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Mathematics  
and Statistics

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# Mathematics 4MB3/6MB3 Mathematical Biology

Instructor: David Earn

Lecture 8  
Epidemic Data  
Wednesday 24 January 2018

# Announcements

- Thanks everyone for doing the contributions survey for Assignment 1.
- Don't stress about the ratings about each other's contributions. The issue is whether some group members did not pull their weight. If somebody didn't try and others had to pick up the slack, that person should be penalized. I will not penalize somebody because they tried but felt they didn't contribute as much to the final document as they could have. Do try to even out the work across the assignments.
- Make sure everyone in your group gets a chance to be in control of the  $\text{\LaTeX}$  for one assignment.

# More Announcements!

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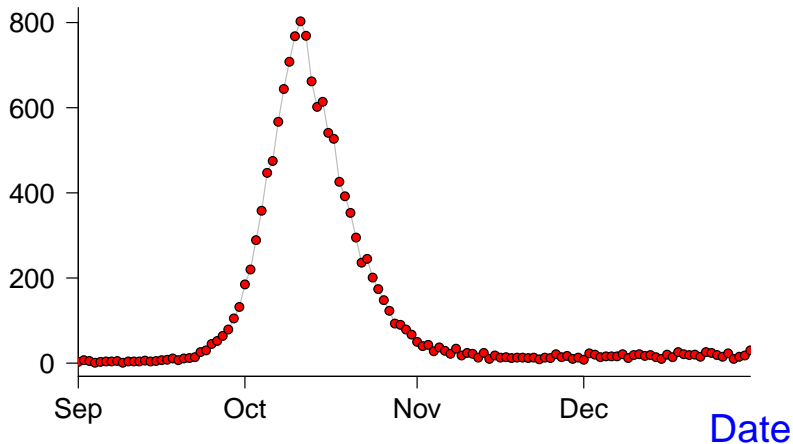
- **Midterm test:**

- *Date:* week of 5–9 March? or 12–16 March?
- *Time:* TBA
- *Location:* TBA

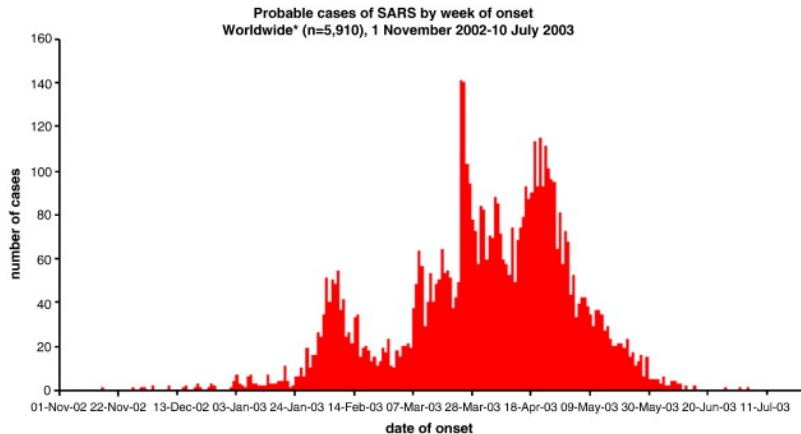


# P&I Mortality, Philadelphia, 1918

## P&I Deaths

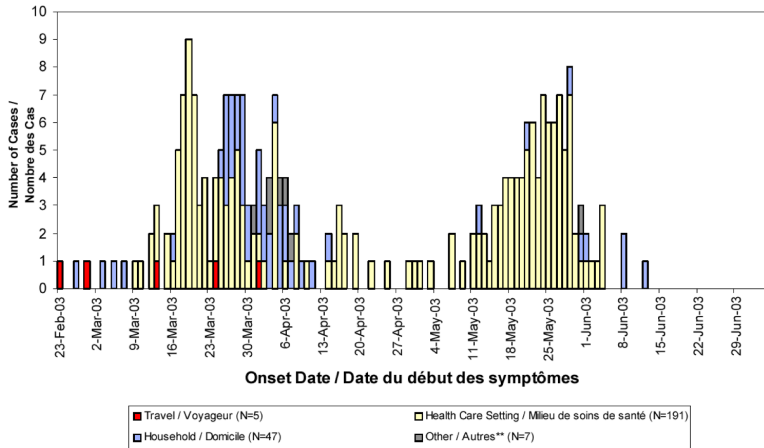


# SARS in 2003 (Worldwide)



\*This graph does not include 2,527 probable cases of SARS (2,521 from Beijing, China), for whom no dates of onset are currently available.

# SARS in 2003 (Toronto)

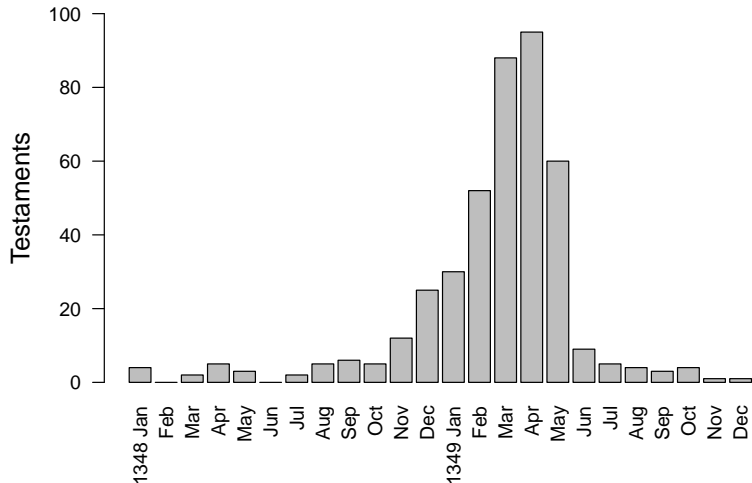


$N = 249$  (of 250 reported)

# Some SARS Facts

- High case fatality
  - 1918 flu  $< 3\%$
  - SARS  $> 10\%$
- Long hospital stays
  - Mean time from admission to discharge or death:  
~ 25 days in Hong Kong
- 8098 probable cases, 774 deaths
- How bad would it have been if it had not been controlled?

# The Black Death in London, England, 1348–1349





# Mortality Bills are typically handwritten

LONDON 29. From the 4. of July to the 11. of August 1665.

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Alhallows Breadstreet	1		St Dunstons East	2		St Mary Abchurch	1				
Alhallows Great			St Edmund Lombardst.	1		St Mary Aldermanbury					
Alhallows Honilane	1		St Ethelborough	2		St Mary Alde mary					
Alhallows Lumbardst.	1		St Faiths	1		St Mary le Bow					
Alhallows Staining	4	3	St Gabriel Fenchurch			St Mary Bothaw					
Alhallows the Wall	1		St George Botolphlane			St Mary Colechurch					
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St Andrew Hubbard	7		St Hellen	1		St Mary Mag. Milkstr.					
St Andrew Underthafe	1		St James Dukes place	1		St Mary Mag. Oldfishst					
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				86				28			
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St Bridget	24	17	St Dunstan West	19	9	St Saviour Southwark	21	1	At the Pethouse	6	6
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St John at Hackney	1		Lambeth Parish	7		St Mary Newington	7		Rotherhich Parish	7	3
St Giles in the Fields	208	215	St Leonar d Shoreditch	21	13	St Mary Whitechappel	16	3	Stepney Parish	47	1
St James Clerkenwel	80	43	St Magdalen Bermond.	14							
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But handwriting is usually very clear



LONDON 29<sup>th</sup>

	Buried.	Plag.
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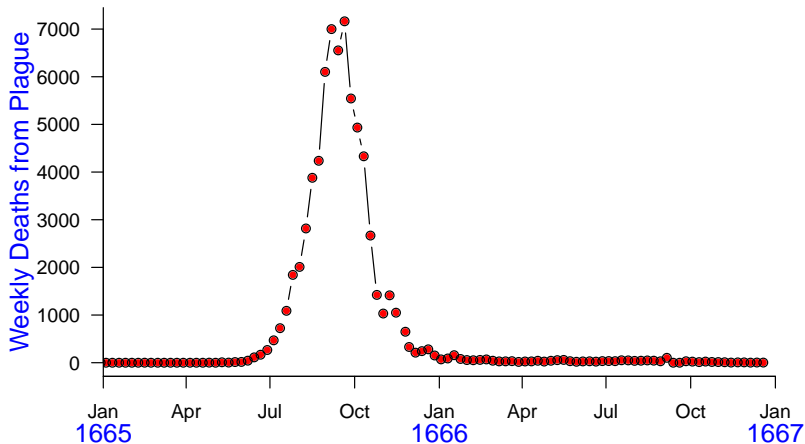
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Christned in 97 the Parishes

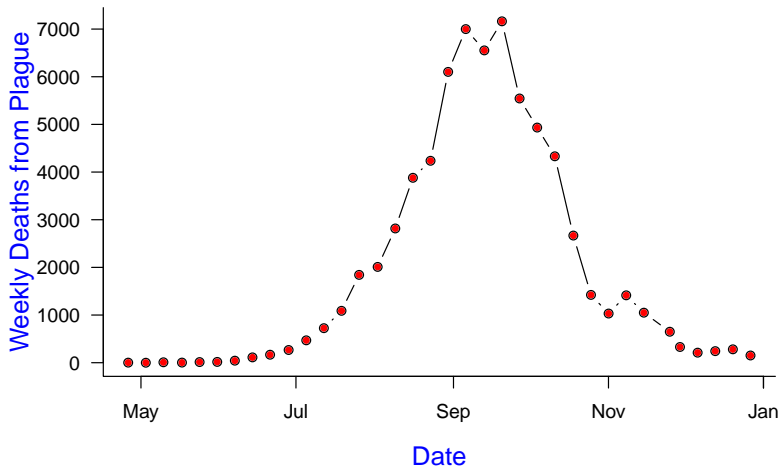
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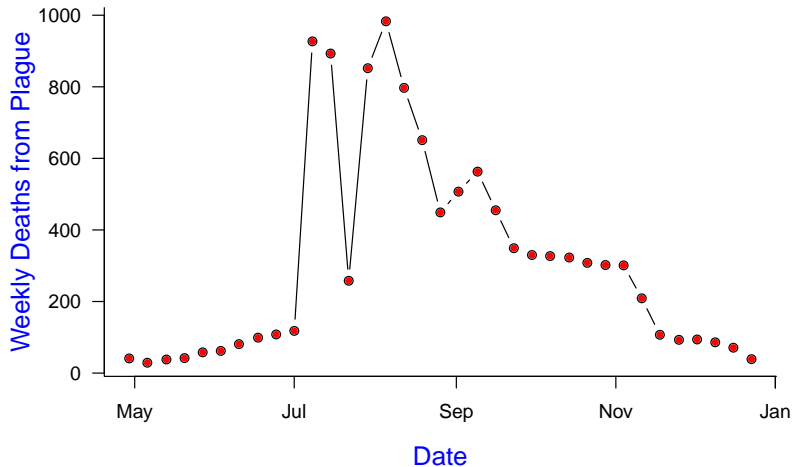
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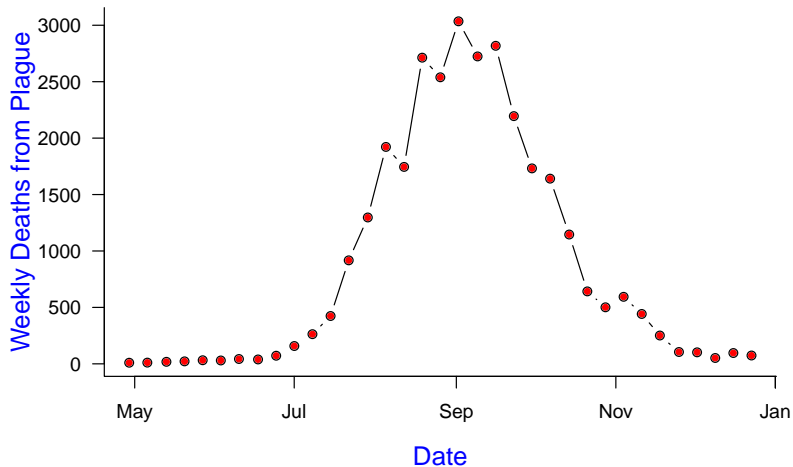
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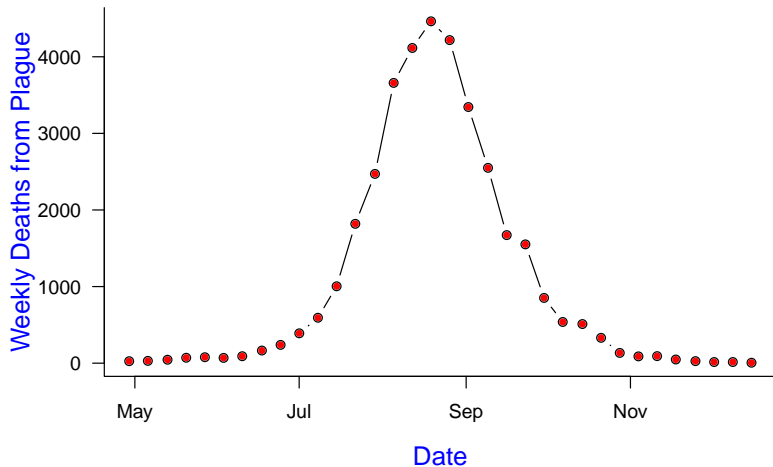
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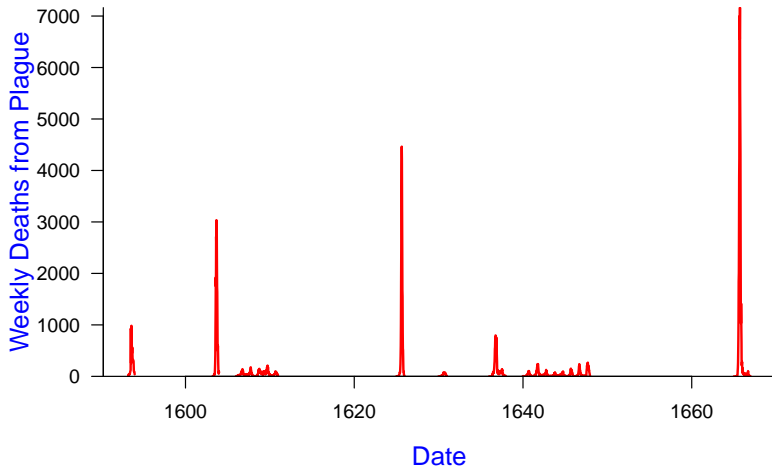
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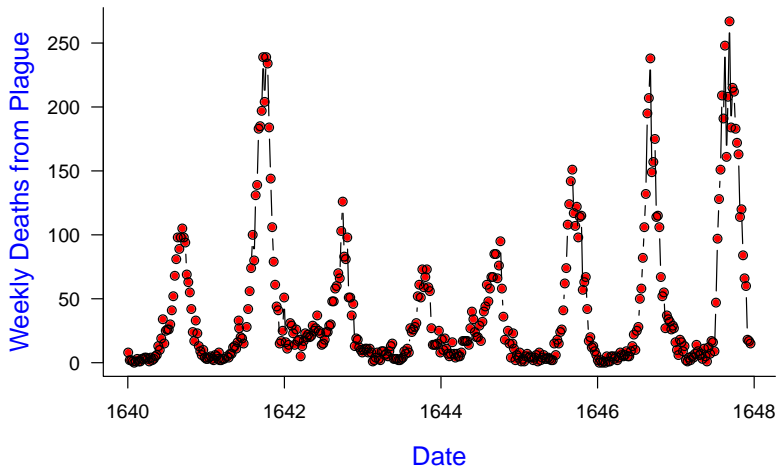
# London Plague of 1625



# Weekly Deaths from Plague in London, 1592–1666



# Weekly Plague in London, 1640–1648





# Some Plague Facts

- Plague epidemics recorded from Roman times to early 1900s.
- $\gtrsim 1/3$  Europe's population died in "Black Death" of 1348
  - $\sim 300$  years for the population to reach the same level.
- Recently (2011) established (at McMaster!) that the pathogen that caused The Black Death was *Yersinia pestis*

[Bos *et al.* 2011, *Nature* **478**, 506–510]

- More recently (2014) established (again at McMaster!) that the pathogen that caused The Plague of Justinian (541–543 AD) was *Yersinia pestis*

[Wagner *et al.* 2014, *Lancet Infectious Diseases* **14**, 319–326]

- *Y. pestis* still a concern?  
Yes: Rodent reservoir, antibiotic-resistant strains, bioterrorism
- **Spatial data** for any plagues? Yes, for London in 1665...

# Visualization of spatial structure of Great Plague

- GIS encoding of parish boundaries
- Overlay parish boundaries on more modern map for reference
- Colour parishes as they become infected
- Is there evidence for spatial spread or was the spatial pattern random?
- DE low-tech animation...
- CBC high-tech animation...
  - *The Nature of Things*, 21 August 2014.  
<http://www.cbc.ca/natureofthings/episodes/secrets-in-the-bones-the-hunt-for-the-black-death-killer>



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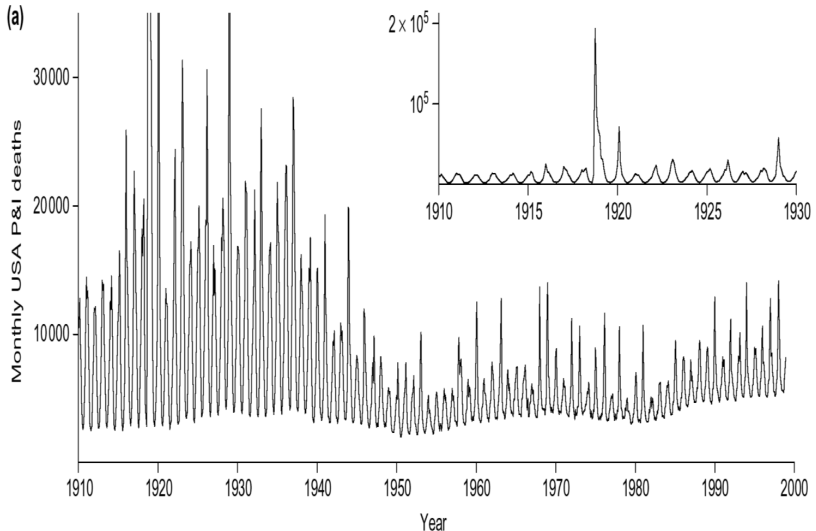
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# Visualization of entire course of the Great Plague

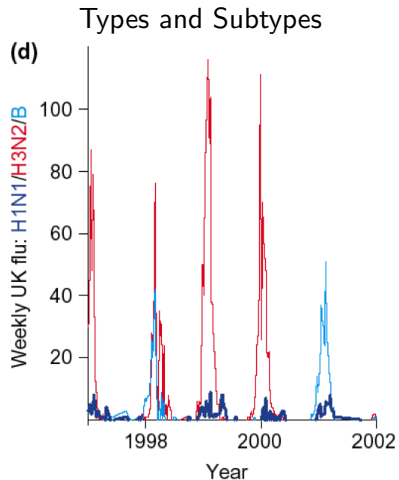
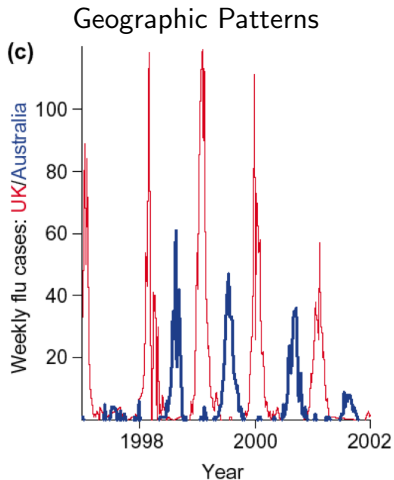
- What happened after initial spatial spread?
- Visualize full spatial epidemic structure
- Show magnitude of epidemic in each parish with cylinder.
- [Epidemic Visualization](#) (EpiVis) software by Junling Ma.

# P&I mortality in U.S.A., 1910–1998



Earn, Dushoff & Levin 2002, *Trends in Ecology and Evolution* **17**, 334–340

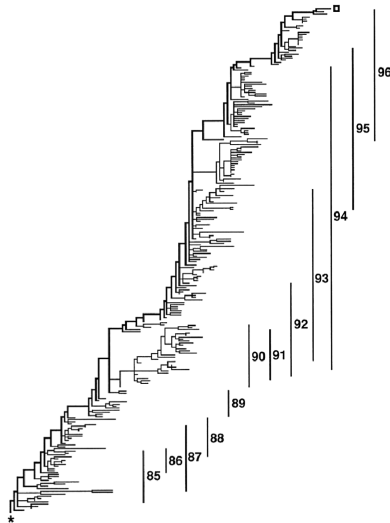
# Influenza Incidence Patterns (lab confirmed)



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# Influenza Evolution

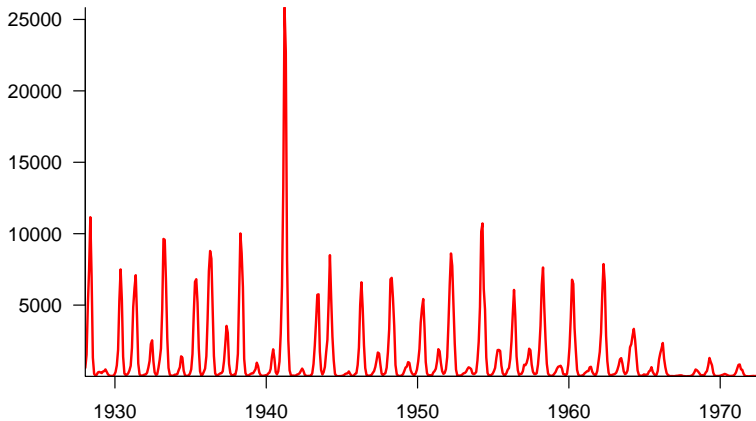
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1985–1996  
(Fitch *et al.* 1997)





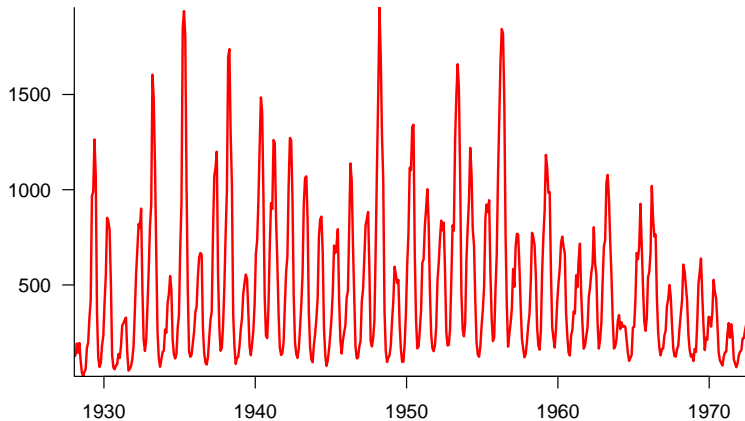
# Measles in New York City, 1928–1972

## Monthly Cases



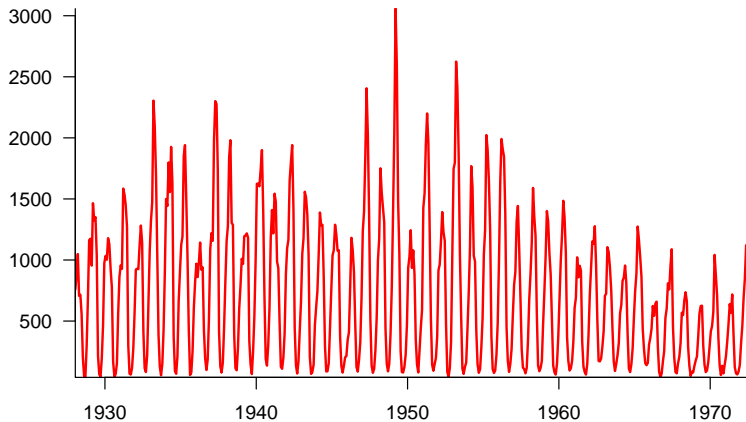
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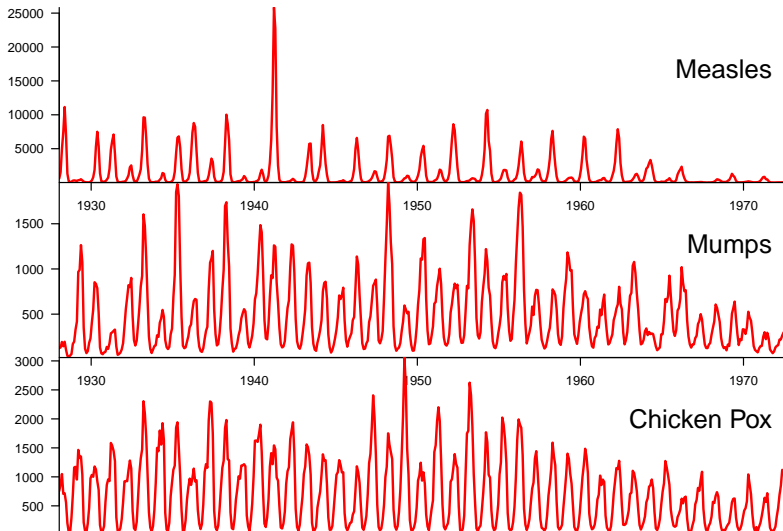


# Chicken Pox in New York City, 1928–1972

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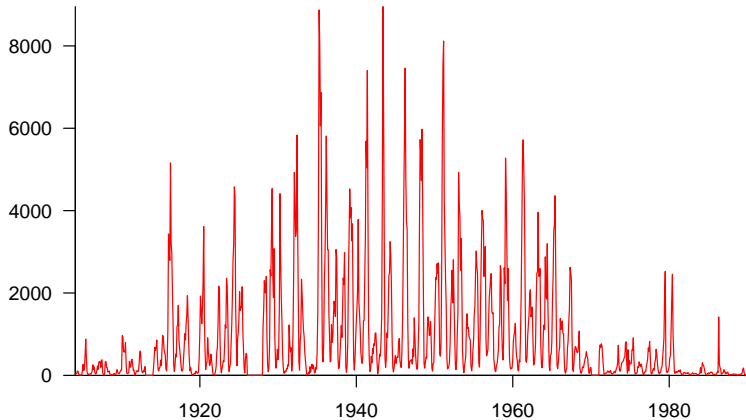


# Childhood diseases in New York City, 1928–1972



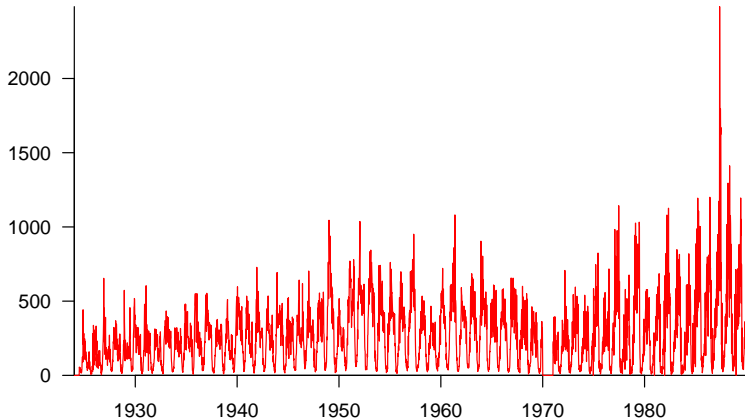
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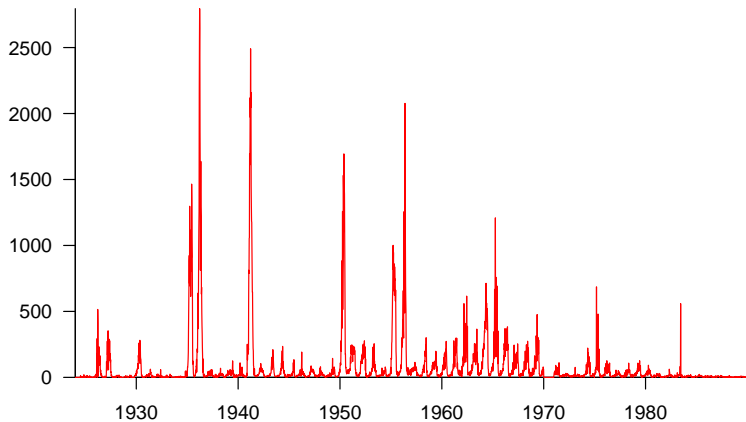
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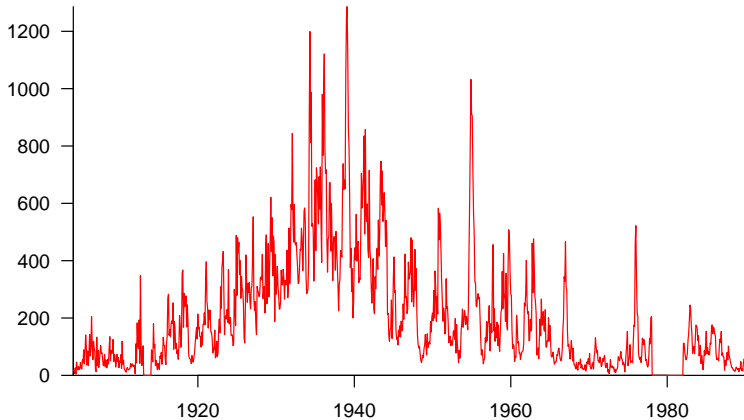
# Rubella in Ontario, 1924–1989

## Weekly Cases



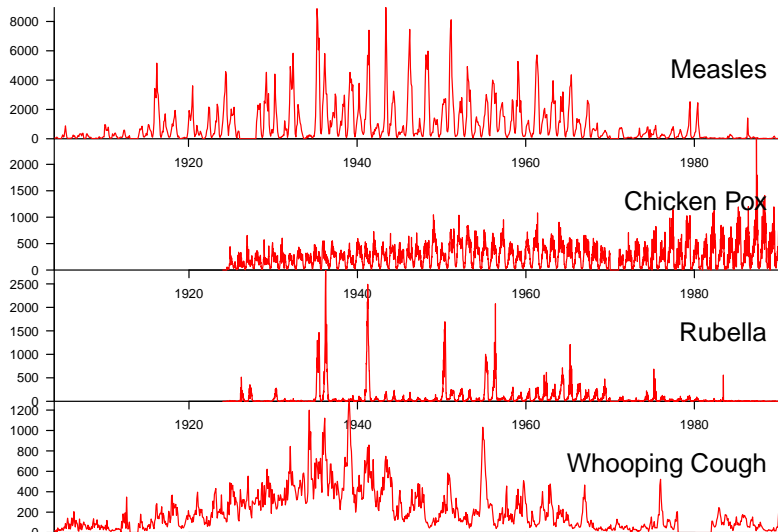
# Whooping Cough in Ontario, 1904–1989

## Monthly Cases





# Childhood diseases in Ontario, 1904–1989



## Ontario Disease Notification Data

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YEAR: 1939 \* COUNTY..... MUNICIPALITY.....

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## Dominion Bureau of Statistics Disease Notification Data

## VITAL STATISTICS BRANCH - COMMUNICABLE DISEASE SECTION

Cases of *H. Hooping cough* Reported by Provincial Health Departments, Year *1924*

WEEK ENDING	P.E.I.		N.S.		N.B.		QUE.		ONT.		MAN.		SASK.		ALTA.		B.C.		CANADA	
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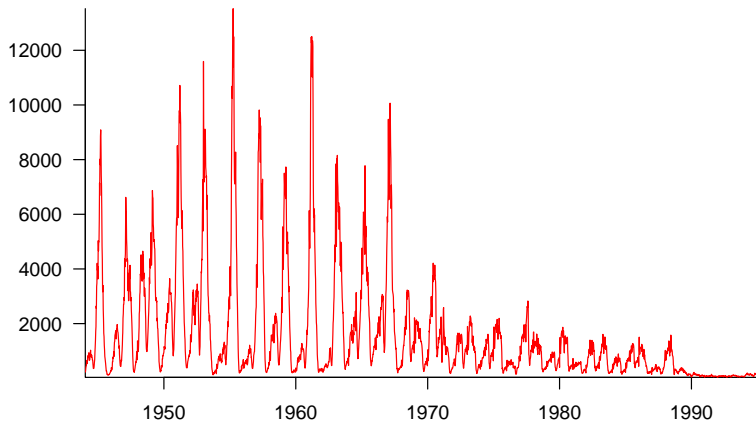
- Comment from TA on Assignment 1:  
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# Recurrent epidemics of childhood infections

- Childhood diseases in New York City, 1928–1972
- Childhood diseases in Ontario, 1904–1989

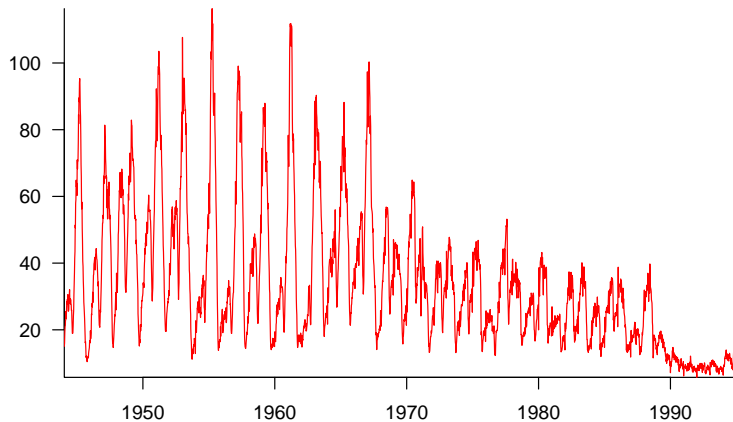
# Measles incidence in England and Wales, 1944–1995

## Weekly Cases



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Sqrt(Weekly Cases)

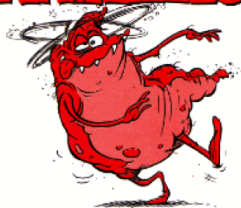




# Why study measles epidemics?

- $\sim 90,000$  children died from measles in 2016.
- A major cause of *vaccine-preventable* deaths.
- Potential impact in developed countries during vaccine scares (e.g., MMR scare in UK in 1990s).
  
- Understand past patterns
- Predict future patterns
- Manipulate future patterns
- Develop vaccination strategy that can...

**BRING  
MEASLES  
TO ITS  
KNEEZLES!**



# Other reasons to model infectious disease epidemics

- Mathematical models make hypotheses and inferences precise
  - Give better advice to policymakers
  - Make better predictions
- Host-pathogen dynamics are important aspects of ecosystem dynamics
  - Infectious disease models more likely to be successful than predator-prey models
- Excellent data for human infectious diseases
  - Models can be tested!

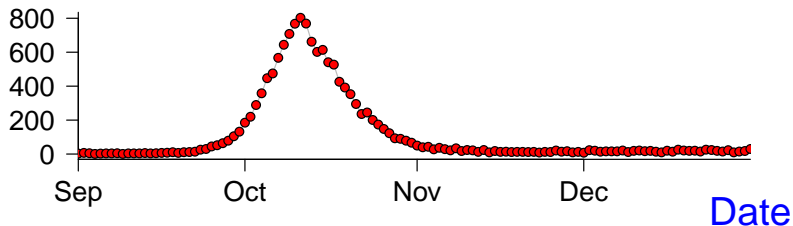
# Modelling population dynamics childhood infections

- The basic SIR model cannot explain recurrent epidemics.
- What should we do? . . .
  - 1 Get depressed, drop the course.
  - 2 Keep developing models until we can explain recurrent epidemics.
- First, let's talk about tools that allow us to make our questions about time series data more precise.

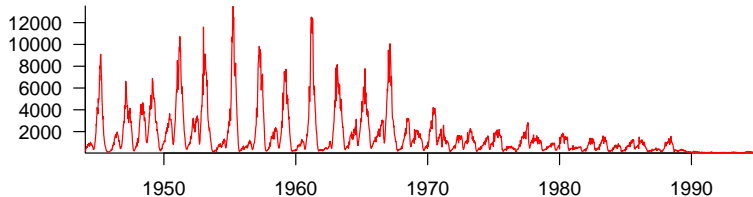
# Epidemic Data Analysis

# Time Plots of Temporal Epidemic Patterns

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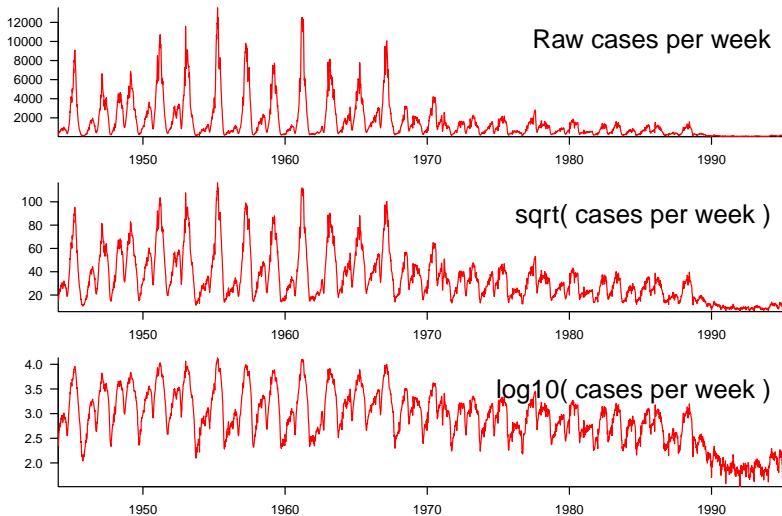


## Weekly Measles in England and Wales



# Time Plots of Transformed Data

- Reveal unobvious aspects of time series



# Times Plots of Smoothed Data

- Reveal trends clouded by noise or seasonality
- *Moving Average:*

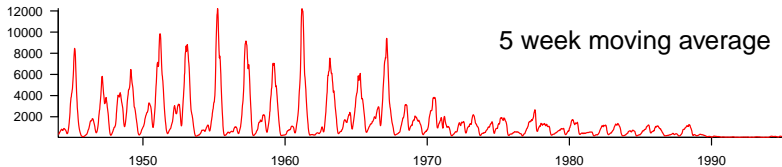
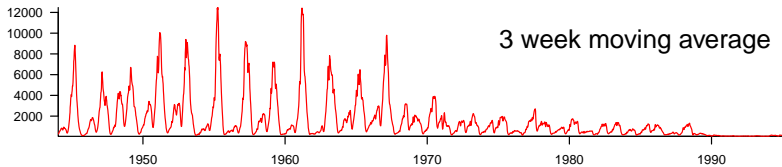
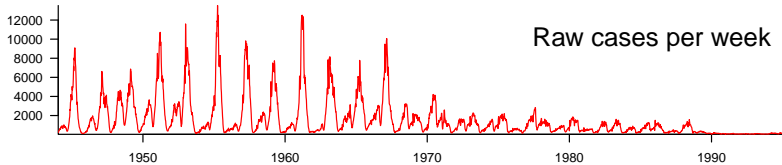
$$x_t \rightarrow \frac{1}{2a+1} \sum_{i=-a}^a x_{t+i}$$

- Replace original data points  $x_t$  with averages of nearby points.
- *Linear filter:*

$$x_t \rightarrow \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} \lambda_i x_{t+i}$$

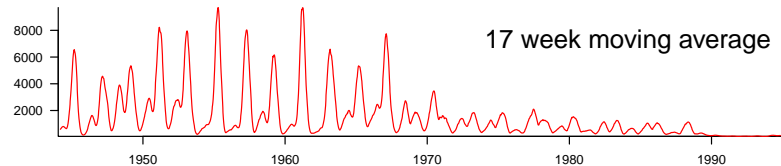
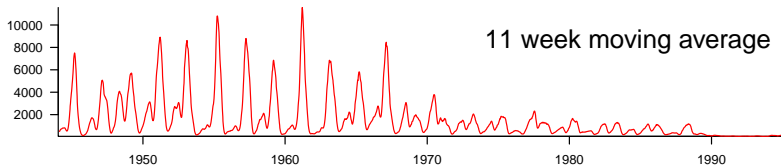
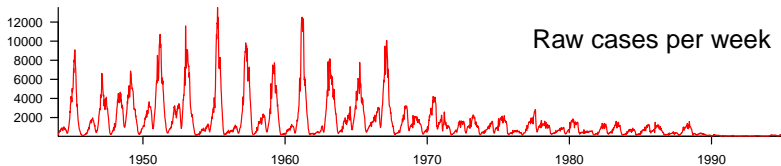
- Generalization of moving average.
- *Weights*  $\lambda_i$  can be nonlinear functions of  $i$ .

# Times Plots of Smoothed Data

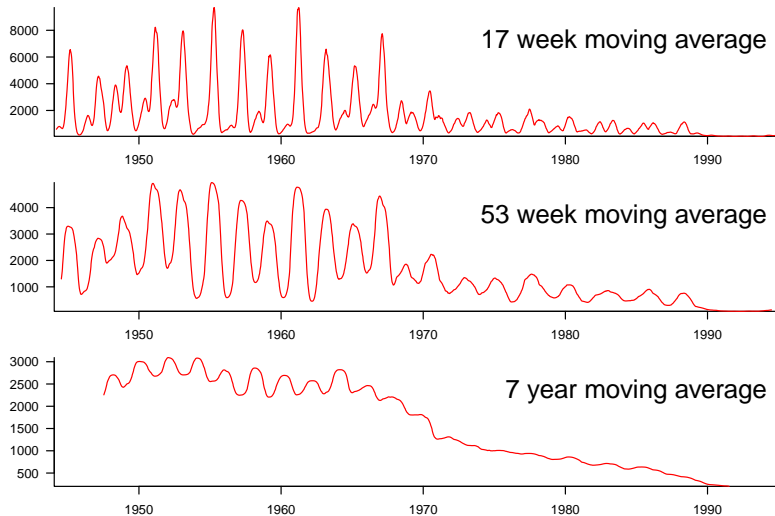




# Times Plots of Smoothed Data



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# Correlation

- Recurrent epidemics  $\implies$  number of cases now is correlated with number of cases in the past and the future.
- Given  $N$  pairs of observations of different quantities,  $\{(x_i, y_i) : i = 1, \dots, N\}$ , the *correlation coefficient* is defined to be

$$r = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \bar{y})^2}}$$

where  $\bar{x}$  and  $\bar{y}$  are the means of  $\{x_i\}$  and  $\{y_i\}$ , respectively.

# Correlation

## *Properties of the correlation coefficient:*

- $-1 \leq r \leq 1$  (Proof? [Cauchy-Schwarz inequality](#))
- $r = 1 \iff$  all points lie on a line with positive slope (“complete positive correlation”)
- $r = -1 \iff$  all points lie on a line with negative slope (“complete negative correlation”)
- $r \simeq 0 \implies$  “uncorrelated”
- *Interpretation:*  $r^2$  is the proportion of the variance in  $y$  explained by a linear function of  $x$ .

## *Derivations and discussions:*

- [MathWorld on  \$r^2\$](#) , [Wikipedia on  \$r^2\$](#)
- [Wikipedia on general coefficient of determination](#)

# Autocorrelation

- Given a single sequence of observations  $\{x_t : t = 1, \dots, N\}$ , we can compute the correlation of each observation with the observation  $k$  time steps in the future.
- Thus, we consider the pairs of observations  $\{(x_t, x_{k+t}) : t = 1, \dots, N - k\}$  and define the *autocorrelation coefficient at lag  $k$*  to be

$$r_k = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^{N-k} (x_t - \bar{x}_{1, N-k})(x_{k+t} - \bar{x}_{k+1, N})}{\sqrt{\sum_{t=1}^{N-k} (x_t - \bar{x}_{1, N-k})^2 \sum_{t=1}^{N-k} (x_{k+t} - \bar{x}_{k+1, N})^2}}$$

where  $\bar{x}_{1, N-k}$  and  $\bar{x}_{k+1, N}$  are the means of first and last  $N - k$  observations, respectively.

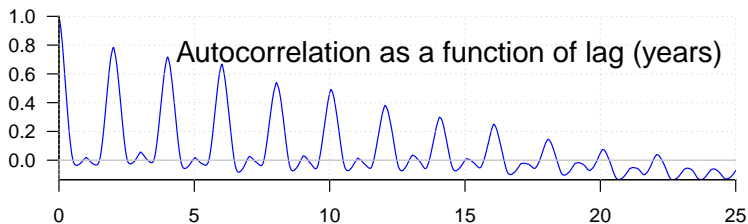
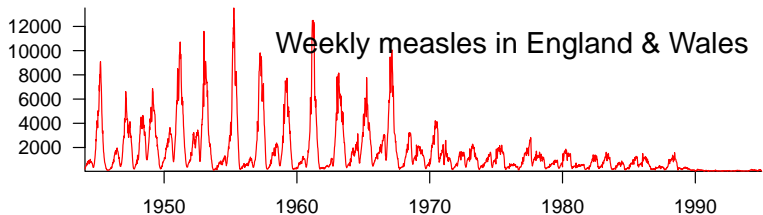
# Autocorrelation

- If number of observations  $N$  is large and lag  $k \ll N$  then

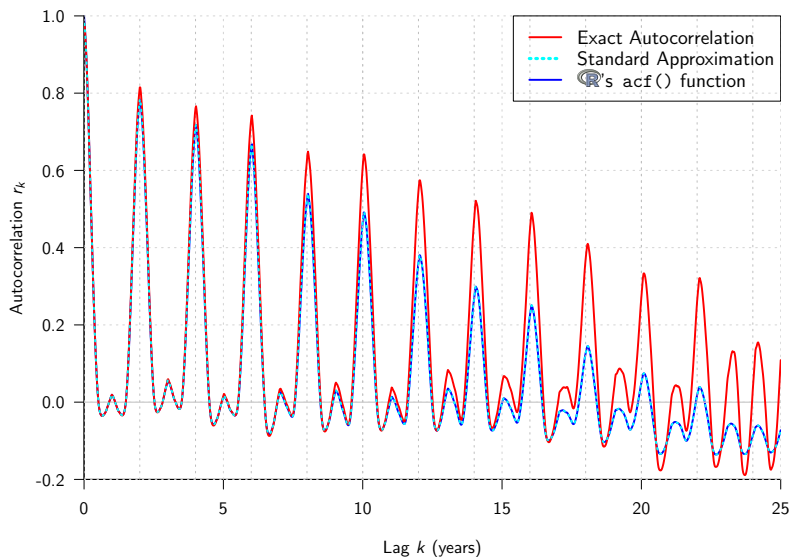
$$r_k \simeq \frac{\sum_{t=1}^{N-k} (x_t - \bar{x})(x_{k+t} - \bar{x})}{\sum_{t=1}^N (x_t - \bar{x})^2}$$

- Approximation of  $r_k$  is worse for larger lags  $k$
- Plot of autocorrelation  $r_k$  as a function of lag  $k$  is called the *correlogram*.

# Correlogram



- Peaks in correlogram  $\implies$  periodicities in original time series.
- Correlograms of temporal segments are often informative.

Correlogram: exact vs. approximate  $r_k$ 



# Spectral Density

- Can we compute the dominant periods in the time series? (Rather than estimating them by eye from the [correlogram](#).)
- Express the time series as a [Fourier series](#):

$$x_t = a_0 + \left( \sum_{p=1}^{(N/2)-1} (a_p \cos \omega_p t + b_p \sin \omega_p t) \right) + a_{N/2} \cos \pi t,$$

where  $\omega_p = 2\pi p/N$ .

- Compute the [Fourier coefficients](#)  $\{a_p\}$ ,  $\{b_p\}$  by taking inner products with  $\cos \omega_p t$  and  $\sin \omega_p t$ .

# Spectral Density

- Fourier coefficients of  $x_t$  are:

$$a_0 = \bar{x} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_t x_t,$$

$$a_p = \frac{2}{N} \sum_t x_t \cos \omega_p t, \quad b_p = \frac{2}{N} \sum_t x_t \sin \omega_p t,$$

$$a_{N/2} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_t (-1)^t x_t,$$

where sum is over observation times.

- Estimated **power spectral density (PSD)** at frequency  $\omega_p$  is\*:

$$I(\omega_p) = \frac{N}{4\pi} (a_p^2 + b_p^2)$$

\*The normalization by  $N/4\pi$  is the convention chosen by [Chatfield \(2004, "Analysis of Time Series: An Introduction"\)](#). Other normalization conventions are also in common use.



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$$\int_M d\omega = \int_{\partial M} \omega$$

# Mathematics 4MB3/6MB3 Mathematical Biology

Instructor: David Earn

Lecture 11  
Epidemic Data Tools  
Wednesday 31 Jan 2018

# Announcements

- **Assignment 2:**

Due Monday 5 February 2018 in class (and by e-mail) at 11:30am.

- **Midterm test:** We agreed on:

- *Date:* Thursday 8 March 2018
- *Time:* 7:00pm to 9:00pm
- *Location:* TBA

Please consider. . .

**5 minute** *Student Respiratory Illness Survey:*

<https://surveys.mcmaster.ca/limesurvey2/index.php/893454>

*Please complete this anonymous survey to help us monitor the patterns of respiratory illness, over-the-counter drug use, and social contact within the McMaster community. There are no risks to filling out this survey, and your participation is voluntary. You do not need to answer any questions that make you uncomfortable, and all information provided will be kept strictly confidential. Thanks for participating.*

*–Dr. Marek Smieja (Infectious Diseases)*

# Last time . . .

- Statistical description of time series:  
time plot, moving average
- Correlation coefficient: properties
- Autocorrelation
- Correlogram
- Exact vs. approximate autocorrelation
- Power spectral density (PSD)

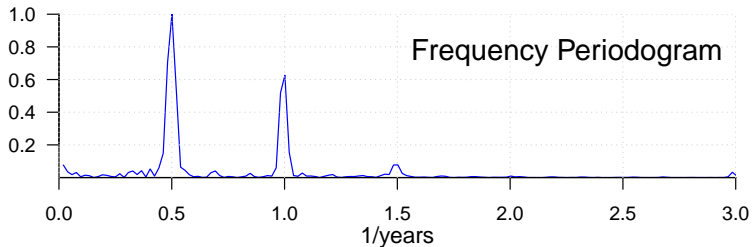
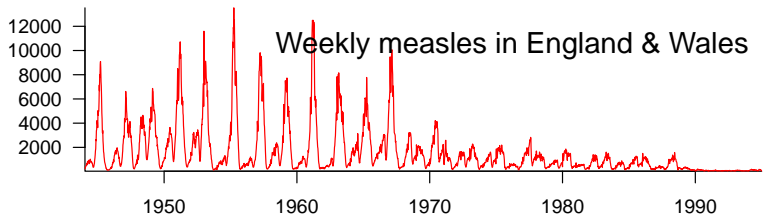
# Spectral Density

- There are many different ways to express the **power spectral density** (aka **power spectrum**).
- Most common/useful equivalence is that the power spectrum is the **discrete Fourier transform** of the correlogram:

$$I(\omega_p) = \frac{1}{\pi} \left( r_0 + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} r_k \cos \omega_p k \right)$$

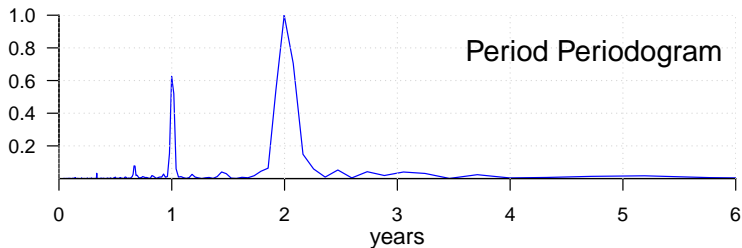
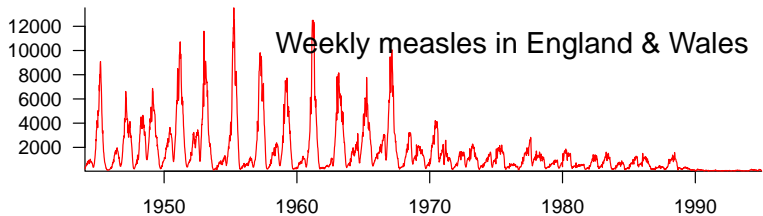
- Plot of estimated power spectrum as a function of frequency  $\omega_p$  is called the **frequency periodogram** or just the **periodogram**.

# Spectral Density

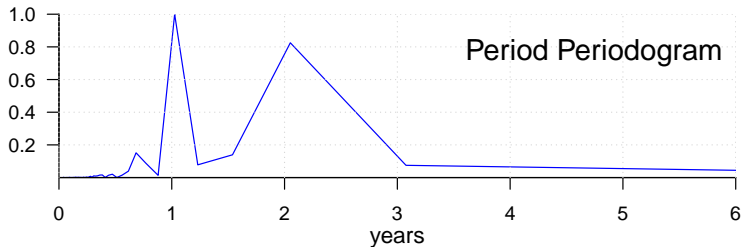
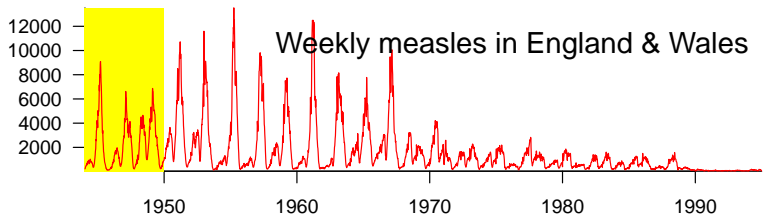




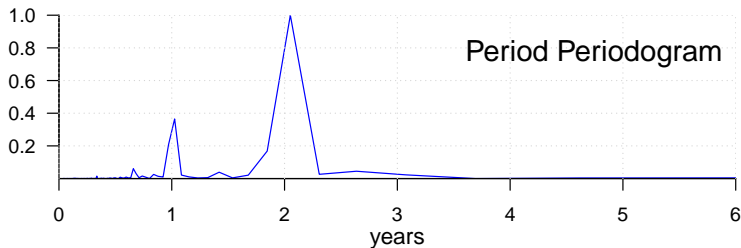
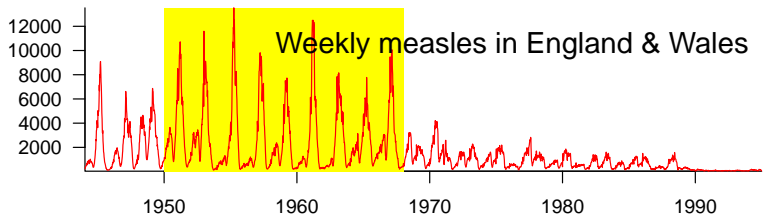
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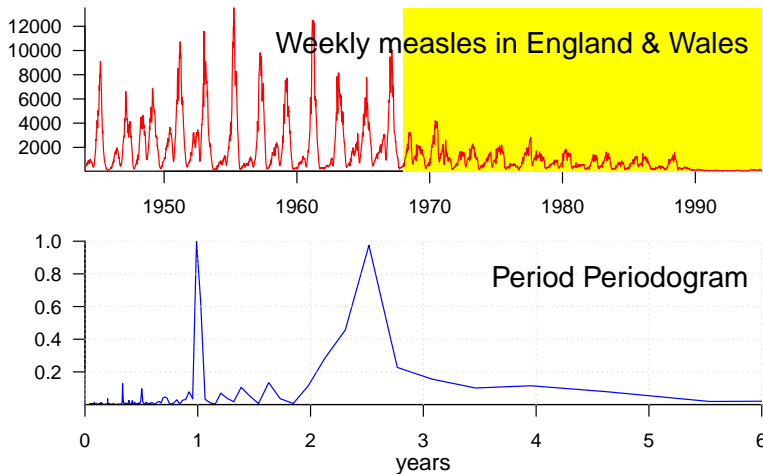
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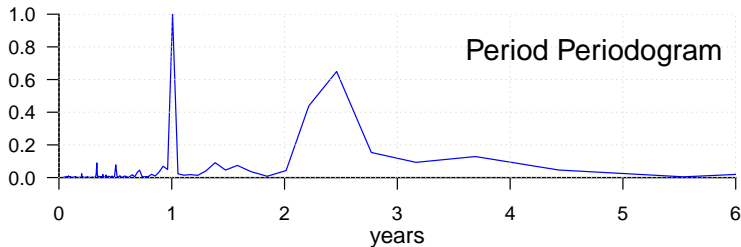
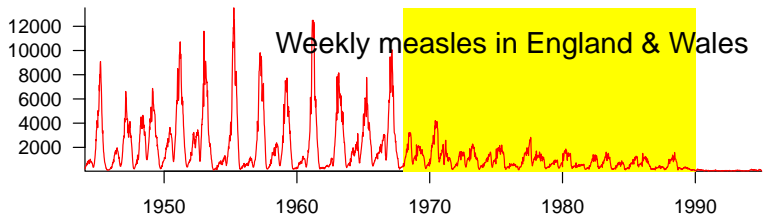
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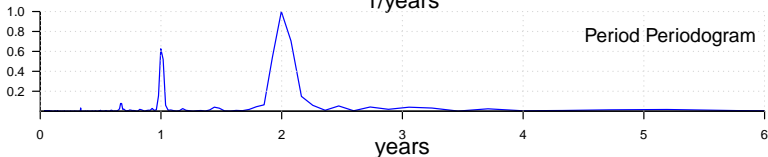
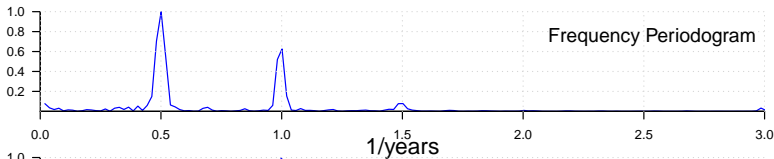
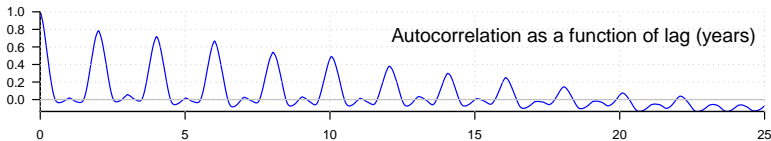
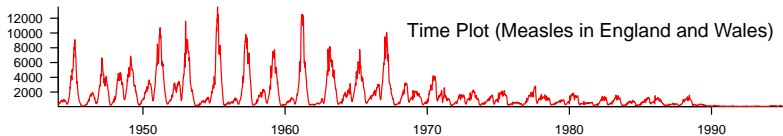
# Spectral Density of Temporal Segments



# Spectral Density Properties

- Periodogram is discrete Fourier transform of correlogram
- Same information in correlogram and periodogram
- Periodogram usually easier to interpret
- In  $\mathbb{R}$ , calculate power spectrum with `spectrum()`
- The power spectrum  $I(\omega_p)$  partitions the variance in the time series with respect to frequency  $\omega_p$ .
  - Parseval's theorem implies  $\frac{1}{N} \sum_t (x_t - \bar{x})^2 = \frac{1}{2\pi N} \sum_{p>0} I(\omega_p)$ .  
But  $\frac{1}{N} \sum_t (x_t - \bar{x})^2 = \text{Var}\{x_t\}$ , hence  $I(\omega_p)/(2\pi N)$  is the proportion of the variance in the time series associated with period  $2\pi/\omega_p$ .  
[For details, see [Chatfield \(2004\)](#).]

# Basic Time Series Analysis of Epidemic Data




# Spectral Density of Temporal Segments

- Pre-war measles
- Post-war pre-vaccination measles
- Vaccination era measles
- Vaccination era measles until 1990




# Time series analysis functions

 has built-in tools for time series analysis:

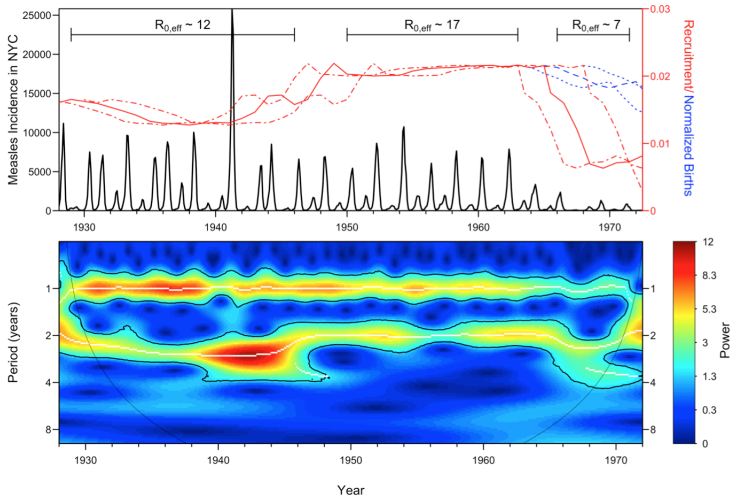
- Time plot: `plot()` *etc.*
- Linear filter (e.g., moving average): `filter()`
- Correlogram (auto-correlation function): `acf()`
- Periodogram (power spectrum): `spectrum()`

You will use all of these functions in **Assignment 4**.

# More sophisticated spectral method

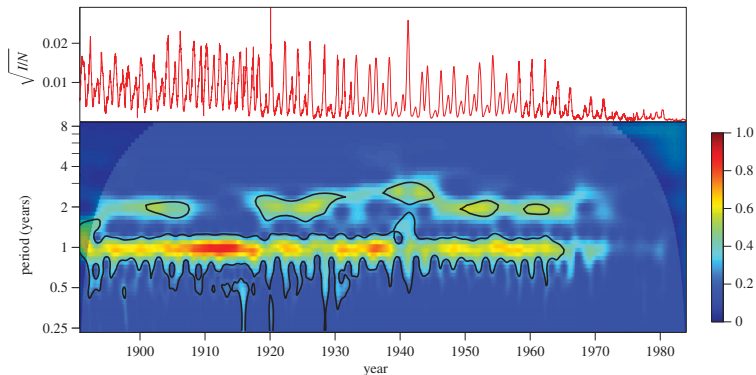
- Traditional power spectrum measures frequency content of entire time series.
- **Wavelet decomposition** is local in time.
  - Reveals changes in the spectrum over time without having to identify distinct temporal segments yourself.
  - Nice intro to wavelet analysis of time series: Torrence and Compo (1998) "A Practical Guide to Wavelet Analysis" *Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society* **79**, 61–78
  - $\exists$   packages for wavelet analysis of time series (e.g., [WaveletComp](#), [wavelets](#)), and at least one [book on wavelet methods in !\[\]\(9804e70d96ff9fe9899b264c06a33cd7\_img.jpg\)](#)

# Wavelet Spectrum of Monthly Measles in New York City



Krylova & Earn 2013, *J. R. Soc. Interface* **10**, 20130098

# Wavelet Spectrum of Weekly Measles in New York City



**Figure 5.** Observed measles dynamics in NYC from 1891 to 1984. (a) Square root of measles case reports, normalized by total concurrent population. (b) Colour depth plot of a continuous wavelet transform of the square root of normalized observed NYC measles cases (colour warmth scales with spectral power and 95% significance contours are shown in black). Shaded regions in the upper left and right indicate the cone of influence.

Hempel & Earn 2015, *J. R. Soc. Interface* **12**, 20150024

# Statistical Modelling of Time Series

# Statistical Modelling of Time Series

- Imagine time series  $\{X_t\}$  is generated by random processes.
- Simplest case:  $X_t$  (number of cases at time  $t$ ) is simply a random variable with a known distribution,

$$X_t = \mu + Z_t \quad (*)$$

where  $\mu$  = time average number of cases  
and  $\{Z_t\}$  = sequence of random variables with zero mean.

- Might be a reasonable model for importation of new, infectious individuals into a focal community.
- Bad model for epidemics: ignores transmission from one individual to another.
  - There must be a correlation between the number of individuals in the focal community who are infected now and the number who will be infected in the near future.

# Statistical Modelling of Time Series: AR and MA

- So, imagine that that successive data points in  $\{X_t\}$  are correlated.
- For example, perhaps the data are generated by an *autoregressive (AR) process*:

$$X_t - \mu = \alpha_1(X_{t-1} - \mu) + \alpha_2(X_{t-2} - \mu) + \cdots + \alpha_p(X_{t-p} - \mu) + Z_t,$$

where the  $\alpha_i$  are constants that determine the degree of correlation along the time series.

- Alternatively, the data might be generated by a *moving average (MA) process*:

$$X_t - \mu = \beta_0 Z_t + \beta_1 Z_{t-1} + \cdots + \beta_q Z_{t-q},$$

where the  $\beta_i$  are constants that define a weighted average.

# Statistical Modelling of Time Series: ARMA

- More generally, the data might be generated by an *autoregressive moving average* “ARMA( $p, q$ )” process:

$$X_t - \mu = \alpha_1(X_{t-1} - \mu) + \alpha_2(X_{t-2} - \mu) + \cdots + \alpha_p(X_{t-p} - \mu) \\ + \beta_0 Z_t + \beta_1 Z_{t-1} + \cdots + \beta_q Z_{t-q}.$$



# Statistical Modelling of Time Series: ARIMA

- Finally, an *autoregressive integrated moving average* “ARIMA( $p, d, q$ )” model includes weighted differences of the time series:

$$\begin{aligned} X_t - \mu &= \alpha_1(X_{t-1} - \mu) + \alpha_2(X_{t-2} - \mu) + \cdots + \alpha_p(X_{t-p} - \mu) \\ &\quad + \gamma_1(X_{t-1} - X_{t-2}) + \gamma_2(X_{t-2} - X_{t-3}) + \cdots \\ &\quad + \beta_0 Z_t + \beta_1 Z_{t-1} + \cdots + \beta_q Z_{t-q}. \end{aligned}$$

- The “I” in ARIMA refers to the original time series  $X_t$ , which is an “integrated” version of the differenced time series.
- Technically, an ARIMA model is just an ARMA model with differently labelled coefficients, but explicit differences are often helpful conceptually (e.g., they can “stationarize” a time series).

# What kind of process generated our data?

- *How can we tell if our data were generated by such a process?  
Can we identify an  $AR(p)$ ,  $MA(q)$  or  $ARMA(p, q)$  process?*
- Compare time plots of these processes with time plot of our data? (Comparison by eye often challenging/unreliable.)
- Compare autocorrelation functions (correlograms) of these processes with correlogram of our data? (Better.)
- Compare power spectra (periodograms) of these processes with periodogram of our data? (Even better.)
- Compare wavelet spectra of these processes with wavelet spectrum of our data? (Better yet.)

# Statistical Modelling of Time Series: ARMA fitting

- Looking at the power spectra of ARMA models would be instructive.
- But is there a better approach to discovering if an ARMA model could explain our data?
- Find the *best fit* ARMA parameters by minimizing the residual sum of squares. e.g., for an AR model, minimize:

$$S = \sum_{t=p+1}^N [(x_t - \mu) - \alpha_1(x_{t-1} - \mu) - \dots - \alpha_p(x_{t-p} - \mu)]^2.$$

- More generally, we can find the best fit parameters of an ARIMA( $p, d, q$ ) model
  - Non-trivial, but there are standard methods
  - Compare models with [Akaike Information Criterion \(AIC\)](#)
- See [Earn \(2009\)](#) review article for more discussion of this.