

Scaling and Multiscaling in Financial Series: a Simple Model

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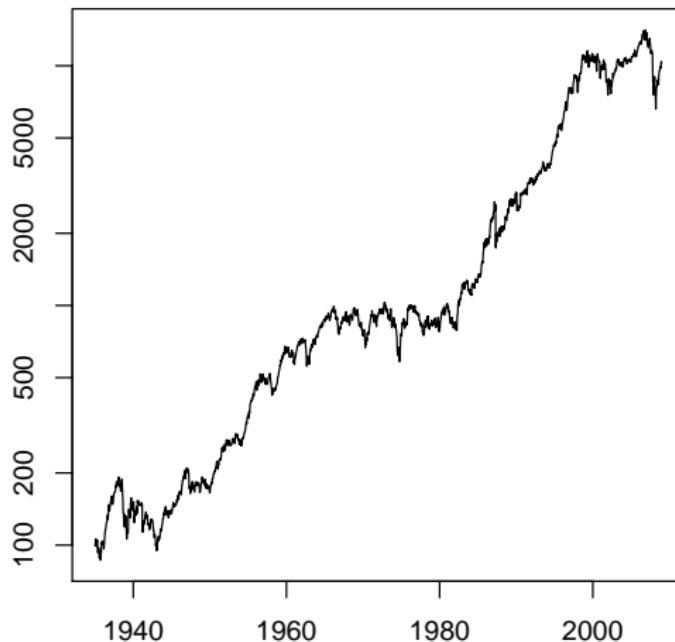
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Basic example: **Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA)**.

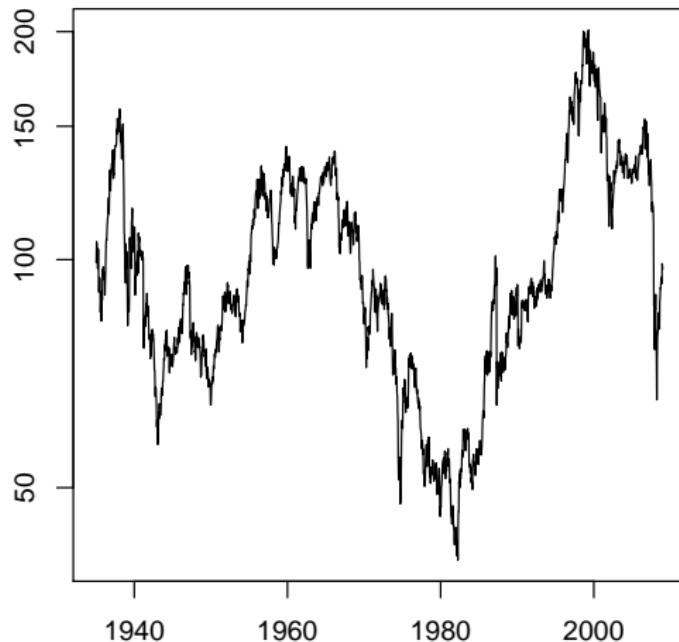
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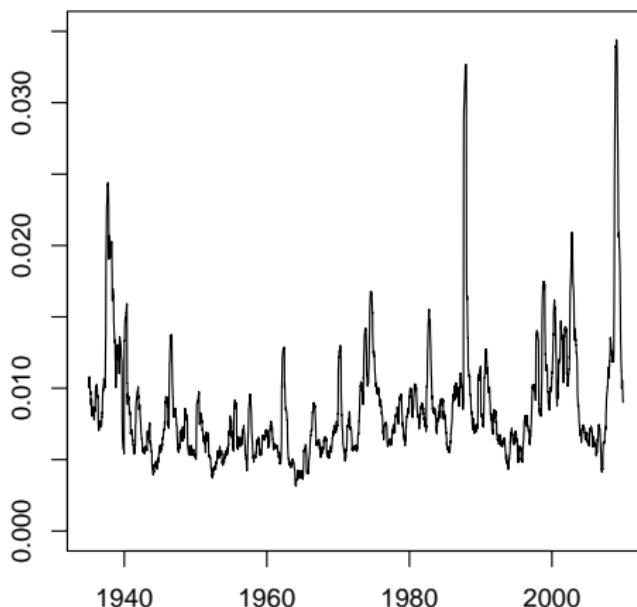
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$$\text{Empirical volatility: } \bar{\sigma}_t := \frac{1}{100} \sum_{i=t-99}^t (x_i - \bar{x})^2$$

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Empirical volatility $[\bar{\sigma}_t \text{ vs. } t]$



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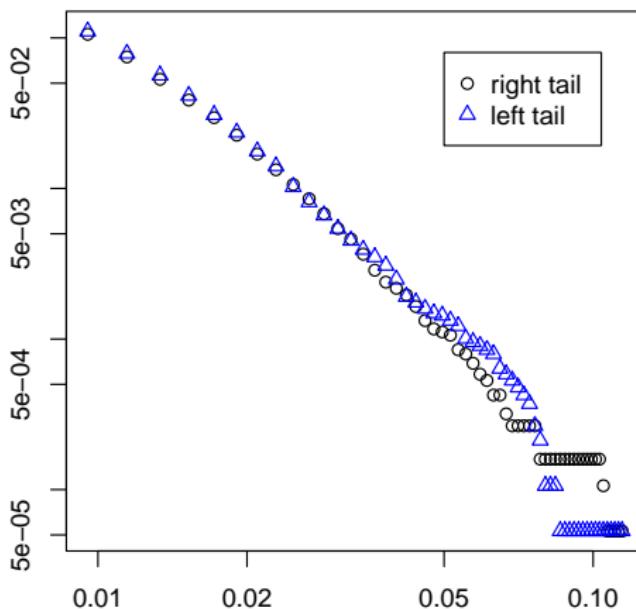
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Empirical daily ($h = 1$) tail: $\bar{q}(y) := \frac{1}{T_1 - T_0} \sum_{i=T_0+1}^{T_1} \mathbf{1}_{\{x_i - x_{i-1} > y\}}$

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Daily log-return tail $[\log \bar{q}(y) \text{ vs. } \log y]$



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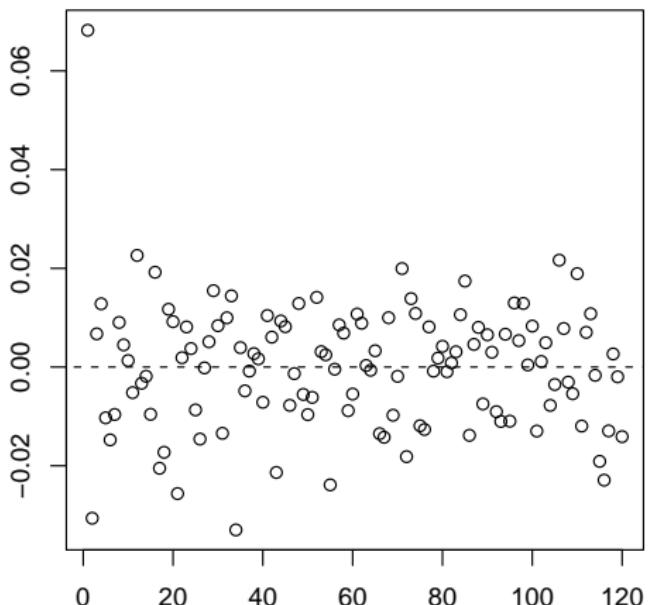
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Decorrelation of daily log-returns $[\bar{\rho}(t) \text{ vs. } t]$



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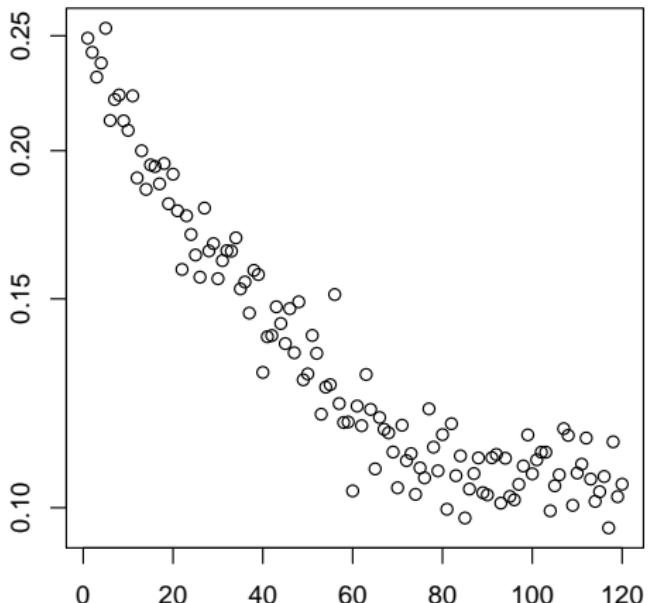
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The correlation between $|X_{t+h} - X_t|$ and $|X_{s+h} - X_s|$, called **volatility autocorrelation**, has a **slow decay** in $|t - s|$, up to moderate values of $|t - s|$ (**clustering of volatility**).

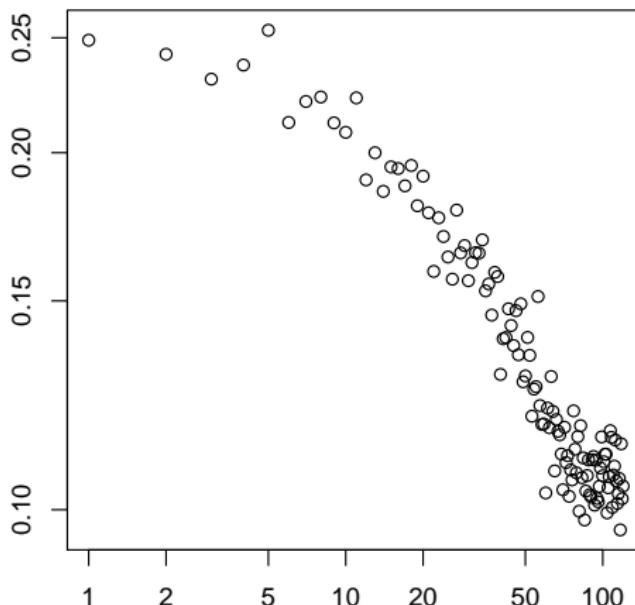
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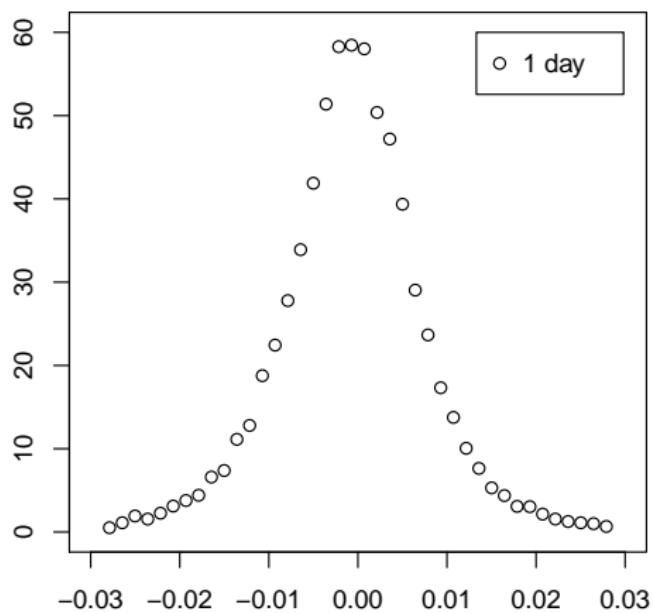
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where g is a [non-Gaussian](#) density.

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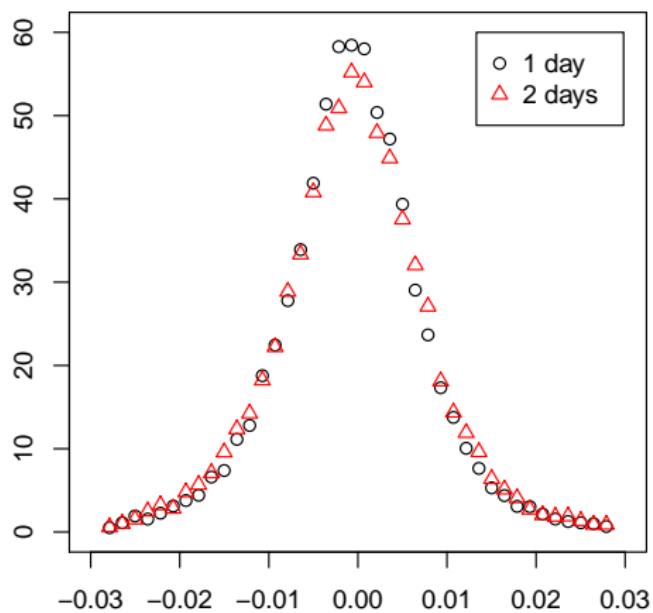
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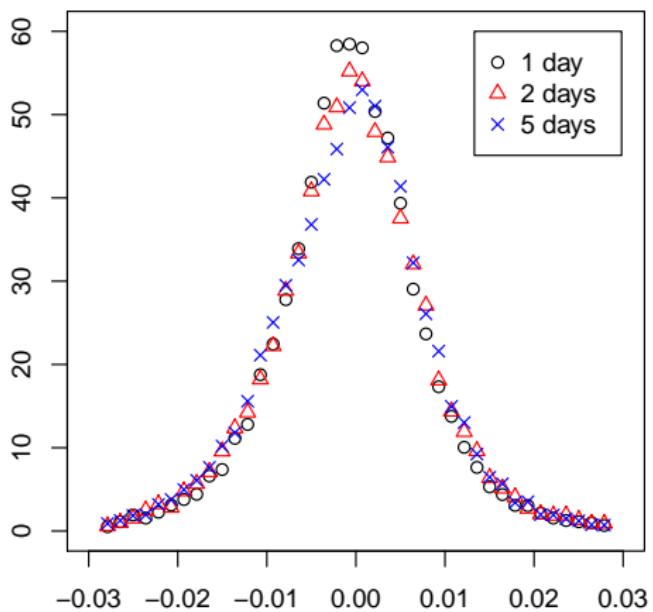
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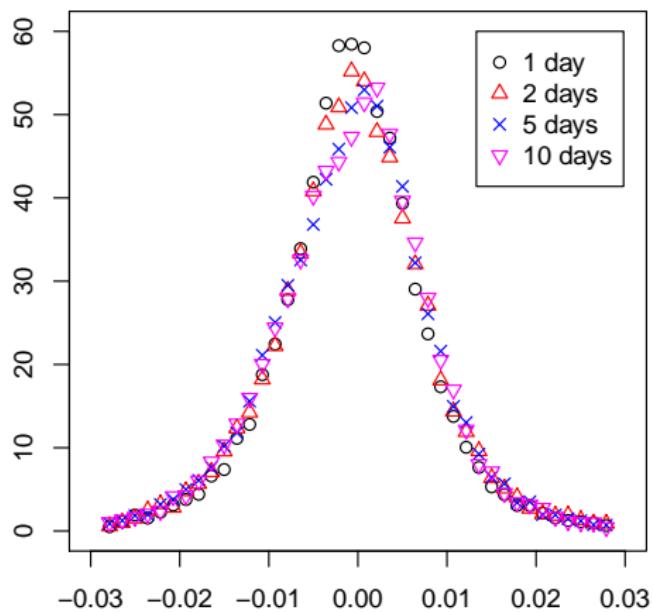
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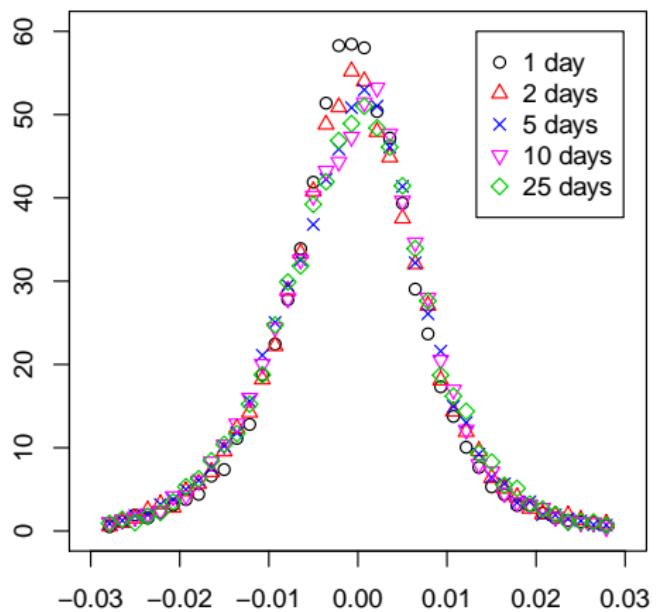
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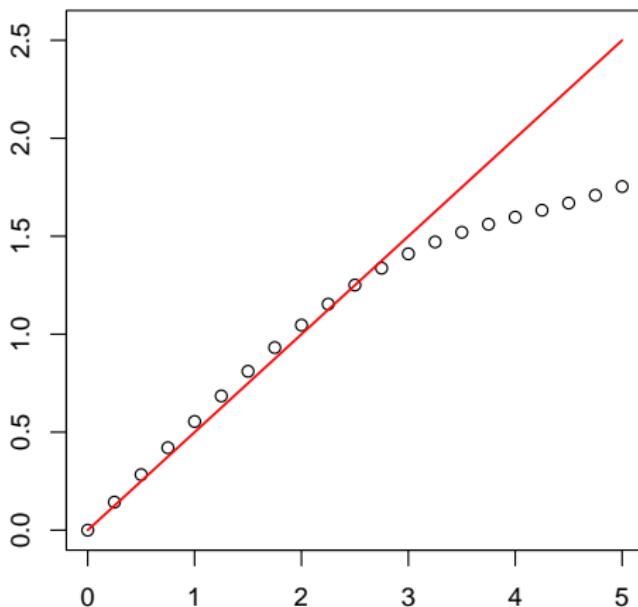
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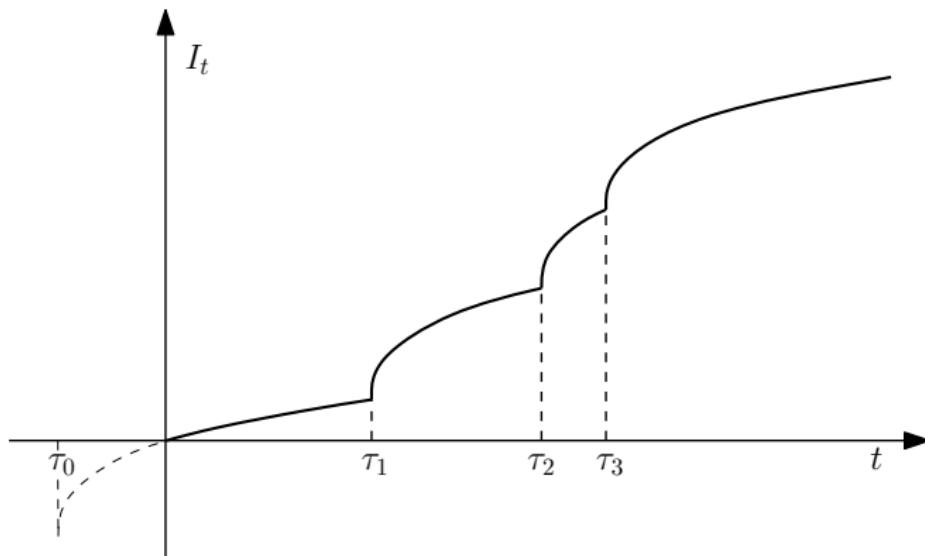
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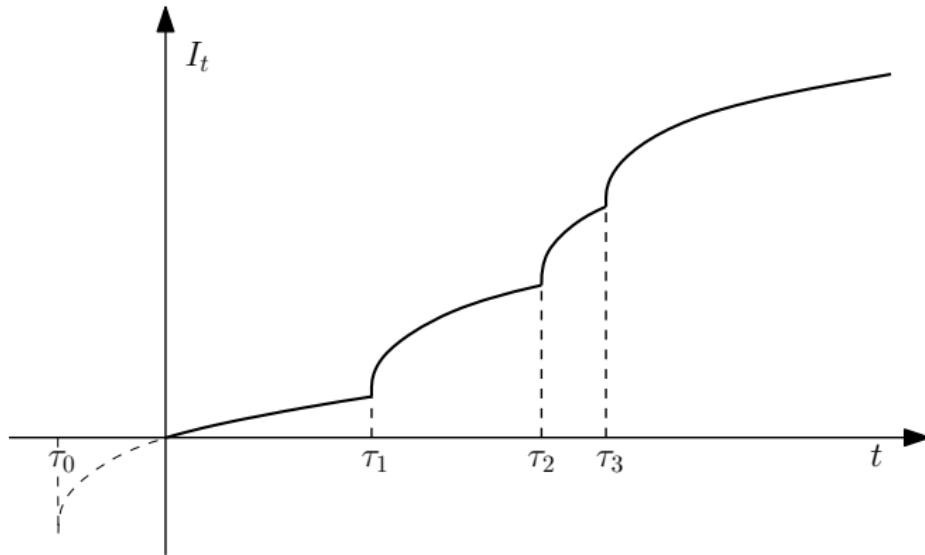
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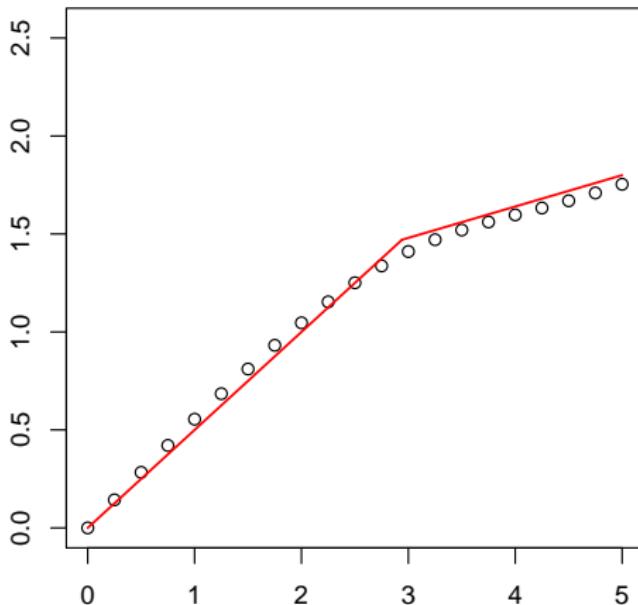
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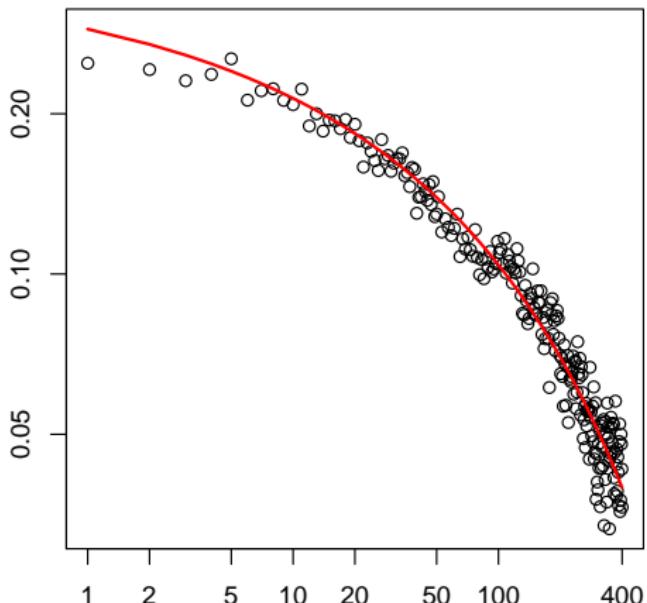
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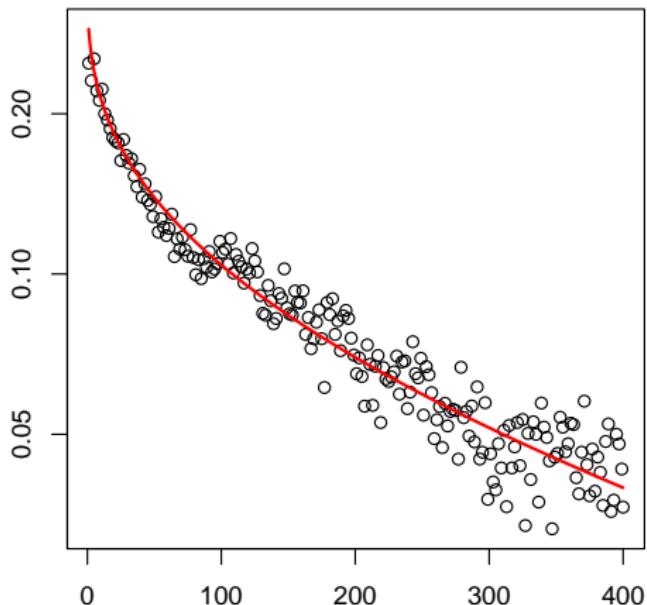
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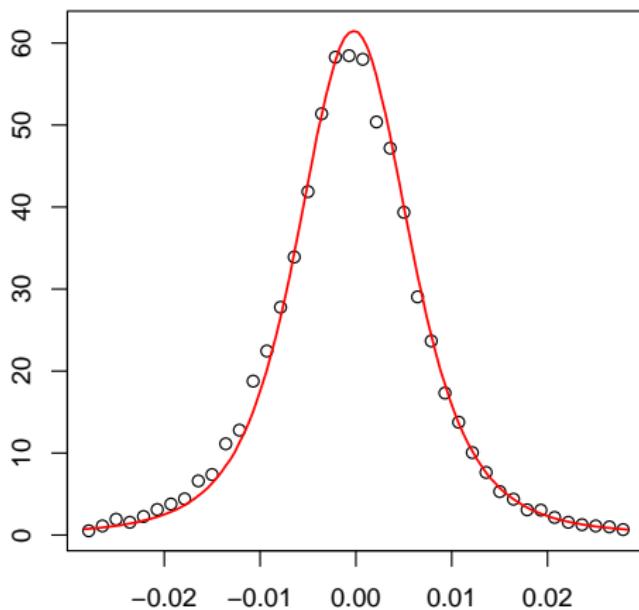
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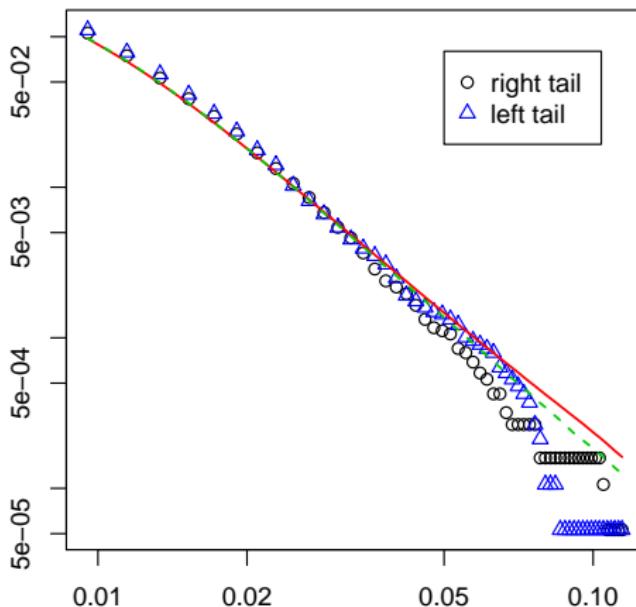
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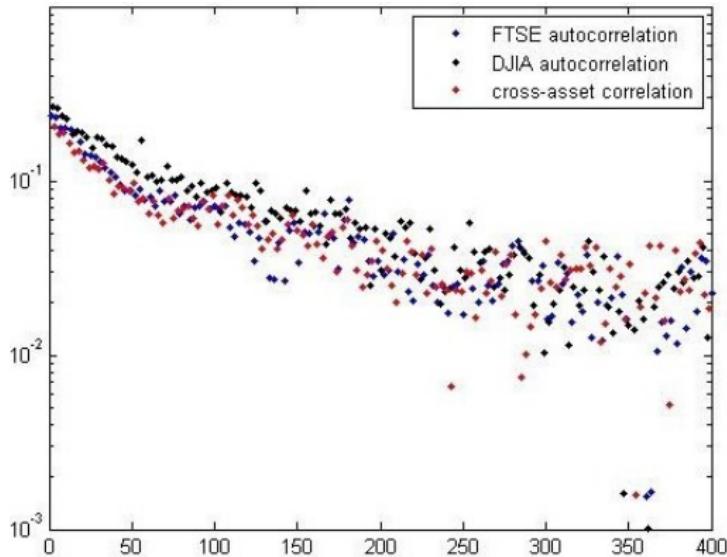
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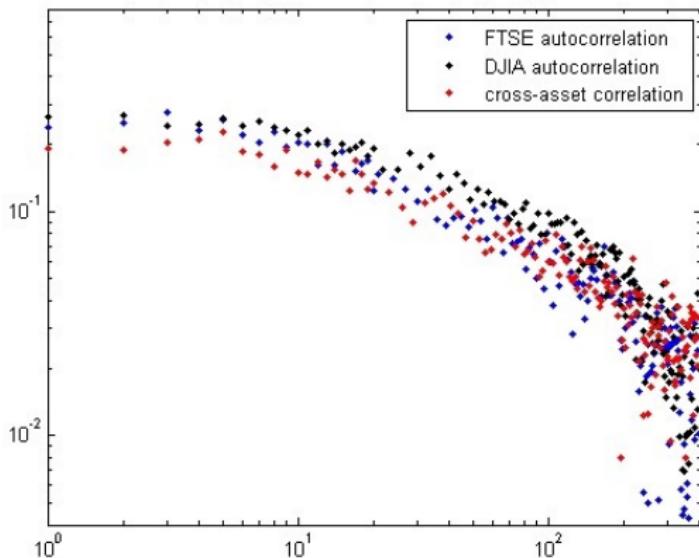
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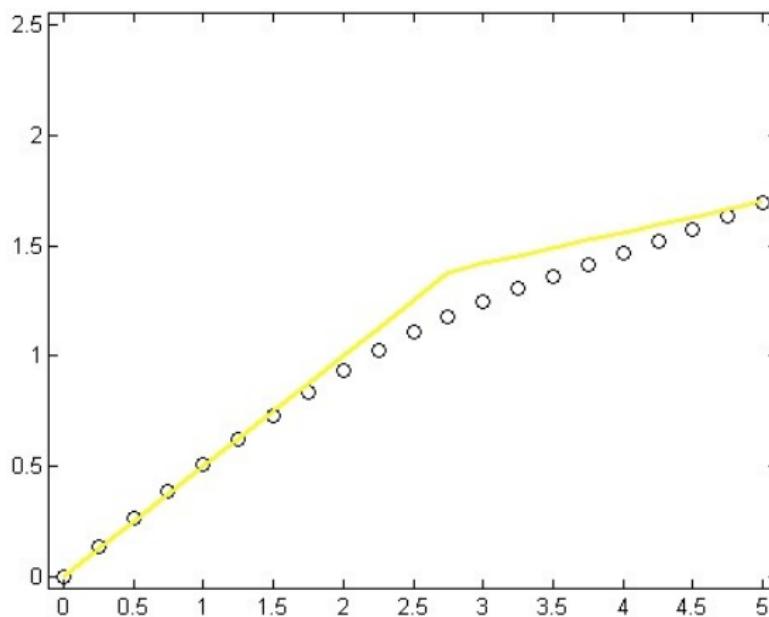
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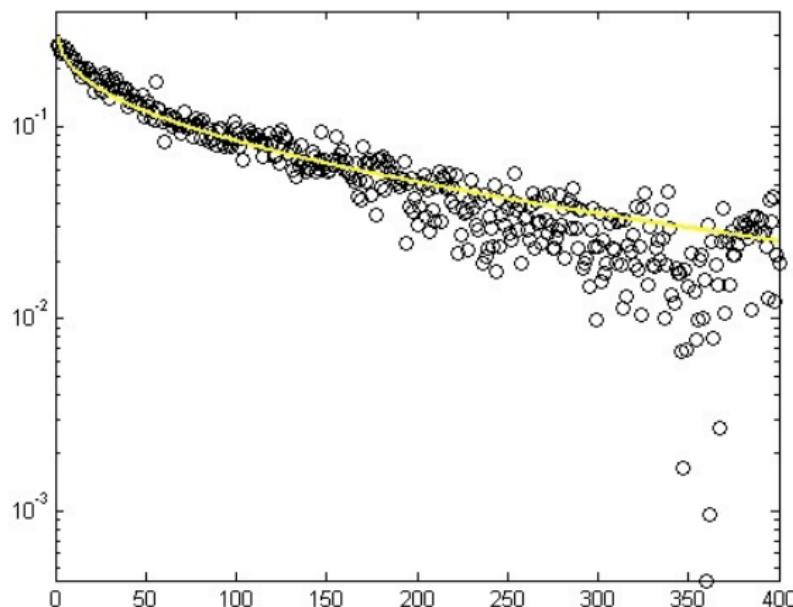
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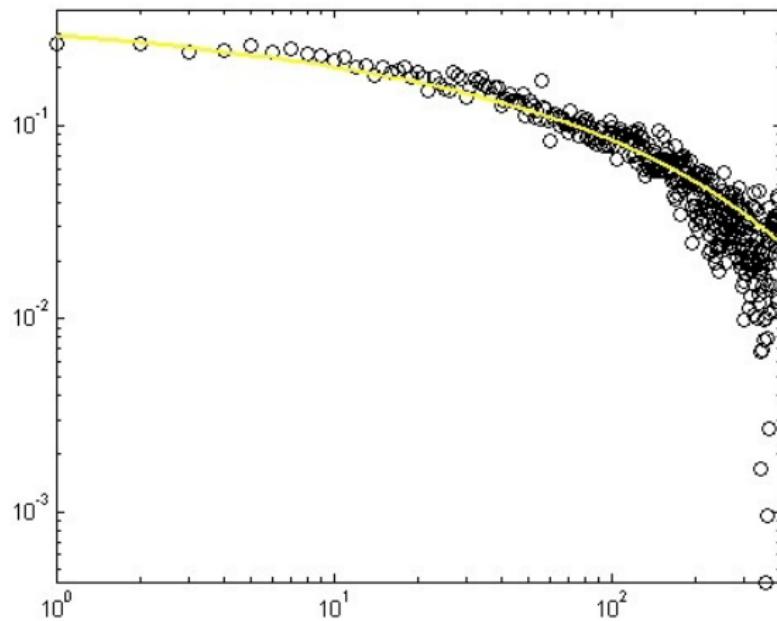
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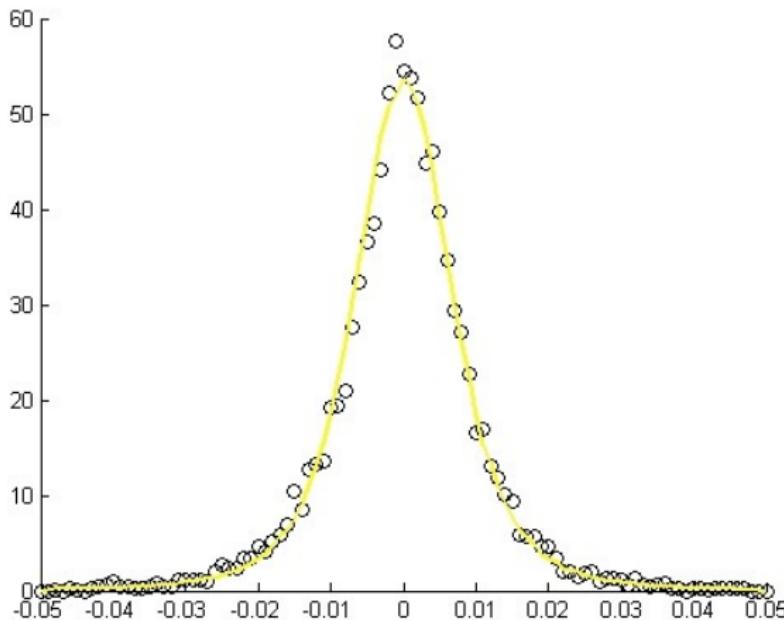
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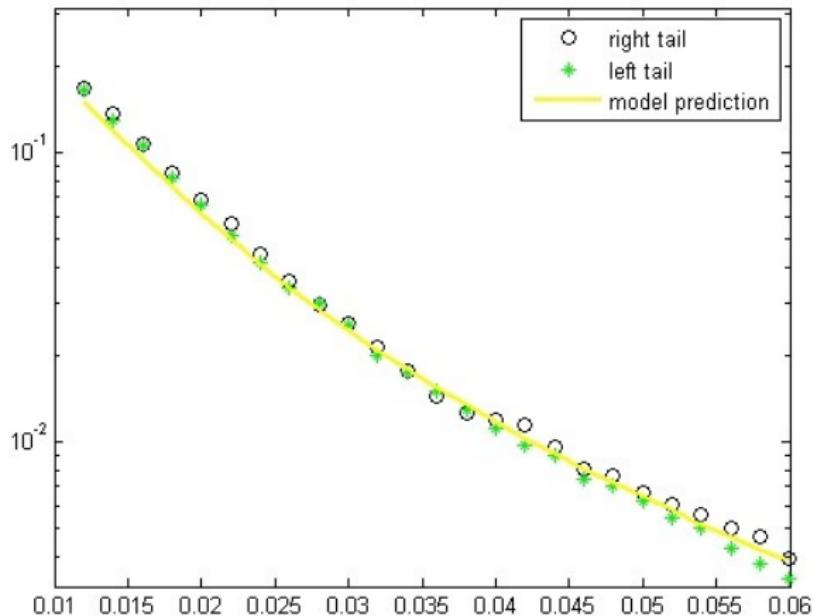
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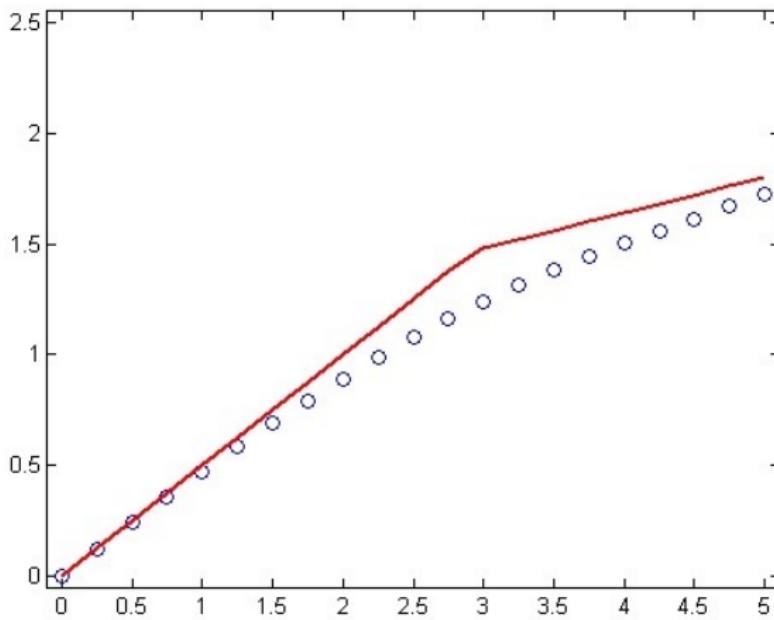
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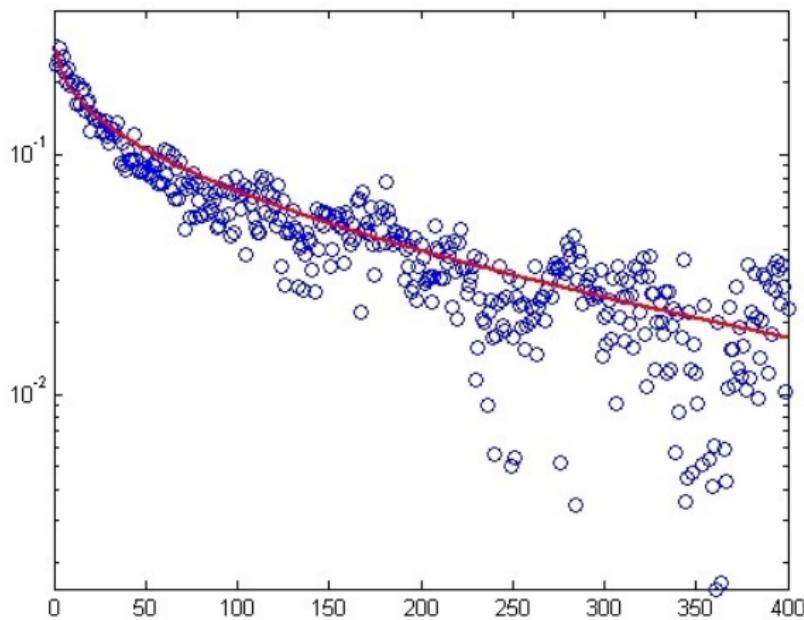
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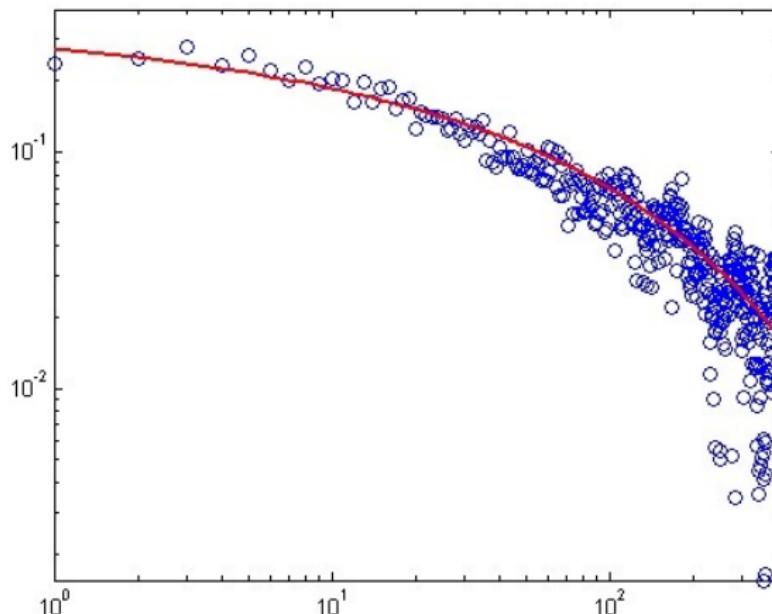
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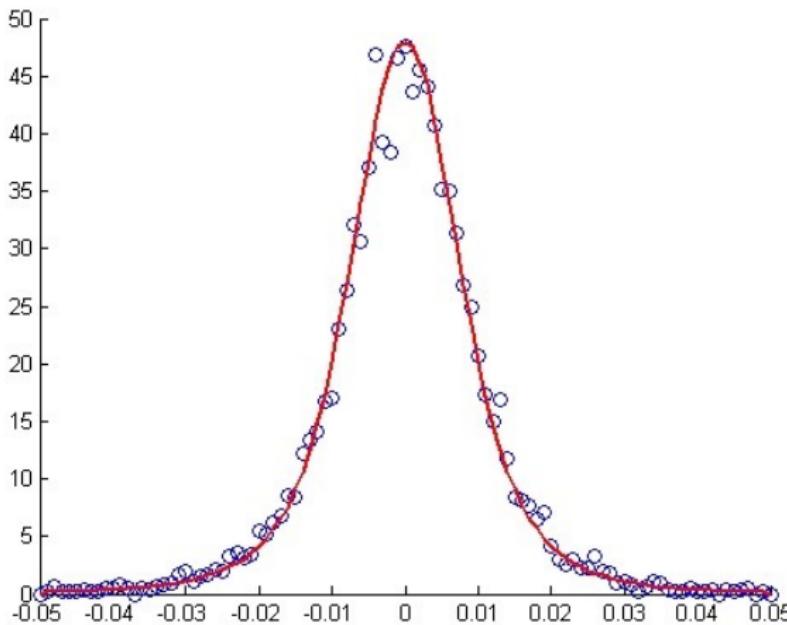
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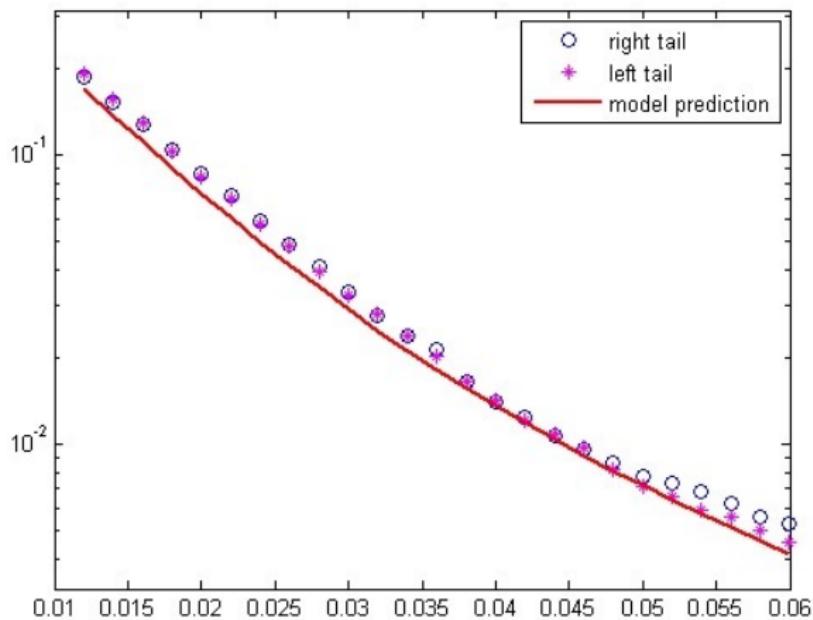
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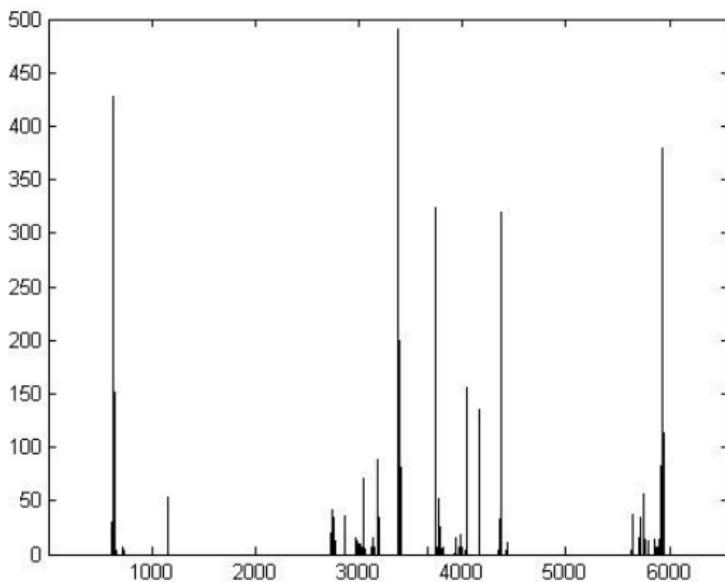
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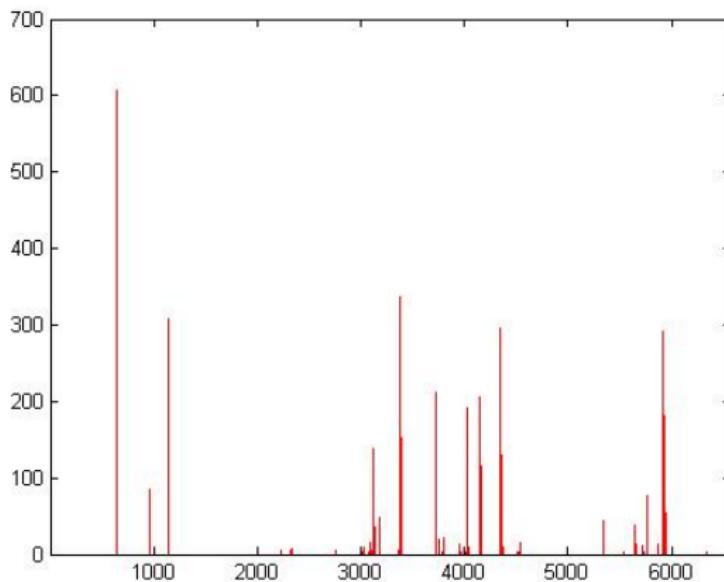
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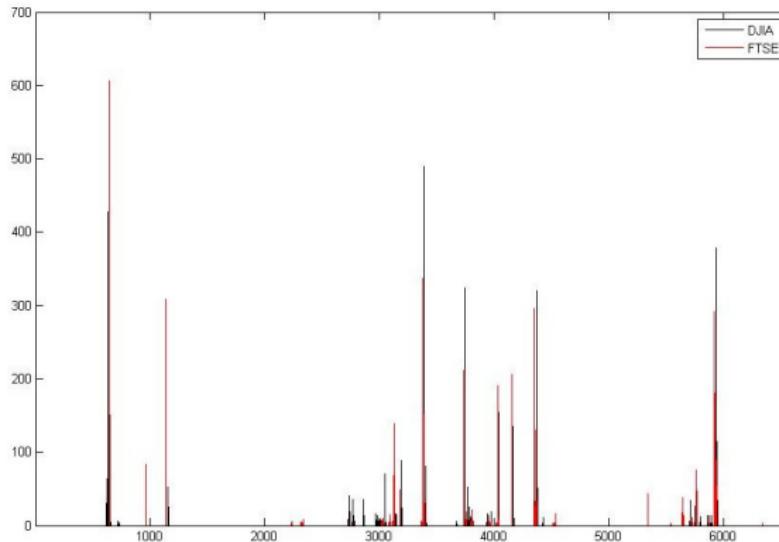
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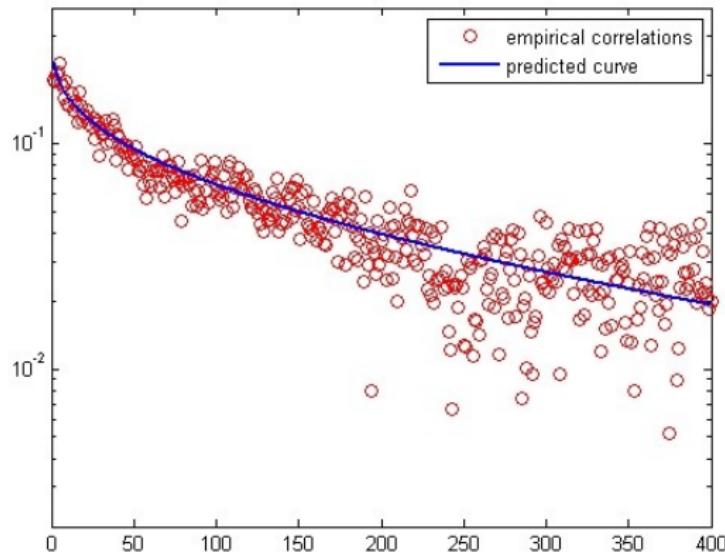
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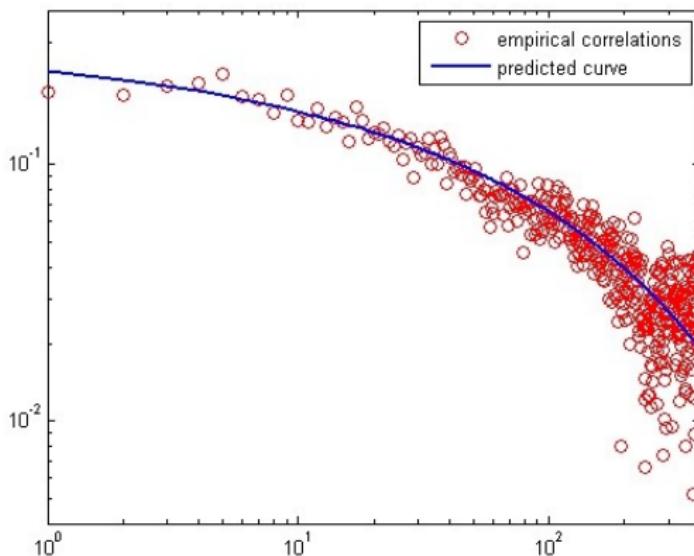
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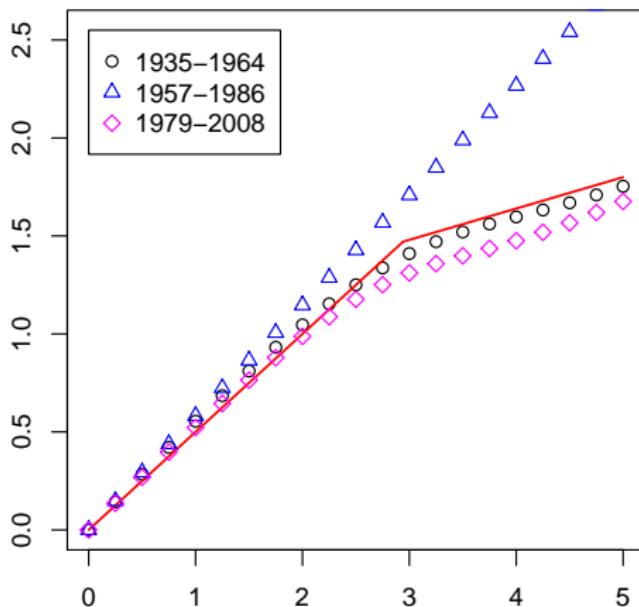
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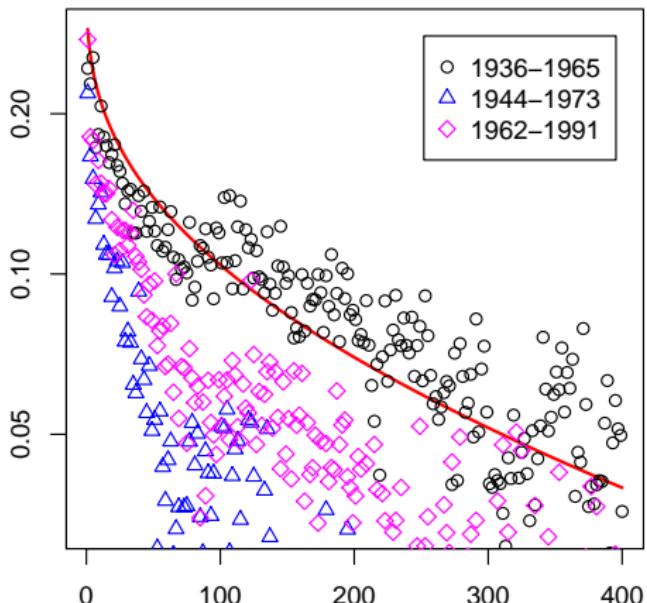
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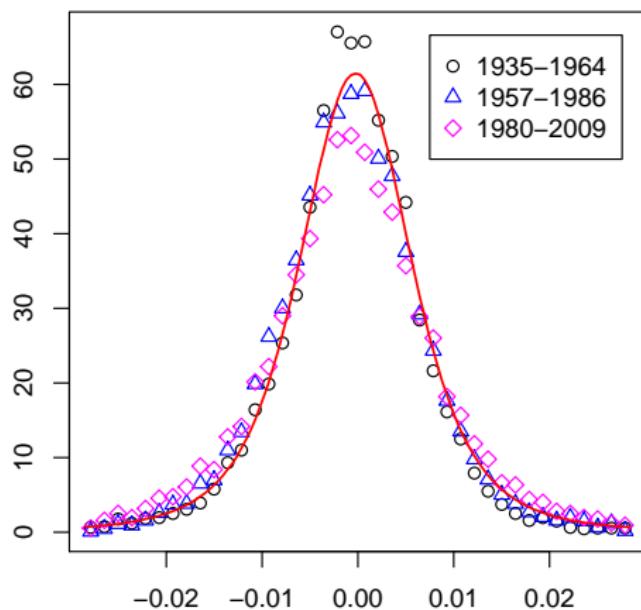
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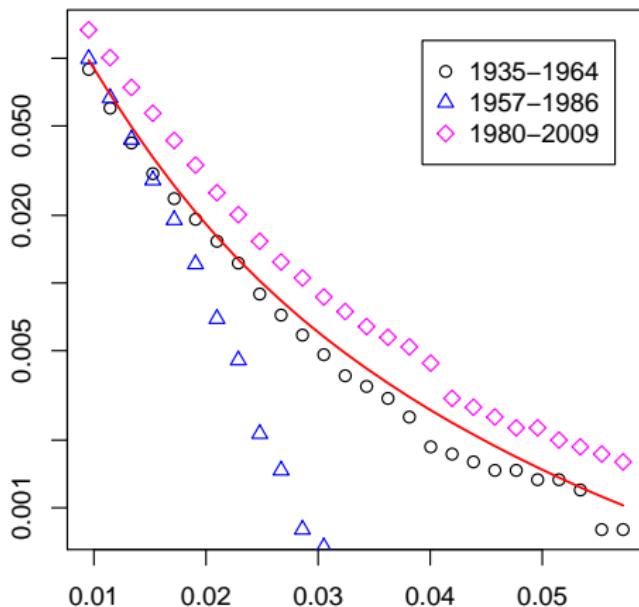
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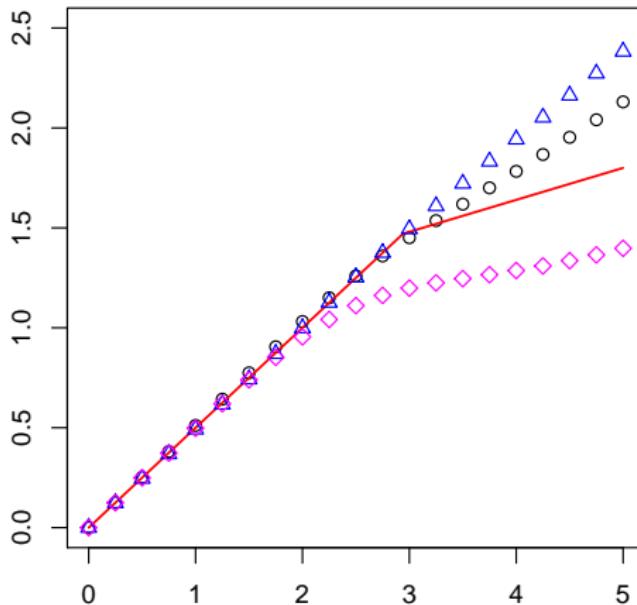
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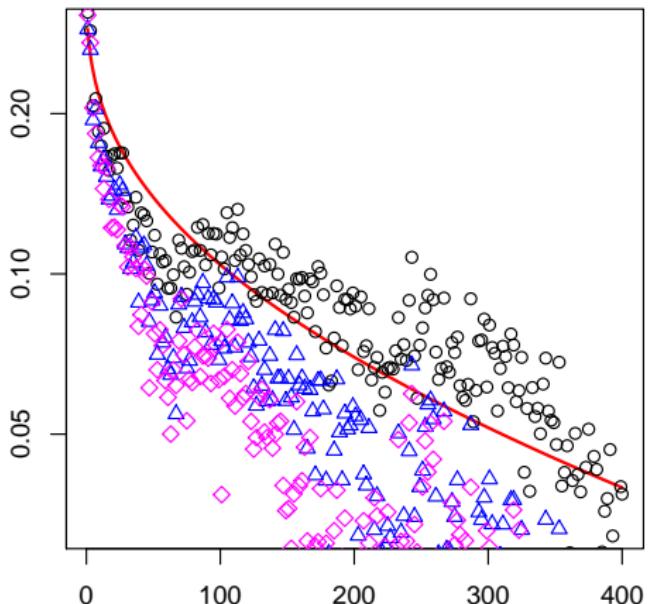
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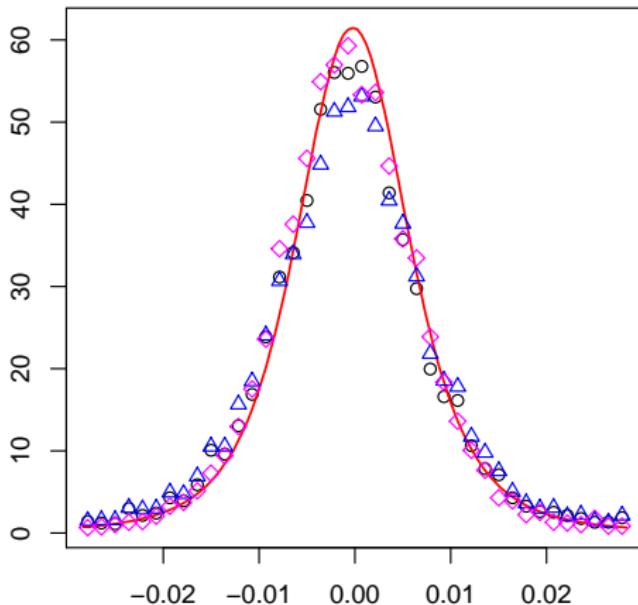
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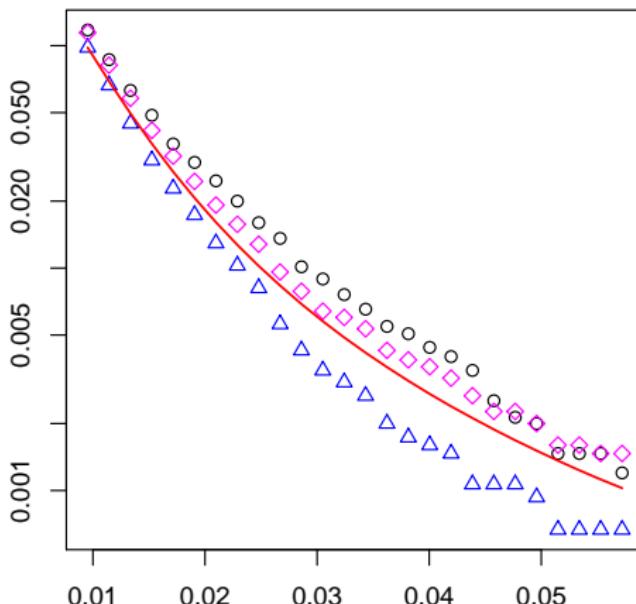
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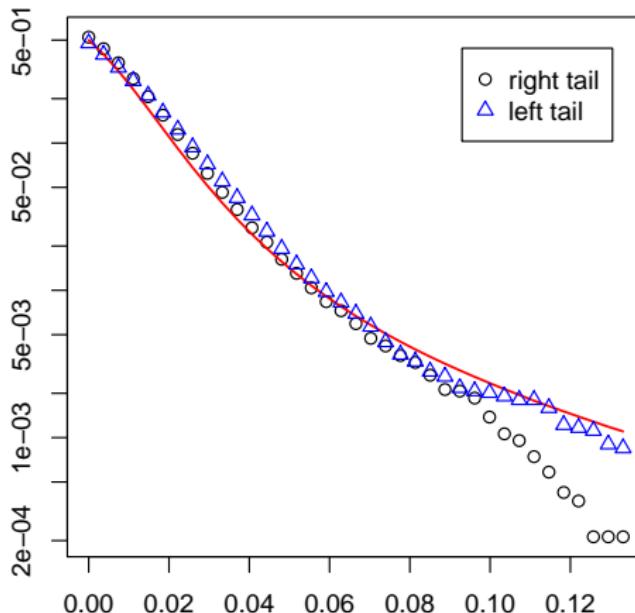
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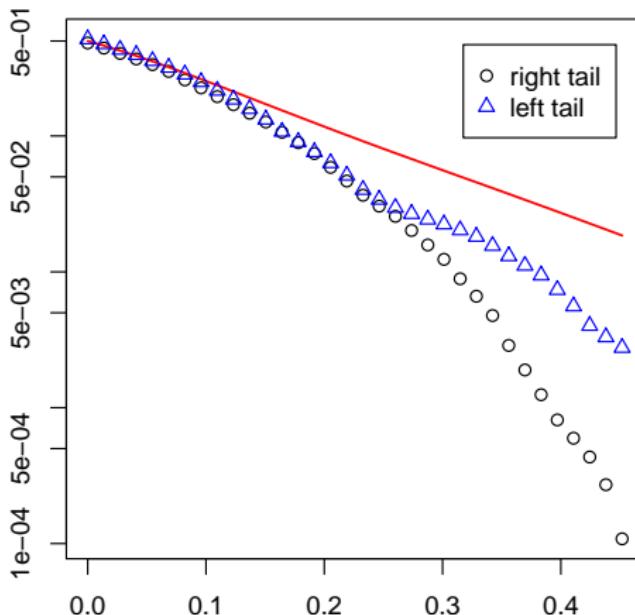
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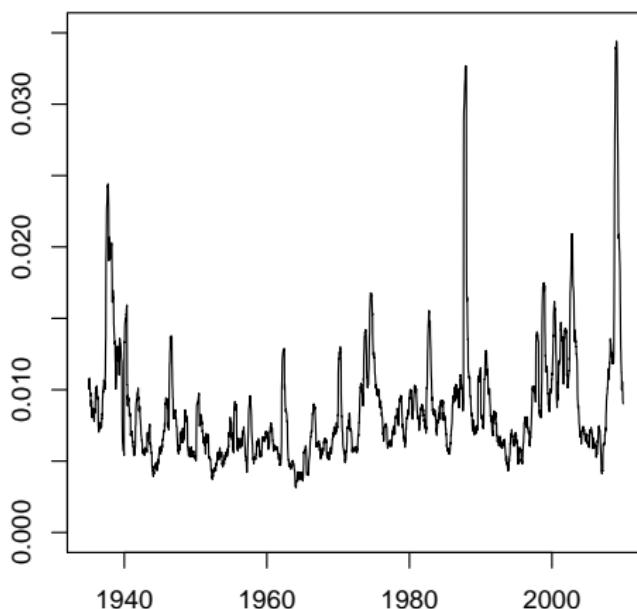
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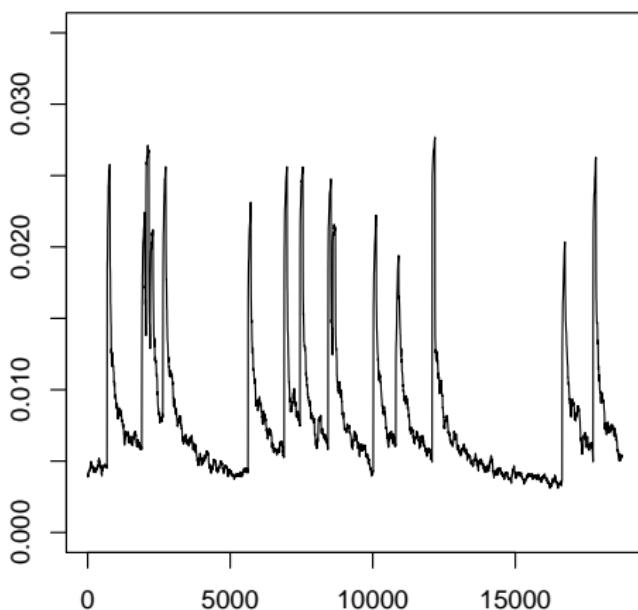
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