

Autocorrelation Practical Results

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1 Results

The correlation between successive years is 0.326169651060742. The fraction of the correlation coefficients from the 10000 calculations that is greater than correlation between successive years is 2×10^{-4} .

2 Analysis

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3 Source code

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# An R script that calculate the correlation between n - 1 pairs of years  
# where n is the total number of years.
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rm(list = ls()) #clean current obejcts in workspace  
set.seed(1)#set random seed
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ats <- get(load(" ../Data/KeyWestAnnualMeanTemperature.RData" )) # load data
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#create two vectors x_t0 and x_t1 such that they correspond to x[t]-x[t+1]  
#using cor() to calculate the correlation between 2 vectors  
x_t0 <- head(ats$Temp, -1) #every element in ats$Temp except last one  
x_t1 <- tail(ats$Temp, -1) #every element in ats$Temp except first one  
ac.tag1 <- cor(x_t1, x_t0) # correlation coefficient between successive
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print(paste("the appropriate correlation coefficient between successive

# permute time series using sample()
#repeat calculation 10000 times and save in a matrix
results <- matrix()
for (i in 1:10000){
  s1 <- sample(x = ats$Temp, size=99, replace=T)
  s2 <- sample(x = ats$Temp, size=99, replace=T)
  results[i] <- cor(s1, s2)
}
#print(results)

#calculate the fraction of results that is greater than correlation betw
approx_p <- sum(results > ac.tag1) / 10000
print(paste("approximate p-value:", approx_p))

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