Directional Statistics

Directional statistics is a branch of statistics that deals with data measured in angles, directions, or orientations, focusing on the analysis and interpretation of cyclical or circular data.

90° 60° 120° 30° 150° 180° 0° 330° 210° 300° 240° 270°

Basic Concepts

Directional and circular data used interchangeably in analysis.

Circular data is data that is measured on a circle in degrees or radians. It is fundamentally different from linear data due to its periodic nature ($0^\circ = 360^\circ$).

Directional/circular distributions: No true zero, high/low values arbitrary.

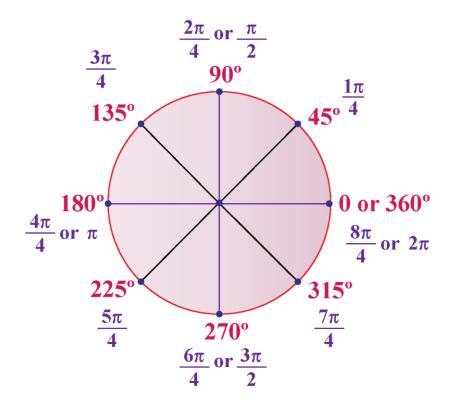
Analysis based on the polar coordinate system.

Note: Directional analysis also possible on Cartesian Coordinate System (requires angle calculation).

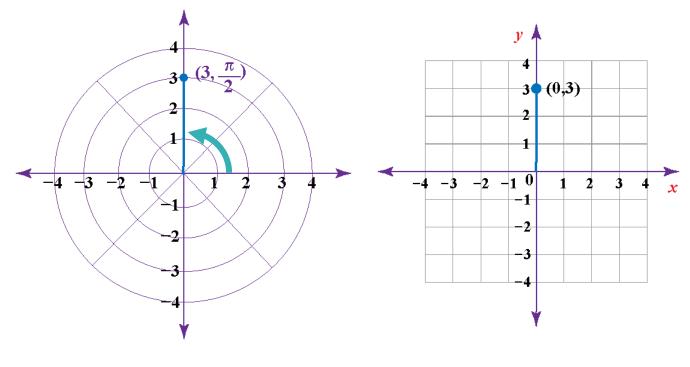
Polar Coordinate System:

Three key elements: pole, angle, radical distance

- The pole: the reference point (i.e. the point of origin in the Cartesian Coordinate System)
- Angle: indicating the directional distance of a point from the polar axis
 - Angle can be in Degree or in Radian
 - Degree to Radian : $^{\circ} \times \pi/180$
- Radical distance/radius: distance from the pole



A comparison between expression under the Polar Coordinate
System and the Cartesian Coordinate
System:



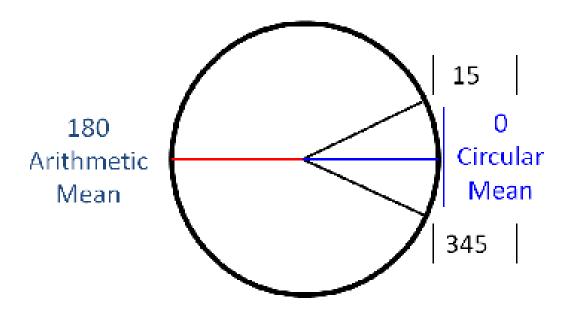
Polar Grid

Coordinate Grid

What are the basics in circular statistics?

• Circular Mean (unit) = $\arctan(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sin \theta}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \cos \theta})$

$$\begin{cases} if: sin > 0, \ cos > 0, Circular \ Mean * \frac{PI}{180} \\ if: sin > 0, cos < 0,360, Circular \ Mean * \frac{PI}{180} + 180 \\ if: sin < 0, cos > 0,360, Circular \ Mean * \frac{PI}{180} + 360 \\ if: sin < 0, cos > 0,360, Circular \ Mean * \frac{PI}{180} + 180 \end{cases}$$



Circular Mean (unit)
=
$$\arctan \frac{\sin 15^{\circ} + \sin 345^{\circ}}{\cos 15^{\circ} + \cos 345^{\circ}}$$

Mean Resultant Length



$$\sqrt{(\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}\sin\theta)^{2}+(\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}\cos\theta)^{2}}$$

- The larger the value, the more concentrated is the data.
- Between 0 and 1.

Circular Variance

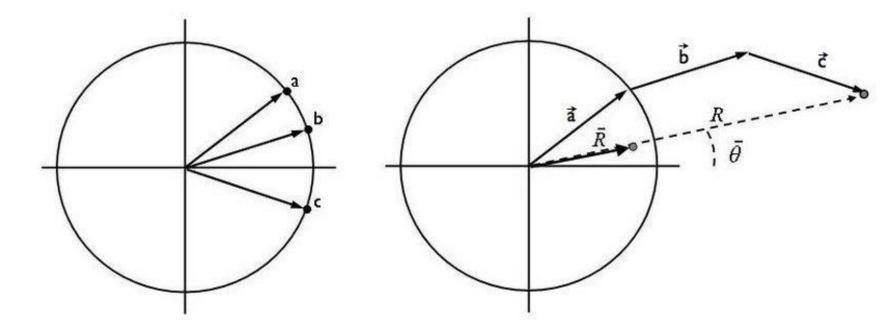
Opposite to MRL: measures the degree of spread of the data

Circular Variance = 1- \overline{R}

- Range between 0 and 1
- The larger the value, the more spread are the data points.

Real Life: wind speed +wind direction

• Directional Mean (unit) = $\arctan \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} windspeed_{i}*sin(\theta_{i})}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} windspeed_{i}*cos(\theta_{i})}$



Application

 We are going to calculate and validate the monthly prevailing wind for Calgary in 2022

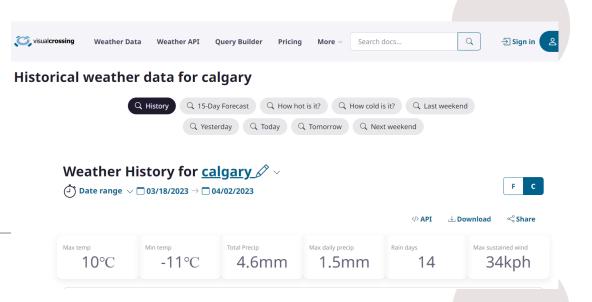
- →using circular mean
- → circular variance
- → real-world consideration

Application – Wind Direction

- Date: Jan 1, 2022 to Dec 31, 2022 (Hourly Weather Data)
- Location: Calgary
- Source: Weather History for Calgary from Visual Crossing

Weather Data

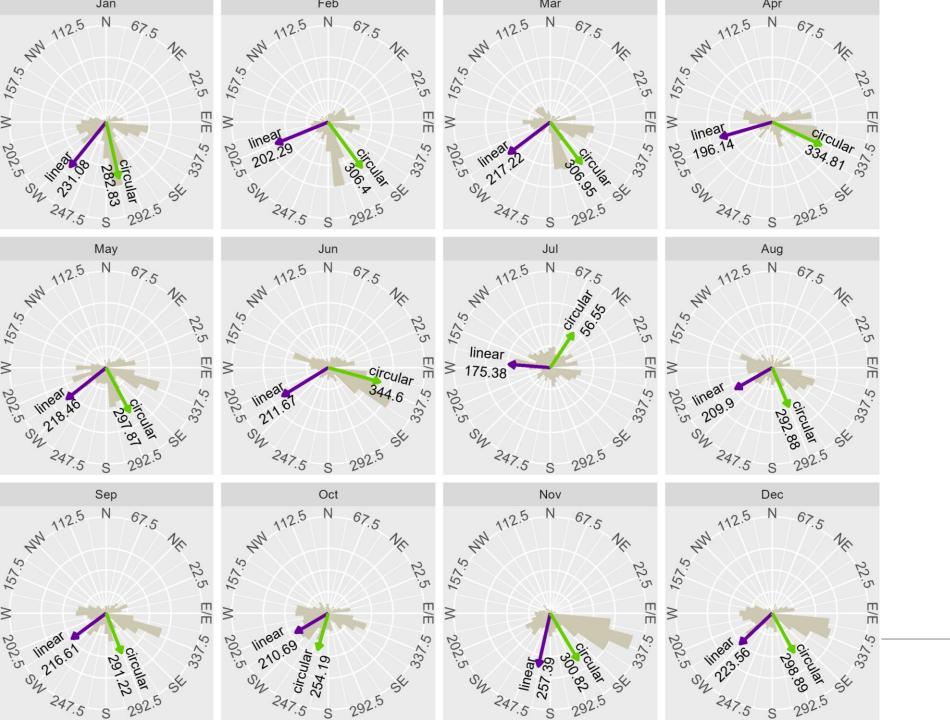
- Variables used:
- Wind Direction
- Wind Speed
- Date



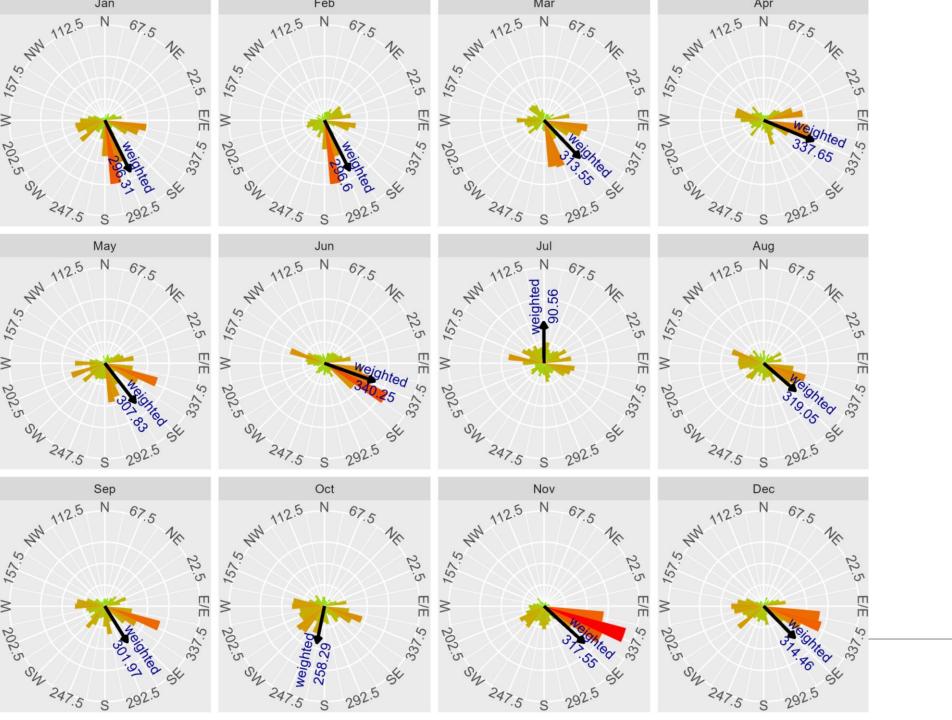
Linear Mean

 The linear mean is a non-directional calculation of the average of a set of numbers

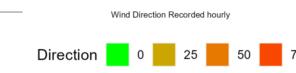
• Linear Mean (unit) =
$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \theta}{n}$$



The Difference Between and Liner and Circular Value



Wind Direction by Circular Mean



Uniformity Test - Rayleigh's Test

- Null Hypothesis:
- H₀: Wind directions are randomly/uniformly distributed.

$$Z = n \overline{R}^2$$

Where n is the total number of observation.

• Reject the null hypothesis when $Z > Z_{critical}$, p-value < 0.005

Critical z Values for the Rayleigh's Test *Taken* from Zar, 1981 Table B.32

2.9957

 $Z_{critica}$

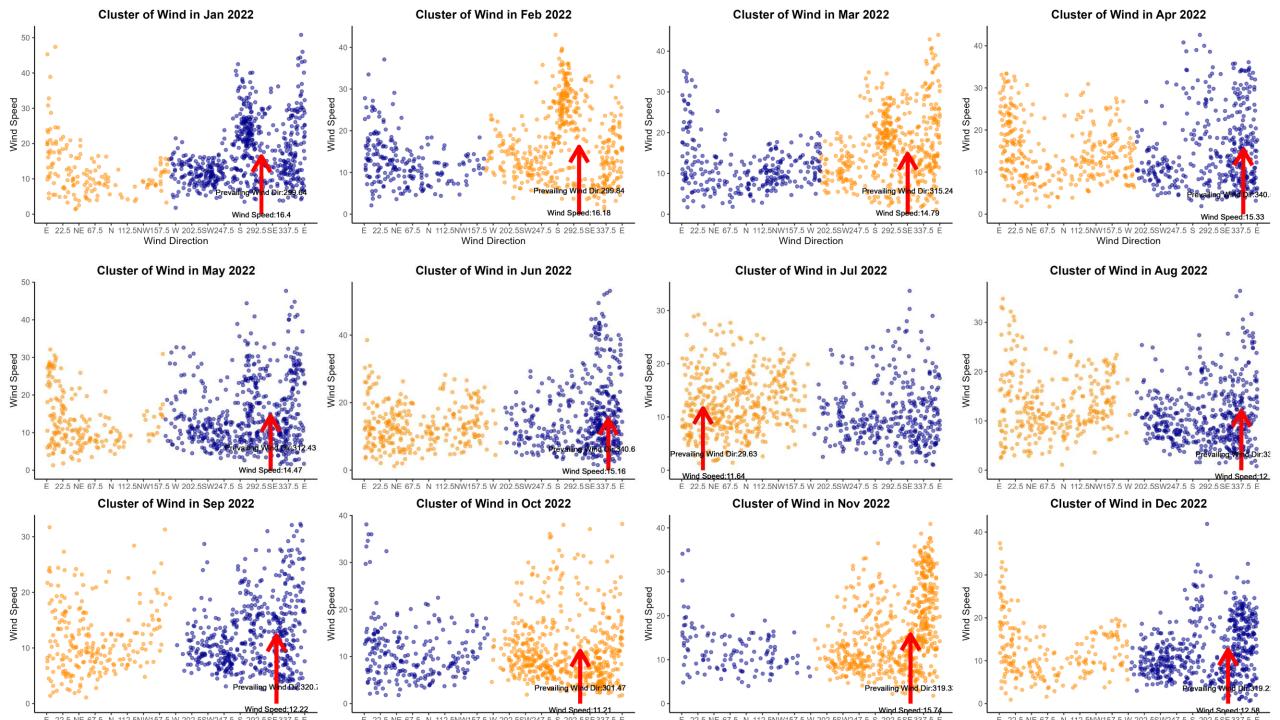
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11	0.715	1.6.25	2.287	2.9,26	3.735	4.3,19	4.8,79	5.5,82	6.0,85
12	0.713	1.6.23	2.288	2.9,32	3.750	4.3,44	4.9,16	5.6,38	6.1,58
13	0.711	1.6.22	2.289	2.9,37	3.763	4.3,65	4.9,47	5.6,85	6.2,19
14	0.710	1.6.21	2.290	2.9,41	3.774	4.3,83	4.9,73	5.7,25	6.2,71
15	0.709	1.6.20	2.291	2.9,45	3.784	4.3,98	4.9,96	5.7,59	6.3,16
16	0.708	1.6.20	2.292	2.9,48	3.7.92	4 . 4,12	5.0.15	5.7.89	6.3,5 4
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mutate(month = month(datetime))
ifelse(unique(wind$MRL)>2.9957,"PASS","REJECT")

[1] "PASS" "PA
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Rayleigh's Test Results

P-Values < 0.05



Demonstration Time

Let's have a try!

 Go to Github, get the dataset and get your hands dirty!



Conclusion

- 1.Directional statistics are vital for analyzing cyclical data in real-life applications, including higher-dimensional scenarios.
- 2. The versatility of directional statistics extends to various contexts beyond geometric objects, such as time and periodic measurements.

Solution for Error Run Directional

- 1. Install or update the OpenGL library: For macOS, you will need to install XQuartz. You can download and install it from the following website: https://www.xquartz.org/
- 2. Once the installation is complete, please restart your computer to ensure the changes take effect. Make sure you are using the latest version of R and the relevant packages. You can update all installed packages using the following code: update.packages(ask = FALSE)