Exploring Time Series Data Using StatsModels



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Overview

Specialized models for time-series data, x-axis denotes time

Autoregressive models have y variables which depend on previous y values

White noise error terms

Moving average models over white noise

ARMA models combine autoregression and moving averages

Stationarity and Time Series Data

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Types of Time Series Models

AR(p)

Autoregressive models

MA(q)

Moving average models

ARMA(p,q)

Combination of other two

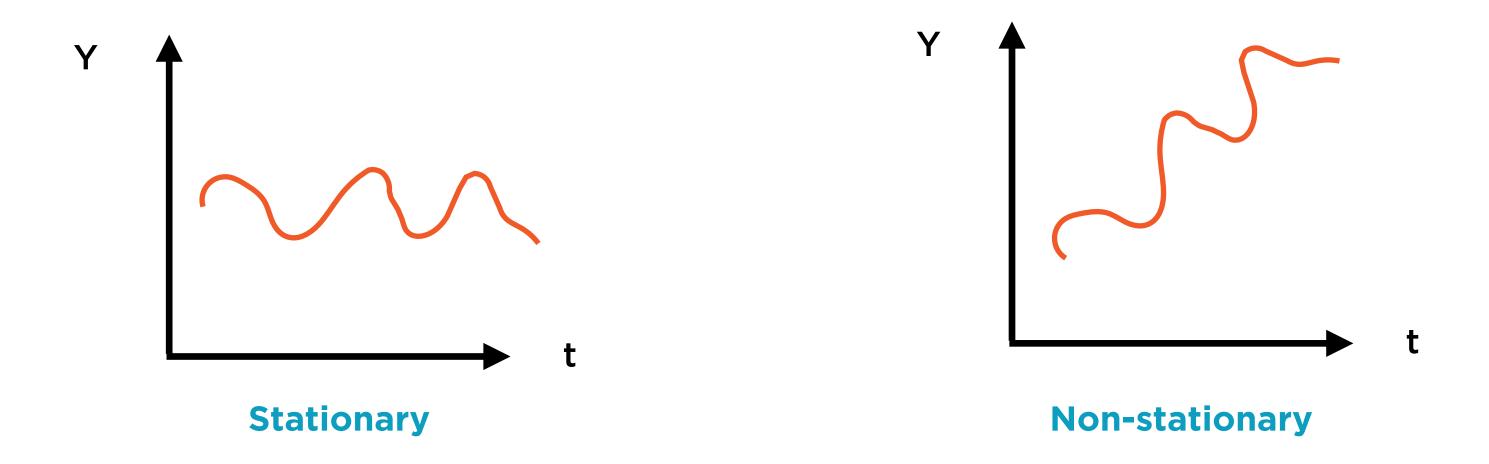
Time series models are especially vulnerable to problems of non-stationarity



Non-stationary Data

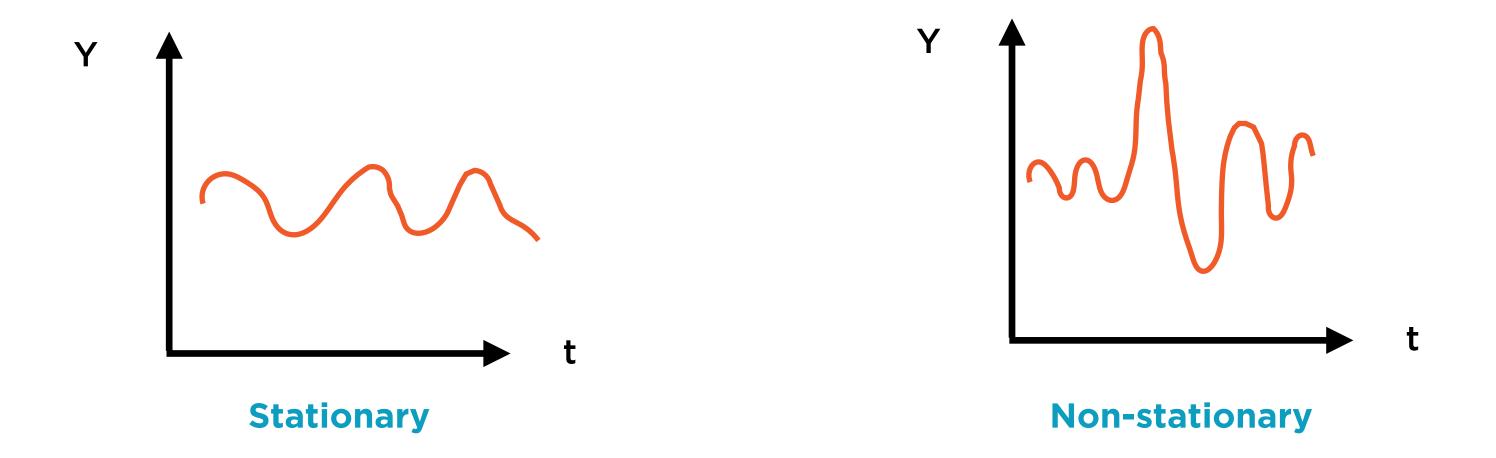
Mean changes over time
Variance changes over time
Autocorrelation changes over time

Varying Mean



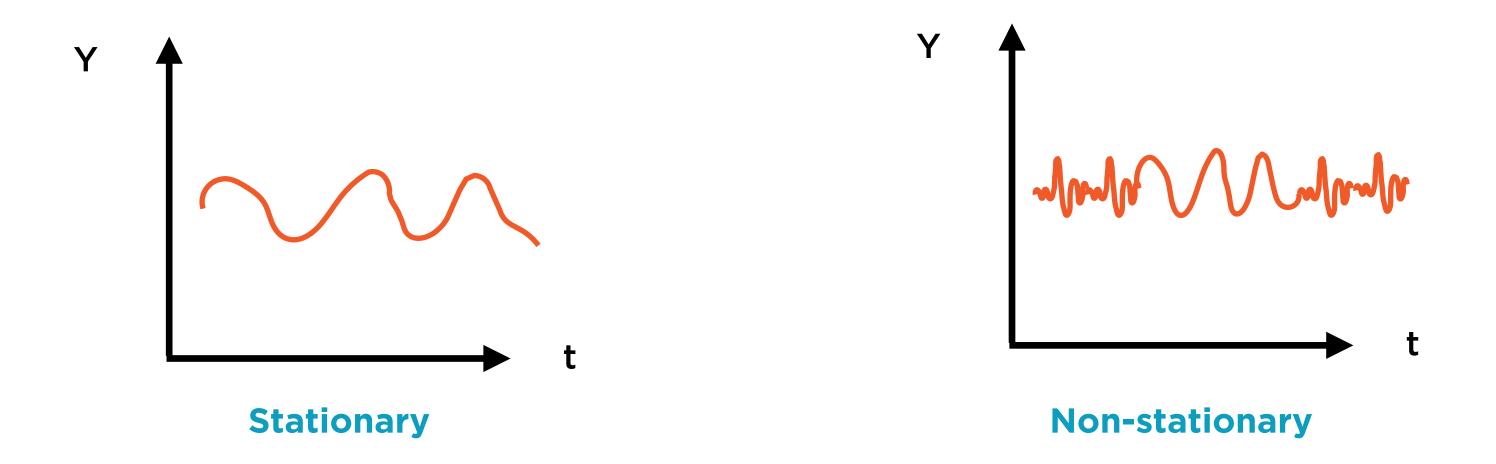
Time series that trends over time is non-stationary - mean is changing over time

Varying Variance



Time series that has periods of higher volatility is non-stationary - variance is changing over time

Varying Autocorrelation



The spread in the data becomes further away and then closer



Stationary Data

Mean of time series does not change over time

Variance of time series does not change over time (homoscedasticity)

Autocorrelation does not change over time



Stationary Data

Applying regression to non-stationary data yields poor model

Inflated R²

Problems associated with heteroscedasticity



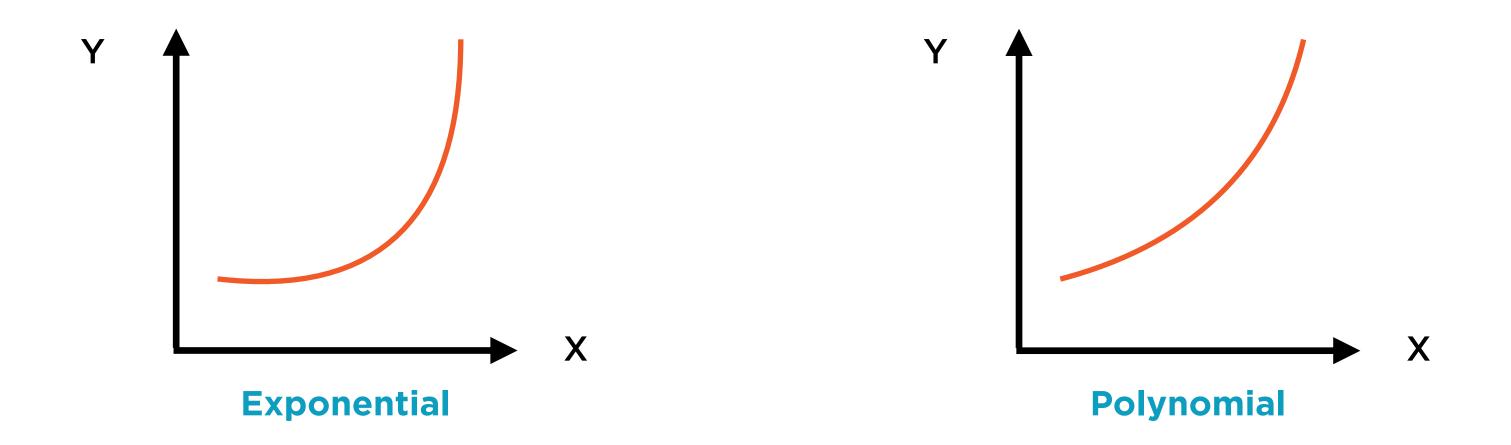
Stationary Data

Statistical tests exist to test for non-stationarity

In practice, simple forms of non-stationarity can be found from plotting data

More complex forms require statistical tests

Beware of Non-stationary Data



Smoothly trending data will lead to poor quality regression and time series models

Convert Series to Returns

$$y'_{12} = \log y_2 - \log y_1$$

$$x'_{12} = \log x_2 - \log x_1$$

Log Differences

$$y'_{12} = (y_2 - y_1)/y_1$$

$$X'_{12} = (X_2 - X_1)/X_1$$

Returns

Take first differences of smooth data converting either to log differences or returns

Autoregressive and Moving Average Models

X Causes Y



Cause Independent variable



EffectDependent variable

Linear Regression

$$y = A + Bx$$

$$y_1 = A + Bx_1$$
 $y_2 = A + Bx_2$
 $y_3 = A + Bx_3$
...
 $y_n = A + Bx_n$

Linear Regression

$$y = A + Bx$$

$$y_1 = A + Bx_1 + e_1$$

 $y_2 = A + Bx_2 + e_2$
 $y_3 = A + Bx_3 + e_3$
...
$$y_n = A + Bx_n + e_n$$

Yt-1 Causes Yt



CauseRain yesterday



Effect
Rain today as well

Autoregression

$$y_t = A + By_{t-1}$$

$$y_1 = A + By_0$$
 $y_2 = A + By_1$
 $y_3 = A + By_2$
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 $y_n = A + By_{n-1}$

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$$Y_t = C + \sum_{j=1}^{p} \phi_j X_t + \epsilon_t$$

General Form of Linear Model

The error terms \in_t in OLS are assumed to be zero-mean, constant-variance and normally distributed

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Because last p values of Y influence current value of Y

Autoregressive Models

Future values of Y depend on past values of Y and on current value of white noise

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White Noise Error Terms

The error terms \in_t in AR(p) are still assumed to be zero-mean, constant-variance and normally distributed

White Noise Error Terms

Error terms form a white noise process

- Mean zero
- Constant variance
- Normally distributed
- Independent and Identically Distributed (IID)

White Noise Error Terms

AR models define Y_t ~ Y_{t-1} Y_{t-2} ... Y_{t-p}

Have a single error term ∈t

Can also define Y_t ~ ∈t-1 ∈t-2 ... ∈t-q

Such models are called MA models

MA(q) ~ Moving Average of last q values of ∈

$$Y_{t} = C + \sum_{i=1}^{p} \phi_{i} Y_{t-i} + \in_{t}$$

AR(p) Model

Because last p values of Y influence current value of Y

$$Y_t = \mu + \epsilon_t + \theta_1 \epsilon_{t-1} + \dots + \theta_q \epsilon_{t-q}$$

MA(q) Model

Value of Y depends on last q values of the white noise process

Moving Average Models

Future values of Y depend on **past** values of white noise alone

$$Y_t = \mu + \epsilon_t + \theta_1 \epsilon_{t-1} + \dots + \theta_q \epsilon_{t-q} + \phi_1 Y_{t-1} + \dots + \phi_p Y_{t-p}$$

ARMA(p,q) Model

Combine AR(p) and MA(q)

$$Y_t = \mu + \epsilon_t + \theta_1 \epsilon_{t-1} + \dots + \theta_q \epsilon_{t-q} + \phi_1 Y_{t-1} + \dots + \phi_p Y_{t-p}$$

 μ is the mean (constant)

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 \in_{t} is the current period error; zero-mean, constant-variance, normally distributed

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MA(q) component of the ARMA(p,q)

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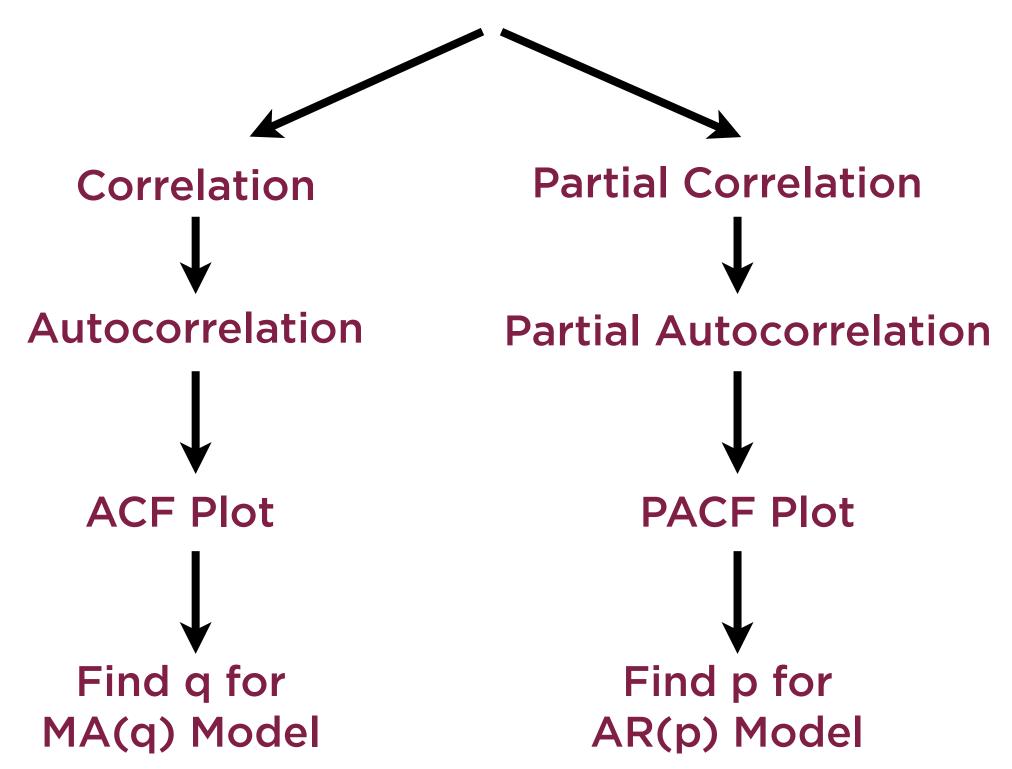
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ARMA Models

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Specifying AR, MA and ARMA Models

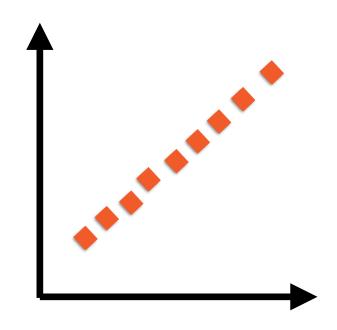
Finding p,q in AR(p) and MA(q)



Correlation

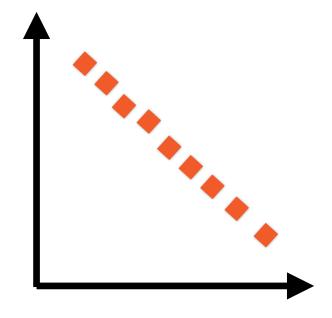
The measure of the relationship between two items or variables

Positive and Negative Correlation



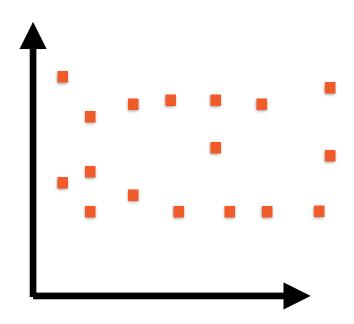


As X increases, Y increases linearly



Correlation = -1

As X increases, Y decreases linearly



Correlation = 0

Changes in X independent* of changes in Y

self

Autocorrelation

Measures the relationship between a variable's current value and past value

Partial Autocorrelation

Conceptually similar to autocorrelation; based on partial correlation of a series with lagged versions of itself

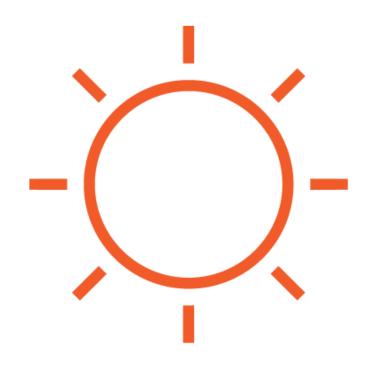


More likely



Today

Tomorrow



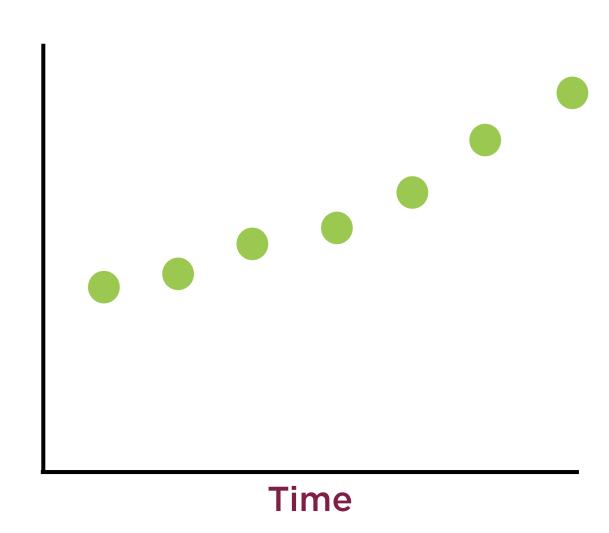
Less likely



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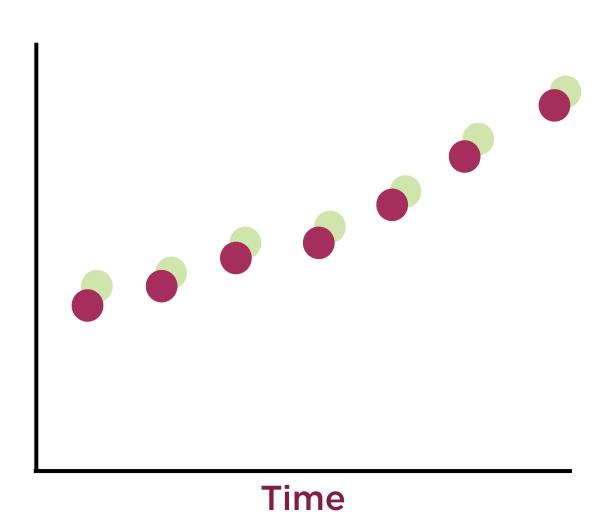
Tomorrow

Same time series is used twice



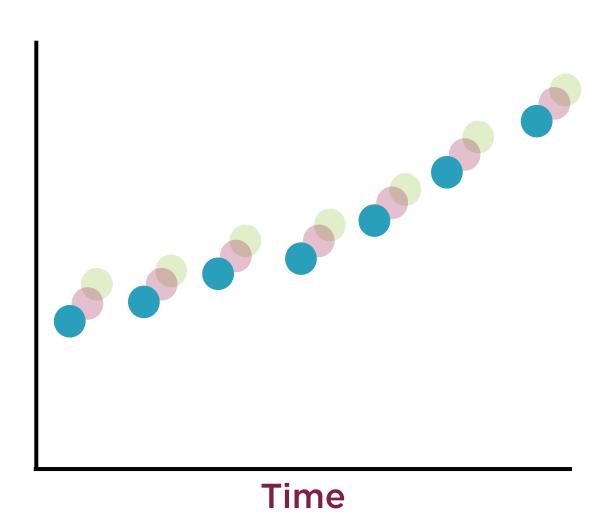
Original form

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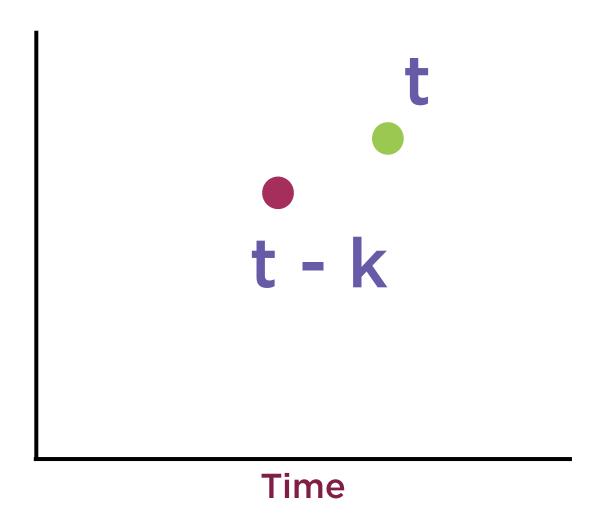


Lagged over one or more time periods

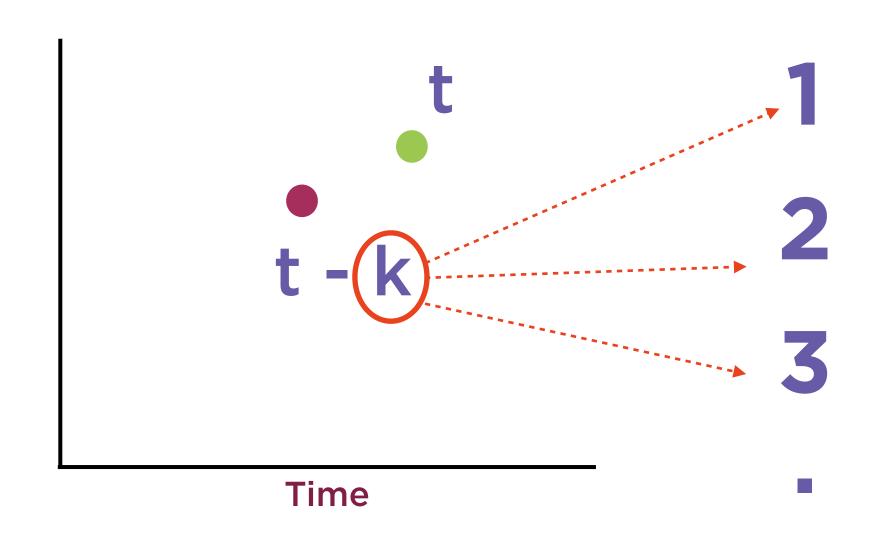
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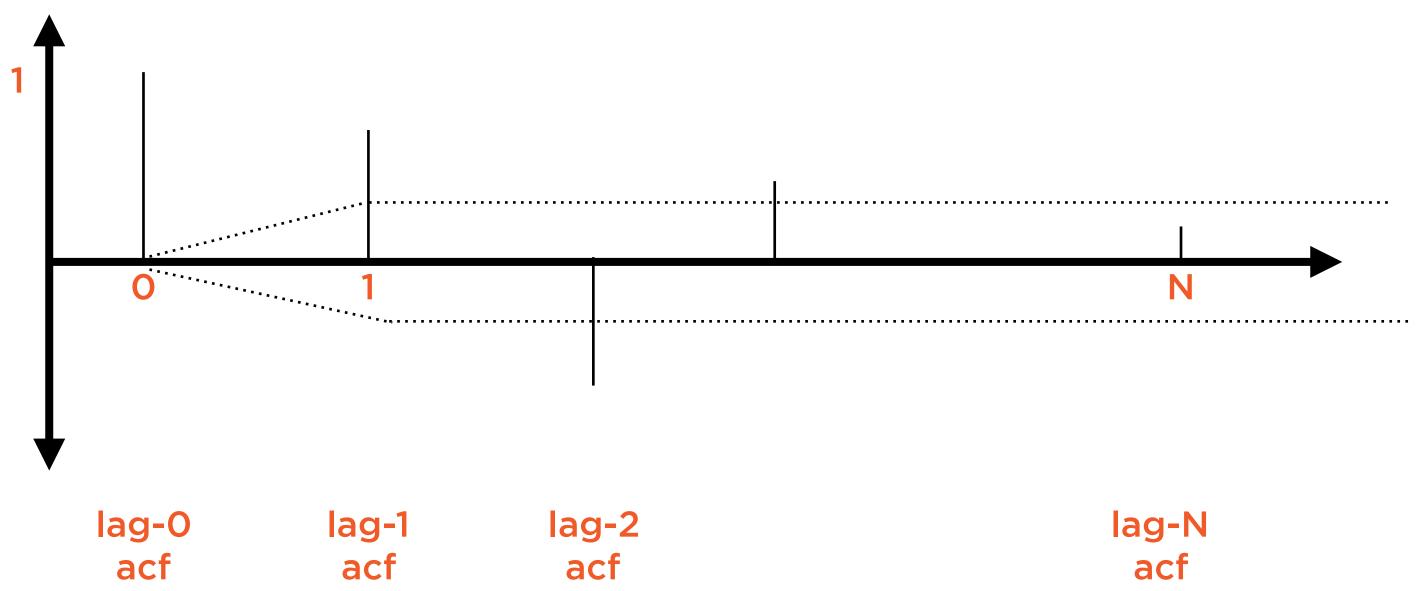
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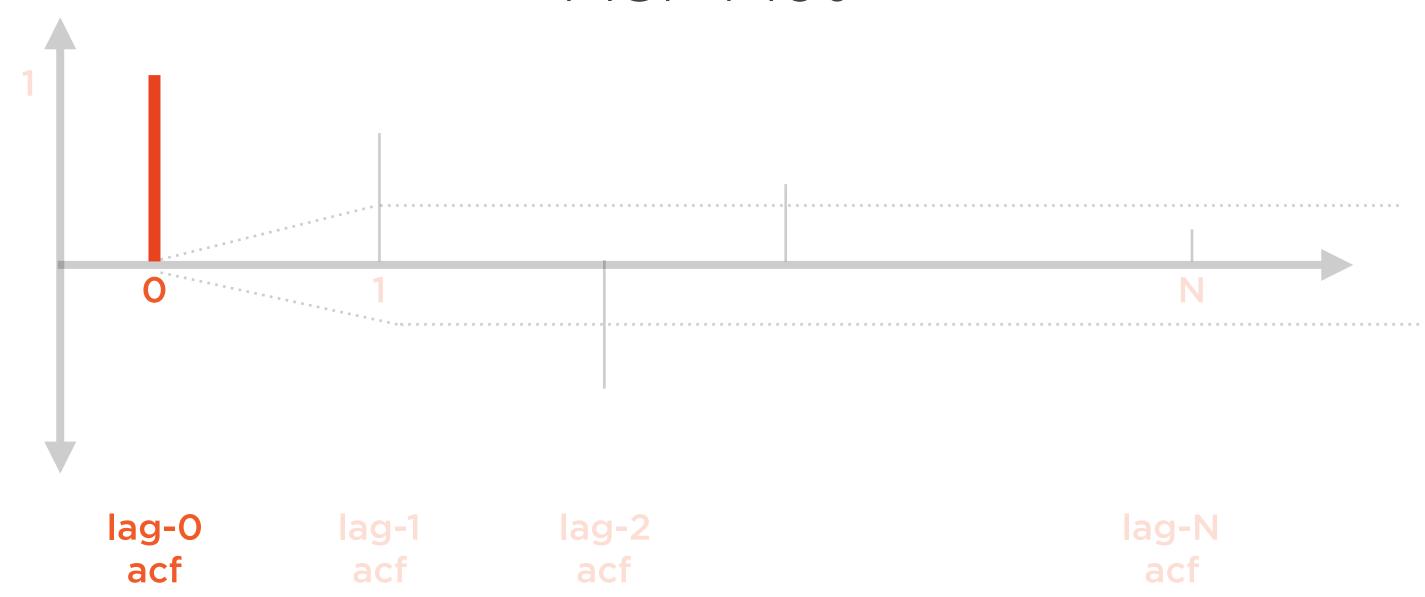
Perfect positive correlation

Perfect negative correlation



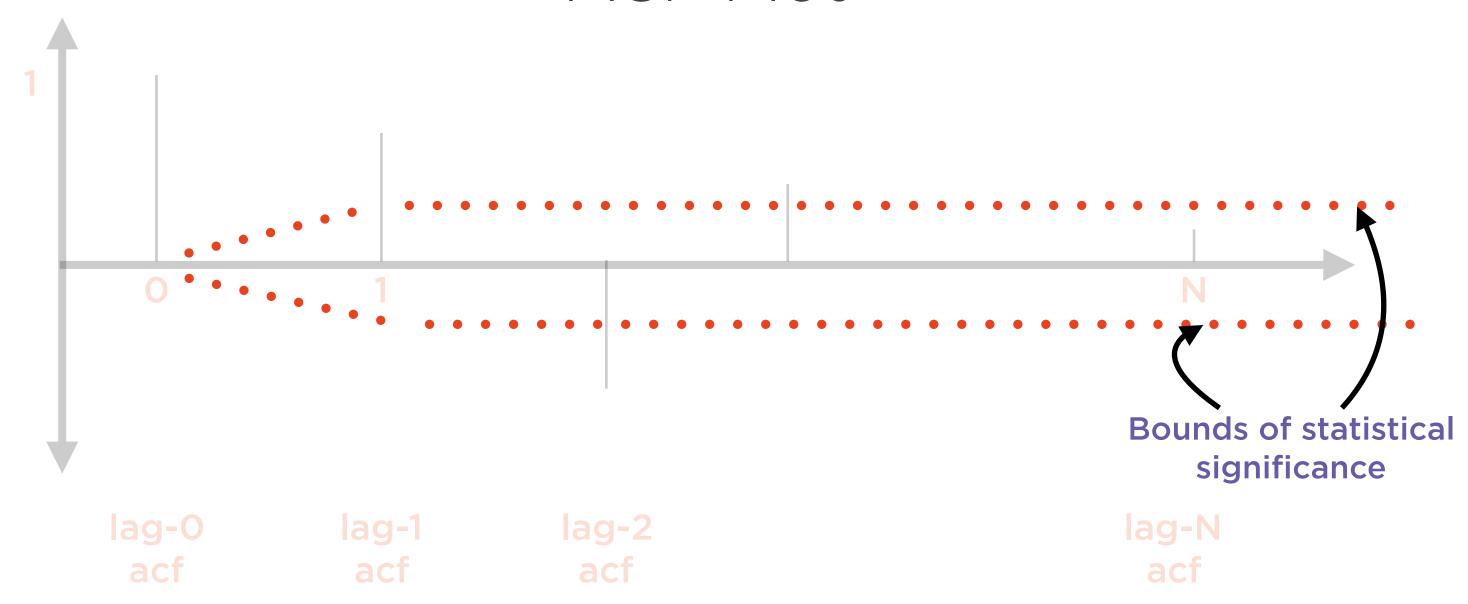


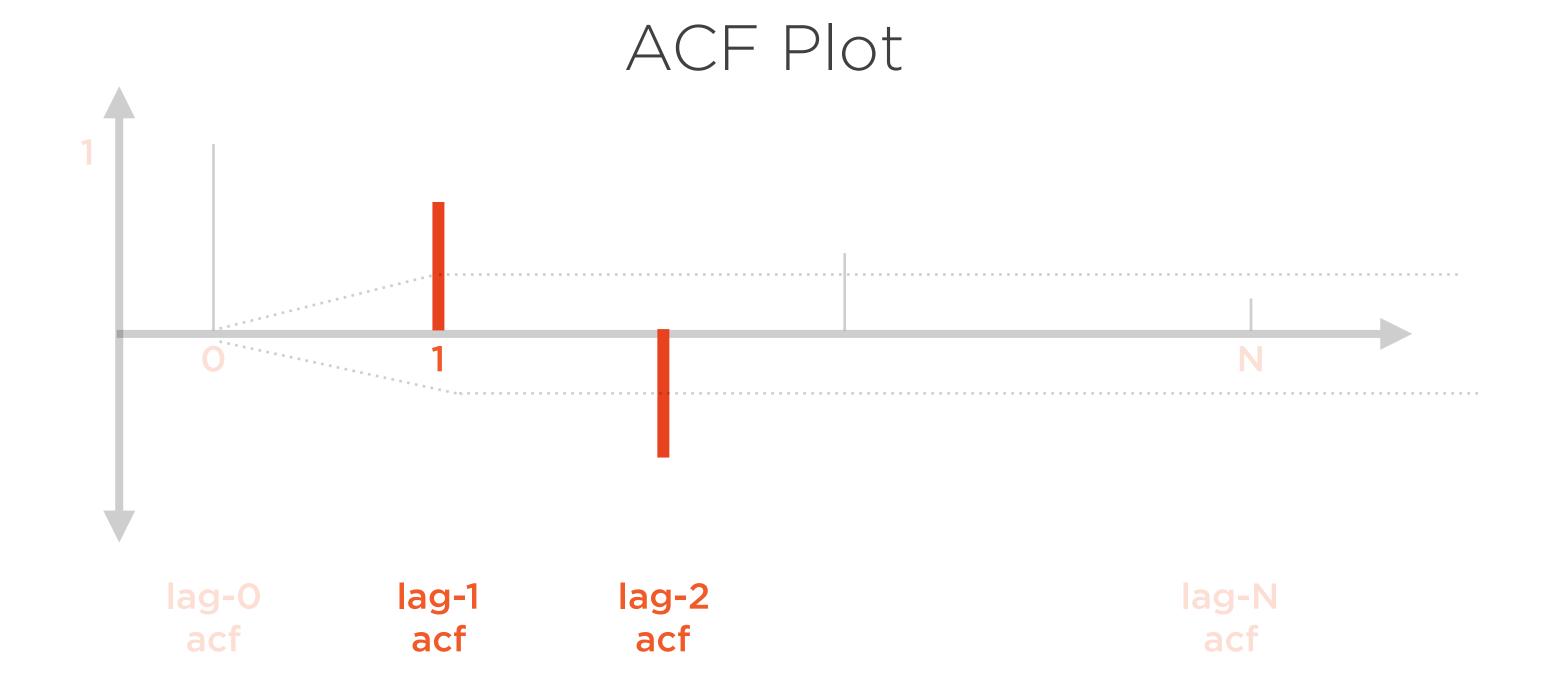
ACF Plot



Lag-0 acf always = 1

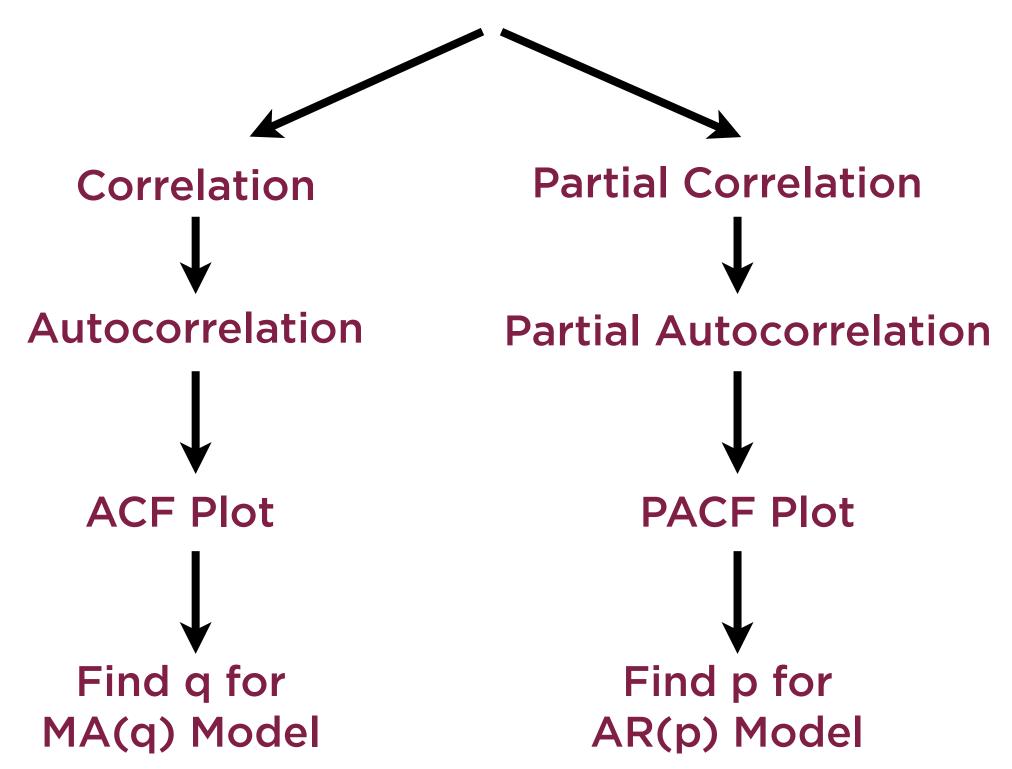
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Lag-1 and lag-2 series also correlated

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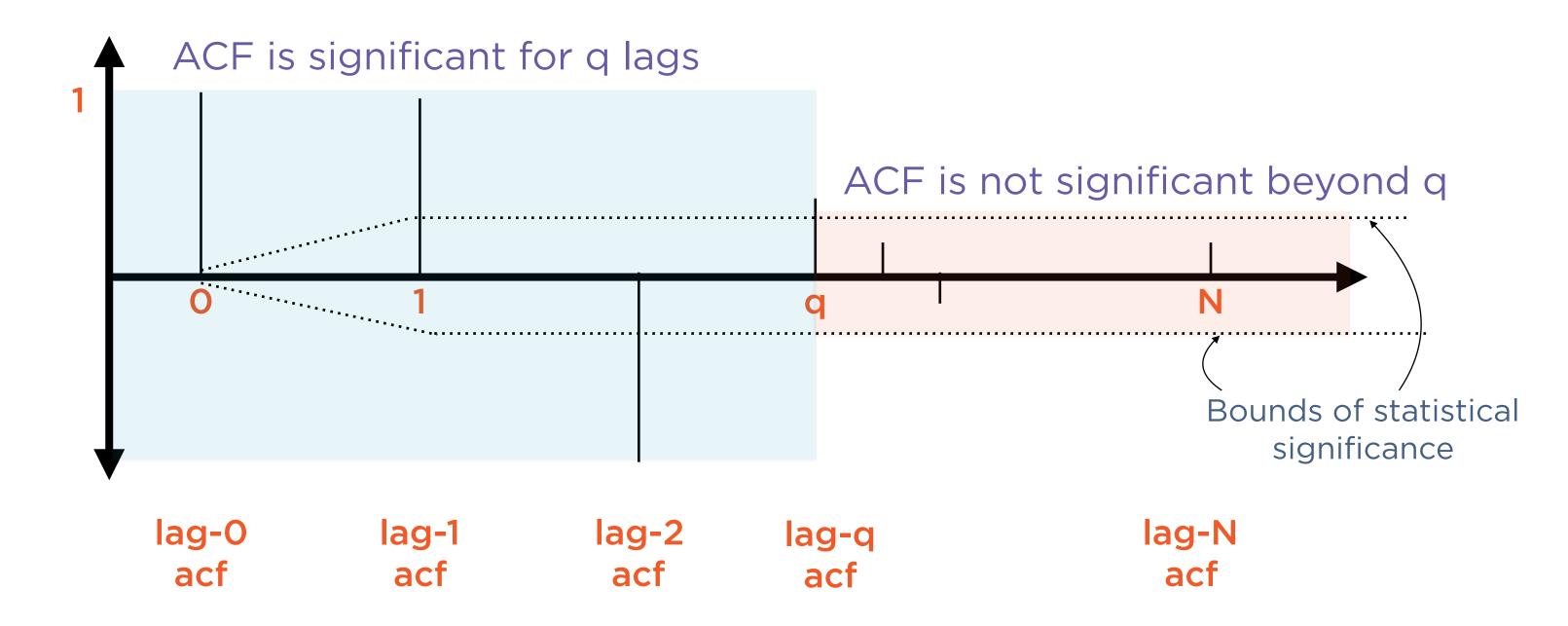


ACF and PACF Plots

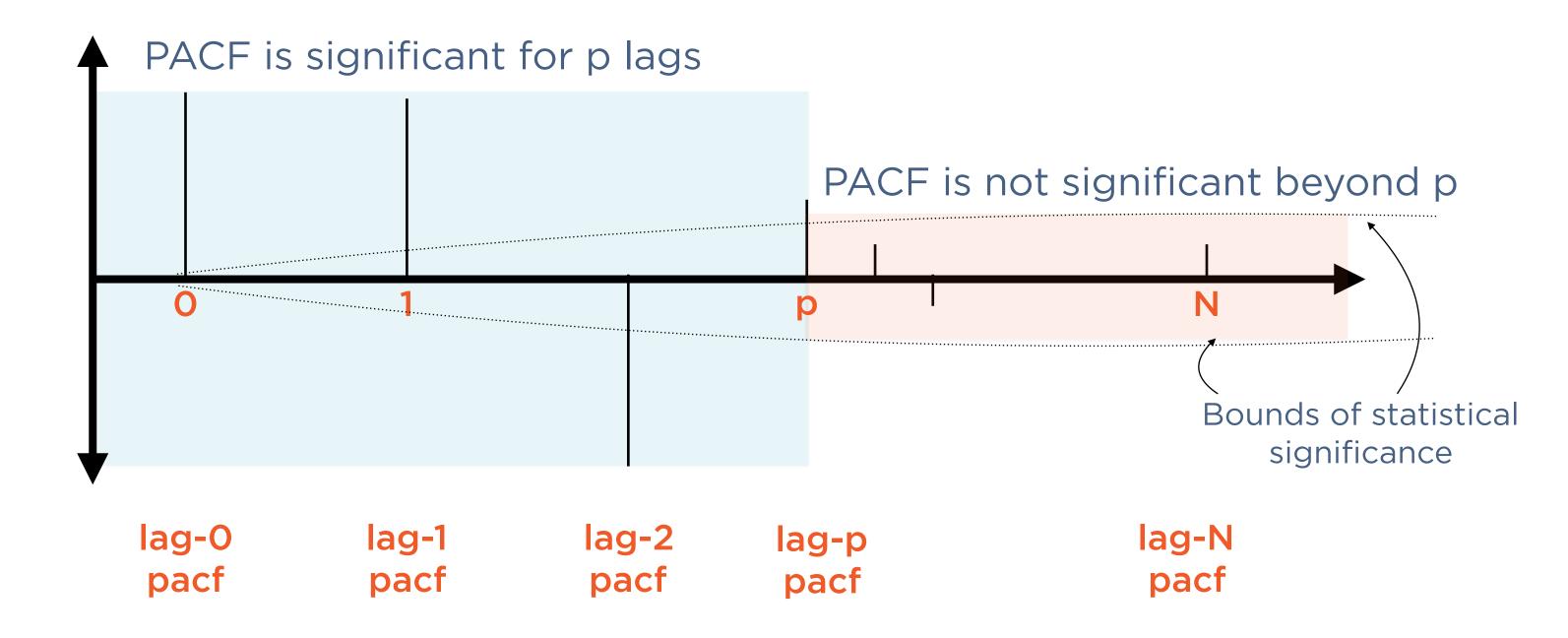
The ACF plot of an MA(q) process cuts off after q lags

The PACF plot of an AR(p) process cuts off after p lags

ACF Plot and MA(q)



PACF Plot and AR(p)

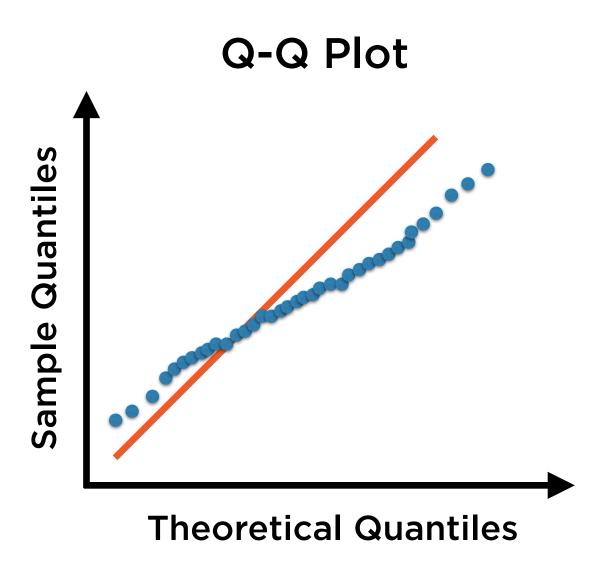


Principle of Parsimony: Keep plant and q as small as possible

QQ-plot

Q-Q plot (Quantile-Quantile plot)

Graph used to compare data to a standard distribution, usually to verify visually whether data is normally distributed

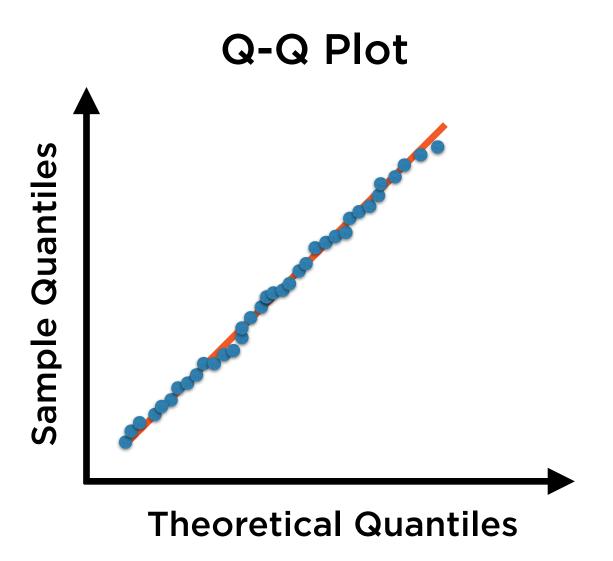


Plot is constructed by sorting data from low to high

- blue points

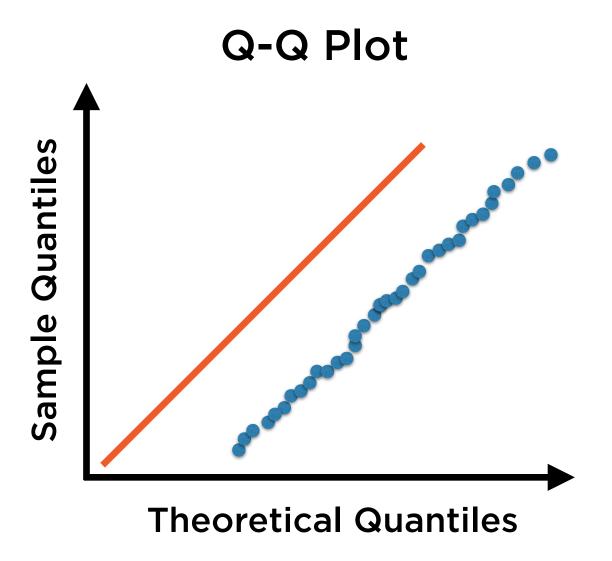
Then plotting against expected number of points in each quantile

- solid orange line
- Standard normal N(0,1)



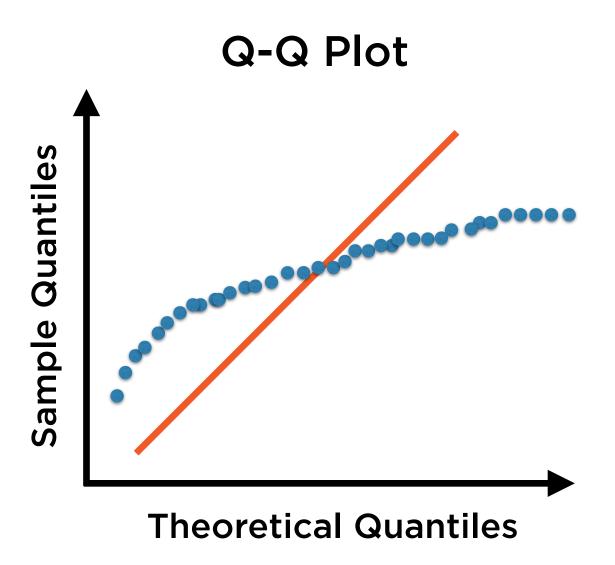
Perfectly normal data will lie entirely along line

Sample data and theoretically expected data agree perfectly



Offset from orange line indicates mean of data is not zero

Remember that orange line represents standard normal N(0,1)



Too many data points at low quantiles (small values)

Too few data points at high quantiles (large values)

Data is negatively skewed

Demo

Working with time series data

Summary

Specialized time series models

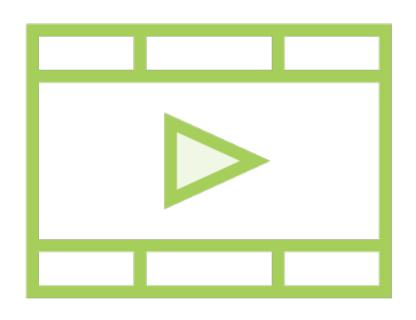
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