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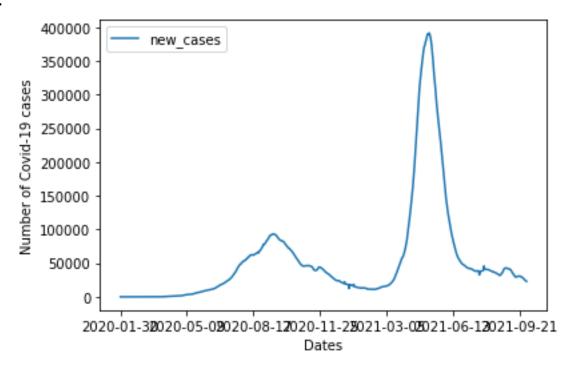


Figure 1 No. of COVID-19 cases vs. days

Inferences:

- 1. The time series data consists of 2 distinct peaks.
- 2. August-2020 consisted of first wave.
- 3. May-2021 consisted of second wave
- **b.** The value of the Pearson's correlation coefficient is 0.999.

Inferences:

- 1. Both series have high positive correlation.
- 2. This is because higher the pearson coefficient, higher will be the similarity.



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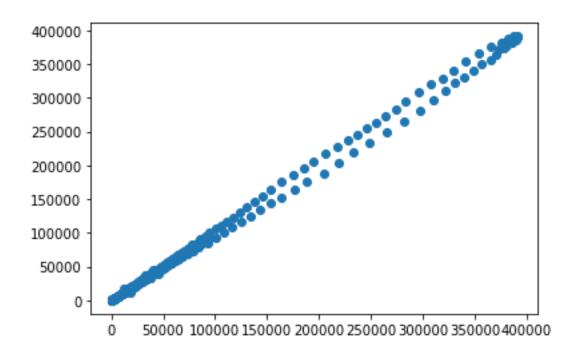


Figure 2 Scatter plot one day lagged sequence vs. given time sequence

Inferences:

- 1. Both series have high positive correlation.
- 2. It obeys the pearson coefficient as the scatter plot deviates very little from a straight line with slope 1.



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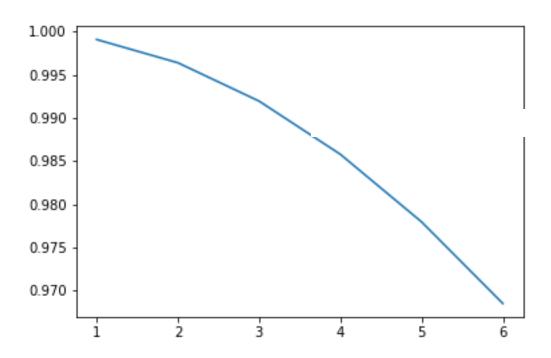


Figure 3 Correlation coefficient vs. lags in given sequence

Inferences:

- 1. Correlation decreases with increase in lags.
- 2. The number of new cases in 2 consecutive days have little changes .



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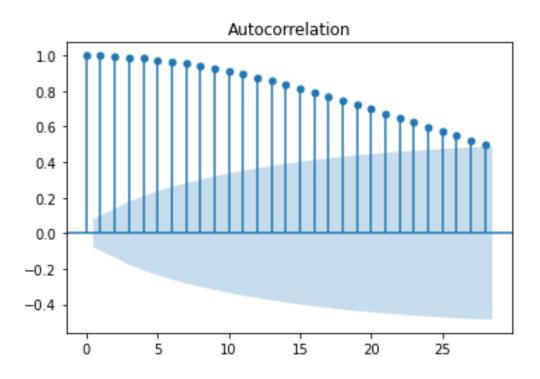


Figure 4 Correlation coefficient vs. lags in given sequence generated using 'plot_acf' function

Inferences:

- 1. Correlation decreases with increase in lags.
- 2. As the new cases depend upon existing cases, therefore correlation is more with lesser lagged data.

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a. Coefficients obtained from the AR model : [5.99548333e+01 1.03675933e+00 2.61712336e-01 2.75612628e-02 -1.75391955e-01 -1.52461366e-01]

b. i.



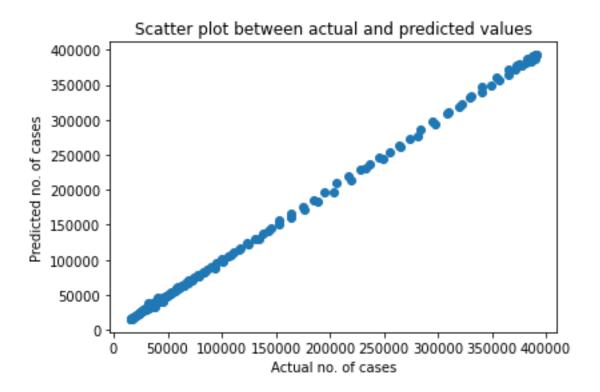


Figure 5 Scatter plot actual vs. predicted values

Inferences:

- 1. Both series have high positive correlation.
- 2. It obeys the pearson coefficient as the scatter plot deviates very little .

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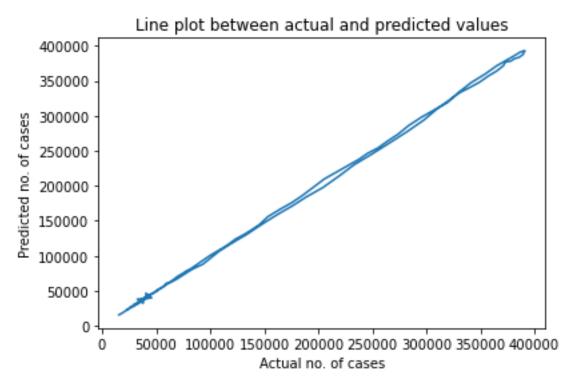


Figure 6 Predicted test data time sequence vs. original test data sequence

Inferences:

1. As they majorly overlap they they are reliable.

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MAPE between actual and predicted test data 1.575 %.

RMSE between actual and predicted test data 1.825 %.

Inferences:

1. Both RMSE and MAPE are small and under 2%.



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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	5.373	3.447
5	1.825	1.575
10	1.686	1.519
15	1.612	1.496
25	1.703	1.535

Barchart of RMSE

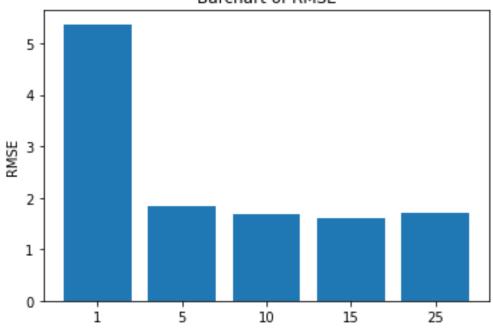


Figure 7 RMSE(%) vs. time lag

Inferences:

RMSE decreases upto lag = 15, after which the RMSE starts increasing.



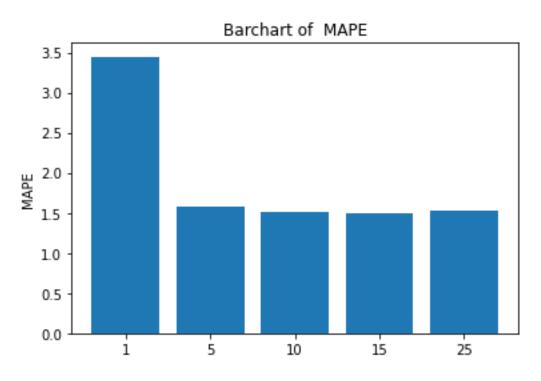


Figure 8 MAPE vs. time lag

Inferences:

MAPE decreases up to lag = 15, after which the RMSE starts increasing.

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

RMSE: 1.759 %

MAPE: 2.026 %

Inferences:

Both RMSE and MAPE value for heuristic 77 are more than lag=15, but lesser than lag =1, this tells that the optimal solution from heuristic can be used for prediction.

