



# ETC3550: Applied forecasting for business and economics

Ch9. Dynamic regression models

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# Outline

- 1 Regression with ARIMA errors
- 2 Stochastic and deterministic trends
- 3 Dynamic harmonic regression
- 4 Lagged predictors

# Regression with ARIMA errors

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- Be careful in distinguishing  $\eta_t$  from  $\varepsilon_t$ .
- Only the errors  $\eta_t$  are assumed to be white noise.
- In ordinary regression,  $\eta_t$  is assumed to be white noise and so  $\eta_t = \varepsilon_t$ .

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  - Maximizing likelihood is similar to minimizing  $\sum \varepsilon_t^2$ .



# Stationarity

## Regression with ARMA errors

$$y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{1,t} + \cdots + \beta_k x_{k,t} + \eta_t,$$

where  $\eta_t$  is an ARMA process.

- All variables in the model must be stationary.
- If we estimate the model while any of these are non-stationary, the estimated coefficients can be incorrect.
- Difference variables until all stationary.
- If necessary, apply same differencing to all variables.

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## Equivalent to model with ARIMA(1,0,1) errors

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where  $y'_t = y_t - y_{t-1}$ ,  $x'_{t,i} = x_{t,i} - x_{t-1,i}$  and  $\eta'_t = \eta_t - \eta_{t-1}$ .

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$$\text{and } y'_t = (1-B)^d y_t$$

# Model selection

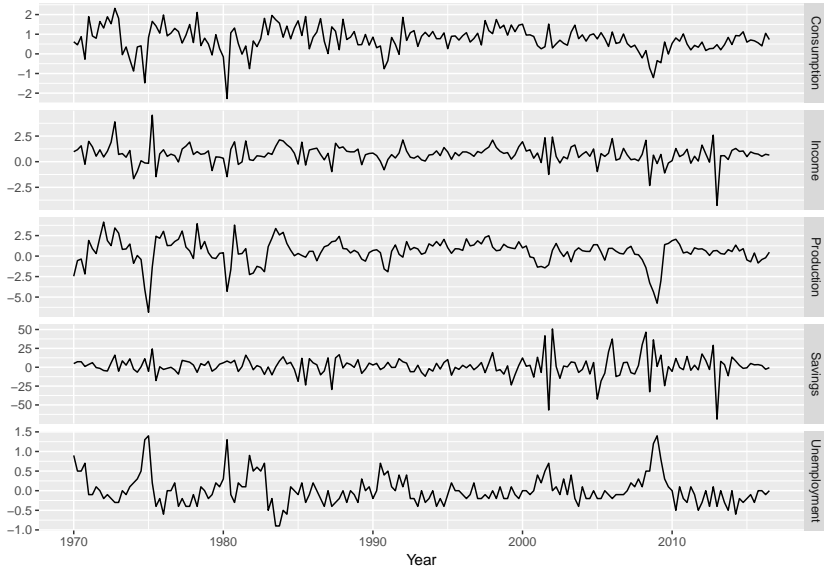
- Check that all variables are stationary. If not, apply differencing. Where appropriate, use the same differencing for all variables to preserve interpretability.
- Fit regression model with automatically selected ARIMA errors.
- Check that  $\varepsilon_t$  series looks like white noise.

## Selecting predictors

- AICc can be calculated for final model.
- Repeat procedure for all subsets of predictors to be considered, and select model with lowest AIC value.

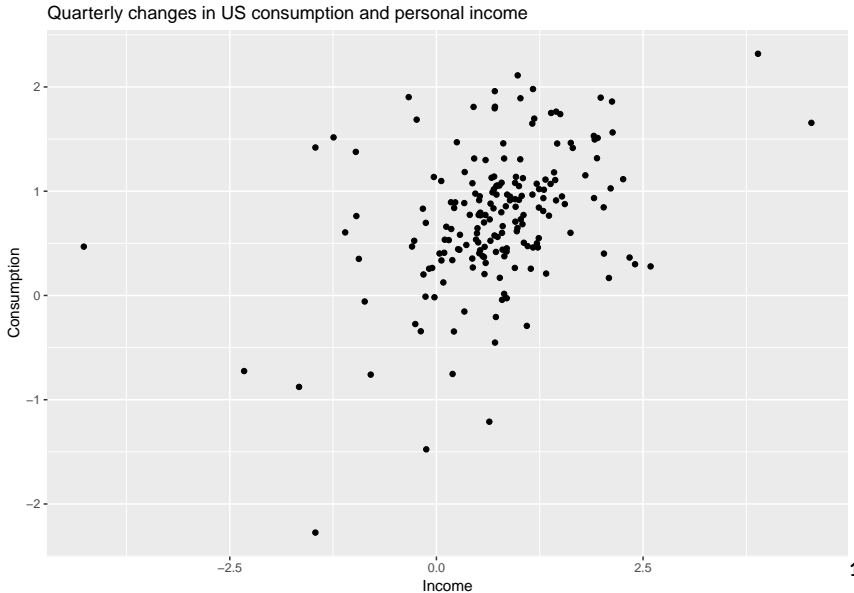
# US personal consumption and income

Quarterly changes in US consumption and personal income





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- No need for transformations or further differencing.
- Increase in income does not necessarily translate into instant increase in consumption (e.g., after the loss of a job, it may take a few months for expenses to be reduced to allow for the new circumstances). We will ignore this for now.

# US personal consumption and income

```
(fit <- auto.arima(uschange[,1], xreg=uschange[,2]))  
  
## Series: uschange[, 1]  
## Regression with ARIMA(1,0,2) errors  
##  
## Coefficients:  
##          ar1          ma1          ma2  intercept          xreg  
##      0.6922   -0.5758   0.1984      0.5990   0.2028  
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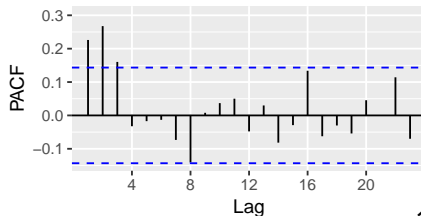
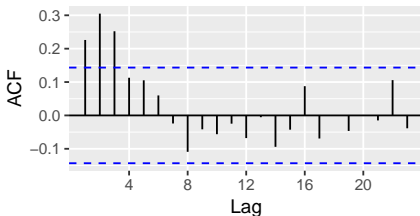
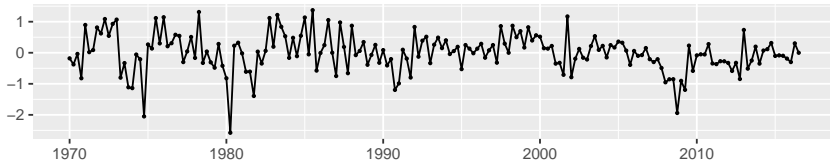
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Write down the equations for the fitted model.

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```
ggtsdisplay(residuals(fit, type='regression'),  
            main="Regression errors")
```

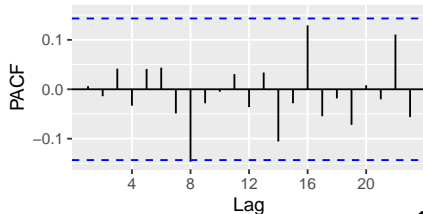
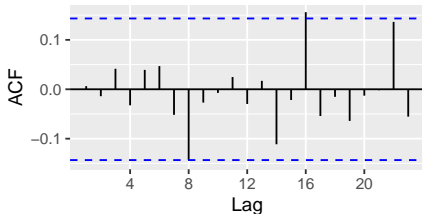
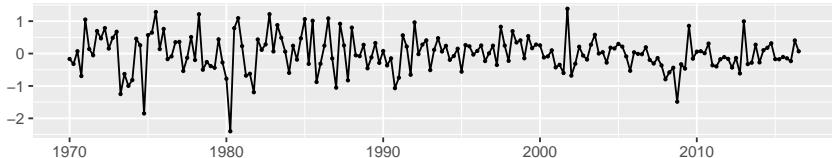
Regression errors



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```
ggtsdisplay(residuals(fit, type='response'),  
            main="ARIMA errors")
```

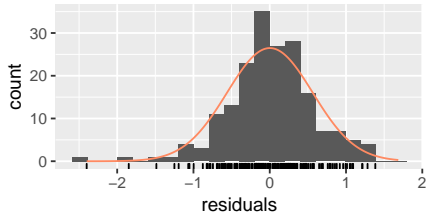
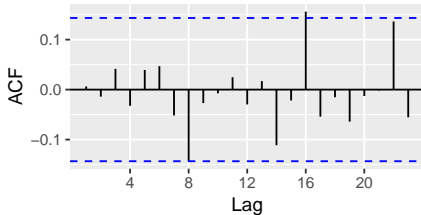
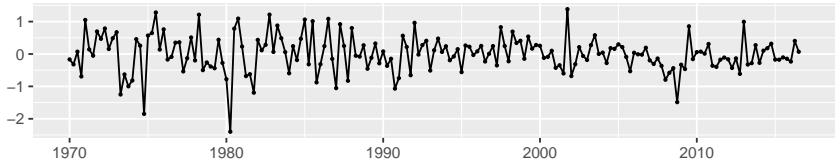
ARIMA errors



# US personal consumption and income

```
checkresiduals(fit, test=FALSE)
```

Residuals from Regression with ARIMA(1,0,2) errors



# US personal consumption and income

```
checkresiduals(fit, plot=FALSE)
```

```
##
```

```
## Ljung-Box test
```

```
##
```

```
## data: Residuals from Regression with ARIMA(1,0,2) errors
```

```
## Q* = 5.8916, df = 3, p-value = 0.117
```

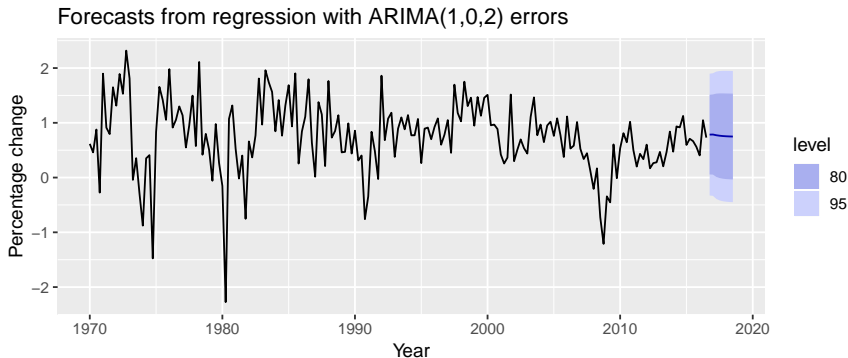
```
##
```

```
## Model df: 5. Total lags used: 8
```



# US personal consumption and income

```
fcast <- forecast(fit,  
  xreg=rep(mean(uschange[,2]),8), h=8)  
autoplot(fcast) + xlab("Year") +  
  ylab("Percentage change") +  
  ggtitle("Forecasts from regression with ARIMA(1,0,2) errors")
```



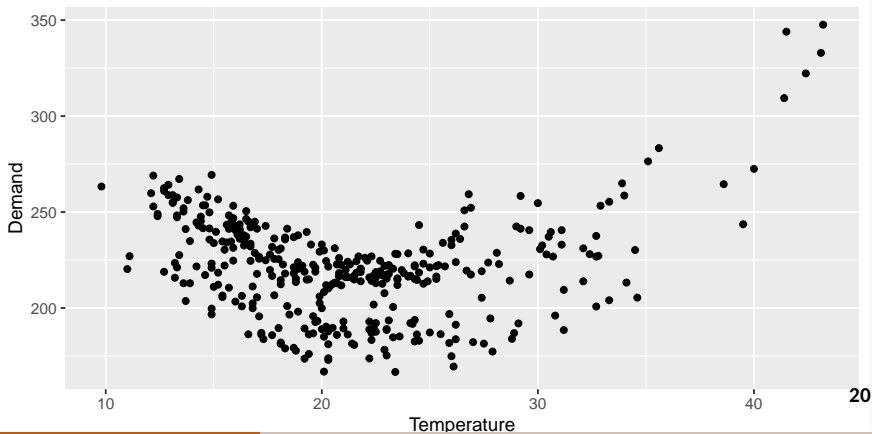
# Forecasting

- To forecast a regression model with ARIMA errors, we need to forecast the regression part of the model and the ARIMA part of the model and combine the results.
- Some predictors are known into the future (e.g., time, dummies).
- Separate forecasting models may be needed for other predictors.
- Forecast intervals ignore the uncertainty in forecasting the predictors.

# Daily electricity demand

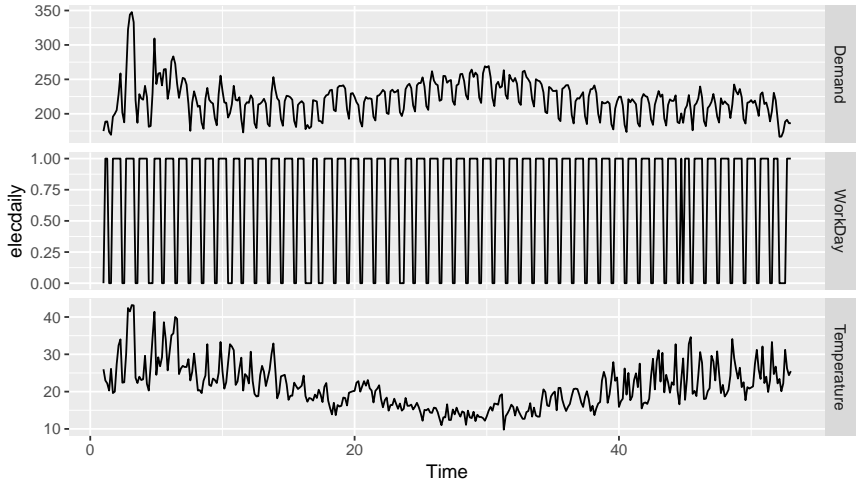
Model daily electricity demand as a function of temperature using quadratic regression with ARMA errors.

```
qplot(elecdaily[, "Temperature"], elecdaily[, "Demand"]) +  
  xlab("Temperature") + ylab("Demand")
```



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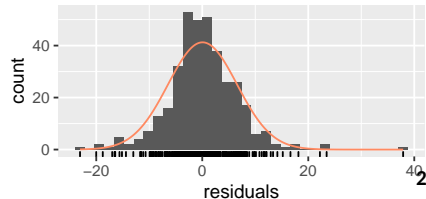
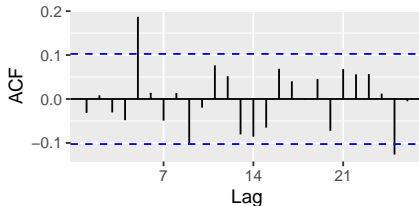
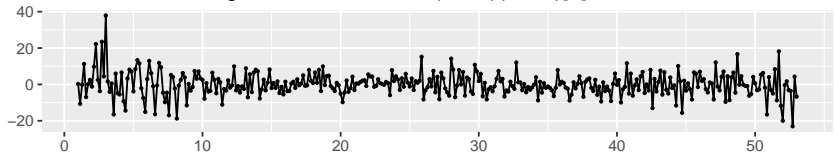
```
autoplot(elecdaily, facets = TRUE)
```



# Daily electricity demand

```
xreg <- cbind(MaxTemp = elecdaily[, "Temperature"],  
              MaxTempSq = elecdaily[, "Temperature"]^2,  
              Workday = elecdaily[, "WorkDay"])  
fit <- auto.arima(elecdaily[, "Demand"], xreg = xreg)  
checkresiduals(fit)
```

Residuals from Regression with ARIMA(2,1,2)(2,0,0)[7] errors



# Daily electricity demand

```
##  
##  Ljung-Box test  
##  
## data:  Residuals from Regression with ARIMA(2,1,2)(2,0,0)[7] errors  
## Q* = 28.229, df = 4, p-value = 1.121e-05  
##  
## Model df: 10.    Total lags used: 14
```

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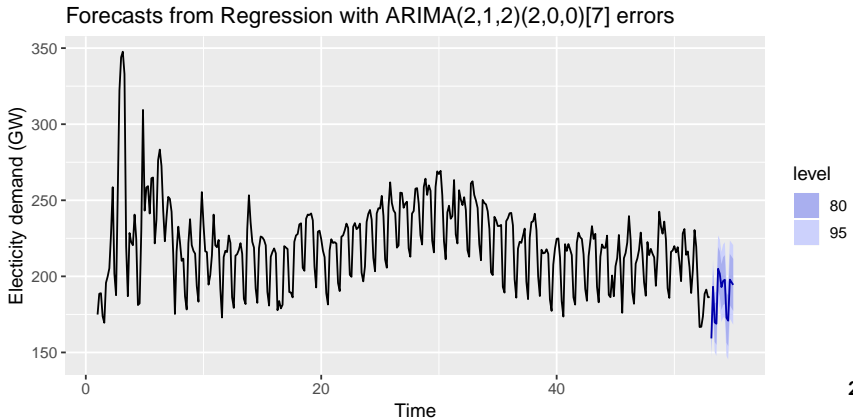
```
# Forecast one day ahead
```

```
forecast(fit, xreg = cbind(26, 26^2, 1))
```

##	Point Forecast	Lo 80	Hi 80	Lo 95	Hi 95
## 53.14286	189.769	181.2954	198.2427	176.8096	202.7284

# Daily electricity demand

```
fcast <- forecast(fit,  
  xreg = cbind(rep(26,14), rep(26^2,14),  
    c(0,1,0,0,1,1,1,1,1,0,0,1,1,1)))  
autoplot(fcast) + ylab("Electricity demand (GW)")
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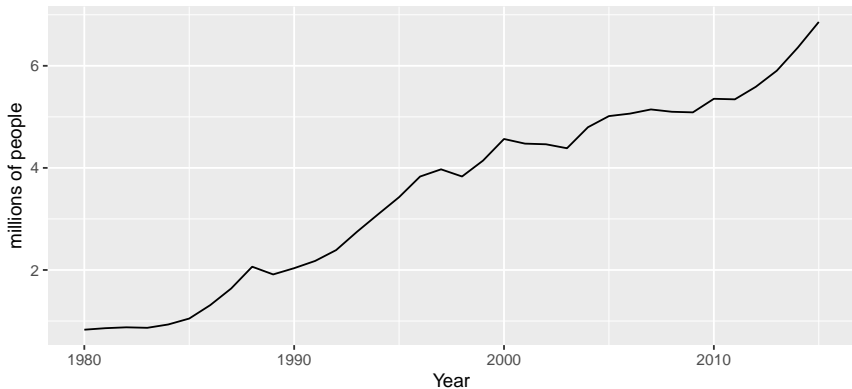
Difference both sides until  $\eta_t$  is stationary:

$$y'_t = \beta_1 + \eta'_t$$

where  $\eta'_t$  is ARMA process.

# International visitors

Total annual international visitors to Australia



# International visitors

## Deterministic trend

```
trend <- seq_along(austa)
(fit1 <- auto.arima(austa, d=0, xreg=trend))

## Series: austa
## Regression with ARIMA(2,0,0) errors
##
## Coefficients:
##          ar1          ar2  intercept      xreg
##      1.1127  -0.3805      0.4156  0.1710
## s.e.  0.1600   0.1585      0.1897  0.0088
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$$y_t = 0.42 + 0.17t + \eta_t$$

$$\eta_t = 1.11\eta_{t-1} - 0.38\eta_{t-2} + \varepsilon_t$$

$$\varepsilon_t \sim \text{NID}(0, 0.0298).$$

# International visitors

## Stochastic trend

```
(fit2 <- auto.arima(austa,d=1))  
  
## Series: austa  
## ARIMA(0,1,1) with drift  
##  
## Coefficients:  
##          ma1    drift  
##          0.3006  0.1735  
## s.e.    0.1647  0.0390  
##  
## sigma^2 estimated as 0.03376:  log likelihood=10.62  
## AIC=-15.24   AICc=-14.46   BIC=-10.57
```



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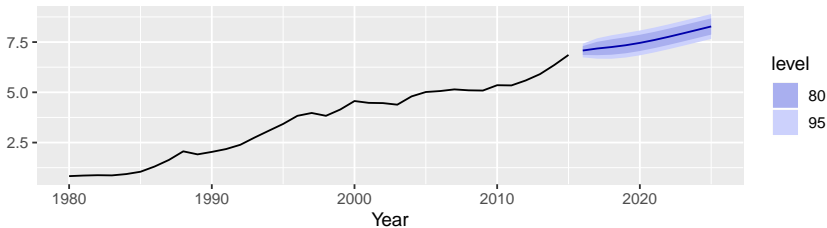
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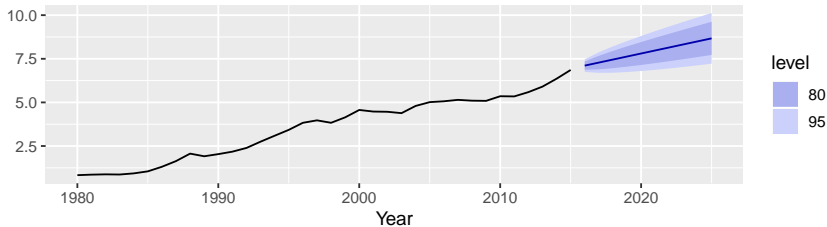
$$\begin{aligned}y_t - y_{t-1} &= 0.17 + \varepsilon_t \\y_t &= y_0 + 0.17t + \eta_t \\ \eta_t &= \eta_{t-1} + 0.30\varepsilon_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t \\ \varepsilon_t &\sim \text{NID}(0, 0.0338).\end{aligned}$$

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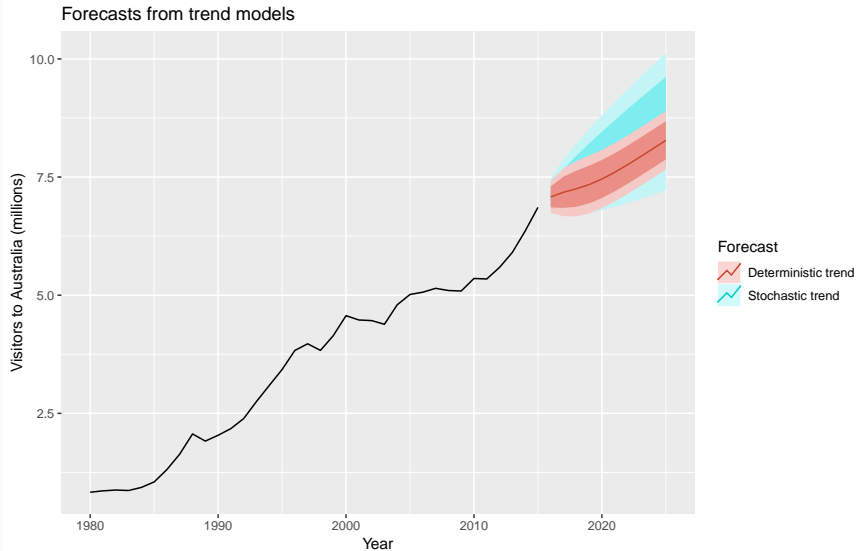
Forecasts from linear trend with AR(2) error



Forecasts from ARIMA(0,1,1) with drift



# International visitors



# Forecasting with trend

- Point forecasts are almost identical, but prediction intervals differ.
- Stochastic trends have much wider prediction intervals because the errors are non-stationary.
- Be careful of forecasting with deterministic trends too far ahead.

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# Dynamic harmonic regression

## Combine Fourier terms with ARIMA errors

### Advantages

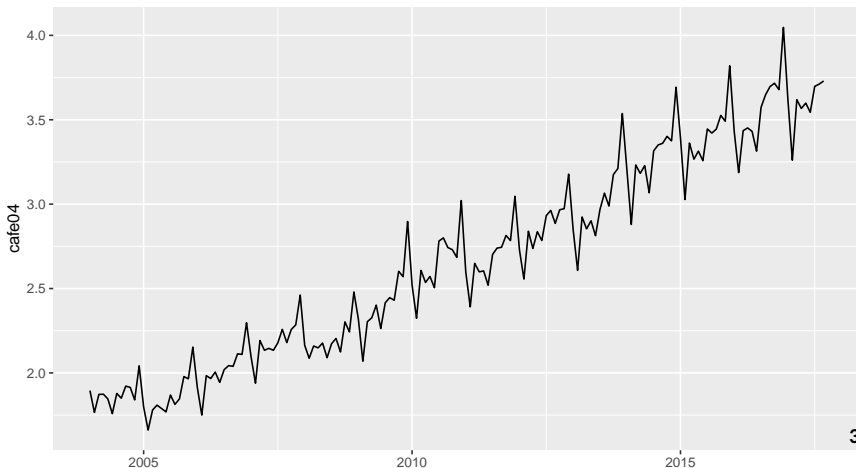
- it allows any length seasonality;
- for data with more than one seasonal period, you can include Fourier terms of different frequencies;
- the seasonal pattern is smooth for small values of  $K$  (but more wiggly seasonality can be handled by increasing  $K$ );
- the short-term dynamics are easily handled with a simple ARMA error.

### Disadvantages

- seasonality is assumed to be fixed

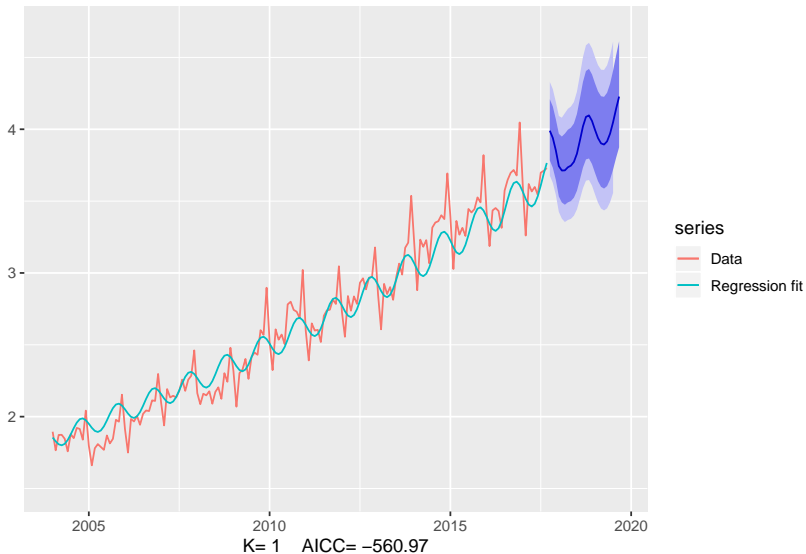
# Eating-out expenditure

```
cafe04 <- window(auscafe, start=2004)  
autoplot(cafe04)
```



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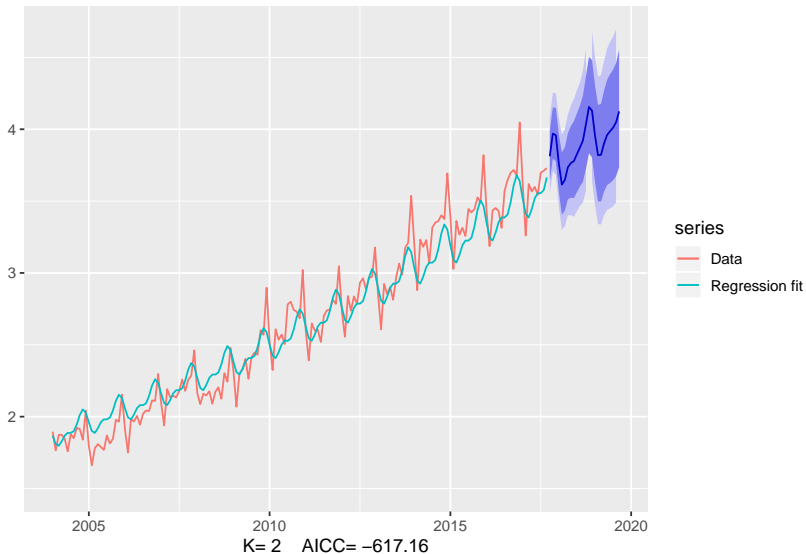
Regression with ARIMA(3, 1, 4) errors and  $\lambda = 0$





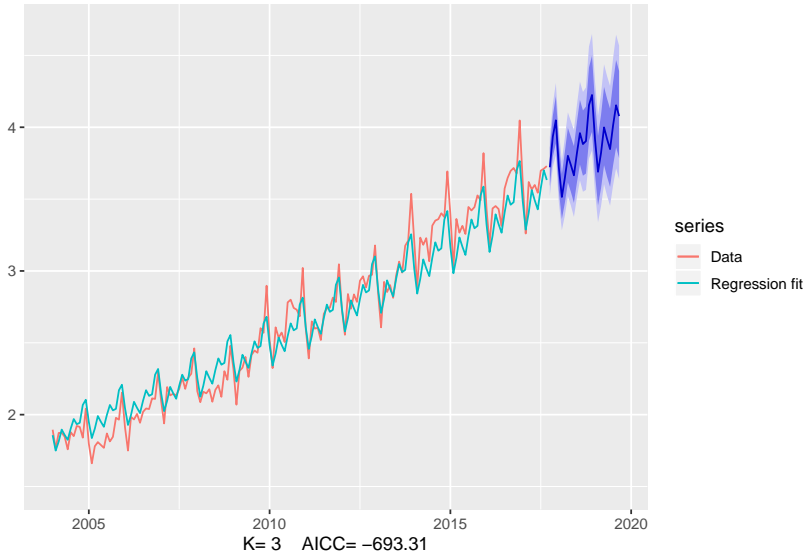
# Eating-out expenditure

Regression with ARIMA(3, 1, 2) errors and  $\lambda = 0$



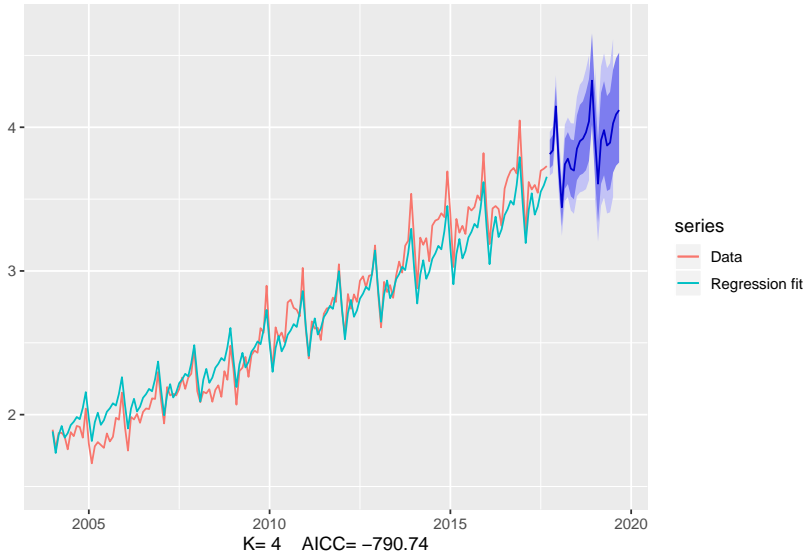
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Regression with ARIMA(2, 1, 0) errors and  $\lambda = 0$



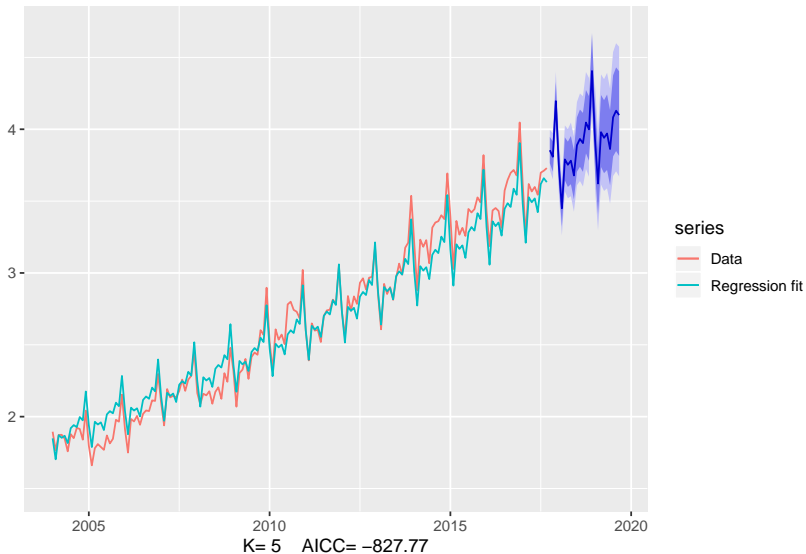
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Regression with ARIMA(5, 1, 0) errors and  $\lambda = 0$



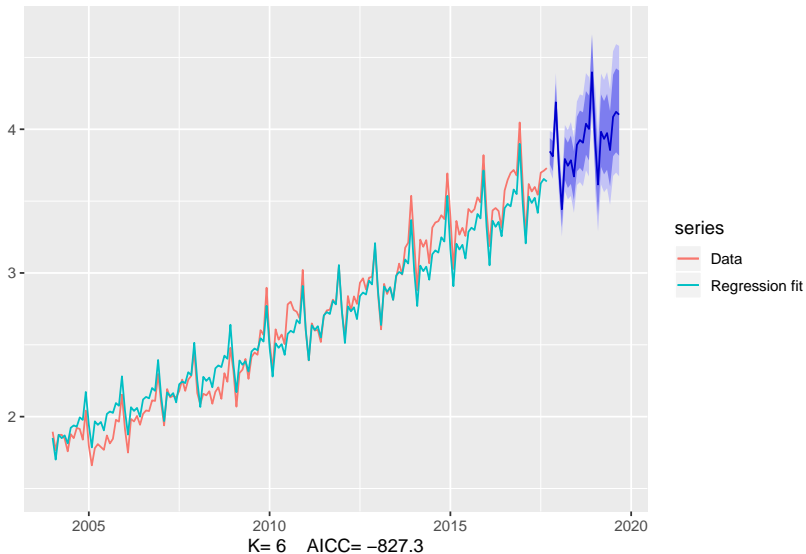
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# Example: weekly gasoline products

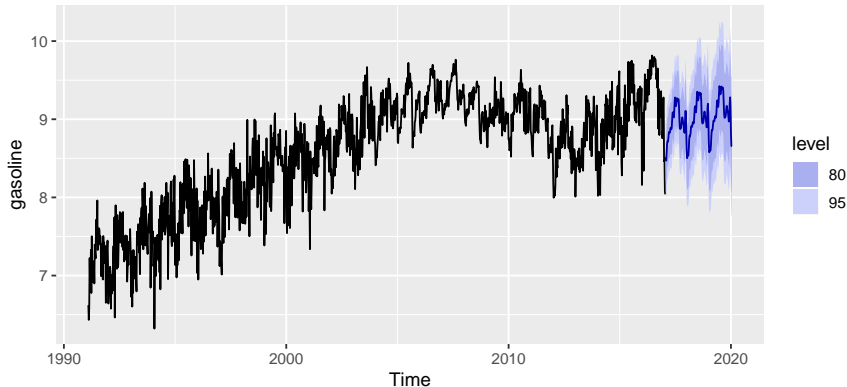
```
harmonics <- fourier(gasoline, K = 13)
(fit <- auto.arima(gasoline, xreg = harmonics, seasonal = FALSE))

## Series: gasoline
## Regression with ARIMA(0,1,2) errors
##
## Coefficients:
##          ma1          ma2      drift      S1-52      C1-52      S2-52      C2-52      S3-52
##      -0.9612  0.0936  0.0014  0.0315  -0.2555  -0.0522  -0.0175  0.0242
## s.e.   0.0275  0.0286  0.0008  0.0124  0.0124  0.0090  0.0089  0.0082
##          C3-52      S4-52      C4-52      S5-52      C5-52      S6-52      C6-52      S7-52
##      -0.0989  0.0321  -0.0257  -0.0011  -0.0472  0.0580  -0.0320  0.0283
## s.e.   0.0082  0.0079  0.0079  0.0078  0.0078  0.0078  0.0078  0.0079
##          C7-52      S8-52      C8-52      S9-52      C9-52      S10-52      C10-52      S11-52
##       0.0368  0.0238  0.0139  -0.0172  0.0119  -0.0236  0.0230  0.0001
## s.e.   0.0079  0.0079  0.0079  0.0080  0.0080  0.0081  0.0081  0.0082
##          C11-52      S12-52      C12-52      S13-52      C13-52
##      -0.0191  -0.0288  -0.0177  0.0012  -0.0176
## s.e.   0.0082  0.0083  0.0083  0.0084  0.0084
##
## sigma^2 estimated as 0.05603:  log likelihood=43.66
## AIC=-27.33  AICc=-25.92  BIC=129
```

# Example: weekly gasoline products

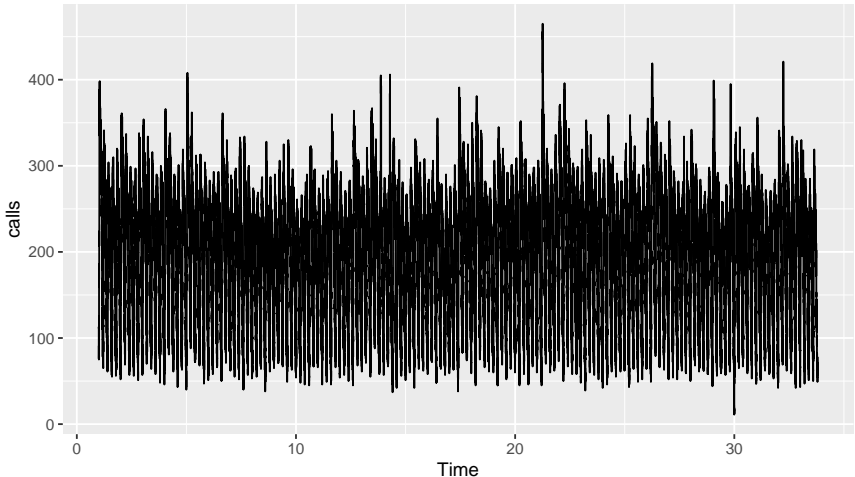
```
newharmonics <- fourier(gasoline, K = 13, h = 156)  
fc <- forecast(fit, xreg = newharmonics)  
autoplot(fc)
```

Forecasts from Regression with ARIMA(0,1,2) errors



# 5-minute call centre volume

```
autoplot(calls)
```





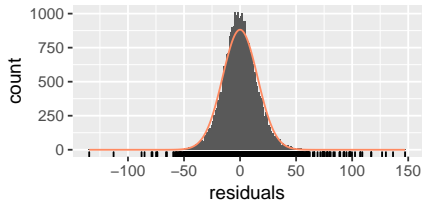
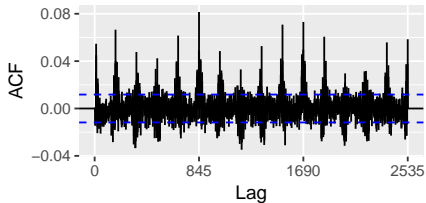
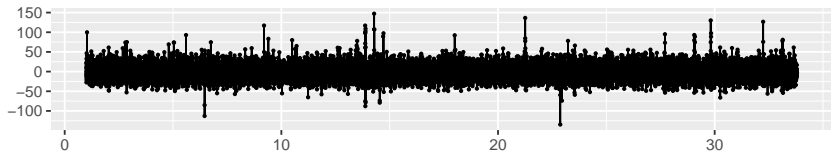
# 5-minute call centre volume

```
xreg <- fourier(calls, K = c(10,0))  
(fit <- auto.arima(calls, xreg=xreg, seasonal=FALSE, stationary=TRUE))  
  
## Series: calls  
## Regression with ARIMA(3,0,2) errors  
##  
## Coefficients:  
##          ar1      ar2      ar3      ma1      ma2  intercept    S1-169  
##          0.8406  0.1919 -0.0442 -0.5896 -0.1891   192.0697   55.2447  
## s.e.      0.1692  0.1782  0.0129  0.1693  0.1369    1.7638    0.7013  
##          C1-169   S2-169   C2-169   S3-169   C3-169   S4-169   C4-169  
##          -79.0871  13.6738 -32.3747 -13.6934 -9.3270 -9.5318 -2.7972  
## s.e.      0.7007  0.3788  0.3787  0.2727  0.2726  0.2230  0.2230  
##          S5-169  C5-169  S6-169  C6-169  S7-169  C7-169  S8-169  C8-169  
##          -2.2393  2.8934  0.1730  3.3052  0.8552  0.2935  0.8575 -1.3913  
## s.e.      0.1956  0.1956  0.1788  0.1788  0.1678  0.1678  0.1602  0.1601  
##          S9-169  C9-169  S10-169 C10-169  
##          -0.9864 -0.3448 -1.1964  0.8010  
## s.e.      0.1546  0.1546  0.1504  0.1504  
##  
## sigma^2 estimated as 242.5:  log likelihood=-115411.5  
## AIC=230877  AICc=230877.1  BIC=231099.3
```

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```
checkresiduals(fit, test=FALSE)
```

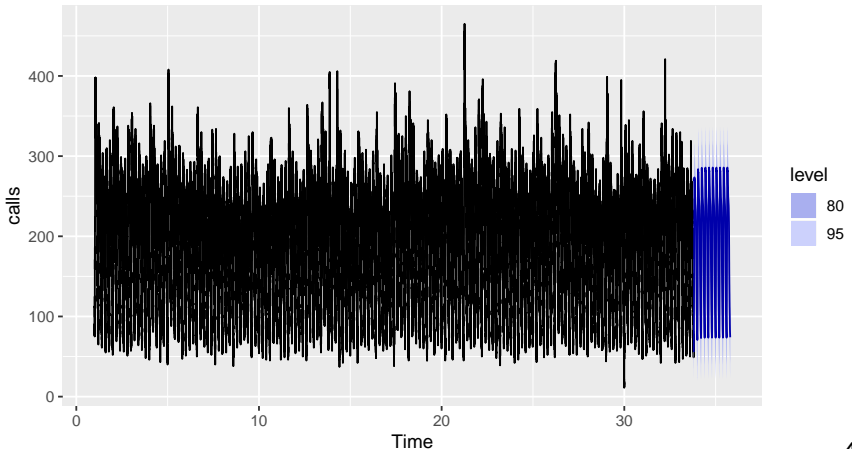
Residuals from Regression with ARIMA(3,0,2) errors



# 5-minute call centre volume

```
fc <- forecast(fit, xreg = fourier(calls, c(10,0), 1690))  
autoplot(fc)
```

Forecasts from Regression with ARIMA(3,0,2) errors



# Outline

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- These are dynamic systems with input ( $x_t$ ) and output ( $y_t$ ).
- $x_t$  is often a leading indicator.
- There can be multiple predictors.

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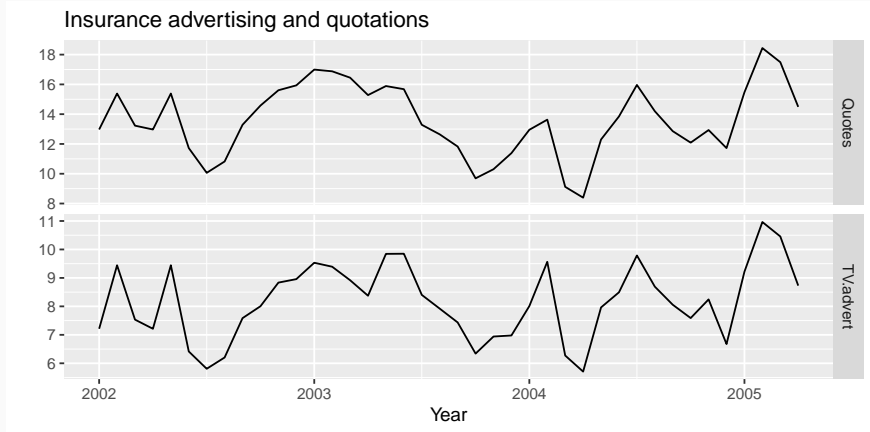
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- $\nu(B)$  is called a *transfer function* since it describes how change in  $x_t$  is transferred to  $y_t$ .
- $x$  can influence  $y$ , but  $y$  is not allowed to influence  $x$ .

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```
Advert <- cbind(  
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  AdLag2 = lag(insurance[, "TV.advert"], -2),  
  AdLag3 = lag(insurance[, "TV.advert"], -3)) %>%  
  head(NROW(insurance))  
  
# Restrict data so models use same fitting period  
fit1 <- auto.arima(insurance[4:40, 1], xreg=Advert[4:40, 1],  
  stationary=TRUE)  
fit2 <- auto.arima(insurance[4:40, 1], xreg=Advert[4:40, 1:2],  
  stationary=TRUE)  
fit3 <- auto.arima(insurance[4:40, 1], xreg=Advert[4:40, 1:3],  
  stationary=TRUE)  
fit4 <- auto.arima(insurance[4:40, 1], xreg=Advert[4:40, 1:4],  
  stationary=TRUE)  
c(fit1$aicc, fit2$aicc, fit3$aicc, fit4$aicc)
```

```
## [1] 68.49968 60.02357 62.83253 68.01684
```

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```
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  stationary=TRUE))  
  
## Series: insurance[, 1]  
## Regression with ARIMA(3,0,0) errors  
##  
## Coefficients:  
##          ar1          ar2          ar3  intercept  AdLag0  AdLag1  
##      1.4117  -0.9317  0.3591      2.0393  1.2564  0.1625  
## s.e.  0.1698   0.2545  0.1592      0.9931  0.0667  0.0591  
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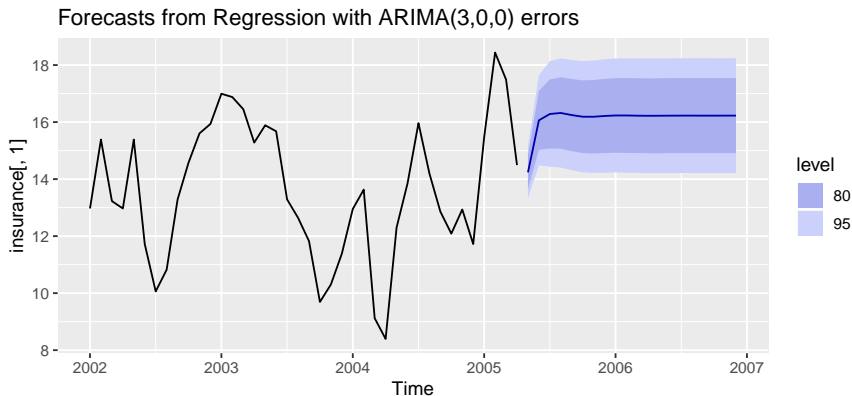
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$$y_t = 2.04 + 1.26x_t + 0.16x_{t-1} + \eta_t,$$
$$\eta_t = 1.41\eta_{t-1} - 0.93\eta_{t-2} + 0.36\eta_{t-3} + \varepsilon_t,$$

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```
fc <- forecast(fit, h=20,  
  xreg=cbind(c(Advert[40,1],rep(10,19))), rep(10,20)))  
autoplot(fc)
```



# Example: Insurance quotes and TV adverts

```
fc <- forecast(fit, h=20,  
  xreg=cbind(c(Advert[40,1],rep(8,19)), rep(8,20)))  
autoplot(fc)
```





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```
fc <- forecast(fit, h=20,  
  xreg=cbind(c(Advert[40,1],rep(6,19)), rep(6,20)))  
autoplot(fc)
```



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- ARMA models are rational approximations to general transfer functions of  $\varepsilon_t$ .
- We can also replace  $\nu(B)$  by a rational approximation.
- There is no R package for forecasting using a general transfer function approach.