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% Exercise 14 - Fourier spectra.
% Open file 'Tsup.mat' with Lake Superior air temperatures
                        % copy the series into separate variables
t=Tsup(:,1);
y=Tsup(:,2);
                                      % Length of signal
L = max(size(y));
plot(t/24,y);
% plot series (time divided by 24 to plot in days rather than hours)
title('Lake Superior air temperature', 'FontSize', 20);
xlabel('time (days)','FontSize',20);
ylabel('Temperature (deg C)','FontSize',20);
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NFFT = 2^nextpow2(L); % Next power of 2 from length of y -- this is the
length of series that fft analyzes
Y = fft(y); % run fft to obtain the amplitudes of Fourier components
% Look at Y in the Array Editor. The elements of Y are *complex
numbers*. They have a real and an imaginary part, which correspond to
the Fourier coefficients Am and Bm, respectively.
% The first element is A0. It is always real and describes the time
average of the series.
f = 1/2*linspace(0,1,NFFT/2); % define a frequency vector that
corresponds to data in Y.
% Plot Fourier spectrum. The 'fft' function generates output Y, which
% contains two symmetric spectra. We only need the first half of Y.
plot(f(1:NFFT/2)*365*24,abs(Y(1:NFFT/2)))
title('Fourier power spectrum', 'FontSize',20)
xlabel('Frequency (1/yr)', 'FontSize',20)
ylabel('Fourier power', 'FontSize', 20)
% The 'abs' operator takes the absolute value of Y, i.e.
sqrt(Am<sup>2</sup>+Bm<sup>2</sup>).
% The frequency axis is multiplied by 365*24 to plot it in inverse
years, rather than inverse hours.
% You can see a lot of low-frequency components. These result from
% low-frequency trends in the data and just contaminate the results.
% This is why it is important to first remove linear trends!
% Zoom in on the plot and investigate the components. Find the
component, corresponding to the annual signal. You will need to zoom in
strongly!
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% plot the Fourier spectrum against time
plot(1./f(1:NFFT/2)/24,abs(Y(1:NFFT/2)))
xlabel('period (days)')
% find the important components and check their corresponding periods.
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