# Modelling seasonality

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- We have seen models with seasonal character for example AR(2) model with complex roots
- These models are, however, not sufficient to model all seasonal data
- Also, we might want to include seasonality (quarterly data, monthly data) into specification
- There are models which are specifically for modelling seasonal data SARIMA models (seasonal ARIMA models)

#### Example - data

- Number of airline passengers by Box and Jenkins founders of ARIMA modelling
- Monthly data, January 1949 December 1960
- We work with logarithms, they stabilize variance
- In R: data(AirPassengeres); x <- log(AirPassengeres)



## Example - differences

• We take differences - in R: diff(x) - they also have seasonality:



• ACF and PACF for these differences - in R acf2(diff(x)):



• We can the seasonal differences  $x_t - x_{t-12}$  - in R diff(x,12):



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## **Example - differences**

• Both classical and seasonal differences - classical because of the trend, seasonal because of the differences - in R diff(diff(x,12)):



• What to do with that:



Series: diff(diff(x, 12))



#### Example - seasonal AR and MA terms

- Based on ACF we may trey using terms up to ma(12)
- Box and Jenkins:
  - ◊ not all ma(1), ma(2), ..., ma(12)
  - $\diamond$  neither only ma(1) a ma(12)
  - ◊ but multiply polynomials of order 1 and 12:

$$(1-\beta L)(1-\theta L^{12})u_t$$

- we get 13 ma terms but we need only 2 coefficients

- In the same way + we can combine them:
  - ◊ seasonal ma terms of higher order:  $1 θ_1 L^{12} θ_2 L^{24}$
  - ◊ seasonal **ar** term with an ordinary one:  $(1 αL)(1 θ_1L^{12})x_t$ Mod

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## SARIMA models - terminology

- Recall ARIMA (p, d, q) models:
  - $\diamond p$  number of AR terms
  - $\diamond$  *d* how many times we take a difference
  - $\diamond q$  number of MA terms
- SARIMA  $(p, d, q) \times (P, D, Q)_s$  has also:
  - $\diamond$  *P* number of seasonal AR terms
  - $\diamond$  *D* how many seasonal differences
  - $\diamond Q$  number of seasonal AR terms
  - $\diamond$  *s* period of the data
- We need to check that the data we use after differencing does not have a unit root

# Example - model in R

- For our data: SARIMA  $(0, 1, 1) \times (0, 1, 1)_s$ , where s = 12
- Time series diff(diff(x,12)) does not have neither trend nor a unit root
- In R: sarima(x,0,1,1,0,1,1,12)
- We get:

Example - model in R

• Residuals are ok:







#### Example - predictions in R

- We have a model SARIMA  $(0, 1, 1) \times (0, 1, 1)_s$
- Prediction for the following 2 years: sarima.for(x,24,0,1,1,0,1,1,12)



Time

#### Exercises

Find a suitable SARIMA model (data on course webpage):

- spain.txt number of tourists in Spain, mothly dat from January 1970 to March 1989
- souvenirs.txt sales in a souvenir shop on a beach in Australia, monthly data from January 1987 to December 1993