20240115 CO2 concentration in the Atmosphere Since 1958

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```
[1]: %matplotlib inline
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from scipy.optimize import curve_fit
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import datetime
```

The data has been loaded from the available from the Web site of the Scripps Institute. The data selected contains the weekly frequency and has been downloaded from https://scrippsco2.ucsd.edu/data/atmospheric_co2/mlo.html on the 16th of January 2024.

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[2]: import os
  os.chdir(os.getcwd())
  data_url = "../Source/20240116_weekly_in_situ_co2_mlo.csv"
```

When opening the CSV file the below message is dispalyed and we can see that the data is loaded from the line 45 without any header.

"C. D. Keeling, S. C. Piper, R. B. Bacastow, M. Wahlen, T. P. Whorf, M. Heimann, and " " H. A. Meijer, Exchanges of atmospheric CO2 and 13CO2 with the terrestrial biosphere and " " oceans from 1978 to 2000. I. Global aspects, SIO Reference Series, No. 01-06, Scripps " " Institution of Oceanography, San Diego, 88 pages, 2001. " " " " If it is necessary to cite a peer-reviewed article, please cite as: " " " " C. D. Keeling, S. C. Piper, R. B. Bacastow, M. Wahlen, T. P. Whorf, M. Heimann, and " " H. A. Meijer, Atmospheric CO2 and 13CO2 exchange with the terrestrial biosphere and " " oceans from 1978 to 2000: observations and carbon cycle implications, pages 83-113, " " in "A History of Atmospheric CO2 and its effects on Plants, Animals, and Ecosystems",

" " editors, Ehleringer, J.R., T. E. Cerling, M. D. Dearing, Springer Verlag, " " New York, 2005.
" " " " " The data file below contains 2 columns indicaing the date and CO2 " " concentrations in micro-mol CO2 per mole (ppm), reported on the 2012 " " SIO manometric mole fraction scale. These weekly values

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[3]: raw_data = pd.read_csv(data_url, skiprows=44,header = None) raw_data
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[3]:
                     0
                              1
     0
           1958-03-29
                        316.19
     1
            1958-04-05
                        317.31
                        317.69
     2
           1958-04-12
     3
            1958-04-19
                        317.58
     4
            1958-04-26
                        316.48
           2023-12-02
     3353
                        420.28
     3354
           2023-12-09
                        421.23
     3355
           2023-12-16
                        422.57
     3356
           2023-12-23
                        422.06
     3357
           2023-12-30
                        421.76
```

[3358 rows x 2 columns]

First we are checking if there are any data missing.

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[4]: raw_data[raw_data.isnull().any(axis=1)]
```

[4]: Empty DataFrame
Columns: [0, 1]
Index: []

There isn't any missing data.

We are naming the columns to get it more readable.

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[5]: raw_data.columns = ["date", "co2_concentration"] raw_data
```

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[5]:
                         co2_concentration
                  date
     0
            1958-03-29
                                     316.19
     1
            1958-04-05
                                     317.31
     2
            1958-04-12
                                     317.69
     3
            1958-04-19
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[3358 rows x 2 columns]

[6]: raw_data.dtypes

We can see that the data type of the column "data" is not defined as a period and we are updating it to be sure that it is going to be treated appropriately.

```
[7]: raw_data.date = pd.to_datetime(raw_data.date,format='%Y-%m-%d')
raw_data.dtypes
```

[7]: date datetime64[ns] co2_concentration float64 dtype: object

We now change the index and sort by date to make sure that it is effectively ordered correctly.

```
[8]: raw_data["date_index"] = pd.to_datetime(raw_data.date,format='%Y-%m-%d')
sorted_data = raw_data.set_index("date_index").sort_index().

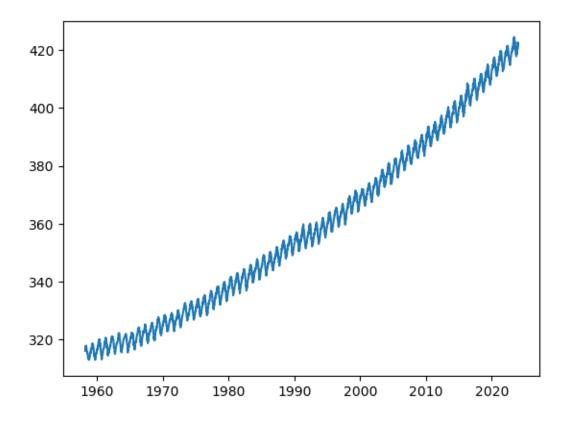
drop(['date'],axis=1)
sorted_data
```

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[8]:
                 co2_concentration
     date_index
     1958-03-29
                             316.19
     1958-04-05
                             317.31
     1958-04-12
                             317.69
     1958-04-19
                             317.58
     1958-04-26
                             316.48
     2023-12-02
                             420.28
     2023-12-09
                             421.23
     2023-12-16
                             422.57
     2023-12-23
                             422.06
     2023-12-30
                             421.76
```

[3358 rows x 1 columns]

We are now plotting all the values into a graph.

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[9]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
ax.plot(sorted_data.index,sorted_data["co2_concentration"])
plt.show()
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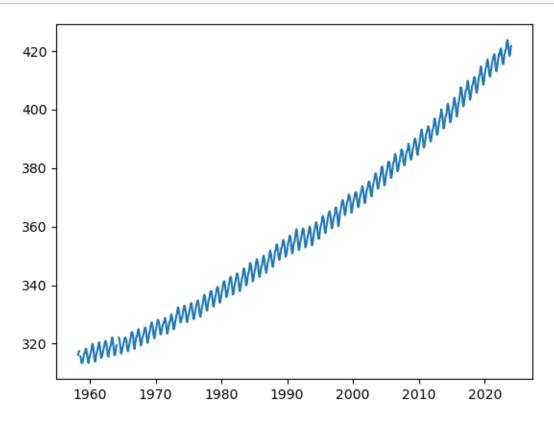
We are creating 2 new dataframes taking the average per month and average per year. We are plotting also those 2 new dataframes.

```
[10]: sorted_data_bymonth = sorted_data.resample("M").mean()
sorted_data_bymonth
```

[10]:		co2_concentration
	date_index	
	1958-03-31	316.1900
	1958-04-30	317.2650
	1958-05-31	317.5000
	1958-06-30	NaN
	1958-07-31	315.6875
	•••	•••
	2023-08-31	419.6225
	2023-09-30	418.1920
	2023-10-31	418.5975
	2023-11-30	420.2200
	2023-12-31	421.5800

[790 rows x 1 columns]

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[11]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
    ax.plot(sorted_data_bymonth.index,sorted_data_bymonth["co2_concentration"])
    plt.show()
```

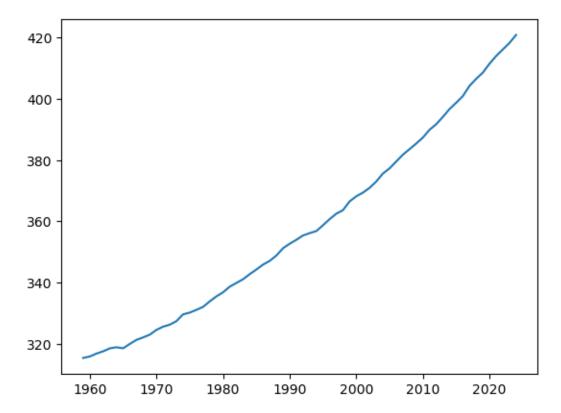


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[12]: sorted_data_byyear = sorted_data.resample("Y").mean()
sorted_data_byyear
```

[12]:		co2_concentration
	date_index	
	1958-12-31	315.474000
	1959-12-31	315.945417
	1960-12-31	316.898868
	1961-12-31	317.634038
	1962-12-31	318.597708
	•••	•••
	2019-12-31	411.417500
	2020-12-31	413.964902
	2021-12-31	416.086346
	2022-12-31	418.211569
	2023-12-31	420.831346

[66 rows x 1 columns]

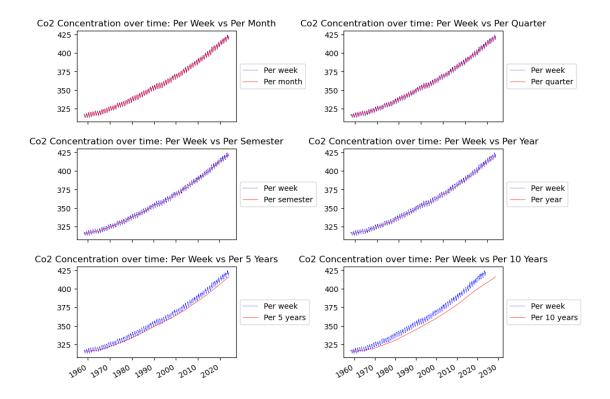
```
[13]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
    ax.plot(sorted_data_byyear.index,sorted_data_byyear["co2_concentration"])
    plt.show()
```



We can see that the result per month is very close to the curve obtained per week but also that when we look at the year we are leaving the frequency model and are approaching to a line. We are now comparing the result for multiple cases to see how the plots are evovling with different grouping.

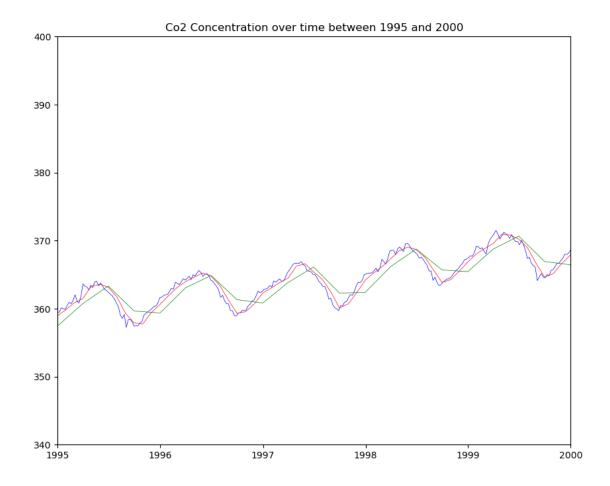
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axs[0,1].plot(sorted_data.resample("3M").mean().index,sorted_data.
 Gresample("3M").mean()["co2_concentration"],color='r',linewidth=0.
 ⇔5, label="Per quarter")
axs[0,1].set title("Co2 Concentration over time: Per Week vs Per Quarter")
axs[1,0].plot(sorted data.
 index, sorted_data["co2_concentration"], color='b', linewidth=0.3, label="Per∪
 ⇔week")
axs[1,0].plot(sorted_data.resample("6M").mean().index,sorted_data.
 Gresample("6M").mean()["co2_concentration"],color='r',linewidth=0.
 ⇔5, label="Per semester")
axs[1,0].set title("Co2 Concentration over time: Per Week vs Per Semester")
axs[1,1].plot(sorted_data.
 index, sorted_data["co2_concentration"], color='b', linewidth=0.3, label="Per⊔
 ⇔week")
axs[1,1].plot(sorted_data.resample("Y").mean().index,sorted_data.resample("Y").
 mean()["co2_concentration"],color='r',linewidth=0.5,label="Per year")
axs[1,1].set title("Co2 Concentration over time: Per Week vs Per Year")
axs[2,0].plot(sorted_data.
 ⇒index,sorted_data["co2_concentration"],color='b',linewidth=0.3,label="Per_
 -week")
axs[2,0].plot(sorted data.resample("5Y").mean().index,sorted data.
 ⇔5, label="Per 5 years")
axs[2,0].set_title("Co2 Concentration over time: Per Week vs Per 5 Years")
axs[2,1].plot(sorted_data.
 index, sorted_data["co2_concentration"], color='b', linewidth=0.3, label="Per⊔
 ⇔week")
axs[2,1].plot(sorted data.resample("10Y").mean().index,sorted data.

¬resample("10Y").mean()["co2_concentration"],color='r',linewidth=0.
 ⇔5, label="Per 10 years")
axs[2,1].set_title("Co2 Concentration over time: Per Week vs Per 10 Years")
axs[0,0].legend(loc='center left', bbox_to_anchor=(1, 0.5))
axs[0,1].legend(loc='center left', bbox_to_anchor=(1, 0.5))
axs[1,0].legend(loc='center left', bbox_to_anchor=(1, 0.5))
axs[1,1].legend(loc='center left', bbox_to_anchor=(1, 0.5))
axs[2,0].legend(loc='center left', bbox_to_anchor=(1, 0.5))
axs[2,1].legend(loc='center left', bbox_to_anchor=(1, 0.5))
fig.tight layout()
fig.autofmt_xdate()
plt.show()
```



Viewing all those results and comparisons are telling us that if we want to build the best model that would fit best the CO2 Concentration evolution we have to look closer into how the frequency is build and avoid using grouping over per quarter.

We are therefore creating a graph for a shorter period of 5 years to understand better how the values are evolving over time.



We can see first that there is monthly frequency that exist with a curve is at its top in the summer and bottom in September. We are looking deeper into one month starting in February to be neither in a top or bottom position.

```
[16]: sorted_data.resample("M").mean().loc[datetime.date(1996, 2, 1): datetime.

date(1997, 2, 1)]
```

[16]:		co2_concentration
	date_index	
	1996-02-29	363.0725
	1996-03-31	363.9600
	1996-04-30	364.6175
	1996-05-31	365.2350
	1996-06-30	364.7940
	1996-07-31	363.4100
	1996-08-31	361.2380
	1996-09-30	359.3250
	1996-10-31	359.5475
	1996-11-30	360.6560

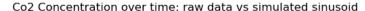
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1996-12-31 362.3150
1997-01-31 363.0350
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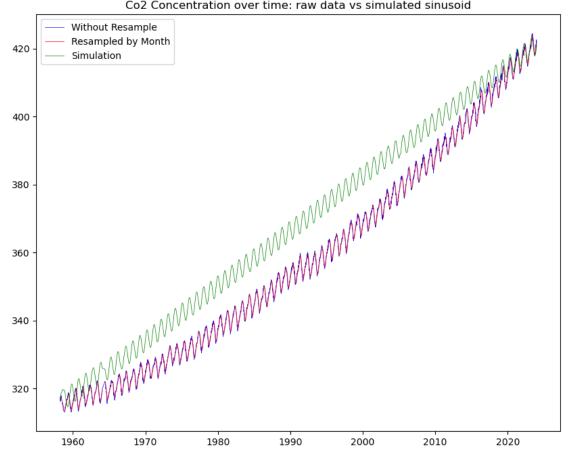
We are now exploring and trying to find manually a model that could be close to the real frequency. We can see from the previous graph that the curve is a sinusoid and inspired by https://mathbitsnotebook.com/Algebra2/TrigGraphs/TGsinusoidal.html and https://math.libretexts.org/Bookshelves/Precalculus/Book%3A_Precalculus_An_Investigation_of_Functions% we have been exploring the data.

```
[32]: fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(10.0, 8.0), sharex=False)
      ax.plot(sorted_data.
       ⇔index,sorted_data["co2_concentration"],color='b',linewidth=0.
       ⇔5, label="Without Resample")
      ax.plot(sorted data.resample("M").mean().index,sorted data.resample("M").
       ⇒mean()["co2_concentration"],color='r',linewidth=0.5,label="Resampled by

→Month")
      # First we are calculating an amplitude over a month period: Average between
       ⇔the min and max / 2
      amplitude = ((sorted_data.resample("M").mean().loc[datetime.date(1996, 2, 1):
       \hookrightarrowdatetime.date(1997, 2, 1)].max()-\
      sorted_data.resample("M").mean().loc[datetime.date(1996, 9, 1): datetime.

date(1997, 9, 1)].min())/2).iloc[0]
      # We define the initial offset that will be where the curve will begin
      offset = sorted_data.resample("M").mean().min().iloc[0] + amplitude
      # We are creating the frequency based on the period
      f = len(sorted_data.resample("Y").mean().index)
      sample = len(sorted_data.index)
      x = np.arange(sample)
      # Playing manually with the numbers we can find a line following the same_
       ⇔ frequency having the same gradient.
      y = amplitude*np.sin((2 * np.pi * f * x / sample)) + offset + x/32
      ax.plot(sorted_data.index, y, linewidth=0.5,color='g',label="Simulation")
      ax.set title("Co2 Concentration over time: raw data vs simulated sinusoid")
      ax.legend(loc='upper left')
      plt.show()
```

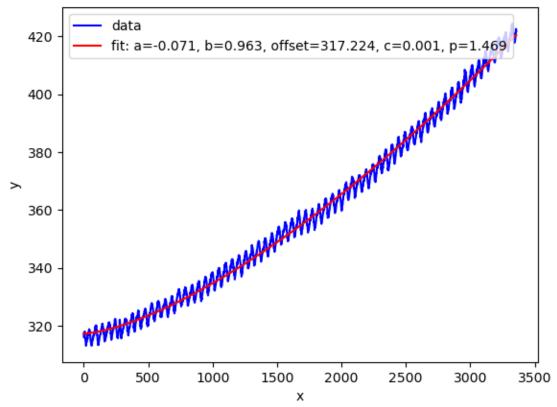




The model that we have looked at is telling us that we are heading in the right direction exploring a sinusoidal curve. Using the curve_fit function from the scipy package we can work in finding the best parameters to best fit the evolution of the CO2 concentration.

```
[35]: \parallel We are defining the model using a comfunction considering that there is a_{\sqcup}
       ⇒polynomial element as the values are increasing "exponentially"
      # We define p as the "polynomaial" variable. Other variables are the other
       →variables to take into account in a sinusoidal function.
      def func_sin(x, a, b, offset, c, p):
          return a * np.sin(2 * np.pi * b * x) + offset + c*x**p
      sample = len(sorted_data.index)
      x = np.arange(sample)
      y = sorted data["co2 concentration"]
      plt.plot(x, y, 'b-', label='data')
      popt, pcov = curve_fit(func_sin, x, y)
      popt
```

Co2 Concentration over time: raw data vs fitted curve



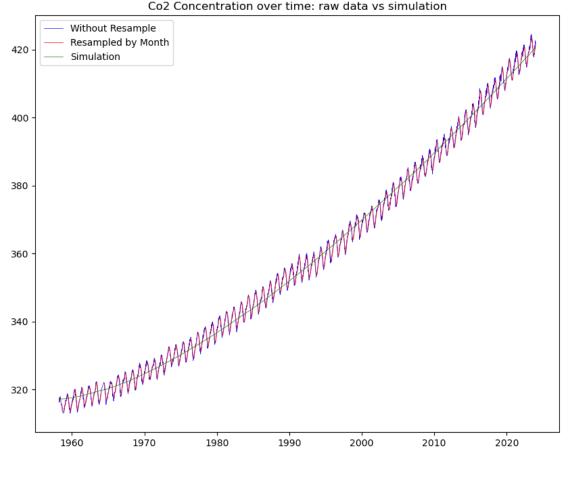
We are then taking the calculated variables and compare them with the initial data raw to identify if the prediction is close to the real values.

```
ax.plot(sorted_data.resample("M").mean().index,sorted_data.resample("M").
 omean()["co2_concentration"],color='r',linewidth=0.5,label="Resampled by⊔

→Month")
# We are calculating an amplitude over a month period: Average between the minu
\rightarrow and max / 2
amplitude = ((sorted_data.resample("M").mean().loc[datetime.date(1996, 2, 1):__
 \rightarrowdatetime.date(1997, 2, 1)].max()-\
sorted_data.resample("M").mean().loc[datetime.date(1996, 9, 1): datetime.

→date(1997, 9, 1)].min())/2).iloc[0]
# We define the initial offset that will be where the curve will begin
offset = sorted_data.resample("M").mean().min().iloc[0] + amplitude/2
# We are creating the frequency based on the period
f = len(sorted_data.resample("Y").mean().index)
sample = len(sorted_data.index)
x = np.arange(sample)
# Playing with the numbers we can find a line following the same frequency,
⇔having the same gradient.
y = popt[0]*np.sin((2 * np.pi * popt[1] * x/sample)) + popt[2] + popt[3]_{\sqcup}
 →*x**popt [4]
ax.plot(sorted_data.index, y, 'g', linewidth=0.5,label="Simulation")
ax.set_title("Co2 Concentration over time: raw data vs simulation")
ax.legend(loc='upper left')
plt.show()
```





The result is displaying a line that is closed to the initial values. We are expecting to get a preidction with a sinusoid to get also into the fact that the values are fluctuating. To change from a line to a sinusoid only the last 3 variables of the func_sin are used and for the others we are using the original values.

```
[41]: fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(10.0, 8.0), sharex=False)
     ax.plot(sorted_data.
       →index,sorted_data["co2_concentration"],color='b',linewidth=0.
       ax.plot(sorted_data.resample("M").mean().index,sorted_data.resample("M").
       omean()["co2_concentration"],color='r',linewidth=0.5,label="Resampled by⊔

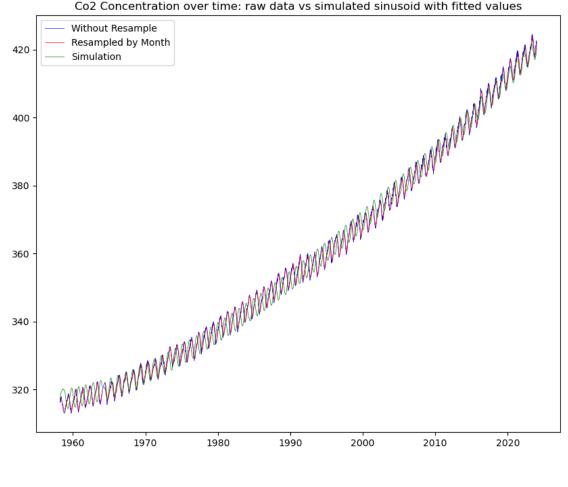
→Month")
      # We are calculating an amplitude over a month period: Average between the min_
       \rightarrow and max / 2
     amplitude = ((sorted_data.resample("M").mean().loc[datetime.date(1996, 2, 1):__

datetime.date(1997, 2, 1)].max()-\
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sorted_data.resample("M").mean().loc[datetime.date(1996, 9, 1): datetime.
date(1997, 9, 1)].min())/2).iloc[0]
# We define the initial offset that will be where the curve will begin
offset = sorted_data.resample("M").mean().min().iloc[0] + amplitude/2
# We are creating the frequency based on the period
f = len(sorted_data.resample("Y").mean().index)
sample = len(sorted_data.index)
x = np.arange(sample)
# Only the last 3 variables of the func_sin are used and for the others we are
⇔using the original values.
y = amplitude*np.sin((2 * np.pi * f * x/sample)) + popt[2] + popt[3]_{\sqcup}
 →*x**popt [4]
ax.plot(sorted_data.index, y, 'g', linewidth=0.5, label="Simulation")
ax.set_title("Co2 Concentration over time: raw data vs simulated sinusoid with⊔

→fitted values")
ax.legend(loc='upper left')
plt.show()
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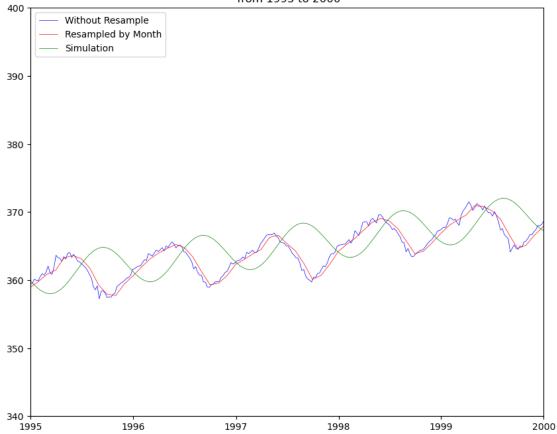
It is really close but there is a need to investigate closer and we ar elooking in more details for data in between 1996 and 1997.

```
[38]: fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(10.0, 8.0), sharex=False)
     ax.plot(sorted_data.
      ax.plot(sorted_data.resample("M").mean().index,sorted_data.resample("M").
      omean()["co2_concentration"],color='r',linewidth=0.5,label="Resampled by⊔

→Month")
     # First we are calculating an amplitude over a month period: Average between
      \hookrightarrow the min and max / 2
     amplitude = ((sorted_data.resample("M").mean().loc[datetime.date(1996, 2, 1):
      \rightarrowdatetime.date(1997, 2, 1)].max()-\
     sorted_data.resample("M").mean().loc[datetime.date(1996, 9, 1): datetime.
      \rightarrowdate(1997, 9, 1)].min())/2).iloc[0]
```

```
# We define the initial offset that will be where the curve will begin
offset = sorted_data.resample("M").mean().min().iloc[0] + amplitude/2
# We are creating the frequency based on the period
f = len(sorted_data.resample("Y").mean().index)
sample = len(sorted_data.index)
x = np.arange(sample)
# Playing with the numbers we can find a line following the same frequency \Box
⇔having the same gradient.
y = amplitude*np.sin((2 * np.pi * f * x/sample)) + popt[2] + popt[3]_{\sqcup}
 →*x**popt[4]
ax.plot(sorted_data.index, y, 'g', linewidth=0.5,label="Simulation")
ax.set_xlim([datetime.date(1995, 1, 1), datetime.date(2000, 1, 1)])
ax.set_ylim([340,400])
ax.set_title("Co2 Concentration over time: raw data vs simulated sinusoid with⊔
⇔fitted values \n from 1995 to 2000")
ax.legend(loc='upper left')
plt.show()
```

Co2 Concentration over time: raw data vs simulated sinusoid with fitted values from 1995 to 2000



The pick and lowest values are not fitting well and we are now looking into a selection of dates (beginning, middle and end) to see how it is fitting together.

```
axs[0,1].plot(sorted_data.resample("M").mean().index,sorted_data.resample("M").
 -mean()["co2_concentration"],color='r',linewidth=0.5,label="Resampled by_

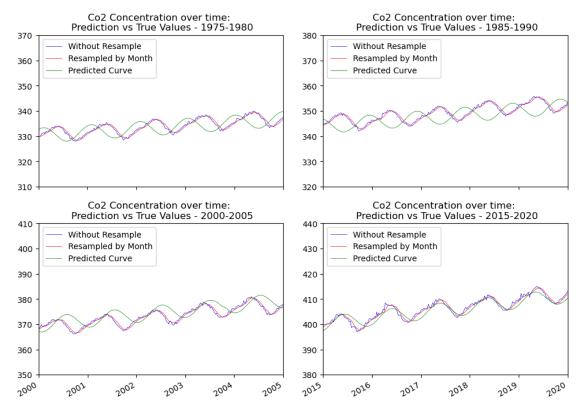
Month")
axs[0,1].set xlim([datetime.date(1985, 1, 1), datetime.date(1990, 1, 1)])
axs[0,1].set_ylim([320,380])
axs[0,1].set title("Co2 Concentration over time: \n Prediction vs True Values -11
 →1985-1990")
axs[1,0].plot(sorted_data.
 ⇔index,sorted_data["co2_concentration"],color='b',linewidth=0.
 axs[1,0].plot(sorted_data.resample("M").mean().index,sorted_data.resample("M").
 →mean()["co2_concentration"],color='r',linewidth=0.5,label="Resampled by

→Month")
axs[1,0].set_xlim([datetime.date(2000, 1, 1), datetime.date(2005, 1, 1)])
axs[1,0].set_ylim([350,410])
axs[1,0].set_title("Co2 Concentration over time: \n Prediction vs True Values -⊔
 ⇒2000-2005")
axs[1,1].plot(sorted_data.

→index,sorted_data["co2_concentration"],color='b',linewidth=0.

 axs[1,1].plot(sorted_data.resample("M").mean().index,sorted_data.resample("M").
 -mean()["co2 concentration"],color='r',linewidth=0.5,label="Resampled by__

→Month")
axs[1,1].set_xlim([datetime.date(2015, 1, 1), datetime.date(2020, 1, 1)])
axs[1,1].set_ylim([380,440])
axs[1,1].set_title("Co2 Concentration over time: \n Prediction vs True Values -__
 →2015−2020")
# First we are calculating an amplitude over a month period: Average between
 \hookrightarrow the min and max / 2
amplitude = ((sorted_data.resample("M").mean().loc[datetime.date(1996, 2, 1):
 \rightarrowdatetime.date(1997, 2, 1)].max()-\
sorted data.resample("M").mean().loc[datetime.date(1996, 9, 1): datetime.
 →date(1997, 9, 1)].min())/2).iloc[0]
# We define the initial offset that will be where the curve will begin
offset = sorted_data.resample("M").mean().min().iloc[0] + amplitude/2
# We are creating the frequency based on the period
f = len(sorted_data.resample("Y").mean().index)
sample = len(sorted data.index)
x = np.arange(sample)
```



There are few fluctuations but the end values are fitting better. The explanation might come from the fact that the fitted curve is a "polynomial". More investigation are to be made to explain those differences.

We can now look for a prediction with more values to be added. Unfortunately changing the Index into datetime has been challenging and is left to be done.

```
[44]: fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(10.0, 8.0), sharex=False)
      # First we are calculating an amplitude over a month period: Average between ⊔
       \hookrightarrow the min and max / 2
      amplitude = ((sorted_data.resample("M").mean().loc[datetime.date(1996, 2, 1):__

→datetime.date(1997, 2, 1)].max()-\
      sorted_data.resample("M").mean().loc[datetime.date(1996, 9, 1): datetime.

→date(1997, 9, 1)].min())/2).iloc[0]
      # We define the initial offset that will be where the curve will begin
      offset = sorted_data.resample("M").mean().min().iloc[0] + amplitude/2
      # We are creating the frequency based on the period
      f = len(sorted_data.resample("Y").mean().index)
      sample = len(sorted_data.index)+(52*3)
      x = np.arange(sample)
      # Playing with the numbers we can find a line following the same frequency ⊔
       ⇔having the same gradient.
      y = amplitude*np.sin((2 * np.pi * f * x/sample)) + popt[2] + popt[3]_{\sqcup}

→*x**popt [4]

      ax.plot(x, y, 'g', linewidth=0.5, label="Preducted Sinusoid")
      ax.set_title("Co2 Concentration over time: raw data and prediction")
      ax.legend(loc='upper left')
      plt.show()
```

