

# Intro to Machine Learning and Time Series Analysis

FinTech  
Lesson 10.1



# Class objectives

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By the end of today's class you will understand:



Intro to Machine Learning



Time Series Fundamentals



Time Series Decomposition



Hodrick-Prescott Filter



Autocorrelation and Partial Autocorrelation Analysis

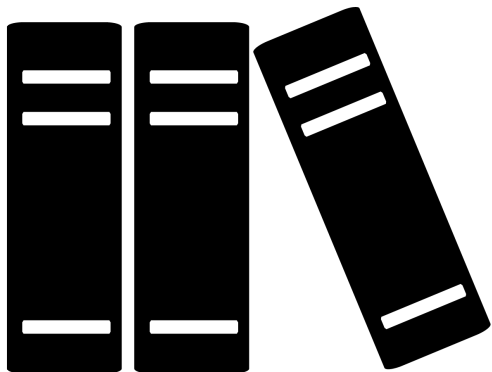
# Mysticism of Machine Learning



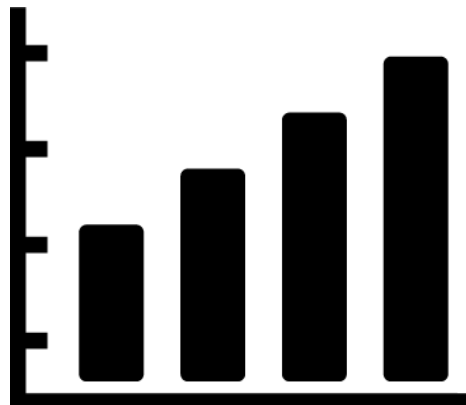
# Machine Learning in a Nutshell

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Libraries



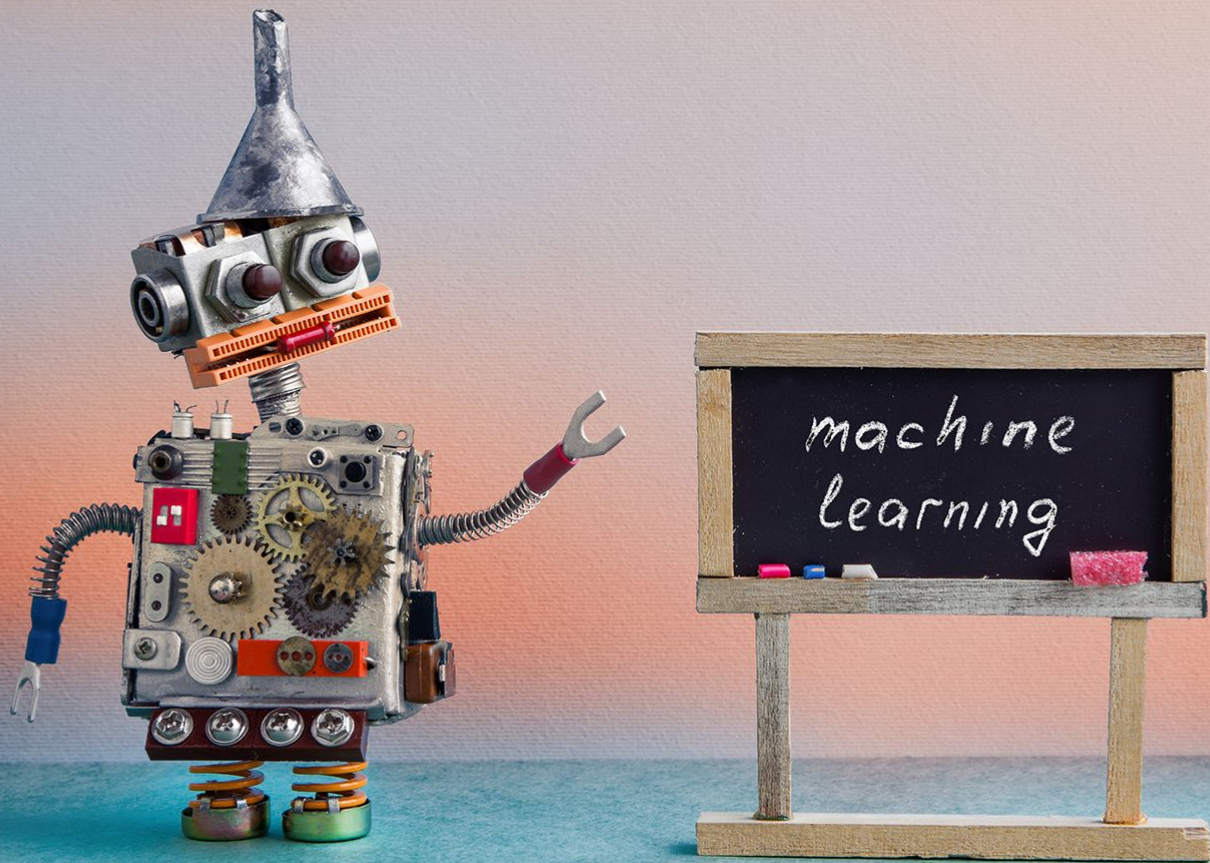
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# So It Begins...

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# Basic Definitions

# Intelligent Algorithms (Definition)

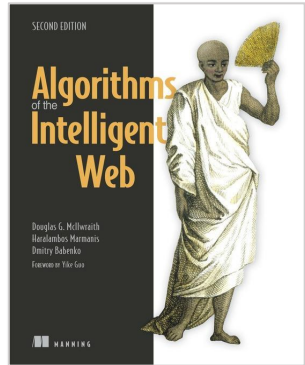
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Intelligent algorithms are ones that use data to modify its behavior. Intelligent algorithms differ in that they can change their behavior as they run, often resulting in a user experience that many would say is intelligent.



—*Algorithms of the Intelligent Web, Second Edition*



**Algorithms of the Intelligent Web, Second Edition**

by Douglas G. McIlwraith Haralambos Marmanis Dmitry Babenko

Publisher: Manning Publications

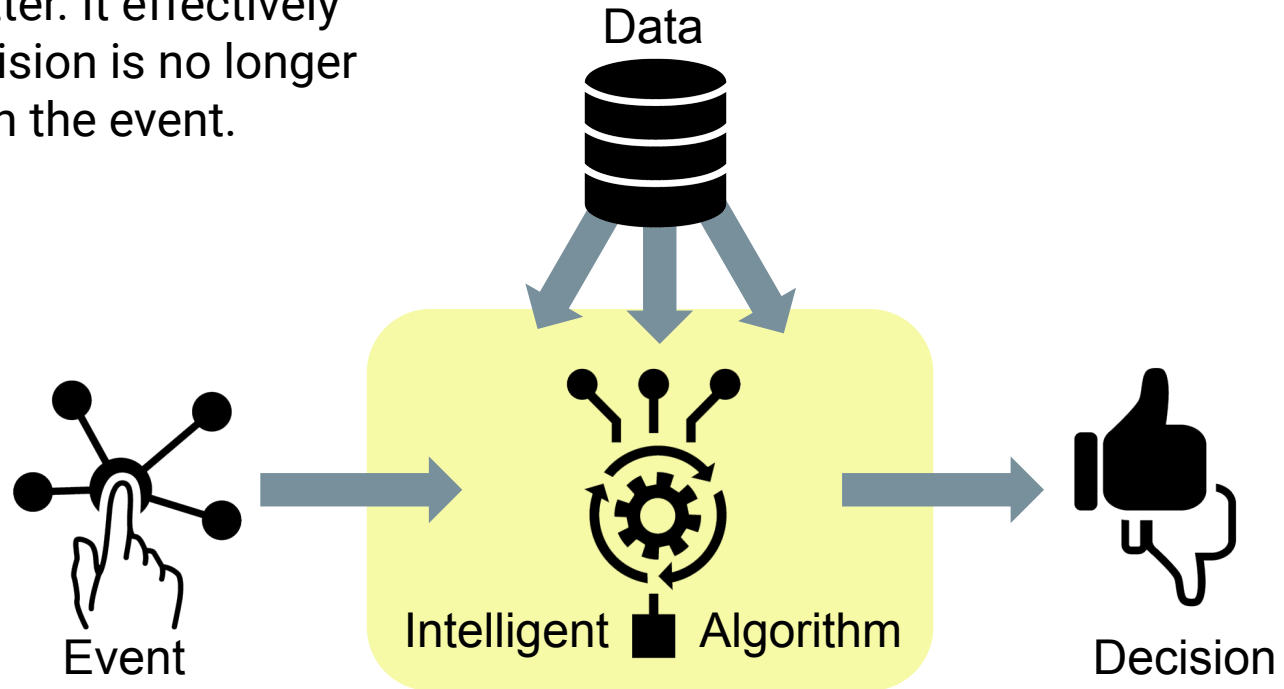
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# Intelligent Algorithms (Diagram)

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Intelligent algorithms are ones that respond to data such that the algorithm gets better. It effectively “evolves.” The decision is no longer deterministic given the event.



# Intelligent Algorithms (Triad)

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## Machine Learning

Capability of software to generalize phenomena (past or future) based on past experience

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## Predictive Analytics

Capability of software to predict future outcomes based on historical data

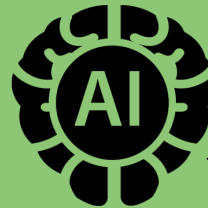
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## Artificial Intelligence

Software (and machines) that have a series of options to achieve a particular goal

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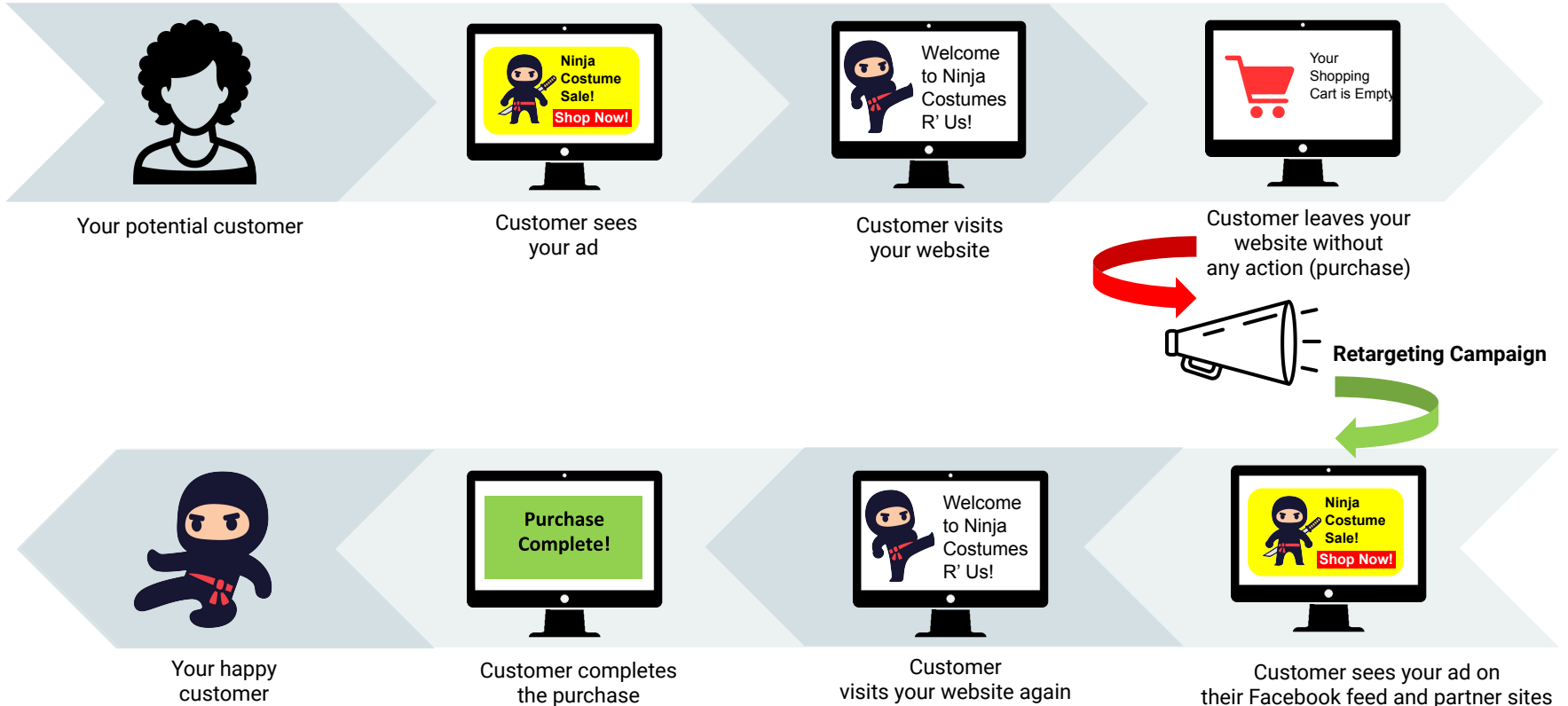
# Artificial Intelligence (Example)

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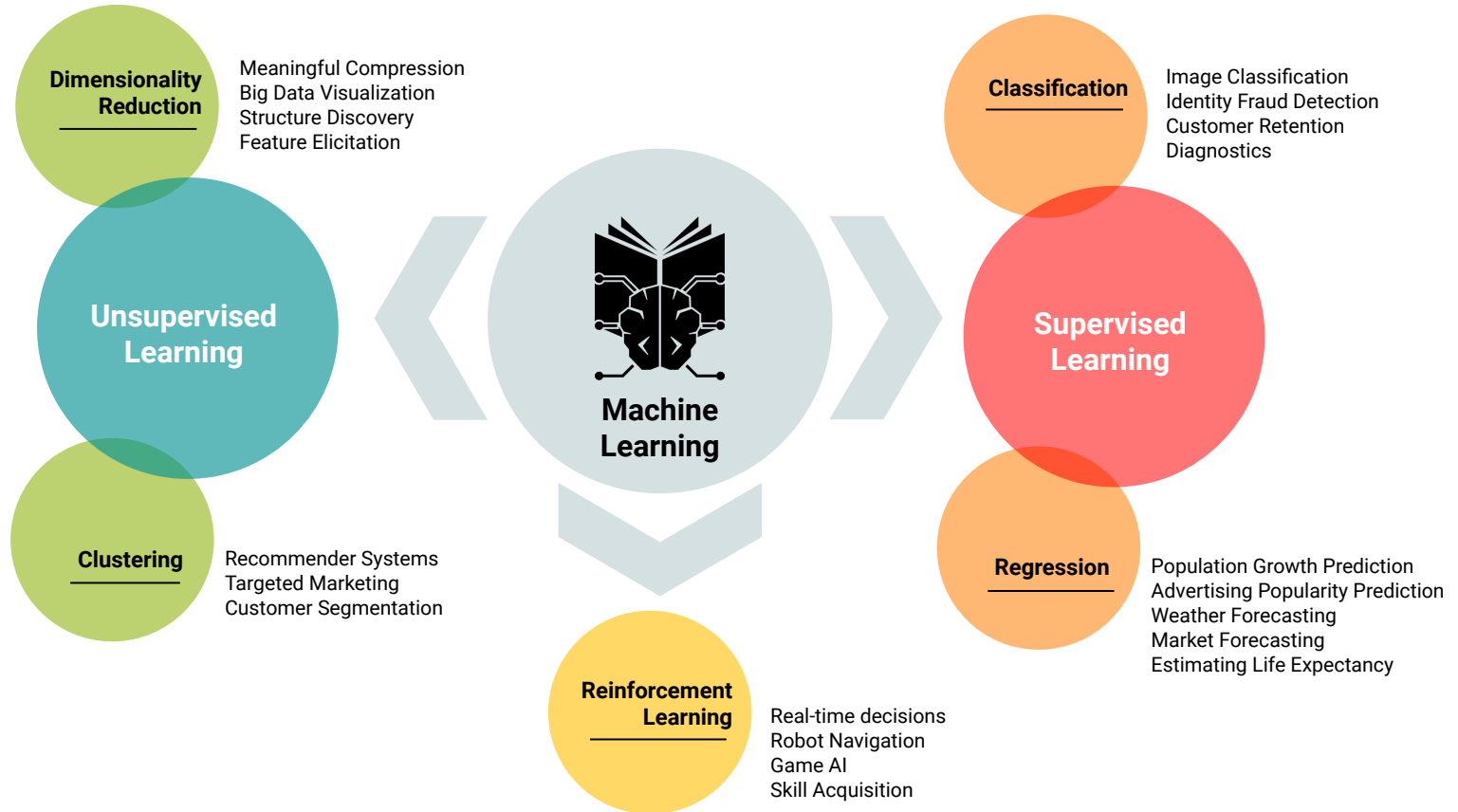


# Predictive Analytics (Example)

## How retargeting ads work:



# Machine Learning (Categories)







# Instructor Demonstration

## Review Homework

# Time Series Basics

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Working with time series data requires a return to the basics

Data needs to be sliced and diced at various time frequencies in order to analyze data points as a time series

E.g day, week, month, year



Pandas DateTimeIndex index can be used to help with this

```
df.loc[2019]
```

# Time Series Basics

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The Pandas resample function can also be used to slice and dice data, once a DateTimeIndex has been created

```
weekly = df['Close'].resample('W').mean()
```



## **Activity:** Time Series Basics

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**Suggested Time:**  
15 minutes





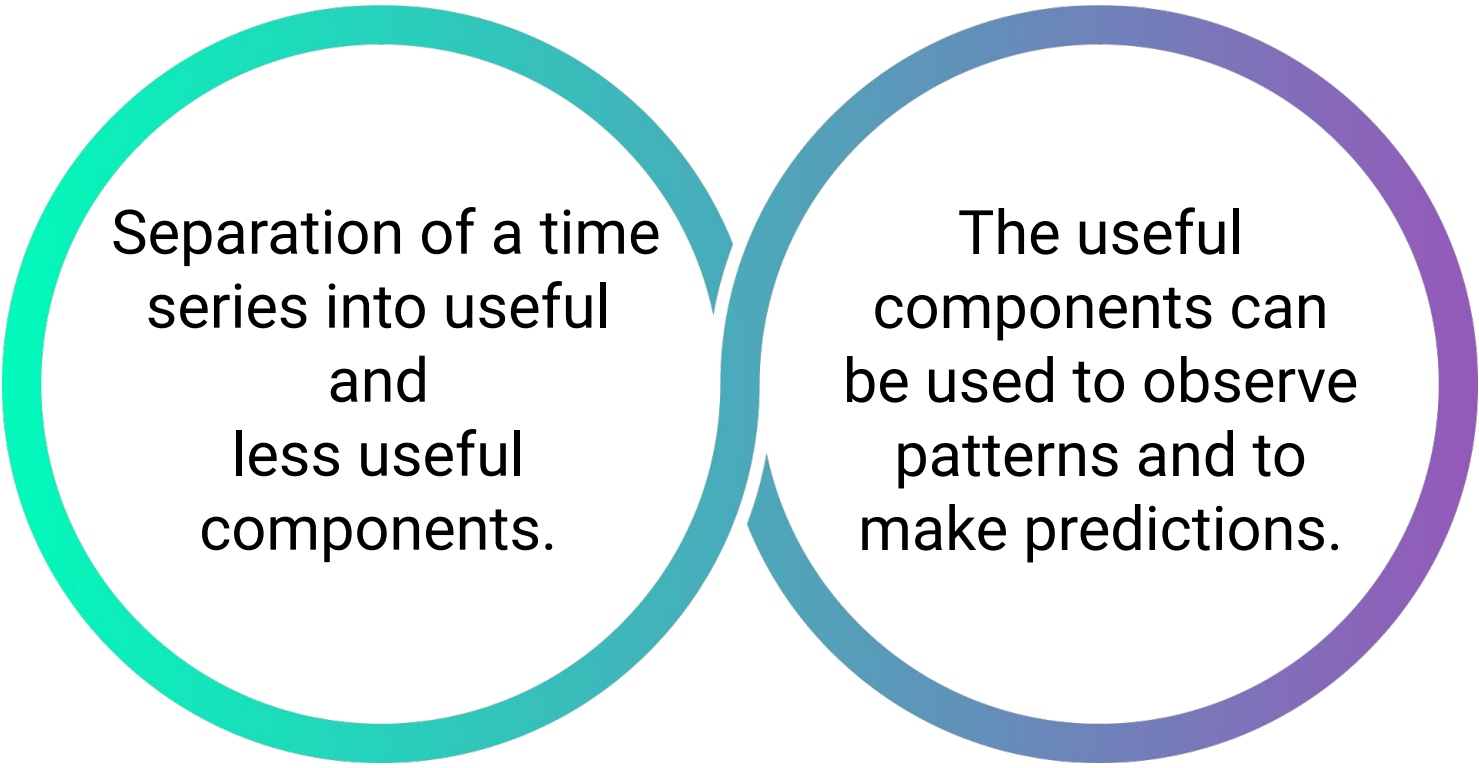


**Time's Up!** Let's Review.

# Time Series Decomposition

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Separation of a time series into useful and less useful components.

The useful components can be used to observe patterns and to make predictions.

# Time Series Components

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**Level:** What is the average value of the series?

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**Trend:** Is there an overall direction of movement?

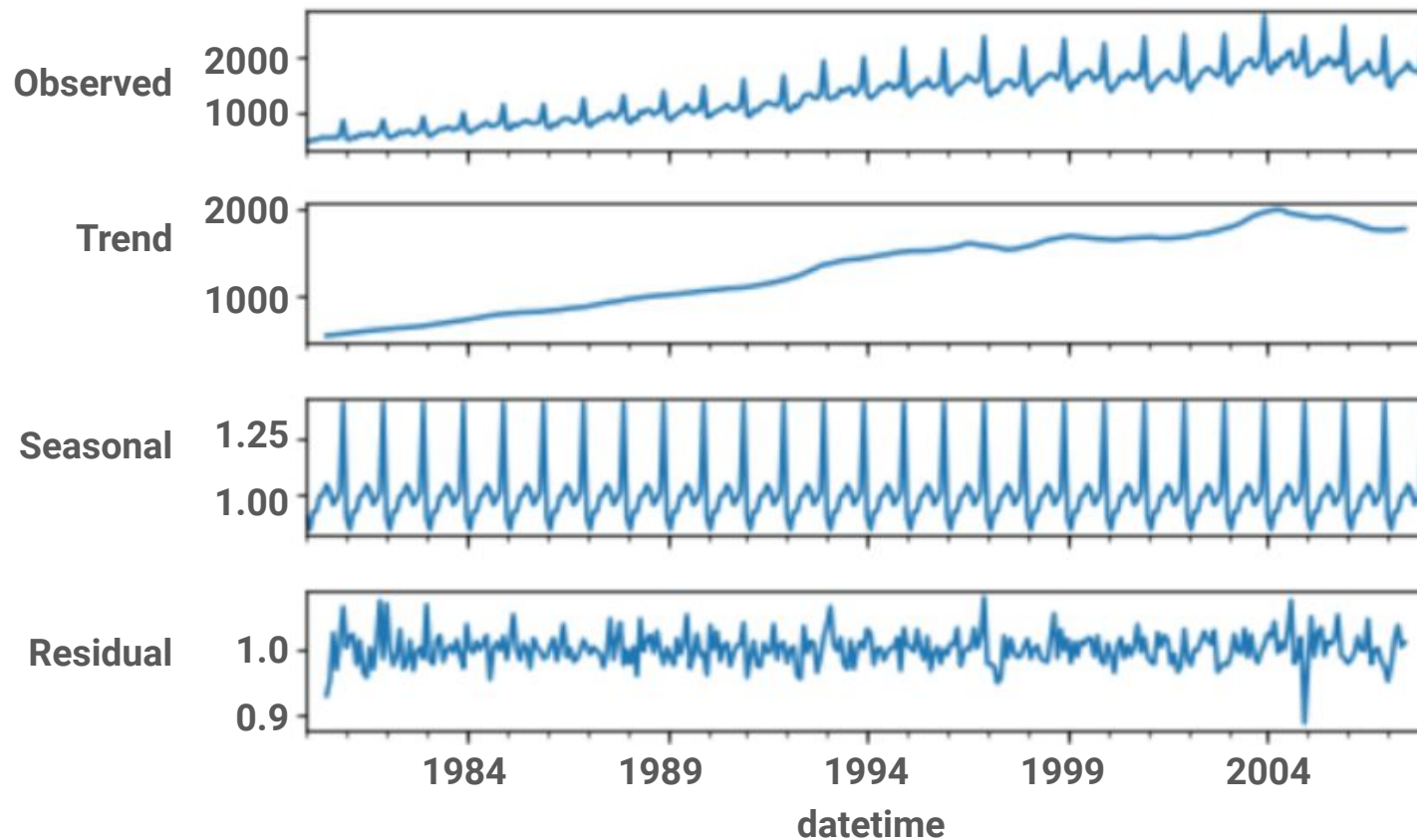
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**Periodicity:** Do patterns occur in cycles?

04

**Residual:** How much noise exists in the data?

# Time Series Decomposition in Action





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The `observed data` panel is decomposed into the next three elements.



An upward trend is observed in the data.



A seasonality is also observed.



The residual components are the leftovers when trend and seasonality are removed.



# Exponentially-Weighted Moving Average

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EWMA is an approach used to “denoise” or “smooth” out time series data so that trends and predictions can be made

01

EWMA involves calculating the average of the last  $n$  prices

02

Weights are added to the averages based on the recency of the data

- Recent data is weighted more heavily
- Weighting decreases exponentially for previous prices/time periods

03

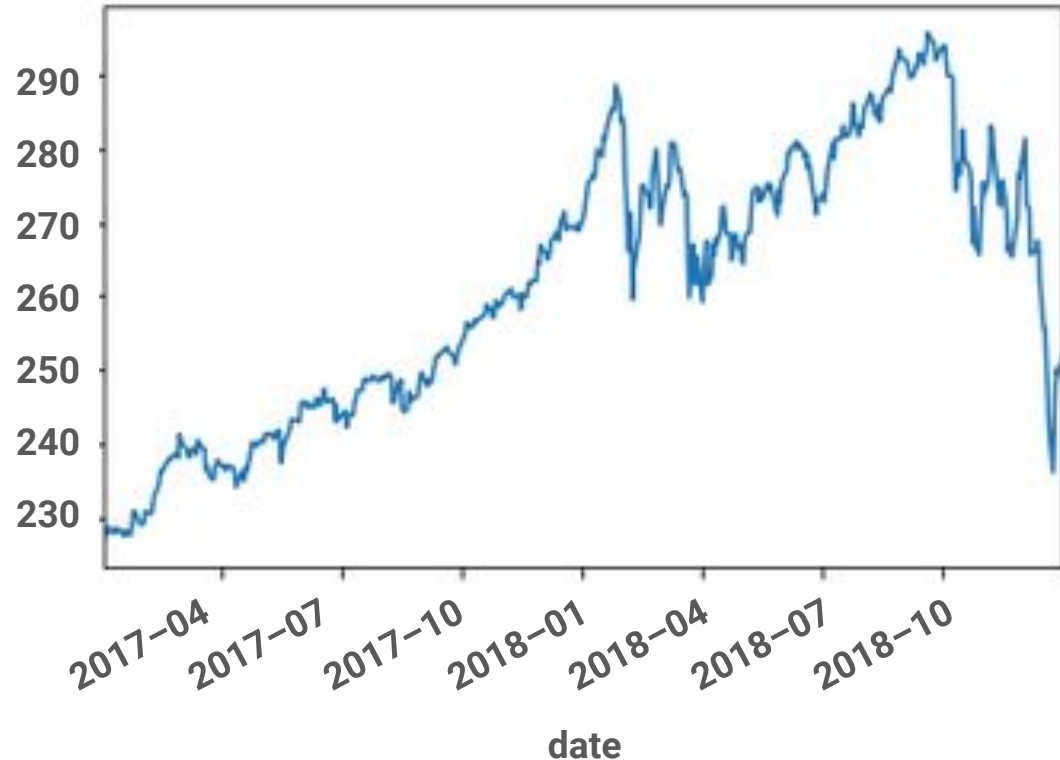
Requires past average values to be stored in memory

# Exponentially Weighted Moving Average (EWMA)

EWMA is used to highlight trends and illustrate the price trajectory for an investment



In which direction  
is the price moving?





# Hodrick-Prescott Filter



**Hodrick-Prescott Filter:** A mathematical function that separates a time series into trend and non-trend components.

# Hodrick-Prescott Filter

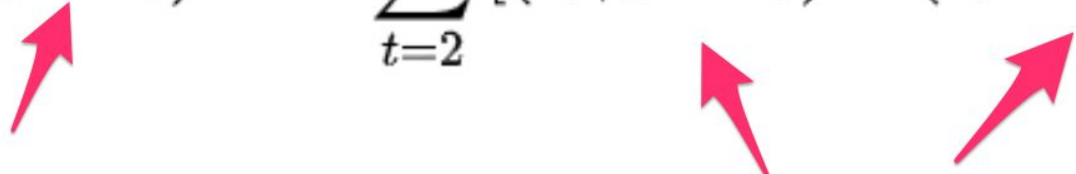
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Filters out short-term  
fluctuations



# Hodrick-Prescott Filter

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$$\min_{\tau} \left( \sum_{t=1}^T (y_t - \tau_t)^2 + \lambda \sum_{t=2}^{T-1} [(\tau_{t+1} - \tau_t) - (\tau_t - \tau_{t-1})]^2 \right)$$


**time series value - trend =  
cyclic element**

**Difference in trend  
over time = volatility**



**Activity:** You've got a FRED  
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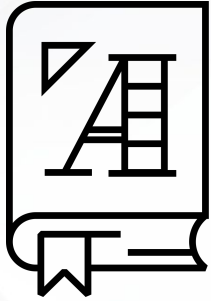
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# Autocorrelation



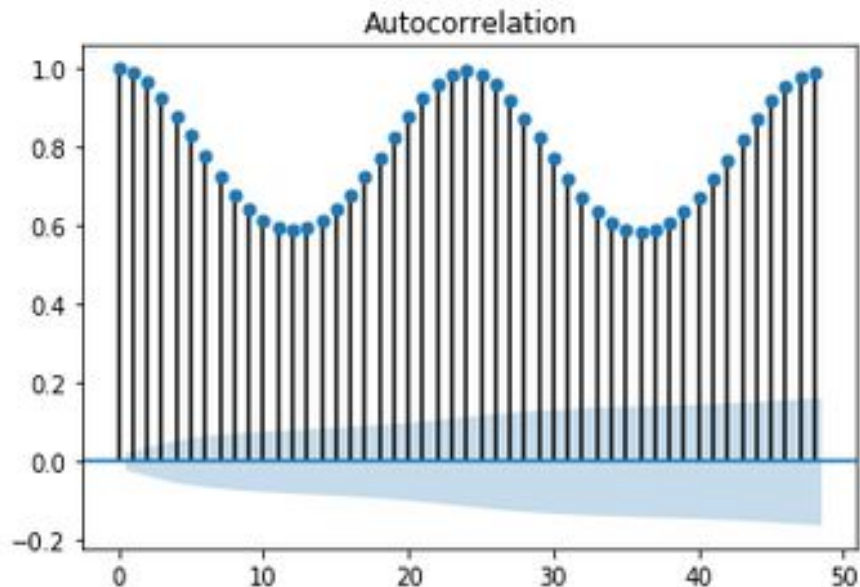
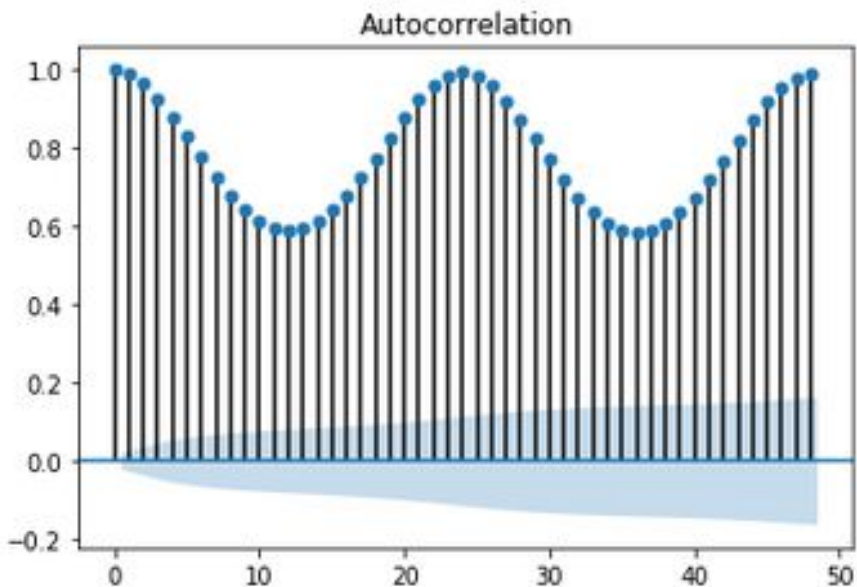
**Autocorrelation** is a measure of how closely current values correlate with past values



For example, **autocorrelation** is used to determine to what extent today's prices correlate with yesterday's prices

# Autocorrelation

```
df.Temperature.autocorr(lag=1)  
sm.graphics.tsaplots.plot_acf(df.Temperature,  
                                1, 49)
```





## **Activity:** Euro ETFs

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Questions?