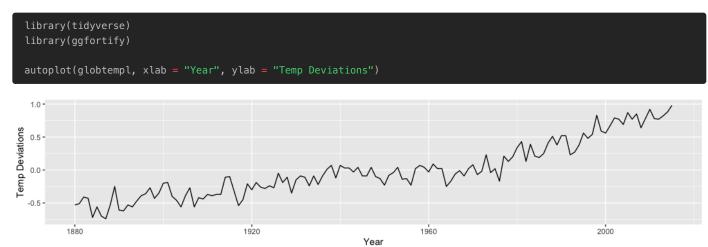
1.1 - The Nature of Time Series Data

Time series data is useful in several applications. Here we will discuss notable examples from the textbook.

Global Warming

This example is notable because it gives a preview of how time series data is not always a "direct" source, such as monthly average temperatures or daily closing stock prices. Here our data are relative to some "anchor" point, making finding a pattern easier compared to raw temperature data.

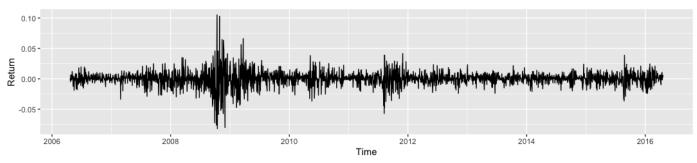


Returns on the Dow Jones Industrial Average

This example follows from the previous one. Instead of plotting the DJIA directly, we first perform the following calculations to get data we want to plot:

$$ext{Return}_t = r_t = rac{x_t - x_{t-1}}{x_{t-1}} \ 1 + r_t = rac{x_t}{x_{t-1}} \implies \ln(1+r_t) = \ln(rac{x_t}{x_{t-1}}) = \ln(x_t) - \ln(x_{t-1}) pprox r_t$$





fMRI Imaging

Here we have an example of a multivariate time series, where we work with vectors instead of single-variable data.

