

# ETF3231/5231

## Business forecasting

Week 5: Exponential smoothing  
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# Historical perspective

↳ Developed in the US navy for forecasting spare parts

- Proposed in the late 1950s (Brown 1959, Holt 1957 and Winters 1960 are key pioneering works) as methods (algorithms) to produce point forecasts.

↳ for this reason not popular with statisticians.

- Forecasts are **weighted averages** of past observations, with the **weights decaying exponentially** as the observations get older.

smoothly

- Framework generates reliable forecasts quickly and for a wide spectrum of time series. A great advantage and of major importance to applications in industry.

- now used everywhere in business
- strong benchmarks

KEY  
IDEA

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  - \* Monash very famous about these
  - \* Pioneer Ralph Snyder (textbook with Rob Hyndman, Anne Koehler & Keith Ord, 2008).

# Big idea: control the rate of change (smoothing)

$\alpha$  controls the flexibility of the **level**  $l_t$  *(height, overall position of the series)*

- If  $\alpha = 0$ , the level never updates (mean)
- If  $\alpha = 1$ , the level updates completely (naive)

$\beta$  controls the flexibility of the **trend**  $b_t$  *(slope)*

- If  $\beta = 0$ , the trend is linear (regression trend)
- If  $\beta = 1$ , the trend updates every observation

*usually*  
 $0 \leq \alpha, \beta, \gamma \leq 1$   
*(move to follow)*

$\gamma$  controls the flexibility of the **seasonality**  $s_t$

- If  $\gamma = 0$ , the seasonality is fixed (seasonal means)
- If  $\gamma = 1$ , the seasonality updates completely (seasonal naive)

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How do the level, trend and seasonal components evolve over time?

*x so more than one equation*

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- x Hence many combinations of these*
- x There are two more we no longer consider Trend: M, Md*
- x In theory 30 models (2 x 5 x 3) → In practice we consider half of these*

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\* You should now be familiar with the difference between methods & models

## Models

- Generate same point forecasts but can also generate forecast distributions.
- A stochastic (or random) data generating process that can generate an entire forecast distribution.
- Allow for “proper” model selection.

↳ can generate something that looks like data.

- Ord, Koehler, Snyder (1997, JASA)

\* machine learning methods (NNs) are in their algorithmic phase.

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when  $\alpha = 1$   $\hat{y}_{T+1|T} = y_T$   $\rightarrow$  only last obs matters

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*-For any model*

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\* KEY RESULT \*  
Specify probability distribution for  $e_t$ , we assume  $e_t = \varepsilon_t \sim \text{NID}(0, \sigma^2)$ .

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*QUESTION / HOMEWORK: what happens when  $\alpha = 1$ ?*

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*they are different models*

- Models with additive and multiplicative errors with the **same parameters** generate the same point forecasts but different prediction intervals.  $\rightarrow (l_0, \alpha)$

## Residuals (response)

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## Innovation residuals

Additive error model:

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

• these are attached to the model & the  $\hat{A}_t$

• we make assumptions about these

Multiplicative error model:

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

• `.innov =  $\hat{\varepsilon}_t$`

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Smoothing  
equation level :

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Holt's trend method

~~SES~~ Component form

Forecast equation :

$$\hat{y}_{t+h|t} = l_t + h b_t \quad \parallel \text{ Uneven / straight}$$

h-step      slope

Smoothing  
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trend :

$$b_t = \beta^* \underbrace{(l_t - l_{t-1})}_{\text{current slope}} + (1-\beta^*) \underbrace{b_{t-1}}_{\text{last estimated slope}}$$

(change in estimated level)

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h-step      slope

↓              ↙

Smoothing  
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- Two smoothing parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\beta^*$  ( $0 \leq \alpha, \beta^* \leq 1$ ).
- $l_t$  level: weighted average between  $y_t$  and one-step ahead forecast for time  $t$ , ( $l_{t-1} + b_{t-1} = \hat{y}_{t|t-1}$ )
- $b_t$  slope: weighted average of  $(l_t - l_{t-1})$  and  $b_{t-1}$ , current and previous estimate of slope.
- Choose  $\alpha, \beta^*, l_0, b_0$  to minimise SSE.

*\* we now have 2 parameters  
and 2 initial states.*

## Error Correction form

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$$\Rightarrow y_t = l_{t-1} + b_{t-1} + e_t \quad \varepsilon_t \sim \text{NID}(0, \sigma^2) \quad (\text{Obs eqn})$$

$$\begin{aligned} l_t &= \alpha y_t + (1-\alpha)(l_{t-1} + b_{t-1}) = \alpha y_t + l_{t-1} + b_{t-1} - \alpha l_{t-1} - \alpha b_{t-1} \\ &= l_{t-1} + b_{t-1} + \alpha (y_t - (l_{t-1} + b_{t-1})) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow l_t = l_{t-1} + b_{t-1} + \alpha e_t \quad \varepsilon_t \sim \text{NID}(0, \sigma^2) \quad (\text{level eqn})$$

$$b_t = \beta^* (l_t - l_{t-1}) + (1 - \beta^*) b_{t-1}$$

$$= \beta^* l_t - \beta^* l_{t-1} + b_{t-1} - \beta^* b_{t-1}$$

↳ sub in  $l_t$

$$= \beta^* (l_{t-1} + b_{t-1} + \alpha l_t) - \beta^* l_{t-1} + b_{t-1} - \beta^* b_{t-1}$$

$$= \cancel{\beta^* l_{t-1}} + \cancel{\beta^* b_{t-1}} + \alpha \beta^* e_t - \cancel{\beta^* l_{t-1}} + b_{t-1} - \cancel{\beta^* b_{t-1}}$$

$$\Rightarrow b_t = b_{t-1} + \alpha \beta^* e_t \quad \varepsilon_t \sim \text{NID}(0, \sigma^2) \quad (\text{Trend eqn})$$

Holt's linear method with additive errors.

- Assume  $\varepsilon_t = y_t - l_{t-1} - b_{t-1} \sim \text{NID}(0, \sigma^2)$ .
- Substituting into the error correction equations for Holt's linear method

$$y_t = l_{t-1} + b_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$

$$l_t = l_{t-1} + b_{t-1} + \alpha\varepsilon_t$$

$$b_t = b_{t-1} + \alpha\beta^*\varepsilon_t$$

\* Developed in early 2000  
at Monash

- For simplicity, set  $\beta = \alpha\beta^*$ .

$$0 < \beta^* < 1 \Rightarrow 0 < \beta < \alpha$$

Holt's methods method with additive errors.

Forecast equation  
 Observation equation  
 State equations

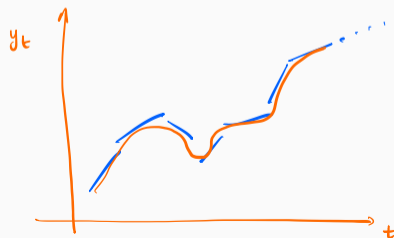
$$\hat{y}_{t+h|t} = l_t + hb_t$$

$$y_t = l_{t-1} + b_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$

$$l_t = l_{t-1} + b_{t-1} + \alpha\varepsilon_t$$

$$b_t = b_{t-1} + \beta\varepsilon_t$$

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



Holt's linear method with multiplicative errors.

■ Assume  $\varepsilon_t = \frac{y_t - (l_{t-1} + b_{t-1})}{(l_{t-1} + b_{t-1})} \Rightarrow \hat{\varepsilon}_t = \frac{y_t - \hat{y}_{t|t-1}}{\hat{y}_{t|t-1}} \neq \varepsilon_t$

- Following a similar approach as above, the innovations state space model underlying Holt's linear method with multiplicative errors is specified as

$$y_t = (l_{t-1} + b_{t-1})(1 + \varepsilon_t)$$

*\* so now we multiply by the error component*

$$l_t = (l_{t-1} + b_{t-1})(1 + \alpha\varepsilon_t)$$

$$b_t = b_{t-1} + \beta(l_{t-1} + b_{t-1})\varepsilon_t$$

where again  $\beta = \alpha\beta^*$  and  $\varepsilon_t \sim \text{NID}(0, \sigma^2)$ .

## Component form

$$\hat{y}_{T+h|T} = l_T + (\phi + \phi^2 + \dots + \phi^h) b_T$$

$$l_t = \alpha y_t + (1 - \alpha)(l_{t-1} + \phi b_{t-1})$$

$$b_t = \beta^*(l_t - l_{t-1}) + (1 - \beta^*)\phi b_{t-1}$$

*to produce more conservative forecasts*

Assume  $\phi = 0.9$

$$h=1 \quad \phi b_T \quad 0.9 b_T$$

$$h=2 \quad (\phi + \phi^2) b_T \quad (0.9 + 0.81) b_T$$

$$h=3 \quad (\phi + \phi^2 + \phi^3) b_T \quad (0.9 + 0.81 + 0.729) b_T$$

$$\text{as } h \rightarrow \infty \quad \phi^h \rightarrow 0 \quad \phi + \phi^2 + \phi^3 + \dots = \frac{\phi}{1-\phi} \rightarrow l_T + \frac{\phi}{1-\phi} b_T \quad (\text{flat/constant})$$

## Component form

$$\hat{y}_{T+h|T} = l_T + (\phi + \phi^2 + \dots + \phi^h)b_T$$

$$l_t = \alpha y_t + (1 - \alpha)(l_{t-1} + \phi b_{t-1})$$

$$b_t = \beta^*(l_t - l_{t-1}) + (1 - \beta^*)\phi b_{t-1}.$$

- Damping parameter  $0 < \phi < 1$ .
- If  $\phi = 1$ , identical to Holt's linear trend.
- As  $h \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\hat{y}_{T+h|T} \rightarrow l_T + \phi b_T / (1 - \phi)$ .
- Short-run forecasts trended, long-run forecasts constant.

- Write down the model for ETS(A,Ad,N)

Recall you need error correction form. Start with

$$e_t = \hat{y}_t - \hat{y}_{t|t-1} = y_t - (l_{t-1} + \phi b_{t-1})$$

Re-arrange  $y_t = l_{t-1} + \phi b_{t-1} + e_t$   $\rightarrow e_t \sim NID(0, \sigma^2)$