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# Forecasting: Principles and Practice



## 8. Seasonal ARIMA models

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# Common ARIMA models

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

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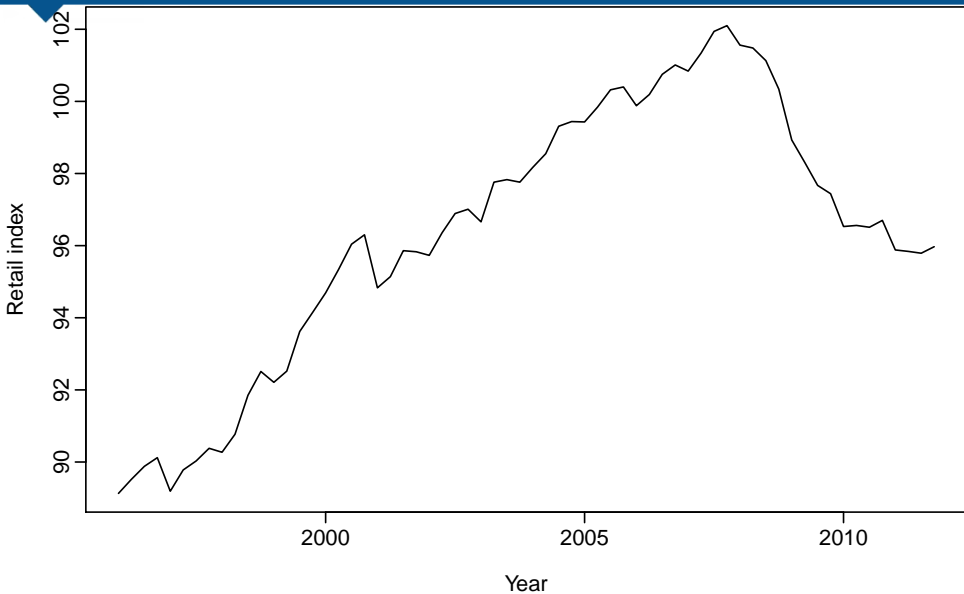
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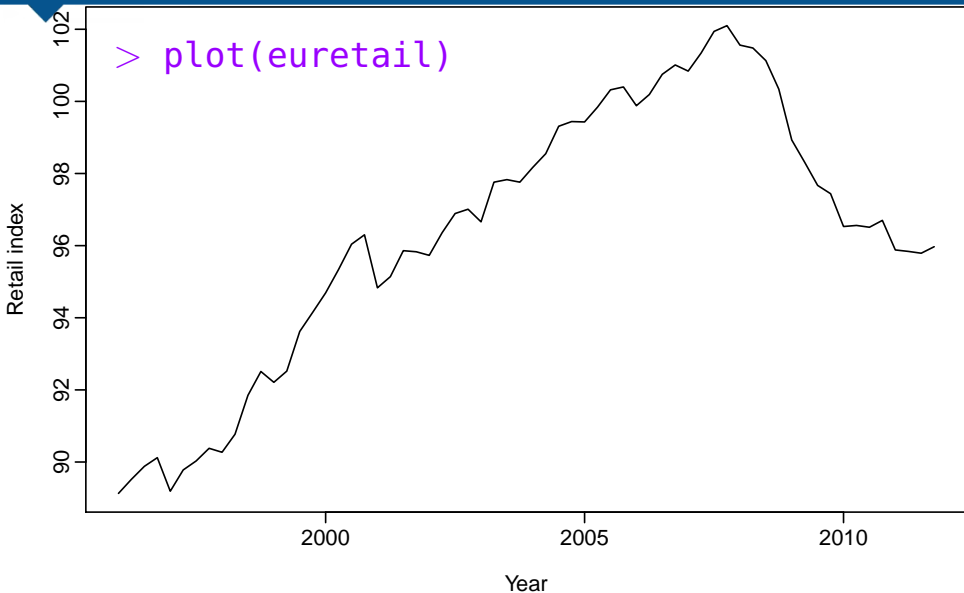
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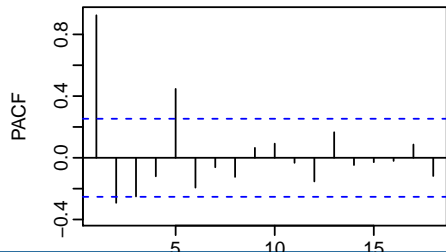
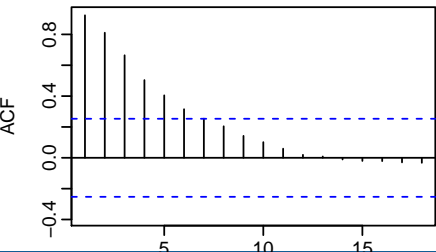
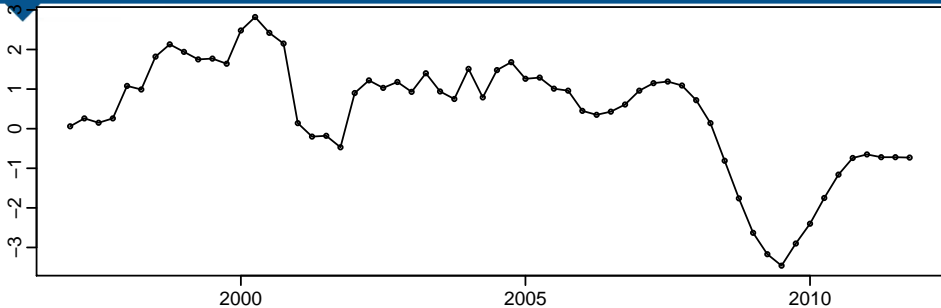




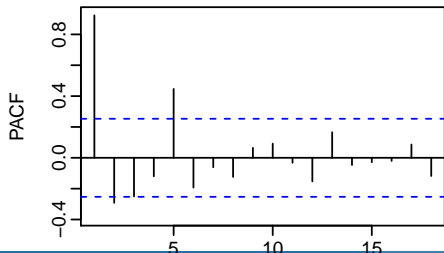
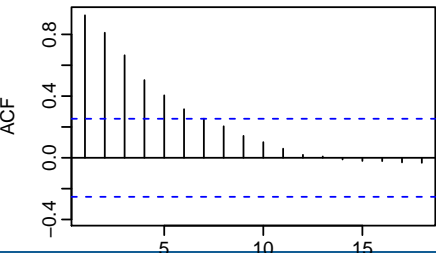
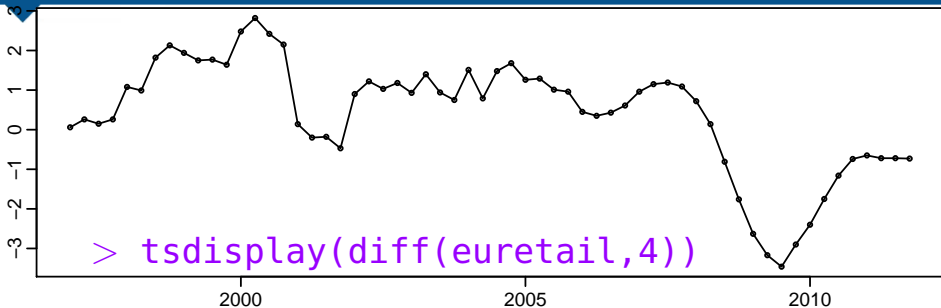
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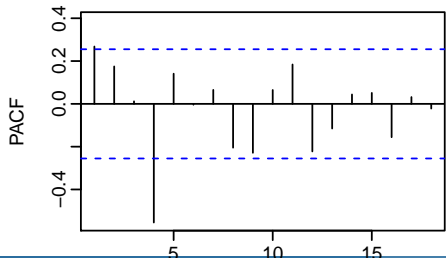
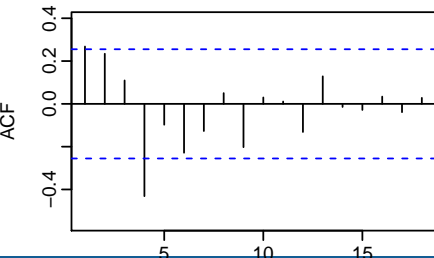
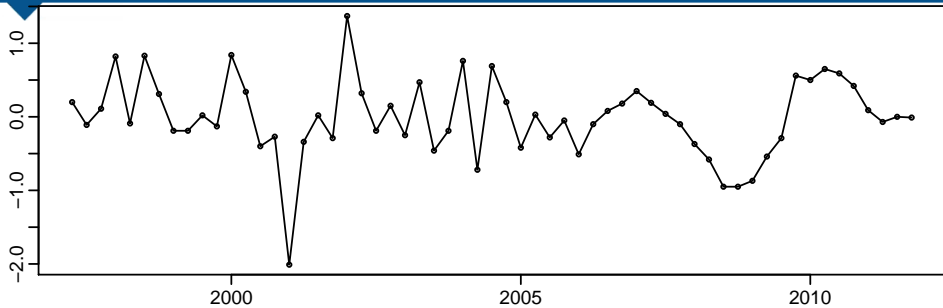
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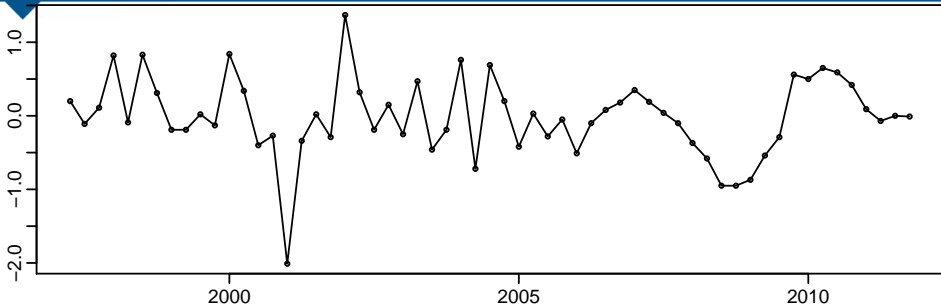
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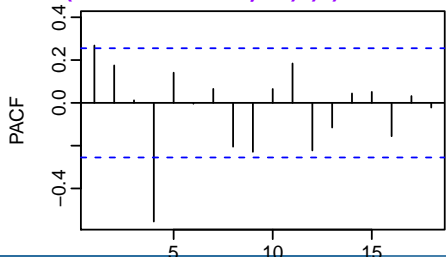
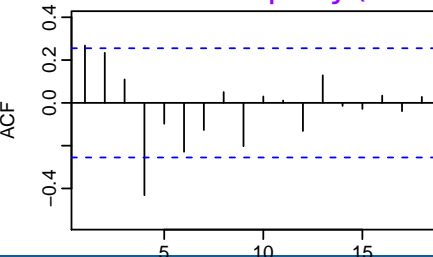
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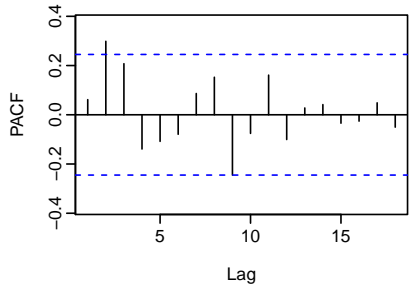
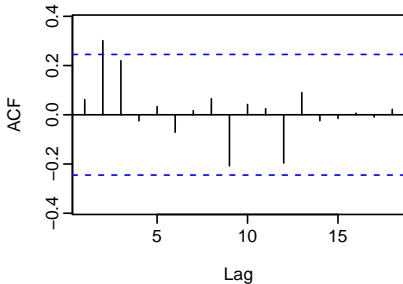
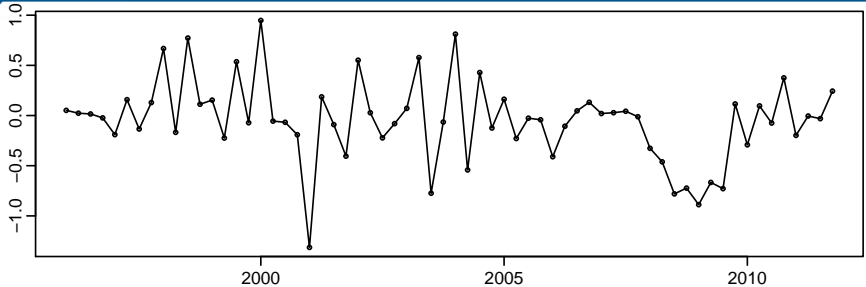
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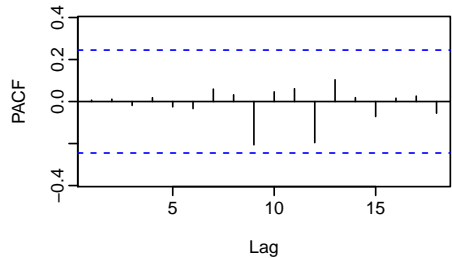
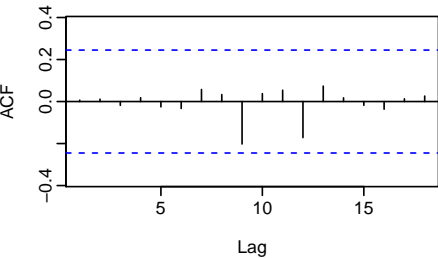
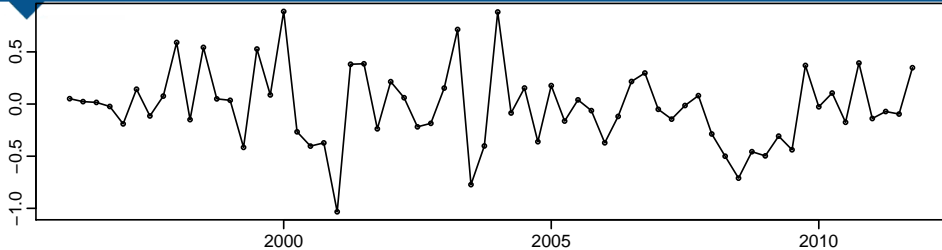
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s.e.	0.1424	0.1755	0.6792

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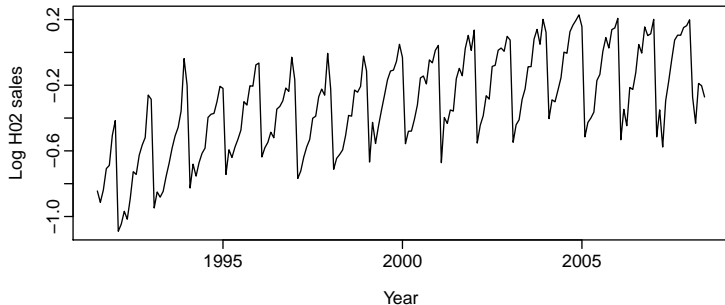
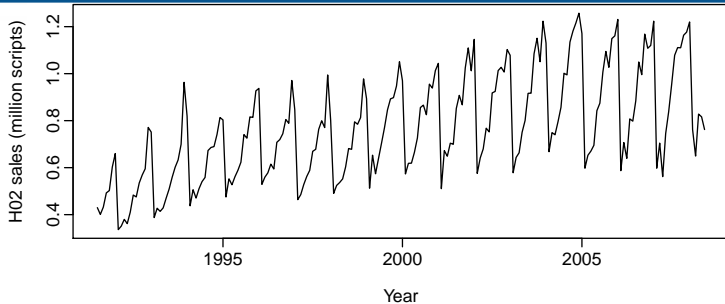
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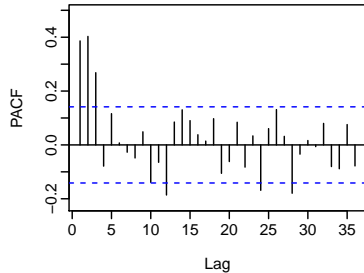
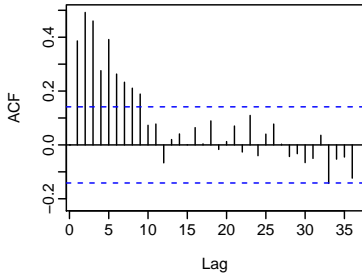
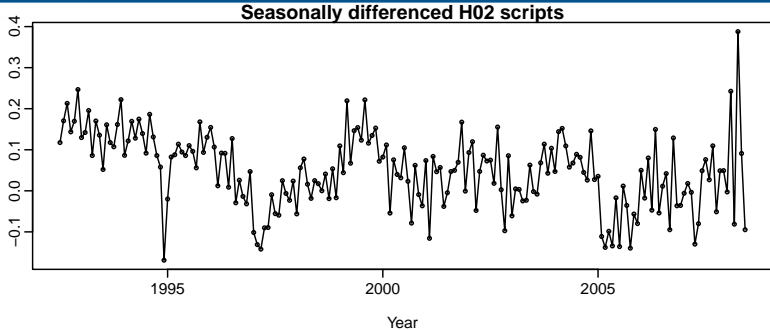
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	0.2625	0.3697	0.4194	-0.6615
s.e.	0.1239	0.1260	0.1296	0.1555

```
sigma^2 estimated as 0.1451:  log likelihood=-28.7  
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```
> fit <- Arima(h02, order=c(3,0,1),  
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```

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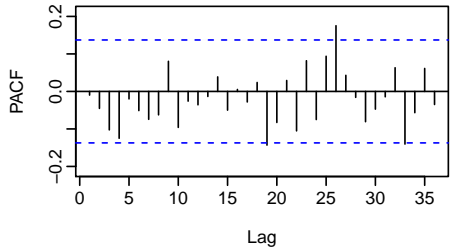
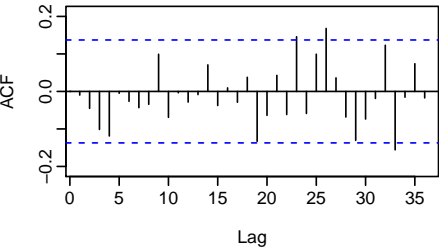
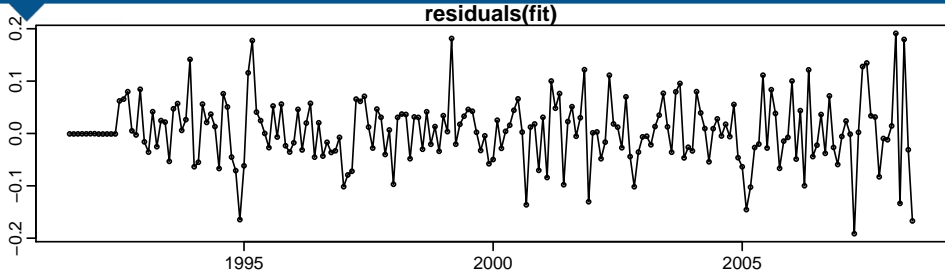
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```

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s.e.	0.1636	0.0878	0.0942	0.1895	0.0861	0.0872

```
sigma^2 estimated as 0.004145:  log likelihood=250.04  
AIC=-486.08    AICc=-485.48    BIC=-463.28
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```
tsdisplay(residuals(fit))  
Box.test(residuals(fit), lag=36,  
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  test <- window(x,start=test.start)
  fit <- Arima(train,...)
  fc <- forecast(fit,h=h)
  return(accuracy(fc,test)[2,"RMSE"])
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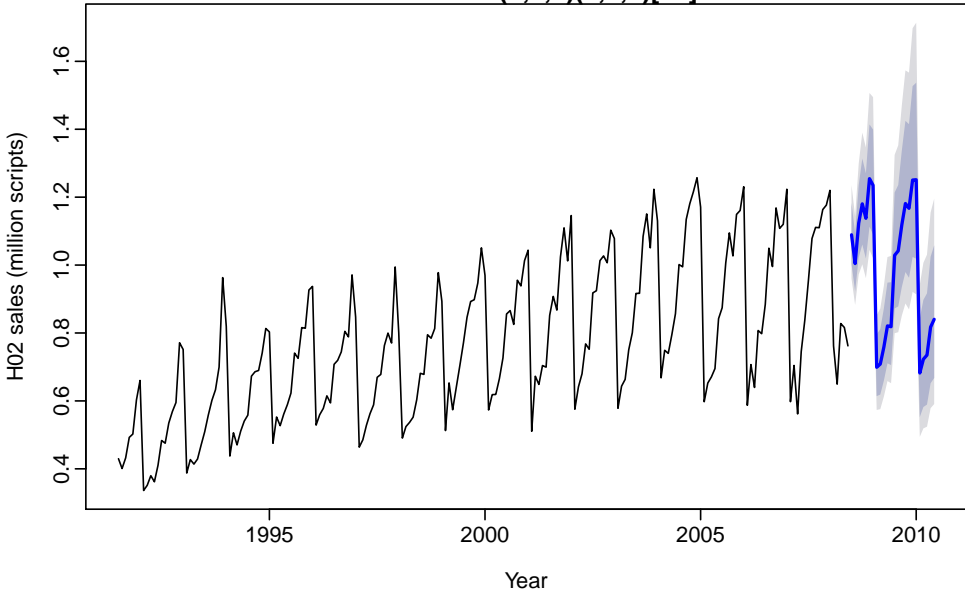


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