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#Assignment 4
#Determining and removing drawbacks of exponential and running mean.
Task 2
#I. Comparison of the traditional 13-month running mean with the
forward-backward exponential smoothing for approximation of 11-year
sunspot cycle
#II. 3d surface filtration using forward-backward smoothin
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import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
%matplotlib inline
from mpl_toolkits.mplot3d import Axes3D

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#Part 1
## Comparison of the traditional 13-month running mean with the
forward-backward exponential smoothing for approximation of 11-year
sunspot cycle.

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#Step 1 - Download monthly mean sunspot number dataset
df = pd.read_csv("D:\Skoltech\Term 1B Courses\Experimental Data
Processing\Assignment 4\data_group5.csv")

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df
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	year	month	sunspot number
0	1843	1	22.2
1	1843	2	5.9
2	1843	3	13.9
3	1843	4	15.8
4	1843	5	35.1
...	...	...	...
433	1879	2	0.9
434	1879	3	0.0
435	1879	4	10.4
436	1879	5	4.0
437	1879	6	8.0

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[438 rows x 3 columns]
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#unite year and month columns to new one named data for comfortable
plotting

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df['data'] = pd.to_datetime((df['year'].astype ( str ) +
df['month'].astype ( str )), format="%Y%m")
df

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	year	month	sunspot number	data
0	1843	1	22.2	1843-01-01
1	1843	2	5.9	1843-02-01
2	1843	3	13.9	1843-03-01
3	1843	4	15.8	1843-04-01
4	1843	5	35.1	1843-05-01
...	...	...	...	...

433	1879	2	0.9	1879-02-01
434	1879	3	0.0	1879-03-01
435	1879	4	10.4	1879-04-01
436	1879	5	4.0	1879-05-01
437	1879	6	8.0	1879-06-01

[438 rows x 4 columns]

*#Step 2 - make smoothing by 13-month Running mean for monthly sunspot number*

```
R = df['sunspot number'].values[:]
numrows = len(df['sunspot number'].values[:])
R1 = [[0] for _ in range(numrows)]
for i in range(0,numrows):
    if i in range(0,6):
        R1[i] = (R[i] + R[i+5] + R[i+4] + R[i+3] + R[i+2] +
R[i+1])/6
    if i in range(numrows-6,numrows):
        R1[i] = (R[i-5] + R[i-4] + R[i-3] + R[i-2] + R[i-1] +
R[i])/6
    if i in range(6,numrows-6):
        R1[i] = (R[i-6])/24 + (R[i-5] + R[i-4] + R[i-3] + R[i-2] +
R[i-1] + R[i] + R[i+5] + R[i+4] + R[i+3] + R[i+2] + R[i+1])/12 +
(R[i+6])/24
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#np.shape(R1)
#print(R1)
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*#Step 3 - make forward-backward exponential smoothing*

*#we set functions for Forward exponential smoothing and Backward exponential smoothing to have access to them in every future step*

```
numrows = len(R)
#forward exponential smoothing
def Exp_smoothing(Z_f,n_f, alpha):
    Xsm_f = [0 for _ in range(n_f)]
    Xsm_f[0] = R[0]
    for i in range(1,n_f):
        Xsm_f[i] = Xsm_f[i-1] + alpha*(Z_f[i] - Xsm_f[i-1])
    return Xsm_f
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```
#backward exponential smoothing
def Exp_back_smoothing(Xsm_f,n_f, alpha):
    Xsm_back = [0 for _ in range(n_f)]
    Xsm_back[numrows-1] = Xsm_f[numrows-1]
    for i in range(n_f-2,-1,-1):
        Xsm_back[i] = Xsm_back[i+1] + alfa*(Xsm_f[i] -
Xsm_back[i+1])
    return Xsm_back
```

*#to make forward-backward exponential smoothing we need to set the alfa, and we can do it based on deviation and variability*

*indicators*

*#set the function for alfa*

```
alfa_plot = [0 for _ in range(19)]
Xsm_array = [0 for _ in range(19)]
Xsm_array_f = [0 for _ in range(19)]
k = 0
Xsm_array = [0 for _ in range(19)]
for i in range(5,100,5):
    alfa = i/100
    Xsm_array_f[k] = Exp_smoothing(R,numrows,alfa)
    Xsm_array[k] = Exp_smoothing(Xsm_array_f[k],numrows,alfa)
    alfa_plot[k] = i/100
    k +=1
```

*#Is there a smoothing constant alpha that provides better results compared to 13-month running mean according to deviation and variability indicators?*

*# set the functions for deviation and variability indicators for exponential mean*

*#deviation indicator for Exponential mean*

```
Id_em = [0 for _ in range(19)]
for i in range(19):
    for j in range(numrows):
        Id_em[i] += np.square(R[j] - Xsm_array[i][j])
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*#variability indicator for Exponential mean*

```
Iv_em = [0 for _ in range(19)]
for i in range(19):
    for j in range(numrows-2):
        Iv_em[i] += (Xsm_array[i][j+2] - 2*Xsm_array[i][j+1] +
Xsm_array[i][j])**2
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*# deviation indicator Running Mean*

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Id_rm = np.sum(np.square(R-R1))
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*#variation indicators for Running Mean*

```
Iv_rm = 0
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```
for j in range(numrows-2):
    Iv_rm += (R1[j+2] - 2*R1[j+1] + R1[j])**2
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print('deviation indicator Running Mean=',Id_rm)
print('variation indicators for Running Mean=',Iv_rm)
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deviation indicator Running Mean= 232675.9597222222
variation indicators for Running Mean= 1607.834027777779
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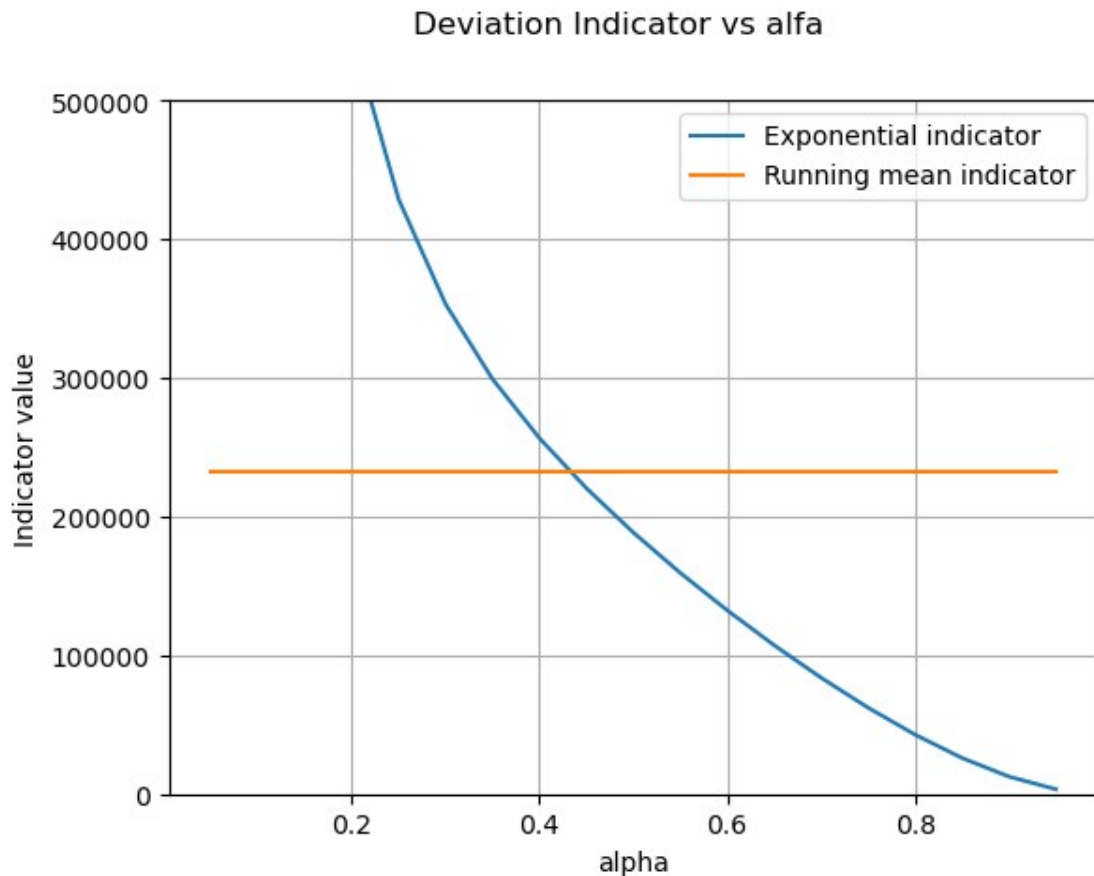
*#plot the functions for to make conclusion about choise of alfa*

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Id_rm_vector = [Id_rm for _ in range(19)]
y1 = Id_em
y2 = Id_rm_vector
x = alfa_plot
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plt.plot(x,y1,label = 'Exponential indicator')
plt.plot(x,y2,label = 'Running mean indicator')
plt.ylim(0,500000 )
plt.xlabel('alpha')
plt.ylabel('Indicator value')
plt.suptitle('Deviation Indicator vs alfa')
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)

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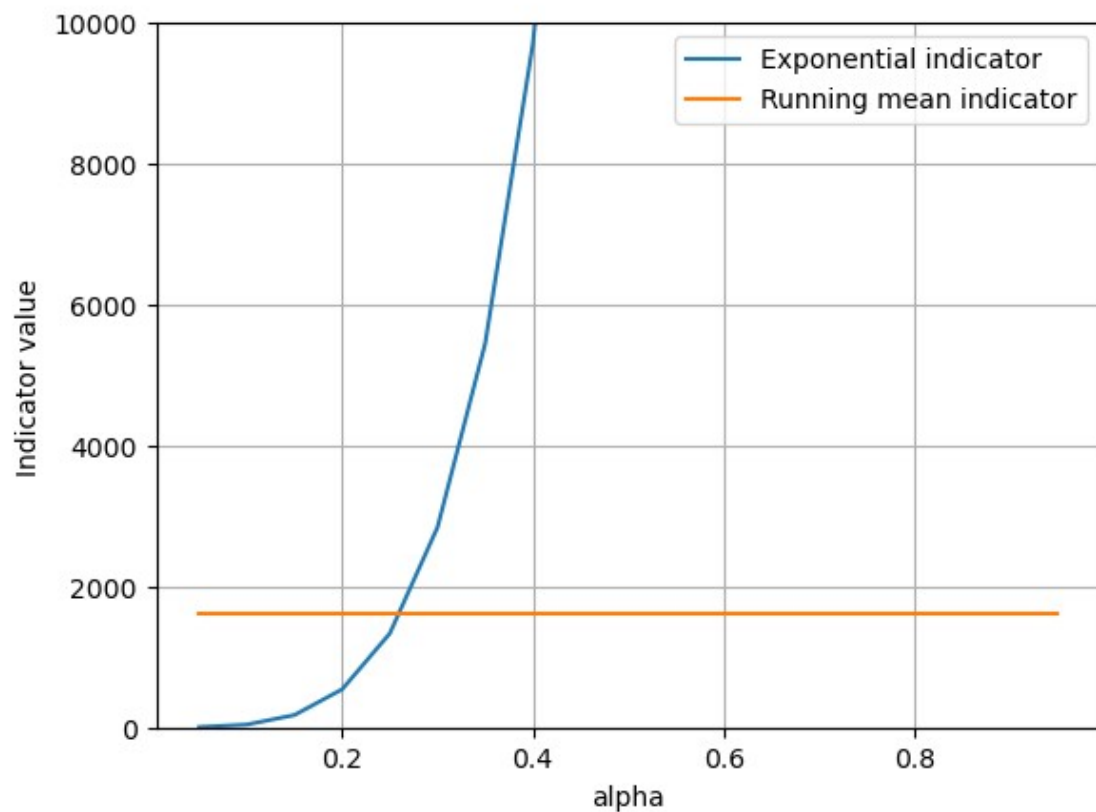
Conclusion: from the intersection on the plot we can consider that the level of filtration for exponential mean equal to level of filtration for running mean can be reached for  $\alpha < 0.45$

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#plot the functions for to make conclusion about choise of alfa
Iv_rm_vector = [Iv_rm for _ in range(19)]
y1 = Iv_em
y2 = Iv_rm_vector
x = alfa_plot
plt.plot(x,y1,label = 'Exponential indicator')
plt.plot(x,y2,label = 'Running mean indicator')
plt.ylim(0,10000 )
plt.xlabel('alpha')
plt.ylabel('Indicator value')
plt.suptitle('Variability Indicator vs alfa')
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)

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Variability Indicator vs alfa



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#forward exponential smoothing with alpha1 = 0.1
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alpha1 = 0.1
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Xsm1 = Exp_smoothing(R,numrows,alpha1)
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#backward exponential smoothing with alpha1 = 0.1
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Xsm1_back = Exp_back_smoothing(Xsm1,numrows,alpha1)
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#forward exponential smoothing with alfa2 = 0.2
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```
alpha2 = 0.2
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Xsm2 = Exp_smoothing(R,numrows,alpha2)
```

```
#backward exponential smoothing with alpha1 = 0.2
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```
Xsm2_back = Exp_back_smoothing(Xsm2,numrows,alpha2)
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#plot
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```
y0 = R
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y1 = R1
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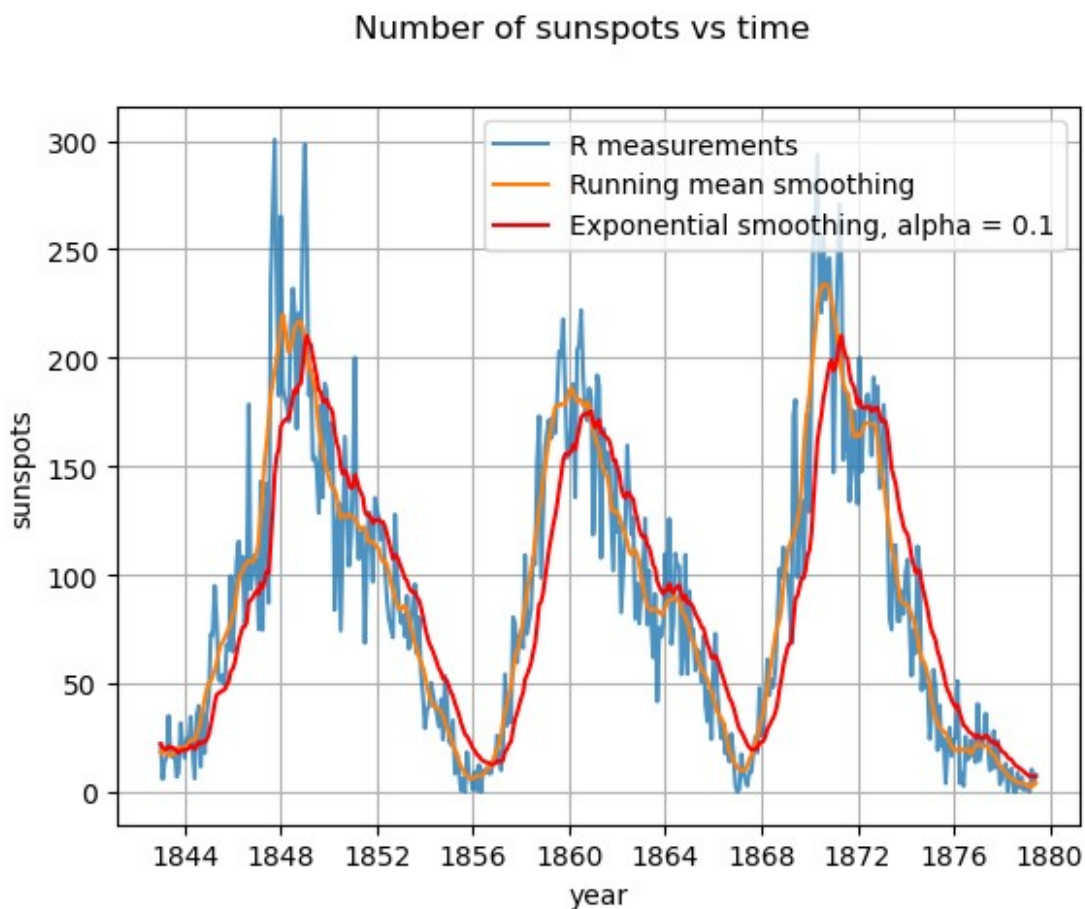
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y2 = Xsm1_back
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#y3 = Xsm1
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x = df['data'].values[:]
plt.plot(x,y0,label = 'R measurements', alpha=0.8)
plt.plot(x,y1,label = 'Running mean smoothing')
plt.plot(x,y2,label = 'Exponential smoothing, alpha = 0.1',
color='r')
#plt.plot(x,y3,label = 'Forward Exponential smoothing, alpha = 0.1',
color='b')
plt.xlabel('year')
plt.ylabel('sunspots')
plt.suptitle('Number of sunspots vs time')
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)

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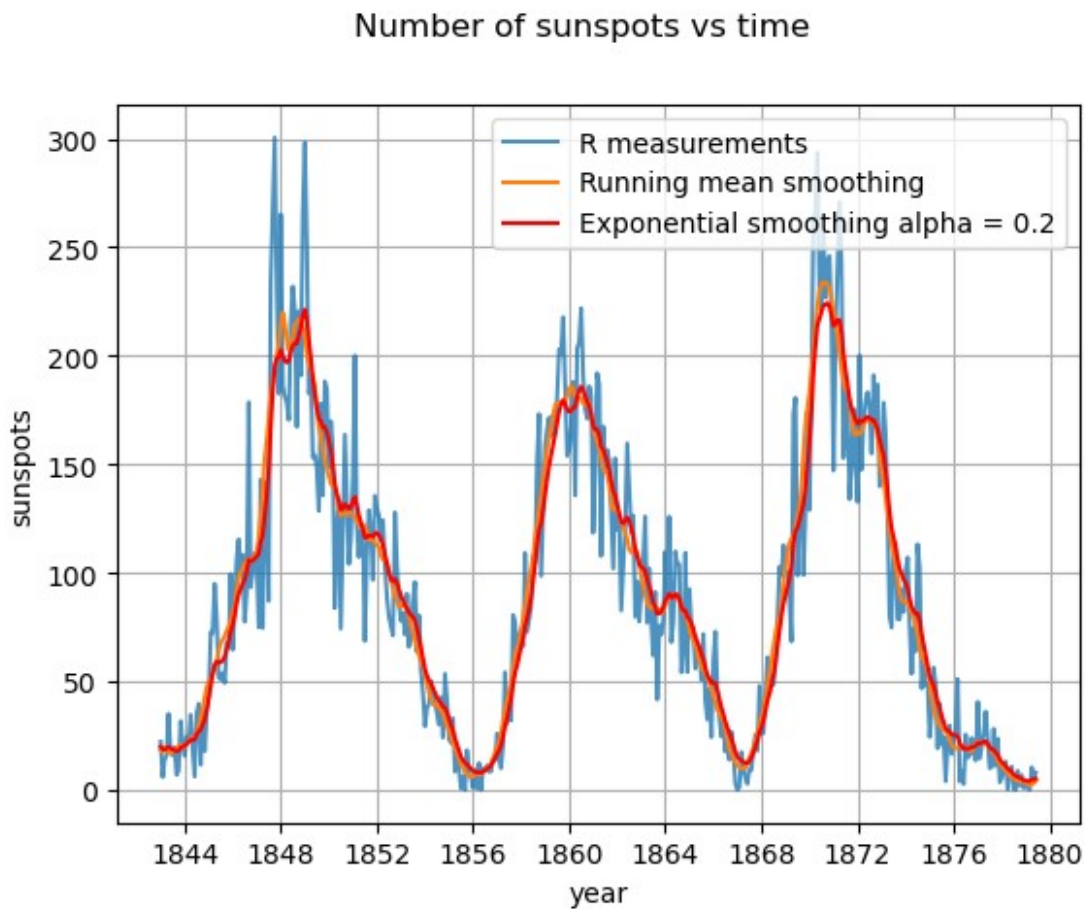
Conclusion: alpha1 provides high level of smoothing but causes the shift in our

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#plot
y0 = R
y1 = R1
y2 = Xsm2_back
x = df['data'].values[:]
plt.plot(x,y0,label = 'R measurements', alpha = 0.8)
plt.plot(x,y1,label = 'Running mean smoothing')
plt.plot(x,y2,label = 'Exponential smoothing alpha = 0.2',
color='r')
plt.xlabel('year')
plt.ylabel('sunspots')

```

```
plt.suptitle('Number of sunspots vs time')
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)
```



Conclusion:  $\alpha=0.2$  is optimal choice for smoothing

Part 1 Conclusion: after analyzing and plotting the data, we can consider that exponential mean smoothing with  $\alpha=0.2$  can provide results as good as 13-month running mean provides and maybe even better for more precise adjustments of  $\alpha$

## #Part 2

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#1. noisy_surface.txt(available measurements to work with)
#true_surface.txt(true surface to compare the estimation results)
```

```
#2. Plot noisy and true surface for visualization purposes.To plot
3d surfaces in matlab, there is a command "mesh".
#You can assign a colormap for the plot, i.e., "colormap jet",
"set(gca,'colormap','jet')".
#The plot should be accompanied with the "colorbar".
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#Step 1 - download surface data
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noisy = np.loadtxt("noisy_surface.txt")
n = len(noisy)
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true = np.loadtxt("true_surface.txt")
x = np.loadtxt("true_surface.txt")
y = np.loadtxt("true_surface.txt")

noisy

array([[61.26   , 33.4491, 60.0272, ..., 54.7422, 55.5336, 64.1533],
       [38.4392, 56.0842, 24.2585, ..., 28.1391, 50.7476, 45.8256],
       [59.4336, 55.5091, 52.3045, ..., 66.1099, 47.8726, 43.1854],
       ...,
       [60.9133, 67.1038, 49.7542, ..., 54.8217, 46.8984, 47.3424],
       [57.8051, 44.5932, 66.0002, ..., 34.3572, 39.3617, 44.418 ],
       [56.4043, 54.3355, 58.5813, ..., 49.8374, 55.3364, 65.9077]])

#Step 2 - Plot noisy and true surface for visualization purposes
for i in range(n):
    for j in range(n):
        x[i][j] = j
        y[i][j] = j
x = x.T

#plot true surface
fig = plt.figure(figsize=(8,8))
ax3d = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')

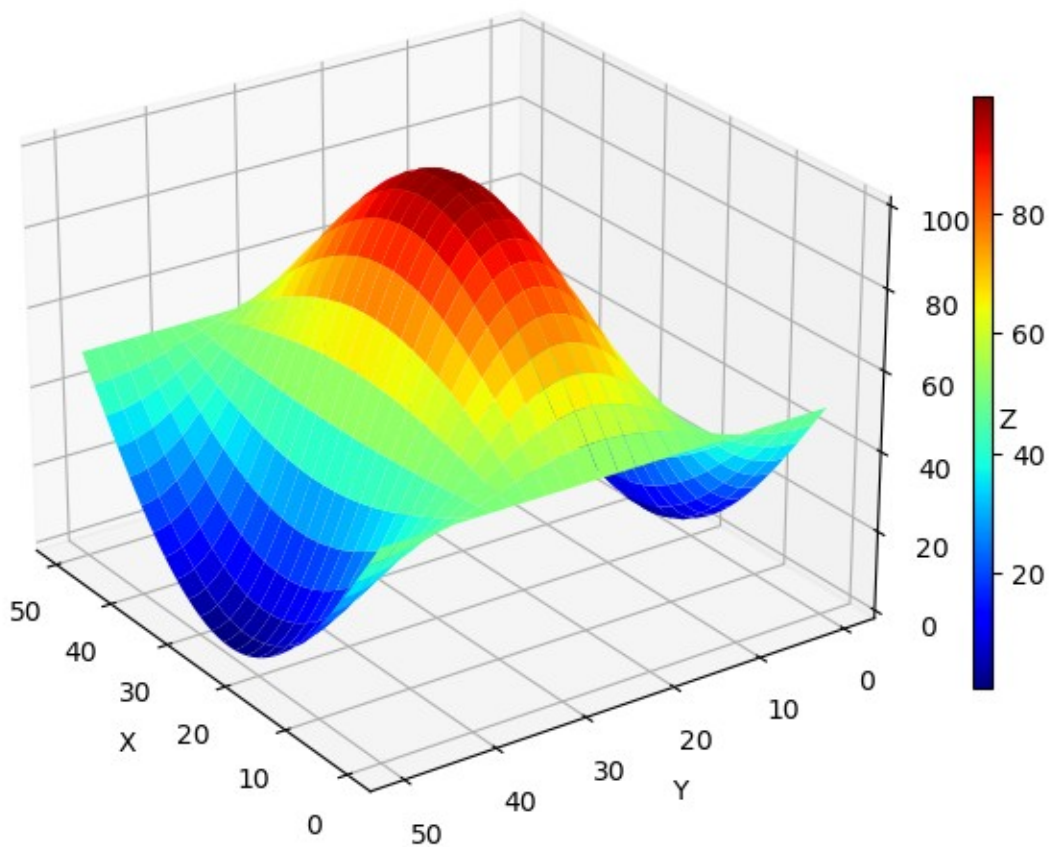
#plot = ax3d.plot_wireframe(x,y,true, cmap = 'jet')
plot = ax3d.plot_surface(x,y,true, cmap = 'jet')
ax3d.set_title('True surface Plot')
ax3d.set_xlabel('X')
ax3d.set_ylabel('Y')
ax3d.set_zlabel(' Z')
fig.colorbar(plot, ax = ax3d, shrink = 0.5, aspect = 30) # создание
шкалы градиента
ax3d.view_init(25, 145)

plt.show()

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True surface Plot



*#Conclusion: nicely looking surface of true values*

*#plot noisy surface*

```
fig = plt.figure(figsize=(8,8))  
ax3d = plt.axes(projection="3d")
```

```
my_cmap = plt.get_cmap('jet')
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```
#plot = ax3d.plot_wireframe(x,y,noisy, cmap = my_cmap)
```

```
plot = ax3d.plot_surface(x,y,noisy, cmap = 'jet')
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ax3d.set_title('Noisy surface Plot')
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ax3d.set_xlabel('X')
```

```
ax3d.set_ylabel('Y')
```

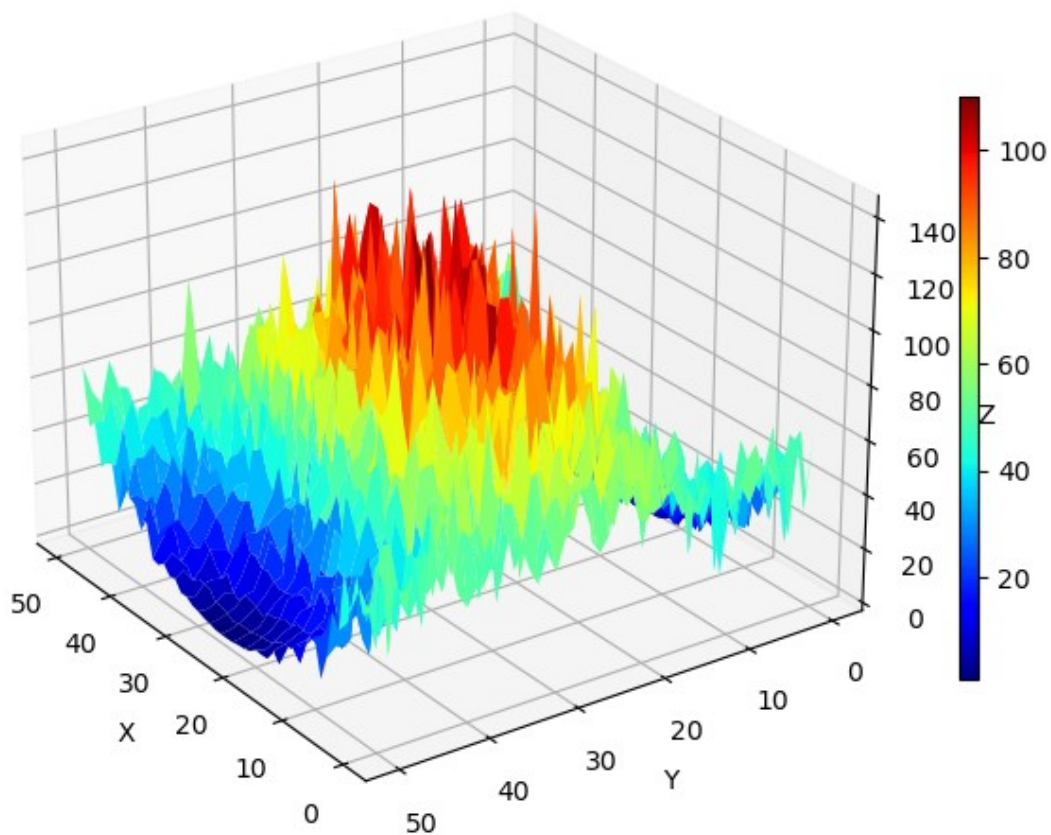
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ax3d.set_zlabel('Z')
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fig.colorbar(plot, ax = ax3d, shrink = 0.5, aspect = 30) # создание шкалы градиента
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```
ax3d.view_init(25, 145)
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```
plt.show()
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Noisy surface Plot



Conclusion: high level of noise destroys understanding of data nature

*#Step 3 - Determine the variance of deviation of noisy surface from the true one.*

```
var_noisy = np.reshape(noisy, (1,np.product(noisy.shape)))
var_true = np.reshape(true, (1,np.product(true.shape)))
s1 = 0
for i in range(n**2):
    s1 += (var_noisy[0][i] - var_true[0][i] )**2
s1 = s1/n**2
print('Variance of deviation of noisy surface from the true one =',s1)
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Variance of deviation of noisy surface from the true one =  
122.82584136052297

By following the procedure we have determined the variation of deviation of noisy surface from the true one which is 122.82584136052297

*#Step 4 - Apply forward-backward exponential smoothings*  
*#The smoothing constant can be  $\lambda = 0.335$*   
*#There should be 4 steps in forward-backward smoothing of a surface.*

```

#Step 1
# Forward exponential smoothing of rows
alfa = 0.335
def F_smoothing(a,n):
    Xsm = [[0]*n for _ in range(n)]
    for i in range(n):
        Xsm[i][0] = a[i][0]
    for i in range(n):
        for j in range(1,n):
            Xsm[i][j] = Xsm[i][j-1] + alfa*(a[i][j] - Xsm[i][j-1])
    return Xsm

#Step 2
#backward exponential smoothing
def B_smoothing(a,n):
    Xsm_back = [[0]*n for _ in range(n)]
    for i in range(n):
        Xsm_back[i][n-1] = a[i][n-1]
    for i in range(n): # 50 -> 0
        for j in range(n-2,-1,-1): #49 -> 0
            Xsm_back[i][j] = Xsm_back[i][j+1] + alfa*(a[i][j] -
Xsm_back[i][j+1])
    return Xsm_back

Xsm_F_row = F_smoothing(noisy, n)
Xsm_B_row = B_smoothing(Xsm_F_row, n)

#fig = plt.figure(figsize=(8,8))
#ax3d = plt.axes(projection="3d")

#my_cmap = plt.get_cmap('jet')

#plot = ax3d.plot_surface(x,y,np.array(Xsm_B_row), cmap = 'jet')
#ax3d.set_title(' surface Plot')
#ax3d.set_xlabel('X')
#ax3d.set_ylabel('Y')
#ax3d.set_zlabel('Z')
#fig.colorbar(plot, ax = ax3d, shrink = 0.5, aspect = 30) # создание
шкалы градиента
#ax3d.view_init(30, 145)
#plt.show()

#Step 3
# Forward exponential smoothing of columns
def F_column_smoothing(a,n):
    Xsm_c = [[0]*n for _ in range(n)]
    for i in range(n):
        Xsm_c[n-1][i] = a[n-1][i]
    for j in range(n):
        for i in range(n-2,-1,-1):
            Xsm_c[i][j] = Xsm_c[i+1][j] + alfa*(a[i][j] - Xsm_c[i+1]
[j])
    return Xsm_c

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#Step 4
#backward exponential smoothing of columns
def B_column_smoothing(Xsm,n):
    Xsm_back_c = [[0]*n for _ in range(n)]
    for i in range(n):
        Xsm_back_c[0][i] = Xsm[0][i]
    for j in range(n):
        for i in range(1,n):
            Xsm_back_c[i][j] = Xsm_back_c[i-1][j] + alfa*(Xsm[i][j]
- Xsm_back_c[i-1][j])
    return Xsm_back_c

Xsm_F_column = F_column_smoothing(Xsm_B_row, n)
Xsm_B_column = B_column_smoothing(Xsm_F_column, n)

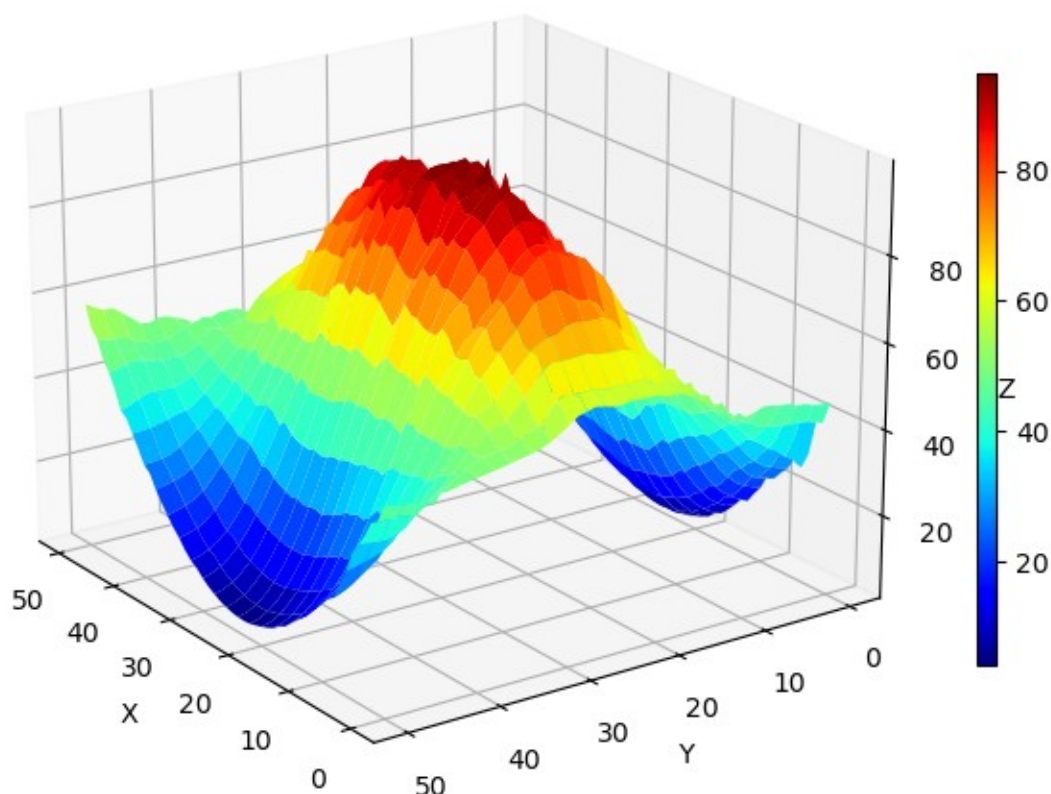
fig = plt.figure(figsize=(8,8))
ax3d = plt.axes(projection="3d")

my_cmap = plt.get_cmap('jet')

#plot = ax3d.plot_wireframe(x,y,np.array(Xsm_F_column), cmap =
'jet')
plot = ax3d.plot_surface(x,y,np.array(Xsm_F_column), cmap = 'jet')
ax3d.set_title('Smoothed surface with middle alpha=0.5')
ax3d.set_xlabel('X')
ax3d.set_ylabel('Y')
ax3d.set_zlabel('Z')
fig.colorbar(plot, ax = ax3d, shrink = 0.5, aspect = 30) # создание
шкалы градиента
ax3d.view_init(20, 145)
plt.show()

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Smoothed surface with middle  $\alpha=0.5$



Conclusion: very nice transformation of row and noisy surface to a pleasant looking one, but now we need to prove effectiveness of transformation numerically by calculating variance

```
fig = plt.figure(figsize=(6,6))
fig.add_subplot(1, 2, 1, projection='3d')
ax3d = plt.axes(projection="3d")

my_cmap = plt.get_cmap('jet')

plot = ax3d.plot_surface(x,y,noisy, cmap = 'jet')
ax3d.set_title('Noisy surface Plot')
ax3d.set_xlabel('X')
ax3d.set_ylabel('Y')
ax3d.set_zlabel('Z')
fig.colorbar(plot, ax = ax3d, shrink = 0.5, aspect = 30) # создание
шкалы градиента
ax3d.view_init(25, 145)
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fig = plt.figure(figsize=(6,6))
fig.add_subplot(1, 2, 1, projection='3d')
ax3d = plt.axes(projection="3d")

#plot = ax3d.plot_wireframe(x,y,true, cmap = 'jet')
plot = ax3d.plot_surface(x,y,true, cmap = 'jet')
ax3d.set_title('True surface Plot')
ax3d.set_xlabel('X')
ax3d.set_ylabel('Y')
ax3d.set_zlabel('Z')
fig.colorbar(plot, ax = ax3d, shrink = 0.5, aspect = 30) # создание
шкалы градиента
ax3d.view_init(25, 145)

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fig = plt.figure(figsize=(6,6))
fig.add_subplot(1, 2, 1, projection='3d')
ax3d = plt.axes(projection="3d")

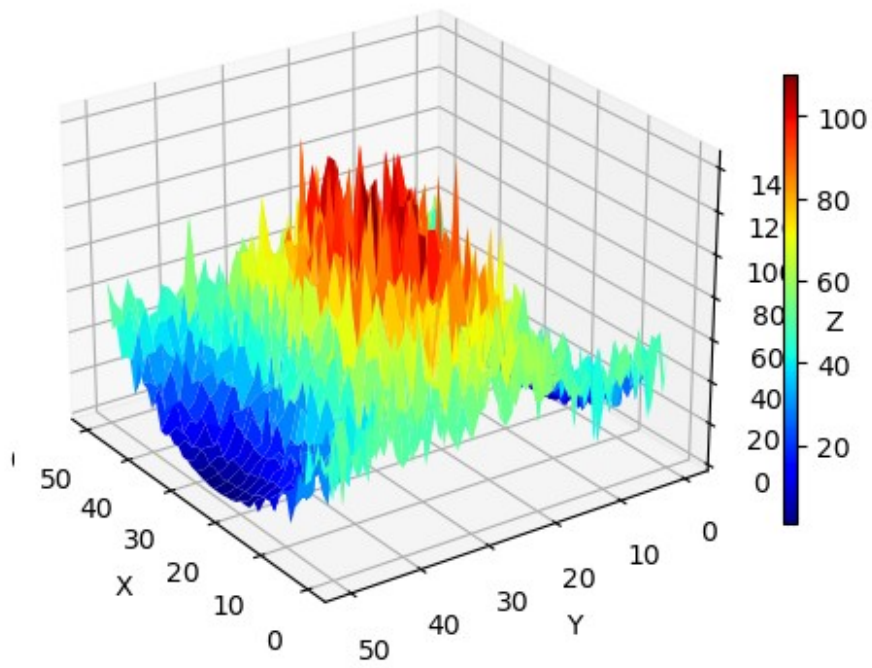
my_cmap = plt.get_cmap('jet')

#plot = ax3d.plot_wireframe(x,y,np.array(Xsm_F_column), cmap =
'jet')
plot = ax3d.plot_surface(x,y,np.array(Xsm_F_column), cmap = 'jet')
ax3d.set_title('Smoothed surface Plot')
ax3d.set_xlabel('X')
ax3d.set_ylabel('Y')
ax3d.set_zlabel('Z')
fig.colorbar(plot, ax = ax3d, shrink = 0.5, aspect = 30)
ax3d.view_init(25, 145)
plt.show()

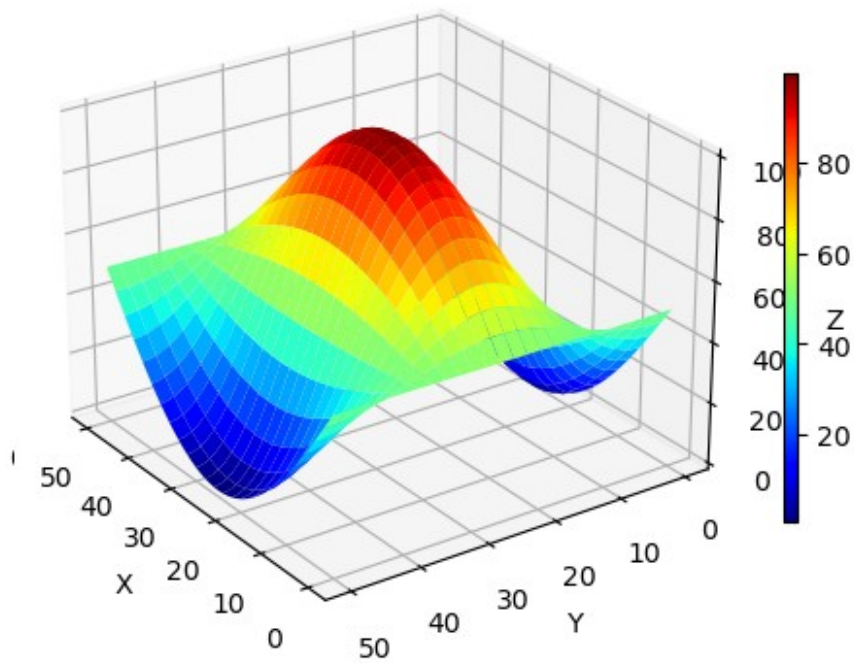
plt.show()

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Noisy surface Plot

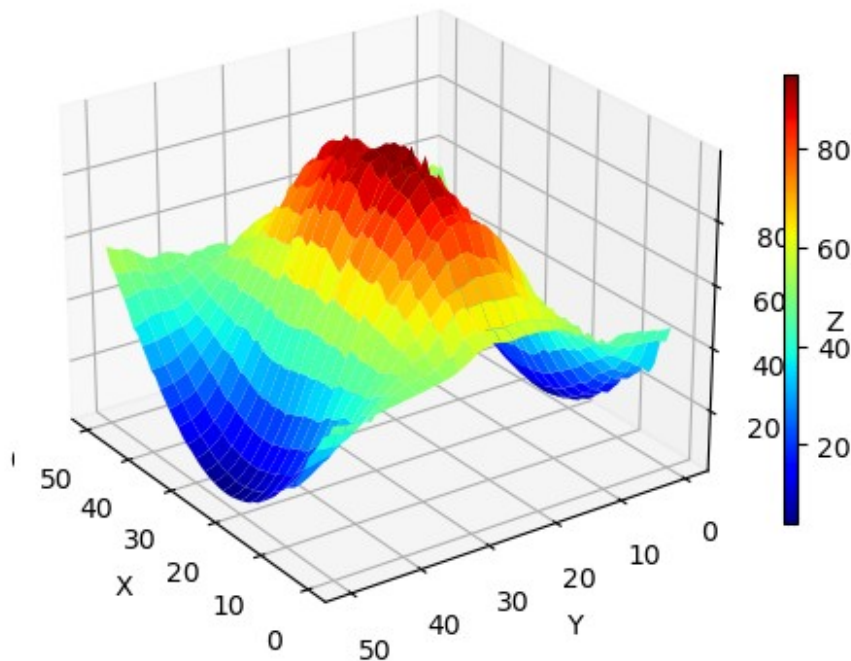


True surface Plot





Smoothed surface Plot



Conclusion: this series of plots nicely depicts how noisy surface differs from true one, and how we change it and make it close to true with smoothing

*#Step 6 - determine the variance of deviation of smoothed surface from the true one.*

*# Compare the variance with that from item 3.*

*#calculate new variance of deviation of smoothed surface from the true one*

```
index = 0
var_smoothed = [0 for _ in range(n**2)]
for i in range(n):
    for j in range(n):
        var_smoothed[index] = Xsm_B_column[i][j]
        index += 1
var_true = np.reshape(true, (1,np.product(true.shape)))
s2 = 0
for i in range(n**2):
    s2 += (var_smoothed[i] - var_true[0][i] )**2
s2 = s2/n**2
print('Variance of deviation of smooth surface from the true one
=',s2)
```

Variance of deviation of smooth surface from the true one =  
7.920949927804128

*#after our manipulations the variance value decreased significantly*

*#compare variance of noisy and smooth surface*

```
dif = s1/s2
print('Comparison of variance:\n',dif)
```



Comparison of variance:  
15.50645345318742

Conclusion: after our manipulations the variance value decreased significantly - in 15.5 times in comparison with noisy/true variance. It definitely means that the method we applied was powerful and could recover the noisy dataset very close to the true one

#Step 7 - trying different values of alpha and explore how it affects on estimation results

Observation results are following:

#small values of alpha (alpha=0.05) give us high level of smoothing, however it causes distortion of surface image.png

#middle values of alpha (alpha=0.5) give some level of smoothing, but in this case it's not enough to read surface clearly image-2.png

#big values of alpha (alpha=0.8) provide almost zero filtration image-3.png

#Step 8 - Personal Learning log

Yaroslav: from this assignment I learned the true magic of recovering data almost from scratch. I was really amazed how such simple method as exponential smoothing could rebuild so noisy data set in almost identical to the true one.

Lisa: I learned how to create 3d plots and work with 2d arrays processing them with familiar method of forward-backward exponential smoothing. First part of assignment was useful to train exponential smoothing on 1d arrays again.

Selamawit Asfaw: Such a way of recovering data could be useful in my future learning activities, so I made a note about it. It was pleasant to see how methods we learned for one dimension datasets can be applied on more complicated sources and depicted so nicely on plots, made by Lisa.