

Periodogram Based Tests of Stationarity

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To make such a class rich enough and mathematically tractable, it is commonly assume that smooth functions $\alpha(\cdot, j) : (0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and a non-negative sequence $\{l(j), j \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ exist such that

$$\sup_u |\alpha(u, j)| \leq \frac{K}{l(j)}, \quad \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} |j| \frac{1}{l(j)} < \infty \quad \text{and}$$

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- It yields that if $\{\mathbf{X}_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is **locally stationary** with time varying spectral density $f(u, \lambda)$ and $h \rightarrow 0$, $nh^2 \rightarrow \infty$, as $n \rightarrow \infty$, then

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- Then,

$$E\left(\frac{I_N(u, \lambda)}{g(\lambda)}\right) = \frac{f(u, \lambda)}{g(\lambda)} + O(N^{-1})$$

$$\xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } H_0 \text{ true} \\ f(u, \lambda)/g(\lambda) & \text{if } H_1 \text{ true,} \end{cases}$$

recall $g(\lambda) = \int_0^1 f(u, \lambda) du$.

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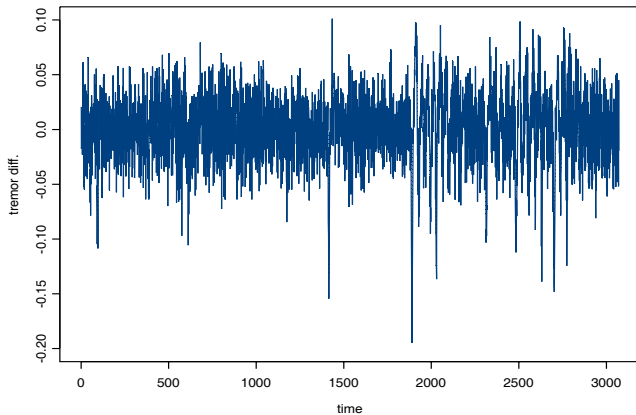
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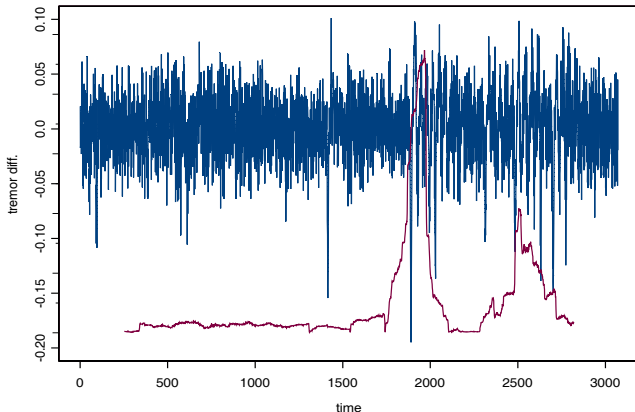
$Q_n(u)$, $u \in [0, 1]$, can be interpreted as an estimated **measure of second order stationarity** of a time series; P. (2009).

Data Example: Consider the series of $n=3072$ observations of a set of tremor data (first differences) recorded in the Cognitive Neuroscience Laboratory, Univ. of Quebec, Montreal. Compare different regions of tremor activity coming from a subject with Parkinson's disease (Data has been analyzed by von Sachs and Neumann (2000)).

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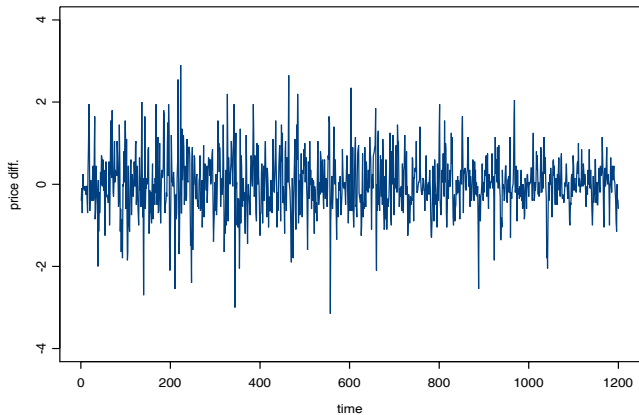


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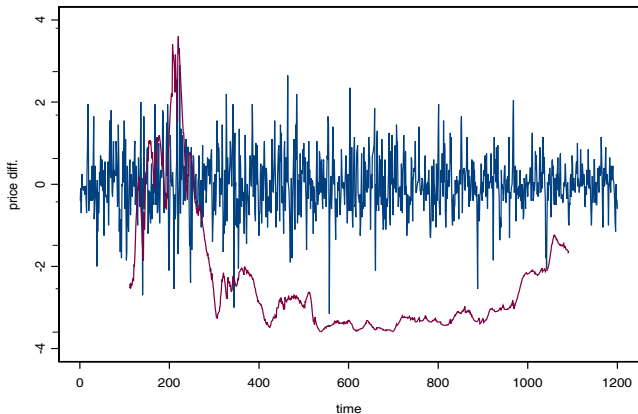


Data example 2 (Egg price series) : $n=1201$ observations of weekly egg prices (first differences) at a German agriculture market between April 1967 and May 1990 (Fan and Yao (2003)).

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where

$$\mu_n = b^{-1/2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} K^2(x) dx$$

and

$$\Sigma_Q = \sigma_Q^2 \mathbf{I}_M, \quad \sigma_Q^2 = \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_{-2\pi}^{2\pi} \left(\int_{\pi}^{\pi} K(x)K(x+y) dx \right)^2 dy.$$

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where G is a zero mean **Gaussian process** on $[-1/2, 1/2]$ with

$$\text{Cov}(G(x_1), G(x_2)) = \frac{1}{\pi} (1 - |x_1 - x_2|)^4 \int (K * K)^2(y) dy.$$

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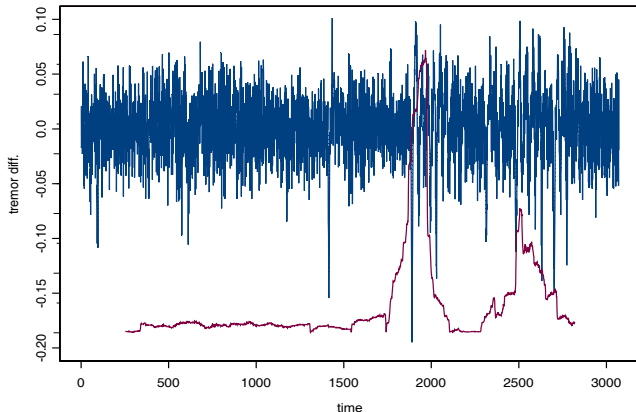
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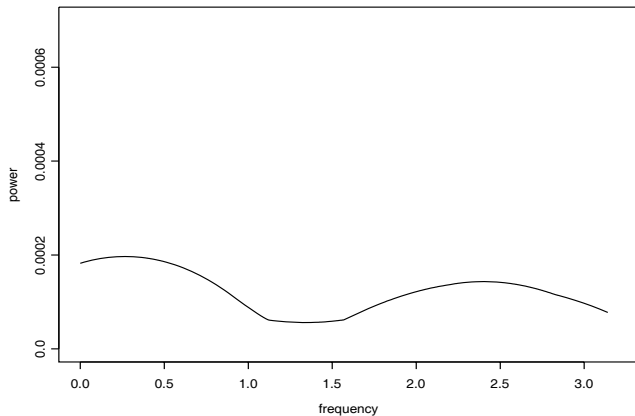
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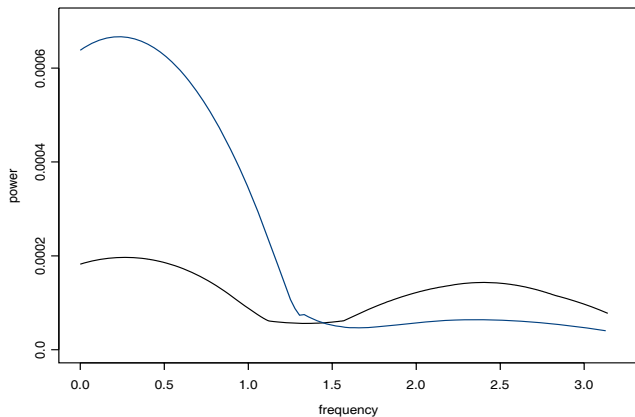
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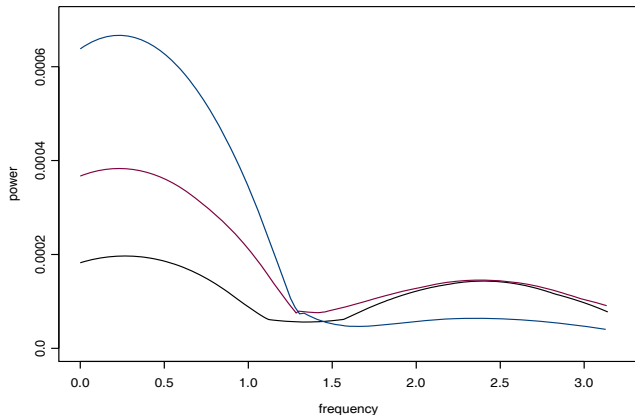


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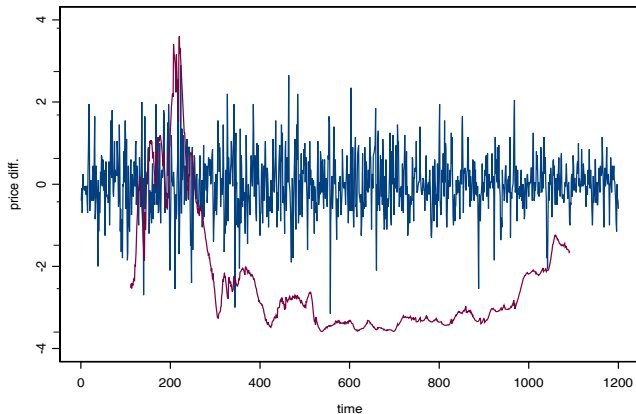


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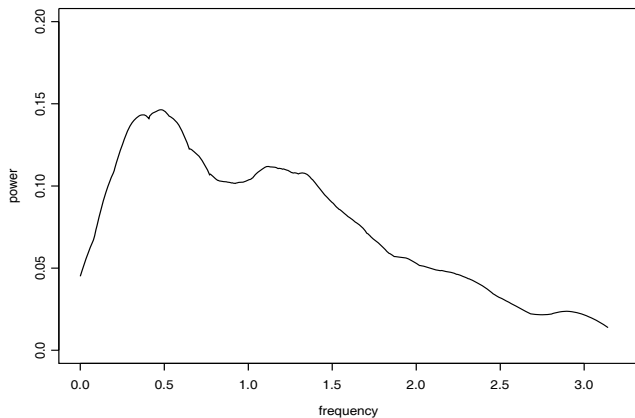
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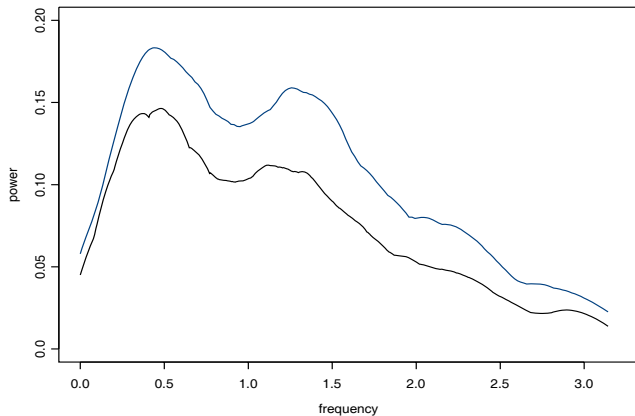


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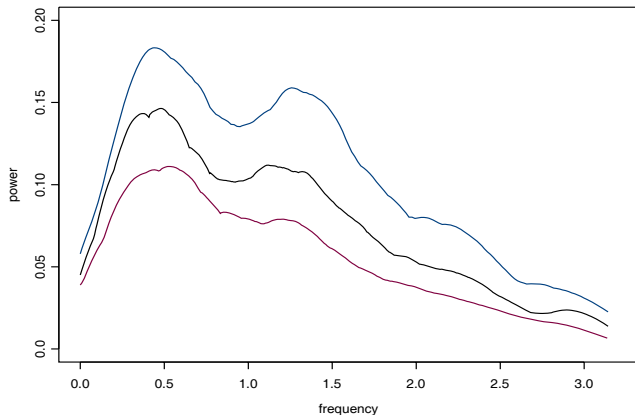
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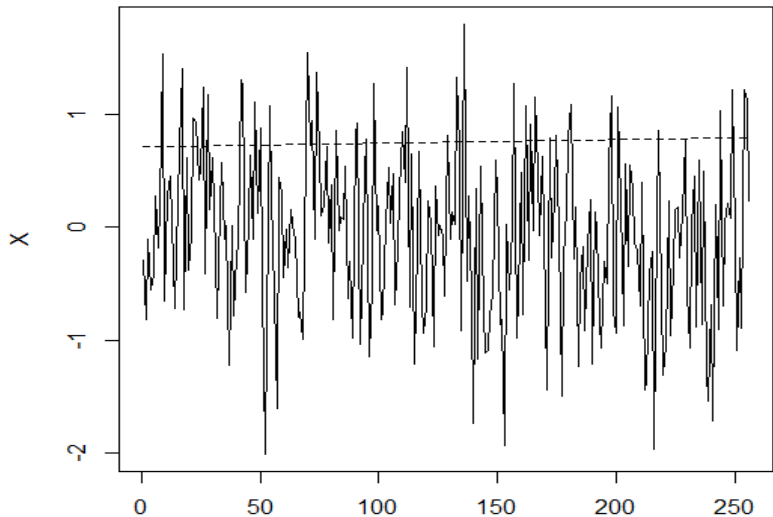
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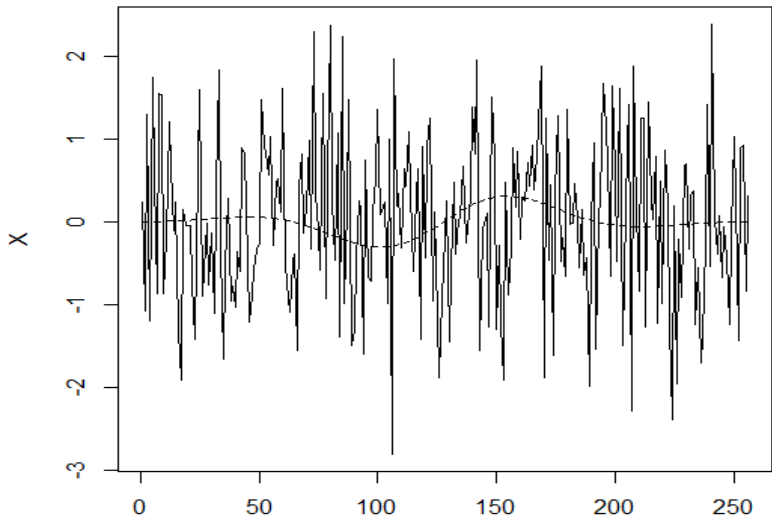
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