Time Series Analysis Recovering A Stochastic Signal

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1.1 Recovering A Stochastic Signal

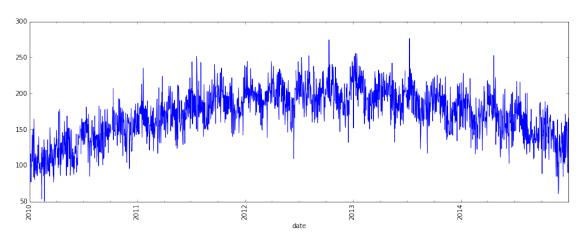
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This is a pretty basic example of how to filter and recover a random signal from a time series that is a combination of confounding noise.

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In [72]: #%install_ext https://raw.githubusercontent.com/rasbt/watermark/master/watermark.py
         %load_ext watermark
         %watermark -p numpy,scipy,pandas,matplotlib
The watermark extension is already loaded. To reload it, use:
  %reload_ext watermark
numpy 1.10.1
scipy 0.16.0
pandas 0.16.2
matplotlib 1.4.0
In [73]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
         import numpy as np
         import pandas as pd
         import scipy.signal as signal
         %matplotlib inline
In [74]: df = pd.read_csv("/home/daniel/OrbitalInsights/data.csv")
In [75]: df.head()
Out [75]:
                  date day.of.week car.count weather
        0 2010-01-01
                           friday
                                        94.5
                                                  -0.1
         1 2010-01-02
                        saturday
                                        108.4
                                                  -2.4
         2 2010-01-03
                            sunday
                                        105.5
                                                  -0.5
         3 2010-01-04
                            monday
                                        109.6
                                                  -2.1
        4 2010-01-05
                           tuesday
                                        116.1
                                                   1.9
In [76]: # like using Pandas b/c of the datetime features, resample or groupby
         # but I haven't used date methods in a while and lost some time to redresh my memory
         df['date'] = pd.to_datetime(df['date'])
         df.set_index(df['date'], inplace=True)
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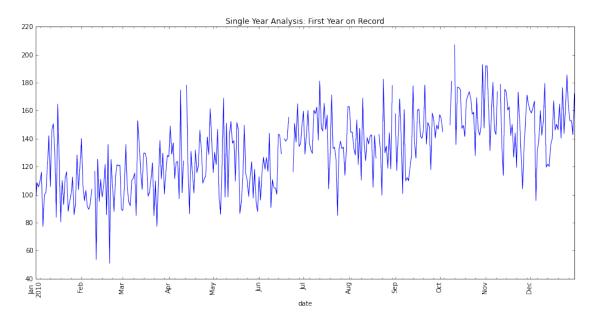
1.2 Initial Plot

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In [77]: df['car.count'].plot(rot=90, figsize=(15,5));
```



I'd guess that we have a linear combination of a quadratic, sinusoid and random stochastic signal.

1.2.1 Single Year Analysis: first year in the record



It's not easy to see, but there are missing values in the series. We need to treat those.

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In [79]: #TODO: add to signal processing module
    def remove_nans(data, return_nan_index=False):
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nan_ind = np.nonzero(~np.isfinite(data))[0]
                 good_data_ind = np.nonzero(np.isfinite(data))[0]
                 good_data = data[good_data_ind]
                 new_points = np.interp(nan_ind, good_data_ind, good_data)
                 data[nan_ind] = new_points
                 if return_nan_index:
                      return data, nan_ind
                 else:
                      return data
In [80]: year, nan_ind = remove_nans(year.copy(), return_nan_index=True)
            year_linear_det = signal.detrend(year, axis=0, type='linear')
   Single Year Linear Detrend Time Series
In [81]: plt.figure(figsize=(17, 5))
           plt.xticks(np.arange(year.shape[0])[0::30], year.index[0::30], rotation=90)
           plt.plot(year_linear_det, alpha=0.5)
           plt.title("Linear Detrend Single Year")
            plt.plot(nan_ind, year_linear_det[nan_ind], 'rx')
           plt.xlim(0, 366)
Out[81]: (0, 366)
                                                    Linear Detrend Single Year
       -60
       2010-01-01 00:00:00:00
                 2010-01-31 00:00:00
                         2010-03-02 00:00:00
                                 2010-04-01 00:00:00
                                                                                             2010-10-28 00:00:00
                                                                                                              2010-12-27 00:00:00
                                          00:00:0
                                                           2010-06-30 00:00
                                                                                    2010-09-28 00:00
                                                                                                     2010-11-27 00:00
                                                  2010-05-31 00:00
                                                                   2010-07-30 00:00
                                                                            2010-08-29 00:00
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We see a ≈ 90 day period here.

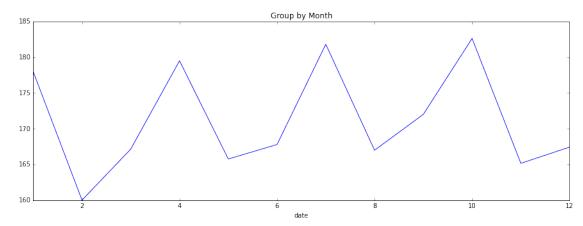
Without more insight about the data we don't know if this is a nuisance or a feature we are looking for. The NaN replacements look reasonable.

1.3 Group By for Basic Analysis

Grouping the data points into bins and taking the mean, is very similar to a Fourier Transform.

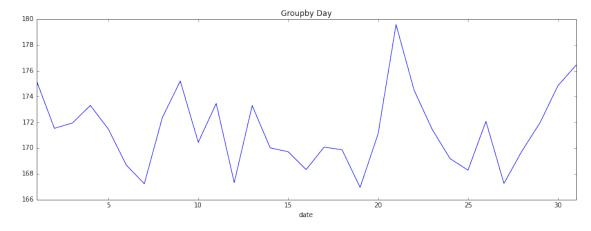
Pandas makes this easy and there's no reason not to. Especially if the data is related to business trends.

1.3.1 Group by Month: Global monthly trend averaging over the 5 samples of each month



A group-by is sort of like a Fourier Transform where we choose just one frequency bin. There's the sinusodial period ≈ 90 days.

1.3.2 Group by Day: Global day trend averaging over the 5 samples of each day



It would appear as though the 21st day of each month saw greater count.

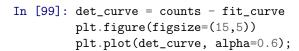
1.4 Removing Confounds

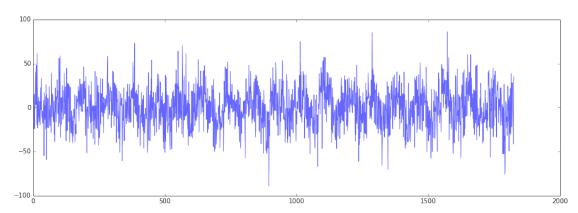
1.4.1 Quadratic Detrend Using PolyFit

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In [96]: poly = np.polynomial.polynomial
    t = np.arange(df.shape[0])
    coefs, stats = poly.polyfit(t, counts, deg=2, full=True)
    fit_curve = poly.polyval(t, coefs)
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In [98]: plt.figure(figsize=(15,5))
    plt.plot(fit_curve, 'r')
    plt.plot(t, df['car.count'], alpha=0.5)

labels = df['date']
    date_str = map(lambda x: str(x.year) + " / " + str(x.month), labels)
    plt.xticks(t[0::30], date_str[0::30], rotation="vertical");
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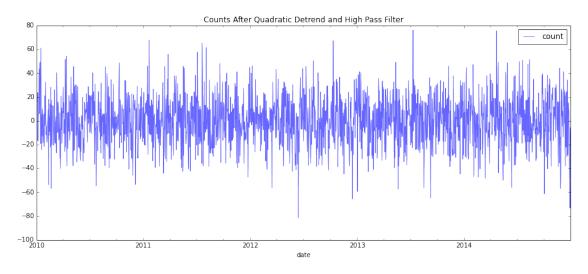
1.5 Further Confound Removal

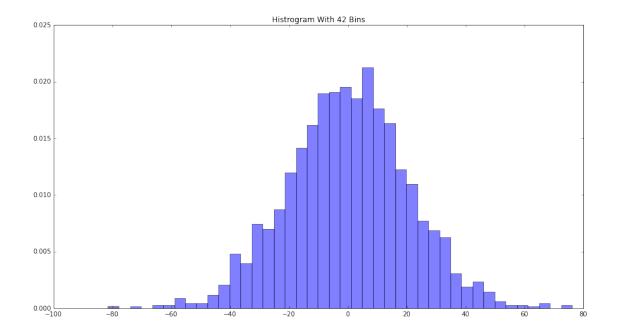
Lets suppose that the quadratic is a measurement error and that the ≈ 90 day sinusodial is a well understood or nuisance, then we'll examine the remainder of the signal.

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sigtools = SignalProcessTools.SignalProcessTools()
In [101]: frq = 1 / 85.3 # from FFT output above
    out = sigtools.hi_pass_filter(det_curve, frq, 1.0, 2)

    dff = pd.DataFrame({'count':out}, index=df.index)
    dff.plot(title="Counts After Quadratic Detrend and High Pass Filter", figsize=(15,6), alpha=0
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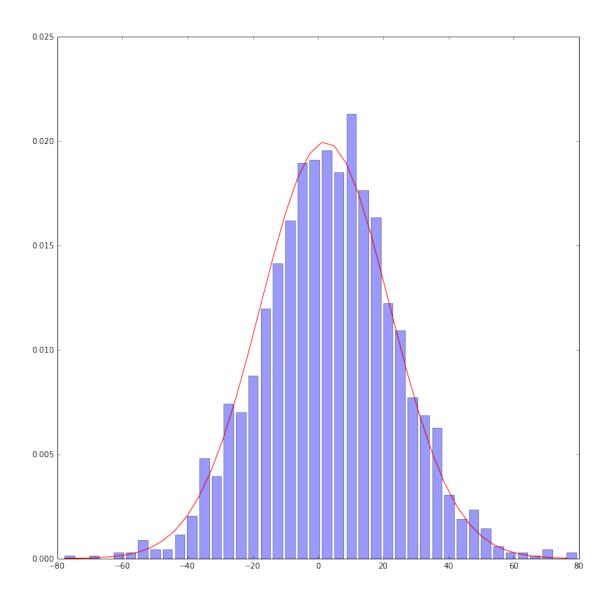
Out[101]: <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x7fe0100bc190>





Perhaps a Gausian

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In [103]: bin_x = bin_x[1:] \# drop the first bin to match the array lengths
In [104]: from scipy.optimize import curve_fit
In [105]: def gauss(x, *p):
              A, mu, sig = p
              gau = A * np.exp(-(x-mu)**2 / 2.0 * sig**2)
              return gau
In [108]: coeff, var_matrix = curve_fit(gauss, bin_x, y_counts, p0=[0.1, 0.0, 0.1])
                                        std:%f" %(coeff[0], coeff[1], coeff[2])
          print "Amplitude:%f mean:%f
Amplitude:0.019967 mean:2.184505
                                    std:0.050485
In [107]: fit_gau = gauss(bin_x, *coeff)
         plt.figure(figsize=(12, 12))
         plt.plot(bin_x, fit_gau, 'r')
         plt.bar(bin_x, y_counts, alpha=0.4, width=3)
Out[107]: <Container object of 42 artists>
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2 Summary Write Up

Hidden in the periodic noise is the more interesting signal. It's random from a Gaussian distribution.