# Time Series Analysis Recovering A Stochastic Signal

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## 1 Time Series Analysis

## 1.1 Recovering A Stochastic Signal

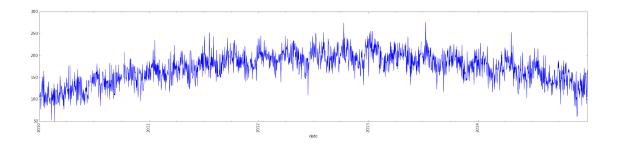
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This is a pretty basic example of how to filter and recover a random signal from a time series that that has a linear combination of confounding noise.

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In [1]: #%install_ext https://raw.githubusercontent.com/rasbt/watermark/master/watermark.p
        %reload_ext watermark
        %watermark -p numpy,scipy,pandas,matplotlib
numpy 1.10.1
scipy 0.16.0
pandas 0.16.2
matplotlib 1.4.0
In [294]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
          import numpy as np
          import pandas as pd
          import scipy.signal as signal
          %matplotlib inline
In [295]: df = pd.read_csv("data.csv")
In [296]: df.head()
Out [296]:
                   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
                                         109.6
                                                   -2.1
                            monday
          4 2010-01-05
                           tuesday
                                         116.1
In [297]: # I like using Pandas b/c of the datetime features, resample or groupby
          df['date'] = pd.to_datetime(df['date'])
          df.set_index(df['date'], inplace=True)
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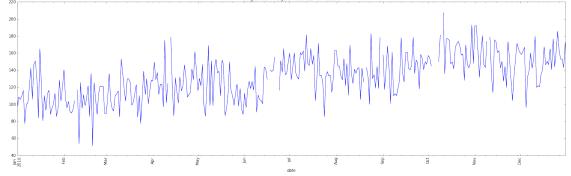
#### 1.2 Initial Plot

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In [298]: df['car.count'].plot(rot=90, figsize=(25, 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.

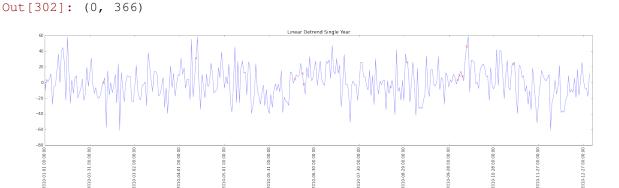
In [300]: #TODO: add to signal processing module

```
def remove_nans(data, return_nan_index=False):
    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
```

Single Year Linear Detrend Time Series



We see a  $\approx 90$  day period here.

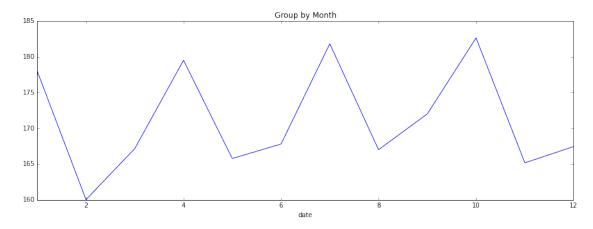
Without more insight about the data we don't know if this is a nuisance or a feature we are looking for. The NaN replacements look reasonable.

## 1.3 Group By for Basic Analysis

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

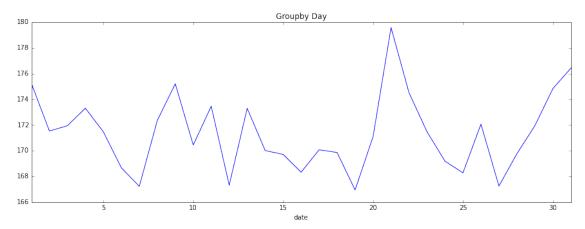
Pandas makes this easy and there's no reason not to. Especially if the data is related to business trends.

#### 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  $\approx 90$  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

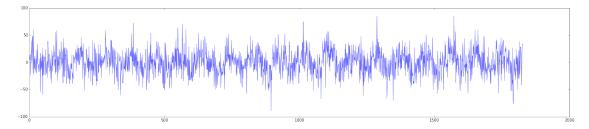
#### 1.4.1 Quadratic Detrend Using PolyFit

```
In [305]: poly = np.polynomial.polynomial
    counts = remove_nans(df['car.count'].copy(), return_nan_index=False)

    t = np.arange(df.shape[0])
    coefs = poly.polyfit(t, counts, deg=2, full=False)
    fit_curve = poly.polyval(t, coefs)

In [306]: plt.figure(figsize=(25, 5))
    plt.plot(fit_curve, 'r')
    plt.plot(t, counts, 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

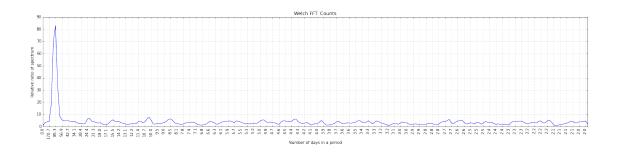
Lets suppose that the quadratic is a measurement error and that the  $\approx 90$  day sinusodial is a well understood or nuisance, then we'll examine the remainder of the signal.

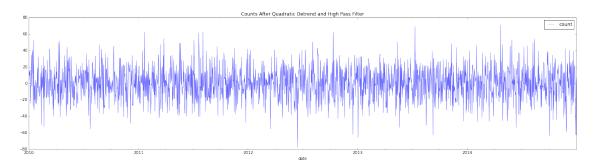
#### 1.5.1 FFT

I keep this method handy and it should be in my Sigtools Module. It's just as well that you can see inside the Welch call.

```
In [309]: def fft(data):
                  '''Plot FFT using Welch's method, daily resolution '''
                  f, y = signal.welch(data, fs=1.0, nperseg=365, noverlap=None, nfft=512,
                  interval = 3 # days
                  periods = np.round(1/f[0::interval], 1)
                  # clean up frequency of 0 Hz
                  periods[0] = 0
                  frqs = f[0::interval]
                  plt.xticks(frqs, periods, rotation="vertical")
                  plt.plot(f, y)
                  plt.grid(True) # not working likely b/c of conflict with seaborn artist
                  plt.title("Welch FFT: Counts")
                  plt.ylabel("Relative ratio of spectrum")
                  plt.xlabel("Number of days in a period")
                  return f, y, frqs
In [310]: plt.figure(figsize=(25, 5))
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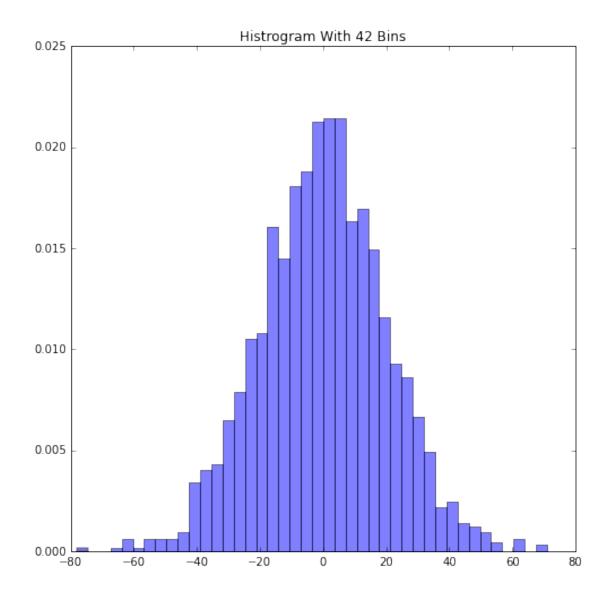
f, y, frqs = fft(counts)





#### 1.6 Fit A Distribution

The somewhat manual way and after with Seaborn



## Perhaps a Gausian

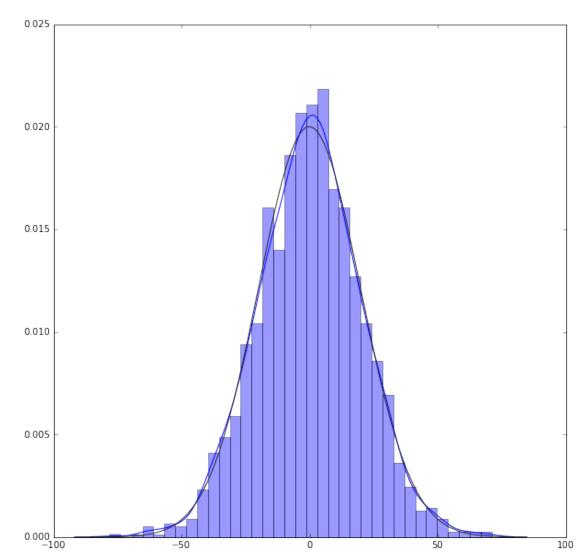
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In [313]: bin_x = bin_x[1:] # drop the first bin to match the array lengths
In [314]: from scipy.optimize import curve_fit
In [315]: def gauss(x, *p):
        A, mu, sig = p
        gau = A * np.exp(-(x-mu)**2 / (2 * sig)**2)
        return gau
In [316]: bin_width = np.round(bin_x[1] - bin_x[0], decimals=1)
        print bin_width
3.5
In [317]: coeff, var_matrix = curve_fit(gauss, bin_x, y_counts, p0=[0.1, 0.0, 1.0])
        print "Amplitude:%f mean:%f std:%f" %(coeff[0], coeff[1], coeff[2])
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Amplitude: 0.020397 mean: 1.929398
                                      std:13.724085
In [318]: fit_gau = gauss(bin_x, *coeff)
          plt.figure(figsize=(7, 7))
          plt.plot(bin_x, fit_gau, 'r')
          plt.bar(bin_x, y_counts, alpha=0.4, width=3, align='center')
Out[318]: <Container object of 42 artists>
     0.025
     0.020
     0.015
     0.010
     0.005
     0.000
         -80
                         -40
                                 -20
                                           0
                                                   20
                                                           40
                                                                   60
                 -60
                                                                           80
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## 1.6.1 Try That Again With Seaborn

Here we see the Kernel Density Estimate and a Gamma fit, which is a prior for a Gaussian.





# 1.7 Bootstrap Variance Estimation

```
In [322]: print psi_bar
19.8688617857
In [326]: #sns.reset_orig()
          plt.figure(figsize=(10, 10))
          plt.plot(bin_x, fit_gau, 'r')
          plt.bar(bin_x, y_counts, alpha=0.4, width=3, align='center')
          plt.vlines(psi_bar, 0, 0.025, 'g')
          plt.vlines(coeff[2], 0, 0.025, 'k')
          plt.legend(('Gassian Fit', 'Bootstrap Std', 'Gaussian Fit Std'))
Out[326]: <matplotlib.legend.Legend at 0x7f86743e5b10>
    0.030
                                                                 Gassian Fit
                                                                 Bootstrap Std
                                                                 Gaussian Fit Std
     0.025
     0.020
     0.015
     0.010
     0.005
     0.000
```