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# State space models

**1: Exponential smoothing**

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# Exponential trend

Level and trend are multiplied rather than added:

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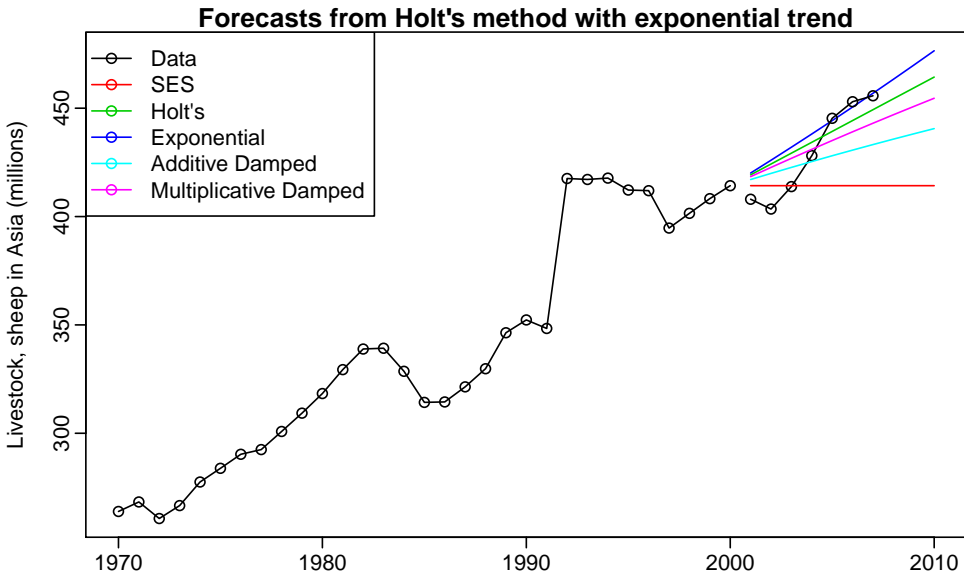
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# Example: Sheep in Asia





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$$s_t = \gamma(y_t - l_{t-1} - b_{t-1}) + (1 - \gamma)s_{t-m},$$

- $h_m^+ = \lfloor (h-1) \bmod m \rfloor + 1$  - the largest integer not greater than  $(h-1) \bmod m$ . Ensures estimates from the final year are used for forecasting.
- Parameters:  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ ,  $0 \leq \beta^* \leq 1$ ,  $0 \leq \gamma \leq 1 - \alpha$  and  $m$  = period of seasonality (e.g.  $m=4$  for quarterly data).

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plot(aus1)
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# Holt-Winters damped method

Often the single most accurate forecasting method for seasonal data:

$$\hat{y}_{t+h|t} = [l_t + (\phi + \phi^2 + \dots + \phi^h)b_t]s_{t-m+h_m^+}$$

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```

```
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There are 15 separate exponential smoothing methods.

# Component form

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Holt-Winters additive method with additive errors.

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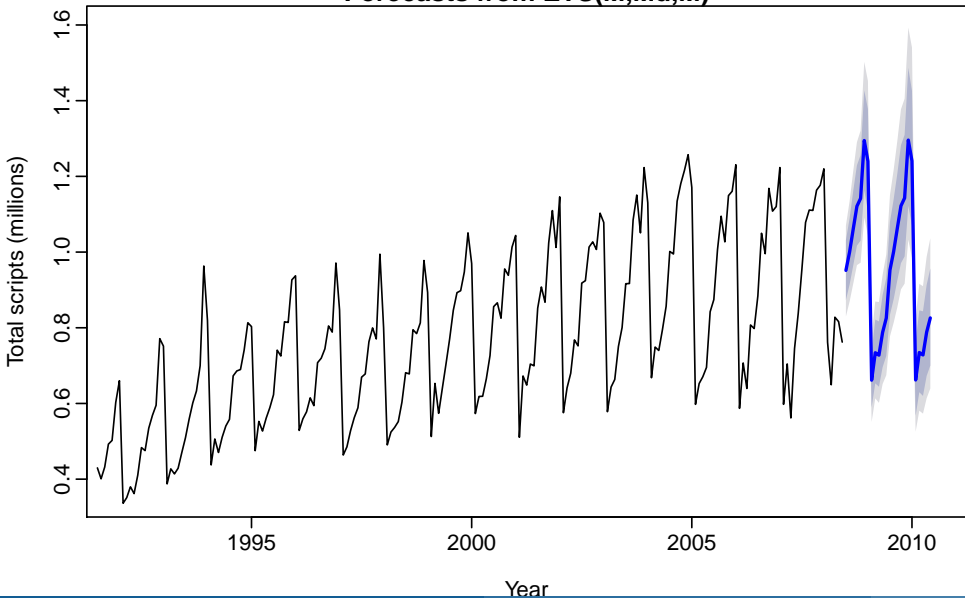


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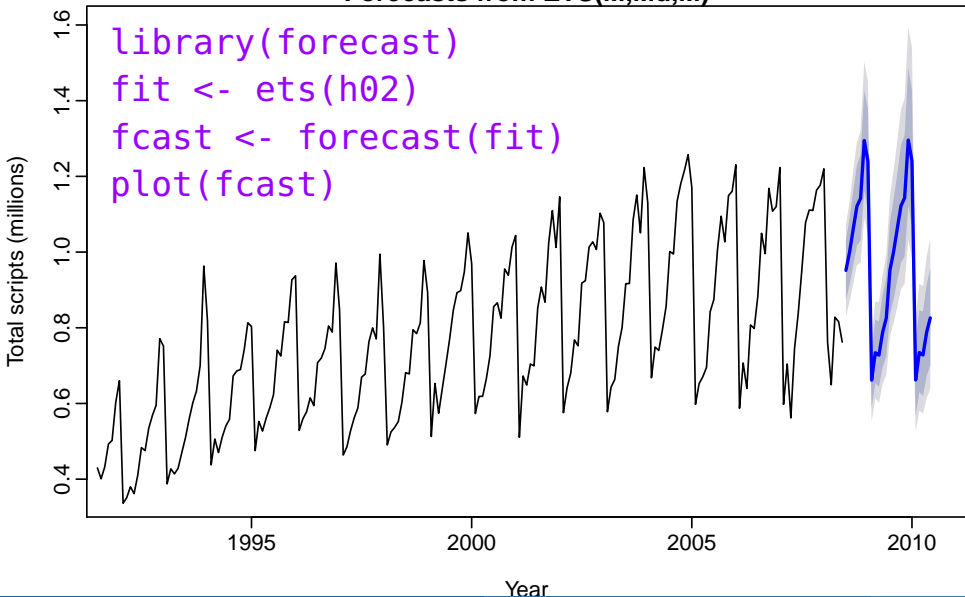
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Initial states:
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AIC
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