

Basic timeseries analysis in Pandas

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`autocorrelation_plot()`

Test for randomness and periodicity

`lag_plot()`

Focus on a particular lag identified from the autocorrelation plot

`.diff()`

Difference function: highlighting discontinuities, removing “dc components”

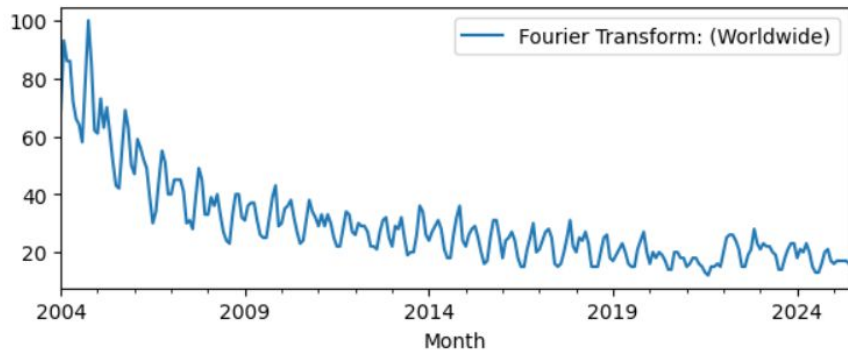
`.autocorr()`

Calculate the numerical value for autocorrelation at the particular lag

Autocorrelation Plot

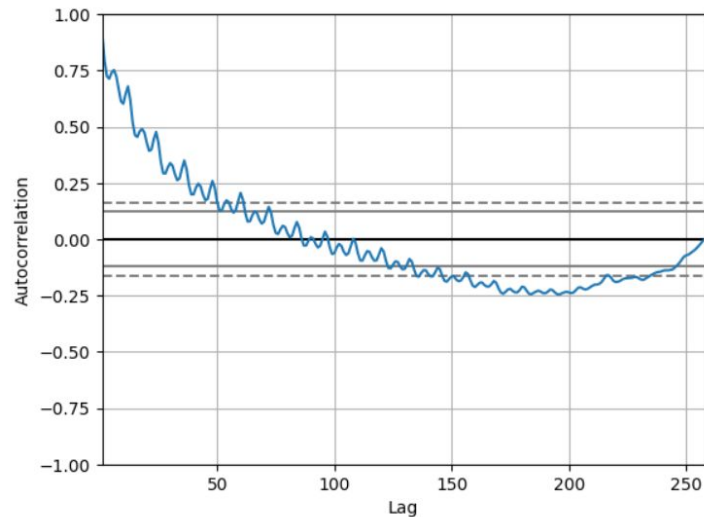
```
[26]: trends_df.plot(figsize=[7,2.5])
```

```
[26]: <Axes: xlabel='Month'>
```



```
[28]: pd.plotting.autocorrelation_plot(trends_df)
```

```
[28]: <Axes: xlabel='Lag', ylabel='Autocorrelation'>
```

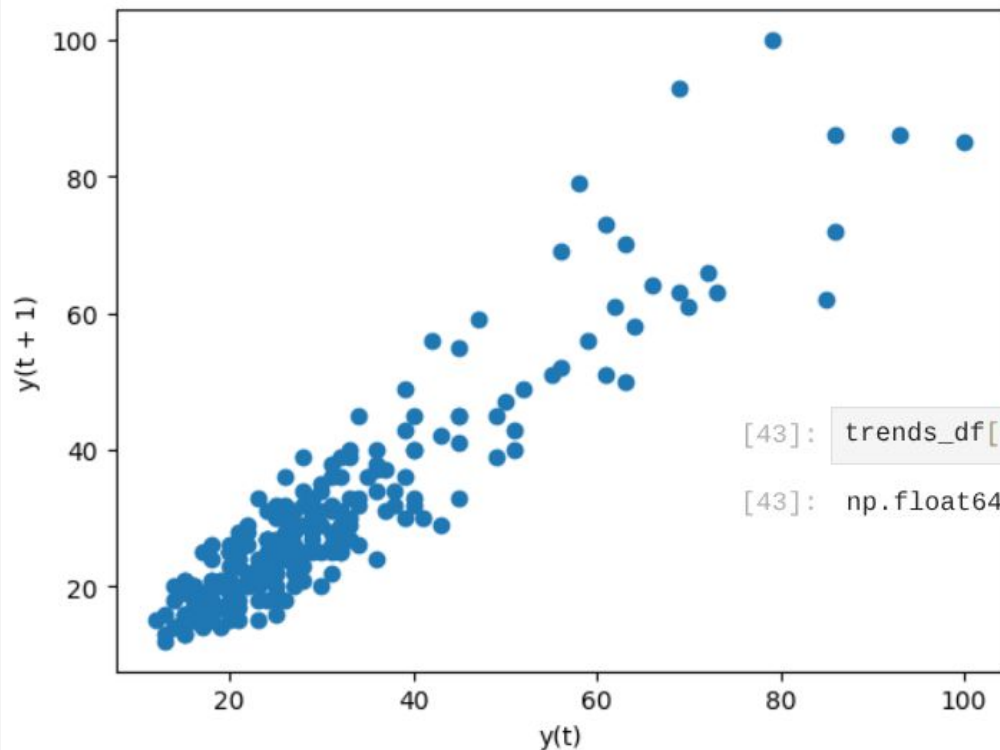


- Not random
- Trend dominates over periodicity

Lag 1 and autocorr

```
pd.plotting.lag_plot(trends_df, lag=1)
```

<Axes: xlabel='y(t)', ylabel='y(t + 1)'>



```
[43]: trends_df['Fourier Transform: (Worldwide)'].autocorr(lag=1)
```

```
[43]: np.float64(0.9293125693134024)
```

- Not random confirmed

For the computationally minded

```
[31]: (trends_df
      .assign(Fourier_Transform_shifted_1m=trends_df
              .shift(periods=1)
              )
      .corr()
      .loc['Fourier_Transform_shifted_1m', 'Fourier Transform: (Worldwide)']
      )
```

```
[31]: np.float64(0.9293125693134031)
```

```
[43]: trends_df['Fourier Transform: (Worldwide)'].autocorr(lag=1)
```

```
[43]: np.float64(0.9293125693134024)
```

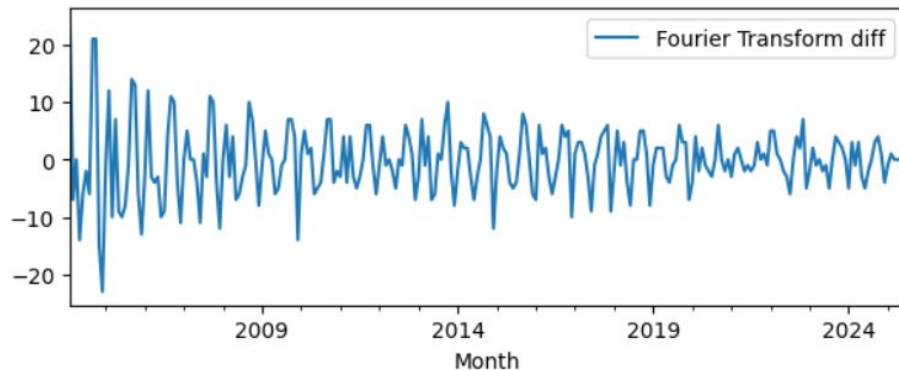
- Why are the numbers identical?
- Which one is correct?

Diff and Lag

```
def non_partial_diff(df):  
    return (df  
            .diff()  
            .rename(columns={"Fourier Transform: (Worldwide)": "Fourier Transform diff"})  
            .dropna()  
            )
```

```
[33]: trends_df.pipe(non_partial_diff).plot(figsize=[7,2.5])
```

```
[33]: <Axes: xlabel='Month'>
```

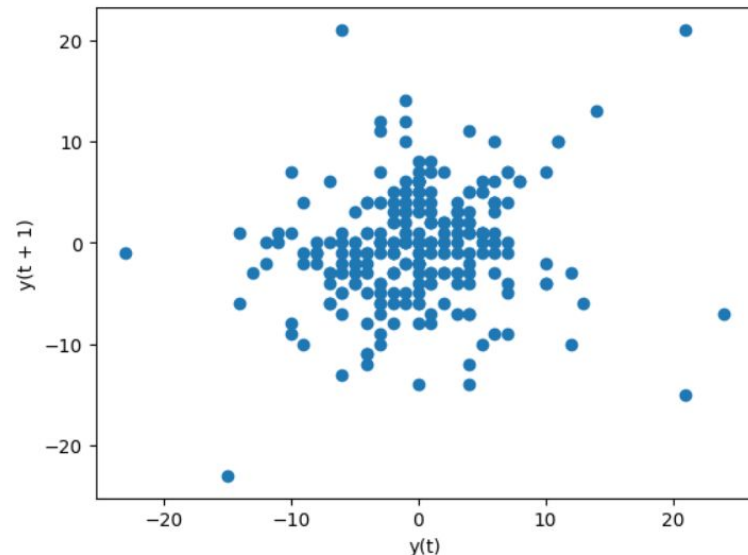


```
trends_df.pipe(non_partial_diff)['Fourier Transform diff'].autocorr(lag=1)
```

```
np.float64(0.16995405644243017)
```

```
pd.plotting.lag_plot(trends_df.pipe(non_partial_diff), lag=1)
```

<Axes: xlabel='y(t)', ylabel='y(t + 1)'>

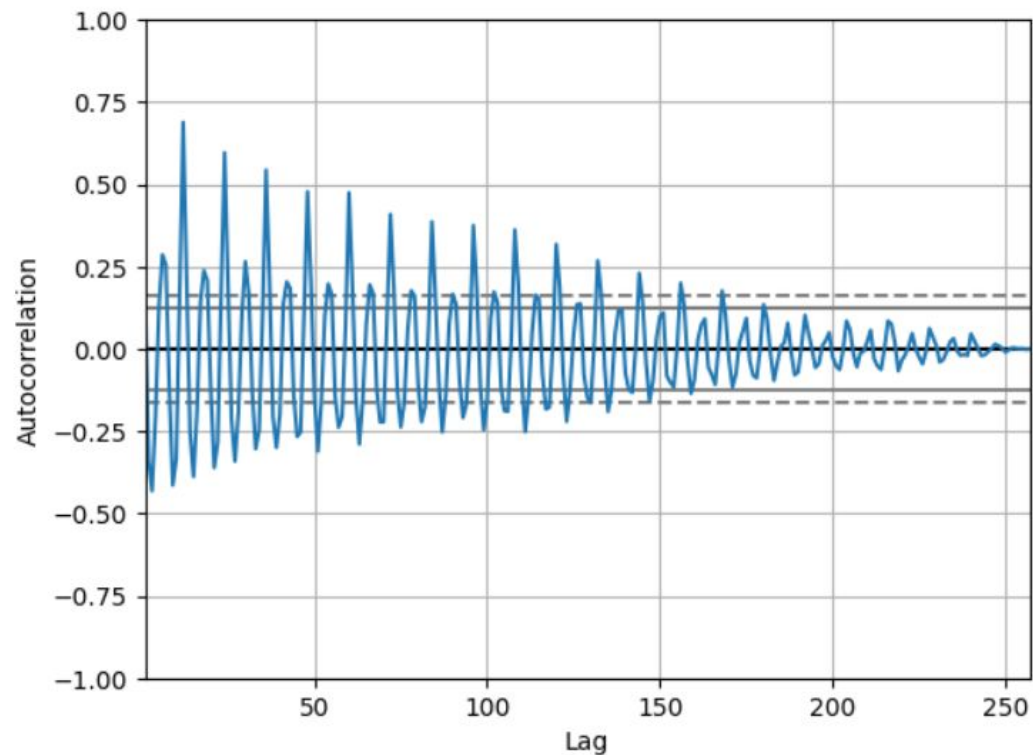


- Diff makes lag 1 random

Diff and Autocorrelation

```
pd.plotting.autocorrelation_plot(trends_df.pipe(non_partial_diff))
```

<Axes: xlabel='Lag', ylabel='Autocorrelation'>

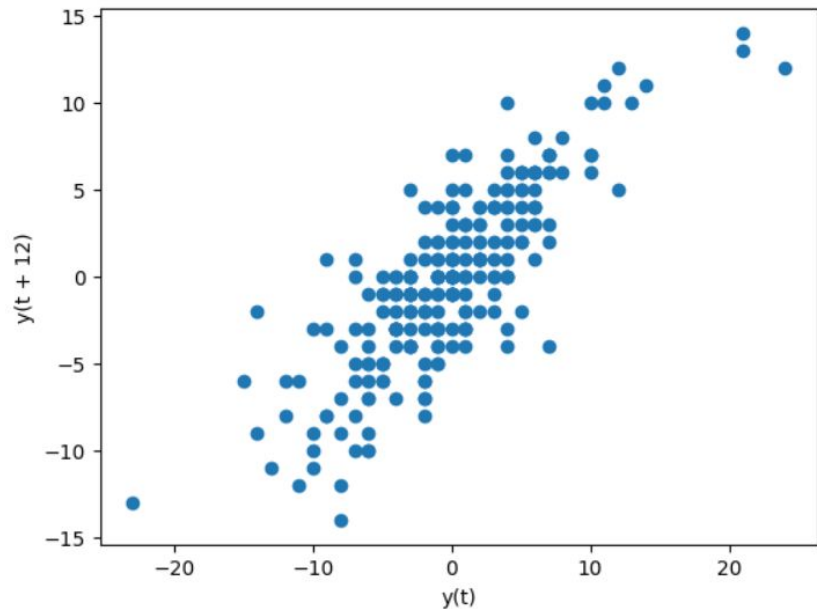


- Periodicity comes to the fore

Lag for periodicity

```
pd.plotting.lag_plot(trends_df.pipe(non_partial_diff), lag=12)
```

<Axes: xlabel='y(t)', ylabel='y(t + 12)'>



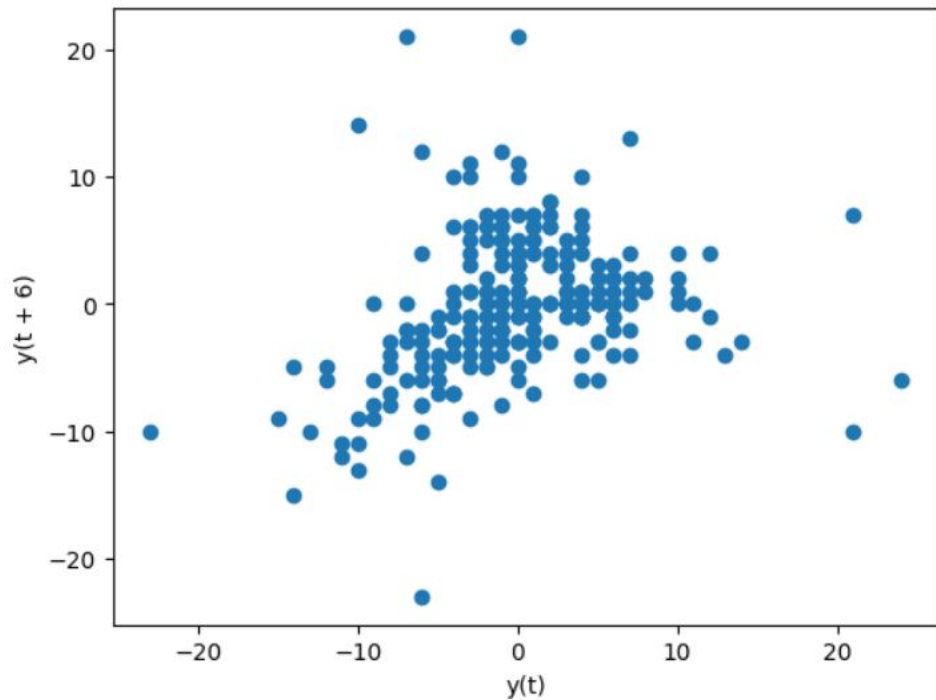
```
trends_df.pipe(non_partial_diff)['Fourier Transform diff'].autocorr(lag=12)
```

```
np.float64(0.8195626269703368)
```

- Diff and lag 12 quite correlated

```
pd.plotting.lag_plot(trends_df.pipe(non_partial_diff), lag=6)
```

<Axes: xlabel='y(t)', ylabel='y(t + 6)'>



```
trends_df.pipe(non_partial_diff)['Fourier Transform diff'].autocorr(lag=6)
```

```
np.float64(0.30112376919812994)
```

- Diff and lag 6 weakly correlated

Thank you

Bibliography

- Pandas documentation
- NIST/SEMATECH e-Handbook of Statistical Methods
- Random Processes chapter in Communication Systems (Haykin)

https://github.com/stelios-c/sig_proc/

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