

# How can I fit a TBATS model in R with an example?

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The TBATS (Trigonometric, Box-Cox Transformation, ARMA Errors, Trend, and Seasonality) model is a powerful time series forecasting method that combines multiple components to accurately predict future values. In order to fit a TBATS model in R, one can use the "tbats" function from the "forecast" package. This function takes in the time series data and automatically determines the appropriate model parameters, such as the type of Box-Cox transformation and the order of the ARMA errors. An example of fitting a TBATS model in R would be:

```
library(forecast)
data
```

## Fit a TBATS Model in R (With Example)

One popular time series forecasting method is known as TBATS, which is an acronym for:

**Trigonometric transformation** **ARMA errors** **seasonality** **Box-Cox transformation** **Trend** **Seasonal components.**

This method fits a variety of models both with and without:

**Seasonality** **A Box-Cox transformation** **ARMA(p, q) process** **Various trends** **Various seasonal effects**

This method will choose the model with the lowest value for the (AIC) value as the final model.

The easiest way to fit a TBATS model to a time series

dataset in R is to use the `tbats` function from the `forecast` package.

The following example shows how to use this function in practice.

Example: How to Fit a TBATS Model in R

For this example, we'll use the built-in R dataset called `USAccDeaths`, which contains values for the total monthly accidental deaths in the USA from 1973 to 1978:

```
#view USAccDeaths dataset
```

```
USAccDeaths
```

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1973	9007	8106	8928	9137	10017	10826	11317	10744	9713	9938	9161	8927
1974	7750	6981	8038	8422	8714	9512	10120	9823	8743	9129	8710	8680
1975	8162	7306	8124	7870	9387	9556	10093	9620	8285	8466	8160	8034
1976	7717	7461	7767	7925	8623	8945	10078	9179	8037	8488	7874	8647
1977	7792	6957	7726	8106	8890	9299	10625	9302	8314			

**8850 8265 8796**

**1978 7836 6892 7791 8192 9115 9434 10484 9827 9110**

**9070 8633 9240**

**We can use the following code to fit a TBATS model to this dataset and make predictions for the values of future months:**

```
library(forecast)
```

```
#fit TBATS model
```

```
fit <- tbats(USAccDeaths)
```

```
#use model to make predictions
```

```
predict <- predict(fit)
```

```
#view predictions
```

```
predict
```

```
Point Forecast Lo 80 Hi 80 Lo 95 Hi 95
```

```
Jan 1979 8307.597 7982.943 8632.251 7811.081 8804.113
```

```
Feb 1979 7533.680 7165.539 7901.822 6970.656 8096.704
```

```
Mar 1979 8305.196 7882.740 8727.651 7659.106 8951.286
```

```
Apr 1979 8616.921 8150.753 9083.089 7903.978 9329.864
```

```
May 1979 9430.088 8924.028 9936.147 8656.137
```

**10204.038**

**Jun 1979 9946.448 9403.364 10489.532 9115.873**

**10777.023**

**Jul 1979 10744.690 10167.936 11321.445 9862.621**

**11626.760**

**Aug 1979 10108.781 9499.282 10718.280 9176.632**

**11040.929**

**Sep 1979 9034.784 8395.710 9673.857 8057.405**

**10012.162**

**Oct 1979 9336.862 8668.087 10005.636 8314.060**

**10359.664**

**Nov 1979 8819.681 8124.604 9514.759 7756.652 9882.711**

**Dec 1979 9099.344 8376.864 9821.824 7994.407**

**10204.282**

**Jan 1980 8307.597 7563.245 9051.950 7169.208 9445.986**

**Feb 1980 7533.680 6769.358 8298.002 6364.750 8702.610**

**Mar 1980 8305.196 7513.281 9097.111 7094.067 9516.325**

**Apr 1980 8616.921 7800.849 9432.993 7368.847 9864.995**

**May 1980 9430.088 8590.590 10269.585 8146.187**

**10713.988**

**Jun 1980 9946.448 9084.125 10808.771 8627.639**

**11265.257**

**Jul 1980 10744.690 9860.776 11628.605 9392.859**

**12096.522**

```
Aug 1980 10108.781 9203.160 11014.402 8723.753
11493.809
Sep 1980 9034.784 8109.000 9960.567 7618.920
10450.647
Oct 1980 9336.862 8390.331 10283.392 7889.269
10784.455
Nov 1980 8819.681 7854.387 9784.976 7343.391
10295.972
Dec 1980 9099.344 8114.135 10084.554 7592.597
10606.092
```

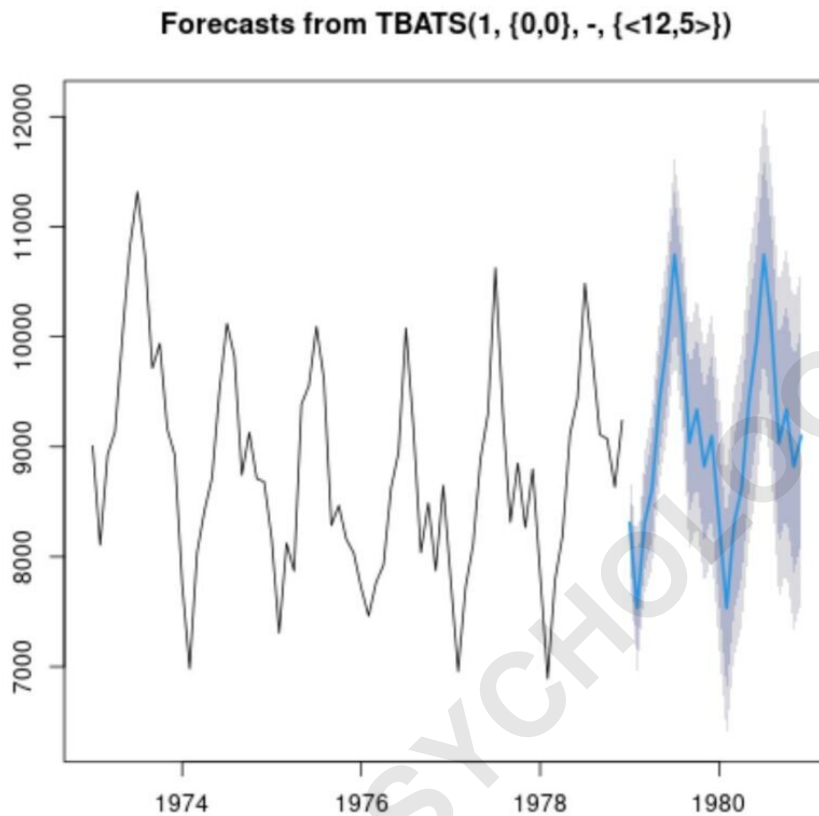
The output shows the forecasted number of deaths for upcoming months along with the 80% and 95% confidence intervals.

For example, we can see the following predictions for January 1979:

Predicted number of deaths: 8,307.59780% Confidence Interval for number of deaths: 95% Confidence Interval for number of deaths:

We can also use the `plot()` function to plot these predicted future values:

```
#plot the predicted values  
plot(forecast(fit))
```



The blue line represents the future predicted values and the grey bands represent the confidence interval limits.

### Additional Resources

The following tutorials explain how to perform other common tasks in R: