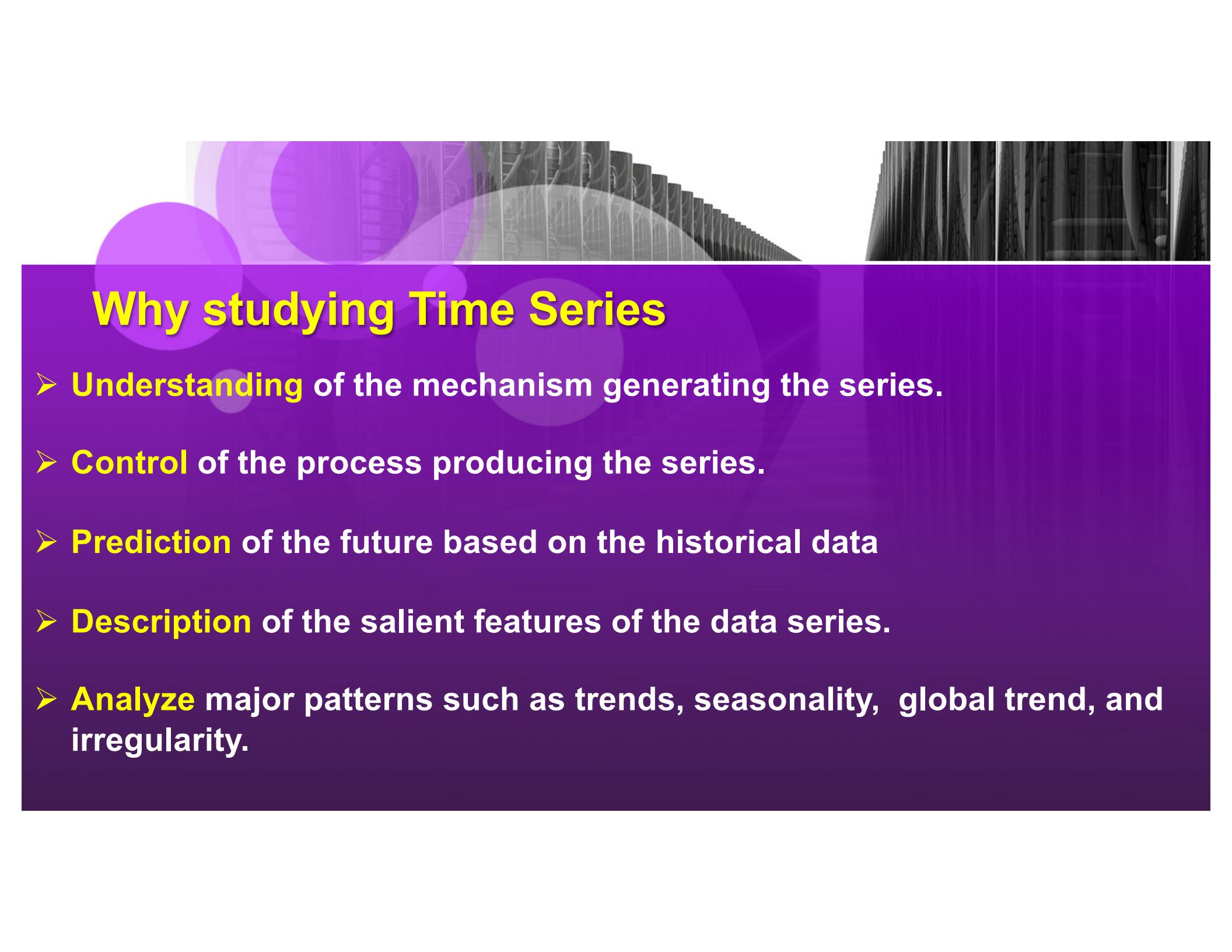




What is Time Series

- Time series is a sequence of data where a metric is recorded over regular time interval.
- Depending on frequency, a time series can be yearly (budget), quarterly (expenses), monthly (air traffic), weekly (sales), daily (weather), hourly (stock price), minute (in bound calls in call center), and even seconds (web traffic).
- Occurs in many areas: economics, finance, environment, and medicine.
- To describe and summarize time series data, fit models, and make forecasts.



Why studying Time Series

- Understanding of the mechanism generating the series.
- Control of the process producing the series.
- Prediction of the future based on the historical data
- Description of the salient features of the data series.
- Analyze major patterns such as trends, seasonality, global trend, and irregularity.



Time Series Components

Time series can split into:

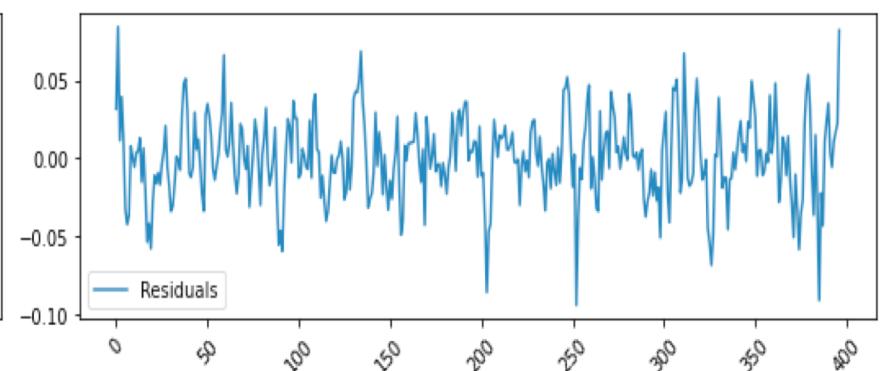
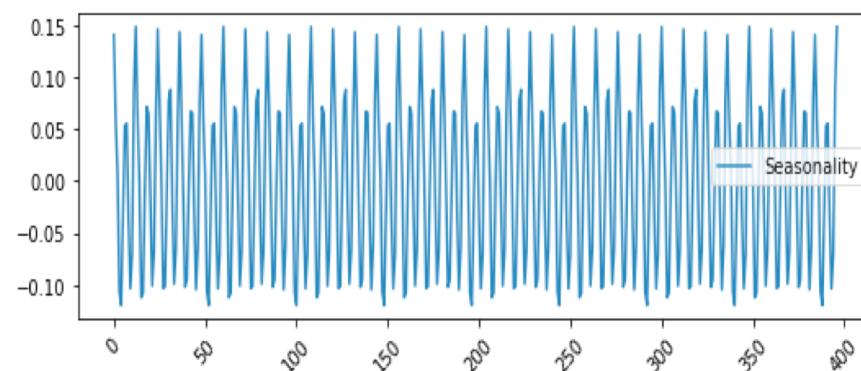
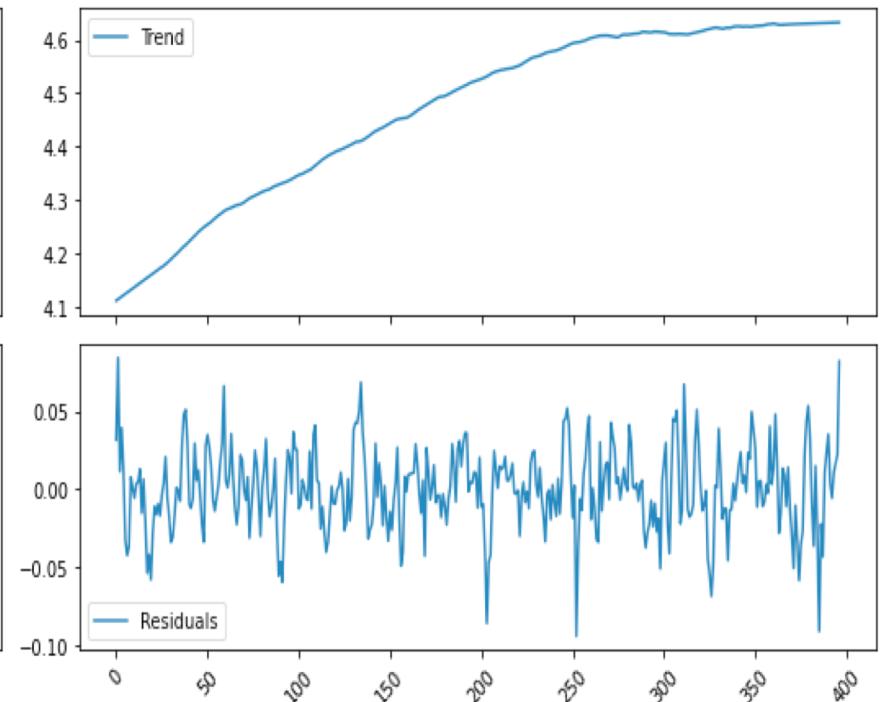
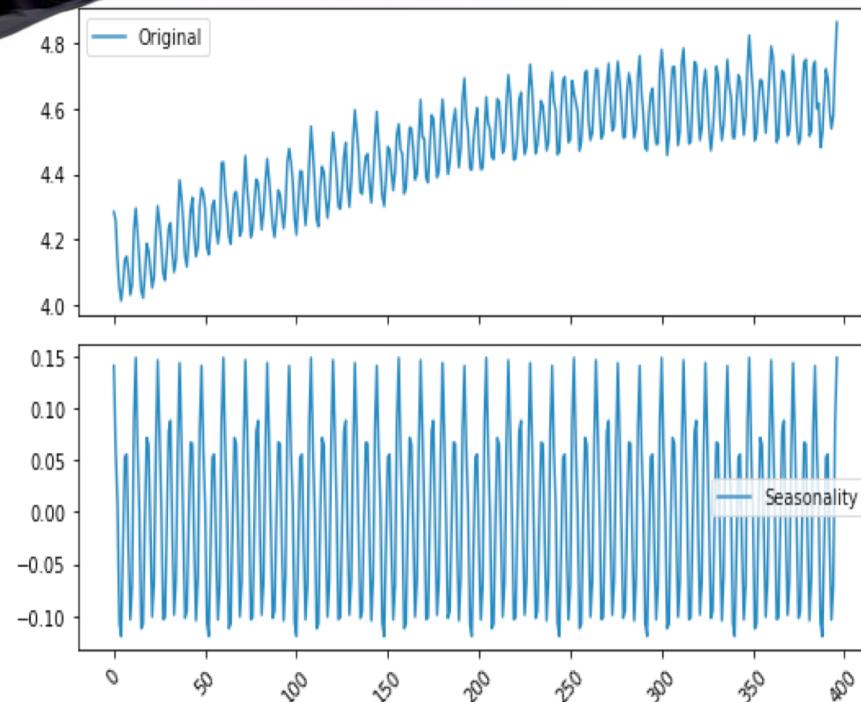
- Base Level + Trend + Seasonality + Error

Trend is observed when there is increasing or decreasing slope pattern observed in the time series data.

Seasonality is a repeated pattern observed in regular intervals due to seasonal factors.

Irregular fluctuations: after trend and seasonality have been removed from a time series, which may or may not be completely random.

Decomposition of Time Series



Stationary Properties

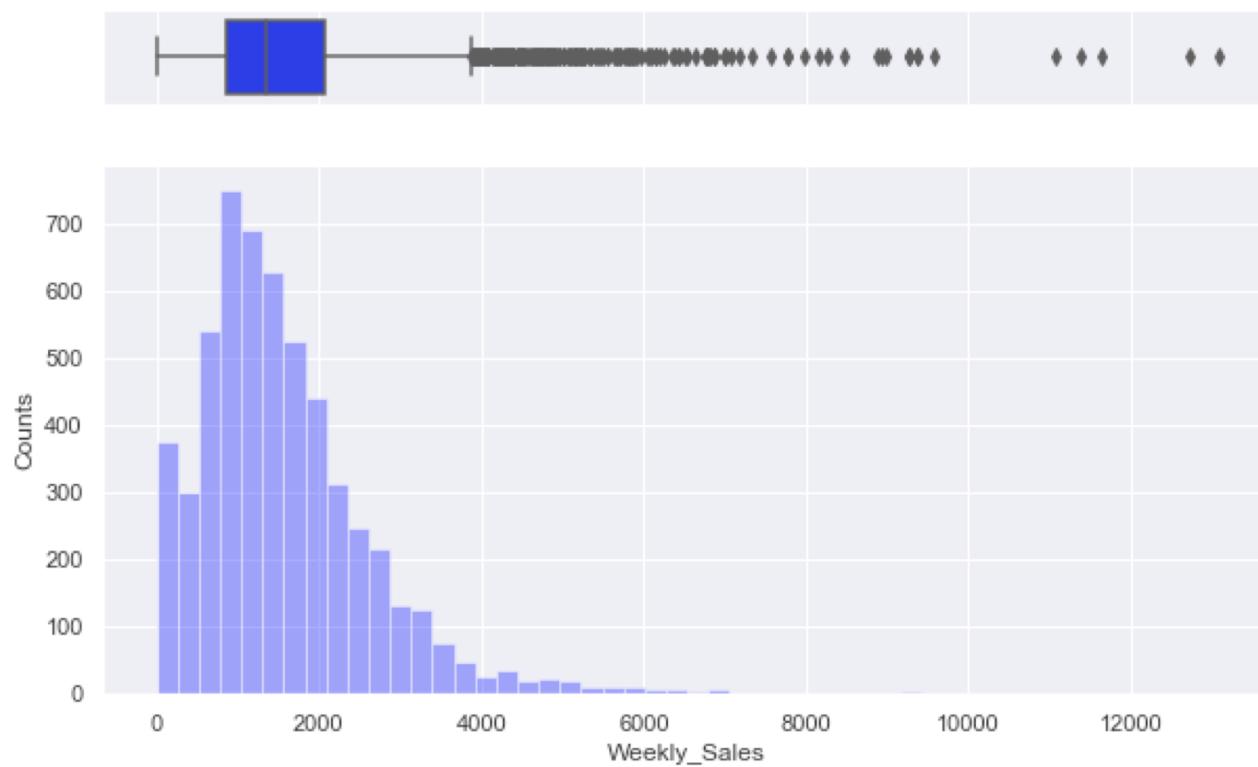
- ✓ Stationarity is a property of time series
- ✓ A stationary series is one where the values of the series is not a function of time.
- ✓ A stationary time series without seasonal effects as well.
- ✓ The statistical properties of the series like mean, variance, and auto correlation are constant over time.
- ✓ Stationary Data: Self correlated, no global trend, no periodicity, and no seasonality.



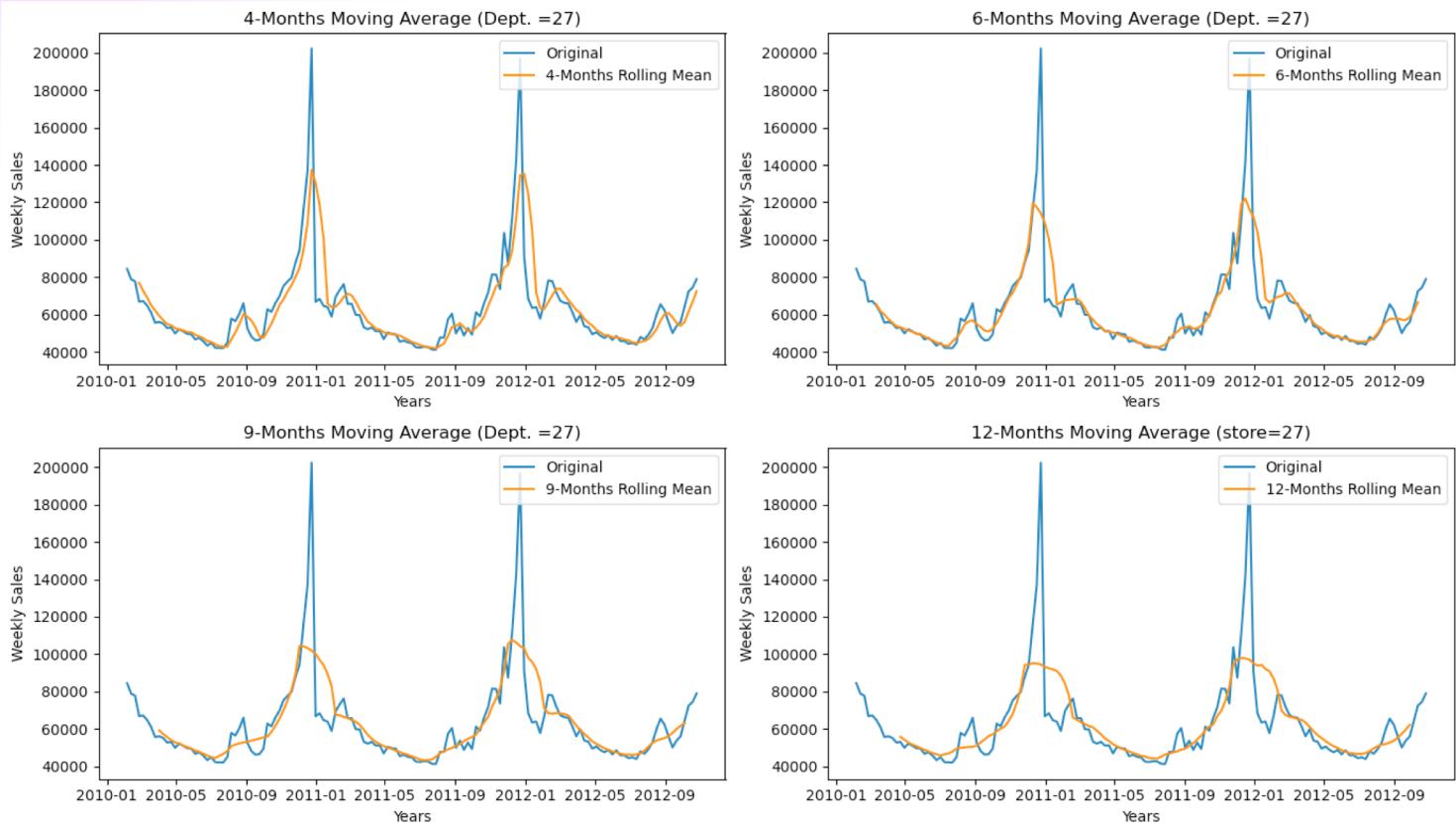
How to make time series stationary?

- ❖ Differencing the time series (once or more)
- ❖ Take log of the series
- ❖ Take n^{th} root of the series.
- ❖ Combination of the above

Weekly sales variation



Time series: Rolling mean





ARIMA Model

- Auto Regressive Integrated Moving Average (ARIMA) is forecasting algorithm.
- Using past historical values to predict the future values.
- ARIMA characterized by 3 terms: p, d, q
- Where “p” is the order of Auto Regressive (AR) term.
- Where “q” is the order of Moving Average (MA) term.
- Where “d” is the differencing required to make the time series stationary.
- Auto Regressive (AR) process: series current values depend on its own previous values.
- Moving Average (MA) process: The current deviation from mean depends on previous deviations.



Identification of orders p and q

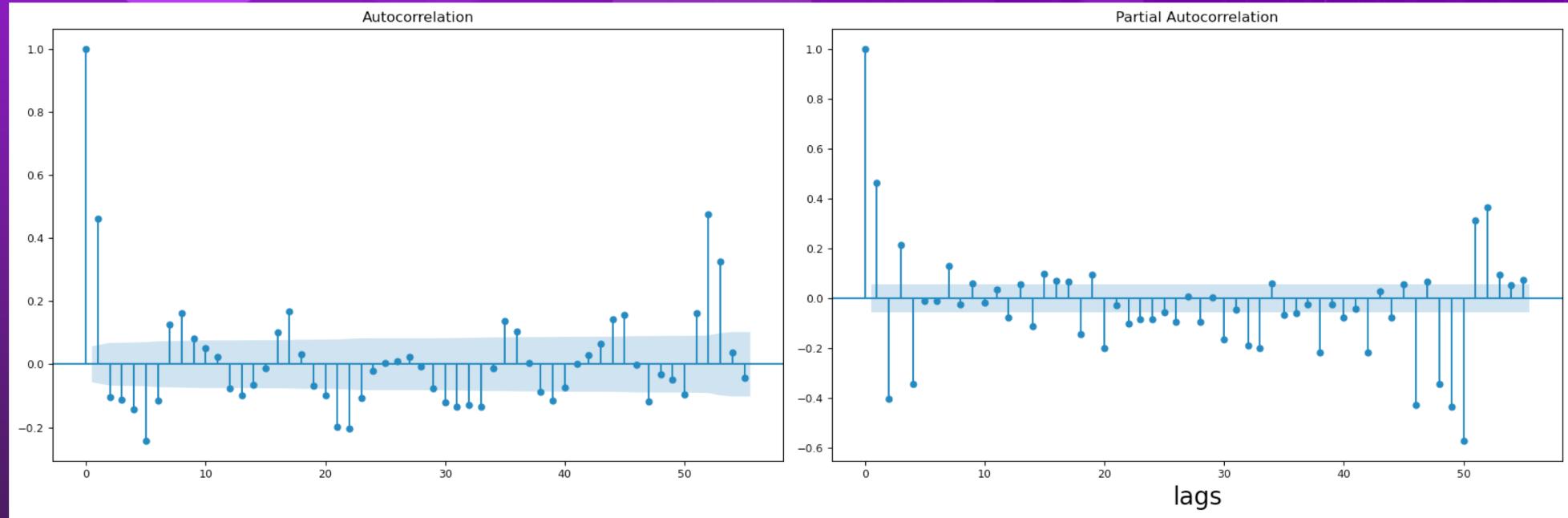
- Identification starts with d
- ARIMA (p, d, q)
- First we need to make time series stationary
- The right order differencing is the minimum differencing required.
- We need to learn about Auto Correlation Function (ACF) and Partial Auto Correlation Function (PACF) to identify p, q.
- Once we are working with a stationary time series, we can examine the ACF and PACF to help identify the proper number of lagged y (AR) and ϵ (MA) terms.



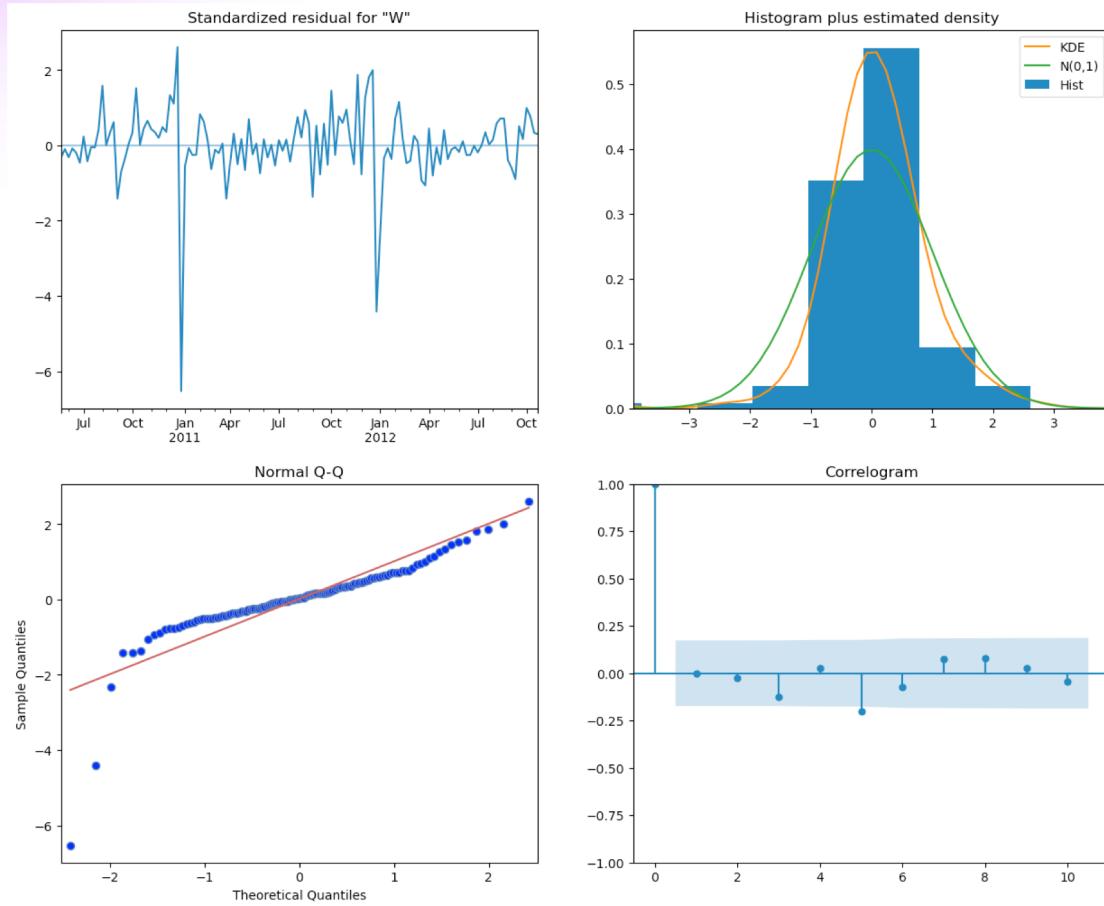
Auto Correlation Function (ACF)

- Coefficients of correlation between a time series and lags of itself.
- It helps to determine the value of (p) or AR term in ARIMA model.
- If the correlations are positive for many number of lags (10 or more), the series needs for further differencing.
- On the other hand, if the lag1 auto correlation it self is too negative then the series is probably over differenced.
- The auto correlation function (ACF) plot reaches to zero, no further differencing the series.

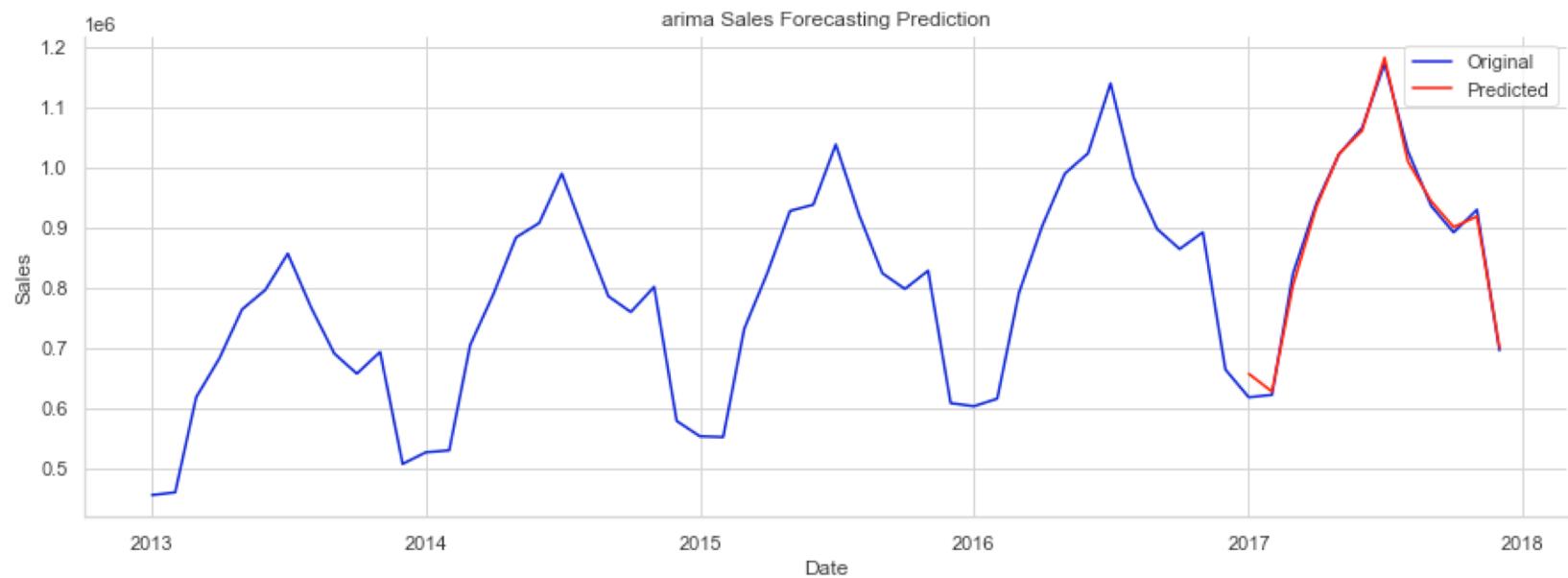
ACF and PACF Plots



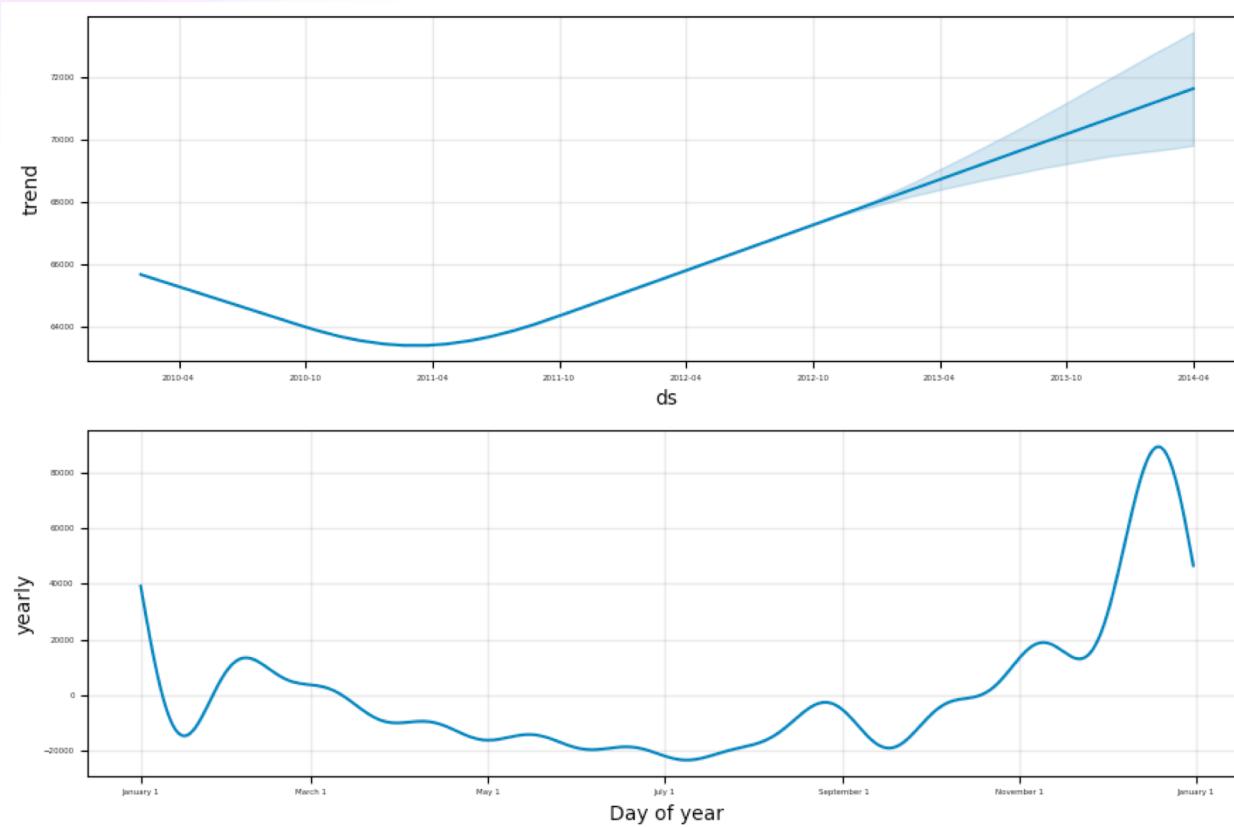
Residual plot

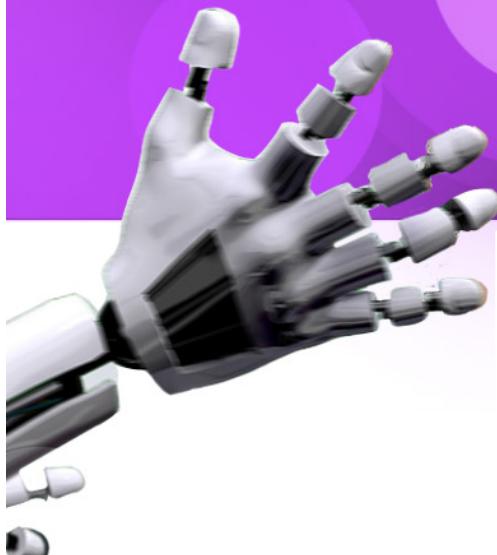


ARIMA model predictions



Trend and patterns in Time Series





Weekly sales predictions

