



# Forecasting using R

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2.5 Seasonal ARIMA models

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- First difference:  $1 - B$ .
- Double difference:  $(1 - B)^2$ .
- $d$ th-order difference:  $(1 - B)^d y_t$ .
- Seasonal difference:  $1 - B^m$ .
- Seasonal difference followed by a first difference:  $(1 - B)(1 - B^m)$ .
- Multiply terms together to see the combined effect:

$$\begin{aligned}(1 - B)(1 - B^m)y_t &= (1 - B - B^m + B^{m+1})y_t \\ &= y_t - y_{t-1} - y_{t-m} + y_{t-m-1}.\end{aligned}$$

# Backshift notation for ARIMA

## ■ ARMA model:

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- ARIMA( $p, d, q$ ) model:

$$(1 - \phi_1 B - \dots - \phi_p B^p) (1 - B)^d y_t = c + (1 + \theta_1 B + \dots + \theta_q B^q) e_t$$

$\uparrow$                        $\uparrow$                        $\uparrow$   
AR( $p$ )                       $d$  differences                      MA( $q$ )

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# Seasonal ARIMA models

ARIMA	$\underbrace{(p, d, q)}$	$\underbrace{(P, D, Q)_m}$
	↑	↑
	Non-seasonal part of the model	Seasonal part of of the model

where  $m$  = number of observations per year.

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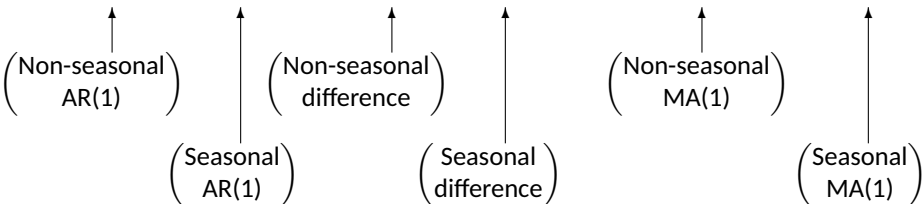
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All the factors can be multiplied out and the general model written as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} y_t = & (1 + \phi_1)y_{t-1} - \phi_1 y_{t-2} + (1 + \Phi_1)y_{t-4} \\ & - (1 + \phi_1 + \Phi_1 + \phi_1 \Phi_1)y_{t-5} + (\phi_1 + \phi_1 \Phi_1)y_{t-6} \\ & - \Phi_1 y_{t-8} + (\Phi_1 + \phi_1 \Phi_1)y_{t-9} - \phi_1 \Phi_1 y_{t-10} \\ & + e_t + \theta_1 e_{t-1} + \Theta_1 e_{t-4} + \theta_1 \Theta_1 e_{t-5}. \end{aligned}$$



# Common ARIMA models

In the US Census Bureau uses the following models most often:

$\text{ARIMA}(0,1,1)(0,1,1)_m$	with log transformation
$\text{ARIMA}(0,1,2)(0,1,1)_m$	with log transformation
$\text{ARIMA}(2,1,0)(0,1,1)_m$	with log transformation
$\text{ARIMA}(0,2,2)(0,1,1)_m$	with log transformation
$\text{ARIMA}(2,1,2)(0,1,1)_m$	with no transformation

# Seasonal ARIMA models

The seasonal part of an AR or MA model will be seen in the seasonal lags of the PACF and ACF.

**ARIMA(0,0,0)(0,0,1)<sub>12</sub> will show:**

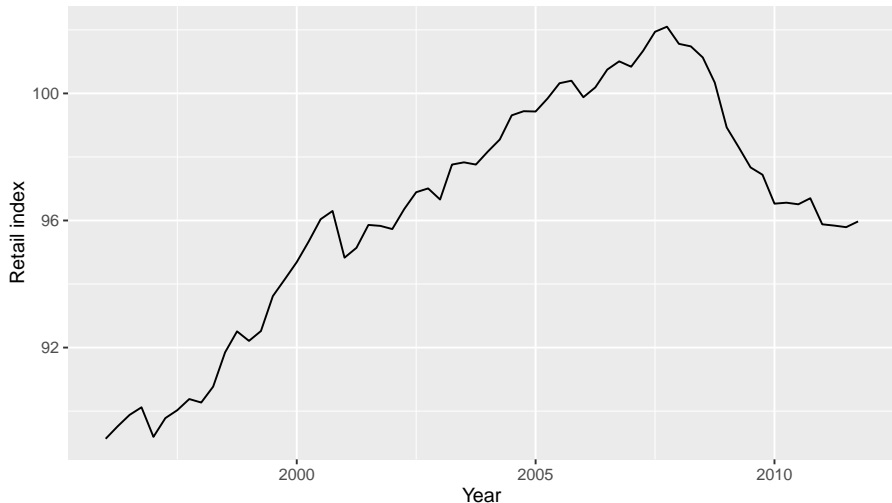
- a spike at lag 12 in the ACF but no other significant spikes.
- The PACF will show exponential decay in the seasonal lags; that is, at lags 12, 24, 36, ....

**ARIMA(0,0,0)(1,0,0)<sub>12</sub> will show:**

- exponential decay in the seasonal lags of the ACF
- a single significant spike at lag 12 in the PACF.

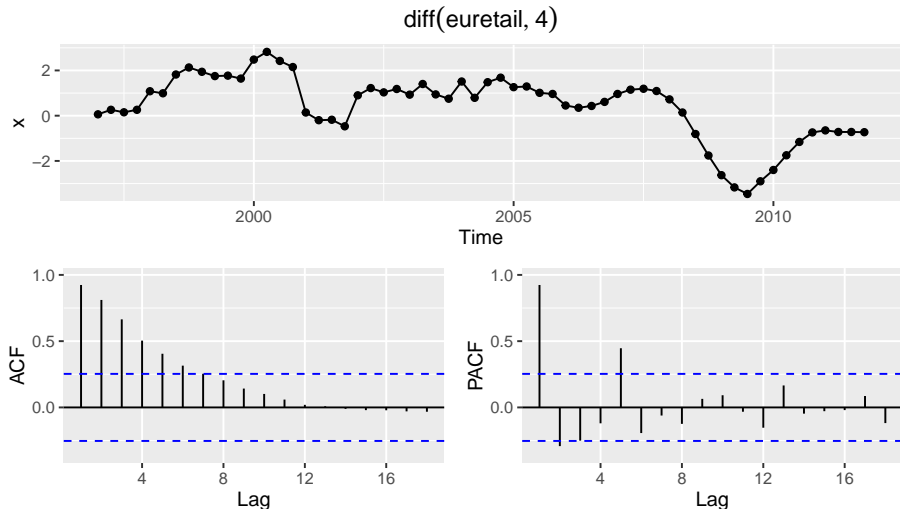
# European quarterly retail trade

```
autoplot(euretail) + xlab("Year") + ylab("Retail index")
```



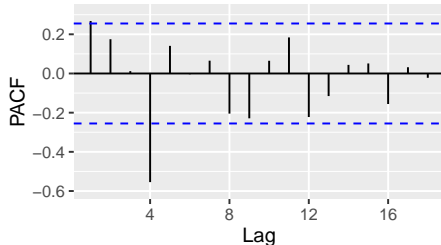
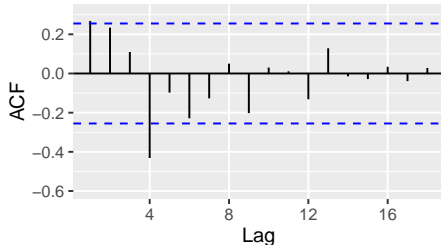
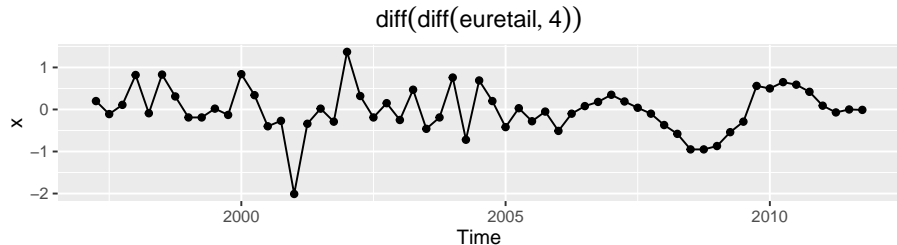
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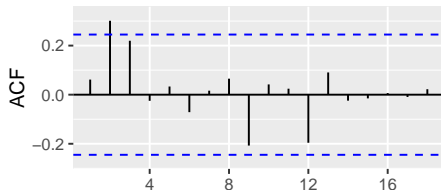
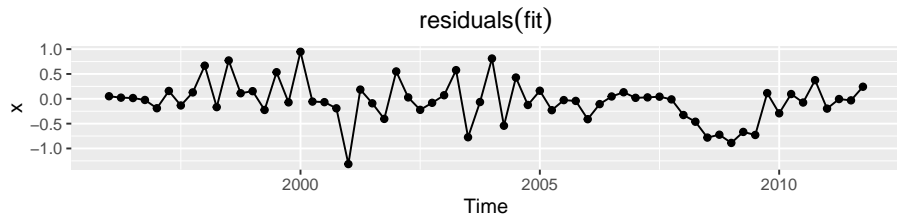


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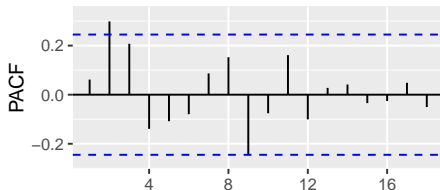
- $d = 1$  and  $D = 1$  seems necessary.
- Significant spike at lag 1 in ACF suggests non-seasonal MA(1) component.
- Significant spike at lag 4 in ACF suggests seasonal MA(1) component.
- Initial candidate model:  $\text{ARIMA}(0,1,1)(0,1,1)_4$ .
- We could also have started with  $\text{ARIMA}(1,1,0)(1,1,0)_4$ .

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fit <- Arima(euretail, order=c(0,1,1),  
            seasonal=c(0,1,1))  
ggtsdisplay(residuals(fit))
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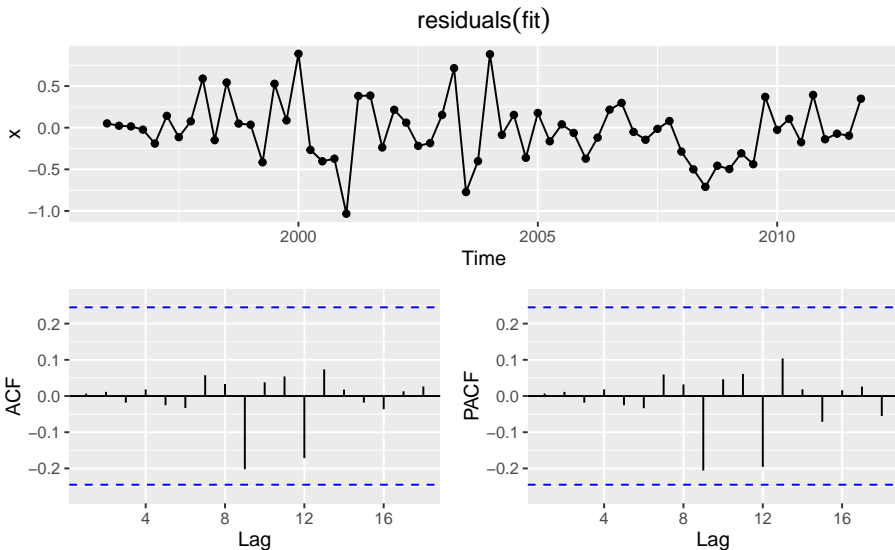


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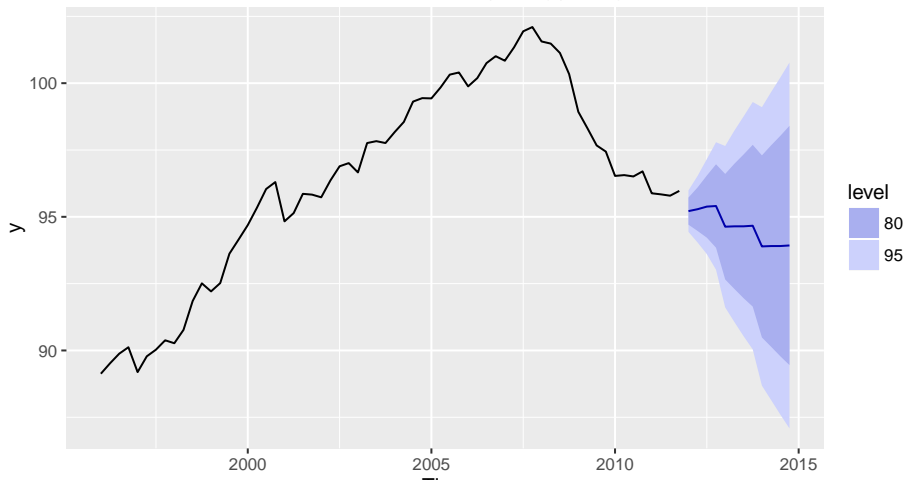
```
res <- residuals(fit)
Box.test(res, lag=16, fitdf=4, type="Ljung")

##
## Box-Ljung test
##
## data:  res
## X-squared = 7.0105, df = 12, p-value = 0.8569
```

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```
autoplot(forecast(fit, h=12))
```

Forecasts from ARIMA(0,1,3)(0,1,1)[4]



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```
auto.arima(euretail)
```

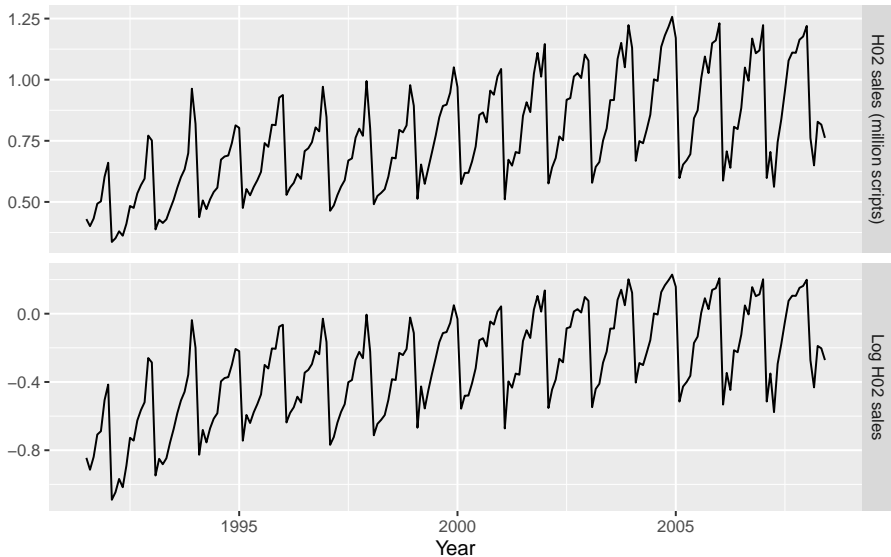
```
## Series: euretail
## ARIMA(1,1,2)(0,1,1)[4]
##
## Coefficients:
##          ar1          ma1          ma2          sma1
##      0.7345   -0.4655   0.2162   -0.8413
## s.e.  0.2239    0.1995   0.2096    0.1869
##
## sigma^2 estimated as 0.1592:  log likelihood=-29.69
## AIC=69.37   AICc=70.51   BIC=79.76
```

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```
auto.arima(euretail, stepwise=FALSE, approximation=FALSE)
```

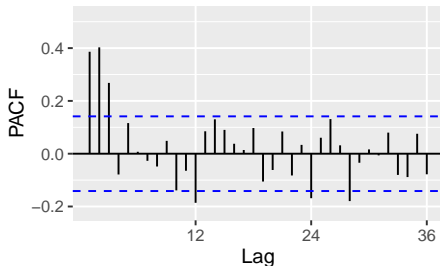
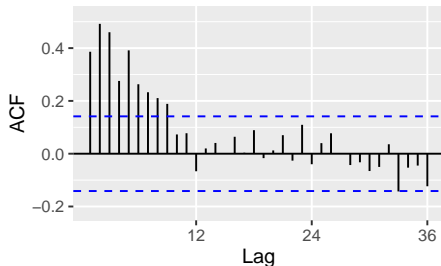
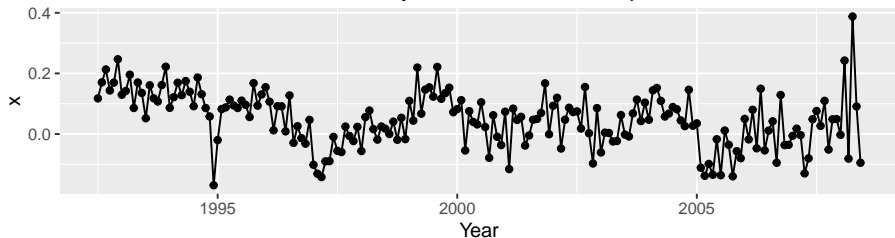
```
## Series: euretail
## ARIMA(0,1,3)(0,1,1)[4]
##
## Coefficients:
##          ma1      ma2      ma3      sma1
##      0.2625  0.3697  0.4194 -0.6615
## s.e.  0.1239  0.1260  0.1296   0.1555
##
## sigma^2 estimated as 0.1564:  log likelihood=-28.7
## AIC=67.4   AICc=68.53   BIC=77.78
```

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Seasonally differenced H02 scripts





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- Choose  $D = 1$  and  $d = 0$ .
- Spikes in PACF at lags 12 and 24 suggest seasonal AR(2) term.
- Spikes in PACF suggests possible non-seasonal AR(3) term.
- Initial candidate model:  $\text{ARIMA}(3,0,0)(2,1,0)_{12}$ .

# Corticosteroid drug sales

Model	AICc
ARIMA(3,0,0)(2,1,0) <sub>12</sub>	-475.12
ARIMA(3,0,1)(2,1,0) <sub>12</sub>	-476.31
ARIMA(3,0,2)(2,1,0) <sub>12</sub>	-474.88
ARIMA(3,0,1)(1,1,0) <sub>12</sub>	-463.40
ARIMA(3,0,1)(0,1,1) <sub>12</sub>	-483.67
ARIMA(3,0,1)(0,1,2) <sub>12</sub>	-485.48
ARIMA(3,0,1)(1,1,1) <sub>12</sub>	-484.25

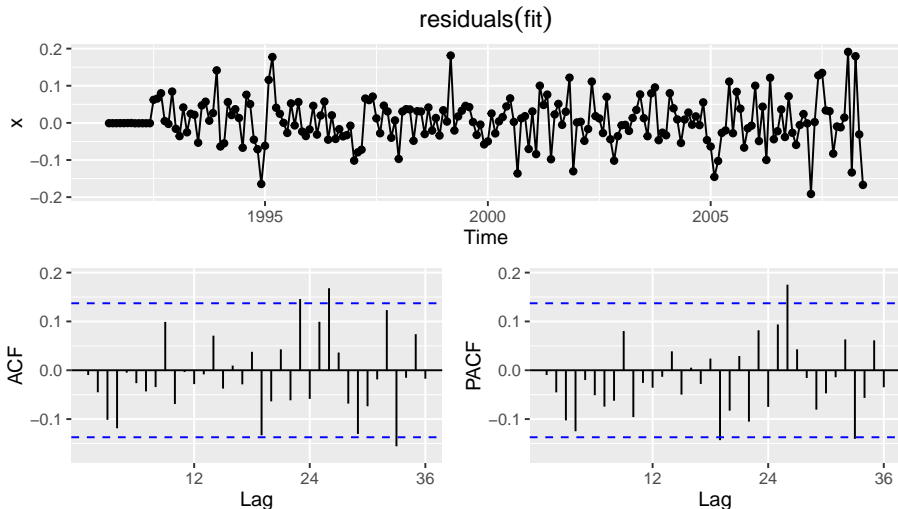
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```
(fit <- Arima(h02, order=c(3,0,1), seasonal=c(0,1,2),  
  lambda=0))
```

```
## Series: h02  
## ARIMA(3,0,1)(0,1,2)[12]  
## Box Cox transformation: lambda= 0  
##  
## Coefficients:  
##          ar1      ar2      ar3      ma1      sma1      sma2  
##      -0.1603  0.5481  0.5678  0.3827  -0.5222  -0.1768  
## s.e.    0.1636  0.0878  0.0942  0.1895   0.0861   0.0872  
##  
## sigma^2 estimated as 0.004278:  log likelihood=250.04  
## AIC=-486.08   AICc=-485.48   BIC=-463.28
```

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```
ggtsdisplay(residuals(fit))
```



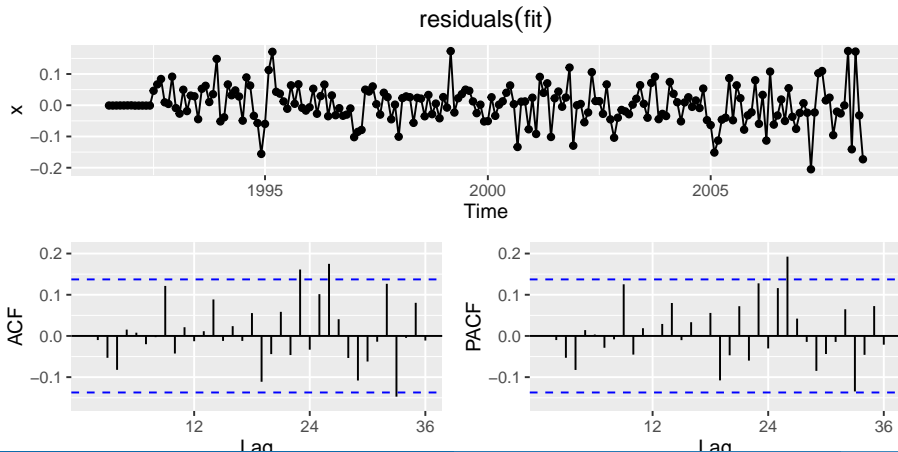
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```
Box.test(residuals(fit), lag=36, fitdf=6,  
         type="Ljung")
```

```
##  
## Box-Ljung test  
##  
## data: residuals(fit)  
## X-squared = 50.712, df = 30, p-value = 0.01045
```

# Corticosteroid drug sales

```
fit <- auto.arima(h02, lambda=0, d=0, D=1, max.order=9,  
  stepwise=FALSE, approximation=FALSE)  
ggtsdisplay(residuals(fit))
```



# Corticosteroid drug sales

```
Box.test(residuals(fit), lag=36, fitdf=8,  
         type="Ljung")
```

```
##  
## Box-Ljung test  
##  
## data: residuals(fit)  
## X-squared = 44.766, df = 28, p-value = 0.02329
```

# Corticosteroid drug sales

Model	RMSE
ARIMA(3,0,0)(2,1,0)[12]	0.0661
ARIMA(3,0,1)(2,1,0)[12]	0.0646
ARIMA(3,0,2)(2,1,0)[12]	0.0645
ARIMA(3,0,1)(1,1,0)[12]	0.0679
ARIMA(3,0,1)(0,1,1)[12]	0.0644
ARIMA(3,0,1)(0,1,2)[12]	0.0622
ARIMA(3,0,1)(1,1,1)[12]	0.0630
ARIMA(4,0,3)(0,1,1)[12]	0.0648
ARIMA(3,0,3)(0,1,1)[12]	0.0639
ARIMA(4,0,2)(0,1,1)[12]	0.0648
ARIMA(3,0,2)(0,1,1)[12]	0.0644
ARIMA(2,1,3)(0,1,1)[12]	0.0634
ARIMA(2,1,4)(0,1,1)[12]	0.0632
ARIMA(2,1,5)(0,1,1)[12]	0.0640

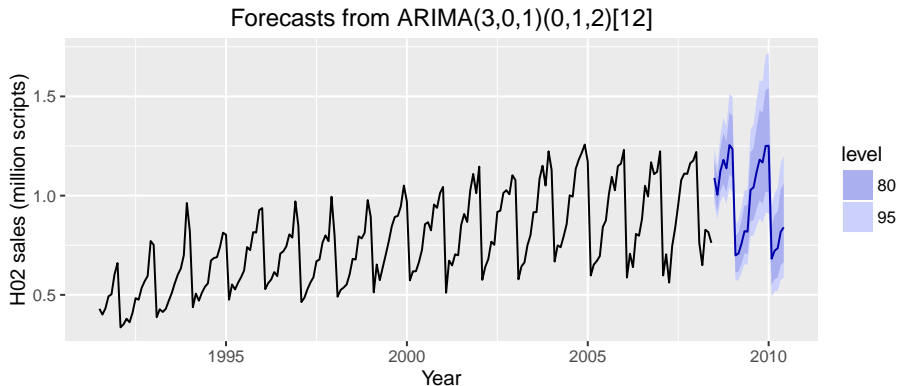


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- Models with lowest AICc values tend to give slightly better results than the other models.
- AICc comparisons must have the same orders of differencing. But RMSE test set comparisons can involve any models.
- No model passes all the residual tests.
- Use the best model available, even if it does not pass all tests.
- In this case, the  $ARIMA(3,0,1)(0,1,2)_{12}$  has the lowest RMSE value and the best AICc value for models with fewer than 6 parameters.

# Corticosteroid drug sales

```
fit <- Arima(h02, order=c(3,0,1), seasonal=c(0,1,2),  
  lambda=0)  
autoplot(forecast(fit)) +  
  ylab("H02 sales (million scripts)") + xlab("Year")
```



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# ARIMA vs ETS

- Myth that ARIMA models are more general than exponential smoothing.
- Linear exponential smoothing models all special cases of ARIMA models.
- Non-linear exponential smoothing models have no equivalent ARIMA counterparts.
- Many ARIMA models have no exponential smoothing counterparts.
- ETS models all non-stationary. Models with seasonality or non-damped trend (or both) have two unit roots; all other models have one unit root.

# Equivalences

ETS model	ARIMA model	Parameters
ETS(A,N,N)	ARIMA(0,1,1)	$\theta_1 = \alpha - 1$
ETS(A,A,N)	ARIMA(0,2,2)	$\theta_1 = \alpha + \beta - 2$ $\theta_2 = 1 - \alpha$
ETS(A,A,N)	ARIMA(1,1,2)	$\phi_1 = \phi$ $\theta_1 = \alpha + \phi\beta - 1 - \phi$ $\theta_2 = (1 - \alpha)\phi$
ETS(A,N,A)	ARIMA(0,0,m)(0,1,0) <sub>m</sub>	
ETS(A,A,A)	ARIMA(0,1,m + 1)(0,1,0) <sub>m</sub>	
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