

# Introduction to Singular Spectrum Analysis for series data

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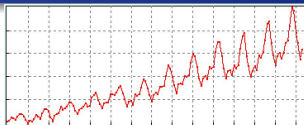
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# Examples of series data

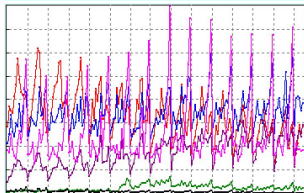
👤 time series

$$f_1 \quad f_2 \quad f_3 \quad \dots \quad f_n$$



👤 multivariate time series

$$\begin{matrix} f_1 & f_2 & f_3 & \dots & f_n \\ g_1 & g_2 & g_3 & \dots & g_n \\ h_1 & h_2 & h_3 & \dots & h_n \end{matrix}$$



👤 images

$$\begin{matrix} f_{1,1} & f_{1,2} & f_{1,3} & \dots & f_{1,n_2} \\ f_{2,1} & f_{2,2} & f_{2,3} & \dots & f_{2,n_2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ f_{n_1,1} & f_{n_1,2} & f_{n_1,3} & \dots & f_{n_1,n_2} \end{matrix}$$



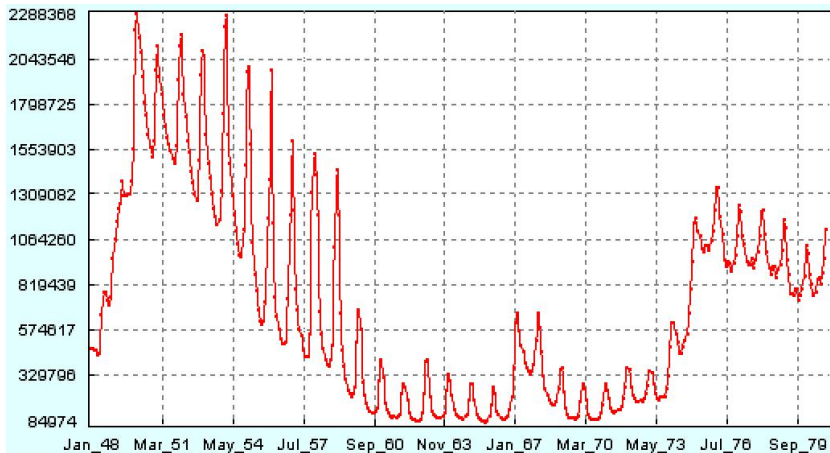
# Example 1. Crude Oil Production



Monthly data, Y-unit is thousand barrels.

[http://www.economagic.com/em-cgi/data.exe/frbg17/G211\\_ipsa](http://www.economagic.com/em-cgi/data.exe/frbg17/G211_ipsa)

# Example 2. Unemployment

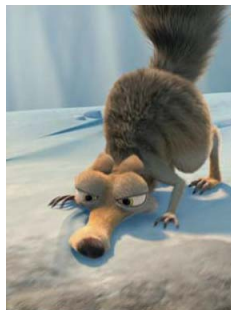


Monthly data, West Germany, 1948-1980.

<http://robjhyndman.com/TSDL/data/subbrao3.dat>

# Elements of structure to be discovered

- 👉 trend components
- 👉 oscillatory components
- 👉 noise components



# Nonparametric approach for structure discovering

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## Singular Spectrum Analysis



# How it works

The vector of time series is not convenient  
to discover a structure.

$f_1$	$f_2$	$f_3$	$f_4$	$f_5$	$f_6$	$f_7$	$f_8$	$f_9$
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The matrix is needed!





# Transformation of data



$f_1$   $f_2$   $f_3$   $f_4$   $f_5$   $f_6$   $f_7$   $f_8$   $f_9$

$f_1$   
 $f_2$   
 $f_3$



# Transformation of data



$f_1$ 

$f_2$	$f_3$	$f_4$
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 $f_5$   $f_6$   $f_7$   $f_8$   $f_9$

$f_1$	$f_2$
$f_2$	$f_3$
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# Result of transformation

$$\boxed{f_1 \quad f_2 \quad f_3 \quad f_4 \quad f_5 \quad f_6 \quad f_7 \quad \cdots \quad f_n} = F$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline f_1 & f_2 & f_3 & \cdots & f_{n-L+1} \\ \hline f_2 & f_3 & f_4 & \cdots & f_{n-L+2} \\ \hline f_3 & f_4 & f_5 & \cdots & f_{n-L+3} \\ \hline \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \hline f_L & f_{L+1} & f_{L+2} & \cdots & f_n \\ \hline \end{array} = \mathbf{X} \quad \curvearrowright$$

$\mathbf{X}$  is called a trajectory matrix,  $2 \leq L < n - L + 1$

# Decomposition of trajectory matrix


$$\mathbf{X} = \sqrt{\lambda_1}U_1V_1^T + \sqrt{\lambda_2}U_2V_2^T + \sqrt{\lambda_3}U_3V_3^T + \dots$$


- 👤  $(\lambda_i, U_i, V_i)$  is called an eigentriple
- 👤  $\lambda_i$  is an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^T$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, L$
- 👤  $U_i$  is called an eigenfunction
- 👤  $V_i$  is called a factor vector
- 👤  $\frac{\lambda_i}{\sum_{j=1}^L \lambda_j}$  is a ratio of  $i$ th component


# Decomposition of series

$$\mathbf{X} = \sqrt{\lambda_1}U_1V_1^T + \sqrt{\lambda_2}U_2V_2^T + \sqrt{\lambda_3}U_3V_3^T + \dots$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \uparrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ F & \overset{\circlearrowleft}{=} & F_1 & + & F_2 & + & F_3 + \dots \end{array}$$

  $F_i$  is a trend component

  $F_j$  is a harmonic component

  $F_l$  is a noise component





# Why it works

The equivalence of three definitions

- Series of finite rank
- Series of finite order
- Series of finite difference dimension



# 1. Series of finite rank

## Definition

The series  $F$  has a rank  $d$  if the dimension of linear space spanned on columns of trajectory matrix is  $d$  for any  $L > d$  and  $N - L > d$ , i.e.

$\text{rank}(F) := \text{rank}(\mathbf{X})$ .

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline f_1 & f_2 & f_3 & \cdots & f_{n-L+1} \\ \hline f_2 & f_3 & f_4 & \cdots & f_{n-L+2} \\ \hline f_3 & f_4 & f_5 & \cdots & f_{n-L+3} \\ \hline \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \hline f_L & f_{L+1} & f_{L+2} & \cdots & f_n \\ \hline \end{array}$$

## 2. Series of finite order

### Definition

The series  $F$  has a order  $d$  if there exist two systems of functions

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_1, \dots, \phi_d &: \{1, \dots, L\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \\ \psi_1, \dots, \psi_d &: \{1, \dots, N-L+1\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\end{aligned}$$

such that

$$f_{i+j} = \sum_{k=1}^d \phi_k(i) \psi_k(j)$$

for any  $i = 1, \dots, L$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, N-L+1$ .

Example. Let  $f_i = a^i$ . Then  $\text{ord}(F) = 1$  since

$$f_{i+j} = a^{i+j} = \phi_1(i) \psi_1(j),$$

$\phi_1(i) = a^i$  and  $\psi_1(j) = a^j$ .

### 3. Series of finite difference dimension

#### Definition

*The series  $F$  has a finite difference dimension  $d$  if there are numbers  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_d$  such that  $\alpha_d \neq 0$  and the series  $F$  satisfies by the linear recurrent formulae with coefficients  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_d$ , that is*

$$f_{i+d} = \sum_{k=1}^d \alpha_k f_{i+d-k}$$

*for any  $i = 1, \dots, n - d$ .*

Example. Let  $f_i = a^i$ . Then  $\dim(F) = 1$  since  $f_{i+1} = \alpha f_i$  for  $\alpha = a$ .

# Results from theory of diff. equations

- 🛡 Ordinary differential equation of order  $d$  w.r.t.  $y = y(t)$

$$y^{(n)} + c_{n-1}y^{(n-1)} + \dots + c_1y' + c_0y = 0$$

- 🛡 The characteristic polynomial has  $n$  roots,  $\gamma_k \in \mathbb{C}$

$$z^n + c_{n-1}z^{n-1} + \dots + c_1z + c_0 = \prod_{k=1}^h (z - \gamma_k)^{m_k}$$

and  $m_k$  is the corresponding multiplicities.

- 🛡 Then the functions

$$y_{k,j}(t) = t^j e^{-\gamma_k t}, \quad j = 0, \dots, m_k - 1, \quad \kappa = 1, \dots, h$$

are  $n$  linearly independent solutions of ODE.

# Consequences

- 👤 The series given by

$$f_t = \sum_k P_k(t) e^{-\mu_k t} \sin(\alpha_k t + \beta_k), \quad t = 1, \dots, n$$

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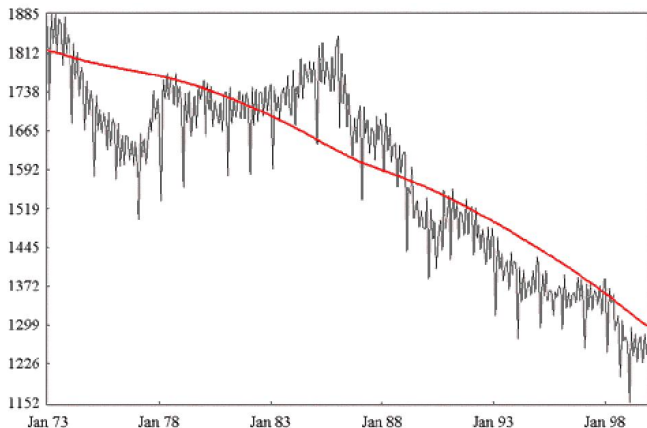
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- 🛡 Real time series is a sum of a series of finite rank and a disturbance series.

- 🛡 SSA provide good results in more general cases.

# Rough trend extraction

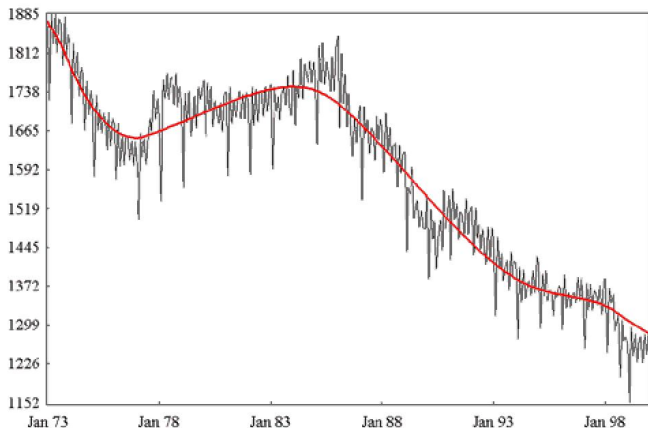


Crude oil production, monthly data from Jan 1973 to Sep 1999

Reconstruction from the leading eigentriple,  $L = 120$ ,  $n = 324$



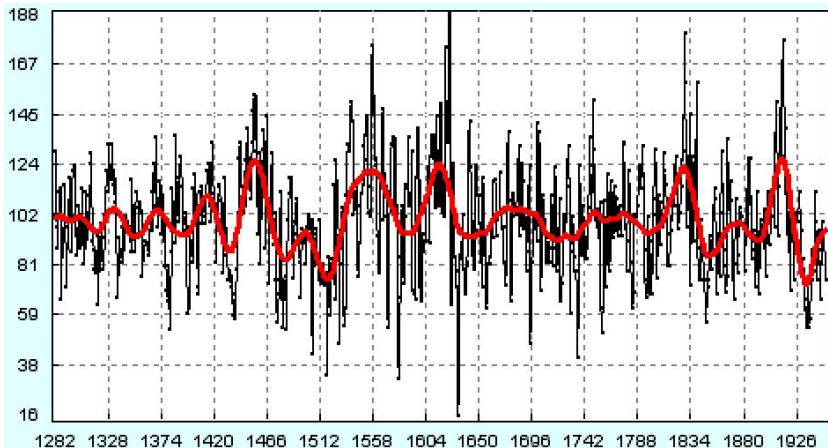
# Fine trend extraction



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Reconstruction from 3 leading eigentriples,  $L = 120$ ,  $n = 324$

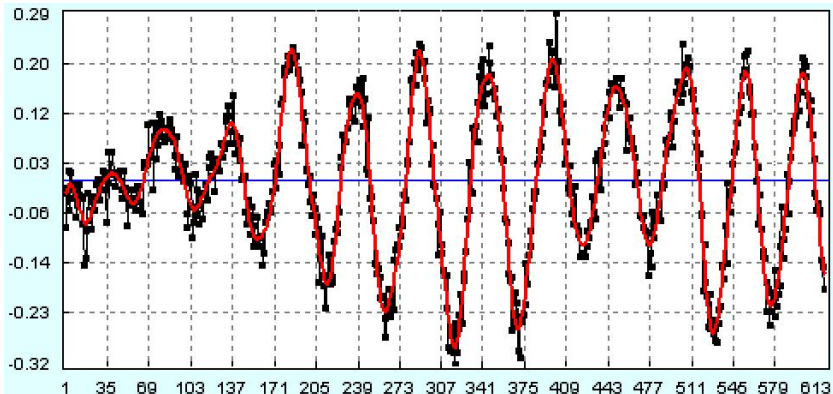
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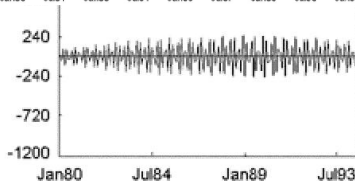
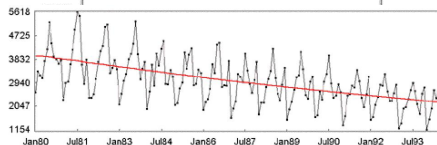
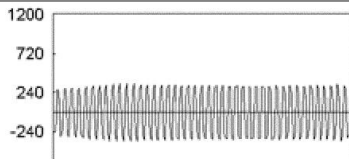
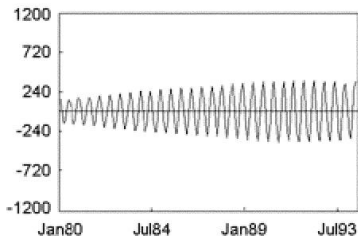
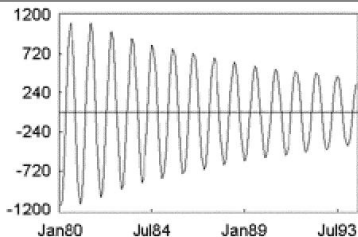
Tree ring indices, Douglas fir, annual, from 1282 to 1950

Reconstruction from 7 leading eigentriples,  $L = 120$ ,  $n = 669$

# Noise reduction



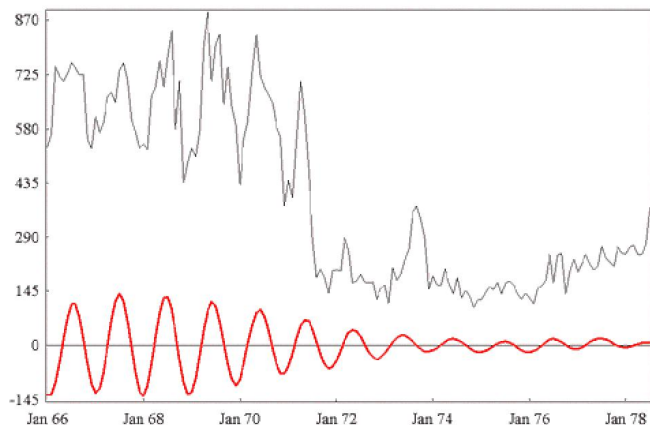
# Extraction of seasonality components



Sales of fortified wines in Australia, monthly, Jan 1980-Jun 1994

Reconstruction from eigentriples 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9,  $L = 84$ ,  $n = 174$

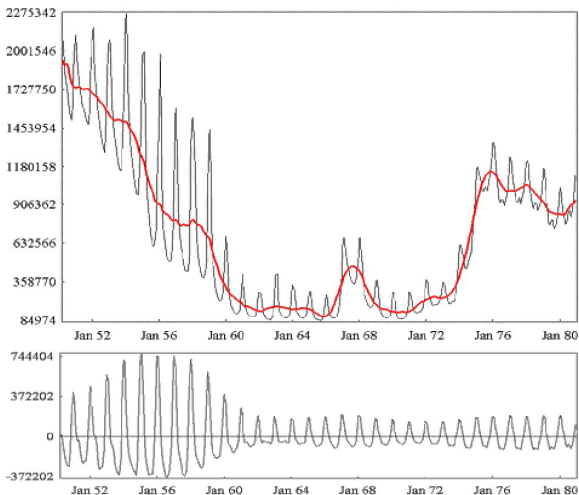
# Extraction of periodicities with varying amplitudes



Monthly public drunkenness intakes, from Jan 1966 to Jul 1978

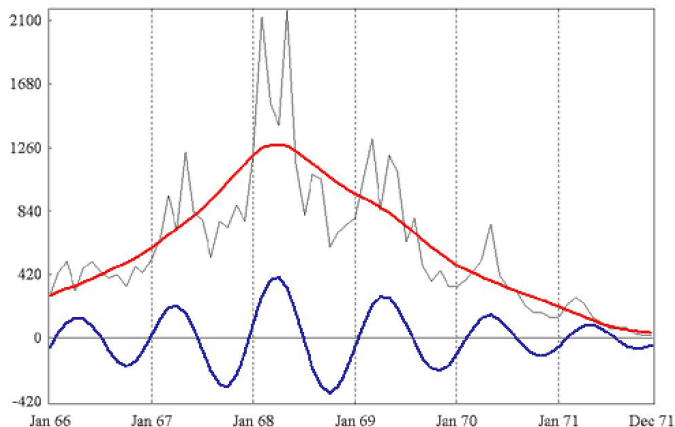
Reconstruction from the 4th-5th eigentriples,  $L = 60$ ,  $n = 151$

# Complex trends and periodicities



Unemployment, West Germany, monthly, from Apr 1950 to Dec 1980

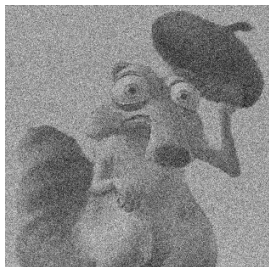
# Finding structure in short time series



Deaths in the Indochina war, monthly, from 1966 to 1971

Reconstruction from eigentriples 1-2, 3-4,  $L = 18$ ,  $n = 72$

# Noise reduction in images



Original

Noised

Denoised

Reconstruction from the leading 3 eigentriples,  
 $L = 16 \times 16$ ,  $n = 310 \times 310$







# Conclusions

## **SSA is a model-free methodology for the analysis of series data.**

SSA is applied to a wide range of problems including

- 🛡 Discovering of structure
- 🛡 Signal/trend extraction
- 🛡 Smoothing and noise reduction
- 🛡 Extraction of harmonic/seasonal components
- 🛡 Forecasting
- 🛡 Change-point detection

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