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

Mathematics 4MB3/6MB3 Mathematical Biology

Instructor: David Earn

Lecture 8
Epidemic Data
Monday 21 January 2019

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 \LaTeX for one assignment.

More Announcements!

- **Assignment 2:**

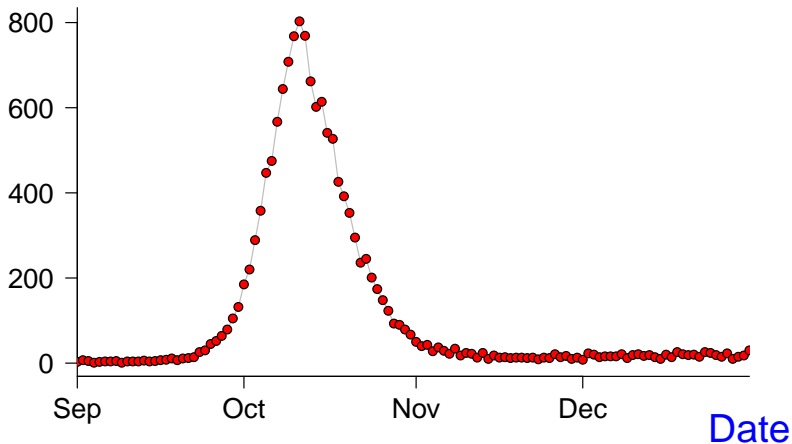
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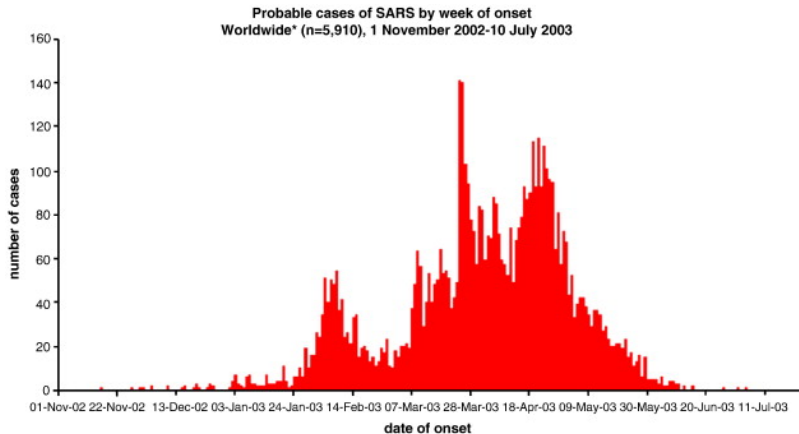
- *Date:* Monday 11 March 2019
- *Time:* 9:30am–11:20am
- *Location:* Hamilton Hall 410

P&I Mortality, Philadelphia, 1918

P&I Deaths

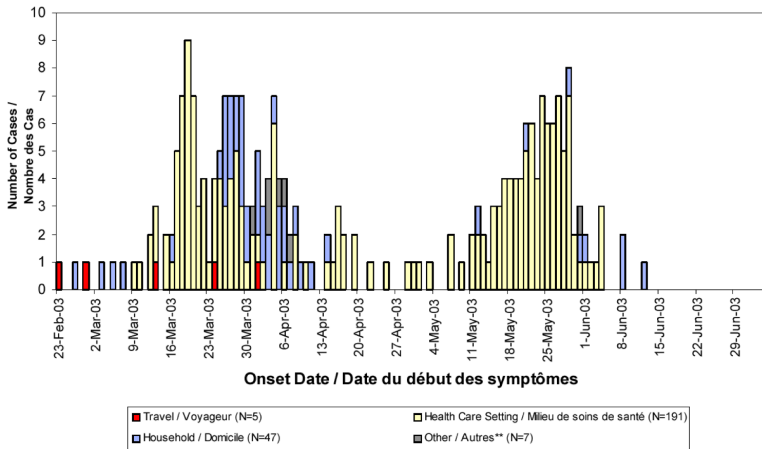


SARS in 2003 (Worldwide)



*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)

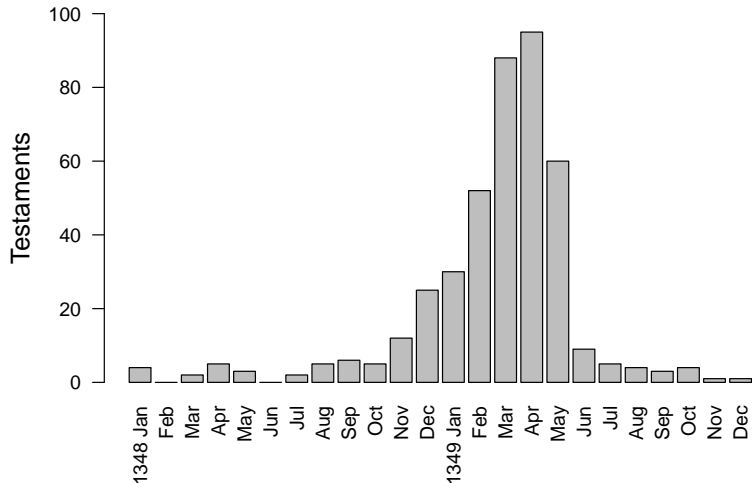


$N = 249$ (of 250 reported)

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



London Bill of Mortality, 26 Sept to 3 Oct 1665

The Diseases and Casualties this Week,



Bores	5
Aged	60
Ague	1
Apoplexie	2
Childbed	42
Chriofomes	1
Cold	1
Consumption	99
Coarlation	63
Cough	1
Droplic	22
Drown'd at St. Martin in the Fields	1
Feaver	268
Fifual	2
Flux and Small-pox	4
Flux	1
Found dead in the Fields at St. Mary Ilfington	1

{ Males 68	}{ Buried {	Males 3212
{ Females 78		Females 3248
{ In all 146	}{ Plague 5533	

Decreased in the Burials this Week 1837

Parishes clear of the Plague 7 Parishes Infected 123

*The Apize of Bread fet forth by Order of the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen,
A penny Wheaten Loaf to contain Nine Ounces and a half, and three
half-penny White Loaves the like weight.*

From the 26 of September to the 3 of October, 1665

London	1665
St Andrew Woodbrowne	16 14
St Gregory by St Pauls	26 25
St Helles	6 1
St James Duke place	17 13
St James Garlickhithe	10 12
St John Baptists	11 10
St John Evangelist	1
St John Zastary	12 9
St Katharine Creechurch	14 11
St Lawrence Jewry	2
St Lawrence Pomeroy	14 10
St Leonard Eastcheap	3
St Leonard Fishmongers	16 13
St Margaret Leby	5 4
St Margaret Leabury	7 6
St Margaret Marston	1
St Margaret Newfisher	13 13
St Margaret Patern	4 3
St Mary Abchurch	7 5
St Mary Aldermanbury	14 14
St Mary Aldermanbury	4 14
St Mary le Bow	1 1
St Mary le Cow	6 4
St Mary le Bethel	1 4
St Mary Hill	11 8
St Mary Monach	4 3
St Mary Somerset	44 38
St Mary Spangney	1 4
St Mary Woolchurch	3 2
St Mary Woolchurch	7 5
St Mary Ironmongers	2

Churched in the 97 Parishes within the Walls 39 Buried 1149 Plague 943

St Andrew Holborn	173 151	St Bonlaph Aldgate	371 338	St Dunstons Southwark	153 121
St Bartholomew Great	27 15	St Bonlaph Bishopsgate	153 121	St Sepulchres Parish	137 95
St Bartholomew Little	7 7	St Dunstons West	65 59	St Thomas Southwark	82 66
St Bride	52 67	St George Southwark	140 113	Trinity Minorities	24 11
St Dunstons Precinct	53 63	St Giles Cripplegate	196 174	At the Pellows	8 8
St Dunstons Parish	71 64	St Olave Southwark	378 281		

Churched in the 16 Parishes without the Walls 45 Buried, and at the Pellows 2258 Plague 1922

St Giles in the fields	95 78	St Lambeth Parish	49 39	St Mary Abchurch	55 51
St Jacques Parish	14 13	St Leonard Shorehithe	25 91	St Mary Woolchurch	238 201
St James Clerkenwell	48 42	St Magnus Broomfield	181 100	St Stephen	21 18
St Kath near the Tower	55 49	St Mary Newington	81 81	St Thomas	67 61
Churched in the 12 new Parishes in Middlesex and Surrey 40 Buried 1623 Plague 1469					
St Clement Danes	11 8	St Martin in the Fields	109 141		
St Paul Covent Garden	25 14	St Mary Savoy	19 16		

Churched in the 5 Parishes in the City and Liberties of Westminster 13 Buried 690 Plague 590

Mortality Bills are typically handwritten

LONDON 29 th From the 4 th of July to the 11 th of August 1665													
Buried.	Plag.	Buried.	Plag.	Buried.	Plag.	Buried.	Plag.						
St Alban Woodstreet	2	1	St Clement Eastcheap	1	St Margaret Newfishst	1	St Michael Crookedla	4	3				
Alhallows Bark	1	1	St Dionis Backchurch	2	St Margaret Pattons	1	St Michael Queenhith	1	1				
Alhallows Breadstreet	1	1	St Dunstons East	2	St Mary Abchurch	1	St Michael Quern	1	1				
Alhallows Great	1	1	St Edmund Lumbardst.	2	St Mary Aldermanbury	1	St Michael Royal	1	1				
Alhallows Honilane	1	1	St Ethelborough	2	St Mary Alde mary	1	St Michael Woodstreet	1	1				
Alhallows Lumbardst.	1	1	St Faiths	2	St Mary le Bow	1	St Mildred Breadstreet	1	1				
Alhallows Staining	1	1	St Gabriel Fenchurch	2	St Mary Bothaw	1	St Mildred Poultry	1	1				
Alhallows the Wall	4	3	St George Botolphlane	2	St Mary Colechurch	1	St Nicholas Acons	1	1				
St Alphage	1	1	St Gregories by St.Paul	2	St Mary Hill	1	St Nicholas Coleabby-	1	1				
St Andrew Hubbard	1	1	St Hellen	2	St Mary Mag. Milkstr.	1	St Nicholas Olaves	1	1				
St Andrew Underthafe	3	1	St James Dukes place	1	St Mary Mag. Oldfishit	1	St Olave Hartstreet	1	1				
St Andrew Wardrobe	1	1	St James Garlickhith	1	St Mary Mounthaw	1	St Olave Jewry	1	1				
St Anne Aldersgate	1	1	St John Baptist	1	St Mary Summerset	2	St Olave Silverstreet	4	1				
St Anne Blackfyers	1	1	St John Evangelist	1	St Mary Staining	1	St Pancras Soperlane	1	1				
St Antholiers Parish.	1	1	St John Zichary	1	St Mary Woolchurch	1	St Peter Cheap	1	1				
St Austins Parish	1	1	St Katharine Coleman	1	St Mary Woolnoth	1	St Peter Cornhill	1	1				
St Barthol.Exchange	1	1	St Katharine Creechur.	1	St Martins Iremongerl.	1	St Peter Paulwharf	1	1				
St Bennet Fynck	1	1	St Lawrence Jewry	1	St Martins Ludgate	2	St Peter Poor	1	1				
St Bennet Gracechurch	1	1	St Lawrence Pountney	1	St Martins Orgars	1	St Steven Colemanstr.	2	1				
St Bennet Paulwharf.	1	1	St Leonard Eastcheap	1	St Martins Outwich	1	St Steven Walbrook.	2	1				
St Bennet Sherchog.	1	1	St Leonard Fosterlane.	1	St Martins Vintrey	1	St Swithin	2	1				
St Borolph Billingsgate	1	1	St Magnus Parish	1	St Matthew Frydaystr.	1	St Thomas Apottle	1	1				
Christ Church	1	1	St Margaret Lothbury.	1	St Michael Bassishaw	1	Trinity Parish	1	1				
St Christophers	1	1	St Margaret Mofes	1	St Michael Cornhil	1	St Vedast alias Fosters	1	1				
Christned in 7 the Parishes within the walls				Buried				Plague					
				86				28					
St Andrew Holborn	06	40	St Borolph Aldergate	11	4	St George Southwark	13	4	St Sepulchres Parish	117	81		
St Bartholomew Great	7	4	St Borolph Aldgate	24	9	St Giles Cripplegate	105	49	St Thomas Southwark	7	5		
St Bartholomew Lels	1	1	St Borolph Bishopsgate	37	20	St Olave Southwark	20	6	Trinity Minories	6	6		
St Bridget	24	17	St Dunstan West	19	9	St Saviour Southwark	21	1	At the Pethouse	6	6		
Bridewell Prencit	1	1	Christned in the 15 Parishes without the walls				Buried						
				473				Plague					
				273									
Christs Church	1	1	St Kath. near the Tower	7	1	St Mary Islington	3	2	St Paul Shadwel	7	3		
St John at Hackney	1	1	Lambeth Parish	7	13	St Mary Newington	7	1	Rotherhich Parish	7	1		
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	1	Buried				Plague			
				455				280					

But handwriting is usually very clear

LONDON 29th

	Buried.	Plag.
St Alban Woodstreet	2	1
Alhallows Bark.	2	
Alhallows Breadstreet		
Alhallows Great	1	

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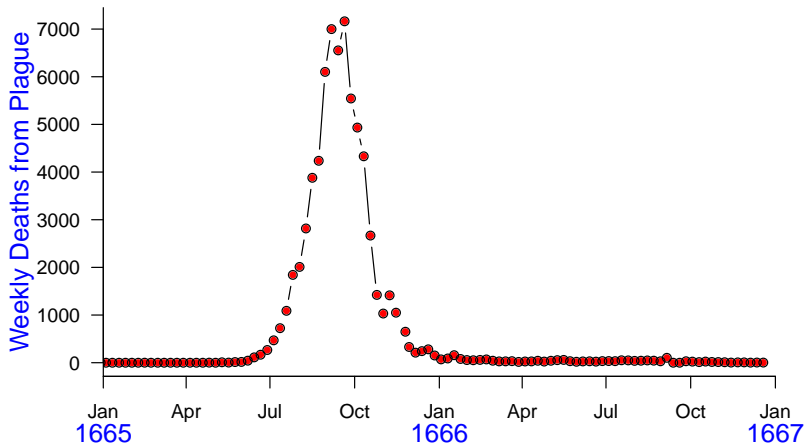
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Christned in 97 the Parishes

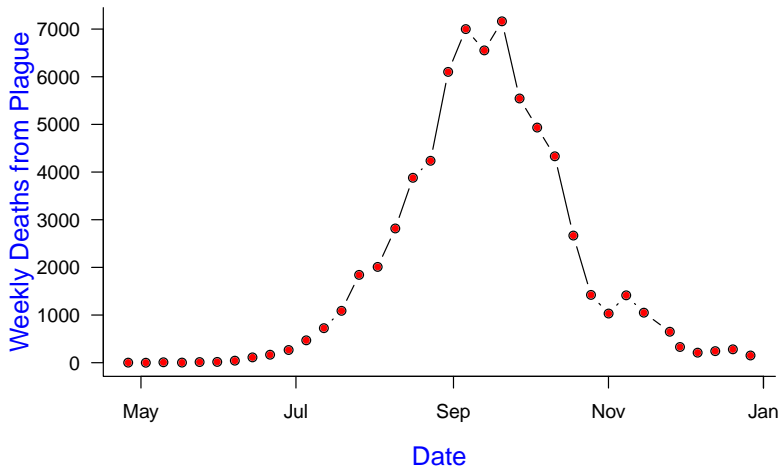
St Andrew Holborn	66	40	St
St Bartholomew Great	7	4	St
St Bartholomew Less			St
St Bridget	24	17	St
Bridewel Precinct	1	1	

Christned in the 16 Parishes

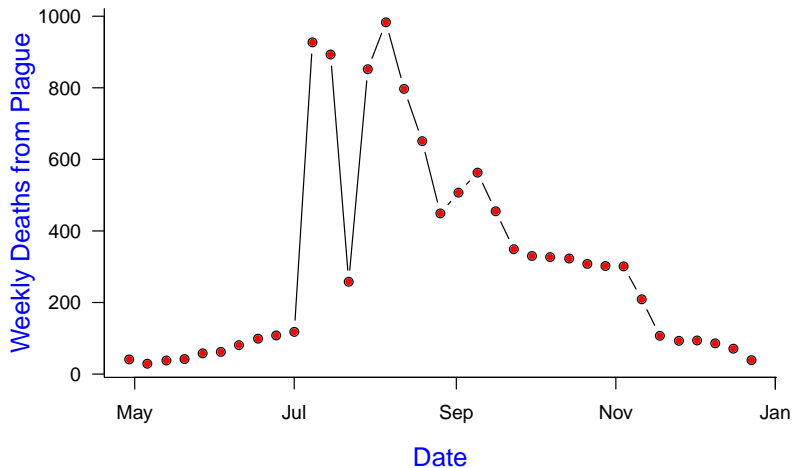
The Great Plague of London, 1665



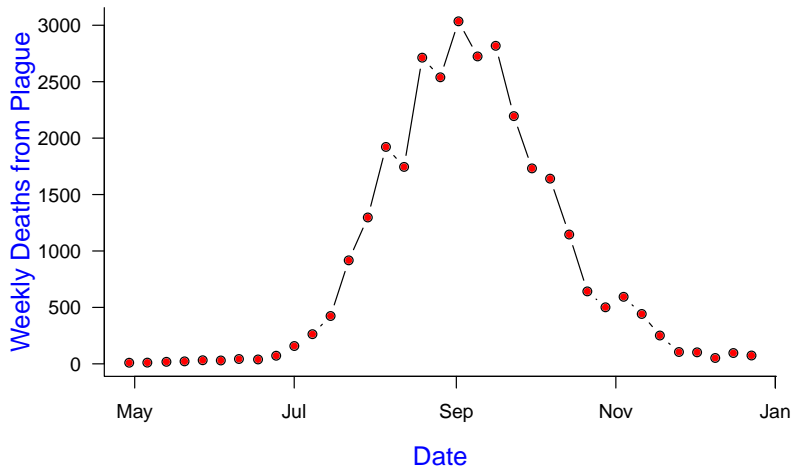
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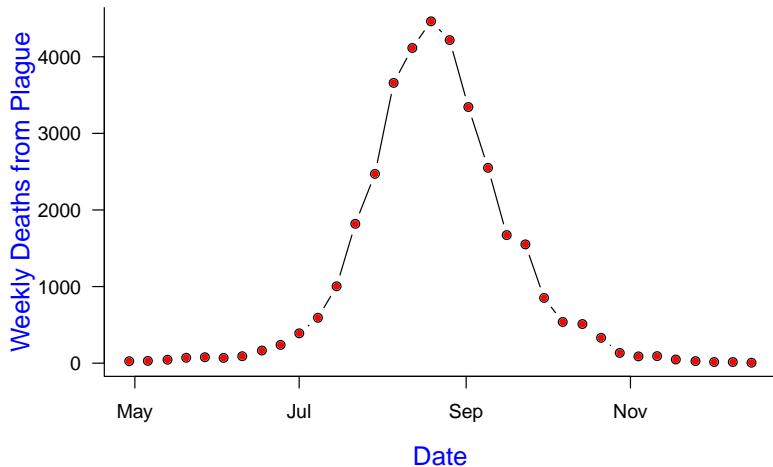
London Plague of 1593



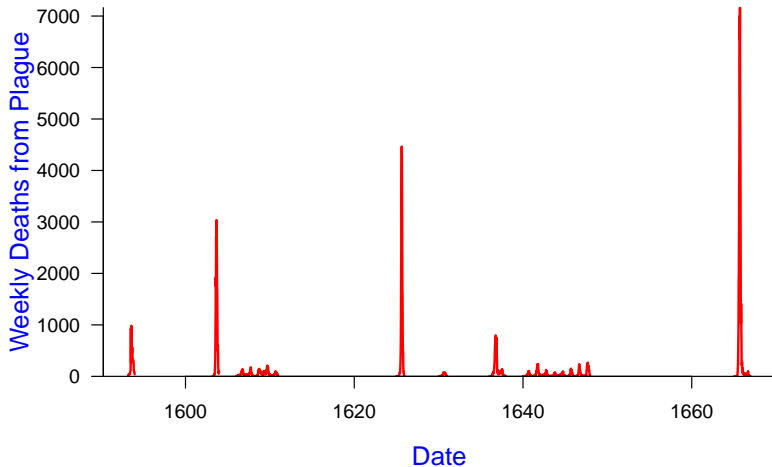
London Plague of 1603



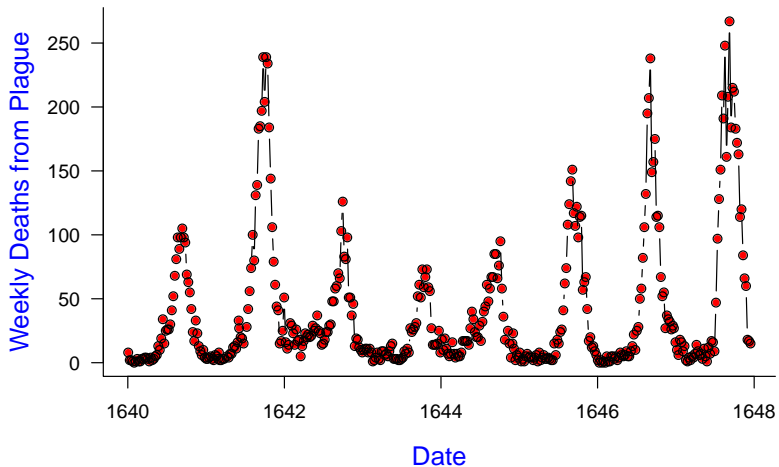
London Plague of 1625



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
 - ~ 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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Please consider. . .

5 minute *Student Respiratory Illness Survey:*

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

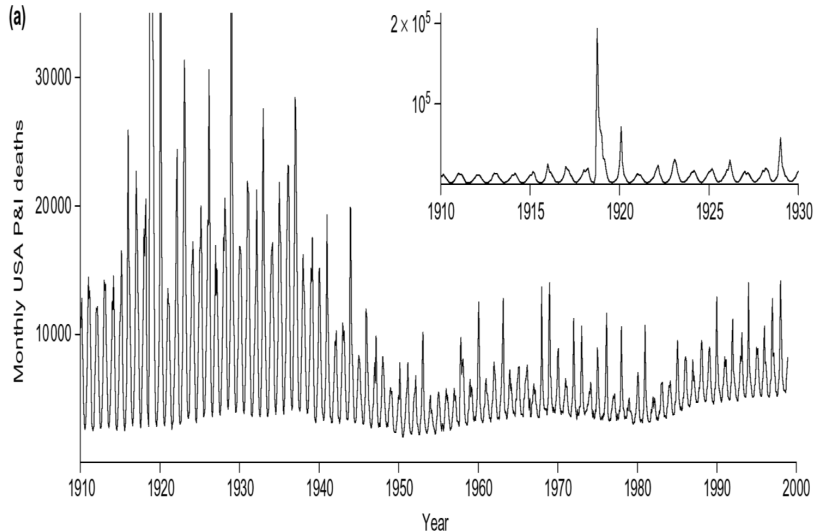
Please complete this anonymous survey to help us monitor the patterns of respiratory illness, over-the-counter drug use, and social contact within the McMaster community. There are no risks to filling out this survey, and your participation is voluntary. You do not need to answer any questions that make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

–Dr. Marek Smieja (Infectious Diseases)

Visualization of entire course of the Great Plague

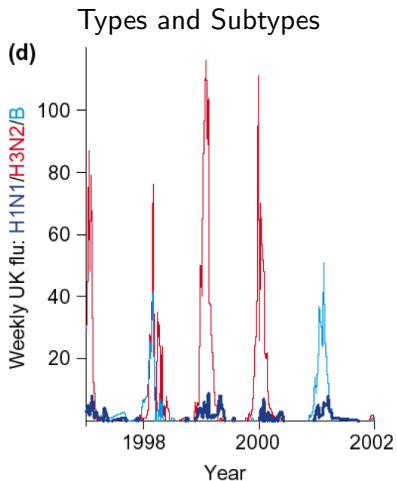
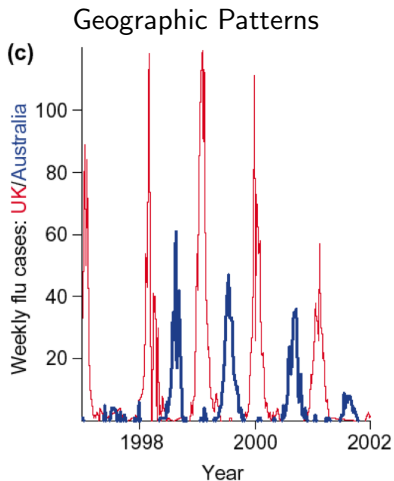
- What happened after initial spatial spread?
- Visualize full spatial epidemic structure
- Show magnitude of epidemic in each parish with cylinder.
- [Epidemic Visualization](#) (EpiVis) software by Junling Ma.

P&I mortality in U.S.A., 1910–1998



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

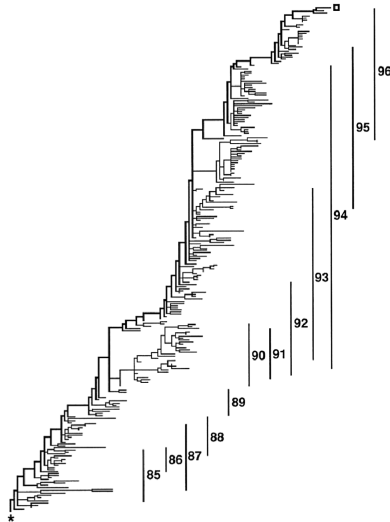
Influenza Incidence Patterns (lab confirmed)



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

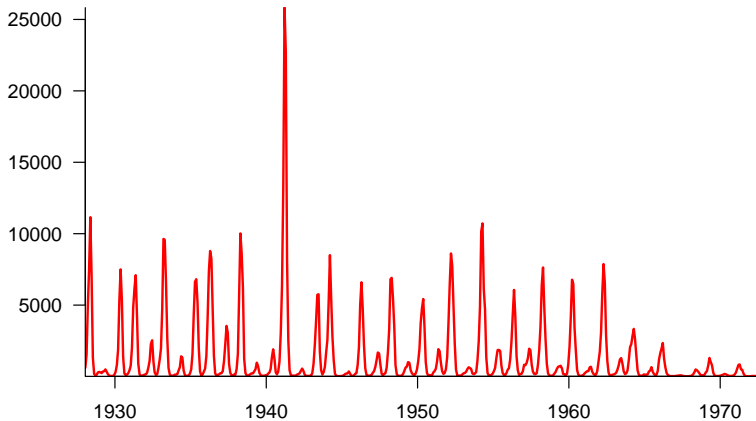
Influenza Evolution

Molecular
phylogenetic
reconstruction of
influenza A/H3N2
evolution,
1985–1996
(Fitch *et al.* 1997)



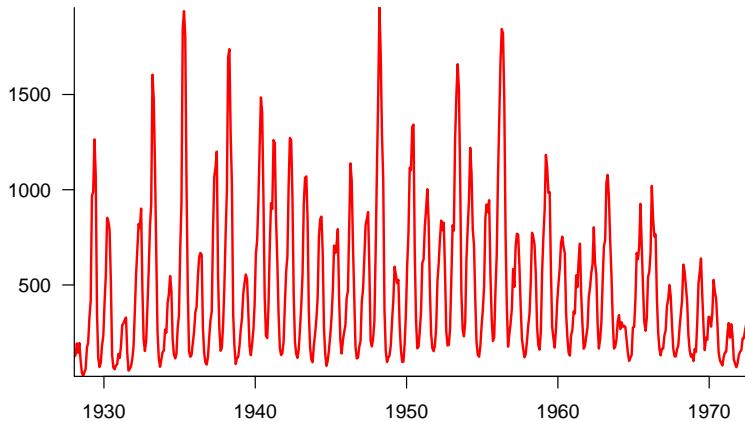
Measles in New York City, 1928–1972

Monthly Cases



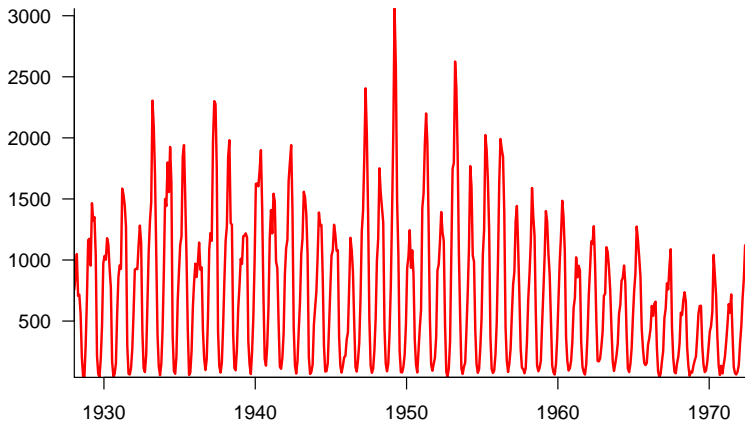
Mumps in New York City, 1928–1972

Monthly Cases

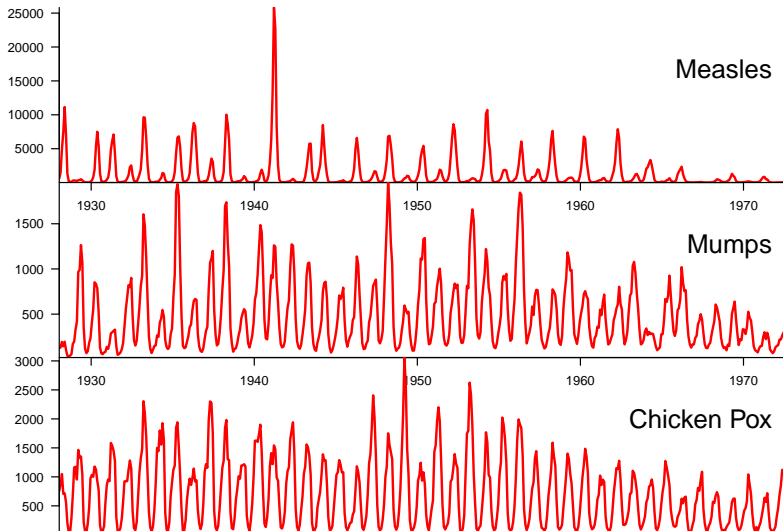


Chicken Pox in New York City, 1928–1972

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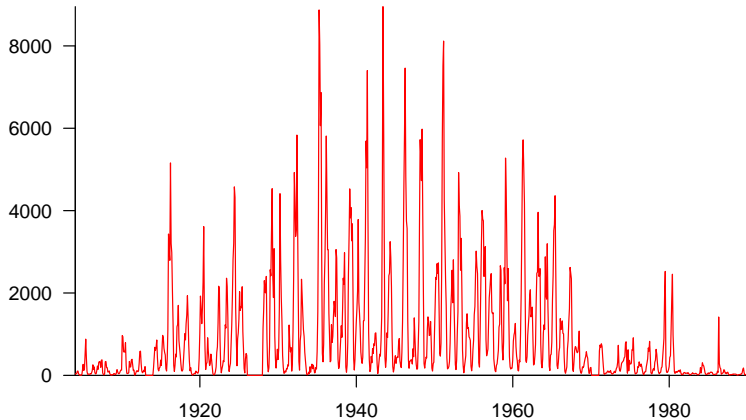


Childhood diseases in New York City, 1928–1972



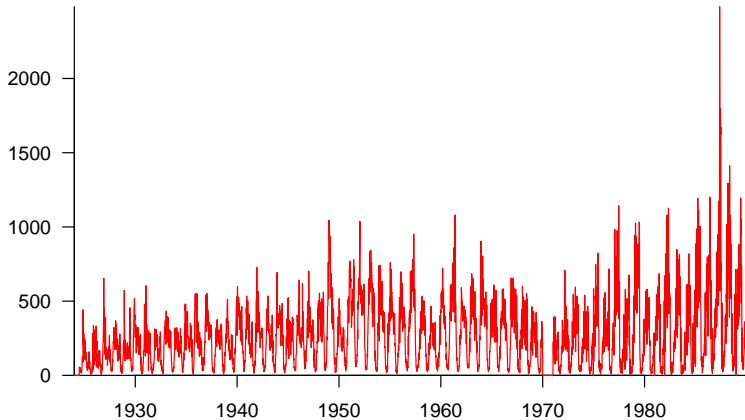
Measles in Ontario, 1904–1989

Monthly Cases



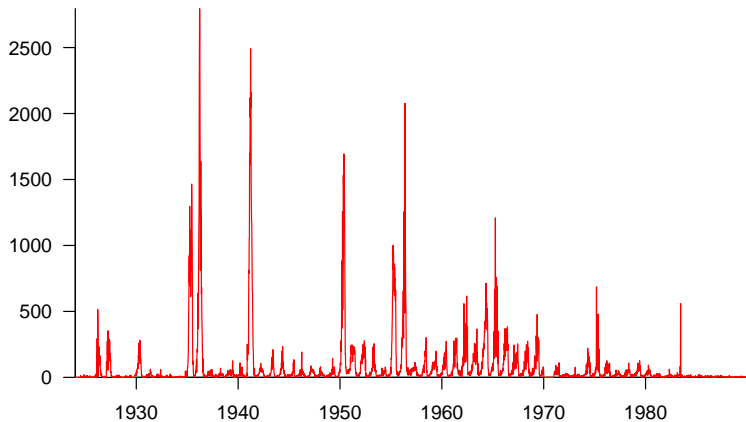
Chicken Pox in Ontario, 1924–1989

Monthly Cases



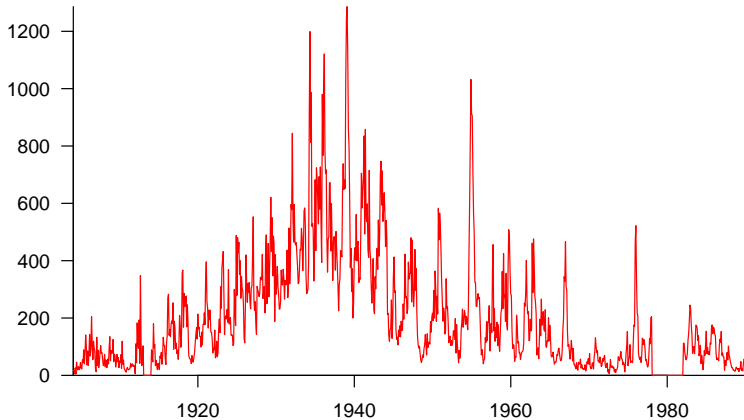
Rubella in Ontario, 1924–1989

Weekly Cases

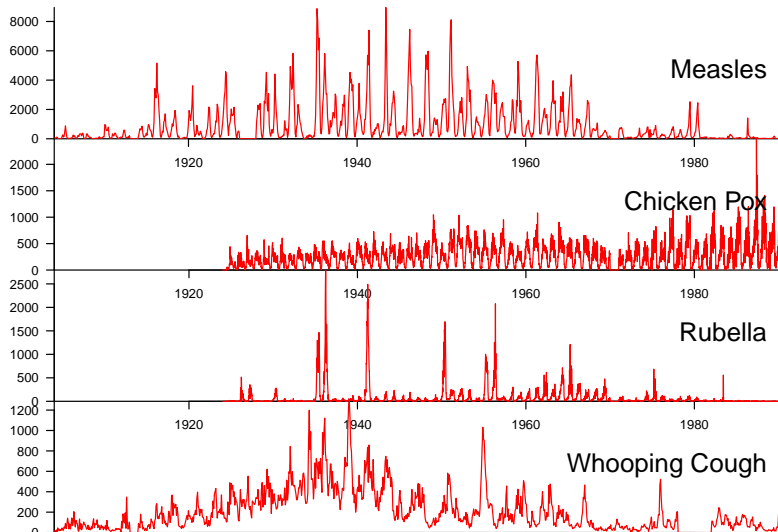


Whooping Cough in Ontario, 1904–1989

Monthly Cases



Childhood diseases in Ontario, 1904–1989



Ontario Disease Notification Data

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

Month	Week End.	CSM		C.P.		DIP.		DYS. A/B		EN. LETH.		ERY.S.		G.C.		FLU.		INF. JAUN.		G.M.		MEAS.		MUMPS		PARA. TYPH.		
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Jan.	7	1		452	1	3	0	1	0			5	1	101	0	8	1	17	0	17	0	670	1	56	0	2	0	
	14	2	2	1490	0	8	0					5	0	82	0	21	1	18	0	18	0	850	0	92	0	1	0	
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Mar.	4	9	1	271	0	7	1	3	1			7	0	93	0	114	19	21	0	40	0	1131	2	109	0	1	0	
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	18	11		166	0							6	0	66	0	122	6	5	0	59	0	969	2	69	0	1	0	
	25	12	1	236	0	1	0	1	0			7	0	63	0	306	16	9	0	20	0	879	0	170	0	2	0	
	Total	2	3	912	0	15	1	6	1			28	1	283	0	623	49	66	0	151	0	3824	4	383	0	34	0	
Apr.	1	13	2	0	139	0	3	0	1	0			8	0	95	0	66	6	1	0	24	0	950	0	89	0	3	0
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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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2 12			29										18							49
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11 15			3										11							14
12 22			60										34							94
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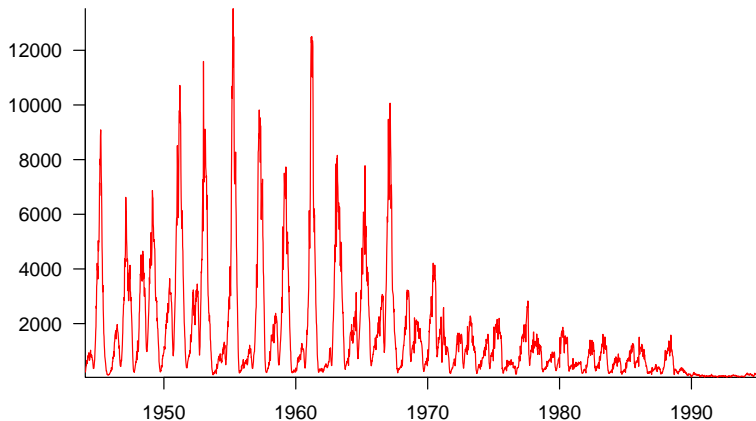
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Recurrent epidemics of childhood infections

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

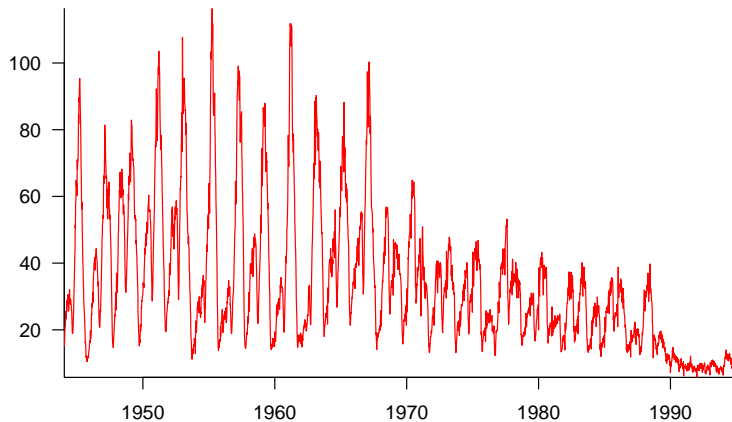
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Weekly Cases



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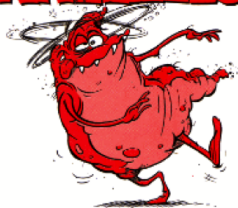


Why study measles epidemics?

- In 2017, $\sim 110,000$ deaths from measles
- 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!

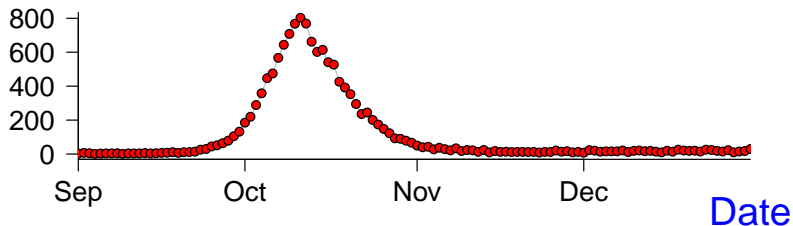
Modelling population dynamics of childhood infections

- The basic SIR model cannot explain recurrent epidemics.
- What should we do? . . . The usual options:
 - 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.

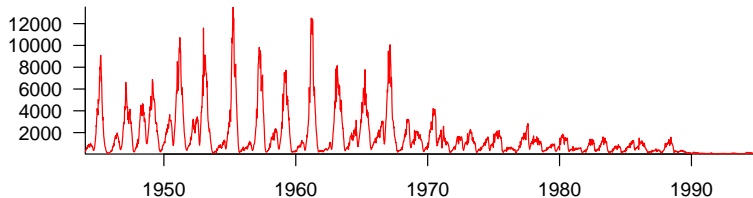
Epidemic Data Analysis

Time Plots of Temporal Epidemic Patterns

1918 P&I

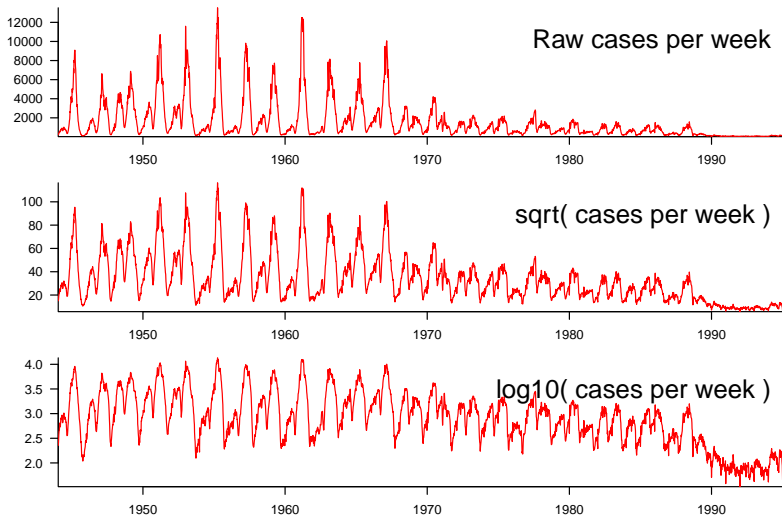


Weekly Measles in England and Wales



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:*

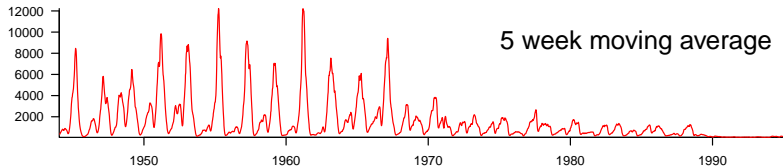
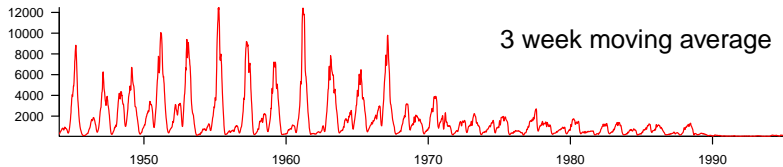
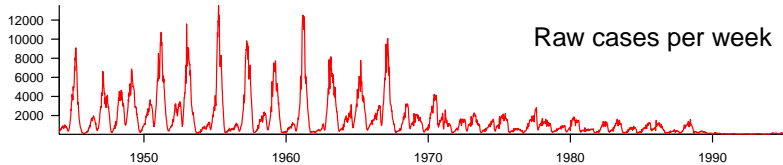
$$x_t \rightarrow \frac{1}{2a+1} \sum_{i=-a}^a x_{t+i}$$

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

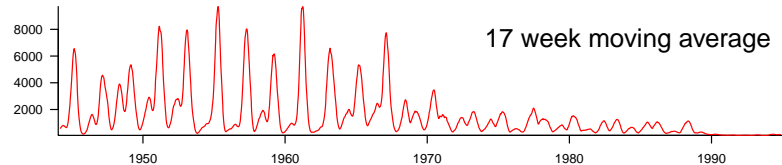
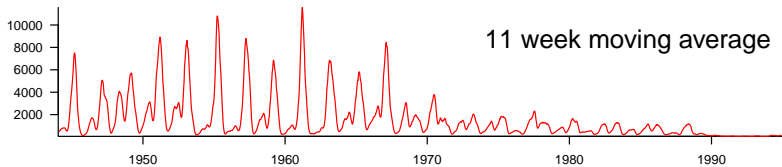
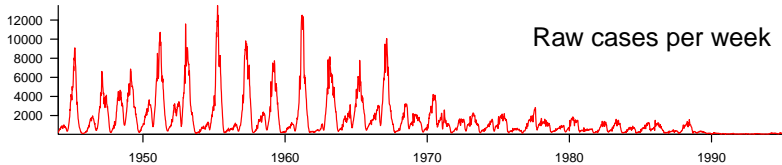
$$x_t \rightarrow \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} \lambda_i x_{t+i}$$

- Generalization of moving average.
- *Weights* λ_i can be nonlinear functions of i .

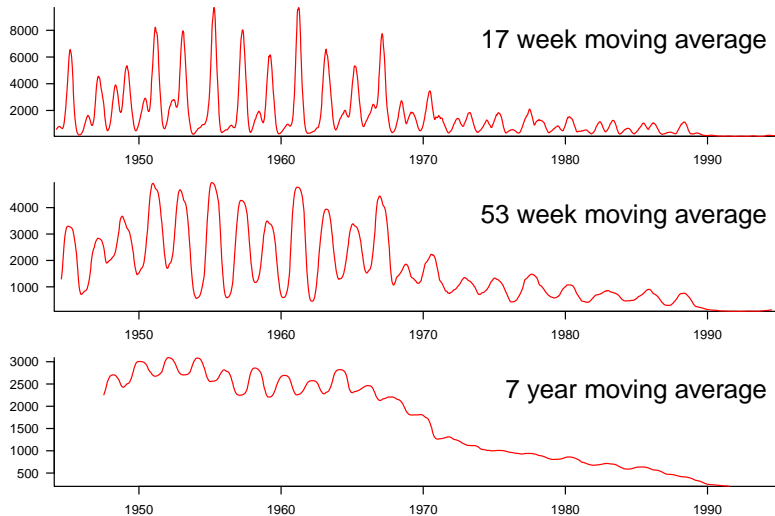
Times Plots of Smoothed Data



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Times Plots of Smoothed Data



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.

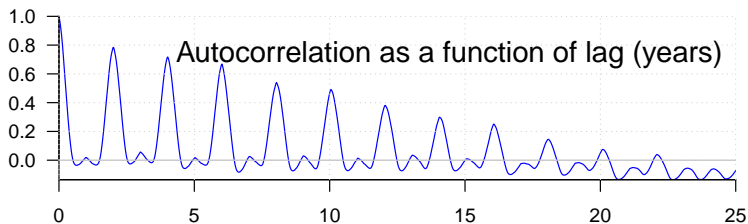
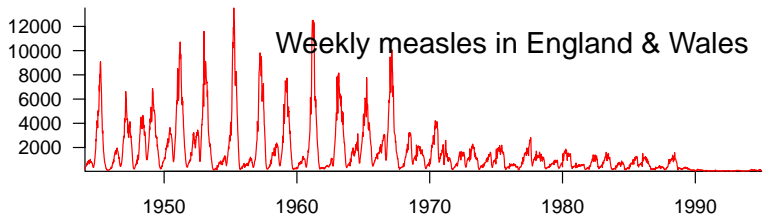
Autocorrelation

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

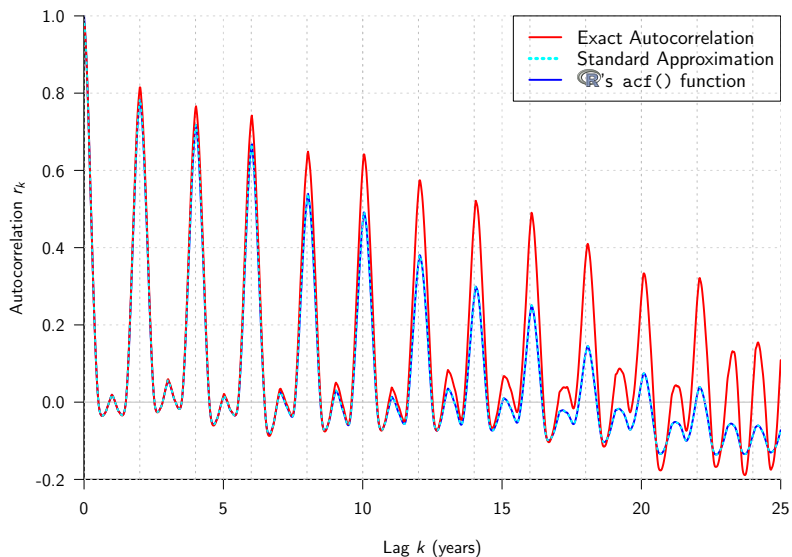
$$r_k \simeq \frac{\sum_{t=1}^{N-k} (x_t - \bar{x})(x_{k+t} - \bar{x})}{\sum_{t=1}^N (x_t - \bar{x})^2}$$

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

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Lecture 11
Epidemic Data Tools
Wednesday 30 Jan 2019

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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)

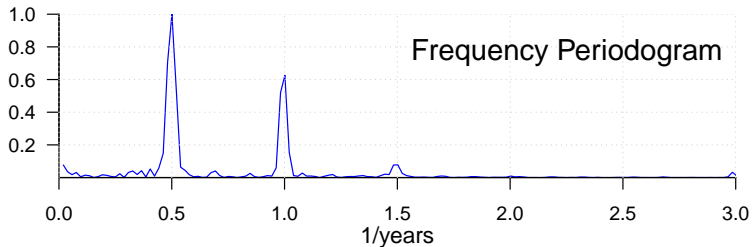
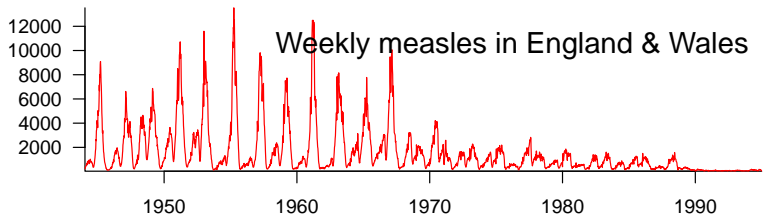
Spectral Density

- 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**:

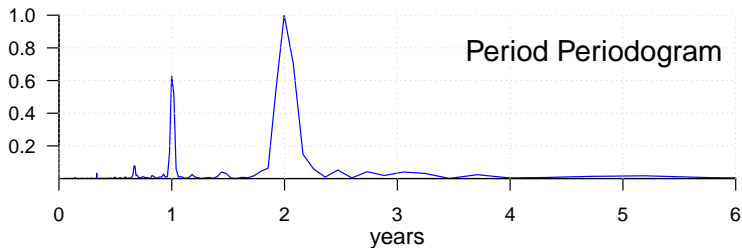
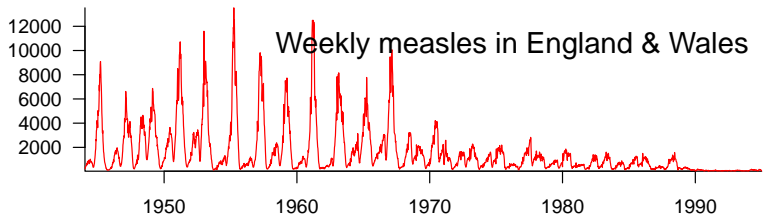
$$I(\omega_p) = \frac{1}{\pi} \left(r_0 + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} r_k \cos \omega_p k \right)$$

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

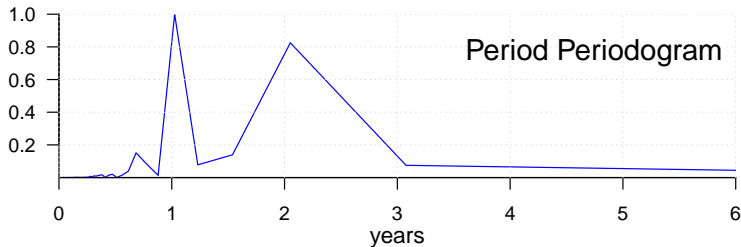
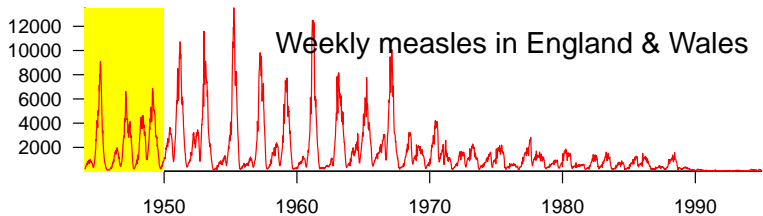
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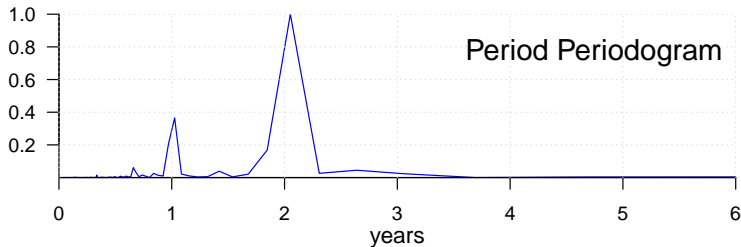
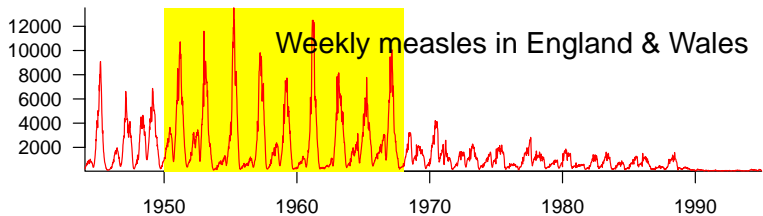
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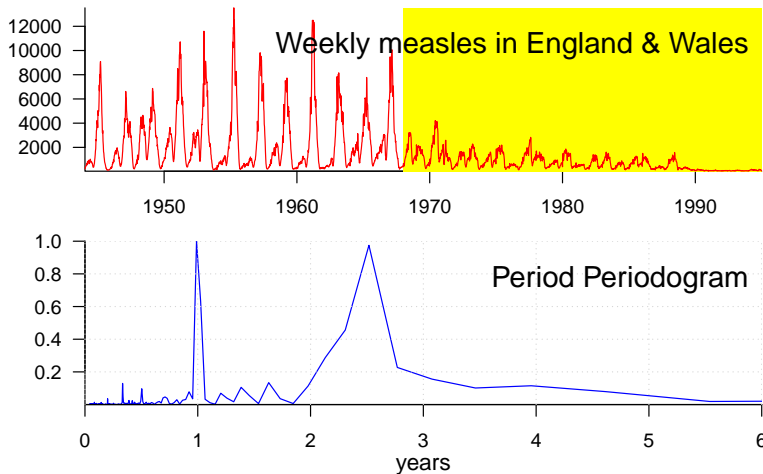
Spectral Density of Temporal Segments



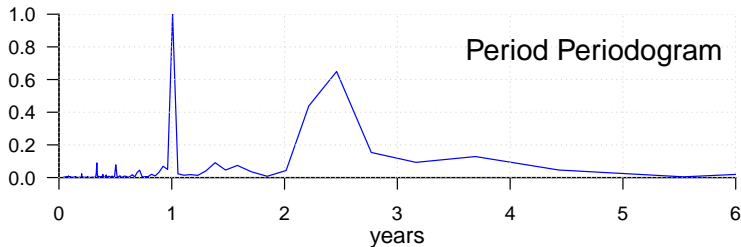
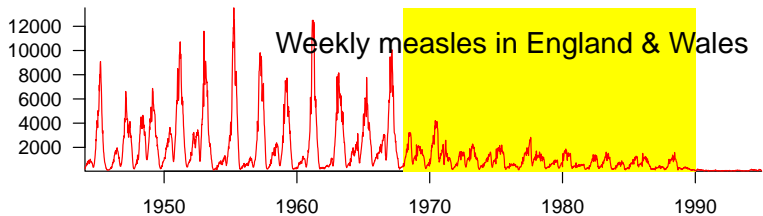
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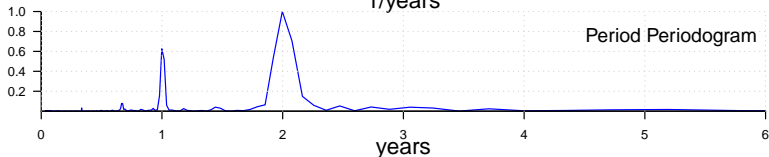
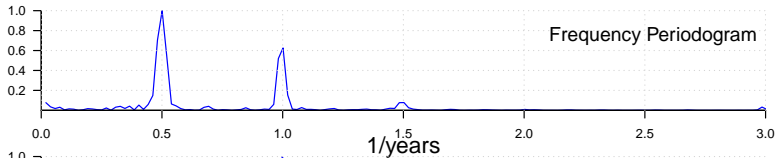
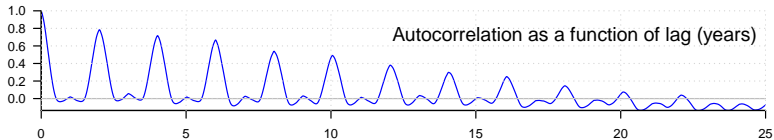
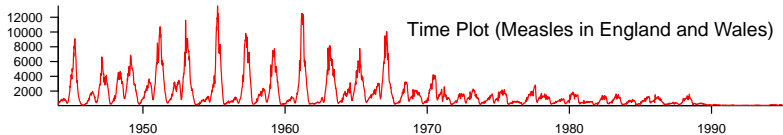
Spectral Density of Temporal Segments



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 ω_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:

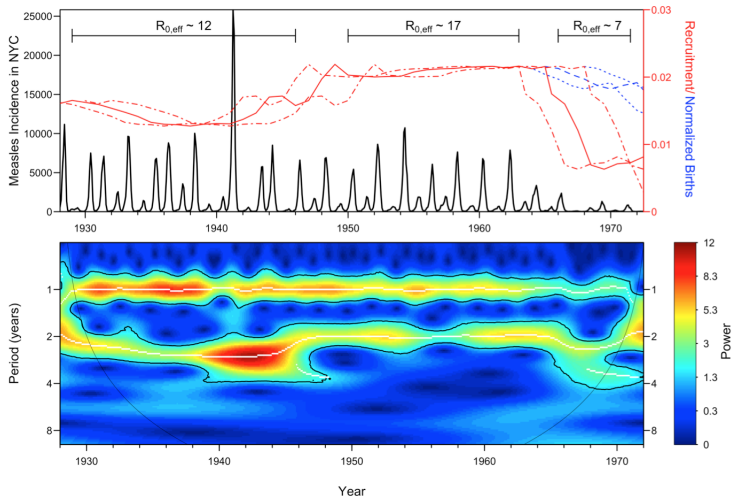
- Time plot: `plot()` *etc.*
- Linear filter (e.g., moving average): `filter()`
- Correlogram (auto-correlation function): `acf()`
- Periodogram (power spectrum): `spectrum()`

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 !\[\]\(5d2b0686f24c91a69ec6f054f466d184_img.jpg\)](#)

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

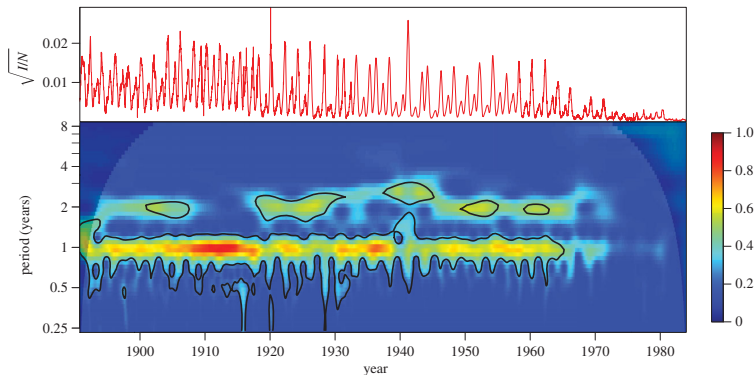


Figure 5. Observed measles dynamics in NYC from 1891 to 1984. (a) Square root of measles case reports, normalized by total concurrent population. (b) Colour depth plot of a continuous wavelet transform of the square root of normalized observed NYC measles cases (colour warmth scales with spectral power 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 μ = 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 α_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 β_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:

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

- 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 \(AIC\)](#), which penalizes models that have more parameters
 - See [Earn \(2009\)](#) review article for more discussion of this.