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**STATISTICAL PREDICTION  
BY THE METHOD OF HARMONICAL WEIGHTS**

**1. Procedure declaration.** Procedure *Prognoza* calculates for the given values  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  of a time series the predicted values  $x_{n+1}^*, x_{n+2}^*, \dots, x_{n+p}^*$  ( $0 < p < n$ ) and their confidence intervals by the method of harmonical weights presented in [1].

Data:

- $n$  — number of terms in the time series,
- $k$  — number of points in a segment ( $1 < k \leq n$ ),
- $p$  — prediction horizon ( $0 < p < n$ ),
- alfa* — confidence level of the confidence intervals,
- $x[1:n]$  — array of values of the time series.

Results:

- $w$  — mean increment of the trend,
- $s$  — standard deviation of the trend increments,
- $r[0:p]$  — radii of the confidence intervals for  $y[0:p]$ ,
- $y[0:p]$  — array holding the predicted values in  $y[1:p]$  and the from the trend calculated value of the last term of the time series in  $y[0]$ . The array  $y$  must be declared as  $y[0:n]$  on entry.

**2. Method used.** Given  $p$ , the prediction horizon, the predicted values  $x_{n+j}^*$  and the confidence intervals  $(x_{n+j}^* - r_j, x_{n+j}^* + r_j)$ , associated with them, on the confidence level  $\alpha$ , are calculated on the basis of the time series  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  after the method given in [1]. The quantities  $y_j = x_{n+j}^*$  and  $r_j$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, p$ ) are calculated in the following way:

For the sets  $X_i = \{x_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_{i+k-1}\}$ , where  $k$  is a fixed natural number satisfying  $1 < k \leq n$  and  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n - k + 1$ , the linear trends

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procedure Prognoza(n,k,p,alfa,x,w,s,r,y);
  value n,k;
  integer n,k,p;
  real alfa,w,s;
  array x,r,y;
  begin
    integer h,i,j,k1,n1;
    real a,b,c,R,xr;
    n1:=n-k+1;
    k1:=k-1;
    w:=s:=.0;
    for j:=1 step 1 until n do
      y[j]:=0;
    R:=.5×k1;
    c:=k×k1×(k+k1)/6.0;
    for j:=1 step 1 until k1 do
      begin
        s:=s+x[j];
        w:=w+j×x[j]
      end j;
    for j:=1 step 1 until n1 do
      begin
        i:=j+k-1;
        xr:=x[i];
        s:=s+xr;
        w:=w+i×xr;
        c:=c+i×i;
        b:=j+R;
        a:=(w-s×b)/(c-k×b×b);
        b:=s/k-a×b;

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xr:=x[j];
s:=s-xr;
w:=w-j*xr;
c:=c-j*j;
for h:=j step 1 until i do
  y[h]:=y[h]+a*h+b
end j;
if k<n1
  then
    begin
      h:=k1;
      i:=n1;
      k1:=k
    end k<n1
  else
    begin
      h:=n1-1;
      i:=k;
      k1:=n1
    end k>n1;
w:=s:=c:=.0;
n1:=n+1;
a:=y[1];
for j:=2 step 1 until n do
  begin
    b:=y[j]/(if j<h then j else if j<i then k1 else n1-j);
    c:=c+1.0/(n1-j);
    a:=b-a;
    R:=c*a;
    w:=w+R;
  end

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      s:=s+a×R;
      a:=b
    end j;
w:=w/(n-1);
s:=sqrt(s/(n-1)-w×w);
R:=s/(n×sqrt(1.0-alfa));
a:=c:=c+1.0/n;
y[0]:=y[n];
r[0]:=a×R;
for j:=1 step 1 until p do
  begin
    c:=c-1.0/j;
    a:=a+c;
    y[j]:=y[j-1]+w;
    r[j]:=a×R
  end j
end Prognoza

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$x_i(t) = a_i t + b_i$  are calculated using least-squares and the trend increments  $w_2, w_3, \dots, w_n$ , where  $w_j = \bar{x}_j - \bar{x}_{j-1}$  and

$$\bar{x}_j = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{j} \sum_{i=1}^j x_i(j) & \text{for } j = 1, 2, \dots, m-1, \\ \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=\max(1, j-k+1)}^{\min(j, n-k+1)} x_i(j) & \text{for } j = m, m+1, \dots, M, \\ \frac{1}{n-j+1} \sum_{i=j-k+1}^{n-k+1} x_i(j) & \text{for } j = M+1, M+2, \dots, n, \end{cases}$$

with the notation  $m = \min(k, n-k+1)$  and  $M = \max(k, n-k+1)$ , are determined. Having calculated

$$\bar{w} = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=2}^n c_i w_i, \quad s = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=2}^n c_i (w_i - \bar{w})^2},$$

where  $c_1 = 0$ ,  $c_i = c_{i-1} + 1/(n-i+1)$  ( $i = 2, 3, \dots, n$ ), and

$$a_0 = c_n + 1/n, \quad b_0 = a_0,$$

$$a_j = a_{j-1} - 1/j, \quad b_j = b_{j-1} + a_j \quad (j = 1, 2, \dots, p),$$

one obtains finally

$$y_j = \bar{x}_n + j\bar{w}, \quad r_j = sb_j/n\sqrt{1-a} \quad (j = 1, 2, \dots, p).$$

**3. Verification.** Procedure *Prognoza* has been translated on the Odra 1204 computer. The example from [1], as well as other ones, have been tested and correct results obtained.

#### Reference

- [1] Z. Hellwig, *Schemat budowy prognozy statystycznej metoda wag harmoniczych*, Przegl. Statyst. 14 (1967), p. 133-153.

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#### WYZNACZENIE PROGNOZY STATYSTYCZNEJ METODĄ WAG HARMONICZNYCH

#### STRESZCZENIE

Procedura *Prognoza* oblicza, metodą opisaną w [1], wartości przewidywane  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_p$  ( $t = n+1, n+2, \dots, n+p$ ) dla szeregu czasowego  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  oraz przedziały ufności dla wartości przewidywanych na poziomie ufności  $\alpha$ .

Dane:

$n$  — liczba wyrazów szeregu czasowego,

$k$  — liczba punktów w segmencie, gdzie  $1 < k \leq n$ ,

$p$  — horyzont prognozy, gdzie  $0 < p < n$ ,

$\alpha$  — poziom ufności,

$x[1:n]$  — wartości szeregu czasowego.

Wyniki:

- $w$  – średnia przyrostów trendu,
- $s$  – odchylenie standardowe przyrostów trendu,
- $r[0:p]$  – promienie przedziałów ufności,
- $y[0:p]$  – gdzie  $y[0]$  –  $n$ -ta wartość szeregu czasowego obliczona z trendu,  $y[1:p]$  – wartości przewidywane; tablica  $y$  musi mieć wymiar  $y[0:n]$ .

Obliczenia wykonane na maszynie cyfrowej Odra 1204 wykazały poprawność procedury.

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