Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) of Air Quality Index (AQI) in Major Indian Cities

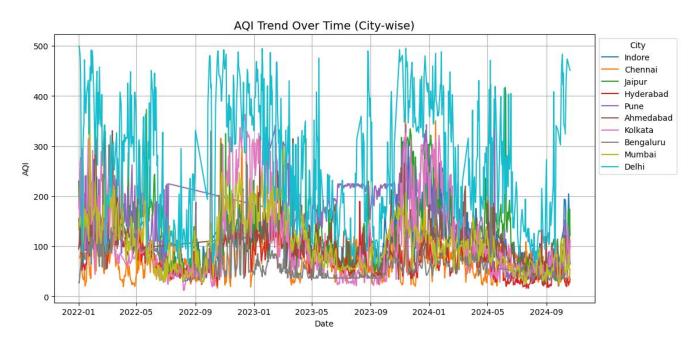
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import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
import plotly.express as px
from statsmodels.tsa.seasonal import seasonal decompose
from statsmodels.graphics.tsaplots import plot acf, plot pacf
# Load AOI dataset
df = pd.read_csv("/content/Final_AQI.csv", parse_dates=['Date'])
df.head()
       Date PM2.5
                             CO Ozone
                                      City AQI_PM2.5
                                                     AQI_PM10
                                                              AQI_NO2
                                                                       AQI_CO AQI_Ozone
                                                                                           AQI
0 2024-01-02 104.79 146.30 44.64 1.35
                                53.47 Indore 248.076207 131.098658 55.573333 64.611111
                                                                                 53.47 248.076207
1 2024-01-04 114.69 161.47 39.49 1.54
                                38.37 Indore 281.872759 141.178054 49.362500 74.955556
                                                                                 38.37 281.872759
2 2024-01-06
            88.81 122.08 48.94 1.53
                                43.09 Indore
                                           195.937586 115.006174 60.975897
                                                                      74.411111
                                                                                 43.09
                                                                                     195.937586
3 2024-01-07
            66.61
                  93.93 46.25 1.25
                                30.89 Indore 120.151379
                                                    93.930000 57.596154
                                                                     59.166667
                                                                                 30.89 120.151379
4 2024-01-08
            94.56 141.99 51.93 1.64
                                49.13 Indore 213.153103 128.234966 64.732564 80.400000
                                                                                 49.13 213.153103
df.info()
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
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 12 AQI
                  8252 non-null
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df.describe()

	Date	PM2.5	PM10	NO2	со	Ozone	AQI_PM2.5	AQI_PM10	AQI_NO2	AQI_CO	AQI_Ozone	IQA
count	8252	8252.000000	8252.000000	8252.000000	8252.000000	8252.000000	8252.000000	8252.000000	8252.000000	8252.000000	8252.000000	8252.000000
mean	2023-06-07 17:33:07.590886912	47.140606	111.592569	38.939124	1.053259	26.334747	87.105349	102.558761	47.247326	48.337511	26.374552	118.505874
min	2022-01-01 00:00:00	1.200000	4.946429	0.100000	0.000000	0.280000	2.000000	4.946429	0.125000	0.000000	0.280000	12.450000
25%	2022-09-24 00:00:00	20.842813	54.148958	13.125148	0.500000	11.462196	34.738021	54.148958	16.406434	25.000000	11.462196	60.025000
50%	2023-06-20 00:00:00	35.920000	87.692708	25.420000	0.744521	21.669792	59.313103	87.692708	31.775000	37.226066	21.669792	96.107292
75%	2024-02-18 00:00:00	57.998698	137.969808	51.062500	1.372370	35.997231	96.618490	125.563832	63.642628	65.829022	35.997231	145.079052
max	2024-10-20 00:00:00	424.810000	598.950000	281.830000	8.707407	181.700000	470.105181	499.384911	301.690504	183.801688	233.238462	499.384911
std	NaN	42.148336	88.505692	39.502543	0.807615	19.561330	82.616933	74.395676	45.196637	30.811572	19.799977	84.725075

AQI Trend Over Time

```
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
sns.lineplot(x='Date', y='AQI', hue='City', data=df, palette="tab10")
plt.title("AQI Trend Over Time (City-wise)", fontsize=14)
plt.xlabel("Date")
plt.ylabel("AQI")
plt.legend(title="City", bbox_to_anchor=(1,1))
plt.grid()
plt.show()
```



Observation: AQI fluctuates over time, with some cities showing a clear increasing trend, especially during winter months.

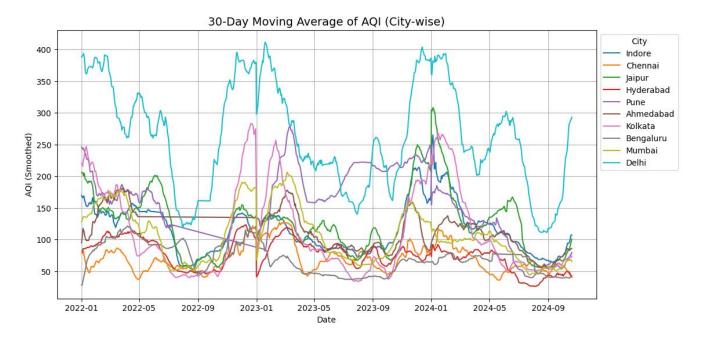
Insight: This indicates seasonal pollution variations, possibly due to weather conditions and human activities.

Moving Averages (Seasonality)

```
# Calculate 30-day moving average for AQI

df['AQI_MA'] = df.groupby('City')['AQI'].transform(lambda x: x.rolling(30, min_periods=1).mean())

plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
sns.lineplot(x='Date', y='AQI_MA', hue='City', data=df, palette="tab10")
plt.title("30-Day Moving Average of AQI (City-wise)", fontsize=14)
plt.xlabel("Date")
plt.ylabel("AQI (Smoothed)")
plt.legend(title="City", bbox_to_anchor=(1,1))
plt.grid()
plt.show()
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Observation: The 30-day moving average smooths out fluctuations, revealing periodic AQI increases.

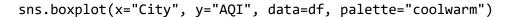
Insight: There are seasonal cycles where AQI spikes, likely linked to weather, industrial activities, and vehicular pollution.

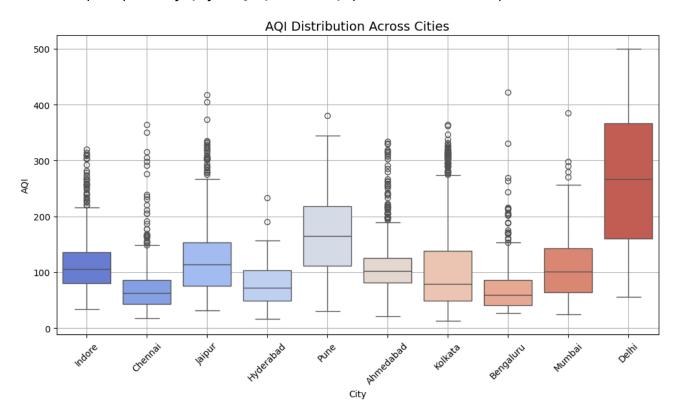
AQI Distribution (City-wise)

```
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
sns.boxplot(x="City", y="AQI", data=df, palette="coolwarm")
plt.title("AQI Distribution Across Cities", fontsize=14)
plt.xticks(rotation=45)
plt.grid()
plt.show()
```

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Observation: Some cities have consistently higher AQI values, while others show large variations.

Insight: Cities like Delhi and Mumbai show persistently high AQI, indicating chronic pollution problems, while others have occasional spikes.

Decomposing AQI (Trend, Seasonality, Residuals)

Delhi

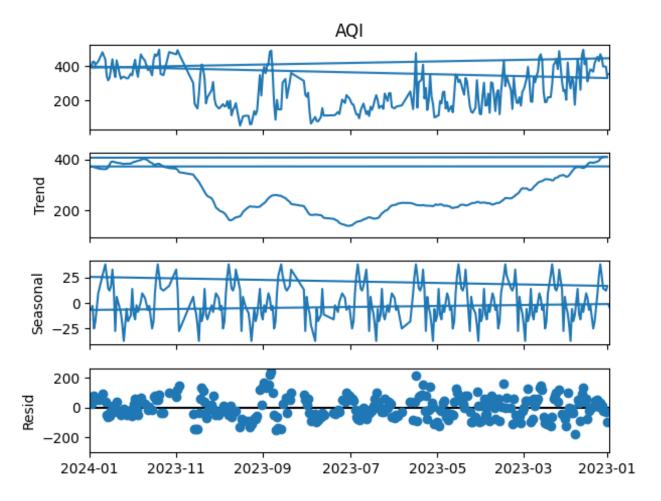
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city = "Delhi" # Choose a city
city_df = df[df["City"] == city].set_index("Date") # Filter city data

decomposition = seasonal_decompose(city_df['AQI'], model='additive',
period=30)

plt.figure(figsize=(12, 8))
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decomposition.plot()
plt.show()
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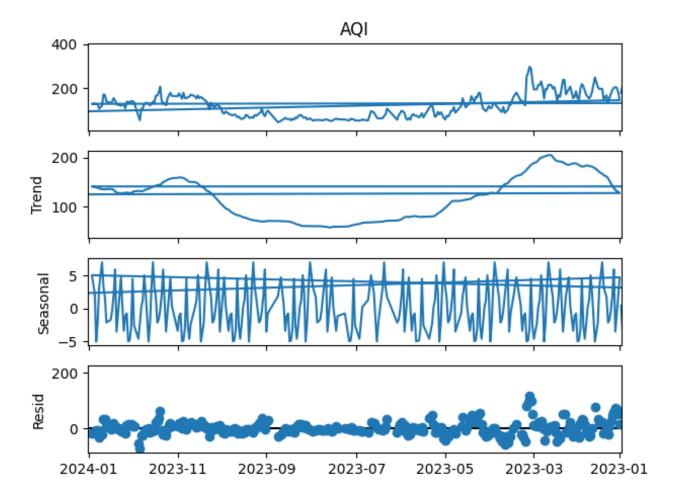
Mumbai

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city = "Mumbai" # Choose a city
city_df = df[df["City"] == city].set_index("Date") # Filter city data

decomposition = seasonal_decompose(city_df['AQI'], model='additive',
period=30)

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plt.show()

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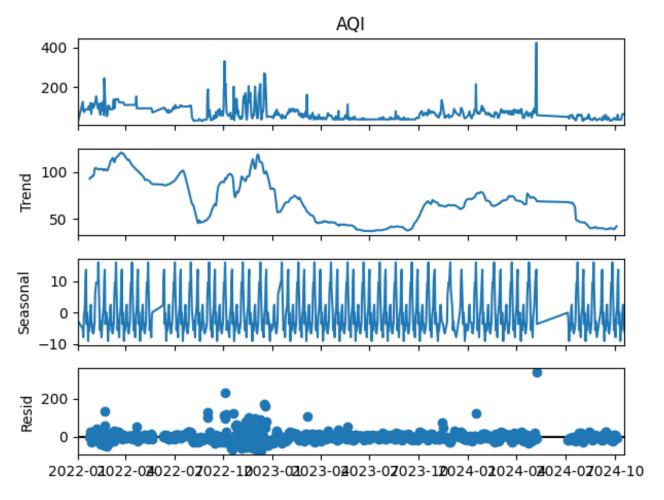
Bengaluru

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city = "Bengaluru" # Choose a city
city_df = df[df["City"] == city].set_index("Date") # Filter city data

decomposition = seasonal_decompose(city_df['AQI'], model='additive',
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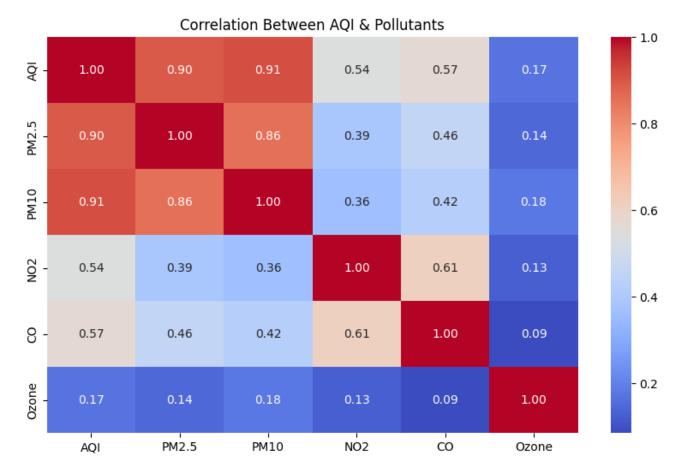


Observation: A strong upward trend is visible in some cities, and seasonal patterns are noticeable.

Insight: AQI prediction models should consider both long-term trends and seasonal effects for better accuracy.

Correlation Between AQI & Pollutants

```
plt.figure(figsize=(10,6))
sns.heatmap(df[['AQI', 'PM2.5', 'PM10', 'N02', 'CO', 'Ozone']].corr(),
annot=True, cmap="coolwarm", fmt=".2f")
plt.title("Correlation Between AQI & Pollutants")
plt.show()
```



Observation: PM2.5 and PM10 show the highest correlation with AQI, followed by NO₂. CO and Ozone have lower correlations.

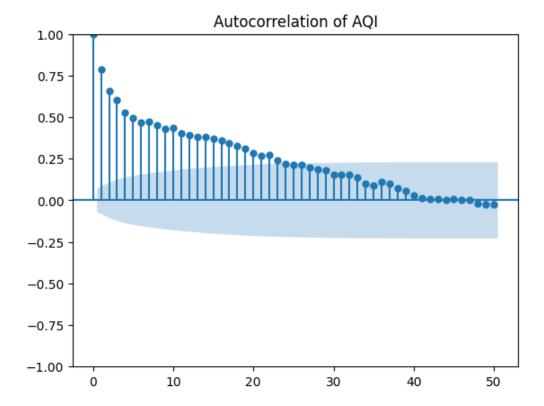
Insight: Fine particulate matter (PM2.5 & PM10) is the major contributor to air pollution, likely from vehicular emissions and construction dust.

Autocorrelation & Partial Autocorrelation

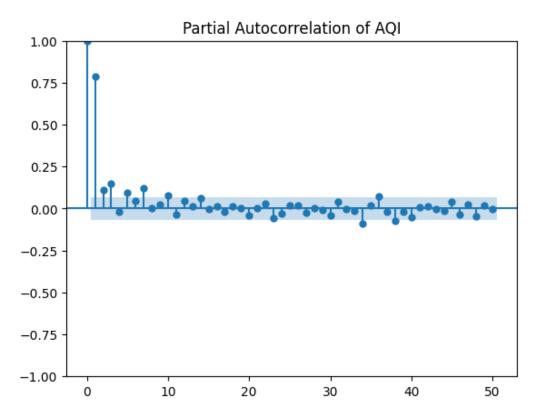
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plt.figure(figsize=(12, 5))
plot_acf(city_df['AQI'], lags=50)
plt.title("Autocorrelation of AQI")
plt.show()

plt.figure(figsize=(12, 5))
plot_pacf(city_df['AQI'], lags=50)
plt.title("Partial Autocorrelation of AQI")
plt.show()

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Observation: AQI values are highly correlated with past values, with a significant autocorrelation up to 30-50 days.

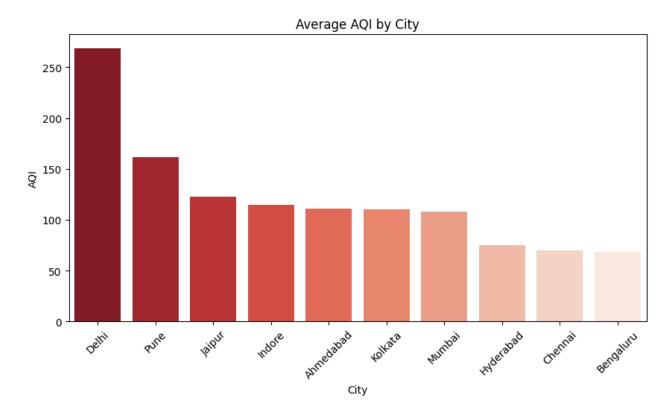
Insight: LSTM models should use past 30-50 days of AQI data as input features for forecasting.

City-Wise Pollution Ranking

```
city_avg_aqi = df.groupby('City')['AQI'].mean().sort_values(ascending=False)
plt.figure(figsize=(10,5))
sns.barplot(x=city_avg_aqi.index, y=city_avg_aqi.values, palette="Reds_r")
plt.title("Average AQI by City")
plt.xticks(rotation=45)
plt.ylabel("AQI")
plt.show()
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sns.barplot(x=city_avg_aqi.index, y=city_avg_aqi.values, palette="Reds_r")



Observation: Cities like Delhi, Kolkata, and Mumbai have the highest AQI, while others like Bangalore are relatively cleaner.

Insight: Policy makers should focus on stricter pollution controls in highly polluted cities.

Conclusion

- AQI trends are highly seasonal, with winter months showing higher pollution.
- PM2.5 & PM10 are the biggest contributors to air pollution.
- Forecasting models should use at least 30-50 days of past data for accurate predictions.
- Policy actions should target high-pollution cities for effective air quality management.