



DATA ANALYTICS

Unit 3: Introduction Spectral Analysis of Time Series Analysis

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- The assumption of stationarity imposes regularity on a time series model.
- We will need repeated observations with the same or similar relationship to one another in order to estimate the underlying relationships between observations.
- There are other ways to do this, but stationarity is the most common and perhaps most basic.

A time series $\dots, x_{-1}, x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots$ is *strictly stationary* if for a sequence of times t_1, t_2, \dots, t_k

$$\{x_{t_1}, \dots, x_{t_k}\}$$

has the same distributions as

$$\{x_{t_1+h}, \dots, x_{t_k+h}\}$$

for every integer h . In other words,

$$P\{x_{t_1} \leq c_1, \dots, x_{t_k} \leq c_k\} = P\{x_{t_1+h} \leq c_1, \dots, x_{t_k+h} \leq c_k\}.$$

- An important measure of dependency in time series is autocovariances.
- This is defined as
 - $\gamma(t, s) = E(x_t - \mu_t)(x_s - \mu_s)$
- where $\mu_t = Ex_t$.
- The time series x_t is *weakly stationary* if μ_t is constant and $\gamma(s, t)$ depends only on the distance $|s - t|$.
- In the case of Gaussian time series, these two concepts of stationarity overlap.

Autocovariances Notation

- For a weakly stationary time series, the notation used for auto covariance uses only lag:
- $\gamma(h) = E(x_t - \mu)(x_{t-h} - \mu)$ where μ is the constant variance.
- We also have a concept of the autocorrelation function which we saw in the first section in the ACF plot. The autocorrelation function is defined as

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

- What if we are less interested in how our underlying process evolves in time and are more interested in the variance of the time series at certain frequencies?
- We may attempt to apply a Fourier transform to the data. For our time series, x_1, \dots, x_n , the discrete Fourier transform would be
- where $\omega_j = 0, 1/n, \dots, (n-1)/n$.

$$d(\omega_j) = n^{-1/2} \sum_{t=1}^n x_t \exp(-2\pi i t \omega_j)$$

- Note that we can break up $d(\omega_j)$ into two parts

$$d(\omega_j) = n^{-1/2} \sum_{t=1}^n x_t \cos(2\pi i \omega_j t) - i n^{-1/2} \sum_{t=1}^n x_t \sin(2\pi i \omega_j t)$$

- which we could write as a cosine component and a sine component

$$d(\omega_j) = d_c(\omega_j) - i d_s(\omega_j)$$

- We may use an inverse Fourier transform to rewrite the data as

$$\begin{aligned}x_t &= n^{-1/2} \sum_{j=1}^n d(\omega_j) e^{2\pi i \omega_j t} \\&= n^{-1/2} \sum_{j=1}^n d(\omega_j) e^{2\pi i \omega_j t} \\&= a_0 + n^{-1/2} \sum_{j=1}^m d(\omega_j) e^{2\pi i \omega_j t} + n^{-1/2} \sum_{j=m+1}^n d(\omega_j) e^{2\pi i \omega_j t} \\&= a_0 + \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{2d_c(\omega_j)}{n^{-1/2}} \cos(2\pi i \omega_j t) + \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{2d_s(\omega_j)}{n^{-1/2}} \sin(2\pi i \omega_j t)\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where } m = \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor$$

- The Periodogram is defined as

$$I(\omega_j) = |d(\omega_j)|^2 = d_c^2(\omega_j) + d_s^2(\omega_j)$$

- If there is no periodic trend in the data, then $Ed(\omega_j) = 0$, and the Periodogram expresses the variance of x_t at frequency ω_j .
- If a periodic trend exists in the data, then $Ed(\omega_j)$ will be the contribution to the periodic trend at the frequency ω_j .

- What are we trying to estimate with the Periodogram?
- We can use the Periodogram to find periodic trends in the data.
- Is there information left in the Periodogram after the trend is removed?
- Assuming that we have a stationary time series, what does the Periodogram estimate?

- The spectral density is the Fourier transform of the auto covariance function

$$f(\omega) = \sum_{h=-\infty}^{h=\infty} e^{-2\pi i \omega h} \gamma(h)$$

- for $\omega \in (-0.5, 0.5)$. Note that this is a population quantity. (i.e. This is a constant quantity defined by the model.)

- Why is the Periodogram an estimate for the spectral density?
- Let m be the sample mean of our data.

$$\begin{aligned}
 I(\omega_j) &= |d(\omega_j)|^2 = n^{-2} \left| \sum_{t=1}^n x_t e^{-2\pi i \omega_j t} \right|^2 \\
 &= n^{-2} \sum_{t=1}^n \sum_{s=1}^n (x_t - m)(x_s - m) e^{-2\pi i \omega_j (t-s)} \\
 &= n^{-1} \sum_{h=-(n-1)}^{(n-1)} \sum_{t=1}^{n-|h|} (x_{t+|h|} - m)(x_t - m) e^{-2\pi i \omega_j h} \\
 &= \sum_{h=-(n-1)}^{(n-1)} \hat{\gamma}(h) e^{-2\pi i \omega_j h} \approx f(\omega_j)
 \end{aligned}$$

-) Is the Periodogram a **good** estimator for the spectral density?
 - Not really!
-) The Periodogram, $I(\omega_1), \dots, I(\omega_m)$, attempt to estimate parameters $f(\omega_1), \dots, f(\omega_m)$. We have nearly the same number of parameters as we have data.
-) Moreover, the number of parameters grow as a constant proportion of the data. Therefore, the Periodogram is NOT a consistent estimator of the spectral density.

- A simple way to improve our estimates is to use a moving average smoothing technique

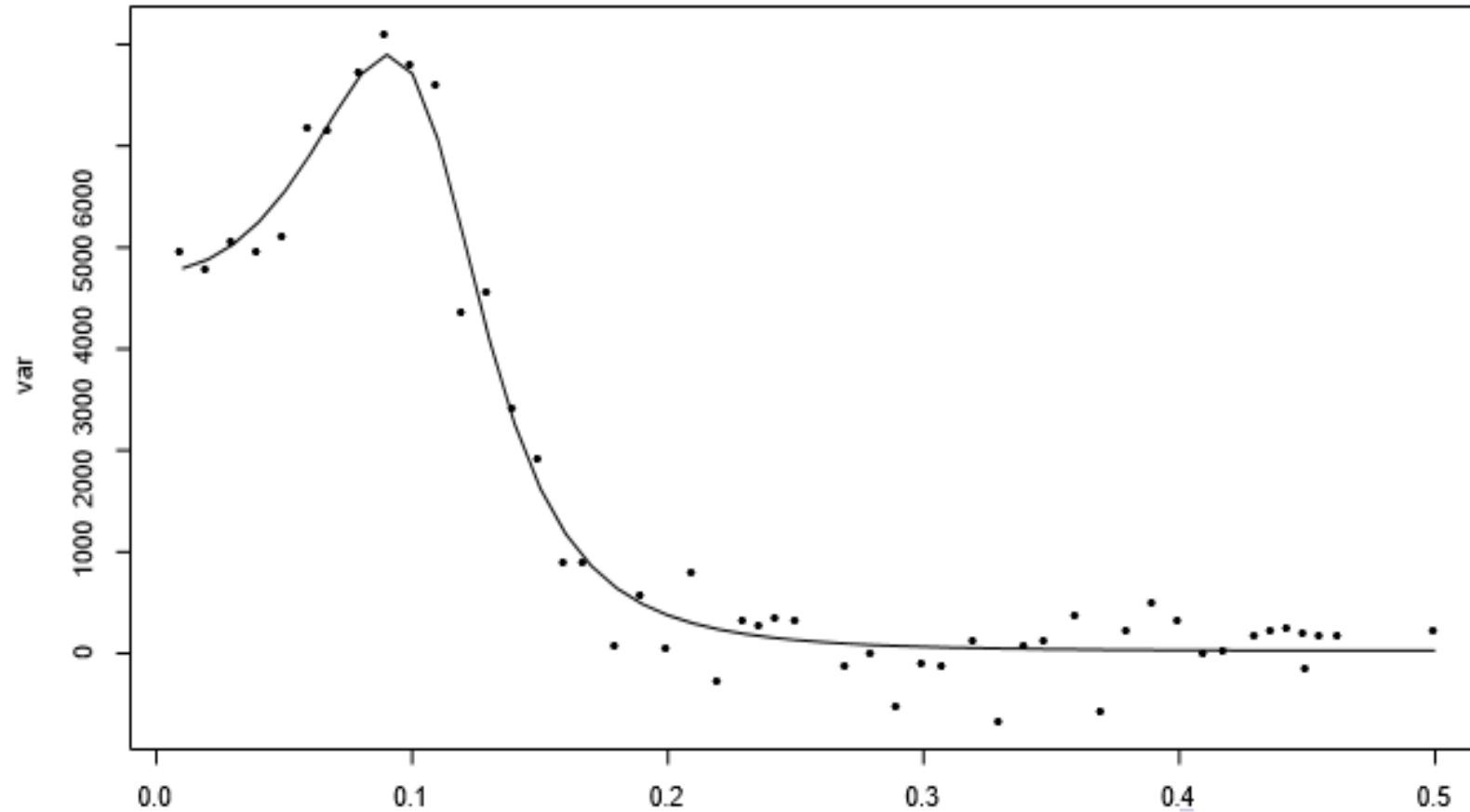
$$\hat{f}(\omega_j) = \frac{1}{2m+1} \sum_{k=-m}^m I(\omega_{j-k})$$

- We can also iterate this procedure of uniform weighting to be more weight on closer observations.

$$\hat{u}_t = \frac{1}{3}u_{t-1} + \frac{1}{3}u_t + \frac{1}{3}u_{t+1}$$

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- Then, we iterate.
- Then, substitute to obtain better weights.



- Smoothing decreases variance by averaging over the Periodogram of neighboring frequencies.
- Smoothing introduces bias because the expectation of neighboring Periodogram values are similar but not identical to the frequency of interest.
- Beware of over smoothing!

- Tapering corrects bias introduced from the finiteness of the data.
- The expected value of the Periodogram at a certain frequency is not quite equal to the spectral density.
- It is affected by the spectral density at neighboring frequency points.
- For a spectral density which is more dynamic, more tapering is required.

Why do we need to taper?

- Our theoretical model $\dots, x_{-1}, x_0, x_1, \dots$ consists of a doubly infinite time series
- We could think of our data, y_t as the following transformation of the model
- $y_t = h_t x_t$
- where $h_t = 1$ for $t = 1, \dots, n$ and zero otherwise. This has repercussions on the expectation of the Periodogram of our data.

$$E[I_y(\omega_j)] = \int_{-0.5}^{0.5} W_n(\omega_j - \omega) f_x(\omega) d\omega$$

- where $W_n(\omega) = |H_n(\omega)|^2$ and $H_n(\omega)$ is the Fourier transform of the sequence h_t .

Specifically,

$$H_n(\omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{t=1}^n h_t e^{-2\pi i \omega t}$$

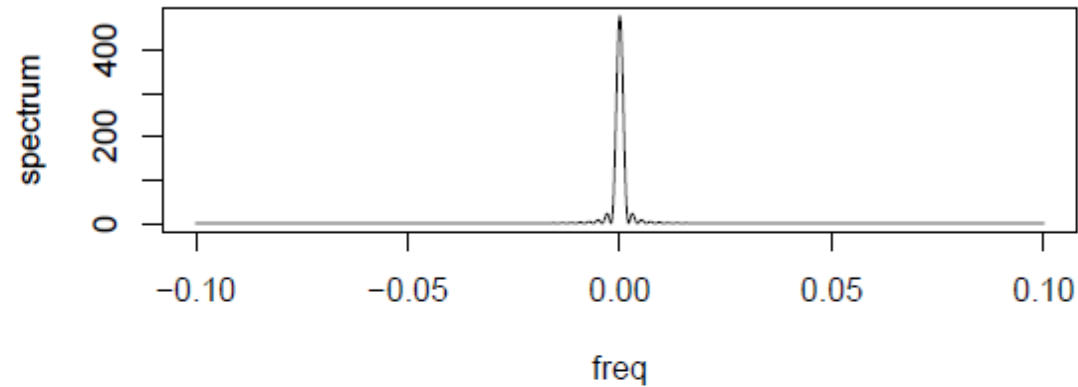
When we put in the h_t above, we obtain a spectral window of

$$W_n(\omega) = \frac{\sin^2(n2\pi\omega)}{\sin^2(\pi\omega)}.$$

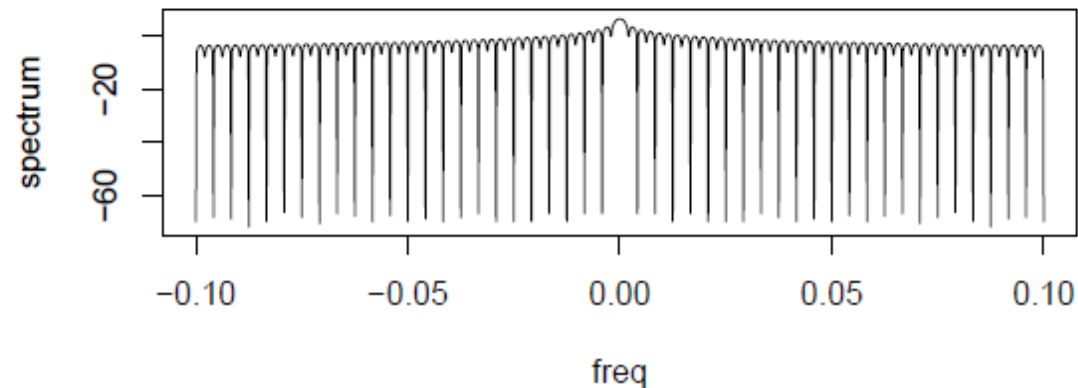
We set $W_n(0) = n$.

- There are problems with this spectral window, namely there is too much weight on neighboring frequencies (sidelobes).

Fejer window, $n=480$



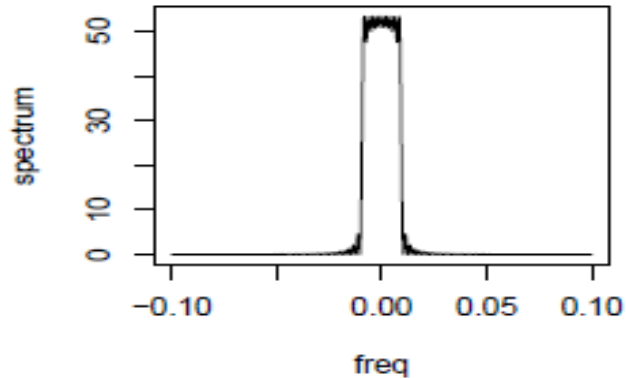
Fejer window (log), $n=480$



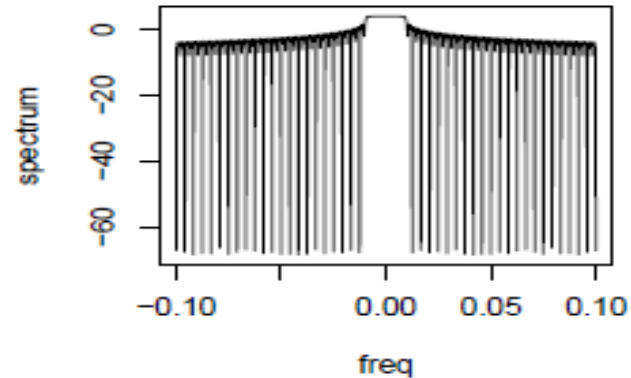
One way to fix this is to use a Cosine taper. We select a transform h_t to be

$$h_t = 0.5 \left[1 + \cos \left(\frac{2\pi(t - \bar{t})}{n} \right) \right]$$

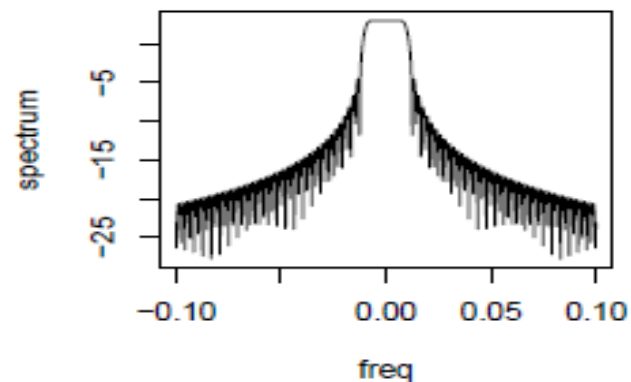
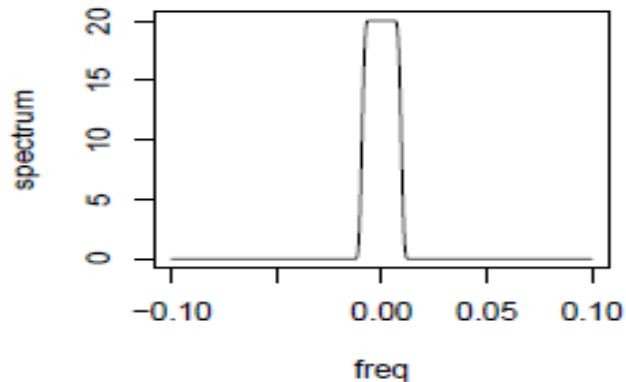
Fejer window, n=480, L=9



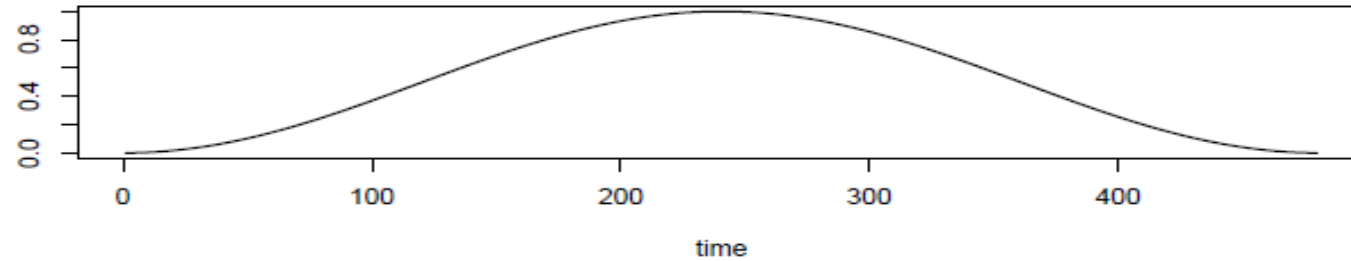
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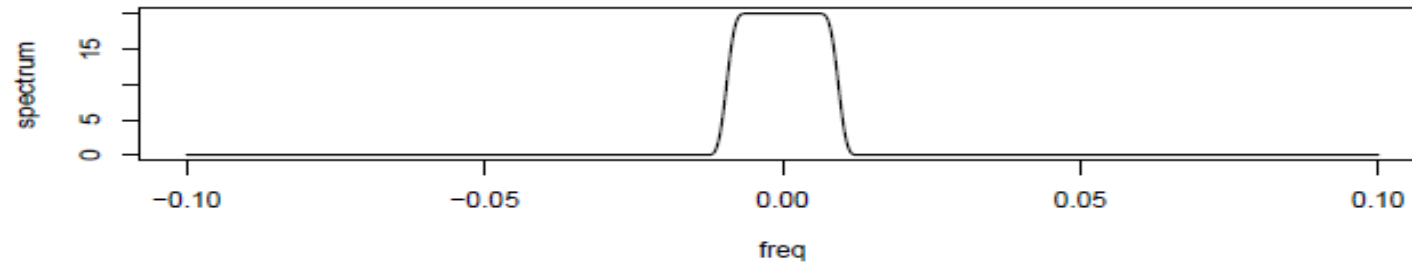
Full Tapering Window, n=480, L=9 Full Tapering Window(log), n=480, L=9



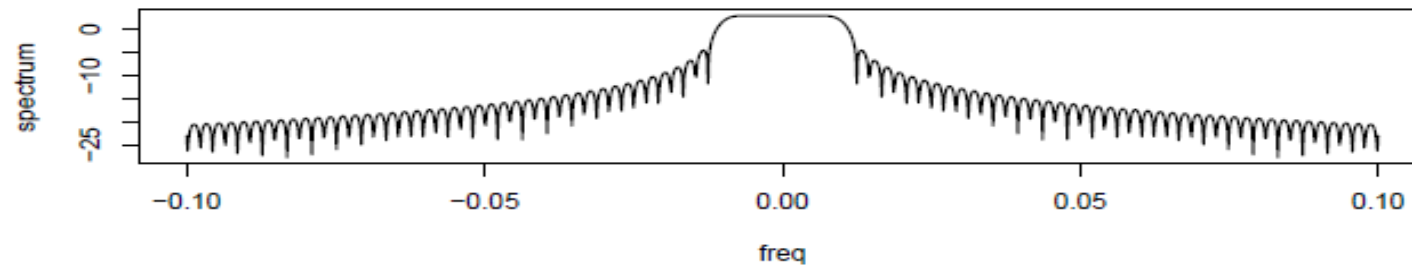
Full Tapering, $n=480$, transformation in time domain



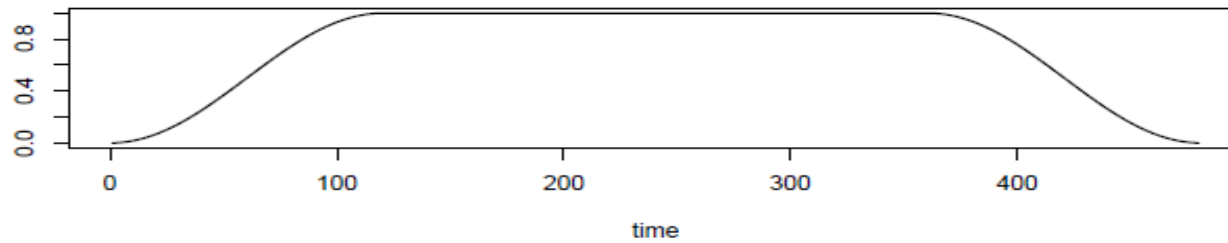
Full Tapering Window, $n=480$, $L=9$



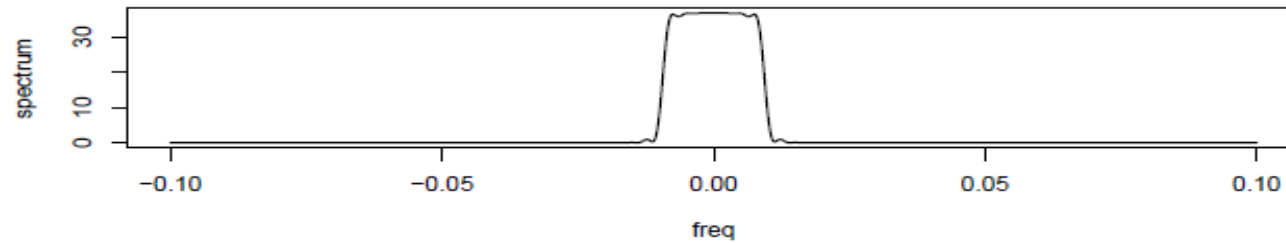
Full Tapering Window(log), $n=480$, $L=9$



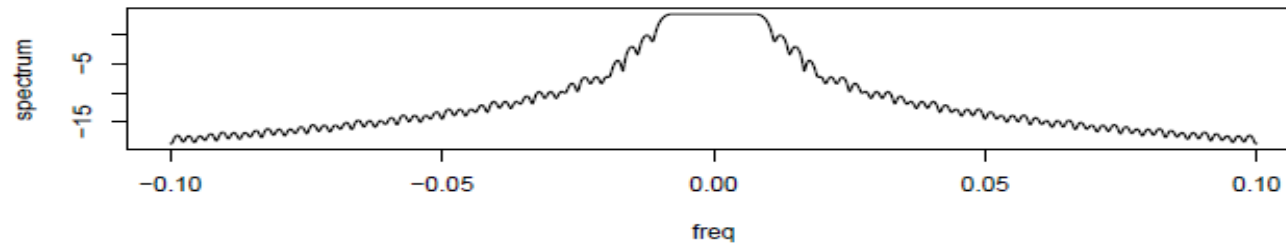
50% Tapering, $n=480$, transformation in time domain



50% Tapering Window, $n=480$, $L=9$

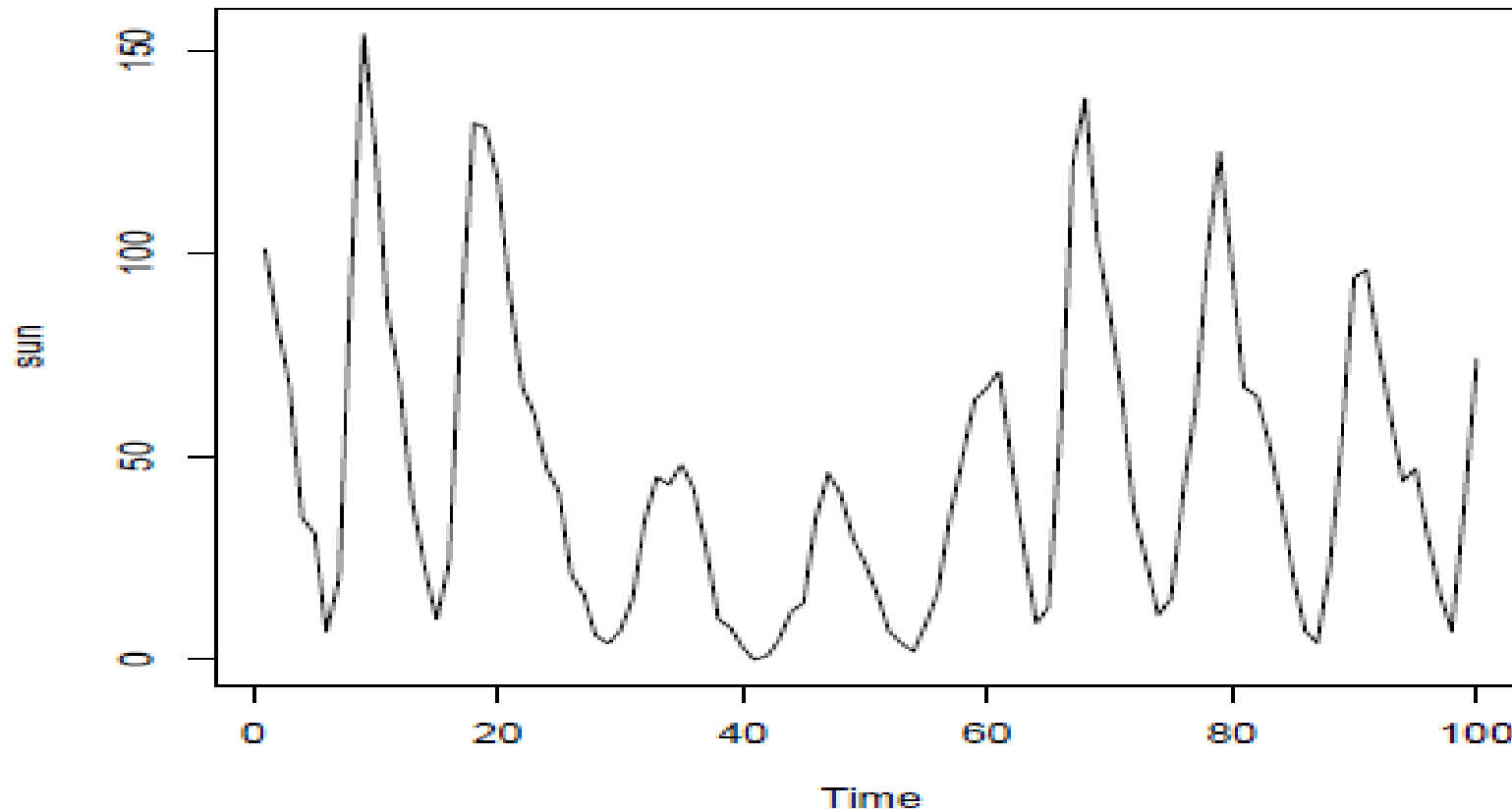


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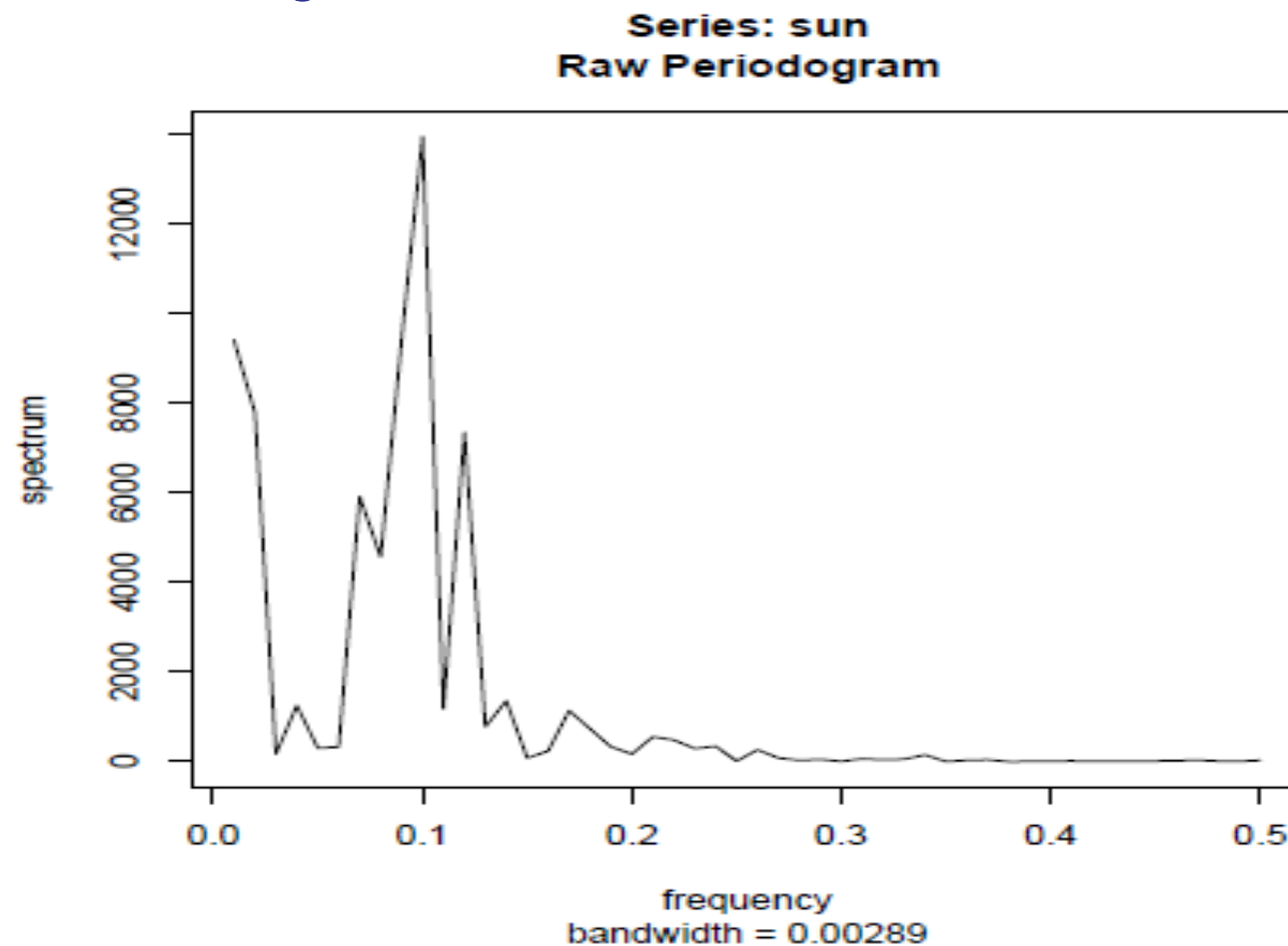


- Smoothing introduces bias, but reduces variance.
- Smoothing tries to solve the problem of too many “parameters”.
- Tapering decreases bias and introduces variance.
- Tapering attempts to diminish the influence of sidelobes that are introduced via the spectral window.

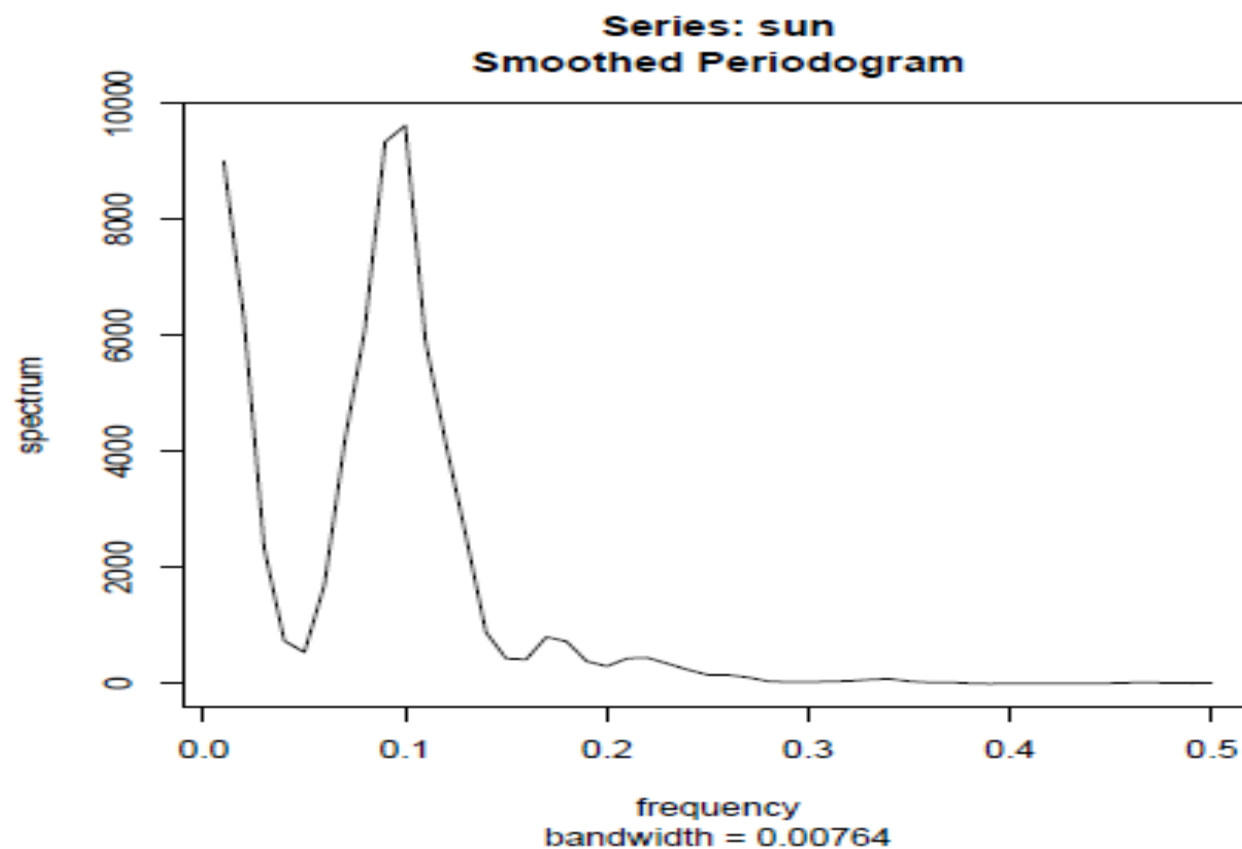
Wolfer sunspots 1770-1869



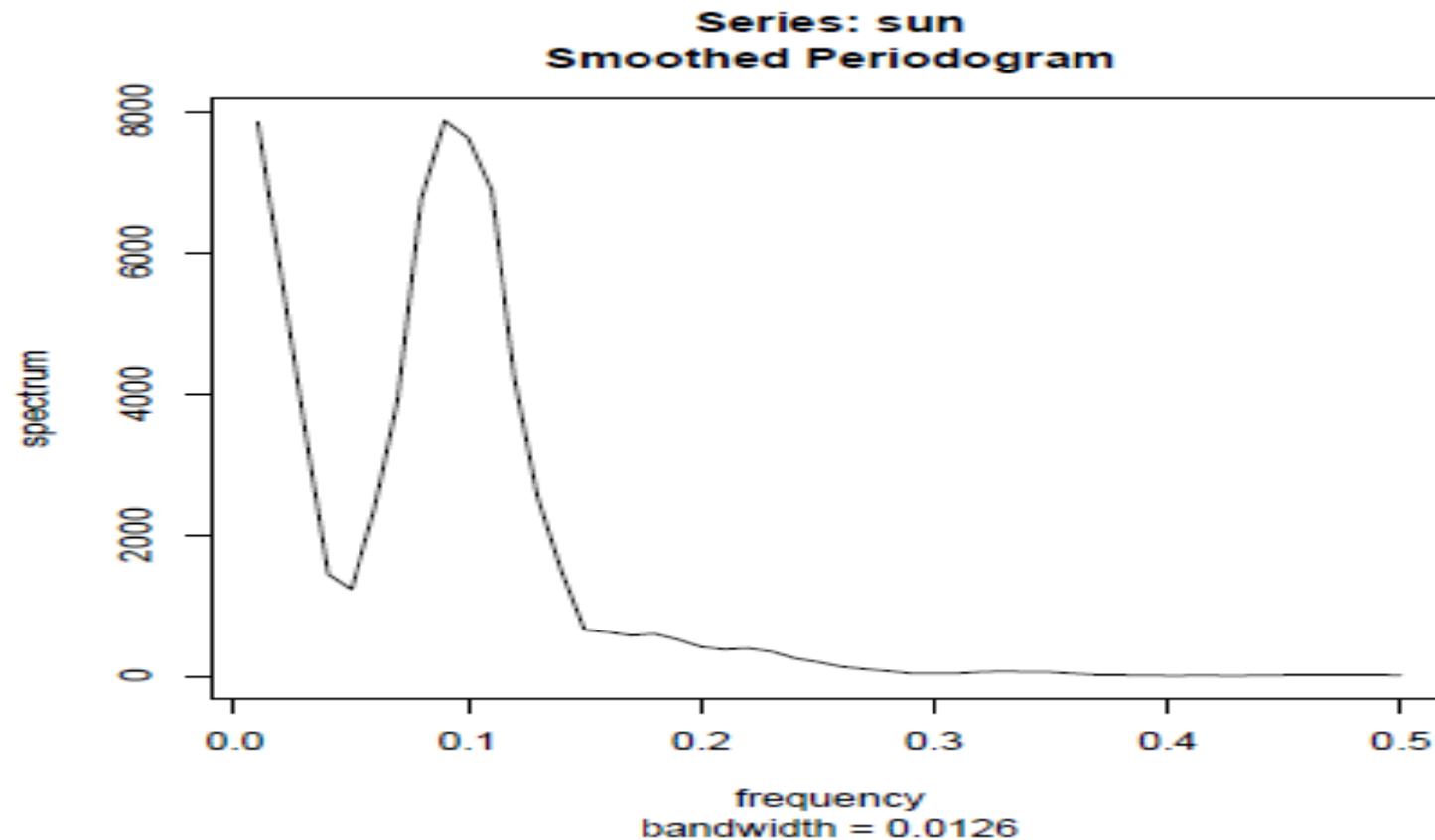
Raw Periodogram



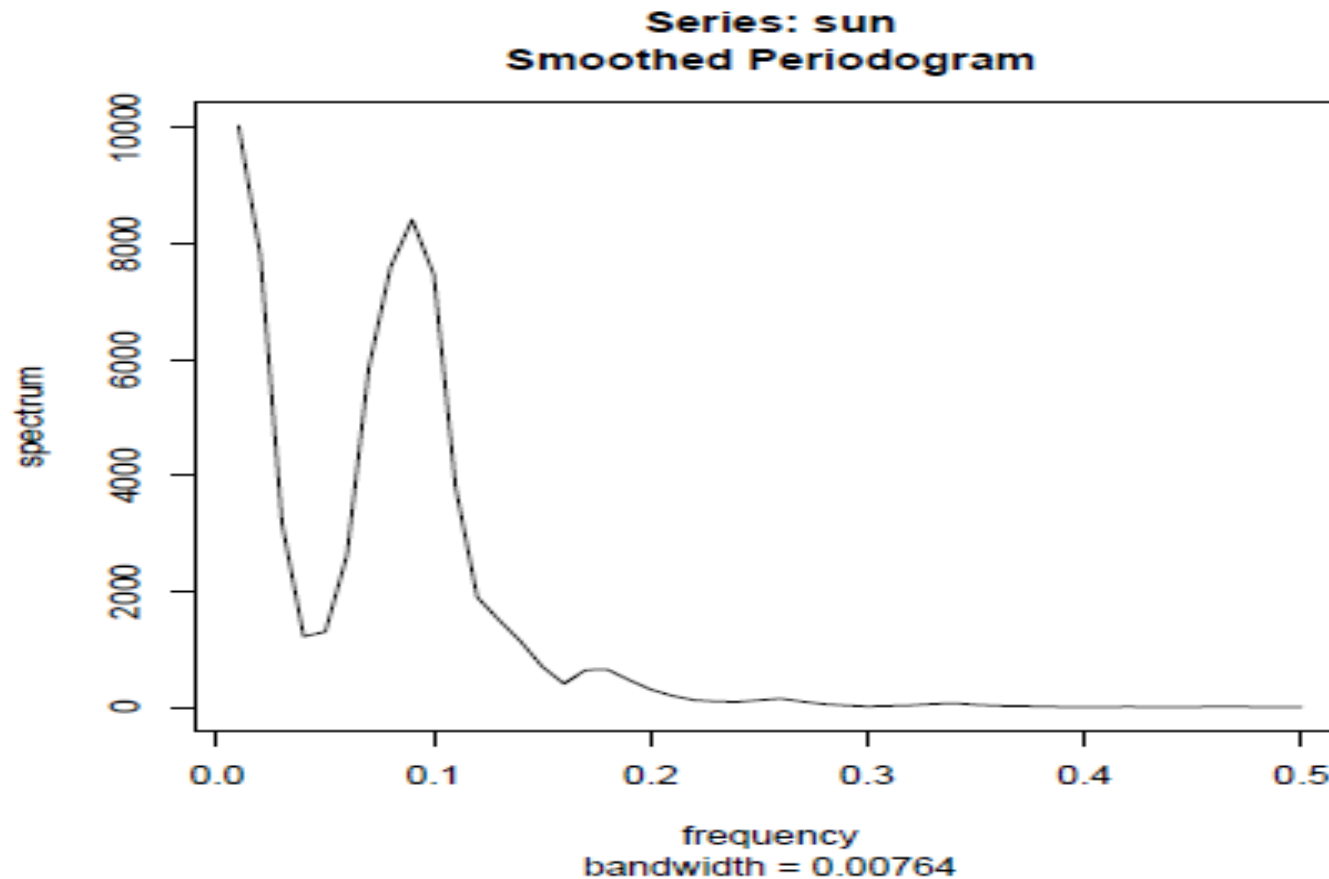
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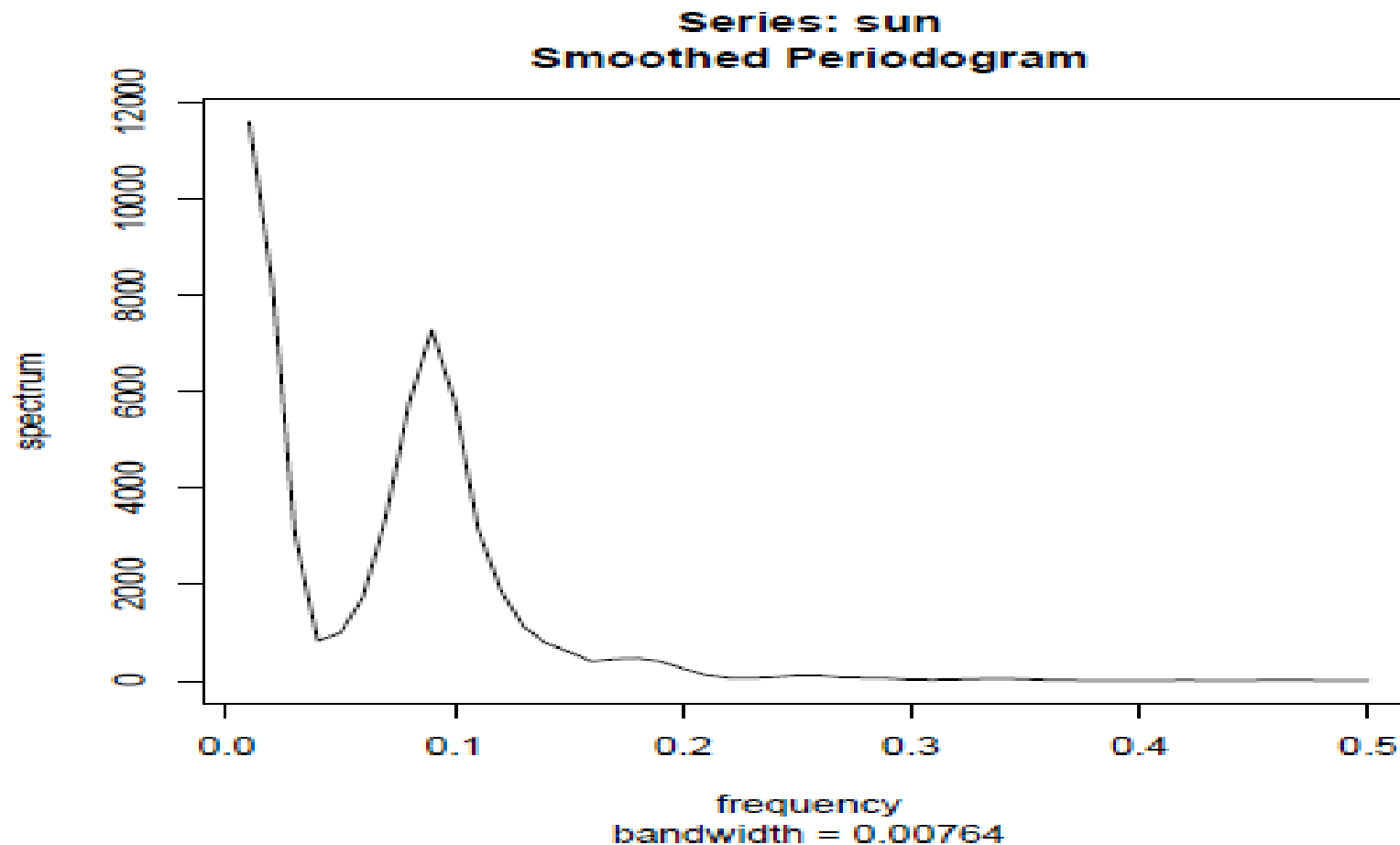
Periodogram with Smoothing Window of 5



Periodogram with Smoothing Window of 3 with Some Tapering

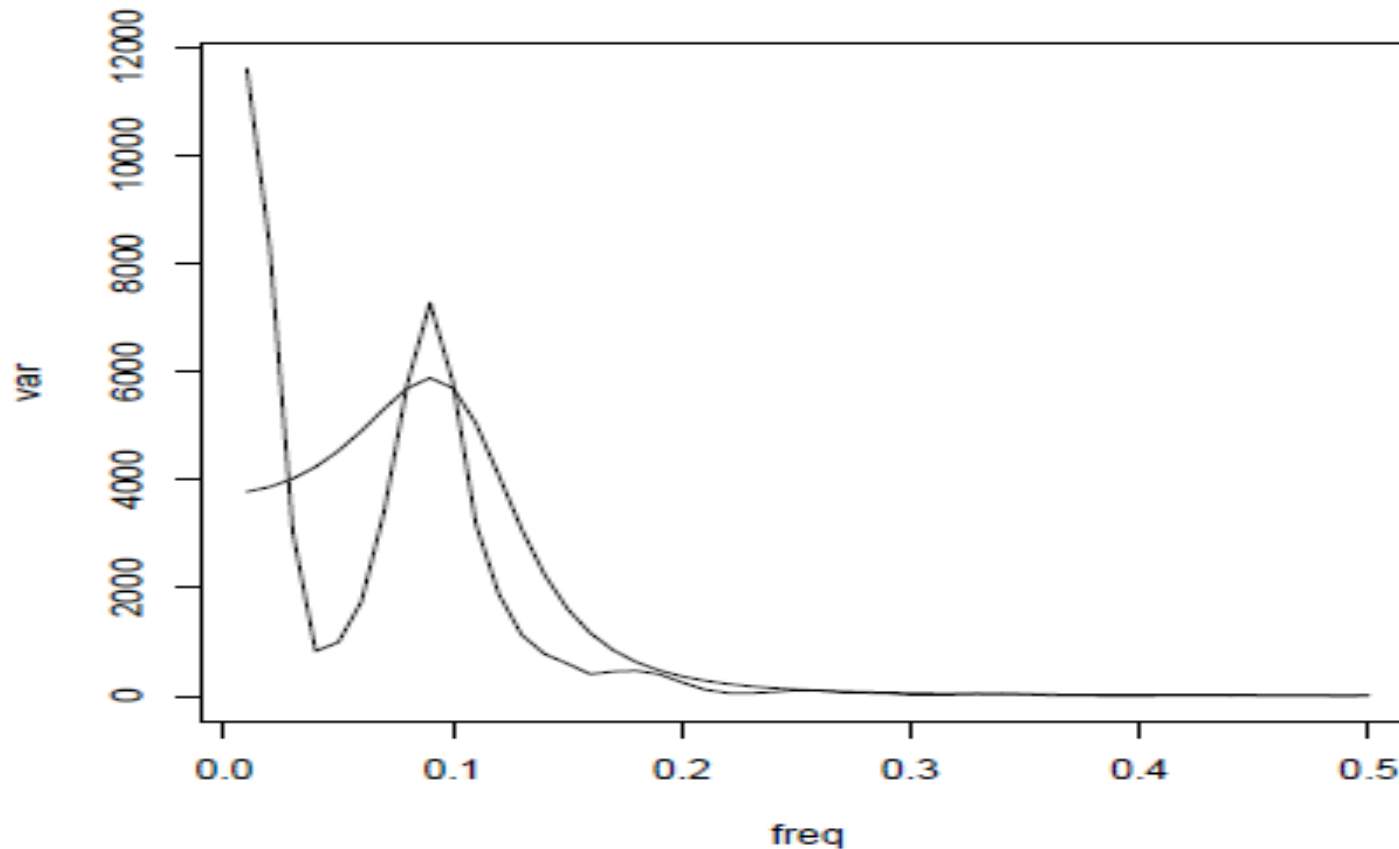


Periodogram with Smoothing Window of 3 with More Tapering



Smoothed Periodogram with ARMA Spectral Density

The smoothed Periodogram of the sun spot data with the spectral density of the AR(3) model overlaid



- What can be done for non-stationary data?
- One approach is to decompose our time series as a sum of a non-constant (deterministic) trend plus a stationary “noise” term:
 - $x_t = \mu_t + y_t$
- What if our data instead appears as a stationary model locally, but globally the model appears to shift? One approach is to divide the data into shorter sections (perhaps overlapping) and
- This approach is developed in Shumway and Stoffer. One essentially looks at how the spectral density changes over time.

- We have been using Fourier components as a basis to represent stationary processes and seasonal trends.
- Since we are dealing with finite data, we must use a finite number of terms, and perhaps one could use an alternative basis.
- Wavelets are one option to accomplish this goal. They are particularly well suited to the same situation as Dynamic Fourier analysis.

Spectral Analysis

1. Spectral density: Facts and examples.
2. Spectral distribution function.
3. Wold's decomposition.

A periodic time series

- Consider
 - $X_t = A \sin(2\pi\nu t) + B \cos(2\pi\nu t)$
 - $= C \sin(2\pi\nu t + \varphi),$
- where A, B are uncorrelated, mean zero, variance $\sigma^2 = 1$, and
- $C^2 = A^2 + B^2, \tan \varphi = B/A$. Then
 - $\mu_t = E[X_t] = 0$
 - $\gamma(t, t + h) = \cos(2\pi\nu h).$
- So $\{X_t\}$ is stationary.

An aside: Some trigonometric identities

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$$

$$\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$$

$$\sin(a + b) = \sin a \cos b + \cos a \sin b,$$

$$\cos(a + b) = \cos a \cos b - \sin a \sin b.$$

A periodic time series

- For $X_t = A \sin(2\pi\nu t) + B \cos(2\pi\nu t)$, with uncorrelated A, B
- (mean 0, variance σ^2), $\gamma(h) = \sigma^2 \cos(2\pi\nu h)$.
- The auto covariance of the sum of two uncorrelated time series is the sum of their auto covariances. Thus, the auto covariance of a sum of random sinusoids is a sum of sinusoids with the corresponding frequencies:

$$X_t = \sum_{j=1}^k (A_j \sin(2\pi\nu_j t) + B_j \cos(2\pi\nu_j t)),$$

$$\gamma(h) = \sum_{j=1}^k \sigma_j^2 \cos(2\pi\nu_j h),$$

where A_j, B_j are uncorrelated, mean zero,
and $\text{Var}(A_j) = \text{Var}(B_j) = \sigma^2$.

$$X_t = \sum_{j=1}^k (A_j \sin(2\pi v_j t) + B_j \cos(2\pi v_j t)), \quad \gamma(h) = \sum_{j=1}^k \sigma_j^2 \cos(2\pi v_j h).$$

- Thus, we can represent $\gamma(h)$ using a Fourier series. The coefficients are the variances of the sinusoidal components.
- The spectral density is the continuous analog: the Fourier transform of γ .
- (The analogous spectral representation of a stationary process X_t involves a stochastic integral—a sum of discrete components at a finite number of frequencies is a special case. We won't consider this representation in this course.)

If a time series $\{X_t\}$ has autocovariance γ satisfying $\sum_{h=-\infty}^{\infty} |\gamma(h)| < \infty$, then we define its **spectral density** as

$$f(v) = \sum_{h=-\infty}^{\infty} \gamma(h) e^{-2\pi i v h}$$

for $-\infty < v < \infty$.

1. We have $\sum_{h=-\infty}^{\infty} |\gamma(h) e^{-2\pi i v h}| < \infty$.

This is because $|e^{i\theta}| = |\cos \theta + i \sin \theta| = (\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta)^{1/2} = 1$, and because of the absolute summability of γ .

2. f is periodic, with period 1.

This is true since $e^{-2\pi i v h}$ is a periodic function of v with period 1.

Thus, we can restrict the domain of f to $-1/2 \leq v \leq 1/2$. (The text does this.)

3. f is even (that is, $f(v) = f(-v)$).

To see this, write

$$\begin{aligned} f(v) &= \sum_{h=-\infty}^{-1} \gamma(h) e^{-2\pi i v h} + \gamma(0) + \sum_{h=1}^{\infty} \gamma(h) e^{-2\pi i v h}, \\ f(-v) &= \sum_{h=-\infty}^{-1} \gamma(h) e^{-2\pi i v (-h)} + \gamma(0) + \sum_{h=1}^{\infty} \gamma(h) e^{-2\pi i v (-h)}, \\ &= \sum_{h=1}^{\infty} \gamma(-h) e^{-2\pi i v h} + \gamma(0) + \sum_{h=-\infty}^{-1} \gamma(-h) e^{-2\pi i v h} \\ &= f(v). \end{aligned}$$

4. $f(v) \geq 0$.

Spectral density: Some facts

$$5. \gamma(h) = \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} e^{2\pi i v h} f(v) dv.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} e^{2\pi i v h} f(v) dv &= \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-2\pi i v(j-h)} \gamma(j) dv \\ &= \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \gamma(j) \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} e^{-2\pi i v(j-h)} dv \\ &= \gamma(h) + \sum_{\substack{j \neq h}} \frac{\gamma(j)}{2\pi i(j-h)} \left(e^{\pi i(j-h)} - e^{-\pi i(j-h)} \right) \\ &= \gamma(h) + \sum_{\substack{j \neq h}} \frac{\gamma(j) \sin(\pi(j-h))}{\pi(j-h)} = \gamma(h). \end{aligned}$$

Example: White noise

For white noise $\{W_t\}$, we have seen that $\gamma(0) = \sigma^2$ and $\gamma(h) = 0$ for $h \neq 0$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} f(v) &= \sum_{h=-\infty}^{\infty} \gamma(h) e^{-2\pi i v h} \\ &= \gamma(0) = \sigma^2_w \end{aligned}$$

- That is, the spectral density is constant across all frequencies: each frequency in the spectrum contributes equally to the variance. This is the origin of the name white noise: it is like white light, which is a uniform mixture of all frequencies in the visible spectrum.

Example: AR(1)

For $X_t = \phi_1 X_{t-1} + W_t$, we have seen that $\gamma(h) = \sigma_w^2 \phi_1^{|h|} / (1 - \phi_1^2)$. Thus,

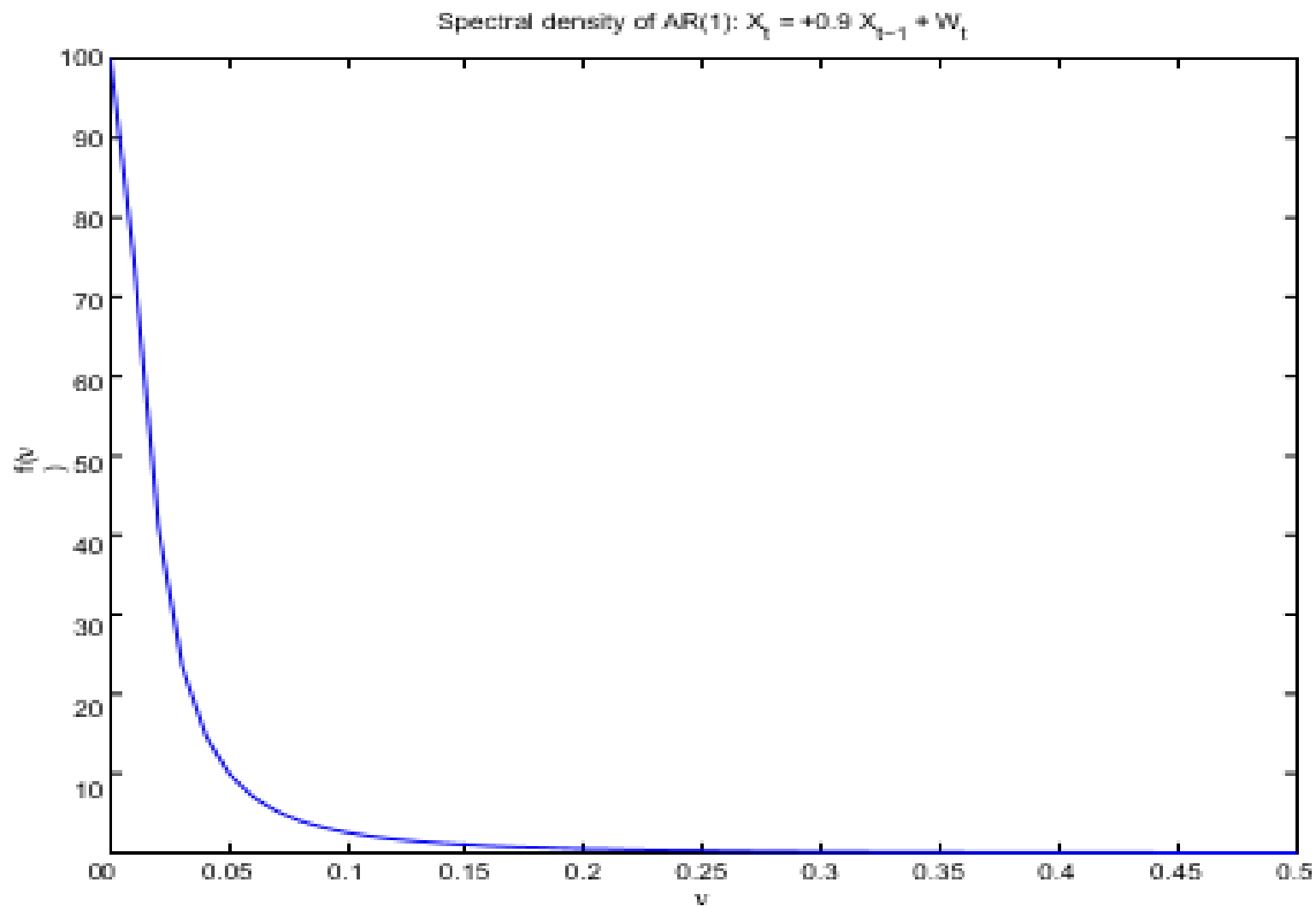
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 &= \frac{\sigma_w^2}{(1 - \phi_1^2) (1 - \phi_1 e^{-2\pi i v}) (1 - \phi_1 e^{2\pi i v})} \\
 &= \frac{\sigma_w^2}{1 - 2\phi_1 \cos(2\pi v) + \phi_1^2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

White noise: $\{W_t\}$, $\gamma(0) = \sigma_w^2$ and $\gamma(h) = 0$ for $h \neq 0$
 $f(v) = \gamma(0) = \sigma_w^2$

AR(1): $X_t = \phi_1 X_{t-1} + W_t$, $\gamma(h) = \sigma_w^2 \phi_1^{|h|} / (1 - \phi_1^2)$.
 $f(v) = \frac{\sigma_w^2}{1 - 2\phi_1 \cos(2\pi v) + \phi_1^2}$

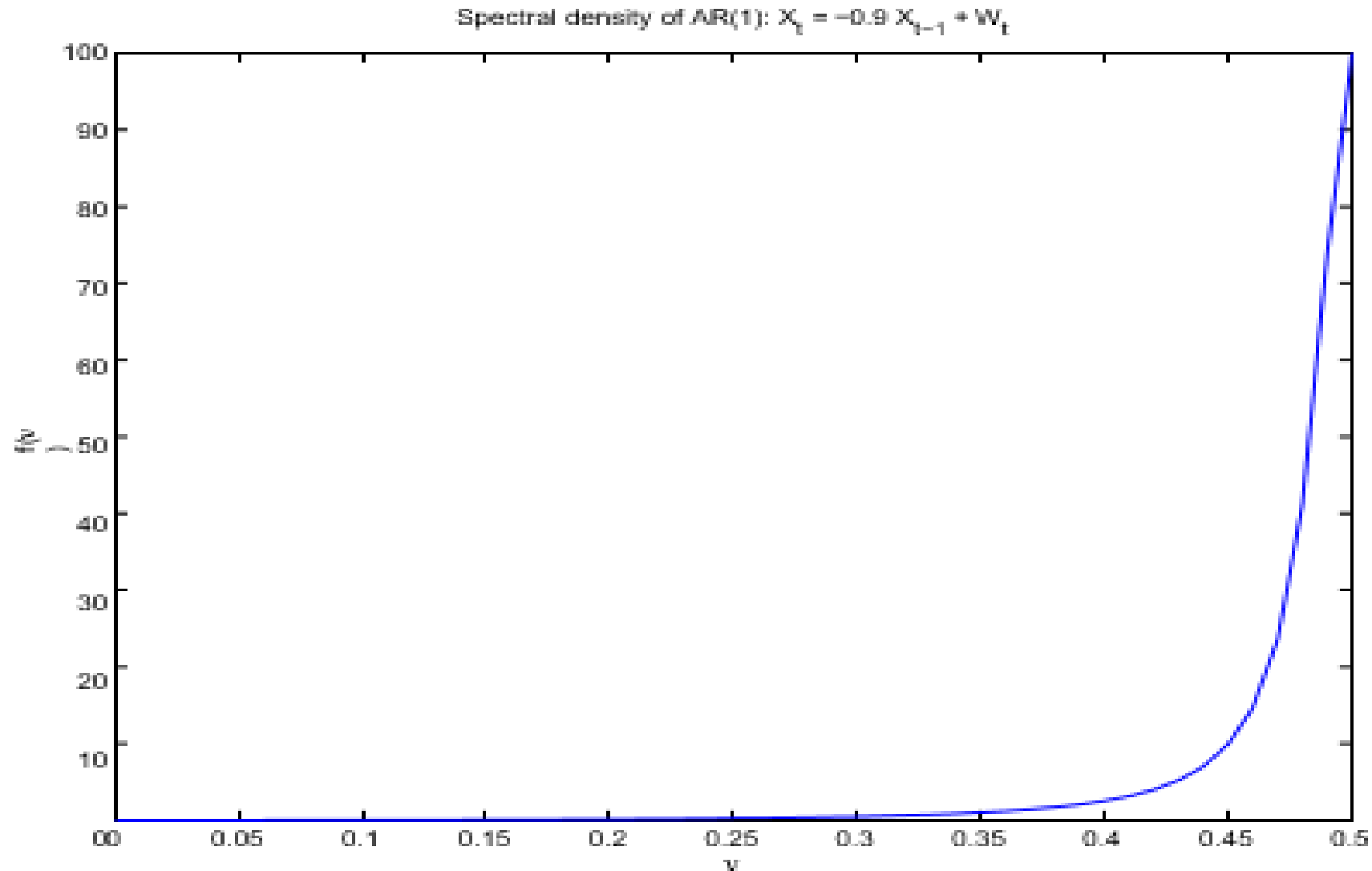
- If $\phi_1 > 0$ (positive autocorrelation), spectrum is dominated by low frequency components—smooth in the time domain.
- If $\phi_1 < 0$ (negative autocorrelation), spectrum is dominated by high frequency components—rough in the time domain.

Example: AR(1)



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A periodic time series

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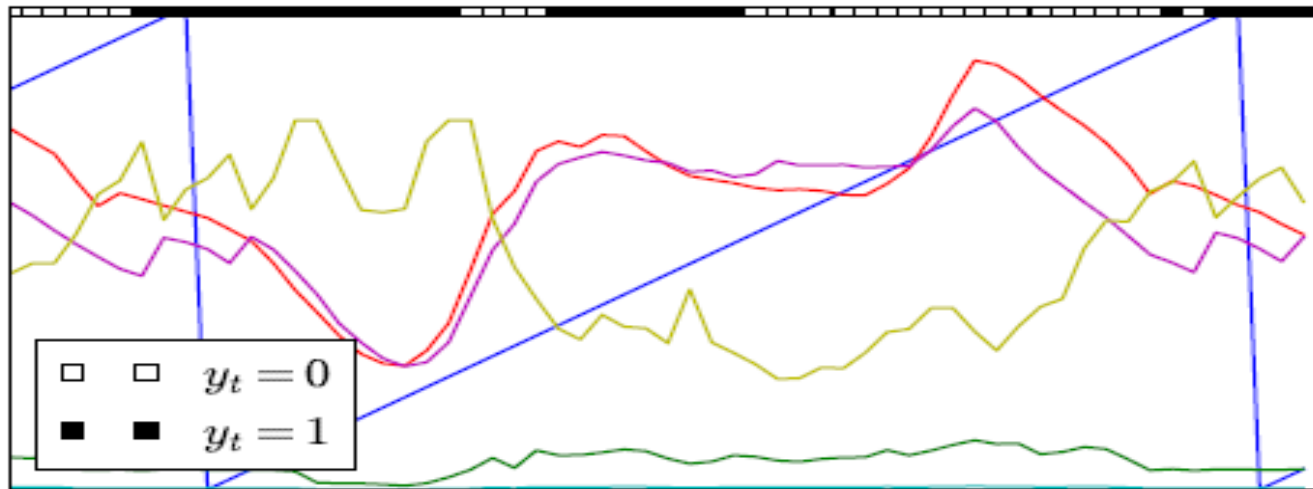
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Artificial Intelligence for Time-Series and Sequential Decision Making

- Time Series
- Filtering
- Forecasting
- Embedding
- Classifier and Regressor Chains
- Sequential Decision Making

$$\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_t, \dots$$

- Generated by some process $\mathbf{x} \sim p(\mathbf{X})$ in the domain we are interested in.
- Measurements may be continuous, $\mathbf{x}_t \in \mathbb{R}^D$ or discrete, $\mathbf{x}_t \in \mathbb{N}_+^D$; across time t .
- May be associated with unobserved signal \mathbf{y}_t .



Time series $\mathbf{x}_t \in \mathbb{R}^5$ associated with state $y_t \in \{0, 1\}$.

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Examples of time series data:

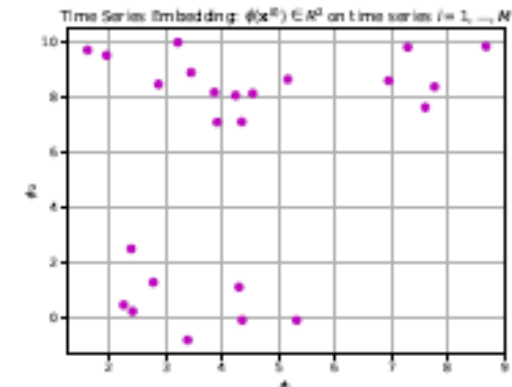
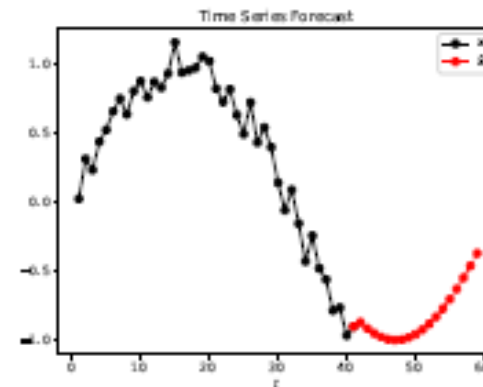
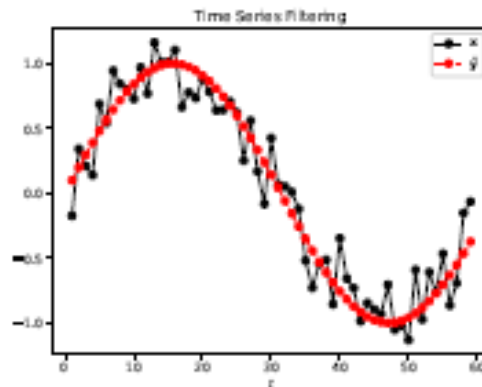


- Electricity demand for a city
- Sensor measurements on equipment in an aircraft
- Number of calls to an insurance service
- Light-sensor measurements (and movement through a room)
- Smartphone GPS and signal strength measurements of urban travellers (and their predicted trajectory)
- EEG and ECG signals obtained during sleep
- Cellular growth in trees
- Environmental measurements (temperature, humidity)



- Filtering (*estimate*) $\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_{t-1}, \mathbf{y}_t$ from observations
- $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \mathbf{x}_t$
- Forecasting (*predict*) $\mathbf{x}_{t+1}, \mathbf{x}_{t+2}, \dots$ from time t . Embedding:
Describe a time series $\{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_T\}$ as a vector $\boldsymbol{\varphi} = [\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_N]$
of fixed length N .

- Clustering
- Classification
- Motif extraction
- Novelty/anomaly detection
- Query by content

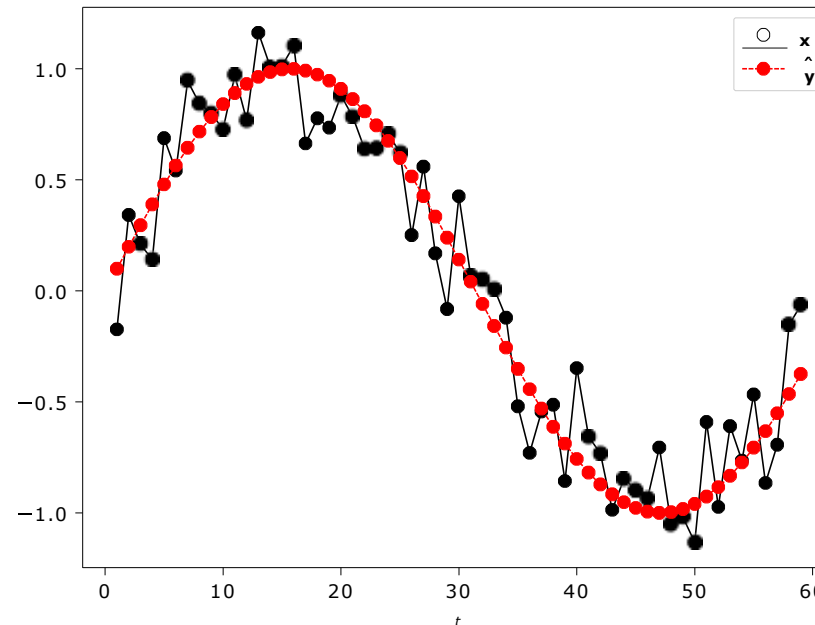


Given observations (time series) $\{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_t, \dots\}$

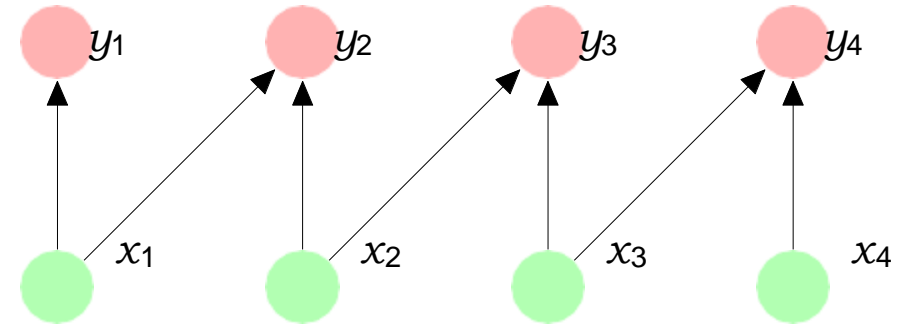
we want a model f to predict corresponding

$\{\hat{\mathbf{y}}_1, \hat{\mathbf{y}}_2, \dots, \hat{\mathbf{y}}_t, \dots\}$

Time Series Filtering



- Finite impulse response (FIR) filter
- Moving average, exponential smoothing (low-pass filters) Kalman filter, particle filters
- ARIMA (Auto-Regressive Integrated Moving Average)



- $y_t = f(w_1x_{t-0} + \dots + w_kx_{t-k}) + s_t$
- with some weights $\mathbf{w} = [w_1, \dots, w_k]$ (window size k). This is a convolution with kernel \mathbf{w} .
- Robust and well-understood
- Need to be hand-crafted, calibration by domain expert else not suitable for multiple dimensions; complex problems

- Given training data, we can design a machine learning approach (e.g., artificial neural networks, decision trees, . . .), on

x_{t-4}	x_{t-3}	x_{t-2}	x_{t-1}	x_t	y_t
1	A	2.3	1.8	-3	-24
A	2.3	1.8	-3	4	-28
2.3	1.8	-3	4	B	-32
1.8	-3	4	B	3	-43
...
T	39	3	4	0.1	?

i.e., model $y_t = f(x_{t-4}, \dots, x_t; \theta) + s$

The decision making and interpretation is relegated to the learner.

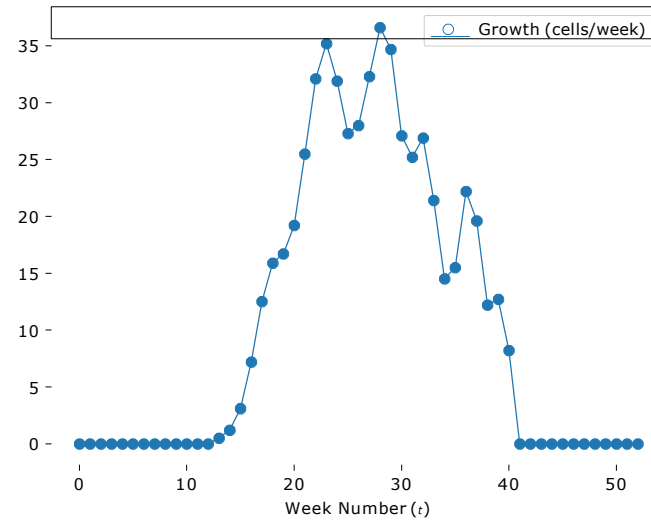
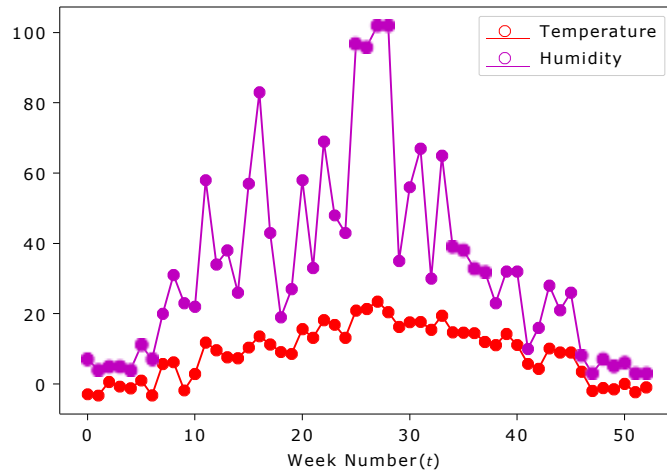
Example: Predicting Cellular Growth in Scots Pine

- 6 sites in Finland and France, of Scots pine
- Interested in modelling cellular growth under different latitude, altitude, . . .
- Models must be carefully crafted, parametrized, and adjusted by domain experts, *per site*.

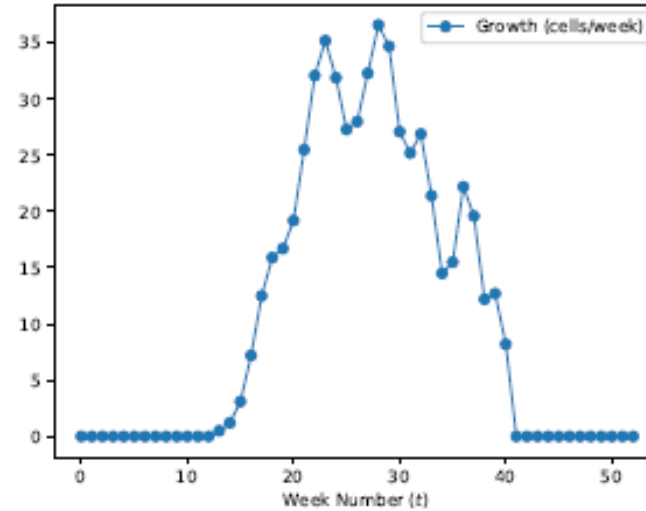
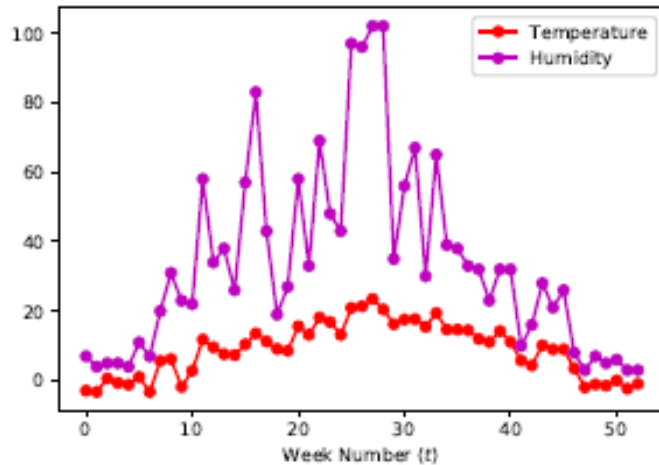


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Example: Predicting Cellular Growth in Scots Pine



- Environmental measurements (temperature, humidity, . . .).
- Some cell-growth data (from micro-core samples and counts during growth season) over 3–4 years



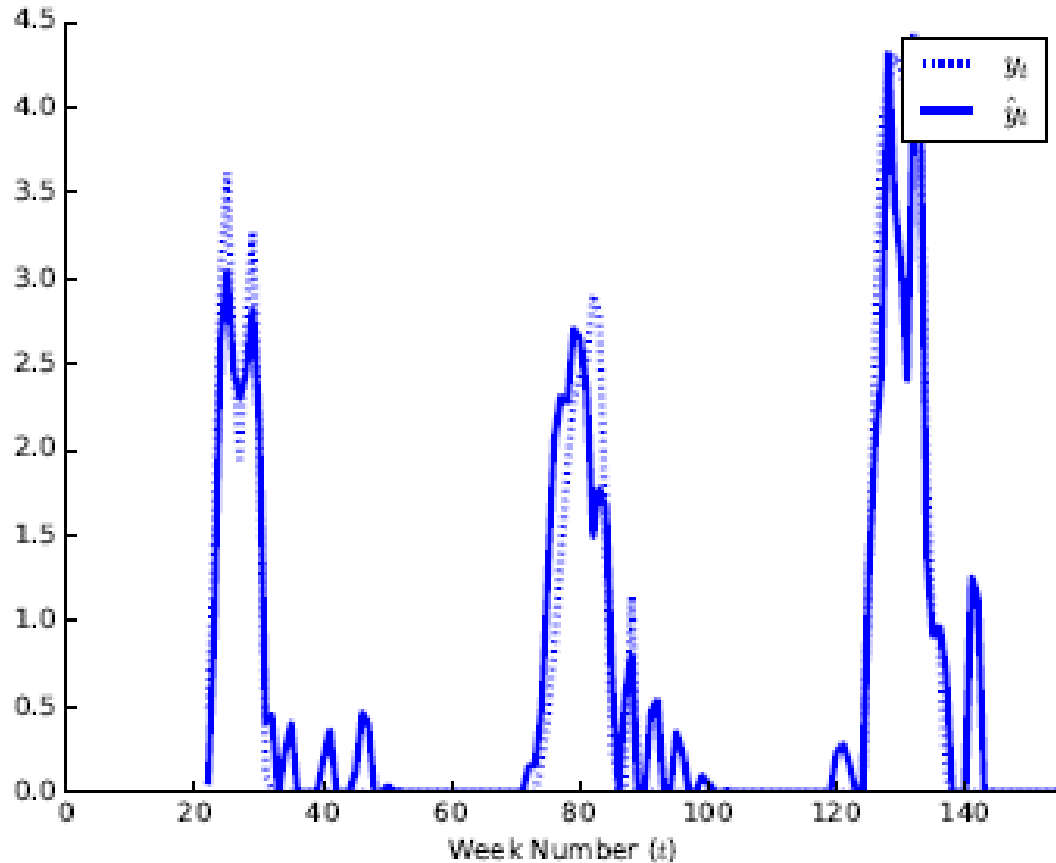
Domain experts were using numerous functions, e.g., growth timing variable (left) and heat sum (right),

e.g., where τ_t = temperature and week t ,
and c, β are per-site parameters.

$$z_t = \frac{1}{\sum_{\tau_t > c} \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\beta \tau_t)}}$$

Assembled into a differential equation

About 4-5 parameters to be hand-selected *per site*



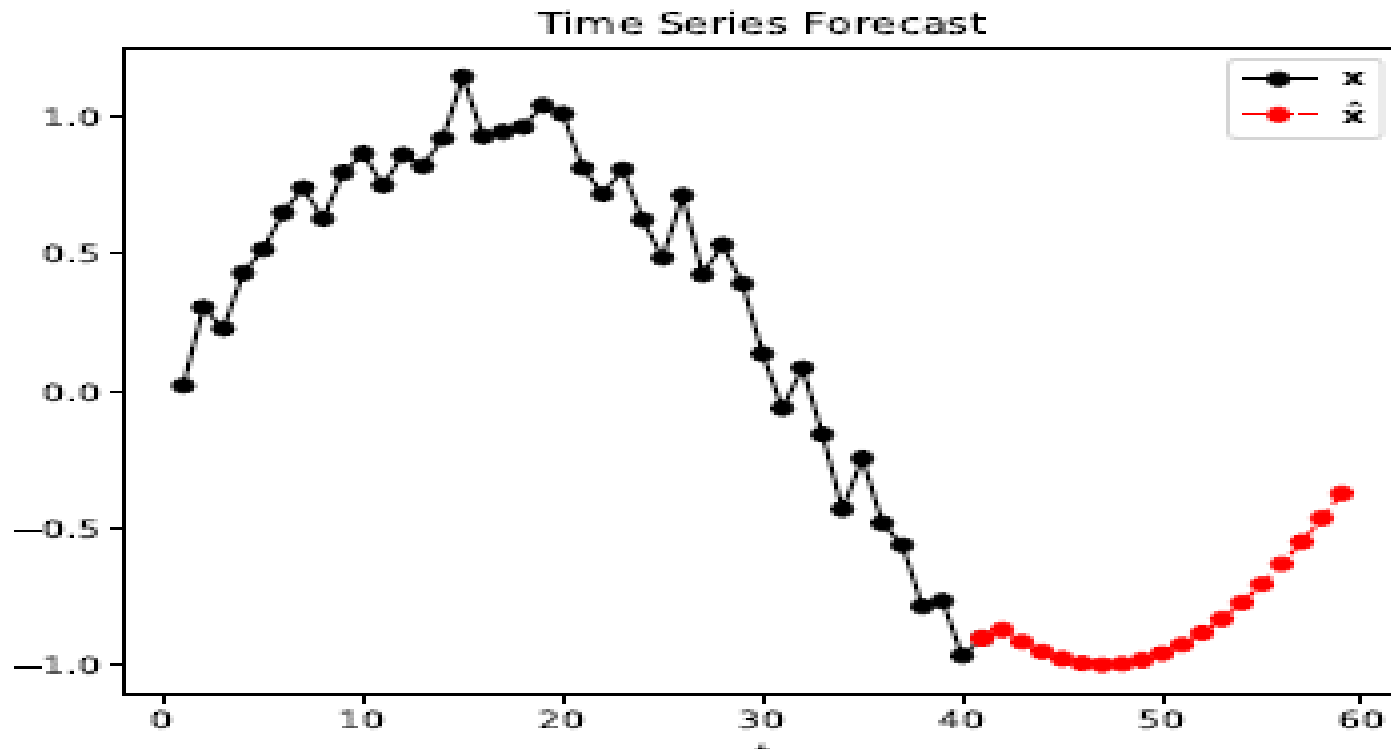
- Data-driven model to parametrize and combine expert-inspired functions, for each site
- Achieved accuracy to within a fraction of a cell per week
- Using decision tree learners, interpretation was possible (e.g., how far back to take into account temperature measurements)

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Time-Series Forecasting (Prediction)

Given $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_t$

we want a model f to predict $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t+1}, \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t+2}, \dots, \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t+A}$



- Naive Forecasting (rain today = rain tomorrow)
Often effective.

$$\hat{x}_{t+1} = x_t$$

- Moving average (mean of last k observations)

$$\hat{x}_{t+1} = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}$$

$$\mathbf{x} = [x_{t-(k-1)}, \dots, x_t], \mathbf{w} = [\frac{1}{k}, \dots, \frac{1}{k}].$$

on window

- Auto-regressive linear fit on previous k points, and extrapolate.

- Formulating a data-driven supervised learning problem:

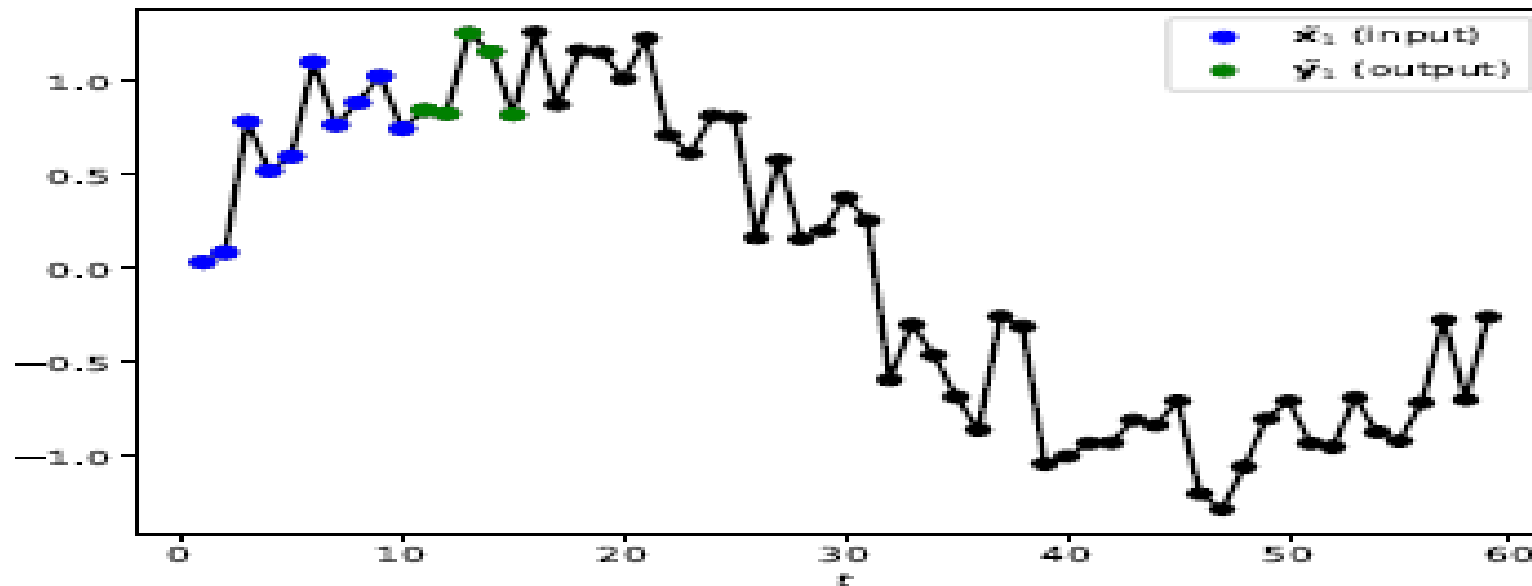
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i.e., model $\hat{x}_{t+1} = f(x_{t-4}, \dots, x_t; \theta)$

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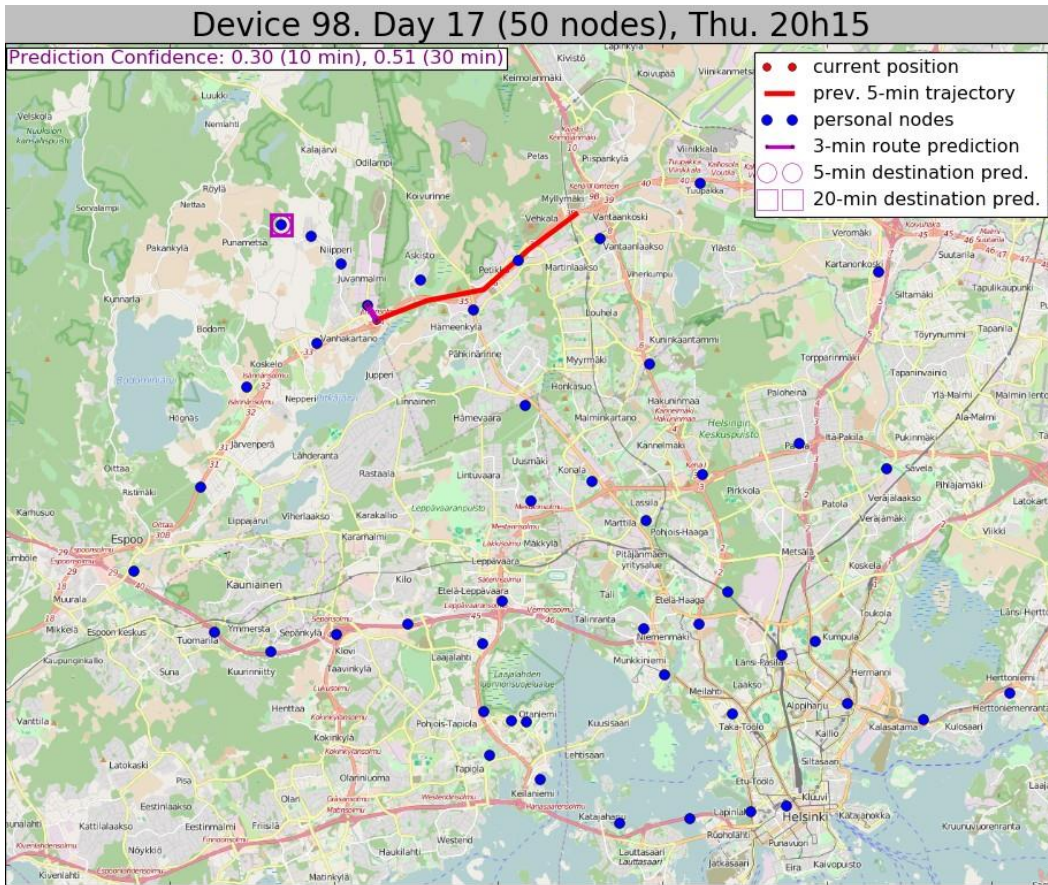
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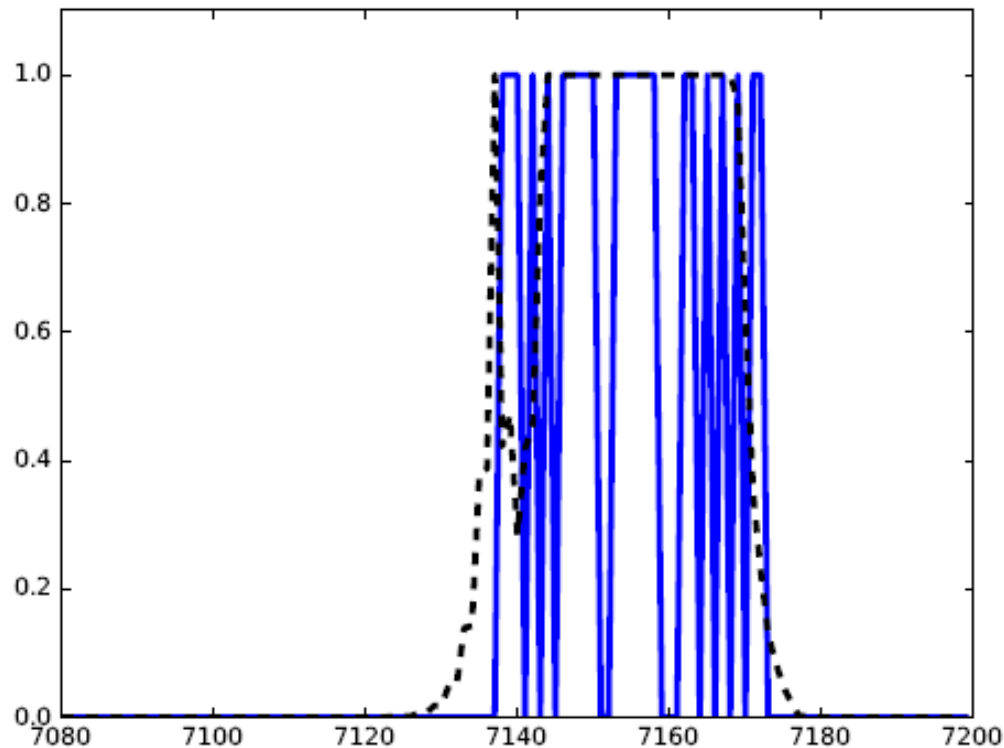
- Collected data of travellers¹: GPS coordinates, signal strength, battery level, current time, . . .
- Predict future trajectory from current trajectory

¹ All participants volunteered to install App; share data

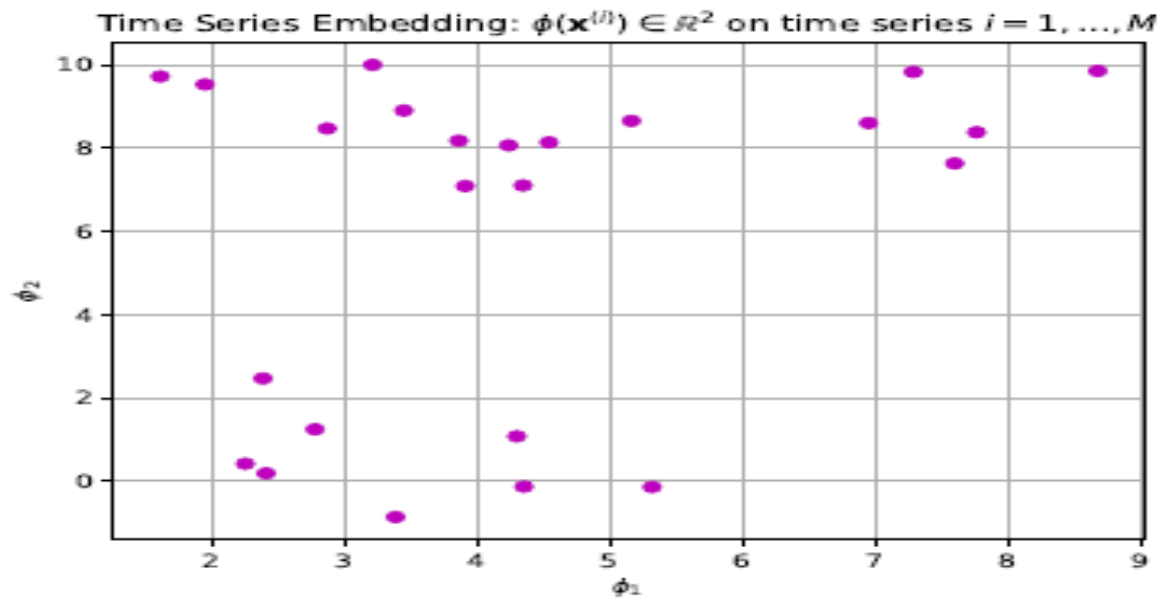
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Example: Predictive Maintenance of Aircraft

- Sensor readings from aircraft and textual description of observations
- Predict warnings/required replacement of components



We seek to turn variable-length time series $\{\mathbf{x}_1^{(i)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{T_i}^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^M$ into fixed-length vectors $\boldsymbol{\varphi}^{(i)} = [\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_{L_1}]$.

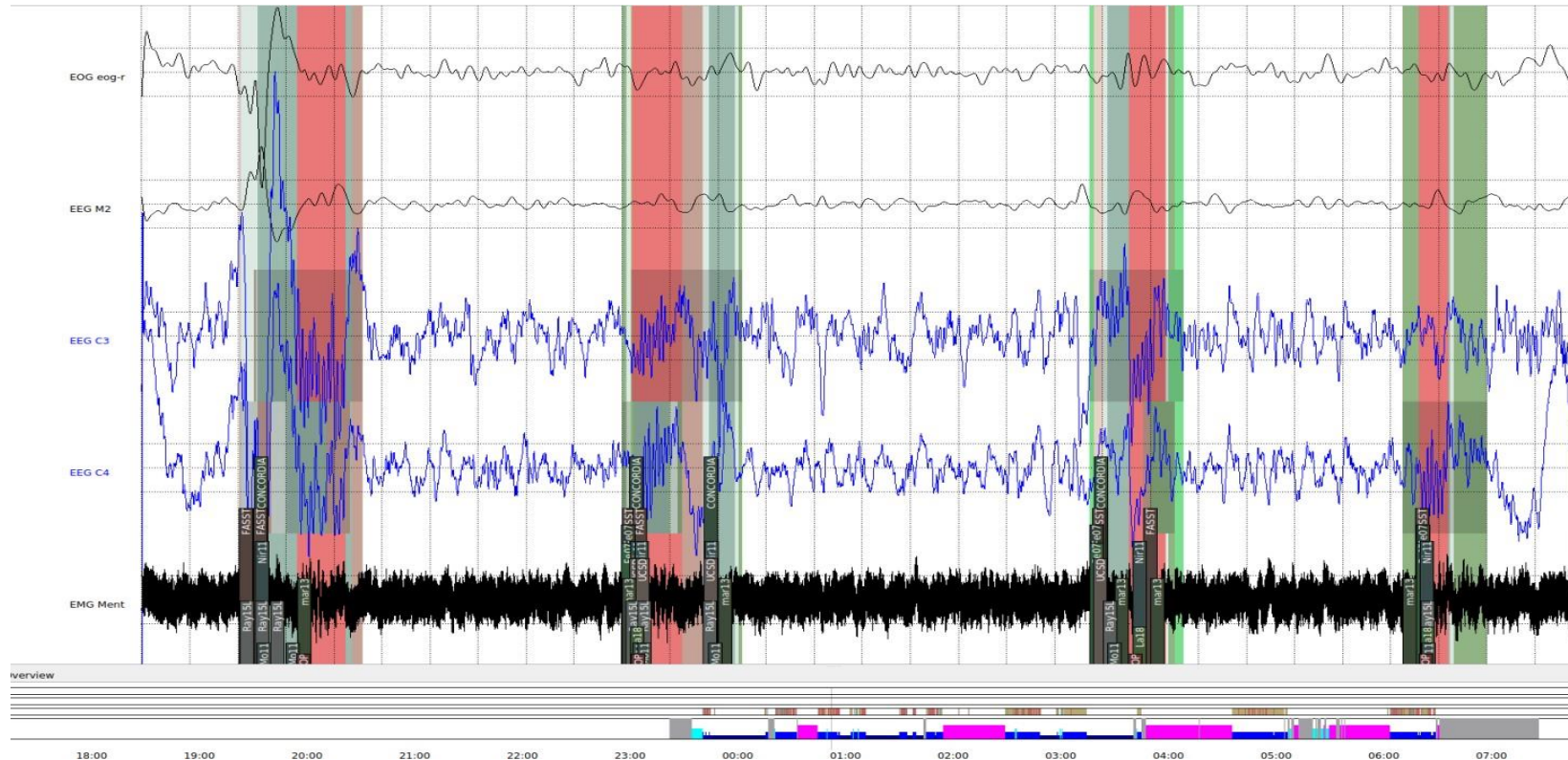


- This lets us compare and cluster time series/look for anomalies, (and classify, if we have the label): measure similarity/distance between $\phi(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})$ and $\phi(\mathbf{x}^{(2)})$.

Example: Modelling and Treating Chronic Insomnia

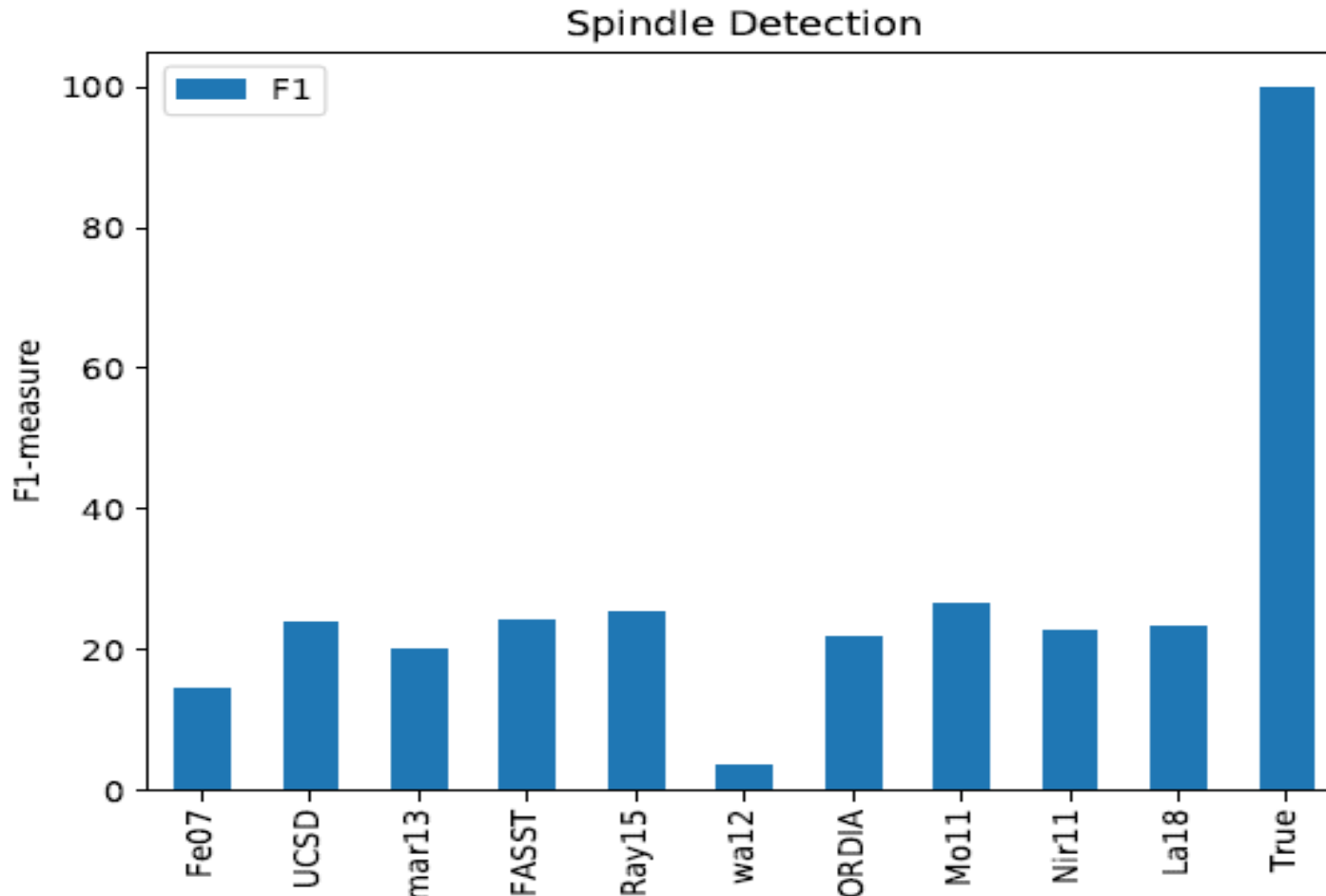
- Goal: (semi-)automate clinical assessment; what kind of insomnia + treatment recommendation.
- Data from patients:
 - Psychological questionnaires (MMPI, CAS) EEG and ECG data overnight
 - Some labels: follow-up tests/questionnaires and *biofeedback* results (some patients found success without pharmaceutical intervention, others not)
- Questionnaire data: can take ‘standard’ machine learning approach, $f: X \rightarrow Y$, and inspect feature importance, statistical correlation wrt to label variable (extent of insomnia, and improvement); cluster into groups, etc.
- Time-series data: different lengths, contains artifacts, subjects fall asleep at different times, How to compare?

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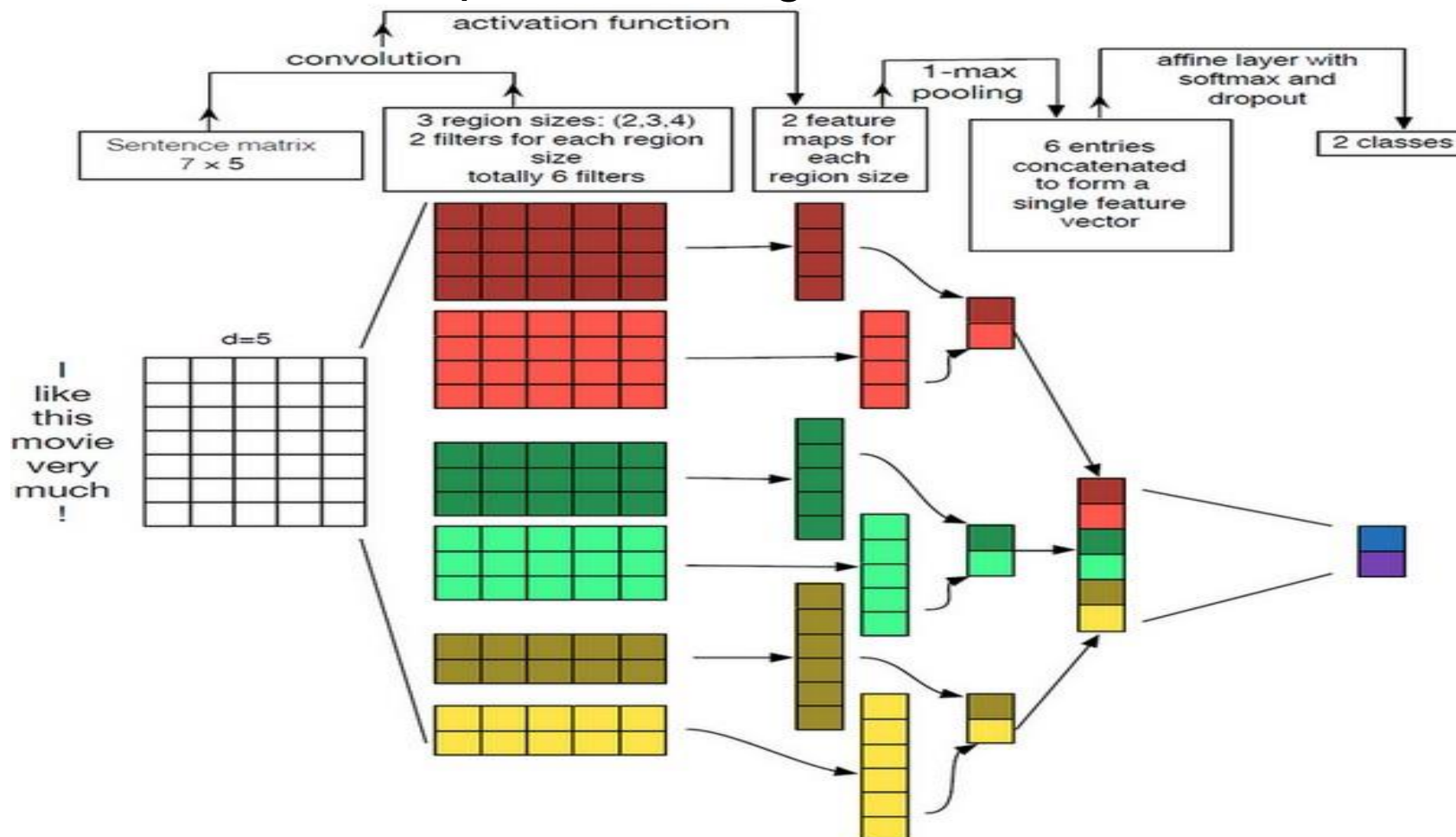
- Certain signals are of interest: Spindles, α -waves, β -waves, . . . Simple embeddings, e.g.,
- $\varphi(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) = [\text{spindles/hour, avg freq of spindle}]$. Detection and labelling by an expert is labour intensive.

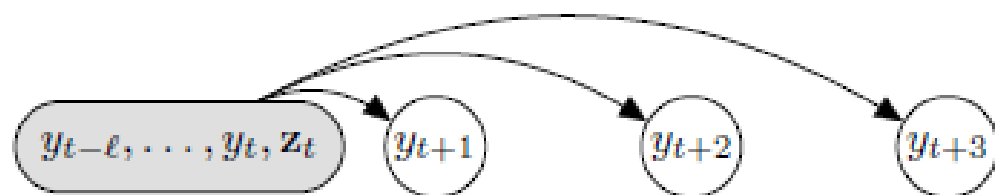
There exist many rule-based methods, e.g., wavelet analysis But predictive performance is insufficient in many practical settings



Deep learning

- Many current solutions are inspired by / related to NLP.
- Similar to a 'simple' embedding, but more data-driven.

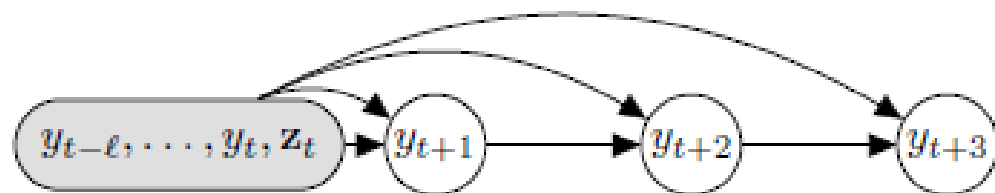




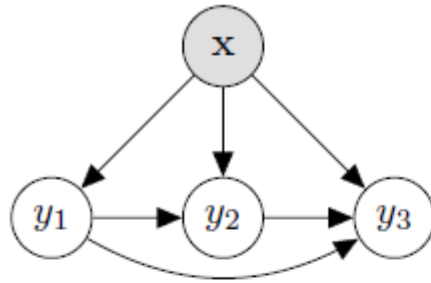
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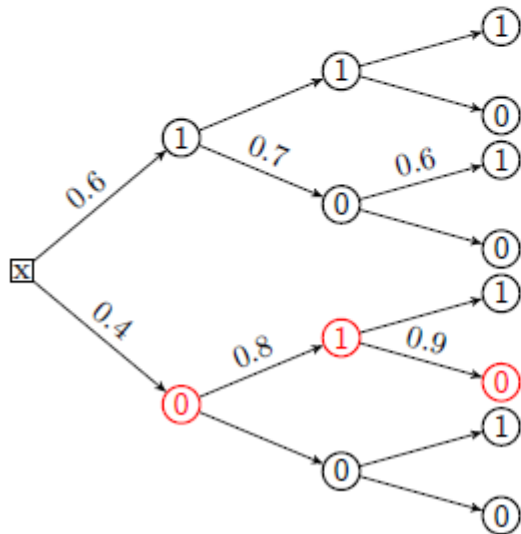
Iterated



Classifier/Regressor Chain cascade



For example, where each $y_t \in \{0, 1\}$

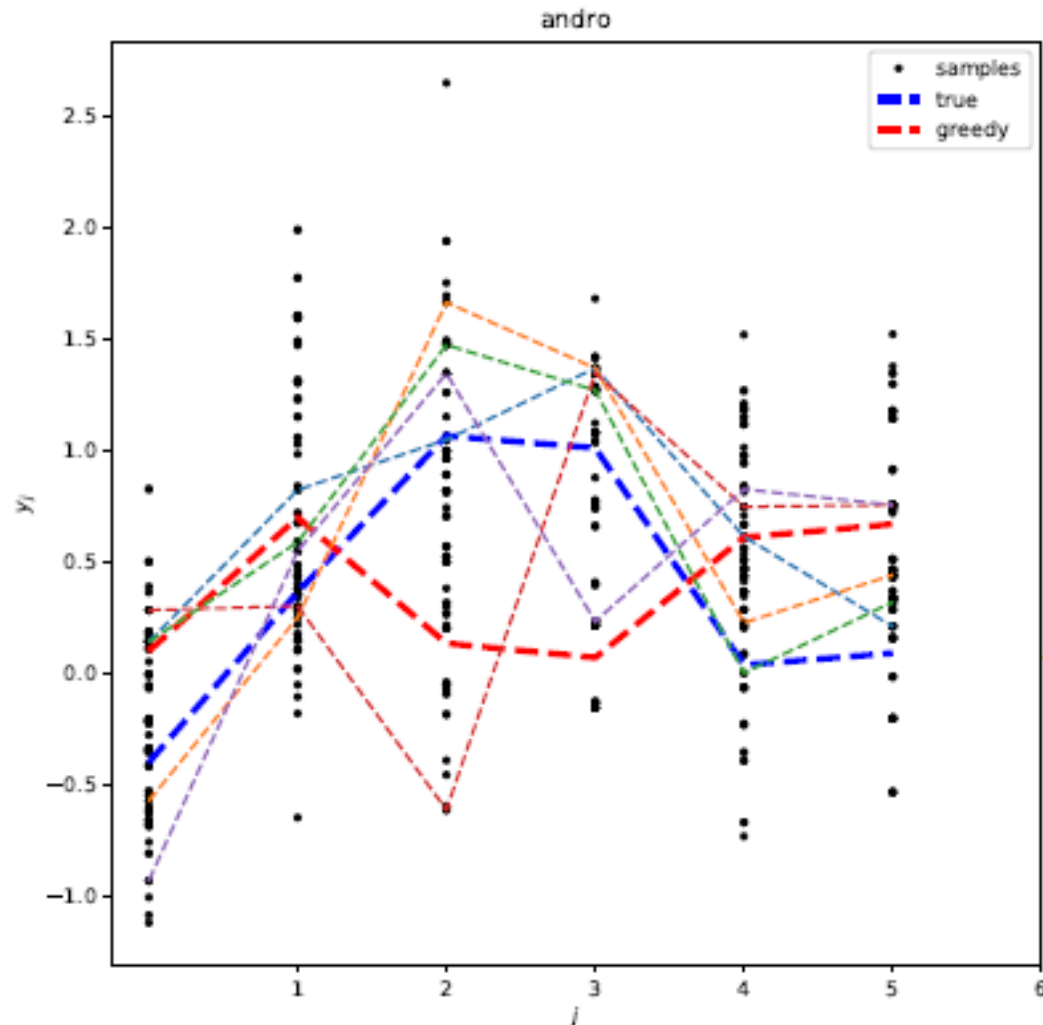


- Predictions become input, across a cascade/chain
- Efficient
- Probabilistic interpretation:

$$P(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}) = \prod_{t=1}^T P(y_t|\mathbf{x}, y_1, \dots, y_{t-1})$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = f(\mathbf{x}) = \underset{\mathbf{y} \in \{0,1\}^3}{\operatorname{argmax}} P(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x})$$

- Search probability tree (for best prediction) with AI-search techniques (Monte-Carlo search, beam search, A* search, ...)
- Explore structure



- e.g., where $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^6$,
 - Sample down the chain
 - $y_{t+1} \sim p(y_{t+1} | y_1, \dots, y_t, \mathbf{x})$
 - More samples = more hypotheses
 - Consider different loss functions
- Applications:
 - Multi-output regression
 - Tracking
 - Forecasting

Under uncertainty, we wish to assign $y^* = f^*(\mathbf{x})$, the best label/hypothesis, $y^* \in Y$, given $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^D$

.Minimizing conditional expected loss

$$f^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \underbrace{\sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} \ell(f(\mathbf{x}), y) P(y|\mathbf{x})}_{\mathbb{E}_{Y \sim P(Y|\mathbf{x})}[\ell(\hat{y}, Y)|\mathbf{x}]}$$

under loss function ℓ , which describes our preferences. In the case of 0/1 loss (1 if $y \neq \hat{y}$, else 0),

Maximum a Posteriori

$$y^* = \operatorname{argmax}_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} p(\mathbf{x}|y) P(y) = \operatorname{argmax}_{y \in \{0,1\}} P(y|\mathbf{x})$$

We can estimate P from the training data.

- An intelligent agent wishes to make a decision to achieve a goal.

The decision which involves the least risk. Another way of looking at the problem: utility.

A rational agent maximizes their expected utility, not necessarily a simple *payoff* (e.g., amount of money):

Expected Utility

$$U(y) = \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} u(y)p(y)$$

- with satisfaction/utility $u(y)$ for outcome y . Different agents may have different utility functions, even when ‘payoff’ is the same item. Instead of labels given input, we can deal with actions given evidence and belief.
 - A risk-prone agent will tend to gamble higher stakes A conservative (risk-adverse) agent will not
 - A risk-neutral agent only cares about payoff y directly

What about sequential decisions?

In a Deterministic Environment

(e.g., board games – chess, etc.)

The state space, e.g., $s_t \in \{A, B, \dots, M\}$

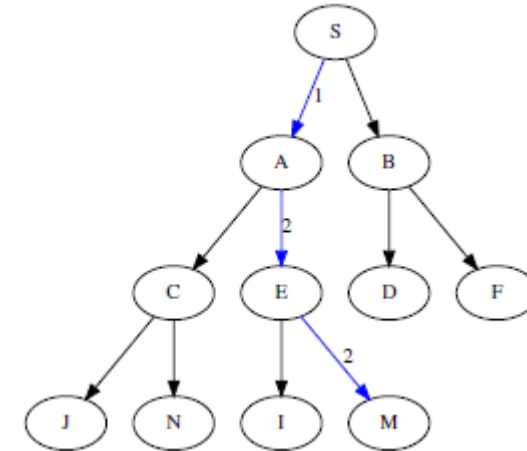
An initial state, e.g., $s_0 = S$

A goal state, e.g., $s_t = M$

A set of actions, e.g., $a_t \in \{1, 2\}$

A cost for each branch, e.g., $\text{Cost}(S, A) = 1$

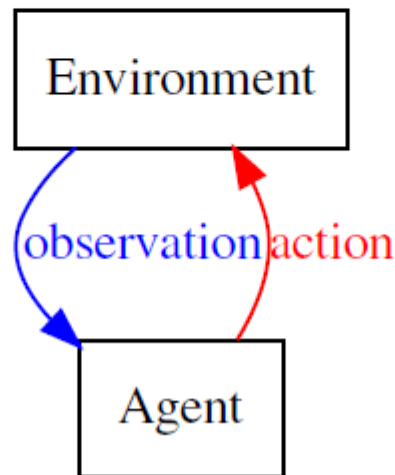
It's just a search! AI-search techniques applicable (DFS, A^* , . . .).



Markov Decision Processes (MDP)

MDPs are models that seek to provide optimal solutions for stochastic sequential decision problems.

MDP = Markov Chain + One-step Decision Theory



Now we have a model with

$P(s^j | s, a)$ transition function

$R(s^j, a, s)$ reward function

Objective: obtain a policy

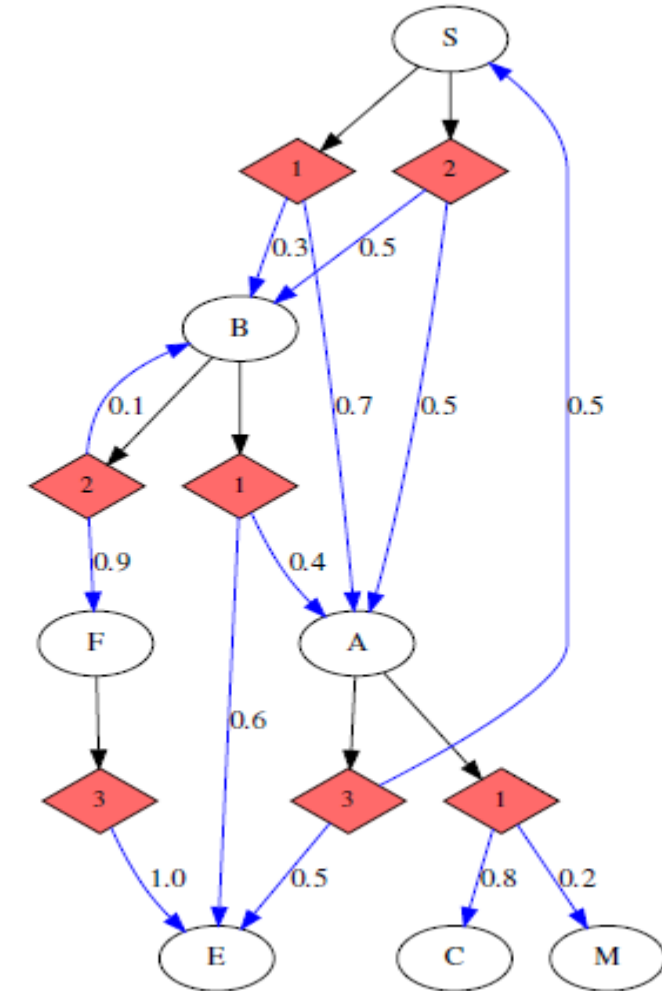
$$\pi : \mathcal{S} \mapsto \mathcal{A}$$

which maximizes expected reward:

$$\mathbb{E}[R_0 | s_0 = s] = \mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \gamma^t r_t(s_t, a_t) \right]$$

solution can be found via dynamic programming!

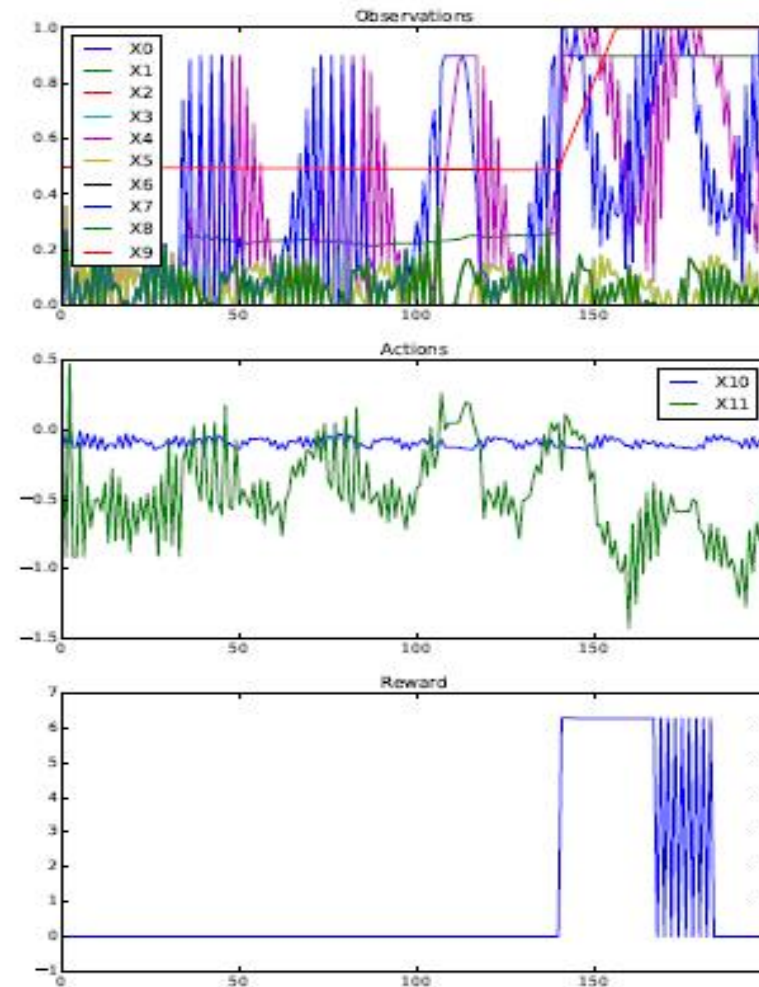
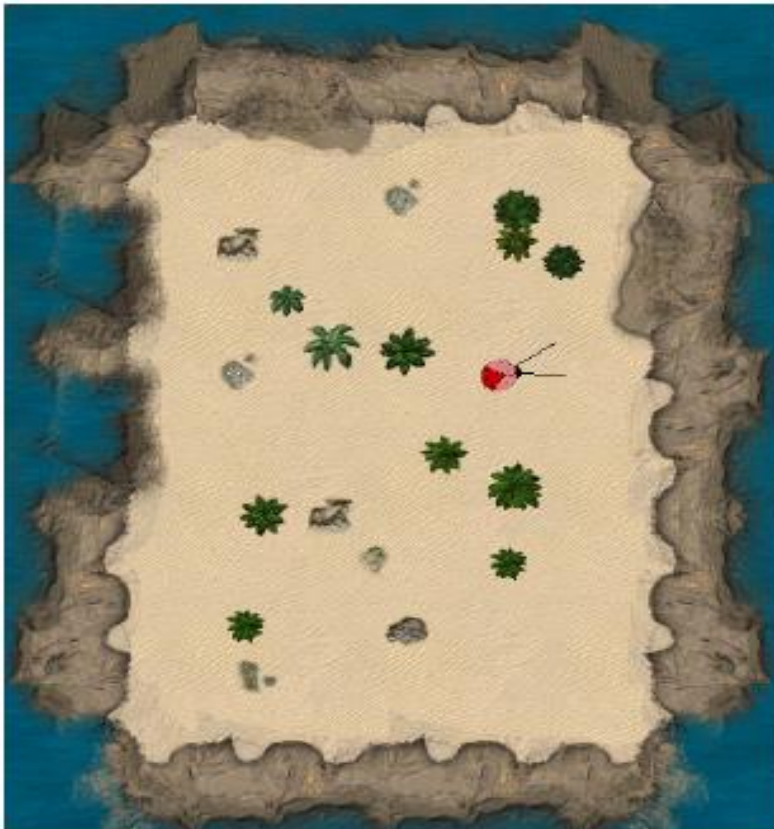
Just need the model . . .



- We don't have the model!
- Don't have transition/reward functions.
- No input-output training pairs, just reward signal.
- The agent needs to experiment! Exploration vs exploitation. Deep neural net can learn a model
- . . .over millions of iterations. Emerging applications:
 - Gameplay
 - Robotics (usually trained in simulation) Parameter-tuning, etc. (as a tool)
- Transfer learning is promising

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