

Exercise 3 - Validation

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In [1]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np
import xarray as xr
import pandas as pd
import datetime as dt
import statsmodels.formula.api as smf
from statsmodels.regression.linear_model import OLS
from plotWorldview import plot
%matplotlib inline
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1.

Read MODIS

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In [2]: # Read in csv and convert index to datetime
df_Modis = pd.read_csv('MODIS_Aqua_coll6_AOD_at_Cart_Site_05deg_box.csv', header=None,
                        names=['Year', 'Month', 'Day', 'Lat', 'Lon',
                              'AOD_440nm', 'AOD_550nm', 'AOD_660nm'])
df_Modis.index= pd.to_datetime(df_Modis[['Year', 'Month', 'Day']], yearfirst=True)
df_Modis = df_Modis.drop(['Year', 'Month', 'Day'], axis=1)

df_Modis.head()
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Out[2]:

	Lat	Lon	AOD_440nm	AOD_550nm	AOD_660nm
2009-04-03	36.728653	-96.997261	0.057	0.051	0.046
2009-04-03	36.818497	-97.017105	0.019	0.014	0.010
2009-04-03	36.906712	-97.034599	0.024	0.018	0.013
2009-04-03	36.996593	-97.054138	NaN	NaN	NaN
2009-04-03	37.084789	-97.071823	0.008	0.006	0.004

Read AERONET

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In [3]: #Read in csv and convert index to datetime
cols = ['Year', 'Month', 'Day', 'Hour', 'min', 'AOD_1640nm', 'AOD_1020nm',
        'AOD_870nm', 'AOD_675nm', 'AOD_500nm', 'AOD_440nm', 'Angstr_coeff', 'Angstr_coef',
        'Water vapor', 'sza']
df_AeroNet = pd.read_csv('AERONET_AODs_lev20_Cart_Site_all.csv', header=None, names=cols)

df_time = df_AeroNet.copy()[['Year', 'Month', 'Day', 'Hour', 'min']]
df_time['Hour'] = df_time['Hour'] + df_time['min']/60
df_time = df_time.drop('min', axis=1)
#Subtract 5 hours to convert to local time
dateIndex = (pd.to_datetime(df_time, errors='ignore', format='%Y%m%d%H').dt.round('min'))

df_AeroNet.index = dateIndex
df_AeroNet = df_AeroNet.drop(['Year', 'Month', 'Day', 'Hour', 'min'], axis=1)
df_AeroNet.head()
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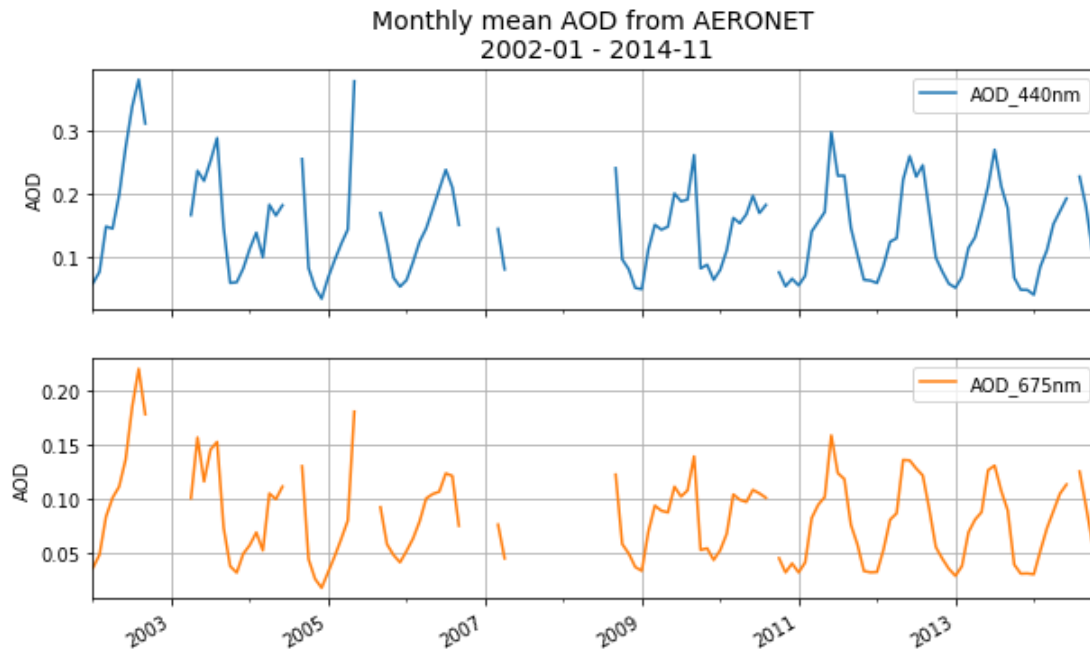
Out[3]:

	AOD_1640nm	AOD_1020nm	AOD_870nm	AOD_675nm	AOD_500nm	AOD_440nm	Angstr_coeff	Angstr_coef
2002-01-02 14:57:00	NaN	0.089399	0.101951	0.138971	0.191453	0.220339	1.126758	1.
2002-01-02 15:06:00	NaN	0.078803	0.090424	0.127009	0.180836	0.208729	1.227423	1.
2002-01-02 15:17:00	NaN	0.089938	0.101863	0.142102	0.200244	0.235192	1.219486	1.
2002-01-02 15:24:00	NaN	0.111820	0.129356	0.175880	0.237530	0.270216	1.075806	1.
2002-01-02 15:29:00	NaN	0.111969	0.128726	0.175240	0.237836	0.269820	1.083041	1.

a)

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In [4]: monthlyMeanAOD = df_AeroNet[['AOD_440nm', 'AOD_675nm']].resample('M').mean()
ax = monthlyMeanAOD.plot(subplots=True, grid=True, figsize=(10,6))
ax[0].set_title('Monthly mean AOD from AERONET \n' + '{} - {}'.format(
    monthlyMeanAOD.index[0].asm8.astype('<M8[M]'),
    monthlyMeanAOD.index[-1].asm8.astype('<M8[M]')), fontsize=14)
ax[0].set_ylabel('AOD')
ax[1].set_ylabel('AOD')
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Out[4]: Text(0, 0.5, 'AOD')



a) The timeseries of monthly mean AOD from the AERONET shows a distinct seasonality, where the lowest AOD is observed during the winter, January - February. Which might be because there are more VOC aerosols produced by the surrounding vegetation in combination with increased human activity as well.

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In [5]: validation13pm = df_AeroNet[['AOD_440nm', 'AOD_675nm']].between_time('18:00', '19:00')
        .resample('D').mean()
validation13pm['Modis_AOD_440nm'] = df_Modis['AOD_440nm'].resample('D').mean()
validation13pm['Modis_AOD_660nm'] = df_Modis['AOD_660nm'].resample('D').mean()
validation13pm = validation13pm.dropna()

correlation = validation13pm.corr()
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AOD 440 nm AERONET compared to AOD 440nm MODIS

b)

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In [11]: #OLS fit
model = smf.ols(formula='Modis_AOD_440nm ~ AOD_440nm', data=validation13pm)
fit = model.fit()
alpha = fit.params[0]
beta = fit.params[1]

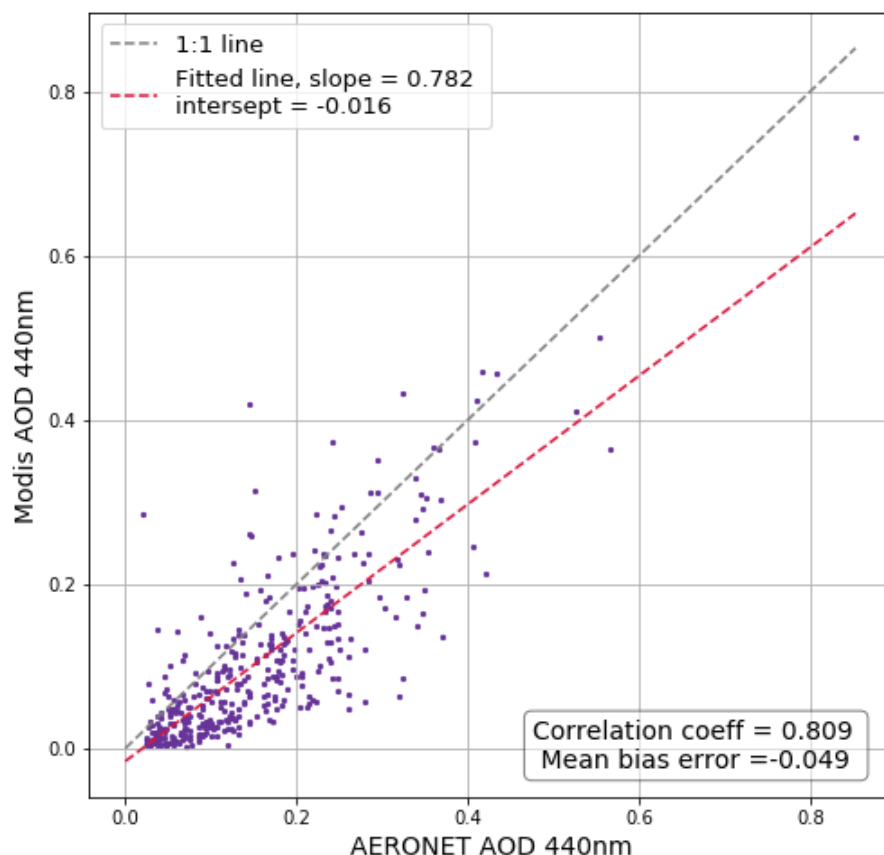
props = dict(boxstyle='round', facecolor='white', alpha=0.5)

meanbias = (validation13pm['Modis_AOD_440nm'] - validation13pm['AOD_440nm']).mean()

x = np.linspace(0,max(validation13pm['AOD_440nm']),100)
fig = plt.figure(figsize=(8,8))
ax = plt.axes()
ax.scatter(validation13pm['AOD_440nm'],
           validation13pm['Modis_AOD_440nm'], s = 5, color = 'rebeccapurple', label=N
           one)

ax.set_ylabel('Modis AOD 440nm', fontsize = 14)
ax.plot(x,x, color = 'grey', linestyle = '--', label='1:1 line')
ax.plot(x, alpha + beta*x, color = 'crimson', linestyle = '--',
        label='Fitted line, slope = {:.3f} \n'.format(beta) + 'intersept = {:.3f}'.fo
        rmat(alpha))
ax.set_xlabel('AERONET AOD 440nm', fontsize = 14)
plt.text(0.55, 0.1, 'Correlation coeff = {:.3f} \n Mean bias error = {:.3f}'.format(cor
        relation.iloc[0,2], meanbias),
        transform=ax.transAxes, fontsize=14, verticalalignment='top', bbox=props)
plt.grid()
plt.legend(fontsize=13);

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AOD 675nm AERONET compared to MODIS AOD 670nm

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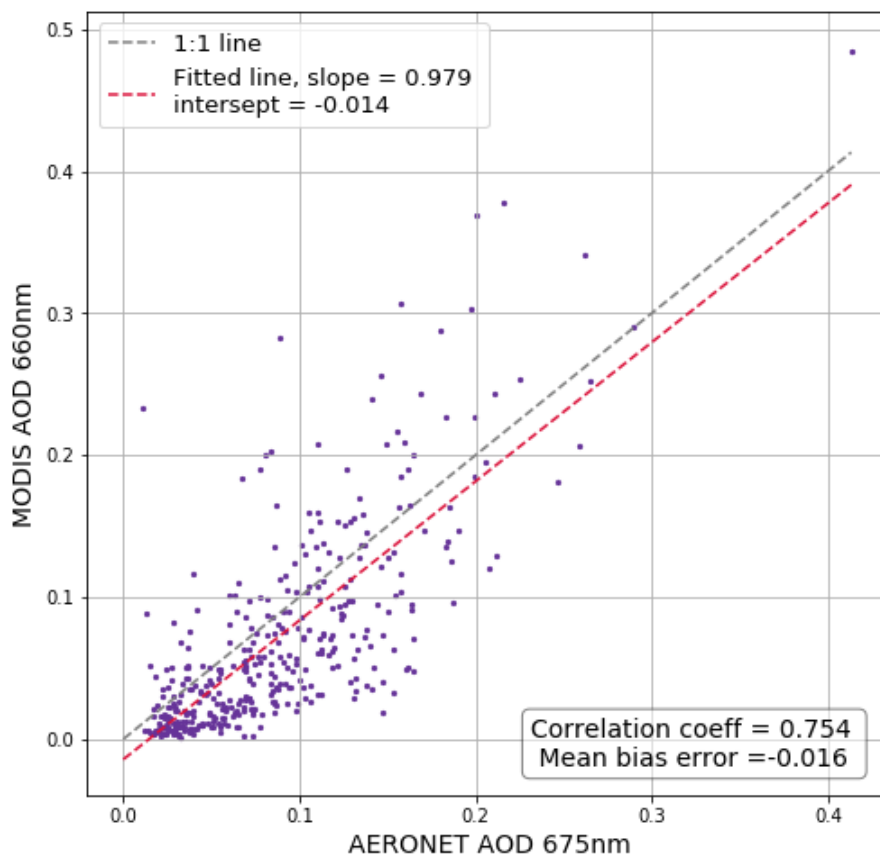
In [9]: model = smf.ols(formula='Modis_AOD_660nm ~ AOD_675nm', data=validation13pm)
fit = model.fit()
alpha = fit.params[0]
beta = fit.params[1]
meanbias = (validation13pm['Modis_AOD_660nm'] - validation13pm['AOD_675nm']).mean()

props = dict(boxstyle='round', facecolor='white', alpha=0.5)

x = np.linspace(0, max(validation13pm['AOD_675nm']), 100)
fig = plt.figure(figsize=(8,8))
ax = plt.axes()
ax.scatter(validation13pm['AOD_675nm'],
           validation13pm['Modis_AOD_660nm'], s = 5, color = 'rebeccapurple', label='N
one)

ax.set_ylabel('MODIS AOD 660nm', fontsize = 14)
ax.plot(x,x, color = 'grey', linestyle = '--', label='1:1 line')
ax.plot(x, alpha + beta*x, color = 'crimson', linestyle = '--',
        label='Fitted line, slope = {:.3f} \n'.format(beta) + 'intersept = {:.3f}'.fo
rmat(alpha))
ax.set_xlabel('AERONET AOD 675nm', fontsize = 14)
plt.text(0.55, 0.1, 'Correlation coeff = {:.3f} \n Mean bias error = {:.3f}'.format(cor
relation.iloc[1,-1], meanbias),
        transform=ax.transAxes, fontsize=14, verticalalignment='top', bbox=props)
plt.grid()
plt.legend(fontsize=13);

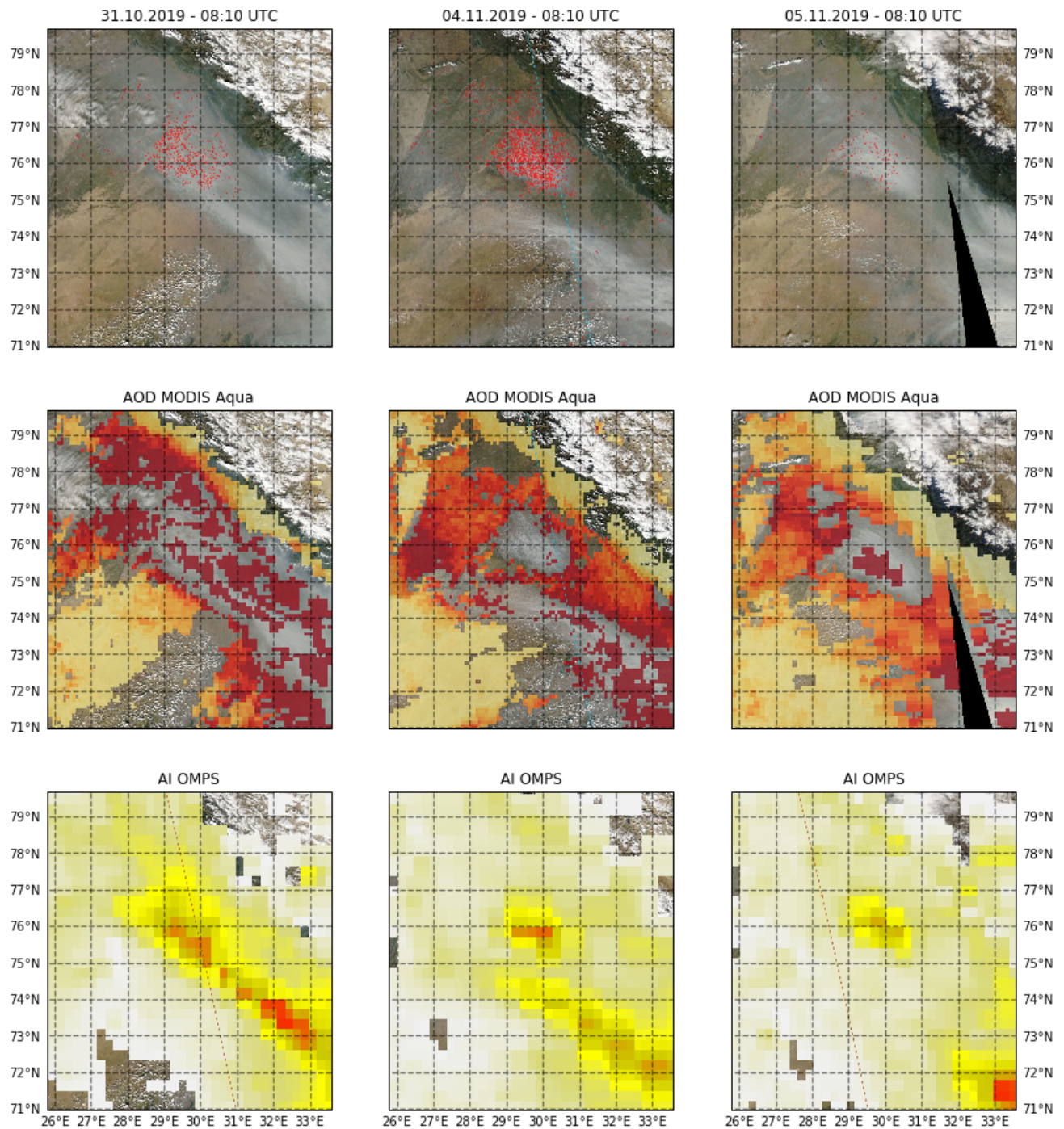
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Looking at the scatter plots, the AOD from MODIS seems to generally underestimate the AOD both 660nm and 440nm. The underestimation is largest during clear conditions when the observed AOD is small. That MODIS fails to accurately estimate the AOD during for unpolluted condition at the AERONET might be that air so clean that AOD approaches the detection limit of the sensor. Still a correlation of 0.754 and 0.809 for AOD 660nm and AOD 440nm shows that the overall performance of MODIS is quite good.

2. Case study - Air pollution episode in Nothern India

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In [8]: plot()
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AOD (approximate)

- AOD range near New Delhi 31.10.2019: **2.420 - 2.850**
- AOD range near New Delhi 04.11.2019: **0.695 - 0.700**
- AOD range near New Delhi 05.11.2019: **0.475 - 0.500**

AI (approximate)

- AI range near New Delhi 31.10.2019: **2.850 - 2.875**
- AI range near New Delhi 04.11.2019: **1.200 - 1.225**
- AI range near New Delhi 05.11.2019: **0.475 - 0.510**

It is difficult to tell the exact cause of the fires from the true color images, but I would guess that it caused by wildfires.

Whats interesting to see when comparing the aerosol index and the aerosol optical depth, is that the smoke from the fires is so bright that AOD retrieval indentifies the smoke plume as a cloud. While from the AI retrieval it obvious that there is a lot of aerosols present