

# Prediction Interval in Seasonal Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average (SARIMA) Model for Rainfall Forecasting and Drought

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**Abstract:** The prediction interval in the forecasting process is the most important part of knowing indication of uncertainty in forecasts value. The uncertainty also serves to reduce the forecasting errors that occur. This research uses SARIMA model in rainfall forecasting process in Jember Regency. In addition to calculating predictive interval values, the predicted values generated by the SARIMA model are transformed in Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI) values to determine the classification of drought levels. The results showed that the predictive interval value is presented in the form of upper limit and lower limit of precipitation value of rainfall. The resulting drought prediction interval indicates that droughts in the four regions of Jember Regency due to the lower limit value reaching minus. The drought index at the SPI value shows almost all areas in normal conditions. However, Zone 1 in January and Zone 2 in November contained a moderately wet month where the rain intensity was greater rather than the other months in the same zone. The difference in classification results from predictive intervals and the SPI method is very large. The predicted underestimate prediction value indicates that the prediction interval is poor in interpreting a region's drought.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

Forecasting is a time series data analysis that uses past events to determine future developments in events (Assauri, 1984). Prediction is a number called a prediction point, where the resulting value is not true. The accuracy rate of  $t + 1$  is higher than  $t + 2$ ,  $t + 3$ . Prediction interval is the interval of the forecasting values. The value of the prediction that appears quite close to the value to be achieved. The calculation of the prediction interval in the forecasting process is the most important part of knowing the indication of an uncertain predictive value. This uncertain value is the predictor interval factor. This matter a purpose to find out the uncertainty information needed in future.

Badan Meteorologi dan Geofisika (BMKG) is one of the institutions that apply forecasting in predicting the amount of rainfall in some area. Rainfall is the amount of rainwater that falls on an area within a certain time. The topography of an area affects the rainfall that will occur. Forecasting model that is widely used in predicting rainfall is the

ARIMA (Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average) model. ARIMA or Box-Jenkins model is a combination of several models such as Autoregressive (AR) model, Moving Average (MA) model and Autoregressive Moving Average (ARMA) model. ARIMA is a combination of model (AR) and model (MA) that has experienced differencing. The ARIMA model is widely used in rainfall forecasting because it has several characters that are particularly suitable for rainfall cases, especially seasonal ARIMA or Seasonal Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average (SARIMA) (Makridakis, et al., 1999). The SARIMA model is a modified version of the ARIMA model. SARIMA is widely used in seasonal data.

Drought is an event of reduced rainfall from normal conditions over long periods of time. In the agricultural sector, drought is a very feared by the farmers because it can affect production which then resulted in losses. The phenomenon of drought that occurs regularly need to be conducted drought analysis to know level of drought happening in an area. The method used in analyzing drought rates using rainfall data is the Standardized Precipitation

Index (SPI) (Mckee et al.,1993). Therefore, it is necessary to forecast rainfall as basic information in determining the index of drought in the future.

Some research on rainfall forecasting has been done by some researchers such as Lusiani (Abraham and Ledolter, 1983) modeling rainfall ARIMA in Bandung, Ukhra (2014) modeling and forecasting time series data with SARIMA and Retnaningrum (2015) application of STAR (Space Time Autoregressive) and ARIMA for forecasting rainfall data in Jember district. These studies are limited to a single point of forecasting data without considering a certain probability interval. Prediction intervals is important part in forecasting process to knowing indication of uncertainty in the approximate point. Research on Prediction intervals has been done among others Yar and Chatfield (1990) prediction intervals for Holt-Winters forecasting procedures, Chatfield (1993) calculating prediction intervals, and Safitri (1995) prediction intervals for time series models. In addition to determining future rainfall predictions required research on the level of drought that occurred in a region. Mutjahiddin (2014) concluded that the drought was due to a deviation of weather conditions from normal conditions occurring in a region. Such deviations can be reduced rainfall compared to normal conditions. Kurniawan (2016) studied the combination of ARIMA and Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI) to determine the drought index in Boyolali district.

The location of the diverse topography and natural conditions that experienced a very dynamic temperature changes causes Jember district made several efforts to reduce the impact that occurred. Based on the above research researchers want to provide new research. Researchers want to provide forecasting interval for rainfall with time series model containing seasonal parameter and determining dryness level from rainfall prediction result. This research data use rainfall data 77 rain stations in Jember Regency spread based on topography location. Finally, calculate the prediction interval of forecasting value by using SARIMA model and analyze the drought rate that will occur with SPI method.

## 2 MATERIALS AND METHODS

### 2.1 Data Set

Rainfall data from 77 rain stations in Jember Regency from January 2005 to December 2017.

Rainfall data is divided into two kinds, namely in-sample data and out-sample data. In-sample data is rainfall data from January 2005 to December 2016. While the out-sample data is rainfall data from January 2017 to December 2017. Variables used in this study based on research that has been done by Hadi (2017) namely:

- $X_1(t)$  : Average rainfall in Jember region zone 1
- $X_2(t)$  : Average rainfall in Jember region zone 2
- $X_3(t)$  : Average rainfall in Jember region zone 3
- $X_4(t)$  : Average rainfall in Jember region zone 4

### 2.2 SARIMA Model

Seasonal ARIMA Model is an ARIMA model used to complete a seasonal time series consisting of two parts, i.e. non-seasonal (seasonal) and seasonal parts. The non-seasonal part of this method is the ARIMA model. The general SARIMA Model is

$$\Phi_p(B^s)\phi_p(B)(1-B)^d(1-B)^D X_t = \theta_q(B)\Theta_Q(B^s)\varepsilon_t. \quad (1)$$

Estimate of parameters is done by using Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE). The assumption required in the MLE method is the error (time error value t) is normally distributed (Box and Jenkins, 1976):

$$\varepsilon_t = X_t - \phi_1 X_{t-1} - \phi_p X_{t-p} + \theta_1 \varepsilon_{t-1} + \dots + \theta_q \varepsilon_{t-q}. \quad (2)$$

Best selection model is based on the AIC. Best model derived from smaller AIC. M is a data to be predicted. then AIC calculation is formulated with the following equation (Wei, 2016; Bowerman and O'onner, 1987):

$$AIC(M) = n \ln(\hat{\sigma}_a^2 + 2M). \quad (3)$$

### 2.3 Prediction Interval

An observed time series, n observations, is denoted by  $(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_t)$ . Suppose we wish to forecast the value of the series k steps ahead. This means we want to forecast the observe value at time  $(t+k)$ . The point forecast of the value at time  $(t+k)$  data up to time n is denoted by

$$e_t(k) = X_{t+k} - \hat{X}_t(k) \quad (4)$$

When the value later becomes available, we can know the corresponding forecast error, denoted by forecast error, like that for the point forecast, specifies both the horizon and the time period when the forecast was made.

The formulae that a 100(1- $\alpha$ )% P.I. for the value  $h$  steps ahead is given by

$$PI(\hat{X}_t(k) \pm Z_{\frac{\alpha}{2}} \sqrt{Var(e_t(k))}) = 100(1 - \alpha)\%, \quad (5)$$

where appropriate formula for  $\hat{X}_t(k)$  and  $Var(e_t(k))$  are found to the model which is appropriate percentage point of a standard normal distribution.

The interval about  $\hat{X}_t(k)$ , so that assume that the point forecast is unbiased. The usual statistic for asses the uncertainty in forecasts of a single variable is the expected mean square prediction error (PMSE) is  $E(e_t(k)^2)$ . The scale-independent statistics, such as the mean absolute prediction error (MAPE), will be for compare the accuracy of forecasts made for different variables, especially when measured on different scales.

### 2.4 Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI)

The SPI method developed by Mckee (1993) was used to calculate the drought index. This method measures the shortage of rainfall at various periods under normal conditions. The calculation of the SPI value based on the amount of gamma distribution is defined as the frequency function or chance of occurrence as follows:

$$G(x) = \int_0^x g(x)dx = \frac{1}{\beta^{\alpha}\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^x t^{\alpha-1} e^{-x/\beta} dx. \quad (6)$$

The values of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  in estimates for each rain station using the following formula:

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{4A} \left( 1 + \sqrt{1 + \frac{4A}{3}} \right), \quad (7)$$

$$A = \ln(\bar{x}) - \frac{\sum \ln(x)}{n}, \quad (8)$$

or

$$\alpha = \frac{\bar{x}^2}{s^2}, \quad \beta = \frac{\bar{x}}{\alpha}, \quad (9)$$

for  $x = 0$ , the value equation  $G(x)$  becomes:

$$H(x) = q + (1 - q). G(x) \quad (10)$$

where  $q$  is the number of rain events (0 (m) / amount of data ( $n$ )).

The SPI value is a transformation of the gamma distribution ( $G(x)$ ) to a normal standard with mean 0. Calculation for  $0 < H(x) < 0.5$

$$Z = \text{SPI} = - \left( t - \frac{c_0 + c_1 t + c_2 t^2}{1 + d_1 t + d_2 t^2 + d_3 t^3} \right) \quad (11)$$

$$t = \sqrt{\ln \frac{1}{H(x)^2}} \quad (12)$$

where the coefficient value of Mckee as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} c_0 &= 2.515517, & d_1 &= 1.432788, \\ c_1 &= 0.802853, & d_2 &= 0.189269, \\ c_2 &= 0.010328, & d_3 &= 0.001308. \end{aligned}$$

The criterion of dryness index value of SPI method is classified in table 1:

Table 1. The criterion of dryness index value of SPI.

Classification	SPI
Extremely Wet	> 2,00
Very Wet	1,50 - 1,99
Moderately Wet	1,00 -1,49
Normal	( - 0,99 ) - 0,99
Moderately Dry	( -1,00 ) - ( -1,49 )
Severely Dry	( -1,50 ) - ( -1,99 )
Extremely Dry	< ( -2,00 )

## 3 RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

### 3.1 Rainfall Forecasting with SARIMA Model

In the forecasting process it takes the best model to get the best prediction value. Best model is chosen by identification process, parameter estimation, model feasibility test and best model selection. The best model is gotten from a smallest AIC value. Table 2 shows the best model in the four regions in Jember Regency.

We will forecast the rainfall in four regions in Jember Regency for the period January to December

2018 with different models in each region. Rainfall forecasting in 2018 presented in table 3. Table 3 shows that rainfall intensity in four regions in Jember Regency is different. High rain intensity or low rainfall intensity is influenced by rainfall data in 2017.

Table 2: The best model for forecasting in the four regions of Jember Regency.

Regions	Model	Likelihood	AIC
Zone 1	SARIMA(2,0,2)(1,0,0) <sup>12</sup>	-822.76	1659.52
Zone 2	SARIMA(1,0,0)(2,0,0) <sup>12</sup>	-877.46	1764.93
Zone 3	SARIMA(1,0,0)(2,0,0) <sup>12</sup>	-863.35	1736.69
Zone 4	SARIMA(1,0,0)(2,0,0) <sup>12</sup>	-844.53	1699.07

Table 3. Rainfall forecasting in year 2018.

Month	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4
January	261.828	363.182	304.5168	214.205
February	233.234	331.6850	274.969	187.690
March	186.012	292.9529	223.976	184.127
April	143.200	274.2085	208.144	196.369
May	63.735	186.6581	139.833	118.661
June	24.241	187.2412	122.852	93.6307
July	9.178	120.9784	80.2982	74.6286
August	22.694	105.7265	71.8021	72.512
September	57.603	143.7296	105.205	79.5432
October	109.82	245.4738	177.97	112.96
Nopember	218.519	376.8000	312.554	223.857
December	226.18	352.6720	275.51	201.55

### 3.2 Prediction Interval

Prediction interval in forecasting process is the most important part to know the indication of uncertain prediction value. Table 3 shows that the prediction value has an uncertain value. So, it is necessary to calculate the prediction interval on the value of forecasting to know the value of uncertainty. Table 4 presents prediction of rainfall forecasting forecast in four regions.

Prediction interval is used to know the value of uncertainty forecast. Thus, if the actual data is in the interval of the prediction interval then it can be said

that the forecast is successful or can be used as a predicting reference that will occur in the future and prediction interval can also be used in the classification of drought.

Table 4: Prediction interval rainfall forecasting in the Year of 2018 in four regions in Jember Regency.

Regions	Month	Lower Limit	Upper Limit
Zone 1	January	116.76734	406.8883
	February	80.17019	386.2979
	March	28.61040	343.4128
	April	-15.02591	301.4255
	May	-94.64056	222.1098
	June	-136.29266	184.7737
	July	-155.62451	173.9798
	August	-146.39546	191.7834
	September	-11..89666	229.1026
	October	-62.15720	281.8070
	Nopember	46.46676	390.5711
	December	52.96794	399.3824
Zone 2	January	153.382874	572.9819
	February	97.175001	566.1950
	March	52.674883	533.2309
	April	32.513180	515.9038
	May	-55.389449	428.7056
	June	-54.894115	429.3765
	July	-121.178756	363.1356
	August	-136.436174	347.8891
	September	-98.434450	385.8936
	October	3.309465	487.6382
	Nopember	134.635543	618.9644
	December	110.507506	594.8364
Zone 3	January	120.260109	488.7735
	February	71.020833	478.9177
	March	15.850219	432.1011
	April	-0.910875	417.1980
	May	-69.429895	349.0962

Zone 3	June	-86.458487	332.1615
	July	-129.022351	289.6188
	August	-137.520794	281.1251
	September	-104.118677	314.5283
	October	-31.355708	387.2915
	November	103.230342	521.8776
	December	66.189686	484.8369
	January	50.044095	378.3653
	February	10.526616	364.8539
	March	4.575418	363.6792
	April	16.817435	375.9213
	May	-62.058618	299.3797
Zone 4	June	-89.967882	277.2294
	July	-112.666312	261.9236
	August	-118.231471	263.2547
	September	-113.769974	272.8564
	October	-81.918607	307.8348
	November	28.225972	419.4872
	December	5.661871	397.4372

### 3.3 Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI)

Drought analysis is needed to determine wet or dry months in a region. The drought analysis discussed in this study was to determine the average dryness index of the region and the intensity of drought occurring every month. The method used in this drought analysis is the SPI method. From the calculations using the SPI method, the drought intensity was calculated every month during 2018. Table 5 shows the average dryness index recapitulation in four region deficit 1-month during 2018.

Table 5 presents the SPI values or each rainfall prediction point in 2018. The index values to be described are based on the dryness index criteria in table 2. The index values that have been described based on the drought index will be used for the next step.

### 3.4 Drought Classification

This drought classification was conducted to determine the 1-month deficit drought index in four regions of Jember district. The classification can be obtained from prediction interval result and SPI method result. Table 6 will present the drought classification table with the prediction interval and the SPI method.

Table 5: Drought index in four regions deficit 1-month 2018.

Zone 1		Zone 2	
Month	SPI	Month	SPI
January	1.2206	January	0.8616
February	0.7647	February	0.8616
March	0.3554	March	0.5894
April	0.2104	April	0.2822
May	-0.3554	May	-0.0697
June	-0.6744	June	-0.0697
July	-0.8616	July	-0.5085
August	-0.6744	August	-0.5895
September	-0.3554	September	-0.4307
October	-0.1397	October	0.0696
November	0.6744	November	1.0853
December	0.7647	December	0.8616
Zone 3		Zone 4	
Month	SPI	Month	SPI
January	0.8616	January	0.5085
February	0.6744	February	0.2104
March	0.3554	March	0.2104
April	0.2822	April	0.2822
May	-0.1397	May	-0.0696
June	-0.2822	June	-0.2822
July	-0.431	July	-0.431
August	-0.508	August	-0.431
September	-0.431	September	-0.355
October	0.1397	October	-0.21

Nopember	0.9674	Nopember	0.5895
December	0.6745	December	0.4307

Table 6: Classification of drought with prediction Intervals and methods of SPI in the four regions of Jember districts in 2018.

Month	Zone 1		Zone 2	
	SPI	Prediction Interval	SPI	Prediction Interval
January	Moderately wet	Normal	Normal	Normal
February	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
March	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
April	Normal	Dry	Normal	Normal
May	Normal	Dry	Normal	Dry
June	Normal	Dry	Normal	Dry
July	Normal	Dry	Normal	Dry
August	Normal	Dry	Normal	Dry
September	Normal	Dry	Normal	Dry
October	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
November	Normal	Normal	Moderately wet	Normal
December	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal

  

Month	Zone 3		Zone 4	
	SPI	Prediction Interval	SPI	Prediction Interval
January	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
February	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
March	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
April	Normal	Dry	Normal	Normal
May	Normal	Dry	Normal	Dry
June	Normal	Dry	Normal	Dry
July	Normal	Dry	Normal	Dry
August	Normal	Dry	Normal	Dry
September	Normal	Dry	Normal	Dry
October	Normal	Dry	Normal	Dry
November	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
December	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal

Table 6, in column of the SPI shows that the prediction results in four regions of Jember District don't have dry months during 2018 and average rainfall will be in normal condition. Zone 1 in January and Zone 2 in November is a moderately wet where rain intensity is greater this month. In the prediction interval column there is a dry month in Zone 1, Zone 2, Zone 3 and Zone 4 areas due to the prediction interval value in the lower limit reaches the minus value. In august the rainfall in low intensity while the highest rainfall intensity occurred in January to April and November to December.

## 4 CONCLUSIONS

From the result, we can know conclude that four regions of Jember Regency run into drought. Otherwise, SPI index shows almost all regions go through a normal condition except in January zone 1 and November zone 2 contained a moderately wet month where the rain intensity was greater in that month. The difference in classification results from the prediction interval and the SPI method is very large. The predictive value of the underestimate interval shows that the prediction interval is poor in interpreting the drought of a region.

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