

Predictive Analytics

Ch12. Some practical forecasting issues

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- 2 Ensuring forecasts stay within limits
- 3 Forecast combinations
- 4 Missing values
- 5 Outliers

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Models for monthly data

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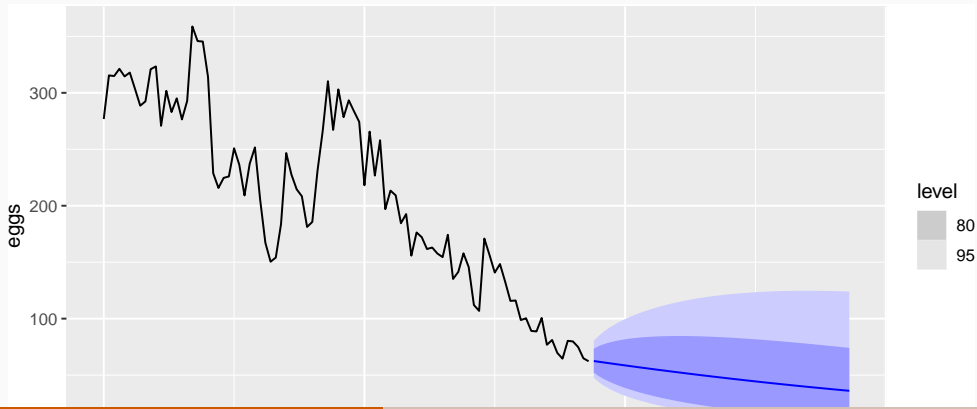
Models for daily, hourly and other sub-daily data

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Positive forecasts

```
recent_prices <- prices %>% filter(!is.na(eggs))
recent_prices %>%
  model(ETS(log(eggs) ~ error("A") + trend("A") + season("N"))) %>%
  forecast(h=50) %>%
  autoplot(recent_prices)
```



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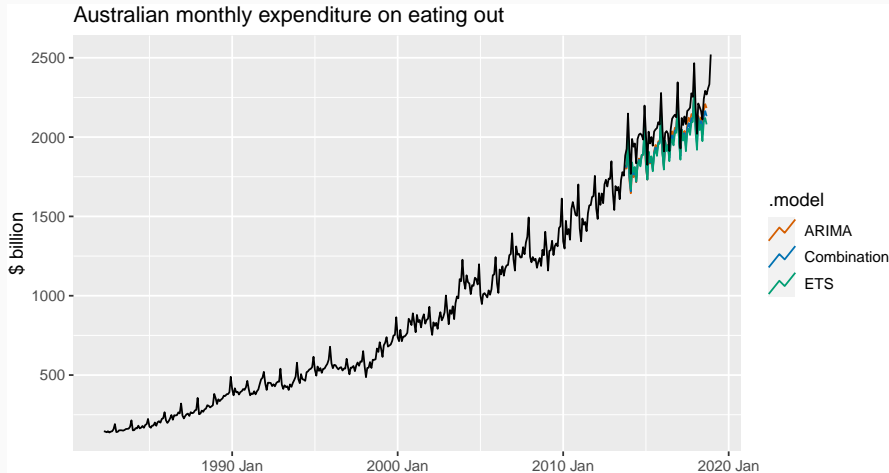
“The results have been virtually unanimous: combining multiple forecasts leads to increased forecast accuracy. ... In many cases one can make dramatic performance improvements by simply averaging the forecasts.”

Forecast combinations

```
aus_cafe <- aus_retail %>%  
  filter(Industry == "Cafes, restaurants and catering services") %>%  
  summarise(Turnover = sum(Turnover))  
fc <- aus_cafe %>%  
  filter(Month <= yearmonth("2013 Sep")) %>%  
  model(  
    ETS = ETS(Turnover),  
    ARIMA = ARIMA(Turnover)  
  ) %>%  
  mutate(  
    Combination = (ETS + ARIMA)/2  
  ) %>%  
  forecast(h = "5 years")
```

Forecast combinations

```
fc %>% autoplot(aus_cafe, level = NULL) +  
  labs(x = "Year", y = "$ billion",  
       title = "Australian monthly expenditure on eating out")
```



Forecast combinations

```
fc %>% accuracy(aus_cafe)
```

```
## # A tibble: 3 x 10
```

```
##   .model      .type    ME  RMSE  MAE  MPE  MAPE  MASE  RMSSE  ACF1
##   <chr>      <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
## 1 ARIMA      Test  112.  122.  112.  5.44  5.44  1.80  1.50  0.510
## 2 Combination Test  120.  125.  120.  5.81  5.81  1.93  1.55  0.382
## 3 ETS        Test  128.  133.  128.  6.18  6.18  2.06  1.64  0.324
```

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What to do?

- 1 Model section of data after last missing value.
- 2 Estimate missing values with `interpolate()`.

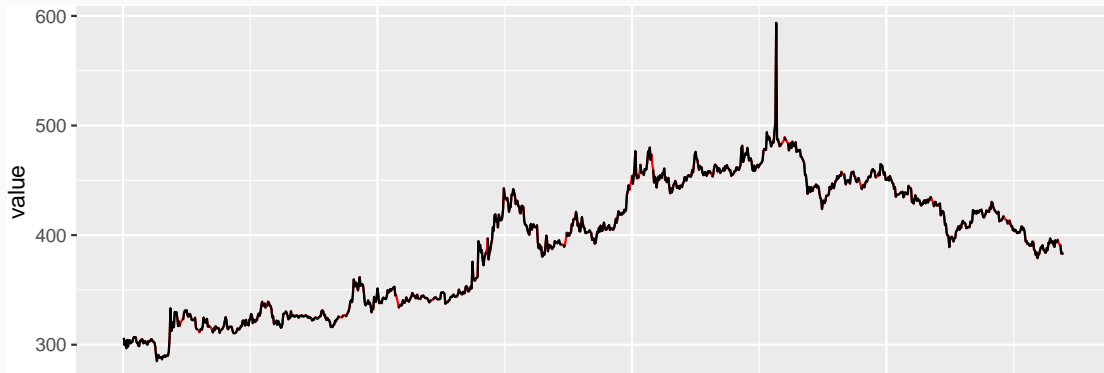
Missing values

```
gold <- as_tsibble(forecast::gold)
gold %>% autoplot(value)
```



Missing values

```
gold_complete <- gold %>%  
  model(ARIMA(value)) %>%  
  interpolate(gold)  
gold_complete %>%  
  autoplot(value, colour = "red") +  
  autolayer(gold, value)
```



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```
fit <- gold %>%  
  model(ARIMA(value))  
augment(fit) %>%  
  mutate(stdres = .resid/sd(.resid, na.rm=TRUE)) %>%  
  filter(abs(stdres) > 10)
```

```
## # A tsibble: 2 x 7 [1]  
## # Key:           .model [1]  
##   .model      index value .fitted .resid .innov stdres  
##   <chr>       <dbl> <dbl>  <dbl> <dbl>  <dbl>  <dbl>  
## 1 ARIMA(value)  770  594.   499.   94.7   94.7   16.4  
## 2 ARIMA(value)  771  487.   562.  -74.8  -74.8  -12.9
```