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# INTRODUCTION TO TIME SERIES

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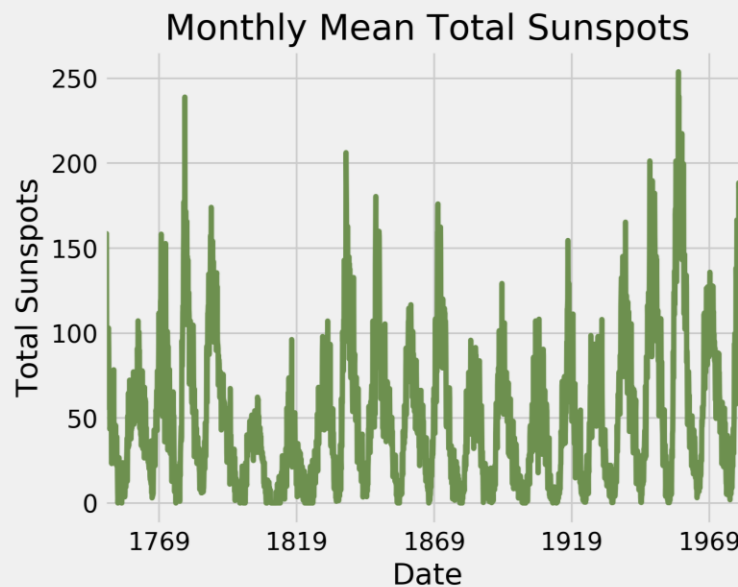
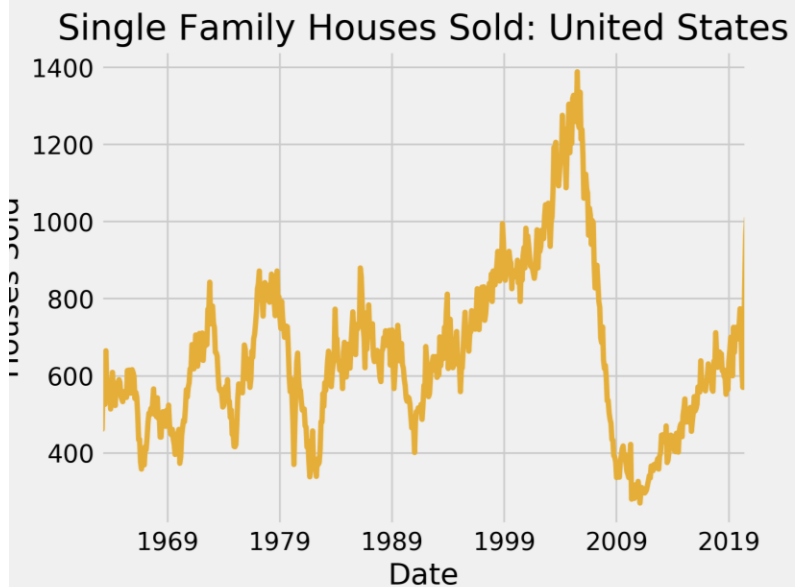
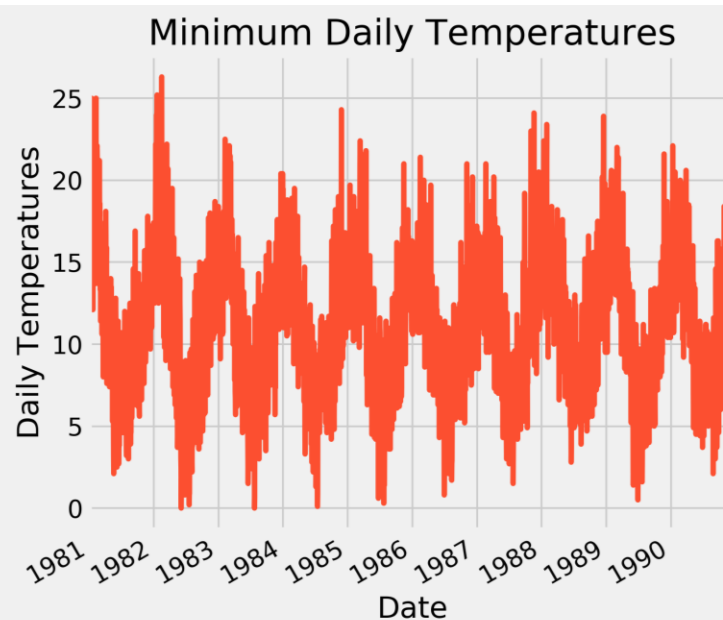
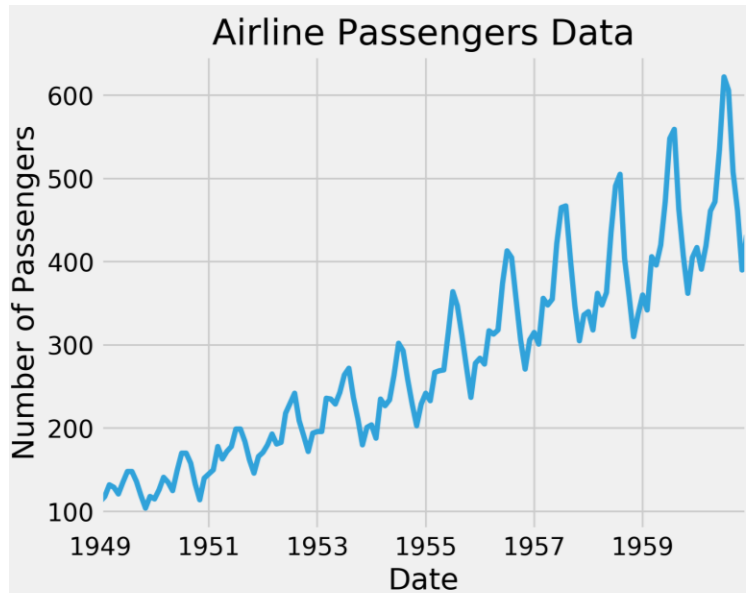
**= A DETOUR =**

**TIME SERIES IS NOT PART OF PANEL DATA.**

**HOWEVER, SINCE WE'LL USE THIS IN OUR NEXT LECTURE,  
AND SINCE YOU WON'T COVER IT IN ANY OTHER COURSE IN  
YOUR CURRICULUM (AS FAR AS I KNOW), I'LL TALK ABOUT  
IT NOW, JUST TO MAKE SURE YOU WON'T GRADUATE  
WITHOUT EVER HAVING COVERED THIS TOPIC.**

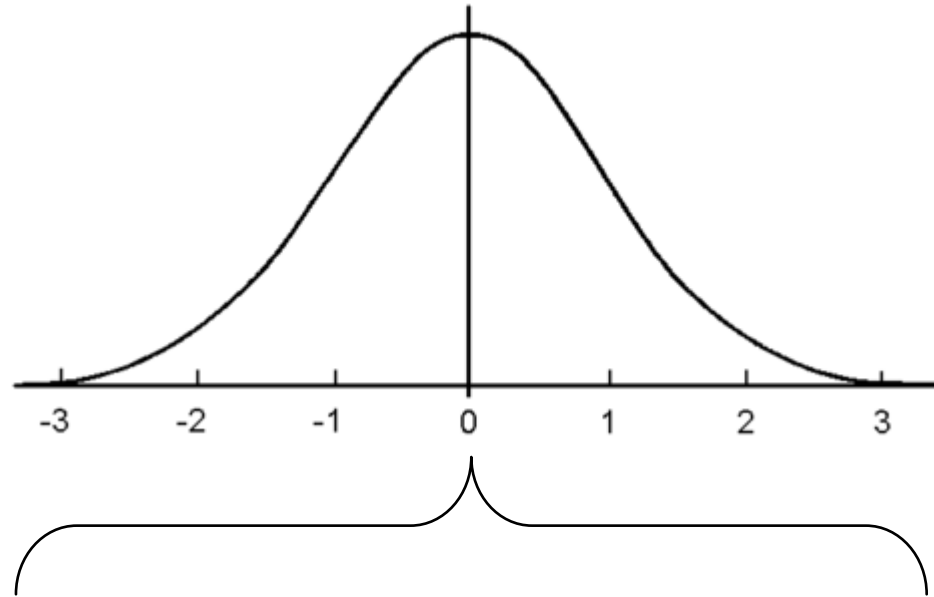
**THEREFORE, LET'S MAKE A DETOUR TO TALK ABOUT TIME  
SERIES. WE'LL GET BACK TO PANEL DATA IN OUR NEXT  
LECTURE.**





**A TIME SERIES  
IS DATA ON  
HOW  
SOMETHING  
CHANGES  
OVER TIME**

**WE CAN THINK OF A TIME SERIES AS THE SEQUENCE OF VALUES THAT WE GET FROM DRAWING FROM A PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTION ONCE AT EACH TIME PERIOD**



$y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4, \dots, y_{t-1}, y_t, y_{t+1}, \dots$



## **STATIONARITY (STRONG)**

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# STRONG STATIONARITY IS VERY HARD TO PROVE (WHY?)

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# STATIONARITY (WEAK)

A time series is said to be weakly stationary if the **mean and variance** of the probability distribution that produces it do not change over time and if the **covariance between two values depend only on how much time elapsed between these two values**, not on when they occurred.

Mathematically...

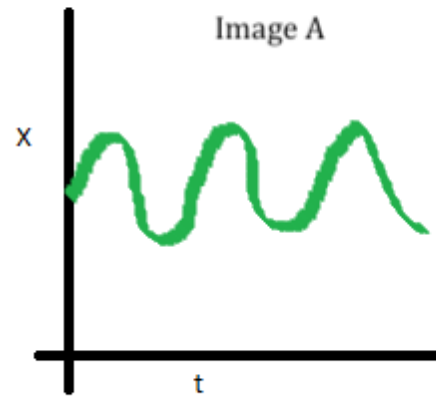
$$\mathbb{E}(Y_t) = \mu \quad \forall t$$

$$\mathbb{V}(Y_t) = \sigma^2 \quad \forall t$$

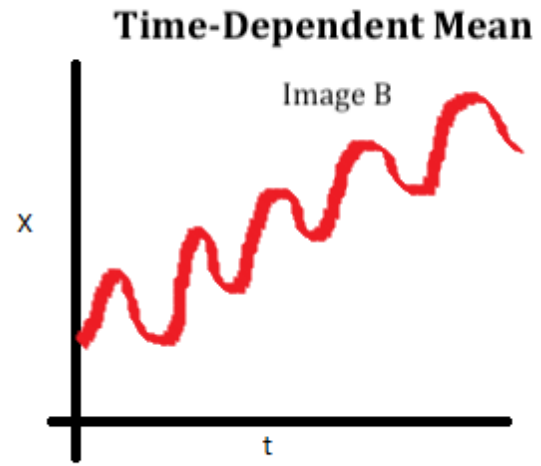
$$\text{Cov}(Y_t; Y_{t+\tau}) = \gamma(\tau) \quad \forall t$$



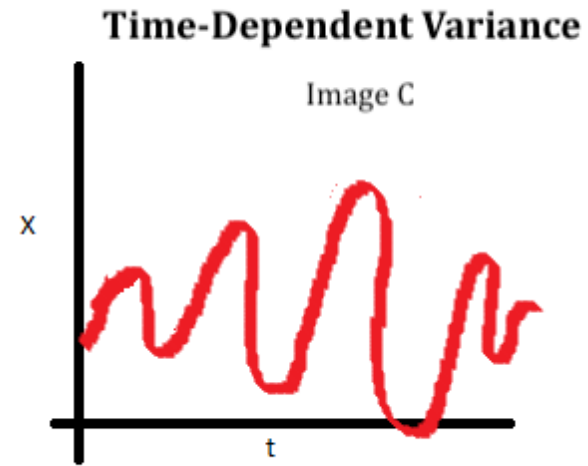
## The Principles of Stationarity



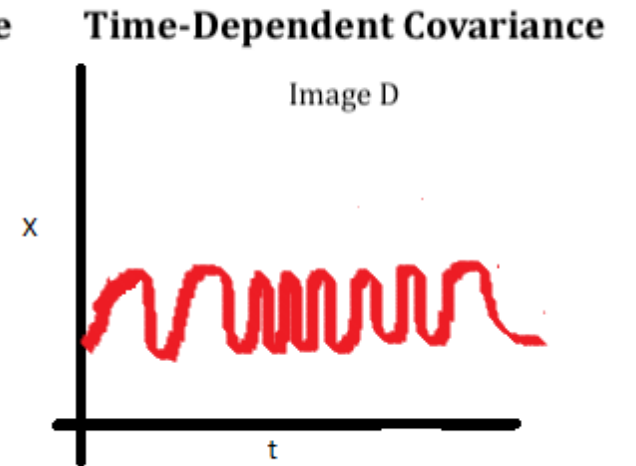
Stationary series



Non-Stationary series



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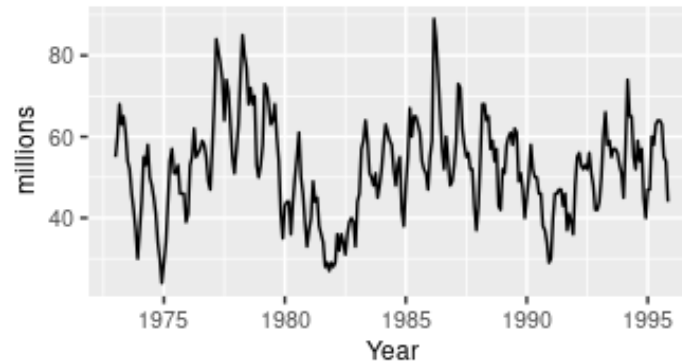


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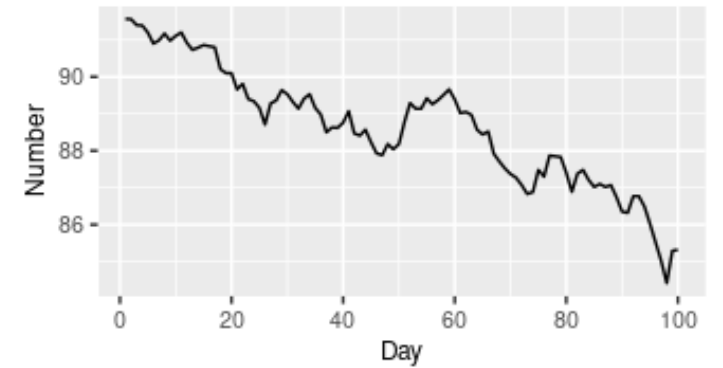


# REAL-WORLD EXAMPLES

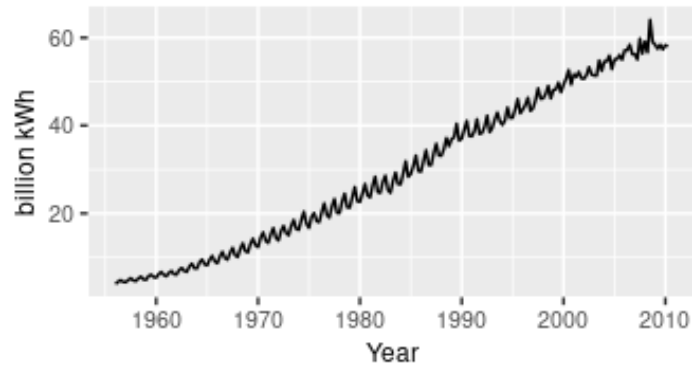
Sales of new one-family houses, USA



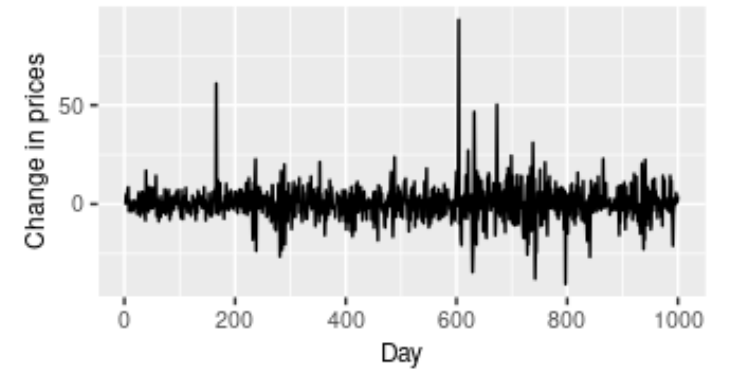
US treasury bill contracts



Australian quarterly electricity production



Google daily changes in closing stock price





# COMPONENTS OF A TIME SERIES

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Time Series = Trend + Seasonality + Cycle + Noise  
Tackle with regression

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add dummy variables to the regression

Time Series = Trend + Seasonality + Cycle + Noise



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Time Series = Trend + Seasonality + Cycle + Noise

New stuff!

This is what we'll talk about today

# CLASSICAL TIME SERIES MODELS

- Autoregressive models –  $AR(p)$
- Moving Average models –  $MA(q)$
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# **AUTOREGRESSIVE MODELS**

WHEN YESTERDAY  
STILL MATTERS  
TODAY



# AR( $P$ )

WHEN THE  $P$  PREVIOUS DAYS STILL MATTER TODAY

$$y_t = \rho_1 y_{t-1} + \dots + \rho_p y_{t-p} + \epsilon_t$$
$$\epsilon_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0; \sigma_\epsilon^2)$$

# AR( $P$ ) WITH COVARIATES

WHEN THE  $P$  PREVIOUS DAYS STILL MATTER TODAY

$$y_t = \beta_0 + \rho_1 y_{t-1} + \cdots + \rho_p y_{t-p} + \beta_1 X_{1t} + \cdots + \beta_k X_{kt} + \epsilon_t$$
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# AR(1)

WHEN YESTERDAY STILL MATTERS TODAY

$$y_t = \rho y_{t-1} + \epsilon_t$$
$$\epsilon_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0; \sigma_\epsilon^2)$$

# AR(1)

## CONDITIONS FOR STATIONARITY – CONSTANT MEAN

$$y_t = \rho y_{t-1} + \epsilon_t$$

$$\text{Stationarity} \Rightarrow \mathbb{E}(y_t) = \mathbb{E}(y_{t-1}) = \mu$$

$$\therefore$$

$$\mu = \rho\mu$$

$$\therefore$$

$$\mu = \mathbb{E}(y_t) = 0$$

# AR(1)

## CONDITIONS FOR STATIONARITY – CONSTANT VARIANCE

$$y_t = \rho y_{t-1} + \epsilon_t$$

$$\text{Stationarity} \Rightarrow \mathbb{V}(y_t) = \mathbb{V}(y_{t-1}) = \sigma_y^2$$

$\therefore$

$$\sigma_y^2 = \rho^2 \sigma_y^2 + \sigma_\epsilon^2$$

$\therefore$

$$\sigma_y^2 = \mathbb{V}(y_t) = \frac{\sigma_\epsilon^2}{1 - \rho^2} \Rightarrow \rho \in (-1; 1)$$

# AR(1)

## CONDITIONS FOR STATIONARITY – CONSTANT COVARIANCE

$$y_t = \rho y_{t-1} + \epsilon_t$$

$$\text{Stationarity} \Rightarrow \text{Cov}(y_t, y_{t-\tau}) = \gamma(\tau)$$

$\therefore$

$$\gamma(\tau) = \text{Cov}(y_t, y_{t-\tau}) = \text{Cov}(\rho y_{t-1} + \epsilon_t, y_{t-\tau}) = \rho \gamma(\tau - 1)$$

$\therefore$

$\gamma(\tau)$  forms a geometric sequence with ratio  $\rho \in (-1, 1)$





# **MOVING AVERAGE MODELS**

WHEN SHOCKS  
DISSIPATE SLOWLY  
OVER TIME



# MA(Q)

WHEN SHOCKS IN THE Q PREVIOUS DAYS STILL MATTER TODAY

$$y_t = \phi_1 \epsilon_{t-1} + \dots + \phi_q \epsilon_{t-q} + \epsilon_t$$
$$\epsilon_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0; \sigma_\epsilon^2)$$

## MA(Q) WITH COVARIATES

WHEN SHOCKS IN THE Q PREVIOUS DAYS STILL MATTER TODAY

$$y_t = \beta_0 + \phi_1 \epsilon_{t-1} + \cdots + \phi_q \epsilon_{t-q} + \beta_1 X_{1t} + \cdots + \beta_k X_{kt} + \epsilon_t$$
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# MA(1)

WHEN SHOCKS YESTERDAY STILL MATTER TODAY

$$y_t = \phi \epsilon_{t-1} + \epsilon_t$$
$$\epsilon_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0; \sigma_\epsilon^2)$$

# MA(1)

## CONDITIONS FOR STATIONARITY – CONSTANT MEAN

$$y_t = \phi\epsilon_{t-1} + \epsilon_t$$

$$\text{Stationarity} \Rightarrow \mathbb{E}(y_t) = \mu$$

$$\therefore$$

$$\mu = \phi \cdot 0 + 0$$

$$\therefore$$

$$\mu = \mathbb{E}(y_t) = 0$$

# MA(1)

## CONDITIONS FOR STATIONARITY – CONSTANT VARIANCE

$$y_t = \phi\epsilon_{t-1} + \epsilon_t$$

$$\text{Stationarity} \Rightarrow \mathbb{V}(y_t) = \sigma_y^2$$

$\therefore$

$$\sigma_y^2 = \phi^2\sigma_\epsilon^2 + \sigma_\epsilon^2$$

$\therefore$

$$\sigma_y^2 = (1 + \phi^2)\sigma_\epsilon^2$$

(nothing here)

# MA(1)

## CONDITIONS FOR STATIONARITY – CONSTANT COVARIANCE

$$y_t = \phi\epsilon_{t-1} + \epsilon_t$$

$$\text{Stationarity} \Rightarrow \text{Cov}(y_t, y_{t-\tau}) = \gamma(\tau)$$

$\therefore$

$$\gamma(\tau) = \text{Cov}(y_t, y_{t-\tau}) = \text{Cov}(\phi\epsilon_{t-1} + \epsilon_t, \phi\epsilon_{t-\tau-1} + \epsilon_{t-\tau}) = \phi\sigma_\epsilon^2 1_{\tau=1}$$

$\therefore$

$\gamma(\tau)$  has a spike for  $\tau = 1$  and drops sharply to 0 after that





# **AUTOREGRESSIVE MOVING AVERAGE MODELS**

**AND ITS INTEGRATED VERSION**

THE BEST OF BOTH  
WORLDS



## ARMA(P,Q)

AR(P) + MA(Q)

$$y_t = \rho_1 y_{t-1} + \cdots + \rho_{t-p} y_{t-p} + \phi_1 \epsilon_{t-1} + \cdots + \phi_q \epsilon_{t-q} + \epsilon_t$$
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## **ARIMA( $P,D,Q$ )**

A time series that needs to be differentiated  $D$  times to  
become an ARMA( $P,Q$ )

(why is this series called “integrated”?)


# ARIMA( $P,D,Q$ )

- Why would we possibly need to differentiate a series?
- Pros and cons of differentiation
- Random Walk example
- Unit Roots and how to test for it
  - Dickey-Fuller
  - Augmented Dickey-Fuller
  - Ng-Perron
  - ...



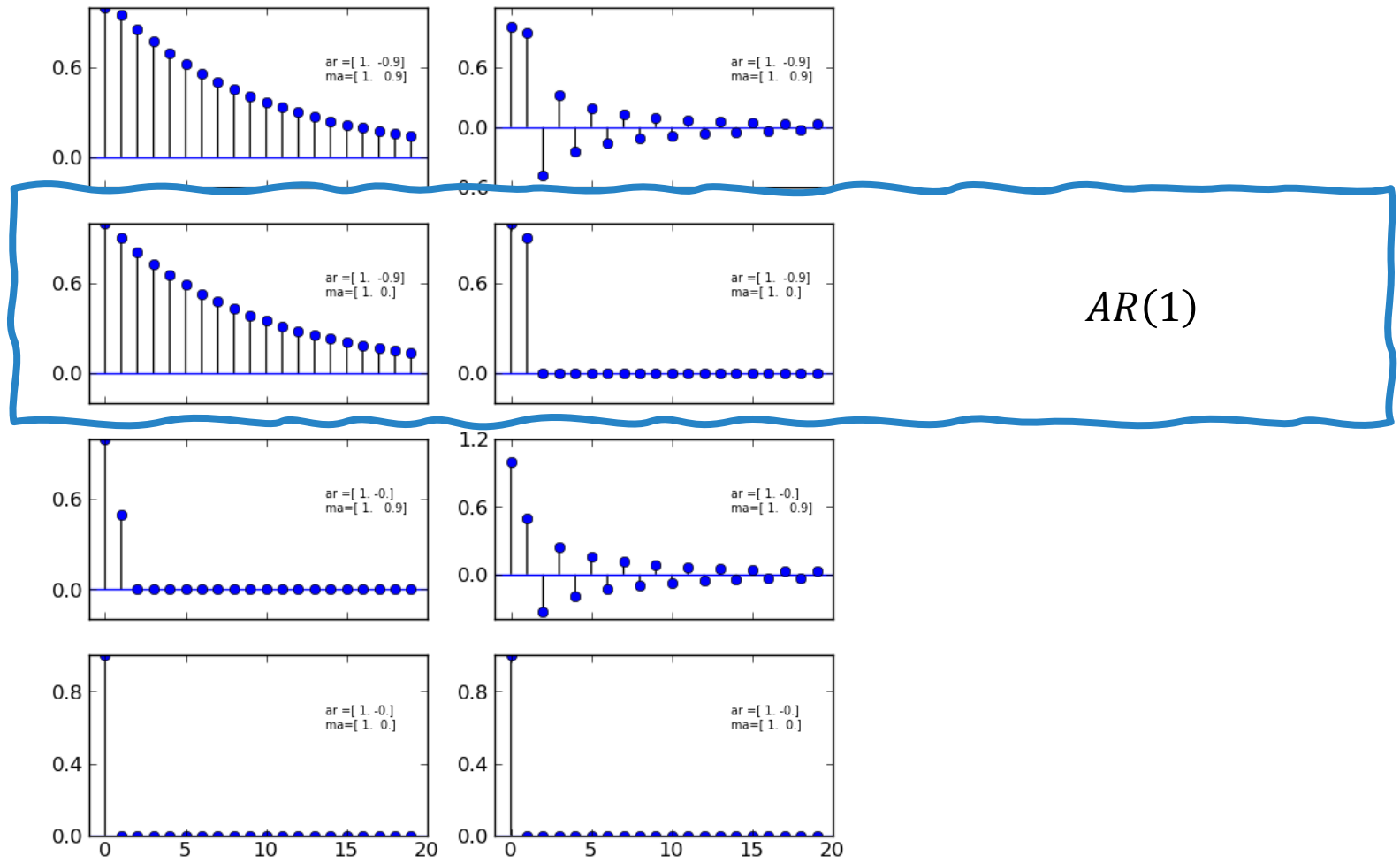
# BOX-JENKINS METHODOLOGY

A VISUAL GUIDE TO  
IDENTIFYING IF A  
SERIES IS AR(P),  
MA(Q) OR  
ARMA(P,Q)



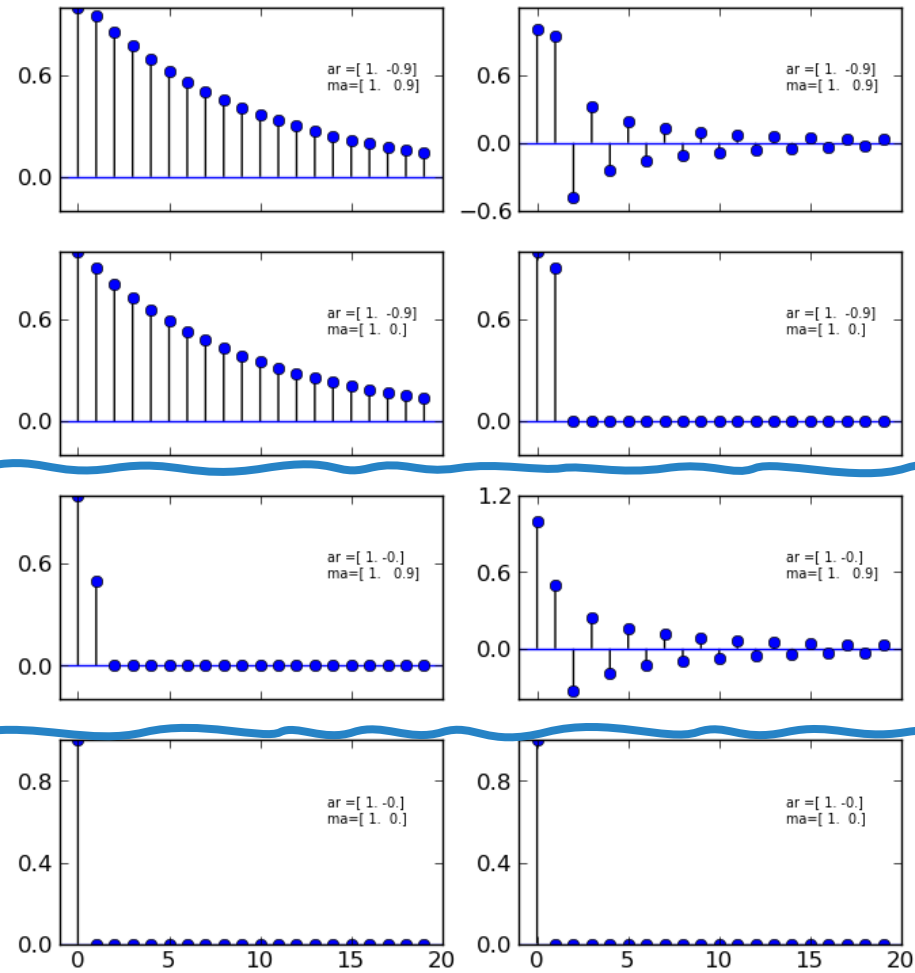
ACFs	PACFs	Model
Decay to zero with exponential pattern	Cuts off after lag $p$	$AR(p)$
Cuts off after lag $q$	Decay to zero with exponential pattern	$MA(q)$
Decay to zero with exponential pattern	Decay to zero with exponential pattern	$ARMA(p, q)$

ARMA: Autocorrelation (left) and Partial Autocorrelation (right)



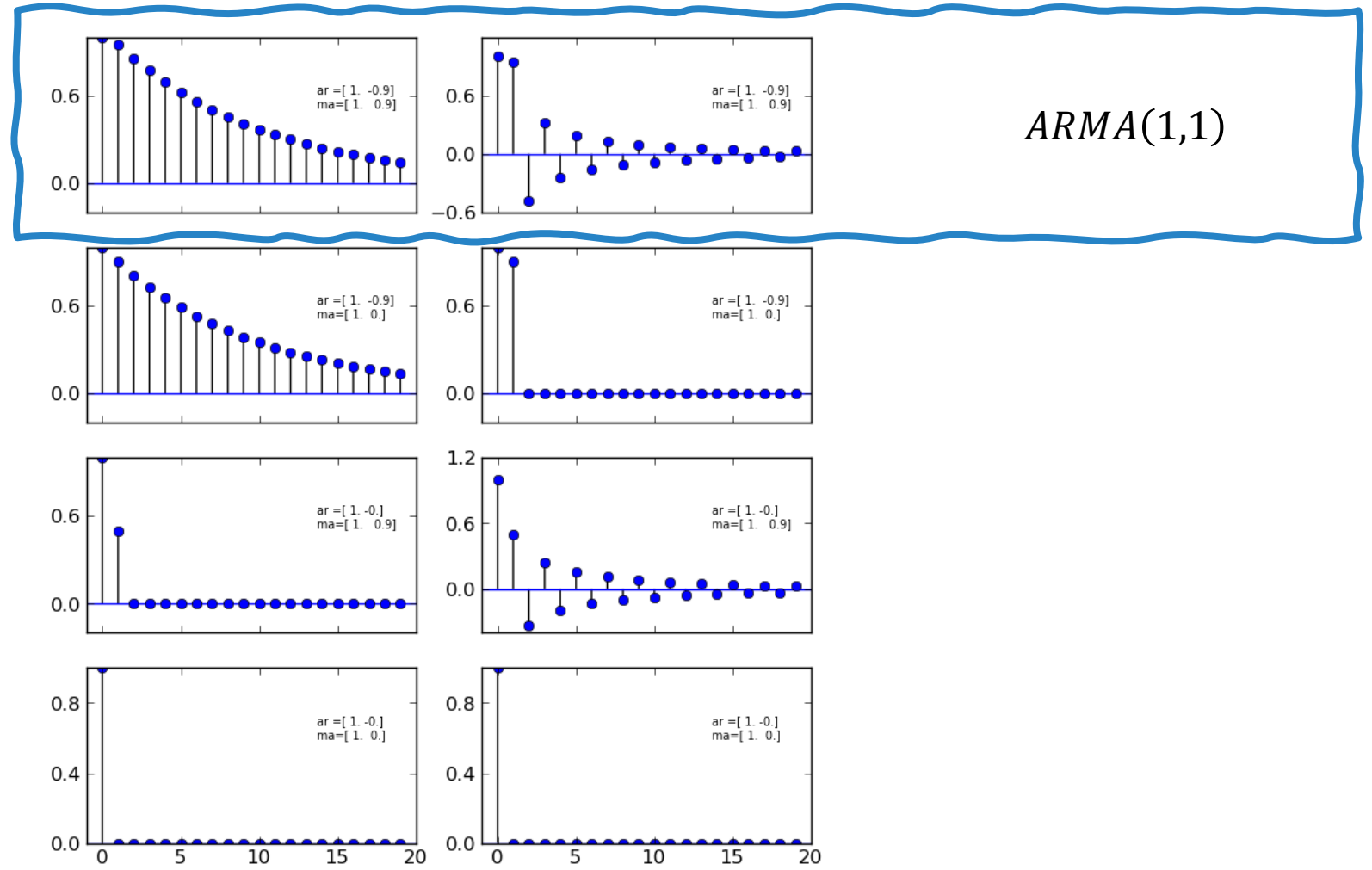


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MA(1)

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$ARMA(1,1)$

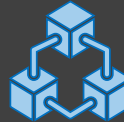
# SCATTERED COMMENTS



Holt-Winters



Heteroskedasticity  
ARCH, GARCH and the family



Vector Autoregression  
(VAR)



Cointegration



Granger causality