



# Time Series *Analysis*

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# Recap

In the last section, we briefly introduced times series

- What is a time series
- Some examples of time series
- The objectives of time series analysis
- The basic components of a time series

This section:

- How do we remove the various components of a time series so that we can focus on the residuals...

Estimate or Eliminate

# Time Series Decomposition

Step 1: Estimate the trend.

Step 2: De-trend the series.

- For an additive model, subtract the estimated trend from the series.
- For a multiplicative model, divide the series by the estimated trend.

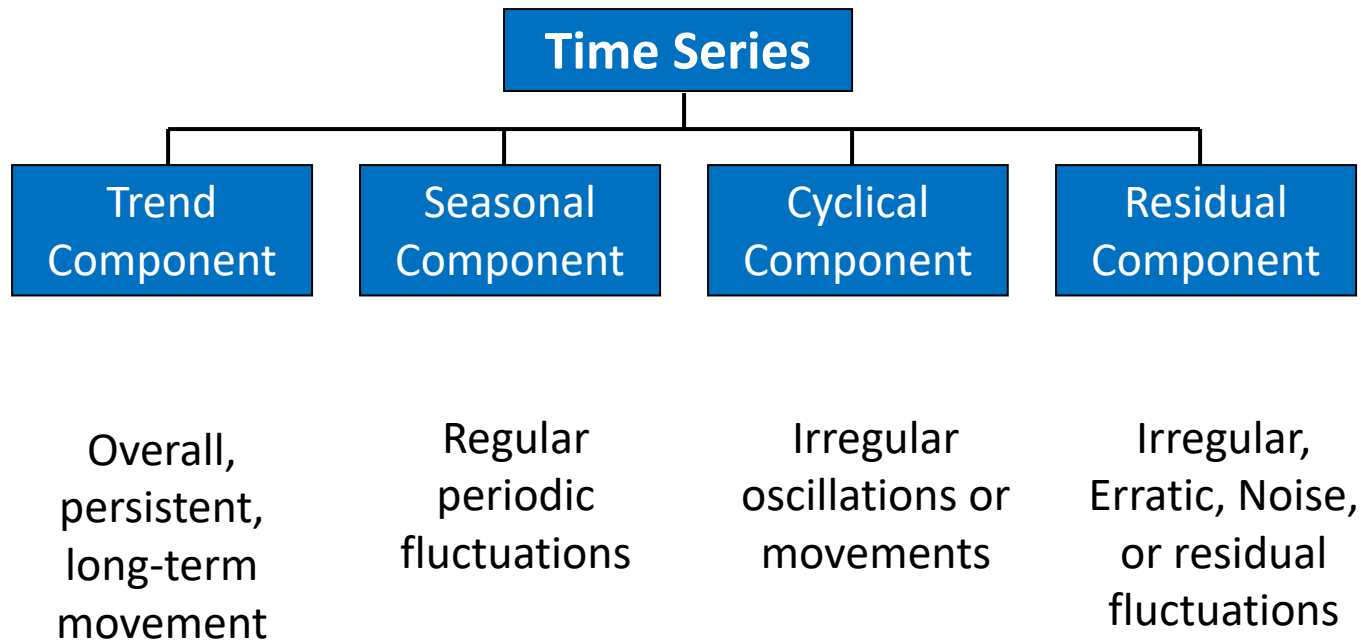
Step 3: Estimate any seasonal factors using the de-trended series.

Step 4: Find the random (irregular), unexplained component.

- For the additive model,  $Y_t = X_t - m_t - s_t$
- For the multiplicative model,  $Y_t = \frac{X_t}{m_t s_t}$

Then: Analyze the random component! (to be continued...)

# Time-Series Components

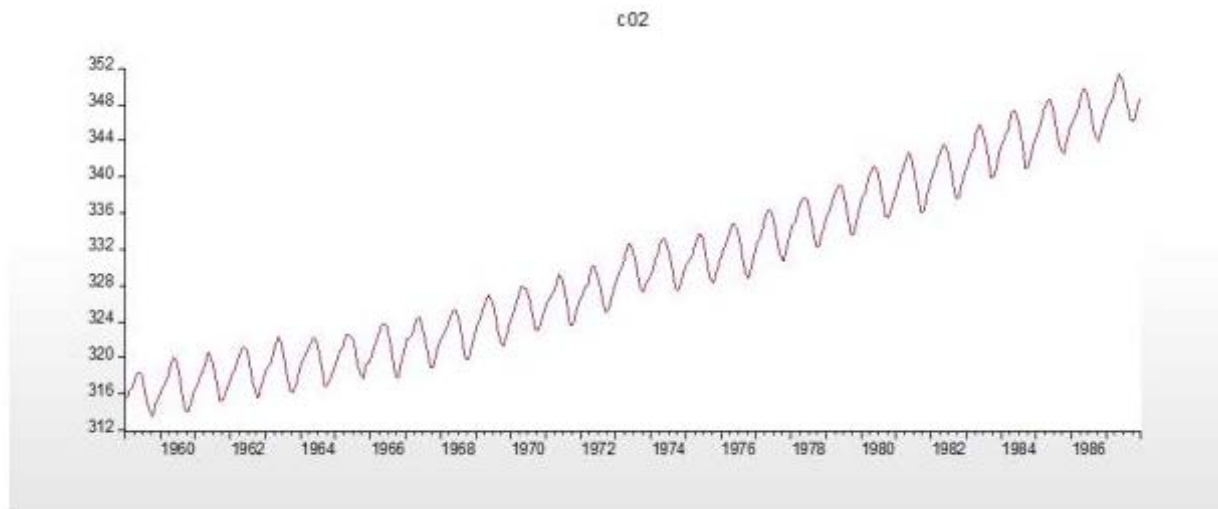


# Time-Series Components

A time series model that incorporates **trend** and **seasonality** is as follows:

$$X_t = m_t + s_t + Y_t$$

We ultimately want to be able to **remove** these trends so that all we have left is the residual component...



# Modeling Components

So, the challenge becomes - how do we remove these various components?

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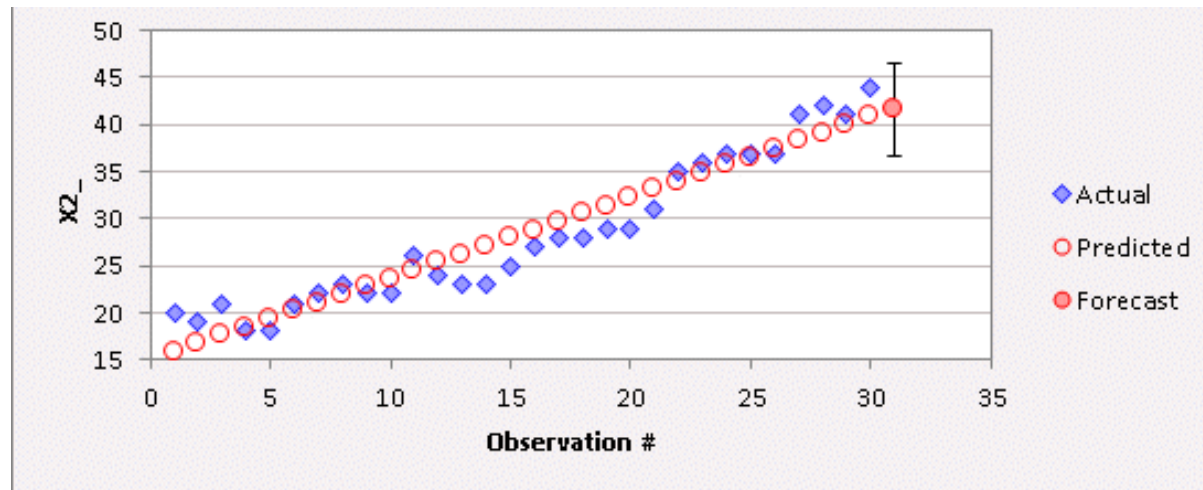
There are two basic approaches:

- Trend **estimation** (estimate/model the trend so that we can remove it from the signal)
- Trend **elimination** (remove the trend using differencing)

# Parametric Trend Estimation

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- Fitting a linear or quadratic curve using regression



**Note:** For least squares modeling, time is numbered starting with 0 and increasing by 1 for each period/sample/observation

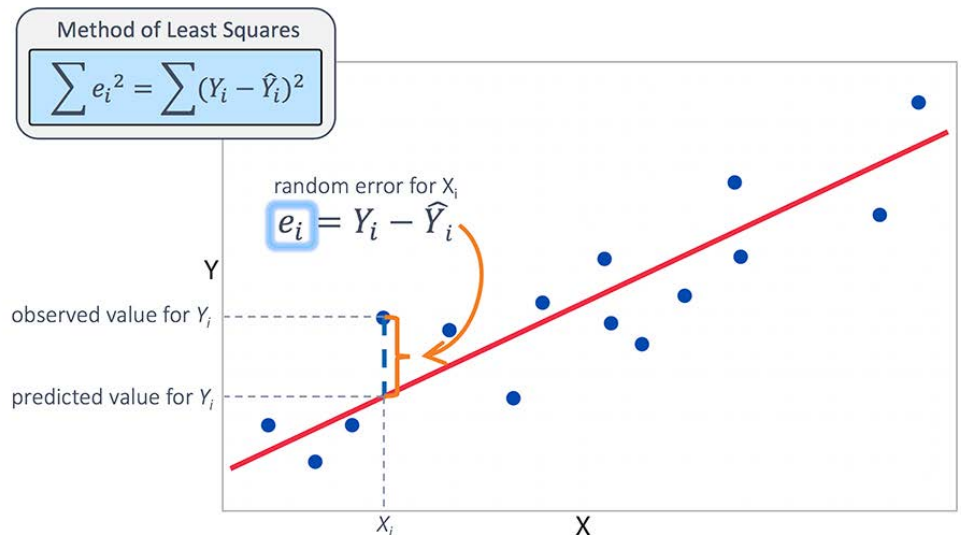
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- Use least squares regression (think “find the line of best fit”)
- Use **time (t)** as the independent variable.
- Linear Example:

$$X_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 t$$

Intercept  $\beta_0$       Slope  $\beta_1$





# Parametric Trend Estimation

## Method of Least Squares

- Fitting a curve using linear regression

$$\beta_1 = \frac{\sum(x - \bar{x})(y - \bar{y})}{\sum(x - \bar{x})^2} \quad (\text{here, } x \text{ is time})$$

$\bar{x}, \bar{y}$  are means of  $x, y$

$$\beta_0 = \bar{x} - \beta_1 \bar{y}$$

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Slope



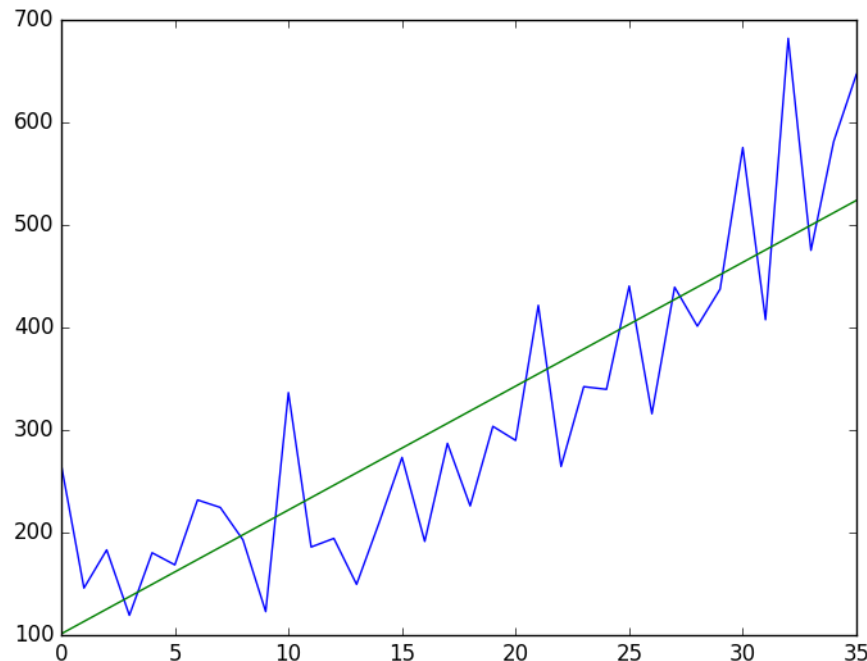
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## Least squares regression

- May not be optimal yet without knowing the structure of the remaining residuals,  $Y_t$ , but often not bad:

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$$X_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 t + \beta_2 t^2 + Y_t$$

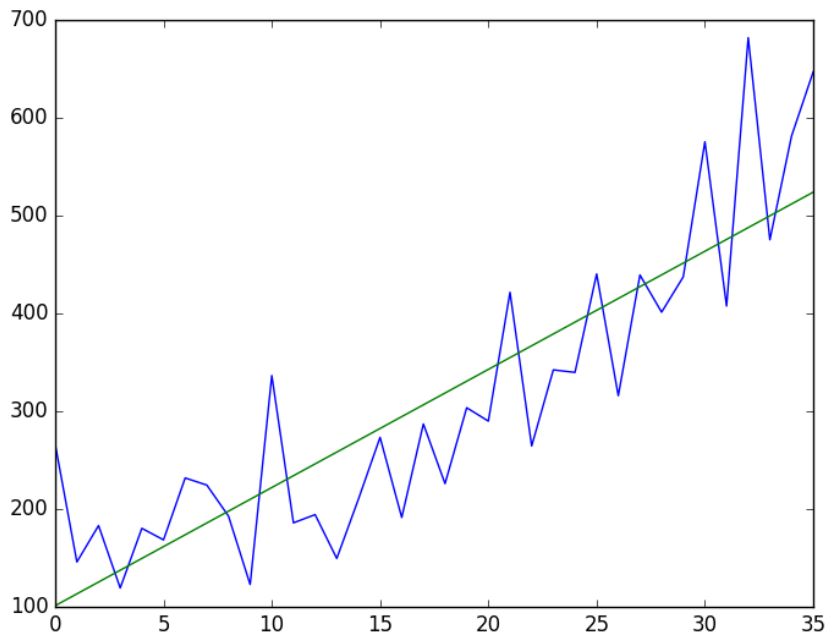


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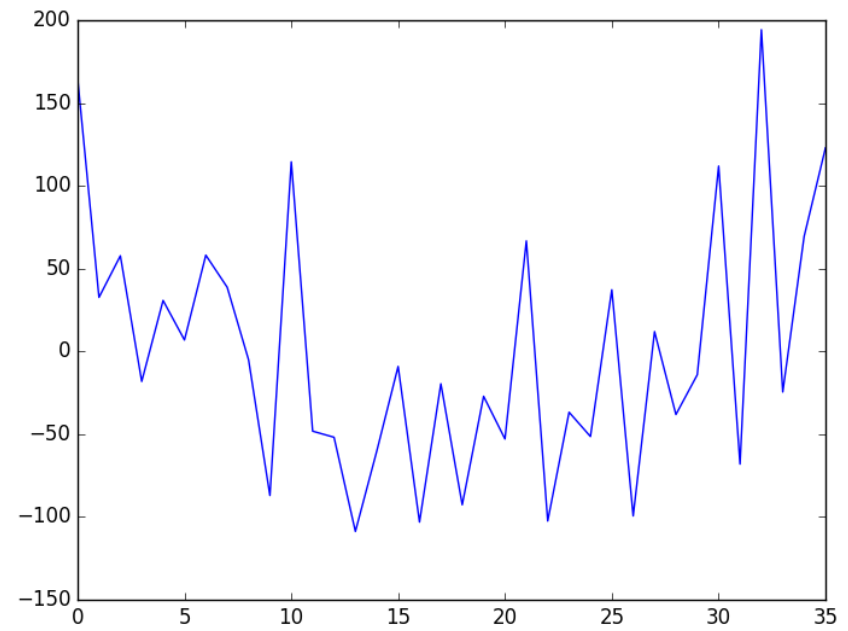
- Once the trend is **known**, it can be removed from the signal

$$X_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 t + Y_t$$



Original time series with trend line

$$\hat{Y}_t = X_t - \beta_0 - \beta_1 t$$



De-trended estimate of time series

# Non-Parametric Trend Estimation

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- A trend is essentially just a slow-moving portion of the signal
- So, why not filter it out?
- We can use a **moving average filter** to estimate this slow trend

$$W_t = \frac{1}{(2N+1)} \sum_{j=-N}^N X_{t-j} \quad \text{but } X_t = m_t + Y_t$$

$$W_t = \frac{1}{(2N+1)} \left\{ \sum_{j=-N}^N m_{t-j} + \sum_{j=-N}^N Y_{t-j} \right\} \approx m_t$$

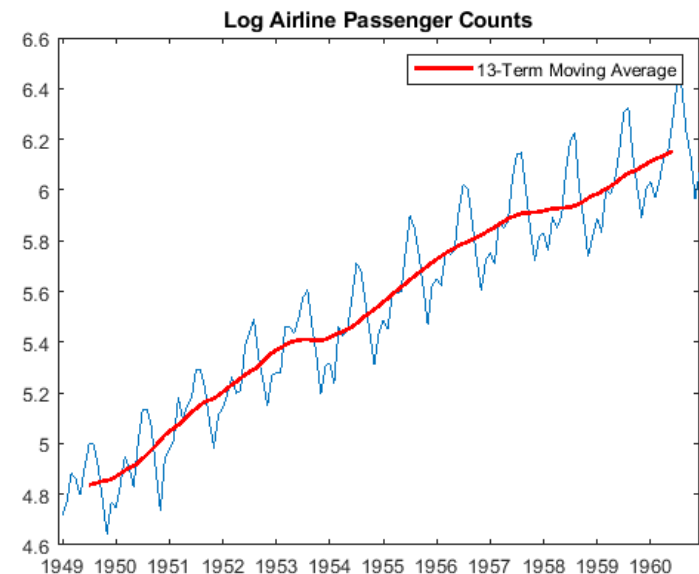
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MAF is effectively a simple low-pass FIR filter

Note: can also be done using a convolution function



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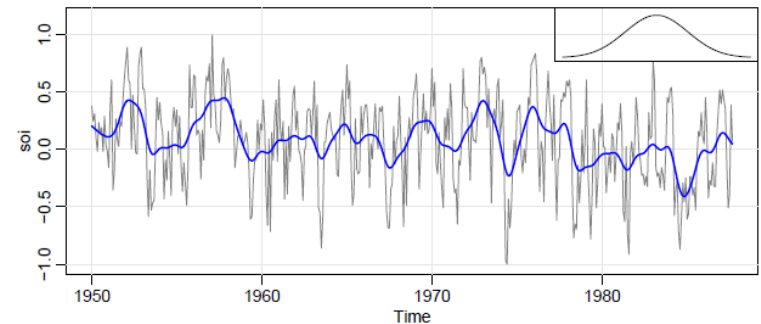
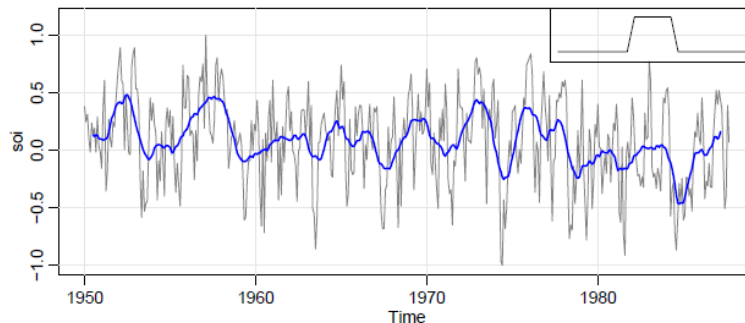
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There are many different options (e.g. exponential smoothing)

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- The MAF estimate smooths the original signal using an average of the previous (or surrounding) points
- But we don't have to use just the average
- We can use a smoothing kernel (such as in Parzen estimation)

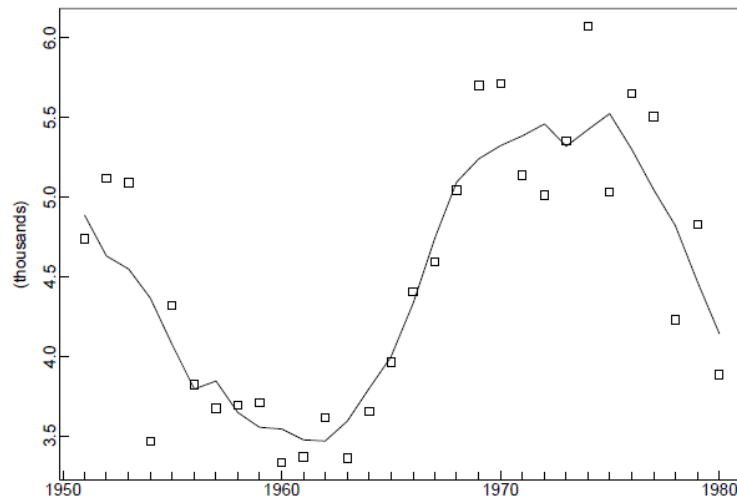


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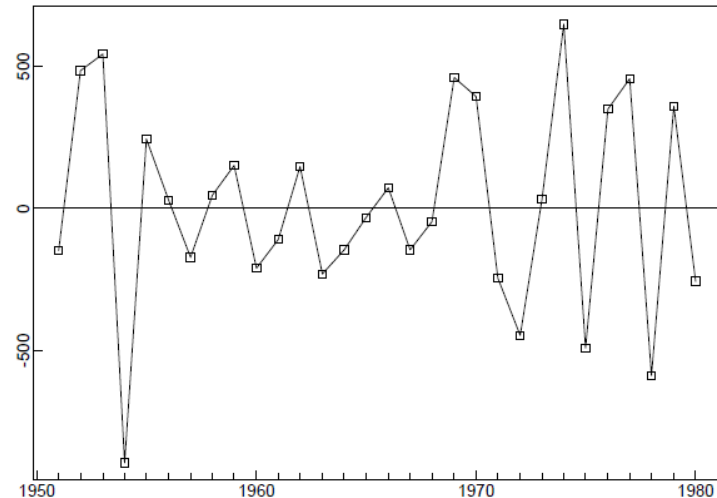
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Original time series



Detrended using MAF



Bonus! This trend was periodic...



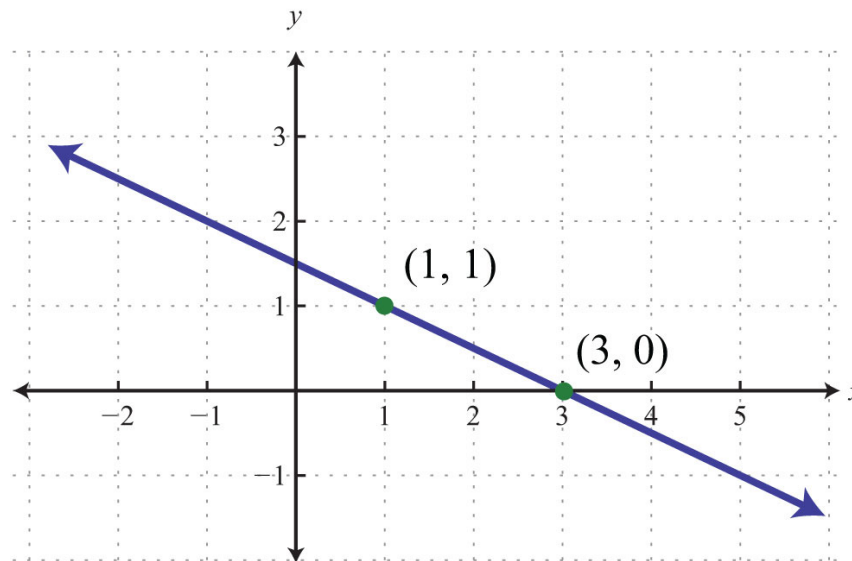
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$$\nabla X_t = X_t - X_{t-1}$$

What would be the result of differencing a perfect line with slope  $m_t$ ?



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But we can also keep going to remove higher order trends...

$$\nabla^2 X_t = \nabla(\nabla X_t) \quad \text{or} \quad \nabla^j(X_t) = \nabla(\nabla^{j-1} X_t)$$

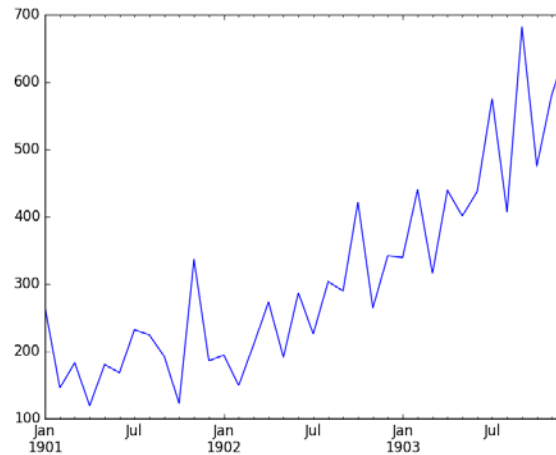
These operate the same way as polynomial functions, so

$$\nabla^2 X_t = X_t - 2X_{t-1} + X_{t-2}$$

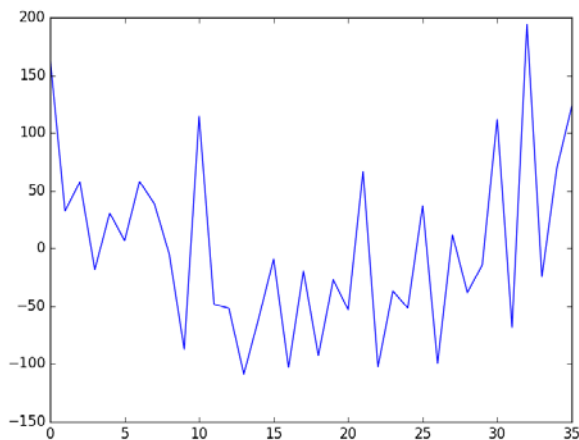
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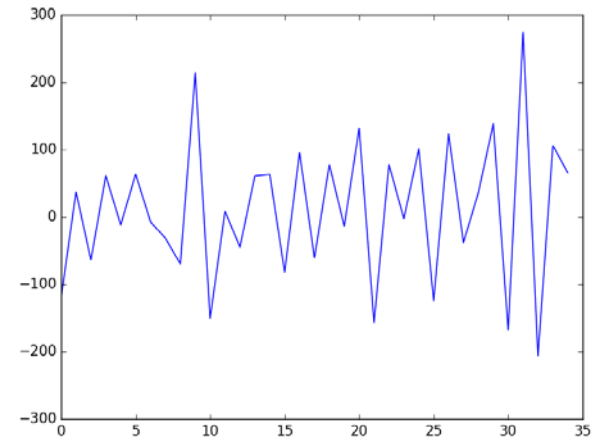
- Similar, but not the same results as trend estimation and removal



Original



De-trended using Estimation



De-trended using Differencing

# Seasonality Estimation

## Seasonal Averaging

- In many cases, seasonality is actual ‘seasonal’ information
- In simple cases, it is intuitive to calculate the seasonal averages (e.g. average value of sales in December vs June)

Compute the average value for each “season” (could be days, weeks, month, quarters, etc.) over time

- Assumes that other trends are removed first (otherwise, you can find the averages using a regression approach)

Subtract/divide it from the corresponding seasons

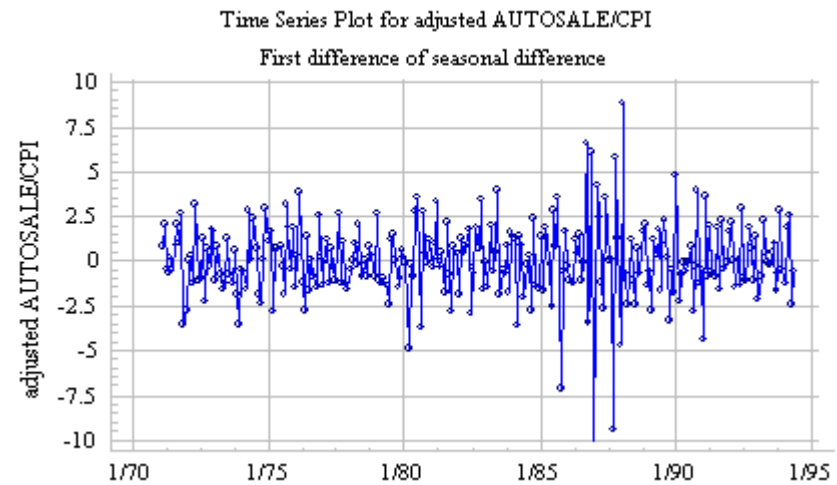
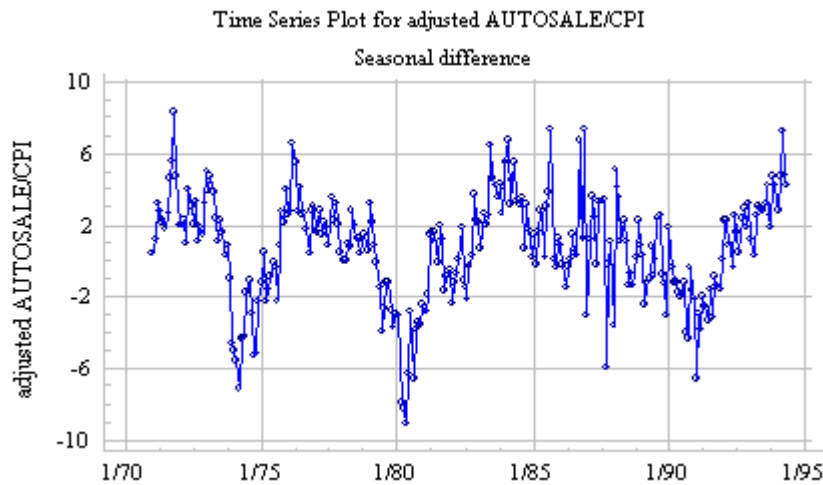
e.g. for each month, subtract the average sales for that month

# Seasonality Estimation

## Seasonal Differencing

- Another crude method of handling seasonality is to use differencing
- Here, instead of the regular difference (a single step), we difference using a *lag* operator based on the seasonal period.

e.g. for monthly values, we might use a lag-d operator of  $d=12$ , to take the difference from 12 samples prior



# Seasonality Estimation

## Seasonal Cosine-Sine Modeling

- Because seasonality is periodic, we can model the signal using Fourier approaches

Model the seasonal component as a sum of sines and cosines

## Assume

- $s_t = \beta \cos(2\pi f t + \theta)$  where  $\beta$  is the amplitude,  $f$  is the frequency, and  $\theta$  is the phase.
- Then,  $s_t = \beta \cos(2\pi f t + \theta) = \beta_1 \cos(2\pi f t) + \beta_2 \sin(2\pi f t)$ , where  $\beta_1 = \beta \cos(\theta)$  and  $\beta_2 = \beta \sin(\theta)$
- Fit a multiple linear regression model (using least squares approach) with  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$  as the regression coefficients

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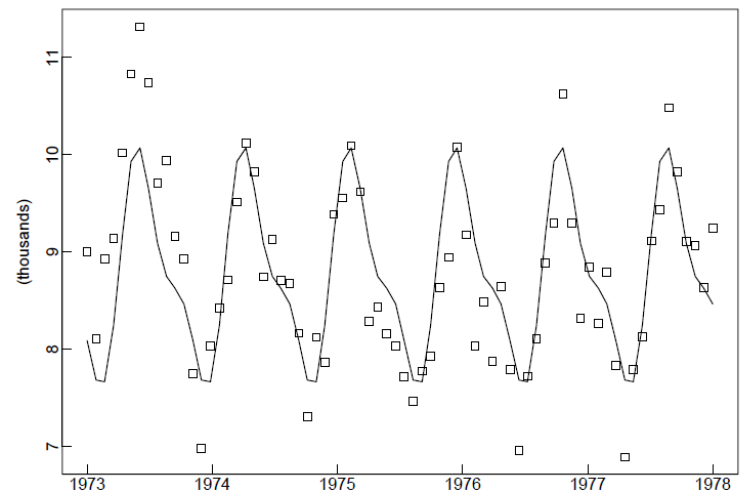
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If seasonality has multiple frequencies, use multiple values of  $f$  (and two predicting variables for each  $f$ )

$$s_t = B_0 + \sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_j \cos(2\pi f_j t) + \gamma_j \sin(2\pi f_j t)$$

Here,  $k=2$ , with periods of 6 and 12 months



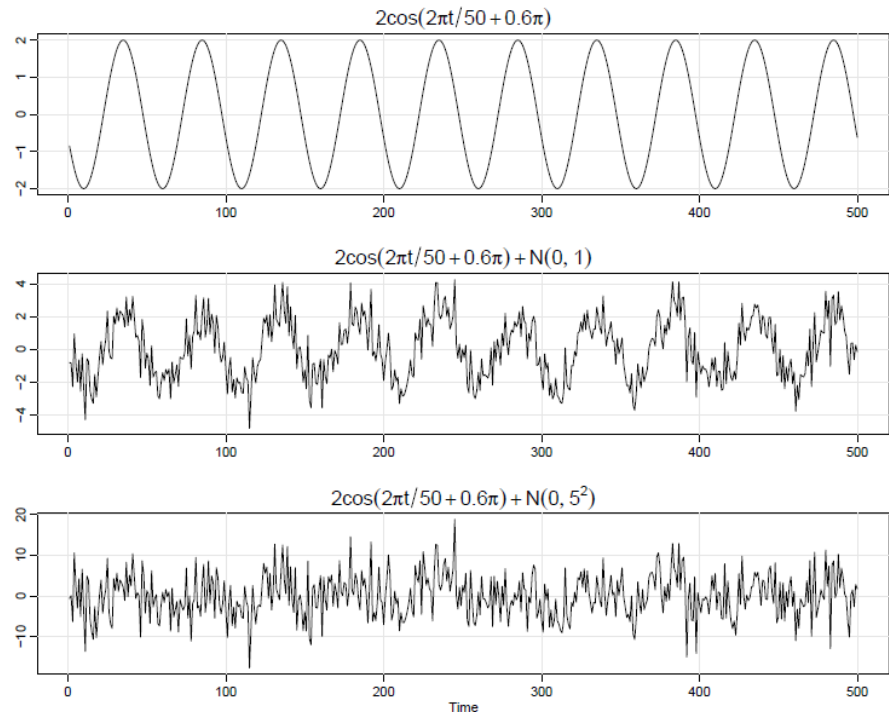


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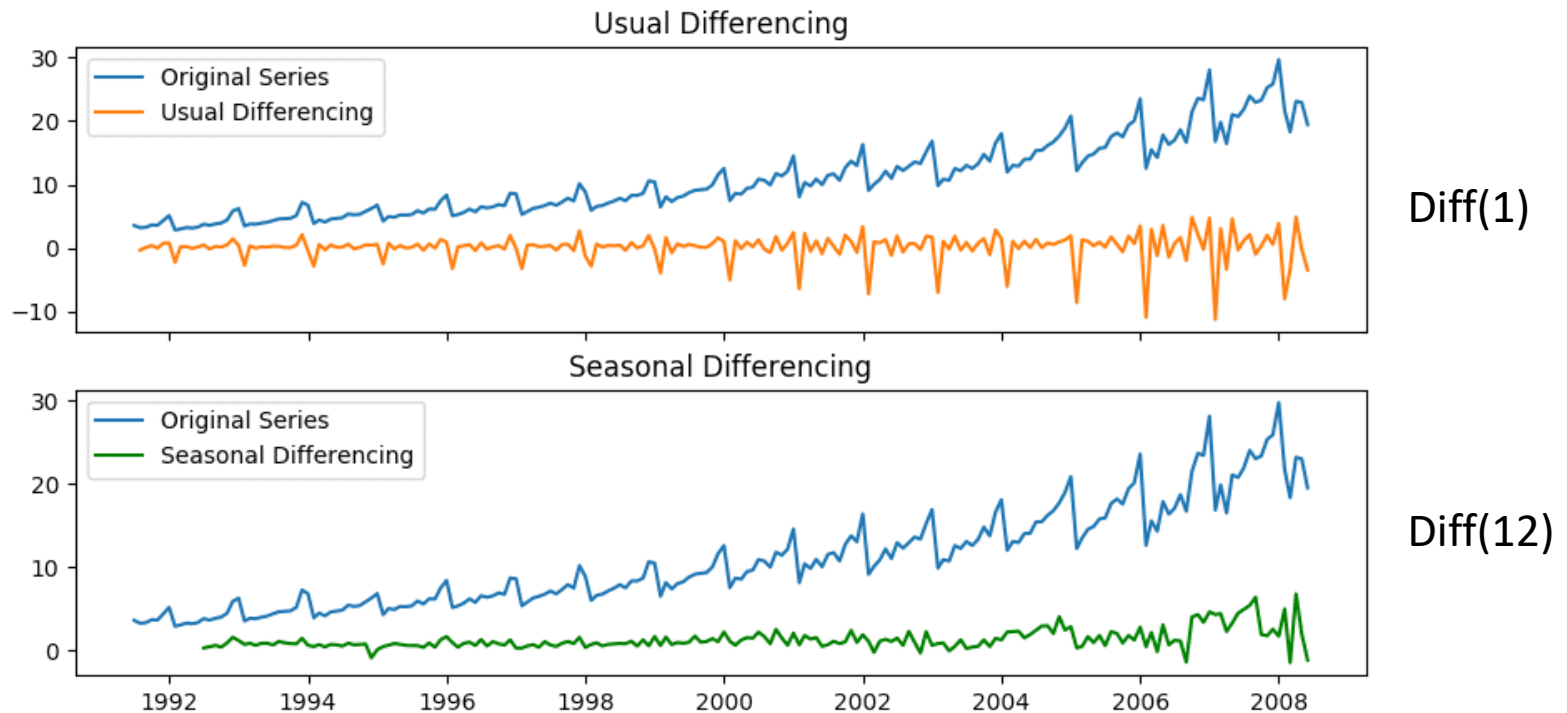
- Remember that the periodicity is not always so clear, especially in the engineering discipline



# Seasonality Removal

Just as with trend removal, we can sometimes apply differencing to remove seasonality.

- We just need to difference by an amount consistent with the seasonality



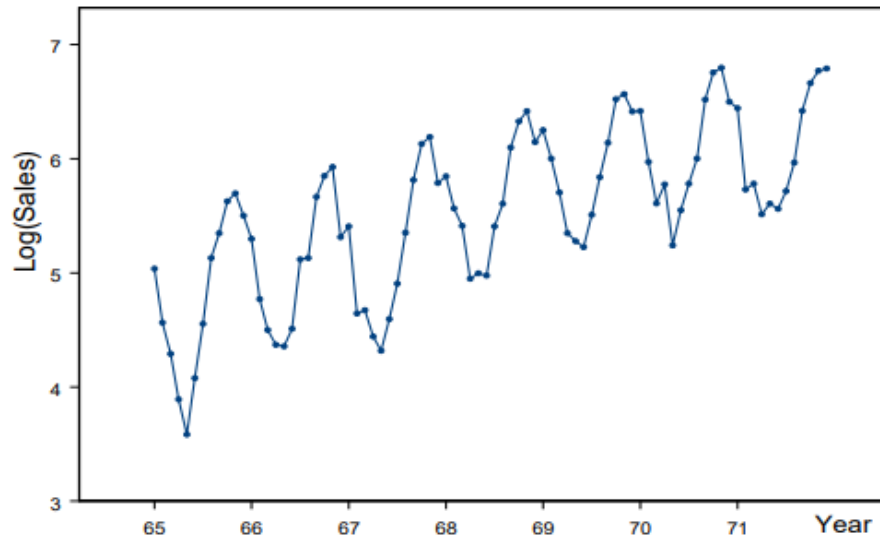
# Joint Estimation

Above, we first estimated the trend, and then the seasonality

- Sometimes, we may need to re-estimate the trend once the seasonality has been removed, to further tune our model

Alternatively, we can directly fit a combined polynomial linear regression and harmonic functions to solve for the full model:

$$X_t = (B_0 + B_1t + B_2t^2) + [\sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_j \cos(2\pi f_j t) + \gamma_j \sin(2\pi f_j t)] + Y_t$$

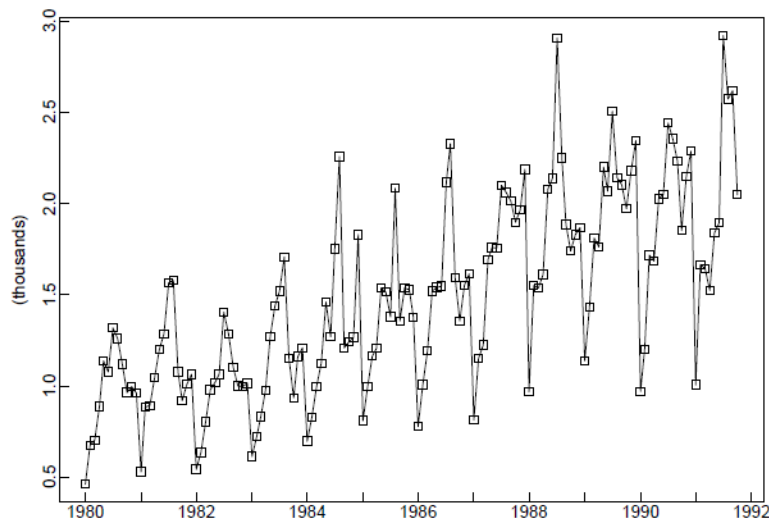


# Transformation

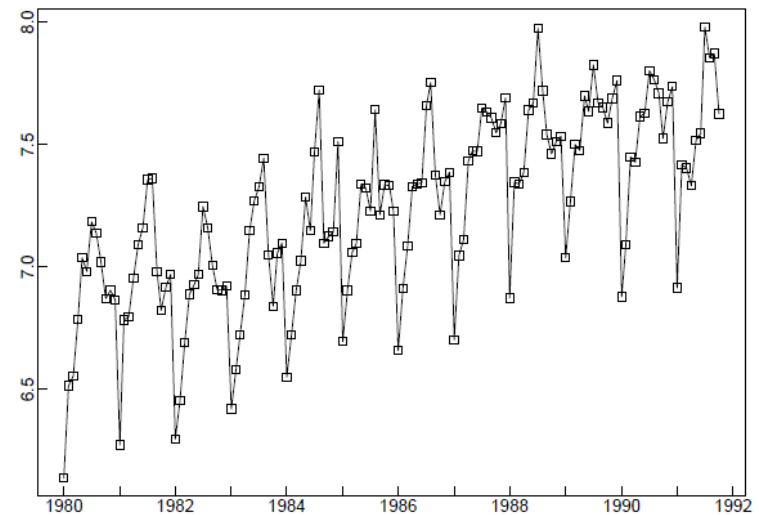
There are many other “tricks” we can use to clean up a time series. Transformation is one common approach.

- Used to accommodate for non-linear growth
- Square-root, log, Box-Cox, etc.

Sample seasonal time series



Corresponding natural log



Improves our ability to then model this as

$$X_t = m_t + s_t + Y_t$$

# Now What?

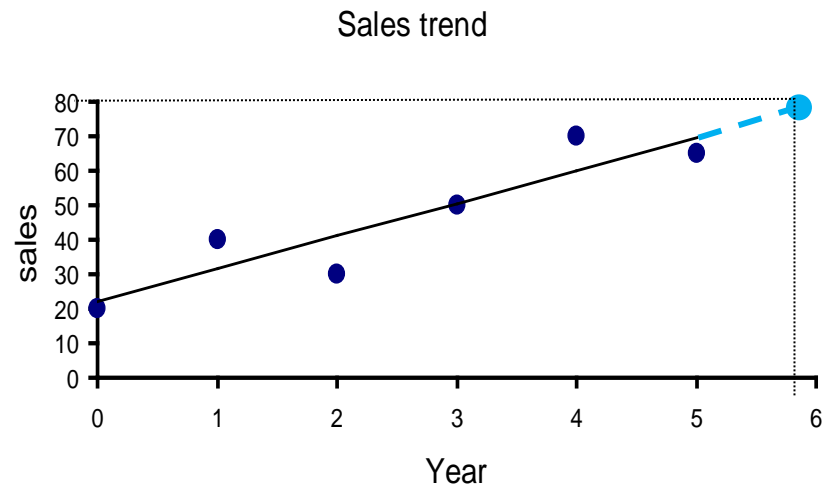
We've just spent some time talking about how to remove the trends and seasonality from a time series

- These tools can also be used to remove other cyclic aperiodic trends
- The goal was to leave only the random portion
- So now what?

- Naively, once the trend is **known**, we can predict future values:

Year	Time (t)	Sales (x)
2004	0	20
2005	1	40
2006	2	30
2007	3	50
2008	4	70
2009	5	65
2010	6	??

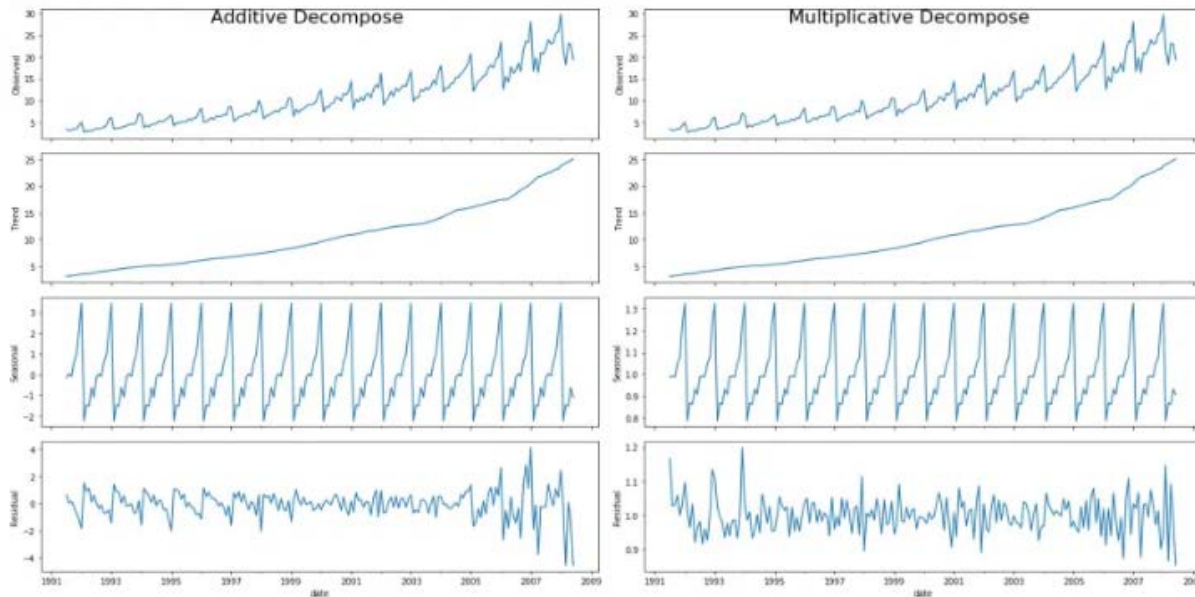
$$\hat{X}_t = 21.905 + 9.571 * 6 = 79.33$$



# Now What?

The prediction performance may not be great yet though

- There may be more information hidden in the **residuals!**



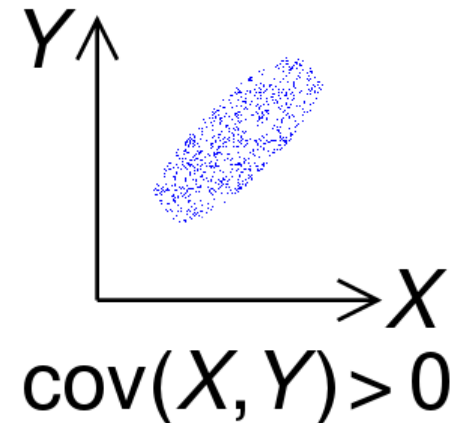
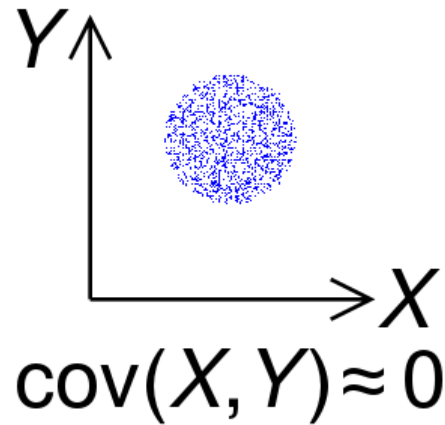
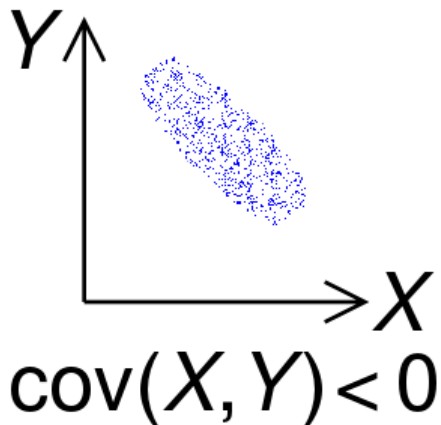
The goal of estimating/removing trends was to achieve **stationarity**

- System does not change its properties in time
- Mean and covariance are independent of  $t$

# Autocovariance

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- In time series, this usually involves very large numbers of random variables (every value of the time series, with every other value)
- Instead, we introduce **autocovariance** as an extension

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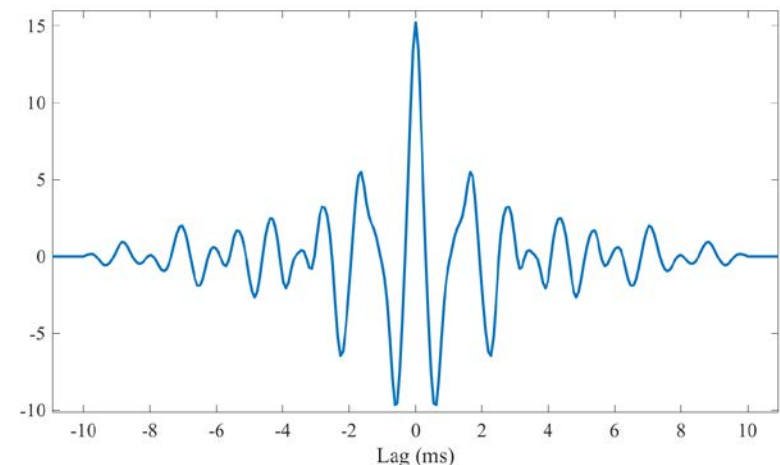
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- That is

$$\gamma_X(\tau) = \text{cov}(X_{t+\tau}, X_t)$$

A signal's relationship with a  
previous/future version of itself



# Autocorrelation

The autocorrelation of a time series is simply a normalized version of autocovariance

$$\gamma_X(\tau) = \text{cov}(X_{t+\tau}, X_t)$$

$$\rho_X(\tau) = \frac{\gamma_X(\tau)}{\gamma_X(0)}$$

- Shares all the properties of the autocovariance function, except that  $\rho_X(0) = 1$ .
- Measures the relationship between a variable's current value and its past values.
- e.g.

If temperatures for days closer together in time are more similar than the temperatures for days that are farther apart, then the data are autocorrelated.

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- In other words, the overall behavior of the series remains the same over time.
- This is why we have to remove trends

A series,  $\{X_t\}$ , is considered to be (weakly) stationary if:

$$E[X_t] = \mu \quad \text{for all } t$$

$$E[X_t^2] < \infty \quad \text{for all } t$$

$$\gamma(X_{t+\tau}, X_t) = \gamma_\tau$$

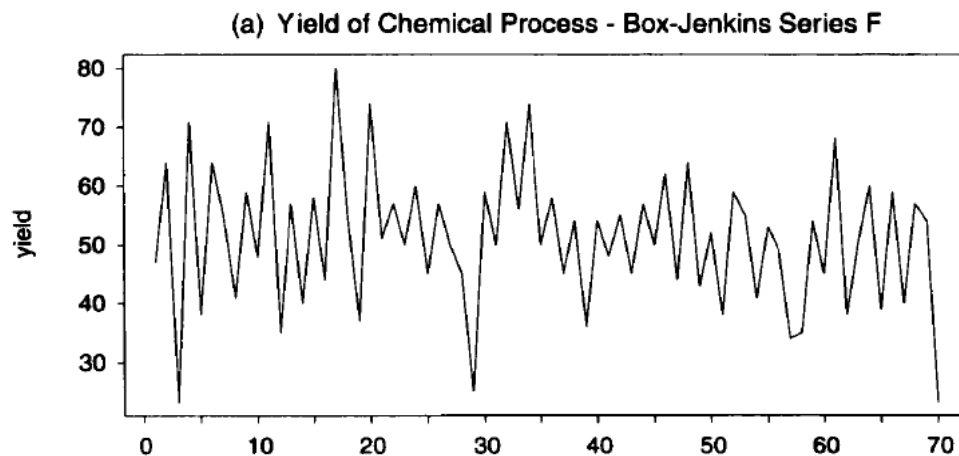
That is, for a given  $\tau$ , the autocovariance of  $(X_{t+\tau}, X_t)$  does not depend on  $t$  (it is constant for a given lag  $\tau$ ).

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The observations fluctuate about a fixed mean level with constant variance over the observational period.



# White Noise

A sequence of random variables  $\{X_t\}$  is called **white noise** if

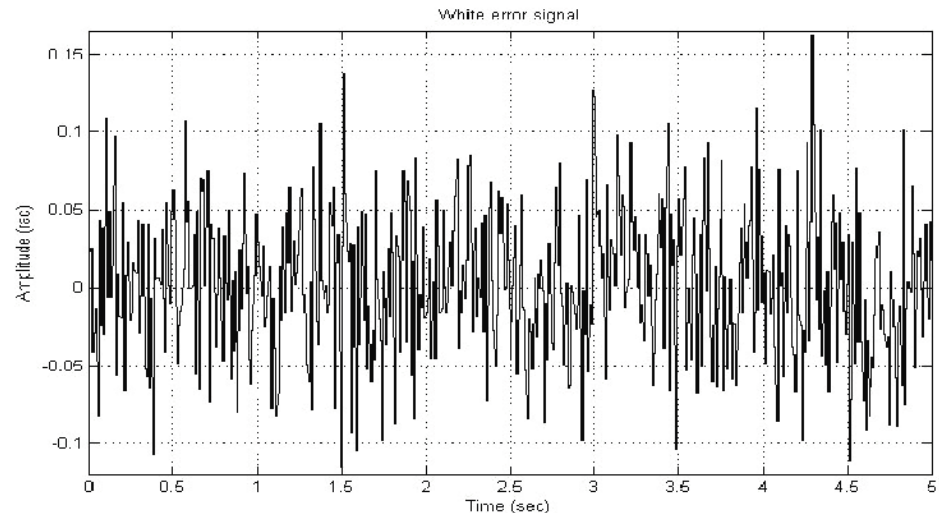
- they are uncorrelated

$$\gamma(\tau) = \begin{cases} \sigma^2, & \tau = 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- with  $\mu = 0$ , and  $\sigma^2 < \infty$
- denoted by:

$$\{X_t\} = WN(0, \sigma^2)$$

Note: White noise is stationary, but also completely random



# IID

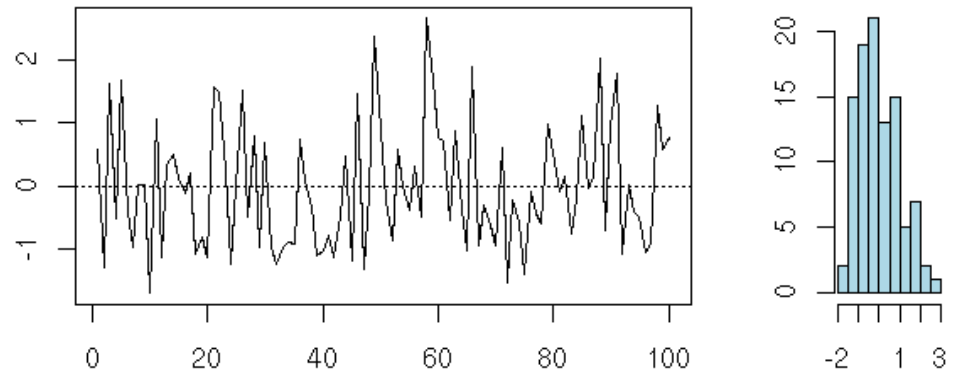
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Remember

- Uncorrelated is the same as zero covariance
- Independent means joint probability is the product of marginal probabilities  
 $p_{X,Y}(x, y) = p_X(x)p_Y(y)$

- Independent is more strict...

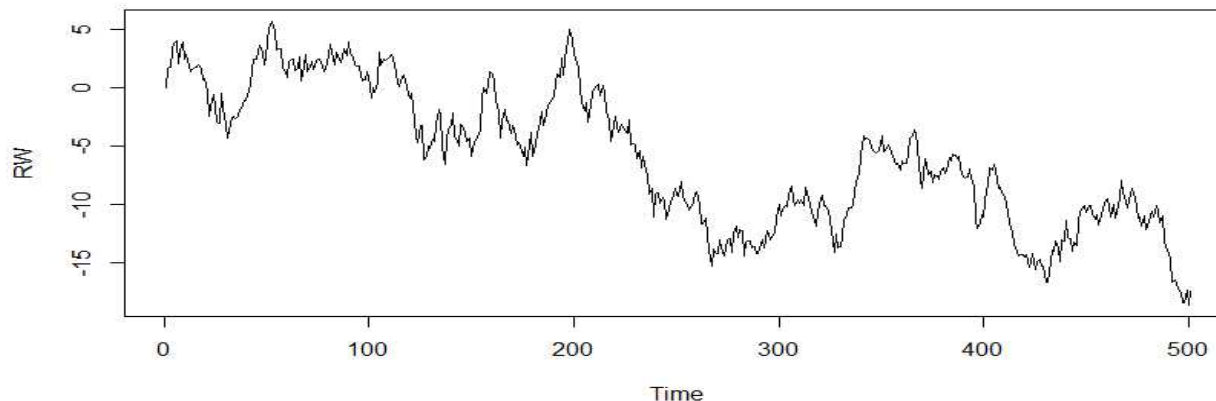
# Random Walk

Flip a coin, with  $p(\text{heads}) = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $p(\text{tails}) = \frac{1}{2}$ , repeatedly

- A series of 1s and -1s (heads = 1, tails = -1), where each subsequent value is independent of previous value
- Mean value over time is 0, finite variance
- An IID, **stationary** series

Instead of keeping the results of the tosses, take their cumulative sum

- $S_t = \sum_{j=1}^t X_j$
- $\{S_t, t = 1, 2, \dots\}$  is called a **Random Walk**, and is non-stationary





# Autocorrelation Function

If  $\{X_t\}$  is considered to be a stationary time series

- We can then view the autocovariance as a function of one variable:  $\tau$
- We call this the **autocovariance function** (ACVF):  $\gamma_X(\tau)$  or  $\gamma(\tau)$

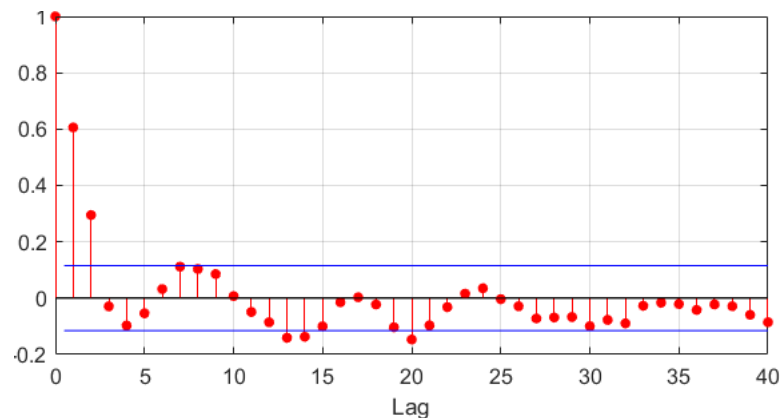
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Similarly, the we can define an **autocorrelation function** (ACF):

$$\rho_X(\tau) = \frac{\gamma_X(\tau)}{\gamma_X(0)} = \text{corr}(X_{t+\tau}, X_t) \quad \text{for all } t, \tau$$



# Autocorrelation Function

We don't usually know the true generating function

- We get *observed* data

So, for a given set of observations  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  of a time series,

- The *sample* autocovariance function is

$$\hat{\gamma}_X(\tau) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n-\tau} (x_{j+\tau} - \bar{x})(x_j - \bar{x}), \quad 0 \leq \tau < n, \quad \bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n x_j$$

$$\text{Also: } \hat{\gamma}_X(\tau) = \hat{\gamma}_X(-\tau), \quad -n < \tau \leq 0,$$

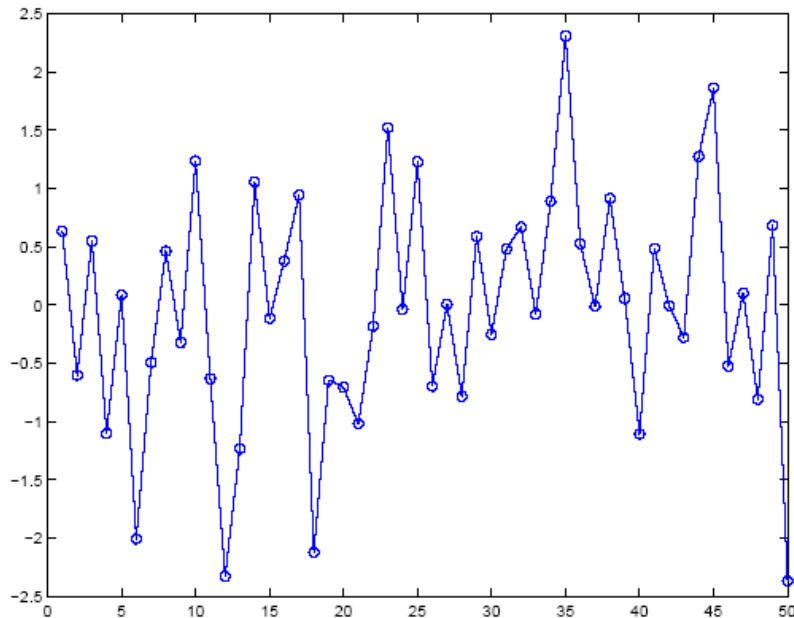
- The *sample* autocorrelation function is

$$\hat{\rho}_X(\tau) = \frac{\hat{\gamma}_X(\tau)}{\hat{\gamma}_X(0)}, \quad |\tau| < n.$$

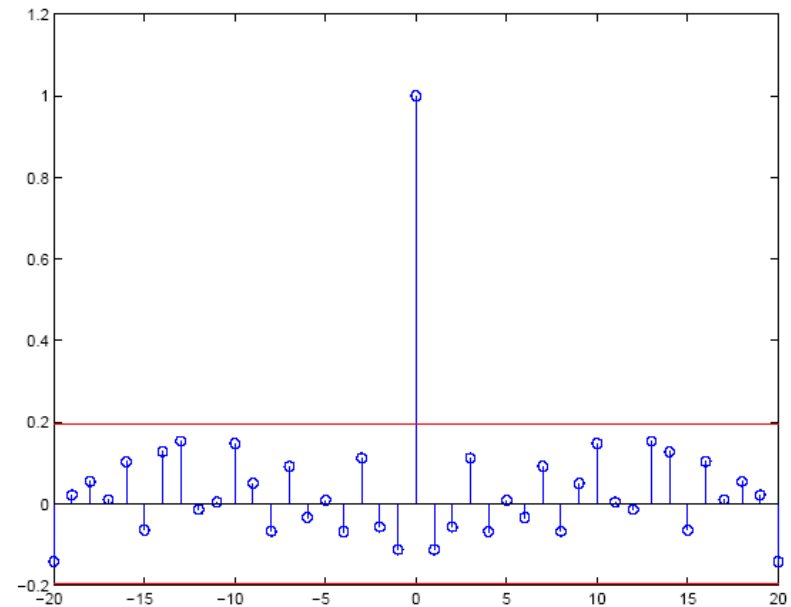
# Example Autocorrelation

- White Gaussian Noise  
(normally distributed iid)

$$P[X_t \leq x_t] = \Phi(x_t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{x_t} e^{-x^2/2} dx.$$

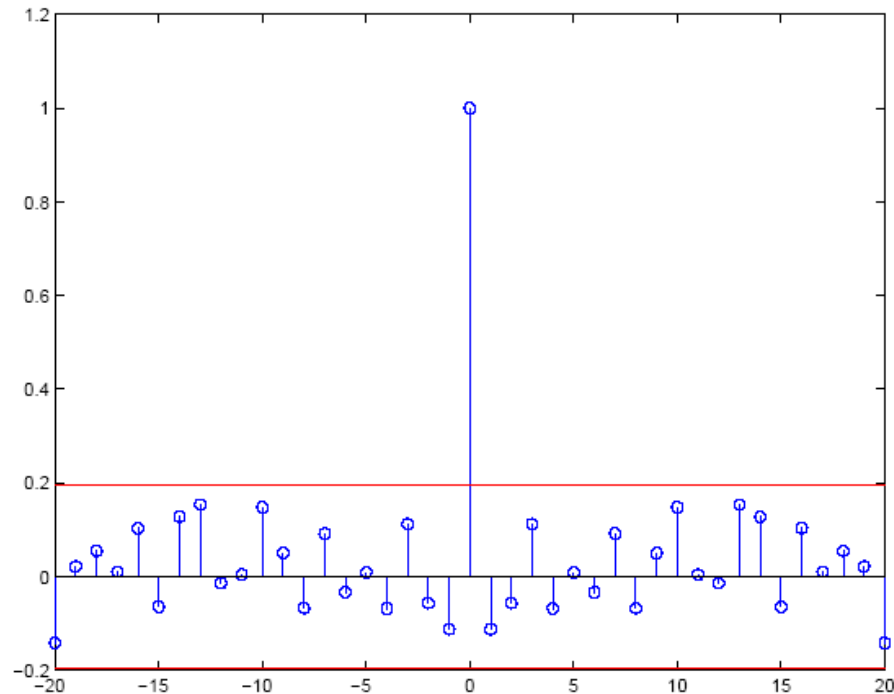


- Corresponding autocorrelation function
  - Note that all but 0 lag are low correlation



Why is it not 0 everywhere else?

# Example Autocorrelation

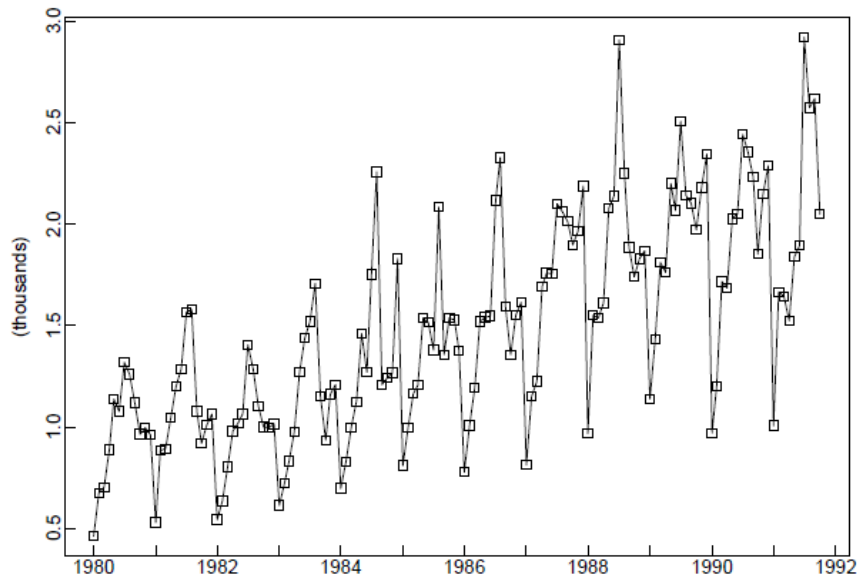


For WGN, we expect the autocorrelation to be close to zero for  $\tau \neq 0$

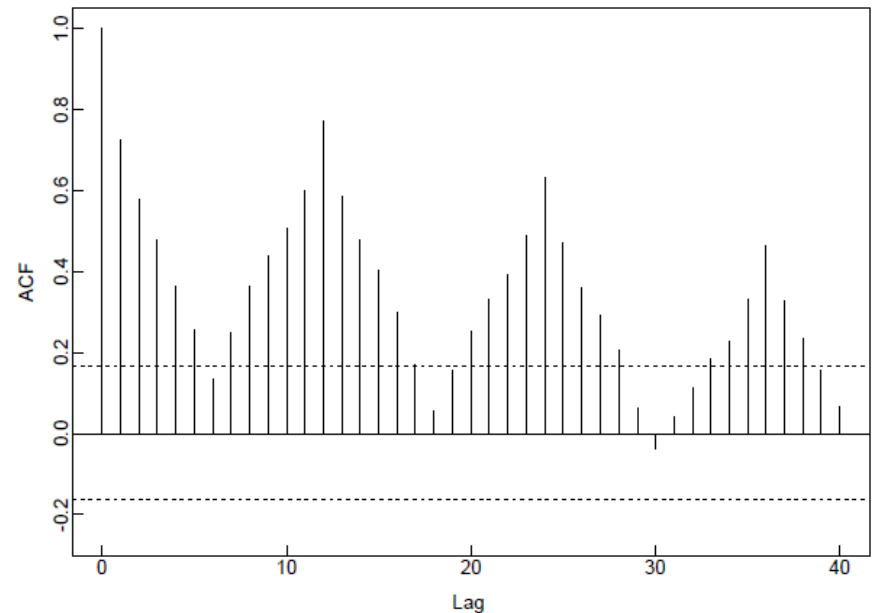
- Due to the Gaussian random variations,  $\sim 95\%$  of the spikes should lie within  $\pm 2/\sqrt{T}$ , where  $T$  is the length of the time series.
- If one or more large spikes exceed this, or many more than 5% do, then the series is probably not only white noise.

# Example Autocorrelation

- Sample seasonal time series
  - Australian Wine sales



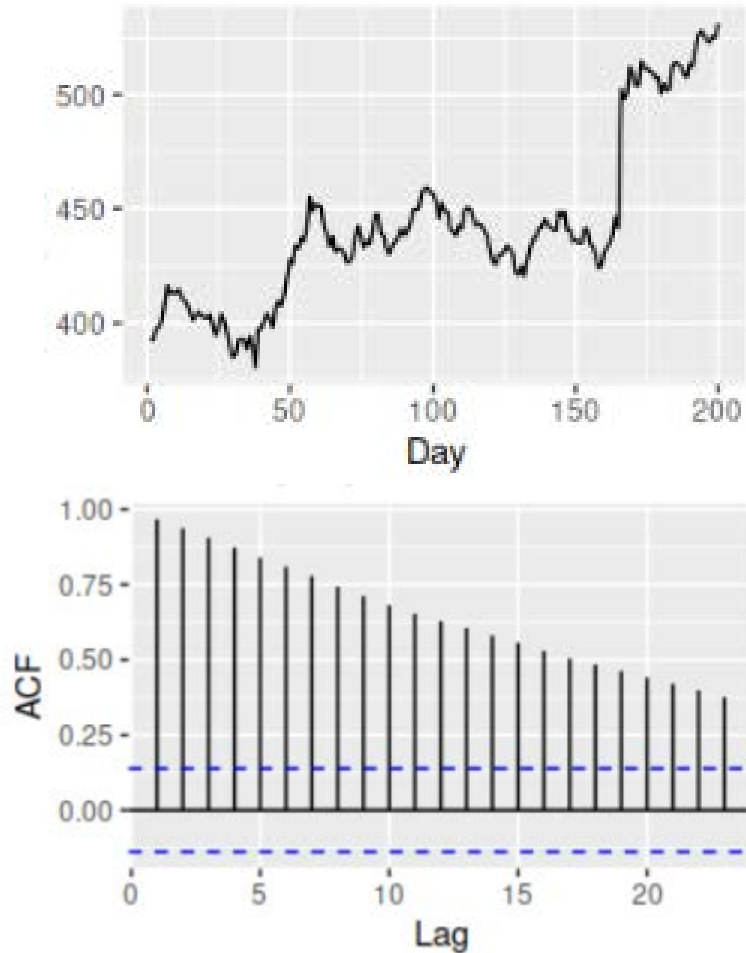
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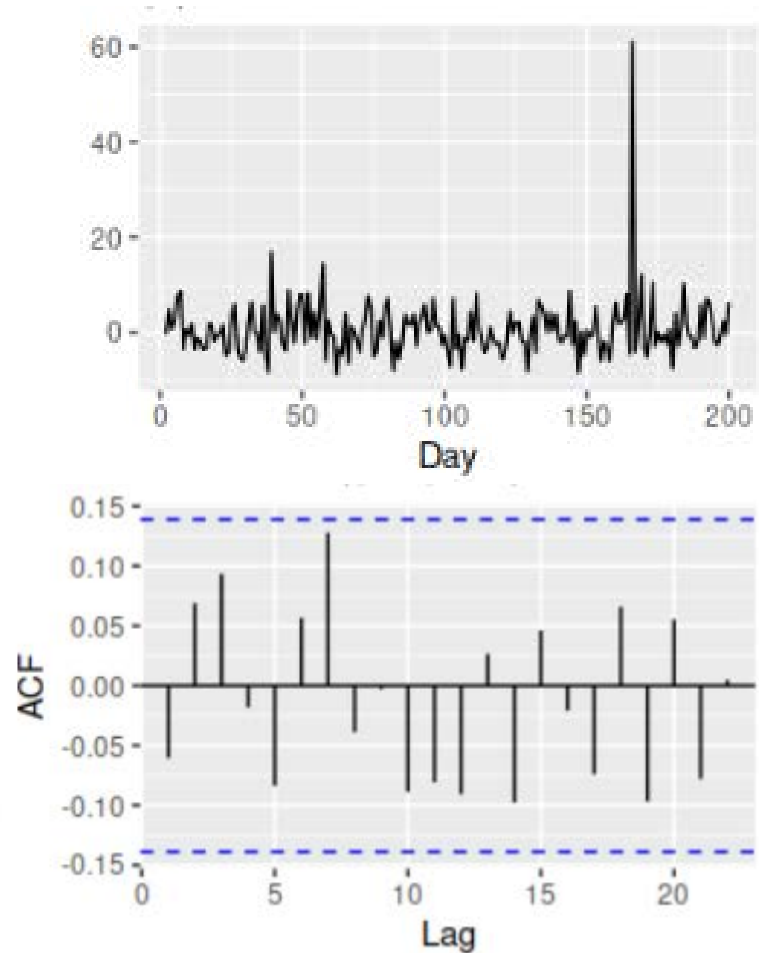
- Note that both seasonality and trend can be detected here (decay with increasing lag)

# Example Autocorrelation

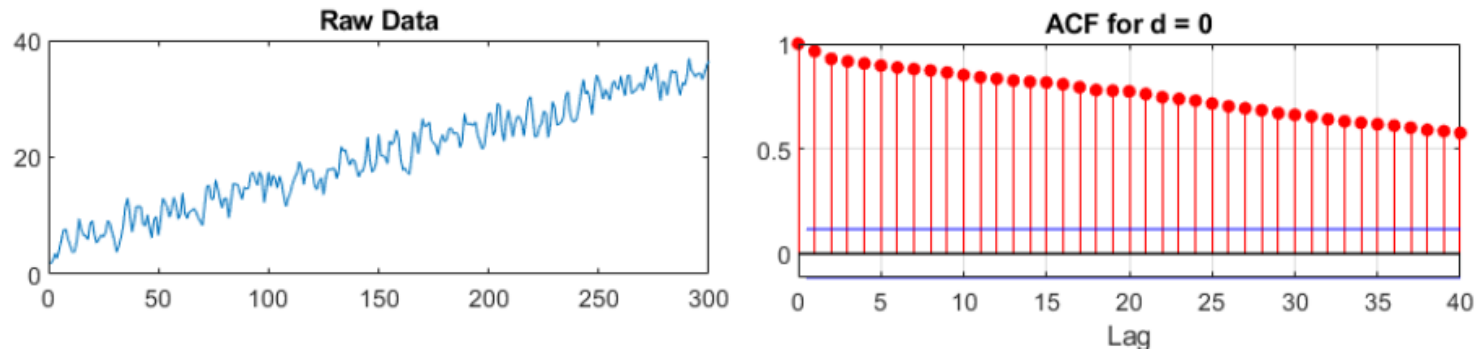
- Original Signal



- Differenced Signal



# Example Autocorrelation



**Under Differenced:** A series with a trend (that requires estimation or differencing)

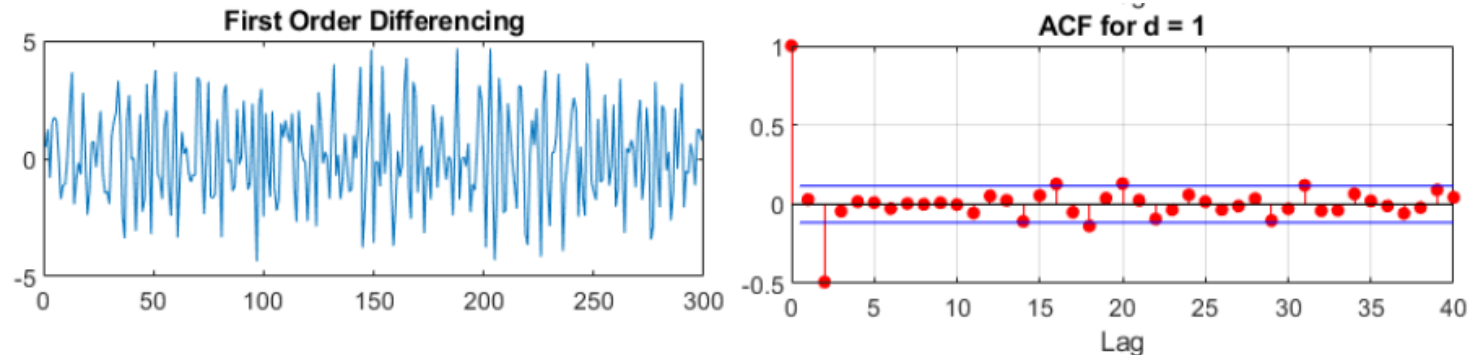
If the series has positive autocorrelations for a high number of lags, it may need to be differenced



# Example Autocorrelation

**Properly Differenced:** You've differenced the right amount of times

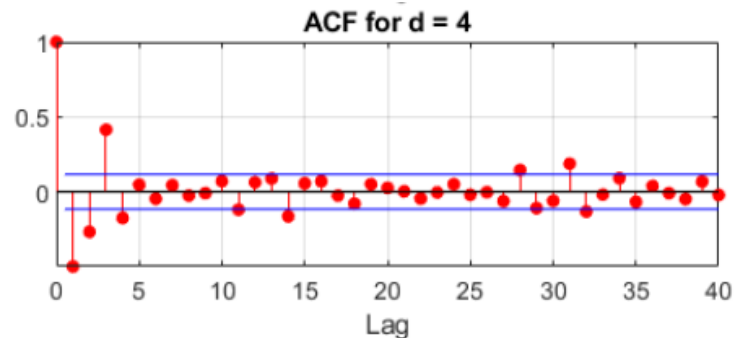
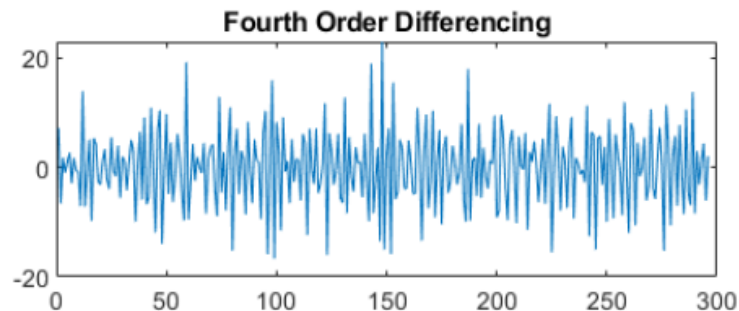
If the autocorrelation at lag 1 is 0 or small negative, and the remaining autocorrelations are small and without pattern, you have the right level of differencing



# Example Autocorrelation

**Over Differenced:** You've differenced the signal too many times

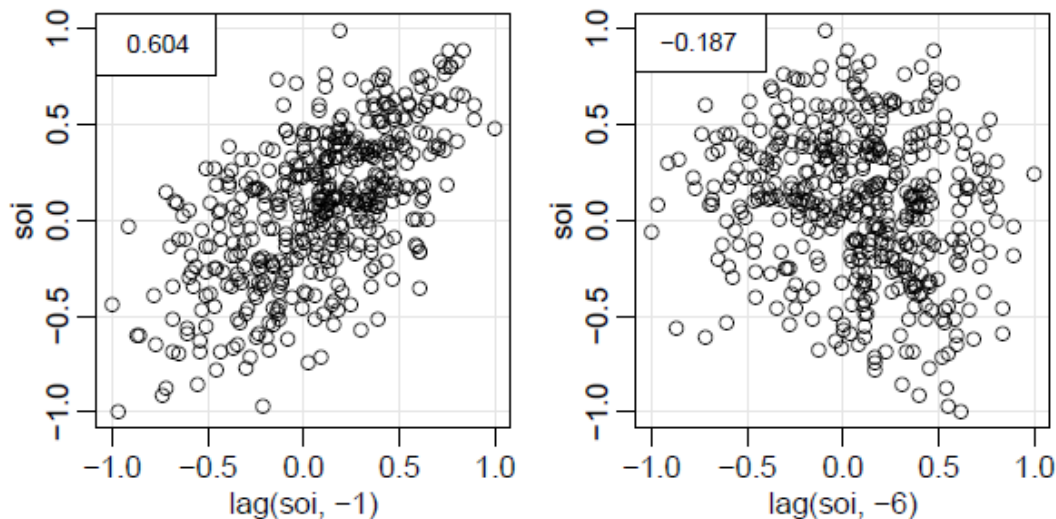
If the autocorrelation at lag 1 is  $< -0.5$ , the order of differencing may be too high



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In time series, it can be equally informative to plot a time series vs a lagged version of itself; a **lag plot**

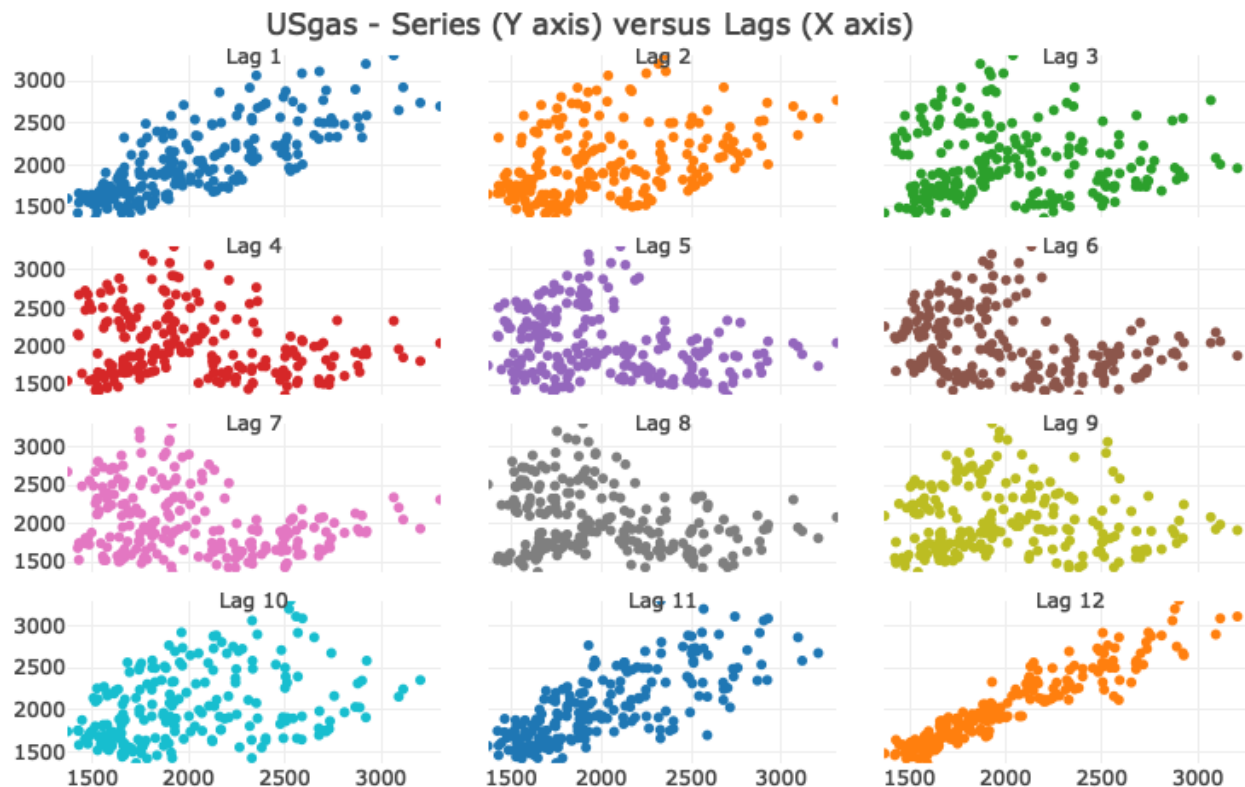


*Fig. 1.14. Display for **Example 1.25**. For the SOI series, the scatterplots show pairs of values one month apart (left) and six months apart (right). The estimated correlation is displayed in the box.*

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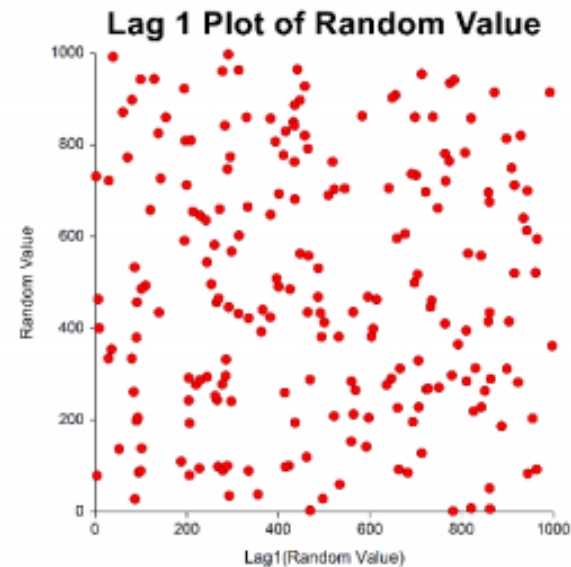
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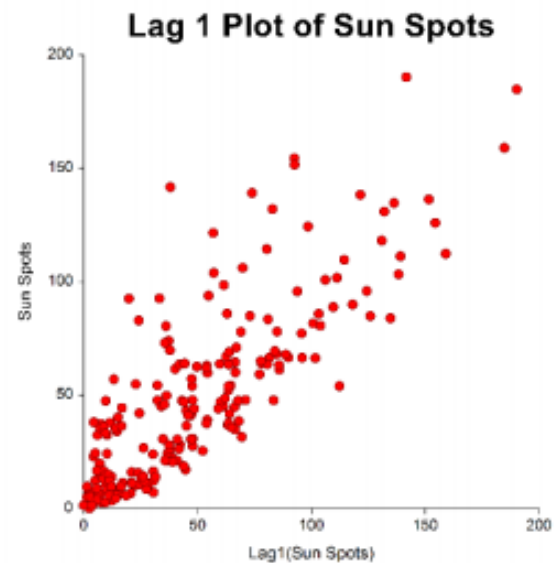
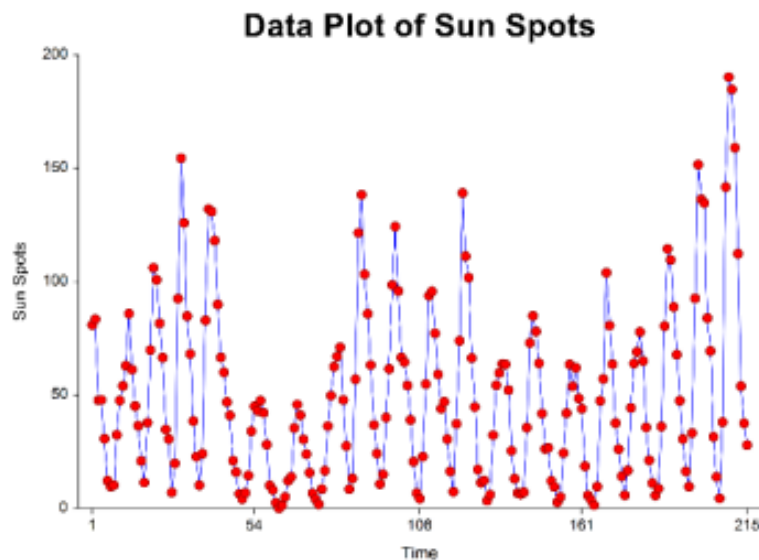
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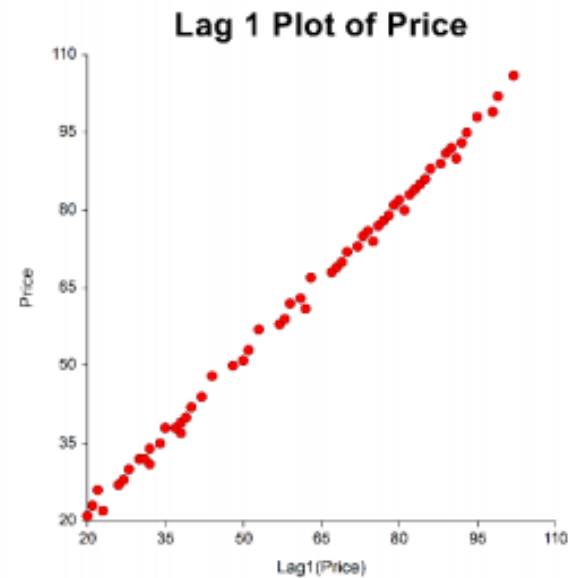
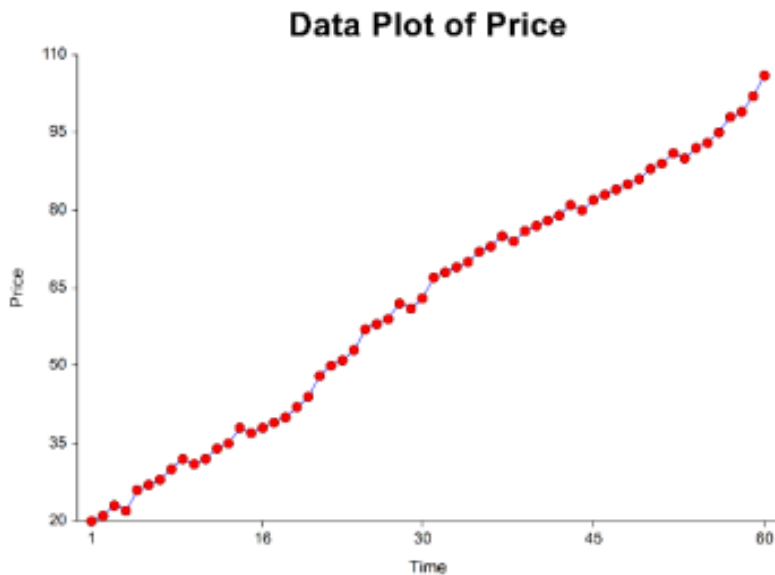
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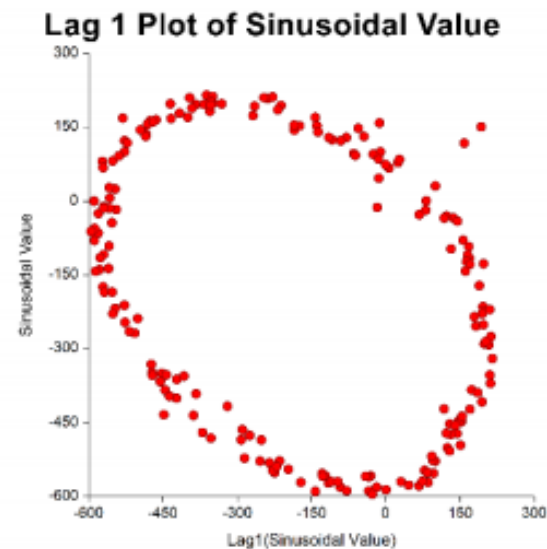
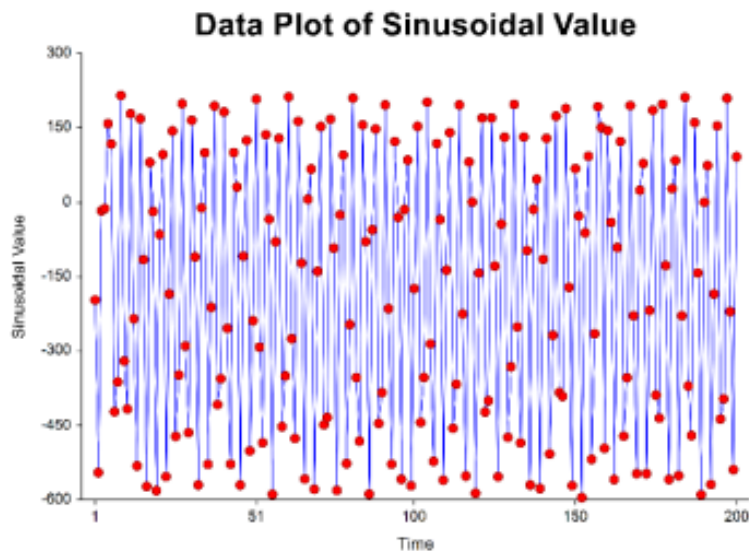
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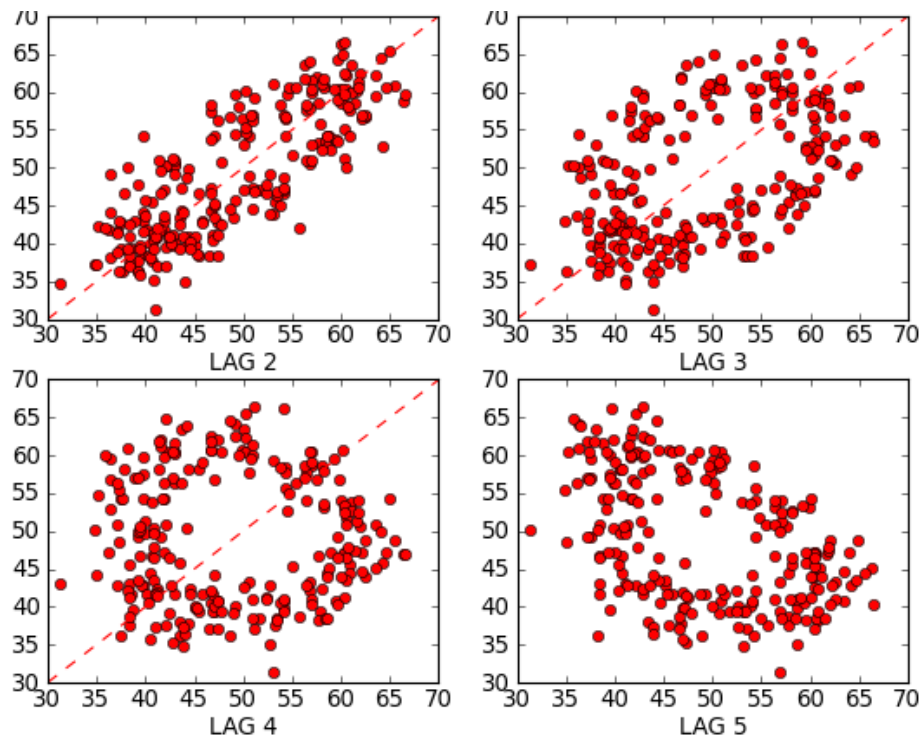




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# Tests for Stationarity

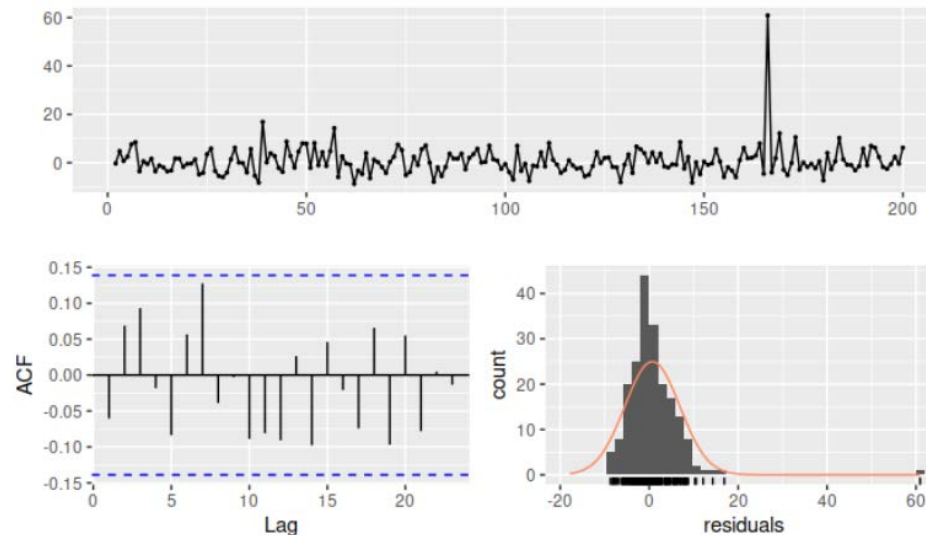
We can conduct more formal tests for stationarity.

**Portmanteau tests** like the Box-Pierce test (not great) or its extension, the Ljung-Box:

$$Q = T(T + 2) \sum_{\tau=1}^h \frac{\rho_X(\tau)^2}{T - \tau}$$

$h$  is max lag checked  
 $T$  is the number of samples

- Effectively, you sum the autocorrelation values for different lags, and check if they are “small”.



# Tests for Stationarity

We can also use more statistical (and better) tests like [Unit Root Tests](#)

- Augmented Dickey Fuller (ADF) Test
- KPSS test (used to test for trend stationarity)
- Philips Perron Test

A unit root is a characteristics of time series that makes them non-stationary.

- Requires knowledge of [autoregression](#), which we'll see in a bit

For now, the idea of these tests is to test the null hypothesis that the data are stationary.

- We look for evidence that this is false, so small p-values indicated that the signal is NOT yet stationary

# ARIMA Modeling

ARIMA modeling is the most classical and widely known approach in time-series analysis.

- AR stands for autoregression models
- I stands for integration (or really, differencing)
- MA stand for moving average

We've already touched on some of these aspects, but we'll consider them here as part of a more formal model.

- We'll use AR models to explain the signal once we've made it stationary

# Autoregressive Models

In our previous regression approach, the output depended only on the current value of our independent variable,  $t$ .

Autoregressive (AR) models are based on the idea that the output of a series can be explained as a function of its past values.

- The 'order' of the model is defined by how many points back it looks
- AR( $p$ )

$$x_t = c + \phi_1 x_{t-1} + \phi_2 x_{t-2} + \cdots \phi_p x_{t-p} + \varepsilon_t$$

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$\varepsilon_t$  are the residuals, assumed to be  $\sim \text{iid } N(0, \sigma^2)$

The simplest AR model is one in which use a linear model to predict the value at a given time based on the value at the previous time

$$x_t = \phi x_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$

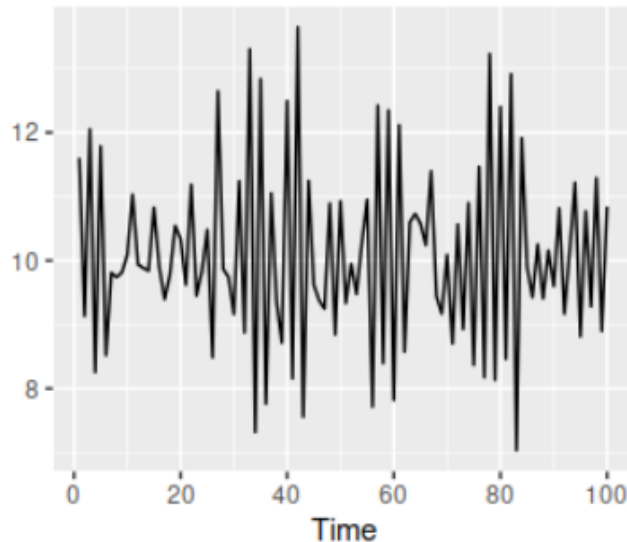
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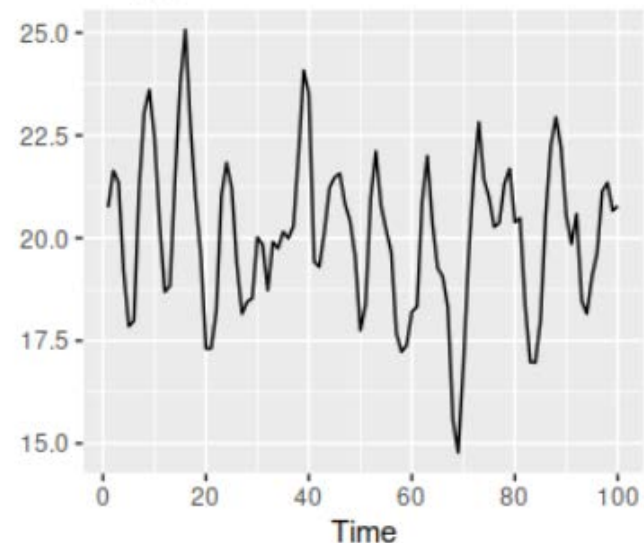
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AR(1)



$$x_t = 18 - 0.8x_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$

AR(2)



$$x_t = 8 + 1.3x_{t-1} - 0.7x_{t-2} + \varepsilon_t$$

# Autoregressive Models

For an AR(1) model:  $x_t = c + \phi_1 x_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$

- when  $\phi_1 = 0$ , then  $x_t = \varepsilon_t$
- when  $\phi_1 = 1$ , and  $c = 0$ , then  $x_t$  is a random walk
- when  $\phi_1 = 1$ , and  $c = 1$ , then  $x_t$  is a random walk with drift
- when  $\phi_1 < 0$ ,  $x_t$  will tend to oscillate around the mean

For stationary AR models, we need some constraints on the  $\phi$ :

- For AR(1),  $x_t = c + \phi_1 x_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$

$$-1 < \phi_1 < 1$$

- For AR(2),  $x_t = c + \phi_1 x_{t-1} + \phi_2 x_{t-2} + \varepsilon_t$

$$-1 < \phi_2 < 1 \text{ and } \phi_1 + \phi_2 < 1 \text{ and } \phi_2 - \phi_1 < 1$$



# Autoregressive Models

Examples of 1<sup>st</sup> order AR models with different  $\phi_1$

Side note:

- The autocorrelation function of an AR(1) process works out to be :

$$\rho(h) = \frac{\gamma(h)}{\gamma(0)} = \phi_1^h$$

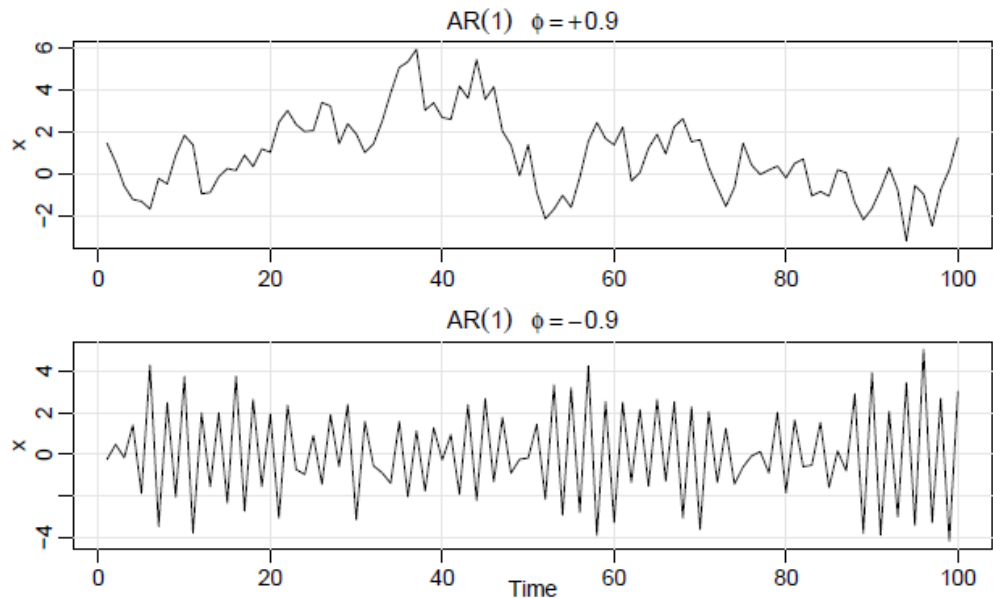


Fig. 3.1. Simulated AR(1) models:  $\phi = .9$  (top);  $\phi = -.9$  (bottom).

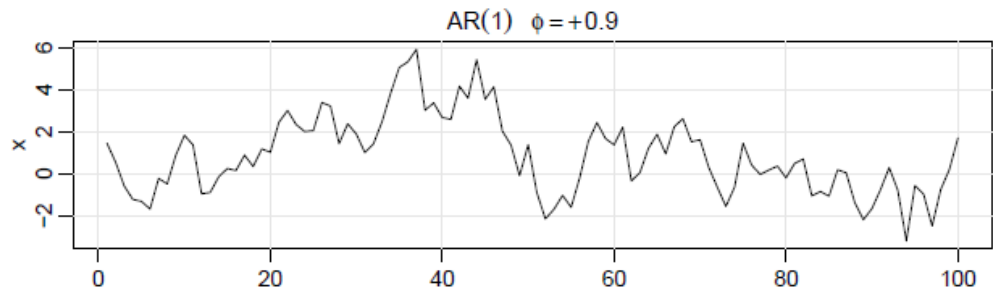
So,  $\phi_1$  is the “slope” in the AR(1) model and also the lag 1 autocorrelation.

# Autoregressive Models

Examples of 1<sup>st</sup> order AR models with different  $\phi_1$

When  $\phi_1 = 0.9$ , points next to each other in time are positively correlated

- Successive points will tend to be close in value; smooth curve



When  $\phi_1 = -0.9$ , points next to each other in time are negatively correlated

- But points two points apart are positively correlated.
- Tends to jump between +ve to -ve

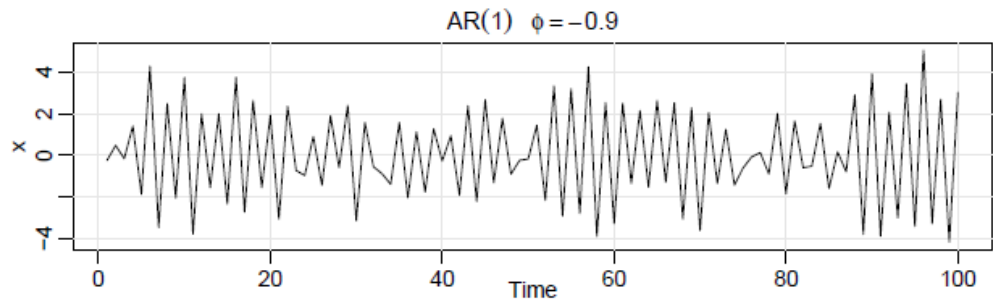
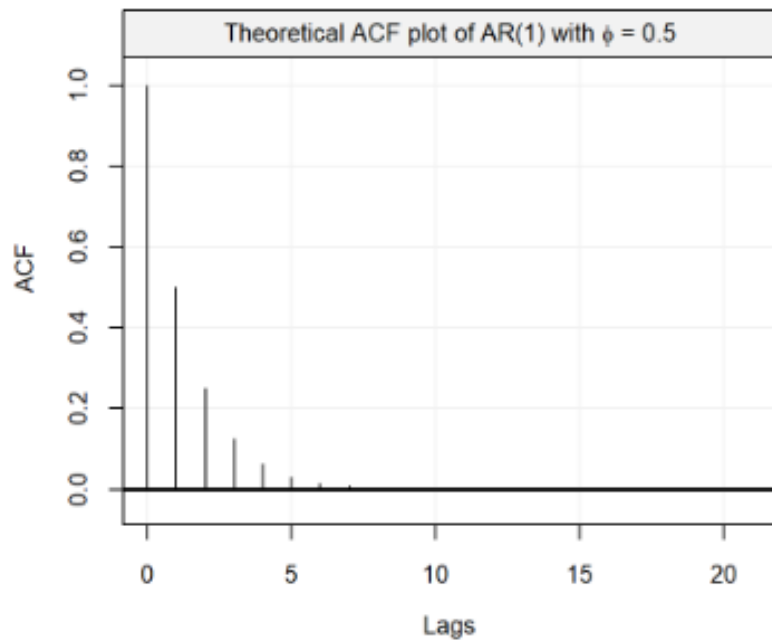
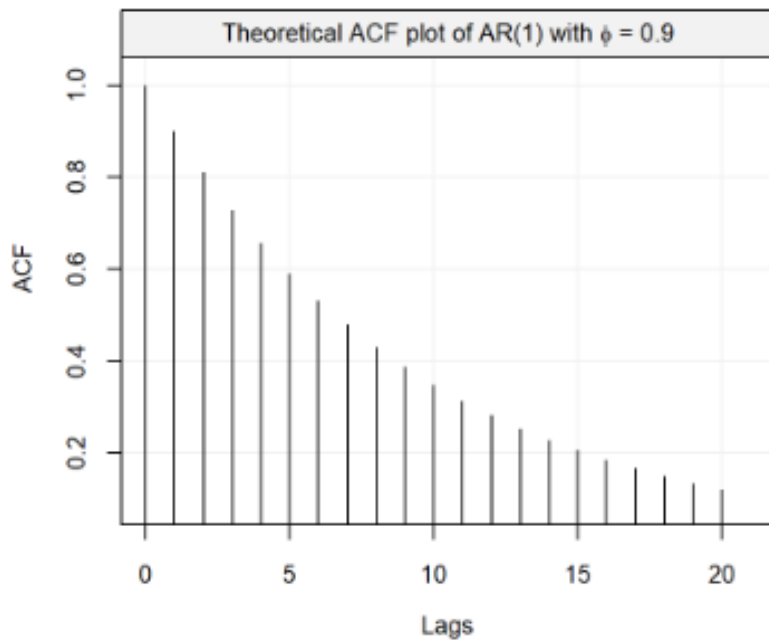


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# Autoregressive Models

The ACF of an AR(1) model with a positive value for  $\phi_1$  will exponentially decrease to 0, as the lag increases

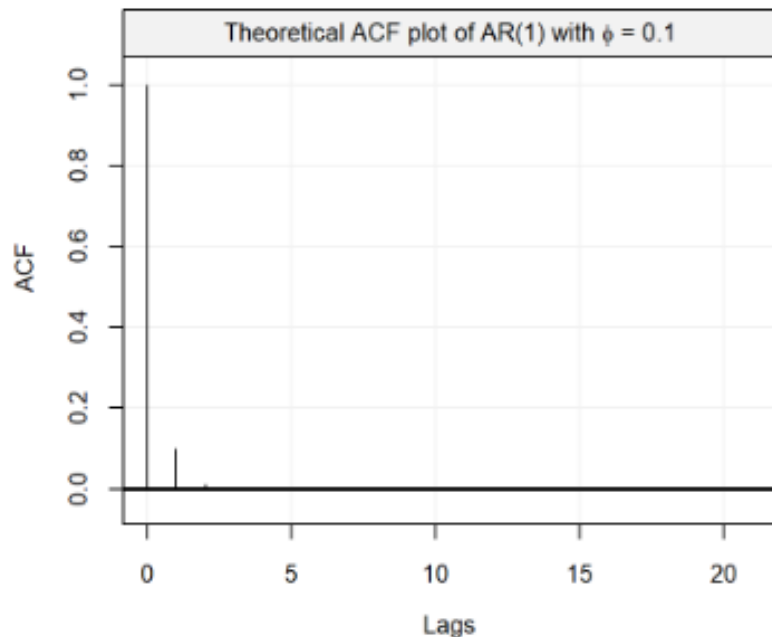
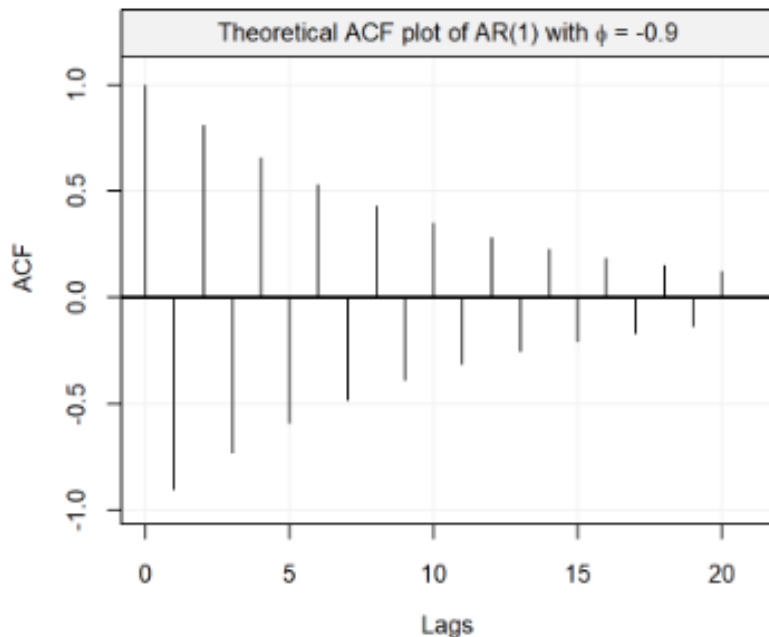
- Value at lag 1 is  $\phi_1$ , value at lag 2 is  $\phi_1^2$ , etc...



# Autoregressive Models

The ACF of an AR(1) model with a negative value for  $\phi_1$  will exponentially decrease to 0

- Smaller  $|\phi_1|$ , faster decay
- Value at lag 1 is  $\phi_1$ , value at lag 2 is  $\phi_1^2$ , etc... so it oscillates around 0



# Partial Autocorrelation Function

The **Partial Autocorrelation Function** (PACF) is similar to the ACF but instead measures the incremental benefit of adding an additional lag.

- Remember that ACF measures the relationship between lagged values  $x_t$  and  $x_{t-k}$
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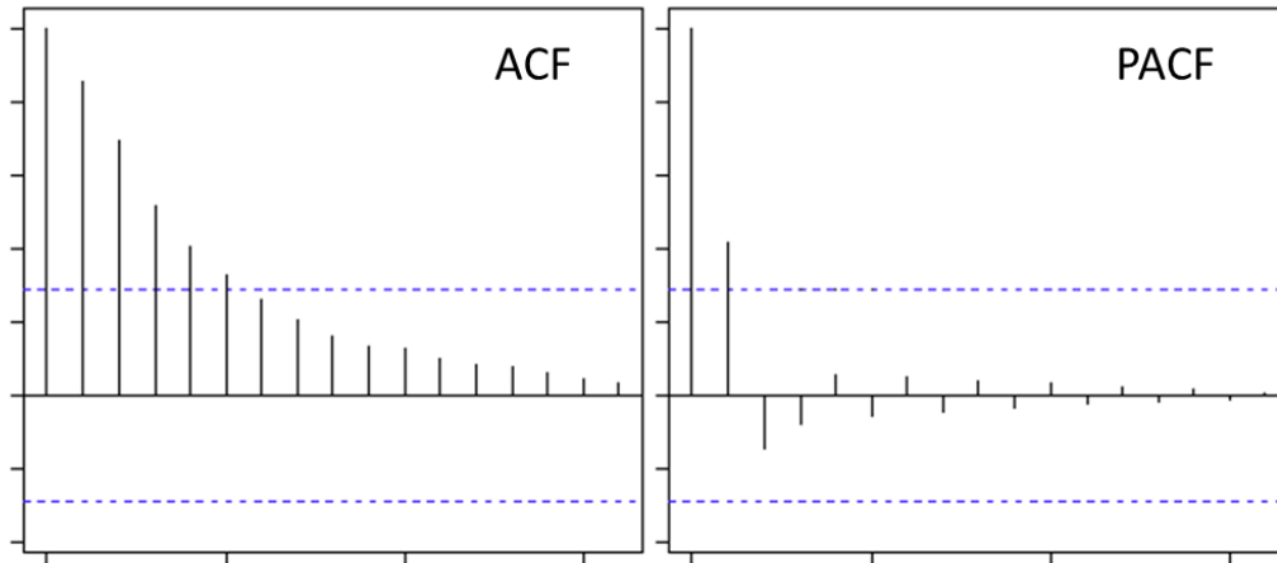
$$\phi_{hh} = \text{corr}(x_{t+h} - \hat{x}_{t+h}, x_t - \hat{x}_t), h \geq 1$$

$\hat{x}_{t+h}$  is the regression of  $x_{t+h}$  onto  $\{x_{t+h-1}, x_{t+h-2}, \dots, x_{t+1}\}$

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- The 1<sup>st</sup> ACF and 1<sup>st</sup> PACF are the same because (there is no intermediate effect to remove)
- The cutoff point of the PACF (it drops off, or below the significance level) determines the order of an AR model (number of terms,  $p$ )
- e.g. An AR(2) process

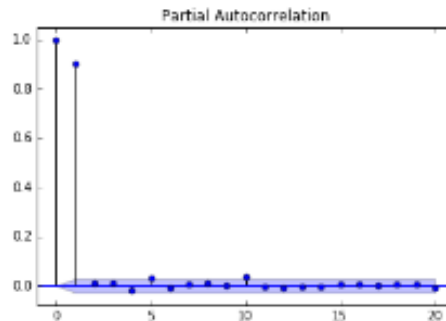


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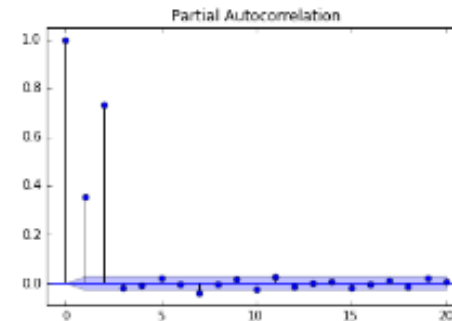
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- E.g. What is the benefit of adding a 4<sup>th</sup> lag element, when you already have 3

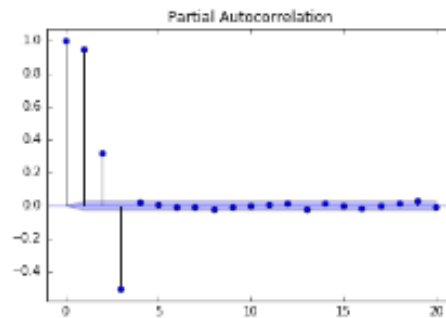
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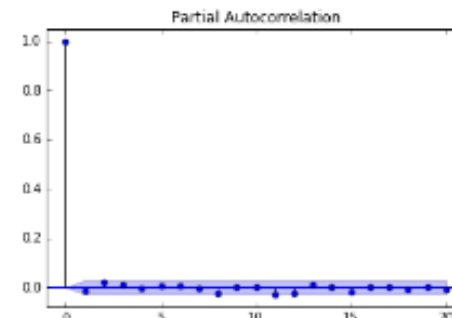
- AR(2)



- AR(3)



- White Noise





# Autoregressive Features

We've seen how the parameters of an AR model can be changed to describe very different looking time series.

- We can also use those parameters (the **coefficients**) to describe the behaviour/characteristics of a signal (the order is also informative)
- Can be used as features to classify time series data

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# Moving Average Models

**Autoregressive models** assume that the data could be explained by a linear combination of the previous  $p$  data points

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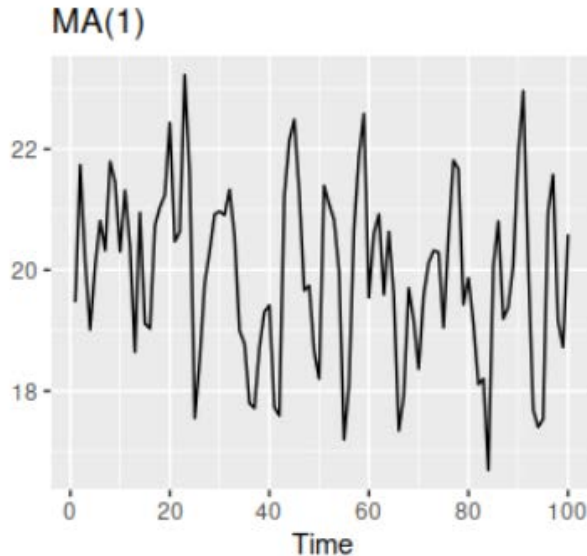
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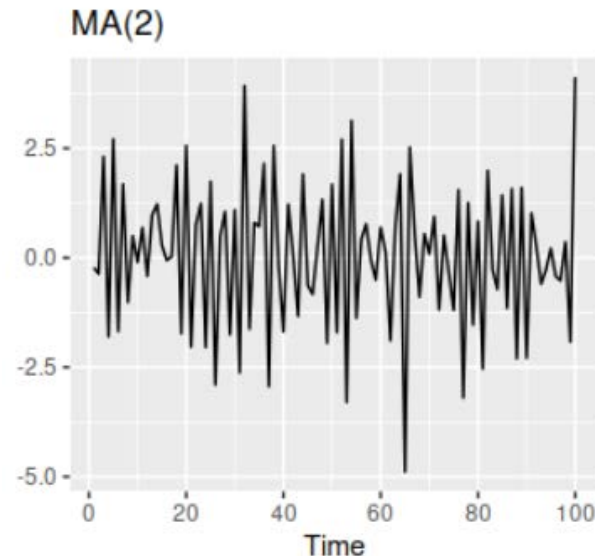
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$$x_t = 20 + \varepsilon_t + 0.8\varepsilon_{t-1}$$



$$x_t = \varepsilon_t - \varepsilon_{t-1} + 0.8\varepsilon_{t-2}$$

$\varepsilon_t$  is  
WGN(0,1)

# Moving Average Models

Examples of 1<sup>st</sup> order MA models with different  $\theta$

- The autocorrelation function of an MA(1) process works out to be :

$$\rho(h) = \begin{cases} \frac{\theta}{(1 + \theta^2)} & h = 1 \\ 0 & h > 1 \end{cases}$$

For AR(1),  $\rho(h) = \phi_1^h$

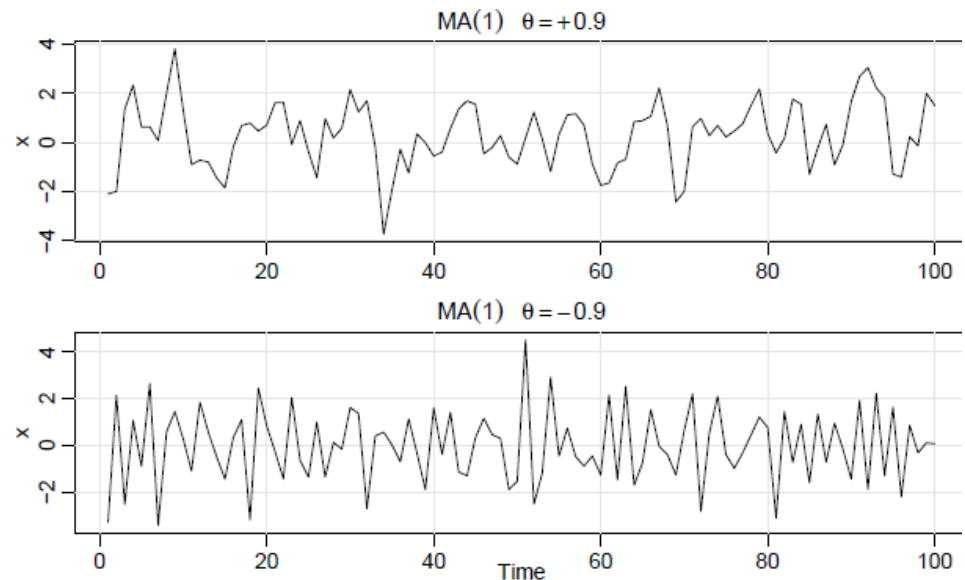


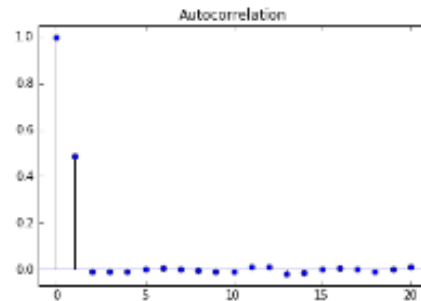
Fig. 3.2. Simulated MA(1) models:  $\theta = .9$  (top);  $\theta = -.9$  (bottom).

So,  $x_t$  is correlated with  $x_{t-1}$  but not with  $x_{t-2}, x_{t-3}, \dots$

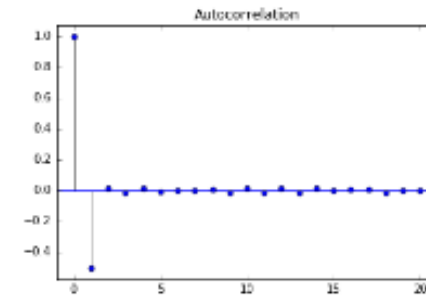
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Looking at the Autocorrelation Function (ACF) of a MA(1) model, we see the effect of different  $\theta$

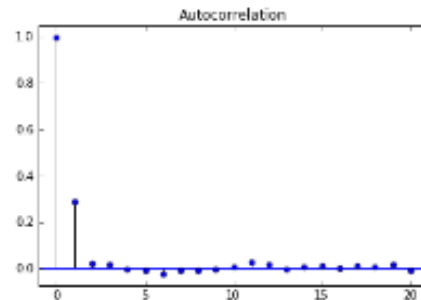
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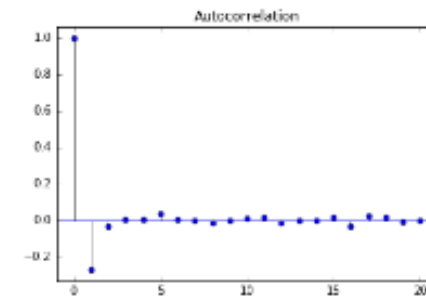
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All lags  $> 1$  are  $\sim 0$  because of the 1<sup>st</sup> order MA(1) model

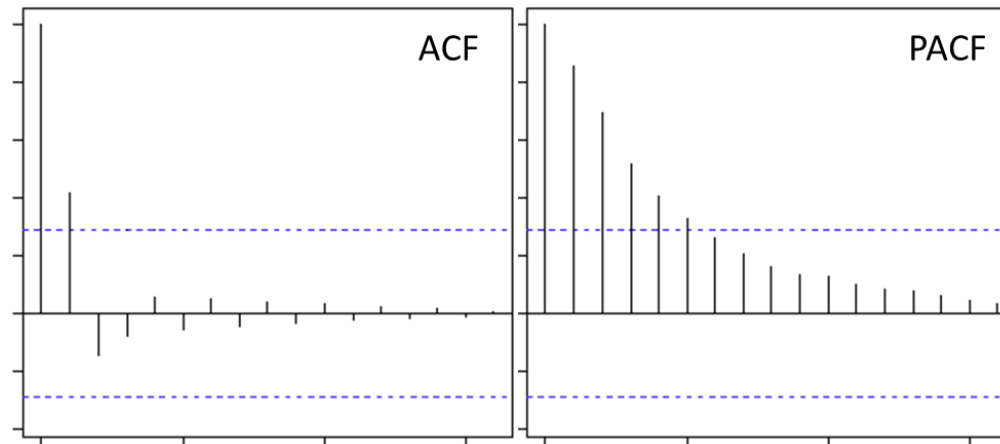
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For a 2<sup>nd</sup> order MA(2) model,

- The autocorrelation is

$$\rho(1) = \frac{\theta_1 + \theta_1\theta_2}{1 + \theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2} \quad \rho(2) = \frac{\theta_2}{1 + \theta_1^2 + \theta_2^2} \quad \rho(h \geq 3) = 0$$

The **model order** of an MA( $q$ ) model is determined by the cutoff point of the ACF



Remember that the cutoff of the AR( $p$ ) model was determined using the *PACF*

# Moving Average Models

Any stationary AR(p) model can be written as an MA( $\infty$ ):

- A 1<sup>st</sup> order AR model, AR(1) is:  $x_t = \phi x_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$
- But  $x_{t-1}$  itself depends only on  $x_{t-2}$ ...

$$x_t = \phi\{\phi x_{t-2} + \varepsilon_{t-1}\} + \varepsilon_t = \phi^2 x_{t-2} + \phi \varepsilon_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$$

...

$$x_t = \phi^k x_{t-k} + \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \phi^j \varepsilon_{t-j}$$

- If  $|\phi| < 1$ , and  $k$  gets large, then AR(1) is effectively a linear process

$$x_t = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \phi^j \varepsilon_{t-j} \quad \text{A MA}(\infty) \text{ model!}$$

The reverse is not always true, but can be given some restrictions...

# ARIMA Models

We can also combine  $AR(p)$ ,  $I(d)$  and  $MA(q)$  models to form one big Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average (ARIMA) Model

ARIMA models are described as  $ARIMA(p,d,q)$

- $p$  is the order of the AR components
- $d$  is the order of the differencing
- $q$  is the order of the MA components

A time series is  $ARIMA(p,0,q)$ , or  $ARMA(p,q)$  if it can be modeled as:

$$x_t = \phi_1 x_{t-1} + \phi_2 x_{t-2} + \cdots \phi_p x_{t-p} + \varepsilon_t + \theta_1 \varepsilon_{t-1} + \theta_2 \varepsilon_{t-2} + \cdots \theta_q \varepsilon_{t-q}$$

ARIMA model:

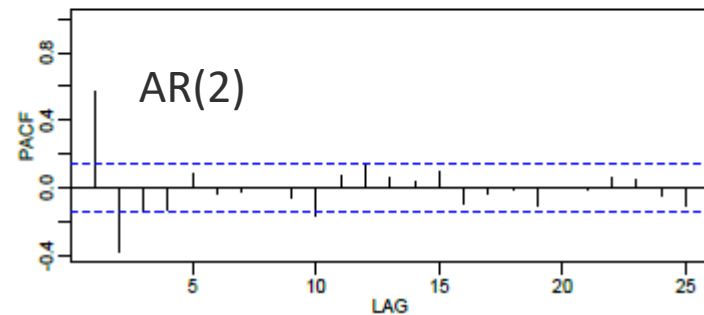
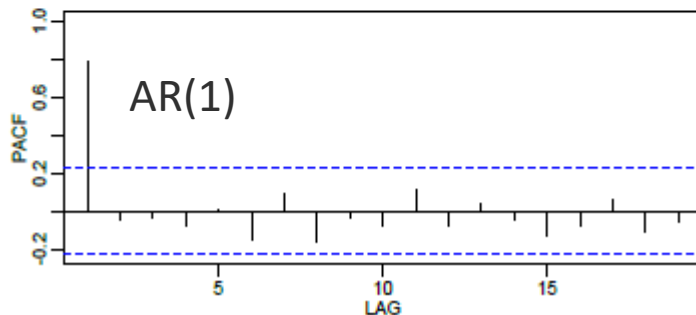
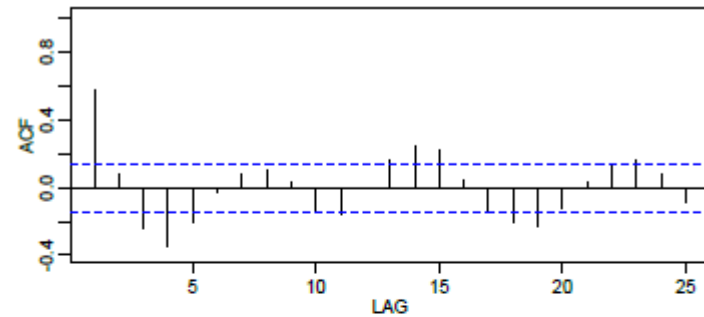
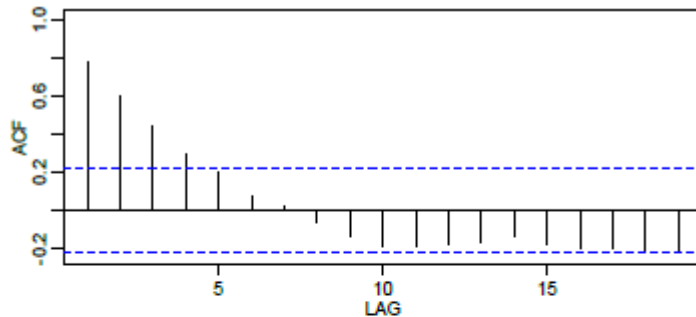
- Predicted  $x_t$  = Constant + a linear combination of lags of  $x$  (up to  $p$ )  
+ a linear combination of lagged forecast errors (up to  $q$ )



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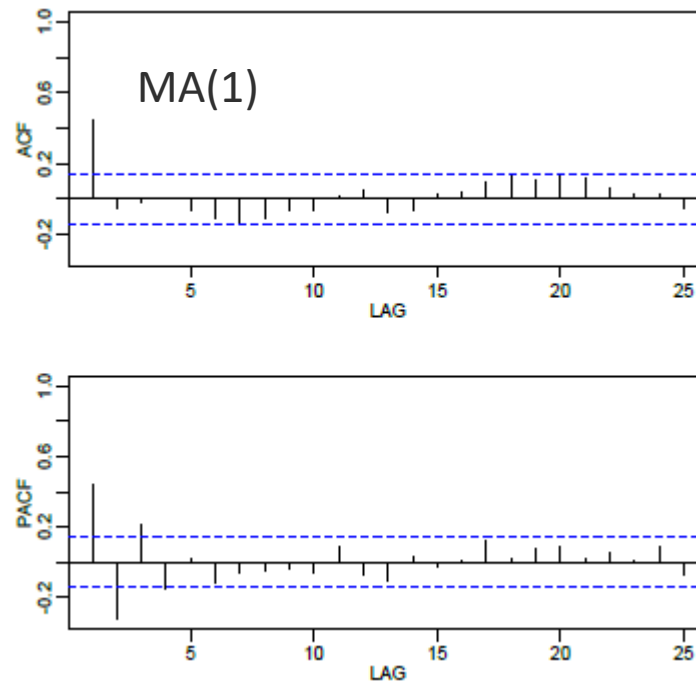
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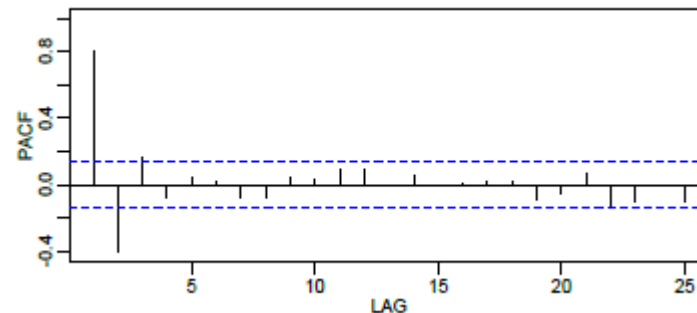
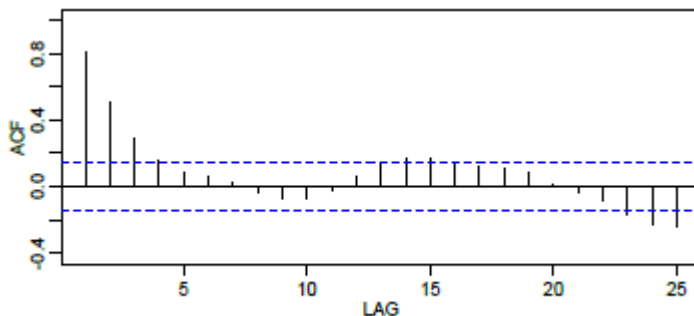
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The data may be described by a  $p^{\text{th}}$  order **AR** model AND a  $q^{\text{th}}$  order **MA** if in the ACF and PACF plots of the stationary data:

- both the ACF and PACF decay exponentially or sinusoidally
- Determination of  $p$  and  $q$  is tricky – no clear cutoff (some trial and error)



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Non-Stationary	Doesn't Decay	Doesn't Decay
White noise (done)	All lags are $\sim 0$	All lags are $\sim 0$

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$P$ ,  $D$ , and  $Q$  are the same as their former versions, but applied on the order of  $m$ , the seasonal period

- e.g. a  $P=1$  model would refer back to  $(t - 1m)$  and  $(t - 2m)$

# Q&A

