# Embedding data science in non-life reserving

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Embedding data science into the reserving process:

- Automated identification of trends in reserving diagnostics
- Automating the selection of traditional reserving methods and assumptions, and prioritising assumptions for actuarial review
- Improving the setting of IEULR assumptions with time series forecasting



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## Automated identification of trends in reserving diagnostics



- Manual analysis to detect trends in a large book of business is a very time-consuming task
- Classification models can really help here

#### Our approach

- Random forest models trained to detect 3 key types of trends in reserving triangles:
  - Fanning out
  - Step change
  - Sticking out







## Automated identification of trends in reserving diagnostics





Identifying companies across the US insuring *Commercial Auto/Truck Liability and Medical* that are potentially under-reserved using the **Fanning Out** trend on the **Paid to Incurred** metric.

## Automating selection of reserving methods/assumptions

Assumption



- Calculating reserves using a wide range of assumptions and methods
  - e.g. 5-year WA Incurred
    DFM
- Generate a "Universe of Reserves" for each class
- Projection quality calculated through backtests – assigned to each combination of assumptions/methods
- Can immediately recognise classes with the most material uncertainty
- Drilldown further to identify which reserving assumptions are most material





## *Improving the setting of IEULR assumptions*



#### **Setting Initial Expecteds**

- Weighted average of historical data does not always capture all trends present
- Seasonality usually added in manually

#### Time series forecasting models

 Can identify and model various different properties in a time series Claims / Ultimate Premium (projected)

 e.g. sharp change in trend, seasonality

#### **Usage for IE trends**

- Prophet forecasting model
- Remove calendar year effects from model to aid in explainability of trends identified
- Automated model sensitivity setting for each reserving class using crossvalidation across the time series



IE – Trending of On-levelled Ultimate Loss Ratios

Cohort



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