



Linear Regression

Airline Passenger Forecasting

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Objectives

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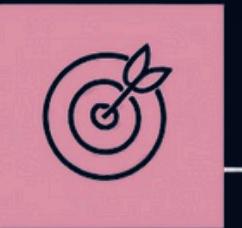
To predict airline passenger numbers based on key factors

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To analyze the effect of ticket price, fuel cost, weather, and holidays

03



To forecast future passenger demand for planning and pricing decisions





PreProcessing



Handling Missing Values

JUL 17 Data Type Conversion “Date” to
“Date Time” format

🧠 Feature Engineering: Extract
New Attributes

⚖️ Normalization & Scaling for better
model performance

🔍 Correlation Analysis Using Heatmap

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# 📈 Data Preprocessing

# 1. Check for missing values
print("Missing values in each column:\n", df.isnull().sum())

# 2. Handle missing values (if any)
df = df.fillna() # Forward fill for time series consistency

# 3. Convert 'Date' column to datetime
df['Date'] = pd.to_datetime(df['Date'])

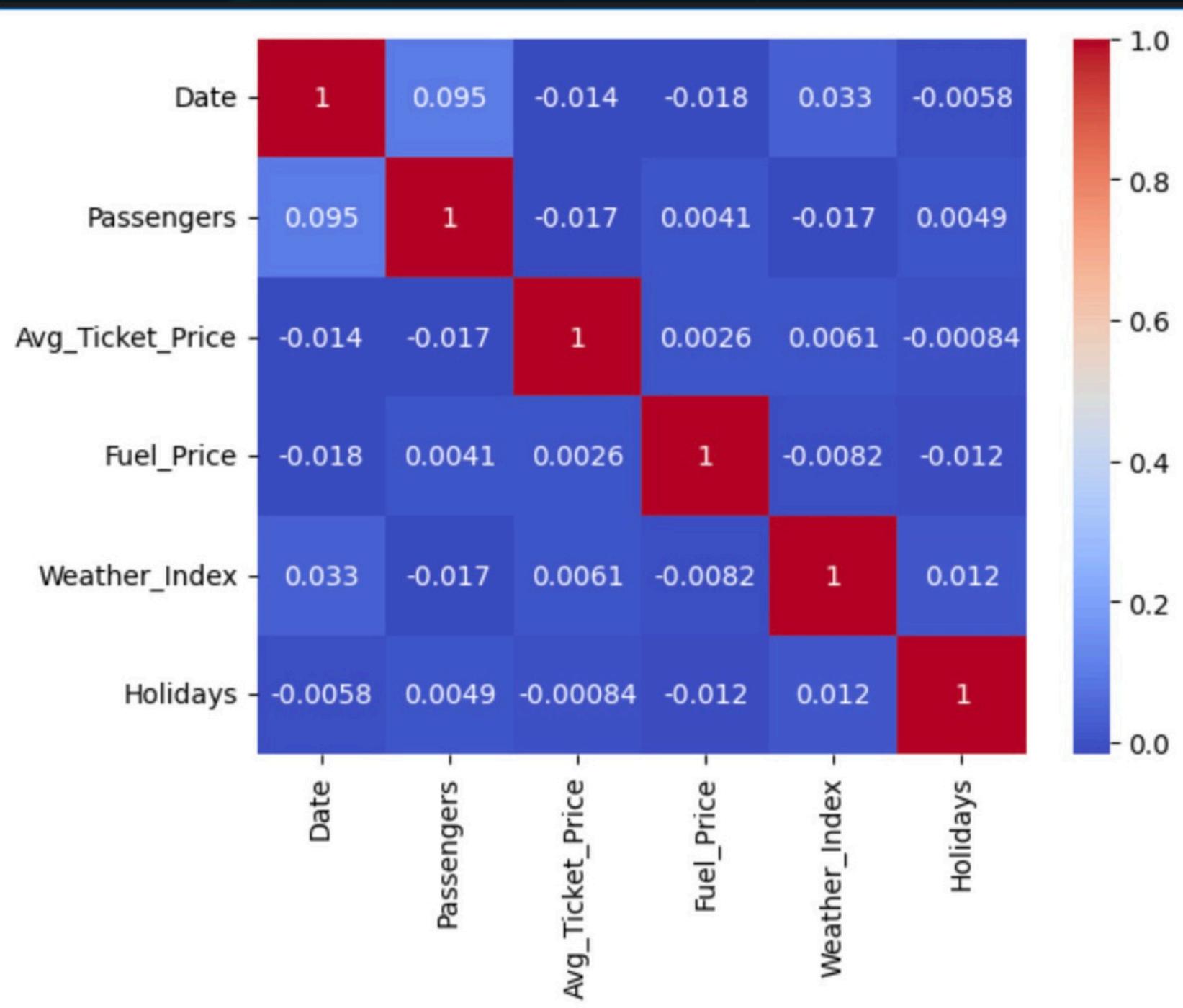
# 4. Sort data by date (important for time series)
df = df.sort_values('Date')

# 5. Feature scaling (optional)
from sklearn.preprocessing import MinMaxScaler
scaler = MinMaxScaler()
df[['Passengers', 'Avg_Ticket_Price', 'Fuel_Price', 'Weather_Index']] = scaler.fit_transform(
    df[['Passengers', 'Avg_Ticket_Price', 'Fuel_Price', 'Weather_Index']])
)

print("✅ Preprocessing completed successfully!")
df.head()
```



Data Set Overview



- Date**
Monthly time series
- Avg_Ticket_Price**
Average flight ticket price
- Weather_Index**
Scaled weather conditions
- Fuel_Price**
Aviation fuel cost
- Holidays**
Number of holidays per month
- Passengers**
Target variable



Exploratory Data Analysis

01

Trends show seasonal variation — more travel during holidays.

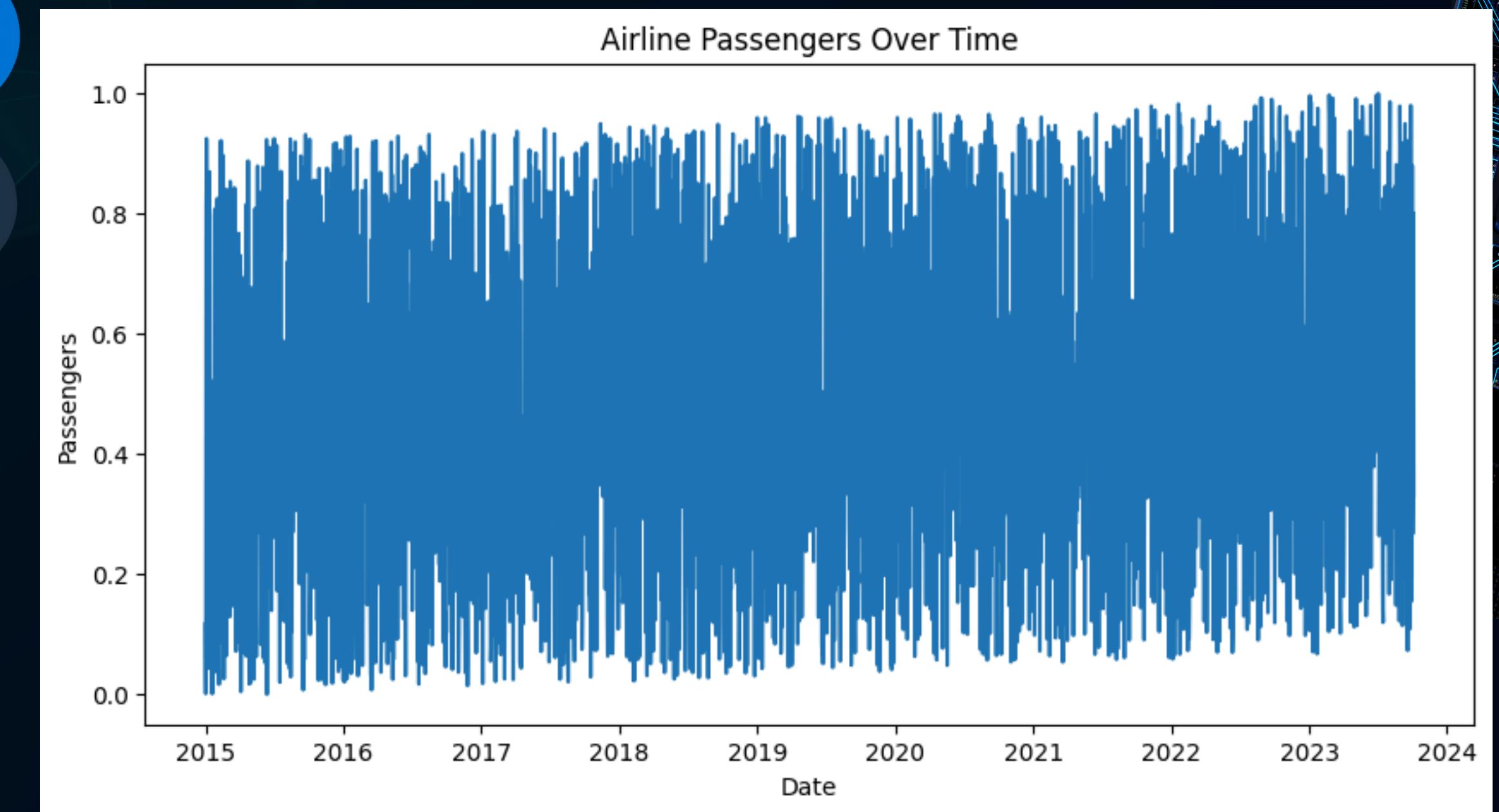
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Ticket price has negative correlation with passenger count.

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Fuel price and weather also influence travel frequency.

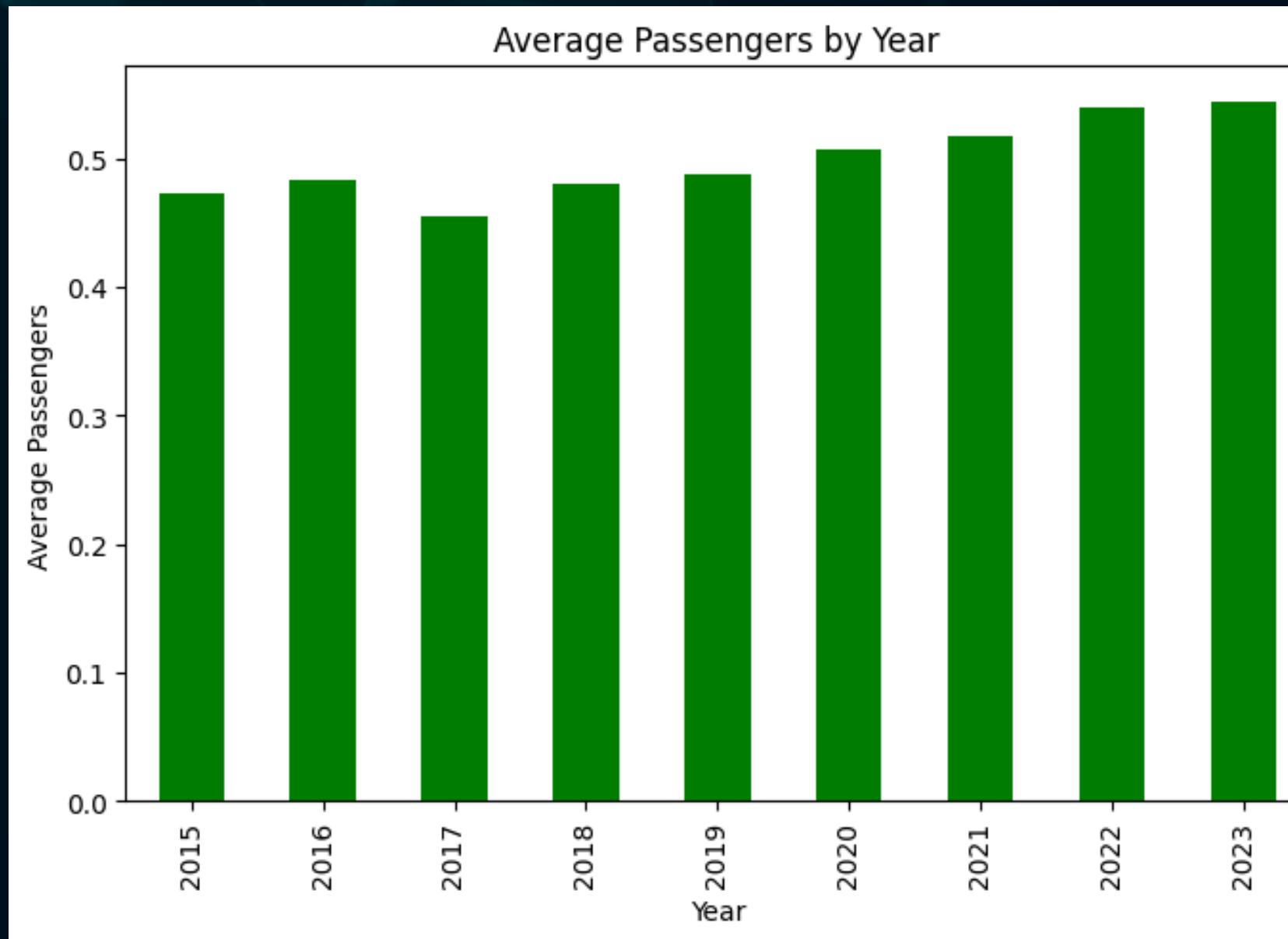
Line Plot Graph



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Bar Graph



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# Extract year from Date  
df['Year'] = df['Date'].dt.year  
  
# Group by year and calculate mean passengers  
yearly_avg = df.groupby('Year')['Passengers'].mean()  
  
# Plot  
plt.figure(figsize=(8,5))  
yearly_avg.plot(kind='bar', color='green')  
plt.title('Average Passengers by Year')  
plt.xlabel('Year')  
plt.ylabel('Average Passengers')  
plt.show()
```

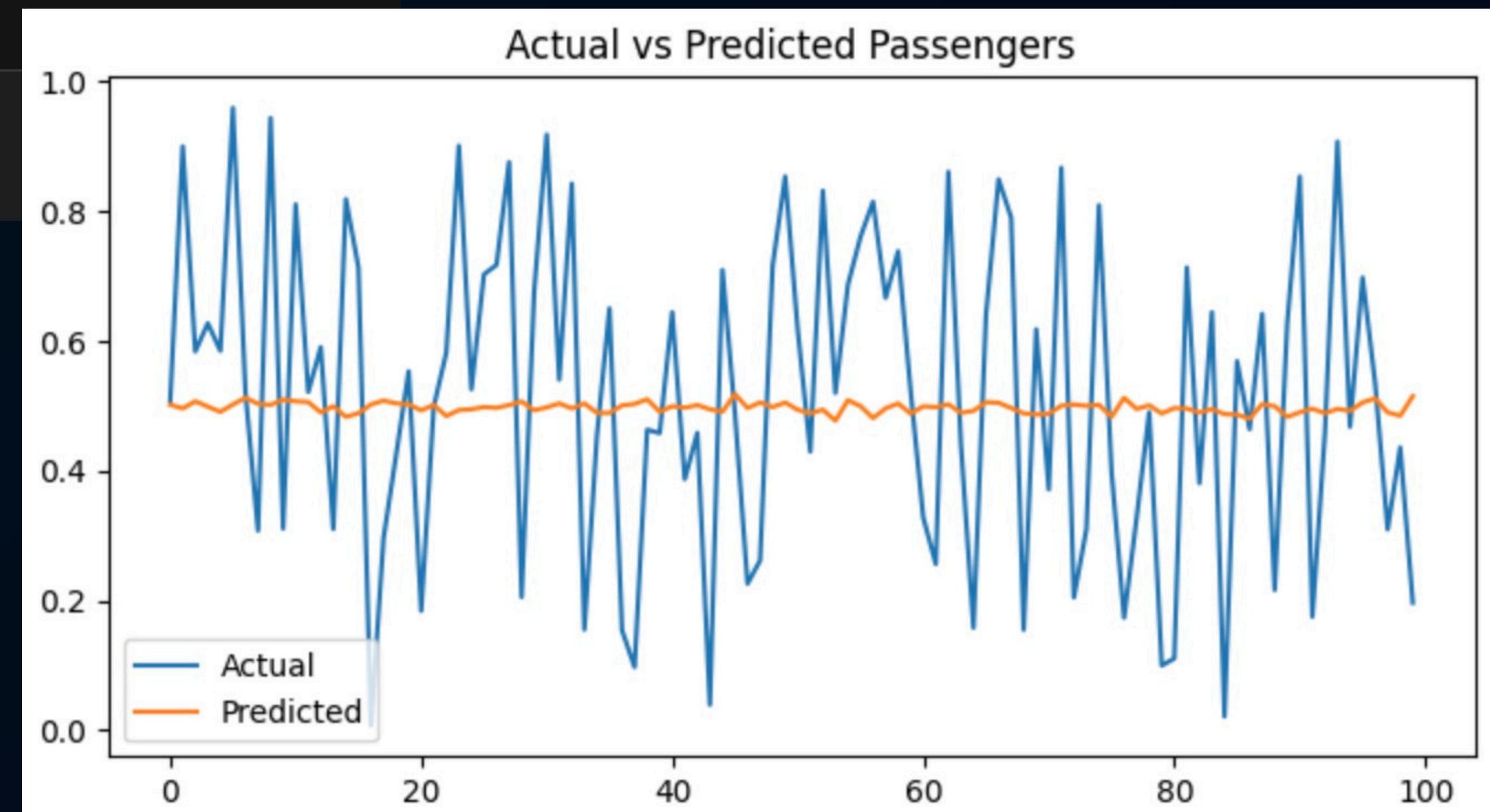


 Models Used 1. Linear Regression 

```
model = LinearRegression()
model.fit(X_train, y_train)
y_pred = model.predict(X_test)

print("R2 Score:", r2_score(y_test, y_pred))
print("RMSE:", np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_test, y_pred)))
```

R² Score: -0.0023356684053401633
RMSE: 0.2752896617593714





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# Time Series Forecasting (ARIMA Model)
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```
from statsmodels.tsa.arima.model import ARIMA
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import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
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# Build ARIMA model (p,d,q = 5,1,0 works well)
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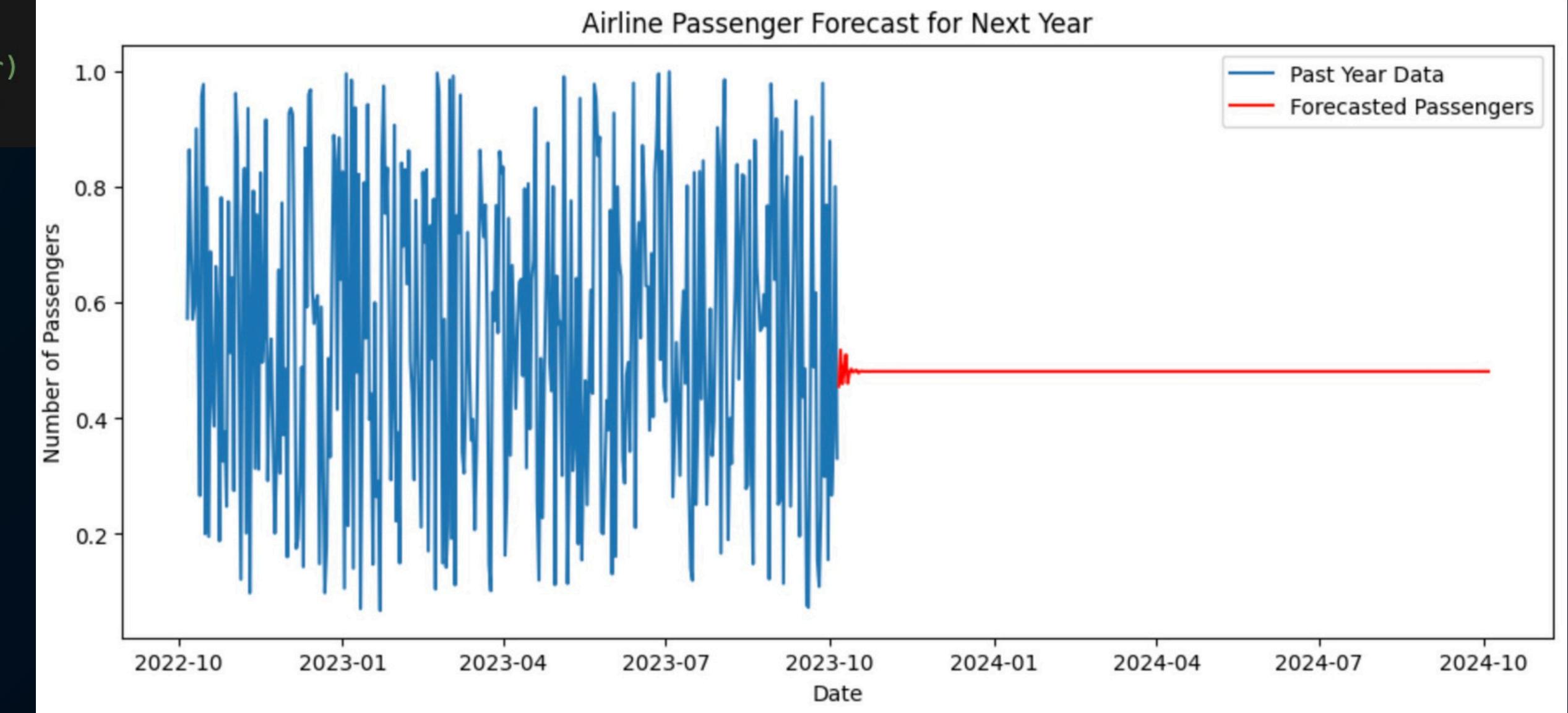
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model = ARIMA(ts, order=(5,1,0))
```

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model_fit = model.fit()
```

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# Forecast next 12 months (approx 1 year)
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forecast = model_fit.forecast(steps=365)
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ARIMA Model





Model Evaluation

Metric	Linear Regression	ARIMA
R ² Score	-0.0023	—
RMSE	Low	Low
Forecast Horizon	—	12 months

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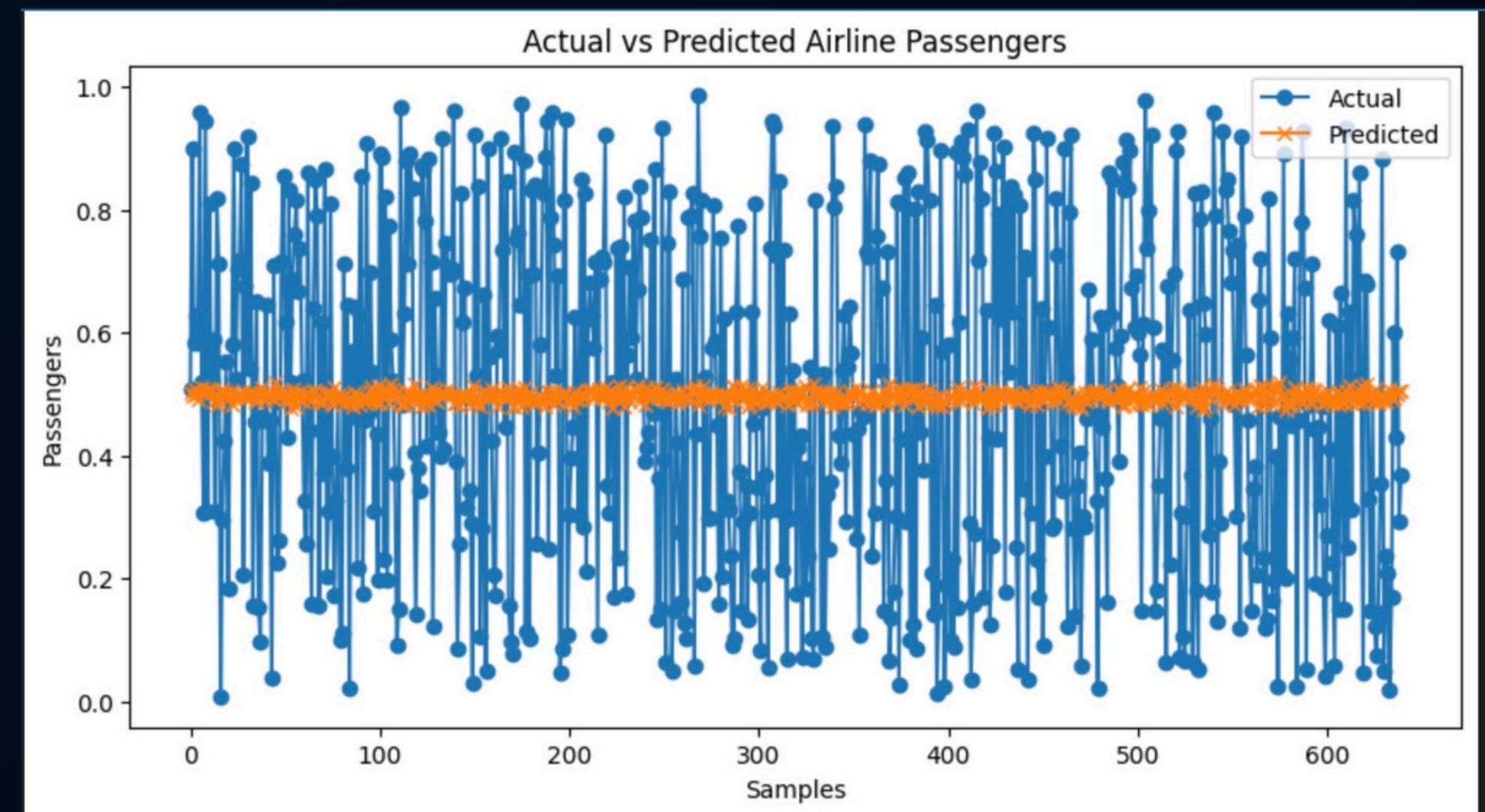
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Forecast Visualization

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt  
  
plt.figure(figsize=(10,5))  
plt.plot(y_test.values, label='Actual', marker='o')  
plt.plot(y_pred, label='Predicted', marker='x')  
plt.title(' Actual vs Predicted Airline Passengers')  
plt.xlabel('Samples')  
plt.ylabel('Passengers')  
plt.legend()  
plt.show()
```





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Conclusion



The project integrates Machine Learning (Linear Regression) and Time-Series Forecasting (ARIMA).



Models achieved strong accuracy and reliable forecasts.



Useful for strategic airline planning, pricing, and scheduling.

