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Tidy forecasting in R



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- 3 Exponential smoothing
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tsibble



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Time series data

- Four-yearly Olympic winning times
- Annual Google profits
- Quarterly Australian snowy production
- Monthly rainfall
- Weekly retail sales
- Daily IBM stock prices
- Hourly electricity demand
- 5-minute freeway traffic counts
- Time-stamped stock transaction data

tsibble objects

```
global_economy
```

```
## # A tsibble: 15,150 x 6 [1Y]
## # Key:      Country [263]
##   Year Country      GDP Imports Exports Population
##   <dbl> <fct>          <dbl>   <dbl>   <dbl>         <dbl>
## 1  1960 Afghanistan 5377777811.    7.02    4.13    8996351
## 2  1961 Afghanistan 5488888896.    8.10    4.45    9166764
## 3  1962 Afghanistan 5466666678.    9.35    4.88    9345868
## 4  1963 Afghanistan 7511111191.   16.9     9.17    9533954
## 5  1964 Afghanistan 8000000044.   18.1     8.89    9731361
## 6  1965 Afghanistan 10066666638.  21.4    11.3    9938414
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## 8  1967 Afghanistan 16733333418.  14.2     6.77   10372630
## 9  1968 Afghanistan 13733333367.  15.2     8.90   10604346
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## # ... with 15,140 more rows
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```
##      Index  Key      Measured variables
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```

```
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```

tsibble objects

```
tourism
```

```
## # A tsibble: 24,320 x 5 [1Q]
## # Key:           Region, State, Purpose [304]
##   Quarter Region   State Purpose   Trips
##   <qtr> <chr>      <chr> <chr>    <dbl>
## 1 1998 Q1 Adelaide SA      Business 135.
## 2 1998 Q2 Adelaide SA      Business 110.
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## 4 1998 Q4 Adelaide SA      Business 127.
## 5 1999 Q1 Adelaide SA      Business 137.
## 6 1999 Q2 Adelaide SA      Business 200.
## 7 1999 Q3 Adelaide SA      Business 169.
## 8 1999 Q4 Adelaide SA      Business 134.
## 9 2000 Q1 Adelaide SA      Business 154.
## 10 2000 Q2 Adelaide SA      Business 169.
## # ... with 24,310 more rows
```

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## # Key:           Region, State, Purpose [304]
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## 7 1999 Q3 Adelaide SA      Business 169.
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## 9 2000 Q1 Adelaide SA      Business 154.
## 10 2000 Q2 Adelaide SA      Business 169.
## # ... with 24,310 more rows
```

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```
## # A tsibble: 24,320 x 5 [1Q]
## # Key:      Region, State, Purpose [304]
##   Quarter Region  State Purpose  Trips
##   Index      Keys      <dbl>
## 1 1998 Q1 Adelaide SA      Business 135.
## 2 1998 Q2 Adelaide SA      Business 110.
## 3 1998 Q3 Adelaide SA      Business 166.
## 4 1998 Q4 Adelaide SA      Business 127.
## 5 1999 Q1 Adelaide SA      Business 137.
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## # ... with 24,310 more rows
```

tsibble objects

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```
## # Key:           Region, State, Purpose [304]
```

```
##   Quarter Region State Purpose Trips
```

```
##   Index      Keys      Measure
```

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## 1 1998 Q1 Adelaide SA      Business 135.
```

```
## 2 1998 Q2 Adelaide SA      Business 110.
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```
## 3 1998 Q3 Adelaide SA      Business 166.
```

```
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```
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```

```
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```

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tsibble objects

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##   Index      Keys          Measure
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## 3 1998 Q3 Adelaide SA      Business 166.
## 4 1998 Q4 Adelaide SA      Business 127.
## 5 1999 Q1 Adelaide SA      Business 137.
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## # ... with 24,310 more rows
```

Domestic visitor
nights in thousands
by state/region and
purpose.

tsibble objects

- A `tsibble` allows storage and manipulation of multiple time series in R.
- It contains:
 - ▶ An index: time information about the observation
 - ▶ Measured variable(s): numbers of interest
 - ▶ Key variable(s): optional unique identifiers for each series
- It works with tidyverse functions.

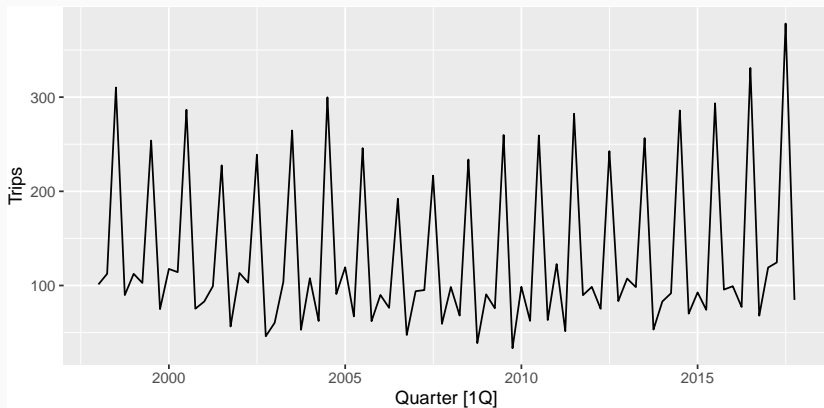
Extracting single time series

```
snowy <- tourism %>%  
  filter(  
    Region=="Snowy Mountains",  
    Purpose=="Holiday"  
  )  
snowy
```

```
## # A tsibble: 80 x 5 [1Q]  
## # Key:           Region, State, Purpose [1]  
##   Quarter Region      State Purpose Trips  
##   <qtr> <chr>          <chr> <chr>   <dbl>  
## 1 1998 Q1 Snowy Mountains NSW    Holiday 101.  
## 2 1998 Q2 Snowy Mountains NSW    Holiday 112.  
## 3 1998 Q3 Snowy Mountains NSW    Holiday 310.  
## 4 1998 Q4 Snowy Mountains NSW    Holiday  89.8  
## 5 1999 Q1 Snowy Mountains NSW    Holiday 112.
```


Extracting single time series

```
snowy %>% autoplot(Trips)
```



How would you forecast these series?

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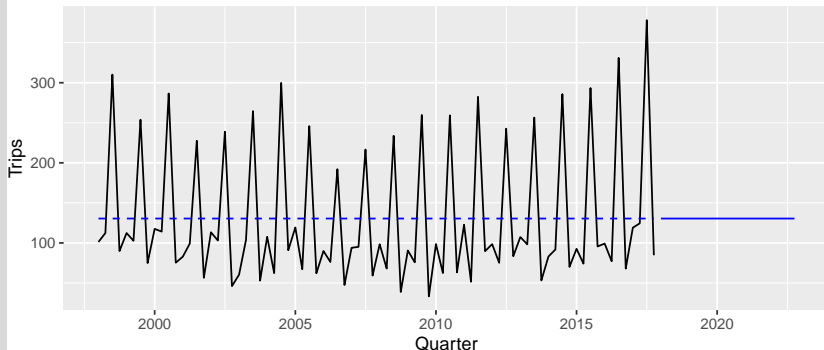
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Benchmark forecasting methods

Mean method

- Forecast of all future values is equal to mean of historical data $\{y_1, \dots, y_T\}$.
- Forecasts: $\hat{y}_{T+h|T} = \bar{y} = (y_1 + \dots + y_T)/T$

Quarterly holidays to Snowy Mountains

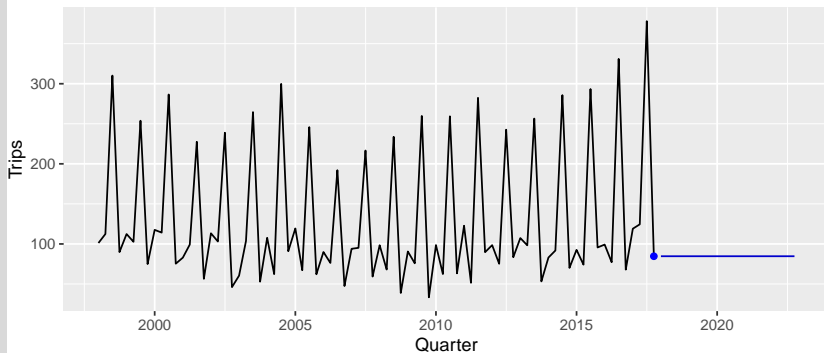


Benchmark forecasting methods

Naïve method

- Forecasts equal to last observed value.
- Forecasts: $\hat{y}_{T+h|T} = y_T$.
- Consequence of efficient market hypothesis.

Quarterly holidays to Snowy Mountains

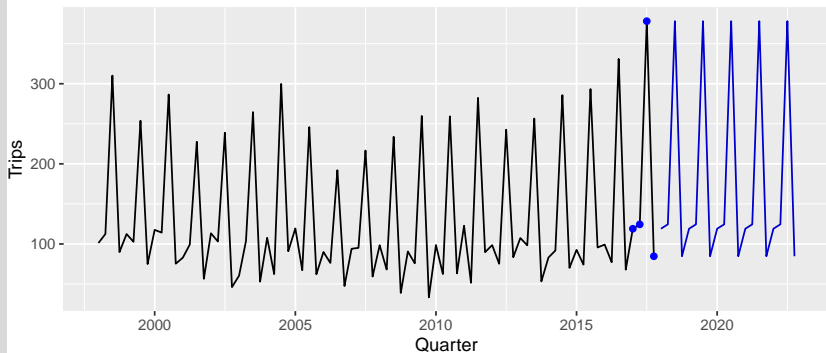


Benchmark forecasting methods

Seasonal naïve method

- Forecasts equal to last value from same season.
- Forecasts: $\hat{y}_{T+h|T} = y_{T+h-m(k+1)}$, where m = seasonal period and k is the integer part of $(h - 1)/m$.

Quarterly holidays to Snowy Mountains

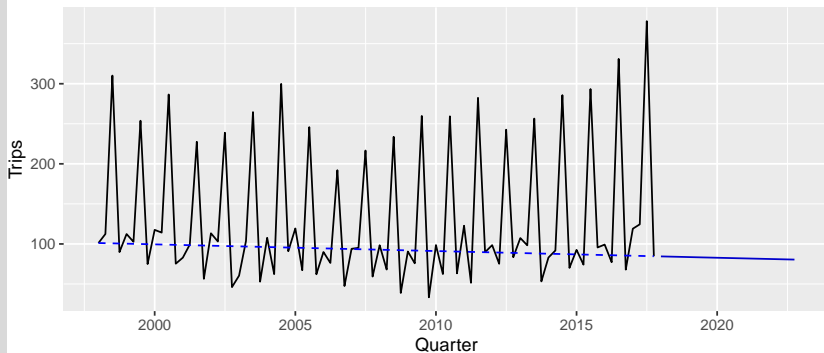


Benchmark forecasting methods

Drift method

- Forecasts equal to last value plus average change.
- Forecasts: $\hat{y}_{T+h|T} = y_T + \frac{h}{T-1}(y_T - y_1)$.
- Equivalent to line between first and last observations.

Quarterly holidays to Snowy Mountains



Model estimation

The `model()` function trains models to data.

```
# Fit the models
fit <- snowy %>%
  model(
    Mean = MEAN(Trips),
    Naïve = NAIVE(Trips),
    SeasonalNaïve = SNAIVE(Trips),
    Drift = RW(Trips ~ drift())
  )
```

```
fit
```

```
## # A mable: 1 x 7
## # Key:      Region, State, Purpose [1]
##   Region    State Purpose Mean   Naïve SeasonalNaïve Drift
##   <chr>     <chr> <chr>  <mode> <mod> <model>      <model>
## 1 Snowy Mo~ NSW   Holiday <MEAN> <NAI~ <SNAIVE>    <RW w/~
```

A mable is a model table, each cell corresponds to a fitted model.

Producing forecasts

```
fc <- fit %>%  
  forecast(h = 12)
```

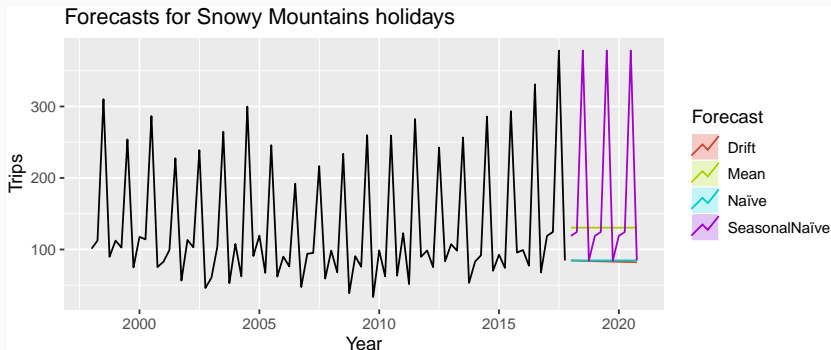
```
## # A fable: 48 x 7 [1Q]  
## # Key:      Region, State, Purpose, .model [4]  
##   Region State Purpose .model   Quarter Trips .distribution  
##   <chr>  <chr> <chr>   <chr>      <qtr> <dbl> <dist>  
## 1 Snowy~ NSW    Holiday Mean    2015 Q1  126. N(126, 6408)  
## 2 Snowy~ NSW    Holiday Mean    2015 Q2  126. N(126, 6408)  
## 3 Snowy~ NSW    Holiday Mean    2015 Q3  126. N(126, 6408)  
## 4 Snowy~ NSW    Holiday Mean    2015 Q4  126. N(126, 6408)  
## # ... with 44 more rows
```

A fable is a forecast table with point forecasts and distributions.

Visualising forecasts

```
fc %>%
```

```
  autoplot(snowy, level = NULL) +  
  ggtitle("Forecasts for Snowy Mountains holidays") +  
  xlab("Year") +  
  guides(colour=guide_legend(title="Forecast"))
```



Forecasting many series

```
tourism
```

```
## # A tsibble: 24,320 x 5 [1Q]
## # Key:      Region, State, Purpose [304]
##   Quarter Region   State Purpose   Trips
##   <qtr> <chr>      <chr> <chr>      <dbl>
## 1 1998 Q1 Adelaide SA      Business 135.
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## 7 1999 Q3 Adelaide SA      Business 169.
## 8 1999 Q4 Adelaide SA      Business 134.
## 9 2000 Q1 Adelaide SA      Business 154.
## 10 2000 Q2 Adelaide SA      Business 169.
```

Forecasting many series

```
tourism %>%  
  model(  
    mean = MEAN(Trips),  
    snaive = SNAIVE(Trips)  
  )
```

```
## # A mable: 304 x 5
```

```
## # Key:      Region, State, Purpose [304]
```

	Region	State	Purpose	mean	snaive
	<chr>	<chr>	<chr>	<model>	<model>
## 1	Adelaide	SA	Business	<MEAN>	<SNAIVE>
## 2	Adelaide	SA	Holiday	<MEAN>	<SNAIVE>
## 3	Adelaide	SA	Other	<MEAN>	<SNAIVE>
## 4	Adelaide	SA	Visiting	<MEAN>	<SNAIVE>
## 5	Adelaide Hills	SA	Business	<MEAN>	<SNAIVE>
## 6	Adelaide Hills	SA	Holiday	<MEAN>	<SNAIVE>

Forecasting many series

```
tourism %>%  
  model(  
    mean = MEAN(Trips),  
    snaive = SNAIVE(Trips)  
  ) %>%  
  forecast(h= "3 years")
```

```
## # A fable: 7,296 x 7 [1Q]  
## # Key:      Region, State, Purpose, .model [608]  
##   Region State Purpose .model   Quarter Trips  
##   <chr>  <chr> <chr>   <chr>      <qtr> <dbl>  
## 1 Adela~ SA     Busine~ mean    2018 Q1  156.  
## 2 Adela~ SA     Busine~ mean    2018 Q2  156.  
## 3 Adela~ SA     Busine~ mean    2018 Q3  156.  
## 4 Adela~ SA     Busine~ mean    2018 Q4  156.  
## 5 Adela~ SA     Busine~ mean    2019 Q1  156.
```

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Historical perspective

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

ETS state space models

General notation

ETS : ExponenTial Smoothing



Error Trend Season

The diagram shows three arrows pointing upwards from the words 'Error', 'Trend', and 'Season' 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 state space models

Additive Error

Trend Component

Seasonal Component

N (None) A (Additive) M (Multiplicative)

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

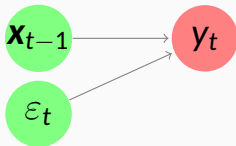
Trend Component

Seasonal Component

N (None) A (Additive) M (Multiplicative)

N	(None)	M,N,N	M,N,A	M,N,M
A	(Additive)	M,A,N	M,A,A	M,A,M
A _d	(Additive damped)	M,A _d ,N	M,A _d ,A	M,A _d ,M

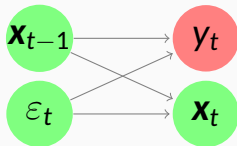
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State space model

$\mathbf{x}_t = (\text{level, slope, seasonal})$

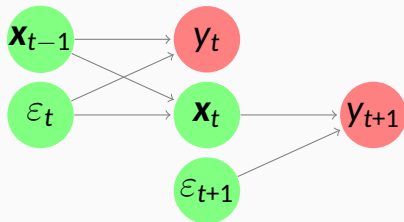
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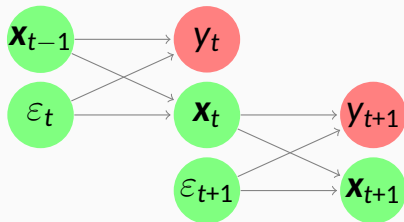
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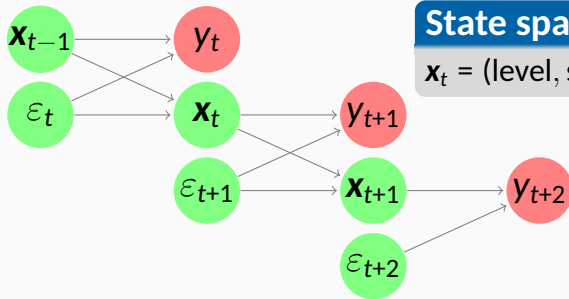
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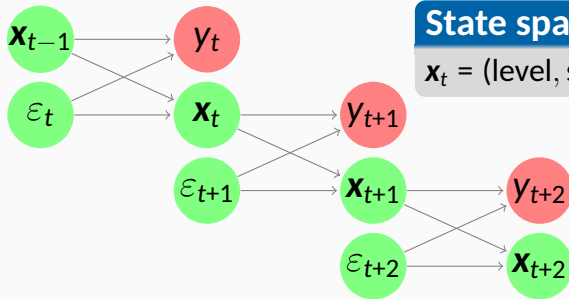
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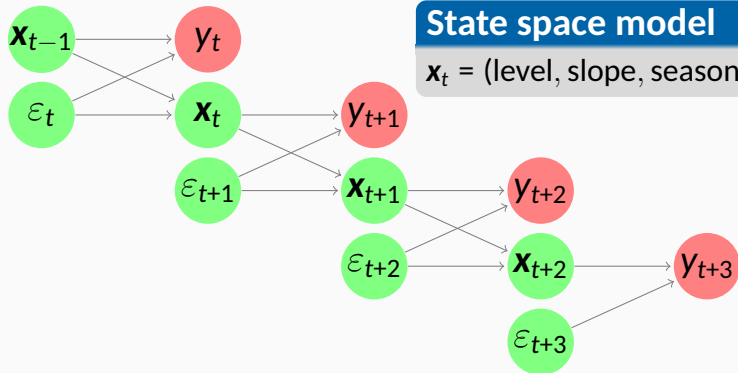
ETS state space models



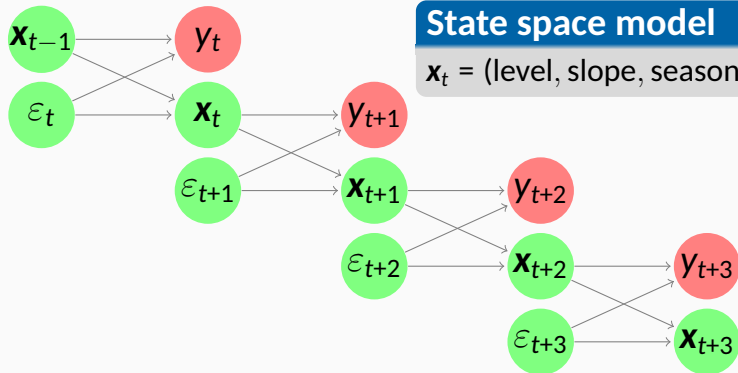
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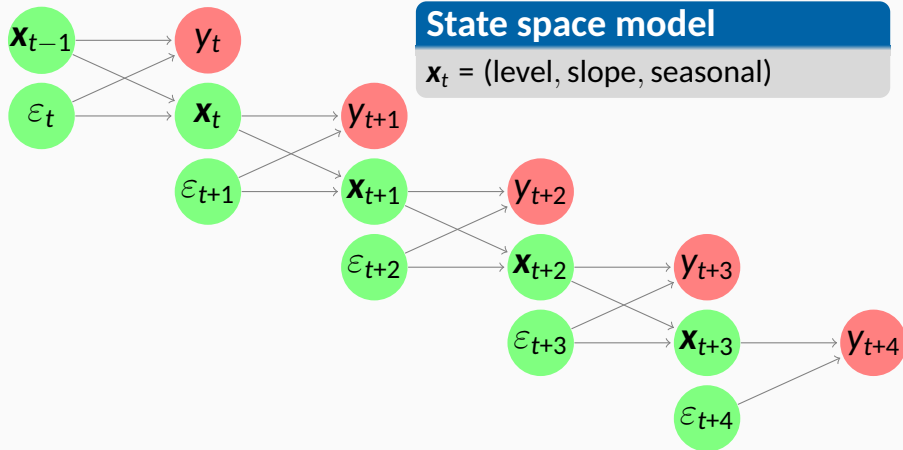
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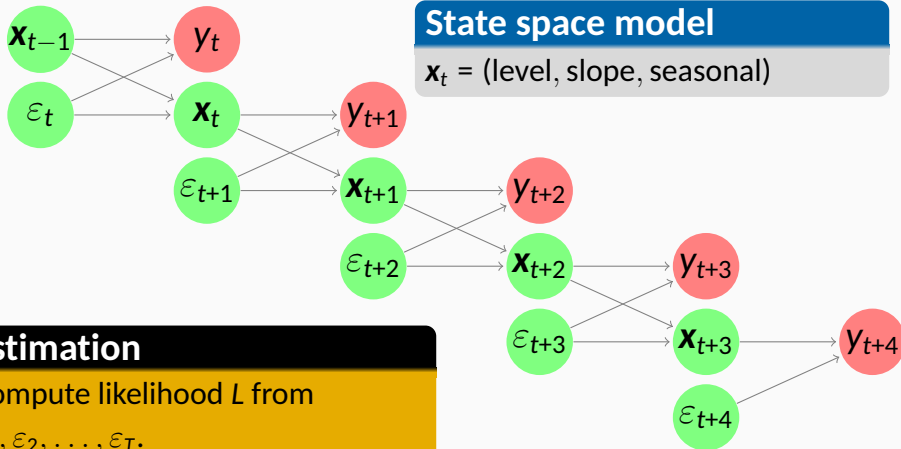
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Estimation

Compute likelihood L from

$\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_T$.

Optimize L wrt model parameters.

Automatic forecasting

From Hyndman et al. (IJF, 2002):

- 1 Apply each model that is appropriate to the data. Optimize parameters and initial values using MLE.
 - 2 Select best method using AICc.
 - 3 Produce forecasts using best method.
 - 4 Obtain forecast intervals using underlying state space model.
- Method performed very well in M3 competition.
 - Used as a benchmark in the M4 competition.

Example: Australian tourism

```
fit <- tourism %>% model(ets = ETS(Trips))
fit
```

```
## # A mable: 304 x 4
## # Key:      Region, State, Purpose [304]
##   Region      State Purpose ets
##   <chr>        <chr> <chr>  <model>
## 1 Adelaide     SA     Business <ETS(M,N,M)>
## 2 Adelaide     SA     Holiday  <ETS(A,N,A)>
## 3 Adelaide     SA     Other    <ETS(M,A,N)>
## 4 Adelaide     SA     Visiting <ETS(A,N,A)>
## 5 Adelaide Hills SA     Business <ETS(A,N,N)>
## 6 Adelaide Hills SA     Holiday  <ETS(A,A,N)>
## 7 Adelaide Hills SA     Other    <ETS(A,N,N)>
## 8 Adelaide Hills SA     Visiting <ETS(M,A,M)>
## 9 Alice Springs NT     Business <ETS(M,N,M)>
## 10 Alice Springs NT     Holiday  <ETS(M,N,A)>
## # ... with 294 more rows
```

Example: Australian tourism

```
fit %>% filter(Region=="Snowy Mountains", Purpose=="Holiday") %>%  
  report()
```

```
## Series: Trips  
## Model: ETS(M,N,A)  
## Smoothing parameters:  
##   alpha = 0.157  
##   gamma = 1e-04  
##  
## Initial states:  
##   l   s1   s2   s3   s4  
## 142 -61 131 -42.2 -27.7  
##  
##   sigma^2: 0.0388  
##  
## AIC AICc BIC  
## 852 854 869
```

Example: Australian tourism

```
fit %>% filter(Region=="Snowy Mountains", Purpose=="Holiday") %>%  
  components(fit)
```

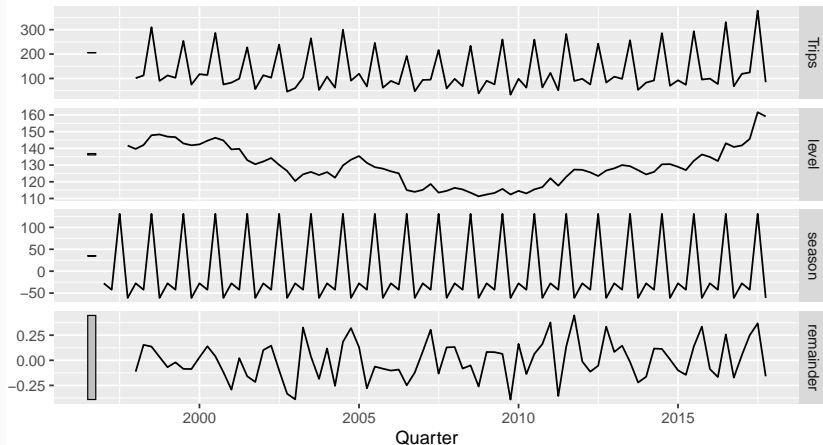
```
## # A dable:                84 x 9 [1Q]  
## # Key:                    Region, State, Purpose, .model  
## #   [1]  
## # ETS(M,N,A) Decomposition: Trips = (lag(level, 1) +  
## #   lag(season, 4)) * (1 + remainder)  
##   Region State Purpose .model   Quarter Trips level season  
##   <chr>  <chr> <chr>  <chr>      <qtr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>  
## 1 Snowy~ NSW   Holiday ets      1997 Q1  NA      NA   -27.7  
## 2 Snowy~ NSW   Holiday ets      1997 Q2  NA      NA   -42.2  
## 3 Snowy~ NSW   Holiday ets      1997 Q3  NA      NA   131.  
## 4 Snowy~ NSW   Holiday ets      1997 Q4  NA     142. -61.0  
## 5 Snowy~ NSW   Holiday ets      1998 Q1 101.    140. -27.7  
## 6 Snowy~ NSW   Holiday ets      1998 Q2 112.    142. -42.2  
## 7 Snowy~ NSW   Holiday ets      1998 Q3 310.    148. 131.  
## 8 Snowy~ NSW   Holiday ets      1998 Q4  89.8   148. -61.0  
## 9 Snowy~ NSW   Holiday ets      1999 Q1 112.    147. -27.7
```


Example: Australian tourism

```
fit %>% filter(Region=="Snowy Mountains", Purpose=="Holiday") %>%  
  components(fit) %>% autoplot()
```

ETS(M,N,A) decomposition

Trips = (lag(level, 1) + lag(season, 4)) * (1 + remainder)



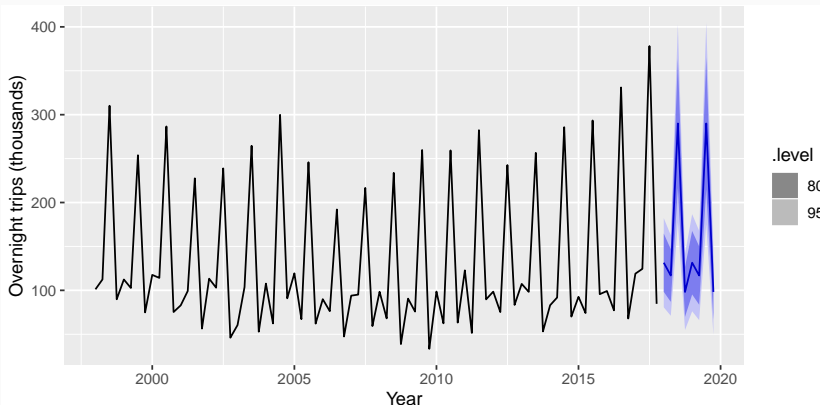
Example: Australian tourism

```
fit %>% forecast()
```

```
## # A tibble: 2,432 x 7 [1Q]
## # Key:      Region, State, Purpose, .model [304]
##   Region State Purpose .model   Quarter Trips
##   <chr>  <chr> <chr>   <chr>       <qtr> <dbl>
## 1 Adela~ SA    Busine~ ets      2018 Q1  149.
## 2 Adela~ SA    Busine~ ets      2018 Q2  173.
## 3 Adela~ SA    Busine~ ets      2018 Q3  184.
## 4 Adela~ SA    Busine~ ets      2018 Q4  171.
## 5 Adela~ SA    Busine~ ets      2019 Q1  149.
## 6 Adela~ SA    Busine~ ets      2019 Q2  173.
## 7 Adela~ SA    Busine~ ets      2019 Q3  184.
## 8 Adela~ SA    Busine~ ets      2019 Q4  171.
## 9 Adela~ SA    Holiday ets      2018 Q1  210.
## 10 Adela~ SA    Holiday ets      2018 Q2  173.
## # ... with 2,422 more rows, and 1 more variable:
## #   .distribution <dist>
```

Example: Australian tourism

```
fit %>% forecast() %>%  
  filter(Region=="Snowy Mountains", Purpose=="Holiday") %>%  
  autoplot(tourism) +  
    xlab("Year") + ylab("Overnight trips (thousands)")
```



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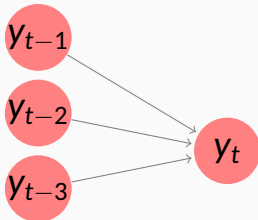
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An ARIMA model is rarely interpretable in terms of visible data structures like trend and seasonality. But it can capture a huge range of time series patterns.

ARIMA models

Inputs

Output

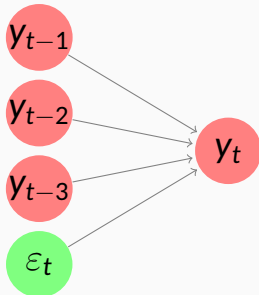


ARIMA models

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Autoregression (AR) model

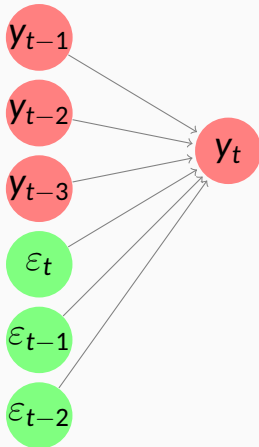


ARIMA models

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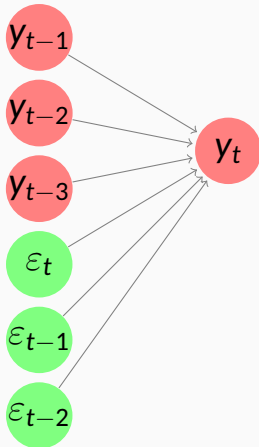
Autoregression moving average (ARMA) model



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Estimation

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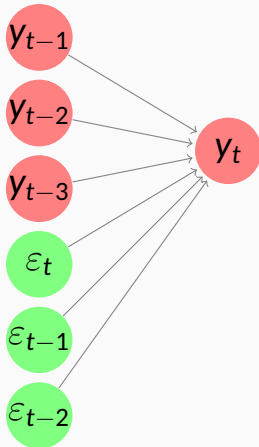
$\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_T$.

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Autoregression moving average (ARMA) model

ARIMA model

Autoregression moving average (ARMA) model applied to differences.

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Seasonal ARIMA models

ARIMA

(p, d, q)

$(P, D, Q)_m$



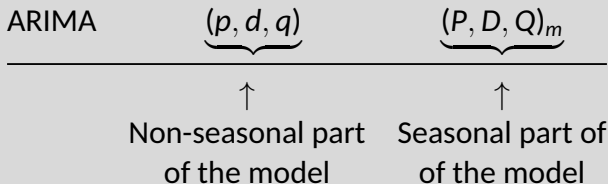
Non-seasonal part
of the model



Seasonal part of
of the model

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Hyndman and Khandakar (JSS, 2008) algorithm:

- Select no. differences d and D via tests.
- Select model orders p, q, P, Q by minimising AICc.
- Use stepwise search to traverse model space.

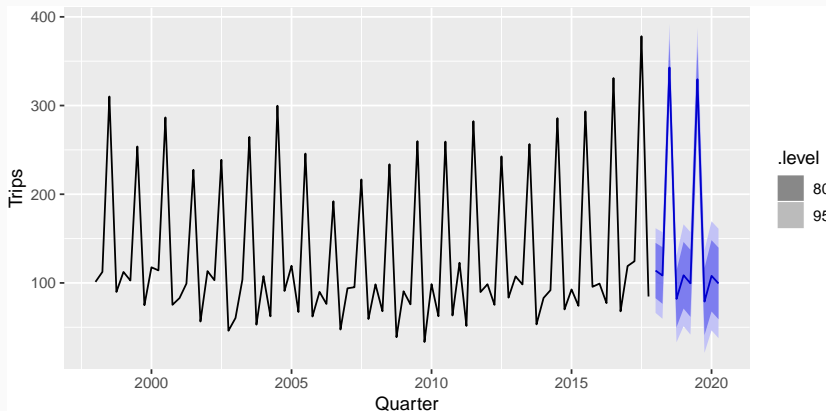
Example: Australian tourism

```
fit <- tourism %>%  
  model(arima = ARIMA(Trips))  
fit
```

```
## # A mable: 304 x 4  
## # Key:      Region, State, Purpose [304]  
##   Region      State Purpose  arima  
##   <chr>        <chr> <chr>   <model>  
## 1 Adelaide    SA     Business <ARIMA(0,0,0)(1,0,1)[4] w/ ~  
## 2 Adelaide    SA     Holiday  <ARIMA(0,0,0)(1,0,1)[4] w/ ~  
## 3 Adelaide    SA     Other    <ARIMA(0,1,1) w/ drift>  
## 4 Adelaide    SA     Visiting <ARIMA(0,0,0)(1,0,1)[4] w/ ~  
## 5 Adelaide Hil~ SA     Business <ARIMA(0,0,0) w/ mean>  
## 6 Adelaide Hil~ SA     Holiday  <ARIMA(0,1,1)>  
## 7 Adelaide Hil~ SA     Other    <ARIMA(0,1,2)(0,0,2)[4]>  
## 8 Adelaide Hil~ SA     Visiting <ARIMA(0,1,1)>  
## 9 Alice Springs NT     Business <ARIMA(0,1,1)(0,0,1)[4]> 38  
## 10 Alice Springs NT     Holiday  <ARIMA(0,0,0)(0,1,2)[4]>
```

Example: Australian tourism

```
fit %>% forecast(h=10) %>%  
  filter(Region=="Snowy Mountains", Purpose=="Holiday") %>%  
  autoplot(tourism)
```



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Training and test sets



- A model which fits the training data well will not necessarily forecast well.
- Forecast accuracy is based only on the test set.

Forecast errors

Forecast “error”: the difference between an observed value and its forecast.

$$e_{T+h} = y_{T+h} - \hat{y}_{T+h|T},$$

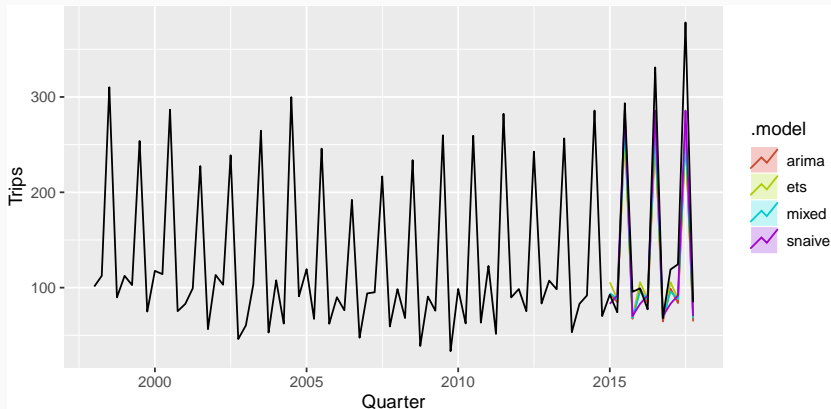
where the training data is given by $\{y_1, \dots, y_T\}$

Forecast errors

```
train <- tourism %>%  
  filter(year(Quarter) <= 2014)  
fit <- train %>%  
  model(  
    ets = ETS(Trips),  
    arima = ARIMA(Trips),  
    snaive = SNAIVE(Trips)  
  ) %>%  
  mutate(mixed = (ets+arima+snaive)/3)  
fc <- fit %>% forecast(h="3 years")
```

Forecast errors

```
fc %>%  
  filter(Region=="Snowy Mountains", Purpose=="Holiday") %>%  
  autoplot(level=NULL) +  
  autolayer(snowy, Trips)
```



Measures of forecast accuracy

y_{T+h} = $(T + h)$ th observation, $h = 1, \dots, H$

$\hat{y}_{T+h|T}$ = its forecast based on data up to time T .

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- MAE, MSE, RMSE are all scale dependent.
- MAPE is scale independent but is only sensible if $y_t \gg 0$ for all t , and y has a natural zero.

Measures of forecast accuracy

Mean Absolute Scaled Error

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where Q is a stable measure of the scale of the time series $\{y_t\}$.

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Measures of forecast accuracy

```
accuracy(fc, tourism)
```

```
## # A tibble: 1,216 x 12
##   .model Region State Purpose .type    ME  RMSE  MAE
##   <chr>   <chr>  <chr> <chr>   <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
## 1 arima  Adela~ SA    Busine~ Test  22.5  28.5  25.3
## 2 arima  Adela~ SA    Holiday Test  21.9  34.8  28.0
## 3 arima  Adela~ SA    Other   Test   4.71  17.5  14.6
## 4 arima  Adela~ SA    Visiti~ Test  32.8  37.1  32.8
## 5 arima  Adela~ SA    Busine~ Test   1.31   5.58   3.57
## 6 arima  Adela~ SA    Holiday Test   6.46   7.43   6.46
## 7 arima  Adela~ SA    Other   Test   1.35   2.79   1.93
## 8 arima  Adela~ SA    Visiti~ Test   8.37  12.6  10.4
## 9 arima  Alice~ NT    Busine~ Test   9.85  12.2  10.7
## 10 arima Alice~ NT    Holiday Test   4.80  11.3   9.30
## # ... with 1,206 more rows, and 4 more variables:
## #   MPE <dbl>, MAPE <dbl>, MASE <dbl>, ACF1 <dbl>
```


Measures of forecast accuracy

```
accuracy(fc, tourism) %>%  
  group_by(.model) %>%  
  summarise(  
    RMSE = mean(RMSE),  
    MAE = mean(MAE),  
    MASE = mean(MASE)  
  ) %>%  
  arrange(RMSE)
```

```
## # A tibble: 4 x 4  
##   .model  RMSE    MAE    MASE  
##   <chr>  <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>  
## 1 mixed   19.8   16.0  0.997  
## 2 ets     20.2   16.4  1.00  
## 3 snaive  21.5   17.3  1.17  
## 4 arima   21.9   17.8  1.07
```

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