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# Introduction

- So far, we have only looked at data without a time dimension
  - or simply ignored the temporal aspect
- Many "classic" DM problems have variants that respect time
  - frequent pattern mining  $\rightarrow$  sequential pattern mining
  - classification  $\rightarrow$  predicting sequences of nominals
  - regression  $\rightarrow$  predicting the continuation of a numeric series

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- Sequential Pattern Mining
  - Finding frequent subsequences in set of sequences
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- Trend analysis
  - Is a time series moving up or down?
  - Simple models and smoothing
  - Identifying seasonal effects
- Forecasting
  - Predicting future developments from the past
  - Autoregressive models and windowing
  - Exponential smoothing and its extensions

- Web usage mining (navigation analysis)
- Input
  - Server logs
- Patterns
  - typical sequences of pages
- Usage
  - restructuring web sites



- Recurring customers
  - Typical book store example:
    - (Twilight) (New Moon)  $\rightarrow$  (Eclipse)
- Recommendation in online stores
- Allows more fine grained suggestions than frequent pattern mining
- Example:
  - mobile phone  $\rightarrow$  charger vs. charger  $\rightarrow$  mobile phone
    - are indistinguishable by frequent pattern mining
  - customers will select a charger after a mobile phone
    - but not the other way around!
    - however, Amazon does not respect sequences...



- Using texts as a corpus
  - looking for common sequences of words
  - allows for intelligent suggestions for autocompletion



- Chord progressions in music
  - supporting musicians (or even computers) in jam sessions
  - supporting producers in writing top 10 hits :-)



http://www.hooktheory.com/blog/i-analyzed-the-chords-of-1300-popular-songs-for-patterns-this-is-what-i-found/

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# **Sequence Data**

• Data Model: transactions containing items

| Sequence<br>Database  | Sequence                                      | Element (Transaction)  | Event (Item)                             |  |  |
|-----------------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| Customer<br>Data      | Purchase history of a given customer          | A set of items bought by<br>a customer at time t                               | Books, dairy<br>products, CDs, etc       |  |  |
| Web Server<br>Logs    | Browsing activity of a particular Web visitor | A collection of files<br>viewed by a Web visitor<br>after a single mouse click | Home page, index page, contact info, etc |  |  |
| Chord<br>Progressions | Chords played in a song                       | Individual notes hit at a time   | Notes (C, C#, D,)                        |  |  |



#### **Sequence Data**

#### Sequence Database:

| Object | Timestamp | Events     |
|--------|-----------|------------|
| А      | 10        | 2, 3, 5    |
| А      | 20        | 6, 1       |
| А      | 23        | 1          |
| В      | 11        | 4, 5, 6    |
| В      | 17        | 2          |
| В      | 21        | 7, 8, 1, 2 |
| В      | 28        | 1, 6       |
| С      | 14        | 1, 8, 7    |



# **Formal Definition of a Sequence**

A sequence is an ordered list of elements (transactions)

$$s = \langle e_1 e_2 e_3 \dots \rangle$$

Each element contains a collection of items (events)

$$\mathbf{e}_{i} = \{i_{1}, i_{2}, \dots, i_{k}\}$$

- Length of a sequence |s| is given by the number of <u>elements</u> of the sequence.
- A k-sequence is a sequence that contains k events (items).

#### **Further Examples of Sequences**

• Web browsing sequence:

< {Homepage} {Electronics} {Digital Cameras} {Canon Digital Camera} {Shopping Cart} {Order Confirmation} {Homepage} >

• Sequence of books checked out at a library:

< {Fellowship of the Ring} {The Two Towers, Return of the King} >

 Sequence of initiating events causing the nuclear accident at 3-mile Island:

> < {clogged resin} {outlet valve closure} {loss of feedwater} {condenser polisher outlet valve shut} {booster pumps stop} {main waterpump stops, main turbine stops} {reactor pressure increases} >

# **Formal Definition of a Subsequence**

A sequence <a<sub>1</sub> a<sub>2</sub> ... a<sub>n</sub>> is contained in another sequence
 <b<sub>1</sub> b<sub>2</sub> ... b<sub>m</sub>> (m ≥ n) if there exist integers
 i<sub>1</sub> < i<sub>2</sub> < ... < i<sub>n</sub> such that a<sub>1</sub> ⊆ b<sub>i1</sub>, a<sub>2</sub> ⊆ b<sub>i2</sub>, ..., a<sub>n</sub> ⊆ b<sub>in</sub>

| Data sequence <b></b> | Subsequence <a></a> | Contain? |
|-----------------------|---------------------|----------|
| < {2,4} {3,5,6} {8} > | < {2} {3,5} >       | Yes      |
| < {1,2} {3,4} >       | < {1} {2} >         | No       |
| < {2,4} {2,4} {2,5} > | < {2} {4} >         | Yes      |

- The *support* of a subsequence w is defined as the fraction of data sequences that contain w
- A sequential pattern is a frequent subsequence (i.e., a subsequence whose support is ≥ minsup)

#### **Examples of Sequential Patterns**

Table 1. A set of transactions sorted by customer ID and transaction time

| Customer ID | Transaction Time | Transaction (items bought) |
|-------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| 1           | July 20, 2005    | 30                         |
| 1           | July 25, 2005    | 90                         |
| 2           | July 9, 2005     | 10, 20                     |
| 2           | July 14, 2005    | 30                         |
| 2           | July 20, 2005    | 40, 60, 70                 |
| 3           | July 25, 2005    | 30, 50, 70                 |
| 4           | July 25, 2005    | 30                         |
| 4           | July 29, 2005    | 40, 70                     |
| 4           | August 2, 2005   | 90                         |
| 5           | July 12, 2005    | 90                         |

#### **Examples of Sequential Patterns**

Table 2. Data sequences produced from the transaction database in Table 1.

| Customer ID | Data Sequence                |
|-------------|------------------------------|
| 1           | <{30} {90}>                  |
| 2           | ({10, 20} {30} {40, 60, 70}) |
| 3           | <{30, 50, 70}>               |
| 4           | ({30} {40, 70} {90})         |
| 5           | ({90})                       |

Table 3. The final output sequential patterns

|             | Sequential Patterns with Support ≥ 25%  |  |  |  |  |
|-------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| 1-sequences | <{30}>, <{40}>, <{70}>, <{90}>  |  |  |  |  |
| 2-sequences | <pre>{{30} {40}&gt;, &lt;{30} {70}&gt;, &lt;{30} {90}&gt;, &lt;{40, 70}&gt;</pre> |  |  |  |  |
| 3-sequences | ({30} {40, 70})   |  |  |  |  |

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# **Sequential Pattern Mining**

- Given:
  - a database of sequences
  - a user-specified minimum support threshold, *minsup*

- Task:
  - Find all subsequences with support ≥ minsup
- Challenge:
  - Very large number of candidate subsequences that need to be checked against the sequence database
  - By applying the Apriori principle, the number of candidates can be pruned significantly

## **Determining the Candidate Subsequences**

- Given n events:  $i_1$ ,  $i_2$ ,  $i_3$ , ...,  $i_n$ 
  - Candidate 1-subsequences: <{i<sub>1</sub>}>, <{i<sub>2</sub>}>, <{i<sub>3</sub>}>, ..., <{i<sub>n</sub>}>
- Candidate 2-subsequences:  $<\{i_1, i_2\}>, <\{i_1, i_3\}>, ..., <\{i_{n-1}, i_n\}>, <\{i_1\} \{i_1\}>, <\{i_1\} \{i_2\}>, ..., <\{i_{n-1}\} \{i_n\}>, <\{i_n\} \{i_n\}>,$  $<math><\{i_2, i_1\}>, <\{i_3, i_1\}>, ..., <\{i_n, i_{n-1}\}>, <\{i_2\} \{i_1\}>, ..., <\{i_n\} \{i_{n-1}\}>$
- Candidate 3-subsequences:
  <{i<sub>1</sub>, i<sub>2</sub>, i<sub>3</sub>}>, <{i<sub>1</sub>, i<sub>2</sub>, i<sub>4</sub>}>, ..., <{i<sub>1</sub>, i<sub>2</sub>} {i<sub>1</sub>}>, <{i<sub>1</sub>, i<sub>2</sub>} {i<sub>2</sub>}>, ...,
  <{i<sub>1</sub>} {i<sub>1</sub>, i<sub>2</sub>}>, <{i<sub>1</sub>} {i<sub>1</sub>, i<sub>2</sub>}>, ..., <{i<sub>1</sub>} {i<sub>1</sub>} {i<sub>1</sub>}>, <{i<sub>1</sub>} {i<sub>1</sub>} {i<sub>2</sub>}>, ...,

# **Generalized Sequential Pattern Algorithm (GSP)**

- Step 1:
  - Make the first pass over the sequence database D to yield all the 1-element frequent subsequences
- Step 2: Repeat until no new frequent subsequences are found
  - 1. Candidate Generation:
    - Merge pairs of frequent subsequences found in the (k-1)*th* pass to generate candidate sequences that contain k items
  - 2. Candidate Pruning:
    - Prune candidate k-sequences that contain infrequent (k-1)-subsequences (Apriori principle)
  - 3. Support Counting:
    - Make a new pass over the sequence database D to find the support for these candidate sequences
  - 4. Candidate Elimination:
    - Eliminate candidate k-sequences whose actual support is less than minsup

# **GSP Example**

- Only one 4-sequence survives the candidate pruning step
- All other 4-sequences are removed because they contain subsequences that are not part of the set of frequent 3-sequences



# **Trend Detection**

- Task
  - given a time series
  - find out what the general trend is (e.g., rising or falling)





- but what does that tell about next week?
- seasonal effects: sales have risen in December
  - but what does that tell about January?
- cyclical effects: less people attend a lecture towards the end of the semester
  - but what does that tell about the next semester?



#### **Trend Detection**

• Example: Data Analysis at Facebook



http://www.theatlantic.com/technology/archive/2014/02/when-you-fall-in-love-this-is-what-facebook-sees/283865/

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## **Estimation of Trend Curves**

#### The freehand method

- Fit the curve by looking at the graph
- Costly and barely reliable for large-scale data mining

#### The least-squares method

- Find the curve minimizing the sum of the squares of the deviation of points on the curve from the corresponding data points
- cf. linear regression

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#### **Example: Average Global Temperature**



http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/science/aqa\_pre\_2011/rocks/fuelsrev6.shtml

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#### **Example: German DAX 2013**



# **Linear Trend**

- Given a time series that has timestamps and values, i.e.,
  - $(t_i, v_i)$ , where  $t_i$  is a time stamp, and  $v_i$  is a value at that time stamp
- A linear trend is a linear function

– m\*t<sub>i</sub> + b

• We can find via linear regression, e.g., using the least squares fit

#### **Example: German DAX 2013**



# **A Component Model of Time Series**



• Random variation (R<sub>t</sub>)

Additive Model:

• Series =  $T_t + C_t + S_t + R_t$ 

Multiplicative Model:

• Series =  $T_t \times C_t \times S_t \times R_t$ 

# **Seasonal and Cyclical Effects**

- Seasonal effects occur regularly each year
  - quarters
  - months
  - ...
- Cyclical effects occur regularly over other intervals
  - every N years
  - in the beginning/end of the month
  - on certain weekdays or on weekends
  - at certain times of the day

- ...

# **Identifying Seasonal and Cyclical Effects**

- There are methods of identifying and isolating those effects
  - given that the periodicity is known
- Python: statsmodels package

```
from pandas import Series
from matplotlib import pyplot
from statsmodels.tsa.seasonal
   import seasonal_decompose
series = Series.from_csv
   ('data.csv', header=0)
result = seasonal_decompose
   (series, model='multiplicative')
result.plot()
pyplot.show()
```



# **Identifying Seasonal and Cyclical Effects**

- Variation may occur within a year or another period
- To measure the seasonal effects we compute *seasonal indexes*
- Seasonal index
  - degree of variation of seasons in relation to global average



http://davidsills.blogspot.de/2011/10/seasons.html

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# **Identifying Seasonal and Cyclical Effects**

Algorithm

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- Compute the trend  $\hat{y}_t$  (i.e., linear regression)
- For each time period
  - compute the ratio  $y_t / \hat{y}_t$
- For each season (or other relevant period)
  - compute the average of  $y_t/\hat{y}_t$
  - · this gives us the average deviation for that season

$$\frac{y_t}{\hat{y}_t} = \frac{T_t \times S_t \times R_t}{T_t} = S_t \times R_t$$

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the computed ratios isolate the seasonal and random variation from the overall trend\*

\*) given that no additional cyclical variation exists

here, we assume the multiplicative model

- Calculate the quarterly seasonal indexes for hotel occupancy rate in order to measure seasonal variation
- Data:

| Year | Quarter | Rate  | Year | Quarter | Rate  | Year | Quarter | Rate  |
|------|---------|-------|------|---------|-------|------|---------|-------|
| 1996 | 1       | 0.561 | 1998 | 1       | 0.594 | 2000 | 1       | 0.665 |
|      | 2       | 0.702 |      | 2       | 0.738 |      | 2       | 0.835 |
|      | 3       | 0.8   |      | 3       | 0.729 |      | 3       | 0.873 |
|      | 4       | 0.568 |      | 4       | 0.6   |      | 4       | 0.67  |
| 1997 | 1       | 0.575 | 1999 | 1       | 0.622 |      |         |       |
|      | 2       | 0.738 |      | 2       | 0.708 |      |         |       |
|      | 3       | 0.868 |      | 3       | 0.806 |      |         |       |
|      | 4       | 0.605 |      | 4       | 0.632 |      |         |       |

This example is taken from the course "Regression Analysis" at University of Umeå, Department of Statistics

- First step: compute trend from the data
  - e.g., linear regression





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- **Rate/Predicted rate** ✓ 0.870 1.080 Third step: compute average ratios by season 1.221 **0.860** Rate/Predicted rate 0.864 1.100 1.284 1.5 ✓ 0.888 **0.865** 1.067 0.5 1.046 0.854 0 0.879 3 5 9 11 13 15 17 19 7 • 0.993 1.122 ✓ 0.874 Average ratio for quarter 1: (.870 + .864 + .865 + .879 + .913)/5 = .8780.913 Average ratio for quarter 2: (1.080+1.100+1.067+.993+1.138)/5 = 1.076 1.138 Average ratio for quarter 3: (1.221+1.284+1.046+1.122+1.181)/5 = 1.171 1.181 ✓ 0.900 Average ratio for quarter 4: (.860 + .888 + .854 + .874 + .900)/5 = .875

- Interpretation of seasonal indexes:
  - ratio between the time series' value at a certain season and the overall seasonal average
- In our problem:



Quarter 1 Quarter 2 Quarter 3 Quarter 4 Quarter 1 Quarter 2 Quarter 3 Quarter 4

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- Deseasonalizing time series
  - when ignoring seasonal effects, is there still an increase?

Seasonally adjusted time series = <u>Actual time series</u> Seasonal index



Trend on deseasonalized time series: slightly positive

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- There are methods of identifying and isolating those effects
  - given that the periodicity is known
- What if we don't know the periodicity?



- Assumption: time series is a sum of sine waves
  - With different periodicity
  - Different representation of the time series
- The frequencies of those sine waves is called *spectrum* 
  - Fourier transformation transforms between spectrum and series
  - Spectrum gives hints at the frequency of periodic effects
  - Details: see textbooks

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• The corresponding spectrum



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# **Dealing with Random Variations**

Moving average of order n

$$\frac{y_1 + y_2 + \dots + y_n}{n}, \frac{y_2 + y_3 + \dots + y_{n+1}}{n}, \frac{y_3 + y_4 + \dots + y_{n+2}}{n}, \dots$$

- Key idea:
  - upcoming value is the average of the last n
  - cf.: nearest neighbors
- Properties:
  - Smoothes the data
  - Eliminates random movements
  - Loses the data at the beginning or end of a series
  - Sensitive to outliers (can be reduced by weighted moving average)

# Moving Average in RapidMiner and Python

- Python:
  - e.g., rolling\_mean in pandas
- Alternatives for average:
  - median, mode, ...





# **Moving Average and Decomposition**

- Often, moving averages are used for the trend
  - instead of a linear trend
  - less susceptible to outliers
  - the remaining computations stay the same



# **Dealing with Random Variations**

- Exponential Smoothing
  - $-S_{t} = \alpha y_{t} + (1-\alpha)S_{t-1}$
  - $\alpha$  is a smoothing factor
  - recursive definition
    - in practice, start with  $S_0 = y_0$
- Properties:
  - Smoothes the data
  - Eliminates random movements
    - and even seasonal effects for smaller values of  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$
  - Smoothing values for whole series
  - More recent values have higher influence



Python: statsmodels package

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### **Dealing with Random Variations**

#### -DAX alpha0.01 alpha0.1 alpha0.5 alpha0.9



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# **Recap: Trend Analysis**

- Allows to identify general trends (upward, downward)
- Overall approach:
  - eliminate all other components so that only the trend remains
- Method for factoring out seasonal variations
  - and compute deseasonalized time series
- Methods for eliminating with random variations (smoothing)
  - moving average
  - exponential smoothing

### **Time Series Prediction: Definition**



http://xkcd.com/1245/

# From Moving Averages to Autoregressive Models

- Recap moving average for smoothing
  - each value is replaced by the average of its surrounding ones
- Moving average for prediction
  - predict the average of the last n values
  - $y_t = 1/n * (y_{t-1} + \dots y_{t-n})$
- Here: weights are uniform
  - advanced: weights are learned from the data
  - $\mathbf{y}_{t} = \delta_1 \mathbf{y}_{t-1} + \delta_2 \mathbf{y}_{t-2} + \dots \delta_n \mathbf{y}_{t-n} + \beta + \varepsilon_t$
  - just like linear regression learning
  - this is called an *autoregressive* model
    - i.e., regression trained on the time series itself

# Autoregressive Models in RapidMiner / Python

- RapidMiner: only with a twist
  - generate windowed representation for learning first
  - learn linear model on top

| Row No. 1 | Window id | Copper price + 1 (horizon) | Copper price - 9 | Copper price - 8 | Copper price - 7 | Copper price - 6 | Copper price - 5 | Copper price - 4 | Copper price - 3 | Windowing Linear Regression     |
|-----------|-----------|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| 4         | 0         | 2.268                      | 0.246            | 0.627            | 0.529            | 0.528            | 1.086            | 1.001            | 1.491            | exa win tra mod                 |
| 2         |           | 0.450                      | 0.627            | 0.529            | 0.529            | 1.086            | 1.000            | 1.491            | 0.293            |                                 |
| 3         | 2         | 0.746                      | 0.529            | 0.529            | 1.086            | 1.000            | 1.491            | 0.293            | 189              | ori exa                         |
| 4         | 3         | 0.059                      | 0.529            | 1.086            | 1.000            | 1.491            | 0.293            | 0.293            | 0.536            | wei                             |
|           | 3         |                            |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  | Wei Vei                         |
| 5         | 4         | 1.111                      | 1.086            | 1.001            | 1.491            | 0.293            | 0.189            | 0.536            | 2.268            |                                 |
| 6         | 5         | 1.981                      | 1.001            | 1.491            | 0.293            | 0.189            | 0.536            | 2.268            | 0.450            |                                 |
| 7         | 6         | 3.232                      | 1.491            | 0.293            | 0.189            | 0.536            | 2.268            | 0.450            | 0.746            |                                 |
| 8         | 7         | 2.565                      | 0.293            | 0.189            | 0.536            | 2.268            | 0.450            | 0.746            | 0.059            |                                 |
| 9         | 8         | 2.336                      | 0.189            | 0.536            | 2.268            | 0.450            | 0.746            | 0.059            | 1.111            |                                 |
| 10        | 9         | 1.978                      | 0.536            | 2.268            | 0.450            | 0.746            | 0.059            | 1.111            | 1.981            |                                 |
| 11        | 10        | 1.391                      | 2.268            | 0.450            | 0.746            | 0.059            | 1.111            | 1.981            | 3.232            | lagged values/                  |
| 12        | 11        | 1.744                      | 0.450            | 0.746            | 0.059            | 1.111            | 1.981            | 3.232            | 2.565            | lagged values,                  |
| 13        | 12        | 1.538                      | 0.746            | 0.059            | 1.111            | 1.981            | 3.232            | 2.565            | 2.336            | lagged values/<br>lag variables |
| 14        | 13        | 1.114                      | 0.059            | 1.111            | 1.981            | 3.232            | 2.565            | 2.336            | 1.978            |                                 |
| 15        | 14        | 0.084                      | 1.111            | 1.981            | 3.232            | 2.565            | 2.336            | 1.978            | 1.391            |                                 |
| 16        | 15        | 0.050                      | 1.981            | 3.232            | 2.565            | 2.336            | 1.978            | 1.391            | 1.744            |                                 |
| 17        | 16        | 0.923                      | 3.232            | 2.565            | 2.336            | 1.978            | 1.391            | 1.744            | 1.538            |                                 |
| 18        | 17        | 1.072                      | 2.565            | 2.336            | 1.978            | 1.391            | 1.744            | 1.538            | 1.114            |                                 |
| 19        | 18        | 1.149                      | 2.336            | 1.978            | 1.391            | 1.744            | 1.538            | 1.114            | 0.084            |                                 |
| 20        | 19        | 1.520                      | 1.978            | 1.391            | 1.744            | 1.538            | 1.114            | 0.084            | 0.050            |                                 |
| 21        | 20        | 1.415                      | 1.391            | 1.744            | 1.538            | 1.114            | 0.084            | 0.050            | 0.923            |                                 |
| 22        | 21        | 0.862                      | 1.744            | 1.538            | 1.114            | 0.084            | 0.050            | 0.923            | 1.072            |                                 |
| 23        | 22        | 0.428                      | 1.538            | 1.114            | 0.084            | 0.050            | 0.923            | 1.072            | 1.149            |                                 |
| 24        | 23        | 0.467                      | 1.114            | 0.084            | 0.050            | 0.923            | 1.072            | 1.149            | 1.520            |                                 |

from statsmodels.tsa.ar\_model import AR

Mindowing

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### **Autoregressive Models**



- Monthly milk production / pounds per cow + 1 (horizon) - prediction(Monthly milk production / pounds per cow + 1 (horizon))

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### **Autoregressive Models**

- First observation:
  - we have learned a linear model using the lag values
  - but the prediction itself is not linear!
- Second observation:
  - periodicities are learned well
- Why?
  - e.g., given that we have a strong weekly trend
  - we will learn a high weight for  $\delta_{\text{t-7}}$
  - multiple periodicities can also be learned
    - e.g., time series with weekly and monthly component



### **Extension of AR models**

- ARMA
  - Fits an AR model
  - Fits a second model to estimate the errors made by the AR model
  - $y_t = \delta_1 y_{t-1} + \delta_2 y_{t-2} + \dots + \delta_p y_{t-p} + \beta + \gamma_1 \varepsilon_{t-1} + \dots + \gamma_q \varepsilon_{q-1}$
- ARIMA
  - Tries to predict a differenced model
    - i.e., the relative change of a time series instead of the absolute value
  - ARIMA models come with three parameters:
    - p: number of terms in the AR part
    - q: number of terms in the MA part
    - d: number of times the time series is differenced

# **Lag Variables for Nominal Prediction**

| Date | Wea  | ather     |           |           |         |
|------|------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| 1.1. | Sun  | iny       |           |           |         |
| 2.1. | Clou | udy       |           |           |         |
| 3.1. | Date | Weather-3 | Weather-2 | Weather-1 | Weather |
| 4.1. | 1.1. | ?         | ?         | ?         | Sunny   |
| 5.1. | 2.1. | ?         | ?         | Sunny     | Cloudy  |
| 6.1. | 3.1. | ?         | Sunny     | Cloudy    | Cloudy  |
| 7.1. | 4.1. | Sunny     | Cloudy    | Cloudy    | Rainy   |
| 8.1. | 5.1. | Cloudy    | Cloudy    | Rainy     | Cloudy  |
| 9.1. | 6.1. | Cloudy    | Rainy     | Cloudy    | Sunny   |
|      | 7.1. | Rainy     | Cloudy    | Sunny     | Sunny   |
|      | 8.1. | Cloudy    | Sunny     | Sunny     | Sunny   |
|      | 9.1. | Sunny     | Sunny     | Sunny     | Rainy   |

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# Lag Variables in Multivariate Series

#### • Also possible for multi-variate data

| ExampleSet | (250 example | es, 2 special a | ttributes, 6 reg | ular attributes | 5)            |               |               |        |
|------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| Row No.    | Date         | Weather-2       | Weather-1        | Weather-0       | Temperature-2 | Temperature-1 | Temperature-0 | label  |
| 1          | 04.01.2013   | sunny           | cloudy           | cloudy          | 23            | 24            | 28            | cloudy |
| 2          | 07.01.2013   | cloudy          | cloudy           | cloudy          | 24            | 28            | 32            | rainy  |
| 3          | 08.01.2013   | cloudy          | cloudy           | rainy           | 28            | 32            | 19            | sunny  |
| 4          | 09.01.2013   | cloudy          | rainy            | sunny           | 32            | 19            | 24            | rainy  |
| 5          | 10.01.2013   | rainy           | sunny            | rainy           | 19            | 24            | 25            | cloudy |
| 6          | 11.01.2013   | sunny           | rainy            | cloudy          | 24            | 25            | 17            | sunny  |
| 7          | 14.01.2013   | rainy           | cloudy           | sunny           | 25            | 17            | 14            | sunny  |
| 8          | 15.01.2013   | cloudy          | sunny            | sunny           | 17            | 14            | 12            | rainy  |
| 9          | 16.01.2013   | sunny           | sunny            | rainy           | 14            | 12            | 26            | sunny  |
| 10         | 17.01.2013   | sunny           | rainy            | sunny           | 12            | 26            | 23            | cloudy |
| 11         | 18.01.2013   | rainy           | sunny            | cloudy          | 26            | 23            | 24            | cloudy |
| 12         | 21.01.2013   | sunny           | cloudy           | cloudy          | 23            | 24            | 28            | cloudy |
| 13         | 22.01.2013   | cloudy          | cloudy           | cloudy          | 24            | 28            | 32            | rainy  |
| 14         | 23.01.2013   | cloudy          | cloudy           | rainy           | 28            | 32            | 19            | sunny  |
| 15         | 24.01.2013   | cloudy          | rainy            | sunny           | 32            | 19            | 24            | rainy  |
| 16         | 25.01.2013   | rainy           | sunny            | rainy           | 19            | 24            | 25            | cloudy |
| 17         | 28.01.2013   | sunny           | rainy            | cloudy          | 24            | 25            | 17            | sunny  |

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# **Predicting with Exponential Smoothing**

- Recap exponential smoothing
  - $-S_{t} = \alpha y_{t} + (1-\alpha)S_{t-1}$ 
    - We can also understand S<sub>t</sub> as a prediction of y<sub>t+1</sub>
    - i.e., we predict the average of the last value and the last prediction
- By recursion, we can use exponential smoothing for prediction
  - i.e., predict one step into the future
    - then use this prediction as input to the next step
  - works OK for short forecasting windows
  - at some point, the predictions usually diverge

# **Predicting with Exponential Smoothing**

#### -DAX - alpha0.01 - alpha0.1 - alpha0.5 - alpha0.9



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# **Double Exponential Smoothing**

- Smaller values for α:
  - more cancellation of random noise, but
  - exponential smoothing takes longer to adapt to trend
- With a trend, the smoothed time series will rise/fall over time
  - $S_t = \alpha y_t + (1-\alpha)(S_{t-1} + b_{t-1})$  Estimated trend
  - $b_{t} = \beta(S_{t}-S_{t-1})+(1-\beta)b_{t-1}$
- Explanation:
  - $-S_t S_{t-1}$  describes the change of the estimate
  - b is the exponentially smoothed time series of those changes
- S is called *level smoothing*, b is called *trend smoothing*

### **Double Exponential Smoothing: Example**



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# **Triple Exponential Smoothing**

- Double exponential smoothing
  - Uses level and trend, but no seasonality
- Triple exponential smoothing (also known as Holt Winters Method)



# **Triple Exponential Smoothing**

- Cycle length L
  - counted in number of observations
- Examples:
  - weekly cycles, one observation = one day: 7
  - yearly cycles, one observation = one month: 12
  - hourly cycles, one observation = one second: 3600

### **Triple Exponential Smoothing**



- Monthly milk production / pounds per cow and forecast - Monthly milk production / pounds per cow\_from\_ES2 - Monthly milk production / pounds per cow and forecast\_from\_ES2

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# Holt Winters in RapidMiner and Python

- Parameters:
  - α, β, γ
  - period length
- Python implemention:
  - can also estimate parameters
  - as to fit the given data best
- Both implementations:
  - have additive and multiplicative variant
  - multiplicative often works better



| Parameters ×                           |   |
|--|---|
| 😹 Holt-Winters (3) (Holt-Winters)      |   |
| time series attribute                  | thly milk production / pounds per cow 🔻 🗊 |
| has indices                            | Œ   |
| alpha: coefficient for level smoothing | 0.25                                      |
| beta: coefficient for trend smoothing  | 0.05                                      |
| gamma: coefficient for seasonality smo | 0.15                                      |
| period: length of one period           | 12  |
| seasonality model                      | additive 🔻 🗊                              |

# from statsmodels.tsa.holtwinters import ExponentialSmoothing

# **Selecting an Exponential Smoothing Model**



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- Remedies in non-series data:
  - replace with average, median, most frequent
  - Imputation (e.g., k-NN)
  - replace with most frequent
  - ...
- What happens if we apply those to time series?

- Original time series
  - with missing values inserted



Replace with average



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- Alternatives
  - Linear interpolation
  - Replace with previous
  - Replace with next
  - K-NN imputation
    - Essentially: this is the average of previous and next



• Linear interpolation plotted



### **Evaluating Time Series Prediction**

- So far, our gold standard has been 10-fold cross validation
  - Divide data into 10 equal shares
  - Random sampling:
    - Each data point is randomly assigned to a fold



### **Evaluating Time Series Prediction**

• Using Cross Validation?



### **Evaluating Time Series Prediction**

- Variant 1
  - Use hold out set at the end of the training data
  - E.g., train on 2000-2015, evaluate on 2016
- Variant 2:
  - Sliding window evaluation
  - E.g., train on one year, evaluate on consecutive year

# Wrap-up

- Time series data is data sequentially collected at different times
- Analysis methods discussed in this lecture
  - frequent pattern mining
  - trend analysis
  - different prediction methods

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### **Questions?**

