

TIME SERIES ANALYSIS

Classical time series model (addictive):

$$Y_t = T_t + C_t + S_t + I_t$$

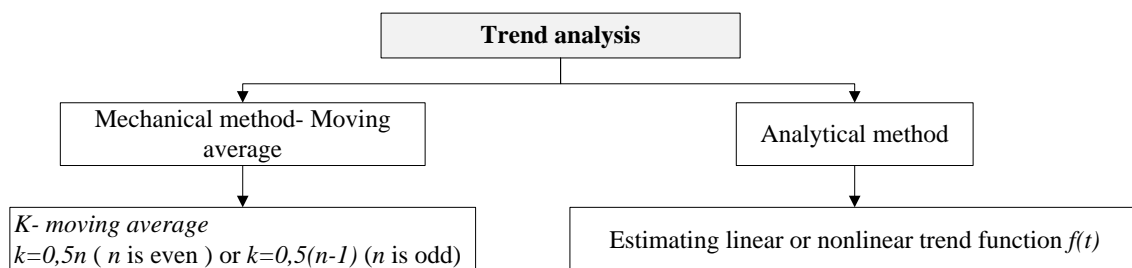
Y_t – time series;

T_t – trend; a long term relatively smooth pattern or direction that the series exhibits;

C_t – cycle, wavelike or oscillatory pattern about a long term trend that is generally apparent over a number of years; it has duration of more than one year;

S_t – seasonal variations, are like cycles but they occur over short repetitive calendar periods and have durations of less than one year;

I_t – residual or irregular variation; the random movement that a series exhibits after the trend, cycle and seasonal variation are removed.



Mechanical method

The moving average (MA), takes away the short term seasonal and irregular variation, leaving a combined trend and cyclical movement. Moving averages are widely used to to remove seasonal variation, irregular variation or both.

Task 1. Monthly sales figures for gasoline were recorded at all the gas stations in a particular town, as shown in table. Calculate the three-month and five-month moving averages. Create a graph. (A moving average is a simple arithmetic average computed over any number of time periods. For a three period moving average we would take the first three months (1,2 and 3) and average them. Then we would move to the next three month grouping (2,3 and 4) and average them; and so on.)

Hint:

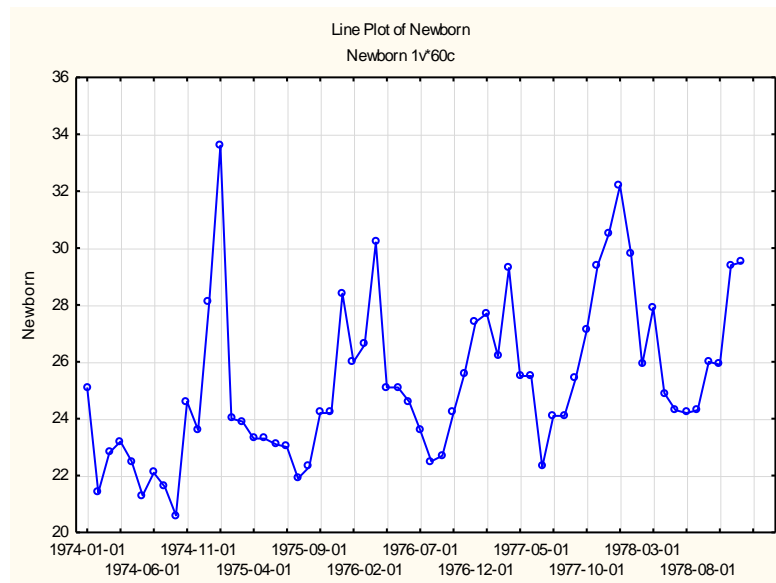
Month	Gasoline sales	3 – Month MA		5- Month MA	
		Moving Total	Moving Average=Moving total/3	Moving Total	Moving Average=Moving total/5
1	37	-	-	-	-
2	70			-	-
3	45				
4	26				
5	60				
6	45				
7	31				
8	79				
9	24				
10	61				
11	25			-	-
12	44	-	-	-	-

Task 2. The data concerned the newborn in Poland in the years 1974-1978 is available in the file Newborn.sta.

a) Create a time series plot.

Hint:

<Graphs> <2D Graphs> <Line plots (Variables)>



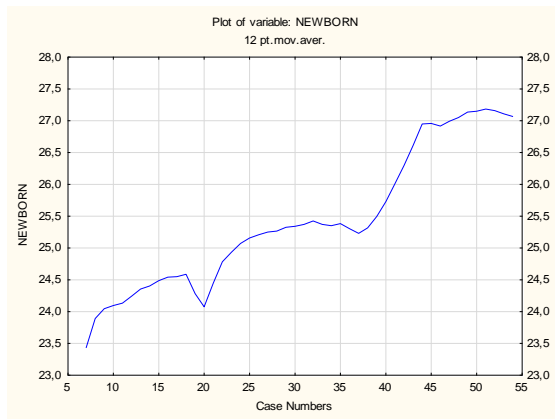
b) Use $k=12$ month moving average and find the trend.

Hint: <Statistics> <Advanced linear/nonlinear models> <Times series/Forecasting> <Exponential smoothing and forecasting>

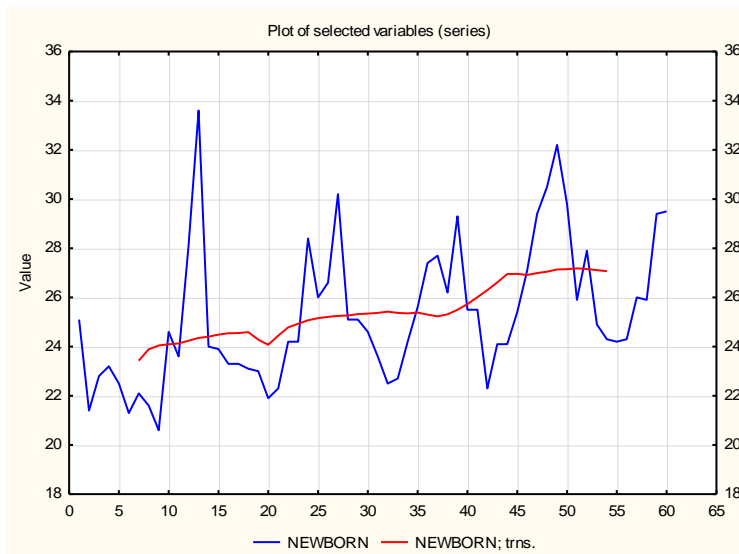
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c) Compare this two plots.



Task 3. The data concerned working hours (in millions) in the McDonalds Restaurants in Exeter in years 1991-1995 is available in the file Workinghours.sta.

- a) Create a time series plot.
- b) Use $k=4$ moving average and find the trend.
- c) Compare this two plots.

Analytical method

$$\hat{y} = a + bt$$

$$a = \bar{y} - b\bar{t}$$

$$\text{Trend line: } b = \frac{SS_{ty}}{SS_t}$$

$$SS_{ty} = \sum t_i y_i - \frac{(\sum t_i)(\sum y_i)}{n}$$

$$SS_t = \sum t_i^2 - \frac{(\sum t_i)^2}{n}$$

Note!

!!Remember to create a new independent variable t (time)!!

Task 4. Annual sales figures for a pharmaceutical company have been recorded over the past 10 years; they are shown in the table. Calculate the linear trend line of the data. Predict the annual sales in 1985.

Hint:

Year	Sales; y	Time; t	t^2	ty
1975	18	1	1	18
1976	19,4	2	4	38,8
1977	18	3	9	54
1978	19,9	4	16	79,6
1979	19,3	5	25	96,5
1980	21,1	6	36	126,6
1981	23,5	7	49	164,5
1982	23,2	8	64	185,6
1983	20,4	9	81	183,6
1984	24,4	10	100	244
Sum	207,2	55	385	1191,2

Task.5. The data concerned students (in thousands) in Poland in the years 1964-1994 is shown in the file Students.sta.

- a) Create a time series plot.
- b) Find and interpret simple linear trend model.
- c) Predict the number of students in the year 1995

Task 6. The data concerned buses (in thousands) in Poland in the years 1990-2004 is shown in the file Buses.sta.

- a) Create a time series plot.
- b) Find and interpret simple linear trend model.
- c) Predict the number of buses in the year 2005

Task 7. The data concerned the number of insurances (in thousands) sold in Poland in the years 1990-1996 is shown in the file Insurance.sta.

- a) Create a time series plot.
- b) Find and interpret parabolic trend model.
- c) Predict the number of insurances in the year 1997.