

ETC3550/ETC5550

Applied forecasting

Week 7: Exponential smoothing



Historical perspective

- Developed in the 1950s and 1960s as methods (algorithms) to produce point forecasts.
- Combine a “level”, “trend” (slope) and “seasonal” component to describe a time series.
- The rate of change of the components are controlled by “smoothing parameters”: α , β and γ respectively.
- Need to choose best values for the smoothing parameters (and initial states).
- Equivalent ETS state space models developed in the 1990s and 2000s.

ETS models

General notation E T S : ExponenTial Smoothing



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Diagram illustrating the components of the ETS notation: Error, Trend, and Season.

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The diagram shows three arrows pointing from the words 'Error', 'Trend', and 'Season' below to the letters 'E', 'T', and 'S' respectively in the 'ETS' part of the notation above.

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Seasonality: None ("N"), additive ("A") or multiplicative ("M")

ETS models

Additive Error

		Seasonal Component		
		N (None)	A (Additive)	M (Multiplicative)
	Trend Component			
	N (None)	A,N,N	A,N,A	A,N,M
	A (Additive)	A,A,N	A,A,A	A,A,M
	A _d (Additive damped)	A,A _d ,N	A,A _d ,A	A,A _d ,M

Multiplicative Error

		Seasonal Component		
		N (None)	A (Additive)	M (Multiplicative)
	Trend Component			
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AIC and cross-validation

Minimizing the AIC assuming Gaussian residuals is asymptotically equivalent to minimizing one-step time series cross validation MSE.

Automatic forecasting

From Hyndman et al. (IJF, 2002):

- Apply each model that is appropriate to the data. Optimize parameters and initial values using MLE (or some other criterion).
- Select best method using AICc:
- Produce forecasts using best method.
- Obtain forecast intervals using underlying state space model.

Method performed very well in M3 competition.

Residuals

Response residuals

$$\hat{e}_t = y_t - \hat{y}_{t|t-1}$$

Innovation residuals

Additive error model:

$$\hat{\varepsilon}_t = y_t - \hat{y}_{t|t-1}$$

Multiplicative error model:

$$\hat{\varepsilon}_t = \frac{y_t - \hat{y}_{t|t-1}}{\hat{y}_{t|t-1}}$$