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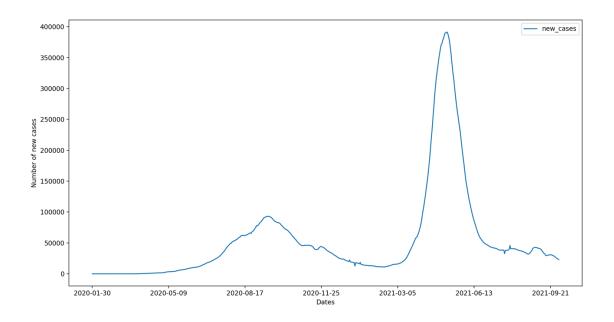


Figure 1 No. of COVID-19 cases vs. days

Inferences:

- 1. The time-series depicts bimodal data with 2 distinct peaks.
- 2. First wave around August-2020 Second wave May-2021
- b. The value of the Pearson's correlation coefficient is 0.99906

Inferences:

- 1. The two series are highly correlated (positive correlation).
- 2. Higher the pearson coefficient, higher the extent of similarity.



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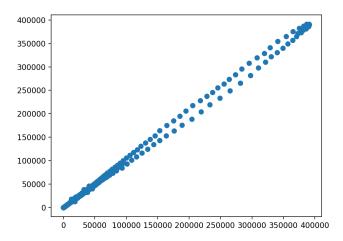


Figure 2 Scatter plot one day lagged sequence vs. given time sequence

Inferences:

- 1. The two series are highly correlated (positive correlation).
- 2. The scatter plot deviates very little from a straight line with slope 1 and hence obeys the pearson coefficient.

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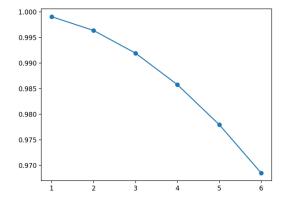


Figure 3 Correlation coefficient vs. lags in given sequence



Inferences:

- 1. The correlation decreases with increase in lags.
- 2. The number of new cases in 2 consecutive days are similar with subtler changes.

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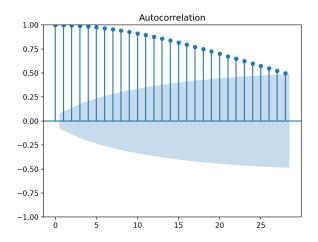


Figure 4 Correlation coefficient vs. lags in given sequence generated using 'plot_acf' function

Inferences:

- 1. The correlation decreases with increase inn lags.
- 2. The new cases per day depends on the existing number of active cases and hence is more related to lesser lagged series.

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a. The coefficients obtained from the AR model are;



59.95483328406361 1.0367593349641009 0.2617123358706088 0.027561262816078624 -0.17539195532509488 -0.15246136637643914

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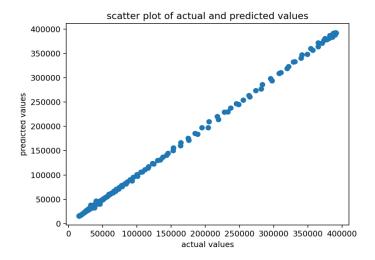


Figure 5 Scatter plot actual vs. predicted values

Inferences:

- 1. The two series are highly correlated.
- 2. Since the auto-correlation was very high in q1, the graph obeys the same.

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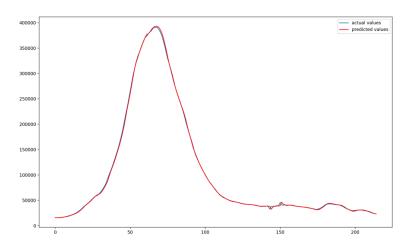




Figure 6: Predicted test data time sequence vs. original test data sequence

Inferences:

1. Since the predicted and actual plots overlap for most part of the timeline, the prediction model is quite effective for future predictions

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RMSE(%) in predication: 1.8247684769390877

Mean absolute percentage error 1.5748363824058313

Inferences:

- 1. Both RMSE and MAPE are well below 5% which make the prediction quite accurate.
- 2. The high value of auto-correlation makes the prediction so accurate.

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Table 1 RMSE (%) and MAPE between predicted and original data values wrt lags in time sequence

| Lag value | RMSE (%) | MAPE |
|-----------|----------|------|
| 1 | 5.37 | 3.44 |
| 5 | 1.82 | 1.57 |
| 10 | 1.68 | 1.52 |
| 15 | 1.61 | 1.49 |
| 25 | 1.70 | 1.53 |

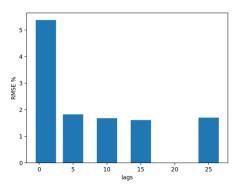


Figure 7 RMSE(%) vs. time lag

Inferences:



- 1. RMSE decreases up to lag = 15, after which the RMSE starts increasing.
- 2. The lag = 15 is best suited for prediction

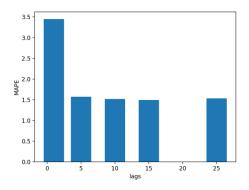


Figure 8 MAPE vs. time lag

Inferences:

- 1. MAPE decreases up to lag = 15, after which MAPE starts increasing.
- 2. Lag =15, is optimal for timeseries future prediction

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The heuristic value for the optimal number of lags is 77.

RMSE(%): 1.7593780528866607

MAPE: 2.0264439052850114

Inferences:

- 1. Both rmse and MAPE value for heuristic 77 are more than lag=15, but lesser than lag =1 which shows that the optimal solution from heuristic is better than single lagged series but not as good as statistical analysis of lagged data.
- 2. The heuristic method of parameter optimization is an intelligent guess, but statistical method of analysing different lag series is more exhaustive and hence more accurate.