

Data Smoothing

Consider the following time series in which x_i = temperature ($^{\circ}\text{F}$) of effluent at a sewage treatment plant on day i :

47, 54, 53, 50, 46, 46, 47, 50, 51, 50, 46, 52, 50, 50.

1. Plot the data on a two-dimensional coordinate system. Does there appear to be any pattern?
2. Calculate smoothed data using k -nearest neighbor with $k = 3$.
3. Calculate smoothed data using exponential smoothing with
 - (a) $\alpha = 0.1$ and
 - (b) $\alpha = 0.5$.