Mudcard

- Are there quantitative ways to determine how well the iid assumption holds on data?
 - here is a good read on the topic
 - short answer is no
- Following up to the discussion on sklearn's lack of support for support stratification where y is continuous: can you provide some insight on why (or what kind of cases) stratification would be necessary in a regression problem?
 - PS4, problem 1c will cover this
 - it is a good idea to stratify, if the distribution of the regression target variable is heavy-tailed (e.g., exponential, log-normal)
 - if you do not stratify, some of your sets might not contain rare values from the heavy tail thus throwing off the regression model
- In k-fold cross validation, will it make the model better if we shuffle the training/validation data before each round of training, instead of just shuffling once before taking k non-overlapping folds?
 - that's not kfold, it's much closer to the basic split (train/validation/test)
- If we want to predict a continuous variable, y, are imbalanced features still a concern?
 - we don't really care about features being imbalanced
 - imbalance is important for a classification target variable
- I am still confused on how the stratefied K fold is implemented. Is it the same process regardless of the dataset we use?
 - yes, these splitting strategies are independent of the dataset
 - the only constraint is that the dataset needs to be IID if you want to use kfold splitting
- A bit confused why we would want to use KFold and cross-validation as opposed to normal splitting
 - both are equally good as long as your dataset is IID
 - use whichever you prefer in your project
 - kfold is quite often used so I wanted you to be familiar with it
- Why do we see different random states in different models? Example on Kaggle, we see random state = 0/10/42, etc. Apart from splitting up the dataset into different points, does the value of the random state affect the data in any other way?
 - you will see that some ML algorithms are non-deterministic (all decision tree-based models) and you'll need a random state for those otherwise you model changes every time you rerun the cell
- To be clear: shuffling is just randomizing the index/order of the raw data?
 - yep, randomly rearragnes the rows

- are test_size and train_size in the split methods pretty much specifying the same thing? I.e. does a test_size of 0.2 imply train_size 0.8?
 - not the same thing
 - train_size = 1 test_size
 - train size != test_size unless you want a 50-50 split
- When using Kfold with 5 folds, should we still test the model on 10 different random states? So essentially we would be testing 50 different models?
 - yes, that's recommended because if you use 5 folds once, that's still only one test score
- What does this part of the k-fold splitting code mean: "for train_index, val_index in kf.split(X_other,y_other)"?
 - print out train_index and val_index to check
- Still a bit unclear about how stratification intuitively balances out unbalanced data sets. Just from a visualization standpoint.
- Can we apply stratify to balance datasets?
 - stratification does NOT balances out an imbalanced dataset
 - if 1% of points belong to the minority class, stratification guarantees that all sets in your dataset will contain exactly 1% of the minority class
- If train_test_split randomly separates the dataset already, why do we still need a shuffle argument for the function?
 - experiement with the code below to figure it out

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from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
import numpy as np
X, y = np.arange(20).reshape((10, 2)), range(10)
print(X,y)

X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y,
test_size=0.33, random_state=42,shuffle=False)

print(y_train,y_test)
```

- could you specify why is random walk sequence not iid?
 - D the underlying distribution changes as soon as a step is taken
- I want to know when should I use KFolds and when can use simple train-val-test split.
 - both are equally good if your dataset is IID
- The baseline metric for regression was said in class to be RMSE. How is the baseline calculated?
 - no, RMSE is not a baseline metric
 - RMSE is one metric you can use with regression datasets
 - the baseline RMSE of a regression problem can be determined if you calculate the RMSE with respect to the mean of the target variable
 - we will cover this in a few weeks
- I understand that KFold splits for us but what exactly are we testing for, what is the test? is it a test of balance or just whatever test we code?

- you want to have a test set to calculate the generalization error
- I am curious about the arguments in function, should we remember arguments or look for specific arguments using help funcion when we need it? How is the situation when having this kind of interview?
 - I still look up arguments all the time :)
 - some arguments stick if you use them often enough (like stratify, random_state, some plotting arguments)
 - you are not expected to know all arguments of sklearn, numpy, or pandas methods during an interview

Split non-iid data

By the end of this lecture, you will be able to

- split non-iid data based on group ID
- split non-iid time series data

The supervised ML pipeline

The goal: Use the training data (X and y) to develop a model which can accurately predict the target variable (y_new') for previously unseen data (X_new).

- **1. Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)**: you need to understand your data and verify that it doesn't contain errors
 - do as much EDA as you can!

2. Split the data into different sets: most often the sets are train, validation, and test (or holdout)

- practitioners often make errors in this step!
- you can split the data randomly, based on groups, based on time, or any other nonstandard way if necessary to answer your ML question
- **3. Preprocess the data**: ML models only work if X and Y are numbers! Some ML models additionally require each feature to have 0 mean and 1 standard deviation (standardized features)
 - often the original features you get contain strings (for example a gender feature would contain 'male', 'female', 'non-binary', 'unknown') which needs to transformed into numbers
 - often the features are not standardized (e.g., age is between 0 and 100) but it needs to be standardized
- 4. Choose an evaluation metric: depends on the priorities of the stakeholders

often requires quite a bit of thinking and ethical considerations

5. Choose one or more ML techniques: it is highly recommended that you try multiple models

- start with simple models like linear or logistic regression
- try also more complex models like nearest neighbors, support vector machines, random forest, etc.

6. Tune the hyperparameters of your ML models (aka cross-validation)

- ML techniques have hyperparameters that you need to optimize to achieve best performance
- for each ML model, decide which parameters to tune and what values to try
- loop through each parameter combination
 - train one model for each parameter combination
 - evaluate how well the model performs on the validation set
- take the parameter combo that gives the best validation score
- evaluate that model on the test set to report how well the model is expected to perform on previously unseen data

7. Interpret your model: black boxes are often not useful

- check if your model uses features that make sense (excellent tool for debugging)
- often model predictions are not enough, you need to be able to explain how the model arrived to a particular prediction (e.g., in health care)

Examples of non-iid data

- if there is any sort of time or group structure in your data, it is likely non-iid
 - group structure:
 - $\circ~$ samples are not identically distributed, D might be different for each group
 - a person appears multiple times in the dataset (e.g., hospital/doctor visits)
 - data is collected on multiple instrucments (e.g., equipment failure prediction)
 - time series data
 - values are not independent
 - o stocks price
 - o covid19 cases
 - o weather data

Ask yourself these questions!

- What is the intended use of the model? What is it supposed to do/predict?
- What data do you have available at the time of prediction?

- Your split must mimic the intended use of the model only then will you accurately
 estimate how well the model will perform on previously unseen points (generalization
 error).
- · two examples:
 - if you want to predict the outcome of a new patient's visit to the ER:
 - your test score must be based on patients not included in training and validation
 - your validation score must be based on patients not included in training
 - points of one patient should not be distributed over multiple sets because your generalization error will be off
 - a youtube video was released 4 weeks ago and you want to predict if it will be featured a week from now, your training data should only contain info that will available upon predictions (stuff you know 4 weeks after release)
 - o split data based on youtube vid ID
 - o use info that's available 4 weeks after release
 - your classification label will be whether it was featured or not 5 weeks after release

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An example: seizure project

- you can read the publication here
- classification problem:
 - epileptic seizures vs. non-epileptic psychogenic seizures
- data from empatica wrist sensor
 - heart rate, skin temperature, EDA, blood volume pressure, acceleration
- · data collection:
 - patients come to the hospital for a few days
 - eeg and video recording to determine seizure type
 - wrist sensor data is collected
- question:
 - Can we use the wrist sensor data to differentiate the two seizure types on new patients?

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print(df[df['patient ID'] == 32])
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In [2]: y = df['label']
        patient_ID = df['patient ID']
        seizure_ID = df['seizure_ID']
        X = df.drop(columns=['patient ID', 'seizure_ID', 'label'])
        classes, counts = np.unique(y,return_counts=True)
        print('balance:',np.max(counts/len(y)))
        balance: 0.6884057971014492
In [3]: from sklearn.svm import SVC
        from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score
        from sklearn.model_selection import StratifiedKFold
        from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
        from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
        from sklearn.pipeline import make_pipeline
        from sklearn.model_selection import KFold
        from sklearn.model_selection import GridSearchCV
        from sklearn.metrics import make_scorer
        def ML_pipeline_kfold_GridSearchCV(X,y,random_state,n_folds):
            # create a test set
            X other, X test, y other, y test = train test split(X, y, test size=0.2, ra
            # splitter for other
            kf = StratifiedKFold(n_splits=n_folds,shuffle=True,random_state=random_stat
            # create the pipeline: preprocessor + supervised ML method
            scaler = StandardScaler()
            pipe = make pipeline(scaler,SVC())
            # the parameter(s) we want to tune
            param_grid = {'svc__C': np.logspace(-3,4,num=8),'svc__gamma': np.logspace(-
            # prepare gridsearch
            grid = GridSearchCV(pipe, param_grid=param_grid,scoring = make_scorer(accur
                                cv=kf, return train score = True)
            # do kfold CV on other
            grid.fit(X_other, y_other)
            return grid, grid.score(X_test, y_test)
In [4]: test scores = []
        for i in range(5):
            grid, test_score = ML_pipeline_kfold_GridSearchCV(X,y,i*42,5)
            print(grid.best params )
            print('best CV score:',grid.best_score_)
            print('test score:',test score)
            test scores.append(test score)
        print('test accuracy:',np.around(np.mean(test_scores),2),'+/-',np.around(np.sto)
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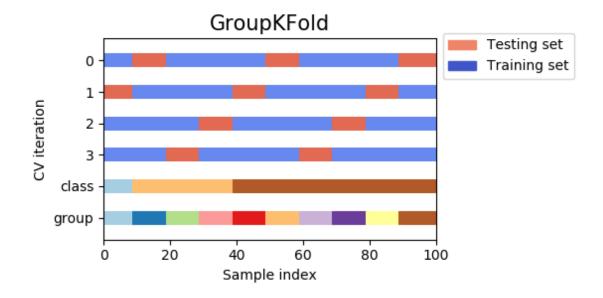
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This is wrong! A very bad case of data leakage!

- the textbook case of information leakage!
- if we just do KFold CV blindly, the points from the same patient end up in different sets
 - when you deploy the model and apply it to data from new patients, that patient's data will be seen for the first time
- the ML pipeline needs to mimic the intended use of the model!
 - we want to split the points based on the patient ID!
 - we want all points from the same patient to be in either train/CV/test

Group-based split: GroupKFold



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In [5]: from sklearn.model_selection import GroupKFold
   from sklearn.model_selection import GroupShuffleSplit
   def ML_pipeline_groups_GridSearchCV(X,y,groups,random_state,n_folds):
        # create a test set based on groups
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X_other, y_other, groups_other = X.iloc[i_other], y.iloc[i_other], groups_other
                X_test, y_test, groups_test = X.iloc[i_test], y.iloc[i_test], groups.il
            # check the split
              print(pd.unique(groups))
              print(pd.unique(groups_other))
             print(pd.unique(groups_test))
            # splitter for _other
            kf = GroupKFold(n_splits=n_folds)
            # create the pipeline: preprocessor + supervised ML method
            scaler = StandardScaler()
            pipe = make_pipeline(scaler,SVC())
            # the parameter(s) we want to tune
            param_grid = {'svc__C': np.logspace(-3,4,num=8),'svc__gamma': np.logspace(-
            # prepare gridsearch
            grid = GridSearchCV(pipe, param_grid=param_grid,scoring = make_scorer(accur
                                cv=kf, return_train_score = True)
            # do kfold CV on _other
            grid.fit(X_other, y_other, groups=groups_other)
            return grid, grid.score(X_test, y_test)
In [6]: test_scores = []
        for i in range(5):
            grid, test_score = ML_pipeline_groups_GridSearchCV(X,y,patient_ID,i*42,5)
            print(grid.best_params_)
            print('best CV score:',grid.best_score_)
            print('test score:',test_score)
            test_scores.append(test_score)
        print('test accuracy:',np.around(np.mean(test_scores),2),'+/-',np.around(np.sto
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        best CV score: 0.6082407407407406
        test score: 0.8901098901098901
        test accuracy: 0.63 + /- 0.26
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splitter = GroupShuffleSplit(n_splits=1,test_size=0.2,random_state=random_s

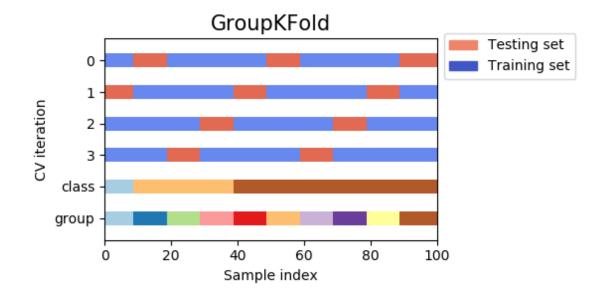
for i_other,i_test in splitter.split(X, y, groups):

The takeaway

- an incorrect cross validation pipeline gives misleading results
 - usually the model appears to be pretty accurate
 - but the performance is poor when the model is deployed
- this can be avoided by a careful cross validation pipeline
 - think about how your model will be used

Let's take a look at group splitters using toy datasets

Group-based split: GroupKFold



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In [7]: from sklearn.model_selection import GroupKFold
import numpy as np

X = np.ones(shape=(8, 2))
y = np.ones(shape=(8, 1))
groups = np.array([1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3])

group_kfold = GroupKFold(n_splits=3)

for train_index, test_index in group_kfold.split(X, y, groups):
    print("TRAIN:", train_index, "TEST:", test_index)

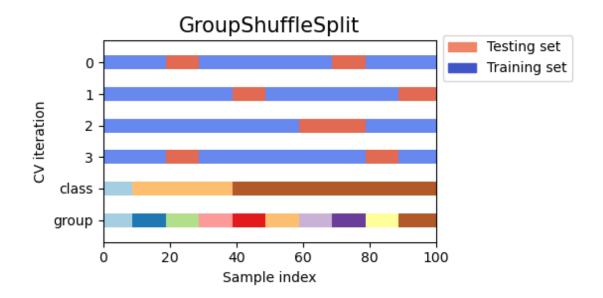
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TRAIN: [2 3 4 5 6 7] TEST: [0 1]
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In [8]: help(GroupKFold)

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Help on class GroupKFold in module sklearn.model_selection._split:
class GroupKFold(_BaseKFold)
 | GroupKFold(n_splits=5)
    K-fold iterator variant with non-overlapping groups.
    The same group will not appear in two different folds (the number of
    distinct groups has to be at least equal to the number of folds).
    The folds are approximately balanced in the sense that the number of
    distinct groups is approximately the same in each fold.
    Read more in the :ref:`User Guide <group_k_fold>`.
    Parameters
    n_splits : int, default=5
       Number of folds. Must be at least 2.
        .. versionchanged:: 0.22
            ``n_splits`` default value changed from 3 to 5.
    Notes
    Groups appear in an arbitrary order throughout the folds.
    Examples
    >>> import numpy as np
    >>> from sklearn.model_selection import GroupKFold
    >>> X = np.array([[1, 2], [3, 4], [5, 6], [7, 8]])
    >>> y = np.array([1, 2, 3, 4])
    >>> groups = np.array([0, 0, 2, 2])
    >>> group kfold = GroupKFold(n splits=2)
    >>> group_kfold.get_n_splits(X, y, groups)
    >>> print(group_kfold)
    GroupKFold(n splits=2)
    >>> for train_index, test_index in group_kfold.split(X, y, groups):
            print("TRAIN:", train_index, "TEST:", test_index)
            X_train, X_test = X[train_index], X[test_index]
            y_train, y_test = y[train_index], y[test_index]
           print(X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test)
    TRAIN: [0 1] TEST: [2 3]
    [[1 2]
     [3 4]] [[5 6]
     [7 8]] [1 2] [3 4]
    TRAIN: [2 3] TEST: [0 1]
    [[5 6]
     [7 8]] [[1 2]
     [3 4]] [3 4] [1 2]
   See Also
    LeaveOneGroupOut : For splitting the data according to explicit
```

```
domain-specific stratification of the dataset.
Method resolution order:
    GroupKFold
    _BaseKFold
    BaseCrossValidator
    builtins.object
Methods defined here:
__init__(self, n_splits=5)
    Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.
split(self, X, y=None, groups=None)
    Generate indices to split data into training and test set.
    Parameters
    X : array-like of shape (n_samples, n_features)
        Training data, where `n_samples` is the number of samples
        and `n_features` is the number of features.
    y : array-like of shape (n_samples,), default=None
        The target variable for supervised learning problems.
    groups : array-like of shape (n_samples,)
        Group labels for the samples used while splitting the dataset into
        train/test set.
    Yields
    _____
    train : ndarray
        The training set indices for that split.
    test : ndarray
        The testing set indices for that split.
Data and other attributes defined here:
__abstractmethods__ = frozenset()
Methods inherited from _BaseKFold:
get_n_splits(self, X=None, y=None, groups=None)
    Returns the number of splitting iterations in the cross-validator
    Parameters
    X : object
        Always ignored, exists for compatibility.
    y : object
        Always ignored, exists for compatibility.
    groups : object
```

Group-based split: GroupShuffleSplit



```
In [9]: from sklearn.model_selection import GroupShuffleSplit

gss = GroupShuffleSplit(n_splits=5, train_size=.8, random_state=42)

for train_idx, test_idx in gss.split(X, y, groups):
    print("TRAIN:", train_idx, "TEST:", test_idx)

TRAIN: [2 3 4 5 6 7] TEST: [0 1]
TRAIN: [0 1 5 6 7] TEST: [2 3 4]
TRAIN: [2 3 4 5 6 7] TEST: [0 1]
TRAIN: [0 1 5 6 7] TEST: [2 3 4]
TRAIN: [2 3 4 5 6 7] TEST: [0 1]
```

Quiz 1

Go back to the GroupKFold example above. What happens when you change n_splits to 4? Why?

Why could we set the n_splits argument to 5 in GroupShuffleSplit? Check the manual of both methods to find the answer.

Explain your answer in a couple of sentences!

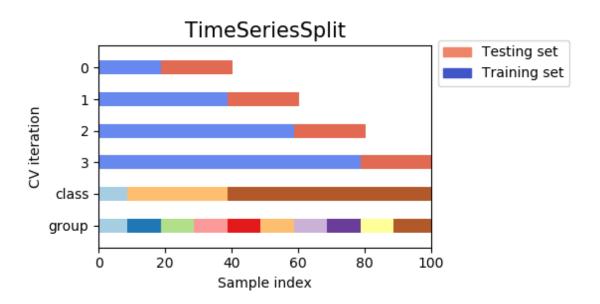
Split non-iid data

By the end of this lecture, you will be able to

- split non-iid data based on group ID
- split non-iid time series data

Data leakage in time series data is similar!

- do NOT use information in CV which will not be available once your model is deployed
 - don't use future information!



Time series data

- stock price, crypto price, covid-19 positive case counts, etc
- simple data structure:

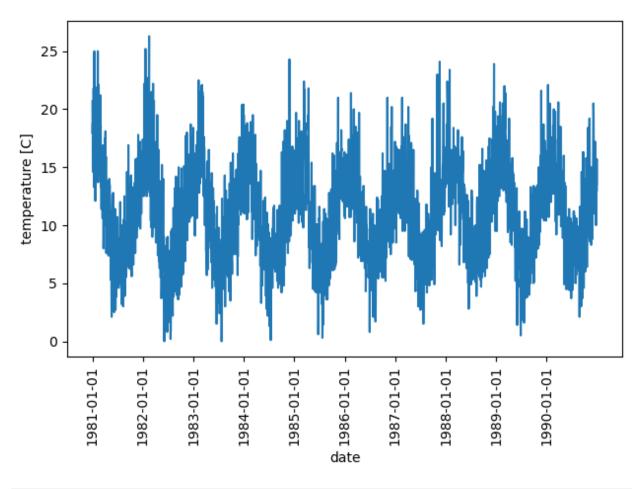
 $| time | observation | | -----| : -----| | t_0 | y_0 | | t_1 | y_1 | | t_2 | y_2 | | \dots | \dots | | t_i | y_i | | \dots | \dots | | t_n | y_n |$

- assumption:
 - the difference between two time points (dt) is constant
 - e.g., 1 minute, 5 minutes, 1 hour, or 1 day

Autocorrelation

- the correlation of the time series data with a delayed copy of itself
- delay on the x axis, correlation coefficient on the y axis
- if delay = 0, the correlation coefficient is 1
- if the delay is short, autocorrelation can be high
- autocorrelation tends to subside for longer delays
- let's check an example

```
In [10]: import pandas as pd
         import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
         import matplotlib
         import numpy as np
         df = pd.read_csv('data/daily-min-temperatures.csv')
         print(df.shape)
         print(df.head())
         plt.plot(df['Temp'])
         plt.xticks(np.arange(len(df['Date']))[::365],df['Date'].iloc[::365],rotation=9@
         plt.xlabel('date')
         plt.ylabel('temperature [C]')
         plt.tight_layout()
         plt.show()
         (3650, 2)
                  Date Temp
         0 1981-01-01 20.7
         1 1981-01-02 17.9
         2 1981-01-03 18.8
         3 1981-01-04 14.6
         4 1981-01-05 15.8
```



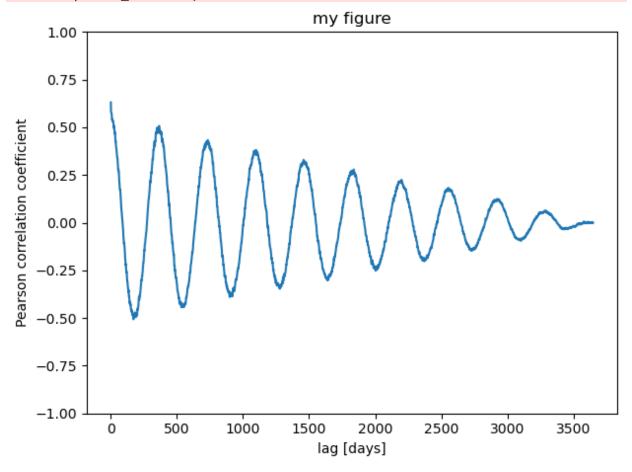
```
In [11]: # let's create an autocorrelation plot
         lags = np.arange(3650)
         corr coefs = np.zeros(3650)
         for i in np.arange(len(lags)):
             x = df['Temp'].iloc[i:-1].reset_index(drop=True) # recent observations
             y = df['Temp'].iloc[:-i-1].reset_index(drop=True) # lag-shifted observation
             # the shapes must be the same
             if x.shape != y.shape:
                 raise ValueError('shape mismatch!')
             # Pearson correlation multiplied by the fraction of time series used
             corr_coefs[i] = x.corr(y,method='pearson')*x.shape[0]/df['Temp'].shape[0]
         print(corr_coefs[:10])
         plt.plot(lags[2:],corr_coefs[2:])
         plt.ylim([-1,1])
         plt.xlabel('lag [days]')
         plt.ylabel('Pearson correlation coefficient')
         plt.title('my figure')
         plt.tight_layout()
         plt.show()
         # a one-liner
         pd.plotting.autocorrelation_plot(df['Temp'])
         plt.title("pandas's autocorrelation plot")
         plt.tight_layout()
         plt.show()
```

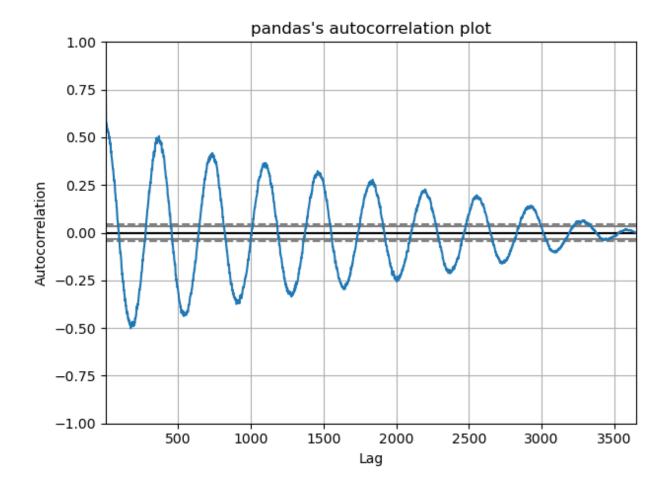
[0.99972603 0.77446147 0.63057611 0.58570362 0.5780733 0.57758888 0.57542059 0.57472479 0.56812066 0.56190417]

/Users/azsom/opt/anaconda3/envs/data1030/lib/python3.10/site-packages/numpy/li
b/function_base.py:2821: RuntimeWarning: Degrees of freedom <= 0 for slice
 c = cov(x, y, rowvar, dtype=dtype)</pre>

/Users/azsom/opt/anaconda3/envs/data1030/lib/python3.10/site-packages/numpy/lib/function_base.py:2680: RuntimeWarning: divide by zero encountered in true_divide

c *= np.true_divide(1, fact)





Autoregression: create feature matrix using lag features

- goal:
 - predict what y will be dt in the future
- the target variable and lag features:

- the features are shifted with respect to the original observation with a dt lag
- this feature matrix should still be split based on time (e.g., older observations in train, most recent observations in test)

```
In [12]: y = df['Temp']
X = pd.concat([df['Temp'].shift(3),df['Temp'].shift(2),df['Temp'].shift(1)],axi
X.columns = ['lag 3 days','lag 2 days','lag 1 day']
print(X.tail(10))
print(y.tail(10))
```

```
lag 3 days lag 2 days lag 1 day
3640
            14.7
                         15.4
                                     13.1
3641
            15.4
                         13.1
                                     13.2
            13.1
3642
                         13.2
                                     13.9
3643
            13.2
                         13.9
                                     10.0
3644
            13.9
                         10.0
                                     12.9
3645
            10.0
                         12.9
                                     14.6
3646
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                         14.6
                                     14.0
3647
            14.6
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3648
            14.0
                         13.6
                                     13.5
3649
            13.6
                         13.5
                                     15.7
3640
        13.2
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3644
3645
        14.0
3646
        13.6
3647
        13.5
3648
        15.7
3649
        13.0
```

Name: Temp, dtype: float64

Things to consider

- lag between the target variable and feature m can be more if you want to predict the observation multiple dt's in the future
- you might also have multiple time series to work with (prices of multiple stock, covid cases in multiple countries, etc)
 - all of those need to be shifted by the same lag relative to the target variable
- due to autocorrelation, the features closer in time to the target variable tend to be more predictive
- how many features should you use?
 - treat the number of features as a hyperparameter

Special scenarios

- what if dt is not consant and/or each time series have its own non-uniform time?
 - for example you try to predict crypto prices based on stock prices
 - stock prices are available once per hour
 - o crypto prices are only available when a trade happens (i.e., some tokens are traded rarely)
- interpolate to a uniform time grid
 - try linear and non-linear interpolation techniques to figure out what works best
 - check out scipy for more info
 - cubic spline interpolation usually works well
- you might have a mix of time series and non-time series features
 - cvs customer purchase history

- o you know what a customer bought and when time series part
- you have info on the customer (gender, race, address, etc) non-time series part

Mud card

In []: