



Recitation 2

Data Analytics (18-899)

Friday 11 February, 2022



Note on recitation slides

- Recitation slides are intended to be a guide on how to approach the assignment and not a prescription of exactly what to do
- There could be many approaches to any problem
- Seek to understand the problem and solve it instead of just trying to reproduce the steps listed in the slides
- To avoid overdependence on the slides, start your assignment early!
- If you have to choose between a “creative” approach, and following assignment instructions in the PDF, choose to PDF instructions **always**.



Assignment Objectives

- Explore and visualize time series data
- Investigate variability in time series data over different timescales
- Perform statistical measures: mean reversion, stationarity
- Evaluate model performance based on benchmarking
- Fit ARIMA model



Question 1

- Download the *WindGeneration.csv* file
- Generate dates/timestamps
- Plot wind generation against the timestamps
- Is there any evidence of intra-annual seasonality?
 - Daily
 - Weekly
 - Monthly
 - Quarterly



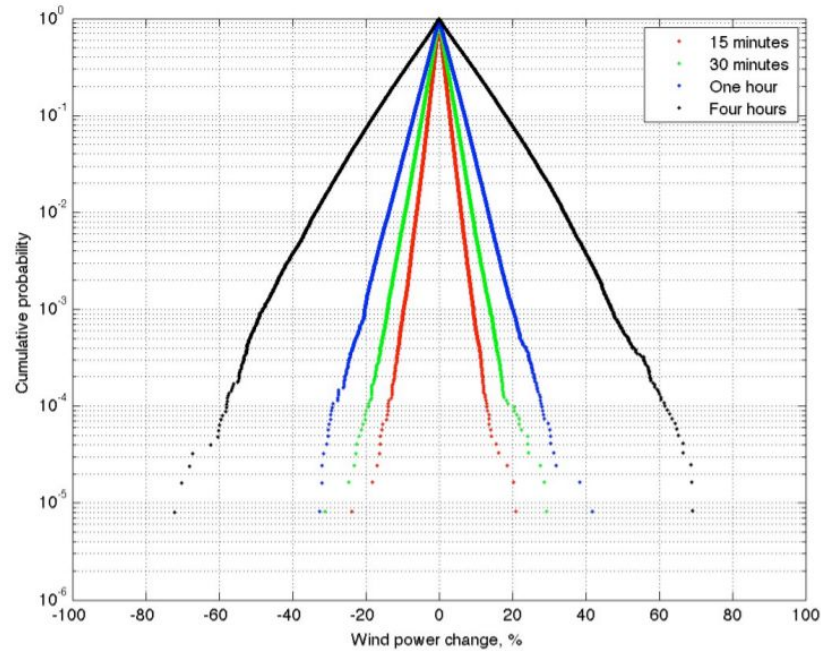
Question 2

- Calculate the change in wind generation over time as a percentage of the maximum generation.
- Plot it against the timestamps
- Is there any evidence of seasonality?

Question 3

- Ramp function defined as
$$r(t,d) = 100 * [x(t + d) - x(t)] / \max(x)$$
- Calculate the ramps where $d=1$ for an hourly sampling period
- Separate them into positive and negative ramps
- Use their absolute values and sort the resulting dataframe
- Plot the ramps using a semilogy plot (vertical logarithmic axis)
- Plot a normal distribution CDF on the same graph

Wind power fluctuations





Question 4

- Investigate the variability in wind generation over different timescales
- Timescales: 1h, 2h, 3h, ..., 24h
- Use the percentile analysis on the ramps

$$r(t,d) = 100 * [x(t + d) - x(t)] / \max(x)$$

Iterate over the d param using $d=1...24$

Compute the percentiles (1%, 5%, 95% and 99%) for each d

- Plot the results
- What did you learn?

Python: `numpy.percentile()` MATLAB: `prctile()`



Question 5

- Calculate the autocorrelation of the wind generation (actual) for 10 days lags

$$10 \text{ days lags} = 1\text{hr} * 24\text{hr} * 10 = 240$$

- Comment on the autocorrelation plot



Question 6

- Calculate the autocorrelation of **change in wind generation** for lags over 10 days
 - Calculate the change in wind generation
 - Calculate the autocorrelation with lags of 10 days (240 hours)
- Plot the resulting data



Question 6 cont'd

- Plot horizontal lines to detect statistically significance values ($p < 0.05$)
 - Corresponding value can be calculated from the normal distribution
 - Plot it for every value
- Is there any evidence of diurnal seasonality?
- Might it be more appropriate to model the change in wind generation than the actual wind generation?



Question 7

- The variance ratio test will be used to investigate the structure of the wind generation time series.

MATLAB: vratiotest Python: Arch library, Adfuller from statsmodels

- Using the result from the functions above, can the null hypothesis of a random walk be rejected?
- Test mean reversion
- Is there evidence of either mean-reversion or mean aversion?



Question 8

- Test window size using $n = [1: 24]$
- For each n , calculate the simple moving average (SMA)

MATLAB: tsmovavg or equivalent Python: df.rolling()

Calculate the mean absolute error (MAE) between the SMA and the actual wind power.

- For which n , do you obtain the minimum MAE?
- Is there a simple benchmark that improves on the persistence benchmark?



Question 9

- For each forecast horizon $n = [1 : 24]$
- Calculate the persistence of n $X_{\text{predicted}}(t) = X(t-n)$
- Handle missing or NaN values
- Calculate the mean absolute error (MAE) between the predicted wind power and the actual wind power
- Plot MAE as a percentage of the maximum generation for the persistence benchmark. *Hint ($X = \text{timescale}$, $Y = \text{max MAE percentage wind generation}$)*



Question 10

- Understand an AutoRegressive Integrated Moving Average (ARIMA) model
- Find parameters it takes (p , d , q)
- Loop through a range of parameters (p and $q = [1:4]$) to find the optimal parameters
 - Pass the parameters to the arima model
 - Fit and return the model estimates
 - calculate the AIC and BIC from the estimation



Question 10 cont'd

- Determine if there is some improvement in the model's performance (small AIC and BIC are better)
- What are the optimal ARIMA model parameters?



Submission Instructions

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- **Single** Python/MATLAB code file(.ipynb or .m) **[Do not Submit checkpoints for .ipynb]**
- Assignment report(.pdf) - remember to name the file as instructed
 - Indicate the libraries you have used in your code at the beginning of the report (After the title page)
- Data files (as given)

Submission process:

1. Put code **file and data files** in a single folder
2. Name of the folder should be the same as your andrew ID
3. **Zip this folder and attach the zipped file on assignment submission page (CANVAS)**
4. After attaching zipped file, click on "Add Another File" from assignment submission page and **attach your report**
5. Submit your assignment



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