

# **Complexity Methods for Behavioural Science**

**Basic Timeseries Analysis**

**Basic Nonlinear Timeseries Analysis**

**Scaling**

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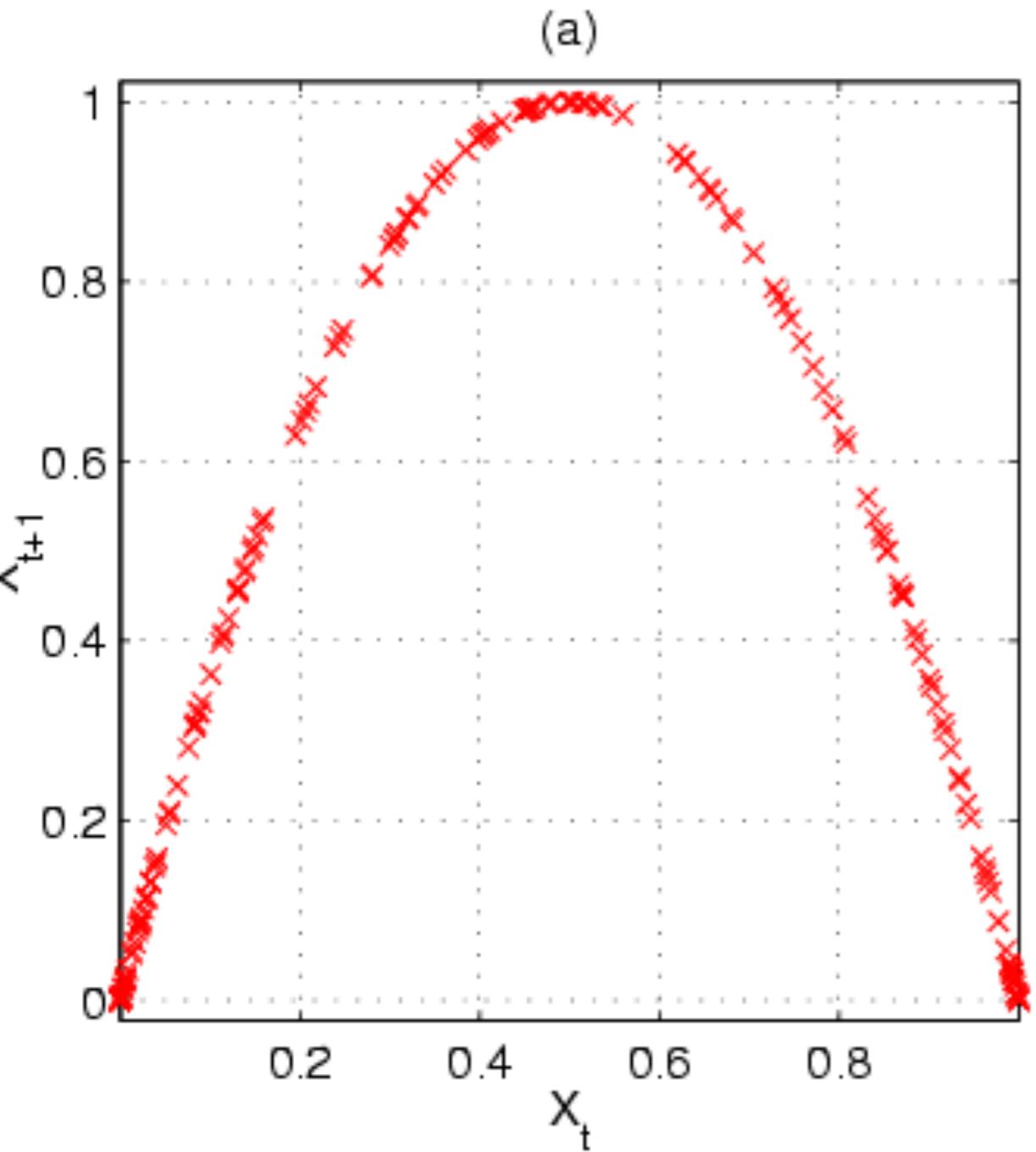
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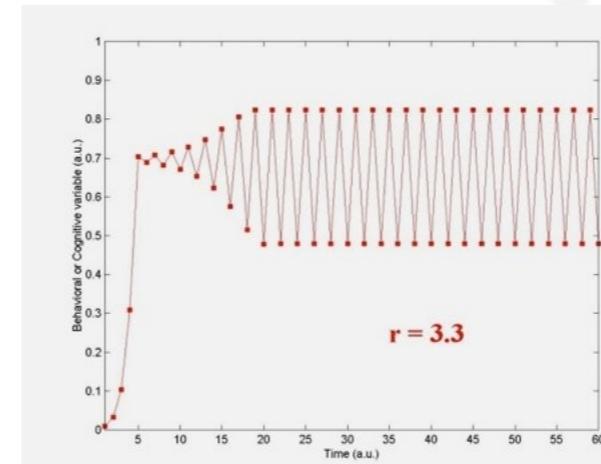
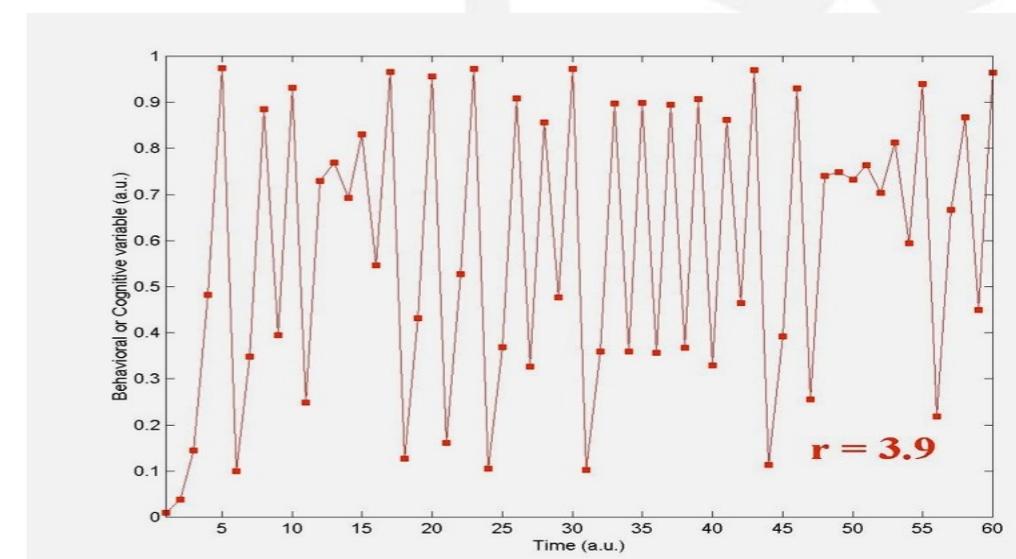
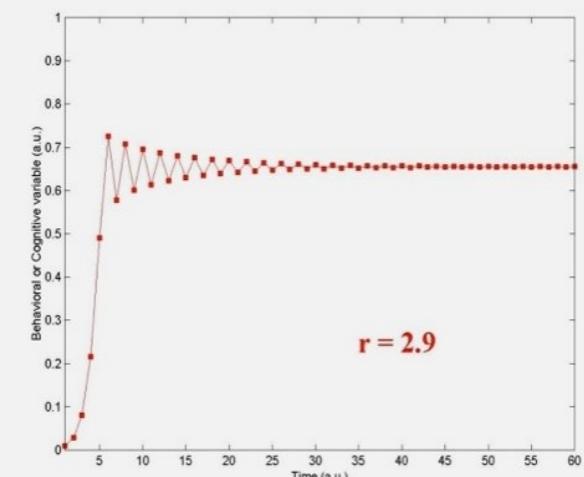
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- **The return plot** - a scatterplot of  $Y_i$  vs.  $Y_{i+1..n}$
- **The state / phase space** - A space spanned by **M** observable **dimensions** of the system.
  - Depending on parameter settings a system can be attracted to just a few states: **Attractors**
  - *Not discussed: The cobweb method*
- **The phase / bifurcation diagram** - diagram representing the parameter space of a system. Its dimensions represent the possible values of the control parameter(s) of the system. Stable regions are often labelled by an order parameter (solid, liquid, gas).
- Today: **Potential Functions** - A functions describing the relative stability of the 'end-states' of

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Why the same  
shape for all  
these different  
time series?

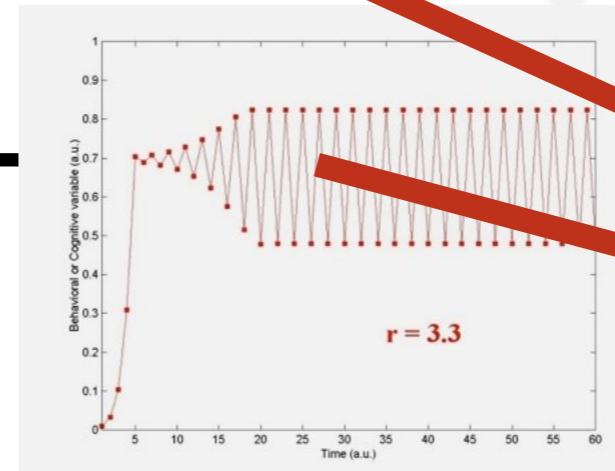
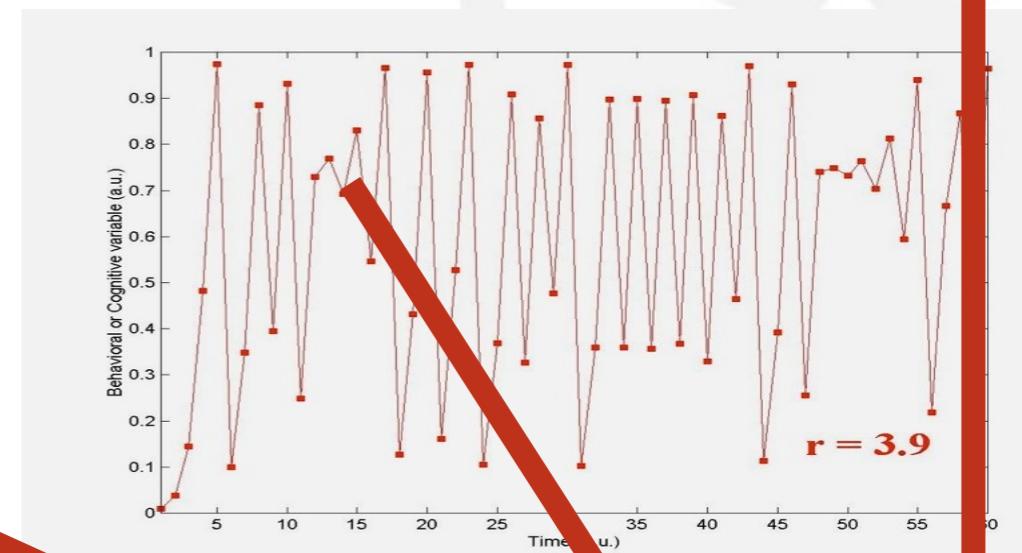
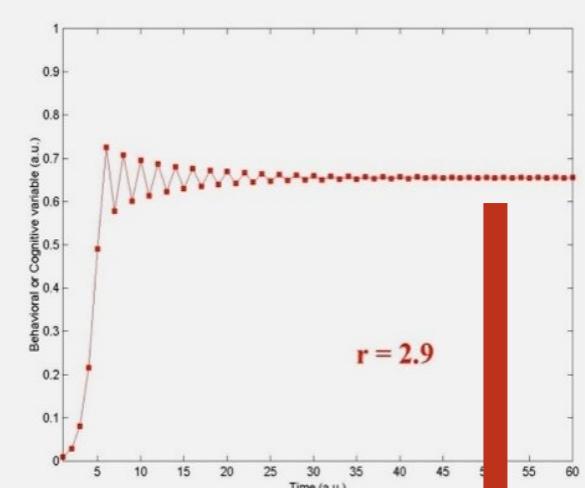
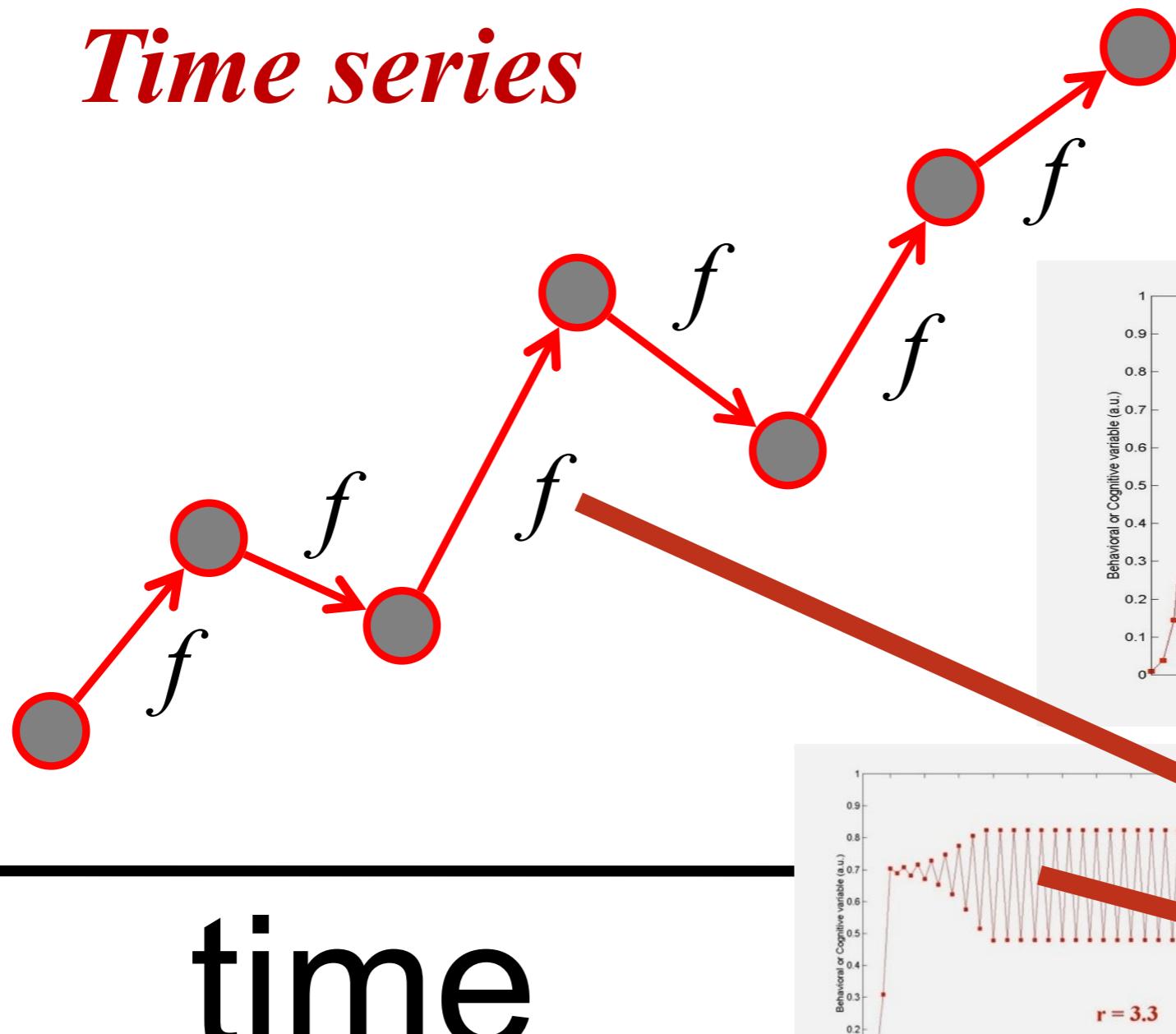


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Y

*Time series*

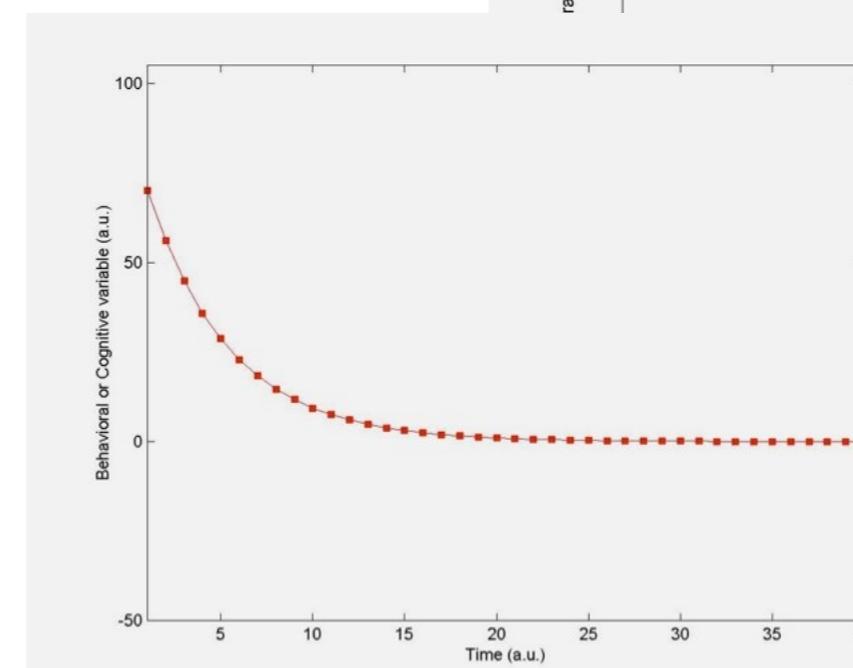
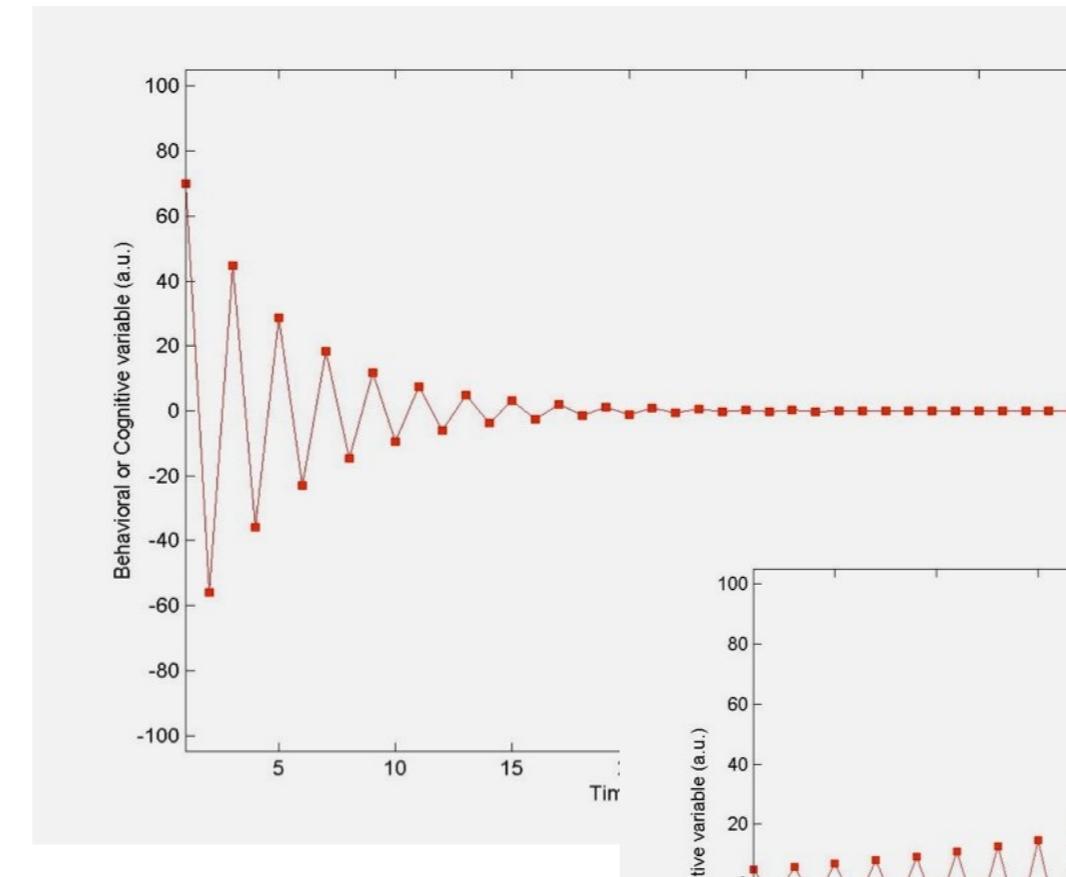
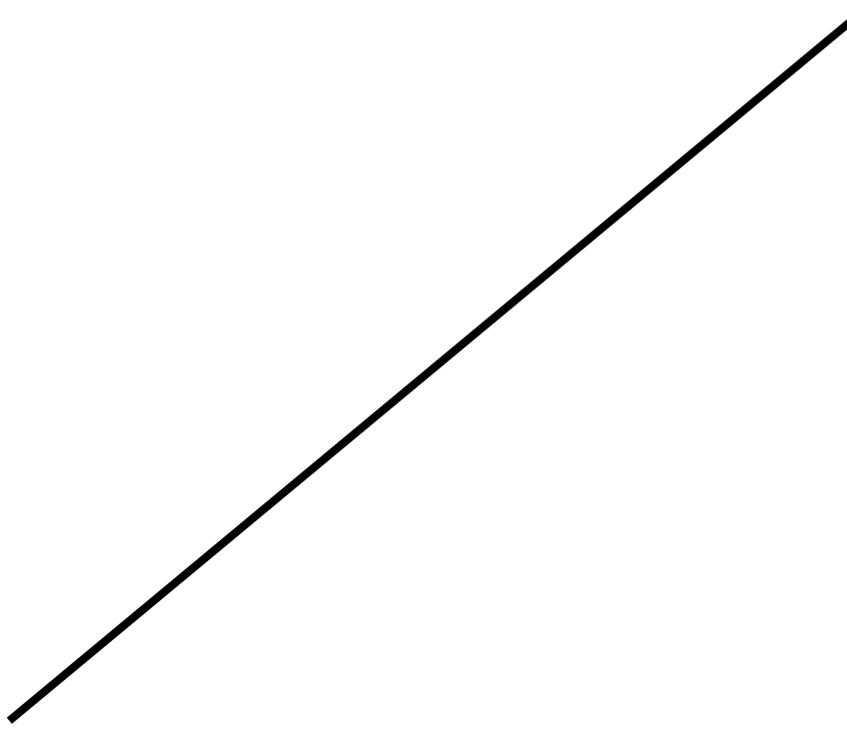


$$L_{i+1} = rL_i(1 - L_i)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= rL_i - rL_i^2 \\ &= \text{quadratic map} \end{aligned}$$

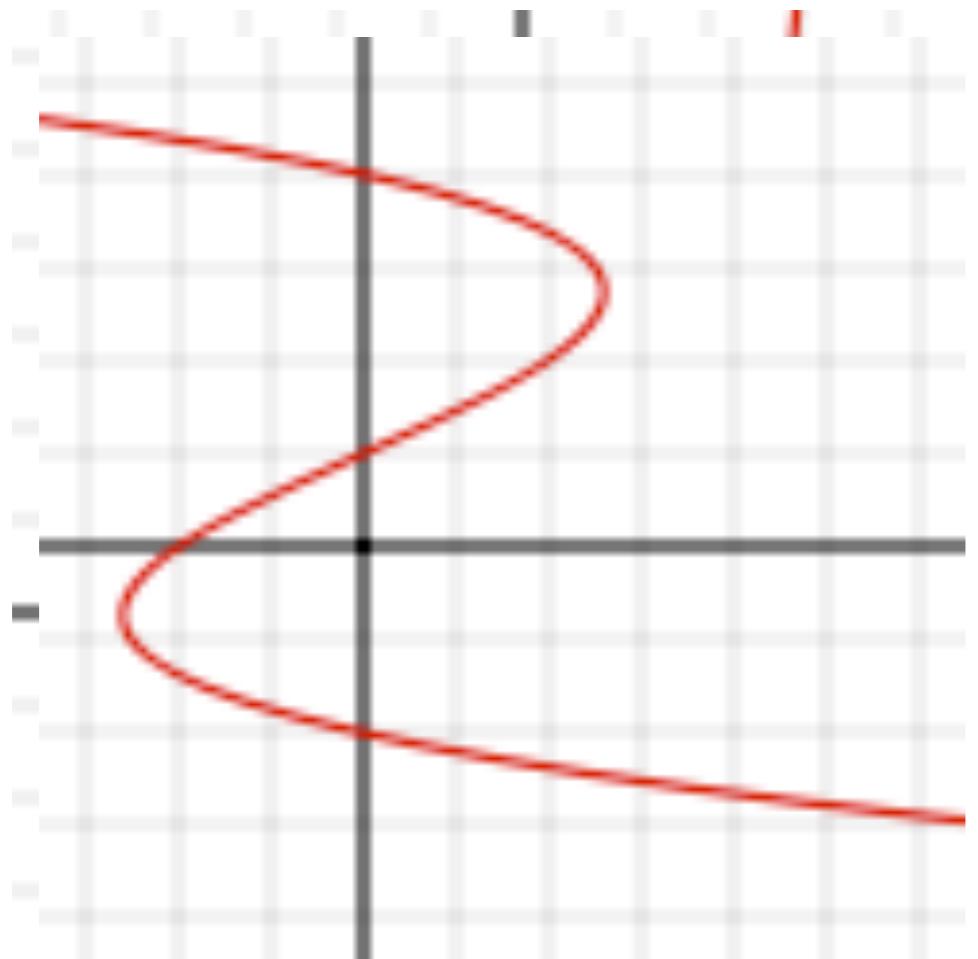
# Return plot quiz

$$Y_{i+1} = a \cdot Y_i$$

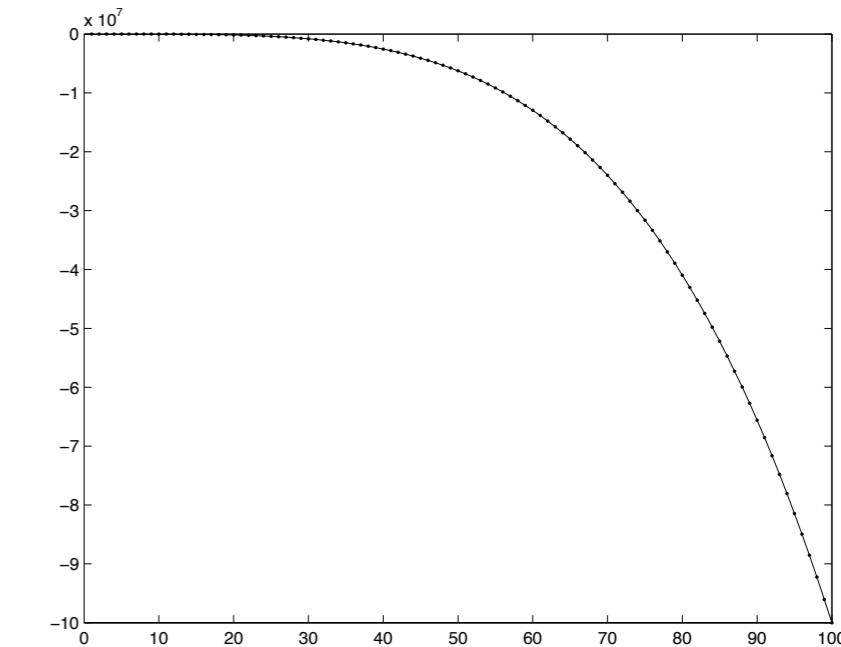
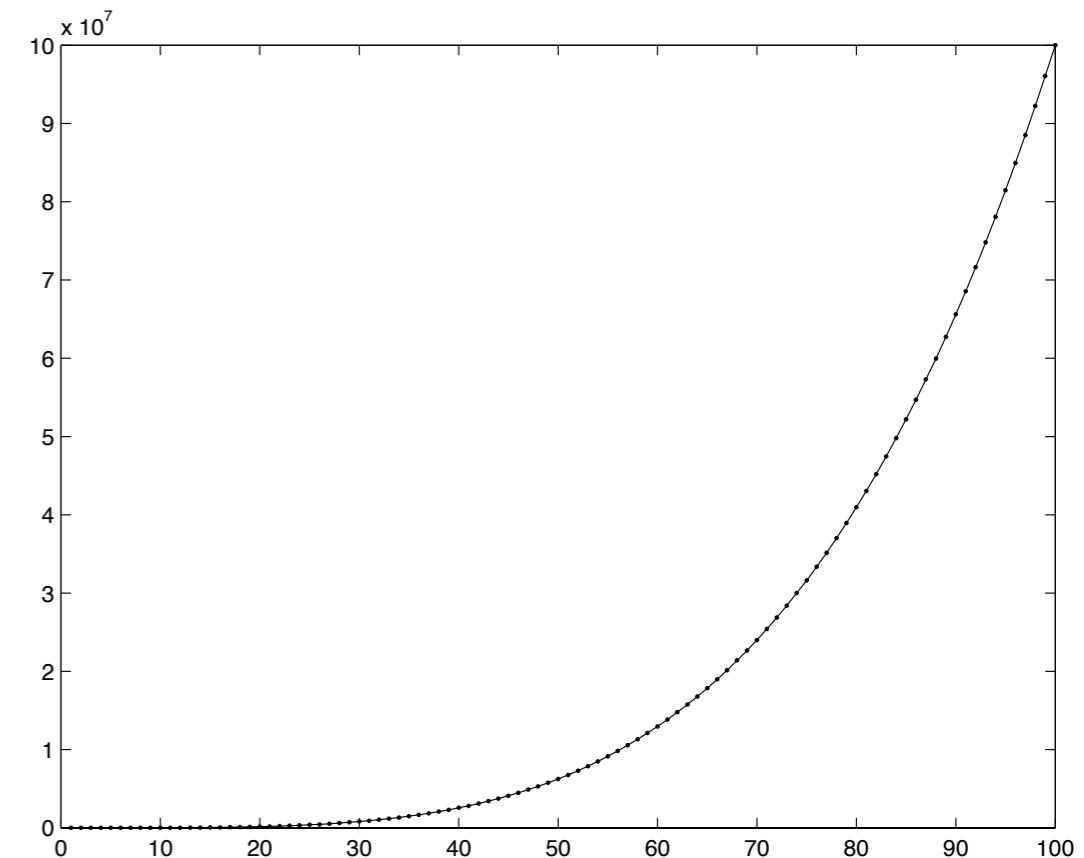


## Return plot quiz

$$Y_{i+1} = a \cdot Y_i^3 + b \cdot Y_i^2 + \dots$$

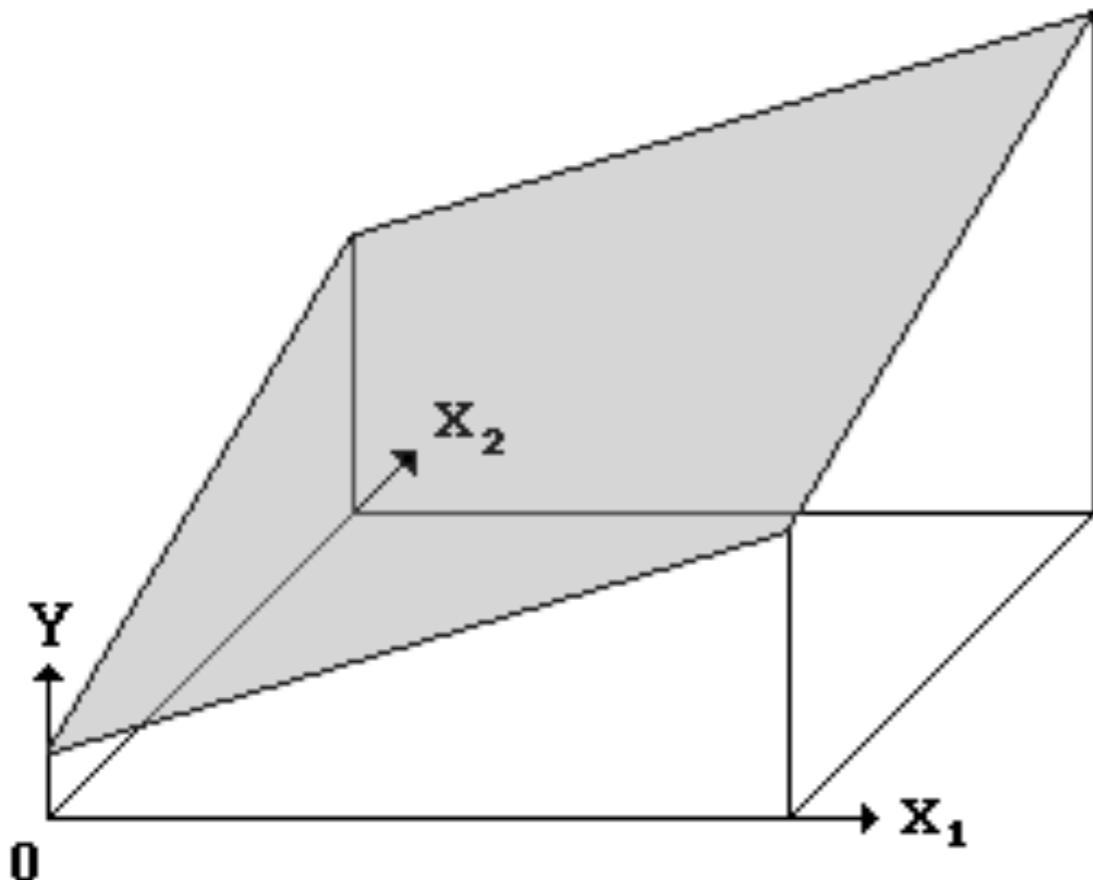


Remember this shape!

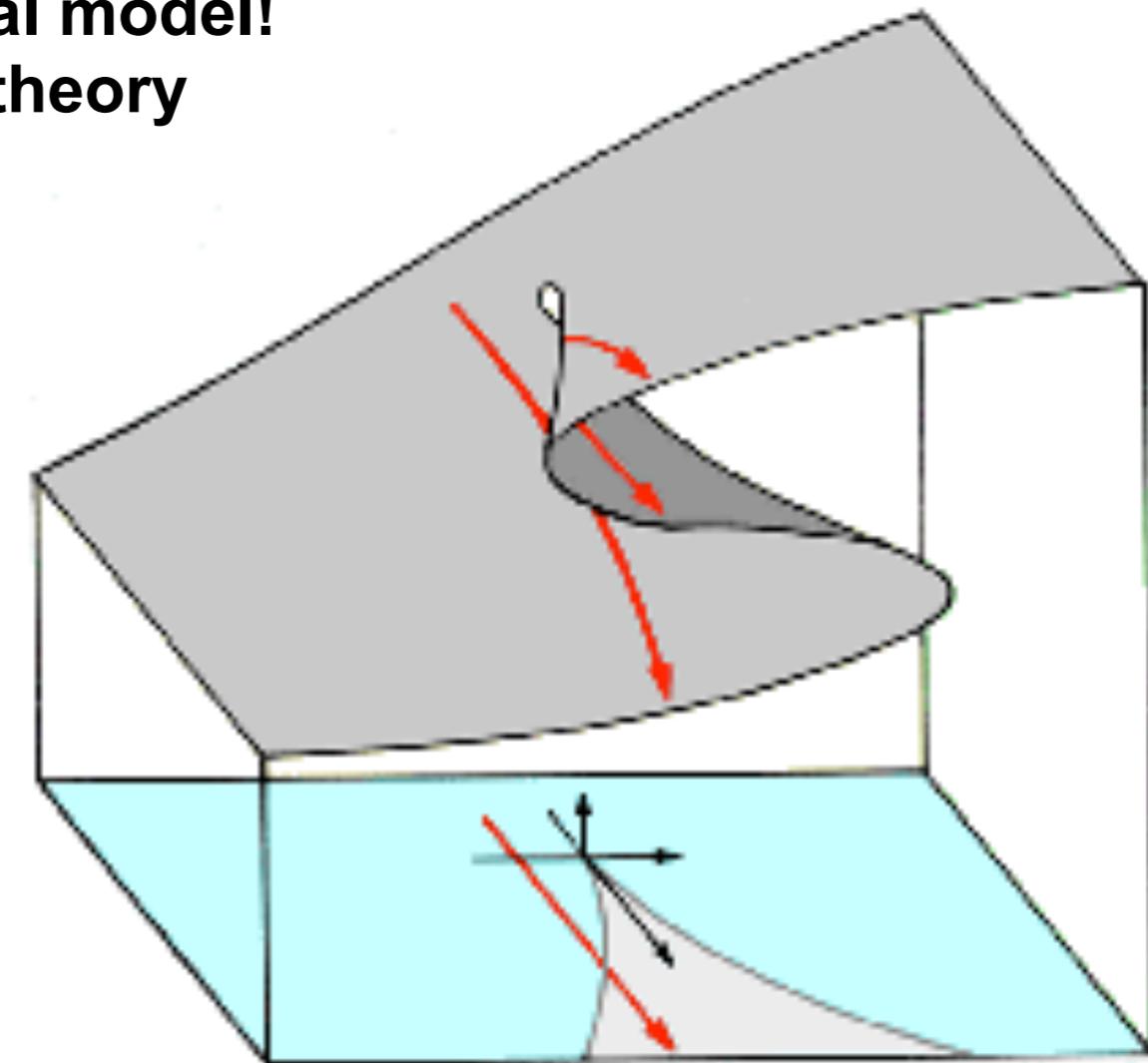


# Linear vs. Dynamic models... fitting a response surface

same tools!  
same general model!  
different theory



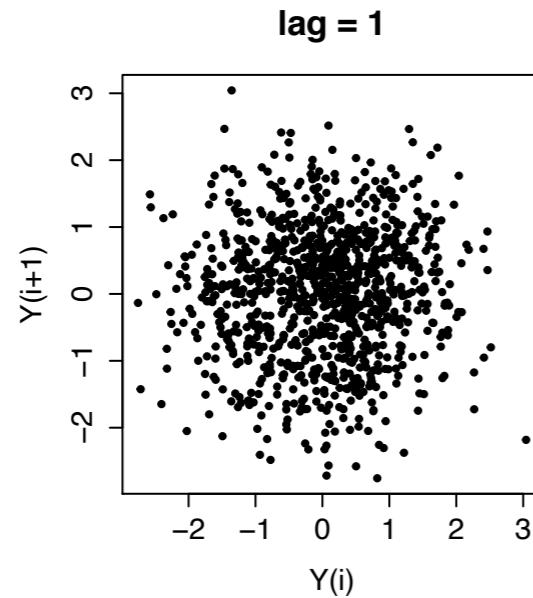
$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2$$



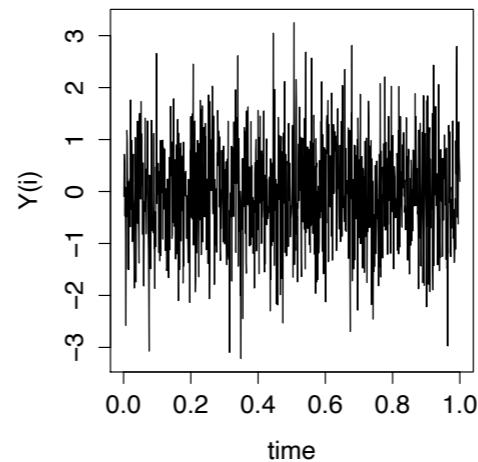
$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{\text{control}} + \beta_2 X_{\text{bifur}} * Y + \beta_3 Y^2 + \beta_4 Y^3$$

Y is entered as a predictor

## Return plot quiz



White Noise: mean=0, sd=1

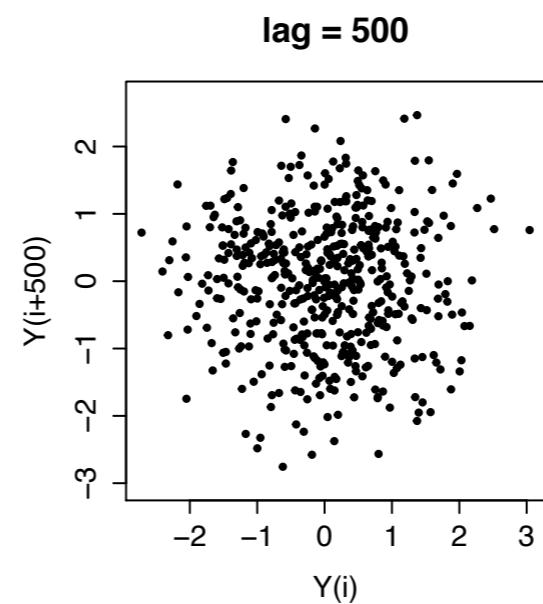
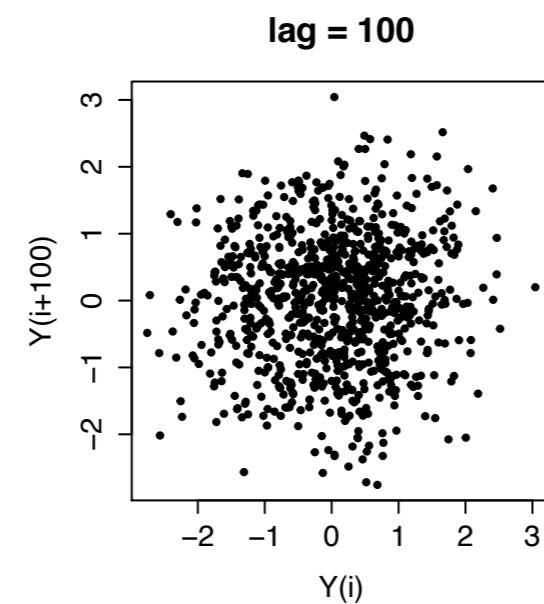
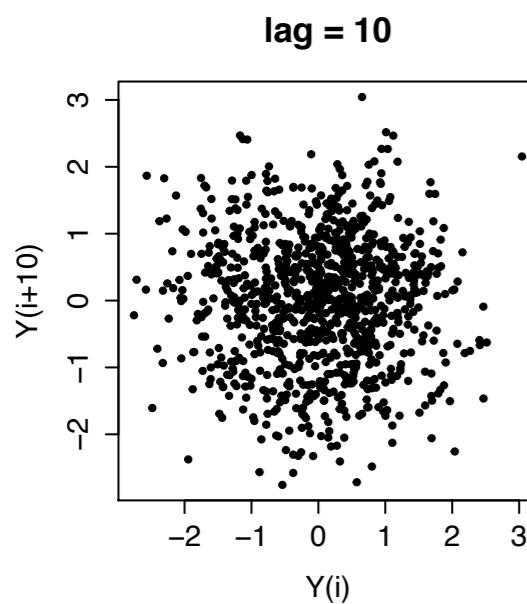
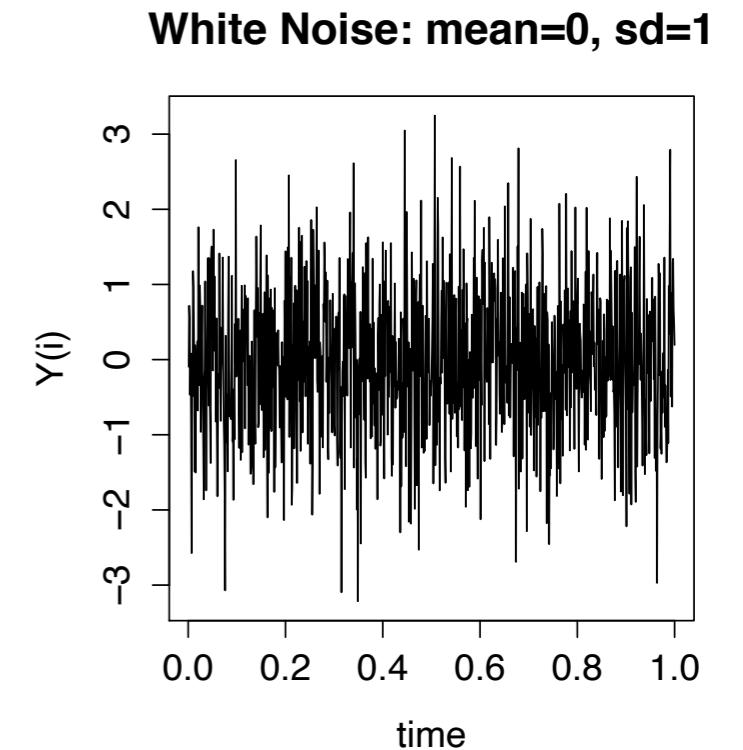
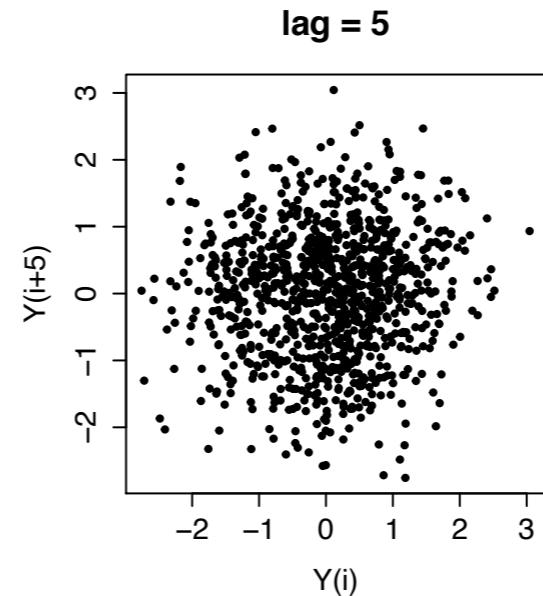
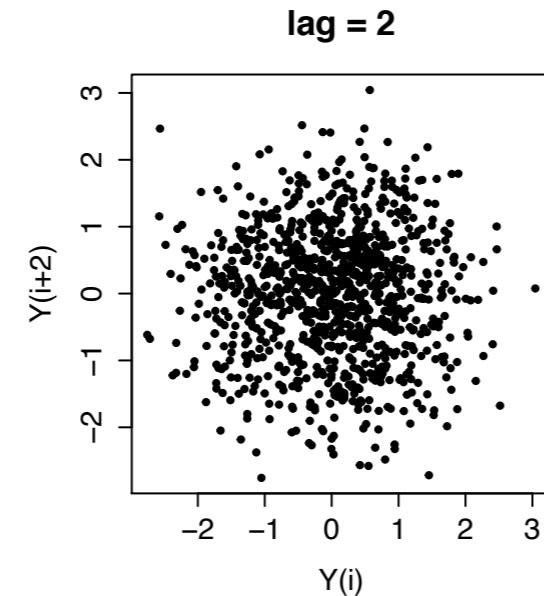
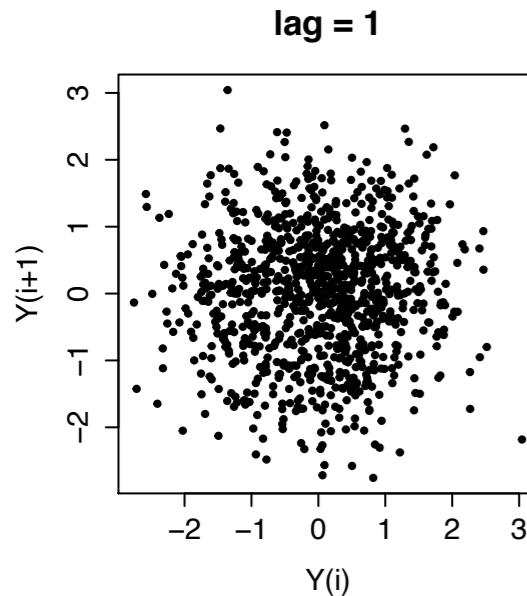


White noise  
Completely random  
(Gaussian distribution)

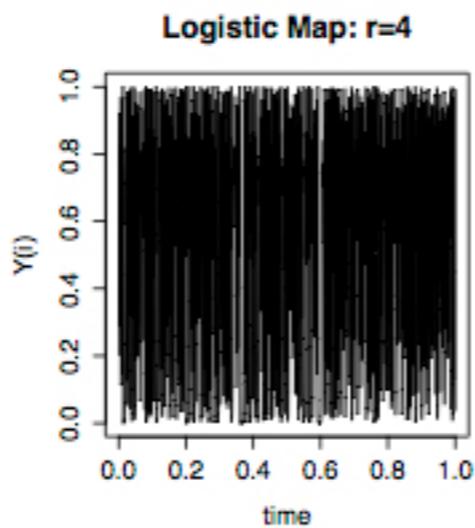
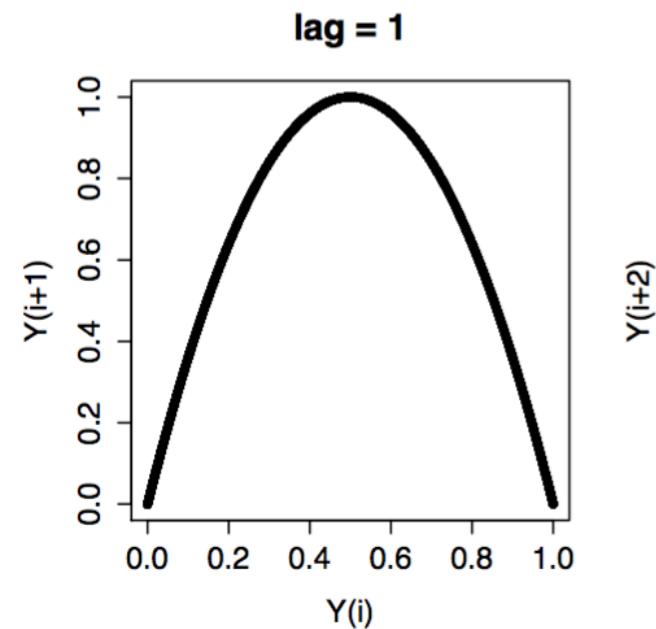
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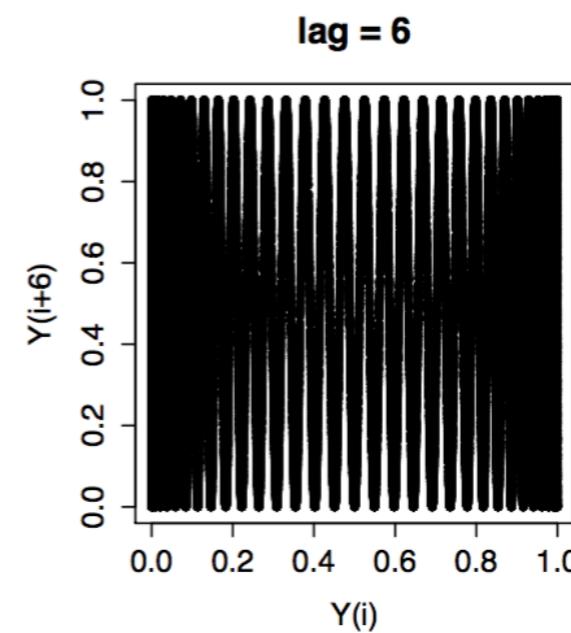
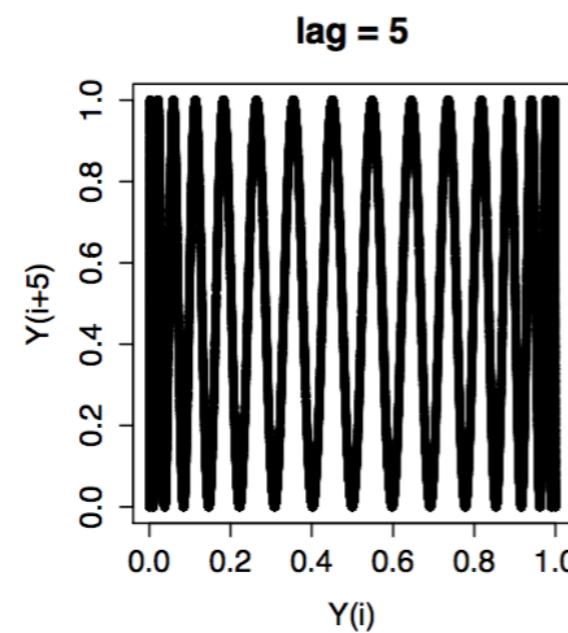
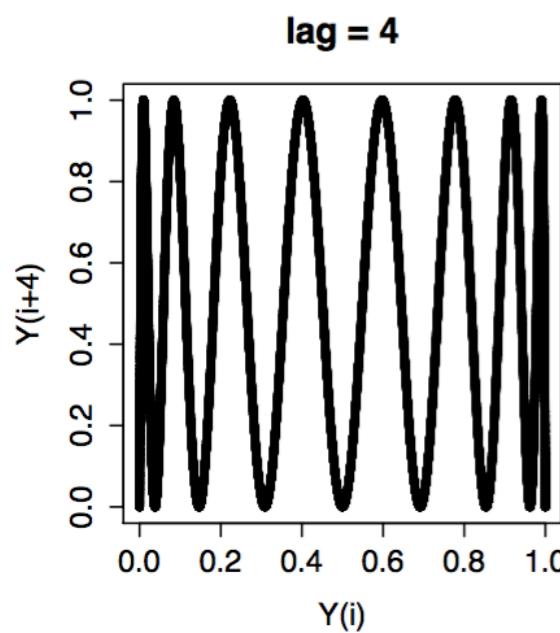
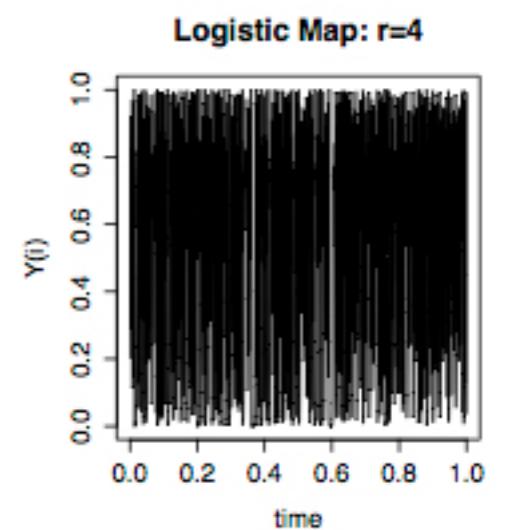
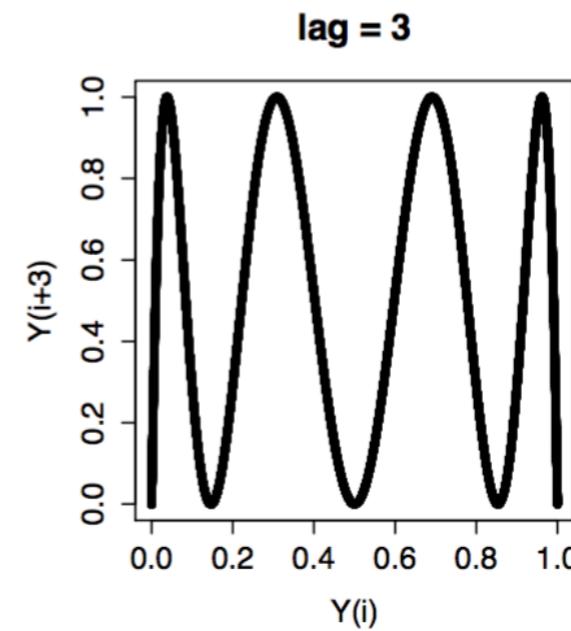
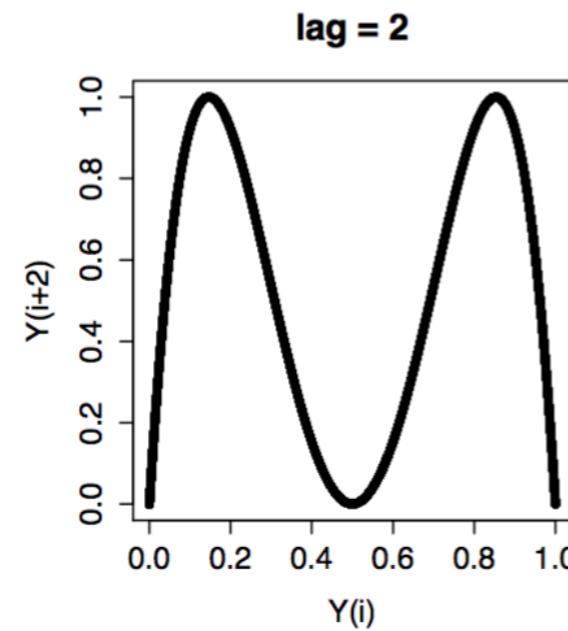
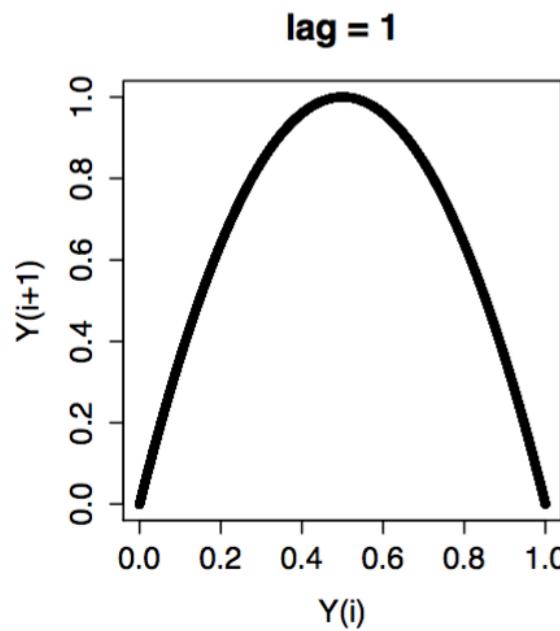


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Completely deterministic  
(deterministic chaos)

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# Correlation Functions

**State space**

**Time scales**

**Linear v. nonlinear**

**Homogeneous v. non-homogeneous**





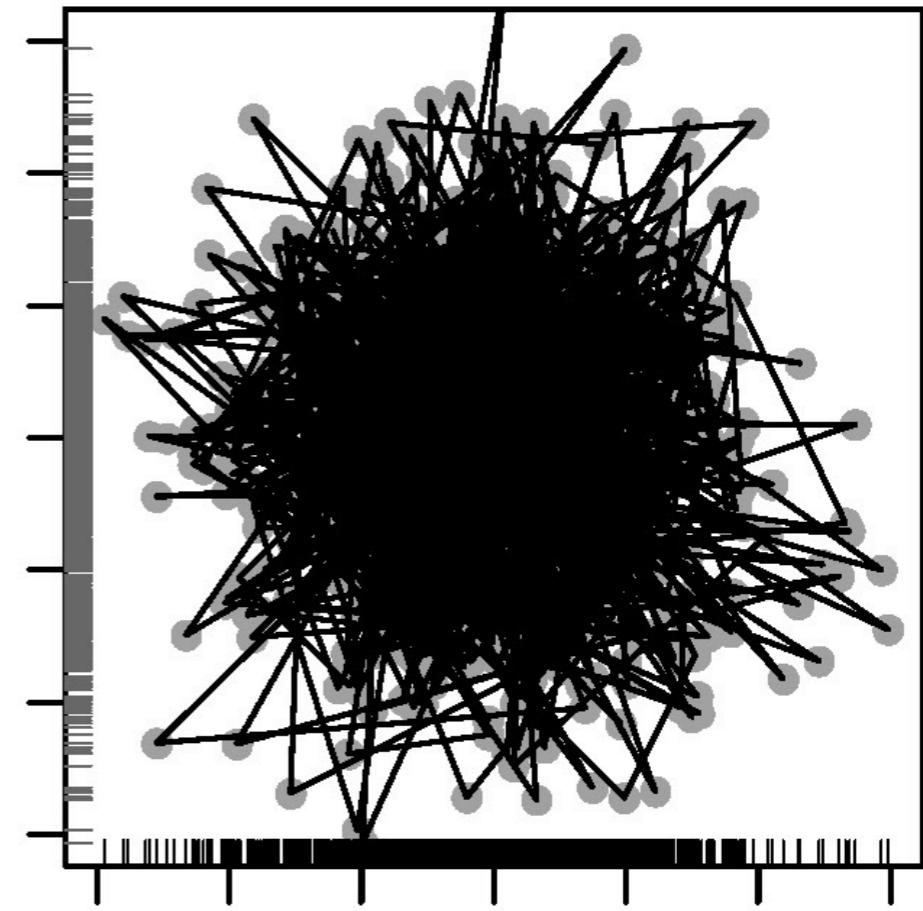
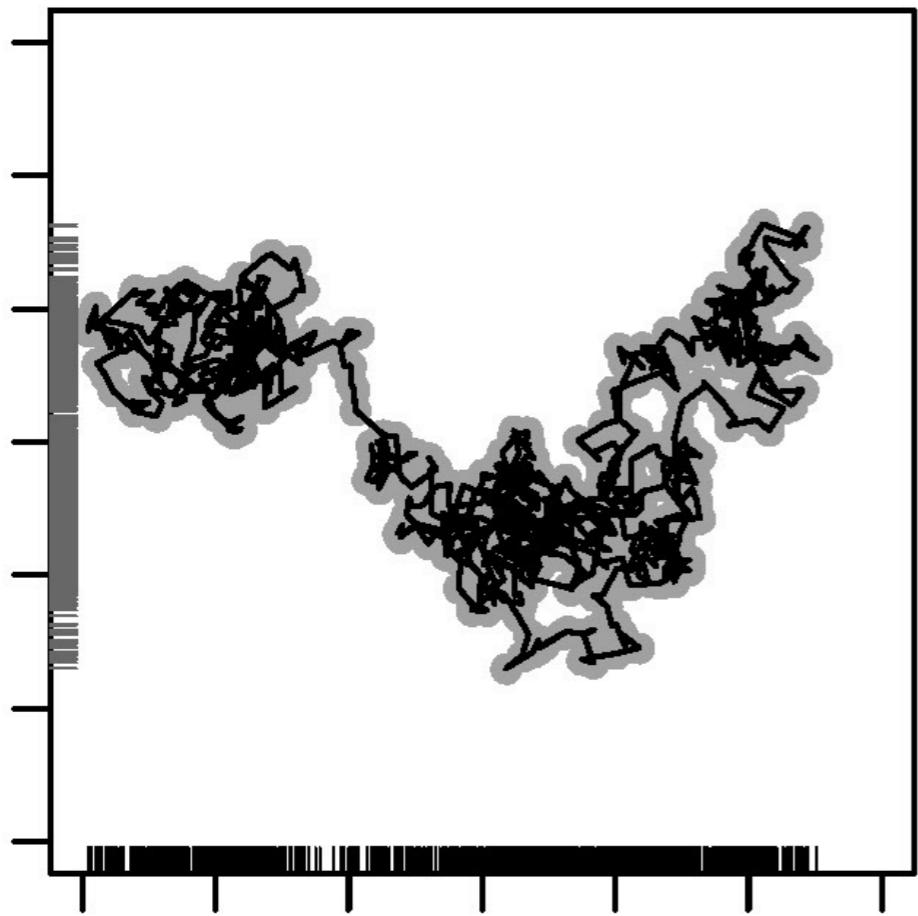
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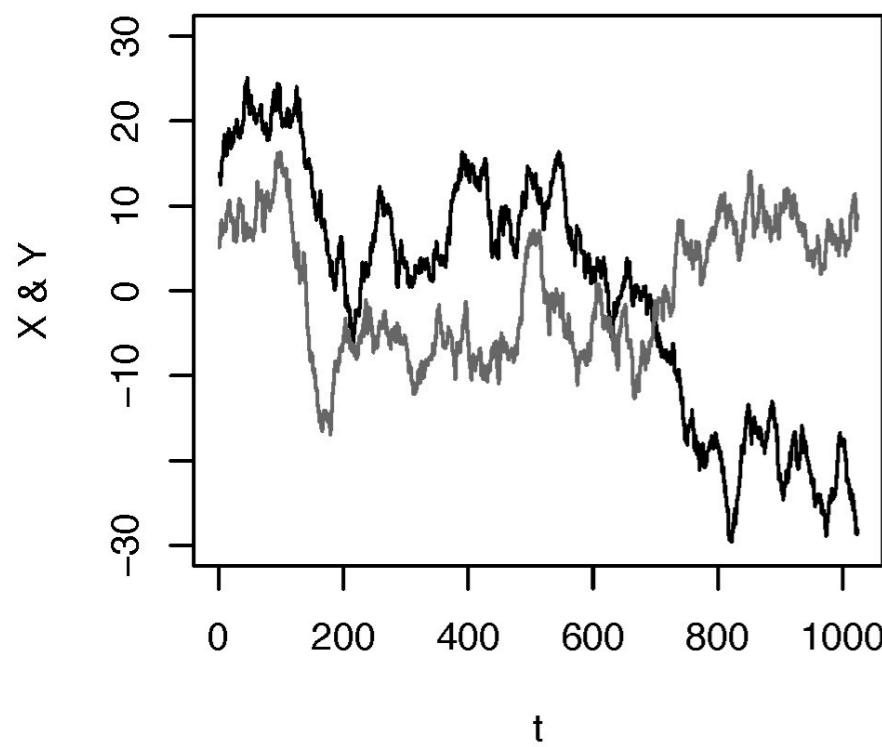
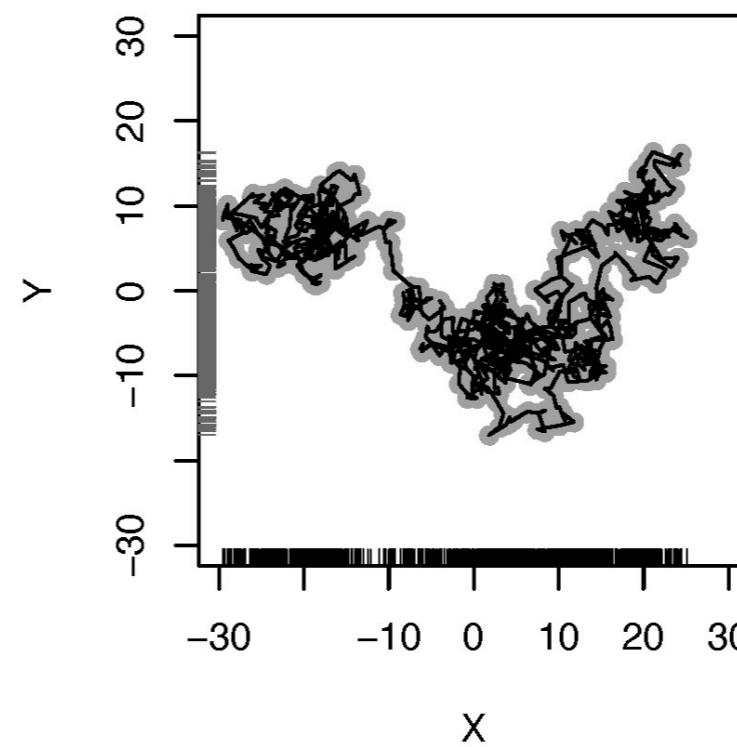
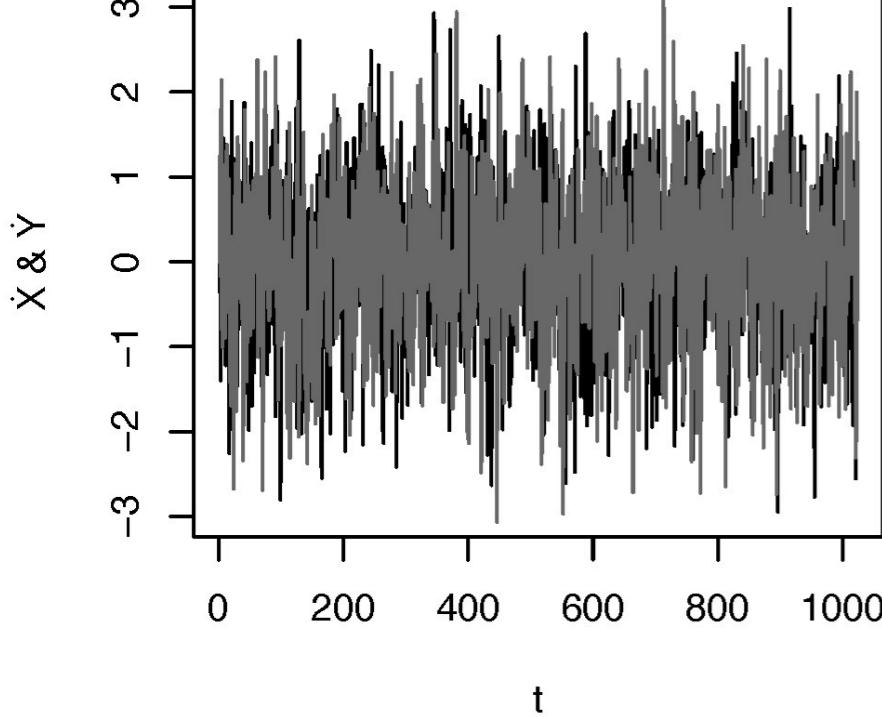
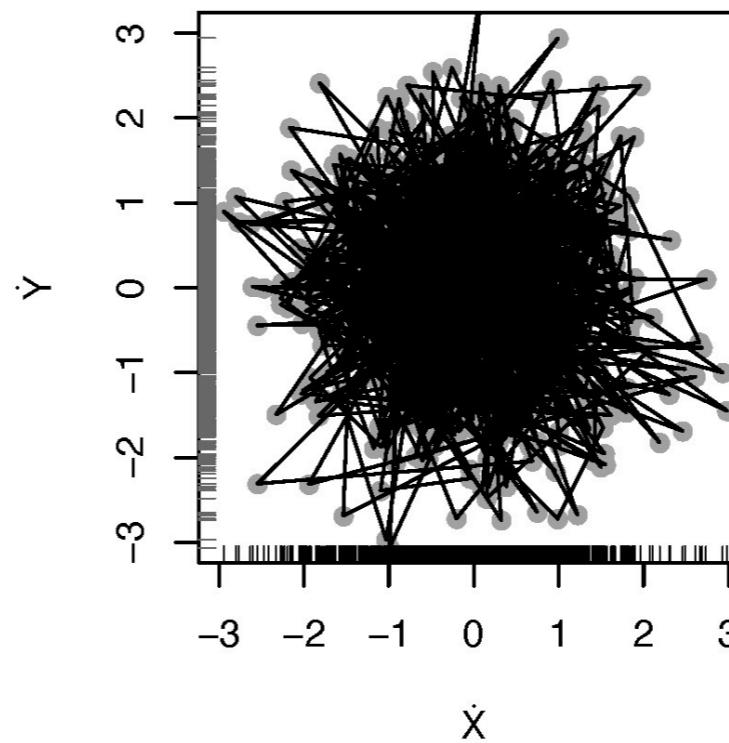
- State = X,Y coordinate
- Minimal Memory System can move around within the boundary.
- When would you infer randomness, when a deterministic rule?
- What kind of succession of states?
- What kind of trajectory through space?

X

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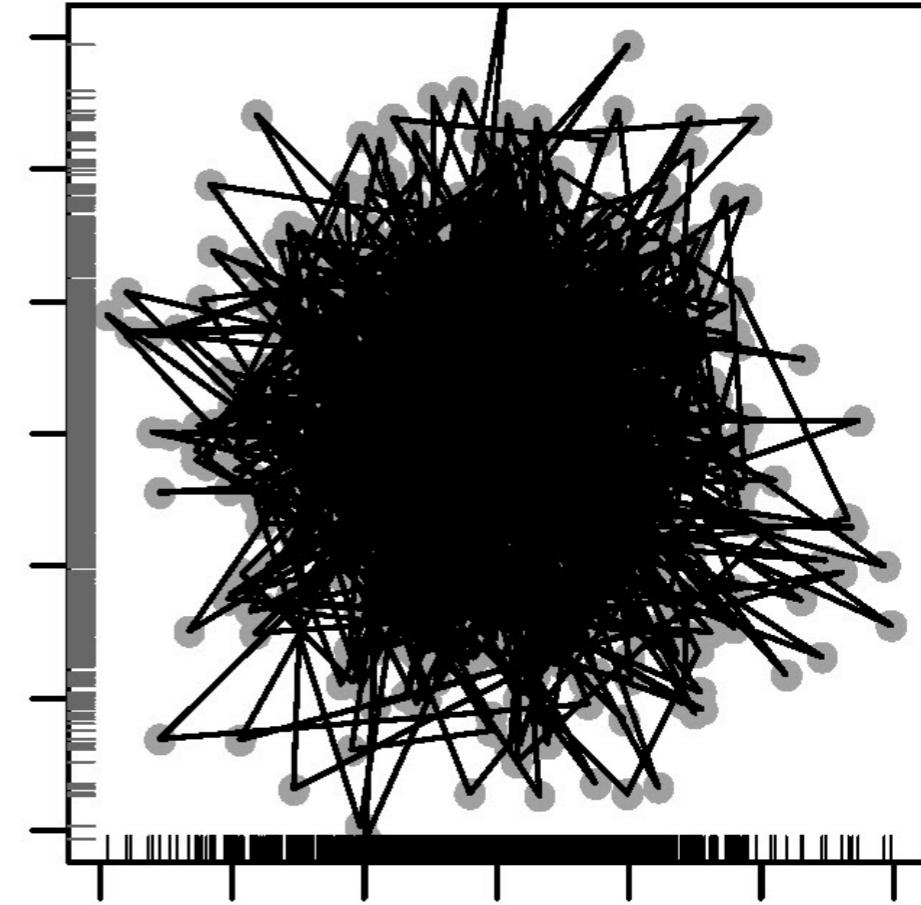
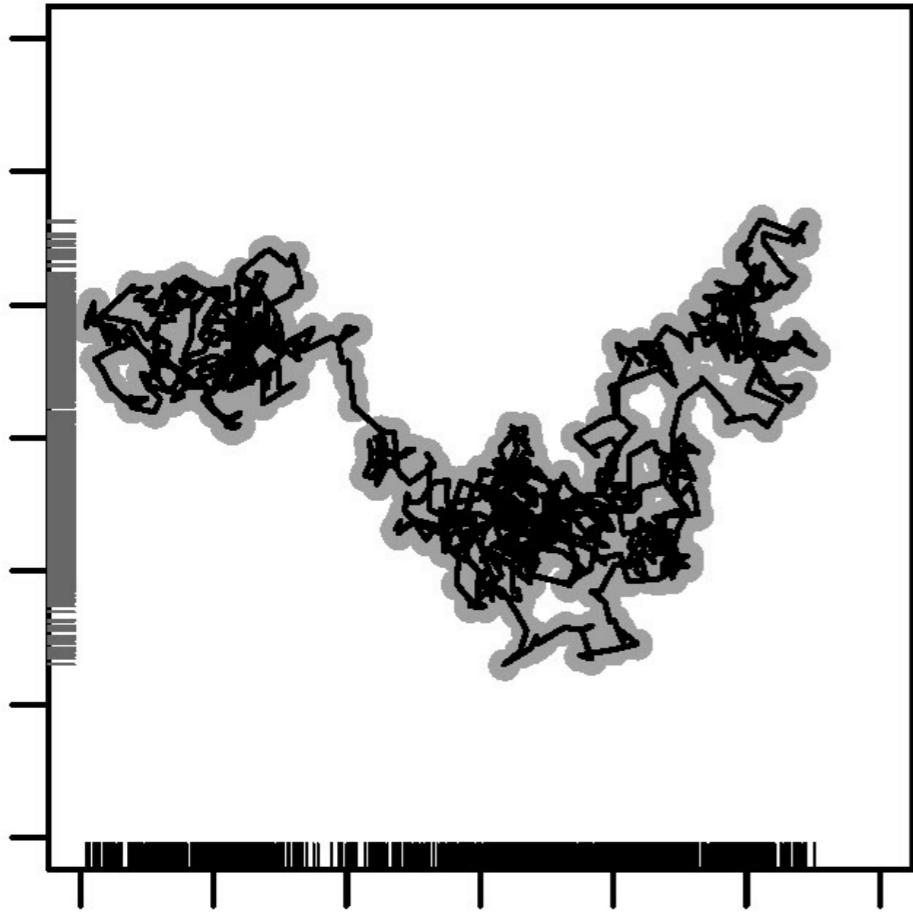
# MINIME SYSTEM

**Dimension X & Y****2D State Space of MiniMeS****First Derivative of Dimension X & Y****2D State Space of MiniMeS Derivatives**

- State Space (X & Y): The degrees of freedom MiniMe has to generate its behaviour (move)
- This is a random walk, Brownian motion: Add a random number drawn from normal distribution to current number.
- Where does the apparent order come from? It's a random process!!!!

'Simple' rule reduces degrees of freedom to move around:

Matter has to occupy finite space & movement takes time (no teleportation yet)



Minimal form of 'physical memory' through 'natural computation': summation / counting

Emergence of structure / temporal correlations / redundancies / dependencies

Brownian motion / Levy flights are very common in nature (diffusion, percolation, foraging)

**How to characterise the nature of the dependencies?**

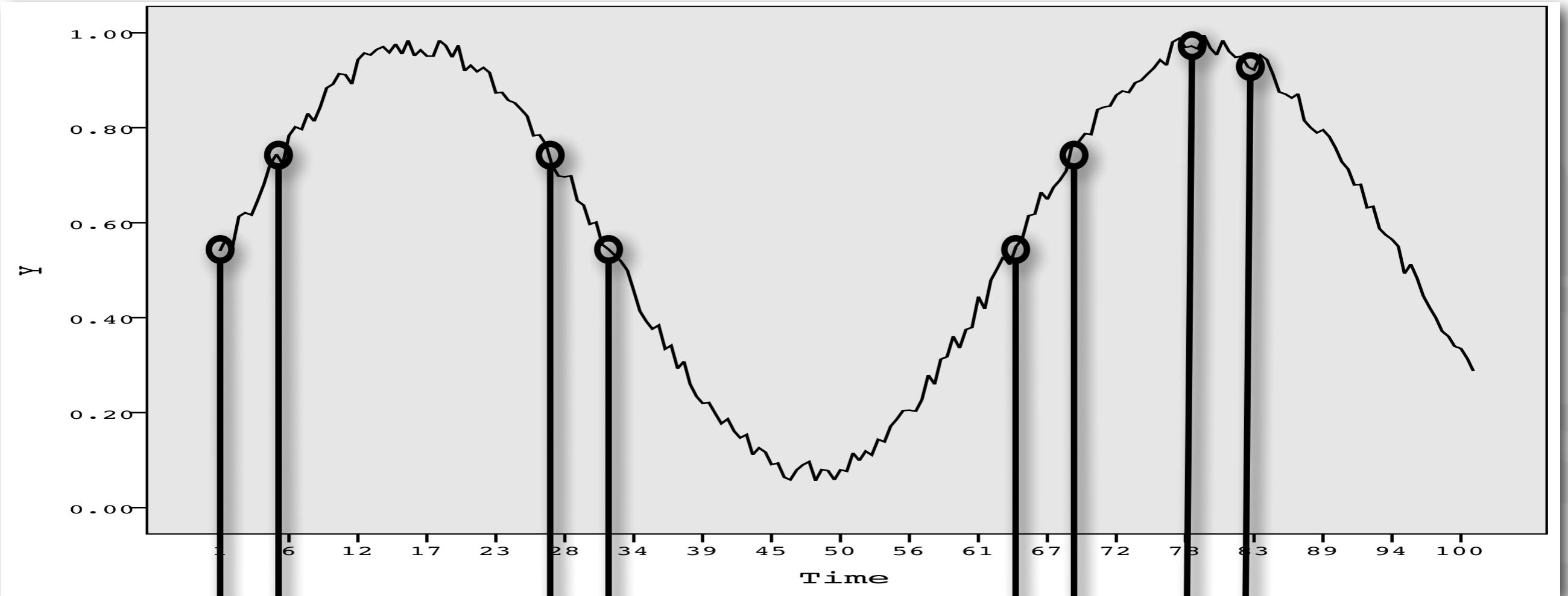
## (Partial) Autocorrelation Function - (P)ACF

$$R(k) = \frac{E[(X_i - \mu)(X_{i+k} - \mu)]}{\sigma^2}$$

The average correlation  $r$  between data points that are a distance (lag)  $k$  apart in time

This holds only for *stationary, random processes*. So  $X$  measured here is a *random variable*.

ACF and the Partial ACF are used to decide which AR(f)MA model you need (how many AR and/or MA parameters you need).



Lag = 3

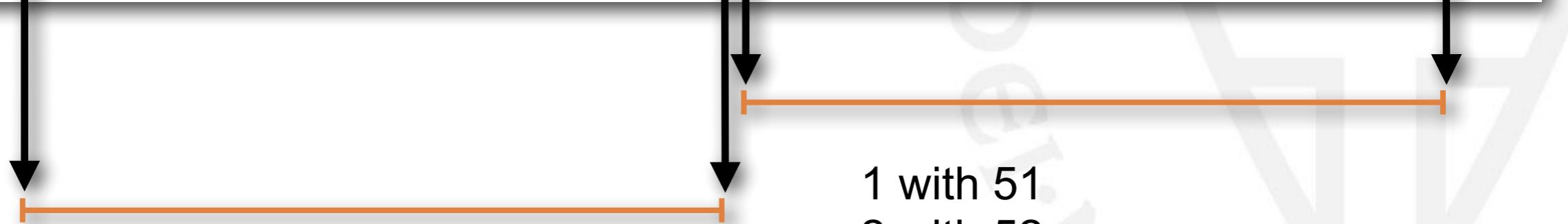
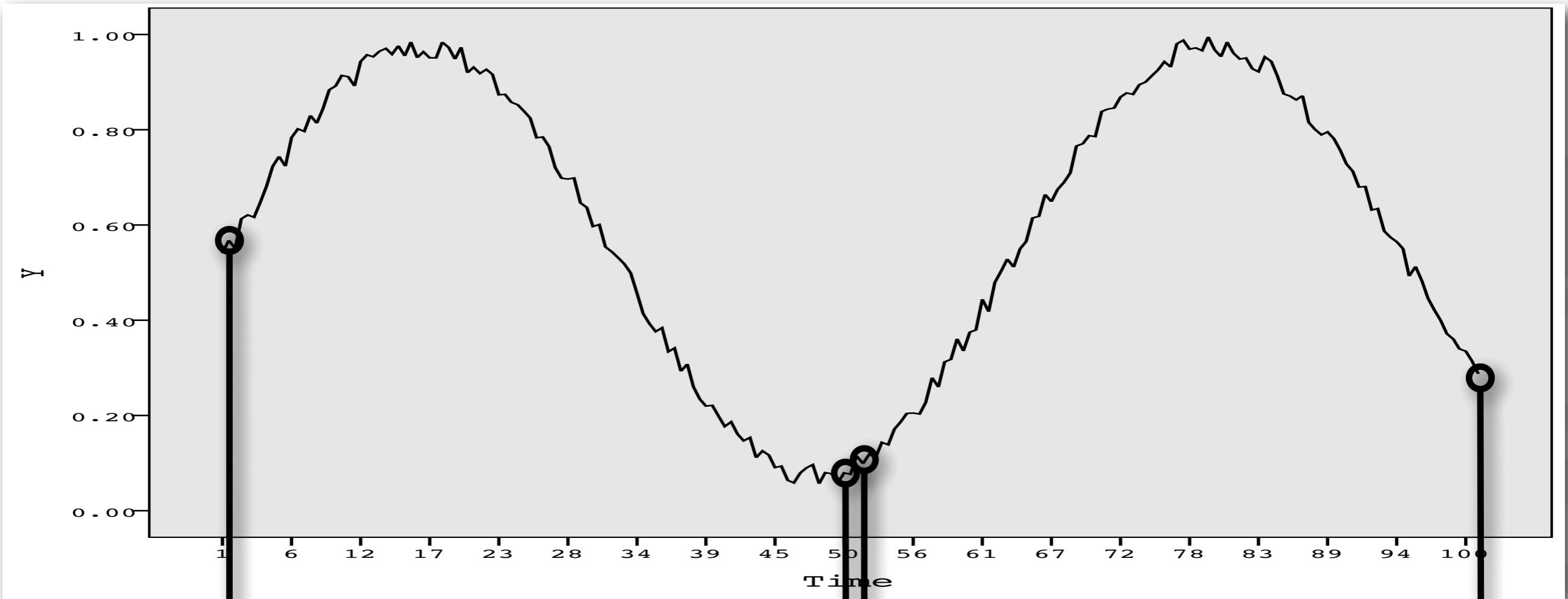
*How many correlations of lag 3?*

TS length = 100 data points

1 with 4  
2 with 5  
3 with 6

...  
96 with 99  
97 with 100

*Low or High at lag 3?*  
 $r_3 = 0.895$  ( $SD = 0.095$ )



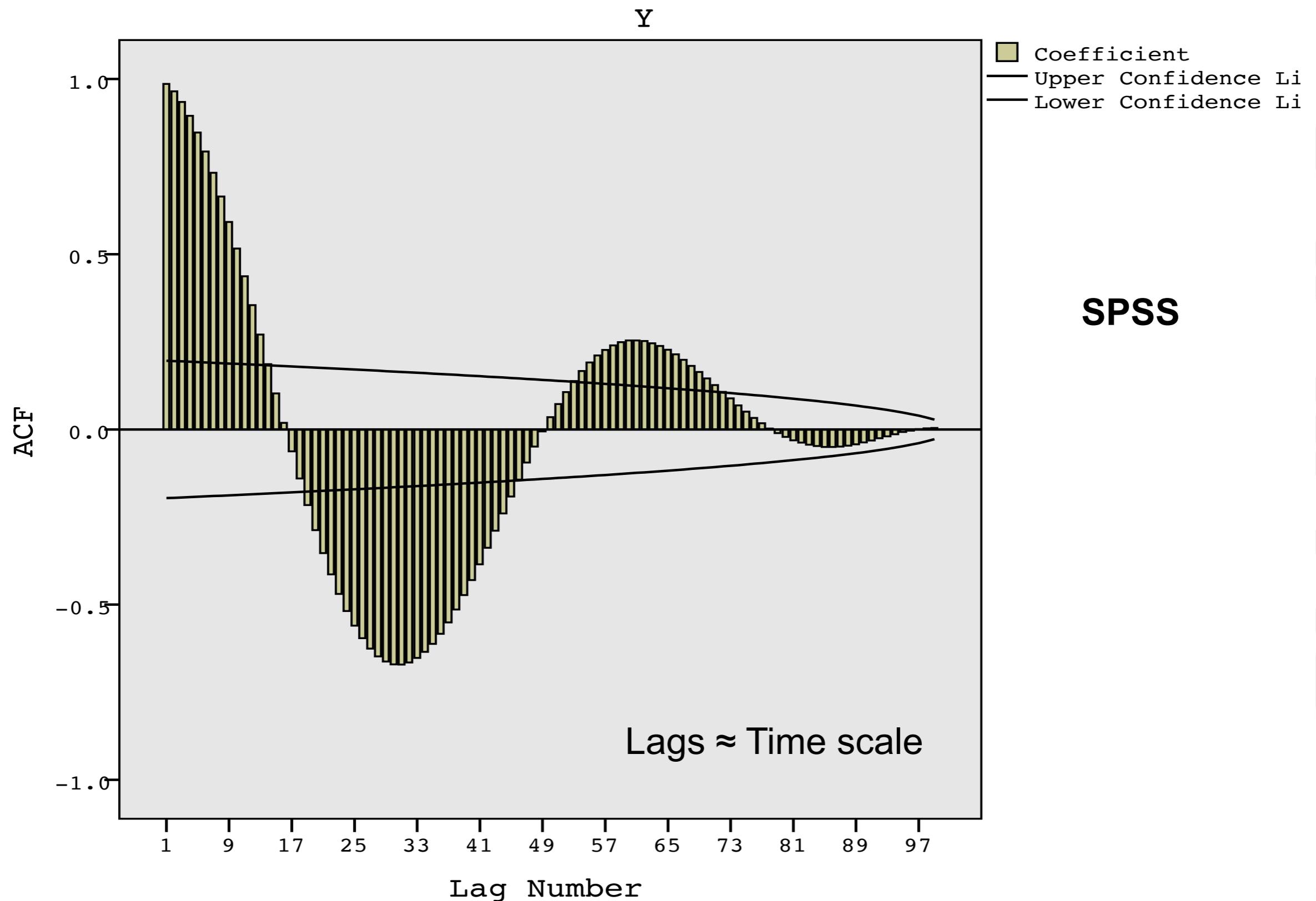
Lag = 50

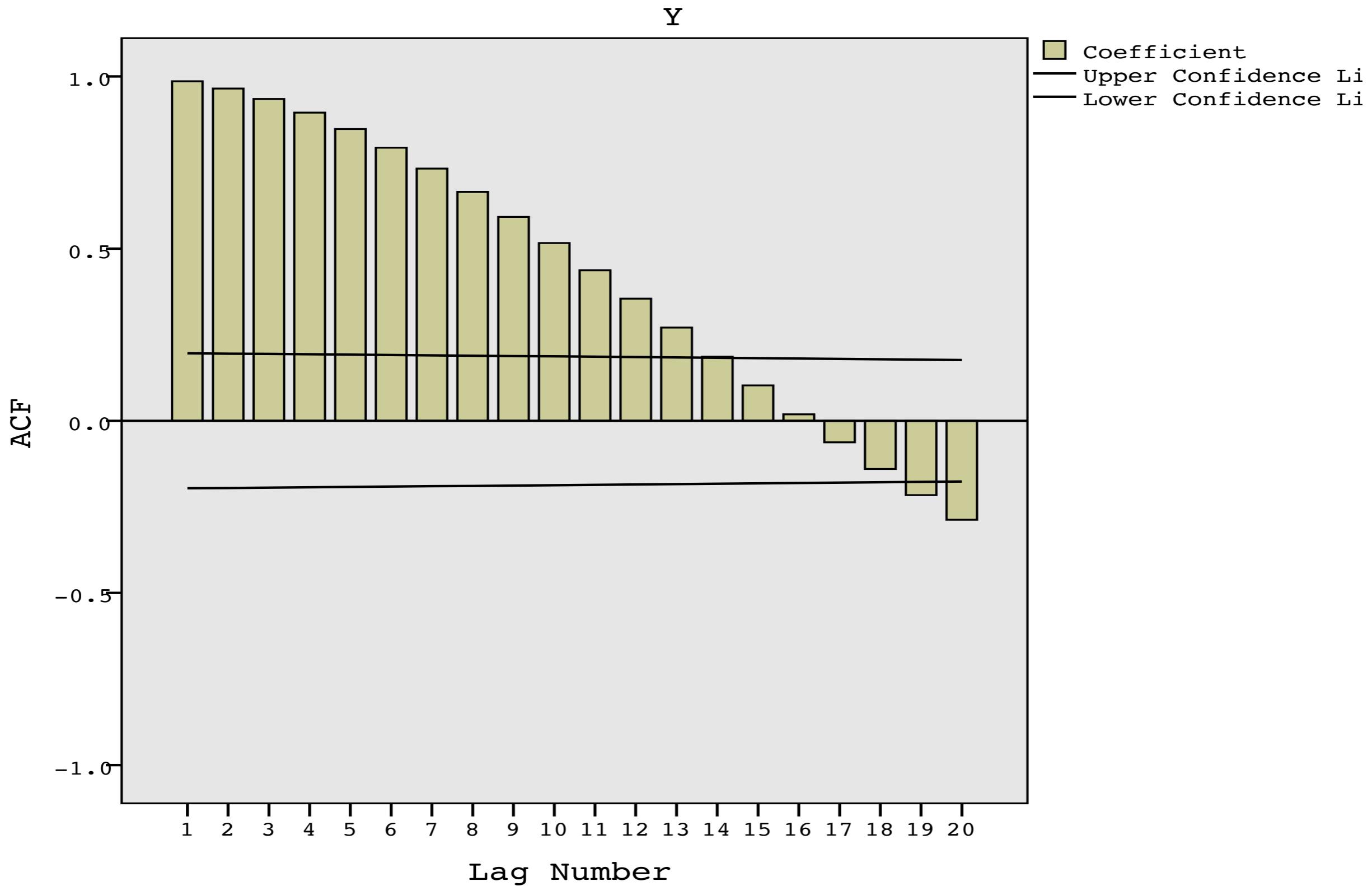
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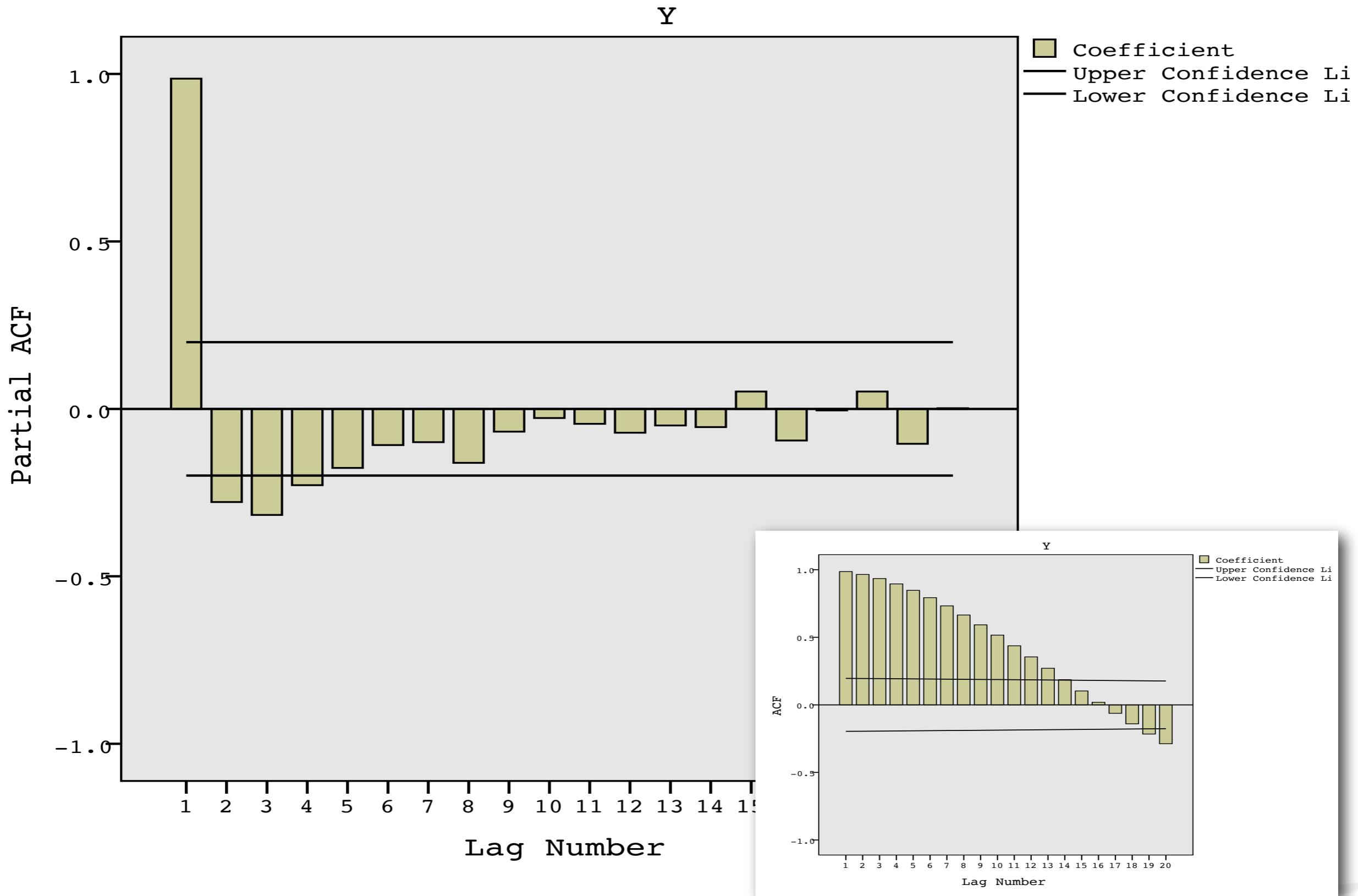
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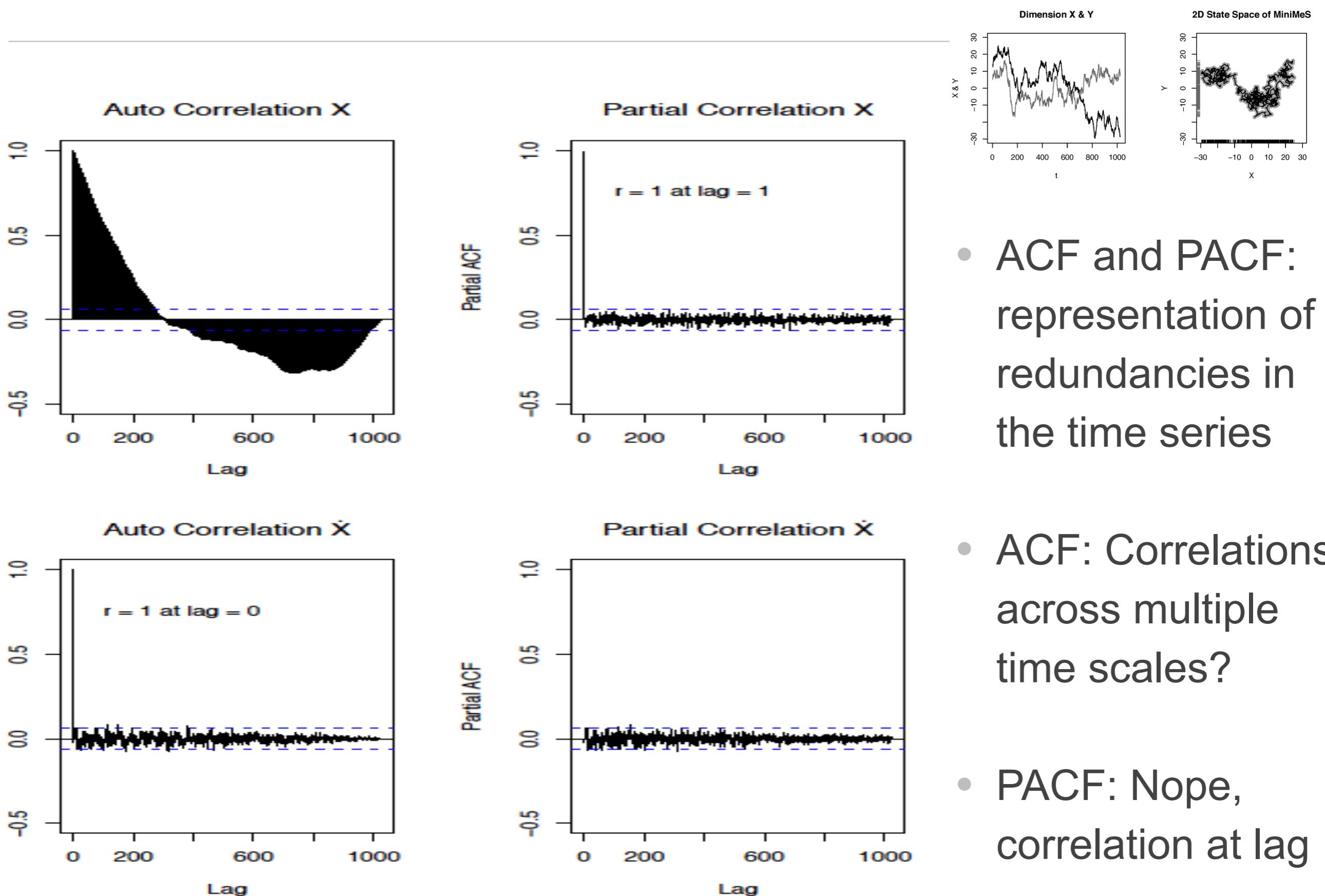
1 with 51  
2 with 52  
3 with 53  
...  
50 with 100

*Low or High at lag 50?*  
 $r_{50} = 0.035$  ( $SD = 0.070$ )



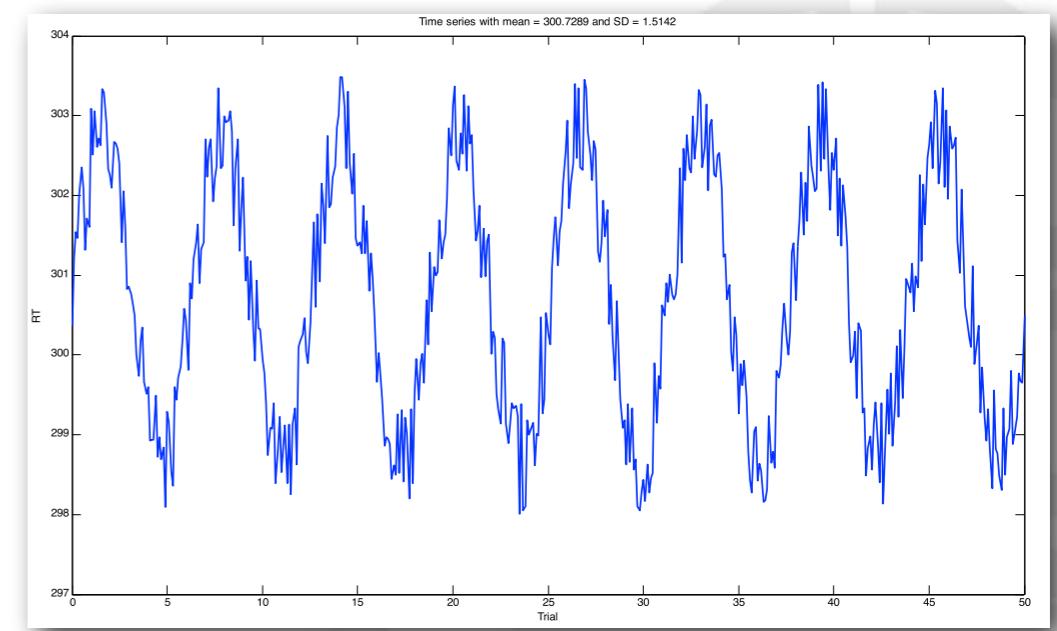
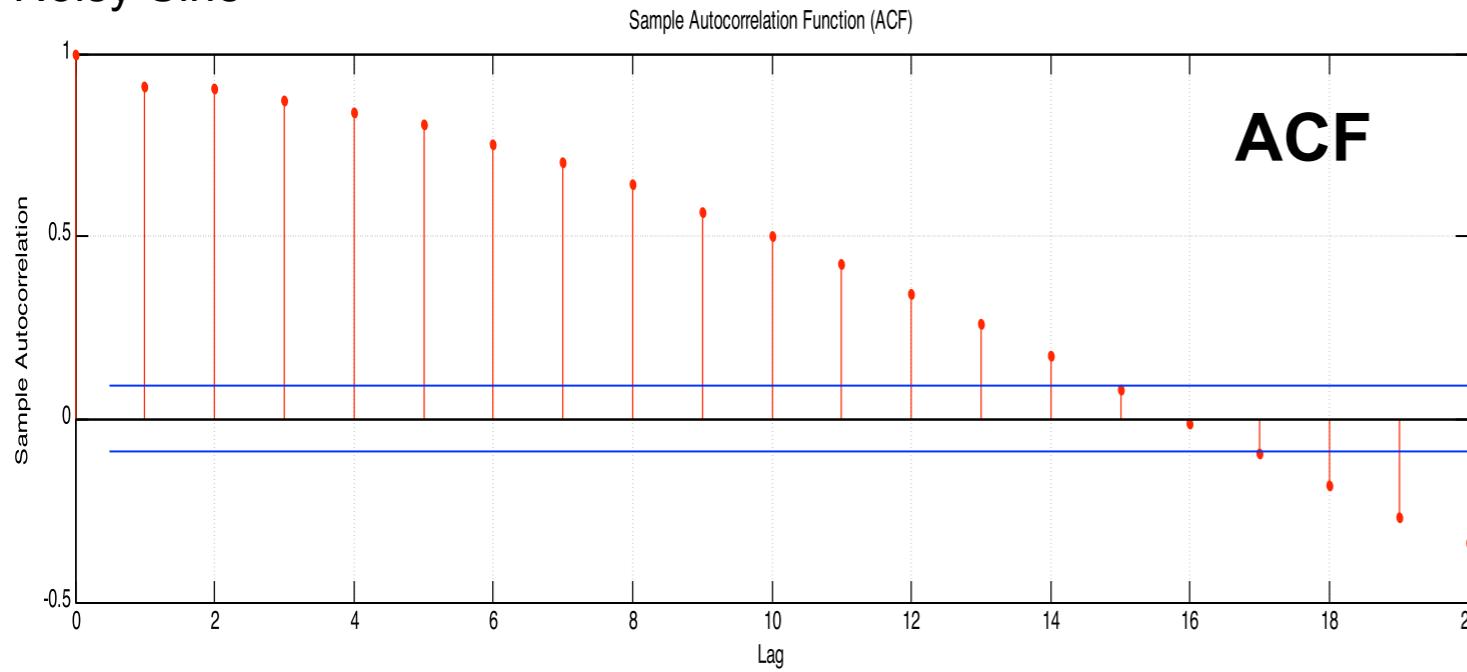




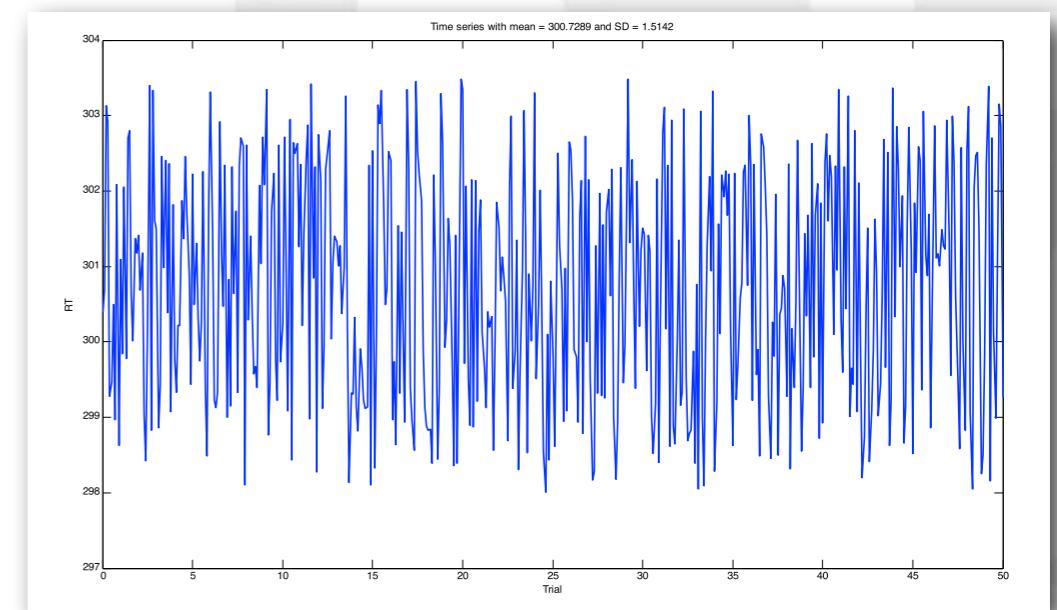
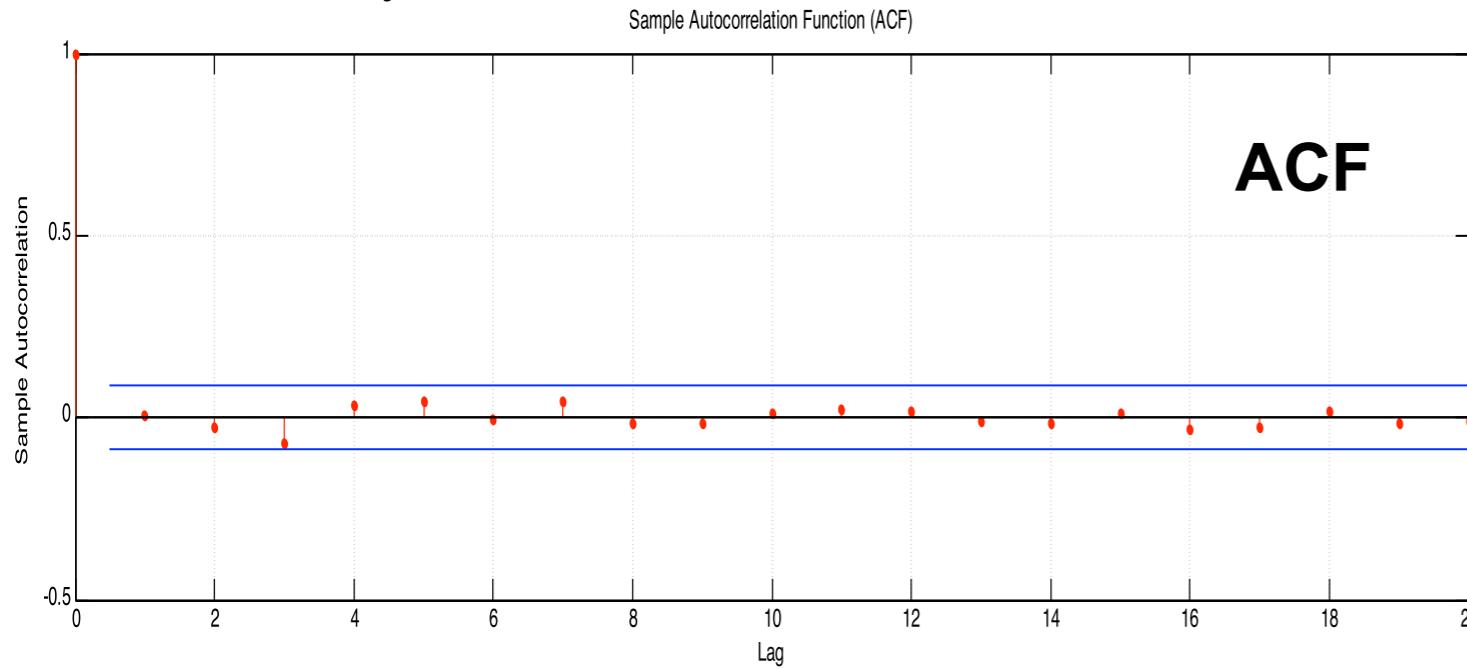


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Noisy Sine

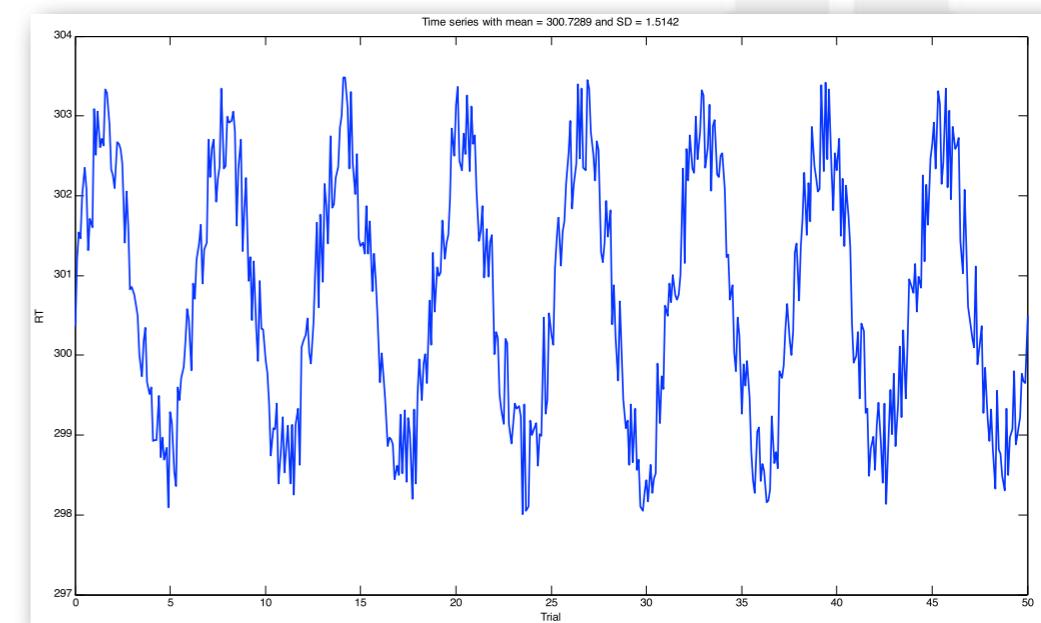
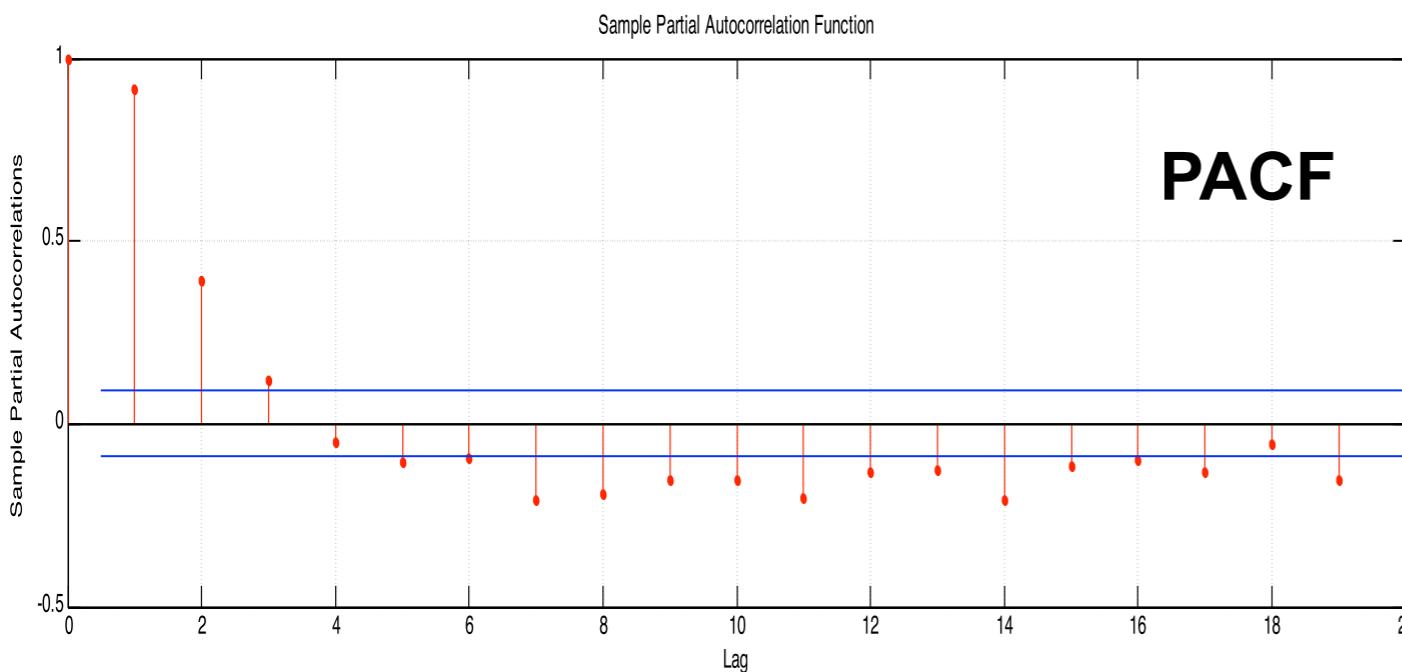


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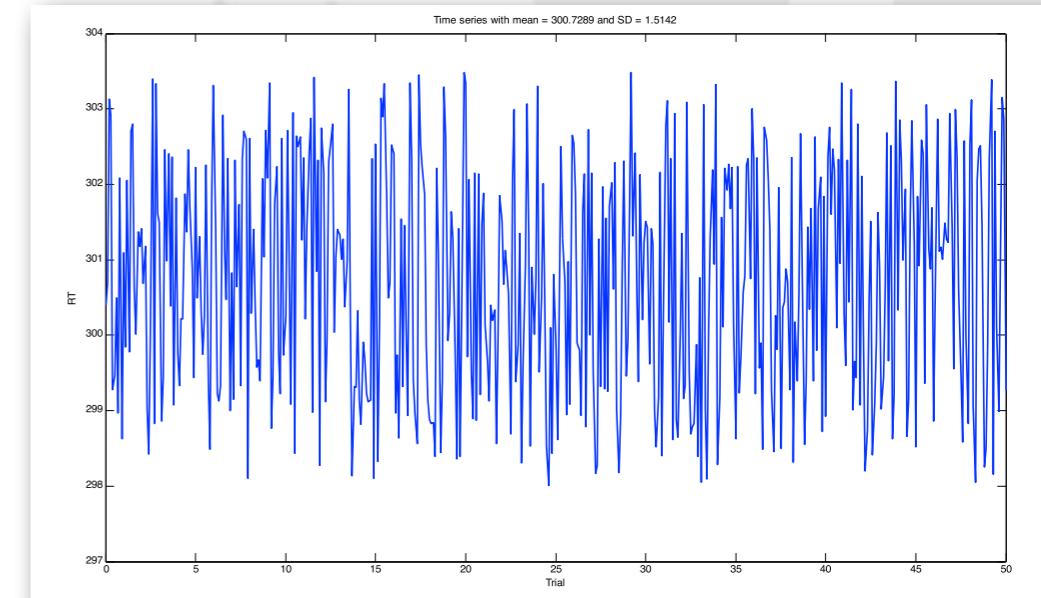
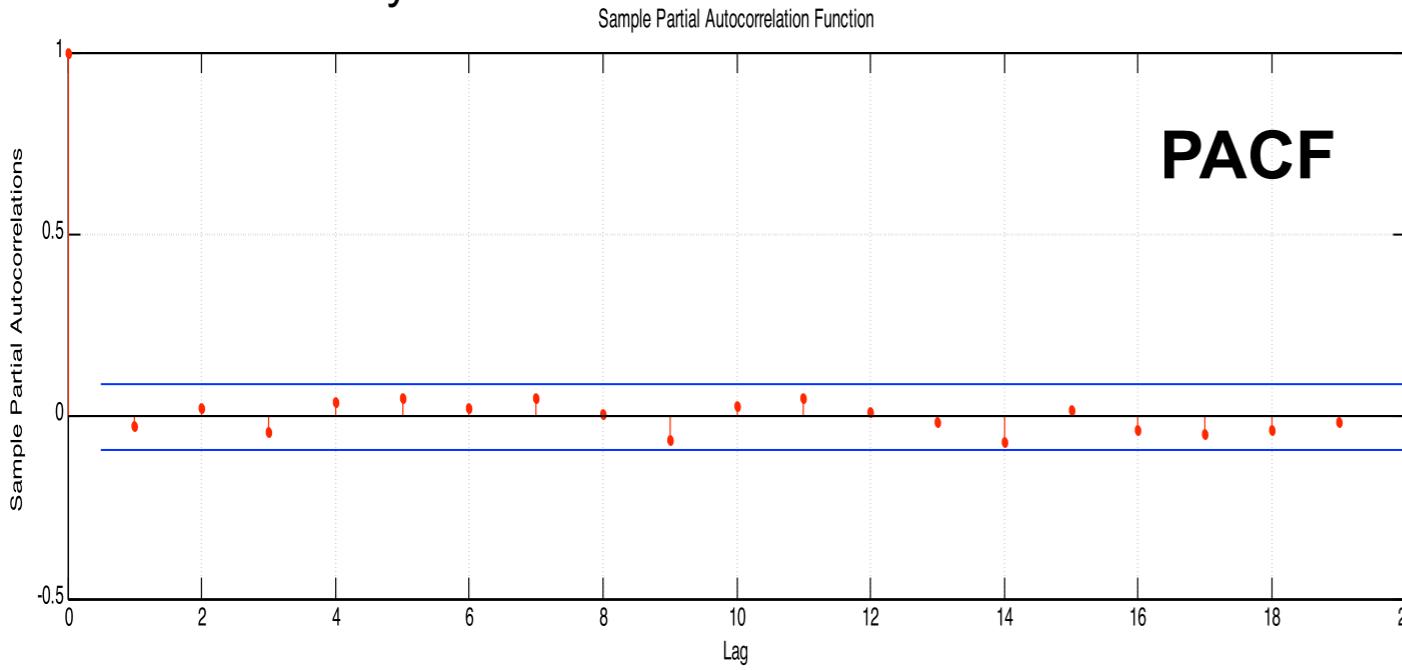


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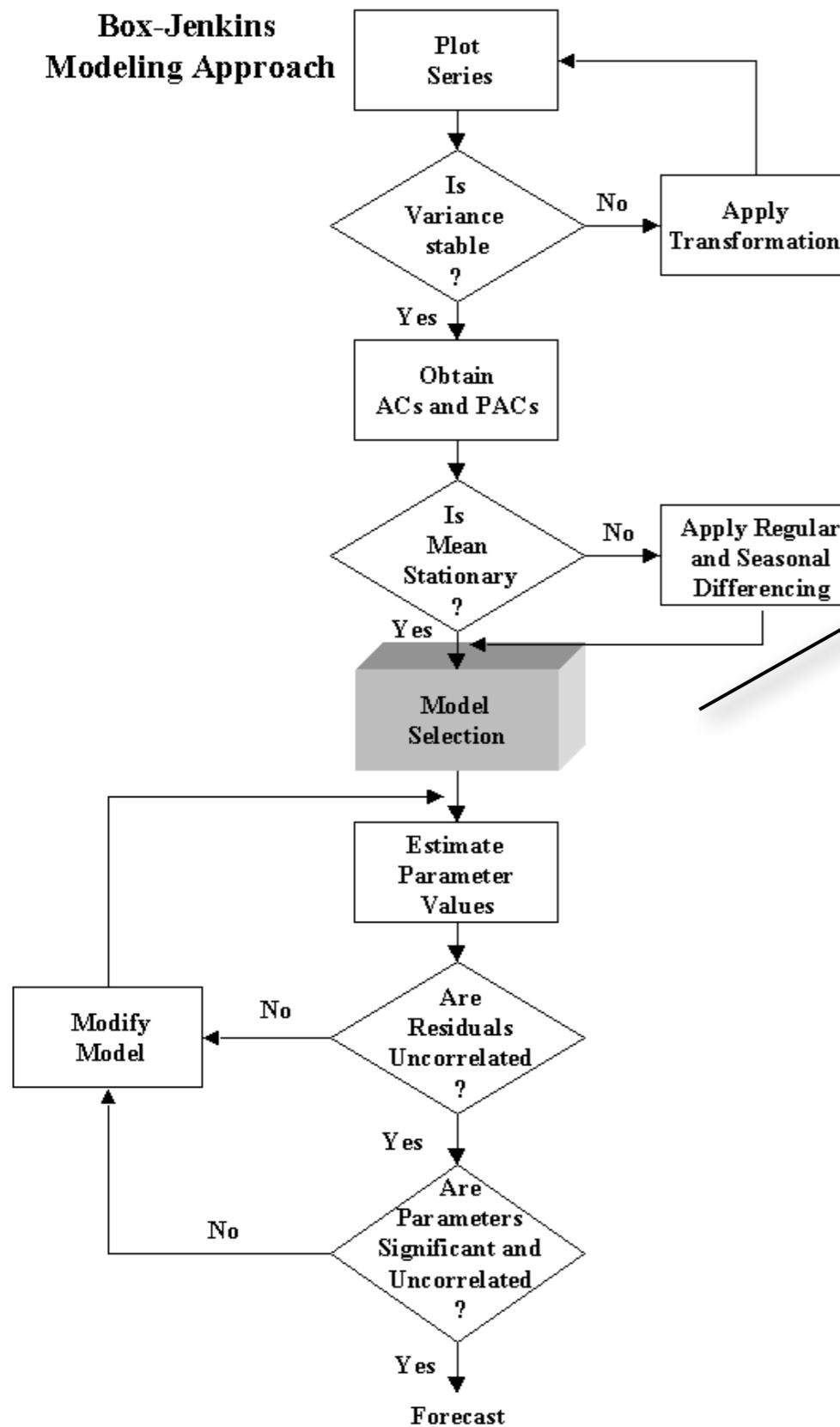
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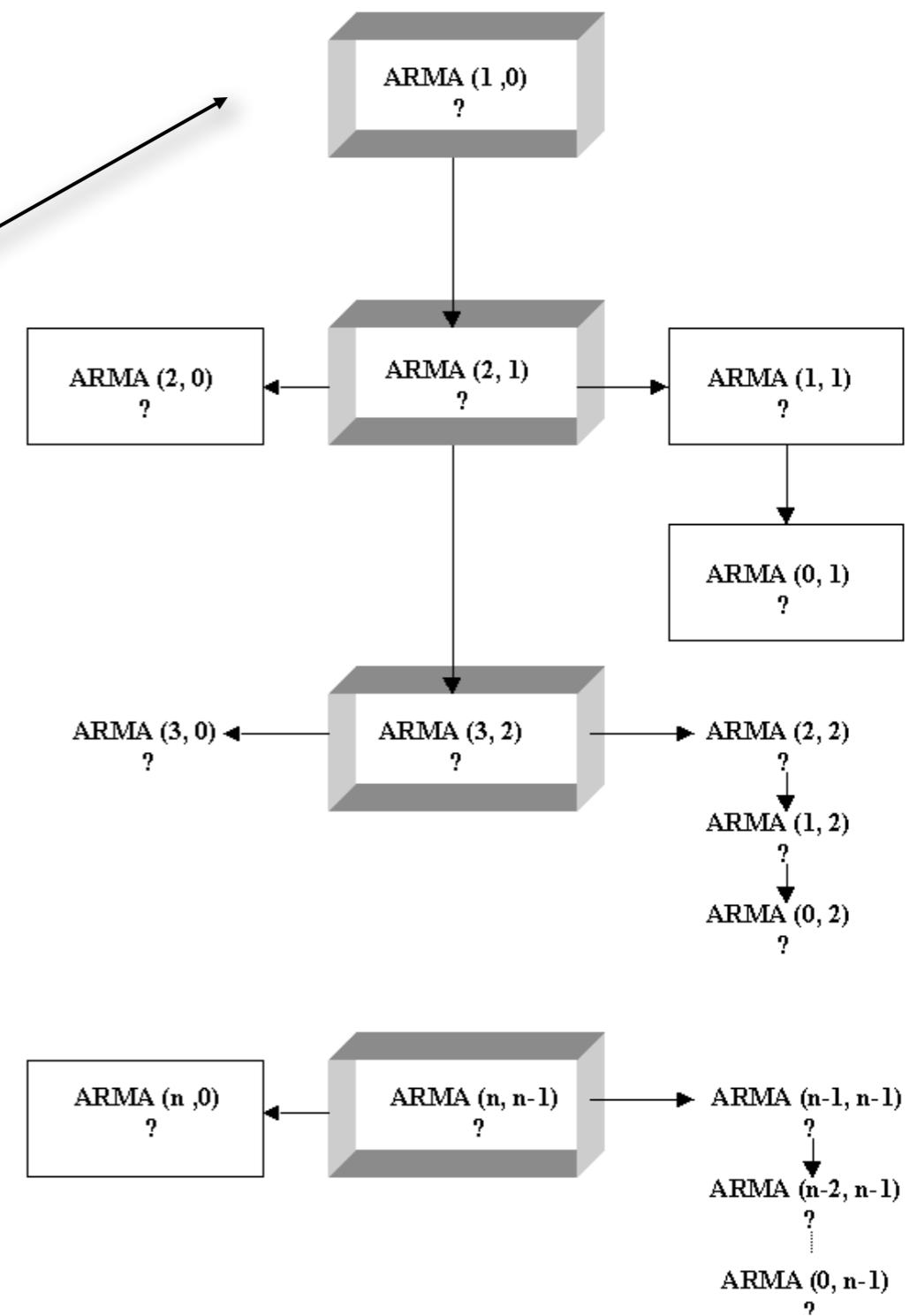
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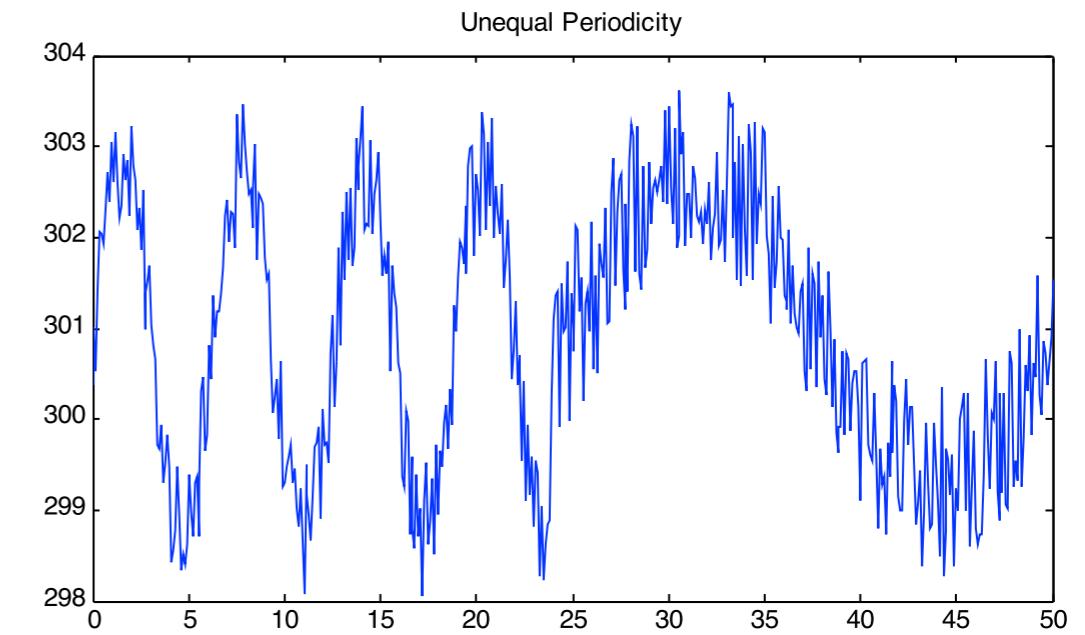
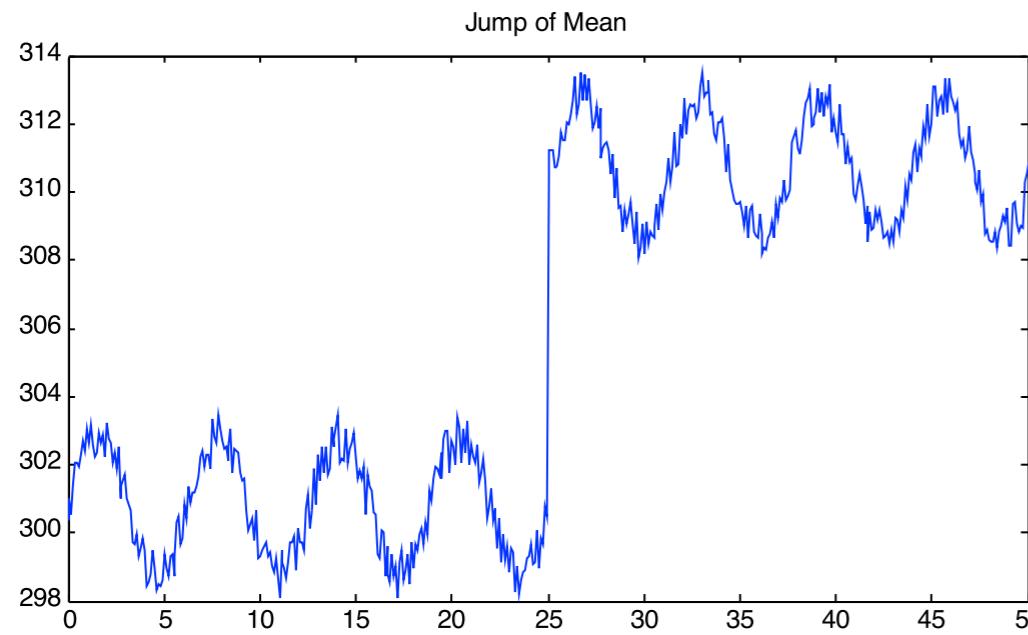
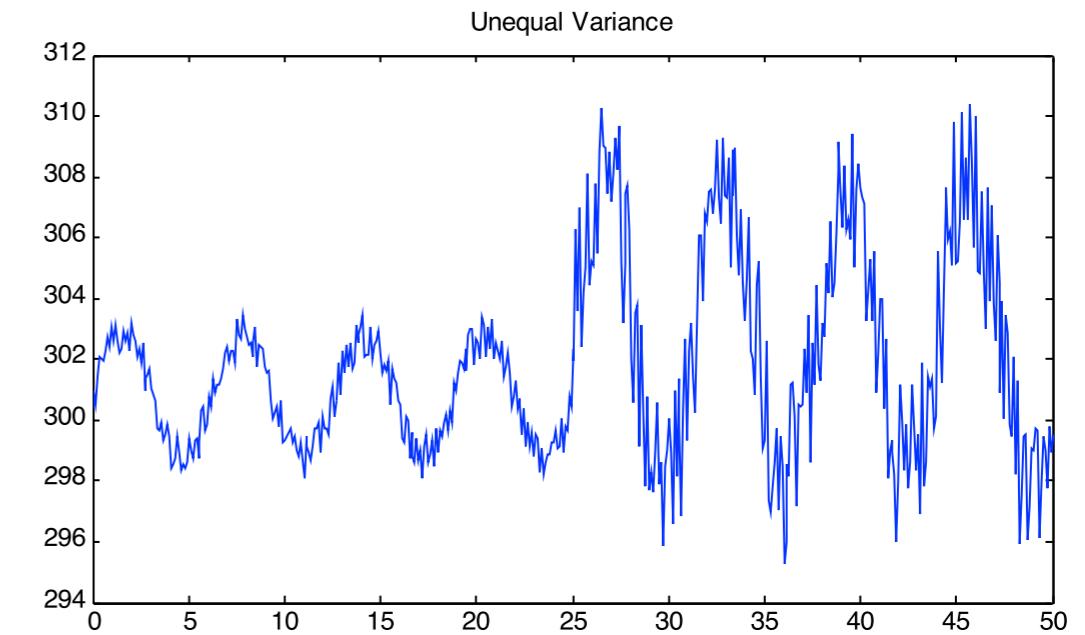
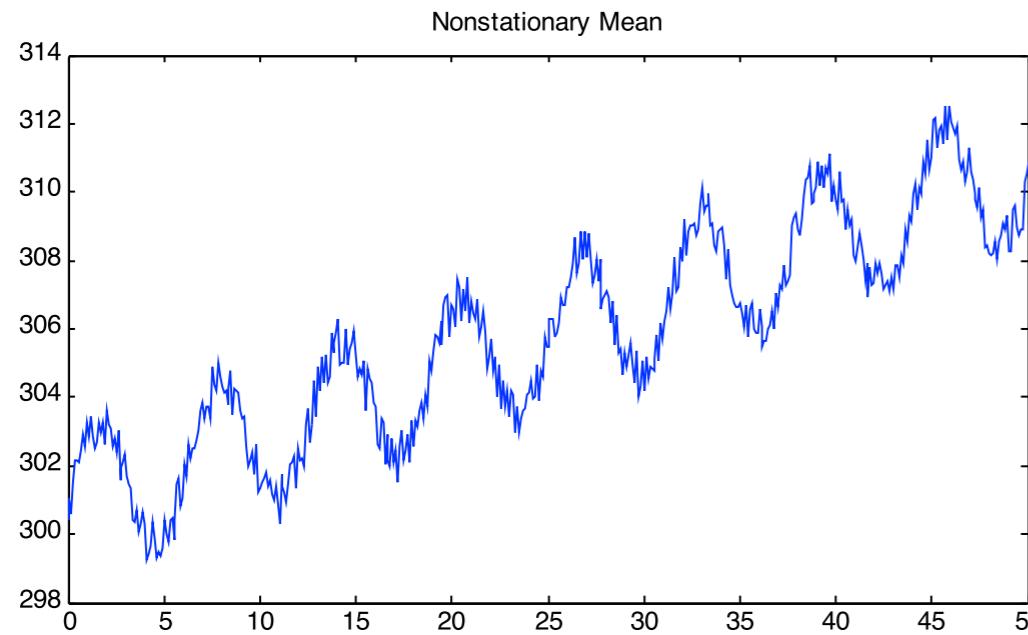
**Box-Jenkins  
Modeling Approach**



**Model Selection Process in  
Box-Jenkins Modeling Approach**



# Problems with ARfIMA (data assumptions)



## Testing for ergodicity

Testing for **stationarity**

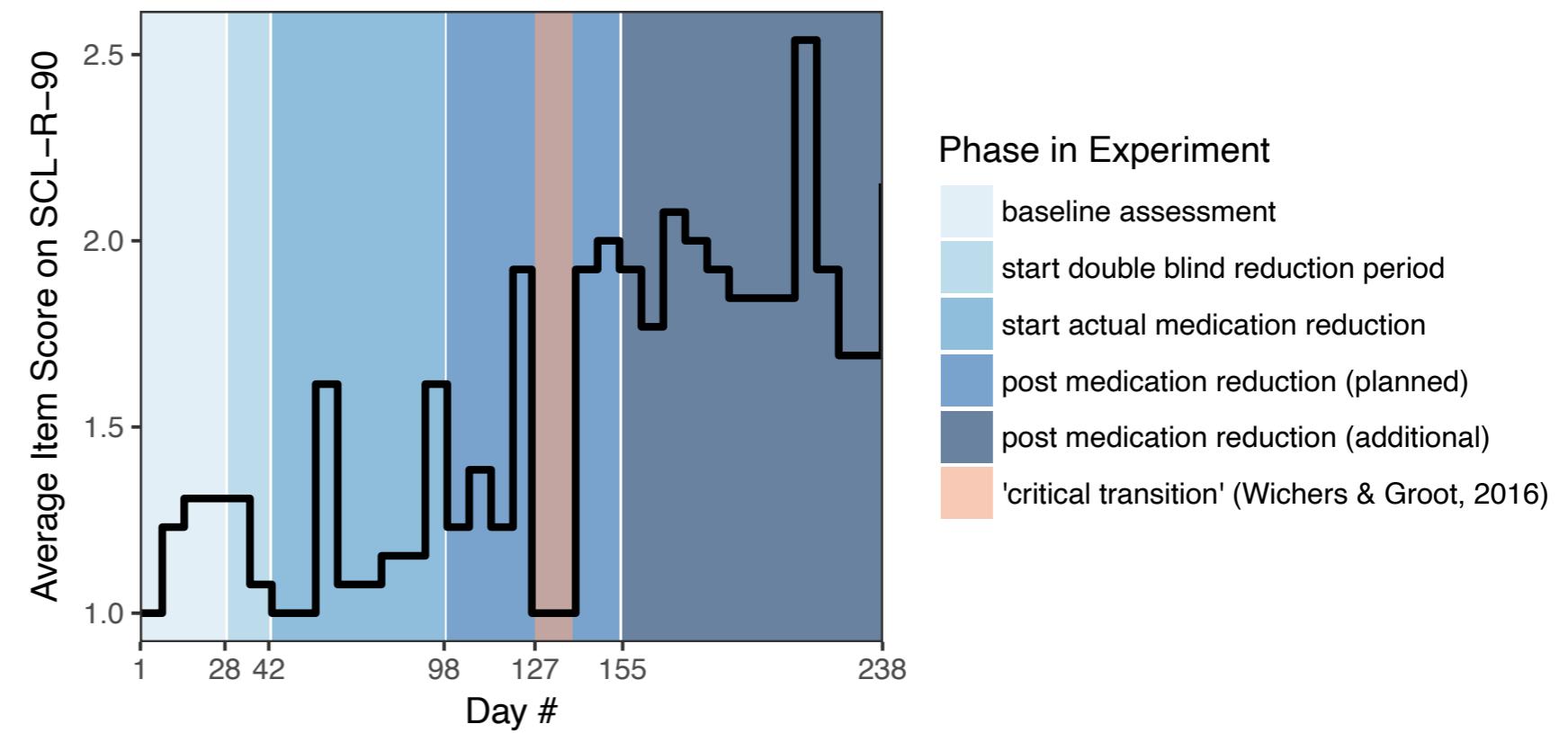
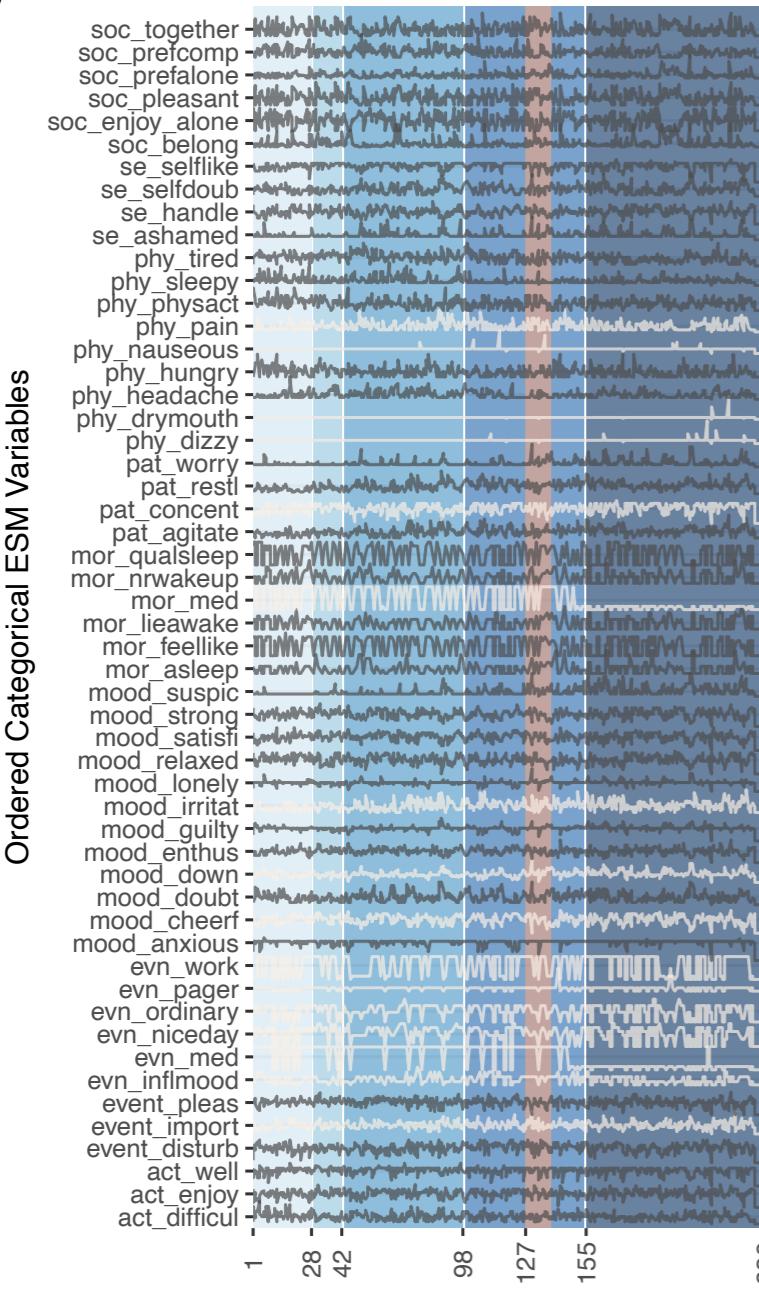
Testing for **homogeneity**

<http://fredhasselman.com/post/2017-05-19-testing-assumptions-of-the-data-generating-process-underlying-experience-sampling/>



# “Critical Slowing Down as a Personalized Early Warning Signal for Depression”

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**Rank Version of von Neumann's Ratio  
Test for Randomness**

**Kwiatkowski–Phillips–Schmidt–Shin (KPSS)**

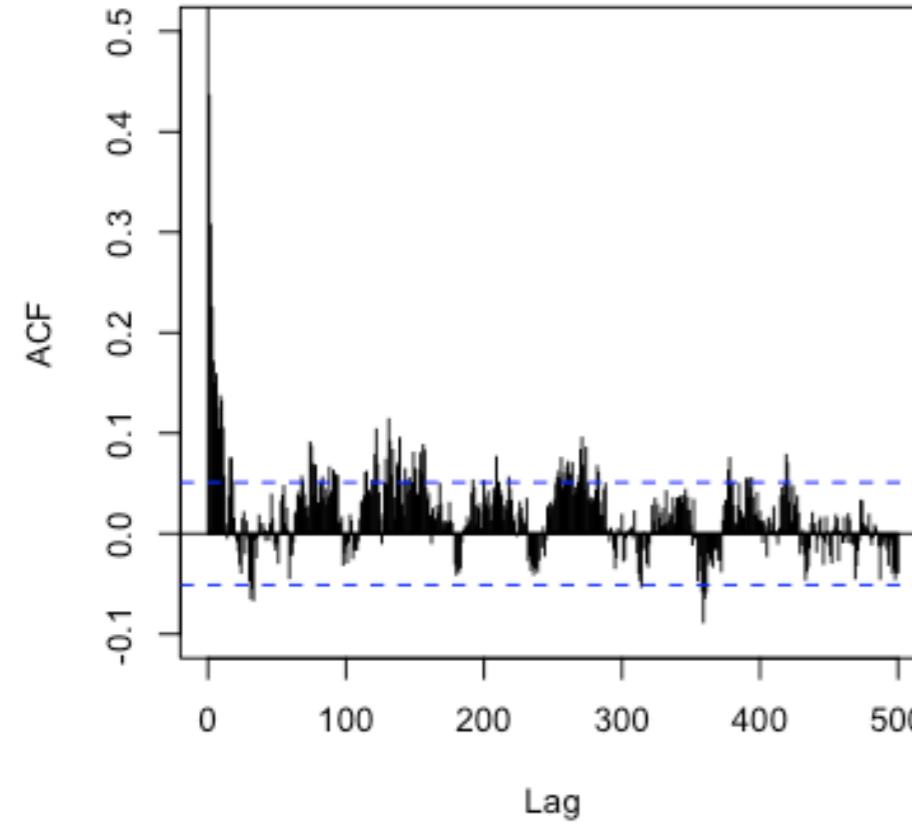
	Bartels rank test $H_0 = \text{Random}$ $H_1 = \text{Non-random}$		KPSS test $H_0 = \text{Level Stationary}$ $H_1 = \text{Unit root}$		KPSS test $H_0 = \text{Trend Stationary}$ $H_1 = \text{Unit root}$		Significant partial autocorrelations		
	Item	All data	Subset	All data	Subset	All data	Subset	Lag 2-99	Lag 100-1000
I feel relaxed		<.001*	<.001*	0.092	0.046	0.036	0.021	2	6
I feel down		<.001*	<.001*	<.010*	0.100	0.100	0.100	8	8
I feel irritated		<.001*	<.001*	<.010*	0.052	<.010*	0.100	5	7
I feel satisfied		<.001*	<.001*	0.100	0.019	0.100	0.098	2	4
I feel lonely		<.001*	<.001*	<.010*	0.100	0.100	0.100	5	9
I feel anxious		<.001*	<.001*	<.010*	0.100	0.100	0.100	8	11
I feel enthusiastic		<.001*	<.001*	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.100	4	6
I feel suspicious		<.001*	<.001*	<.010*	0.061	0.041	0.027	9	9
I feel cheerful		<.001*	<.001*	0.100	0.059	0.100	0.046	4	6
I feel guilty		<.001*	<.001*	<.010*	<.010*	0.094	0.100	7	7
I feel indecisive		<.001*	<.001*	0.100	<.010*	0.050	0.100	7	7
I feel strong		<.001*	<.001*	0.100	0.021	0.100	0.100	6	6
I feel restless		<.001*	<.001*	<.010*	0.070	<.010*	0.075	11	4
I feel agitated		<.001*	<.001*	<.010*	0.100	<.010*	0.100	6	5
I worry		<.001*	<.001*	<.010*	0.100	0.100	0.100	10	11
I can concentrate well		<.001*	<.001*	<.010*	<.010*	0.100	0.100	4	8
I like myself		<.001*	<.001*	0.100	<.010*	0.082	0.100	5	5
I am ashamed of myself		<.001*	<.001*	<.010*	0.100	0.100	0.100	8	6
I doubt myself		<.001*	<.001*	0.048	0.100	0.093	0.100	7	5
I can handle anything		<.001*	<.001*	0.055	0.047	0.100	0.100	4	8
I am hungry		0.068	0.068	<.010*	0.020	<.010*	0.049	6	2
I am tired		<.001*	<.001*	<.010*	0.100	0.079	0.978	11	5
I am in pain		<.001*	<.001*	0.100	0.024	<.010*	0.100	4	2
I feel dizzy		0.854		<.010*		0.050		6	7
I have a dry mouth		0.958		0.029		0.042		1	8
I feel nauseous		0.854		0.100		0.100		4	9
I have a headache		<.001*	0.8544	0.018	0.020	<.010*	0.100	7	4
I am sleepy		<.001*	0.958	<.010*	0.011	<.010*	0.100	7	4
From the last beep onwards I was physically active		<.001*	0.854	<.010*	0.100	<.010*	0.100	3	3
Sum of significant tests (%)	25 (86%)	22 (85%)	16 (55%)	4 (15%)	8 (28%)	0 (0%)			

*Note.*

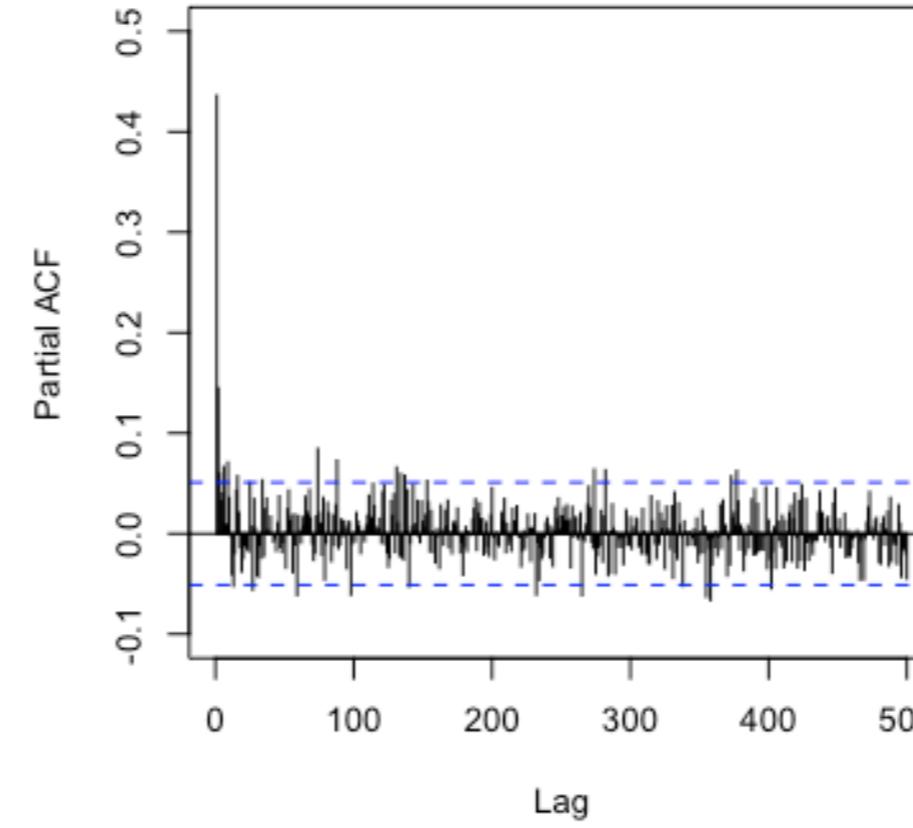
N = 1476 for all data. N = 292 for the subset [= START ACTUAL REDUCTION].

\* indicates statistically significant test statistics. For Bartels rank test, results were considered significant for  $p < .002$ . The KPSS test only provides  $p$ -values in between .01 and .10. For the KPSS test,  $p < .010$  was considered significant. Three items showed no variance during the baseline period included in the subset and were therefore omitted from analysis of the subset.

I feel down



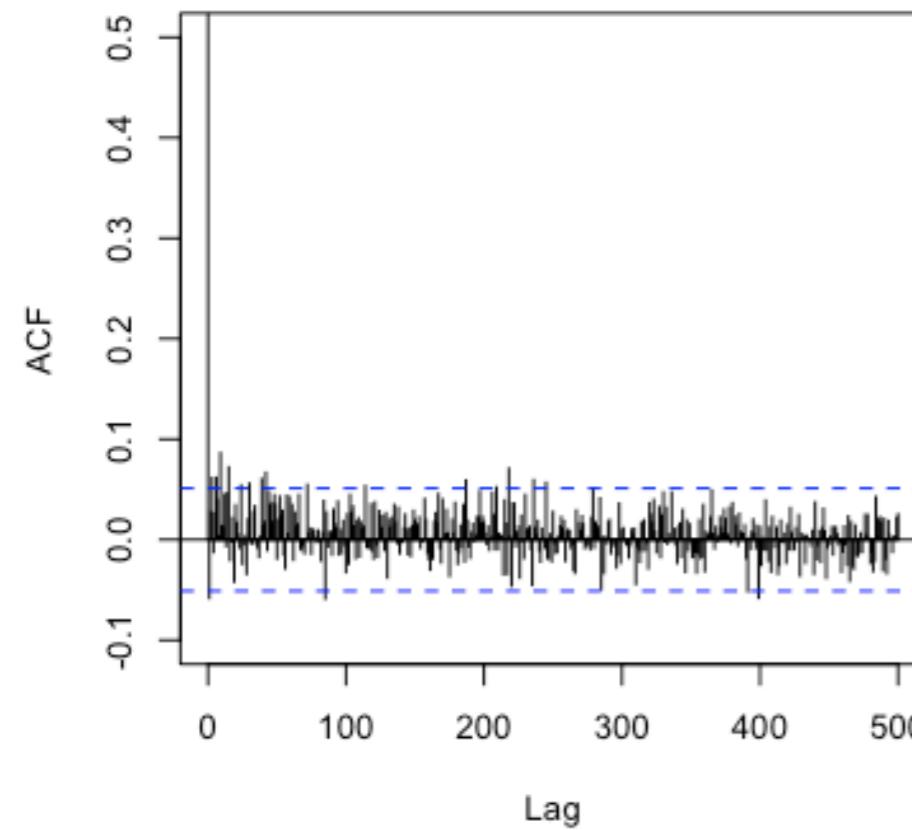
I feel down



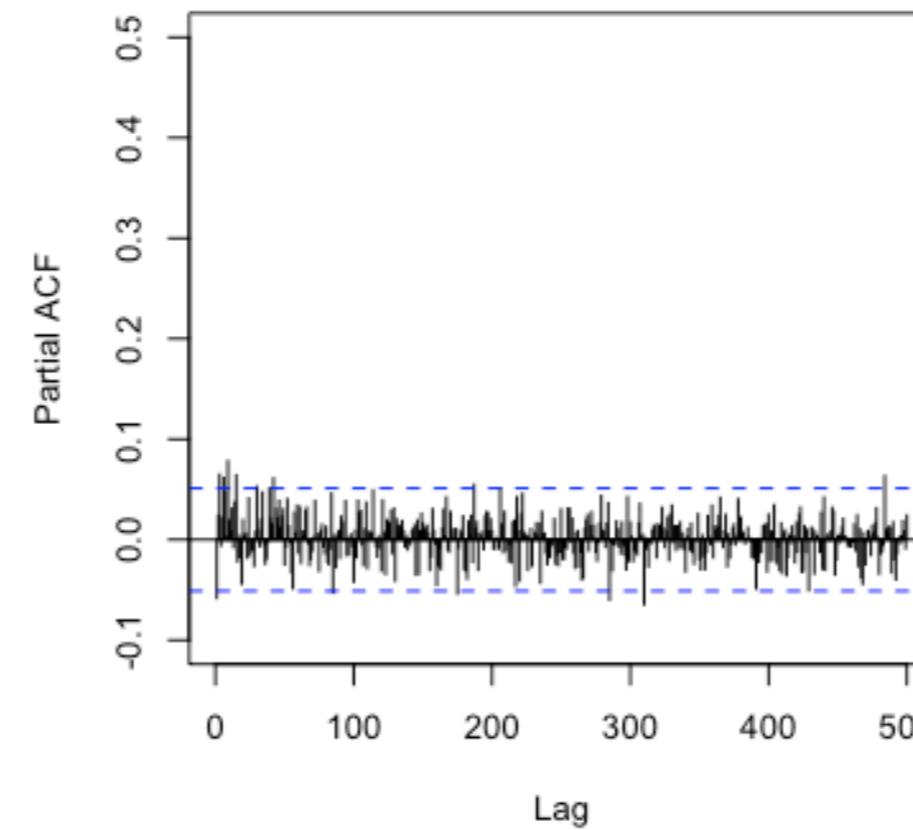
Questions abt.  
*mental internal states* like **mood**  
resemble non-ergodic processes:

- long memory
- non-stationary
- non-homogeneous
- non-stationary ACF

I feel hungry



I feel hungry



Questions abt.  
*physical internal states* like **hunger**  
resemble ergodic processes:

- no long memory
- stationary
- homogeneous
- stationary ACF

# Intuitive Notion of Fractal Dimension

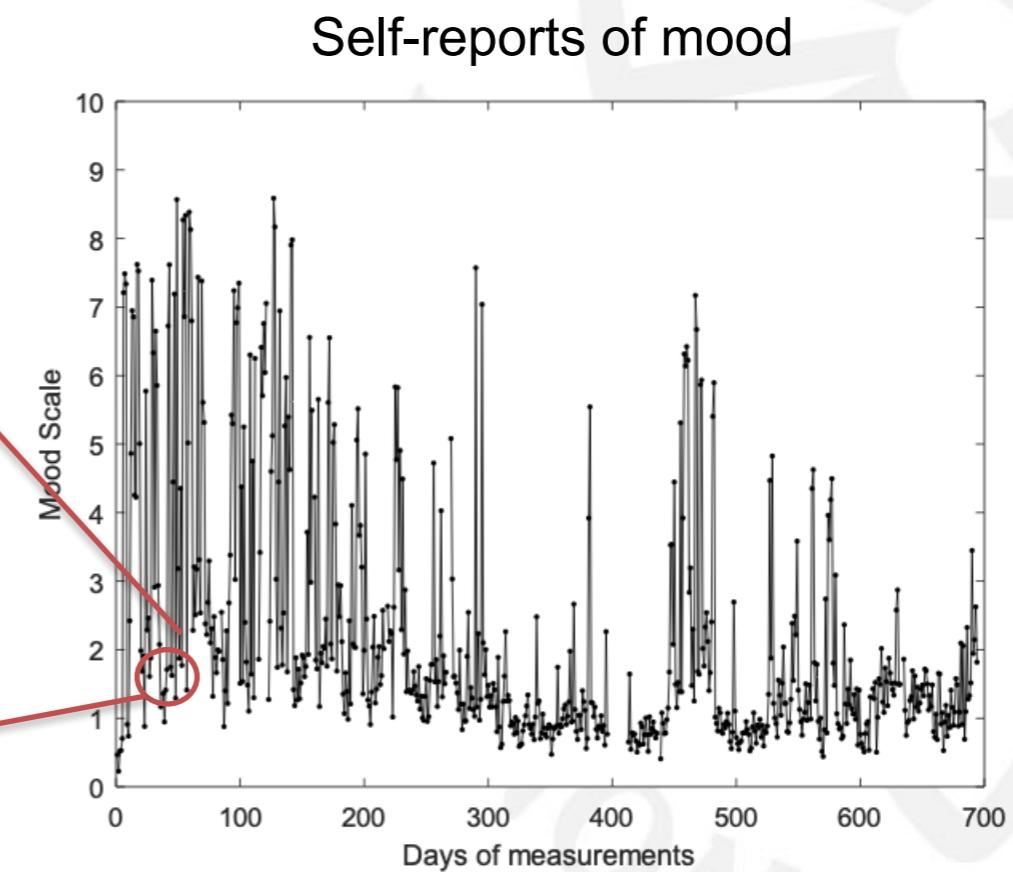
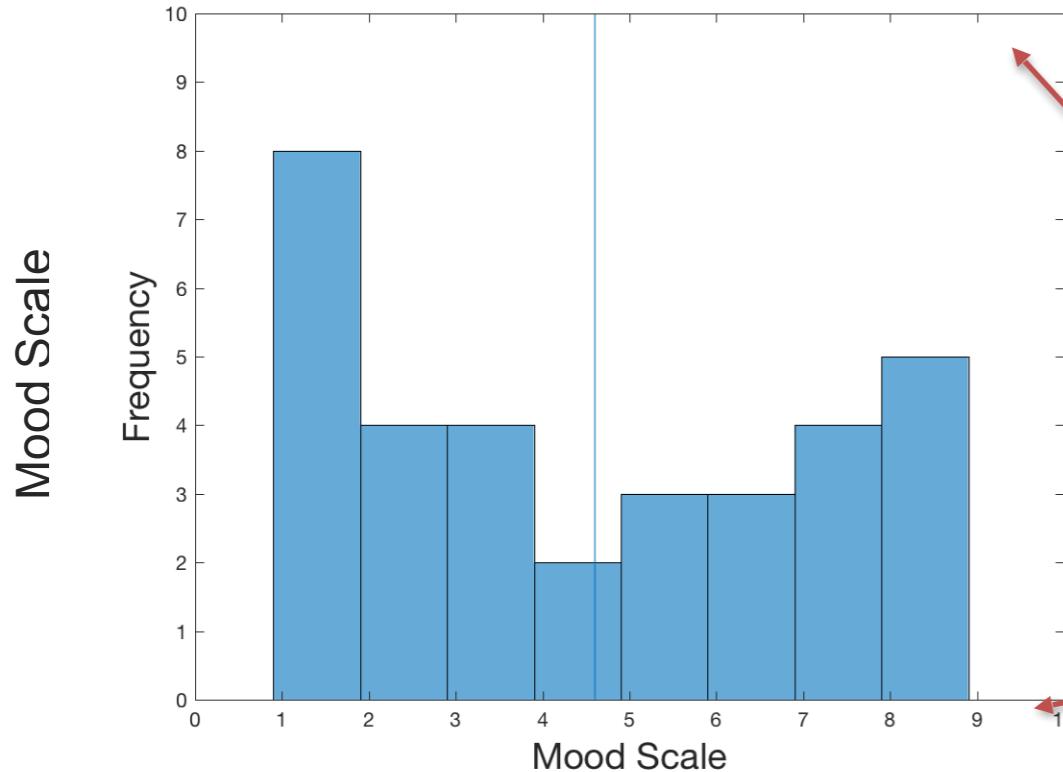
Relative Roughness

Entropy

# Depression as a dynamic process

Depression is :

- By definition a dynamic change process
- Dynamics are lost in standard analyses

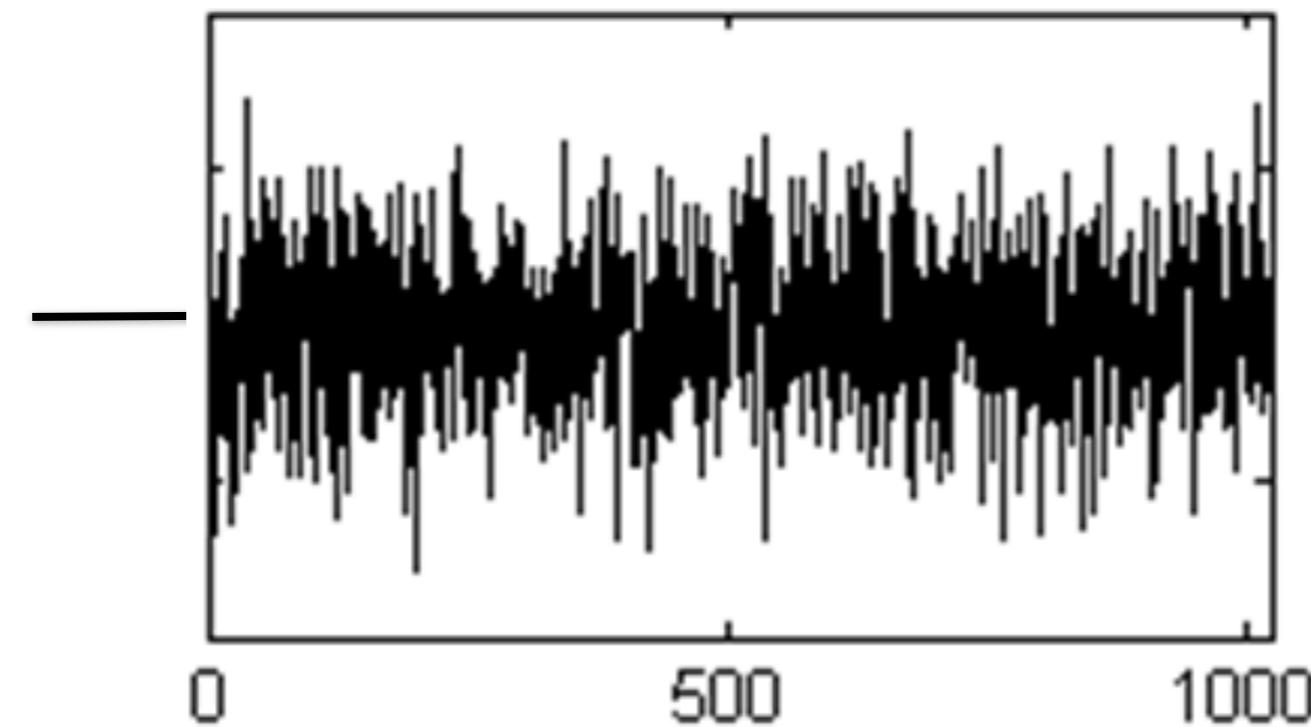


## Fractal dimension

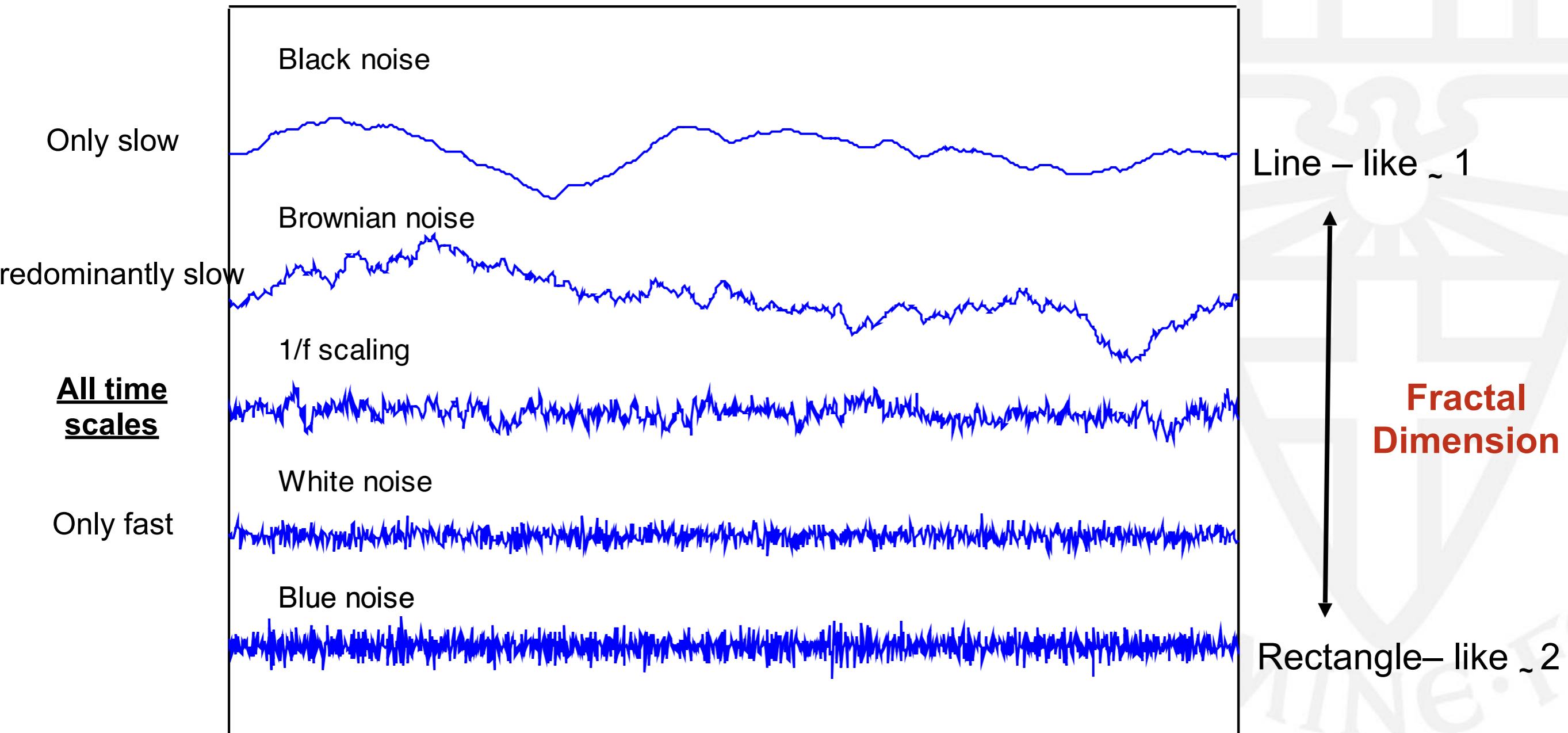
What is the dimension of a line?

What is the dimension of a rectangle?

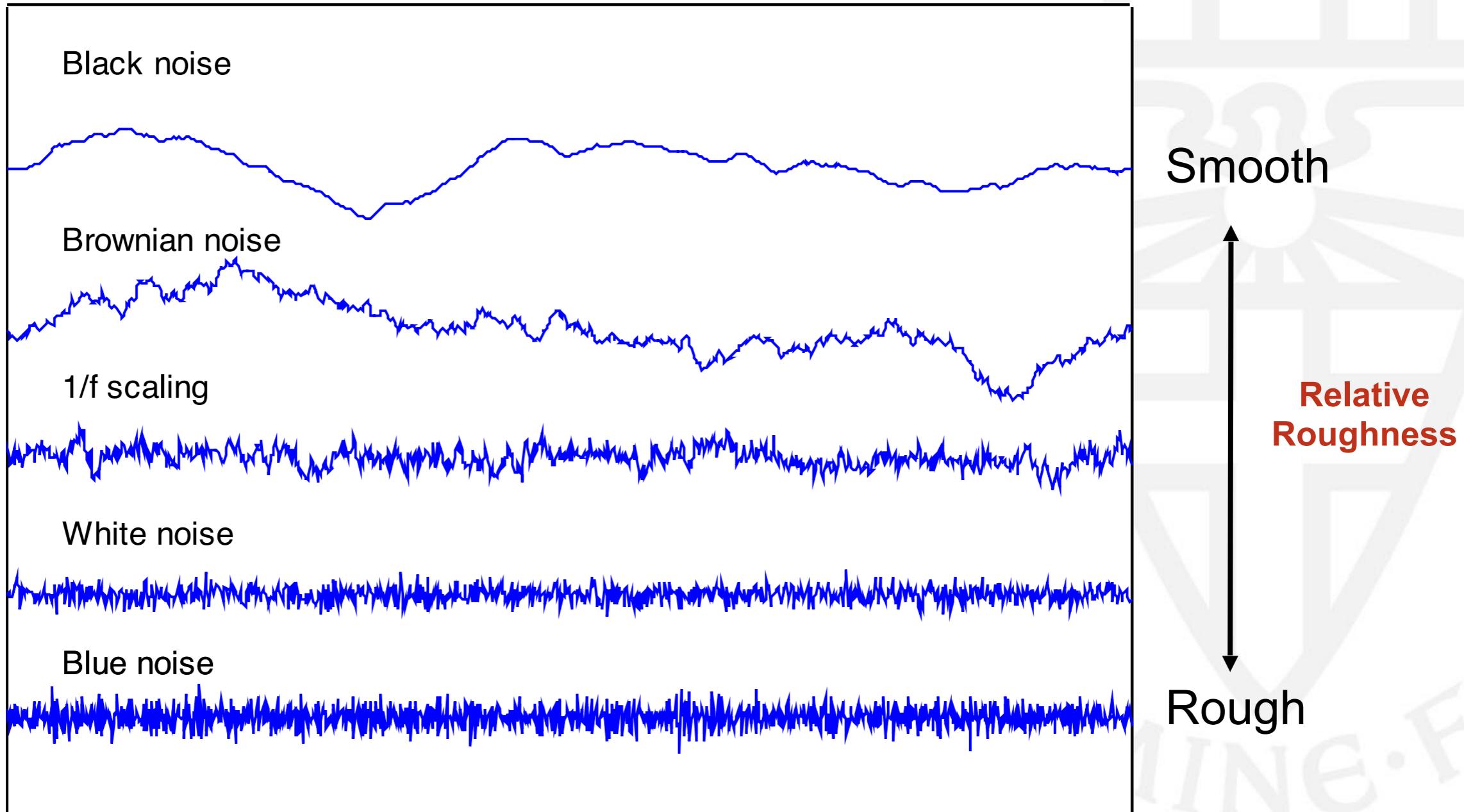
What is the dimension of random noise?



## Temporal properties of variability: Fractal Dimension



## Temporal properties of variability: Relative Roughness

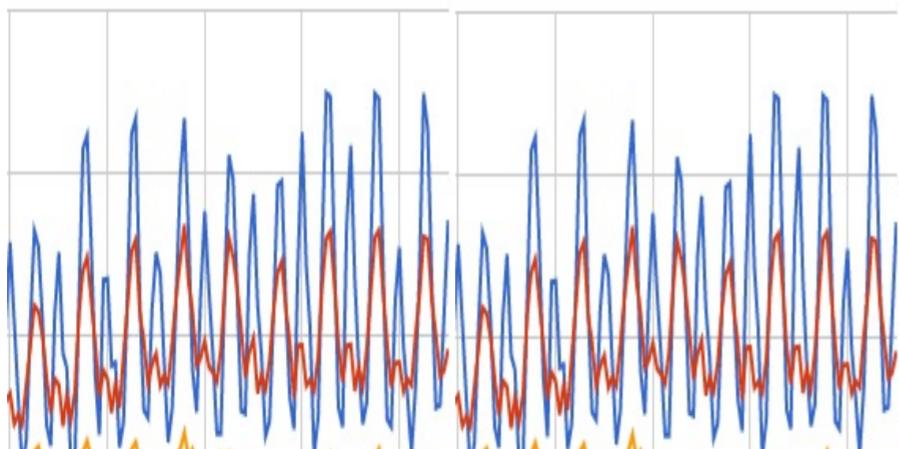


## Temporal properties of variability: Relative Roughness

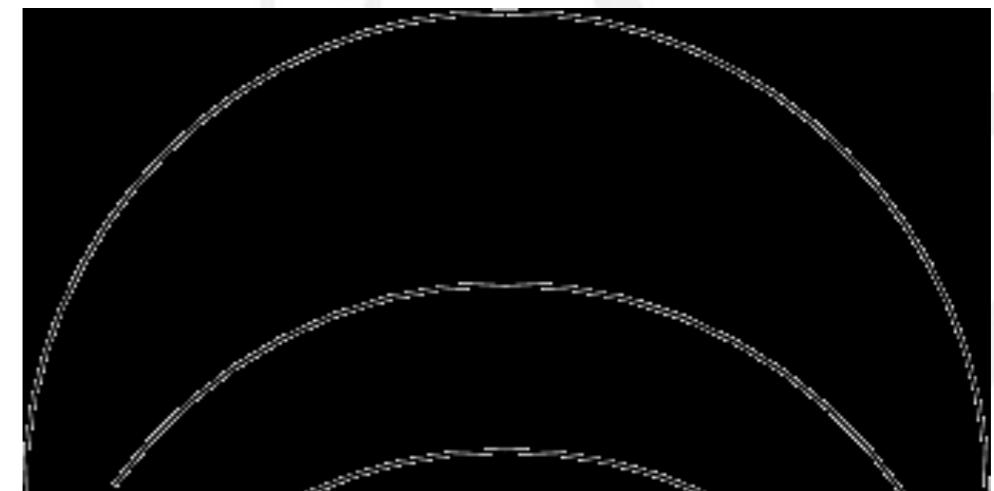
Relative roughness of a time series is:

$$RR = 2 * \left( 1 - \frac{\text{local variance}}{\text{global variance}} \right)$$

Local variance:  
Fast changes



Global variance:  
Slow changes



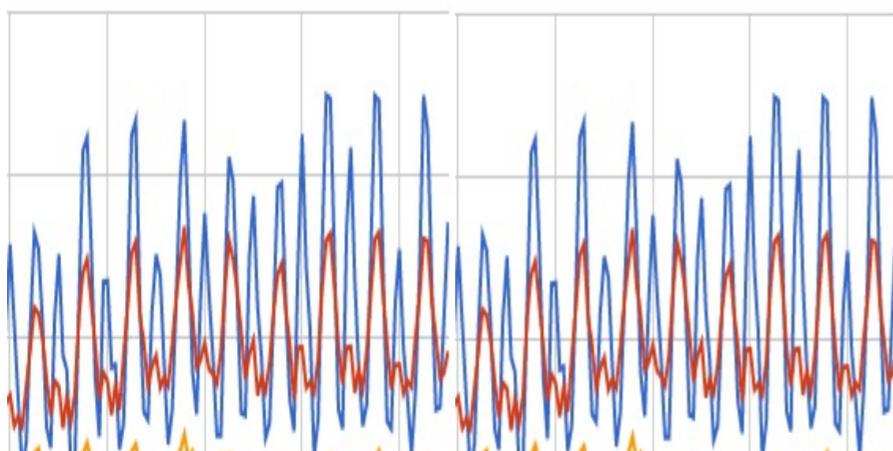
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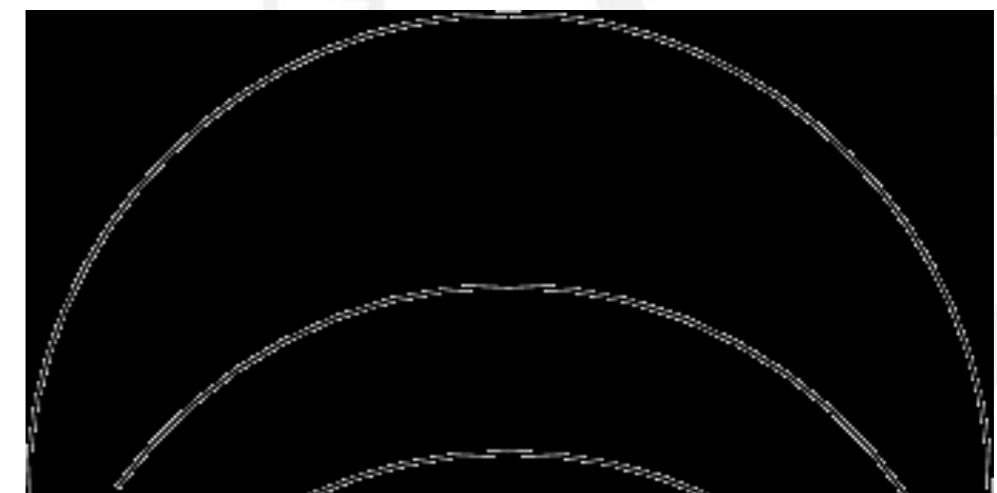
$$RR = 2 \left[ 1 - \frac{\gamma_1(x_i)}{\text{Var}(x_i)} \right]$$

Lag 1 auto-(co)variance  
Overall variance

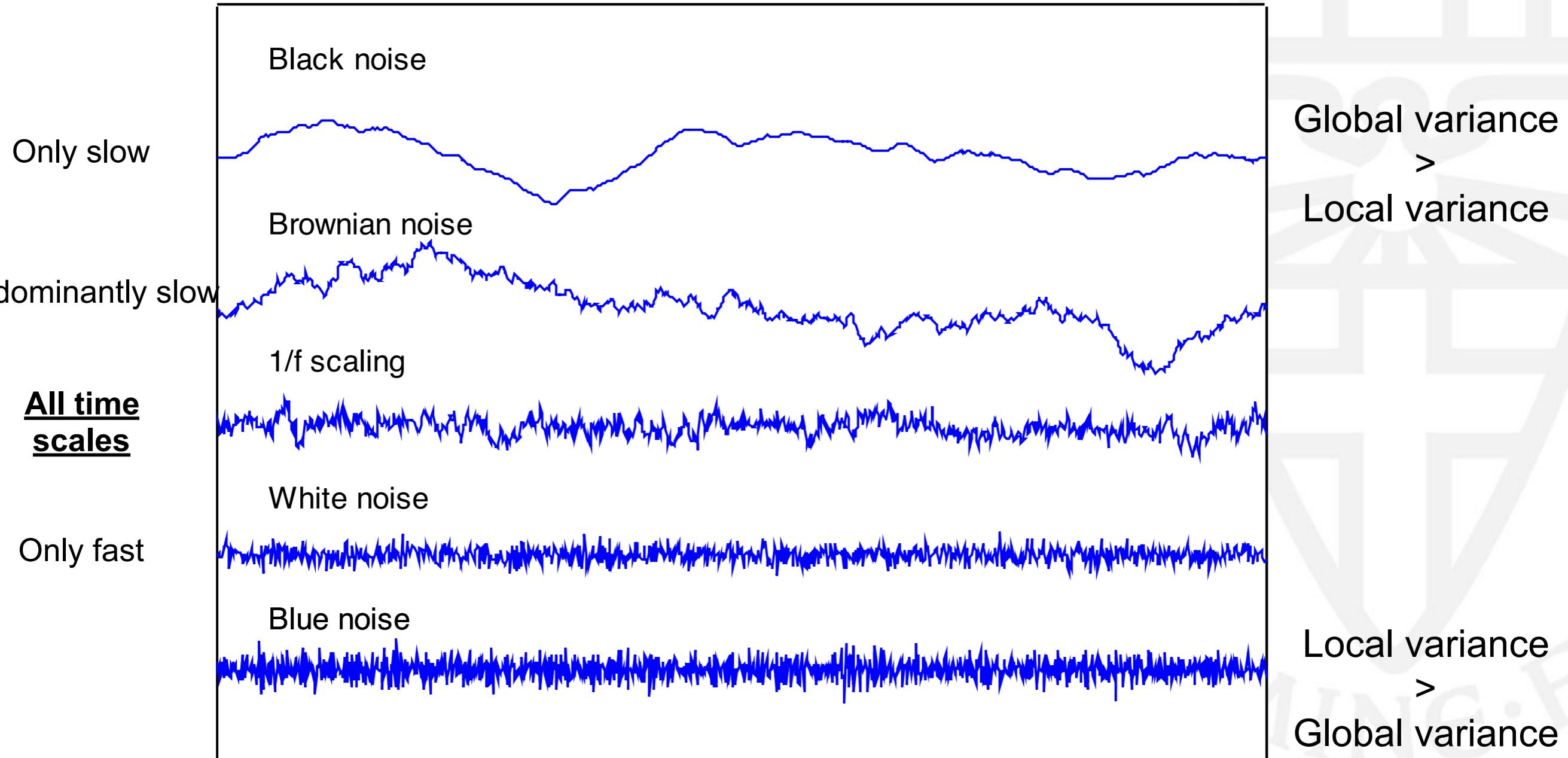
Local variance:  
Fast changes

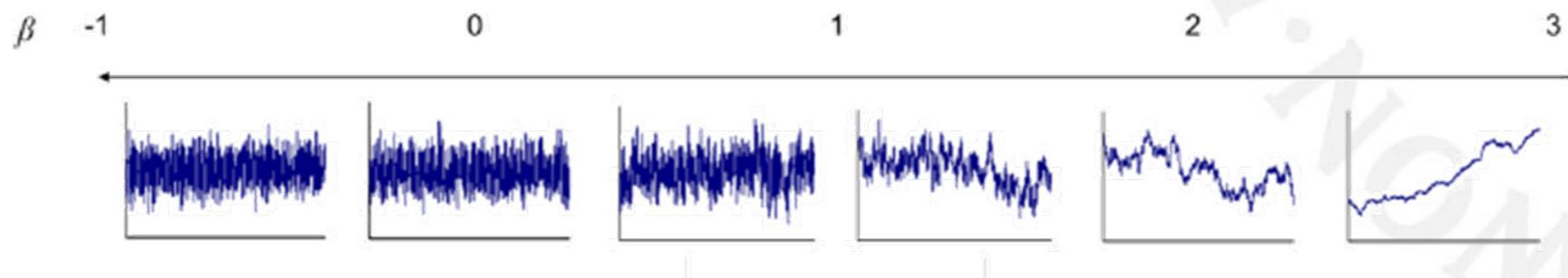
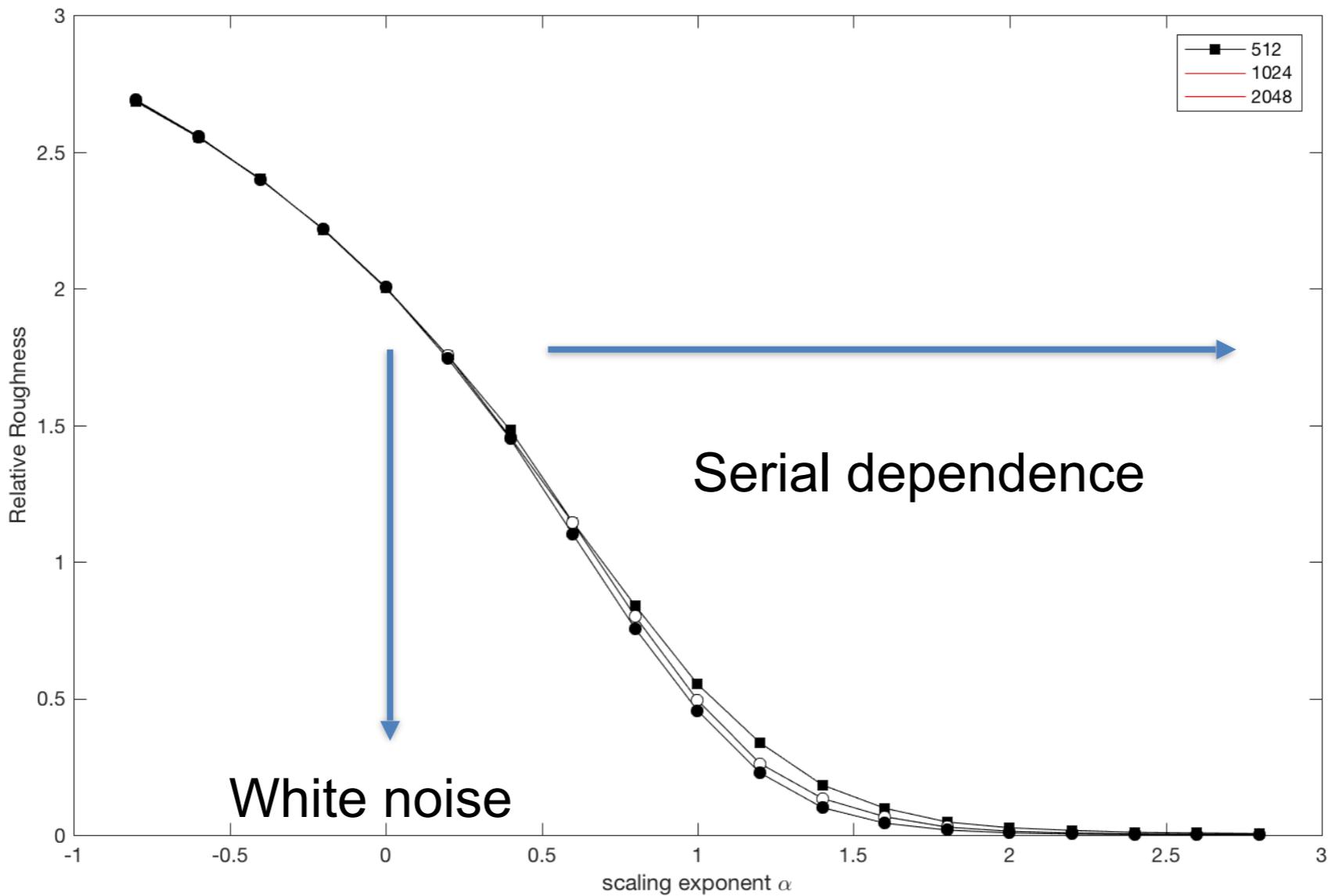


Global variance:  
slow changes



## Temporal properties of variability: Relative Roughness





# Entropy



## Entropy as a complexity measure

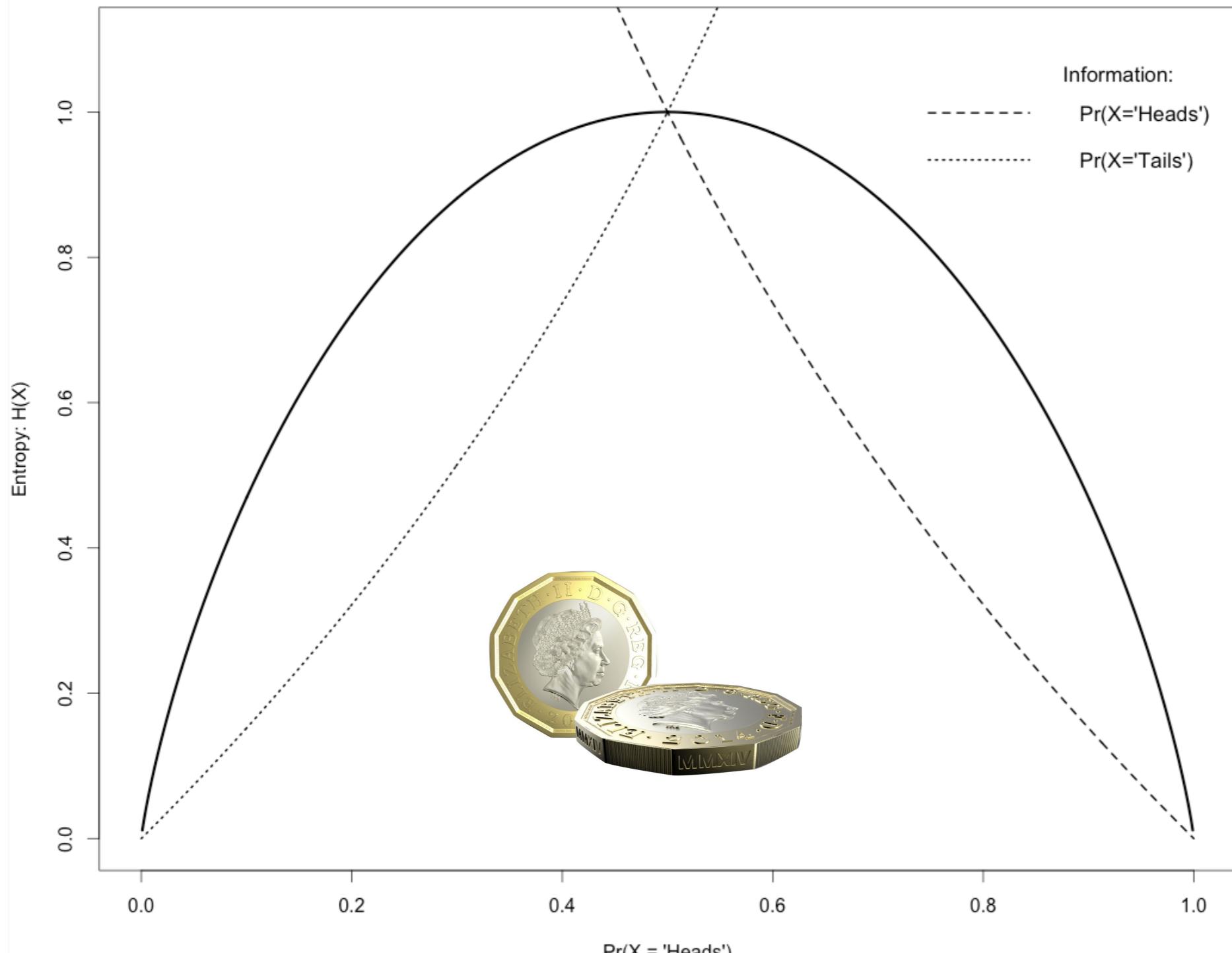
No obvious link with Roughness

- Different way to tap into dynamics

Entropy is a probabilistic measure of:

- uncertainty
- irregularity
- Predictability
- Information





Entropy

Information

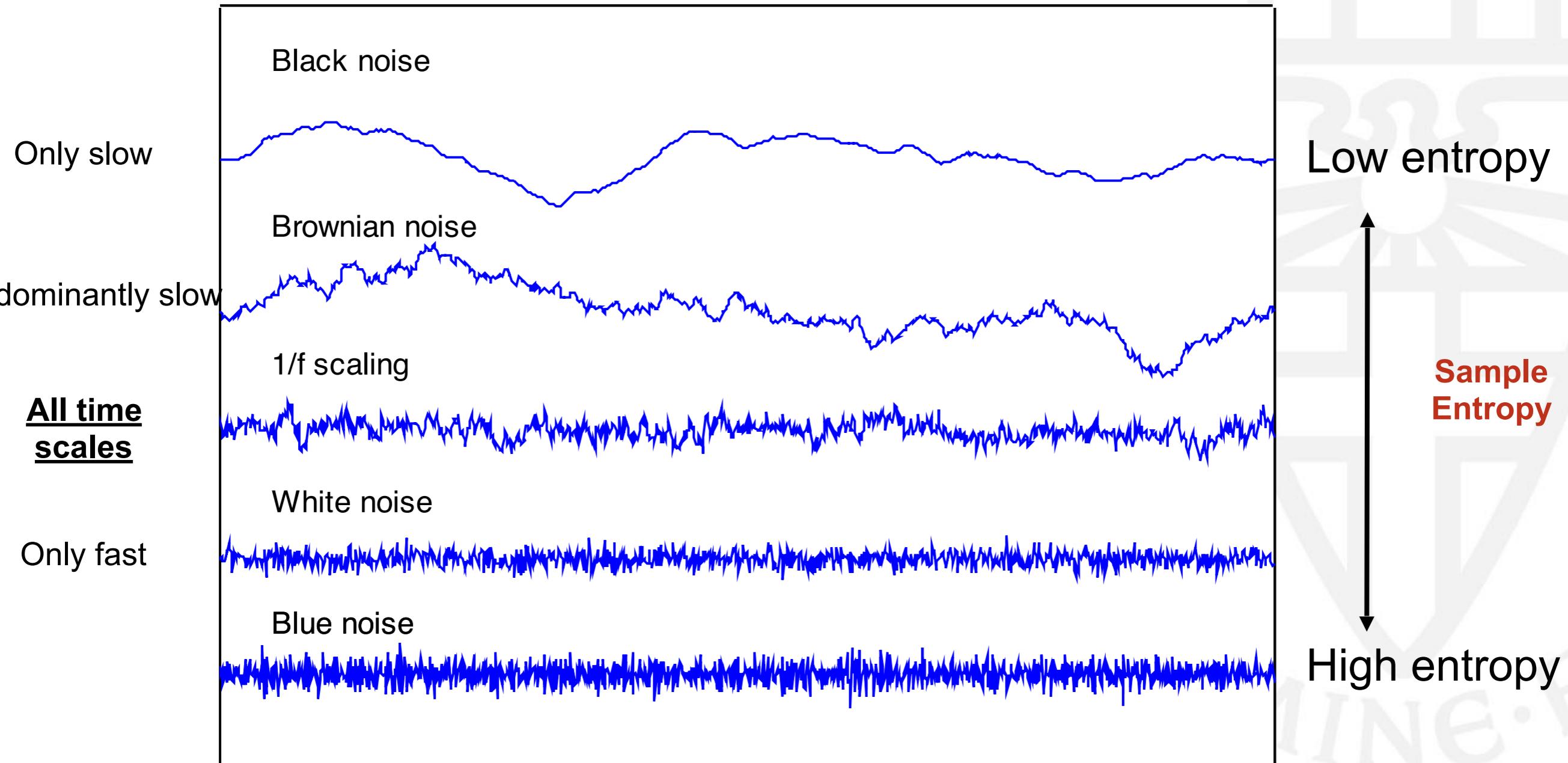
Uncertainty

Redundancy

Probability

Symmetry  
breaking

## Temporal properties of variability: Sample entropy



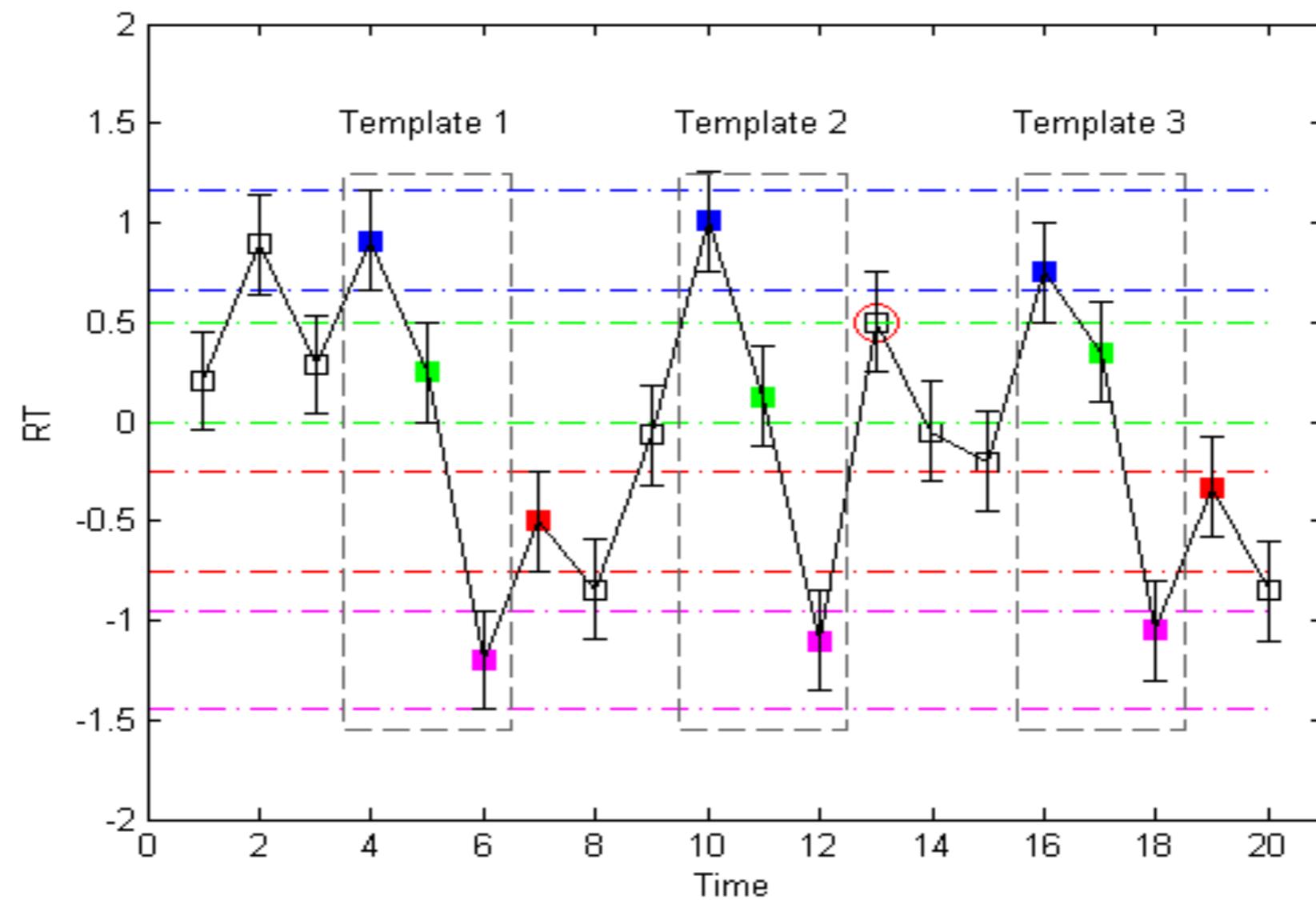
# Entropy in time series data

## Sample entropy

- $P = A(k)/B(k)$ 
  - A: # of data segment of length  $m+1$  are within distance  $< r$
  - B: # of data segment of length  $m$  are within distance  $< r$
- The negative natural logarithm of the conditional probability that a dataset of length  $N$ , having repeated itself within a tolerance  $r$  for  $m$  points, will also repeat itself for  $m + 1$  points.
- $\text{SampEn}(m, r, N) = -\ln P$



- SampEn: the negative natural log (-ln) of the conditional probability that the pattern of  $m+1$  points (■-□-■-■) will match if a pattern of  $m$  points (■-□-■) did match



## Sample entropy

Determine  $m$

- the length of compared runs of data
- E.g., 3 data points

Determine  $r$

- Tolerance range
- E.g., 1 standard deviation



## Sample entropy: interpretation

A small value (e.g., 0.05)

- sequence is regular and predictable
- a high probability of repeated template sequences in the data

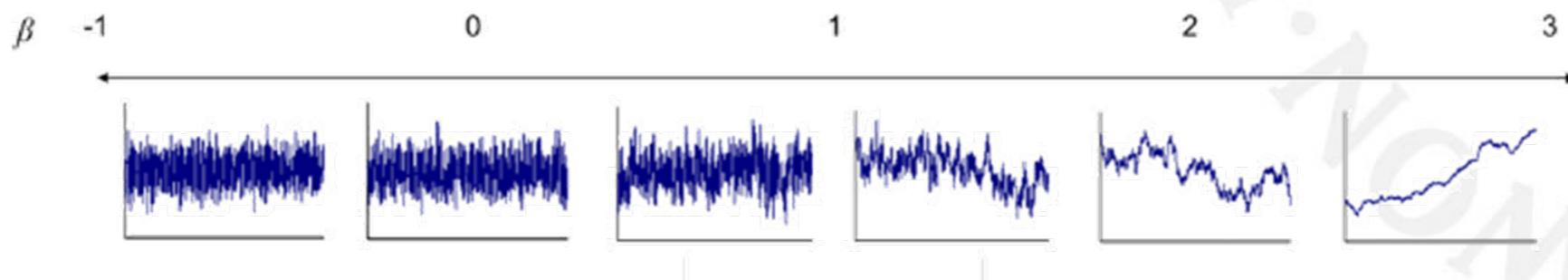
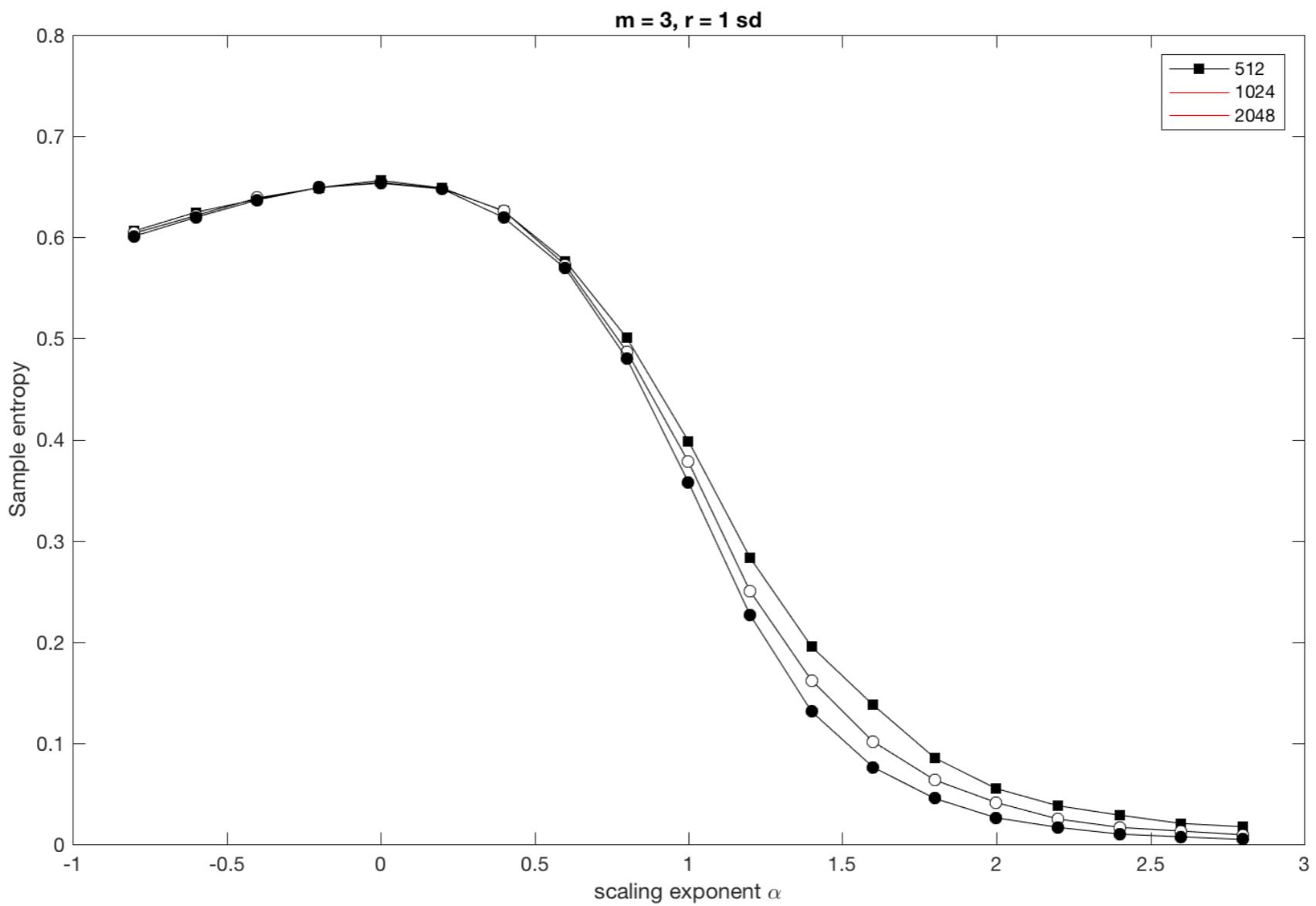
A large value (e.g., 1.5)

- sequence is irregular and unpredictable
- a low probability of repeated template sequences in the data

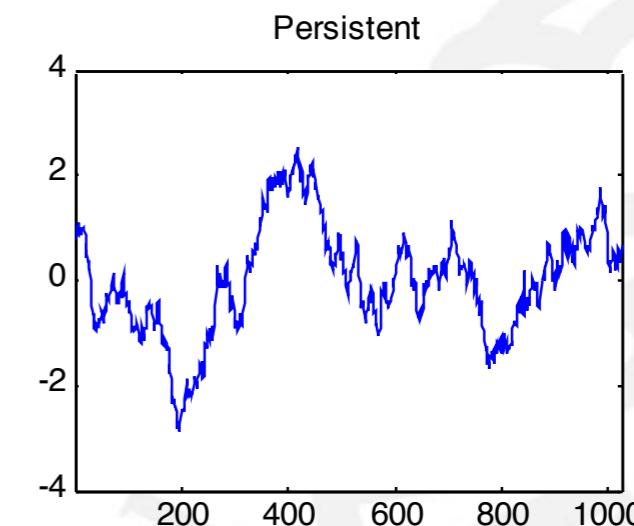
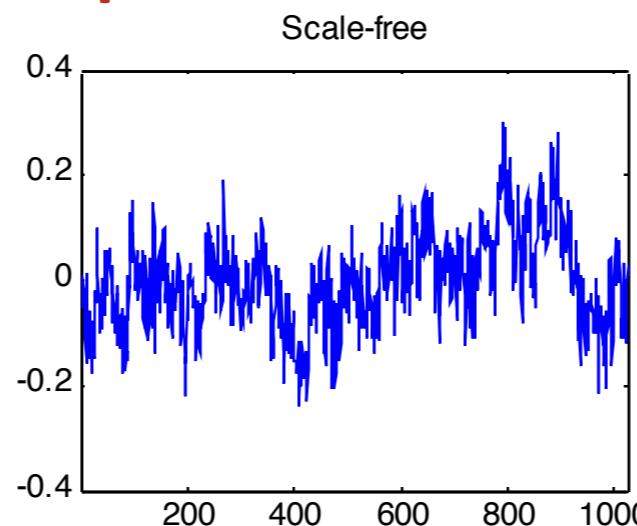
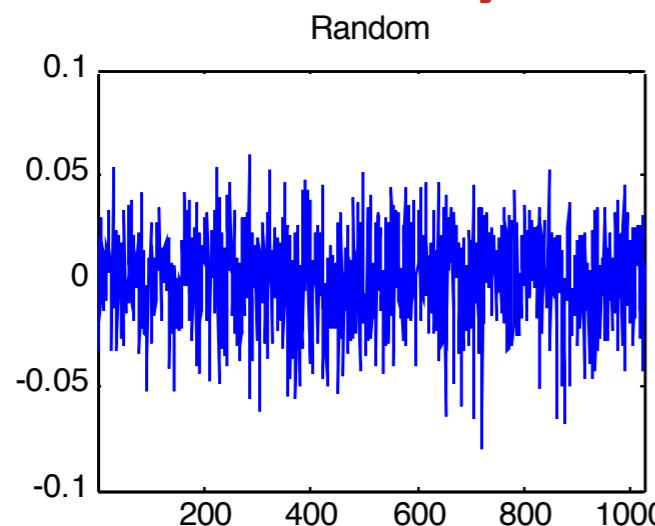
NOTE: absolute values will change in function of your parameter choices for  $m$  and  $r$

- the number of matches can be increased by choosing small  $m$  (short templates) and large  $r$  (wide tolerance).

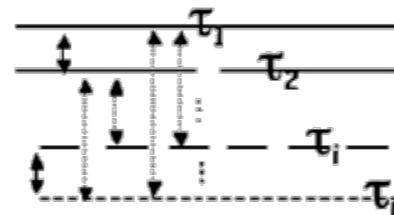




## Time series analysis: sum up



- Flexible
- Disorganized
- No slow time scales
- Unconstrained
- Many degrees-of-freedom



Dynamics at all  
time scales contribute  
to the process

- Rigid
- Order
- Predominantly slow  
time scales
- Constrained
- Few degrees-of-  
freedom

Linear  
Statistics

Complexity measures



# FITTING PARAMETERS OF ANALYTIC SOLUTIONS

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## Change according to a process: Exponential growth

The growth rate is proportional to the current growth level:

$$Y_{i+1} = r \cdot Y_i$$



Analytic Solution

$$Y_i = r^i \cdot Y_0$$

Difference equation: Map ...

$$\frac{dY}{dt} = r \cdot Y$$



Analytic Solution

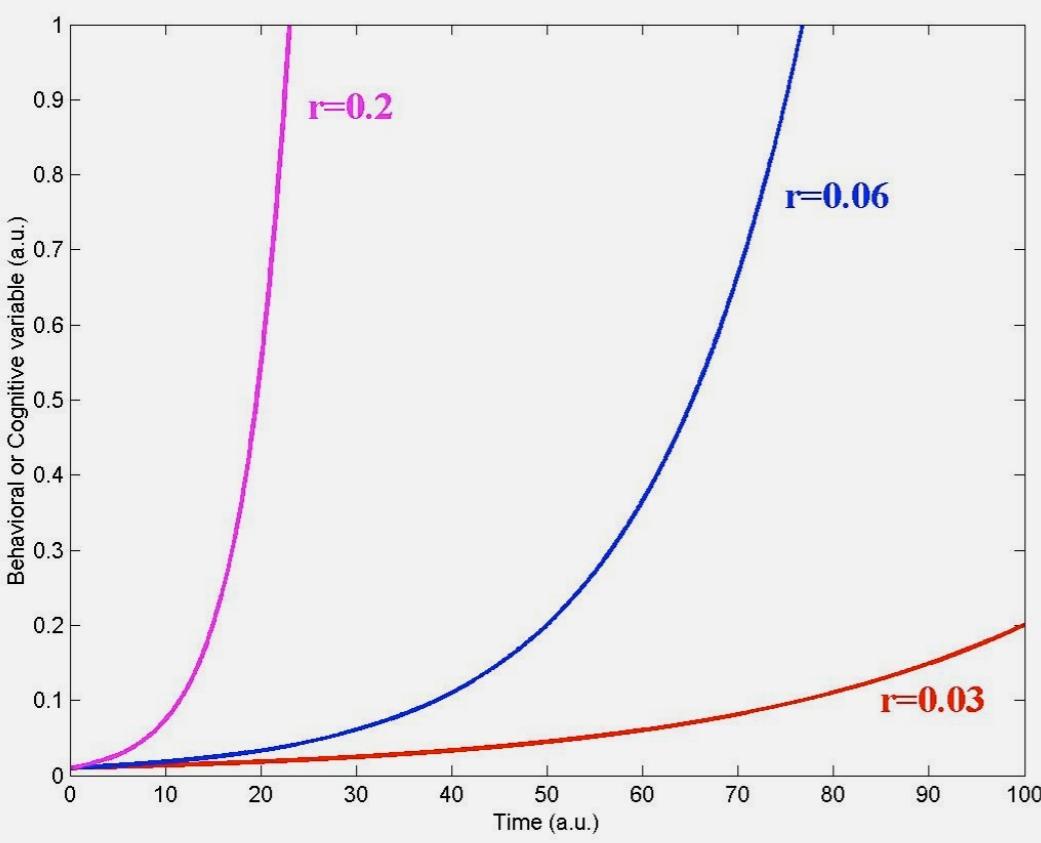
$$Y(t) = Y_0 \cdot e^{rt}$$

Differential equation: Flow ~

## Exponential growth (Flow ~)

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$$Y_{ij} = \pi_{0i} e^{\pi_{1i} TIME_{ij}} + \varepsilon_{ij}$$



$$\frac{dY}{dt} = r \cdot Y$$
$$Y(t) = Y_0 \cdot e^{rt}$$

$Y_0$  = Initial condition

# Logistic growth

If we combine these **linear** models we get **nonlinear** restricted (logistic) growth

$$Y_{i+1} = r Y_i (K - Y_i)$$

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$$\frac{dY}{dt} = r Y (K - Y)$$

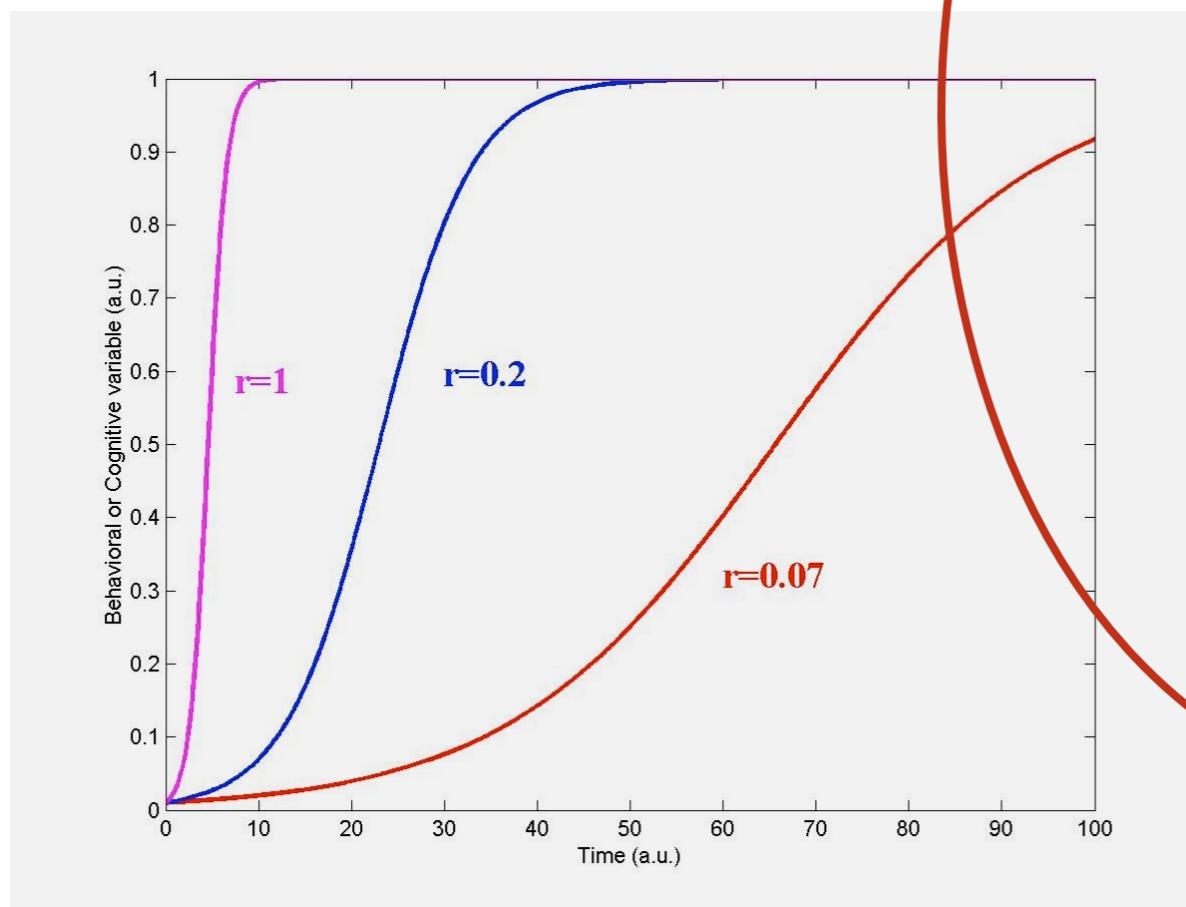
no analytic solution

$$Y(t) = \frac{KY_0}{Y_0 + (K - Y_0)e^{-Krt}}$$

# Logistic Growth (Flow ~)

$$Y_{ij} = \frac{19}{1 + \pi_{0i} e^{-(\pi_{1i} TIME_{ij})}} + \varepsilon_{ij}$$

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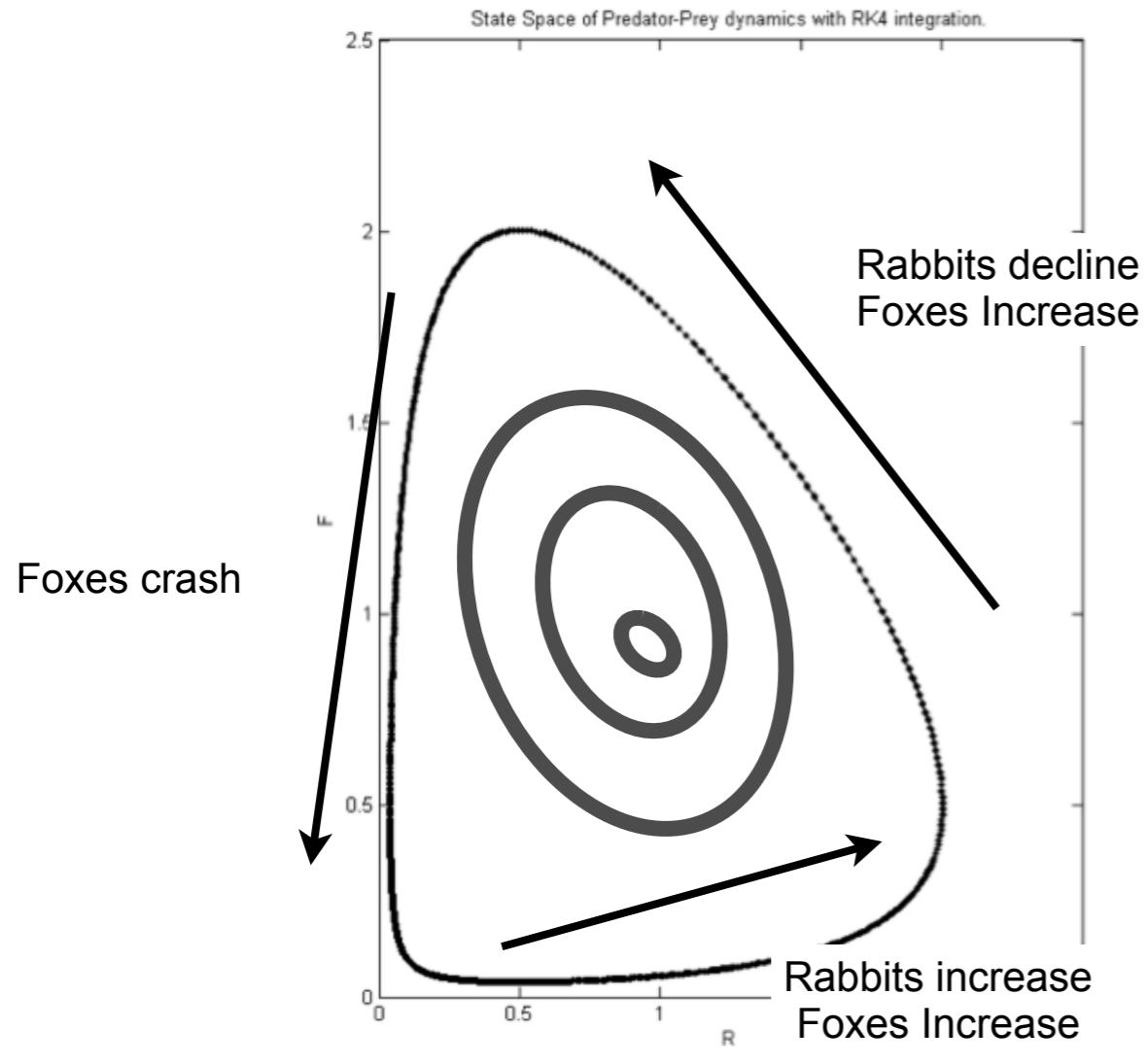
$$\frac{dY}{dt} = rY(K - Y)$$

$$Y(t) = \frac{KY_0}{Y_0 + (K - Y_0)e^{-Krt}}$$

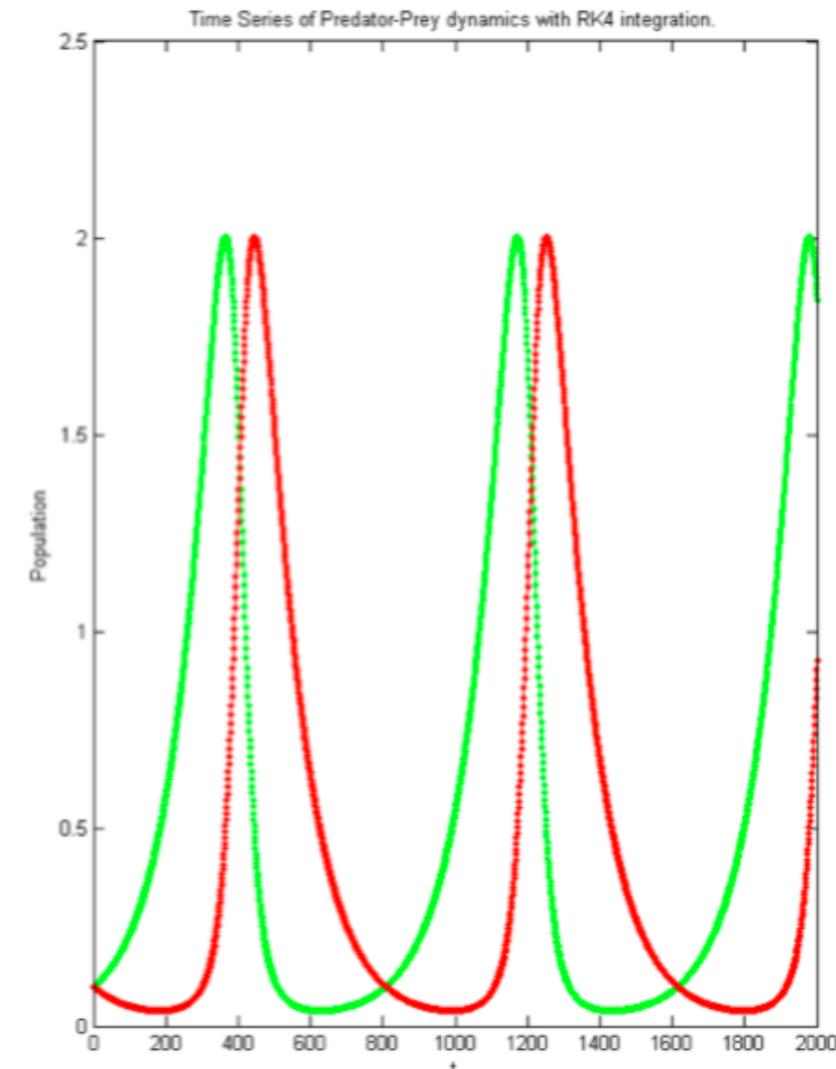
# COUPLED SYSTEMS

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# Multivariate Models... Multivariate State Space



State Space



Time Series