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Abstract

Today, most of the countries use forecasting techniques to predict their future demand in electricity. But at present there is no such technique used in Sri Lanka except for the market forecast report which is prepared by the Resource Management Associates Pvt. Ltd. regarding the load forecasting. A country like Sri Lanka can not always depend on hydro-power. If we have an idea of the future demand we can plan and take necessary action.

In this thesis, I try to identify the best model for forecasting day and night peak values of electricity demand in Sri Lanka, for week-days as well as week-ends. Here I use more popular time-series techniques such as Double Exponential Smoothing and ARIMA Modeling.

I carried out the research by using two year data of the peak values of electricity demand in day and night of Sri Lanka. With the use of MINITAB package for double exponential smoothing, I tried all possible models and selected the best. After testing the adequacy of the fitted model, I could forecast for last three periods.

Secondly, using Box-Jenkins ARIMA techniques, I tried all possible models and selected the best. Here also check the model adequacy and forecast the last three values using the selected model.

Finally comparing both techniques, I selected the best model for a particular day- day time and night time.

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