Time Series Analysis

INFO 523 - Lecture 11

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Lesson 1: Understanding Timeseries

References











Electroencephalography(EEG)



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Electroencephalography

Public Interest – Search Trends



Airline Passengers



Gross Domestic Product (GDP)



https://fred.stlouisfed.org/series/GDPC1

Influenza



http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/

Sunspot Activity



http://www.sidc.be/silso/datafiles

Stock Market - DJIA



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- Understanding the seasonality of a time series provides important information about its long-term behavior and is extremely useful in predicting future values















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Lesson 2: Processing Timeseries Data

Lagging Values

 While analyzing time series, we often refer to values that our time series took 1, 2, 3, etc., time steps in the past

These are known as lagged values and denoted:

X_{t-l}

where *l* is the value of the lag we are considering.

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Differences

 Perhaps the most common use case for lagged values is for the calculation of differences of the form:

$X_t - X_{t-1}$

- Where $l \ge 1$ is the value of the lag we are interested in.
- Naturally, higher order differences can also be used, in which case, the difference of the difference is calculated:

$$y_t = x_t - x_{t-1}$$

$$z_t = y_t - y_{t-1} \equiv x_t - 2x_{t-1} + x_t - 21$$

- This can be thought of as a discrete version of the usual derivative of a function.
- Differences are also a particularly simple way to detrend a time series

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- Depending on the application we can choose to place the missing values in either or (or even both) extremes of the time interval



Envelopes



Bollinger Bands

- A common use for application for running values is the calculation of Bollinger Bands.
- Introduced by John Bollinger in the 1980s as a complement to more traditional time series technical analysis techniques.
- Bollinger Bands are defined by two components:
 - A **N** period moving average, μ_N
 - The area **K** standard deviations above and below the moving average $\mu_N \pm K\sigma_N$
- Both μ_N and σ_N are computed on a running window of size **N**
- The values N and K are application specific. For stock trading, N = 20 and K = 2
- Whenever the time series steps out of the Bollinger Band that's a clear indication of a change in the temporal behavior.

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• Which we can consider to be a prediction on the value of x_{t+1} , based on the current value of z_t and some factor of out current error value $x_t - z_t$:

$$z_{t+1} = z_t + \alpha(x_t - z_t)$$





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