax Model 2	2.05%	18133

Candy & Tobacco Department Sales

STORE 34

- **Seasonal Data; High sales during each Holidays in the year**
- **4 peak seen in “trend graph”** for each 12 month period.
- **Independent Variables:**
 - Correlated with AR ; lag 1 and 2
 - **Temperature is negatively correlated**
 - **Markdown 3 is positively correlated after 4 weeks**

Maximum Likelihood Estimation							
Parameter	Estimate	Standard Error	t Value	Approx Pr > t	Lag	Variable	Shift
MU	30500.3	1718.3	17.75	<.0001	0	Weekly_Sales	0
MA1,1	0.53274	0.18959	2.81	0.0050	1	Weekly_Sales	0
AR1,1	0.96392	0.16967	5.68	<.0001	1	Weekly_Sales	0
AR1,2	-0.48045	0.08229	-5.84	<.0001	2	Weekly_Sales	0
NUM1	-183.08655	28.14168	-6.51	<.0001	0	Temperature	0
NUM2	0.39572	0.11283	3.51	0.0005	0	MarkDown_3	4



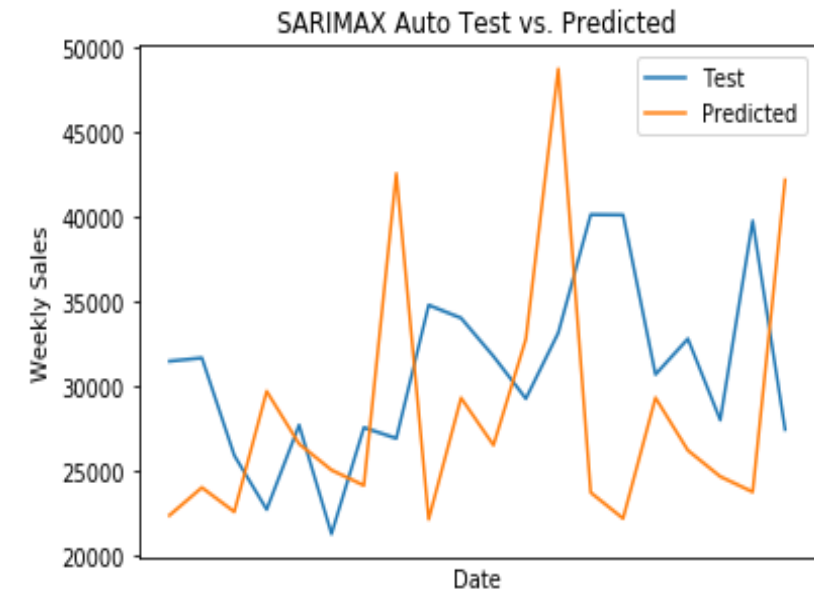
Electronics Department Sales

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- **Seasonal Data**
- **High sales during end of year holidays (Black Friday sales and Christmas sales)**
- From estimates we see confirm “IsHoliday” is significant
- With every holiday, the sales increases by approx. 27,500

	coef	std err	z	P> z	[0.025	0.975]
IsHoliday_x	2.752e+04	4109.990	6.695	0.000	1.95e+04	3.56e+04
ar.L1	-0.8077	0.137	-5.880	0.000	-1.077	-0.538
ar.L2	-0.5918	0.142	-4.173	0.000	-0.870	-0.314
ar.L3	-0.2912	0.129	-2.263	0.024	-0.543	-0.039
ma.S.L12	-0.7835	0.221	-3.551	0.000	-1.216	-0.351
sigma2	5.372e+08	0.211	2.55e+09	0.000	5.37e+08	5.37e+08

Ljung-Box (Q):	37.28	Jarque-Bera (JB):	581.37
Prob(Q):	0.59	Prob(JB):	0.00
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Prob(H) (two-sided):	0.90	Kurtosis:	13.58

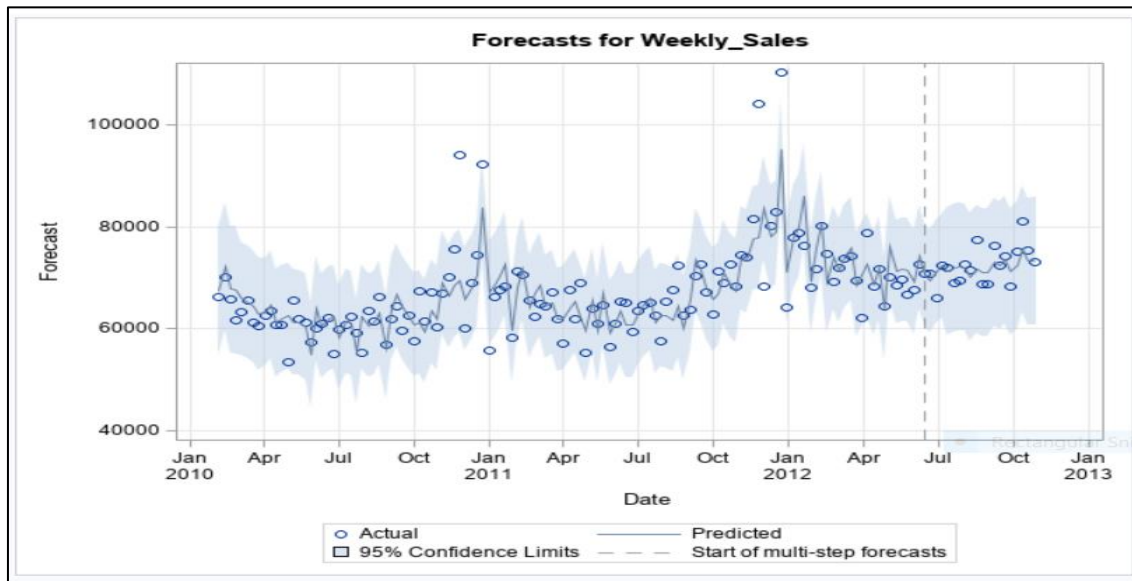


Groceries Department Sales

STORE 34

- **Seasonal Data with slightly positive Trend.**
- **Fuel price and Temperature are negatively correlated (lag 0) to weekly sales.**
- The effect of change in Temperature and fuel price takes place with immediate effect in Concurrent lag.

Maximum Likelihood Estimation							
Parameter	Estimate	Standard Error	t Value	Approx Pr > t	Lag	Variable	Shift
MU	-318394.2	85896.8	-3.71	0.0002	0	Weekly_Sales	0
MA1,1	-0.71956	0.07040	-10.22	<.0001	4	Weekly_Sales	0
NUM1	-123.35405	41.51681	-2.97	0.0030	0	Temperature	0
NUM2	-8218.8	2985.7	-2.75	0.0059	0	Fuel_Price	0
NUM3	3254.1	726.57831	4.48	<.0001	0	CPI	0
NUM4	0.58362	0.19428	3.00	0.0027	0	MarkDown_5	0
NUM5	4502.8	1186.7	3.79	0.0001	0	IsHoliday_numeric	0

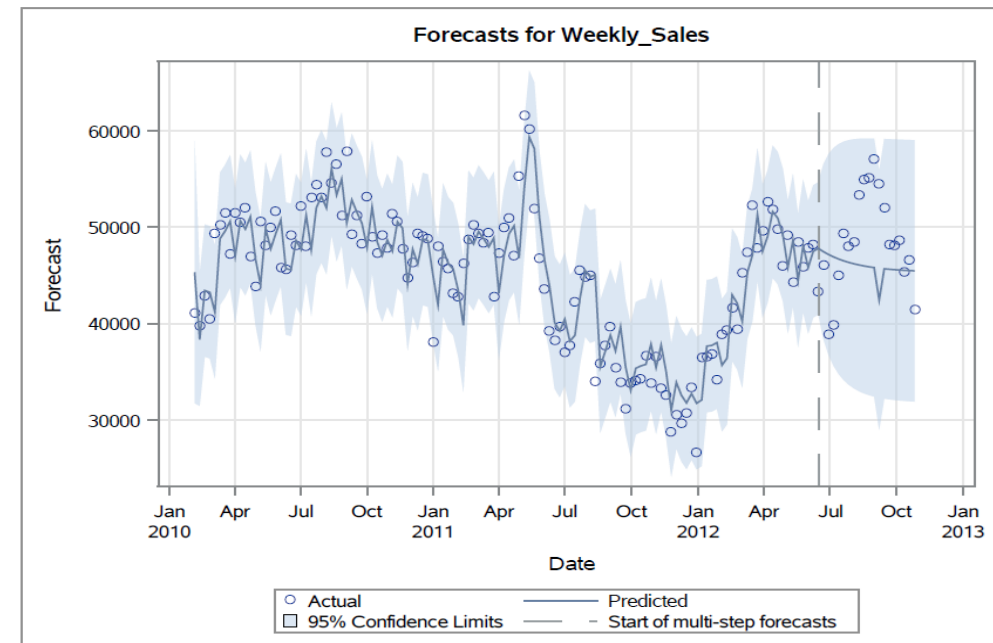


Gasoline Department Sales

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- **Consumers tend to consume less gasoline during holidays** than in ordinary workdays.
- In general, **gasoline sales of the week is positively correlated with sales of the previous week.**

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Parameter	Estimate	Standard Error	t Value	Approx Pr > t	Lag	Variable	Shift
MU	45316.6	2040.4	22.21	<.0001	0	Weekly_Sales	0
AR1,1	0.86292	0.04185	20.62	<.0001	1	Weekly_Sales	0
NUM1	-3320.2	835.19075	-3.98	<.0001	0	IsHoliday_numeric	0

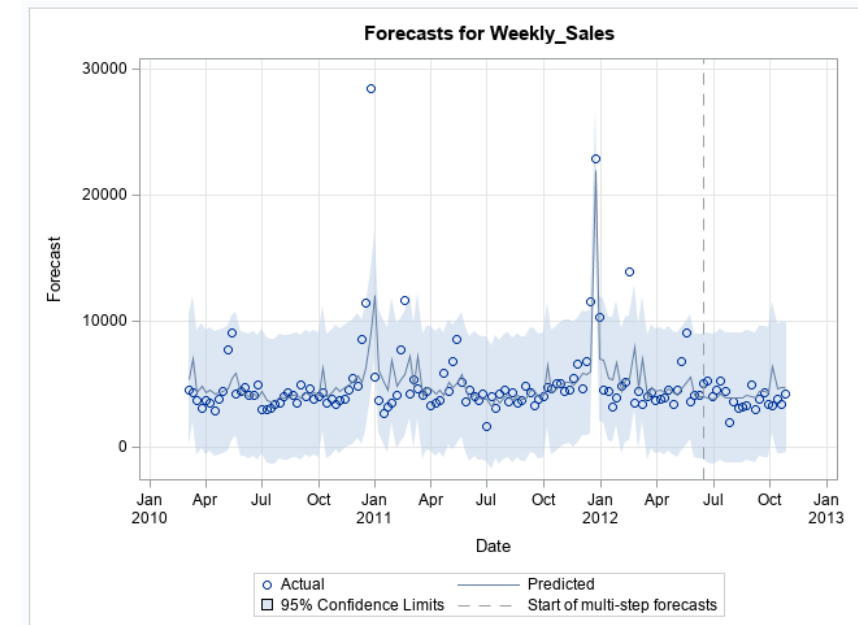


Jewelry Department Sales

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- People tend to **spend more on Jewellery during holidays and positive impact** is shown **after 4 weeks**.
- **Temperature is negatively correlated** with weekly sales. When temperature increases, weekly sales drop.
- **Markdown 3 has positive correlation** with weekly sales. Positive impact shows **after 4 weeks**.

Maximum Likelihood Estimation							
Parameter	Estimate	Standard Error	t Value	Approx Pr > t	Lag	Variable	Shift
MU	7066.4	1166.0	6.06	<.0001	0	Weekly_Sales	0
AR1,1	0.30164	0.08343	3.62	0.0003	1	Weekly_Sales	0
NUM1	-40.17376	18.90781	-2.12	0.0336	0	Temperature	0
NUM2	0.29521	0.06096	4.84	<.0001	0	MarkDown_3	4
NUM3	1938.4	818.53193	2.37	0.0179	0	IsHoliday_numeric	4



Business Findings & Recommendations

- **“Markdown” Variable:**
 - Markdown 3 is negatively impacting the Total Weekly Sales of Store 34.
 - Different Markdowns have positive impact on individual departments; May be due to selective items being marked down.
- **“IsHoliday” Variable:**
 - Positively correlated to the Weekly Sales of Grocery, Jewellery, Electronics, Candy.
 - Negatively correlated to Gasoline; May be many people prefer staying home.
- **“Temperature” Variable:** Show negative correlation; may be due to seasonal trend of sales on in Store 34 is reflected through “temperature” variable
- **“Unemployment” Variable:** Has Negative effect on the Total Sales of Store 34
- **“CPI, Fuel Price” Variable:** No effect on the Total Sales of Store 34

Business Findings & Recommendations

- Recommendation is to not have Markdown 3 for Store 34, as it negatively affects Total Sales after 3 weeks.
- More intelligent analysis can be done when more information made available like:
 - Actual “Store Location Information”
 - Number of Persons visiting stores each week
 - Median income of neighbourhood
 - Demographic of customers in neighbourhood

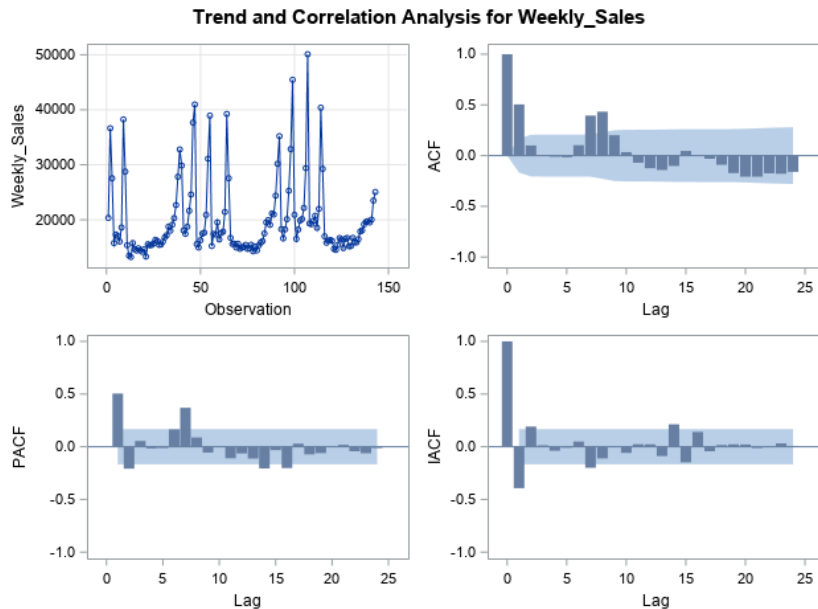
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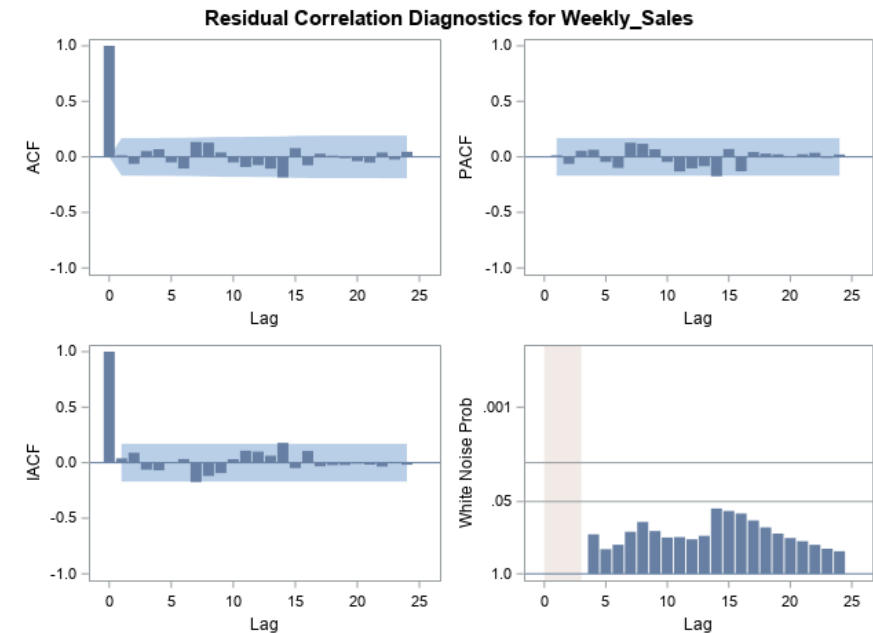
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Appendix - Candy Department Analysis

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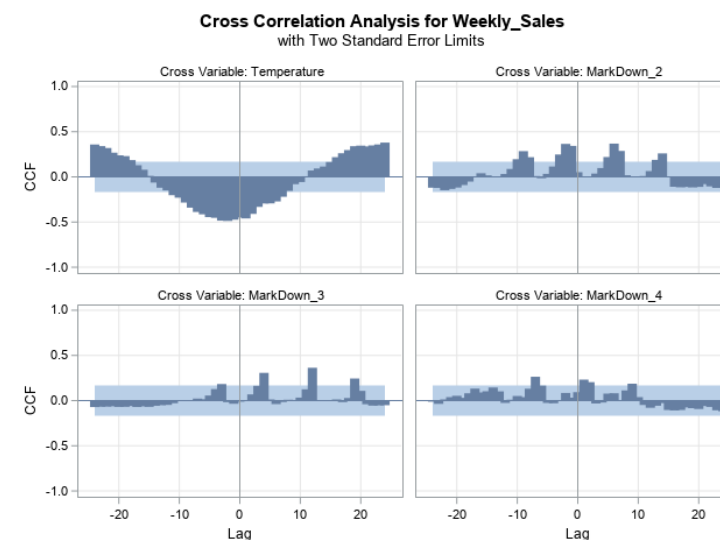
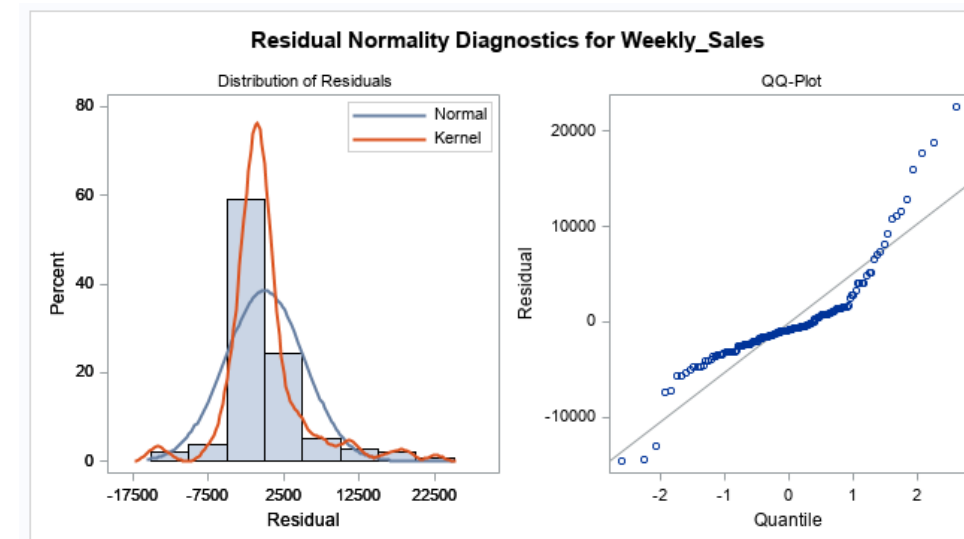
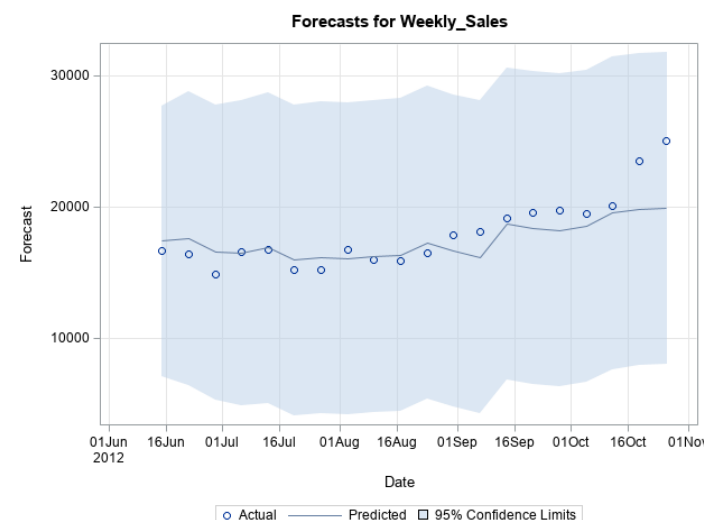
- **Seasonal Data; High sales during Holidays**
- **Best fit is ARMAX (p=2,q=1) model**
- **Dependent Var: Temperature, Markdown 3**

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identify var=Weekly_Sales crosscorr=(Temperature Markdown_2 Markdown_3  
    Markdown_4);  
estimate p=(1 2) q=(1) input=(Temperature 4 $ Markdown_3)  
    method=ML outstat=work.outstat;  
forecast lead=20 back=20 alpha=0.05 id=Date interval=week.6;
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Appendix - Candy Department Model Output

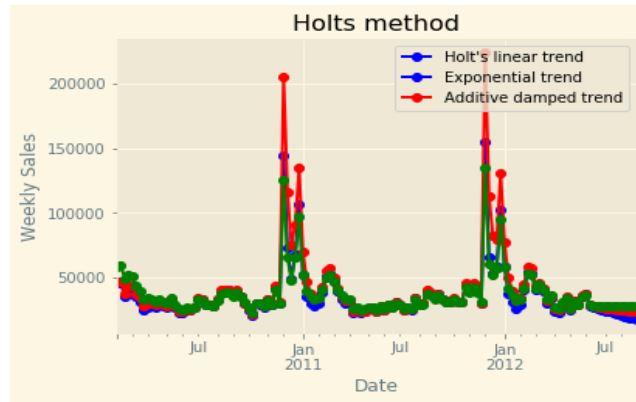
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Obs	Forecast	Std Error	95% Confidence Limits	Actual	Residual
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125	17589.2735	5745.2637	6328.7635 28849.7834	16408.6500	-1182.6235
126	16543.2307	5755.4344	5262.7865 27823.6749	14859.6000	-1683.6307
127	16476.7222	5928.6398	4856.8017 28098.6428	16534.4800	57.7378
128	16870.5347	6050.2452	5012.2720 28728.7973	16703.3900	-167.1447
129	15927.8768	6099.2499	4032.3675 27823.3862	15183.4700	-744.4068
130	16127.0135	6070.3818	4229.2837 28024.7433	15219.1400	-907.8735
131	16043.8778	6080.0992	4127.1023 27960.6534	16718.6800	672.7822
132	16240.1261	6086.3094	4311.1789 28169.0733	15927.1200	-313.0061
133	16343.6653	6087.1287	4413.1124 28274.2182	15880.0500	-463.6153
134	17286.6415	6087.2339	5355.8822 29217.4008	16488.3400	-798.3015
135	16628.9298	6087.7928	4697.0750 28560.7842	17877.9500	1249.0204
136	16159.4802	6088.1117	4227.0006 28091.9599	18072.7500	1913.2698
137	18714.8580	6088.1490	6782.3112 30847.4049	19161.9900	447.1320
138	18394.7558	6088.1546	6462.1921 30327.3195	19599.6200	1204.8642
139	18228.5994	6088.1864	6295.9733 30161.2256	19742.8100	1514.2108
140	18538.7837	6088.2027	6606.1257 30471.4416	19513.0600	974.2763
141	19535.0068	6088.2040	7602.3459 31467.6672	20040.7800	505.7534
142	19797.9328	6088.2047	7865.2709 31730.5947	23496.6500	3698.7172
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Appendix - Electronics Department Sales

STORE 34

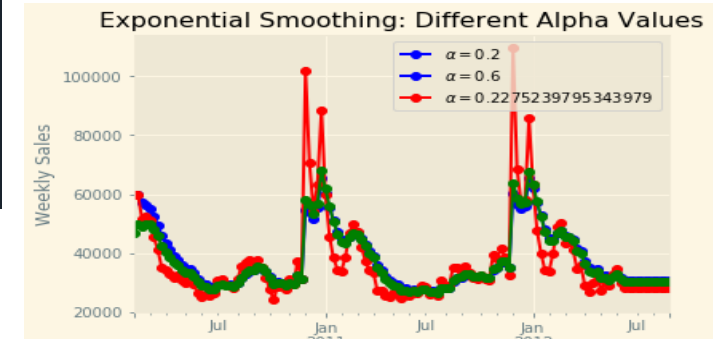


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Inter.L2	-0.5918	0.142	-4.173	0.000	-0.870	-0.314
Inter.L3	-0.2912	0.129	-2.263	0.024	-0.543	-0.039
ma.S.L12	-0.7835	0.221	-3.551	0.000	-1.216	-0.351
sigma2	5.372e+08	0.211	2.55e+09	0.000	5.37e+08	5.37e+08

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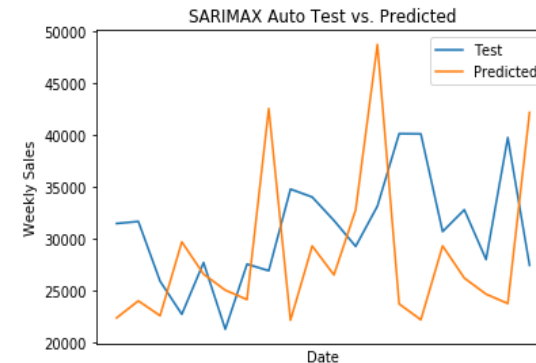
Performing stepwise search to minimize AIC
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ARIMA(1,1,1)(1,1,2)[12] : AIC=2508.998, Time=1.18 sec
ARIMA(1,1,0)(0,1,1)[12] : AIC=2529.207, Time=0.14 sec
ARIMA(2,1,1)(0,1,1)[12] : AIC=2505.102, Time=0.38 sec
ARIMA(1,1,2)(0,1,1)[12] : AIC=2516.460, Time=0.48 sec
ARIMA(0,1,0)(0,1,1)[12] : AIC=2555.258, Time=0.10 sec
ARIMA(0,1,2)(0,1,1)[12] : AIC=2516.791, Time=0.15 sec
ARIMA(2,1,0)(0,1,1)[12] : AIC=2512.006, Time=0.15 sec
ARIMA(2,1,2)(0,1,1)[12] : AIC=2510.034, Time=0.48 sec
ARIMA(1,1,1)(0,1,1)[12] intercept : AIC=2506.023, Time=0.64 sec
    
```



SimpleExpSmoothing Model Results			
Dep. Variable:	endog	No. Observations:	123
Model:	SimpleExpSmoothing	SSE	44306827234.836
Optimized:	True	AIC	2427.373
Trend:	None	BIC	2432.997
Seasonal:	None	AICC	2427.712
Seasonal Periods:	None	Date:	Sun, 16 Aug 2020
Box-Cox:	False	Time:	21:54:34
Box-Cox Coeff.:	None		

	coeff	code	optimized
smoothing_level	0.2275240	alpha	True
initial_level	46663.729	1.0	True

Holt Model Results			
Dep. Variable:	endog	No. Observations:	123
Model:	Holt	SSE	60418072399.601
Optimized:	True	AIC	2471.521
Trend:	Additive	BIC	2485.582
Seasonal:	None	AICC	2472.495
Seasonal Periods:	None	Date:	Sun, 16 Aug 2020
Box-Cox:	False	Time:	22:10:19
Box-Cox Coeff.:	None		

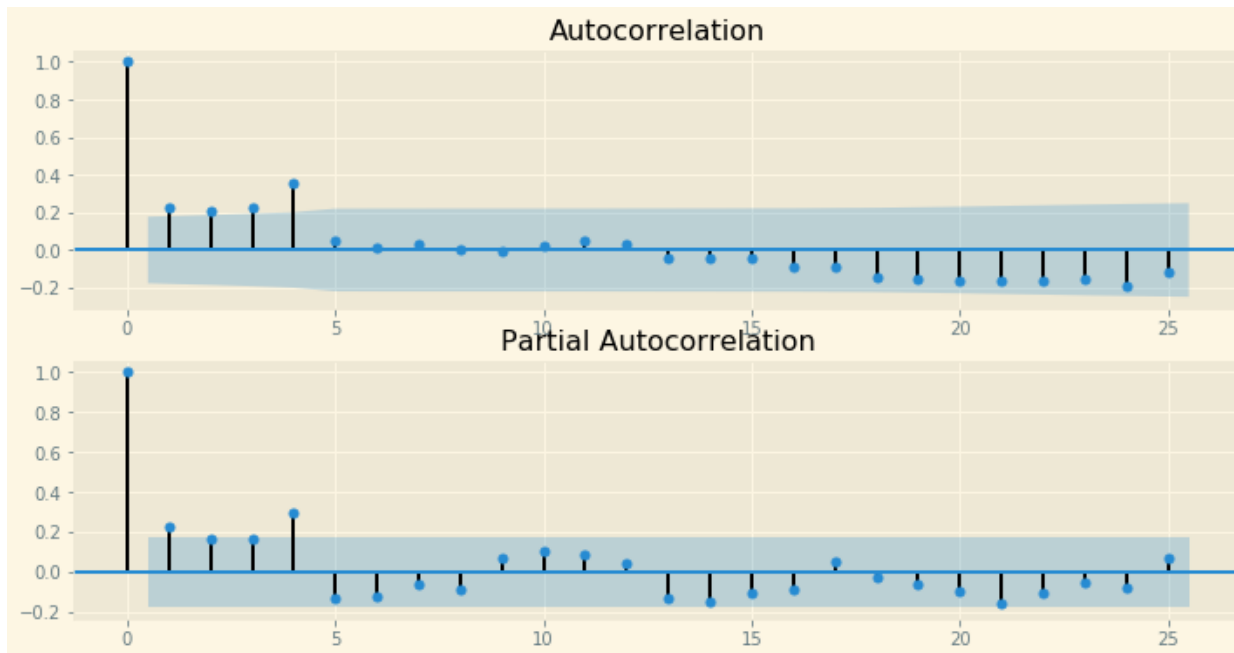
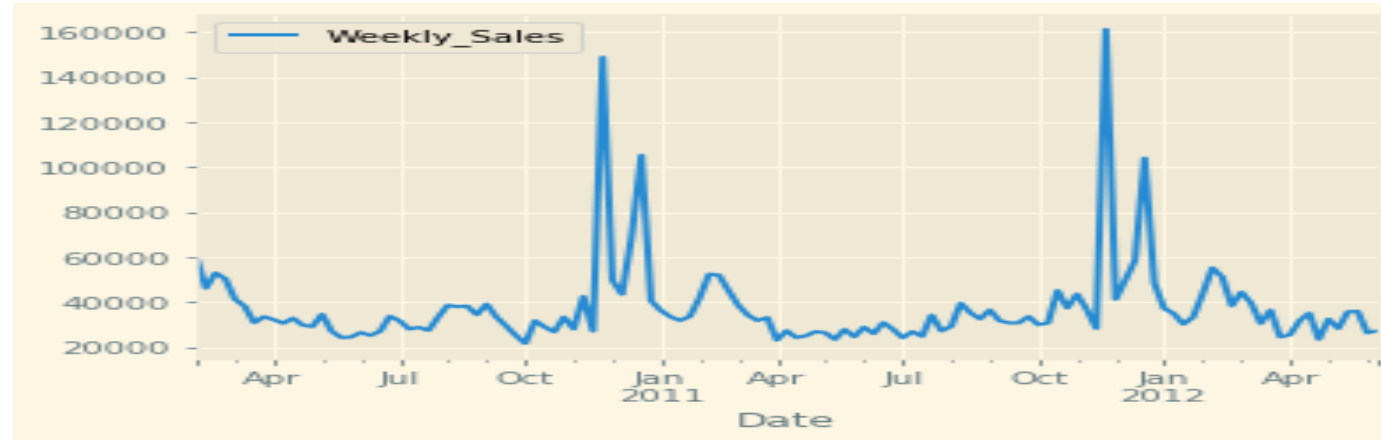


Best model: ARIMA(3,1,0)(0,1,1)[12]
Total fit time: 6.921 seconds

- Seasonal Data; High sales during Holidays
- High sales end of year during December
- Best fit is Simple Exponential Smoothing
- Independent Var: IsHoliday
- AIC: 2427

Appendix - Electronics Department Sales

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> Is the data stationary ?

Test statistic = -3.003

P-value = 0.035

Critical values :

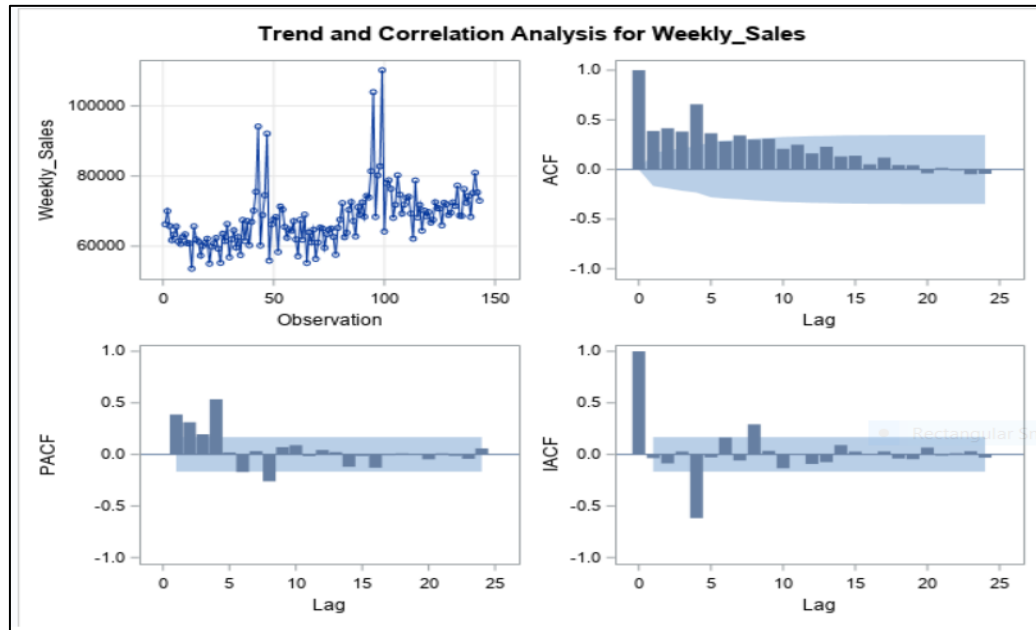
1%: -3.4865346059036564 - The data is not stationary with 99% confidence

5%: -2.8861509858476264 - The data is stationary with 95% confidence

10%: -2.579896092790057 - The data is stationary with 90% confidence

Appendix - Groceries Department Sales

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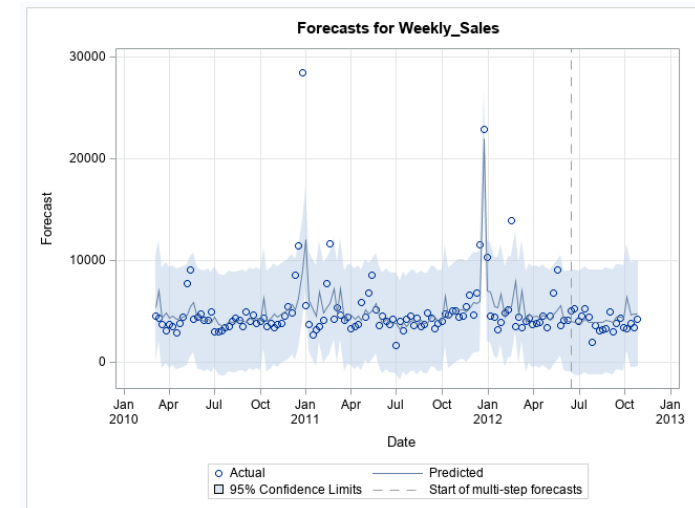
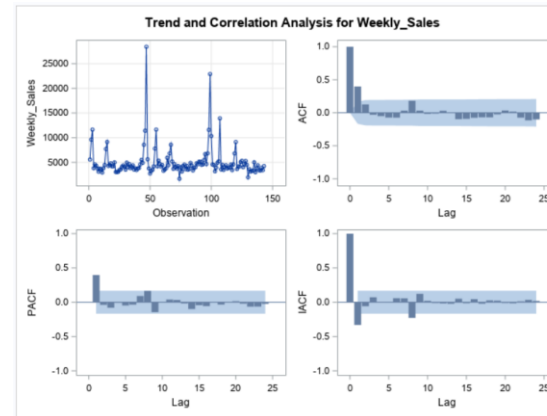
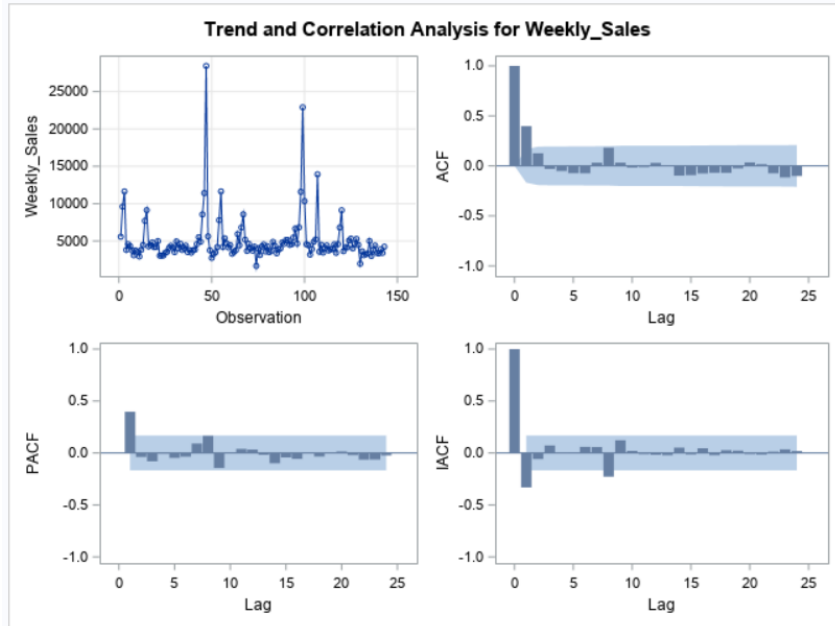


Maximum Likelihood Estimation							
Parameter	Estimate	Standard Error	t Value	Approx Pr > t	Lag	Variable	Shift
MU	-318394.2	85896.8	-3.71	0.0002	0	Weekly_Sales	0
MA1,1	-0.71956	0.07040	-10.22	<.0001	4	Weekly_Sales	0
NUM1	-123.35405	41.51681	-2.97	0.0030	0	Temperature	0
NUM2	-8218.8	2985.7	-2.75	0.0059	0	Fuel_Price	0
NUM3	3254.1	726.57831	4.48	<.0001	0	CPI	0
NUM4	0.58362	0.19428	3.00	0.0027	0	MarkDown_5	0
NUM5	4502.8	1186.7	3.79	0.0001	0	IsHoliday_numeric	0

```
proc arima data=Work.preProcessedData plots
  (only)=(series(acf corr crosscorr) residual(corr normal wn)
    forecast(forecast forecastonly) ) out=work.out;
  identify var=Weekly_Sales crosscorr=(Temperature Fuel_Price CPI MarkDown_1
    MarkDown_2 MarkDown_3 MarkDown_4 MarkDown_5 IsHoliday_numeric)
    outcov=work.outcov;
  estimate q=(4) input=(Temperature Fuel_Price CPI
    MarkDown_5 IsHoliday_numeric) method=ML
    outest=work.outest outstat=work.outstat;
  forecast lead=20 back=20 alpha=0.05 id=Date interval=week.6 printall;
run;
```

Appendix: Jewelry Department Sales

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Maximum Likelihood Estimation							
Parameter	Estimate	Standard Error	t Value	Approx Pr > t	Lag	Variable	Shift
MU	7066.4	1166.0	6.06	<.0001	0	Weekly_Sales	0
AR1,1	0.30164	0.08343	3.62	0.0003	1	Weekly_Sales	0
NUM1	-40.17376	18.90781	-2.12	0.0336	0	Temperature	0
NUM2	0.29521	0.06096	4.84	<.0001	0	MarkDown_3	4
NUM3	1938.4	818.53193	2.37	0.0179	0	IsHoliday_numeric	4

```
proc arima data=Work.preProcessedData plots
  (only)=(series(corr crosscorr) residual(corr normal)
    forecast(forecast));
  identify var=Weekly_Sales crosscorr=(Temperature MarkDown_2 MarkDown_3
    MarkDown_5 IsHoliday_numeric);
  estimate p=(1) input=(Temperature 4 $ MarkDown_3
    4 $ IsHoliday_numeric) method=ML outstat=work.outstat;
  forecast lead=20 back=20 alpha=0.05 id=Date interval=week.6;
run;
quit;
```