

Data Analysis: Statistical Modeling and Computation in Applications

Time Series Analysis: Autocorrelation and Stationarity

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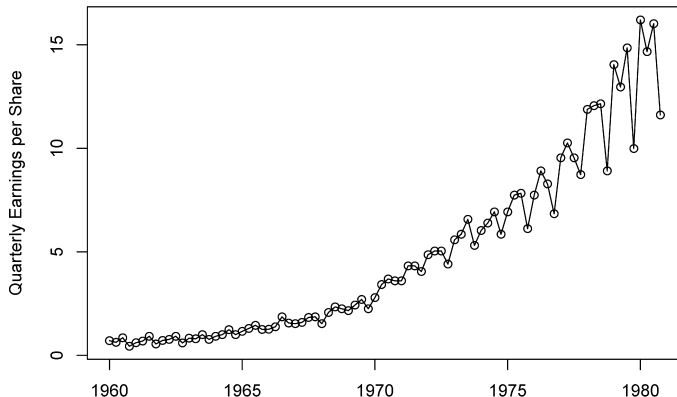
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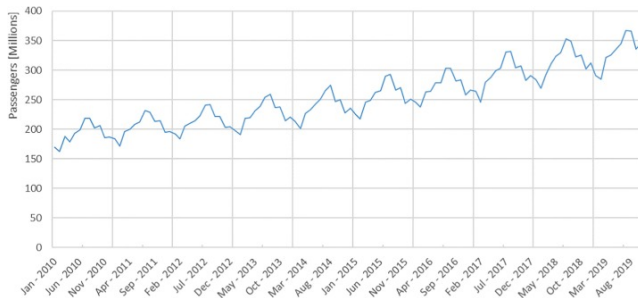
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Examples of Time series: Johnson & Johnson quarterly earnings per share



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Examples of Time series: global air traffic passengers



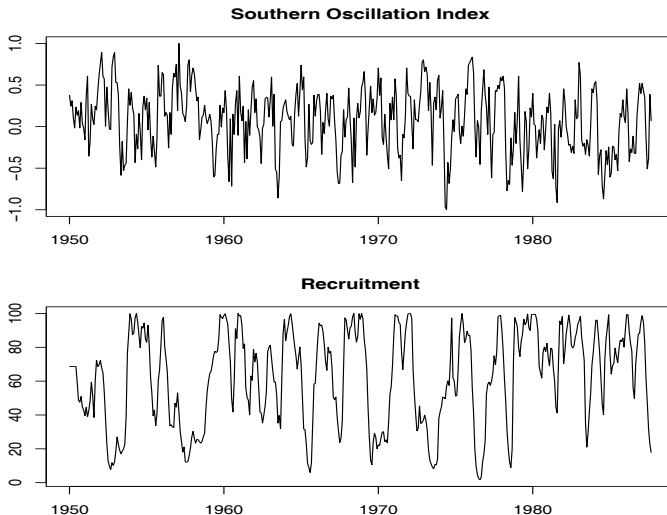
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Examples of Time series: Exchange rates GBP to NZ dollar



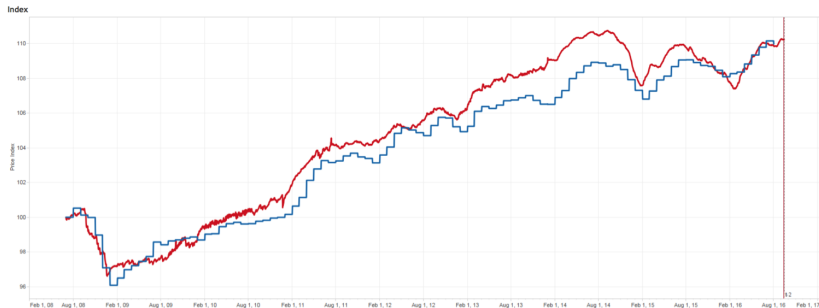
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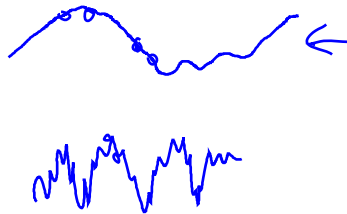
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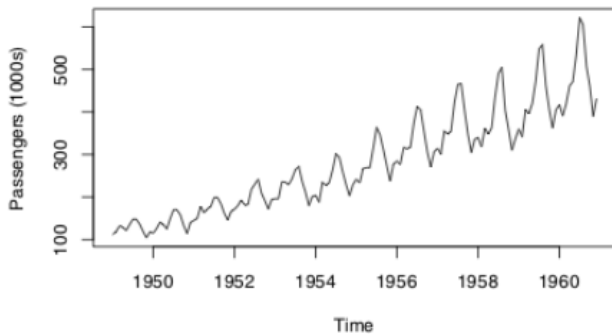


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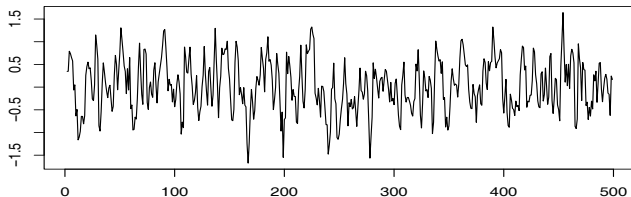
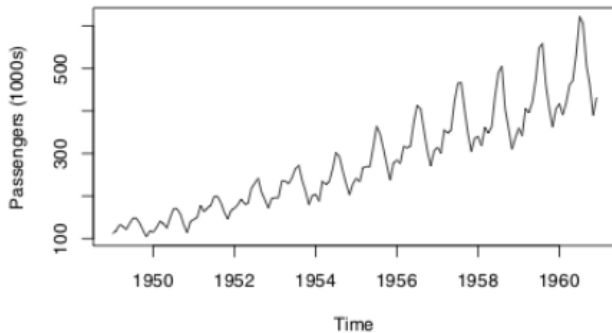
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Typically: transform series to be stationary, then estimate.

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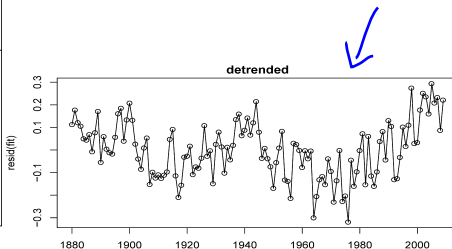
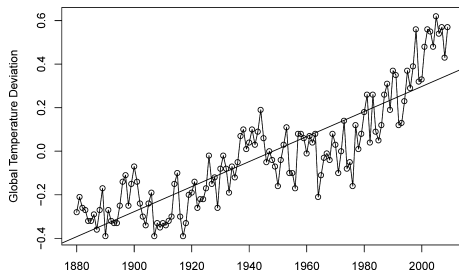
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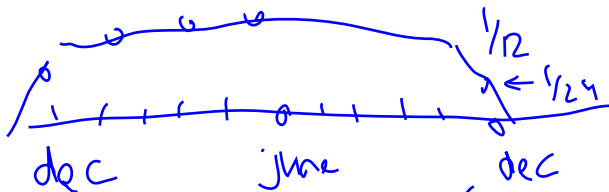
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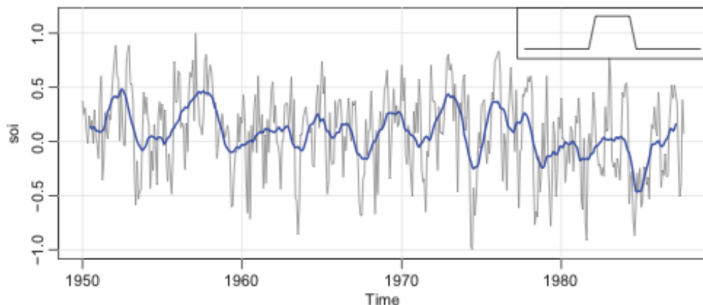


$$Y_{\text{june20}} = \sum_{h=-6}^6 a_h X_{t+h}$$

The equation shows a moving average centered on June 20th. The summation is from $h=-6$ to $h=6$. An arrow points from the label '6' above the summation to the upper limit $h=6$. Another arrow points from the label 'a_h' to the coefficient a_h .

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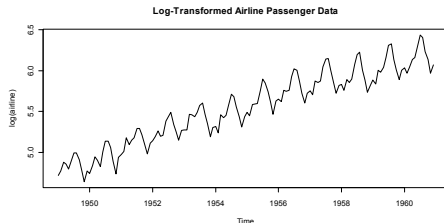
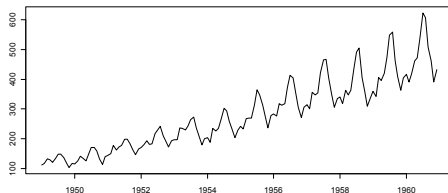


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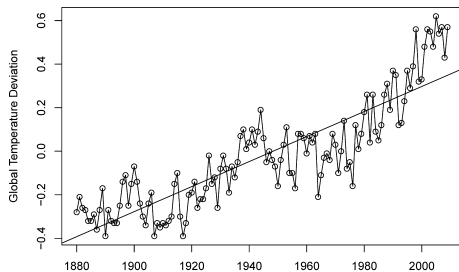
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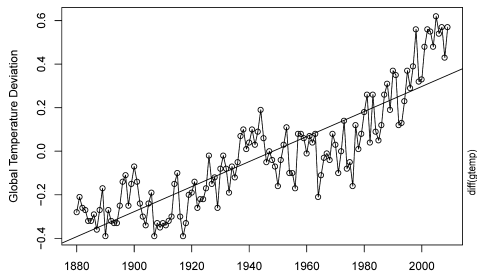
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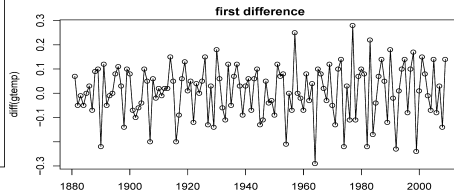
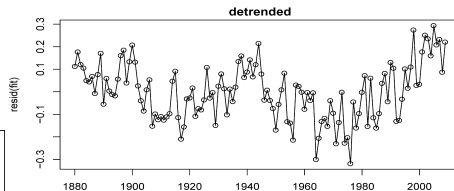
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Example



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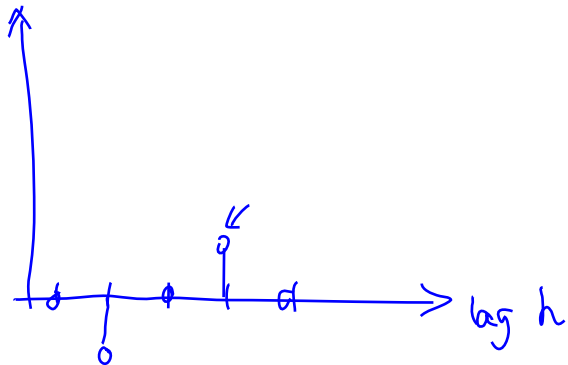
$$y(1) = \frac{1}{7} \cdot 0 = 0$$

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$$y(3) = \frac{1}{7} \cdot 0 = 0$$

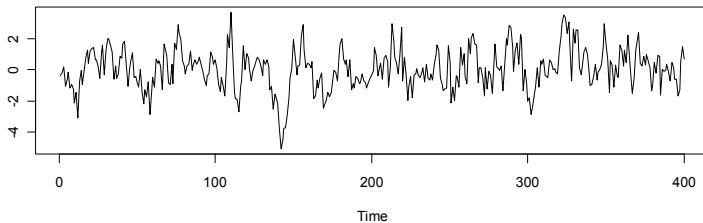
$$y(4) = \frac{1}{7} \cdot 2 = \frac{2}{7}$$

Correlogram

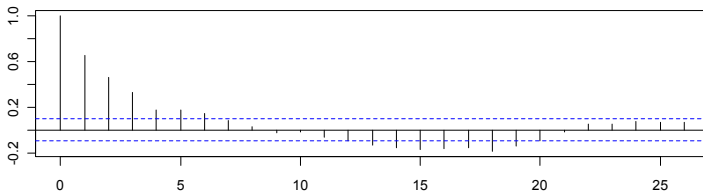


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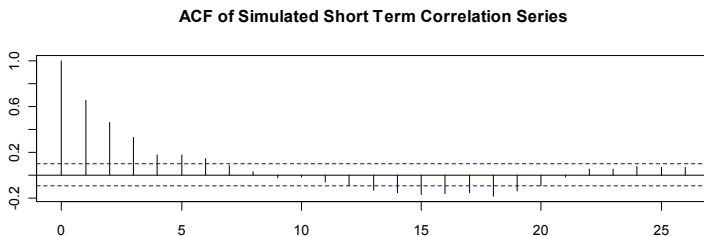
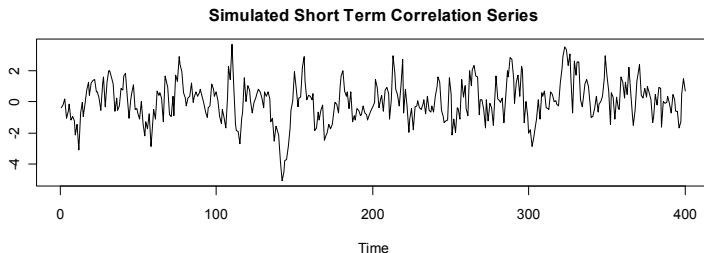
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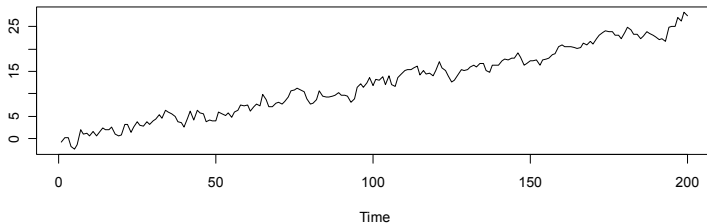
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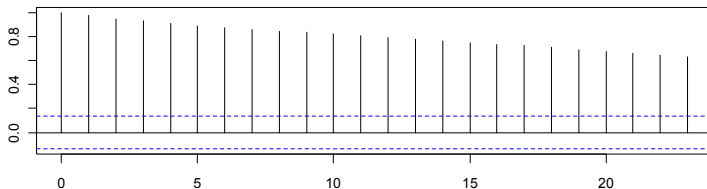
Stationary series often exhibit short-term correlations.

Autocorrelation: with trend

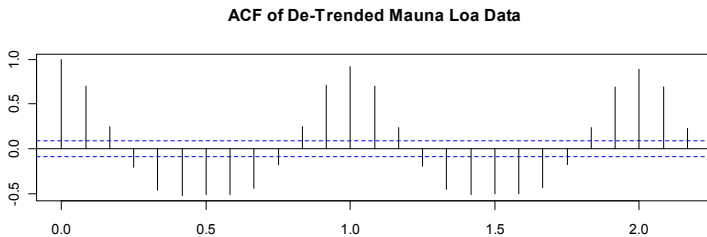
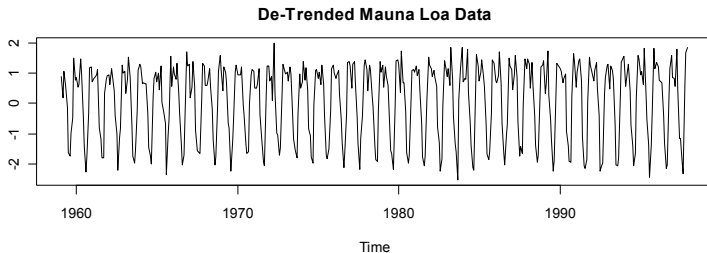
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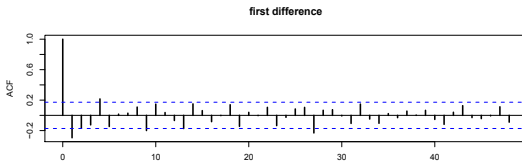
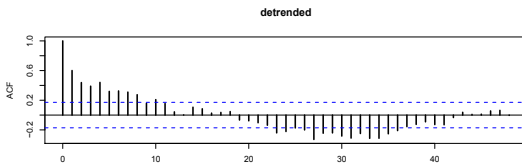
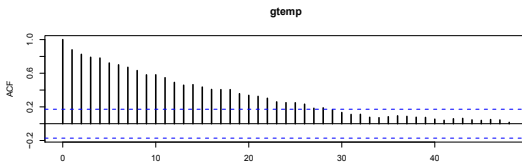
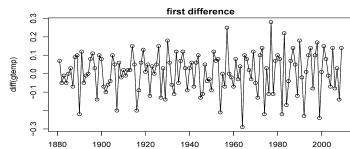
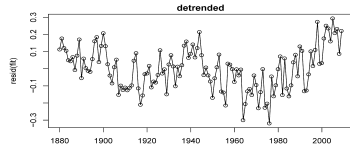
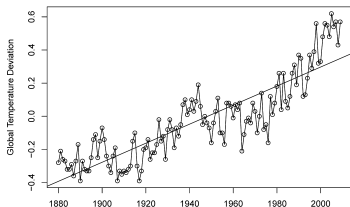
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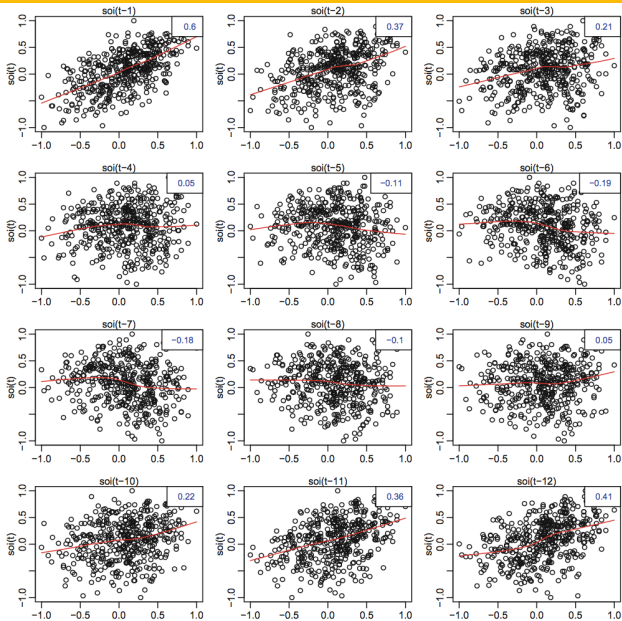
Autocorrelation: with seasonal pattern (CO_2)



Recall: Search for Stationarity



Scatter plots (SOI)



Summary: Statistics and Stationarity

- collection of random variables indexed by time
- need stationarity to estimate statistics and models
- transformations to achieve weak stationarity
- autocorrelation: important quantity and diagnostic tool

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