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Summary

Information on the quantities of sawnwood used in different applications is hardly ever known. Normally statistics is not gathered by the branch organisations or any other authority that will cast light on the uses of sawnwood in any country. For the sawnwood industry, however, such information would be vital for decision making regarding marketing and sales to different customer categories. In the absence of real data on patterns of sawnwood consumption by category of user indicative data can be obtained by methods of calculus when following the development of the most important end-use sectors. Such a method is proposed here based on official data on housing, investment in construction of different categories of objects such as industrial building, offices, schools, civil engineering etc. Also consumer end products such as windows, doors, floors, interior fitting etc will be covered by the analysis. The time series obtained can be the platform for projections using different alternative methods such as co-integration analysis, seemingly unrelated regressions, VAR etc.
