Predicting data over time

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Classification vs. Regression

CLASSIFICATION

classification_model.predict(X_test)

array([0, 1, 1, 0])

REGRESSION

regression_model.predict(X_test)

array([0.2, 1.4, 3.6, 0.6])

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Correlation and regression

- Regression is similar to calculating correlation, with some key differences
 - Regression: A process that results in a formal model of the data
 - Correlation: A statistic that describes the data. Less information than regression model.

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Correlation between variables often changes over time

- Timeseries often have patterns that change over time
- Two timeseries that seem correlated at one moment may not remain so over time

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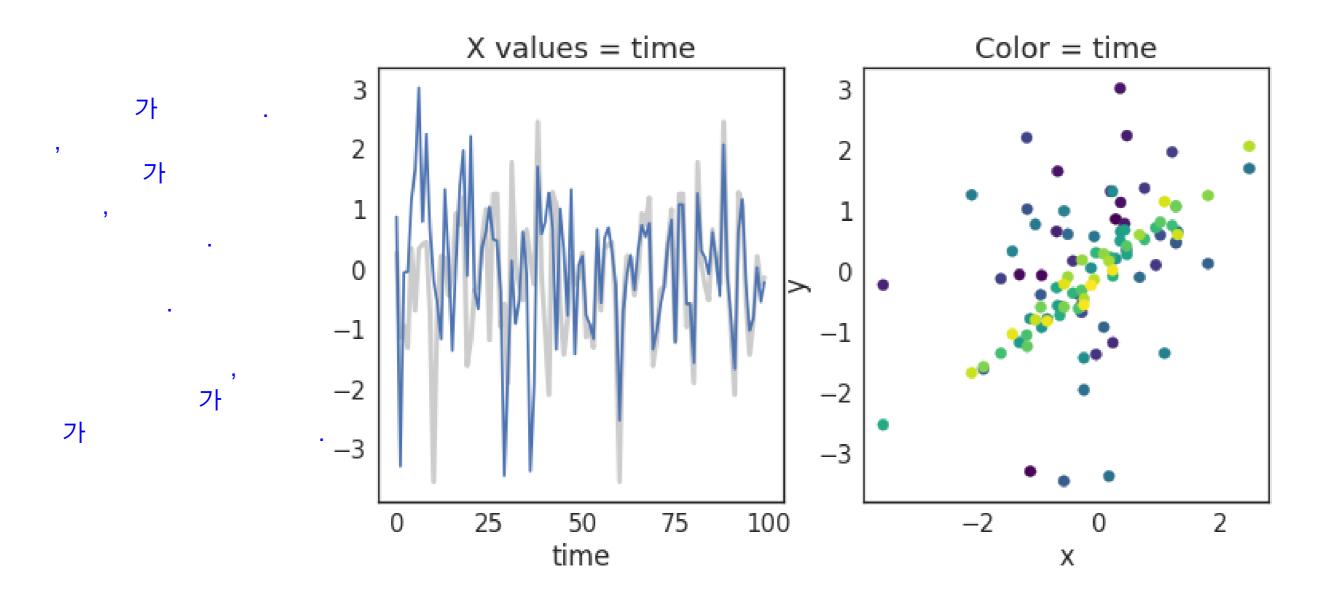
Visualizing relationships between timeseries

```
fig, axs = plt.subplots(1, 2)
# Make a line plot for each timeseries
axs[0].plot(x, c='k', lw=3, alpha=.2)
axs[0].plot(y)
axs[0].set(xlabel='time', title='X values = time')
# Encode time as color in a scatterplot
axs[1].scatter(x_long, y_long, c=np.arange(len(x_long)), cmap='viridis')
axs[1].set(xlabel='x', ylabel='y', title='Color = time')
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Visualizing two timeseries



Regression models with scikit-learn

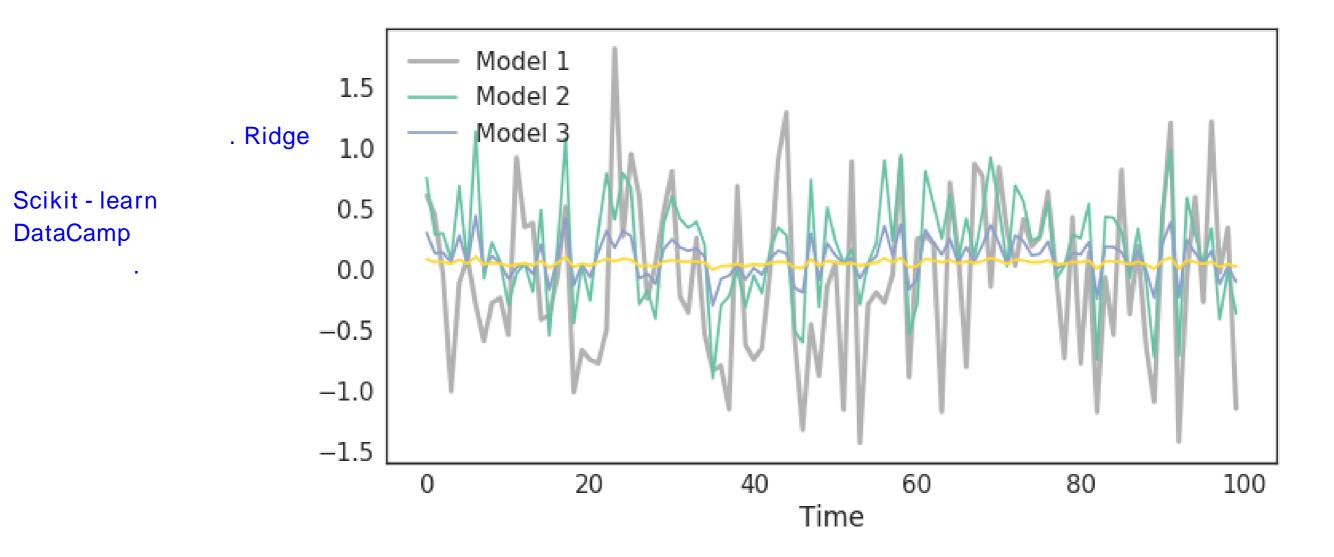
```
from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression
model = LinearRegression()
model.fit(X, y)
model.predict(X)
```

Visualize predictions with scikit-learn

```
alphas = [.1, 1e2, 1e3]
ax.plot(y_test, color='k', alpha=.3, lw=3)
for ii, alpha in enumerate(alphas):
    y_predicted = Ridge(alpha=alpha).fit(X_train, y_train).predict(X_test)
    ax.plot(y_predicted, c=cmap(ii / len(alphas)))
ax.legend(['True values', 'Model 1', 'Model 2', 'Model 3'])
ax.set(xlabel="Time")
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Visualize predictions with scikit-learn





Scoring regression models

- Two most common methods:
 - \circ Correlation (r)
 - \circ Coefficient of Determination (R^2)

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Coefficient of Determination (\mathbb{R}^2)

- ullet The value of R^2 is bounded on the top by 1, and can be infinitely low
- Values closer to 1 mean the model does a better job of predicting outputs

$$1 - \frac{error(model)}{variance(test data)}$$

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R^2 in scikit-learn

```
from sklearn.metrics import r2_score
print(r2_score(y_predicted, y_test))

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Scikit - learn r2_score 가 . r -
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Cleaning and improving your data

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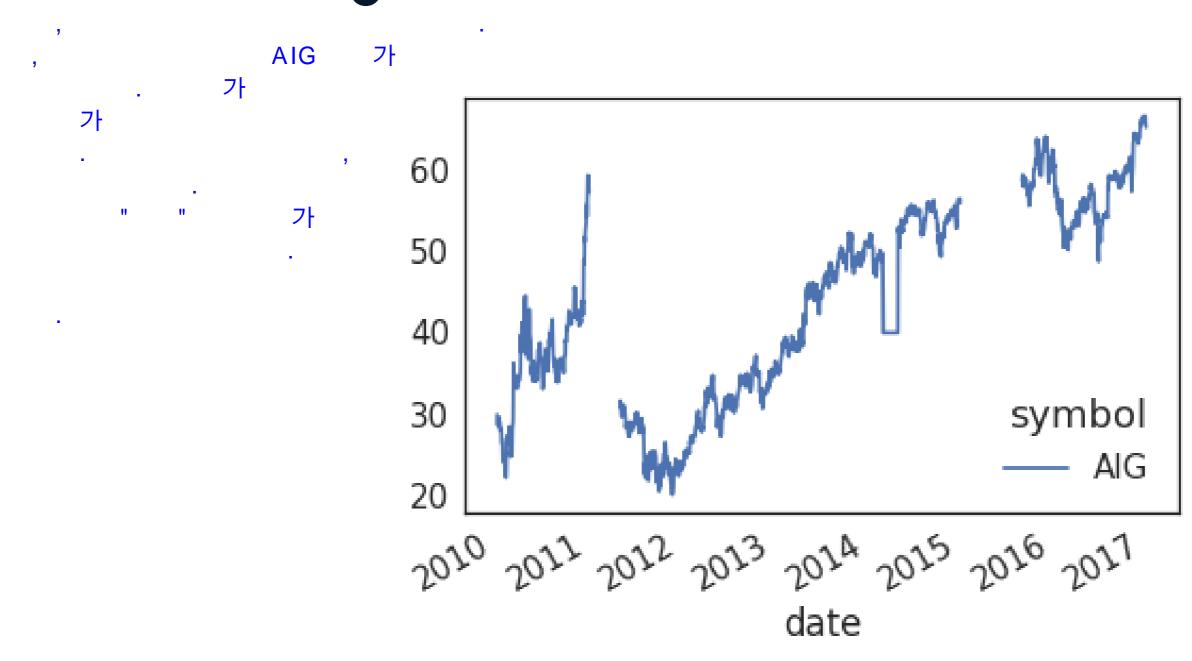


Data is messy

- Real-world data is often messy
- The two most common problems are *missing data* and *outliers*
- This often happens because of human error, machine sensor malfunction, database failures, etc
- Visualizing your raw data makes it easier to spot these problems

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What messy data looks like



Interpolation: using time to fill in missing data

- A common way to deal with missing data is to interpolate missing values
- With timeseries data, you can use time to assist in interpolation.
- In this case, interpolation means using using the known values on either side of a gap in the
 data to make assumptions about what's missing.

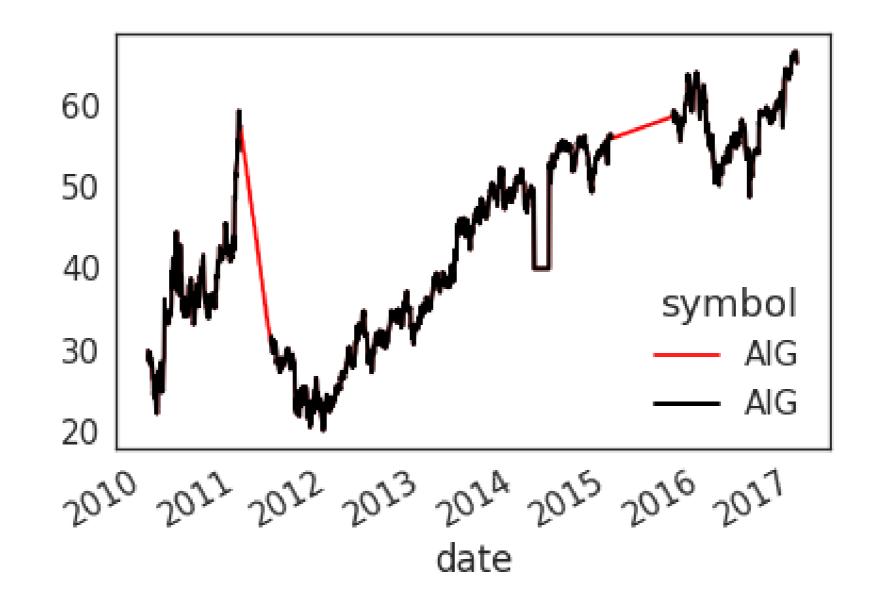
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Interpolation in Pandas

```
# Return a boolean that notes where missing values are
missing = prices.isna()
# Interpolate linearly within missing windows
prices_interp = prices.interpolate('linear')
# Plot the interpolated data in red and the data w/ missing values in black
ax = prices_interp.plot(c='r')
prices.plot(c='k', ax=ax, lw=2)
```

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Visualizing the interpolated data





Using a rolling window to transform data

- Another common use of rolling windows is to transform the data
- We've already done this once, in order to smooth the data
- However, we can also use this to do more complex transformations

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Transforming data to standardize variance

- A common transformation to apply to data is to standardize its mean and variance over time. There are many ways to do this.
- Here, we'll show how to convert your dataset so that each point represents the % change over a previous window.
- This makes timepoints more comparable to one another if the absolute values of data change a lot



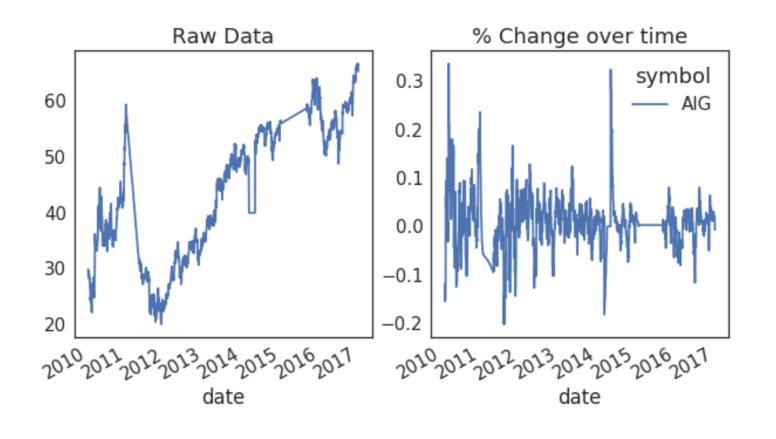
Transforming to percent change with Pandas

```
def percent_change(values):
    """Calculates the % change between the last value
    and the mean of previous values"""
   # Separate the last value and all previous values into variables
    previous_values = values[:-1]
    last_value = values[-1]
   # Calculate the % difference between the last value
   # and the mean of earlier values
    percent_change = (last_value - np.mean(previous_values)) \
    / np.mean(previous_values)
    return percent_change
```

Applying this to our data

```
# Plot the raw data
fig, axs = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(10, 5))
ax = prices.plot(ax=axs[0])

# Calculate % change and plot
ax = prices.rolling(window=20).aggregate(percent_change).plot(ax=axs[1])
ax.legend_.set_visible(False)
```





Finding outliers in your data

- Outliers are datapoints that are significantly statistically different from the dataset.
- They can have negative effects on the predictive power of your model, biasing it away from its "true" value
- One solution is to remove or replace outliers with a more representative value

Be very careful about doing this - often it is difficult to determine what is a legitimately extreme value vs an abberation

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Plotting a threshold on our data

```
fig, axs = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(10, 5))
for data, ax in zip([prices, prices_perc_change], axs):
   # Calculate the mean / standard deviation for the data
    this_mean = data.mean()
    this_std = data.std()
   # Plot the data, with a window that is 3 standard deviations
   # around the mean
    data.plot(ax=ax)
    ax.axhline(this_mean + this_std * 3, ls='--', c='r')
    ax.axhline(this_mean - this_std * 3, ls='--', c='r') " "(
```

Visualizing outlier thresholds





Replacing outliers using the threshold

```
# Center the data so the mean is 0
prices_outlier_centered = prices_outlier_perc - prices_outlier_perc.mean()
# Calculate standard deviation
std = prices_outlier_perc.std()
# Use the absolute value of each datapoint
# to make it easier to find outliers
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outliers = np.abs(prices_outlier_centered) > (std * 3)
# Replace outliers with the median value
# We'll use np.nanmean since there may be nans around the outliers
prices_outlier_fixed = prices_outlier_centered.copy()
prices_outlier_fixed[outliers] = np.nanmedian(prices_outlier_fixed)
```



Visualize the results

```
fig, axs = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(10, 5))
prices_outlier_centered.plot(ax=axs[0])
prices_outlier_fixed.plot(ax=axs[1])
```





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Creating features over time

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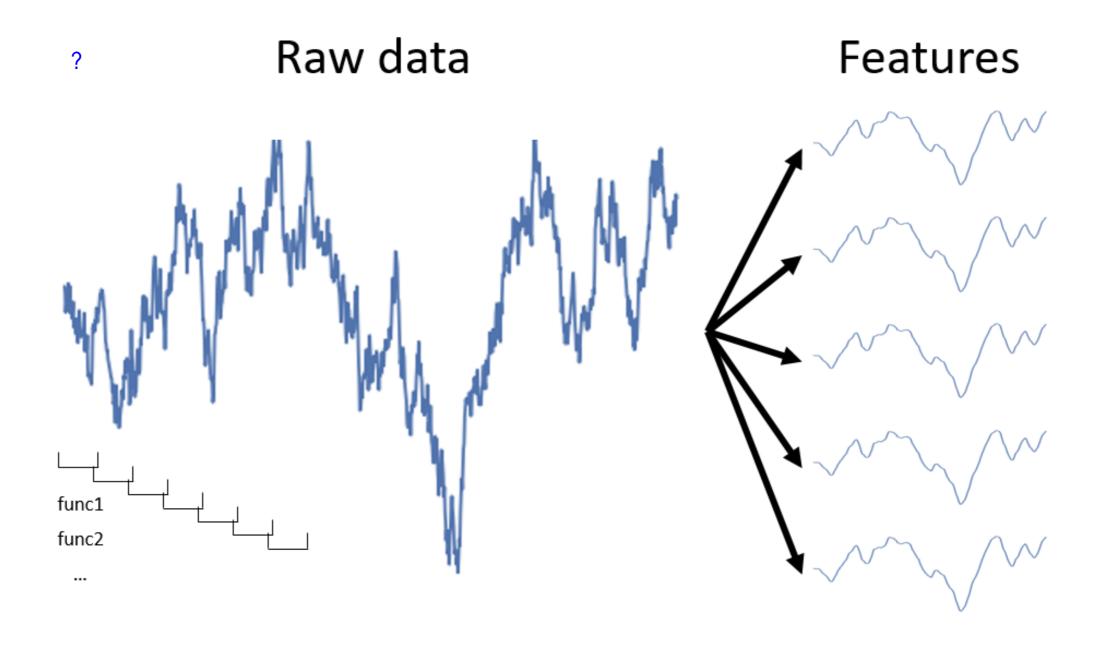


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Extracting features with windows



Using .aggregate for feature extraction

```
# Visualize the raw data
print(prices.head(3))
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symbol AIG ABT date 2010-01-04 29.889999 54.459951 2010-01-05 29.330000 54.019953 2010-01-06 29.139999 54.319953
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# Calculate a rolling window, then extract two features

feats = prices.rolling(20).aggregate([np.std, np.max]).dropna()

print(feats.head(3))

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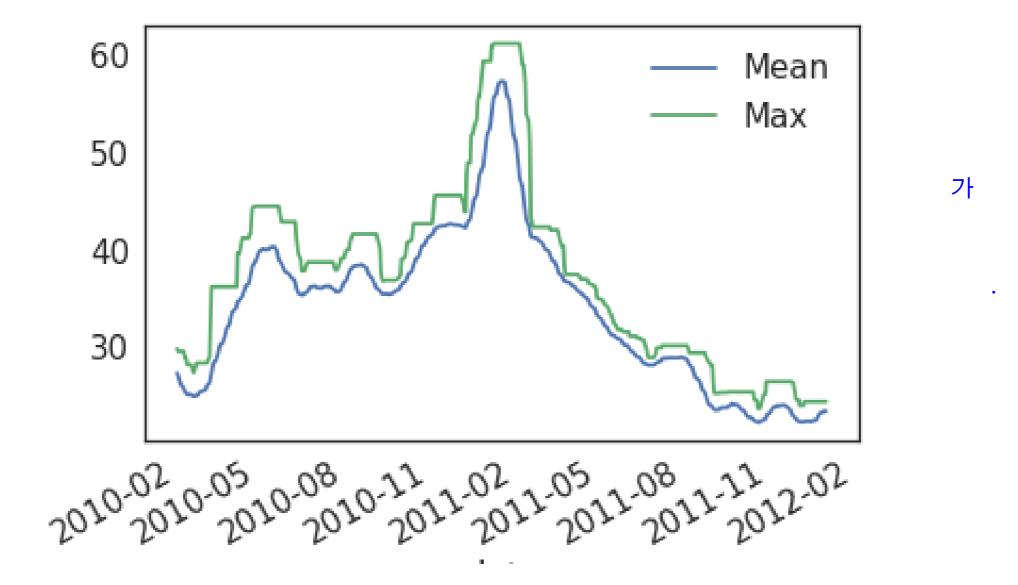
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2010-02-01 2.051966 29.889999
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2010-02-02 2.101032 29.629999
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                                         56.239949
2010-02-03 2.157249 29.629999
                               0.852509
                                         56.239949
```



Check the properties of your features!





Using partial() in Python

```
# If we just take the mean, it returns a single value
a = np.array([[0, 1, 2], [0, 1, 2], [0, 1, 2]])
print(np.mean(a))
```

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```
# We can use the partial function to initialize np.mean
# with an axis parameter

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from functools import partial

mean_over_first_axis = partial(np.mean, axis=0)

print(mean_over_first_axis(a))
```

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Percentiles summarize your data

- Percentiles are a useful way to get more fine-grained summaries of your data (as opposed to using np.mean)
- For a given dataset, the Nth percentile is the value where N% of the data is below that datapoint, and 100-N% of the data is above that datapoint.

```
print(np.percentile(np.linspace(0, 200), q=20))
```

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40.0
```

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Combining np.percentile() with partial functions to calculate a range of percentiles

```
data = np.linspace(0, 100)

# Create a list of functions using a list comprehension
percentile_funcs = [partial(np.percentile, q=ii) for ii in [20, 40, 60]]

# Calculate the output of each function in the same way
percentiles = [i_func(data) for i_func in percentile_funcs]
print(percentiles)
```

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[20.0, 40.000000000001, 60.0]
```



Calculating "date-based" features

- Thus far we've focused on calculating "statistical" features these are features that correspond statistical properties of the data, like "mean", "standard deviation", etc
- However, don't forget that timeseries data often has more "human" features associated with it, like days of the week, holidays, etc.
- These features are often useful when dealing with timeseries data that spans multiple years (such as stock value over time)

datetime features using Pandas

```
# Fnsure our index is datetime
prices.index = pd.to_datetime(prices.index)
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                                                            DataFrame
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                                               datetime
# Fxtract datetime features
day_of_week_num = prices.index.weekday
print(day_of_week_num[:10])
Index([0 1 2 3 4 0 1 2 3 4], dtype='object')
day_of_week = prices.index.weekday_name
print(day_of_week[:10])
Index(['Monday' 'Tuesday' 'Wednesday' 'Thursday' 'Friday' 'Monday' 'Tuesday'
 'Wednesday' 'Thursday' 'Friday'], dtype='object')
```



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