



Autocorrelation and Partial autocorrelation

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Autocorrelation in time series data

- Autocorrelation is measured as the correlation between a time series and a delayed copy of itself
- For example, an autocorrelation of order 3 returns the correlation between a time series at points (t_1 , t_2 , t_3 , ...) and its own values lagged by 3 time points, i.e. (t_4 , t_5 , t_6 , ...)
- It is used to find repetitive patterns or periodic signal in time series



statsmodels

statsmodels is a Python module that provides classes and functions for the estimation of many different statistical models, as well as for conducting statistical tests, and statistical data exploration.

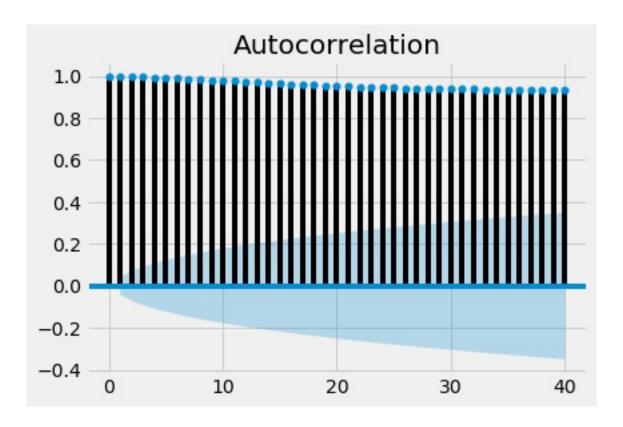


Plotting autocorrelations

```
In [1]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
In [2]: from statsmodels.graphics import tsaplots
In [3]: fig = tsaplots.plot_acf(co2_levels['co2'], lags=40)
In [4]: plt.show()
```



Interpreting autocorrelation plots





Partial autocorrelation in time series data

- Contrary to autocorrelation, partial autocorrelation removes the effect of previous time points
- For example, a partial autocorrelation function of order 3 returns the correlation between our time series (t1, t2, t3, ...) and lagged values of itself by 3 time points (t4, t5, t6, ...), but only after removing all effects attributable to lags 1 and 2

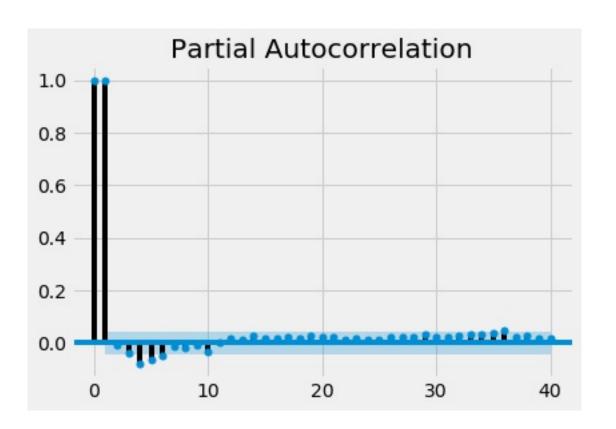


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Interpreting partial autocorrelations plot







Let's practice!



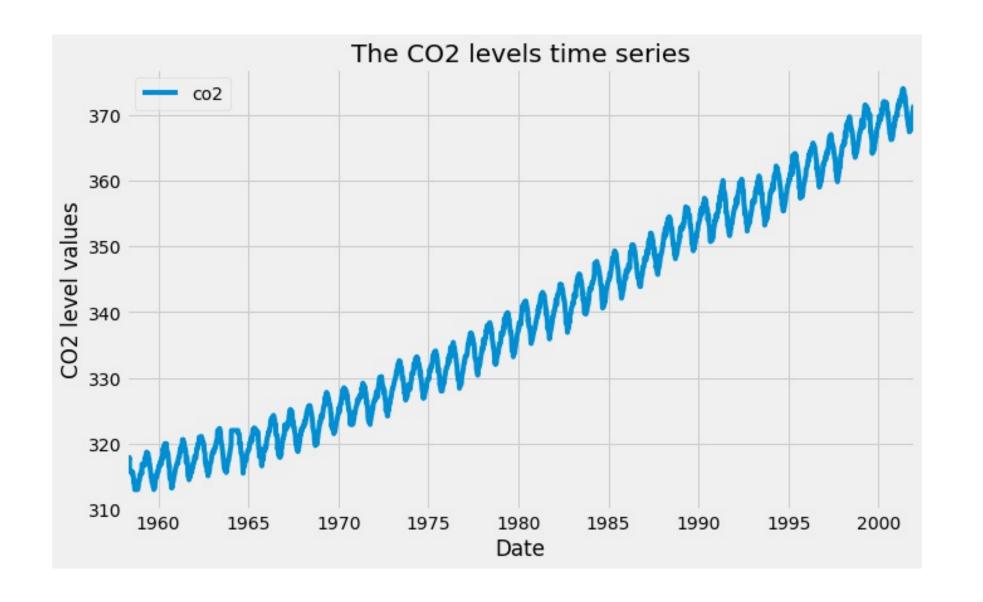


Seasonality, trend and noise in time series data

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Properties of time series





The properties of time series

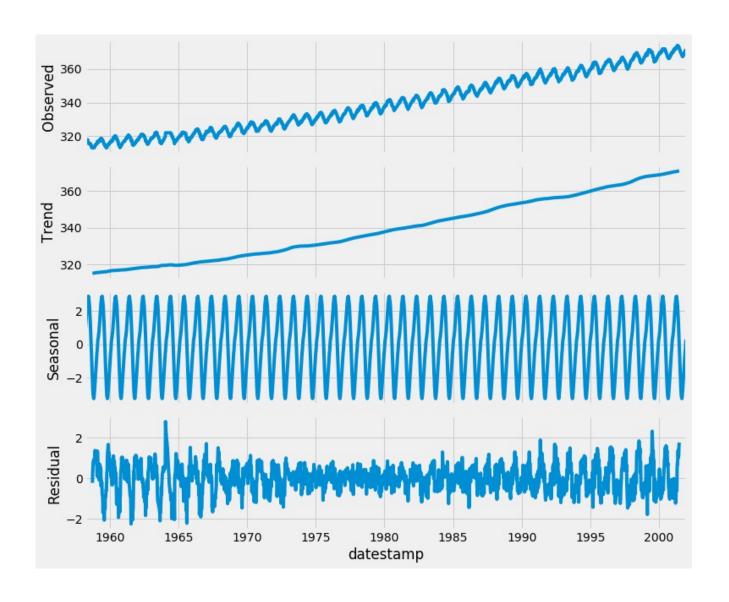
- Seasonality: does the data display a clear periodic pattern?
- Trend: does the data follow a consistent upwards or downwards slope?
- Noise: are there any outlier points or missing values that are not consistent with the rest of the data?



Time series decomposition

```
In [1]: import statsmodels.api as sm
In [2]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
In [3]: from pylab import rcParams
In [4]: rcParams['figure.figsize'] = 11, 9
In [5]: decomposition = sm.tsa.seasonal_decompose(co2_levels['co2'])
In [6]: fig = decomposition.plot()
In [7]: plt.show()
```

A plot of time series decomposition on the CO2 data





Extracting components from time series decomposition

```
In [1]: print(dir(decomposition))
[' class ',
 '__delattr__',
 ' dict ',
 'plot',
 'resid',
 'seasonal',
 'trend']
In [2]: print(decomposition.seasonal)
datestamp
1958-03-29 1.028042
1958-04-05 1.235242
1958-04-12 1.412344
1958-04-19 1.701186
```

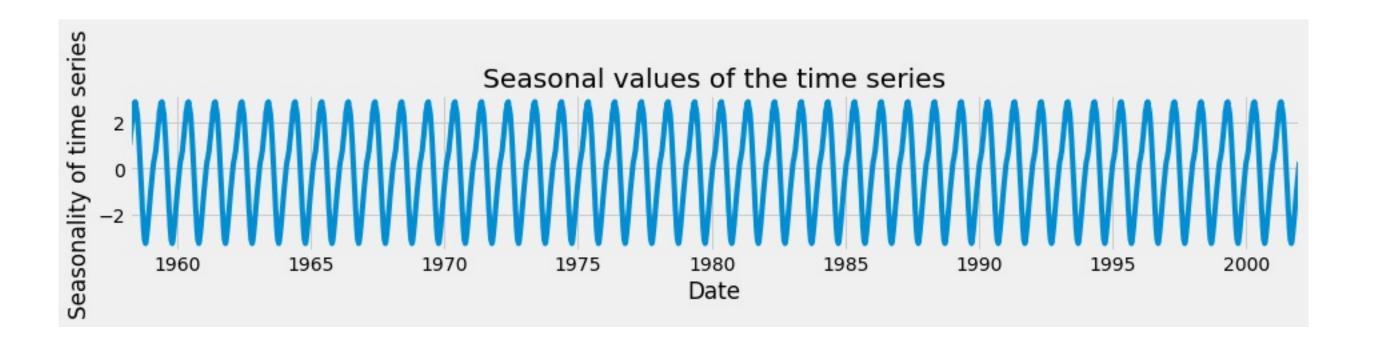


Seasonality component in time series

```
In [1]: decomp_seasonal = decomposition.seasonal
In [1]: ax = decomp_seasonal.plot(figsize=(14, 2))
In [2]: ax.set_xlabel('Date')
In [3]: ax.set_ylabel('Seasonality of time series')
In [4]: ax.set_title('Seasonal values of the time series')
In [5]: plt.show()
```



Seasonality component in time series

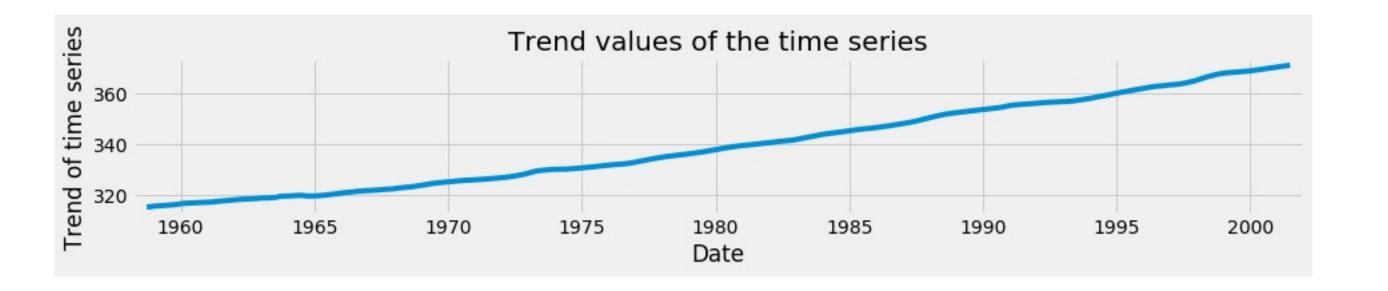


Trend component in time series

```
In [1]: decomp trend = decomposition.trend
In [2]: ax = decomp trend.plot(figsize=(14, 2))
In [3]: ax.set xlabel('Date')
In [4]: ax.set ylabel('Trend of time series')
In [5]: ax.set title('Trend values of the time series')
In [6]: plt.show()
```



Trend component in time series



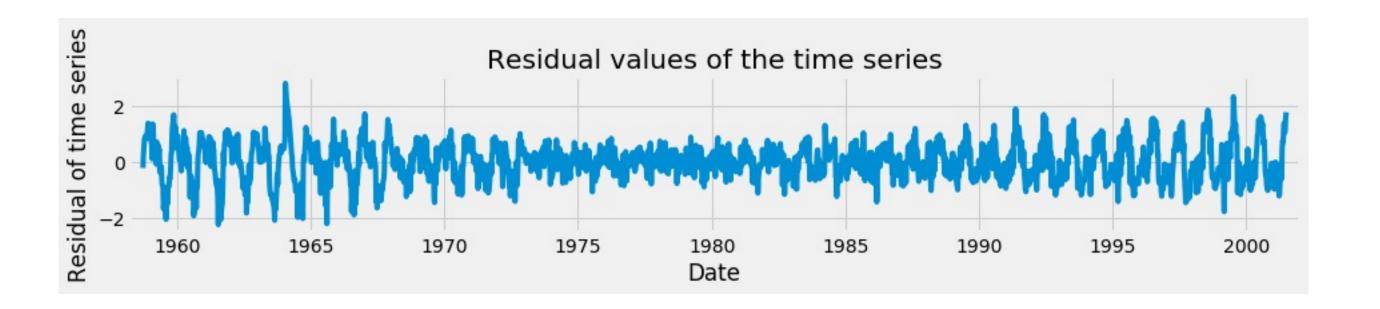


Noise component in time series

```
In [1]: decomp resid = decomp.resid
In [3]: ax = decomp resid.plot(figsize=(14, 2))
In [4]: ax.set xlabel('Date')
In [4]: ax.set ylabel('Residual of time series')
In [5]: ax.set title('Residual values of the time series')
In [6]: plt.show()
```



Noise component in time series







Let's practice!





A review on what you have learned so far

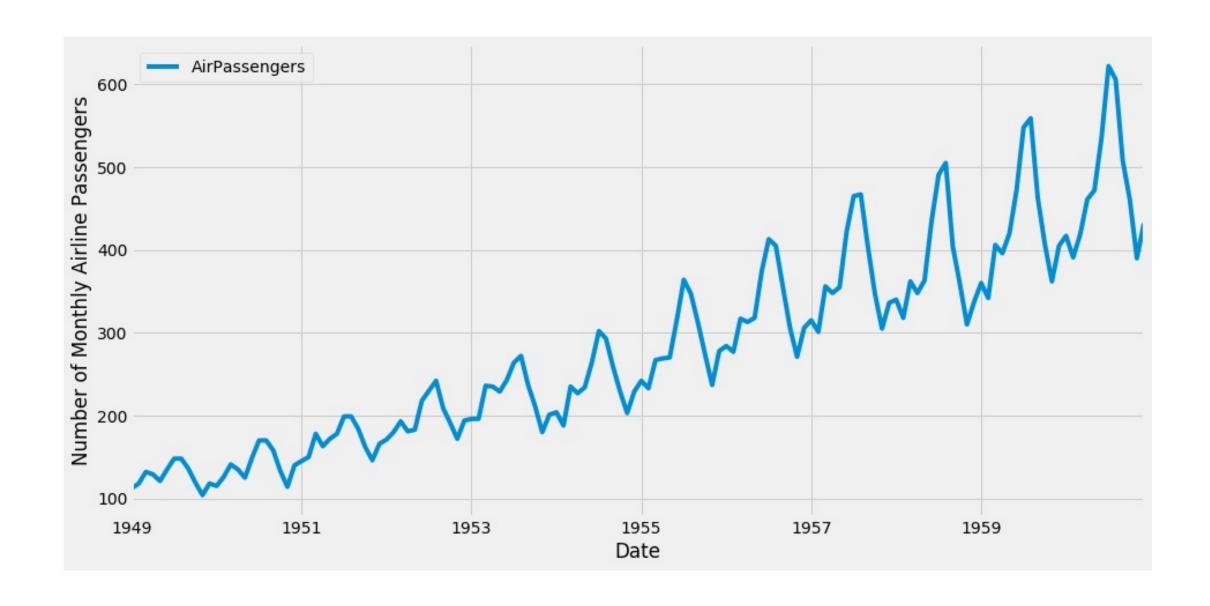
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So far ...

- Visualize aggregates of time series data
- Extract statistical summaries
- Autocorrelation and Partial autocorrelation
- Time series decomposition



The airline dataset







Let's analyze this data!