



Exploratory Data Analysis Python

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- Stationarity
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- Random walks
- White Noise
- Time Series Decompositions and Smoothing
- Regression and Correlation
- Cross Correlation Analysis
- Multivariate Time Series Analysis
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- **Mean function**

- The mean function is defined as

$$\mu_t = \mu_{X_t} = E[X_t] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_t(x) dx,$$

provided it exists, where E denotes the usual expected value operator.

- Clearly for white noise series, $\mu_{w_t} = E[w_t] = 0$ for all t .
- For random walk with drift ($\delta \neq 0$),

$$\mu_{X_t} = E[X_t] = \delta t + \sum_{i=1}^t E[w_i] = \delta t$$

- Lack of independence between adjacent values in time series X_s and X_t can be numerically assessed.

- **Autocovariance Function**

- Assuming the variance of X_t is finite, the autocovariance function is defined as the second moment product

$$\gamma(s, t) = \gamma_X(s, t) = \text{cov}(X_s, X_t) = E[(X_s - \mu_s)(X_t - \mu_t)],$$

for all s and t .

- Note that $\gamma(s, t) = \gamma(t, s)$ for all time points s and t .
- The autocovariance measures the **linear dependence** between two points on the same series observed at different times.
 - Very smooth series exhibit autocovariance functions that stay large even when the t and s are far apart, whereas choppy series tend to have autocovariance functions that are nearly zero for large separations.

- **Autocorrelation Function (ACF)**

- The autocorrelation function is defined as

$$\rho(s, t) = \frac{\gamma(s, t)}{\sqrt{\gamma(s, s)\gamma(t, t)}}$$

- According to Cauchy-Schwarz inequality

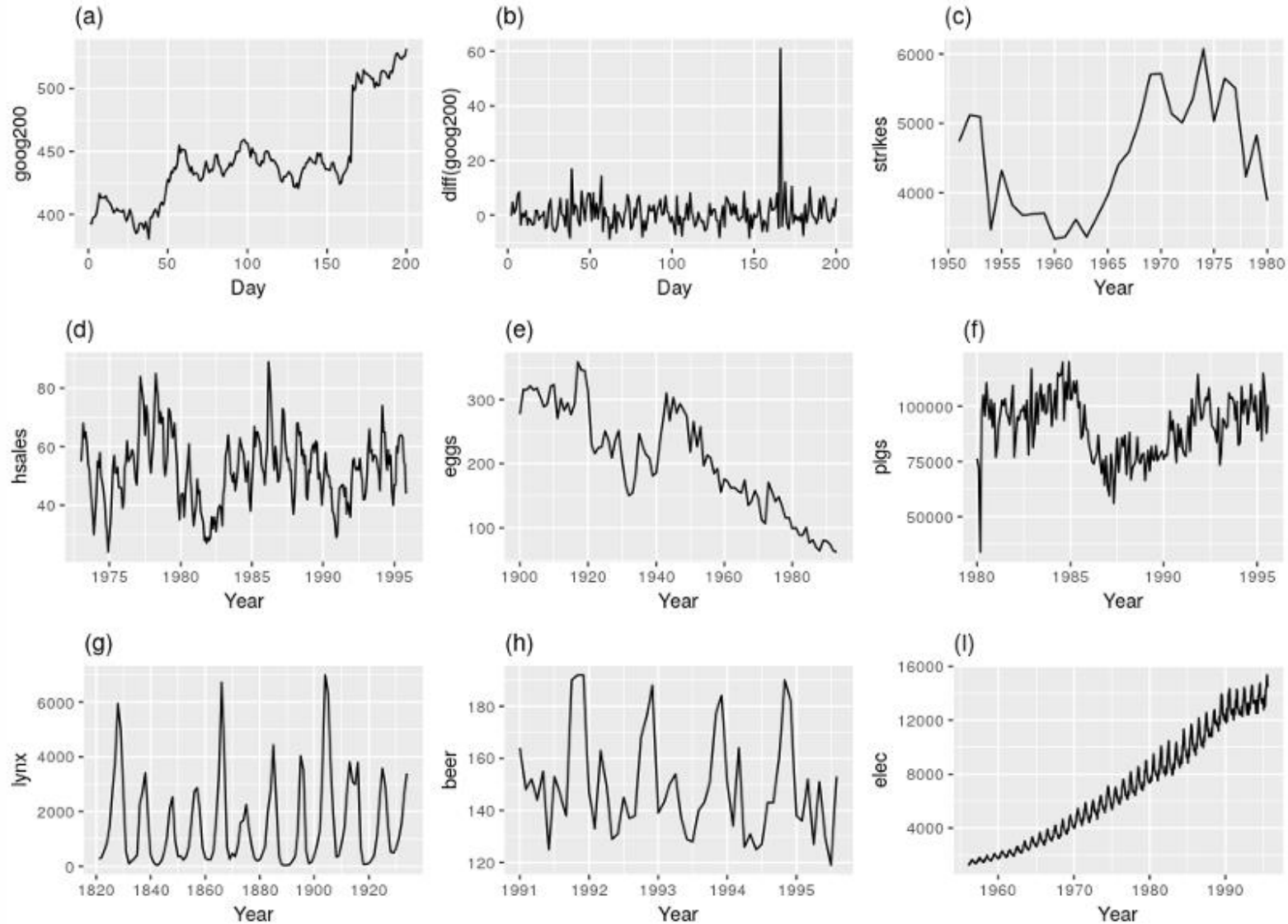
$$|\gamma(s, t)|^2 \leq \gamma(s, s)\gamma(t, t),$$

it's easy to show that $-1 \leq \rho(s, t) \leq 1$.

- ACF measures the **linear predictability** of X_t using only X_s .
 - If we can predict X_t perfectly from X_s through a linear relationship, then ACF will be either $+1$ or -1 .

- Forecasting is difficult as time series is non-deterministic in nature, i.e. we cannot predict with certainty what will occur in the future.
- But the problem could be a little bit easier if the time series is **stationary**: you simply predict its statistical properties will be the same in the future as they have been in the past!
 - A stationary time series is one whose statistical properties such as mean, variance, autocorrelation, etc. are all **constant over time**.
- Most statistical forecasting methods are based on the assumption that the time series can be rendered approximately stationary after mathematical transformations.

Which of these are stationary?



- There are two types of stationarity, i.e. **strictly stationary** and **weakly stationary**.
- **Strict Stationarity**
 - The time series $\{X_t, t \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ is said to be strictly stationary if the **joint distribution** of $(X_{t_1}, X_{t_2}, \dots, X_{t_k})$ is the **same** as that of $(X_{t_1+h}, X_{t_2+h}, \dots, X_{t_k+h})$.
 - In other words, strict stationarity means that the joint distribution only depends on the “difference” h , not the time (t_1, t_2, \dots, t_k) .
- However in most applications this stationary condition is too strong.

- **Weak Stationarity**

- The time series $\{X_t, t \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ is said to be weakly stationary if

- ① $E[X_t^2] < \infty, \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{Z};$

- ② $E[X_t] = \mu, \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{Z};$

- ③ $\gamma_X(s, t) = \gamma_X(s + h, t + h), \quad \forall s, t, h \in \mathbb{Z}.$

- In other words, a weakly stationary time series $\{X_t\}$ must have **three features**: finite variation, constant first moment, and that the second moment $\gamma_X(s, t)$ only depends on $|t - s|$ and not depends on s or t .

- Usually the term *stationary* means **weakly stationary**, and when people want to emphasize a process is stationary in the strict sense, they will use **strictly stationary**.

- Strict stationarity does not assume finite variance thus strictly stationary does **NOT** necessarily imply weakly stationary.
 - Processes like i.i.d Cauchy is strictly stationary but not weakly stationary.
- A **nonlinear function** of a strictly stationary time series is still strictly stationary, but this is not true for weakly stationary.
- Weak stationarity usually does not imply strict stationarity as higher moments of the process may depend on time t .
- If time series $\{X_t\}$ is Gaussian (i.e. the distribution functions of $\{X_t\}$ are all multivariate Gaussian), then weakly stationary also implies strictly stationary. This is because a multivariate Gaussian distribution is fully characterized by its first two moments.

- Recall that the autocovariance $\gamma_X(s, t)$ of stationary time series depends on s and t only through $|s - t|$, thus we can rewrite notation $s = t + h$, where h represents the time shift.

$$\gamma_X(t + h, t) = \text{cov}(X_{t+h}, X_t) = \text{cov}(X_h, X_0) = \gamma(h, 0) = \gamma(h)$$

- Autocovariance Function of Stationary Time Series**

$$\gamma(h) = \text{cov}(X_{t+h}, X_t) = E[(X_{t+h} - \mu)(X_t - \mu)]$$

- Autocorrelation Function of Stationary Time Series**

$$\rho(h) = \frac{\gamma(t + h, t)}{\sqrt{\gamma(t + h, t + h)\gamma(t, t)}} = \frac{\gamma(h)}{\gamma(0)}$$

- Another important measure is called partial autocorrelation, which is the correlation between X_s and X_t with the linear effect of “everything in the middle” removed.
- **Partial Autocorrelation Function (PACF)**
 - For a stationary process X_t , the PACF (denoted as ϕ_{hh}), for $h = 1, 2, \dots$ is defined as

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_{11} &= \text{corr}(X_{t+1}, X_t) = \rho_1 \\ \phi_{hh} &= \text{corr}(X_{t+h} - \hat{X}_{t+h}, X_t - \hat{X}_t), \quad h \geq 2\end{aligned}$$

where \hat{X}_{t+h} and \hat{X}_t is defined as:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{X}_{t+h} &= \beta_1 X_{t+h-1} + \beta_2 X_{t+h-2} + \dots + \beta_{h-1} X_{t+1} \\ \hat{X}_t &= \beta_1 X_{t+1} + \beta_2 X_{t+2} + \dots + \beta_{h-1} X_{t+h-1}\end{aligned}$$

- If X_t is Gaussian, then ϕ_{hh} is actually conditional correlation

$$\phi_{hh} = \text{corr}(X_t, X_{t+h} | X_{t+1}, X_{t+2}, \dots, X_{t+h-1})$$

White Noise

- What is white noise
- Different aspects of white noise
- Types, features, and advantages of white noise
- why it is important in time series analysis



Types

- Gaussian white noise
- Uniform white noise

Features

- Mean of Zero
- Constant Variance
- Independence
- Randomness

Advantages

- Simplicity
- Modeling Power
- Stationarity

White Noise Test (Box-Pierce and Ljung-Box Tests)

- **Box-Pierce Test (1970):**

$$\left(Q_{BP}(m) = n \sum_{k=1}^m r_k^2 \right)$$

$$H_0 : \rho_1 = \cdots = \rho_m = 0$$

$$H_1 : \rho_i \neq 0 \text{ for some } i \in \{1 : m\}$$

where $1 \leq m < T$ is any given integer and T is the sample size.

Under the null hypothesis that $\{X_t\}$ is a white noise (H_0 is true), $Q_{BP}(m)$ asymptotically follows a chi-squared distribution $\chi^2(m)$ with m degrees of freedom.

- **Ljung-Box Test (1978):**

$$\left(Q_{LB}(m) = n(n+2) \sum_{k=1}^m \frac{r_k^2}{n-k} \right)$$

which still asymptotically and better follows the chi-squared distribution $\chi^2(m)$

- **P-value Interpretation:** Note that under the null hypothesis, for every integer $1 \leq m < T$, the p -value for $Q_{LB}(m)$ should be greater than 0.05 (the level of significance).

Statistical Definition of Random Walk

Definition A time series $\{X_t\}$ is called a random walk if it satisfies the following equation

$$X_t = X_{t-1} + W_t$$

where $\{W_t\}$ is a white noise and, for all t , W_t and X_{t-1} are uncorrelated.

we can easily obtain

$$X_t = X_{t-1} + W_t = X_{t-2} + W_{t-1} + W_t = \cdots = X_0 + W_1 + W_2 + \cdots + W_{t-1} + W_t$$

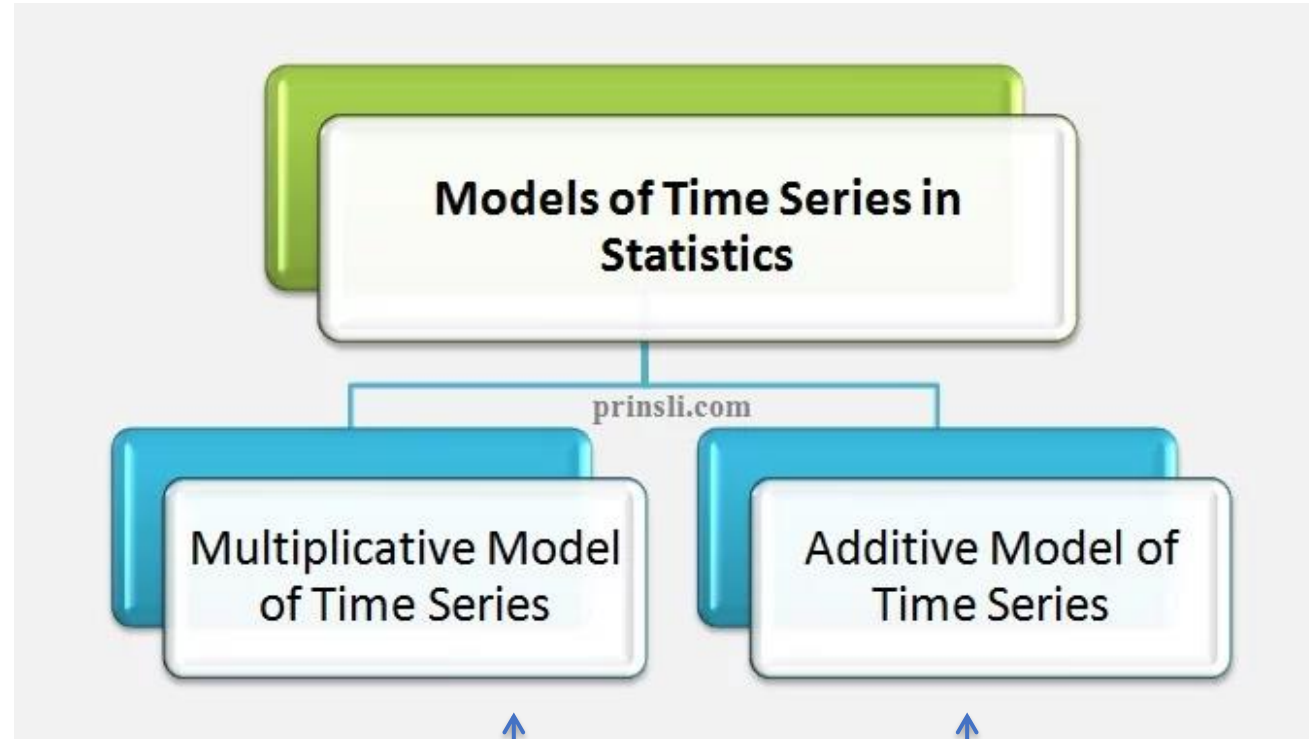
Therefore, for all t , $E(X_t) = E(X_0)$ is a constant. That is, the random walk is mean stationary.

On the other hand,

$$\text{Var}(X_t) = \text{Var}(X_{t-1}) + \sigma_w^2 > \text{Var}(X_{t-1})$$

Thus it can be seen that the random walk is not variance stationary.

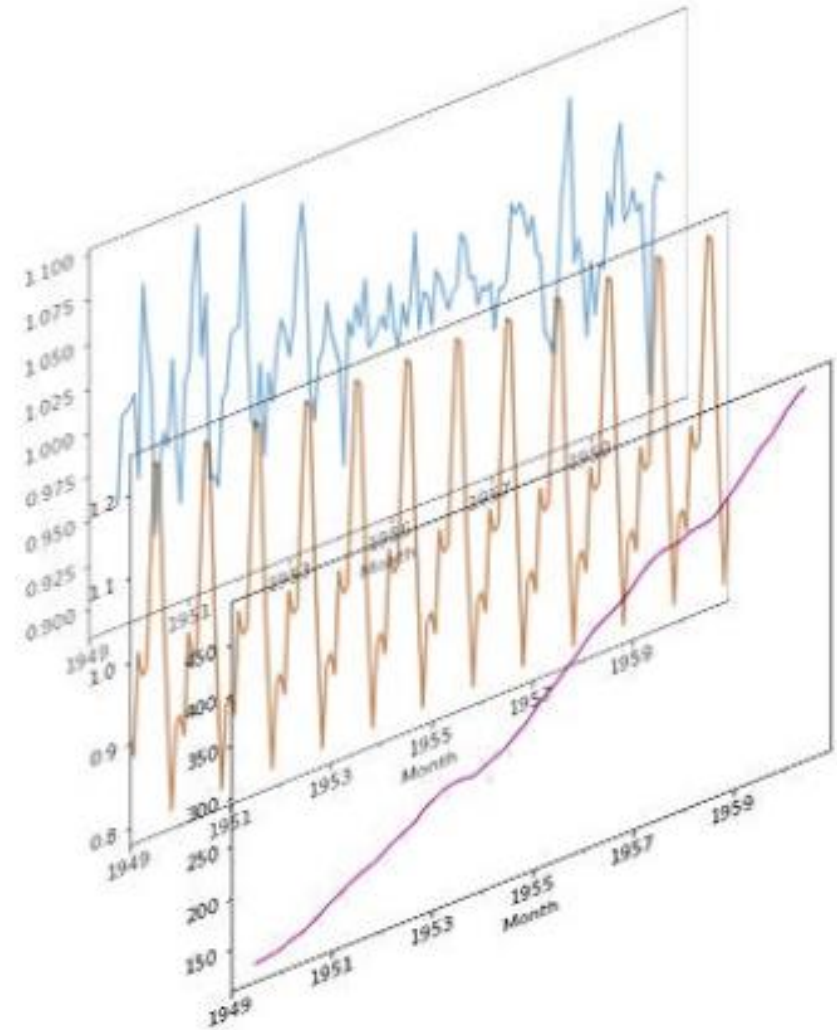
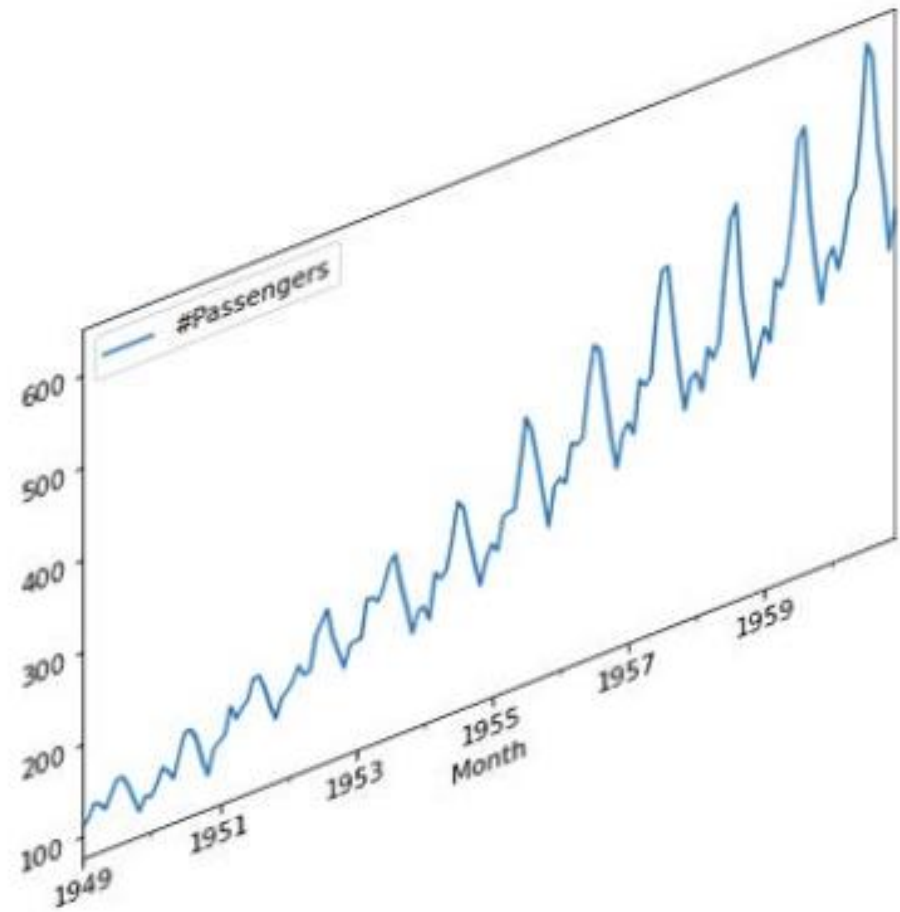
Additive vs. Multiplicative Time Series Models



$$Y(t) = T(t) \times S(t) \times C(t) \times I(t)$$

$$Y(t) = T(t) + S(t) + C(t) + I(t)$$

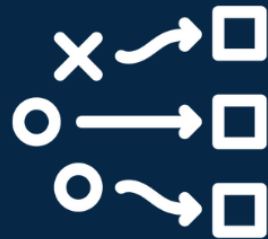
Time Series Decomposition





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Correlation



Measures the **relationship** between two numeric variables.

Regression



Measures how two numeric variables **affect** each other.

What is Linear Correlation Coefficient?

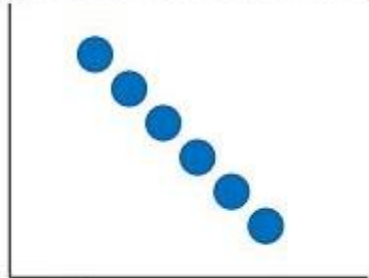
- A measure of the strength and the direction of a linear relationship between two variables.
- r represents the sample correlation coefficient.
- ρ (rho) represents the population correlation coefficient

$$r = \frac{n \sum xy - (\sum x)(\sum y)}{\sqrt{n \sum x^2 - (\sum x)^2} \sqrt{n \sum y^2 - (\sum y)^2}}$$

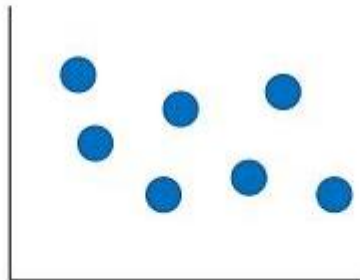
n is the number of data pairs

- The range of the correlation coefficient is -1 to 1.

If $r = -1$ there is a perfect negative correlation



If r is close to 0 there is no linear correlation

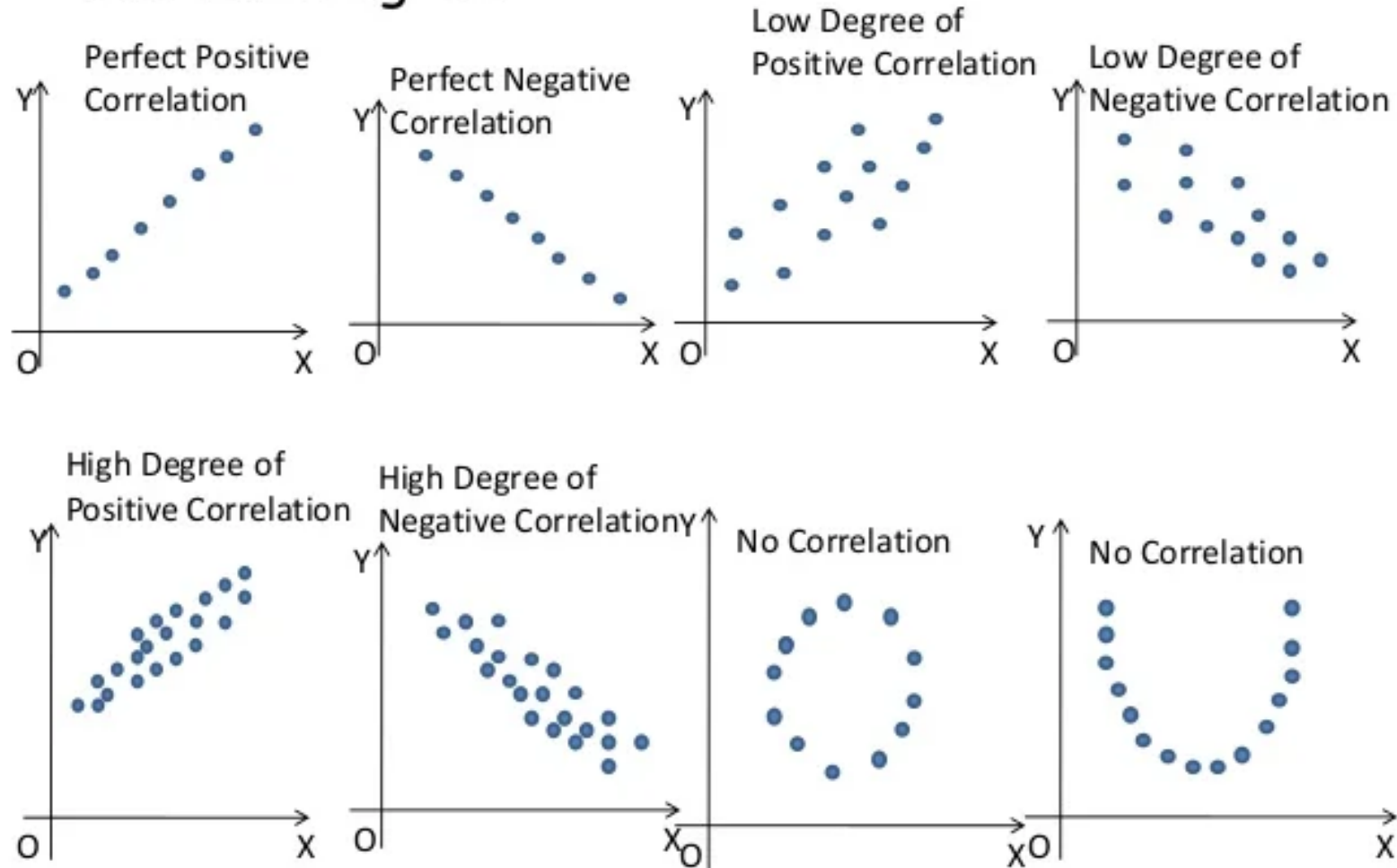


If $r = 1$ there is a perfect positive correlation



Visualizing Linear Correlation with Scatter Plots

Scatter Diagram



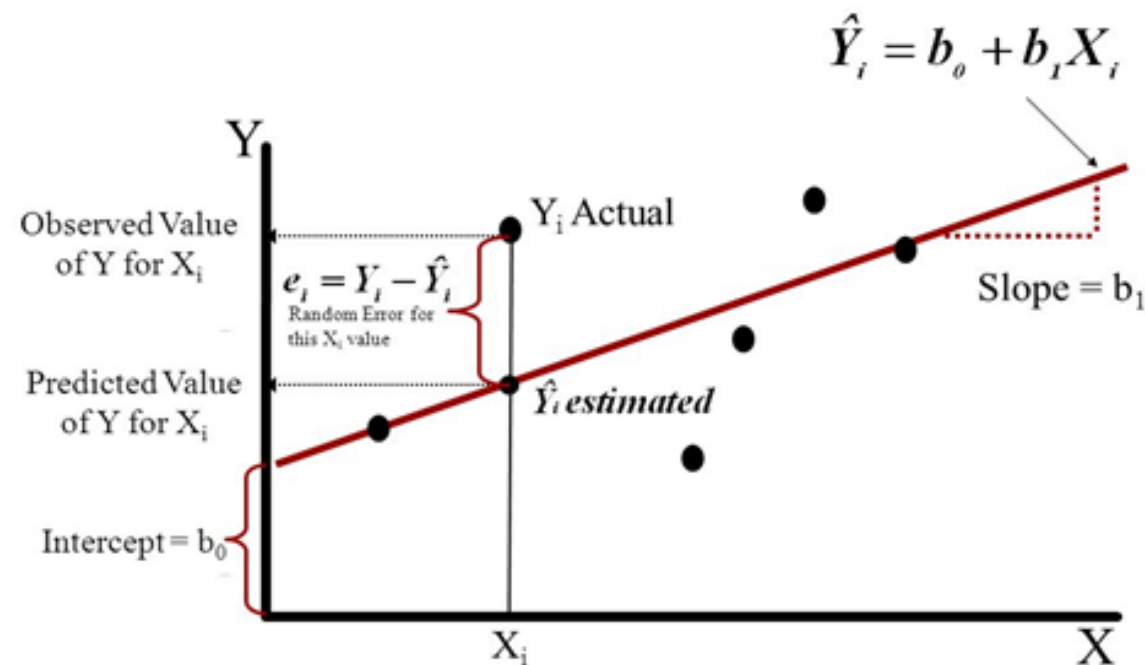
- After verifying that the linear correlation between two variables is significant, next we determine the equation of the line that best models the data (**regression line**).
- Can be used to predict the value of y for a given value of x .

Formulas for b_0 and b_1

$$b_1 = \frac{n \sum x_i y_i - \sum x_i \sum y_i}{n \sum x_i^2 - (\sum x_i)^2}$$

$$b_0 = \bar{y} - b_1 \bar{x}$$

Simple Linear Regression Model



What is Cross-Correlation?

- **Definition:** Cross-correlation measures the similarity between two time series as a function of the lag of one relative to the other.
- **Purpose:** Identifies how one time series is correlated with another over different time lags.
- **Applications in Environmental Science:**
 - **Temperature and CO₂ levels:** Analyze how temperature changes are related to CO₂ concentration over time.
 - **Rainfall and River Flow:** Measure how rainfall patterns influence river flow at different time lags.

Multivariate Time Series

Definition: A multivariate time series consists of multiple time-dependent variables observed simultaneously over time.

Purpose: Unlike univariate time series, which looks at a single variable, multivariate time series allows us to analyze the interactions between multiple variables over time.

Examples:

- **Environmental Science:** Studying how temperature, humidity, and wind speed change over time to predict weather conditions.
- **Economics:** Tracking GDP, inflation, and unemployment rates over time to understand economic trends.



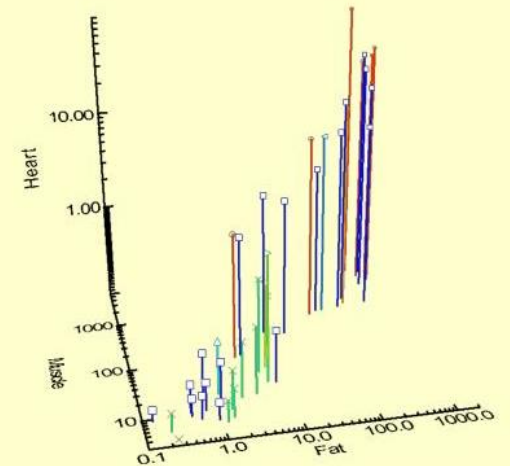
Key Benefits:

- 1) **Capture Interdependencies:** Analyze relationships between multiple variables (e.g., temperature affecting humidity).
- 2) **Improved Forecasting:** More accurate predictions due to the inclusion of multiple factors.
- 3) **Advanced Models:** Uses models like Vector Autoregression (VAR), which account for interactions between variables.

Example: Predicting energy consumption using temperature, time of day, and population data together.

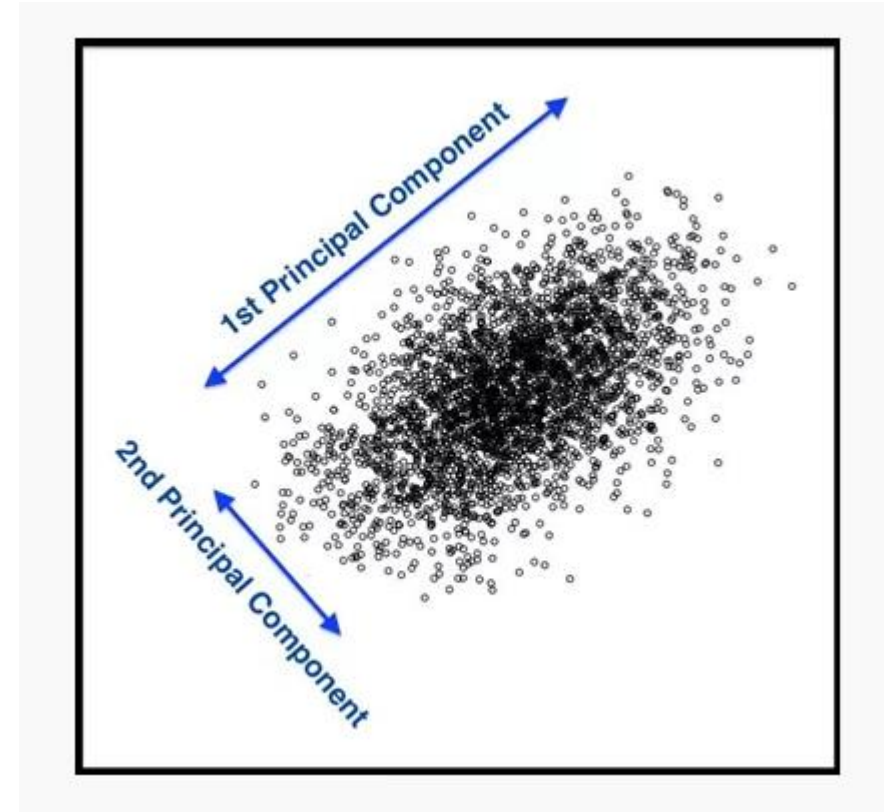
Uses of Multivariate Analysis

- Large data sets
 - simplify
 - summarize
 - find patterns
- Analyze groupings of units
- Find groupings of units
- Examine relationships between variables



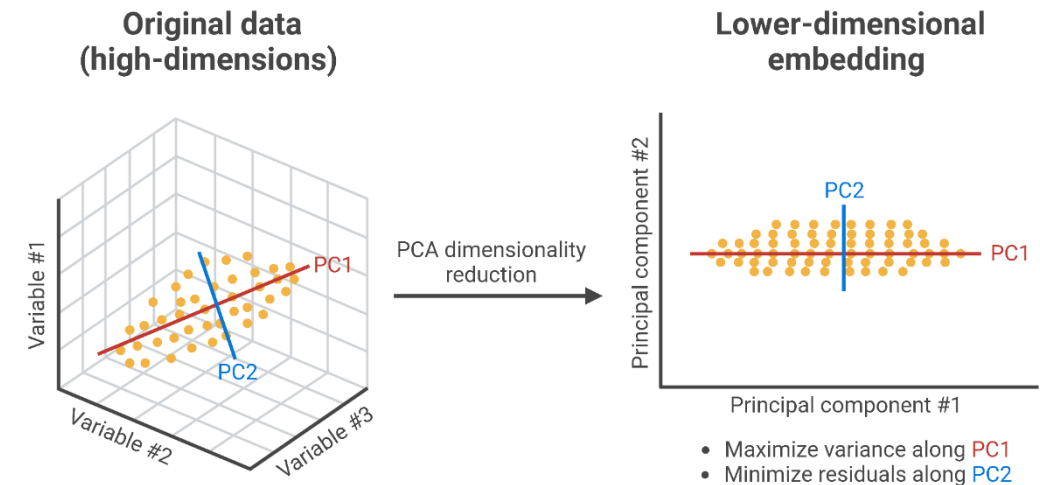
What is Principal Component Analysis (PCA)?

- 1) A statistical technique used for dimensionality reduction.
- 2) Transforms original features into a new set of uncorrelated variables called principal components.
- 3) Aims to capture the maximum variance in the data with the fewest number of components.



- 1) **Standardization:** Scale the data to have a mean of zero and a standard deviation of one.
- 2) **Covariance Matrix:** Calculate the covariance matrix to understand how features vary together.
- 3) **Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors:** Compute the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the covariance matrix.
- 4) **Principal Components:** Select the top k eigenvectors (principal components) based on the highest eigenvalues.

Principal Component Analysis (PCA) Transformation



- 1) **Dimensionality Reduction:** Reduces the number of features, simplifying models and improving performance.
- 2) **Noise Reduction:** Helps to filter out noise from the data.
- 3) **Data Visualization:** Enables visualization of high-dimensional data in 2D or 3D plots.
- 4) **Improved Model Performance:** Can lead to faster training times and better generalization.



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