Western Governor's University

PA – Executive Summary and Implications (NKM2)

D214 – Data Analytics Graduate Capstone

A. Executive Summary

Problem and Hypothesis

<u>Dataset:</u> This project uses the U.S. Food Imports data, which is an annually published statistical summary of the value and volume of food imports coming into the United States. The import values of food and beverages are organized into food groups according to the major commodities or processing level and are calculated by calendar year. The focus of my research will be on import values of coffee, tea, and spices.

<u>Research Question:</u> To what extent can the future import values of specific food commodities such as coffee, teas, and spices into the United States be predicted using time series forecasting models?

<u>Null Hypothesis:</u> The import values of coffee into the United States for the upcoming year cannot be predicted with an accuracy of 90% using the Mean Absolute Percentage Error (MAPE) as a metric for model performance.

<u>Alternate Hypothesis:</u> The import values of coffee into the United States for the upcoming year can be predicted with an accuracy of 90% or more using the Mean Absolute Percentage Error (MAPE) as a metric for model performance.

Summary of Data Analysis Process

The analysis commenced with the collection of U.S. Food Imports data spanning from 1999 to 2022, focusing on a subset of commodities. Then, conducted a series of steps including data cleaning to prepare data for analysis. Images provided below show dataset pre and post transformation.

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4			2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
5 Total coffe	1 Brazil	Million	\$ 2,266.30	1,378.70	1,216.70	1,171.60	1,122.40	1,258.60	1,277.80	1,585.60	1,552.70	1,291.10	1,515.40	2,111.40	1,209.90	867	863.2	746	642	562.5	394	339.5	259.8	233.3	336.4	553.
6	2 Colon	bia Million	\$ 2,132.00	1,485.30	1,221.80	1,267.90	1,254.00	1,367.90	1,194.90	1,311.20	1,243.70	1,026.20	999.5	1,441.90	918.1	789	853.7	706.8	629.9	632.7	410	377.3	331.4	318.8	451.6	519.
7	3 Switze	erlar Million	\$ 854.1	790.8	454.5	360.9	238.2	186	115.4	118.4	59.5	49.1	66.4	84.7	62.2	54.5	38.6	35.5	37.9	38.4	36.2	28.7	22.2	17.9	10	
8	4 Vietn	m Million	\$ 765.8	602.8	511.6	497.7	618.1	803.4	864.4	684.4	809.8	674.7	731.3	635.9	439.7	326.7	350.9	341.5	243.1	190.7	144.5	98.3	73.2	89.8	132.8	118.
9	5 Mexic	o Million	\$ 729.8	486.9	405.8	385.3	403.1	387.1	338.6	413.3	463.4	539.6	647.3	653.2	389.7	379.1	365.4	332.3	295.9	251.8	215.3	196.6	226.8	221.2	501.3	480.
10	6 Canad	a Million	\$ 716.4	533.7	483.9	511	519.4	647.9	582.7	541	498.8	503.1	524.6	520	384	279.1	224	200.8	201.4	196.8	181	167	171.7	169.4	176.4	172.
11	7 Guate	mal Million	\$ 555.9	436.5	329.2	331.9	340.1	341.7	268.7	333.8	368.4	420.9	577.2	593.5	307.4	345.9	376.8	313.4	280.5	287.1	216.4	216.1	172.8	180.5	306.9	304.
12	8 Rest o	f wc Million	\$ 4,960.30	4,104.00	3,722.70	3,901.00	3,959.40	4,074.10	3,668.80	3,548.50	3,302.50	3,128.50	3,664.00	3,675.20	2,554.00	2,119.00	2,508.20	2,114.90	1,869.70	1,615.70	1,551.40	1,452.00	1,199.90	1,172.50	1,528.90	1,453.8
13	9 World	Million	\$ 12,980.60	9,818.70	8,346.20	8,427.30	8,454.70	9,066.70	8,311.30	8,536.20	8,298.80	7,633.20	8,725.70	9,715.80	6,265.00	5,160.30	5,580.80	4,791.20	4,200.40	3,775.70	3,148.80	2,875.50	2,457.80	2,403.40	3,444.30	3,605.9
14	10 World	(Qu 1,000 m	t 2,414.00	2,344.50	2,254.60	2,371.90	2,236.80	2,276.20	2,235.80	2,161.00	2,112.40	2,087.00	2,018.80	2,015.00	1,894.60	1,823.00	1,881.90	1,850.90	1,827.40	1,746.30	1,758.70	1,716.30	1,636.50	1,600.90	1,726.10	1,651.5
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16 Coffee be	11 Brazil	Million	\$ 2,051.70	1,222.50	1,045.80	1,034.50	962.1	1,073.10	1,080.80	1,335.00	1,333.40	1,071.10	1,334.10	1,918.40	1,083.40	739.1	724.3	613.8	530.1	466.4	318.9	268.6	201.9	161.4	254.7	466.
17	12 Colon	bia Million	\$ 1,849.90	1,309.90	1,065.70	1,140.40	1,142.50	1,253.20	1,093.60	1,196.90	1,129.70	900.2	847.5	1,262.20	772.7	686.4	804.9	677.5	594.9	598	386.5	360.6	315.5	301.3	436	497.
18	13 Guate	mal Million	\$ 536.6	410.8	302.4	316.4	326.2	329.7	258.2	323.7	359.8	410.5	565.4	576.8	294	339.3	369.5	309.2	277.6	284.1	212.6	212.2	167.5	174.4	301.8	301.
19	14 Mexic	o Million	\$ 431.9	233.3	166.7	156.1	192.3	182.6	143.6	200.4	253	308.7	444.4	450.8	210.3	223.3	221.6	194.4	185.5	137	123.2	115.4	143.8	148.8	426.1	411.
20	15 Hond	ıras Million	\$ 397.5	381.5	237.3	245.8	210.7	294.9	246.5	212.9	198.4	158.6	281.7	230.7	77	74.4	131.6	100	58.1	60.3	42.6	24.3	27.1	35.7	97.4	49.
21	16 Nicara	gua Million	\$ 369.1	261.7	241.8	263.7	246.7	288.6	256	232.5	228.1	163.2	222.6	221.8	163.1	111.5	139.8	82.5	88.4	50.8	51.8	39.1	30.1	35.2	58.9	24.
22	17 Rest o	f wc Million	\$ 1,978.00	1,373.80	1,365.40	1,461.70	1,660.50	1,810.80	1,745.50	1,617.20	1,726.20	1,657.60	2,112.00	2,245.70	1,454.50	1,201.20	1,412.70	1,259.40	1,094.80	905.4	732.1	591.9	483.5	500.2	774.6	78
23	18 World	Million	\$ 7,614.70	5,193.50	4,425.10	4,618.60	4,741.00	5,232.90	4,824.20	5,118.60	5,228.60	4,669.90	5,807.70	6,906.40	4,055.00	3,375.20	3,804.40	3,236.80	2,829.40	2,502.00	1,867.70	1,612.10	1,369.40	1,357.00	2,349.50	2,534.0
24	19 World	(Qt 1,000 m	t 1,512.80	1,469.40	1,427.70	1,592.50	1,503.20	1,532.30	1,515.60	1,461.30	1,457.10	1,423.80	1,371.10	1,376.70	1,280.50	1,255.60	1,311.00	1,312.60	1,276.60	1,213.60	1,239.00	1,219.70	1,162.80	1,159.00	1,297.30	1,233.6
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26 Coffee, ro	20 Switz	erlar Million	\$ 851.9	789.9	454	360.2	235.9	182.7	110.4	112.3	53.9	39.8	36.5	61.7	41.4	27.4	23.9	20.7	4	3.2	2.4	1.6	1.2	0.9	0.7	0.
27	21 Canad	a Million	\$ 613.9	441.1	375.2	394.4	407.1	529.7	469.6	420	380.2	386.1	406.2	401.2	263.1	169.1	122.3	103.9	99.7	100.5	81.1	70.9	70.6	79.9	85	83.
28	22 Italy	Million	\$ 136.6	125.4	91.1	120.3	109.4	107.4	99.7	97.5	81.3	70.9	68	59.5	47	39.8	44.1	42	36.7	31.7	25.9	22.3	18.2	14.6	16.8	15.4
29	23 Colon	bia Million	\$ 81.1	54.9	54.2	48.1	43.4	50.2	32.8	35.1	35.2	30	54.9	54.2	36	29.9	11.5	3.7	3.9	6.9	5.3	4.6	4.6	4.8	3.2	5.
30	24 Mexic	o Million	\$ 32.3	44.4	37.7	38.5	37.9	40.3	37.1	43.4	30.4	30.8	27.9	50.5	32.9	13.6	3.8	3.9	4.9	16.7	10.1	3.9	3.1	4.3	6.2	6.
31	25 Rest o	f wc Million	\$ 138.9	102.6	101.5	117.3	94.2	90.4	83.5	74.6	78.3	96	130.7	116.9	84.3	91.6	110.6	102	102.1	94.7	71.7	61.2	57.2	54	67.2	68.4
32	26 World	Million	\$ 1,854.70	1,558.30	1,113.70	1,078.80	927.9	1,000.70	833.1	782.9	659.3	653.6	724.2	744	504.7	371.4	316.2	276.2	251.3	253.7	196.5	164.5	154.9	158.5	179.1	180.
33	27 World	(Qu 1,000 m	t 112.3	109.8	97.2	102.7	88.6	93.2	85.2	76	68.3	69.5	74.6	75	63.7	50.9	42.1	42.8	44.8	46.9	41.4	41.2	39.9	38.2	41.1	40.
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35 Coffee ex	28 Franci	Million	\$ 3.2	2.5	2.6	2	2.1	1.6	1.9	1.5	1.7	1.2	1.2	1.5	1.2	0.7	0.9	0.8	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.
36	29 India	Million	\$ 3.1	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	
37	30 Polan	Million	\$ 2	1.9	2.4	1.4	1.1	1	0.8	0.8	1	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.2	
38	31 Portu	gal Million	\$ 1.2	0.9	1.7	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
39	32 Rest o	f wc Million	\$ 2.7	1.4	1.2	1.4	2.5	2.1	2.1	1.9	2	2.4	2.2	2.3	2	1.9	2.4	1.2	1.7	1.5	1.4	1.6	1.5	1.2	1.4	1.
40	33 World	Million	\$ 12.2	7.4	8.4	5.9	6.3	5	5	4.9	5	4.5	4.2	4.3	3.7	3.2	3.6	2.3	2.9	2.9	3.1	3.2	2.8	2.7	2.5	2.
41	34 World	(Qu 1,000 m	t 7.5	3.3	3.4	2.6	2.1	1.7	1.8	2.1	1.8	1.6	1.4	1.5	1.4	1	1.2	1.2	1.6	1.6	1.7	2	1.7	1.9	1.7	
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A	В	С	D	E	F	G	н	1	J	K	L	M	N	0	Р	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Υ	Z	AA	AB
Import Ty In	ndex	Country	N Million \$	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	199
Total coffe		1 Brazil	Million \$	2266.3	1378.7	1216.7	1171.6	1122.4	1258.6	1277.8	1585.6	1552.7	1291.1	1515.4	2111.4	1209.9	867	863.2	746	642	562.5	394	339.5	259.8	233.3	336.4	553
Total coffe		2 Colombi		2132	1485.3	1221.8	1267.9	1254	1367.9	1194.9	1311.2	1243.7	1026.2	999.5	1441.9	918.1	789	853.7	706.8	629.9	632.7	410	377.3	331.4	318.8	451.6	519
Total coffe		3 Switzerla		854.1	790.8	454.5	360.9	238.2	186	115.4	118.4	59.5	49.1	66.4	84.7	62.2	54.5	38.6	35.5	37.9	38.4	36.2	28.7	22.2	17.9	10	
Total coffe		4 Vietnam		765.8	602.8	511.6	497.7	618.1	803.4	864.4	684.4	809.8	674.7	731.3	635.9	439.7	326.7	350.9	341.5	243.1	190.7	144.5	98.3	73.2	89.8	132.8	118
Total coffe		5 Mexico	Million \$	729.8	486.9	405.8	385.3	403.1	387.1	338.6	413.3	463.4	539.6	647.3	653.2	389.7	379.1	365.4	332.3	295.9	251.8	215.3	196.6	226.8	221.2	501.3	480
Total coffe		6 Canada	Million \$	716.4	533.7	483.9	511	519.4	647.9	582.7	541	498.8	503.1	524.6	520	384	279.1	224	200.8	201.4	196.8	181	167	171.7	169.4	176.4	172
Total coffe			al Million \$	555.9	436.5	329.2	331.9	340.1	341.7	268.7	333.8	368.4	420.9	577.2	593.5	307.4	345.9	376.8	313.4	280.5	287.1	216.4	216.1	172.8	180.5	306.9	304
Total coffe			vcMillion\$	4960.3	4104	3722.7	3901	3959.4	4074.1	3668.8	3548.5	3302.5	3128.5	3664	3675.2	2554	2119	2508.2	2114.9	1869.7	1615.7	1551.4	1452	1199.9	1172.5	1528.9	1453
Total coffe		9 World	Million \$	12980.6	9818.7	8346.2	8427.3	8454.7	9066.7	8311.3	8536.2	8298.8	7633.2	8725.7	9715.8	6265	5160.3	5580.8	4791.2	4200.4	3775.7	3148.8	2875.5	2457.8	2403.4	3444.3	3605
Total coffe		0 World (C		2414	2344.5	2254.6	2371.9	2236.8	2276.2	2235.8	2161	2112.4	2087	2018.8	2015	1894.6	1823	1881.9	1850.9	1827.4	1746.3	1758.7	1716.3	1636.5	1600.9	1726.1	1651
Coffee be		1 Brazil	Million \$	2051.7	1222.5	1045.8	1034.5	962.1	1073.1	1080.8	1335	1333.4	1071.1	1334.1	1918.4	1083.4	739.1	724.3	613.8	530.1	466.4	318.9	268.6	201.9	161.4	254.7	466
Coffee be		2 Colombi		1849.9	1309.9	1065.7	1140.4	1142.5	1253.2	1093.6	1196.9	1129.7	900.2	847.5	1262.2	772.7	686.4	804.9	677.5	594.9	598	386.5	360.6	315.5	301.3	436	497
Coffee be		3 Guatema		536.6	410.8	302.4	316.4	326.2	329.7	258.2	323.7	359.8	410.5	565.4	576.8	294	339.3	369.5	309.2	277.6	284.1	212.6	212.2	167.5	174.4	301.8	301
Coffee be		4 Mexico	Million \$	431.9	233.3	166.7	156.1	192.3	182.6	143.6	200.4	253	308.7	444.4	450.8	210.3	223.3	221.6	194.4	185.5	137	123.2	115.4	143.8	148.8	426.1	411
Coffee be			s Million\$	397.5	381.5	237.3	245.8	210.7	294.9	246.5	212.9	198.4	158.6	281.7	230.7	77	74.4	131.6	100	58.1	60.3	42.6	24.3	27.1	35.7	97.4	49
Coffee be			a Million \$	369.1	261.7	241.8	263.7	246.7	288.6	256	232.5	228.1	163.2	222.6	221.8	163.1	111.5	139.8	82.5	88.4	50.8	51.8	39.1	30.1	35.2	58.9	24
Coffee be		7 Rest of v		1978	1373.8	1365.4	1461.7	1660.5	1810.8	1745.5	1617.2	1726.2	1657.6	2112	2245.7	1454.5	1201.2	1412.7	1259.4	1094.8	905.4	732.1	591.9	483.5	500.2	774.6	7
Coffee be		8 World	Million \$	7614.7	5193.5	4425.1	4618.6	4741	5232.9	4824.2	5118.6	5228.6	4669.9	5807.7	6906.4	4055	3375.2	3804.4	3236.8	2829.4	2502	1867.7	1612.1	1369.4	1357	2349.5	25
Coffee be		9 World (C		1512.8	1469.4	1427.7	1592.5	1503.2	1532.3	1515.6	1461.3	1457.1	1423.8	1371.1	1376.7	1280.5	1255.6	1311	1312.6	1276.6	1213.6	1239	1219.7	1162.8	1159	1297.3	1233
Coffee, ro			ar Million \$	851.9	789.9	454	360.2	235.9	182.7	110.4	112.3	53.9	39.8	36.5	61.7	41.4	27.4	23.9	20.7	4	3.2	2.4	1.6	1.2	0.9	0.7	
Coffee, ro		21 Canada	Million \$	613.9	441.1	375.2	394.4	407.1	529.7	469.6	420	380.2	386.1	406.2	401.2	263.1	169.1	122.3	103.9	99.7	100.5	81.1	70.9	70.6	79.9	85	83
Coffee, ro		22 Italy	Million \$	136.6	125.4	91.1	120.3	109.4	107.4	99.7	97.5	81.3	70.9	68	59.5	47	39.8	44.1	42	36.7	31.7	25.9	22.3	18.2	14.6	16.8	15
Coffee, ro		23 Colombi		81.1	54.9	54.2	48.1	43.4	50.2	32.8	35.1	35.2	30	54.9	54.2	36	29.9	11.5	3.7	3.9	6.9	5.3	4.6	4.6	4.8	3.2	5
Coffee, ro		4 Mexico	Million \$	32.3	44.4	37.7	38.5	37.9	40.3	37.1	43.4	30.4	30.8	27.9	50.5	32.9	13.6	3.8	3.9	4.9	16.7	10.1	3.9	3.1	4.3	6.2	6
Coffee, ro			vcMillion\$	138.9	102.6	101.5	117.3	94.2	90.4	83.5	74.6	78.3	96	130.7	116.9	84.3	91.6	110.6	102	102.1	94.7	71.7	61.2	57.2	54	67.2	68
Coffee, ro		6 World	Million \$	1854.7	1558.3	1113.7	1078.8	927.9	1000.7	833.1	782.9	659.3	653.6	724.2	744	504.7	371.4	316.2	276.2	251.3	253.7	196.5	164.5	154.9	158.5	179.1	180
Coffee, ro		7 World (C		112.3	109.8	97.2	102.7	88.6	93.2	85.2	76	68.3	69.5	74.6	75	63.7	50.9	42.1	42.8	44.8	46.9	41.4	41.2	39.9	38.2	41.1	40
Coffee ex		8 France	Million \$	3.2	2.5	2.6	2	2.1	1.6	1.9	1.5	1.7	1.2	1.2	1.5	1.2	0.7	0.9	0.8	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.8	0.9	0.9	1
Coffee ex		19 India	Million \$	3.1	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	
Coffee ex		0 Poland	Million \$	2	1.9	2.4	1.4	1.1	1	8.0	0.8	1	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.2	
Coffee ex		1 Portugal		1.2	0.9	1.7	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Coffee ex			vcMillion\$	2.7	1.4	1.2	1.4	2.5	2.1	2.1	1.9 4.9	5	2.4	2.2	2.3	2 2 2	1.9	2.4	1.2	1.7	1.5	1.4	1.6	1.5	1.2	1.4	1
Coffee ex		3 World	Million \$	12.2 7.5	7.4	8.4	5.9 2.6	6.3 2.1	1.7	1.8	2.1	1.8	4.5	4.2	4.3	3.7	3.2	3.6 1.2	2.3	2.9	2.9	3.1 1.7	3.2	2.8	2.7 1.9	2.5 1.7	2
Coffee ex		4 World (C				3.4							1.6	1.4	1.5	1.4			1.2	1.6	1.6						
Tea and m			ta Million \$	116	111.6	107.5	125.2	132.9	125.3	136.8	124.4	118.1	128.1	126	102.6	82.3	66.8	80.5	70.8	60.7	47.7	38.4	35.3	27.4	21.4	20.4	24
Tea and m		6 Canada	Million \$	88.5	81	96.2 81.6	96.7 62.4	85.9 63	96.7 52.7	87.6 45.5	86.1 37.8	87.6	101.3	105.6	106 32.3	103.8	91.4	73.9	68.3 19.1	65.2 18.5	61.7	62.9	53.3	53.4	52.5 3.5	46	
Tea and m		7 Japan		84.6	95 85	70.4	62.4	60.7		45.5 66.3		31.7 66.7	34 69	30 59		24.7 58.7	21.9 50.3	19 48.9	19.1 39.5	18.5 42.6	10.4	5.7 28.5	5.4 29	4.5 23.5		-	
Tea and m		8 India	Million \$	83					69.1		65.1				65.2						36.8				23.1	21.4	20
Tea and m			vcMillion\$	382.3	346.8	303.6	309.5	294.9	300.7	312.8	304.7	312.6	294	268.7	263.3	250	209.8	217.2	203.1	192.5	174.1	157.7	143.2	137.2	135.7	126.7	127
Tea and m		World	Million \$	754.4	719.4	659.3	661.4	637.4	644.5	649	618.1	616.7	626.4	589.3	569.4	519.5	440.2	439.5	400.8	379.5	330.7	293.2	266.2	246	236.2	218.5	
Tea and m		World (C		199.9	186.9	181	188.6	181	193.7	200.7	202.3	199.6	206.6	201.2	202.2	203.2	189.8	199.1	187.5	187.6	175.9	184.3	168	163	164.7	161	1
Spices		2 Vietnam		390.7	298.3	202.8	193.5	201.2	261.6	342.3	299.1	284.3	177.6	100.8	130.1	64.3	55.9	51.7	29.4	37	32.6	29	20.7	18.9	12.1	18.6	16
Spices	4	13 Madagas	sc million \$	286	255.5	288.9	419.1	521.6	401.7	227.8	120.9	74.5	50.2	45.3	25.5	28.3	28.6	29.2	34.2	31.1	36.9	134.2	179	115.5	78.1	30.6	145
Spices		4 India	Million \$	285.9	311.7	240	224.5	220.2	238.6	248.3	260.1	185.2	181.2	209.4	174.7	119.8	96.5	132.6	122.4	67.5	52	54.7	46.9	52.6	60	92.2	

Afterwards, preformed the necessary stationarity and differencing techniques to prepare data for use in a SARIMA analysis. Generated two SARIMA models, an initial model and an optimized model using auto_arima suggested parameters. Both models did not provide an accurate enough mape value to suggest using for further analysis.

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rint(model_fit.summary())
                                 SARIMAX Results
 No. Observations:
Dep. Variable:
                                Total Imports
                 SARIMAX(1, 2, 1)x(1, 1, 1, 4)
Model:
                                              Log Likelihood
                                                                           -110.853
Date:
                             Wed, 07 Feb 2024
                                              AIC
                                                                           231.707
Time:
                                    19:47:10
                                              BIC
                                                                           233.696
                                                                           230.453
Sample:
                                           0
                                              HQIC
                                        - 17
Covariance Type:
                                         opg
                                                                  0.975]
               coef
                      std err
                                      z
                                             P>|z|
                                                       [0.025
ar.L1
            -0.3386
                        0.495
                                  -0.684
                                                                   0.631
                                                       -1.308
                        0.650
                                  -1.535
                                             0.125
ma.L1
             -0.9978
                                                       -2.272
                                                                   0.276
                        1.028
                                             0.571
            -0.5827
                                  -0.567
                                                       -2.598
                                                                   1.433
ar.S.L4
ma.S.L4
            -0.2973
                        1.583
                                  -0.188
                                             0.851
                                                       -3.400
                                                                   2.805
sigma2
          2.779e+07
                     2.33e-08
                                1.19e+15
                                             0.000
                                                     2.78e+07
                                                                2.78e+07
                                         Jarque-Bera (JB):
Ljung-Box (L1) (Q):
                                  1.10
                                                                         0.34
                                                                         0.84
Prob(Q):
                                  0.29
                                         Prob(JB):
Heteroskedasticity (H):
                                  4.28
                                         Skew:
                                                                         0.43
Prob(H) (two-sided):
                                  0.19
                                         Kurtosis:
                                                                         2.96
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Predicted Mean: 17 -1693.290855

18 -7978.292248

19 521.489976

20 -91.130233

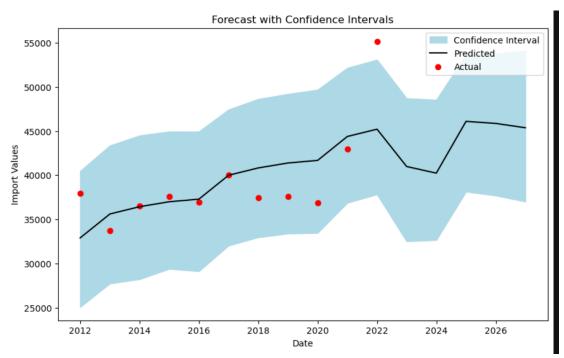
21 -4285.000956

Name: predicted_mean, dtype: float64

MAPE: 5.820324792129919
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SARIMA (Optimized Parameters)
  Split the data into training and testing sets
train, test = ts_diff2[:-n_test], ts_diff2[-n_test:]
# Fit the SARIMA model with the identified optimal parameters
model = SARIMAX(train, order=(3, 2, 2), seasonal_order=(0, 1, 1, 4))
model_fit = model.fit()
# Forecast
forecast = model_fit.get_forecast(steps=n_test)
predicted_mean = forecast.predicted_mean
# Calculate MAPE between the predicted and true values
mape = mean_absolute_percentage_error(test, predicted_mean)
print(f'Predicted Mean: {predicted_mean}')
print(f'MAPE: {mape}')
Predicted Mean: 17
                       87758.6
18
       99009.6
19
      115989.2
20
      127161.8
21
      146841.4
Name: predicted_mean, dtype: float64
MAPE: 143.0379365208073
```

The inadequacy of SARIMA models, as indicated by a high MAPE for both, led me to employ the Prophet model. A segmented analysis using data from 2012 to 2022 was performed to refine the predictions and minimize the effects of earlier global disruptions.



Outline of Findings: The SARIMA model initially produced unsatisfactory forecasts, prompting the exploration of the Prophet model, which demonstrated a lower MAPE of 8.83% for the period from 2012 to 2022, thereby surpassing the accuracy threshold posited by our alternate hypothesis. The Prophet model's forecasts also included confidence intervals, providing a probabilistic assessment of future import values.

Limitations of Techniques and Tools: The primary limitation of the SARIMA model was its presumption of data stationarity and the complexity of identifying optimal parameters. Prophet, while user-friendly and robust, operates under the assumption that past trends will continue unaltered, potentially overlooking abrupt market shifts.

Summary of proposed actions: In light of the findings, I would advise using the Prophet model for upcoming forecasting requirements, but with the proviso that it be updated frequently with fresh data. To proactively manage anticipated changes in import values, supply chain optimization, policy modifications, and the establishment of strategic reserves are also advised.

Benefits of Study: The Prophet model is expected to provide stakeholders with a more accurate forecasting tool, potentially improving supply chain and procurement process efficiency. Businesses can save money by better anticipating import values, and policymakers can better support domestic industries. Specifically, improved forecasting accuracy, now quantified at an error rate of less than 10%, could lead to better inventory management and reduced waste, with the potential to reduce inventory holding costs by a similar amount.

B. Panopto Video

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