



# Forecasting of Occupancy Rate of Dams in İstanbul

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## Abstract

Drinking water is becoming a crucial problem all over the world because of global warming. In crowded metropolises such as İstanbul, the problem of drinking water is a serious problem. In this study, it is aimed at developing a forecasting model by using the occupancy rates of İstanbul's dams between 2011 and 2020. The occupancy rate of each dam is then estimated using the best model for the years 2021 and 2022. According to the results of the estimation model, a decrease in the occupancy level of the dams in İstanbul is predicted. Therefore, it is thought that necessary measures should be taken to avoid water shortages.

**Keywords:** Forecasting, ARIMA, Fbprophet, Exponential Smoothing.

## İstanbul Barajlarının Doluluk Oranı Tahmini

### Öz

Küresel ısınmanın etkisiyle tüm dünyada içme suyu sorunu ciddi bir problem olmaya başlamaktadır. İstanbul gibi kalabalık metropollerde içme suyu sorunu ciddi bir sorundur. Bu çalışmada, İstanbul barajlarının 2011-2020 yılları arasındaki doluluk oranları kullanılarak bir tahmin modeli geliştirilmesi amaçlanmıştır. "Hareketli Ortalama", "ARIMA", "Fbprophet" ve "Üssel Düzgünleştirme" tahmin modelleri "Ortalama Karesel hatasının karekökü" ve "Ortalama karesel hata" değerlerine göre karşılaştırılmış ve her bir barajın 2021 ve 2022 yılları için doluluk oranı tahmin edilmeye çalışılmıştır. Tahmin modelinin sonuçlarına göre İstanbul'daki barajların doluluk oranında bir düşüş öngörülmektedir. Bu nedenle 2022 yılı için su kıtlığının yaşanmaması için gerekli önlemlerin alınması gerektiği düşünülmektedir.

**Anahtar Kelimeler:** Tahminleme, ARIMA, Fbprophet, Üssel Düzgünleştirme.

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## 1. Introduction

Climate change has become a major issue on a global scale as time goes on. According to Paterson (2013), global warming was first mentioned as a "serious problem" in 1988 in the US. The reason why global warming was mentioned as a problem in the 1990s was the abnormal meteorological events and the decrease in precipitation. Due to its geographical location, Turkey might be seriously affected by global warming. Climate change will affect different parts of Turkey in different ways and to varying degrees. The Aegean and Mediterranean areas, which lack adequate water, will be particularly hard hit (Öztürk, 2002). Due to the population density, the greatest need for drinking water is in Istanbul. Istanbul will suffer the most from a possible shortage of drinking water. Currently, Istanbul's drinking water needs are supplied from 10 different dams, such as "Ömerli, Elmalı, Terkos, Alibey, Büyükçekmece, Sazlıdere, Kazandere, Pabuçdere and Istrancalar" and "Yeşilçay" and "Melen" regulators. The total capacity of these dams is 868,683,000 m<sup>3</sup> and the remaining water requirements are met by the regulators. In 2021, approximately 626 million m<sup>3</sup> of water was used by these regulators. In the last 10 years, the yearly average water consumption of citizens in İstanbul was 994,030,000 m<sup>3</sup> in total (İSKİ, 2022). The decrease in the occupancy rates of these dams may cause a serious water shortage in İstanbul.

Forecasting might be important for different areas because of predicting future outcomes. Necessary studies could be done, or measures can be taken according to the estimation results. In the literature, forecasting studies have been carried out in different areas. For instance, Yılmaz et al. (2021) claim that forecasting of COVID-19 cases are important to take precautions before spreading viruses. In this article COVID-19 case numbers is used in Brazil, America, Russia and India and Correlated Additive Model (CAM), Auto-Regressive Integrated Moving Average (ARIMA) and Back Propagation-Based Artificial Neural Network (BP-ANN) were used as prediction models. Moreover, Buyrukoğlu (2021) claims that estimated the market values of cryptocurrencies. Decision support models are created for investors by estimating the future market values of cryptocurrencies. In addition to this, deep learning methods were used as the prediction model. On the other hand, Ayyıldız et al (2022) is using LSTM networks for forecasting occupancy rate of Dams in İstanbul.

The purpose of this article is to forecast the occupancy rates of İstanbul's dams for the years 2021 and 2022. Thus, it is to ensure that necessary precautions are taken before detecting a possible decrease in water levels. 'Moving average', 'ARIMA', 'Exponential Smoothing' and 'Fbprophet' models were used as forecasting models.

## 2. Material and Method

### 2.1. Data Analysis

To estimate the occupancy rates of dams in İstanbul, daily occupancy rates between 2011 and 2020 were used. The dataset was taken from the İstanbul Metropolitan Municipality Open Data Portal (Data.ibb, 2022). In the data set, there are daily occupancy rates of 10 different dams in İstanbul between the years 2011-

2020 as a percentage. Table 1. shows an example of a dataset for use in forecasting. In this table, dam number shows the name of dams, respectively, "Ömerli, Elmalı, Terkos, Alibey, Büyükçekmece". In this article, the "Python" programming language is used to visualize the data and create the forecasting model. Furthermore, "pandas", "numpy", "plotly", "seaborn", "matplotlib", "statsmodels", and "sklearn" libraries in the Python programming language are used in the visualization and analysis of the data.

Table 1. Example Dataset of Dams Occupancy Rate

| Dams<br>Date | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6     | ... |
|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| 2011-01-01   | 80.07 | 84.86 | 96.25 | 91.87 | 42.48 | 85.99 |     |
| 2011-01-02   | 80.07 | 85.02 | 96.67 | 91.68 | 42.71 | 86.17 |     |
| 2011-01-03   | 80.07 | 85.07 | 96.88 | 91.68 | 42.79 | 86.55 |     |
| 2011-01-04   | 80.07 | 85.18 | 95.00 | 92.44 | 43.34 | 86.74 |     |
| 2011-01-05   | 80.61 | 85.98 | 95.21 | 92.63 | 45.81 | 87.30 | ... |
| ...          | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...   | ...   |     |
| 2020-12-27   | 19.17 | 48.52 | 23.70 | 22.68 | 30.65 | 17.42 |     |
| 2020-12-28   | 18.76 | 48.34 | 23.54 | 22.54 | 30.58 | 17.42 |     |
| 2020-12-29   | 18.30 | 48.04 | 23.45 | 22.40 | 30.45 | 17.27 |     |
| 2020-12-30   | 17.89 | 47.79 | 23.29 | 22.12 | 30.18 | 17.42 |     |
| 2020-12-31   | 17.43 | 47.49 | 23.26 | 21.84 | 30.05 | 17.57 |     |

### 2.1.1. Analysing Yearly Average

To make the data more meaningful, the annual average values of each dam were calculated.

Average Dam Occupancy By Years



Figure 1. Average Occupancy Rate of Each Dams by Years

Figure 1. shows the annual average occupancy rate for each dam. Each line on the chart represents a different threshold. When figure 1. is examined, an annual linear trend could not be determined in the annual dam occupancy rates. The average dam occupancy rate is around 50 percent. Moreover, dam occupancy rates decreased significantly in 2014. The reason for this decrease is thought to be the lack of precipitation due to global warming.

### 2.1.1. Analysing Seasonal Average by Years

The precipitation rates will be different in different seasons. This might affect the occupancy rate of the dams. As a result, it is necessary to investigate the seasonal variation in dam occupancy rates. Table 2. shows the average occupancy rate by season and year. Moreover, Figure 2 represents the average occupancy rate by season by year graphically.

Table 2. Average Occupancy Rate of Each Season by Years

| Year | Spring    | Summer    | Autumn    | Winter    |
|------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 2011 | 95.956228 | 85.523511 | 62.209978 | 78.656022 |
| 2012 | 92.119380 | 72.364359 | 49.000198 | 71.194209 |
| 2013 | 88.403750 | 65.615837 | 37.101253 | 62.721367 |
| 2014 | 26.541174 | 22.684326 | 33.062758 | 37.718133 |
| 2015 | 95.707359 | 79.798174 | 68.054275 | 79.211467 |
| 2016 | 81.285902 | 57.350696 | 36.955110 | 59.842956 |
| 2017 | 78.898989 | 62.739728 | 56.017725 | 66.724389 |
| 2018 | 87.218880 | 72.171250 | 53.453824 | 72.714022 |
| 2019 | 91.767043 | 67.938130 | 41.857571 | 69.768911 |
| 2020 | 55.564185 | 43.913315 | 27.057604 | 38.266505 |

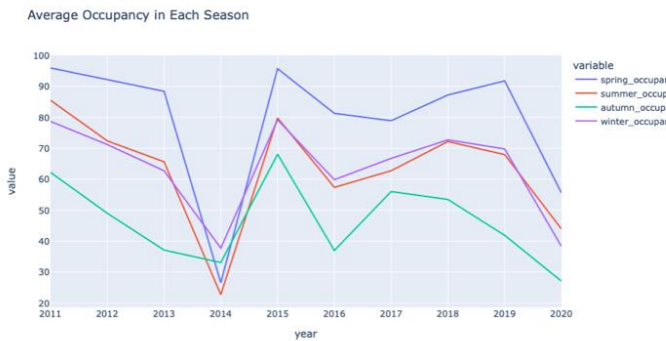


Figure 2. Average Occupancy Rate of Each Seasons

According to Figure 2, spring is the season when the dams are most full. It is estimated that there is an increase in the occupancy rate with the melting of the snow falling in winter. Average occupancy rates are approximately the same in the winter and summer seasons. In autumn, it has the lowest occupancy rate of all the seasons. The reason for this is the low amount of precipitation in the summer season. Furthermore, average occupancy rates for all seasons significantly decreased in 2014. The reason for this situation is thought to be less precipitation in 2014.

### 2.2. Proposed Methodology

"Moving Average", "ARIMA", "fbprophet" and "Exponential Smoothing" models were used to forecast the occupancy rates of dams in İstanbul. For these models, "root mean squared error (RMSE)" and "mean squared error (MSE)" values were found for each dam, and the RMSE and MSE values of the models were compared for each dam. "fbprophet" and "statsmodels" libraries were used while creating the forecasting model and analysing the error rates.

Before modelling the data, it is necessary to check its stationarity. Van Greunen, Heymans, van Heerden, and van Vuuren (2014) claim that the capacity to render a time series to the correct form of stationarity can lead to false results, while the inability to render a time series to the correct form of stationarity can lead to erroneous results. The statistical features of a process that generates a time series do not vary over time, which is known as stationarity. This isn't to say that the series doesn't change over time; it just means that the method by which it changes doesn't change

(towardsdatascience, 2022). The "dickey-fuller test" method was used to determine the stationarity of the data. Dolado, Gonzalo and Mayoral (2002) state that the Dickey and Fuller test statistic is one of the most used methods for determining whether a process is "I (1)" or "I (0)." Its broad application is owing to its computational simplicity as well as its flexibility to more generic setups such as serial correlation in residuals, seasonality, breaking trends, and so on. The Dickey-Fuller test is applied to each dam. If the P-value of the test is less than or equal to 0.05, the data will be stationary. Otherwise, the data is not stationary.

Table 3. P-values of each dam

| Dams         | P-value      | Stationary or Not Stationary |
|--------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| Ömerli       | 0.000528     | Stationary                   |
| Darlık       | 8.231593e-05 | Stationary                   |
| Elmalı       | 0.211310     | Not Stationary               |
| Terkos       | 0.001289     | Stationary                   |
| Alibey       | 0.000914     | Stationary                   |
| Büyükçekmece | 0.003648     | Stationary                   |
| Sazlıdere    | 0.030055     | Stationary                   |
| Kazandere    | 0.093578     | Not Stationary               |
| Pabuçdere    | 0.047259     | Stationary                   |
| Istrancalar  | 0.000738     | Stationary                   |

According to Table 3, all data except "Elmalı" and "Kazandere" are stationary. For 30 days, the "shift" method will be applied to "Elmalı" and "Kazandere" data to make it stationary. Shifting or "lagging" numbers back and forth in time is a typical operation on time series data, such as computing the percent change from sample to sample (Weiming, 2015). Then, apply the Dickey-Fuller test for shifting data, and shifted data will become stationary (Table 4.).

Table 4. P-values of Shifted Data

| Dams      | P-value  | New P-value | Stationary or Not Stationary |
|-----------|----------|-------------|------------------------------|
| Elmalı    | 0.211310 | 0.000153    | Stationary                   |
| Kazandere | 0.093578 | 0.000390    | Stationary                   |

Moreover, since seasonal estimation will also be made, the "dickey-fuller test" method has been applied to the seasonal average occupancy rate data for years. The same confidence interval as for previous data is used for seasonal average occupancy rate data by year. According to Table 5, all seasonal data might be stationary with a 0.95 confidence interval.

Table 5. P-values of Each Season

| Season           | P-value  | Stationary or Not Stationary |
|------------------|----------|------------------------------|
| Spring Occupancy | 0.008896 | Stationary                   |
| Summer Occupancy | 0.007490 | Stationary                   |
| Autumn Occupancy | 0.021246 | Stationary                   |
| Winter Occupancy | 0.032537 | Stationary                   |

### 2.2.1. Moving Average

A "Moving Average" is a time series that is created by averaging many consecutive data points from some other time-series data. Because each average is determined by discarding the oldest observation and including the next, the technique is referred to as "moving average." The averaging "moves" across the time series until all observations are computed at each observation that has all the average's constituents accessible (Hyndman, 2011). The moving average is calculated by taking the arithmetic average of a given set of values over a given period. The number is added as the number of days determined and divided by the determined number. Thus, the estimated value on the specified day is found. This process is continued until the last day comes.

The number of "Moving Average" steps is taken as "4 days", "5 days" and "6 days" to forecast the occupancy of the dams. "Mean squared error" and "Root mean squared error" values were calculated separately for each model.

Table 6. RMSE and MSE Rate for Moving Average (4 days)

| Dams         | Root Mean Squared Error | Mean Squared Error |
|--------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Ömerli       | 0.9962                  | 0.9925             |
| Darlık       | 0.9885                  | 0.9771             |
| Terkos       | 1.1265                  | 1.2691             |
| Alibey       | 1.1272                  | 1.2707             |
| Büyükçekmece | 0.8921                  | 0.7958             |
| Sazlıdere    | 0.6334                  | 0.4012             |
| Pabuçdere    | 1.6302                  | 2.6576             |
| Istrancalar  | 5.1126                  | 26.1387            |
| Elmalı       | 2.0182                  | 4.0731             |
| Kazandere    | 2.8417                  | 8.0753             |

Table 7. RMSE and MSE Rate for Moving Average (5 days)

| Dams         | Root Mean Squared Error | Mean Squared Error |
|--------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Ömerli       | 1.2023                  | 1.4457             |
| Darlık       | 1.1929                  | 1.4231             |
| Terkos       | 1.3345                  | 1.7809             |
| Alibey       | 1.3521                  | 1.8283             |
| Büyükçekmece | 1.0714                  | 1.1479             |
| Sazlıdere    | 0.7639                  | 0.5836             |
| Pabuçdere    | 1.9242                  | 3.7025             |
| Istrancalar  | 5.8641                  | 34.3888            |
| Elmalı       | 2.3226                  | 5.3949             |
| Kazandere    | 3.3041                  | 10.9173            |

Table 8. RMSE and MSE Rate for Moving Average (6 days)

| Dams         | Root Mean Squared Error | Mean Squared Error |
|--------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Ömerli       | 1.4023                  | 1.9664             |
| Darlık       | 1.3918                  | 1.9371             |
| Terkos       | 1.5311                  | 2.3445             |
| Alibey       | 1.5672                  | 2.4562             |
| Büyükçekmece | 1.2457                  | 1.5518             |
| Sazlıdere    | 0.8906                  | 0.7933             |
| Pabuçdere    | 2.2042                  | 4.8587             |
| Istrancalar  | 6.5208                  | 42.5212            |
| Elmalı       | 2.6087                  | 6.8058             |
| Kazandere    | 3.7259                  | 13.8824            |

The number of "Moving Average" steps is taken as "2 years", "3 years" to forecast the seasonal occupancy of the dams. "Mean squared error" and "Root mean squared error" values were calculated separately for each model.

Table 9. RMSE And MSE Rate for Moving Average (2 Years)

| Season           | Root Mean Squared Error | Mean Squared Error |
|------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Spring Occupancy | 19.1098                 | 463.4019           |
| Summer Occupancy | 15.0262                 | 274.0968           |
| Autumn Occupancy | 10.2318                 | 128.4443           |
| Winter Occupancy | 11.6593                 | 182.9532           |

Table 10. RMSE and MSE Rate for Moving Average (3 years)

| Season           | Root Mean Squared Error | Mean Squared Error |
|------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Spring Occupancy | 15.4878                 | 239.8735           |
| Summer Occupancy | 12.6865                 | 160.9482           |
| Autumn Occupancy | 11.9357                 | 142.4621           |
| Winter Occupancy | 12.2521                 | 150.1153           |

2.2.2. ARIMA

ARIMA techniques are used to evaluate time series and were formerly primarily employed for load forecasting because of their accuracy and mathematical soundness (Contreras et al., 2003). ARIMA models are those that are used on non-stationary series and then changed by differencing to a stationary state. Non-stationary linear stochastic models are those that are applied to non-stationary series and then made stationary via the use of differences. These models, which apply AR to series with d-degree differences, represent the value of the variable in the t-period as a linear function of a certain number of back-period values and the error term in the same period. The value of the variable in the t-period is also a linear function of a specific number of back-period error terms. They combine the MA models and are represented as the models are typically represented by ARIMA (p, d, q). In this case, the degrees of the moving average (MA) and autoregressive (AR) models, respectively, are p and q, and the degree of difference is denoted by d (Kaynar et al., 2009). To use "ARIMA", there has to be no seasonality in the data. If there is seasonality in the data, "SARIMA" should be used. According to this result, checking seasonality is essential for using ARIMA. After trend and seasonal elements have been removed, model fitting entails identifying and estimating parameters. Regression analysis that measures the strength of one dependent variable in relation to multiple fluctuating variables is known as an autoregressive integrated moving average model. Instead of using actual values, the model seeks to forecast future values by analysing discrepancies between values in the series. A preliminary autoregressive moving average (ARIMA) process is built based on the estimated autocorrelation function (ACF) and the estimated partial autocorrelation function (PACF) during the identification step (Nobre et al., 2001). For checking seasonality, the "seasonal decompose" method is used in "statsmodels" libraries. According to Figure 3., there is no seasonality each dam. Therefore, ARIMA will be used for forecasting.

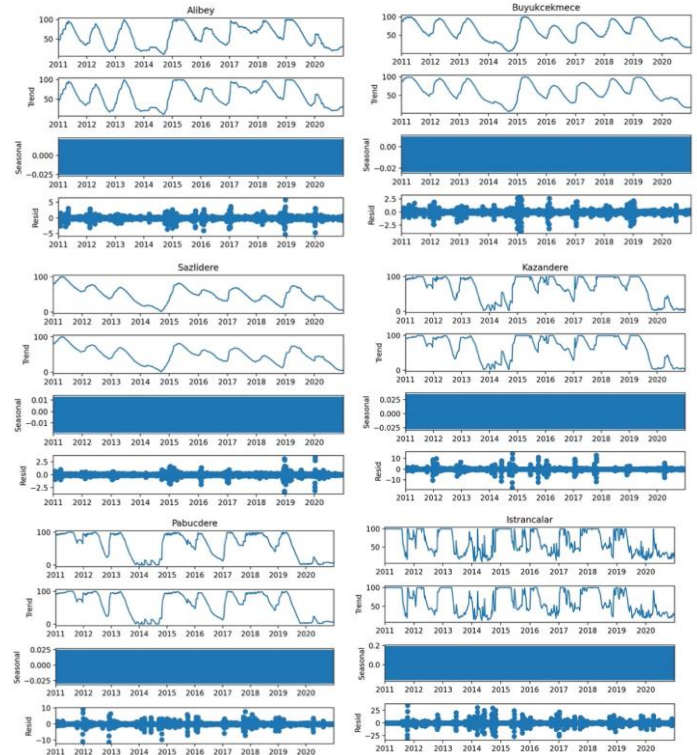


Figure 3. Seasonal\_Decompose Result of Each Dams

ARIMA has three variables, such as "p", "d" and "q." "p" is the autoregressive model's order (number of time lags), "d" is the degree of differencing (the number of times the data has had past values subtracted), and "q" is the moving-average model's order. In this paper, different (p,d,q) combinations will try to fit the ARIMA model. For example, "p" and "q" have a range of "0-7" and "d" has a range of "0-4" for forecasting each dam. All possible (p,d,q) combinations will be tried to get the "Root Mean Squared Error" for each pair. For training the model, 0.8 of data for each dam is used. The remaining one (0.2) is used for verification. The ideal combination was chosen for the combination training model that gave the smallest RMSE value for each dam.

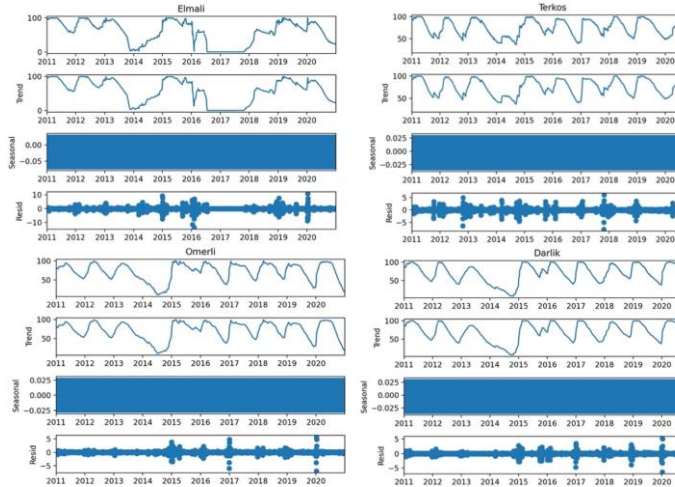


Table 11. Example of RMSE rate of each dam by each pdq pairs

| (p,d,q)   | Ömerli   | Darlık   | Terkos   | Alibey    |
|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| (0, 0, 0) | 24.3471  | 22.1796  | 23.4816  | 28.9917   |
| (0, 0, 1) | 24.3446  | 22.1602  | 23.4793  | 28.9686   |
| (0, 0, 2) | 24.3404  | 22.1499  | 23.4774  | 28.9465   |
| (0, 0, 3) | 24.3414  | 22.1396  | 23.4743  | 28.9536   |
| (0, 0, 4) | 24.3329  | 22.0857  | 23.4732  | 28.8911   |
| ...       | ...      | ...      | ...      | ...       |
| (6, 3, 2) | 178.2897 | 298.5143 | 214.5498 | 1152.5791 |
| (6, 3, 3) | 118.5196 | 652.6726 | 224.9215 | 300.7981  |
| (6, 3, 4) | 86.7820  | 602.1260 | 608.4480 | 553.8868  |
| (6, 3, 5) | 407.6319 | 329.7974 | 357.2996 | 615.1873  |
| (6, 3, 6) | 427.4416 | 400.7443 | 370.0125 | 1235.7716 |

The smallest (p,d,q) values among the error values, such as "root mean squared error" and "mean squared error", were found for each dam data set. These values will then be used to compare the error values of other models.

Table 12. The smallest RMSE value of (p,d,q) pairs of each dam

| Dams         | (p,d,q)   | RMSE    |
|--------------|-----------|---------|
| Ömerli       | (5, 0, 4) | 22.3810 |
| Darlık       | (6, 0, 4) | 17.0530 |
| Terkos       | (6, 0, 6) | 20.1219 |
| Alibey       | (5, 0, 4) | 16.1057 |
| Büyükçekmece | (4, 0, 5) | 24.0485 |
| Sazlıdere    | (0, 3, 1) | 18.7186 |
| Pabuçdere    | (4, 2, 0) | 23.7179 |
| Istrancalar  | (3, 0, 0) | 34.7594 |
| Elmalı       | (6, 0, 4) | 5.7194  |
| Kazandere    | (1, 0, 2) | 6.6172  |

Table 13. The smallest MSE value of (p,d,q) pairs of each dam

|              | (p,d,q)   | MSE       |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| Ömerli       | (5, 0, 4) | 500,9092  |
| Darlık       | (6, 0, 4) | 290,8048  |
| Terkos       | (6, 0, 6) | 404,8909  |
| Alibey       | (5, 0, 4) | 259,3936  |
| Büyükçekmece | (4, 0, 5) | 578,3304  |
| Sazlıdere    | (0, 3, 1) | 350,3860  |
| Pabuçdere    | (4, 2, 0) | 562,5388  |
| Istrancalar  | (3, 0, 0) | 1208,2159 |
| Elmalı       | (6, 0, 0) | 32.7115   |
| Kazandere    | (6, 0, 0) | 43.7873   |

For seasonal data, "p" and "q" have the range of "0-2" for forecasting each season. The model is trained using 0.8 seasons of data. The remaining one (0.2) is utilized for verification purposes. For the combination training model, the best combination was found that yielded the least RMSE value for each season.

Table 14. RMSE Rate of Each Season by Each pdq Pairs

| (p,d,q)   | Spring  | Summer  | Autumn  | Winter  |
|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| (0, 0, 0) | 19.4443 | 14.9235 | 16.7478 | 19.8501 |
| (0, 0, 1) | 21.4657 | 15.2257 | 14.7616 | 20.1604 |
| (0, 1, 0) | 22.6131 | 20.2043 | 20.3866 | 24.4469 |
| (0, 1, 1) | 19.4424 | 14.9216 | 16.7469 | 19.8492 |
| (1, 0, 0) | 20.1171 | 15.2298 | 16.3097 | 20.1360 |
| (1, 0, 1) | 20.3859 | 14.3219 | 14.6632 | 19.4277 |
| (1, 1, 0) | 21.8028 | 18.3283 | 21.2040 | 23.3002 |
| (1, 1, 1) | 19.7451 | 14.9290 | 16.3080 | 19.8874 |

For each seasonal data, the least (p,d,q) values were found among the error values such as "root mean squared

error" and "mean squared error." The error values of other models will then be compared to these values.

Table 15. The smallest RMSE value of (p,d,q) pairs of each season

|                  | (p,d,q)   | RMSE    |
|------------------|-----------|---------|
| Spring Occupancy | (0, 1, 1) | 19.4424 |
| Summer Occupancy | (1, 0, 1) | 14.3219 |
| Autumn Occupancy | (1, 0, 1) | 14.663  |
| Winter Occupancy | (1, 0, 1) | 19.4277 |

Table 16. The smallest MSE value of (p,d,q) pairs of each Season

|                  | (p,d,q)   | MSE      |
|------------------|-----------|----------|
| Spring Occupancy | (0, 1, 1) | 378,0069 |
| Summer Occupancy | (1, 0, 1) | 205,1168 |
| Autumn Occupancy | (1, 0, 1) | 215,0036 |
| Winter Occupancy | (1, 0, 1) | 377,4355 |

### 2.2.3. Fbprophet

"Fbprophet" is an additive model for forecasting time series data that fits non-linear patterns with yearly, weekly, and daily seasonality, as well as seasonal impacts. It works best with time series with substantial seasonal influences and historical data from several seasons. "Fbprophet" can withstand missing information and trend alterations, and it usually handles extremes well (Chikkakrishna, 2019). For the "Fbprophet" library, 0.8 of each dam's data is reserved for training, the rest for testing. It was run daily over 365-day period. Moreover, RMSE and MSE values were calculated for each dam.

Table 17 RMSE and MSE Rate for Fbprophet of Each Dam

| Dams         | Root Mean Squared Error | Mean Squared Error |
|--------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Ömerli       | 18.2305                 | 332,3511           |
| Darlık       | 17.5149                 | 306,7717           |
| Terkos       | 17.2301                 | 296,8763           |
| Alibey       | 35.9049                 | 1289,1618          |
| Büyükçekmece | 46.5420                 | 2166,1577          |
| Sazlıdere    | 38.3423                 | 1470,1319          |
| Pabuçdere    | 62.1590                 | 3863,7412          |
| Istrancalar  | 53.4463                 | 2856,5069          |
| Elmalı       | 10.1054                 | 102,1191           |
| Kazandere    | 7.0872                  | 50,2284            |

For seasonal data, the model run yearly and in 1 year period. Furthermore, RMSE and MSE values were calculated for season.

Table 18. RMSE and MSE Rate for Fbprophet of Each Season

|        | Root Mean Squared Error | Mean Squared Error |
|--------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Spring | 22.7623                 | 518,1223           |
| Summer | 15.3115                 | 234,4437           |
| Autumn | 19.4409                 | 377,9502           |
| Winter | 22.4733                 | 505,0495           |

2.2.4. Exponential Smoothing

Exponential smoothing is a straightforward and practical method of forecasting that involves constructing a forecast using an exponentially weighted average of previous data. Most of the weight is given to the current observation, with less weight being given to the observation immediately before it, and even less weight being given to the observation before that, and so on. The objective behind exponential smoothing is to smooth the original series in the same manner as the moving average smooths it, and then use the smoothed series to anticipate future independent variables of importance. Typically, the exponential smoothing approach is founded on the idea that time series levels should vary around a fixed level or change gradually over time (Ostertagová, 2011).

For the model, Figure 3 is used to model dam data for seasonality. According to Figure 3., exponential smoothing with an additivity seasonality model is used for "Elmalı" "Kazandere" and "Pabuçdere" data forecasting. Exponential smoothing with a multiplicative seasonality model is used for other dams' data. 0.8 of the datasets were used to train the models, and the rest were used for testing the models. In both models, the seasonality period was taken as 365 days and the daily estimation of the 2-year data is made. RMSE and MSE are calculated for each dam's data.

Table 19 RMSE and MSE Rate for Exponential Smoothing of Each Dam

| Dams         | RMSE     | MSE       |
|--------------|----------|-----------|
| Ömerli       | 22.4963  | 506,0835  |
| Darlık       | 48.1110  | 2314,6683 |
| Terkos       | 36.2185  | 1311,7797 |
| Alibey       | 94.5095  | 8932,0456 |
| Büyükçekmece | 63.7549  | 4064,6873 |
| Sazlıdere    | 18.2419  | 332,7669  |
| Istrancalar  | 274.4037 | 752,9701  |
| Pabuçdere    | 47.1646  | 2224,4995 |
| Elmalı       | 23.9124  | 571,8029  |
| Kazandere    | 18.7226  | 350,5358  |

For seasonal data, the model is fitted with exponential smoothing with multiplicative seasonality. Seasonal periods are selected every 2 years. The models are trained using 0.8 of the datasets and tested with the remaining datasets, and RMSE and MSE values are calculated.

Table 20. RMSE and MSE Rate for Exponential Smoothing of Each Season

|                  | RMSE    | MSE      |
|------------------|---------|----------|
| Spring Occupancy | 11.5633 | 133,7099 |
| Summer Occupancy | 9.4762  | 89,7983  |
| Autumn Occupancy | 15.0599 | 226,8005 |
| Winter Occupancy | 15.6953 | 246,3424 |

3. Results and Discussion

Root mean squared error and mean squared error values were calculated for each time series forecasting model. The "moving average" model was compared within itself. If the models are compared the "moving average" models according to the RMSE and MSE values, the model that gives the smallest values for all dams is the "moving average 4 days" model. This model is comparable to other models for the "moving average" model.

Table 21. RMSE values of Moving Average Models for Each Dam

| Dams         | Moving Average (4 days) | Moving Average (5 days) | Moving Average (6 days) |
|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Ömerli       | 0.9962                  | 1.2023                  | 1.4023                  |
| Darlık       | 0.9885                  | 1.1929                  | 1.3918                  |
| Terkos       | 1.1265                  | 1.3345                  | 1.5311                  |
| Alibey       | 1.1272                  | 1.3521                  | 1.5672                  |
| Büyükçekmece | 0.8921                  | 1.0714                  | 1.2457                  |
| Sazlıdere    | 0.6334                  | 0.7639                  | 0.8906                  |
| Pabuçdere    | 1.6302                  | 1.9242                  | 2.2042                  |
| Istrancalar  | 5.1126                  | 5.8641                  | 6.5208                  |
| Elmalı       | 2.0182                  | 2.3226                  | 2.6087                  |
| Kazandere    | 2.8417                  | 3.3041                  | 3.7259                  |

When the RMSE values of all models are compared, the smallest value is in the "moving average 4 day" model. However, due to the nature of the model, trend and seasonality are not used in the "Moving Average" forecasting model. When the dam data is examined, it is seen that the data includes trend (Figure 3). Therefore, it is not considered appropriate to choose the "moving average of 4 days" model as the estimation model. A choice will be made between "ARIMA", "Fbprophet", and "Exponential Smoothing" as they include seasonality and trend data. When the RMSE values of the "ARIMA", "Fbprophet" and "Exponential smoothing" models are examined, the "ARIMA" model gives the lowest value for "Darlık", "Alibey", "Büyükçekmece", "Pabuçdere", "Istrancalar" and "Elmalı" dams. The "Fbprophet" model gives the lowest "rmse" value for "Ömerli" and "Terkos" dams. Finally, the "Exponential Smoothing" model gives the lowest RMSE value for the "Sazlıdere" dam. Since the comparison was made for the RMSE values, the MSE values were not compared again. Forecasts for 2021 and 2022 were created with the model that gave the lowest RMSE value for each dam.

Table 22. RMSE values of Models-1 (Each Dam)

| Dams         | Moving Average (4 days) | ARIMA with (p,d,q) |
|--------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Ömerli       | 0.9962                  | 22.3810 (5, 0, 4)  |
| Darlık       | 0.9885                  | 17.0530 (6, 0, 4)  |
| Terkos       | 1.1265                  | 20.1219 (6, 0, 6)  |
| Alibey       | 1.1272                  | 16.1057 (5, 0, 4)  |
| Büyükçekmece | 0.8921                  | 24.0485 (4, 0, 5)  |
| Sazlıdere    | 0.6334                  | 18.7186 (0, 3, 1)  |
| Pabuçdere    | 1.6302                  | 23.7179 (4, 2, 0)  |
| Istrancalar  | 5.1126                  | 34.7594 (3, 0, 0)  |
| Elmalı       | 2.0182                  | 5.7194 (6, 0, 4)   |
| Kazandere    | 2.8417                  | 6.6172 (1, 0, 2)   |

Table 23. RMSE values of Models-2 (Each Dam)

| Dams         | Fbprophet | Exponential Smoothing |
|--------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Ömerli       | 18.2305   | 22.4963               |
| Darlık       | 17.5149   | 48.1110               |
| Terkos       | 17.2301   | 36.2185               |
| Alibey       | 35.9049   | 94.5095               |
| Büyükçekmece | 46.5420   | 63.7549               |
| Sazlıdere    | 38.3423   | 18.2419               |
| Pabuçdere    | 62.1590   | 274.4037              |
| Istrancalar  | 53.4463   | 47.1646               |
| Elmalı       | 10.1054   | 23.9124               |
| Kazandere    | 7.0872    | 18.7226               |

Since the comparison was made for the RMSE values, the MSE values were not compared again. Forecasts for 2021 and 2022 were created with the model that gave the lowest RMSE value for each dam.

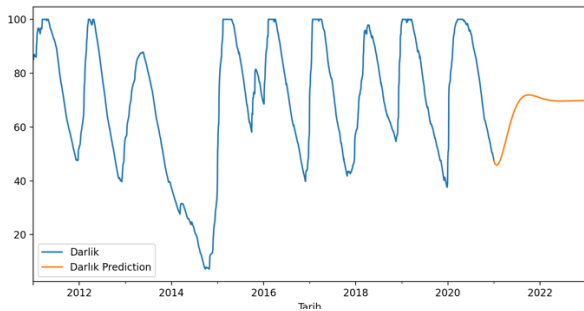


Figure 4. Prediction of Darlık between 2021-2022 (ARIMA (6,0,4))

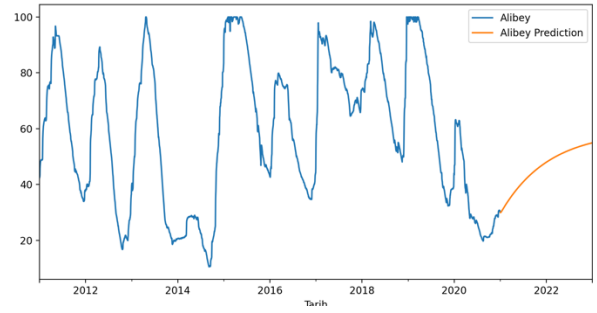


Figure 5. Prediction of Alibey between 2021-2022 (ARIMA (5,0,4))

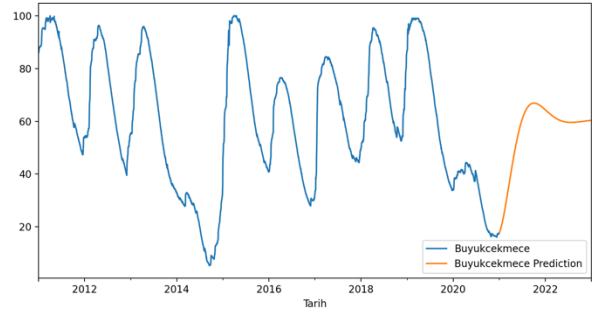


Figure 6. Prediction of Büyükçekmece between 2021-2022 (ARIMA (4,0,5))

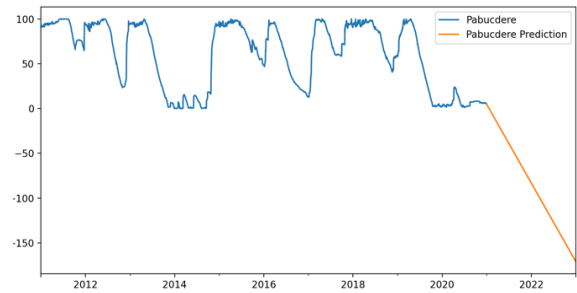


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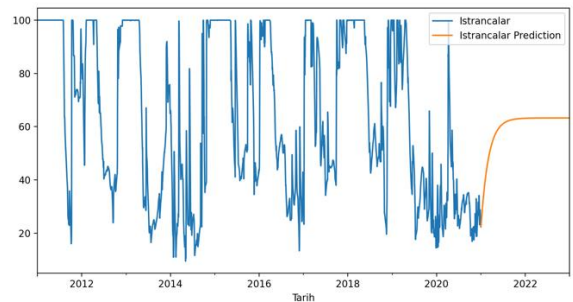


Figure 8. Prediction of Istrancalar between 2021-2022 (ARIMA (3,0,0))



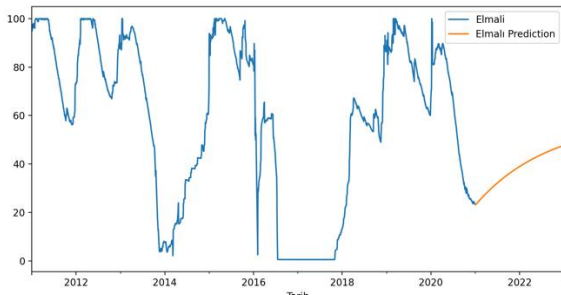


Figure 9. Prediction of Elmalı between 2021-2022 (ARIMA (6,0,4))

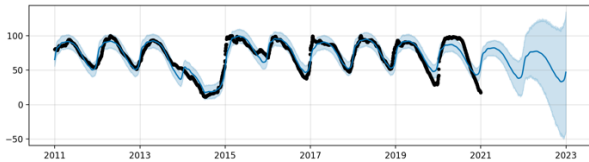


Figure 10. Prediction of Ömerli between 2021-2022 (Fbprophet)

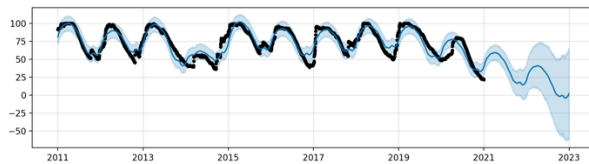


Figure 11. Prediction of Terkos between 2021-2022 (Fbprophet)

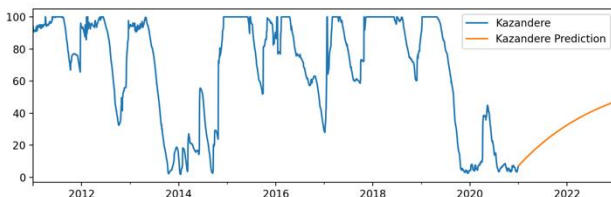


Figure 12. Prediction of Kazandıre between 2021-2022 (ARIMA (1,0,2))

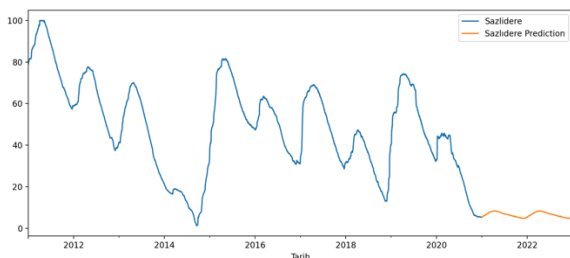


Figure 13. Prediction of Sazlıdere Between (2021-2022) (Exponential Smoothing)

For seasonal data, forecasting models are compared. The "Moving Average" model has given the smallest RMSE value, but it is thought that estimating with this model will not give accurate results, since this model does not contain trend and seasonality values. When the other 3 models were compared, it was found appropriate to estimate occupancy in spring, summer, and winter with "Exponential Smoothing"

and to estimate occupancy in autumn with ARIMA (1,0,1) parameters.

Table 24. RMSE Values of Models-1 (Each Season)

|                  | Moving Average (2 Years) | Moving Average (3 Years) |
|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Spring Occupancy | 19.1098                  | 15.4878                  |
| Summer Occupancy | 15.0262                  | 12.6865                  |
| Autumn Occupancy | 10.2318                  | 11.9357                  |
| Winter Occupancy | 11.6593                  | 12.2521                  |

Table 25. RMSE Values Of Models-2 (Each Season)

|                  | Fbprophet | Exponential Smoothing |
|------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Spring Occupancy | 22.7623   | 11.5633               |
| Summer Occupancy | 15.3115   | 9.4762                |
| Autumn Occupancy | 19.4409   | 15.0599               |
| Winter Occupancy | 22.4733   | 15.6953               |

Table 26. RMSE Values Of Models-3 (Each Season)

|                  | ARIMA with (p,d,q) |           |
|------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Spring Occupancy | 19.4424            | (0, 1, 1) |
| Summer Occupancy | 14.3219            | (1, 0, 1) |
| Autumn Occupancy | 14.663             | (1, 0, 1) |
| Winter Occupancy | 19.4277            | (1, 0, 1) |

Since the comparison was made for the RMSE values, the MSE values were not compared again. Forecasts for 2021 and 2022 were created with the model giving the lowest RMSE value for each season.

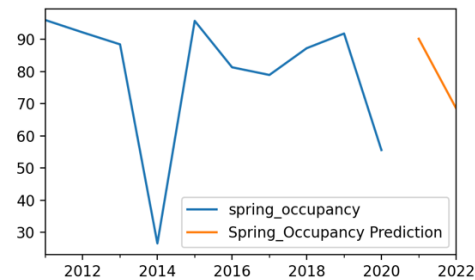


Figure 14. Prediction of Spring Occupancy for 2021-2022 (Exponential Smoothing)

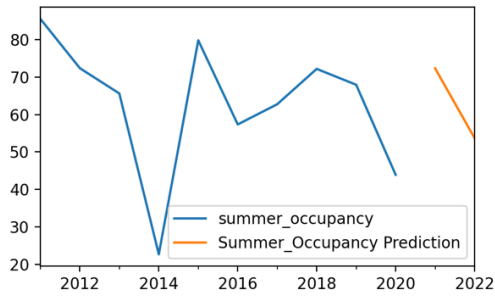


Figure 15. Prediction of Summer Occupancy for 2021-2022 (Exponential Smoothing)

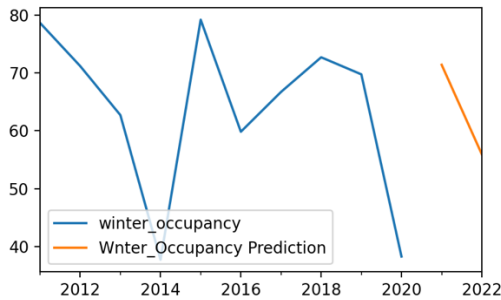


Figure 16. Prediction of Winter Occupancy for 2021-2022 (Exponential Smoothing)

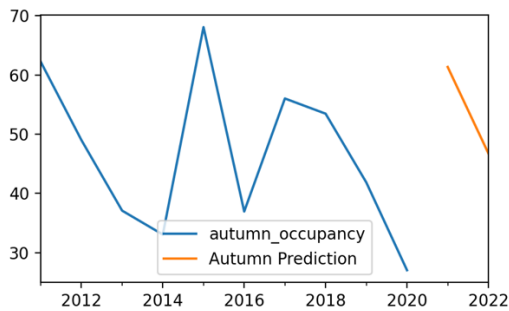


Figure 17 Prediction of Autumn Occupancy for 2021-2022 (ARIMA (1,0,1))

#### 4. Conclusion and Recommendations

Global warming poses a serious threat to the entire world. Increasing global warming poses the danger of water scarcity. In Turkey, in crowded cities such as Istanbul that meet their drinking water needs from dams, the lack of precipitation due to global warming causes water scarcity. In this study, the daily occupancy rates of 10 different dams in Istanbul between 2011 and 2020 were examined. In line with this dataset, occupancy forecasts of dams in Istanbul for the years 2021 and 2022 were made using the "Moving Average," "ARIMA," "Fbprophet" and "Exponential Smoothing" models. A comparison of RMSE and MSE values of forecasting models was made. For each dam, the estimation model giving the lowest RMSE value was chosen. As a result of these models, it is estimated that the occupancy rate for the "Darlık", "Alibey", "Büyükçekmece" and "Istrancalar" dams for 2021 and 2022 will be approximately 60 percent. The

occupancy rate of the "Elmalı" and "Kazandere" dams is expected to be around 40%, that of the "merli" dam is expected to be around 25%, and that of the "Terkos" dam is expected to be around 30%. On the other hand, it is estimated that the "Sazlıdere" and "Pabuçdere" dams will have an occupancy rate of almost 0 percent. If the forecasts of seasonal data are analyzed, it is estimated that the average dam occupancy rate in summer, winter, and spring will be around 50 percent in 2022. This rate, on the other hand, is around 70% during the spring season.

These forecasting models show that in 2022, the average dam occupancy rate will be 33.5 percent. In other words, it is estimated that Istanbul will have approximately 291,008,805 m<sup>3</sup> of drinking water in 2022 for dams. There might be water shortages in Istanbul in 2022. It is estimated that there will not be enough water in the dams. Therefore, necessary precautions should be taken to ensure that the people living in Istanbul do not suffer from water shortages.

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