

# **ETC3550**

## **Applied forecasting for business and economics**

Ch2. Time series graphics

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# tsibble objects

A `tsibble` allows storage and manipulation of time series in R.

It contains:

- Measured variable(s): numbers of interest
- Key variable(s): unique identifiers for each series
- An index: time information about the observation

# tsibble objects

## Example

```
library(tsibble)
y <- tsibble(year = 2012:2016, y = c(123,39,78,52,78))
print(y)
```

```
## # A tsibble: 5 x 2 [1Y]
```

```
##   year      y
```

```
##   <int> <dbl>
```

```
## 1  2012   123
```

```
## 2  2013    39
```

```
## 3  2014    78
```

```
## 4  2015    52
```

# Seasonal periods

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Annual

Quarterly

Monthly

Daily

Weekly

Hourly

Half-hourly

# Seasonal periods

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Annual	1	
Quarterly		
Monthly		
Daily		
Weekly		
Hourly		
Half-hourly		

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Monthly		
Daily		
Weekly		
Hourly		
Half-hourly		



# Seasonal periods

Type of data	frequency	start example
Annual	1	1995
Quarterly	4	
Monthly		
Daily		
Weekly		
Hourly		
Half-hourly		

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Annual	1	1995
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Monthly		
Daily		
Weekly		
Hourly		
Half-hourly		

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Quarterly	4	c(1995,2)
Monthly	12	
Daily		
Weekly		
Hourly		
Half-hourly		

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Daily		
Weekly		
Hourly		
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# Australian GDP

```
ausgdp <- as_tsibble(x, index = Time)
```

- Object: "tsibble"
- Print and plotting methods available.

```
ausgdp
```

```
## # A tsibble: 107 x 2 [1Q]
```

```
##       Time    GDP
```

```
##       <qtr> <dbl>
```

```
##  1 1971 Q3  4612
```

```
##  2 1971 Q4  4651
```

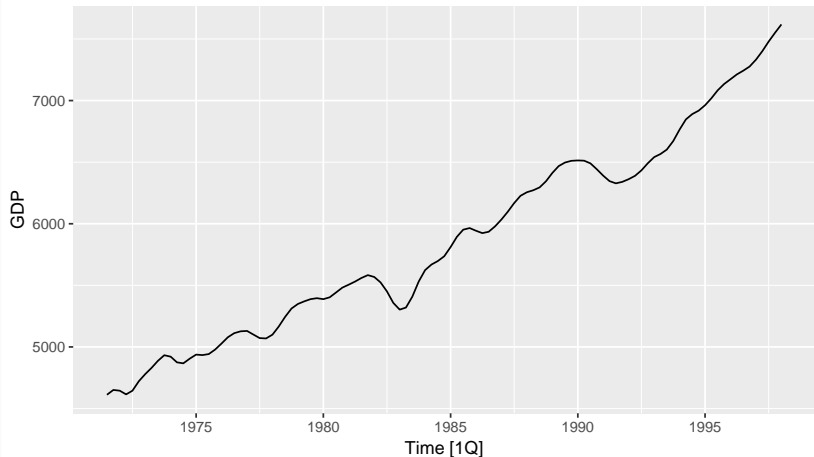
```
##  3 1972 Q1  4645
```

```
##  4 1972 Q2  4615
```

```
##  5 1972 Q3  4645
```

# Australian GDP

```
ausgdp %>% autoplot(GDP)
```



# Residential electricity sales

```
elecsales
```

```
## # A tsibble: 20 x 2 [1Y]
```

```
##      Year    GWh
```

```
##      <dbl> <dbl>
```

```
##  1  1989  2354.
```

```
##  2  1990  2380.
```

```
##  3  1991  2319.
```

```
##  4  1992  2469.
```

```
##  5  1993  2386.
```

```
##  6  1994  2569.
```

```
##  7  1995  2576.
```

```
##  8  1996  2763.
```

```
##  9  1997  2844.
```

# Class packages

```
library(tidyverse) # Data manipulation functions  
library(fable) # Forecasting functions  
library(feasts) # Time series graphics and statistics  
library(tsibbledata) # Tidy time series data  
library(fma) # Lots more time series data
```

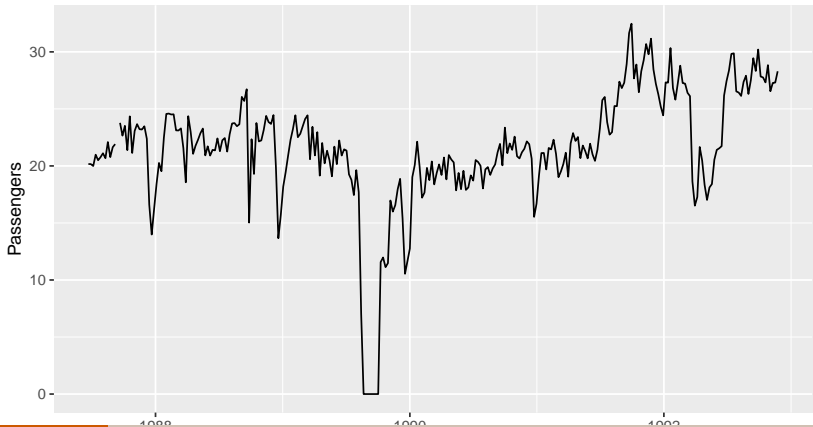


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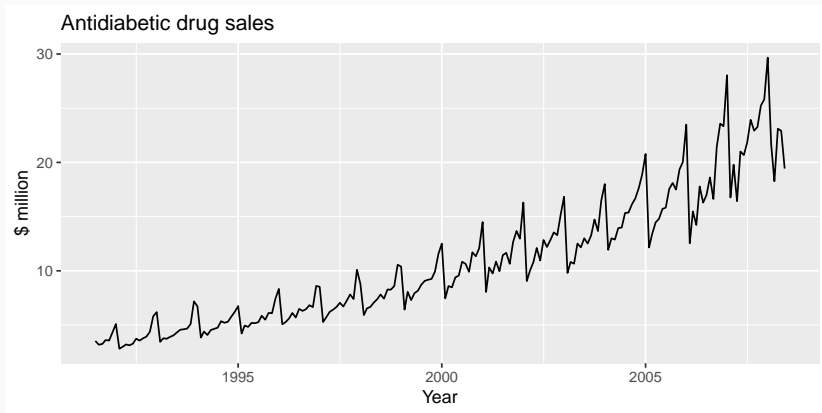
# Time plots

```
melsyd %>%  
  filter(Class == "Economy.Class") %>%  
  autoplot(Passengers)
```



# Time plots

```
a10 %>% autoplot(Scripts) + ylab("$ million") + xlab("Year")  
  ggtitle("Antidiabetic drug sales")
```

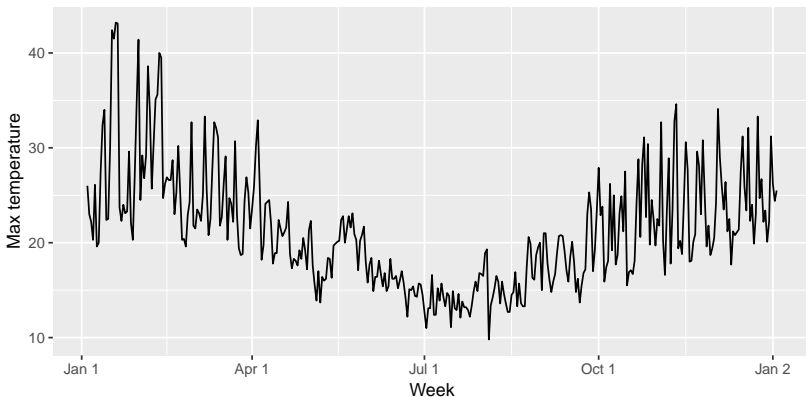


# Your turn

- Create plots of the following time series: `dole`, `bricksq`, `lynx`, `goog`
- Use `help()` to find out about the data in each series.
- For the last plot, modify the axis labels and title.

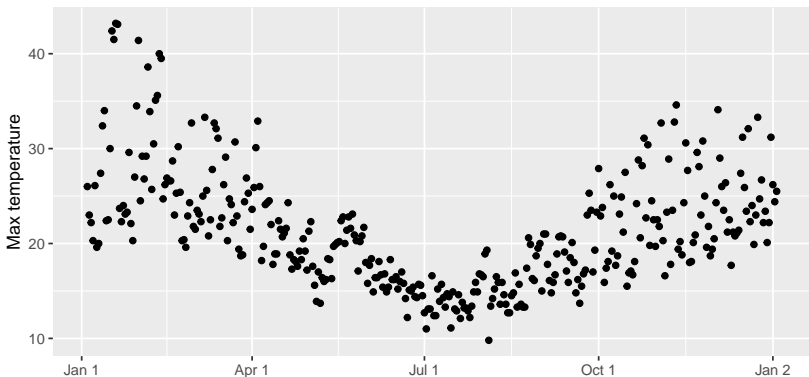
# Are time plots best?

```
elecdaily %>%  
  autoplot(Temperature) +  
  xlab("Week") + ylab("Max temperature")
```

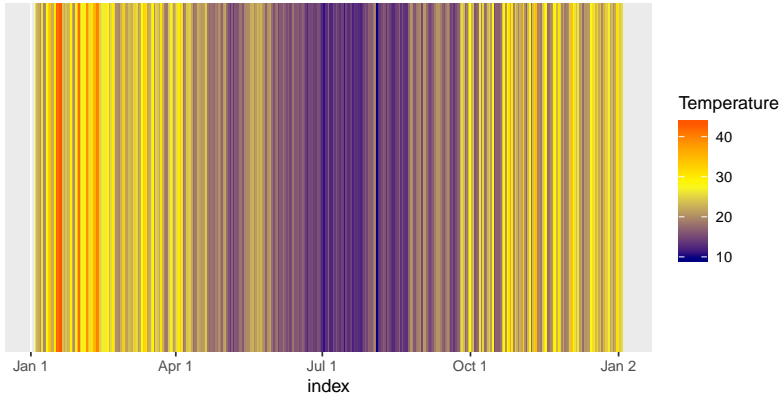


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```
elecddaily %>%  
  ggplot(aes(x = index, y = Temperature)) +  
  geom_point() +  
  xlab("Week") + ylab("Max temperature")
```



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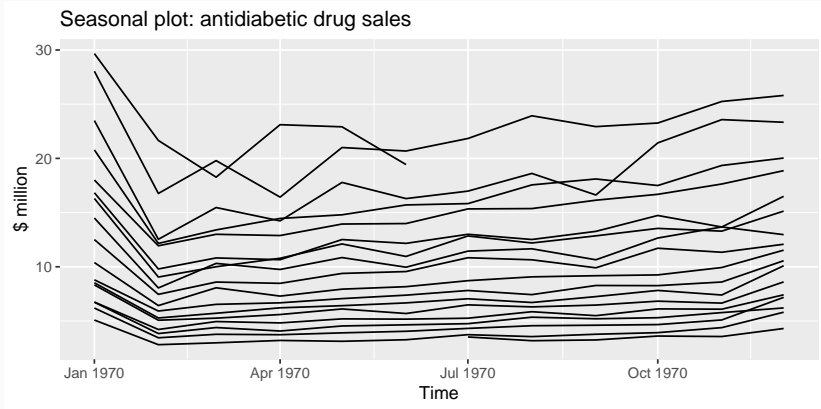


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# Seasonal plots

```
a10 %>% ggseasonplot(Scripts, year.labels=TRUE, year.labels.left=TRUE,  
  ylab("$ million") +  
  ggtitle("Seasonal plot: antidiabetic drug sales"))
```



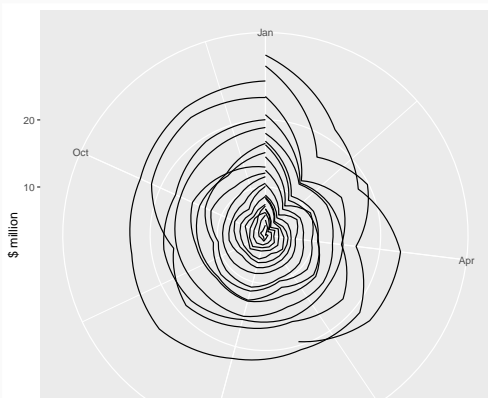
# Seasonal plots

- Data plotted against the individual “seasons” in which the data were observed. (In this case a “season” is a month.)
- Something like a time plot except that the data from each season are overlapped.
- Enables the underlying seasonal pattern to be seen more clearly, and also allows any substantial departures from the seasonal pattern to be easily identified.
- In R: `ggseasonplot()`

# Seasonal polar plots

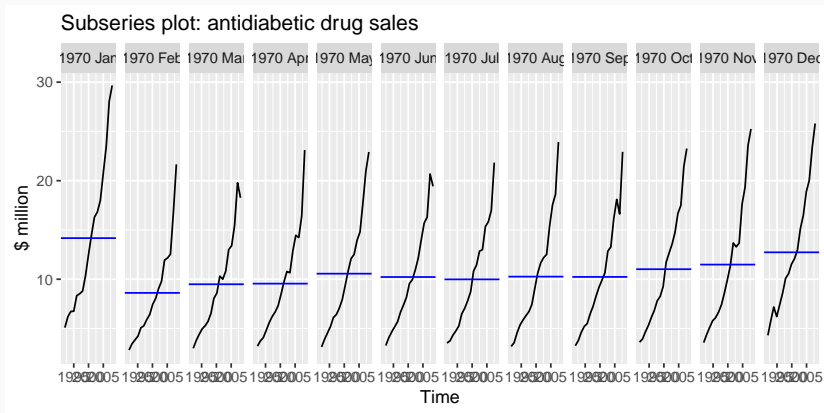
```
a10 %>% ggseasonplot() + coord_polar() +  
  ylab("$ million")
```

## Plot variable not specified, automatically selected



# Seasonal subseries plots

```
a10 %>% ggsubseriesplot(Scripts) + ylab("$ million") +  
  ggtitle("Subseries plot: antidiabetic drug sales")
```

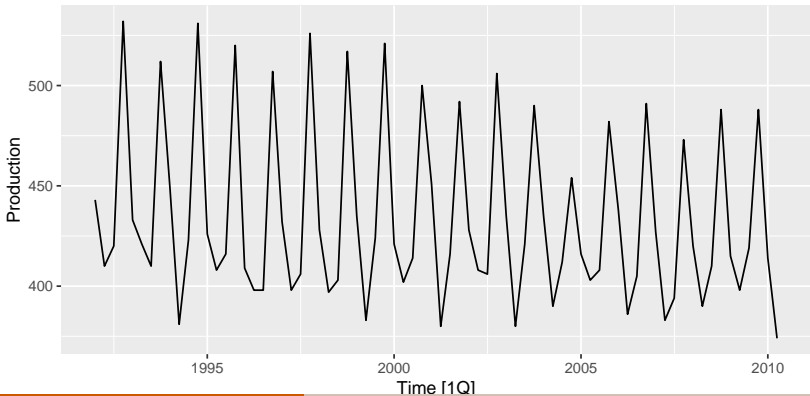


# Seasonal subseries plots

- Data for each season collected together in time plot as separate time series.
- Enables the underlying seasonal pattern to be seen clearly, and changes in seasonality over time to be visualized.
- In R: `ggsubseriesplot()`

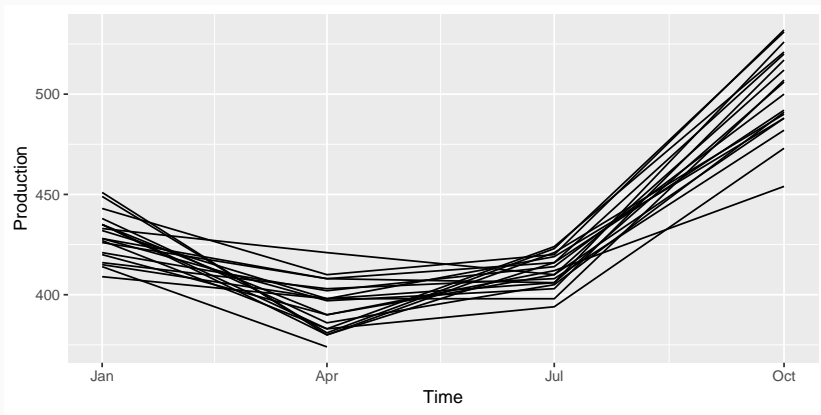
# Quarterly Australian Beer Production

```
beer <- ausbeer %>%  
  filter(year(Time) >= 1992)  
beer %>% autoplot(Production)
```



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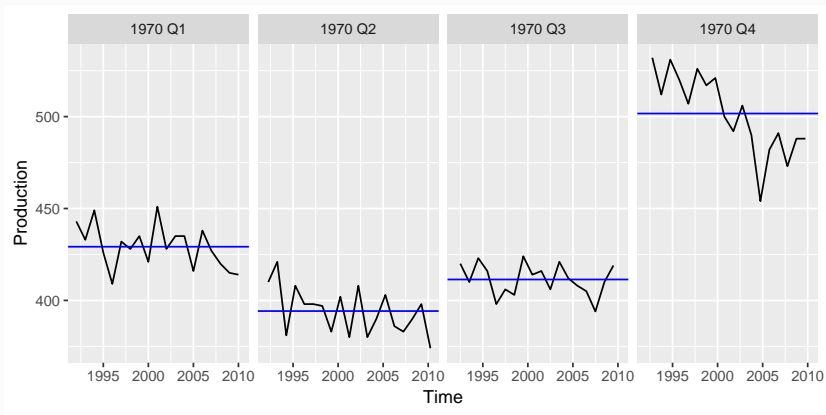
```
beer %>% ggseasonplot(Production, year.labels=
```





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```
beer %>% ggsubseriesplot(Production)
```



## Your turn

The `arrivals.csv` data set comprises quarterly international arrivals (in thousands) to Australia from Japan, New Zealand, UK and the US.

- Use `autoplot()` and `ggseasonplot()` to compare the differences between the arrivals from these four countries.
- Can you identify any unusual observations?

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# Time series patterns

**Trend** pattern exists when there is a long-term increase or decrease in the data.

**Seasonal** pattern exists when a series is influenced by seasonal factors (e.g., the quarter of the year, the month, or day of the week).

**Cyclic** pattern exists when data exhibit rises and falls that are *not of fixed period* (duration usually of at least 2 years).

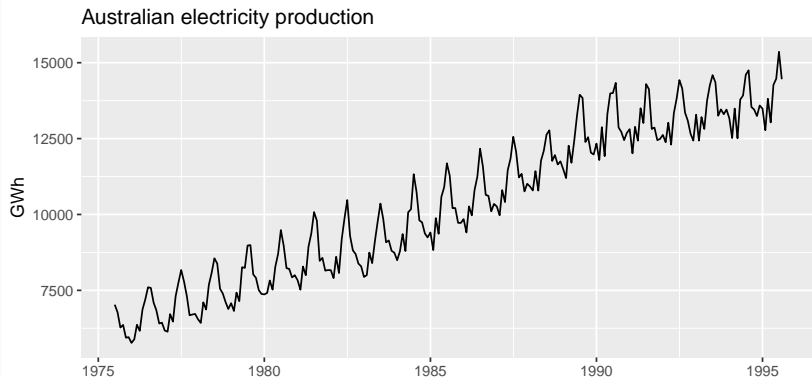
# Time series components

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- average length of cycle longer than length of seasonal pattern
- magnitude of cycle more variable than magnitude of seasonal pattern

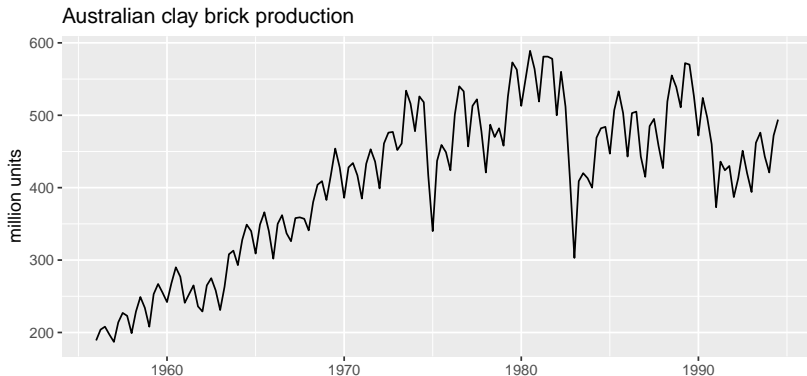
# Time series patterns

```
as_tsibble(fma::elec) %>% filter(index >= 1980) %>%  
  autoplot(value) +  
  ggtitle("Australian electricity production") +  
  xlab("Year") + ylab("GWh")
```



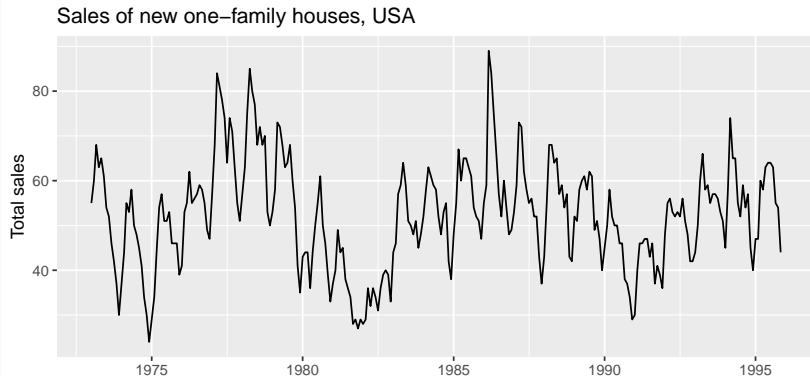
# Time series patterns

```
as_tsibble(fma::bricksq) %>%  
  autoplot(value) +  
  ggtitle("Australian clay brick production") +  
  xlab("Year") + ylab("million units")
```



# Time series patterns

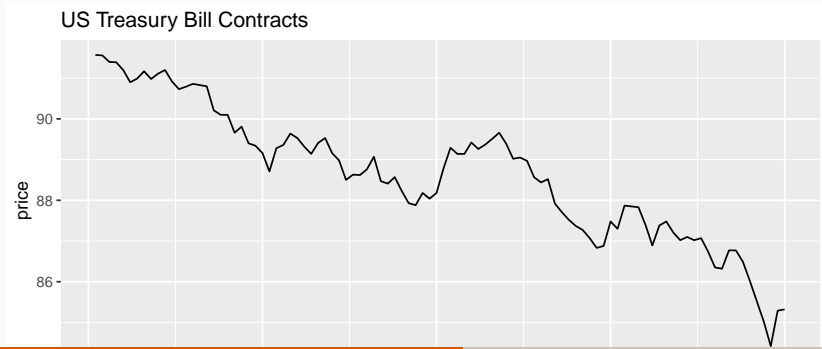
```
as_tsibble(fma::hsales) %>%  
  autoplot(value) +  
  ggtitle("Sales of new one-family houses, USA") +  
  xlab("Year") + ylab("Total sales")
```





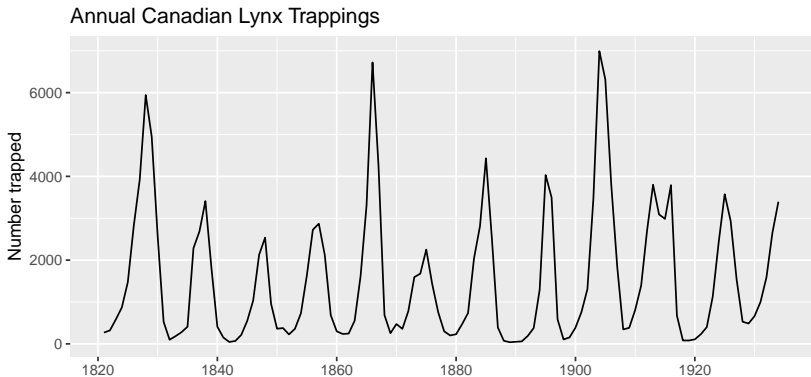
# Time series patterns

```
as_tsibble(fma::ustreas) %>%  
  autoplot(value) +  
  ggtitle("US Treasury Bill Contracts") +  
  xlab("Day") + ylab("price")
```



# Time series patterns

```
as_tsibble(lynx) %>%  
  autoplot(value) +  
  ggtitle("Annual Canadian Lynx Trappings") +  
  xlab("Year") + ylab("Number trapped")
```



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The timing of peaks and troughs is predictable with seasonal data, but unpredictable in the long term with cyclic data.

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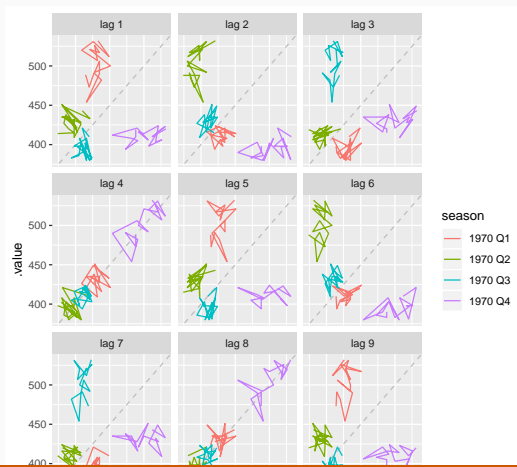
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# Example: Beer production

```
beer <- window(ausbeer, start=1992)  
gglagplot(beer)
```

# Example: Beer production

```
## Warning: Removed 1 rows containing missing  
## (geom_path).
```



# Lagged scatterplots

- Each graph shows  $y_t$  plotted against  $y_{t-k}$  for different values of  $k$ .
- The autocorrelations are the correlations associated with these scatterplots.



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We measure the relationship between:

- $y_t$  and  $y_{t-1}$
- $y_t$  and  $y_{t-2}$
- $y_t$  and  $y_{t-3}$
- etc.

# Autocorrelation

We denote the sample autocovariance at lag  $k$  by  $c_k$  and the sample autocorrelation at lag  $k$  by  $r_k$ . Then define

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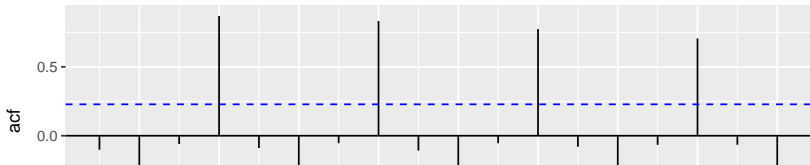
- $r_1$  indicates how successive values of  $y$  relate to each other
- $r_2$  indicates how  $y$  values two periods apart relate to each other
- $r_k$  is *almost* the same as the sample correlation between  $y_t$  and  $y_{t-k}$ .

# Autocorrelation

Results for first 9 lags for beer data:

```
## # A tsibble: 4 x 2 [1Q]
##   lag    acf
##   <lag>  <dbl>
## 1     1Q -0.102
## 2     2Q -0.657
## 3     3Q -0.0603
## 4     4Q  0.869
```

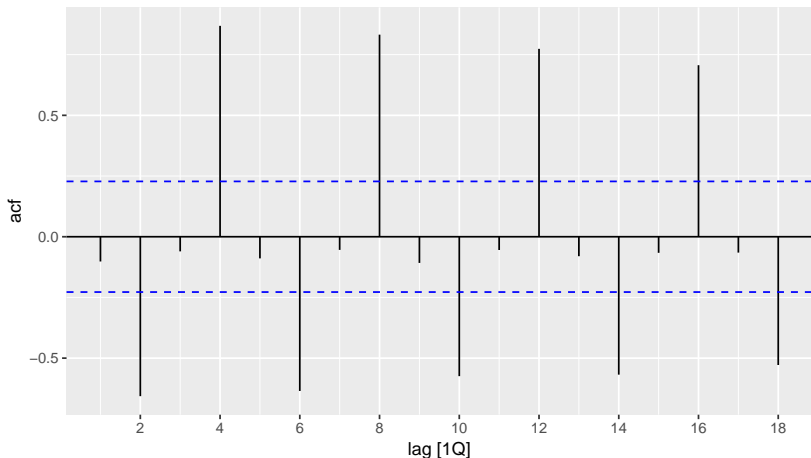
```
beer %>% ACF(Production) %>% autoplot
```



# Autocorrelation

- $r_4$  higher than for the other lags. This is due to **the seasonal pattern in the data**: the peaks tend to be **4 quarters** apart and the troughs tend to be **2 quarters** apart.
- $r_2$  is more negative than for the other lags because troughs tend to be 2 quarters behind peaks.
- Together, the autocorrelations at lags 1, 2, ..., make up the *autocorrelation* or ACF.
- The plot is known as a **correlogram**

```
beer %>% ACF(Production) %>% autoplot
```



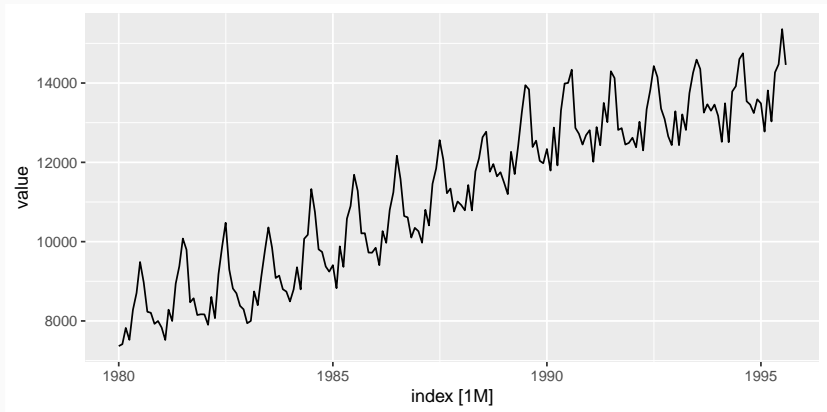


# Trend and seasonality in ACF plots

- When data have a trend, the autocorrelations for small lags tend to be large and positive.
- When data are seasonal, the autocorrelations will be larger at the seasonal lags (i.e., at multiples of the seasonal frequency)
- When data are trended and seasonal, you see a combination of these effects.

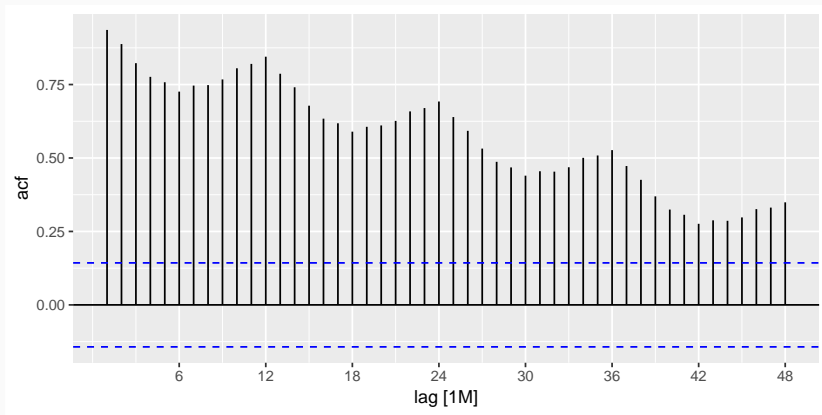
# Aus monthly electricity production

```
elec2 <- as_tsibble(fma::elec) %>% filter(year  
elec2 %>% autoplot(value)
```



# Aus monthly electricity production

```
elec2 %>% ACF(value, lag.max=48) %>% autoplot()
```



# Aus monthly electricity production

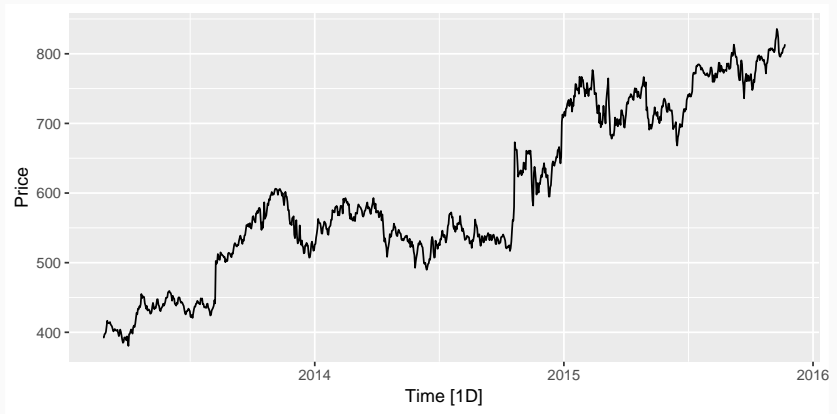
Time plot shows clear trend and seasonality.

The same features are reflected in the ACF.

- The slowly decaying ACF indicates trend.
- The ACF peaks at lags 12, 24, 36, ..., indicate seasonality of length 12.

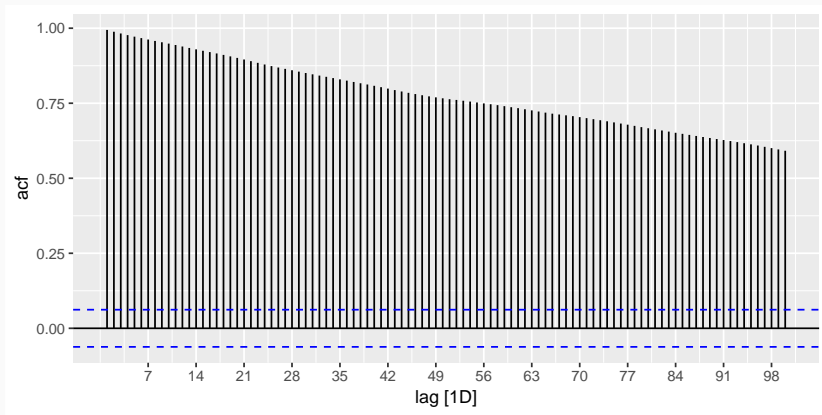
# Google stock price

```
goog %>% autoplot(Price)
```



# Google stock price

```
goog %>% ACF(Price, lag.max=100) %>% autoplot
```



# Your turn

We have introduced the following functions:

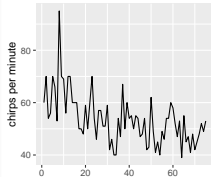
- `gglagplot`
- `ACF`

Explore the following time series using these functions. Can you spot any seasonality, cyclicity and trend? What do you learn about the series?

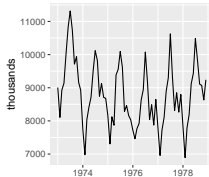
- `hsales`
- `usdeaths`
- `bricksq`
- `sunspotarea`
- `gasoline`

# Which is which?

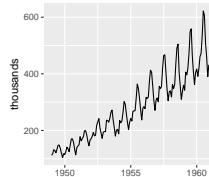
1. Daily temperature of cow



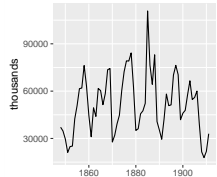
2. Monthly accidental deaths



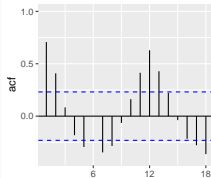
3. Monthly air passengers



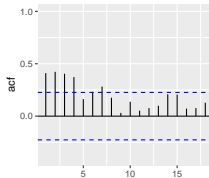
4. Annual mink trappings



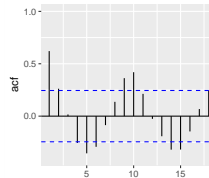
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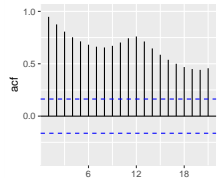
B



C



D



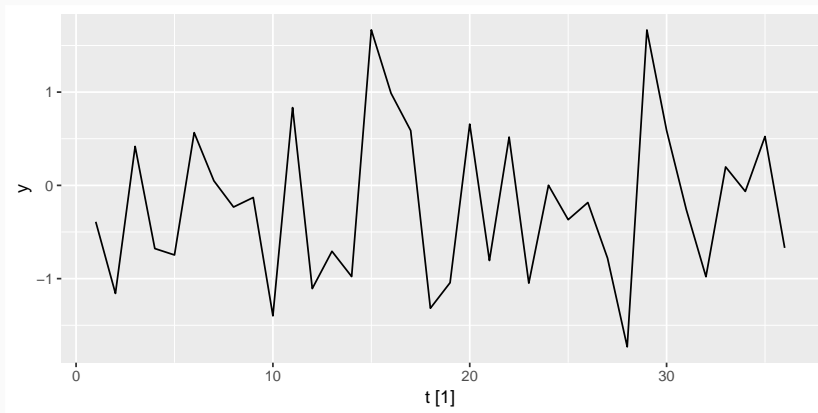


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# Example: White noise

```
wn <- tsibble(t = seq_len(36), y = rnorm(36)),  
wn %>% autoplot(y)
```



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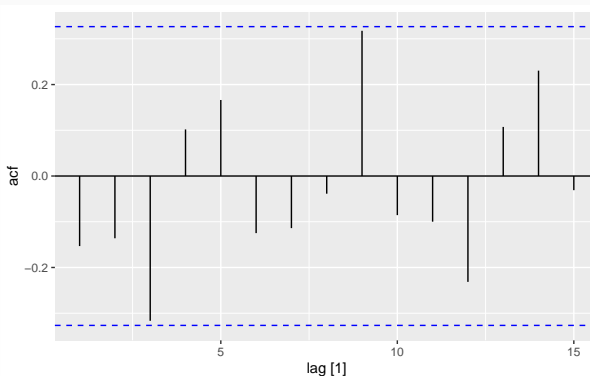
- 95% of all  $r_k$  for white noise must lie within  $\pm 1.96/\sqrt{T}$ .
- If this is not the case, the series is probably not WN.
- Common to plot lines at  $\pm 1.96/\sqrt{T}$  when plotting ACF. These are the **critical values**.

# Autocorrelation

## Example:

$T = 36$  and so critical values at  $\pm 1.96/\sqrt{36} = \pm 0.327$ .

All autocorrelation coefficients lie within these limits, confirming that the data are white noise. (More precisely, the data cannot be distinguished from white noise.)



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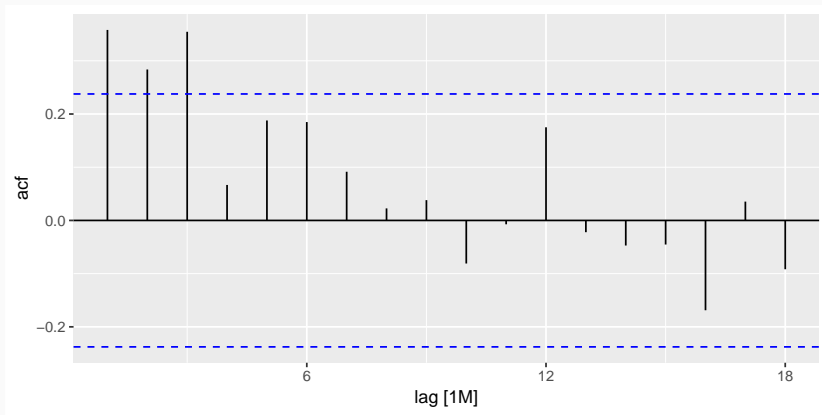
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pigs2 <- as_tsibble(fma::pigs) %>% filter(year(index) > 1990)
pigs2 %>% autoplot(value) +
  xlab("Year") + ylab("thousands") +
  ggtitle("Number of pigs slaughtered in Victoria")
```





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These show the series is **not a white noise series**.

## Your turn

You can compute the daily changes in the Google stock price using

```
dgoog <- goog %>%  
  mutate(diff = Price - lag(Price))
```

Does dgoog look like white noise?