

# CO2 Level Forecasting

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*Code for reading in data, creating a tsibble, and creating a training-set that excludes observations from January 2022 through August 2022.*

```
library(fpp3)

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remove(list = ls())
temp=readr::read_csv("pset1.csv")
ForecastingCO2=temp%>%mutate(Date=yearmonth(mdy(Date)))%>%
  as_tsibble(index=Date)
ForecastingCO2TRAIN=ForecastingCO2%>%filter_index("1958 Mar"~"2021 Dec")
```

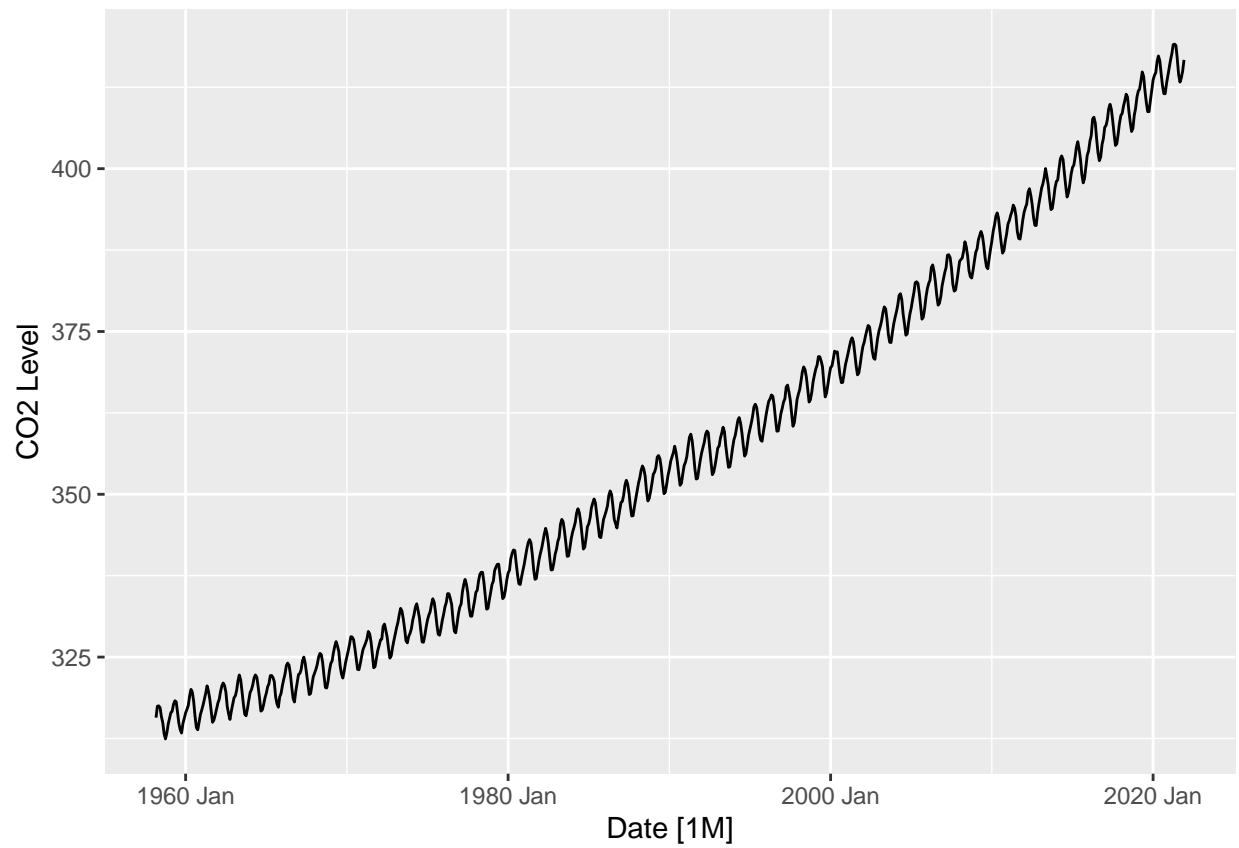
*Code used to generate the seasonal naive forecast along with the numeric values from the forecast.*

```
ForecastingCO2TRAIN%>%model(SNAIVE(CO2))%>%
  forecast(h=8)%>%as.data.frame()%>%select(Date,.mean)
```

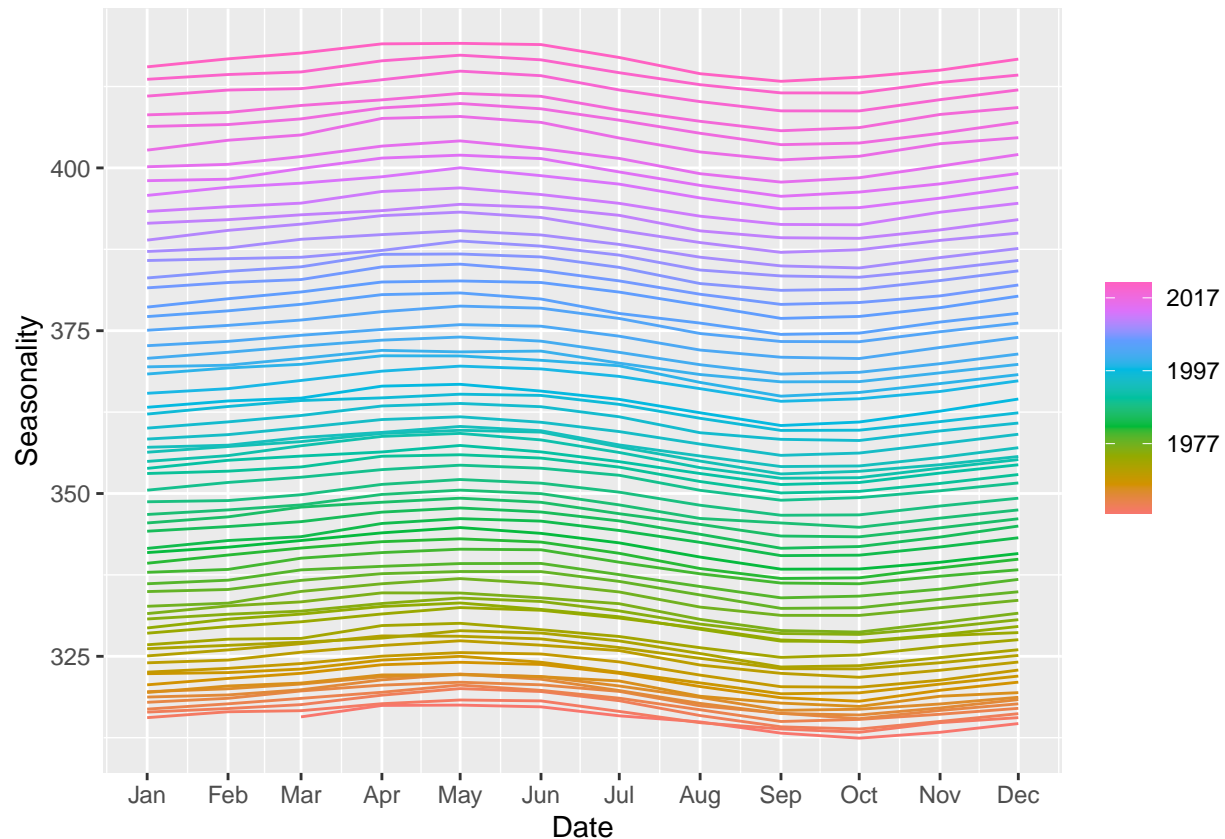
```
##      Date .mean
## 1 2022 Jan 415.52
## 2 2022 Feb 416.75
## 3 2022 Mar 417.64
## 4 2022 Apr 419.05
## 5 2022 May 419.13
## 6 2022 Jun 418.94
## 7 2022 Jul 416.96
## 8 2022 Aug 414.47
```

*Code to produce two plots along with a brief discussion related to seasonality.*

```
ForecastingCO2TRAIN%>%autoplot(CO2)+ylab("CO2 Level")
```



```
ForecastingCO2TRAIN%>%gg_season(CO2)+ylab("Seasonality")
```



The series has a tendency to increase over time. This suggests possible positive trend. The growth rate appears to be roughly constant, although there could be some evidence that growth has been slightly higher after the mid-1990s.

From the `gg_season` plot, every year we observe that CO<sub>2</sub> regularly begins increasing around October and continues to increase through about May. Subsequently, atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> begins to decline, reaching a relatively low point during the late summer. As further discussed in class, the observed seasonal variation is likely explained by photosynthetic activity. As plants begin to die off in the fall, less CO<sub>2</sub> is absorbed, causing atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> to spike during the winter months and early spring.

*A brief discussion indicating about selecting the seasonal naive or ETS method*

The gradual increase in CO<sub>2</sub> throughout the sample suggests that a linear trend might be appropriate. In this regard, I choose additive trend. As for seasonality, as observed in the `gg_season` plot above, the seasonal patterns appear quite regular. Atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> nearly always reaches its lowest point in October, with patterns that seem nearly redundant. It seems the simplest type of seasonality is preferred here, leading to the choice of additive seasonality.

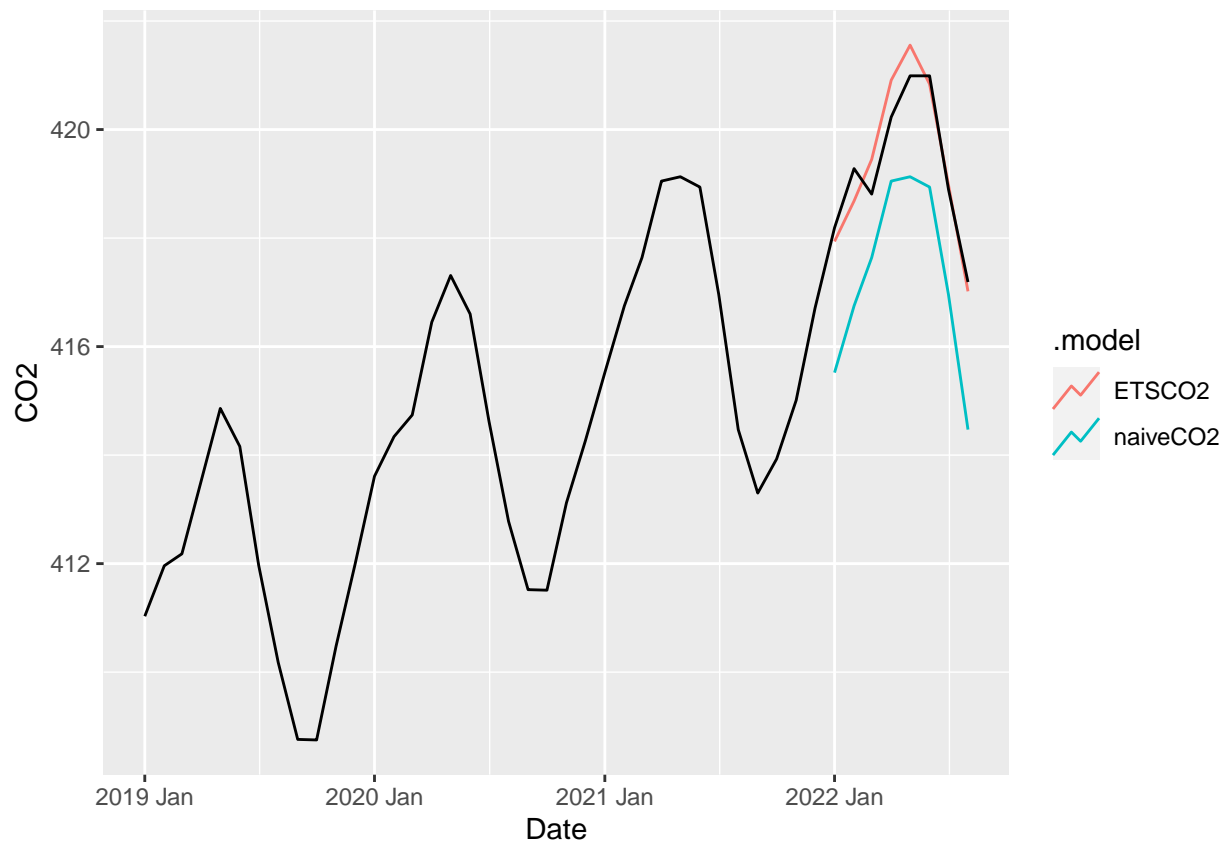
*#Forecasting for ETS model*

```
CO2_ETSCo2Forecasting=ForecastingCO2TRAIN%>%
  model(ETS(CO2~error("A")+trend("A")+season("A")))%>%forecast(h=8)%>%
  as.data.frame()%>%select(Date,.mean)
```

*#Comparing both SNAIVE and ETS model*

```
mableTRAIN=ForecastingCO2TRAIN%>%
  model(naiveCO2=SNAIVE(CO2),
        ETS_CO2=ETS(CO2~error("A")+trend("A")+season("A")))
```

```
mableTRAIN%>%forecast(h=8)%>%
  autoplot(filter_index(ForecastingCO2, "2019 Jan"~"2022 Aug"), level=NULL)
```



Unambiguously, the ETS model outperforms the seasonal naive model, with values that are closer to the true quantities throughout. For the last part, we proceed with the ETS model.

\*Code that used to determine if atmospheric CO2 will exceed 450 ppm, along with the necessary discussion.

```
FullData_ETSFforecasting=ForecastingCO2%>%model(ETS(CO2~
FullData_ETSFforecasting
```

```
## # A tibble: 360 x 4 [1M]
## # Key:   .model [1]
##   .model                                Date                CO2 .mean
##   <chr>                                <mth>                <dbl> <dbl>
## 1 "ETS(CO2 ~ error(\"A\") + trend(\"A\") + season(~ 2022 Sep  N(416, 0.1)  416.
## 2 "ETS(CO2 ~ error(\"A\") + trend(\"A\") + season(~ 2022 Oct  N(416, 0.13)  416.
## 3 "ETS(CO2 ~ error(\"A\") + trend(\"A\") + season(~ 2022 Nov  N(418, 0.17)  418.
## 4 "ETS(CO2 ~ error(\"A\") + trend(\"A\") + season(~ 2022 Dec  N(419, 0.2)   419.
## 5 "ETS(CO2 ~ error(\"A\") + trend(\"A\") + season(~ 2023 Jan  N(420, 0.24)  420.
## 6 "ETS(CO2 ~ error(\"A\") + trend(\"A\") + season(~ 2023 Feb  N(421, 0.27)  421.
## 7 "ETS(CO2 ~ error(\"A\") + trend(\"A\") + season(~ 2023 Mar  N(422, 0.31)  422.
## 8 "ETS(CO2 ~ error(\"A\") + trend(\"A\") + season(~ 2023 Apr  N(423, 0.35)  423.
## 9 "ETS(CO2 ~ error(\"A\") + trend(\"A\") + season(~ 2023 May  N(424, 0.38)  424.
## 10 "ETS(CO2 ~ error(\"A\") + trend(\"A\") + season(~ 2023 Jun  N(423, 0.42)  423.
## # ... with 350 more rows
```

```
FullData_ETSTimeSeriesForecasting%>%filter(.mean>=450)%>%  
  filter(row_number()==1)%>%as.data.frame()%>%  
    select(Date,.mean)
```

```
##      Date      .mean  
## 1 2035 Apr 451.3486
```

As we see, atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> is first projected to exceed 450 ppm in April 2035, when our model predicts we will reach 451.3486 ppm.