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# IS6400: Business Data Analytics

## *Time Series II: AutoReg*



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# Before class

- Homework is available!
- Week 6 redo:
  - Same materials but with slides
  - Recordings are available
- When using Google Colab, we need to update “statsmodels” (code included in the notebook):

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1 # if running in Google Colab, please run the following line
2 # !pip install --upgrade statsmodels
```

# Forecasting

<p><b>TODAY</b></p> <p><b>62 37</b></p> <p>morning fog, partly cloudy</p> 	<p><b>TOMORROW</b></p> <p><b>58 41</b></p> <p>rain showers cloudy</p> 
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# What we will talk about

- Time series features
- Exponential Smoothing
- AutoRegression

Week 7

Week 8

# Our journey begins with...

- What is time series data?





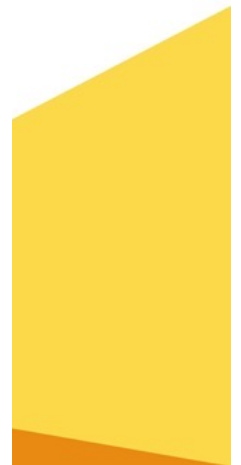
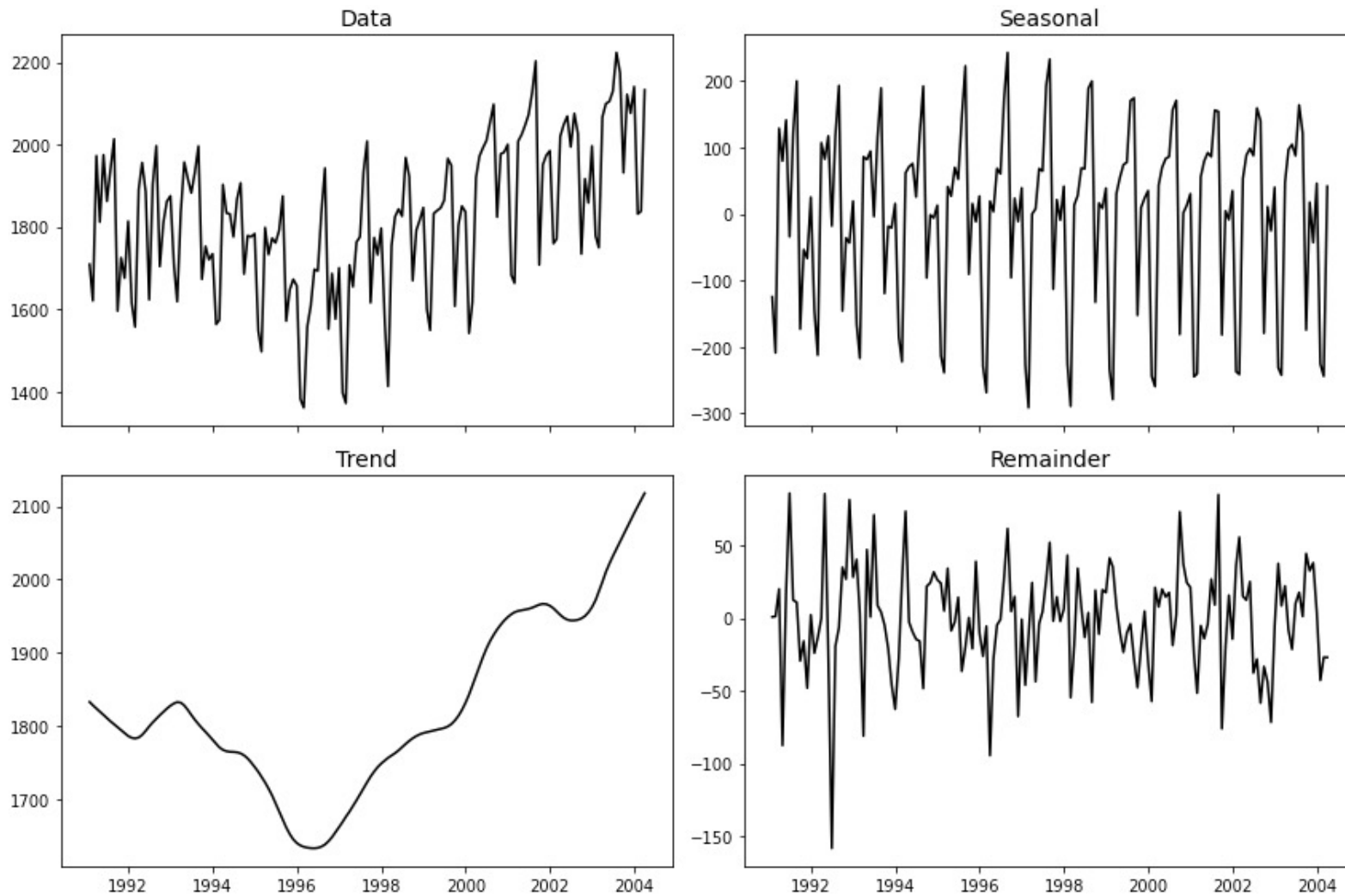
# A summary of smoothing

Trend Component	Seasonal Component		
	N	A	M
	(None)	(Additive)	(Multiplicative)
N (None)	(N,N)	(N,A)	(N,M)
A (Additive)	(A,N)	(A,A)	(A,M)
A <sub>d</sub> (Additive damped)	(A <sub>d</sub> ,N)	(A <sub>d</sub> ,A)	(A <sub>d</sub> ,M)

From Table 8.5 of Hyndman and Athanasopoulos (2018)

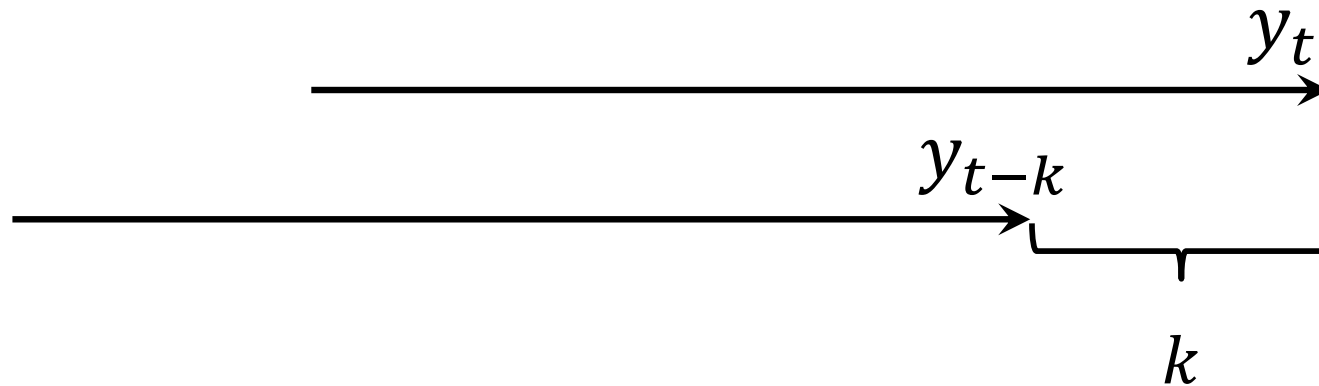
# What features did we talk about?

- Trend + Seasonality



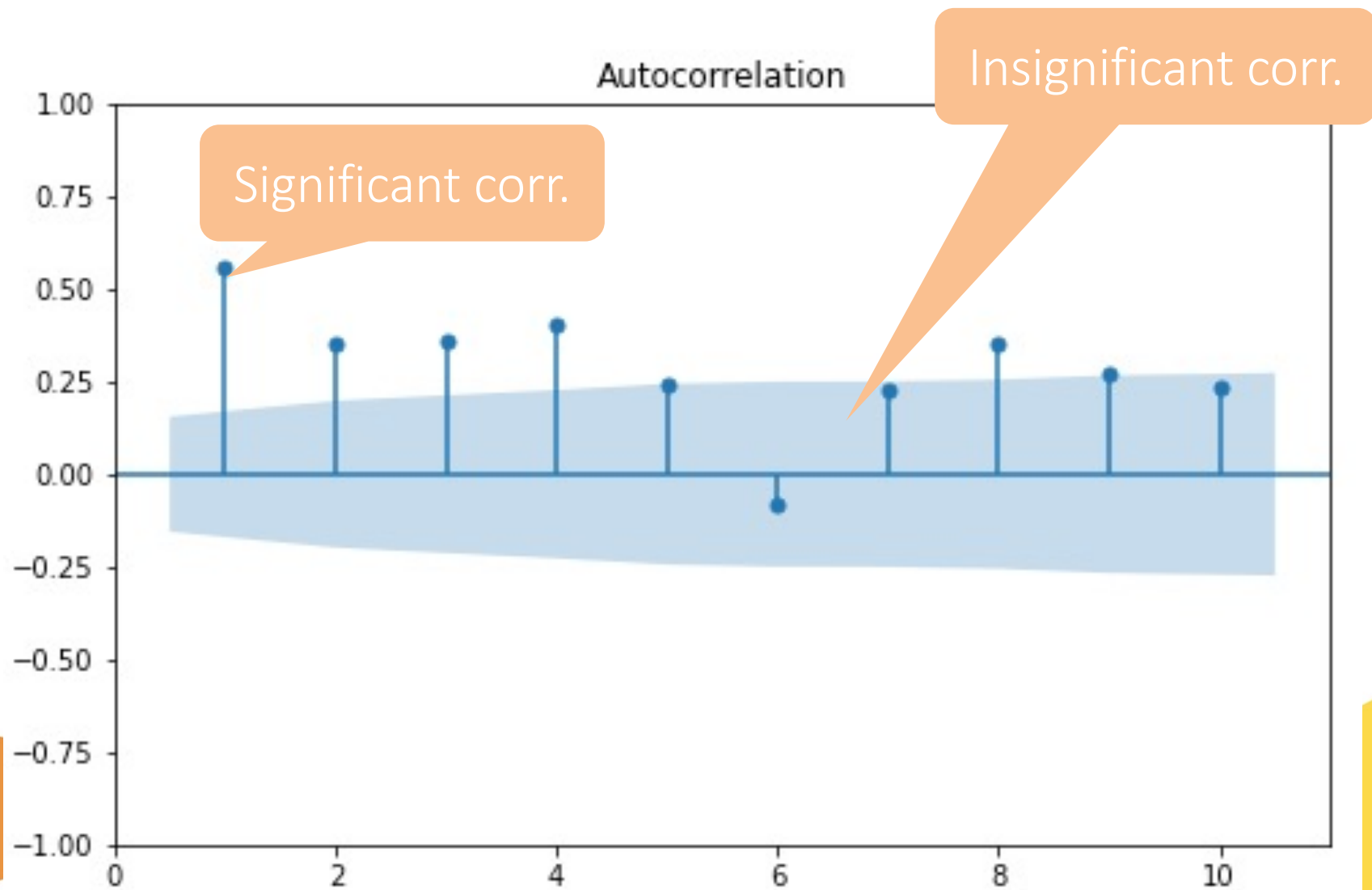
# What features did we talk about?

- Autocorrelation:
  - Correlation with lagged self





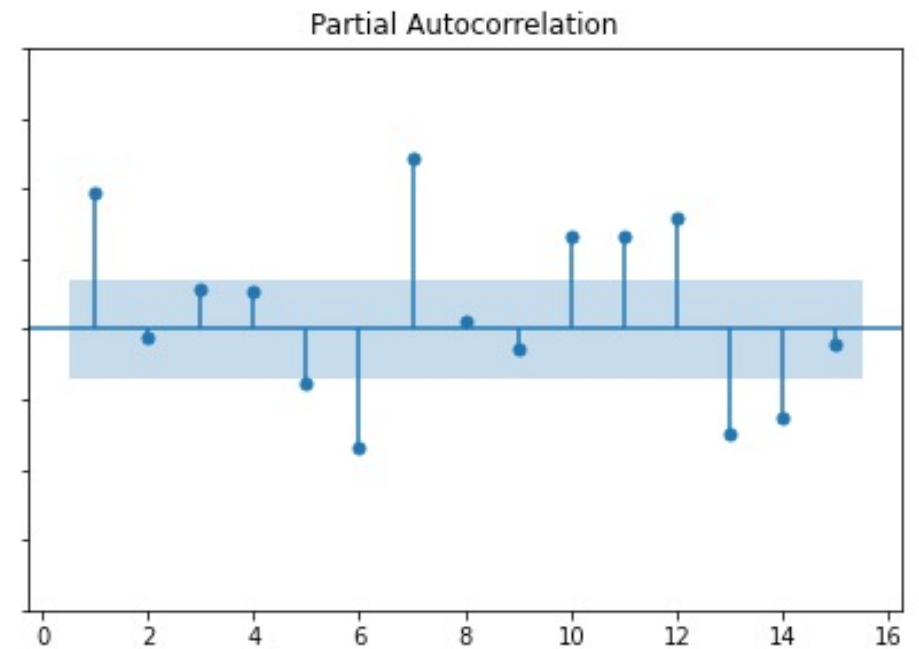
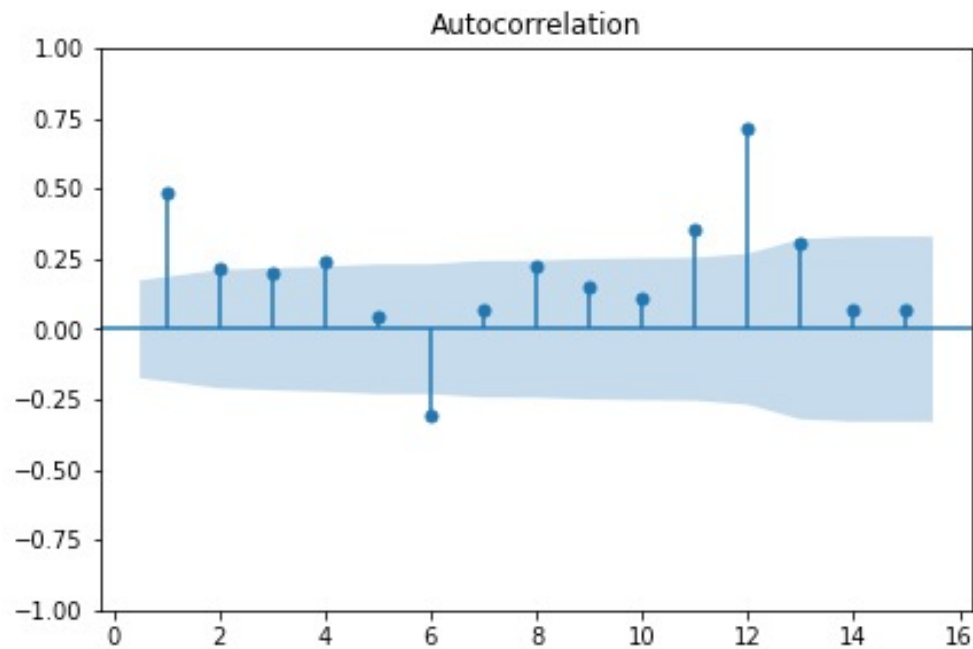
# Autocorrelation Diagram



# Partial Autocorrelation

- Partial autocorrelation of lag  $k$ :
  - Correlation between  $y_t$  and  $y_{t-k}$
  - Controlling for prior correlations
- Example
  - Lag-1 partial autocorr is the same as Lag-1 autocorr.
  - Lag-2 partial autocorr is the correlation between  $y_t$  and  $y_{t-2}$  controlling for autocorr between  $y_t$  and  $y_{t-1}$

# Partial Autocorrelation Diagram



# Our very first AutoReg model: AR( $p$ )

Constant “trend”: like an intercept

$$y_t = \text{const} + \phi_1 y_{t-1} + \phi_2 y_{t-2} + \dots + \phi_p y_{t-p} + \epsilon_t$$

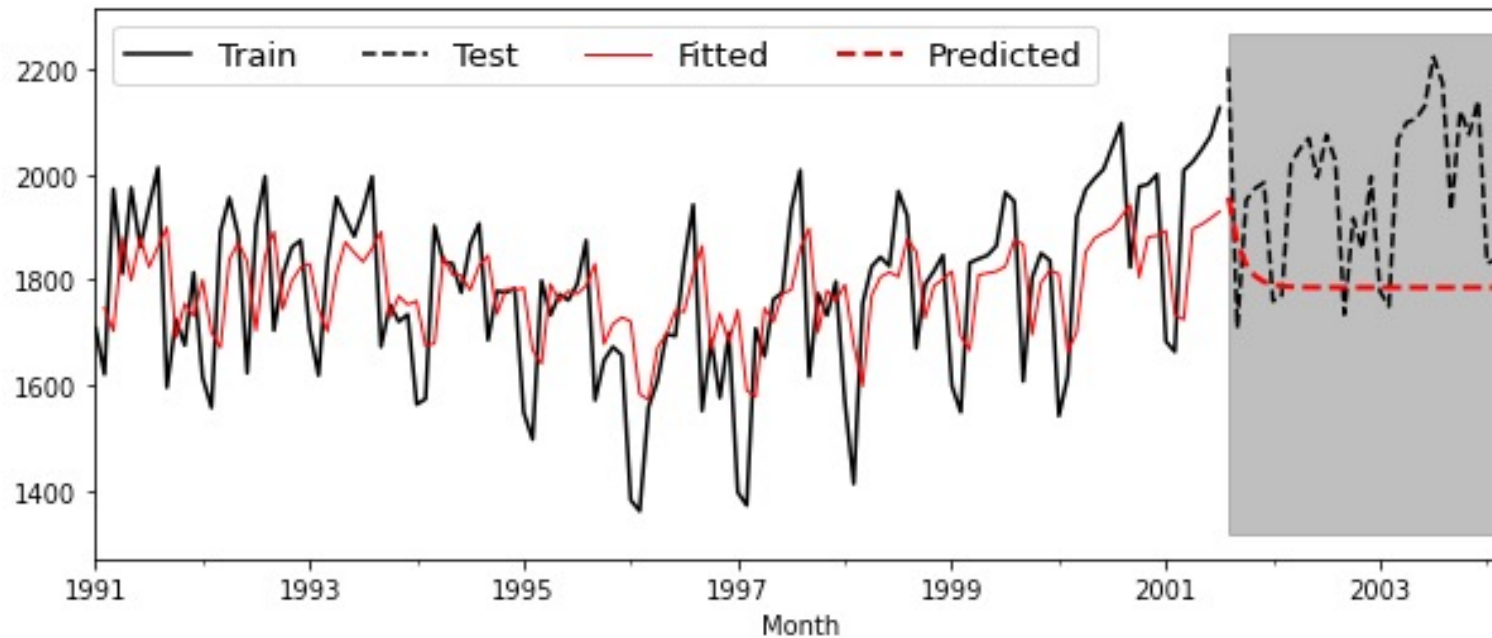
$$= \text{const} + \epsilon_t + \sum_{i=1}^p \phi_i y_{t-i}$$

$$\phi_i = \alpha(1 - \alpha)^i$$

Isn't this familiar? Do you remember the simple exp smoothing method?

$$\hat{y}_{t+1} = \alpha y_t + \alpha(1 - \alpha)y_{t-1} + \alpha(1 - \alpha)^2 y_{t-2} + \dots$$

# Try it out: Set $p$ to 1



No. Observations: 127

Model: AutoReg(1) Log Likelihood -805.182

Method: Conditional MLE S.D. of innovations 144.228

Date: Tue, 01 Mar 2022 AIC 1616.364

Time: 16:29:05 BIC 1624.873

Sample: 02-28-1991 HQIC 1619.821

- 07-31-2001

	coef	std err	z	P> z	[0.025	0.975]
const	889.4105	140.756	6.319	0.000	613.535	1165.286
Ridership.L1	0.5018	0.079	6.368	0.000	0.347	0.656

# Parameter Selection: Pick a $p$

- The interpretations of PACF and AR model coefficients are the same...

$$y_t = \text{const} + \phi_1 y_{t-1} + \phi_2 y_{t-2} + \dots + \phi_p y_{t-p} + \epsilon_t$$

- The correlation between lagged variables controlling for others...



Then we can just pick a number by looking at the PACF



# Intuition for the AR identification

- How do we interpret linear regression coefficients?

$$\text{IQ} = 5.95 \times \text{MomHighSchool} + 0.56 \times \text{MomIQ} + 25.73$$

Every one unit increase in “MomIQ” is correlated with 0.56 unit increase in “IQ” controlling for “MomHighSchool”

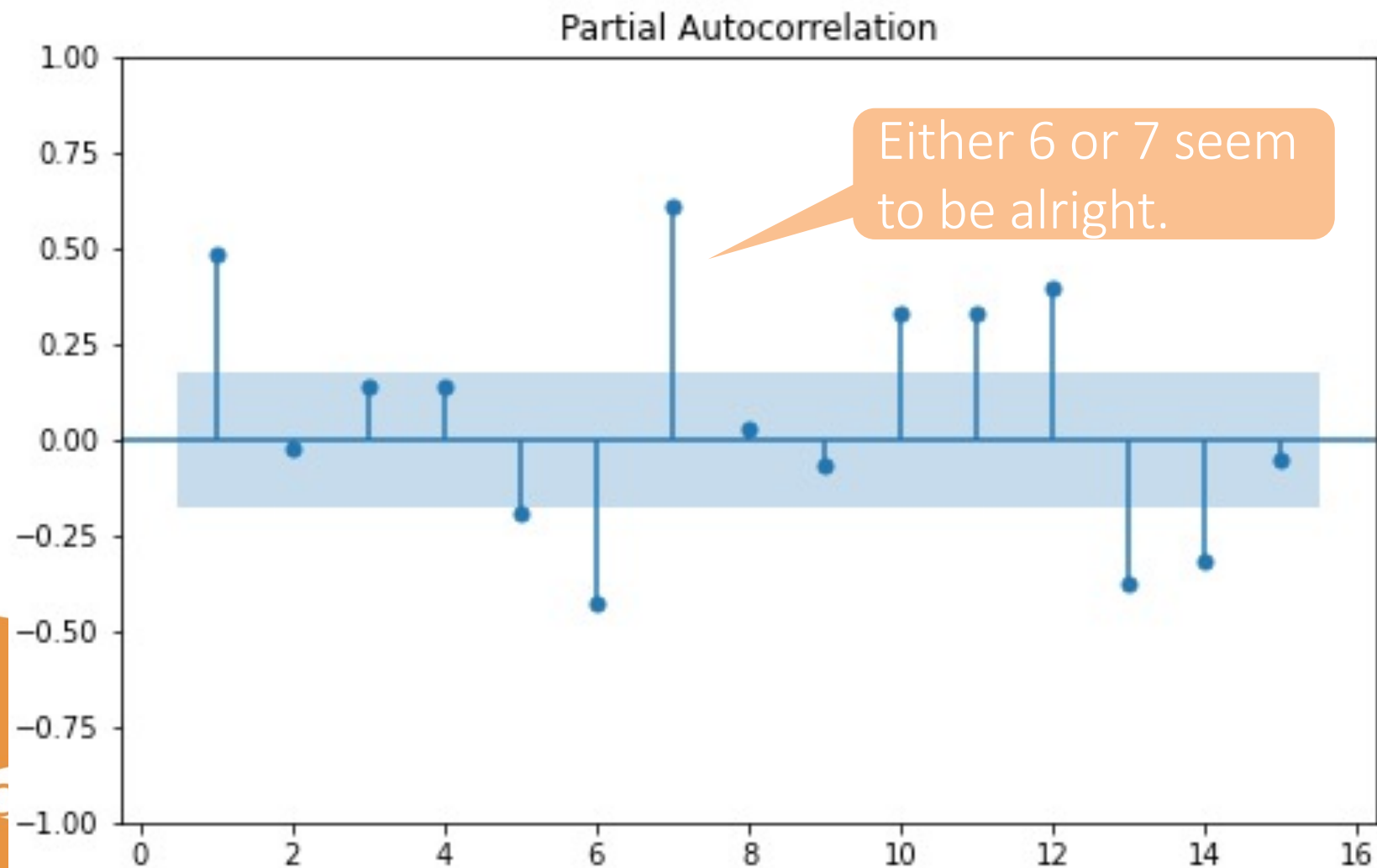
- Same for the AR model!

$$y_t = \text{const} + \phi_1 y_{t-1} + \phi_2 y_{t-2} + \dots + \phi_p y_{t-p} + \epsilon_t$$

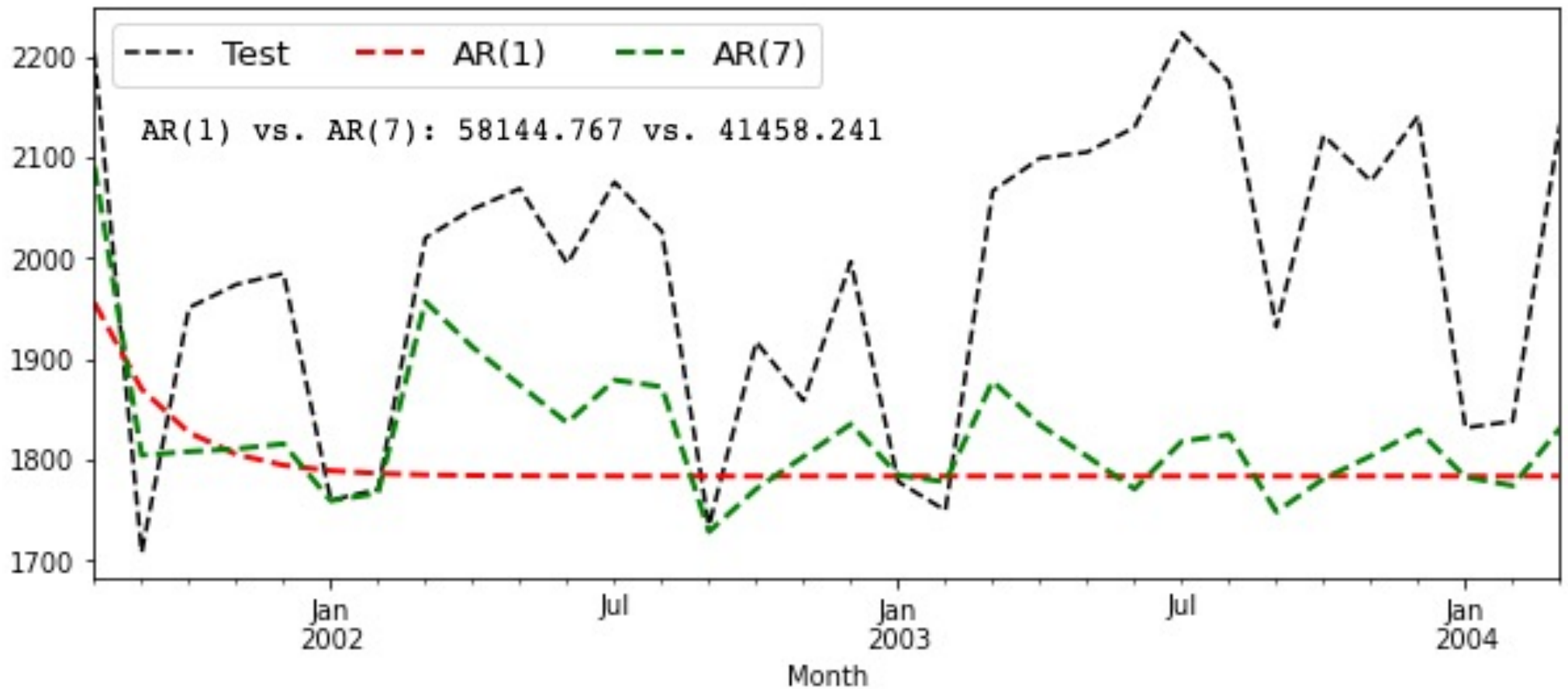
This is just the same as PACF for lag-p

Correlation between lag-p time series  $y_{t-p}$  and the time series value  $y_t$  controlling for  $y_{t-1}$ ,  $y_{t-2}$ , ..., which are lower orders of lagged values...

# Parameter Selection: Pick a $p$



Let's see if it gets better with  $p = 7$



# Moving Average: MA( $q$ )

$$y_t = \text{const} + \epsilon_t + \sum_{j=1}^q \theta_j \epsilon_{t-j}$$

Intuition: we can forecast future time series values based on our past mistakes

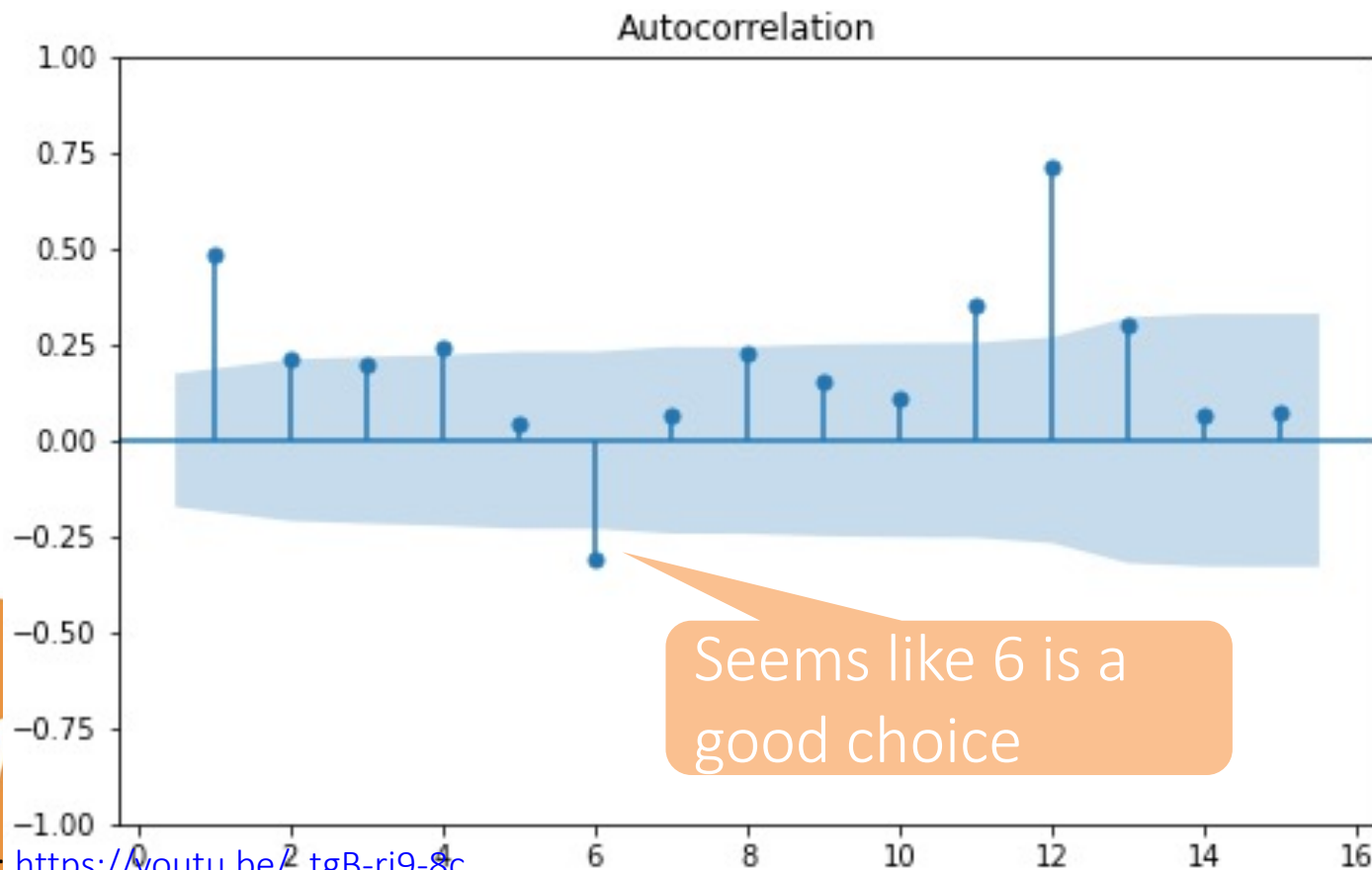
$$\begin{aligned} y_t &= \phi_1 y_{t-1} + \epsilon_t + \text{const} \\ &= \phi_1 (\phi_1 y_{t-2} + \epsilon_{t-1}) + \epsilon_t + \text{const} \\ &= \phi_1^2 y_{t-2} + \phi_1 \epsilon_{t-1} + \epsilon_t + \text{const} \\ &= \phi_1^2 (\phi_1 y_{t-3} + \epsilon_{t-2}) + \phi_1 \epsilon_{t-1} + \epsilon_t + \text{const} \\ &= \phi_1^3 y_{t-3} + \phi_1^2 \epsilon_{t-2} + \phi_1 \epsilon_{t-1} + \epsilon_t + \text{const} \\ &= \dots \\ &= \epsilon_t + \phi_1 \epsilon_{t-1} + \phi_1^2 \epsilon_{t-2} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

The equivalence between AR(1) and MA( $\infty$ ).

This is optional.

# Parameter Selection: Pick a $q$

- For this model, we need to look at the ACF (autocorrelation):



# Intuition for MA identification

$$y_t = \text{const} + \theta_1 \epsilon_{t-1} + \theta_2 \epsilon_{t-2} + \theta_3 \epsilon_{t-3} + \cdots + \theta_{t-q} \epsilon_{t-q}$$

This tells us that the predictors in this MA model are independent!

$$\epsilon_j \sim N(0, \sigma_j^2); \\ j \in \{t-1, \dots, t-q\}$$

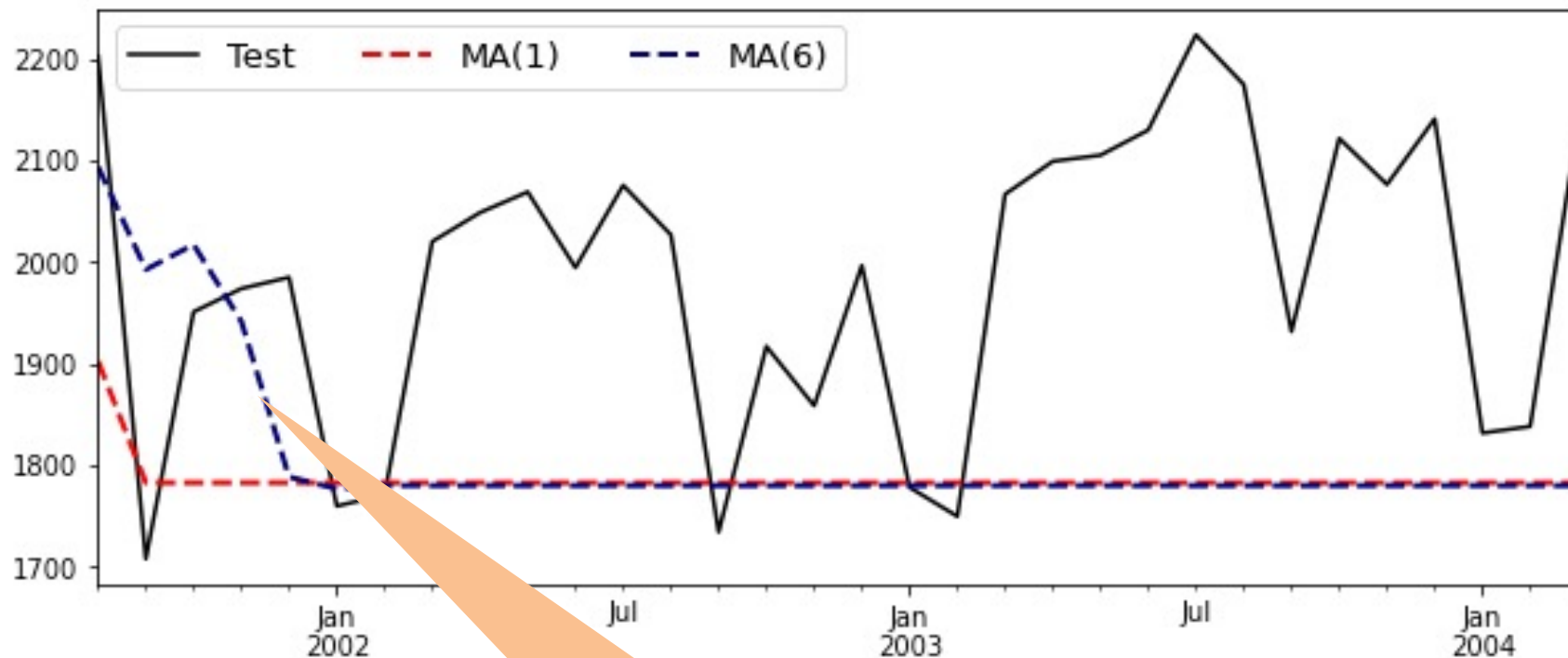
$$\theta_j \quad \epsilon_j = y_j - \hat{y}_j \\ \text{Corr}(y_t, y_j)$$

The coefficient is essentially the correlation between these two lagged series, which is therefore ACF!



# Parameter Selection: Pick a $q$

- Compare performance with different parameters for the MA model.



# ARMA: The combination of AR and MA

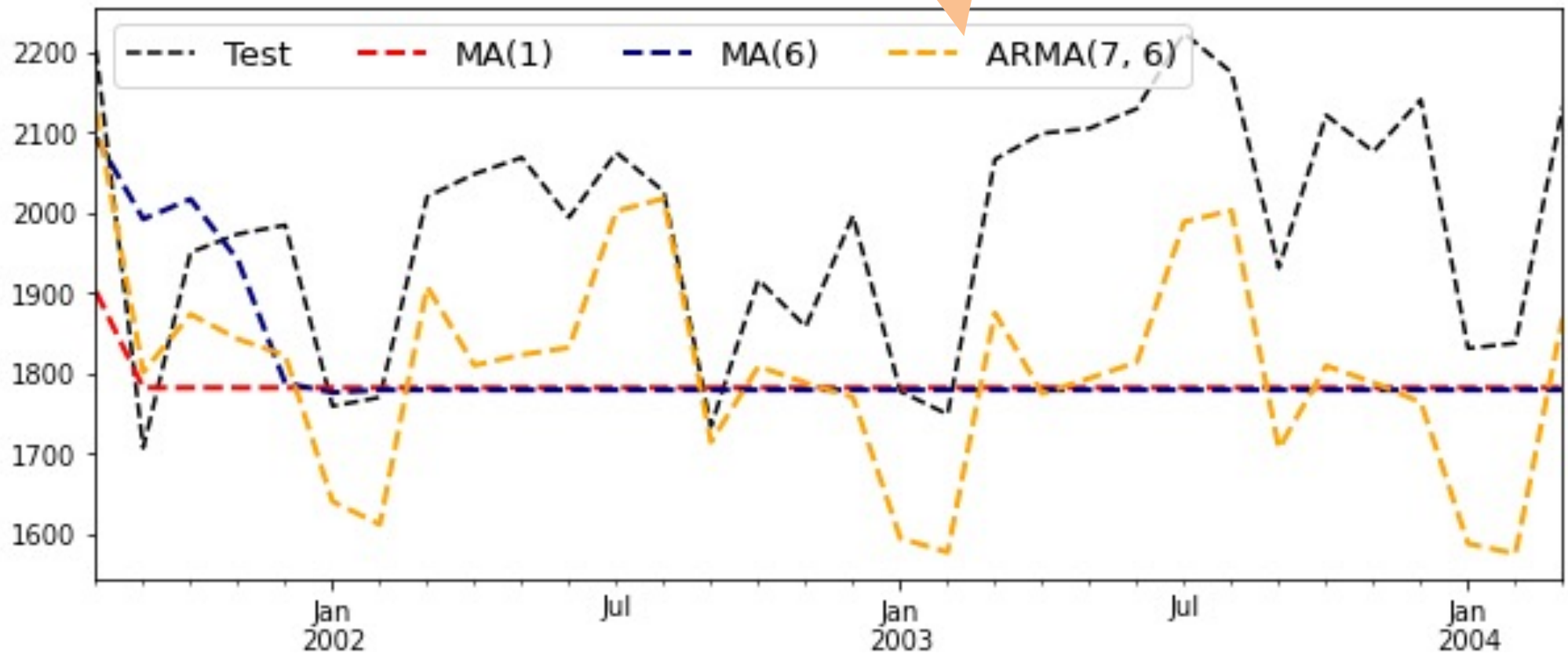
Intuition: we can forecast future time series values based on past patterns.

$$y_t = \text{const} + \epsilon_t + \sum_{i=1}^p \phi_i y_{t-i} + \sum_{j=1}^q \theta_j \epsilon_{t-j}$$

Intuition: we can forecast future time series values based on past patterns.

Use  $q = 6; p = 7$

Much better!

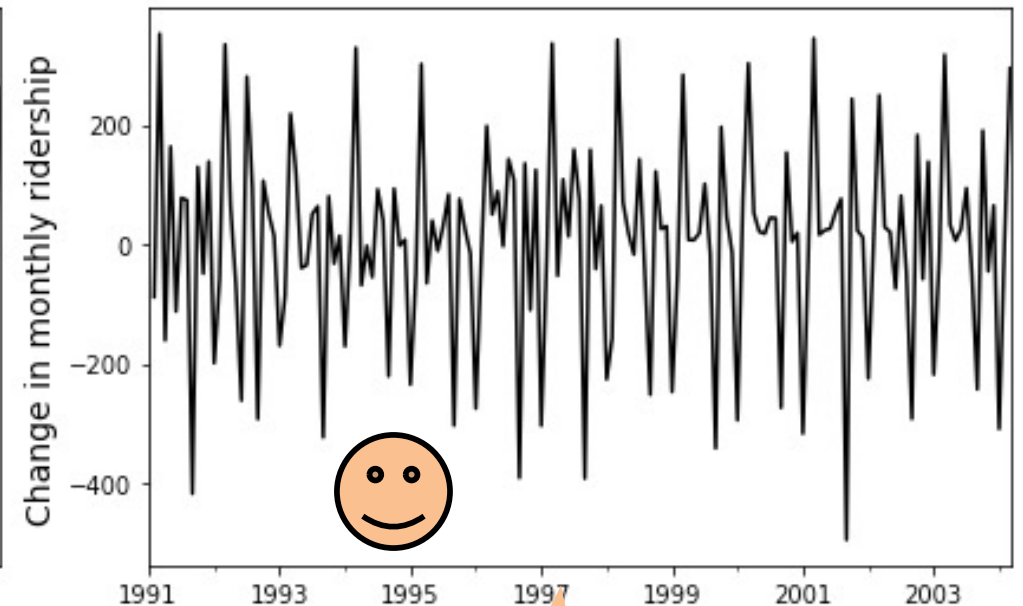
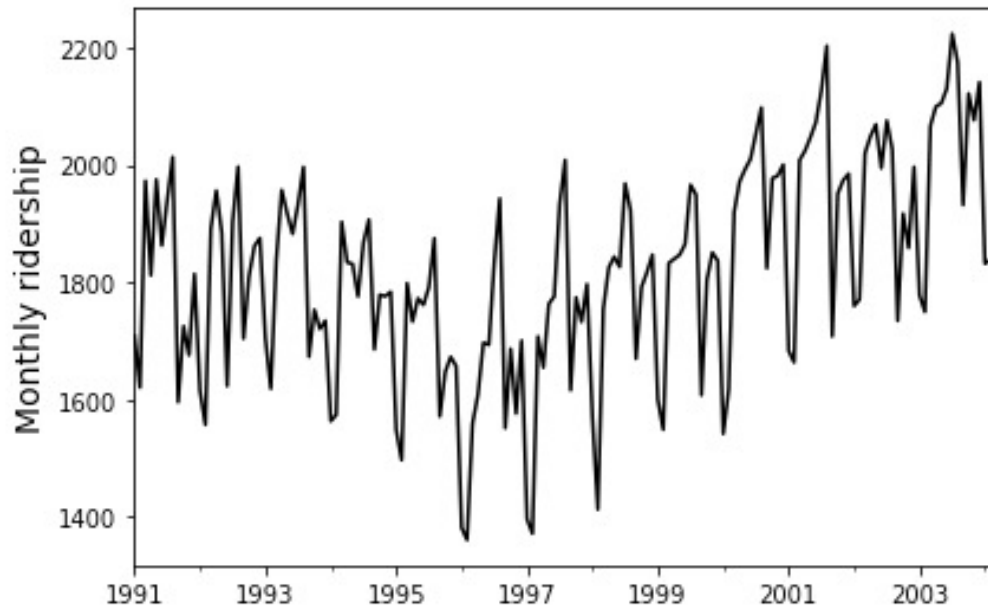


# Well, what else can we add to ARMA?

- Did we talk about trend? Not yet!
- Is our dataset stationary?
  - In fact, most real-world time series datasets are non-stationary!

# Stationarity and Differencing

Which one is stationary?



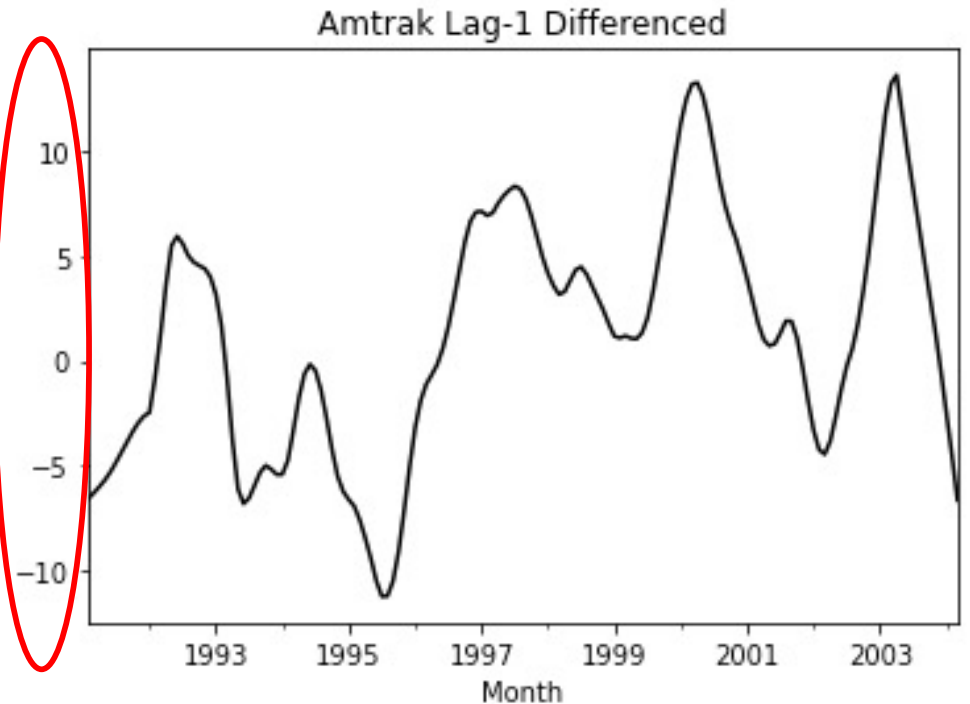
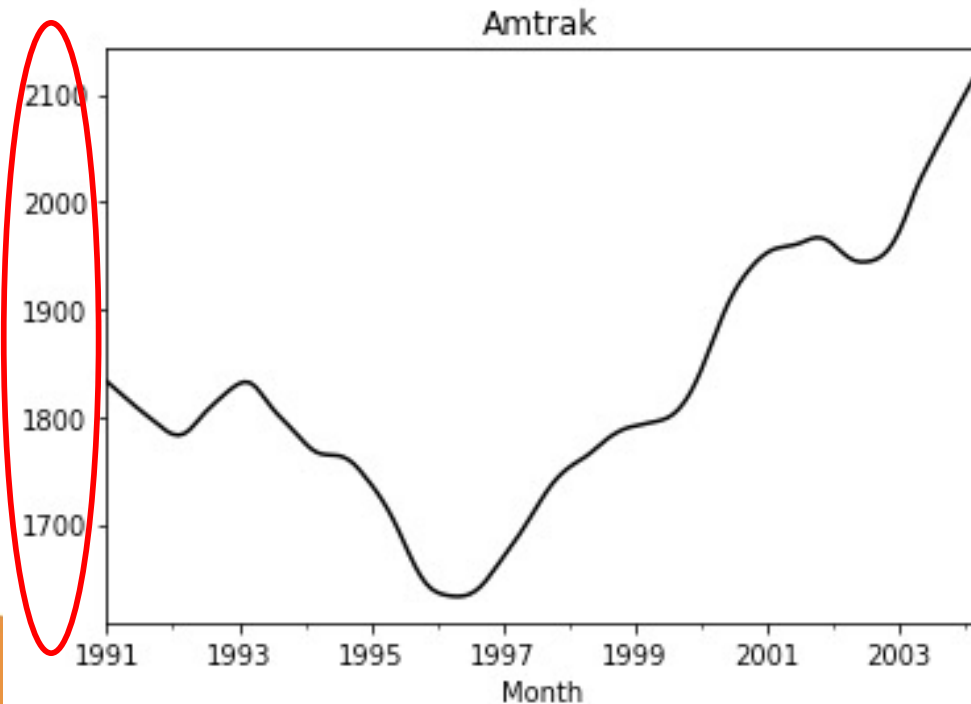
Before differencing: 0.010  
After differencing: 0.100

Check p-value  
of the KPSS  
test!

Lag-1 differencing:  
De-trend!

# Compare the trend component

Trends by STL decomposition





# How about we add this to ARMA?

- AR-I-MA, where “I” is for “integrated”, the reverse of differencing

$$y_t = \text{const} + \epsilon_t + \sum_{i=1}^p \phi_i y_{t-i} + \sum_{j=1}^q \theta_j \epsilon_{t-j}$$

Differenced time series values

$$y'_t = \text{const} + \epsilon_t + \sum_{i=1}^p \phi_i y'_{t-i} + \sum_{j=1}^q \theta_j \epsilon_{t-j}$$

# ARIMA: The Final Model

- Three parameters  $\text{ARIMA}(p, d, q)$ :
  - The AR order  $p$
  - The differencing order  $d$
  - The MA order  $q$
- In Python, it is easy to use:

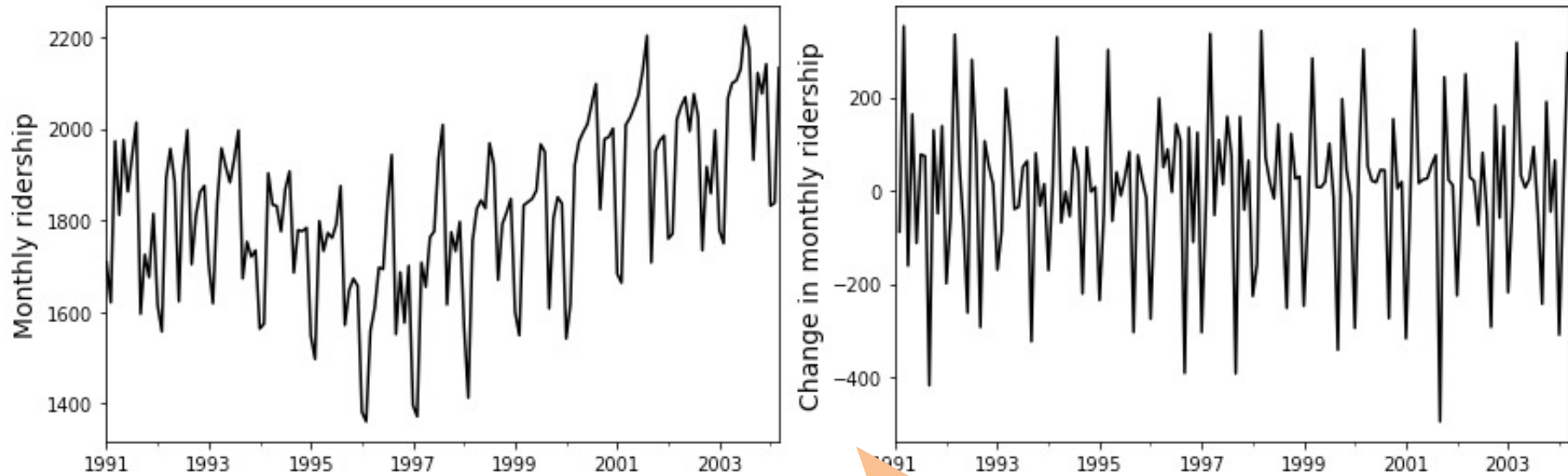
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arima = sm.tsa.SARIMAX(amtrak_train, order=(p, d, q), trend='c').fit(dispatch=False)
```

# ARIMA: Parameter Selection

- The AR order  $p$ 
  - Look at PACF cutoff.
- The differencing order  $d$ 
  - Do we need to de-trend?
- The MA order  $q$ 
  - Look at ACF cutoff.

Sometimes we may even need double differencing!

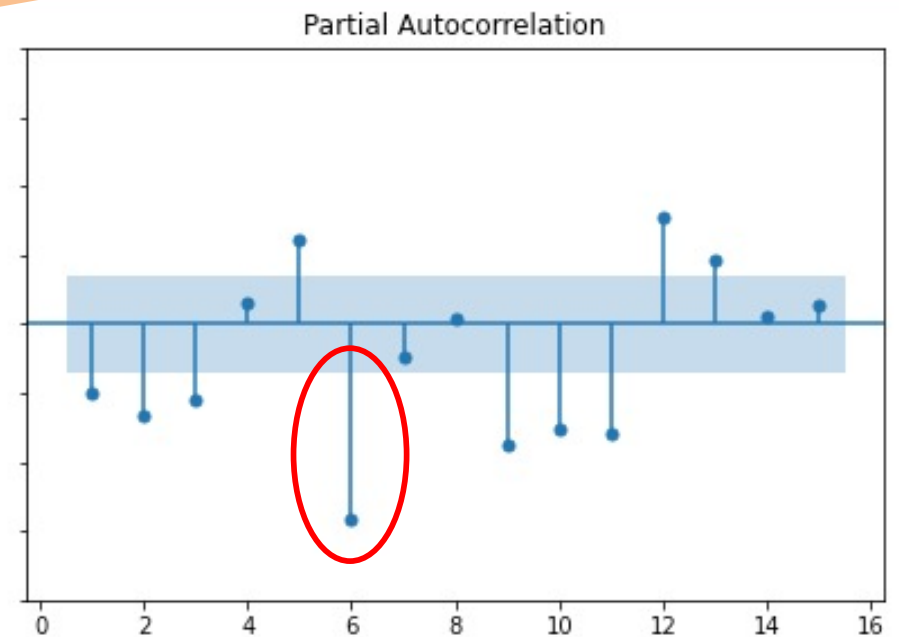
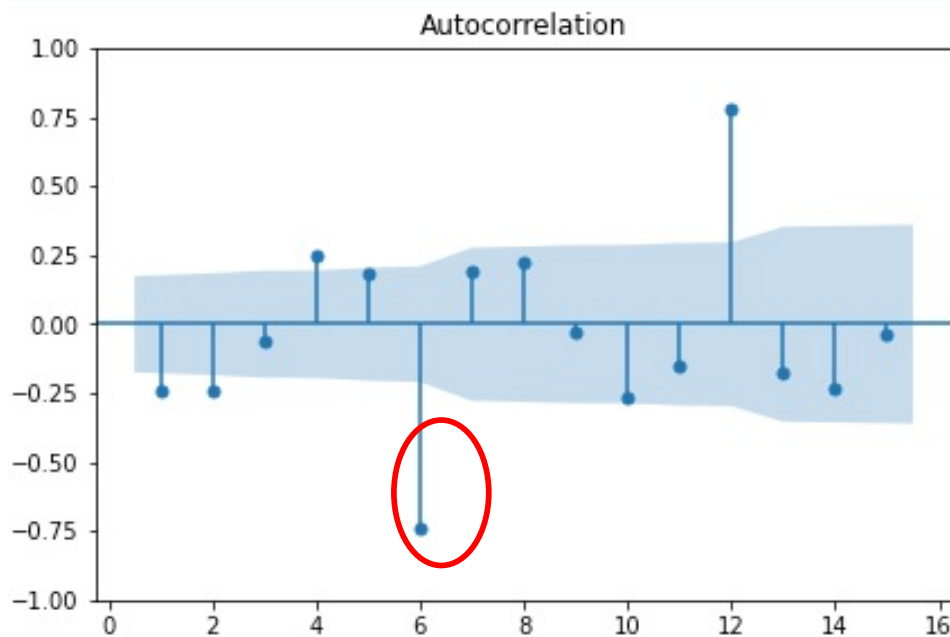
# ARIMA identification in practice



What does this figure tell us?  
(which parameter(s) can we decide?)

# ARIMA identification in practice

The ACF and PACF of the differenced (if any) time series

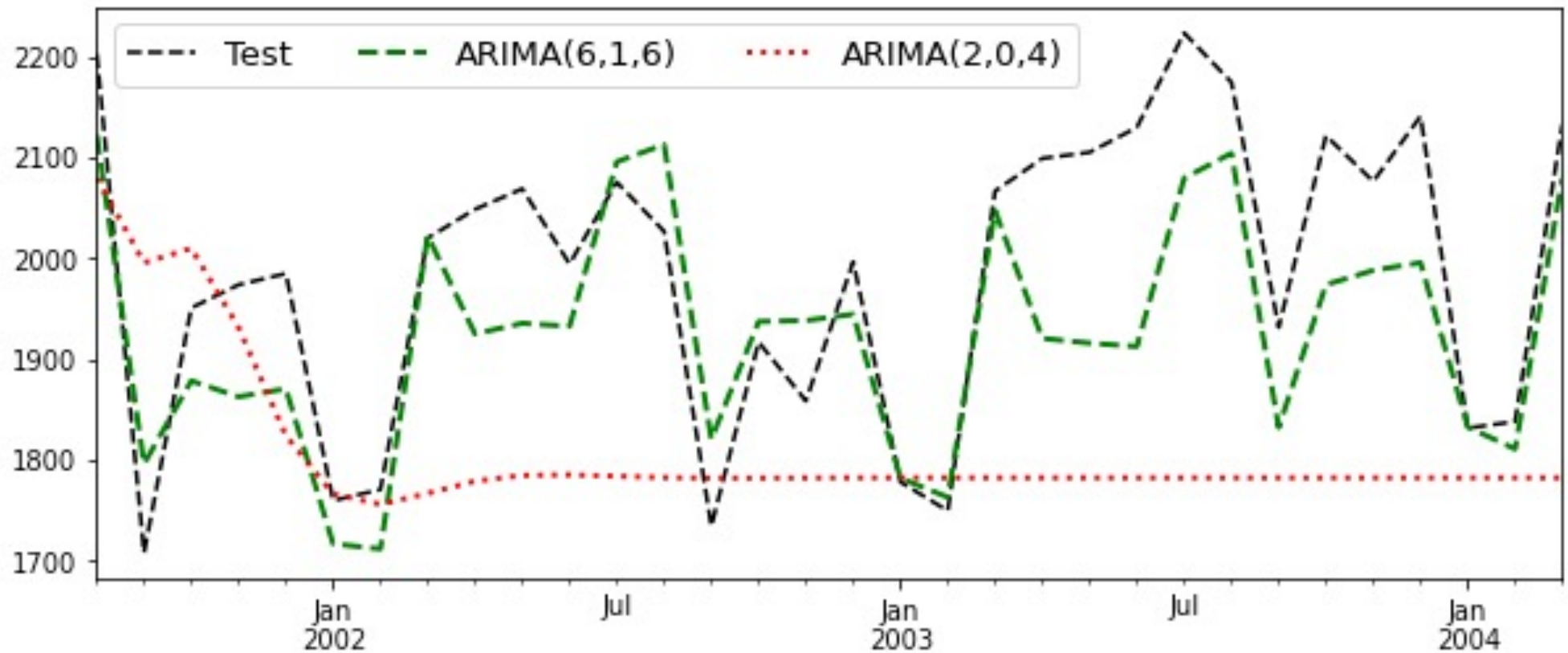


What does this figure tell us?  
(which parameter(s) can we decide?)

# ARIMA Demo

Hand-picked model

Arbitrarily determined parameters





# Advanced Topics: Seasonal ARIMA

- What we have so far:  $ARIMA(p, d, q)$
- What if there is any seasonality?
  - Add more parameters!
  - How?

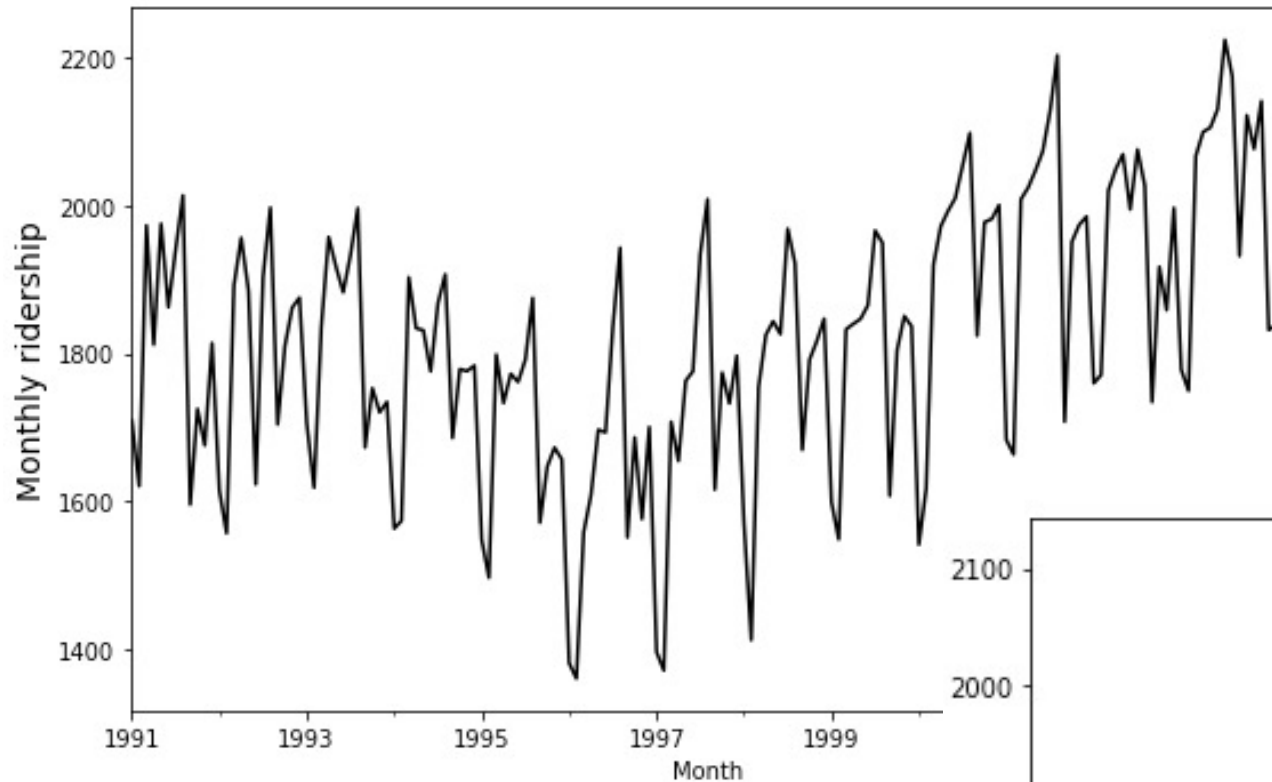
# Advanced Topics: Seasonal ARIMA

- Add seasonal parameters to  $\text{ARIMA}(p, d, q)$
- The meta model:

$$\text{ARIMA}(p, d, q)(P, D, Q)_m$$

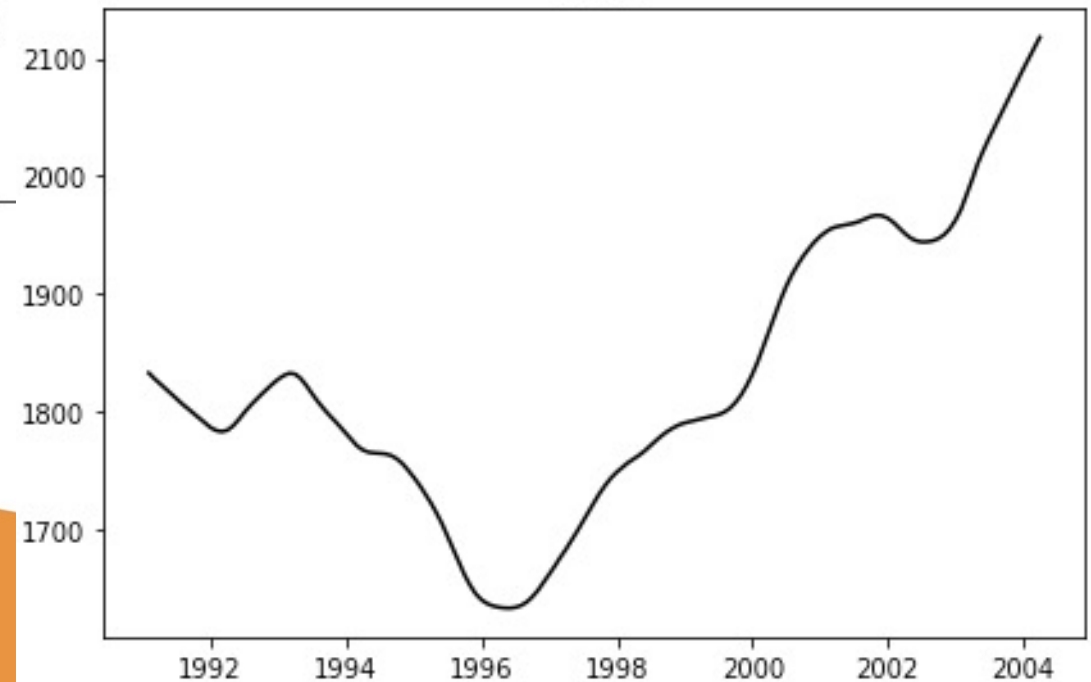
These are similar to the previous parameters but focus on seasonal components!

# Again: the Amtrak ridership data

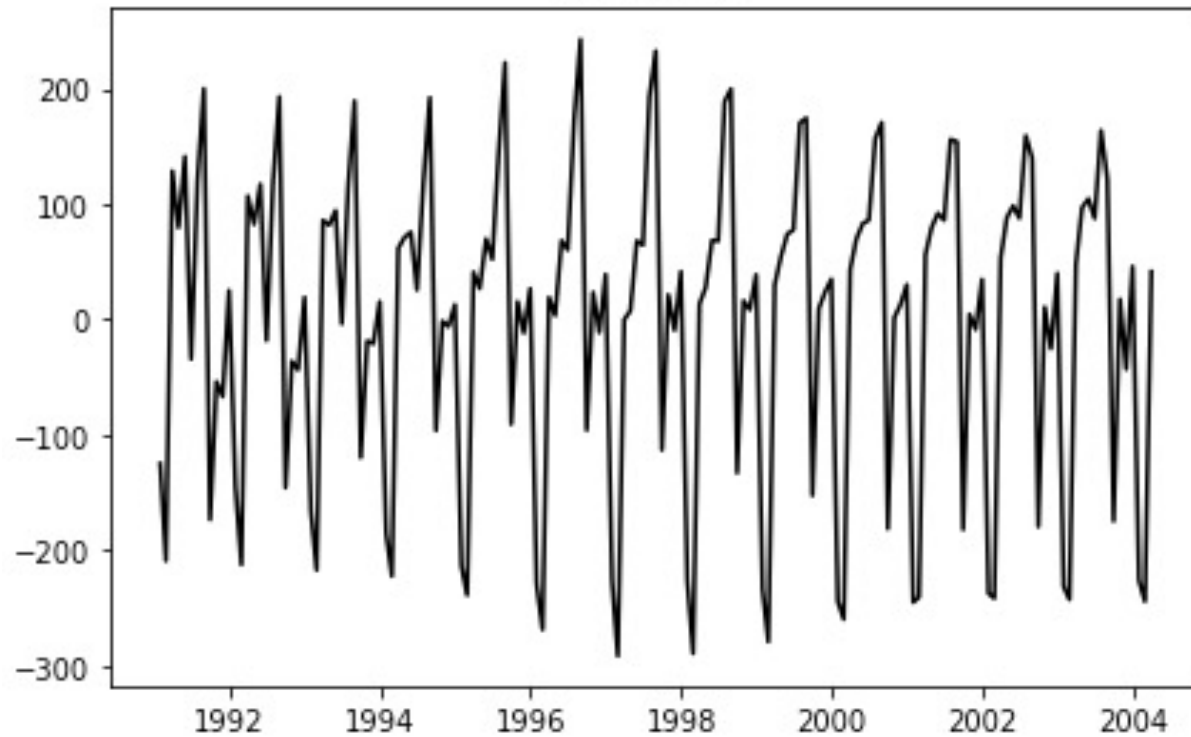


There is a trend... We can de-trend by lag-1 differencing...

Trend



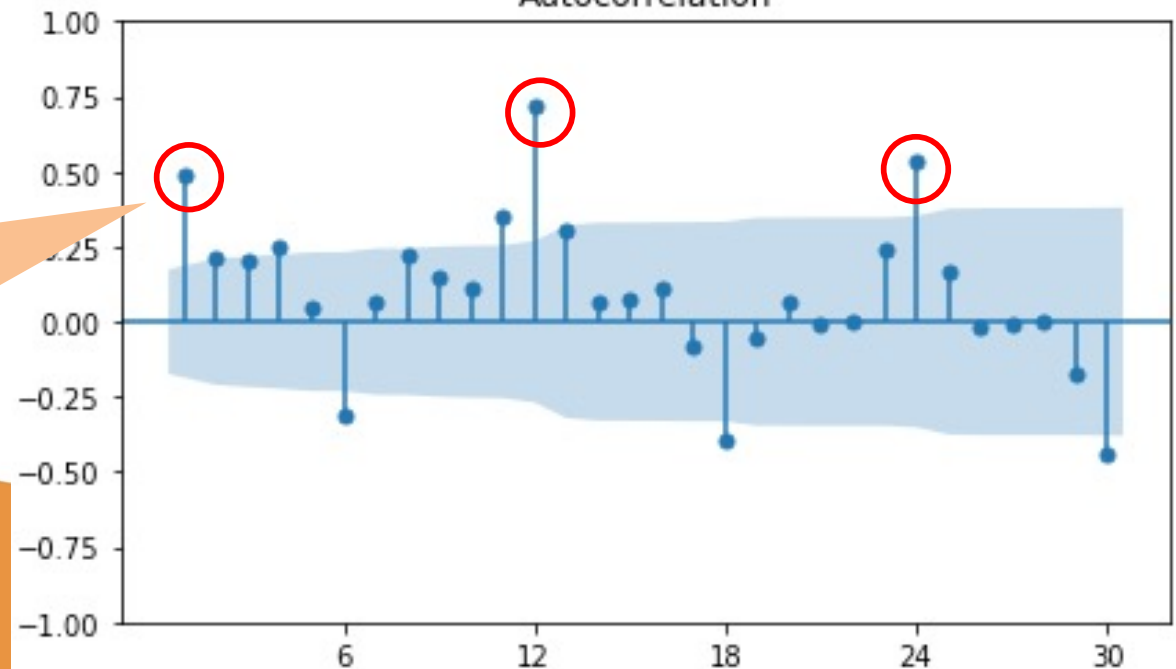
Seasonal



There seems to be having a 12-month periodic cycle, i.e., seasonality

We could do lag-m differencing to de-seasonality!

Autocorrelation



# Over-differencing

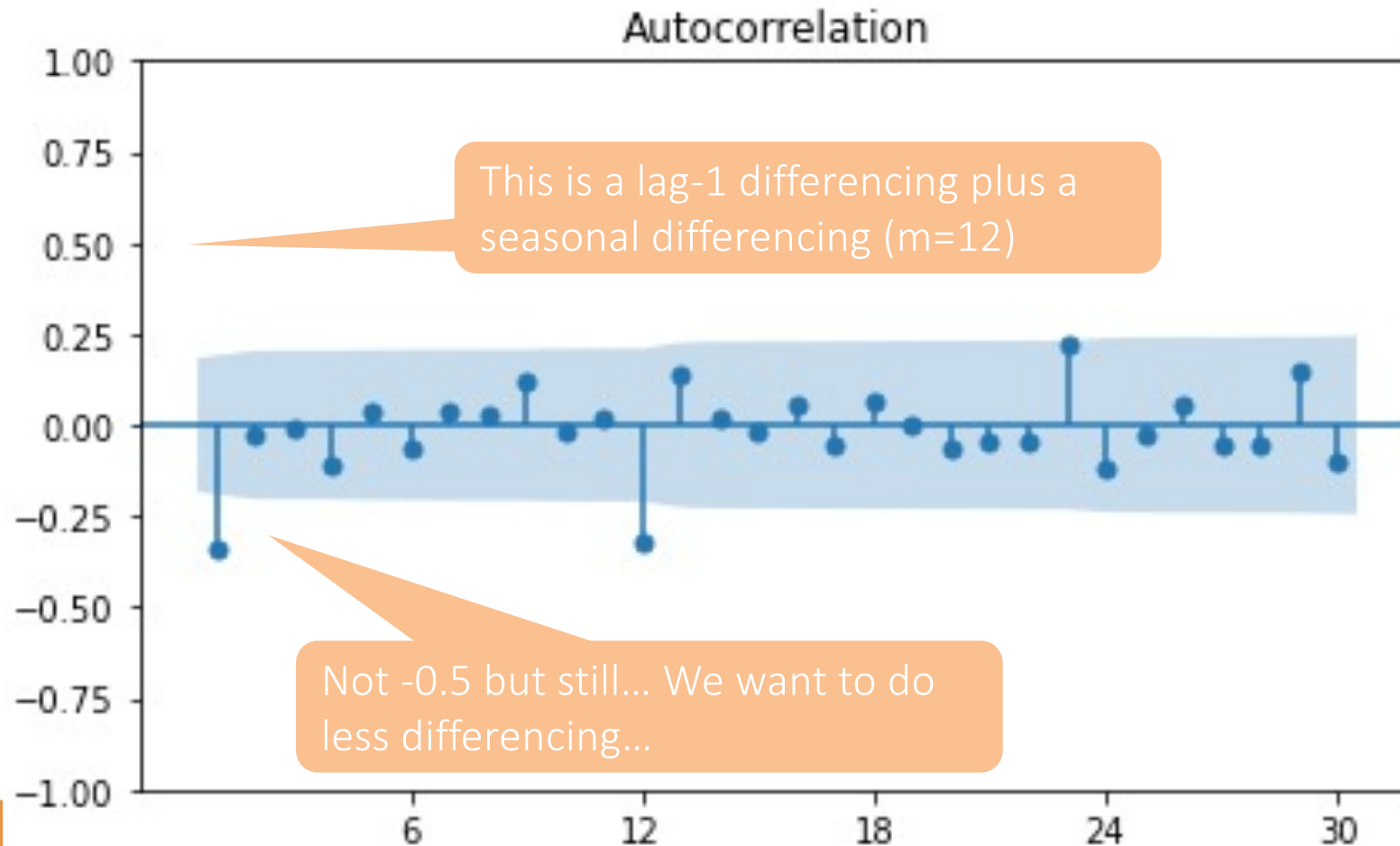
- Currently, we find a need for double differencing:
  - At the level of lag-1 to de-trend
  - At the level of lag-12 to de-seasonality
- But we do not want to do over-differencing.

If the lag-1 autocorrelation is -0.5 or more negative, the series may be over-differenced.

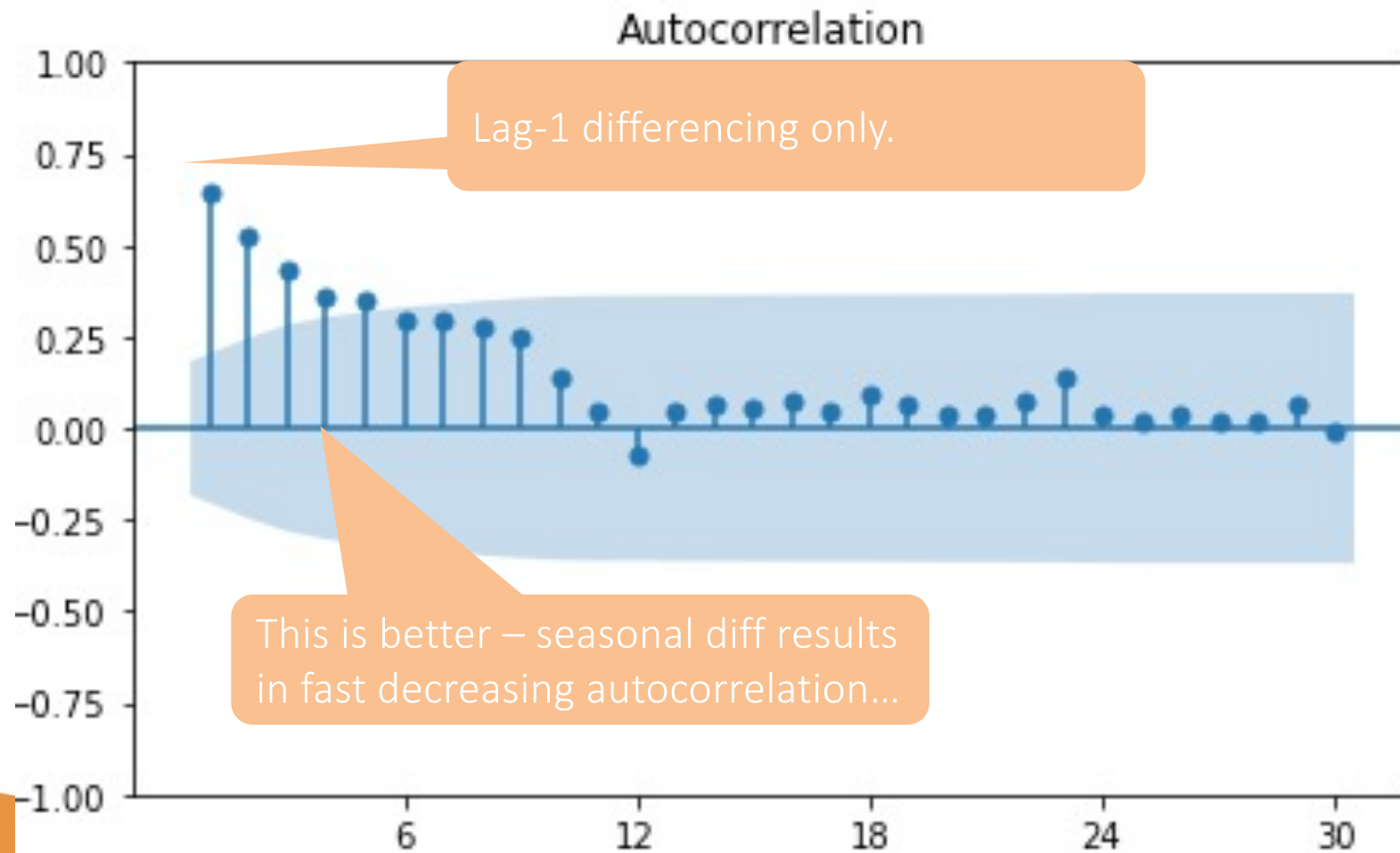
BEWARE OF OVERDIFFERENCING!!

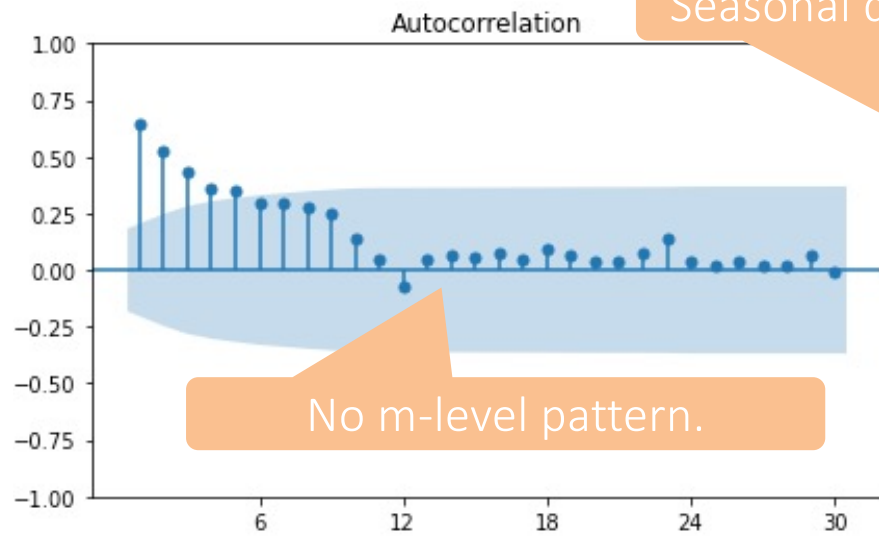
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# Over-differencing?

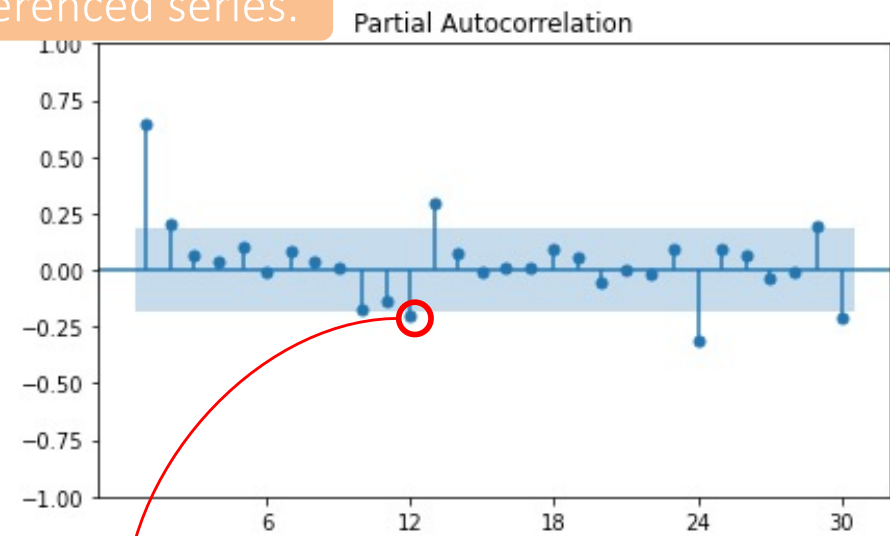


# Now let's just do seasonal diff...





Seasonal differenced series.

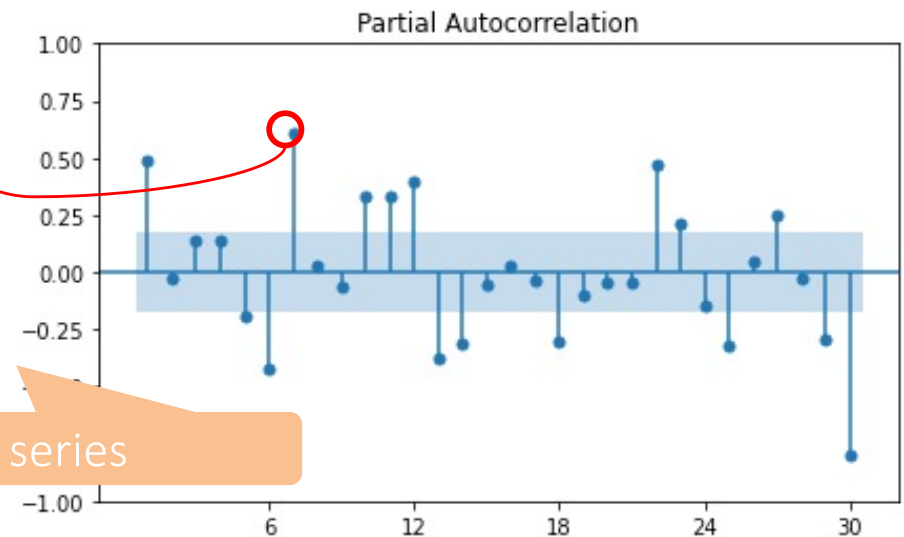
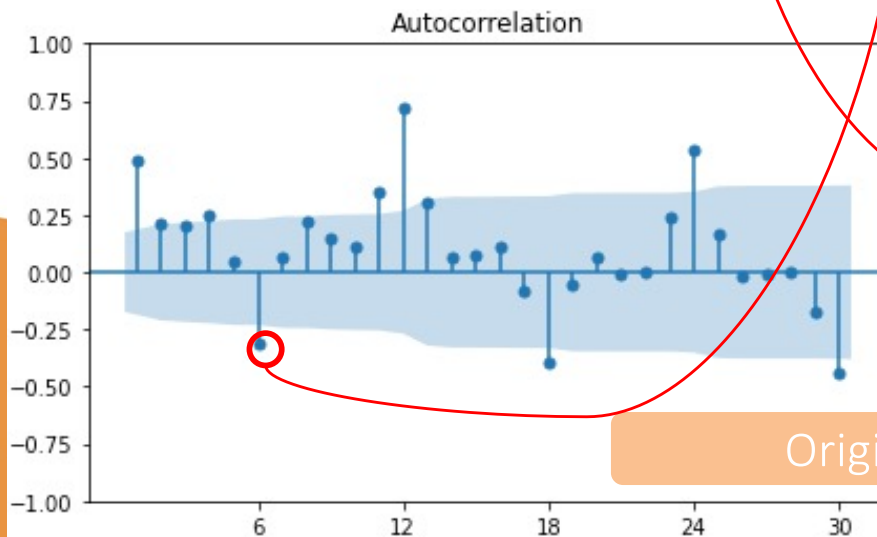


ARIMA( $p, d, q$ )( $P, D, Q$ ) $_m$

What is "m" here?

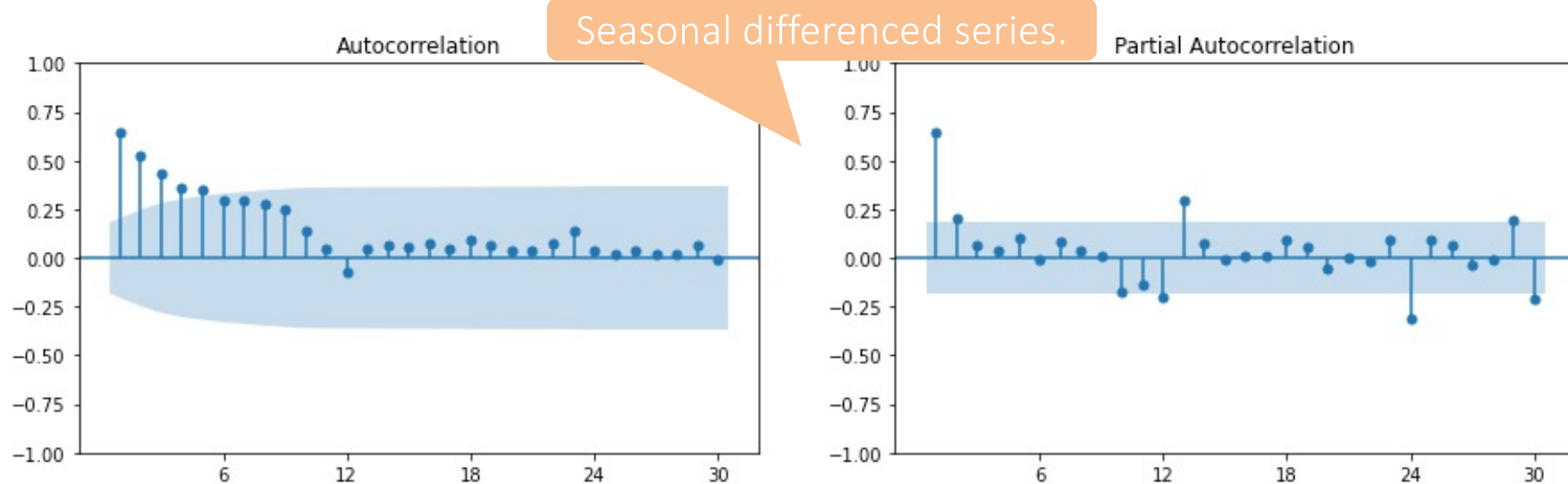
Any diff?

Any seasonal diff?



Original series

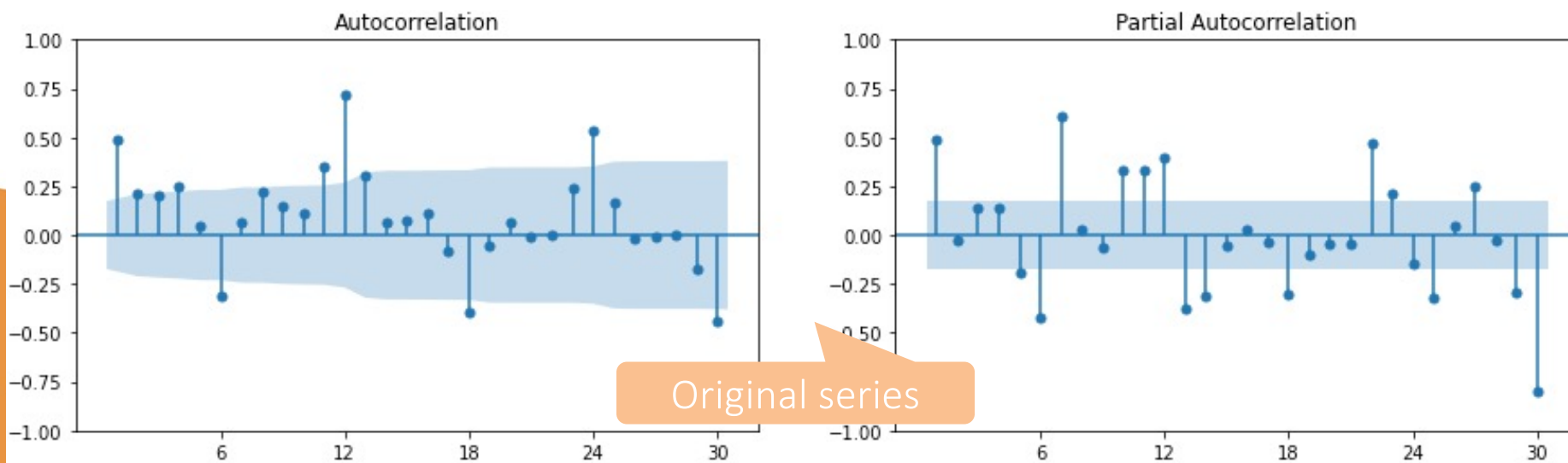




$$\text{ARIMA}(p, d, q)(P, D, Q)_m$$

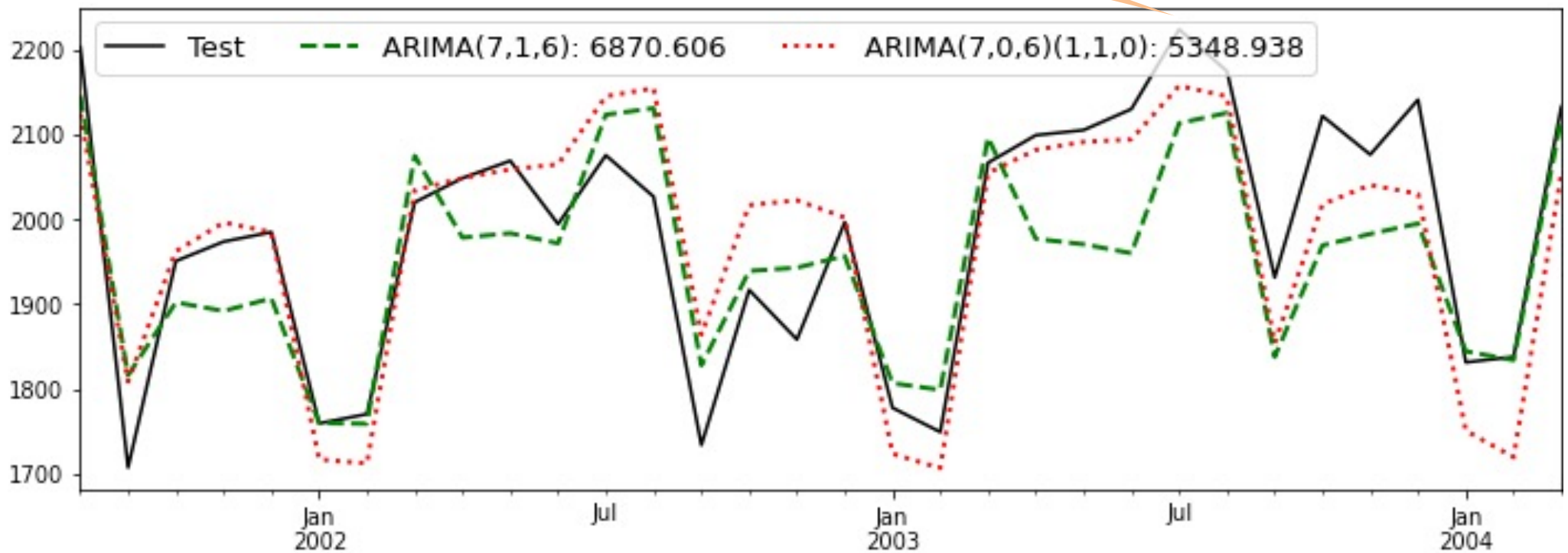


$$\text{ARIMA}(7,0,6)(1,1,0)_{12}$$



# Is it good?

A lower MSE!



# Advanced Topics: Vector AutoReg

- When we have multiple time series values, what should we do?
- They may affect each other: Endogenous

$$\begin{aligned}y_t &= \text{const}_1 + \phi_{11}y_{t-1} + \phi_{12}z_{t-1} + \epsilon_{1t} \\z_t &= \text{const}_1 + \phi_{21}y_{t-1} + \phi_{22}z_{t-1} + \epsilon_{2t}\end{aligned}$$

```

N_train = int(0.9 * oj_data.shape[0])
N_test = oj_data.shape[0] - N_train
oj_train = oj_data.iloc[:N_train].copy(deep=True)

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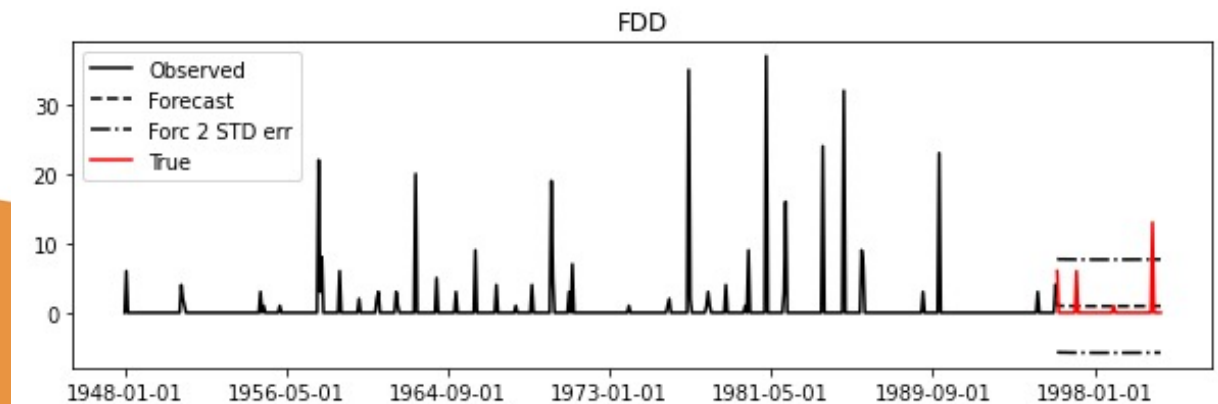
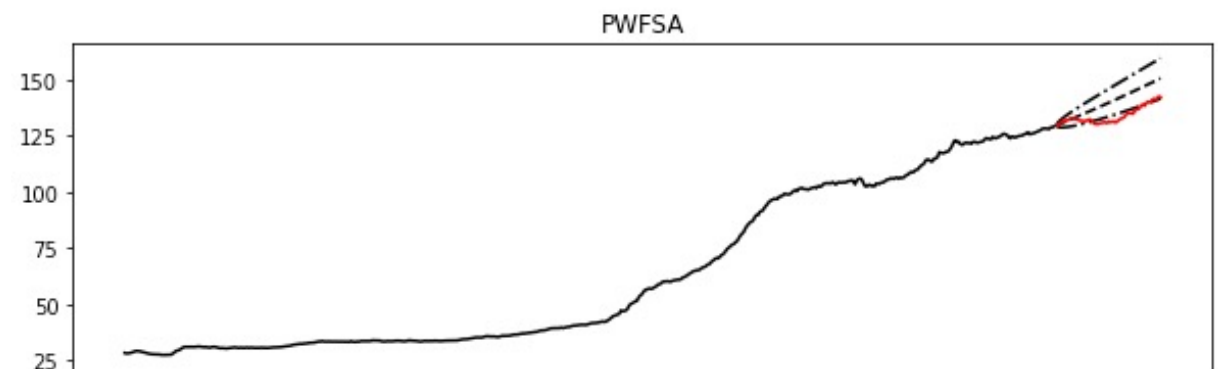
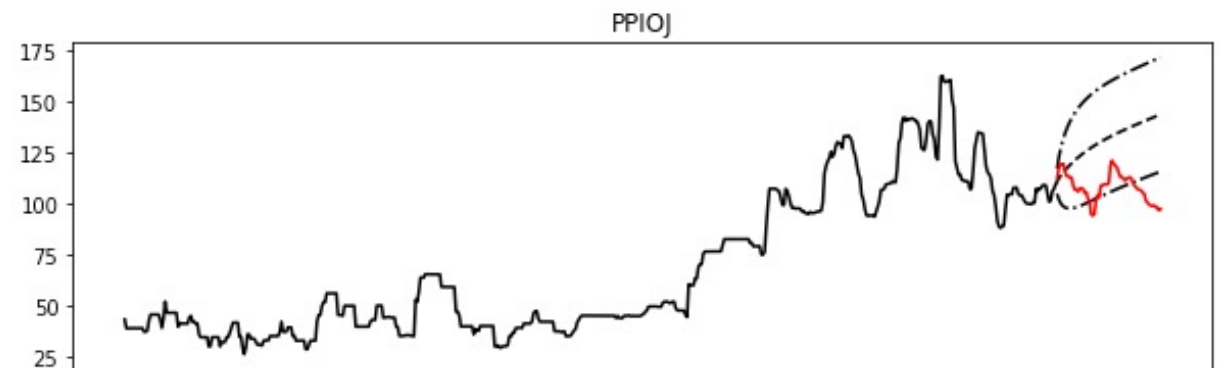
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var = sm.tsa.VAR(oj_train).fit(maxlags=2)

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Easy to do with *statsmodels*!



# Suggested References

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<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLoK4oIB1jeK0LHLbZW3DTT05e4srDYxFq>



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