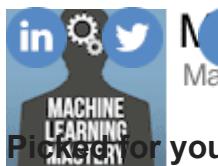


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1. Minimum Daily Temperatures Dataset

This dataset describes the minimum daily temperatures over 10 years (1981-1990) in the city of Melbourne, Australia.

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The sample below loads the dataset as a Pandas Series.

```
1 # line plot of time series
2 from pandas import read_csv
3 from matplotlib import pyplot
4 # load dataset
5 series = read_csv('daily-minimum-temperatu
6 # display first few rows
7 print(series.head(20))
8 # line plot of dataset
9 series.plot()
10 pyplot.show()
```

Running the example prints the first 20 rows of the

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Date	Temperature
1981-01-01	20.7
1981-01-02	17.9
1981-01-03	18.8
1981-01-04	14.6
1981-01-05	15.8
1981-01-06	15.8
1981-01-07	15.8
1981-01-08	17.4
1981-01-09	21.8
1981-01-10	20.0
1981-01-11	16.2
1981-01-12	13.3
1981-01-13	16.7
1981-01-14	21.5
1981-01-15	25.0
1981-01-16	20.7
1981-01-17	20.6
1981-01-18	24.8
1981-01-19	17.7
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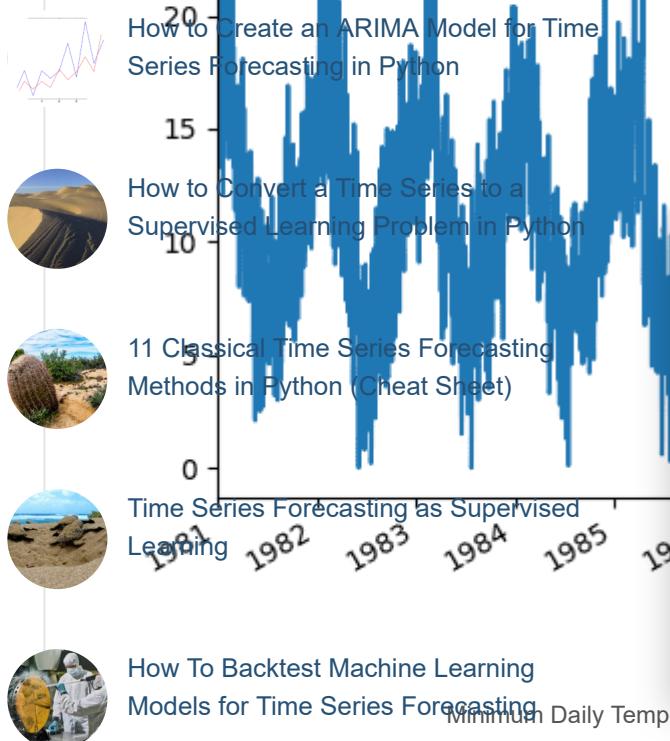
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2. Split Dataset

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We can split the dataset into two parts.

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where you'll find the [Really Good stuff](#). The first part is the training dataset that we will use to prepare an ARIMA model. The second part is the test dataset that we will pretend is not available. It is these time steps that we will treat as out of sample.
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The dataset contains data from January 1st 1981 to December 31st 1990.

We will hold back the last 7 days of the dataset from December 1990 as the test dataset and treat those time steps as out of sample.

Specifically 1990-12-25 to 1990-12-31:

```

1 1990-12-25,12.9
2 1990-12-26,14.6
3 1990-12-27,14.0
4 1990-12-28,13.6
5 1990-12-29,13.5
6 1990-12-30,15.7
7 1990-12-31,13.0

```

The code below will load the dataset, split it into the training and validation datasets, and save them to files `dataset.csv` and `validation.csv` respectively.

```

1 # split the dataset
2 from pandas import read_csv

```

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```

3 series = read_csv('daily-minimum-temperatures.csv', header=0, index_col=0)
4 split_point = len(series) - 7
5 dataset, validation = series[0:split_point], series[split_point:]
6 print('Dataset %d, Validation %d' % (len(dataset), len(validation)))
7 dataset.to_csv('dataset.csv', index=False)
8 validation.to_csv('validation.csv', index=False)

```

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The first observation in the validation is Christmas Eve 1990:

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1 1990-12-24, 10.0

That means Christmas Day 1990 and onwards are out-of-sample time steps for a model trained on

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3. Develop Model

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The data has a strong seasonal component. We can take the **Seasonal Difference**. This supervised learning can take learning from the same day one year ago.

This will result in a stationary dataset from which we can fit an ARIMA model.

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```

1 # create a differenced series
2 def difference(dataset, interval=1):
3     diff = list()
4     for i in range(interval, len(dataset)):
5         value = dataset[i] - dataset[i - interval]
6         diff.append(value)
7     return numpy.array(diff)

```

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```

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1 # invert differenced value
2 def inverse_difference(history, yhat, interval=1):
3     return yhat + history[-interval]

```

We can fit an ARIMA model.

Fitting a strong ARIMA model to the data is not the focus of this post, so rather than going through the analysis of the problem or grid searching parameters, I will choose a simple ARIMA(7,0,7) configuration.

We can put all of this together as follows:

```

1 from pandas import read_csv
2 from statsmodels.tsa.arima.model import ARIMA
3 import numpy
4
5 # create a differenced series
6 def difference(dataset, interval=1):
7     diff = list()
8     for i in range(interval, len(dataset)):
9         value = dataset[i] - dataset[i - interval]
10        diff.append(value)

```

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```

11     return numpy.array(diff)
12
13 # load dataset
14 series = read_csv('dataset.csv', header=0)
15 # seasonal difference
16 X = series.values
17 days_in_year = 365
18 differenced = difference(X, days_in_year)
19 # fit model
20 model = ARIMA(differenced, order=(7,0,1))
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22 # print summary of fit model
23 print(model_fit.summary())

```

Running the example loads the dataset, takes the seasonal difference, then fits an ARIMA(7,0,1) model.

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```

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4 Model: ARIMA(7, 0, 1) Lo
5 Date: Methods in Python (Great Street) AI
6 Time: Mon, 28 Dec 2020 08:12:26 BI
7 Sample: 0 - 3278 HQ
8 Covariance Type: Time Series Forecasting as Supervised opg
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11            coef    std err
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13 const      0.0127    0.133   0.09
14 ar.L1      1.1428    0.316   3.62
15 ar.L2      0.4348    0.169  -2.57
16 ar.L3      0.0961    0.044   2.172
17 ar.L4      0.0125    0.029   0.425
18 ar.L5     -0.0101    0.029  -0.352
19 ar.L6      0.0119    0.026   0.464
20 ar.L7      0.0088    0.025   0.356
21 ma.L1      0.6181    0.315  -1.955
22 sigma2     11.6360    0.282  41.296
23
24 Ljung-Box (L1) (Q): 0.00 Jarque-Bera (JB): 1.40
25 Prob(Q): 1.00 Prob(JB): 0.50
26 Heteroskedasticity (H): 0.84 Skew: -0.02
27 Prob(H) (two-sided): 0.00 Kurtosis: 3.10
28 =====

```

We are now ready to explore making out-of-sample forecasts with the model.

4. One-Step Out-of-Sample Forecast

ARIMA models are great for one-step forecasts.

A one-step forecast is a forecast of the very next time step in the sequence from the available data used to fit the model.

In this case, we are interested in a one-step forecast of Christmas Day 1990:

1 1990-12-25

Forecast Function

The statsmodel ARIMAResults object provides a `forecast()` function.

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By default, this function makes a single step out-of-sample forecast. As such, we can call it directly and never miss a tutorial: make our forecast. The result of the `forecast()` function is an array containing the forecast value, the standard error of the forecast, and the confidence interval information. Now, we are only interested in the first element of this forecast, as follows.

```
1 # one-step out-of sample forecast
2 forecast = model_fit.forecast()[0]
```

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made, we can invert the seasonal difference and convert the value back into the original scale.

```
1 # invert the differenced forecast to something usable
2 forecast = inverse_difference(X, forecast, days_in_year)
```

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```
1 from pandas import read_csv
2 from statsmodels.tsa.arima.model import ARIMA
3 import quandl
4
5 # create a differenced series
6 def difference(dataset, interval=1):
7     diff = list()
8     for i in range(interval, len(dataset)):
9         value = dataset[i] - dataset[i - interval]
10        diff.append(value)
11    return numpy.array(diff)
12
13 # invert differenced value
14 def inverse_difference(history, yhat, interval=1):
15    history = list(history)
16
17 # load dataset
18 series = read_csv('dataset.csv', header=0)
19 # seasonal difference
20 X = series.values
21 days_in_year = 365
22 differenced = difference(X, days_in_year)
23 # fit model
24 model = ARIMA(differenced, order=(7,0,1))
25 model_fit = model.fit()
26 # one-step out-of sample forecast
27 forecast = model_fit.forecast()[0]
28 # invert the differenced forecast to something usable
29 forecast = inverse_difference(X, forecast, days_in_year)
30 print('Forecast: %f' % forecast)
```

Running the example prints 14.8 degrees, which is close to the expected 12.9 degrees in the `validation.csv` file.

```
1 Forecast: 14.861669
```

Predict Function

The statsmodel ARIMAResults object also provides a `predict()` function for making forecasts.

The predict function can be used to predict arbitrary in-sample and out-of-sample time steps, including the next out-of-sample forecast time step.

The predict function requires a start and an end to be specified, these can be the indexes of the time steps relative to the beginning of the training data.

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```

1 # one-step out of sample forecast
2 start_index = len(differenced)
3 end_index = len(differenced)
4 forecast = model_fit.predict(start=start_index, end=end_index)

```

The start and end can also be a datetime string or a “datetime” type; for example:

```

1 start_index = '1990-12-25'
2 end_index = '1990-12-25'
3 forecast = model_fit.predict(start=start_index, end=end_index)

```

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```

1 from pandas import datetime
2 start_index = datetime(1990, 12, 25)
3 end_index = datetime(1990, 12, 26)
4 forecast = model_fit.predict(start=start_index, end=end_index)

```

Using anything other than the time step indexes re

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```

1 from pandas import read_csv
2 from statsmodels.tsa.arima.model import ARIMA
3 import numpy
4 from sklearn import cross_validation
5
6 # create a differenced series
7 def difference(dataset, interval=1):
8     diff = list()
9     for i in range(interval, len(dataset)):
10         value = dataset[i] - dataset[i - interval]
11         diff.append(value)
12     return numpy.array(diff)
13 where you'll find the Really Good stuff.
14 # invert differenced value
15 def inverse_difference(history, yhat, interval=1):
16     return yhat + history[-interval]
17
18 # load dataset
19 series = read_csv('dataset.csv', header=0)
20 # seasonal difference
21 X = series.values
22 days_in_year = 365
23 differenced = difference(X, days_in_year)
24 # fit model
25 model = ARIMA(differenced, order=(7,0,1))
26 model_fit = model.fit()
27 # one-step out of sample forecast
28 start_index = len(differenced)
29 end_index = len(differenced)
30 forecast = model_fit.predict(start=start_index, end=end_index)
31 # invert the differenced forecast to something usable
32 forecast = inverse_difference(X, forecast, days_in_year)
33 print('Forecast: %f' % forecast)

```

Running the example prints the same forecast as above when using the *forecast()* function.

```
1 Forecast: 14.861669
```

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You can see that the predict function is more flexible. You can specify any point or contiguous forecast interval in or out of sample.



Now that we know how to make a one-step forecast, we can now make some multi-step forecasts.

5. Multi-Step Out-of-Sample Forecast

[How to Create an ARIMA Model for Time Series Forecasting in Python](#) also make multi-step forecasts using the `forecast()` and `predict()` functions.

It is common with weather data to make one week (7-day) forecasts, so in this section we will look at predicting the minimum daily temperature for the next 7 out-of-sample time steps.

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The `forecast()` function has an argument called `steps`.

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By default, this argument is set to 1 for a one-step forecast for the next 7 days.

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```
1 # multi-step out-of-sample forecast
2 forecast = model_fit.forecast(steps=7)[0]
```

We can then invert each forecasted time step, one at a time for 7 days. We need the inverted forecast

list called `history` for use when calling `inverse_difference()`.

```
1 # invert the differenced forecast to something usable
2 history = [x for x in X]
3 day = 1
4 for yhat in forecast:
5     inverted = inverse_difference(history, yhat, days_in_year)
6     print('Day %d: %f' % (day, inverted))
7     history.append(inverted)
8     day += 1
```

The complete example is listed below:

```
1 from pandas import read_csv
2 from statsmodels.tsa.arima.model import ARIMA
3 import numpy
4
5 # create a differenced series
6 def difference(dataset, interval=1):
7     diff = list()
8     for i in range(interval, len(dataset)):
9         value = dataset[i] - dataset[i - interval]
10        diff.append(value)
11    return numpy.array(diff)
12
13 # invert differenced value
14 def inverse_difference(history, yhat, interval=1):
15     return yhat + history[-interval]
16
17 # load dataset
18 series = read_csv('dataset.csv', header=0)
19 # seasonal difference
20 X = series.values
21 days_in_year = 365
```

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```

22 differenced = difference(X, days_in_year)
23 # fit model
24 model = ARIMA(differenced, order=(7,0,1))
25 model_fit = model.fit()
26 # multi-step out-of-sample forecast
27 forecast = model_fit.forecast(steps=7)
28 # invert the differenced forecast to something usable
29 history = [x for x in X]
30 day = 1
31 for yhat in forecast:
32     inverted = inverse_difference(history, yhat, days_in_year)
33     series.append(PandasForecastPython6day, inverted))
34     history.append(inverted)
35     day += 1

```

Putting the example into practice, we can make a forecast for the next 7 days.

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1 Day 1: 14.861669
2 Day 2: 15.628784
3 Day 3: 13.331349
4 Day 4: 11.722413
5 Day 5: 10.421523
6 Day 6: 14.415549
7 Day 7: 12.674711

 **Predict Function**
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The `predict()` function can also forecast the next 7

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Time Step Indexes, We can specify the end index
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```

1 # multi-step out-of-sample forecast
2 start_index = len(differenced)
3 end_index = start_index + 6
4 forecast = model_fit.predict(start=start_index, end=end_index)

```

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The complete example is listed below.

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```

1 from pandas import read_csv
2 from statsmodels.tsa.arima.model import ARIMA
3 import numpy
4
5 # create a differenced series
6 def difference(dataset, interval=1):
7     diff = list()
8     for i in range(interval, len(dataset)):
9         value = dataset[i] - dataset[i - interval]
10        diff.append(value)
11    return numpy.array(diff)
12
13 # invert differenced value
14 def inverse_difference(history, yhat, interval=1):
15     return yhat + history[-interval]
16
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18 series = read_csv('dataset.csv', header=0)
19 # seasonal difference
20 X = series.values
21 days_in_year = 365
22 differenced = difference(X, days_in_year)
23 # fit model
24 model = ARIMA(differenced, order=(7,0,1))
25 model_fit = model.fit()
26 # multi-step out-of-sample forecast
27 start_index = len(differenced)
28 end_index = start_index + 6

```

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```

29 forecast = model_fit.predict(start=start_index, end=end_index)
30 # invert the differenced forecast to something usable
31 history = [x for x in X]
32 day = 1
33 for yhat in forecast:
34     inverted = inverse_difference(history, yhat, days_in_year)
35     print('Day %d: %f' % (day, inverted))
36     history.append(inverted)
37     day += 1

```

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The example produces the same results as calling the `forecast()` function in the previous section, as you would expect.

```

1 Day 1: 14.861669
2 Day 2: 15.628784
3 Day 3: 13.331349
4 Day 4: 11.722413
5 Day 5: 10.421523
6 Day 6: 14.415549
7 Day 7: 12.674711

```

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Summary

In this tutorial, you discovered how to make out-of-sample forecasts with machine learning.

Specifically, you learned:

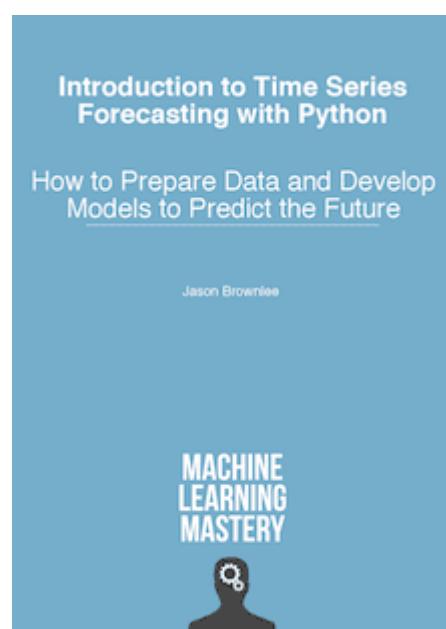
 How to make one-step out-of-sample forecasts with a machine learning model for a time series without a step-out forecast.

- How to use both the `forecast()` and `predict()` functions when forecasting.

Do you have any questions about out-of-sample forecasts, or about this post? Ask your questions in the comments and I will do my best to answer.

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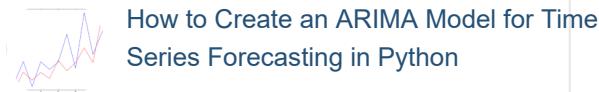
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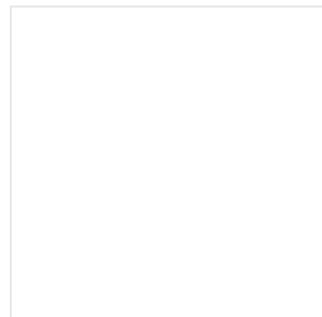
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Steve March 24, 2017 at 10:44 pm #

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Jason Brownlee March 25, 2017 at 7:36 am #

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Thanks Steve, and great suggestion! ↗

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Tim April 27, 2017 at 12:13 pm #

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```
from pandas import Series
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from matplotlib import pyplot
from pandas import Series
from statsmodels.tsa.arima_model import ARIMA
# load dataset
series = Series.from_csv('daily-minimum-temperatures.csv', header=0)
print(series.head(20))
```

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```
split_point = len(series) - 7
dataset_validation = series[0:split_point], series[split_point:]
('Dataset %d Validation %d' % (len(dataset), len(validation)))
dataset.to_csv('dataset.csv')
validation.to_csv('validation.csv')
```

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```
series = Series.from_csv('dataset.csv', header=False)
model = ARIMA(series, order=(7,0,1))
model_fit = model.fit(disp=0)
```

 [Time Series Forecasting \(step by step\) \[Using Machine Learning\]](#)

```
('Forecast: %f' % forecast)
```

for the code i am getting an error:

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```
Error: only length-1 arrays can be converted to Python scalars
```

how can i solve this? it does well for single step forecast

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Jason Brownlee May 13, 2017 at 6:13 am #
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I would recommend double checking your data, make sure any footer information was
del .
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Hans June 1, 2017 at 12:58 am #

REPLY ↗

What does 'seasonal difference' mean?

And what are the details of:

'Once made, we can invert the seasonal difference and convert the value back into the original scale.'

Is it worth to test this code with non-seasonal data or is there another ARIMA-tutorial for non-seasonal approaches on this site?

Jason Brownlee June 2, 2017 at 12:51 pm #

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See this post:

<http://machinelearningmastery.com/seasonal-periodicity-time-series-forecasting/>

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And this post:
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<http://machinelearningmastery.com/time-series-seasonality-with-python/>



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 **Hans** June 15, 2017 at 11:27 am #
[How to Create an ARIMA Model for Time Series Forecasting in Python](#)

REPLY ↩

If I pretend data in test-partition is not given, does this tutorial do the same except of the seasonal cleaning?

 [https://machinelearningmastery.com/time-arima-parameters-python/](#)
Supervised Learning Problem in Python

 **MarJun** March 4, 2020 at 6:01 am #
[11 Classical Time Series Forecasting Methods in Python \(Cheat Sheet\)](#)

Hi Jason really it was great article

I have one doubt say when future data coming

 [Missing Series Forecasting as Supervised Learning](#) from some prediction method

But here start and end date parameter is required
left it blank is it works ?

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Jason Brownlee March 4, 2020 at 6:02 am #

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Can I obtain a train RMSE from this example. Is training involved?

Jason Brownlee June 16, 2017 at 7:47 am #

REPLY ↩

The model is trained, then the trained model is used to make a forecast.

Consider reading and working through the tutorial.

Hans June 16, 2017 at 12:16 pm #

REPLY ↩

I did so several times.

How can I obtain a train RMSE from the model?

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REPLY ↗



this post on how to estimate the skill of a model prior to using it to make out of sample predictions:

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See this post to understand the difference between evaluating a model and using a final model to make predictions:

<http://machinelearningmastery.com/train-final-machine-learning-model/>



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Hans June 19, 2017 at 5:35 am #



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As I understand the model was trained

If we place a



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right after fitting/training it prints so

A)



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Is there a way in Python to obtain all properties and methods from the `model_fit` object like in other languages?

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Jason Brownlee June 19, 2017 at 8:47 am #

>> SEE WHAT'S INSIDE tutorial assumes you have already estimated the skill of your model and are now ready to use it to make forecasts.

Estimating the skill of the model is a different task. You can do this using walk forward validation or a train/test split evaluation.

Hans June 16, 2017 at 3:06 pm #

REPLY ↗

Is this the line where the training happens?

```
model = ARIMA(differenced, order=(7,0,1))
```

Jason Brownlee June 17, 2017 at 7:22 am #

REPLY ↗

No here:

```
1 model_fit = model.fit(dis=0)
```

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REPLY ↗

June 15, 2017 at 12:29 pm #

Yes I know. I actually thought there could be a direct answer to A) and B).
Picked for you: would use it for archiving.



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Hans June 15, 2017 at 12:40 pm #

REPLY ↗



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 M I wrote: `split_point = len(series) - 0'` while my last datapoint in dataset is from today.

Should I have a valid forecast for tomorrow?



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M.Swefy June 22, 2017 at 12:39 am #



thanks a lot for the nice detailed article, i found your support Dr. to help me organize my project



i have a raw data for temperature readings for some months and divided them to test and training sets.
[How To Backtest Machine Learning Models for ARIMA](#) model to train and test and i got Test and Models for Time Series Forecasting

now i need to expose the mass raw data to the trained model, then get the forecasted values vs. the actual values in the same csv file.

what should i do **Loving the Tutorials?**

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M.Swefy June 22, 2017 at 12:41 am #

REPLY ↗

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*ARIMA

Jason Brownlee June 22, 2017 at 6:09 am #

REPLY ↗

I'm not sure I follow. Consider this post on how to evaluate a time series model:
<http://machinelearningmastery.com/backtest-machine-learning-models-time-series-forecasting/>

AMU June 23, 2017 at 5:33 am #

REPLY ↗

Thank you Jason for this wonderful post... It is very detailed and easy to understand..

Do you also have something similar for LSTM Neural Network algorithm as well? something like – How to Make Out-of-Sample Forecasts with LSTM in Python.

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If not, will you write one blog like this with detail explanation? I am sure there are lot of people have the same question.



Picked for you: Jason Brownlee June 23, 2017 at 6:45 am #

REPLY ↗

Almost every post I have on LSTM shows how to make out of sample forecasts. The code is wrapped up in the walk-forward validation.



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REPLY ↗

Hi Jason,



11 Classical Time Series Forecasting

looks a lot for this lesson. It was pretty straightforward. Methods in Python (Cheat Sheet)

us to show how to evaluate the forecasts though

set out and forecasted values for that week, but did



that Time Series Forecasting does Supervised Learning

Learning to create absolute benchmarks for unit-independent metrics, i.e. not standard RMSE to scale. What about standardizing the data using zero



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interpretable. RMSE: 0.149 / R^2: 0.8782, but I'm just wondering if doing things this way doesn't

invalidate something along the way. Just want to be correct in my process.

Thanks!

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Jason Brownlee July 1, 2017 at 6:37 am #

REPLY ↗

>> SEE WHAT'S INSIDE > posts. Tens of other posts in fact.

This post was laser focused on "how do I make a prediction when I don't know the real answer".

Yes, if R^2 is meaningful to you, that you can interpret it in your domain.

Generally, I recommend inverting all transforms on the prediction and then evaluating model skill at least for RMSE or MAE where you want apples-to-apples. This may be less of a concern for an R^2.

Vishanth July 19, 2017 at 6:56 am #

REPLY ↗

Seriously amazing. Thanks a lot professor

Jason Brownlee July 19, 2017 at 8:30 am #

REPLY ↗

Thanks. Also, I'm not a professor.

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REPLY ↩

I get this error from your code

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Traceback (most recent call last):

```
... line 22, in
    .. How to Create an ARIMA Model for Time
    series Forecasting in Python)
... line 9, in difference
    value = dataset[i] - dataset[i - interval]
... How to Supported Time Series types for :- 'str' and 'str'
Supervised Learning Problem in Python
It tell where the problem is.
```

[11 Classical Time Series Forecasting](#)[Methods in Python \(Cheat Sheet\)](#)**Jason Brownlee**

July 21, 2017 at 9:31 am #



Perhaps check that you have loaded your Time Series Forecasting as Supervised Learning

[How To Backtest Machine Learning](#)[Models for Time Series Forecasting](#)

Hi Jason,

Thanks for this detailed explanation. Very clear.

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Do you know if it is possible to use the fitted parameters of an ARMA model (ARMAResults.params) and apply it on another data set?

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where you'll find the **Really Good** stuff.
I have an online process that compute a forecasting and I would like to have only one learning process
(one user can use it). The rest of the time, I would like to applied the previously found
parameters >> SEE WHAT'S INSIDE

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Jason Brownlee August 23, 2017 at 6:56 am #

REPLY ↩

Yes, you can use a grid search:

<https://machinelearningmastery.com/grid-search-arima-hyperparameters-with-python/>

Kaishun Zhang March 10, 2020 at 2:52 pm #

REPLY ↩

Have you solved the problems?

look forward to your reply.

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REPLY ↩



Thanks for this tutorial and all the time series related ones. There is always a sense of order in how you write both posts and code.

Picked for you: [I'm still confused about something which is probably more conceptual about ARIMA.](#)

The ARIMA parameters specify the lag which it uses to forecast.

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In our case you used $p=7$ for example so that you would take into consideration the previous week.

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My st silly question is why do I need to fit an entire year of data if I'm only looking at my window/lags ?

The second question is that fitting my model I get an error which is really minimal even if I use a short training (2 days vs 1 year) which would reinforce my first point.

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I am I missing?

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Thanks

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Jason Brownlee October 7, 2017 at 5:56 pm #

 [The model needs lots of examples in Time Series Forecasting as Supervised Learning](#)

More data is often better, to a point of diminishing returns.

 [How To Backtest Machine Learning Models for Time Series Forecasting](#)

Kai October 31, 2017 at 12:02 pm #

Hi Jason. Thanks for this awesome post.

But I have a question that is it possible to fit a multivariable time series using ARIMA model? Let's say we have a 312-dimension at each time step in the dataset.

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Jason Brownlee October 31, 2017 at 2:51 pm #

REPLY ↩

Yes, but you will need to use an extension of ARIMA called ARIMAX. I do not have an example, sorry.

Dave J November 5, 2017 at 7:12 am #

REPLY ↩

Hi Dr Brownlee, thanks so much for the tutorials!

I've searched but didn't find anything – perhaps my fault...

But do you have any tutorials or suggestions about forecasting with limited historical observations? Specifically, I'm in a position where some sensors may have a very limited set of historical observations (complete, but short, say it's only been online for a month), but I have many sensors which could possibly be used as historical analogies (multiple years of data).

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I've considered constructing a process that uses each large-history sensor as the "Training" set, and
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 iterating over each sensor and finding which sensor best predicts the observed readings for the newer



However I'm struggling to find any established best practices for this type of thing. Do you have any suggestions for me?

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If not I understand, but I really appreciate all the insight you've given over these tutorials and in your

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Series Forecasting in Python



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Great question.



You might be able to use the historical data or [11 Classical Time Series Forecasting Methods in Python \(Cheat Sheet\)](#) (dimension). Get creative!



Time Series Forecasting as Supervised Learning **Dave J** November 6, 2017 at 10:53 am



I would likely just be looking at the another measure of fitness I would be wise [How To Backtest Machine Learning Models for Time Series Forecasting](#)

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REPLY ↗ **Jason Brownlee** November 7, 2017 at 9:45 am

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No MSE and RMSE are error scores for regression problems. Accuracy is for The [Time Series with Python](#) Ebook is classification problems (predicting a label). where you'll find the **Really Good** stuff.

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REPLY ↗ **Debola** November 11, 2017 at 5:28 am

Hi, Great tutorial. A question about the difference function. How is it accounting for leap years?

REPLY ↗ **Jason Brownlee** November 11, 2017 at 9:24 am

It doesn't, that would be a good extension to this tutorial.

REPLY ↗ **Debola** November 12, 2017 at 12:37 am

Is it possible to apply seasonal_decompose on the dataset used in this tutorial since it's a daily forecast. Most applications of seasonal_decompose i have seen are usually on monthly and quarterly data

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Jason Brownlee November 12, 2017 at 9:05 am # [REPLY ↗](#)
Yes, you could use it on this data.

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Akanksha November 19, 2017 at 4:32 am # [REPLY ↗](#)



Thank you for an amazing tutorial. I wanted to ask if I can store the multiple step values that are predicted in the end of your tutorial into a variable for comparison with actual/real values?

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Sure, you can assign them to a variable



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Jonathon July 29, 2018 at 10:45 am #



Thank you for the amazing blog!,
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variable. Could you please help me with th

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Jason Brownlee July 30, 2018 at 5:43 am # [REPLY ↗](#)

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What is the problem exactly?

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Kapil July 29, 2018 at 10:36 pm # [REPLY ↗](#)

Hi Jason, Thank you for the amazing blog, could you please help me with assigning multi-step predict values to variable.

Jason Brownlee July 30, 2018 at 5:48 am # [REPLY ↗](#)

You can use the `forecast()` function and specify the number of steps.

kapil August 8, 2018 at 2:31 am # [REPLY ↗](#)

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Thank you for your response Jason, I am getting different values with `forecast()` function and with `predict()` function, Predict function values are more accurate so I want them to assigned to variable! Can that be done? If yes what changes can I make.



Thanks in Advance!

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Jason Brownlee August 8, 2018 at 6:23 am #

That is surprising, if not impossible.



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Perhaps one reason that you are providing the same arguments/data/model in both cases?



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Kapil Kapoor August 8, 2018 at 6:56 am #

No Worries, I got it – That



Time Series Forecasting as Supervised Learning
Satyajit Pattnaik December 21, 2017 at 5:01 pm #



How Jason Thanks for His Learning
@Jason Thanks for this learning my dataset is
the Model for Time Series Forecasting have data

And we need to predict the next day's data, so we need to predict our next 24 steps, what needs to be done?

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>> SEE WHAT'S INSIDE December 22, 2017 at 5:31 am #

REPLY ↗

Sure, you can specify the date-time format when loading the Pandas Series.

You can predict multiple steps using the `predict()` function.

Satyajit Pattnaik December 21, 2017 at 8:02 pm #

REPLY ↗

One more question on top of my previous question,
let say my data is hourly data, and i have one week's data as of now, as per your code do i have to take
the `days_in_year` parameter as 7 for my case?

And as per my data's ACF & PACF, my model should be `ARIMA(xyz, order=(4,1,2))`
and taking the `days_in_year` parameter as 7, is giving my results, but not sure how correct is that..
please elaborate a bit @Jason

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Jason Brownlee December 22, 2017 at 5:32 am #

REPLY ↗



ould I consider tuning the model to your specific data.

Picked for you:**Satyajit Pattnaik** January 3, 2018 at 11:47 pm #

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Hi Jason,

I am bugging you, but here's my last question, my model is ready and i have predicted the p,d,q values

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Now my code looks like this:

```

1 history = [x for x in train]
2 predictions = list()
3 for t in range(len(test)):
4     model = ARIMA(history, order=(6,1,2))
5     model_fit = model.fit(disp=0)
6     output = model_fit.forecast()
7     yhat = output[0]
8     predictions.append(yhat)
9     obs = test[t]
10    history.append(obs)

```

Here, as i am appending obs to the history data, w
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odel do i have to run this in a loop to predict

My question is, if we are doing Recursive multi step forecast do we have to run the history data to multiple ARIMA models, or can we just use history.append(yhat) in the above code and get my results?

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where you: Jason Brownlee Good stuff, January 4, 2018 at 8:12 am #

REPLY ↗

>> SEE WHAT'S INSIDE means you will use predictions as history when you re-fit the model.

Satyajit Pattnaik January 4, 2018 at 4:48 pm #

REPLY ↗

Reply to my previous response, so predictions to be added as history, that's fine, we will be doing history.append(yhat) instead of history.append(obs), but do we have to run the above code using the same ARIMA model i.e. 6,1,2 or for each history we will determine the pdq values and run on multiple ARIMA models to get the next predictions?

I hope, you are getting my point.

Jason Brownlee January 5, 2018 at 5:19 am #

REPLY ↗

It is up to you.

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Olagot Andree January 7, 2018 at 1:06 pm #

REPLY ↗



I am actually working on a project for implicit volatility forecasting. My forecast is multi-output Your tutorial has been a lot of help but i just want to clarify something please.

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1. Is it okay to train on the all dataset and not divide it in train/test?

[What is the sample of data selected for the forecast function? I mean is it the 7 last values of the time series?](#)

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Thank you



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Jason Brownlee January 8, 2018 at 5:40 pm #



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Sooraj February 2, 2018 at 2:04 pm #



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How do we add more input parameters? Like total number of rainy days last 10 years?

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Cast based on historic forecast but i would also like to consider, say the total number of rainy days last 10 years and have both influence my prediction?

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You may have to use a different linear model such as ARIMAX.

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Sooraj February 7, 2018 at 9:13 am #

REPLY ↗

Thank you.

Do you have any samples that I could learn from or use as a base to build my own forecast?
Similar to the article that you shared above?

Jason Brownlee February 7, 2018 at 9:34 am #

REPLY ↗

Perhaps try searching the blog and see if there is a tutorial that is a good fit?

Sooraj February 19, 2018 at 6:45 pm #

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Never miss a tutorial: Will do that. Thanks!



Daphne February 5, 2018 at 1:51 am #

REPLY ↗

Picked for you:

Hey Jason, let's say if I wanted to forecast the value in the next 365 days, so I just simply

change the line below to:

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cast = model_fit.forecast(steps=365)[0]



Will it works? Thanks!



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Jason Brownlee February 5, 2018 at 7:44 pm #

[11 Classical Time Series Forecasting Methods in Python](#) (I think your skills to be very poor.)



[Time Series Forecasting as Supervised Learning](#) **Daphne** February 5, 2018 at 2:11 pm #



Thanks so much Jason! But just a dataset into two different csv dataset.csv a
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Jason Brownlee February 5, 2018 at 2:53 pm #

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<https://machinelearningmastery.com/difference-test-validation-datasets/>

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Chuck February 18, 2018 at 12:23 pm #

REPLY ↗

Hi Jason,

Thank you for sharing a such wonderful article with us which I am looking for a while.

However, I got an error of "ValueError: The computed initial AR coefficients are not stationary." when run your code block 5 beneath "We can put all of this together as follows:"

If I run it under Sypder, I got "cannot import name 'recarray_select'".

It would be appreciated if you could give me some clue how to fix it.

Thank you!

Chuck

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You can learn more about stationarity here:

Picked for you:<https://machinelearningmastery.com/time-series-data-stationary-python/>[How to Create an ARIMA Model for Time Series Forecasting in Python](#)**masum** March 9, 2018 at 12:59 pm #

REPLY ↗

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The square root of the mean squared

[Time Series Forecasting as Supervised Learning](#)**Rishabh Agrawal** March 30, 2018 at 3:19 am[How To Backtest Machine Learning Models for Time Series Forecasting](#)
Hi Jason,
Thanks for the wonderful post.

One thing which I can't understand is that we are forecasting for the next 7 days in the same dataset (dataset.csv) that we have trained the model on.

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In other words, in the initial steps we had split the data into 'dataset.csv' and 'validation.csv' and then we fit the ARIMA on 'dataset.csv' but we never called 'validation.csv' before making a forecast. How does it work?

[>> SEE WHAT'S INSIDE](#)**Jason Brownlee** March 30, 2018 at 6:44 am #

REPLY ↗

No, we are forecasting beyond the end of dataset.csv as though validation.csv does not exist. We can then look in validation.csv and see how our forecasts compare.

Perhaps re-read the tutorial?

Rishabh Agrawal March 30, 2018 at 5:04 pm #

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yep! got it. Actually I have exogenous inputs as well. So, I had to use 'validation' dataset as well.

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Great.
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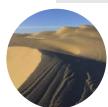
aadi April 19, 2018 at 9:14 pm #

REPLY ↗

Picked for you:

Hi jason

Can you tell why did we leave the test data as it is?
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 what if so in the above method we dont separate the training and testing data?



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[Jason Brownlee](#) April 19, 2018 at 5:49 am #

REPLY ↗

In the above tutorial we are pretending

we do not know the true outcome values.



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Could you please tell about what should b
i.e, if we have extra 3 features in dataset.



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[Jason Brownlee](#) May 18, 2018 at 6:21 am #

REPLY ↗

Loving the Tutorials! I need to be used. I hope to have examples soon.

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REPLY ↗

Hi Jason, Thanks for the post..very intuitive. I am at Step3: Developing Model. I ran through the other doc on: how to choose your grid params for ARIMA configuration and came up with (10,0,0) with the lowest MSerror. I do the following:

```
# seasonal difference
X = series.values
days_in_year = 365
differenced = difference(X, days_in_year)

# fit model
model = ARIMA(differenced, order=(10,0,0))
```

and get error: Insufficient degrees of freedom to estimate.

My data is on monthly level (e.g. 1/31/2014, 2/28/2014, 3/31/2014)..I have 12 readings from each year of 2014-2017+3 readings from 2018 making it 52 readings. Do I have to change the #seasonal difference based on this?

Thanks

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May 30, 2018 at 3:07 pm #

REPLY ↗

It is a good idea to seasonally adjust if you have a seasonal component or model it directly

via SARIMA.

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[How to Create an ARIMA Model for Time](#)

[Series Forecasting in Python](#)

vamshi December 4, 2018 at 9:24 pm #

REPLY ↗



i am getting same problem what should i do to rectify it

[How to Convert a Time Series to a Supervised Learning Problem in Python](#)



Subbu July 17, 2018 at 6:00 pm #

[11 Classical Time Series Forecasting Methods in Python \(Cheat Sheet\)](#)

@ Jason



Thank you for your article, this is helpful.
I used Shampoo sales dataset and used ARIMA For
Time Series Forecasting as Supervised
Learning and got decent results.



[How To Backtest Machine Learning](#)

[Models for Time Series Forecasting](#)

Jason Brownlee June 18, 2018 at 6:36 am #

REPLY ↗

Perhaps you have done something different to the tutorial?

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where Rasanyaika Really Good stuff pm #

REPLY ↗

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Can you please tell me how i can take the predicted output to a CSV ?

Thank you!

Jason Brownlee June 24, 2018 at 7:32 am #

REPLY ↗

You can save an array as a CSV File via numpy.

<https://docs.scipy.org/doc/numpy-1.14.0/reference/generated/numpy.savetxt.html>

Kay July 10, 2018 at 6:34 am #

REPLY ↗

Hi, @Jason

I am trying to use predict(start, end), and I found only integer parameter will work. I want to specify the start and end by a date, but it gives me an error:

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'only integers, slices (:) or ellipsis (...), numpy.newaxis (None) and integer or boolean arrays are valid indices'

I have searched a lot online, but none of them work. Thank you so much!



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Jason Brownlee July 10, 2018 at 6:54 am #

REPLY ↗

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Series Forecasting in Python support dates, and I assume your data must be a pandas Series. I have not tried it though, sorry.



How to Convert a Time Series to a Supervised Learning Problem in Python

Shivaprasad July 20, 2018 at 5:23 pm #



If my dataset is less than 365 days it is shown below. How can I do this?



```
from pandas import Series
from statsmodels.tsa.arima_model import ARIMA
# create a differenced series
def difference(dataset, interval=1):
    diff = list()
    for i in range(interval, len(dataset)):
        value = dataset[i] - dataset[i - interval]
        diff.append(value)
    return numpy.array(diff)
```



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```
# invert differenced value
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def inverse_difference(history, yhat, interval=1):
    where you'll find the Really Good stuff.
    return yhat + history[-interval]
```

```
# load >> SEE WHAT'S INSIDE
series = Series.from_csv('dataset.csv', header=None)
# seasonal difference
X = series.values
days_in_year = 365
differenced = difference(X, days_in_year)
# fit model
model = ARIMA(differenced, order=(7,0,1))
model_fit = model.fit(disp=0)
# multi-step out-of-sample forecast
forecast = model_fit.forecast(steps=7)[0]
# invert the differenced forecast to something usable
history = [x for x in X]
day = 1
for yhat in forecast:
    inverted = inverse_difference(history, yhat, days_in_year)
    print('Day %d: %f' % (day, inverted))
```

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history.append(inverted)
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 day += 1



Picked for you: Jason Brownlee July 21, 2018 at 6:30 am #

REPLY ↗

Sorry, I cannot debug your example.
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Felipe Gómez September 2, 2018 Series Forecasting #

REPLY ↗

Supervised Learning Problem in Python

I am trying to apply this code to other data

```
C:\Users\Fel\Anaconda3\lib\site-packages\statsmodels\timeseries\tsa\arima\process.py:11: Classical Time Series Forecasting
  encountered in true_divide
      Methods in Python (Cheat Sheet)
  macoefs = -np.log((1-macoefs)/(1+macoefs))

C:\Users\Fel\Anaconda3\lib\site-packages\statsmodels\timeseries\tsa\arima\process.py:11: Classical Time Series Forecasting as Supervised
  Learning
  params=((1-np.exp(-params))/(1+np.exp(-params)))
  Users\Fel\Anaconda3\lib\site-packages\statsmodels\timeseries\tsa\arima\process.py:11: Classical Time Series Forecasting as Supervised
  Learning
  value encountered in true_divide
  On = ((1-np.exp(params))/(1+np.exp(params))).c
  Models for Time Series Forecasting
  E:\AlgError Traceback (most recent call last)
```

in ()

24 # fit model

25 model_fit = ARIMA(differenced, order=(7,0,1))

—> 26 model_fit = model.fit(disp=0)

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27 # multi-step out-of-sample forecast

where you'll find the *Really Good* stuff.

28 forecast = model_fit.forecast(steps=period_forecast)[0]

~\Anaconda3\lib\site-packages\statsmodels\base\model.py in fit(self, start_params, method, transparams, solver, maxiter, full_output, disp, callback, start_ar_lags, **kwargs)

957 maxiter=maxiter,

958 full_output=full_output, disp=disp,

—> 959 callback=callback, **kwargs)

960 params = mlefit.params

961

~\Anaconda3\lib\site-packages\statsmodels\base\model.py in fit(self, start_params, method, maxiter, full_output, disp, fargs, callback, retall, skip_hessian, **kwargs)

464 callback=callback,

465 retall=retall,

—> 466 full_output=full_output)

467

468 # NOTE: this is for fit_regularized and should be generalized

~\Anaconda3\lib\site-packages\statsmodels\base\optimizer.py in _fit(self, objective, gradient, start_params, fargs, kwargs, hessian, method, maxiter, full_output, disp, callback, retall)

189 disp=disp, maxiter=maxiter, callback=callback,

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190 `retall=retall, full_output=full_output,`
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 -> 191 `hess=hessian)`

192 
 193 `optim_se.fargs = {optim_se.method: method, 'start_params': start_params,`

~\Anaconda3\lib\site-packages\statsmodels\base\optimizer.py in `_fit_lbfgs(f, score, start_params, fargs, kargs, disp, maxiter, callback, retall, full_output, hess)`

198 `callback=callback, args=fargs,`

 200 `bounds=bounds, disp=disp,`
 201 `+10 **extra_kwargs)`

411

412 if `full_output:`

 413 `How to Convert a Time Series to a`
 414 `Supervised Learning Problem in Python`
 415 `~\Anaconda3\lib\site-packages\scipy\optimize\lbfgs`

416 `approx_grad, bounds, m, factr, pgtol, epsilon, iprint,`
 417

418 
 419 `res = minimize_lbfgsb(fun, x0, args=args, jac='2-point',`
 420 `Methods in Python (Cheat Sheet)`
 421 `199 **opts)`

420 `d = {'grad': res['jac'],`

421 `201 'task': res['message']}`

 422 `~\Anaconda3\lib\site-packages\scipy\optimize\lbfgs`

423 `disp, maxcor, ftol, gtol, eps, maxfun, maxiter, iprint,`
 424 `333 # until the completion of the current minimization`

 425 `# Overwrite f and g.`
 426 `35 f, g = func_and_grad(x)`

427 `336 elif task_str.startswith(b'NEW_X'):`

428 `337 # new iteration`

~\Anaconda3\lib\site-packages\scipy\optimize\lbfgsb.py in `func_and_grad(x)`

278 if `jac` is None:

 279 `The Time Series with Python EBook is`
 280 `where you'll find the Really Good stuff.`
 -> 280 `f = fun(x, *args)`

281 `g = >> SEE WHAT'S INSIDE fun, epsilon, args=args, f0=f)`

282 `return f, g`

~\Anaconda3\lib\site-packages\scipy\optimize\optimize.py in `function_wrapper(*wrapper_args)`

291 `def function_wrapper(*wrapper_args):`

292 `ncalls[0] += 1`

-> 293 `return function(*(wrapper_args + args))`

294

295 `return ncalls, function_wrapper`

~\Anaconda3\lib\site-packages\statsmodels\base\model.py in `f(params, *args)`

438

439 `def f(params, *args):`

-> 440 `return -self.loglike(params, *args) / nobs`

441

442 if `method == 'newton':`

~\Anaconda3\lib\site-packages\statsmodels\tsa\arima_model.py in `loglike(self, params, set_sigma2)`

778 `method = self.method`

779 if `method in ['mle', 'css-mle']:`

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-> 780 return self.loglike_kalman(params, set_sigma2)

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781 elif method == 'css':

782 return self.loglike_css(params, set_sigma2)

~\Anaconda3\lib\site-packages\statsmodels\tsa\arima_model.py in loglike_kalman(self, params, set_sigma2)

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788 Compute exact loglikelihood for ARMA(p,q) model by the Kalman Filter.

789 """
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90 return KalmanFilter.loglike(params, self, set_sigma2)
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792 def loglike_css(self, params, set_sigma2=True):

~\Anaconda3\lib\site-packages\statsmodels\tsa\kalman\kalmanfilter.py in loglike(cls, params, set_sigma2)

647 loglike, sigma2 = kalman_loglike.kalman_loglike.
648 k_ar, k_ma, k_lags, int(nobs), Z_mat,
11 Classical Time Series Forecasting
49 R_mat, T_mat)
elif issubdtype(params.dtype, np.complex128):
651 loglike, sigma2 = kalman_loglike.kalman_loglike.

~\Anaconda3\lib\site-packages\statsmodels\tsa\kalman\kalmanfilter.pyx in statsmodels.tsa.kalmanf.kalman_loglike.
Learning
Kalman_loglike.pyx in statsmodels.tsa.kalmanf.kalman_loglike.

~\Anaconda3\lib\site-packages\numpy\linalg\linalg.
? return wrap(res)
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-> 1724 u, s, vt = svd(a, full_matrices=False)

1725

1726 # discard small singular values

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~\Anaconda3\lib\site-packages\numpy\linalg\linalg.py in svd(a, full_matrices, compute_uv)
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1442 where you'll find the **Really Good** stuff.

1443 signature = 'D->DdD' if isComplexType(t) else 'd->ddd'

-> 144` >> SEE WHAT'S INSIDE ure=signature, extobj=extobj)

1445 u = u.astype(result_t, copy=True, casting='no')

1446 s = s.astype(_realType(result_t), copy=False)

~\Anaconda3\lib\site-packages\numpy\linalg\linalg.py in _raise_linalgerror_svd_nonconvergence(err, flag)

96

97 def _raise_linalgerror_svd_nonconvergence(err, flag):

—> 98 raise LinAlgError("SVD did not converge")

99

100 def get_linalg_error_extobj(callback):

LinAlgError: SVD did not converge

Jason Brownlee September 3, 2018 at 6:09 am #

REPLY ↗

Perhaps try some other configurations

Perhaps try to scale or difference your data first

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Perhaps try more or less data?
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Tejas Haritsa V K September 7, 2018 at 8:10 pm #

REPLY ↗

Picked for you:

Truly an outstanding work. I had been searching all over the net for the forecast and predict

actions and this made my day. Thank you for this wonderful knowledge.

[How to Create an ARIMA Model for Time](#)

[Series Forecasting in Python](#)

I share your YouTube channel link if you have a channel, I would love to subscribe.



[How to Convert a Time Series to a Supervised Learning Problem in Python](#)
Jason Brownlee September 8, 2018 at 6:00 pm #



Thanks.
[11 Classical Time Series Forecasting Methods in Python \(One Sheet\)](#)
 don't make videos. Developers learn by doing



[Time Series Forecasting as Supervised Learning](#)
Ashutosh Sharma September 17, 2018 at 7:00 pm #



I get this error from your code
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 File "...", line 9, in difference
 value = dataset[i:i+interval]
 TypeError: unsupported operand type(s) for -: 'str' and 'str'
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 Can't tell where the problem is.
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Jason Brownlee September 17, 2018 at 2:07 pm #

REPLY ↗

Ensure that you copy the complete example and preserve indenting.

Bhadri October 1, 2018 at 3:42 am #

REPLY ↗

Thanks Jason. this is very helpful.

When I run the original dataset, train it and test it, I get a MSE of .09 which is very good where I use (p,d,q) as 2,1,0.

My dataset contains 60 observations out of I push 12 to validation set.

When I forecasted using step=12 and did a MSE with validation set, I get a MSE of .42.
 Is this expected and is it a good measure?

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regards
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 Bhadri.



Picked for you! **Jason Brownlee** October 1, 2018 at 6:29 am #

REPLY ↗

The idea of “good” is really problem specific, I explain more here:
[How to Create an ARIMA Model for Time Series Forecasting](https://machinelearningmastery.com/how-to-know-if-a-model-has-good-performance/)

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REPLY ↗

Hi Jason,

 11 Classical Time Series Forecasting Methods in Python (Cheat Sheet)
 Thanks ever so much for this post! Your posts are always very mathematical stuff, it just confuses me.

I have a question. If my daily data is for Mondays-Fridays, instead of 365? Then is the Supervisor of day learning?

 Regards,

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Jason Brownlee October 10, 2018 at 6:12 am #

REPLY ↗

It really depends if you need to seasonally adjust the data or not.
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[Learn more here.](http://machinelearningmastery.com/remove-trends-seasonality-difference-transform-python/)

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PyTom October 11, 2018 at 11:39 pm #

REPLY ↗

Dear Jason, thank you very much for the tutorial. Is it normal that if I do a long-term prediction (for instance, 200 steps) the performance of the predictor degrades? In particular, I observe that the prediction converges to a certain value. What can I do to perform a long term out-of-sample prediction?

Jason Brownlee October 12, 2018 at 6:40 am #

REPLY ↗

Yes, the further into the future you predict, the worse the performance. Predicting the future is very hard.

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Raghu October 15, 2018 at 12:46 am #

REPLY ↗



Hi John, Thank you very much for the post.

I checked stationarity test for the provided data-set with Augmented Dickey-Fuller method and below is

the result

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Test Statistic -4.445747

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Value 0.000246

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js Used 20.000000

Number of Observation Used 3629.000000

Critical Value (1%) -3.432153

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Cal Value (5%) -2.862337

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Cal Value (10%) -2.567194

The result shows that data looks stationary. So my

[11 Classical Time Series Forecasting](#)

Even though data is stationary why did you apply Methods in Python (Cheat Sheet)

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[Jason Brownlee](#) October 15, 2018 at 7:30[How To Backtest Machine Learning](#)[Models for Time Series Forecasting](#)

The problem is easier to model with the seasonality removed.

The d parameter is intended to counter any trend, there is no trend, therefore d can remain zero.

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[July](#) October 24, 2018 at 1:06 pm #

REPLY ↗

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I have . out of sample one step forecast for several days. For example, I need to predict data from 1990-12-25 to 1990-12-31, and I want to use one step forecast for every. How can I make it using api predict or forecast? Thanks.

Jason Brownlee October 24, 2018 at 2:48 pm #

REPLY ↗

I believe the example in the tutorial above does this. Perhaps I don't understand your question?

July October 25, 2018 at 1:38 am #

REPLY ↗

Well, thanks for the reply.

Let's talk about the 7 data from 1990-12-25 to 1990-12-31 that needs to be forecasted. In your tutorial, you use the function forecast(period=7)

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Never miss a tutorial: only use the function `forecast(period=1)` in 7 times to make the forecasting. For `forecast(period=7)`, the new predicted data would affect the next data to be predicted(for example, the predicted data 1990-12-25 would affect the data 1990-12-26 to be predicted). For `forecast(period=1)`, every predicted data is affected by the real data. That is to say, when predicting 1990-12-26, the real data 1990-12-25 would add into the model, not the predicted data 1990-12-25 like in `forecast(period=7)`. My question is how to program the dynamic data update using statsmodels.

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How to Convert a Time Series to a Supervised Learning Problem in Python REPLY ↗

Ahh, I see, thanks.



I assume that real observations are made used as input
11 Classical Time Series Forecasting Methods in Python (Cheat Sheet)

The simplest answer is to re-fit the model



The complex answer is to study the ARFIMA Time Series Forecasting as Supervised Learning input, I'm not sure off the cuff if the stat

Also, this may help for the latter:



<https://machinelearningmastery.com/machine-learning-forecasting-time-series/>
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July October 27, 2018 at 7:38 pm # REPLY ↗

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Thanks for your reply again.

I have [The Time Series with Python Book](#) method you mentioned. It is the correct method that can meet my needs. But it has the [Really Good stuff](#) including 3000+ data. It is very hard for arima method to make a good regression. Maybe stocks data can no >> SEE WHAT'S INSIDE

Jason Brownlee October 28, 2018 at 6:09 am # REPLY ↗

The stock market is not predictable:

<https://machinelearningmastery.com/faq/single-faq/can-you-help-me-with-machine-learning-for-finance-or-the-stock-market>

Ronak December 20, 2018 at 11:00 pm # REPLY ↗

Hey , I am getting error here doing import series but getting error from csv file side
Note that some of the default arguments are different, so please refer to the documentation for `from_csv` when changing your function calls
`infer_datetime_format=infer_datetime_format)`
Traceback (most recent call last):

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File "sarima.py", line 10, in
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```
series = Series.from_csv('/home/techkopra/Documents/Sarima_machine-learnig/daily-minimum-  

    temperatures.csv', header=None)
```

File "/home/techkopra/Documents/Sarima_machine-learnig/env/lib/python3.6/site-
 packages/pandas/core/series.py", line 3728, in from_csv
 result, df = [0]

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File "/home/techkopra/Documents/Sarima_machine-learnig/env/lib/python3.6/site-
 packages/pandas/computing/_indexing.py", line 172, in __getitem__

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File "/home/techkopra/Documents/Sarima_machine-learnig/env/lib/python3.6/site-
 packages/pandas/core/indexing.py", line 2013, in __getitem_tuple

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File "/home/techkopra/Documents/Sarima_machine-learnig/env/lib/python3.6/site-
 packages/pandas/core/indexing.py", line 222, in __getitem_tuple

 self._validate_key(k, i)

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 Methods in Python (Cheat Sheet)

File "/home/techkopra/Documents/Sarima_machine-learnig/env/lib/python3.6/site-
 packages/pandas/core/indexing.py", line 1957, in __getitem_tuple

 self._validate_integer(key, axis)

File "/home/techkopra/Documents/Sarima_machine-learnig/env/lib/python3.6/site-
 packages/pandas/core/indexing.py", line 2009, in __getitem_tuple

 raise IndexError("single positional indexer is out-of-
 bound")

 IndexError: single positional indexer is out-of-bound
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 What's the best way to support time series forecasting?

Thanks

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December 21, 2018 at 5:29 am #

REPLY ↗

where you'll find the *Really Good* stuff.

I have some suggestions here:

<http://www.machinelearningmastery.com/faq/single-faq/why-does-the-code-in-the-tutorial-not-work-for-me>

Ronak December 21, 2018 at 11:40 pm #

REPLY ↗

Hey buddy,

I am getting issue this

Traceback (most recent call last):

File "hello.py", line 23, in

difference = difference(X, days_in_year)

File "hello.py", line 10, in difference

value = dataset[i] - dataset[i - interval]

TypeError: unsupported operand type(s) for -: 'str' and 'str'

Thanks

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Jason Brownlee December 22, 2018 at 6:05 am #

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 **Ronak** December 24, 2018 at 5:12 pm #
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yes

REPLY ↗

 **Andy Hui** February 15, 2020 at 10:15 pm #
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 **it's this project run under python 2** February 11, 2018 at 11:12 pm #
11 Classical Time Series Forecasting Methods in Python (Cheat Sheet)

 **Jason Brownlee** February 16, 2018 at 10:15 pm #
Time Series Forecasting as Supervised Learning
I use Python 3.6.

 **I expect it will work for Python 2.7.** February 16, 2018 at 10:15 pm #
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Mayssa December 25, 2018 at 4:21 am #

REPLY ↗

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Why is it required to make the data stationary ? when you the observation for each day from the same day one year before, doesn't this affect the data and hence the results ?

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JASON BROWNLEE December 25, 2018 at 7:25 am #

REPLY ↗

It greatly simplifies the prediction problem and meets the expectations of the linear model.

Try with/without and compare results!

kono February 17, 2019 at 5:59 am #

REPLY ↗

I used your code to forecast next 365 days. But forecast values before inverse converge to 0.0131662 from 96th step on. That means forecast values after inverse are just last year's values + 0.0131662. This is almost equivalent to no forecasting at all. In real practice, how do people do forecasting for a longer future time period?

Jason Brownlee February 17, 2019 at 6:05 pm #

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That is a lot of days to forecast!
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From what I have seen, forecasting more than a dozen time steps into the future results in too much error. It depends on the dataset of course.

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-  **kono** February 17, 2019 at 9:52 am #
[How to Create an ARIMA Model for Time Series Forecasting in Python](#)
-  So normally how do people use an ARIMA model in the production environment? They only use it to predict next couple data points in the future? Whenever new data points come in, they will use them to update the future prediction? For example, suppose today is 2/1. I use historical data up to 2/1 to predict 2/2 to 2/10. Once 2/2 data comes in, I include 2/2 data into historical data to predict/update the prediction for 2/3 to 2/10 plus 2/11. Is this the corre
-  **11 Classical Time Series Forecasting Methods in Python (Cheat Sheet)**
Jason Brownlee February 18, 2019 at 6:15 pm #
[Time Series Forecasting as Supervised Learning](#)
-  It can be, it really depends on your problem. For example, in some cases, perhaps the coefficients are better off being calculated using another language. In other environments
-  Also, when it comes to updating the model, I recommend [How To Backtest Machine Learning Models for Time Series Forecasting](#)

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The [Time Series with Python](#) Ebook is great. How do you do this for multiple time series at the same time? for example df with 50 columns or so where you'll find the **Really Good** stuff.

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Jason Brownlee March 6, 2019 at 2:46 pm #

REPLY ↗

Perhaps one model per time series.

Or use a method like a neural net that can support multiple input variables:
https://machinelearningmastery.com/start-here/#deep_learning_time_series

Naveensankar March 10, 2019 at 4:42 pm #

REPLY ↗

Hi jason, This tutorial is really awesome...
 can you please help me on plotting the graph to compare the predicted and actual value and to find the RMSE score?

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Jason Brownlee March 11, 2019 at 6:48 am #

REPLY ↗



can start with plots here:
<https://machinelearningmastery.com/load-explore-time-series-data-python/>

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Series Forecasting in Python #

REPLY ↗

Sir,



Your blogs were really helpful. I felt depth understanding in your blogs only when compared to other.
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And I have a doubt. Can we detect Anomaly using



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Jason Brownlee March 14, 2019 at 9:17



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No, ARIMA is not really suited to anomaly detection



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Models for Time Series Forecasting
kono July 14, 2019 at 6:26 am #

REPLY ↗

"No, ARIMA is not really suited to anomaly detection." Can you suggest some methods which are suitable for anomaly detection in time series?
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I hope to cover this topic in great detail in the future.

Perhaps investigate the problem as an imbalanced classification task?

bipulsingh kashyap April 1, 2019 at 8:47 pm #

REPLY ↗

I have monthly data but some months information is missing ,can i use arima on this type of data.

Jason Brownlee April 2, 2019 at 8:09 am #

REPLY ↗

You can fill in the missing values with a mean/median value.

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Bats September 26, 2019 at 5:10 am #

REPLY ↗

 But what if my data has strong seasonality?

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Jason Brownlee September 26, 2019 at 6:45 am #

REPLY ↗

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Then the value at the same point in the previous cycle would be better.

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REPLY ↗

Hi,

can i make future prediction if i have used the time points in range(len(TestData))
ActualValue = TestData[timepoint]
#forecast value
Prediction = TimeSeriesForecastingSingleActual(1,1,1)
(ActualValue, Predicted=%f' % (ActualValue, Predicted))
#add it in the list
Predictions.append(Prediction)
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thanks

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Jason Brownlee April 30, 2019 at 2:25 pm #

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ayushi saxena May 16, 2019 at 6:29 pm #

REPLY ↗

hi,

please tell why it is not working correctly:

```
a=[1,2,3,4,1,2,3,4]
da = difference(a)
X=a
forecast=da
forecast
[1, 1, 1, -3, 1, 1, 1]

days_in_year=4
history = [x for x in X]
day = 1
for yhat in forecast:
    inverted = inverse_difference(history, yhat, days_in_year)
    print('Day %d: %f' % (day, inverted))
```

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history.append(inverted)
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day += 1



Day 1: 1.000000

Day 2: 3.000000

Day 3: 4.000000

Day 4: 1.000000

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[6: Series Forecasting in Python](#)

Day 7: 5.000000

why day5 is incorrect?

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Jason Brownlee

May 17, 2019 at 5:51 am #

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I have some suggestions here:

<https://machinelearningmastery.com/faq/single/>



Time Series Forecasting as Supervised Learning

mee May 18, 2019 at 10:53 pm #



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Hi,

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can I calculate RMSE and other indicators of performance ?

thank you

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The Time **Jason Brownlee** May 19, 2019 at 8:02 am #

REPLY ↗

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You can use the sklearn metrics to calculate the error between an array of predictions and

an >> SEE WHAT'S INSIDE

<https://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/classes.html#sklearn-metrics-metrics>

Shi May 22, 2019 at 8:23 pm #

REPLY ↗

Hi Jason,

Your blog are very helpful. I applied ARIMA by setting the train and test data by ratios (like, 90:10, 80:20, 70:30..) for prediction. I thought RMSE value reduces as the train data increases. but I got the below answer when I predicted for 5 years of data.

Ratio MSE RMSE

90-10 116.18 10.779

80-20 124.336 11.151

70-30 124.004 11.136

60-40 126.268 11.237

50-50 127.793 11.305

40-60 137.029 11.706

30-70 133.29 11.545

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So, now i got confused. The RMSE has to reduce as training set increases or RMSE varies? if varies, can you tell me what are the possible reasons for variation?



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-  **Jason Brownlee** May 23, 2019 at 6:02 am # How to Create an ARIMA Model for Time Series Forecasting in Python Variation in reported error scores is based on the data used to train the model and the interval being predicted.
-  It is good idea to sum series the performance of the model using walk-forward validation over a Supervised Learning Problem in Python
-  11 Classical Time Series Forecasting Methods in Python (Cheat Sheet) **Badrir_** May 23, 2019 at 2:54 am #
- hi, thanks for your blog but i need support.
-  Time Series Forecasting as Supervised Learning =list()
for i in range(interval, len(dataset)):
 diff = dataset[i]-dataset[i-interval]
 value.append(value)
 return numpy.array(diff)

```
df = pd.read_csv('dataset.csv',header=None)
```

```
X = df.values
```

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```
day_in_year = 365
```

```
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```

```
where you'll find the Really Good stuff.  
model =ARIMA(differenced,order=(7,0,1))
```

```
model_ >> SEE WHAT'S INSIDE
```

```
print(model_.summary())
```

and

```
TypeError Traceback (most recent call last)
```

```
in
```

```
9 X = df.values
```

```
10 day_in_year = 365
```

```
—> 11 differenced = difference(X,day_in_year)
```

```
12
```

```
13 model =ARIMA(differenced,order=(7,0,1))
```

```
in difference(dataset, interval)
```

```
2 diff =list()
```

```
3 for i in range(interval, len(dataset)):
```

```
—> 4 value = dataset[i]-dataset[i-interval]
```

```
5 diff.append(value)
```

```
6 return numpy.array(diff)
```

```
TypeError: unsupported operand type(s) for -: 'str' .
```

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i don't know what it's mean. i run it in python3, can u help me? tks
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Jason Brownlee July 23, 2019 at 6:05 am #

REPLY ↩

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Sorry to hear that, I have some suggestions here:

<https://machinelearningmastery.com/faq/single-faq/why-does-the-code-in-the-tutorial-not-work-for-time-series-forecasting-in-python/>



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please i want to apply this code to time series first five values and predict the six and make simple Methods in Python (Cheat Sheet)



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Jason Brownlee July 15, 2019 at 8:15 am #



You can change the order to be something like this: [The How-to Step-by-Step Machine Learning Models for Time Series Forecasting](#)

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Jia Ying July 29, 2019 at 7:33 pm #
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Hi Jason!
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I would like to find the [Really Good](#) prediction of the data. However, from what I have seen from your tutorial as well as other posts online, most of the prediction seemed more like a validation of the data that the >> SEE WHAT'S INSIDE

E.g. I have the annual population data from 1950-2019

I split the data into the train data(1950 -1998) and the test data (1998 onwards to 2019).

Of course I start off with creating my model using the sample data, then doing a validation using the test data. But how do I predict the annual population beyond 2019?

Thank you so much!

Jason Brownlee July 30, 2019 at 6:08 am #

REPLY ↩

Good question.

Fit your model on all available data to create a final model. Then use the final model by calling forecast() or predict() for the interval you wish to forecast.

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REPLY ↗

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Thank you so much for your prompt response!

Another question. I am actually using auto_arima in python. However, I am a little confused as to how the predict function in auto_arima work. Unlike the predict in ARIMA, there are no start or end parameters. The parameters are (from what I found so far) n_periods. If that is the case,

how is the algorithm supposed to know if you are doing a in-sample prediction or a out-sample prediction?

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This was how I used it in my code.

test is the test data whereas train is the training data



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newforecast is basically the predicted value for the test data. However, I would like to do a out-

sample prediction instead.

```
import pmдарима as pm
```

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```
dataaa = seadict[ctry]
```

```
slicing = int(len(dataaa)*0.7)
```

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```
train = dataaa[0:slicing]
```

```
mod = pm.auto_arima(train, error_action='
```

```
mod.fit(train)
```

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```
newforecast = pm.Series(forecast, index=test.index,
```

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July 31, 2019 at 6:48 am #

REPLY ↗

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I am not familiar with that library, sorry.

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I have my own implementation here that might help:

>> SEE WHAT'S INSIDE gmatery.com/how-to-grid-search-sarima-model-hyperparameters-for-time-series-forecasting-in-python/

Arij August 21, 2019 at 6:20 pm #

REPLY ↗

Hi how can i install the dataset?

the link just shows the data on webpage

Jason Brownlee August 22, 2019 at 6:24 am #

REPLY ↗

Download the dataset as a .csv file in the same directory as your .py python file.

Mark Lavin October 24, 2019 at 2:05 am #

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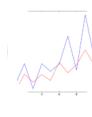
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I have a time series that's on a monthly cadence but with some months missing. I'd like to fill in the values using an ARIMA model, but I keep getting errors from the "predict" method when I try

 to specify one of the missing dates using "start=missing_date end=missing_date". When I try predict using exog=[missing_date]" there is no error but what I get back is just the original time series (with gaps) that was used to fit the ARIMA model. I'm starting to wonder whether there is no way to "interpolate" using ARIMA; is that correct?

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 Jason Brownlee October 24, 2019 at 5:41 am #

REPLY ↗



How to Fit an ARIMA Model to a Time Series with ARIMA is hard, you may have to fit a model that ends prior to the gap and then forecast the missing values.

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Also try the forecast() function, it is much easier.



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HARIHARAN K November 16, 2019 at 3:41 am #



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difference function is doing the difference between previous year value. You are describing it as year i



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Jason Brownlee November 16, 2019 at 7:27 am #

Look at how we call the function and pass in 365.

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Sagar December 20, 2019 at 7:03 am #

REPLY ↗

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Thanks for your tutorials. They are amazing.

I had to make the following changes to make the code work. Notice that had to use index [1] in line 5 and the last line. Am I doing something wrong?

Appreciate if you can point out my error. I am using Anaconda 3.5

```
# create a differenced series
def difference(dataset, interval=1):
    diff = list()
    for i in range(interval, len(dataset)):
        value = dataset[i][1] - dataset[i - interval][1]
        diff.append(value)
    return numpy.array(diff)

# invert differenced value
def inverse_difference(history, yhat, interval=1):
    return yhat + history[-interval][1]
```

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Jason Brownlee December 20, 2019 at 1:01 pm #

REPLY ↗

You're welcome, thanks for your kind words!

Picked for you: That, perhaps confirm that you are using Python 3.6+ and that you copied all of the code and data exactly.

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Also this might help:

[Series Forecasting in Python](#)

<https://machinelearningmastery.com/faq/single-faq/why-does-the-code-in-the-tutorial-not-work-for-me>



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sagar December 20, 2019 at 1:37 pm #

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I think I know where the problem is. It is in
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and correctly



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Jason Brownlee December 21, 2019 at 7:11 pm #



Great!
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REPLY ↗

Ébe January 7, 2020 at 6:17 pm #

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A nice yet concise tutorial, Dr. Jason Brownlee!

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I have a basic question. I still couldn't get the answer to: What are the components of the output of
arima.model.ARIMAResults.forecast()?

>> SEE WHAT'S INSIDE "Array of out of sample forecasts. A (steps x k_endog) array." I'm sure
The ou endog means the input array used as history for training, and steps is the specified integer parameter.
I'm not sure what k_endog means.

Could you please let us know?

Thanks

Jason Brownlee January 8, 2020 at 8:20 am #

REPLY ↗

Thanks!

I believe the forecasted interval and the prediction interval for each point forecast.

Dulanja Gunawardena January 21, 2020 at 10:30 pm #

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When the code is compiled, this error shows.

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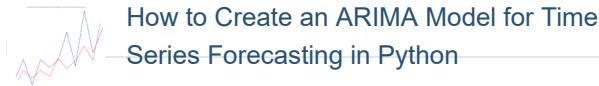
File "C:/Users/D.T./spyder-py3/untitled1.py", line 9, in difference



TypeError: unsupported operand type(s) for -: 'str' and 'str'

Picked for you:

Please Help !!



Jason Brownlee January 22, 2020 at 6:18 am #

REPLY ↗

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<https://machinelearningmastery.com/faq/single/>

me

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Harshit Musugu February 7, 2020 at 5:12 am

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The end argument could not be matched to

This is what I am getting when I use :

 prod = res.predict(start = '2014-11-05', end = '2019-01-01')
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to do out of forecast predictions when we have date as our index

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Jason Brownlee February 7, 2020 at 8:25 am #

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I don't have an example off the cuff, sorry.
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Abhay Saini February 13, 2020 at 8:47 pm #

REPLY ↗

Hi Jason,

Firstly thanks a ton for useful blogs!

I had a doubt in this one:- <https://machinelearningmastery.com/make-sample-forecasts-arima-python/>

You have used predict function to make out of sample forecasts.

However when i tried it ;-

- 1) I was only able to run the predict function on start and end indexes as numbers and not dates
- 2) If i give a number below len(series) (in our case differenced), will i get a forecast of a subset of the training data itself? Meaning, i can easily compare actual/predicted like we do in linear regression?

Because everywhere, you have discussed about out of sample forecasts and not in sample ones.

Thanks,

Abhay

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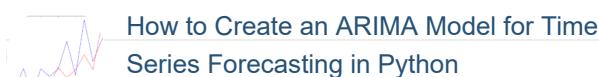
Jason Brownlee February 14, 2020 at 6:30 am #

REPLY ↗



I can't find examples of forecasting with dates, sorry.

You can predict the train set, but it is better to use walk-forward validation to evaluate a model:

Picked for you:<https://machinelearningmastery.com/backtest-machine-learning-models-time-series-forecasting/>

[How to Create an ARIMA Model for Time Series Forecasting in Python](#)

rodney February 21, 2020 at 9:03 pm #

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I only have daily data for four months in one year and I want to forecast to sales for the coming

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months. How can I do it because I see from the different

from the previous year which I don't have. How can I do it?



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Jason Brownlee February 22, 2020 at 6:30 pm #



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Fit the model on available data and calculate forecasts.

Perhaps I don't understand the problem you're asking about.



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Mukesh February 25, 2020 at 2:26 am #

REPLY ↗

Hello Jason I'm using python 3.7.4

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16 X = series.values

17 day: >> SEE WHAT'S INSIDE

—> 18 difference = difference(^, days_in_year)

19 # fit model

20 model = ARIMA(difference, order=(7,0,1))

in difference(dataset, interval)

7 diff = list()

8 for i in range(interval, len(dataset)):

—> 9 value = dataset[i] - dataset[i - interval]

10 diff.append(value)

11 return numpy.array(diff)

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Jason Brownlee February 25, 2020 at 7:49 am #

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manjunath March 5, 2020 at 2:09 am #

REPLY ↗



can we have same functions in RNN ?
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Jason Brownlee March 5, 2020 at 6:39 am #



Yes, you can start here:

<https://machinelearningmastery.com/time-series-forecasting-with-python/> Start Here



How to Start Using Machine Learning Models for Time Series Forecasting

hello~ This post helps me a lot.

But I have a question about the arma model.

I know that the arma model is a linear model, when I use the fit() function to train the model, I have get the parameters. How can I use the learned parameters to predict future values using another time series?

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>> SEE WHAT'S INSIDE March 11, 2020 at 5:16 am #

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You can fit a separate model for each time series.

radheem March 19, 2020 at 4:56 am #

REPLY ↗

hi,

i understand that you defined your differencing and inverse differencing function because you may need those to verify stationarity of the series but why didn't you use the models differencing feature. i mean wouldnt that be easier? rather than inverting the forecast back manually.

Jason Brownlee March 19, 2020 at 6:31 am #

REPLY ↗

It would be easier. I don't recall why.

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Wolfgang April 10, 2020 at 9:12 pm #

REPLY ↗



thanks a lot for your example and the explanation! It is extremely helpful!

Picked for you:

You apply the statsmodel function ARIMA with parameters ($p=7, d=0, q=1$). Setting the lag-parameter to

∞ makes the ARIMA model effectively become a ARMA model: see

https://www.statsmodels.org/dev/_modules/statsmodels/tsa/arima_model.html#ARIMA.



On the other hand you manually generate a stationary time series by your difference-function. This again makes the total example ARIMA again, if I understand correctly.

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If I understand correctly this is done by the following

$\text{diff(self.endog, n=d)}$. What is the advantage of

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\rightarrow ? Methods in Python (Cheat Sheet)



Kind regards,



Wolfgang [Time Series Forecasting as Supervised Learning](#)



Jason Brownlee [Learning Models for Time Series Forecasting](#)

Yes, using the ARIMA directly is better.

I am trying to drill data prep into peoples heads.

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where you'll find [Wolfgang Good stuff](#) at 9:35 pm #

REPLY ↗

>> SEE WHAT'S INSIDE < Yes it. Apologies for my misspelling, Mr. Brownlee.

Kind regards,

Wolfgang

Jason Brownlee April 13, 2020 at 6:15 am #

REPLY ↗

You're welcome.

andersonhusky April 15, 2020 at 12:03 am #

REPLY ↗

Did you find that your differential prediction value (`model_fit.forecast()`) is almost 0, so your final prediction result is only the value of 360 days(or one year) ago?

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Picked for you:

Krishnan Jothi Ramalingam April 26, 2020 at 2:57 am #

REPLY ↗

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Series Forecasting in Python

I'm Jason. I am working on a time series problem. My model predicts a straight line, which is very unusual from the test_data.

So, Initially, I decomposed the series using "additive" (visually I can find that there is no seasonality) and as expected, seasonality is zero and at the same time the value of "residuals" is also zero.

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I modeled the series using ARIMA. "model_fit.resid" plot, mean and variance values.

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Still, my model is predicting a straight line, which is still not helping me out.

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Jason Brownlee April 26, 2020 at 6:17 am #

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This part of the code is throwing error but it has create dataset.csv and validation.csv while i use my

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```
# load dataset
series = read_csv('dataset.csv', header=None)
# seasonal difference
X = series.values
days_in_year = 365
differenced = difference(X, days_in_year)
# fit model
model = ARIMA(differenced, order=(7,0,1))

error as

18 differenced = difference(X, days_in_year)
19 # fit model
--> 20 model = ARIMA(differenced, order=(7,0,1))
21 model_fit = model.fit(disp=0)
22 # print summary of fit model
ValueError: Insufficient degrees of freedom to estimate
```

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Jason Brownlee May 6, 2020 at 6:23 am #

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miguelleed... change the configuration of your model to better match your data.

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sandeep May 25, 2020 at 8:55 pm #

REPLY ↗

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in this example u did the forecast of data that is already present in the data set i.e from 25th dec it is there in datasethow to forecast fro upcoming days???



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Jason Brownlee May 26, 2020 at 6:19 am #

11 Classical Time Series Forecasting

You can call model.predict() or model.
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model.



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Sam Draymond June 8, 2020 at 2:33 am #



I have found great comfort in knowing that
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Need your help now, im doing a multistep ARIMA forecast, but its also a rolling forecast. Meaning i want to forecast 7 days ahead but not only once, rather to my 30 validation set. Do you any tutorial that can help

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trials on this using walk-forward validation, perhaps start here:

<https://machinelearningmastery.com/arima-for-time-series-forecasting-with-python/>

Dung July 10, 2020 at 1:06 am #

REPLY ↗

I want to write an app to forecast. But I still don't know what is the ouput of the model

Jason Brownlee July 10, 2020 at 6:02 am #

REPLY ↗

Does the above tutorial not help?

Trần Dung July 10, 2020 at 1:12 am #

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The output is start_index and end index. I think that is correct. Thank you very much
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tuttoaposto July 21, 2020 at 7:26 am #

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I have a question re: inverse_difference(). This code: yhat + history[-interval] would add yhat for 1990.12.25 to the true value on 1989.12.24 for the first forecast because the last entry in history series is 990.12.24. Shouldn't we add back the yhat difference to the true value one year prior instead, i.e. 1989.12.25?



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Jason Brownlee July 21, 2020 at 1:43 pm #



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Alex July 21, 2020 at 8:53 am #



Thank you, Jason. Before my question, I've learned how "TypeError: unsupported operand type(s) for /: 'Series' and 'Series'"

Model for Time Series Forecasting header for the dataset.csv (for example, series.read_csv('dataset.csv', header=None)), just remove ", header = None" and it will work for them. Not sure of the difference now as opposed to when you first wrote this?

As to my question, if I wish to forecast to a future year, say 1,1,2030, either with a single or multi-step

forecasts or predictions? With Dataset.csv having dates removed. I'm not sure how that would work?

Cheers Alex

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Jason Brownlee July 21, 2020 at 1:48 pm #

REPLY ↗

Thanks for the tip.

If you know the date of the last known observation, and fit the model on all data, then you can calculate the number of steps to reach the desired day and use either the predict() or forecast() function.

Aswini July 22, 2020 at 1:54 am #

REPLY ↗

Hello Jason,

Thank you for the above tutorial!

I am also receiving the same error. I checked my data and there is no issue with the data.

First I was receiving TypeError: unsupported opera

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When I changed the code from
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```
value =dataset[i] -dataset[i - interval]
```



```
value =int(dataset[i]) -int(dataset[i - interval])
```

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I was able to resolve the above error.

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that, I got below error

```
TypeError: only size-1 arrays can be converted to Python scalars
```

Not sure how to resolve the above error. Please help me with this.

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on Version 3.7.6

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Jason Brownlee July 22, 2020 at 5:37 am #

Sorry to hear that, the cause of your error is that you are trying to forecast a single time step. You can learn more about this here:
<https://machinelearningmastery.com/time-series-forecasting-as-supervised-learning/>

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Yopi July 23, 2020 at 3:37 am #

i want to make multi step out of sample prediction in manual ARIMA prediction model too . Can you show me how because I have no idea . Please answer my question
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Jason Brownlee July 23, 2020 at 6:22 am #

REPLY ↗

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Call `forecast()` and specify the number of steps to predict.

Vidya August 3, 2020 at 8:37 pm #

REPLY ↗

Hey Jason , thanks for this article.

1. How do we interpret ARIMA summary ? Other than p value and regression coefficients?
2. Also , for the above code, I have created multiple back-dated-7-day-window as validation data sets. Have observed varying RMSE . How do I conclude on the model goodness of fit ?
3. Also , if we need to know the parameters of ARIMA , we need to look at 'acf' and 'pacf' plots for the original series and not the differenced series , right ?

Thanks!!

Jason Brownlee August 4, 2020 at 6:39 pm #

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Sorry, I don't have tutorials on interpreting the summary, perhaps check the documentation.

You can evaluate the skill of the model by calculating an error metric on hold out data. You can use ACF/PACF plots or grid search to estimate the config of the ARIMA model. The latter is often more effective.

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 **Kenny** August 21, 2020 at 3:22 pm #

REPLY ↗

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Thanks for the comprehensive tutorial, I wonder if you values as the time window rolling forward without re-fitting an ARIMA model (Model_100) we that I do not want to refit. How can I feed the actual 110 without refitting?

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Jason Brownlee August 22, 2020 at 6:09 am #

REPLY ↗

Not sure off the cuff.

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Perhaps check the API?

The [Time Series API](#) is there if there is a straight-forward approach?

Perhaps write a [Real Gatsby](#) with this support?

Perhaps use an alternate model type with this support?

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Mor October 15, 2020 at 1:12 am #

REPLY ↗

Hi,

When I run the code line "from statsmodels.tsa.arima_model import ARIMA"

I get the error: ModuleNotFoundError: No module named 'statsmodels.tools.sm_exceptions'

Can you please advise?

Thanks

Jason Brownlee October 15, 2020 at 6:14 am #

REPLY ↗

Sorry to hear that.

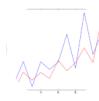
What version of statsmodels do you have installed?

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REPLY ↗

version 0.12.0 and it looks like it's the latest version
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Jason Brownlee October 16, 2020 at 5:50 am #

REPLY ↗



Thanks, I found the issue and updated the code.
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Solomon October 28, 2020 at 5:01 pm #
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Hello Jason,



Thanks for your content. Very useful. Currently i am model. Mainly 5 days in a week data (Mon to Fri). Time Series Forecasting as Supervised Learning is closed and public holidays sales will be Zeel model. In test data if there is a public holidays how know your comments.



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Jason Brownlee October 29, 2020 at 7:57 am #

REPLY ↗

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Mario November 28, 2020 at 1:09 am #

REPLY ↗

Hi Jason, thanks for your tutorial, very usefull. I've some questions.

First of all, once I fit the model and tested it, what I have to do if I want to forecast some days (like 01/01/1991) after the data that I used for the model (so after the test data) ?

Furthermore, I saw the in other tutorial you used the ARIMA(5,1,0). In this case, you used the ARIMA(7,0,1), but you included the days difference, instead of the first case where you put the integrated term to 1. What's the meaning of this choice?

Jason Brownlee November 28, 2020 at 6:40 am #

REPLY ↗

Thanks!

The above example shows exactly how to predict data beyond the training set. Call predict() or forecast() and specify the indexes or dates.

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The model configuration/performance in this tutorial is arbitrary, the focus is on how to make out of sample predictions.



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Joseph December 24, 2020 at 1:43 am #
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REPLY ↗



I'm wondering, why you did this for the forecast:



forecast model for time steps to [0]

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Hey Jason.
Why did you add [0]? Wouldn't that just give you the whole list, if you're going to plot it?



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Jason Brownlee December 24, 2020 at 5:40 pm #



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forecast() used to return the predicted needed to access only the forecasted values. I



I may need to update the examples.

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Update: okay, I have fixed the out of sample co

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ToljaKTheTutorials? December 28, 2020 at 4:26 am #

REPLY ↗

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Jason Brownlee December 28, 2020 at 6:02 am #

REPLY ↗

You're welcome.

Yes, you can difference using d parameter of the ARIMA instead of manually.

dhila taha February 27, 2021 at 7:25 pm #

REPLY ↗

Thank you for your great detailed tutorial

We know how to validation our prediction using test data. First, we did train then validated our prediction. i have a bit of a question about can we predict the temperature on the next day out of the test data/validation data?

Can we train – test – then predict?

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im so grateful for the answer you'll give and it may help me to finish my homework
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Jason Brownlee February 28, 2021 at 4:34 am #

REPLY ↗

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You're welcome!



You can, but this is odd. Typically you would evaluate your model/config, choose a final model and config and then use it to start making predictions.



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Martin March 15, 2021 at 8:45 pm #



Thanks for your tutorial. But I encountered a problem predicting out-of-sample data using `predict()`. Like below:

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```
split_point = len(df_diff)-7
```

```
df_train = df_diff[:split_point]
```



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```
arima_result = model.fit()
```

```
pred_vals = arima_result.predict(start='2021-02-15')
```



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The start argument could not be matched to a location related to the index of the data.' indeed, the time index 2021-02-15 is the first data in test dataset. why do I cannot predict the out-of-train-sample data?

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I don't know whether the function 'predict' changed recently? thanks !

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REPLY ↗

Perhaps try using array indexes instead of dates?

Martin March 16, 2021 at 4:05 pm #

REPLY ↗

Thanks ! I try to use index, that works !

Jason Brownlee March 17, 2021 at 5:59 am #

REPLY ↗

Well done!

Martin March 16, 2021 at 2:12 am #

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Never miss a tutorial: Hi, Professor. I made an experiment on the forecast and predict these two functions. however, I confused some interesting results. As follows:

I rec'd us edi... function to do in-sample test for last 5 data with here setting parameter dynamic == true, because I know that for the forecast function, forecasted values will be added into next prediction, right ?

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Then I removed last 5 data in the train dataset, and now used forecast function to do out-sample test to

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the result is not same for two tries. I don't know why ? could you help me ? thanks very much!



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Jason Brownlee March 16, 2021 at 4:50



I'm not sure off the cuff, perhaps double check the documentation? experiment with a simple cont...

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Learning **Martin** March 16, 2021 at 4:08 pm #



thanks ! I tried to use your data ar...

got-with your data, its not same to your res...

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guess there is some update recently. anyway focusing your blog 😊

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Jason Brownlee March 17, 2021 at 6:00 am #

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Yes, we can expect small differences, see this:

... <https://machinelearningmastery.com/faq/single-faq/why-do-i-get-different-results-each-time-i->
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Rupesh S March 17, 2021 at 1:31 am #

REPLY ↗

if we use exogenous variable in ARIMAX,SARIMAX and VARMAX models how to forecast future values and how we know future exogenous variables? i dont know how to forecast future period if my model is trained with both endogenous and exogenous.

Jason Brownlee March 17, 2021 at 6:09 am #

REPLY ↗

The examples here may help:

<https://machinelearningmastery.com/time-series-forecasting-methods-in-python-cheat-sheet/>

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Rupesh S March 17, 2021 at 7:21 pm #

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from statsmodels.tsa.statespace.varmax import VARMAX

contrived dataset with dependency

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```
for i in range(100):
    random()Create an ARIMA Model for Time
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    row = [v1, v2]
    data.append(row)
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model = VARMAX(data, exog=data_exog, order=(1,1,1))
model_fit = model.fit(disp=False)
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_exog2 = [[100]]
yhat = model_fit.forecast(exog=_exog2)
print(yhat)
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Learning
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next 12 months for that period how i know future ex
function won't work. for that scenario how to handle
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```

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Jason Brownlee March 18, 2021 at 5:18 am #

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The example assumes you know the values for the exog variables for the forecast interval.

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guess if the data is not available then perhaps the model is not appropriate for your problem? E.g.
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the predictions are conditioned on data not available at prediction time.

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Max Kleiner March 27, 2021 at 9:51 pm #

REPLY ↗

solution for TypeError: unsupported operand type(s) for -: 'str' and 'str'

```
use >>> differenced = difference(X[:,1], days_in_year)

or direct difference(series.Temp, days_in_year)

by the way if let ARIMA differencing then
>>> model = ARIMA(series.Temp, order=(7,1,1))
```

Jason Brownlee March 29, 2021 at 6:03 am #

REPLY ↗

Sorry to hear that, perhaps some of these tips will help:

<https://machinelearningmastery.com/faq/single-faq/why-does-the-code-in-the-tutorial-not-work-for-me>

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How to forecast next 12 months data when using exogenous variable.

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Sara June 17, 2021 at 12:15 am #

 HI, I see that from the summary of the model ar.L5 etc have higher p-values than 0.05, does this mean we can't proceed and count it as a good model ever? And does the same apply for a VAR model?

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Jason Brownlee June 17, 2021 at 6:18 am #

REPLY ↩

Good question, to be honest, I don't look at an analysis of the model, just the model performance.

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REPLY ↩

Hi Jason,

I have a dataset from 1/1/2016 to 31/12/ 2018. I used MLP and I trained the model. So, Can I use "model_fit.forecast (steps=7) " to forecast the next 7 days (7/1/2019)?

Thank you.

Adrian Tam November 14, 2021 at 12:03 pm #

REPLY ↩

I don't think so. The model_fit.forecast(steps=7) syntax is from statsmodels, your MLP model probably would not accept that.

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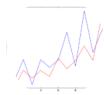
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