

# Lecture 13

## Time Series Analysis II

*DSA 8020 Statistical Methods II*

Estimating Seasonality

Regression Methods

Seasonal ARIMA  
Models

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Recall the trend, seasonality, noise decomposition mentioned last week:

$$Y_t = \mu_t + s_t + \eta_t,$$

where

- $\mu_t$ : trend component is a long-term pattern or directionality observed over time;
- $s_t$ : seasonal component is a pattern that repeats at regular intervals within a specific time period;
- $\eta_t$ : random noise represents the irregular fluctuations that may be correlated in time.

We are going to learn two approaches for estimating  $s_t$ , the **seasonal component**

- Let's consider the situation that a time series consists of seasonal component only (assuming the trend has been estimated/removed), that is,

$$Y_t = s_t + \eta_t,$$

with  $\{s_t\}$  having period  $s$  (i.e.,  $s_{t+js} = s_t$  for all integers  $j$  and  $t$ ),  $\sum_{t=1}^s s_t = 0$  and  $\mathbb{E}(\eta_t) = 0$

- Two regression methods to **estimate**  $\{s_t\}$ 
  - Harmonic regression
  - Seasonal mean model

## Harmonic Regression

- A harmonic regression model has the form

$$s_t = \sum_{j=1}^k A_j \cos(2\pi f_j t + \phi_j).$$

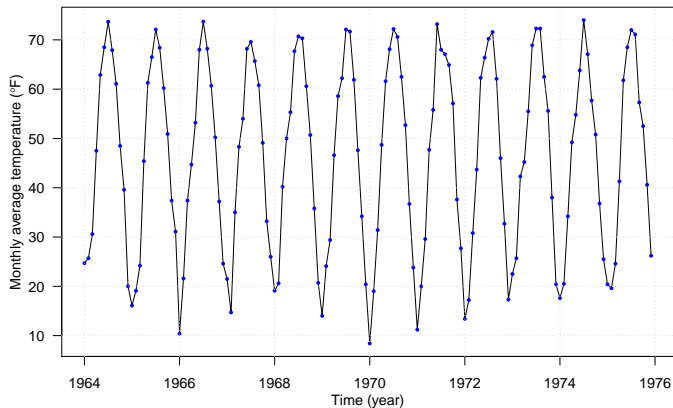
For each  $j = 1, \dots, k$ :

- $A_j > 0$  is the amplitude of the  $j$ -th cosine wave
  - $f_j$  controls the frequency of the  $j$ -th cosine wave (how often waves repeats)
  - $\phi_j \in [-\pi, \pi]$  is the phase of the  $j$ -th wave (where it starts)
- The above can be expressed as

$$\sum_{j=1}^k \{ \beta_{1j} \cos(2\pi f_j t) + \beta_{2j} \sin(2\pi f_j t) \},$$

where  $\beta_{1j} = A_j \cos(\phi_j)$  and  $\beta_{2j} = -A_j \sin(\phi_j) \Rightarrow$  **if  $\{f_j\}_{j=1}^k$  are known, we can use regression techniques to estimate the parameters  $\{\beta_{1j}, \beta_{2j}\}_{j=1}^k$**

## Monthly Temperature in Dubuque, IA [Cryer & Chan, 2008]



Let's assume there is no trend in this time series. Here we want to estimate  $s_t$ , the seasonal component

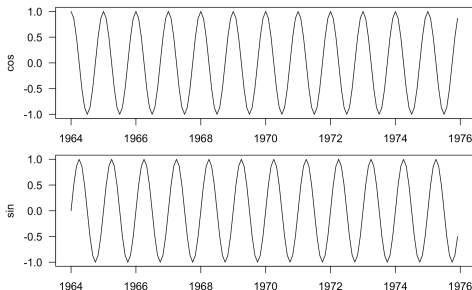
## Modeling Annual Cycle via Harmonic Regression

$$\text{Model: } s_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \cos(2\pi t) + \beta_2 \sin(2\pi t)$$

⇒ **annual cycles can be modeled by a linear combination of cos and sin with 1-year period** ⇒  $d = 12$ .

In R, we can easily create these harmonics using the `harmonic` function in the `TSA` package

```
harmonics <- harmonic(tempdub, 1)
```



```
```\r}  
harReg <- lm(tempdub ~ harmonics)  
summary(harReg)
```

Call:

```
lm(formula = tempdub ~ harmonics)
```

Residuals:

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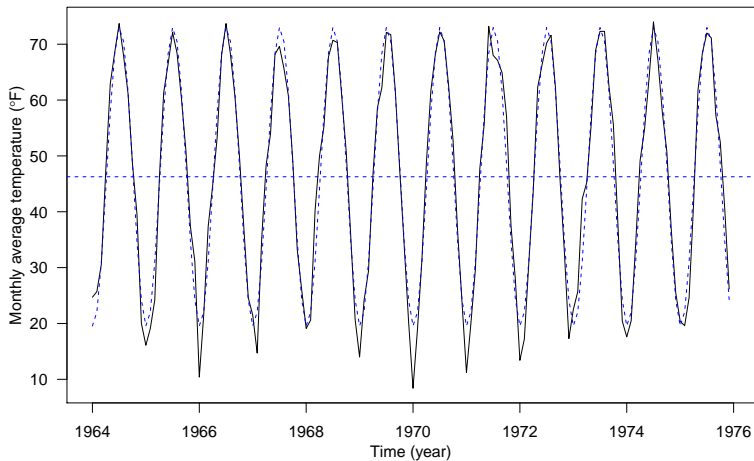
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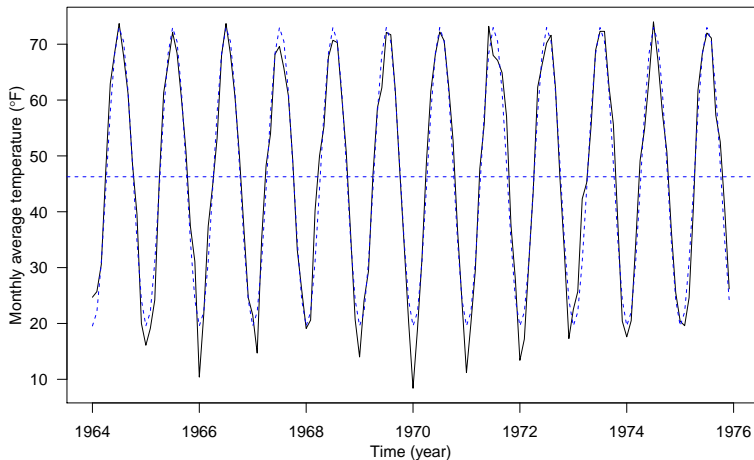
**Question:** What assumptions are we making here?



# The Harmonic Regression Model Fit



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**Question:** What can be the model limitations?

- **Harmonics regression** assumes the seasonal pattern has a regular shape, i.e., the height of the peaks is the same as the depth of the troughs
- A less restrictive approach is to model  $\{s_t\}$  as

$$s_t = \begin{cases} \beta_1 & \text{for } t = 1, 1 + d, 1 + 2d, \dots & ; \\ \beta_2 & \text{for } t = 2, 2 + d, 2 + 2d, \dots & ; \\ \vdots & \vdots & ; \\ \beta_d & \text{for } t = d, 2d, 3d, \dots & . \end{cases}$$

- This is the **seasonal means** model, the parameters  $(\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_d)^T$  can be estimated under the linear model framework (think about ANOVA)

## R Output

Call:

lm(formula = tempdub ~ month - 1)

Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-8.2750	-2.2479	0.1125	1.8896	9.8250

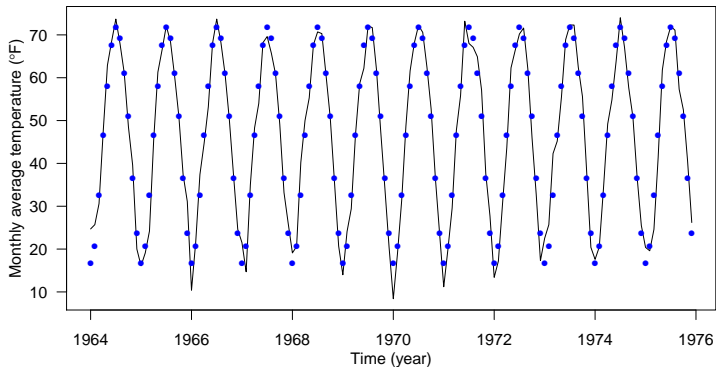
Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )
monthJanuary	16.608	0.987	16.83	<2e-16 ***
monthFebruary	20.650	0.987	20.92	<2e-16 ***
monthMarch	32.475	0.987	32.90	<2e-16 ***
monthApril	46.525	0.987	47.14	<2e-16 ***
monthMay	58.092	0.987	58.86	<2e-16 ***
monthJune	67.500	0.987	68.39	<2e-16 ***
monthJuly	71.717	0.987	72.66	<2e-16 ***
monthAugust	69.333	0.987	70.25	<2e-16 ***
monthSeptember	61.025	0.987	61.83	<2e-16 ***
monthOctober	50.975	0.987	51.65	<2e-16 ***
monthNovember	36.650	0.987	37.13	<2e-16 ***
monthDecember	23.642	0.987	23.95	<2e-16 ***

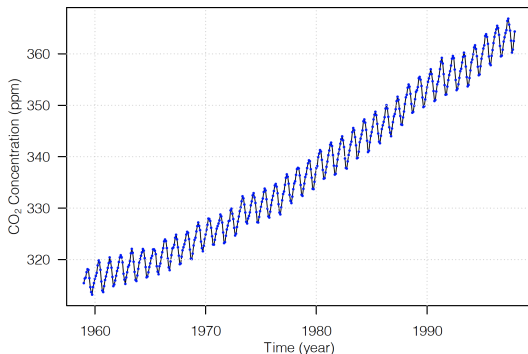
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# The Seasonal Means Model Fit



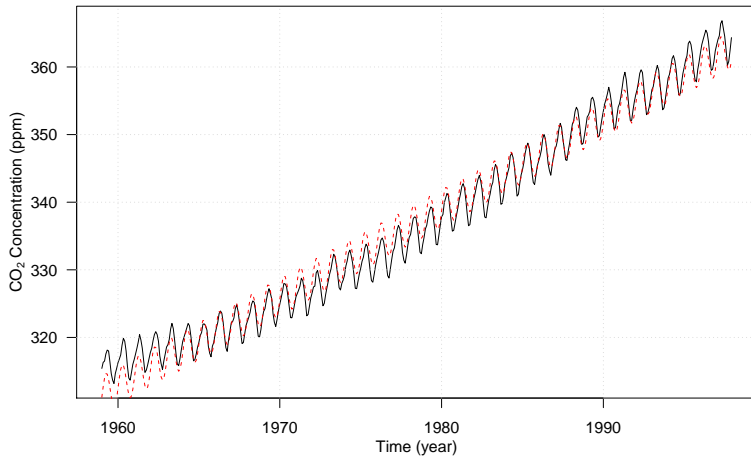
# Estimating the Trend and Seasonal Components Together



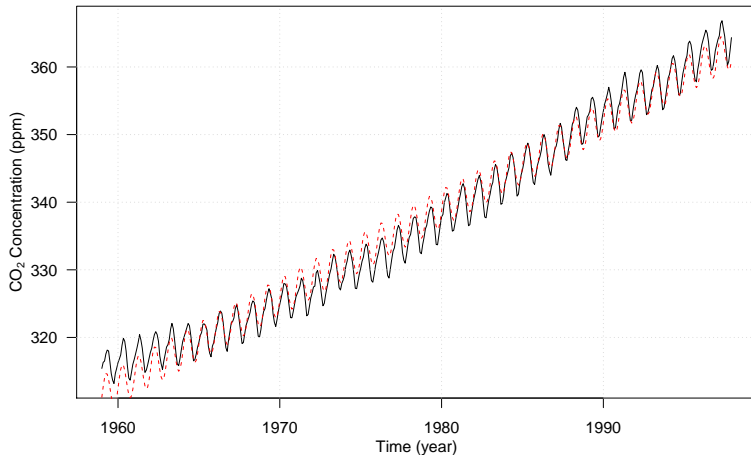
Let's perform a regression analysis to model both  $\mu_t$  (assuming a linear time trend) and  $s_t$  (using  $\cos$  and  $\sin$ )

```
```\r\ntime <- as.numeric(time(co2))\nharmonics <- harmonic(co2, 1)\n\nlm_trendSeason <- lm(co2 ~ time + harmonics)\nsummary(lm_trendSeason)
```

# The Regression Fit



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**Question:** How well the model fits the data?



- We define the first order difference operator  $\nabla$  as

$$\nabla Y_t = Y_t - Y_{t-1} = (1 - B)Y_t,$$

where  $B$  is the **backshift operator** and is defined as  $BY_t = Y_{t-1}$ .

- Similarly the general order difference operator  $\nabla^q Y_t$  is **defined recursively** as  $\nabla[\nabla^{q-1} Y_t]$

- The backshift operator of power  $q$  is defined as  $B^q Y_t = Y_{t-q}$

- A seasonal difference is the difference between an observation and the previous observation from the same season:

$$Y_t - Y_{t-s} = Y_t - B^s Y_t = (1 - B^s)Y_t$$

## The Seasonal ARIMA (SARIMA) Model

Let  $d$  and  $D$  be non-negative integers. Then  $\{X_t\}$  is a **seasonal ARIMA**  $(p, d, q) \times (P, D, Q)$  process with period  $s$  if

$$Y_t = \nabla^d \nabla_s^D X_t = (1 - B)^d (1 - B^s)^D X_t,$$

is a **casual** ARMA process define by

$$\phi(B)\Phi(B^s)Y_t = \theta(B)\Theta(B^s)Z_t,$$

where  $\{Z_t\} \sim \text{WN}(0, \sigma^2)$ .

## An Illustration of Seasonal Model

Consider a monthly time series  $\{X_t\}$  with both a trend, and a seasonal component of period  $s = 12$ .

- Suppose we know the values of  $d$  and  $D$  such that  $Y_t = (1 - B)^d(1 - B^{12})^D X_t$  is stationary
- We can arrange the data this way:

	Month 1	Month 2	...	Month 12
Year 1	$Y_1$	$Y_2$	...	$Y_{12}$
Year 2	$Y_{13}$	$Y_{14}$	...	$Y_{24}$
⋮	⋮	⋮	...	⋮
Year $r$	$Y_{1+12(r-1)}$	$Y_{2+12(r-1)}$	...	$Y_{12+12(r-1)}$

Here we view each column (month) of the data table from the previous slide as a **separate time series**

- For each month  $m$ , we assume the same ARMA( $P, Q$ ) model. We have

$$\begin{aligned} Y_{m+12s} - \sum_{i=1}^P \Phi_i Y_{m+12(s-i)} \\ = U_{m+12s} + \sum_{j=1}^Q \Phi_j U_{m+12(s-j)}, \end{aligned}$$

for each  $s = 0, \dots, r-1$ , where

$\{U_{m+12s:s=0,\dots,r-1}\} \sim \text{WN}(0, \sigma_U^2)$  for each  $m$

- We can write this as

$$\Phi(B^{12})Y_t = \Theta(B^{12})U_t,$$

and this defines the **inter-annual model**

We induce correlation between the months by letting the process  $\{U_t\}$  follow an ARMA( $p, q$ ) model,

$$\phi(B)U_t = \theta(B)Z_t,$$

where  $Z_t \sim \text{WN}(0, \sigma^2)$

- This is the **intra-annual model**
- The **combination** of the **inter-annual** and **intra-annual** models for the **differenced** stationary series,

$$Y_t = (1 - B)^d(1 - B^{12})^D X_t,$$

yields a **SARIMA** model for  $\{X_t\}$

1. Transform data if necessary

2. Find  $d$  and  $D$  so that

$$Y_t = (1 - B)^d (1 - B^s)^D X_t$$

is stationary

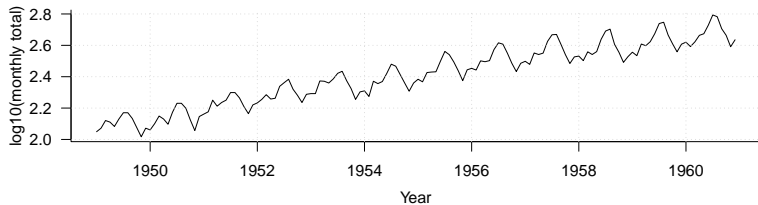
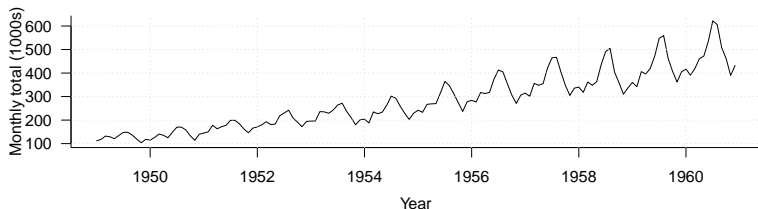
3. Examine the sample ACF/PACF of  $\{Y_t\}$  at lags that are multiples of  $s$  for plausible values for  $P$  and  $Q$

4. Examine the sample ACF/PACF at lags  $\{1, 2, \dots, s - 1\}$ , to identify possible values for  $p$  and  $q$

5. Use **maximum likelihood method** to fit the models
6. Use model summaries, diagnostics, AIC (AICC) to determine the best SARIMA model
7. Conduct forecast

## Airline Passengers Example

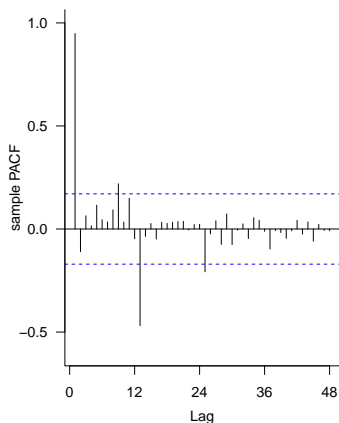
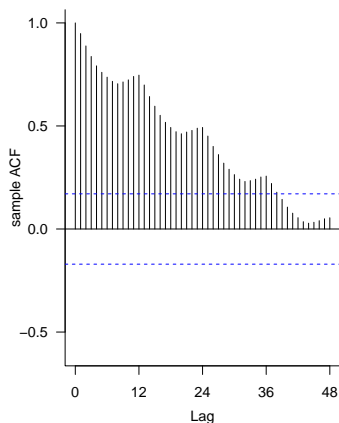
We consider the data set `airpassengers`, which are the monthly totals of international airline passengers from 1949 to 1960, taken from [Box and Jenkins \[1970\]](#)



Here we stabilize the variance with a  $\log_{10}$  transformation

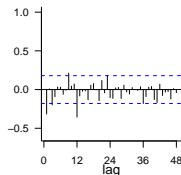
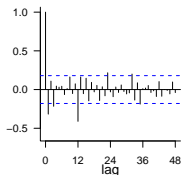
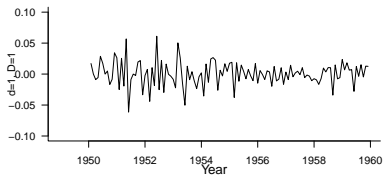
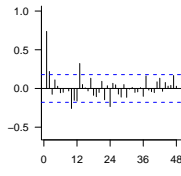
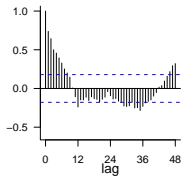
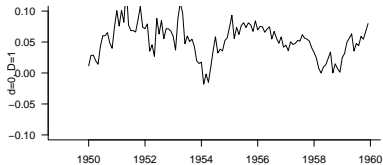
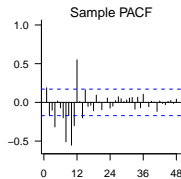
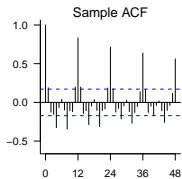
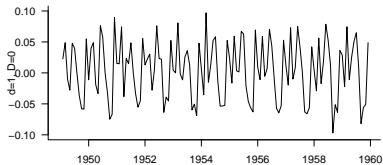


## Sample ACF/PACF Plots



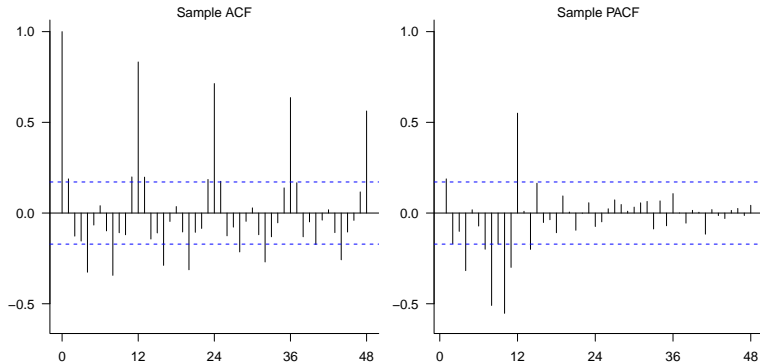
- The sample ACF decays slowly with a wave structure  $\Rightarrow$  seasonality
- The lag one PACF is close to one, indicating that differencing the data would be reasonable

# Trying Different Orders of Differencing



## Choosing Candidate SARIMA Models

We choose a  $SARIMA(p, 1, q) \times (P, 0, Q)$  model. Next we examine the sample ACF/PACF of the process  $Y_t = (1 - B)X_t$



Now we need to choose  $P$ ,  $Q$ ,  $p$ , and  $q$

# Fitting a SARIMA(1, 1, 0) × (1, 0, 0) model

```
> fit1 <- arima(diff.1.0, order = c(1, 0, 0), seasonal = list(order = c(1, 0, 0), period = 12))  
> fit1
```

Call:

```
arima(x = diff.1.0, order = c(1, 0, 0), seasonal = list(order = c(1, 0, 0),  
  period = 12))
```

Coefficients:

	ar1	sar1	intercept
	-0.2667	0.9291	0.0039
s.e.	0.0865	0.0235	0.0096

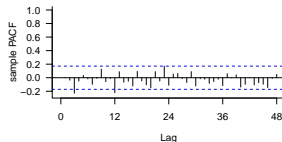
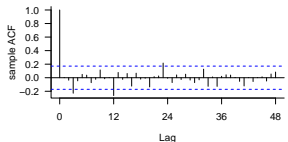
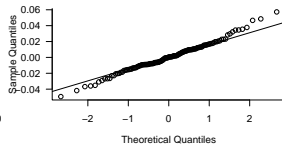
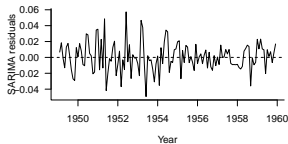
sigma<sup>2</sup> estimated as 0.0003298: log likelihood = 327.27, aic = -646.54

```
> Box.test(fit1$residuals, lag = 48, type = "Ljung-Box")
```

Box-Ljung test

data: fit1\$residuals

X-squared = 55.372, df = 48, p-value = 0.2164



## A Discussion of the Model Fit

- The spread of the residuals is larger in 1949-1955 compared to the later years and the residual distribution has heavy tails
- The Ljung-Box test result indicates the fitted SARIMA  $(1, 1, 0) \times (1, 0, 0)$  has sufficiently account for the temporal dependence
- 95% CI for  $\phi_1$  and  $\Phi_1$  do not contain zero  $\Rightarrow$  no need to go with simpler model

Our estimated model is

$$(1 + 0.2667B)(1 - 0.9291B^{12})(X_t - 0.0039) = Z_t,$$

where  $\{Z_t\} \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} N(0, \sigma^2)$  with  $\hat{\sigma}^2 = 0.00033$

## Comparing with a SARIMA(0,1,0) × (1,0,0) Model

```
> (fit2 <- arima(diff.1.0, seasonal = list(order = c(1, 0, 0), period = 12)))
```

Call:

```
arima(x = diff.1.0, seasonal = list(order = c(1, 0, 0), period = 12))
```

Coefficients:

	sar1	intercept
	0.9081	0.0040
s.e.	0.0278	0.0108

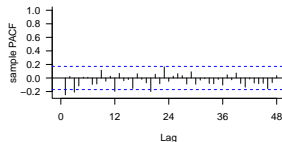
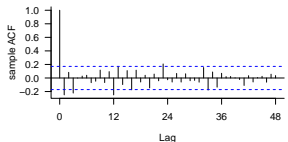
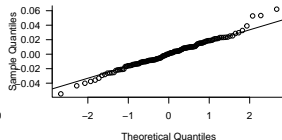
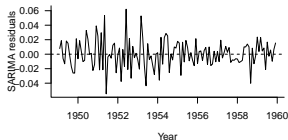
sigma^2 estimated as 0.0003616: log likelihood = 322.75, aic = -639.51

```
> Box.test(fit2$residuals, lag = 48, type = "Ljung-Box")
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Box-Ljung test

data: fit2\$residuals

X-squared = 80.641, df = 48, p-value = 0.002209

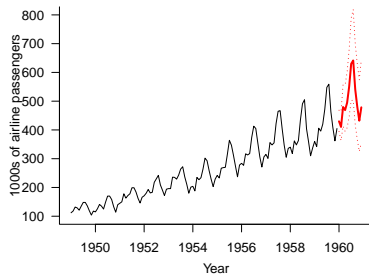
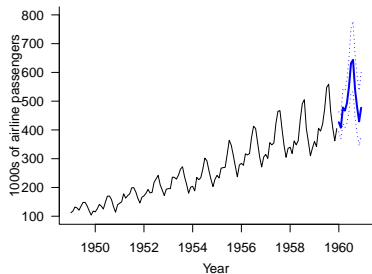
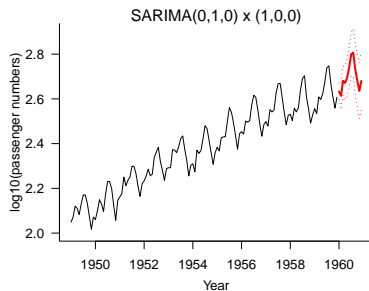
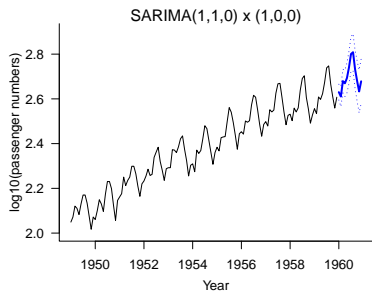


Here we drop the AR(1) term

- The residual plots looks quite similar to before: The spread of the residuals is larger in 1949-1955 compared to the later years and the residual distribution has heavy tails
- Both  $\hat{\sigma}^2$  and AIC increase (compared with model fit1)
- The lag 1 of ACF and PACF now lies outside the IID noise bounds. The Ljung-Box  $p$ -value of 0.0022, leads us to reject the IID residual assumption

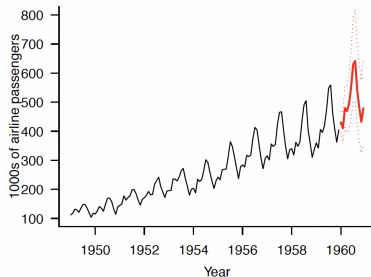
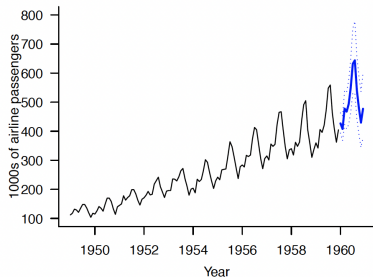
In conclusion, the SARIMA(1, 1, 0)  $\times$  (1, 0, 0) model fits better than SARIMA(0, 1, 0)  $\times$  (1, 0, 0)

# Forecasting the 1960 Data





# Evaluating Forecast Performance



Metrics	Model Fit1	Model Fit2
Root Mean Square Error	30.36	31.32
Mean Relative Error	0.057	0.060
Empirical Coverage	0.917	1.000

These slides cover two methods for estimating **seasonality**:

- **Harmonic regression models**
- **Seasonal ARIMA Models**
- Ways to evaluate **forecasting** performance

R functions to know:

- `harmonic` (under the package `TSA`) for constructing harmonic functions
- Incorporating `seasonal = list(order = c(P, D, Q), period = s)` in `arima` for **SARIMA** modeling