

1. Time series data:
  - a. Samples that consists of lot of observations of the same phenomenon over time.
  - b. Series of data points indexed in time order. Time series is a sequence taken at successive equally spaced points in time.
2. Why time series?
  - a. Orders of the samples matter
  - b. Uneven lengths
  - c. Irregular sampling times
3. Why use time series forecasting over multi-variate regression models?
  - a.  $Y = a + bx$ 
    - i. Regression equation
    - ii. Dependent variable and independent variables
    - iii.  $Y_t = Y_{t-1} + Y$  — only one variable
  - b. Based on patterns or trends in the past you extrapolate over time axis
4. When not to use time series?
  - a. When values are constant, i.e.  $f(x) = c$ ;
  - b. When values can be represented using known functions (such as  $\sin x()$  or  $\cos x()$ )
  - c. When your data is not stationary
5. Components of time series: general trend, seasonal and irregular functions
  - a. Trend: values are increasing or decreasing
  - b. Seasonality: a spike or peak or dip in time interval
  - c. Irregular: random or uncontrolled situations