

## 1: Understanding Forecast Levels and Methods

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Enter your email to reset your password Or sign up using: Getty What is your business going to spend next year? When do you think that money will actually reach your bank account? How are sales going to flow and ebb? Forecasting for sales and cash flow is never simple, and the shaky economic recovery is making attempting to create an accurate forecast even more perplexing. Plan for the worst, but project for the best, too. To be prepared to at least break even in tough times, but also be ready for growth, Orb Audio CEO Ethan Siegel makes three different spreadsheets for his high-end speaker manufacturing business, Donna Fenn reports. This year, the company grew by 30 percent, with growth fueled largely by foreign sales driven by a weak dollar. Out with the old, in with the new. It might be wise to "consider pushing your annual forecast back to later in the year," he says. Keep your customer terms updated. We know this year, somebody significant is going to file bankruptcy on us. Therefore, our forecasts have to be more conservative, because we need to be able to subsidize that kick in the pants we know we are going to get. That would hurt bad. Plan discounts ahead of time There are two primary types of discounts a retailer might take: Promotional discounts during the season and clearance markdowns as the season winds down. Planning these discounts goes hand in hand with planning sales and inventories if you are using retail value as your unit of measure. Keep in mind that any retailer needs to protect gross margins and cash flow when planning clearance markdowns. Once inventory receipts have been planned, the next step is to plan how to execute those receipt plans. How much of my receipt plan do I want to commit to buying now, before the season begins? Keep your sales team constantly involved. But every month, the company adjusts those numbers based on input from eight to 10 account directors. At that point, the team makes a "buy, hold, or sell" decision on hiring and expenses. Know thyself, and know thy customers. The secret of a good cash forecast is knowing your business: When gazing into the crystal ball and attempting to forecast expected incomings and outgoings, cash flow rarelyâ€”if everâ€”ends up acting exactly how you expect. But the better you know your own business and your customers, the more accurate the forecast will be. Pay attention to the small stuff. If people are buying lots of supplies, then businesses are doing pretty well," Rick Israel, co-founder of Complete Office, a Seattle supplier of office products, told Inc. Supplies are like food: People still need to eat, and businesses still need to run copies and go through toner. But we are starting to see a trend of businesses buying just the things that are absolutely necessary.

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The system analyzes past sales to calculate forecasts by using 12 forecasting methods. The forecasts include detail information at the item level and higher level information about a branch or the company as a whole. A forecasting method that is appropriate for one product might not be appropriate for another product. You might find that a forecasting method that provides good results at one stage of a product life cycle remains appropriate throughout the entire life cycle. You can select between two methods to evaluate the current performance of the forecasting methods: Percent of accuracy POA. Mean absolute deviation MAD. Both of these performance evaluation methods require historical sales data for a period that you specify. This period is called a holdout period or period of best fit. The data in this period is used as the basis for recommending which forecasting method to use in making the next forecast projection. This recommendation is specific to each product and can change from one forecast generation to the next. When you generate a best fit forecast, the system compares actual sales order histories to forecasts for a specific time period and computes how accurately each different forecasting method predicted sales. Then the system recommends the most accurate forecast as the best fit. This graphic illustrates best fit forecasts: Figure Best fit forecast The system uses this sequence of steps to determine the best fit: Use each specified method to simulate a forecast for the holdout period. Compare actual sales to the simulated forecasts for the holdout period. Recommend a best fit forecast by the POA that is closest to percent over or under or the MAD that is closest to zero. Percent Over Last Year. Calculated Percent Over Last Year. Last Year to This Year. Exponential Smoothing with Trend and Seasonality. Specify the method that you want to use in the processing options for the Forecast Generation program R Most of these methods provide limited control. For example, the weight placed on recent historical data or the date range of historical data that is used in the calculations can be specified by you. The examples in the guide indicate the calculation procedure for each of the available forecasting methods, given an identical set of historical data. The method examples in the guide use part or all of these data sets, which is historical data from the past two years. The forecast projection goes into next year.

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Answers to frequently-asked questions FAQ Click on any highlighted word for a pop-up definition or on a highlighted reference to a publication for more information Note: Forecasting, the field What is the field of forecasting? The field of forecasting is concerned with approaches to determining what the future holds. It is also concerned with the proper presentation and use of forecasts. Forecasts may be conditional. That is, if policy A is adopted then X will occur. Often forecasts are made for future values of a time-series ; for example, the number of babies that will be born in a year, or the likely demand for compact cars. Alternatively, forecasts can be of one-off events such as the outcome of a union-management dispute or the performance of a new recruit. Forecasts can also be of distributions such as the locations of terrorist attacks or the occurrence of heart attacks among different age cohorts. The field of forecasting includes the study and application of judgment as well as of quantitative or statistical methods. How does forecasting relate to planning? Forecasting is concerned with what the future will look like, while planning is concerned with what it should look like. One would usually start by planning. The planning process produces a plan that is, along with information about the situation, an input to the forecasting process. If the organization does not like the forecasts generated by the forecasting process, it can generate other plans until a plan is found that leads to forecasts of acceptable outcomes. Of course, many organizations take a shortcut and merely change the forecast. This is analogous to a family deciding to change the weather forecast so they can go on a picnic. Where does knowledge about forecasting come from? Research on forecasting has produced many changes in recommended practice, especially since the s. We refer to recommended or best practice as principles. Most principles were derived from empirical comparisons of alternative forecasting methods. The most influential paper describing the findings of research of this kind is the M-competition paper Makridakis, et al The M-competition was followed by other competitions, the most recent being the M3-Competition Ord, Hibon, and Makridakis Emphasizing empirical findings may appear to be obviously desirable. However, the approach is not always adopted, as empirical evidence sometimes conflicts with common beliefs about how to forecast. For example, the advice to base forecasts on regression models that fit historical time-series data has had a detrimental effect on accuracy. Sometimes the research findings have been upsetting to academics, such as the discovery that relatively simple models are more accurate than complex ones in many situations Hogarth, This site and a book, Principles of Forecasting , are outputs of the Forecasting Principles project. The project is an attempt to summarize findings from all prior research in a form that can be readily used by researchers, educators, students, and practitioners. Types of forecasting problems Can you give me examples of different types of forecasting problems? Forecasting problems can be posed as questions. Here are some examples. How many babies will be born in Pittsburgh, PA in each of the next five years? Will the incumbent president be elected for a second term? How much inventory should we aim to hold at the end of this month for each of items? What will be the growth rate of the economy over the next three years? Taking account of technical matters and concern among some communities, how long will it take to complete a planned pipeline? In which areas should policing efforts be concentrated in order to have the greatest effect on property crime? Which will be the most prevalent diseases in the U. How should you structure a forecasting problem? Forecasting is concerned with how to collect and process information. Decisions about how to structure a forecasting problem can be important. For example, when should one decompose a problem and address each component separately? Forecasting includes such prosaic matters as obtaining relevant up-to-date data, checking for errors in the data, and making adjustments for inflation, working days, and seasonality. Forecast error sometimes depends more on how information is used than on getting ever more accurate information. The question of what information is needed and how it is best used is determined by the selection of forecasting methods. Is it important to use up-to-date data? This common wisdom is supported by research

although it is often violated in practice. Is it important to use much data? It is important to use data that spans a long time period or a wide range of similar situations. Doing so will reduce the risk that you will mistake short-term variations for fundamental trends or local anomalies for general findings. Should I collect as much data of different kinds as possible? Surprisingly, studies suggest that judgmental forecasters can become so overwhelmed with information that forecast accuracy is reduced Armstrong , However, if you use formal methods to forecast, you should collect relevant data of different kinds. Much research has been done on how to forecast using only historical data on the variable that is to be forecast. For example, airline call-center traffic could be forecast using extrapolation methods. As shown in the Methodology Tree , extrapolation methods are useful in many situations. Should I adjust it? People think that they know better and revise forecasts from quantitative methods, usually reducing accuracy as a result. However, structured judgmental adjustment can be useful if 1 recent events are not fully reflected in the data, 2 experts possess good domain knowledge about future changes, or 3 it is not possible to include key variables in the model. In general, minor revisions should be avoided. If the conditions are met, use written instructions for the task, solicit written adjustments, request adjustments from a group of experts, ask for adjustments to be made prior to seeing the forecast with a given method, record reasons for the revisions, and examine prior forecast errors. For details, see Goodwin How can I incorporate expert knowledge about the situation, especially knowledge about causality, in my forecast? People often have useful knowledge about a particular problem, which is referred to as domain knowledge. One approach to making effective use of domain knowledge consists of providing graphical decision support for judgmental forecasting Edmundson, Rule-based forecasting is another approach that combines expert domain knowledge with statistical techniques for extrapolating time series. In using use rule-based forecasting, most series features can be identified automatically, but domain knowledge is needed to identify some features, particularly causal forces acting on trends Collopy and Armstrong , If data are available on variables that are known to affect the situation of interest, causal models are possible. Theory, prior research, and expert domain knowledge provide information about relationships between the variable to be forecast and causal variables. Since causal models can relate planning and decision-making to forecasts, they are useful if one wants to create forecasts that are conditional upon different states of the environment. More important, causal models can be used to forecast the effects of different policies. Regression analysis is suitable if there are only a few relevant variables and there are many reliable observations that include causal variables changing independently of each other. Regression analysis involves estimating causal model coefficients from historical data. Models consist of one or more regression equations used to represent the relationships between a dependent variable and explanatory variables. Important principles for developing regression or econometric models are to 1 use prior knowledge and theory, not statistical fit, for selecting variables and for specifying the directions of effects 2 use simple models, and 3 discard variables if the estimated relationship conflicts with theory or prior evidence. The index method can be used if there are many variables and much domain knowledge about how the variables affect an outcome. Many forecasting problems involve few observations and many relevant variables, and such problems are more realistically modeled using the index method. Index scores are calculated by adding the values of the explanatory variables, which may be assessed subjectively as, for example, zero or one. If there is good prior domain knowledge, explanatory variables may be weighted relative to their importance. Index scores can be used as forecasts of the relative likelihood of an event. They can also be used to predict numerical outcomes, for example, by regressing index scores against historical data on a quantitative dependent variable. Segmentation is useful when a heterogeneous whole can be divided into homogenous parts that act in different ways in response to changes in causal variables, and that can be forecasted more accurately than the whole. For example, in the airline industry, price has different effects on business and personal travelers. Appropriate forecasting methods can be used to forecast individual segments. For example, separate regression models can be estimated for each segment. Segments were forecasted either by extrapolation or regression analysis. Segmentation improved accuracy for all three studies. It is often the case that one would like a forecast but there is little or no quantitative data. All is not lost! If you have a look at the left hand judgmental branch of the Methodology Tree , you will see a reassuring variety of forecasting methods that do not depend upon

quantitative data. One reason for avoiding judgmental forecasts is that, in many cases, they are more expensive than quantitative methods. If it is necessary to make inventory control forecasts every week each of 50, items, judgment cannot be used. Another reason for avoiding judgmental forecasts is that they are usually less accurate than formal methods. Research has shown that judgmental forecasts are subject to many biases such as optimism and overconfidence. Nigel Harvey described how to overcome many of these biases. If you need convincing that credible experts often make abysmal forecasts, see Cerf and Navasky. What methods are commonly used for forecasting? As shown in the Methodology Tree, forecasting methods can be classified into those that are based primarily on judgmental sources of information and those that use statistical data.

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exponentially, multiplicative equation is used. Practice shows that multiplicative is a more stable predictor, the additive method however is simpler to understand. We can still tune the parameters to get even a better model. Consider a hotel located on a hill station. It experiences high visits during the summer season whereas the visitors during the rest of the year are comparatively very less. Hence the profit earned by the owner will be far better in summer season than in any other season. This pattern will repeat itself every year. Such a repetition is called Seasonality. Datasets which show a similar set of pattern after fixed intervals of a time period suffer from seasonality. Hence we need a method that takes into account both trend and seasonality to forecast future prices. The seasonal equation shows a weighted average between the current seasonal index, and the seasonal index of the same season last year  $i$ . In this method also, we can implement both additive and multiplicative technique. The additive method is preferred when the seasonal variations are roughly constant through the series, while the multiplicative method is preferred when the seasonal variations are changing proportional to the level of the series. Other parameters can be tuned as per the dataset. I have used default parameters while building this model. You can tune the parameters to achieve a better model. It stand for Autoregressive Integrated Moving average. While exponential smoothing models were based on a description of trend and seasonality in the data, ARIMA models aim to describe the correlations in the data with each other. You can learn more about them from the links provided above. A substitute of auto. We can compare these models on the basis of their RMSE scores. I suggest you take different kinds of problem statements and take your time to solve them using the above-mentioned techniques. Try these models and find which model works best on which kind of Time series data. One lesson to learn from these steps is that each of these models can outperform others on a particular dataset. You can also explore forecast package built for Time series modelling in R language. You may also explore Double seasonality models from forecast package. Using double seasonality model on this dataset will generate even a better model and hence a better score. Did you find this article helpful?

### 5: Forecast Calculation Examples

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Financial Statements Financial Forecasting Methods There are a number of different methods by which a business forecast can be made. All the methods fall into one of two overarching approaches: Qualitative forecasts can be thought of as expert-driven, in that they depend on market mavens or the market as a whole to weigh in with an informed consensus. Market Research Polling a large number of people on a specific product or service to predict how many people will buy or use it once launched. Asking field experts for general opinions and then compiling them into a forecast. For more on qualitative modeling, read " Qualitative Analysis: What Makes a Company Great? These approaches are concerned solely with data and avoid the fickleness of the people underlying the numbers. They also try to predict where variables like sales, gross domestic product , housing prices and so on, will be in the long-term, measured in months or years. The indicator approach depends on the relationship between certain indicators, for example, GDP and unemployment rates , remaining relatively unchanged over time. By following the relationships and then following indicators that are leading, you can estimate the performance of the lagging indicators , by using the leading indicator data. This is a more mathematically rigorous version of the indicator approach. Instead of assuming that relationships stay the same, econometric modeling tests the internal consistency of datasets over time and the significance or strength of the relationship between data sets. Econometric modeling is sometimes used to create custom indicators that can be used for a more accurate indicator approach. However, the econometric models are more often used in academic fields to evaluate economic policies. For a basic explanation on applying econometric models, read " Regression Basics for Business Analysis. This refers to a collection of different methodologies that use past data to predict future events. The difference between the time series methodologies is usually in fine details, like giving more recent data more weight or discounting certain outlier points. By tracking what happened in the past, the forecaster hopes to be able to give a better than average prediction about the future. How Does Forecasting Work? There is a lot of variation on a practical level when it comes to business forecasting. However, on a conceptual level, all forecasts follow the same process. A problem or data point is chosen. This can be something like "will people buy a high-end coffee maker? Theoretical variables and an ideal data set are chosen. This is where the forecaster identifies the relevant variables that need to be considered and decides how to collect the data. To cut down the time and data needed to make a forecast, the forecaster makes some explicit assumptions to simplify the process. A model is chosen. The forecaster picks the model that fits the dataset, selected variables, and assumptions. Using the model, the data is analyzed and a forecast made from the analysis. The forecaster compares the forecast to what actually happens to tweak the process, identify problems or in the rare case of an accurate forecast, pat himself on the back. Problems With Forecasting Business forecasting is very useful for businesses, as it allows them to plan production, financing and so on. However, there are three problems with relying on forecasts: The data is always going to be old. It is impossible to factor in unique or unexpected events, or externalities. Assumptions are dangerous, such as the assumptions that banks were properly screening borrowers prior to the subprime meltdown. And black swan events have become more common as our dependence on forecasts has grown. This is a conceptual knot. In a worst-case scenario, management becomes a slave to historical data and trends rather than worrying about what the business is doing now. The Bottom Line Forecasting can be a dangerous art, because the forecasts become a focus for companies and governments, mentally limiting their range of actions, by presenting the short to long-term future as already being determined. Interested in more methods employed in financial modeling? Read " Style Matters in Financial Modeling. Get a free 10 week email series that will teach you how to start investing. Delivered twice a week, straight to your inbox.

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There are four basic learning points: Overview Applications and Basic Steps Forecasting is the prediction of future events and conditions and is a key element in service organizations, especially banks, for management decision-making. There are typically two types of events: The need for forecasting stems from the time lag between awareness of an impending event or need and the occurrence of that event. Organizations constantly try to predict economic events and their impact. The following are a few applications for forecasting modules: Forecasting utilization rates for credit cards: Model loss rates of a group of home equity lines of credit as a function of time. An independent system operator, organized for monitoring the electrical grid, has a need to predict electrical usage the volatility of the daily usage can be thought of as a blend of day-ahead-market volatility and monthly volatility, where the month can be one or more months forward. There are some basic steps for creating a forecast: How will the forecasts be used, who needs the forecast and what is the voice of the customer VOC? Gather the necessary information by obtaining historical mathematical data and utilizing the accumulated judgment and expertise of key personnel. Determine what graphical plots will best benefit management and design a preliminary analysis. Choose and fit models by using and evaluating a forecast model for decision making. Forecast errors and management response. Forecasting System A forecasting system consists of two primary functions: Forecast generation includes acquiring data to revise the forecasting model, producing a statistical forecast and presenting results to the user. Forecast control involves monitoring the forecasting process to detect out-of-control conditions and identifying opportunities to improve forecasting performance. Figure 1 shows a visualization of a forecasting system and process. Forecasting System There are a number of common terms when discussing forecasting models: Conversely, in-sample data refers to the data used to construct the model. Users should fit the model to the in-sample data. Hold out x percent of most recent rule of thumb is 10 percent usually for longitudinal data Hold out x percent but randomly throughout the entire data set usually for cross-sectional data Use all data and wait for future values: There are three commonly used statistical measures used in forecasting: If  $Y_t$  is the observed value at period  $t$  and  $F_t$  is the forecasted value at period  $t$  Figure 2: Forecasting Formulas Table 1: Examples of Forecast Error Measures Period.

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It is possible to include more than two points, and averaging the slope of the linear interpolant, by regression-like techniques, on the data points chosen to be included. This is similar to linear prediction. Polynomial[ edit ] Lagrange extrapolations of the sequence 1,2,3. Extrapolating by 4 leads to a polynomial of minimal degree cyan line. A polynomial curve can be created through the entire known data or just near the end. The resulting curve can then be extended beyond the end of the known data. The resulting polynomial may be used to extrapolate the data. High-order polynomial extrapolation must be used with due care. For the example data set and problem in the figure above, anything above order 1 linear extrapolation will possibly yield unusable values; an error estimate of the extrapolated value will grow with the degree of the polynomial extrapolation. Conic[ edit ] A conic section can be created using five points near the end of the known data. If the conic section created is an ellipse or circle , when extrapolated it will loop back and rejoin itself. An extrapolated parabola or hyperbola will not rejoin itself, but may curve back relative to the X-axis. This type of extrapolation could be done with a conic sections template on paper or with a computer. French curve[ edit ] French curve extrapolation is a method suitable for any distribution that has a tendency to be exponential, but with accelerating or decelerating factors. Another study has shown that extrapolation can produce the same quality of forecasting results as more complex forecasting strategies. If the method assumes the data are smooth, then a non- smooth function will be poorly extrapolated. In terms of complex time series, some experts have discovered that extrapolation is more accurate when performed through the decomposition of causal forces. The classic example is truncated power series representations of  $\sin x$  and related trigonometric functions. This divergence is a specific property of extrapolation methods and is only circumvented when the functional forms assumed by the extrapolation method inadvertently or intentionally due to additional information accurately represent the nature of the function being extrapolated. For particular problems, this additional information may be available, but in the general case, it is impossible to satisfy all possible function behaviors with a workably small set of potential behavior. In the complex plane[ edit ] In complex analysis , a problem of extrapolation may be converted into an interpolation problem by the change of variable  $z$ .

## 8: Use Forecasting Basics to Predict Future Conditions

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Seasonality Seasonality is a characteristic of a time series in which the data experiences regular and predictable changes which recur every calendar year. Any predictable change or pattern in a time series that recurs or repeats over a one-year period can be said to be seasonal. An index higher than 1 indicates that demand is higher than average; an index less than 1 indicates that the demand is less than the average. Cyclic behaviour[ edit ] The cyclic behaviour of data takes place when there are regular fluctuations in the data which usually last for an interval of at least two years, and when the length of the current cycle cannot be predetermined. Cyclic behavior is not to be confused with seasonal behavior. Seasonal fluctuations follow a consistent pattern each year so the period is always known. As an example, during the Christmas period, inventories of stores tend to increase in order to prepare for Christmas shoppers. As an example of cyclic behaviour, the population of a particular natural ecosystem will exhibit cyclic behaviour when the population increases as its natural food source decreases, and once the population is low, the food source will recover and the population will start to increase again. Cyclic data cannot be accounted for using ordinary seasonal adjustment since it is not of fixed period. Applications[ edit ] Forecasting has applications in a wide range of fields where estimates of future conditions are useful. Not everything can be forecasted reliably, if the factors that relate to what is being forecast are known and well understood and there is a significant amount of data that can be used very reliable forecasts can often be obtained. If this is not the case or if the actual outcome is effected by the forecasts, the reliability of the forecasts can be significantly lower. This attempts to reduce the energy needed to heat the building, thus reducing the emission of greenhouse gases. Forecasting is used in Customer Demand Planning in everyday business for manufacturing and distribution companies. While the veracity of predictions for actual stock returns are disputed through reference to the Efficient-market hypothesis , forecasting of broad economic trends is common. Such analysis is provided by both non-profit groups as well as by for-profit private institutions including brokerage houses [17] and consulting companies [18]. Forecasting foreign exchange movements is typically achieved through a combination of chart and fundamental analysis. An essential difference between chart analysis and fundamental economic analysis is that chartists study only the price action of a market, whereas fundamentalists attempt to look to the reasons behind the action. An important, albeit often ignored aspect of forecasting, is the relationship it holds with planning. Forecasting can be described as predicting what the future will look like, whereas planning predicts what the future should look like. Selection of a method should be based on your objectives and your conditions data etc. An example of a selection tree can be found here. Supply chain management - Forecasting can be used in supply chain management to ensure that the right product is at the right place at the right time. Accurate forecasting will help retailers reduce excess inventory and thus increase profit margin. Studies have shown that extrapolations are the least accurate, while company earnings forecasts are the most reliable.

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*The selection of a method depends on many factorsâ€”the context of the forecast, the relevance and availability of historical data, the degree of accuracy desirable, the time period to be forecast.*

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