Bayesian Modelling of Loss Curves in Insurance

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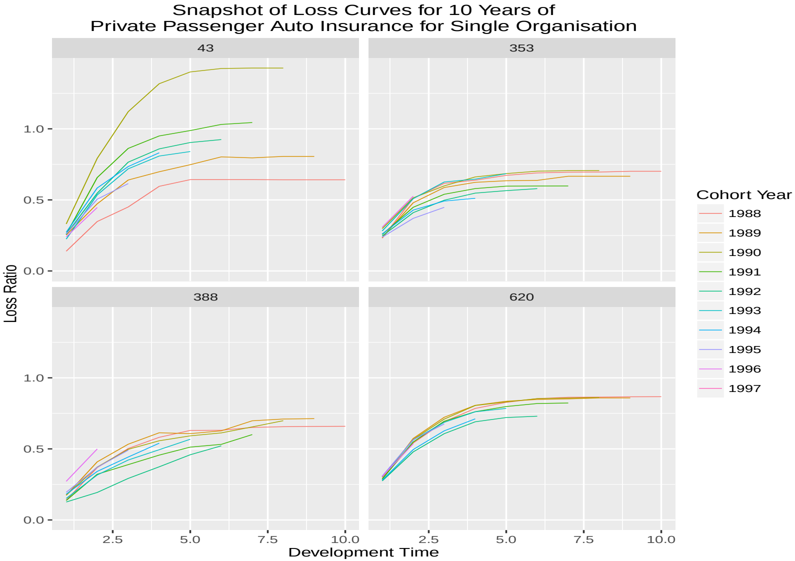
Loss Curves

```
use_grcode <- c(43,353,388,620)

ppauto_ss_dt <- ppauto_dt[GRCODE %in% use_grcode
                         ][DevelopmentYear < 1998
                         ][, .(grcode     = GRCODE
                              ,accyear    = AccidentYear
                              ,devlag     = DevelopmentLag
                              ,premium    = EarnedPremDIR_B
                              ,cumloss    = CumPaidLoss_B
                              ,loss_ratio = CumPaidLoss_B / EarnedPremDIR_B)]


print(dcast(ppauto_ss_dt[grcode == 43]
           ,grcode + accyear + premium ~ devlag
           ,value.var = 'cumloss'),digits=3)

##     grcode accyear premium     1     2     3     4     5     6     7    8    9   10
##  1:     43    1988     957   133   333   431   570   615   615   615  614  614  614
##  2:     43    1989    3695   934  1746  2365  2579  2763  2966  2940 2978 2978   NA
##  3:     43    1990    6138  2030  4864  6880  8087  8595  8743  8763 8762   NA   NA
##  4:     43    1991   17533  4537 11527 15123 16656 17321 18076 18308   NA   NA   NA
##  5:     43    1992   29341  7564 16061 22465 25204 26517 27124    NA   NA   NA   NA
##  6:     43    1993   37194  8343 19900 26732 30079 31249    NA    NA   NA   NA   NA
##  7:     43    1994   46095 12565 26922 33867 38338    NA    NA    NA   NA   NA   NA
##  8:     43    1995   51512 13437 26012 31677    NA    NA    NA    NA   NA   NA   NA
##  9:     43    1996   52481 12604 23446    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA   NA   NA   NA
## 10:     43    1997   56978 12292    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA   NA   NA   NA
```



Snapshot of Loss Curves for 10 Years of
Private Passenger Auto Insurance for Single Organisation
43
353
388
620
Loss Ratio
0.0
0.5
1.0
2.5
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Development Time
Cohort Year
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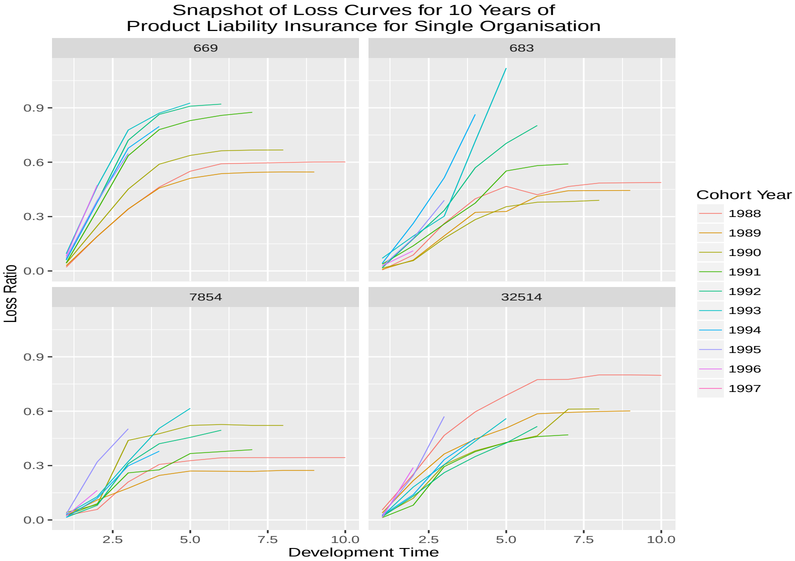
Snapshot of Loss Curves for 10 Years of
Product Liability Insurance for Single Organisation
669
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7854
32514
Loss Ratio
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0.3
0.6
0.9
2.5
5.0
7.5
10.0
Development Time
Cohort Year
1988
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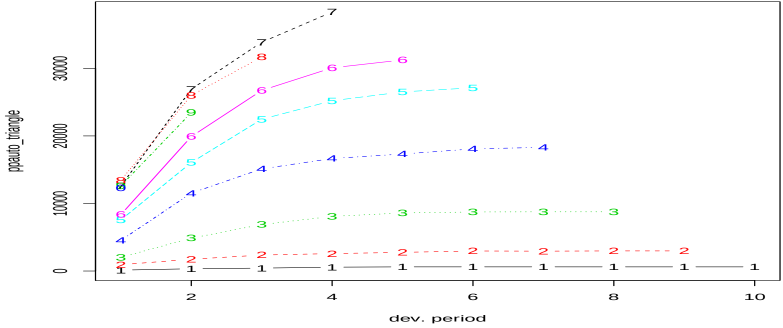
Chain Ladder

Standard R approach is ChainLadder

```
ppauto_mat <- as.matrix(dcast(ppauto_ss_dt[grcode == 43]
                             ,accyear ~ devlag
                             ,value.var = 'cumloss')[,-1,with=FALSE])

ppauto_triangle <- as.triangle(ppauto_mat)

plot(ppauto_triangle)
```



```
ppauto_mack <- MackChainLadder(ppauto_triangle, est.sigma = "Mack")

ppauto_mack$f

##  [1] 2.10486 1.29968 1.12655 1.04671 1.03069 1.00743 1.00292 1.00000 1.00000 1.00000

ppauto_mack$FullTriangle

##       dev
## origin     1     2       3       4       5       6       7       8       9      10
##      1   133   333   431.0   570.0   615.0   615.0   615.0   614.0   614.0   614.0
##      2   934  1746  2365.0  2579.0  2763.0  2966.0  2940.0  2978.0  2978.0  2978.0
##      3  2030  4864  6880.0  8087.0  8595.0  8743.0  8763.0  8762.0  8762.0  8762.0
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##      6  8343 19900 26732.0 30079.0 31249.0 32208.1 32447.6 32542.4 32542.4 32542.4
##      7 12565 26922 33867.0 38338.0 40128.7 41360.4 41667.9 41789.6 41789.6 41789.6
##      8 13437 26012 31677.0 35685.7 37352.5 38499.0 38785.2 38898.6 38898.6 38898.6
##      9 12604 23446 30472.3 34328.5 35932.0 37034.8 37310.1 37419.2 37419.2 37419.2
##     10 12292 25873 33626.6 37882.0 39651.4 40868.4 41172.3 41292.6 41292.6 41292.6
```
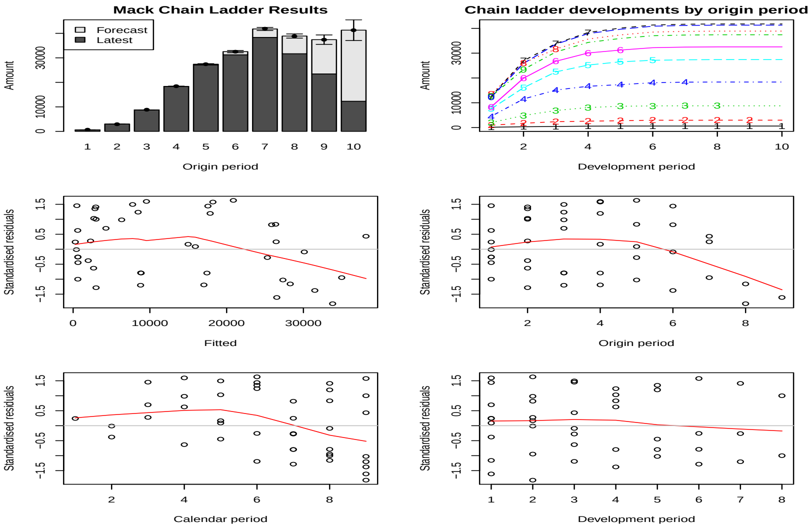
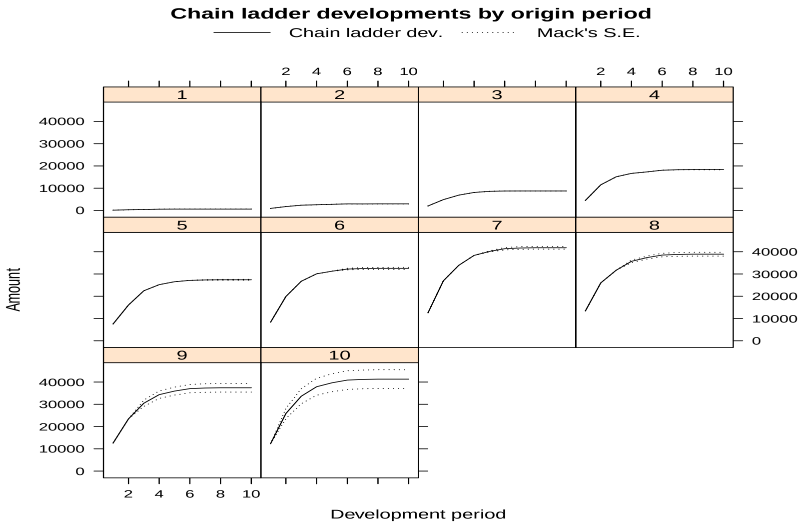
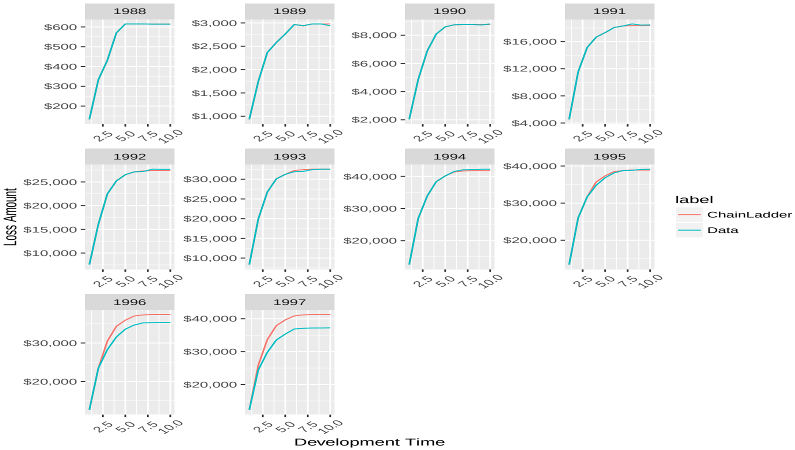

```r
plot(ppauto_mack)
```



```
plot(ppauto_mack, lattice = TRUE)
```





1988
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1992
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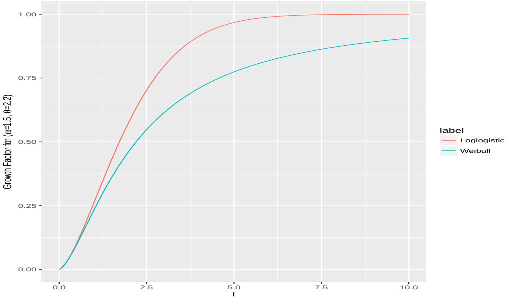
1996
1997
Loss Amount
Development Time
label
ChainLadder
Data

Loss Growth Modelling

Model growth cumulative losses as function
Scale losses by premium

$$g(t;\ \omega, \theta) = 1 - \exp\left(-\left(\frac{t}{\theta}\right)^{\omega}\right) \qquad \text{Loglogistic Function}$$

$$g(t;\ \omega, \theta) = \frac{t^{\omega}}{t^{\omega} + \theta^{\omega}} \qquad \text{Weibull Function}$$



Start with the Weibull model

$$g(t;\ \omega, \theta) = \frac{t^\omega}{t^\omega + \theta^\omega}$$

Treat as hierarchical model - group by Accident Year

$$\text{Loss}_{\text{Y},t} \sim \text{Normal}(\mu_{\text{L,Y},t}, \sigma_L)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu_{\text{L,Y},t} &= \text{LR}_\text{Y} \times \text{P}_\text{Y} \times g(t;\ \omega, \theta) \\
\sigma_\text{L} &= \text{P}_\text{Y} \times \sigma \\
\text{LR}_\text{Y} &\sim \text{Lognormal}(\mu_{\text{LR}}, \sigma_{\text{LR}})
\end{aligned}$$

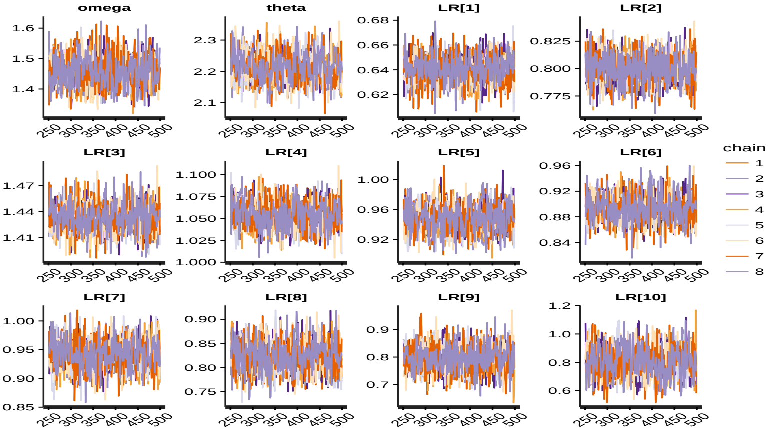
Normal prior for μ_{LR}. Lognormal prior for ω, θ, σ_{LR}, σ.

```
functions {
  real growth_factor_weibull(real t, real omega, real theta) {
    real factor;

    factor = 1 - exp(-(t/theta)^omega);

    return(factor);
  }

  real growth_factor_loglogistic(real t, real omega, real theta) {
    real factor;

    factor = ((t^omega) / (t^omega + theta^omega));

    return(factor);
  }
}

data {
  int<lower=0,upper=1> growthmodel_id;

  int n_data;
  int n_time;
  int n_cohort;

  int cohort_id[n_data];
  int t_idx[n_data];

  real<lower=0> t_value[n_time];

  real premium[n_cohort];
  real loss[n_data];

  int cohort_maxtime[n_cohort];
}
```

```
parameters {
  real<lower=0> omega;
  real<lower=0> theta;

  real<lower=0> LR[n_cohort];

  real mu_LR;
  real<lower=0> sd_LR;

  real<lower=0> loss_sd;
}

transformed parameters {
  real gf[n_time];
  real loss_mean[n_cohort, n_time];

  for(i in 1:n_time) {
    if(growthmodel_id == 1) {
      gf[i] = growth_factor_weibull    (t_value[i], omega, theta);
    } else {
      gf[i] = growth_factor_loglogistic(t_value[i], omega, theta);
    }
  }

  for(i in 1:n_data) {
    loss_mean[cohort_id[i], t_idx[i]] = LR[cohort_id[i]] * premium[cohort_id[i]] * gf[t_idx[i]];
  }
}
```

```
model {
  mu_LR ~ normal(0, 0.5);
  sd_LR ~ lognormal(0, 0.5);

  LR ~ lognormal(mu_LR, sd_LR);

  loss_sd ~ lognormal(0, 0.7);

  omega ~ lognormal(0, 1);
  theta ~ lognormal(0, 1);

  for(i in 1:n_data) {
    loss[i] ~ normal(loss_mean[cohort_id[i], t_idx[i]], premium[cohort_id[i]] * loss_sd);
  }
}
```

Stan Output



omega
theta
LR[1]
LR[2]
LR[3]
LR[4]
LR[5]
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chain
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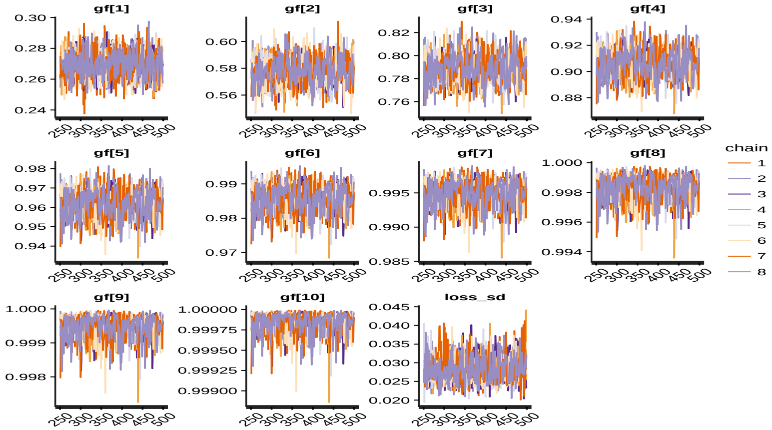
gf[1]
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loss_sd
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Check simple diagnostics:

```
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```
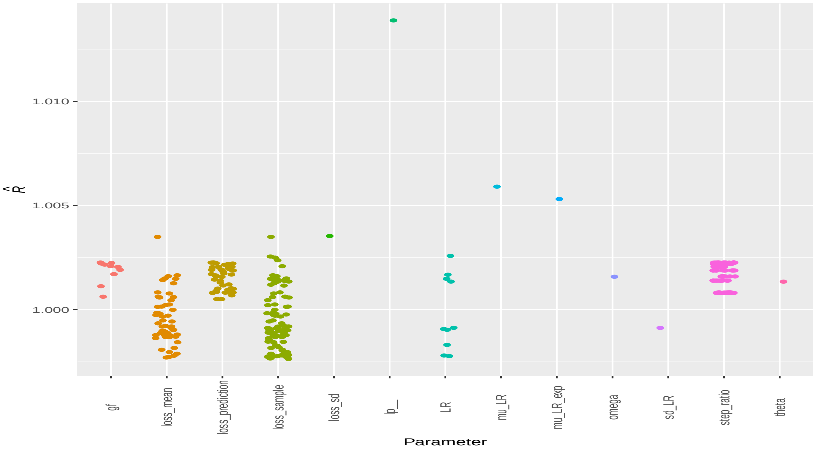
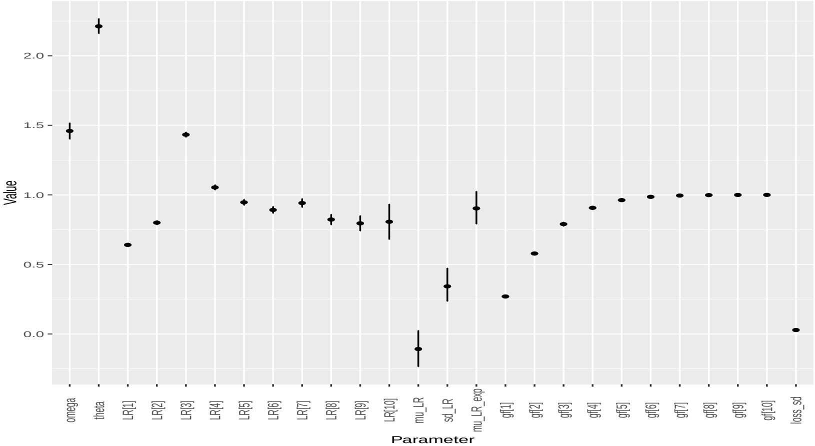
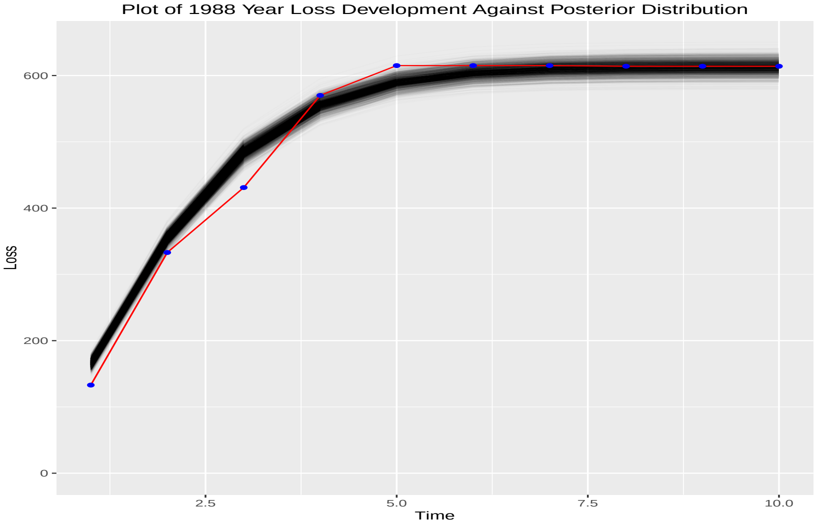
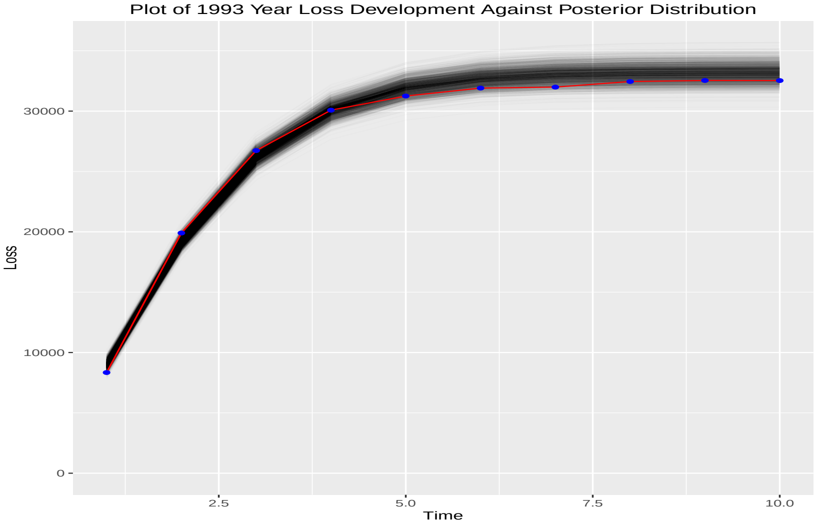



Check parameter values:




Plot of 1988 Year Loss Development Against Posterior Distribution
600
400
200
0
Loss
2.5
5.0
7.5
10.0
Time


Plot of 1993 Year Loss Development Against Posterior Distribution
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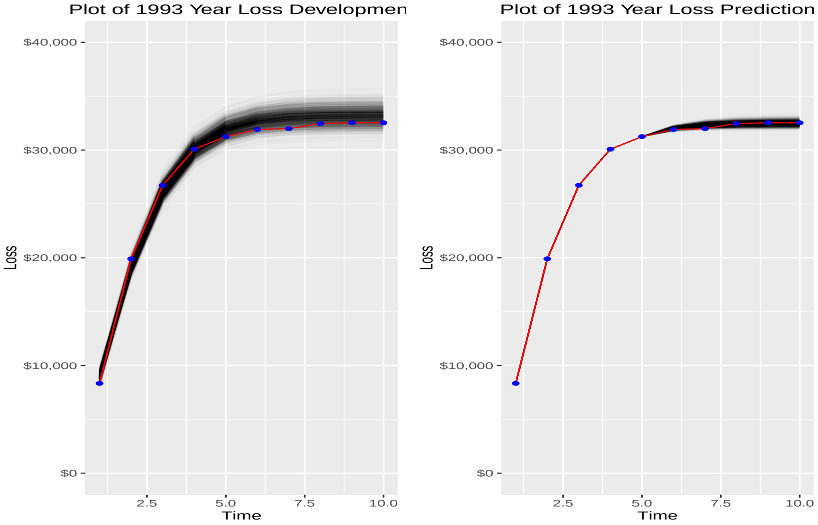
Loss
2.5
5.0
7.5
10.0
Time


Plot of 1993 Year Loss Developmen
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$20,000
$10,000
$0
Loss
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5.0
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Time
Plot of 1993 Year Loss Prediction
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2.5
5.0
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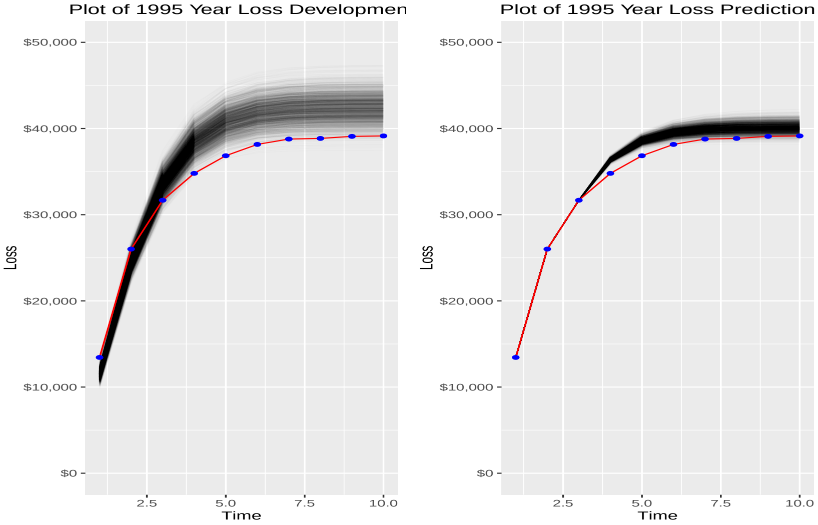
Time



Plot of 1995 Year Loss Developmen
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Loss
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Time
Plot of 1995 Year Loss Prediction
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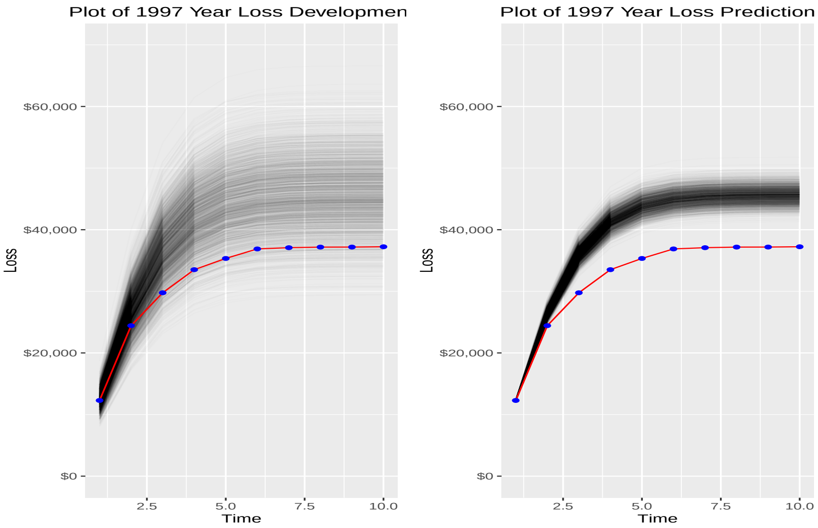
10.0
Time


Plot of 1997 Year Loss Developmen
Plot of 1997 Year Loss Prediction
$60,000
$40,000
$20,000
$0
Loss
2.5
5.0
7.5
10.0
Time

Model Iteration

How might we expand this model?

Allow ω and θ to be part of the hierarchy:

$$\begin{aligned} \omega &\rightarrow \omega_{\mathrm{Y}} \\ \theta &\rightarrow \theta_{\mathrm{Y}} \end{aligned}$$

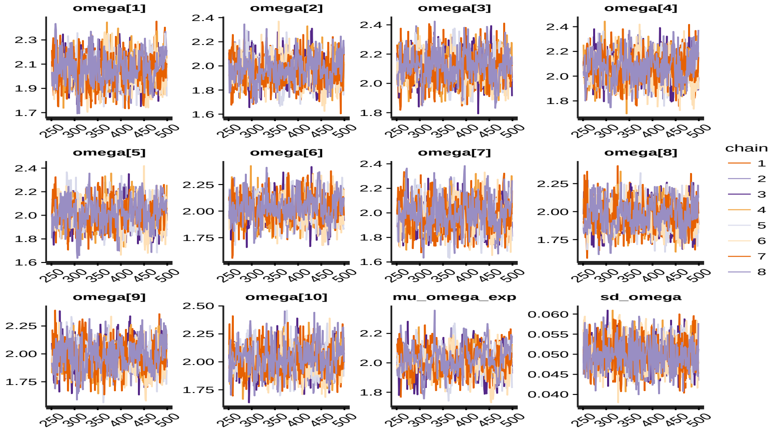
Each Accident Year has individual $(\omega_{\mathrm{Y}}, \theta_{\mathrm{Y}})$ with

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_{\mathrm{Y}} &\sim \text{Lognormal}(\mu_{\omega}, \sigma_{\omega}) \\ \theta_{\mathrm{Y}} &\sim \text{Lognormal}(\mu_{\theta}, \sigma_{\theta}) \end{aligned}$$

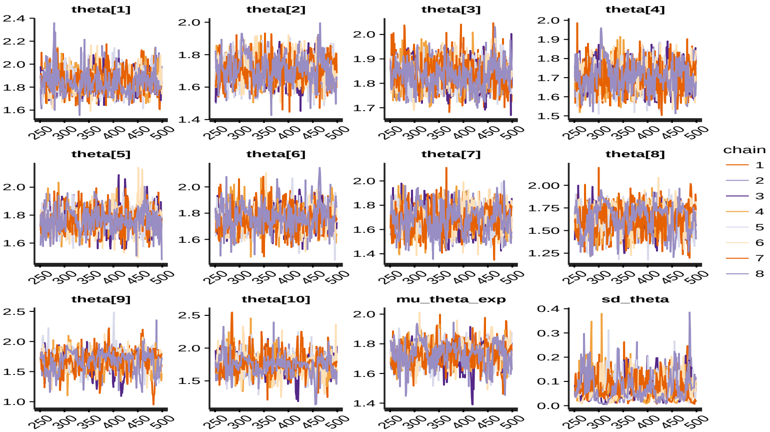
$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{\omega} &\sim \text{Normal}(0, 1) \\ \sigma_{\omega} &\sim \text{Lognormal}(-3, 0.1) \\ \mu_{\theta} &\sim \text{Normal}(0, 1) \\ \sigma_{\theta} &\sim \text{Lognormal}(-3, 0.1) \end{aligned}$$

Individual Parameters - ω

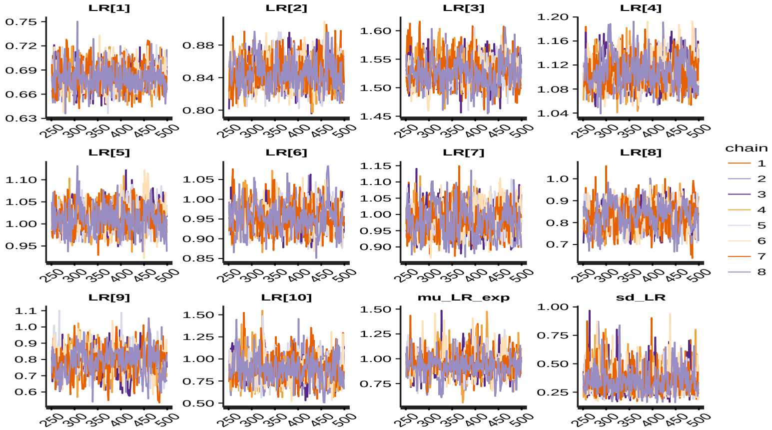
```
## Warning:  There were 1 divergent transitions after warmup.  Increasing adapt_delta above 0.99 may help.
## Warning:  Examine the pairs() plot to diagnose sampling problems
```



Individual Parameters - θ



Individual Parameters - LR



Convergence Diagnostics

```
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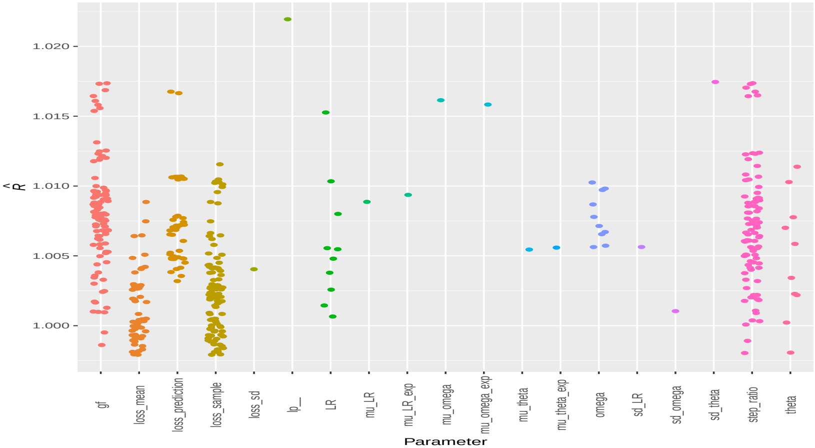

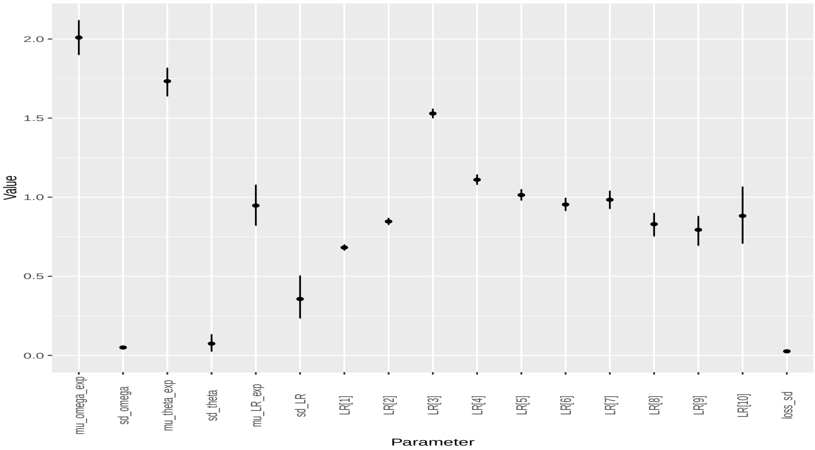

Value
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mu_omega_exp
sd_omega
mu_theta_exp
sd_theta
mu_LR_exp
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LR[1]
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LR[8]
LR[9]
LR[10]
loss_sd
Parameter

Problems with the Model

Trouble with code

Divergent transitions — had to raise `adapt_delta`

Would not rely on output

Data is very sparse for later Accident Years

May revisit once other insurers added

Multiple Insurers

Use hierarchical model for multiple insurers

Each insurer gets own set of loss ratios and growth curves:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathsf{LR} &\rightarrow \mathsf{LR}_{\mathsf{I},\mathsf{Y}} \\ \omega &\rightarrow \omega_{\mathsf{I}} \\ \theta &\rightarrow \theta_{\mathsf{I}} \end{aligned}$$

Put hierarchy on top of this

Start with 15 insurers

Multiple Insurers

```
model {
  mu_LR ~ normal   (hyper_mu_LR_mean, hyper_mu_LR_sd);
  sd_LR ~ lognormal(hyper_sd_LR_mean, hyper_sd_LR_sd);

  loss_sd ~ lognormal(hyper_loss_sd_mean, hyper_loss_sd_sd);

  omega ~ lognormal(mu_omega, sd_omega);
  theta ~ lognormal(mu_theta, sd_theta);

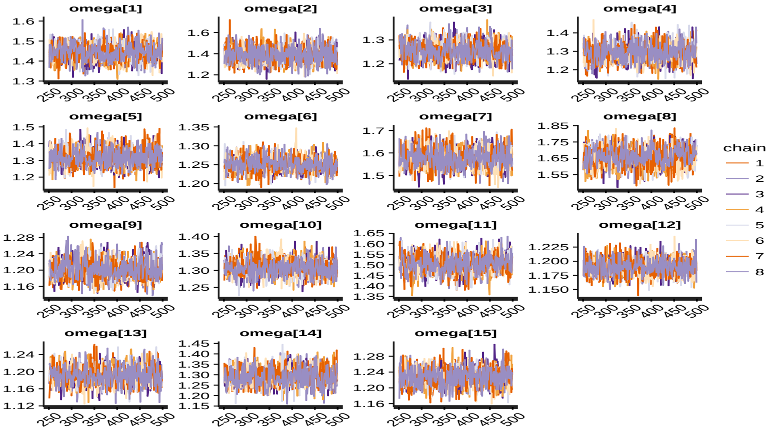
  mu_omega ~ normal(0, 1);
  sd_omega ~ lognormal(-3, 0.1);
  mu_theta ~ normal(0, 1);
  sd_theta ~ lognormal(-3, 0.1);

  hyper_mu_LR_mean ~ normal(0, 1);
  hyper_mu_LR_sd   ~ lognormal(0, 1);
  hyper_sd_LR_mean ~ normal(0, 1);
  hyper_sd_LR_sd   ~ lognormal(0, 1);

  hyper_loss_sd_mean ~ normal(0, 1);
  hyper_loss_sd_sd   ~ lognormal(0, 0.1);

  for(i in 1:n_data) {
    loss[i] ~ normal(loss_mean[org_id[i], cohort_id[i], t_idx[i]], premium[i] * loss_sd[org_id[i]]);
  }

  for(j in 1:n_org) {
    LR[j] ~ lognormal(mu_LR[j], sd_LR[j]);
  }
}
```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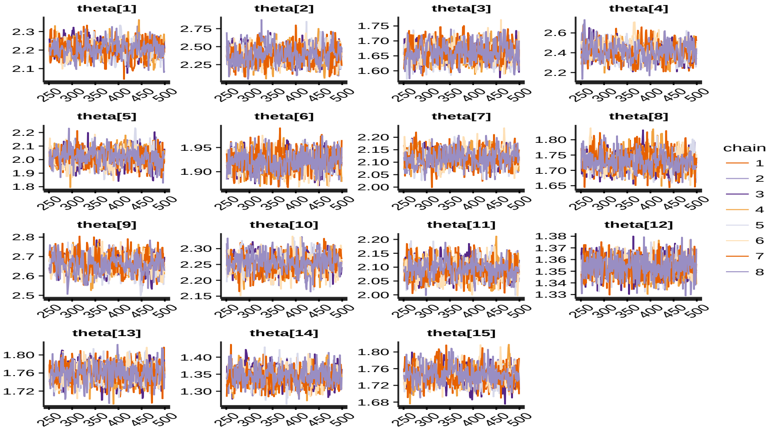
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```
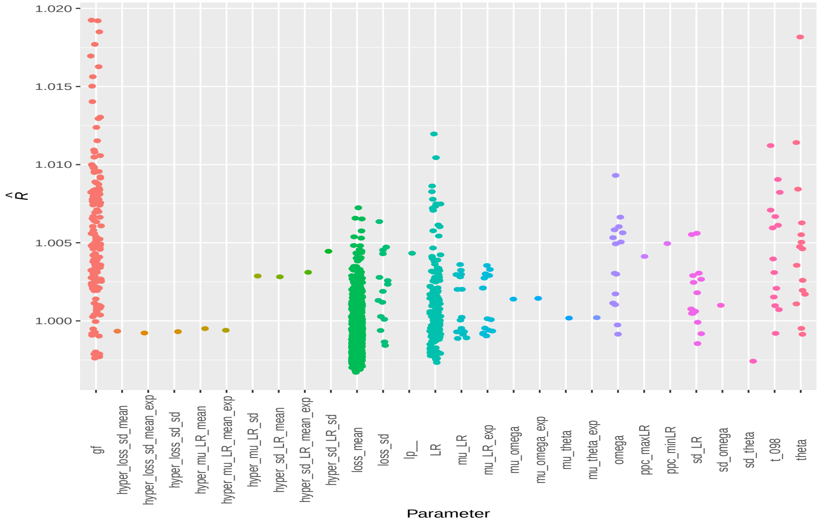
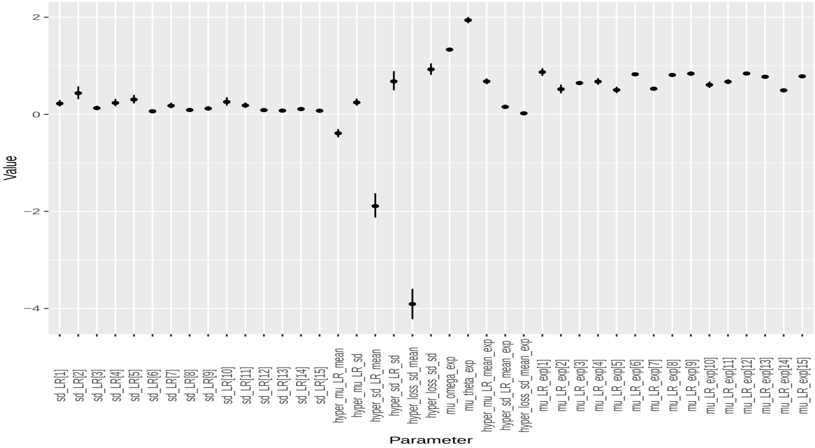



Huge amount of parameters, so check interesting subset



Model Checking

Promising on first pass

Lots of things going on

How do we check and understand model?

Posterior Predictive Checks

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Getting more and more emphasis

Used to assess data aspects not modelled well

Use sample to generate 'fake' data to compare

Can also be used to generate predictions from data (clunky)

No hard and fast rules

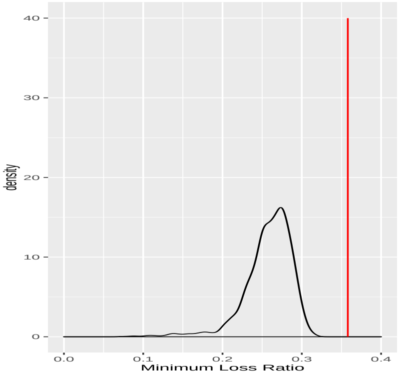
How can we check our loss curve output?

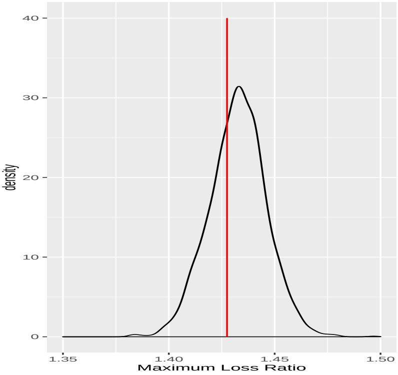
LR Range

Question: Does model capture LR range well?

For each sample, track min/max of LR

Compare actual min/max LR with distributions (devlag $\geq$ 8 years)





LR Range

Better than expected

Max/Min very sample-dependent

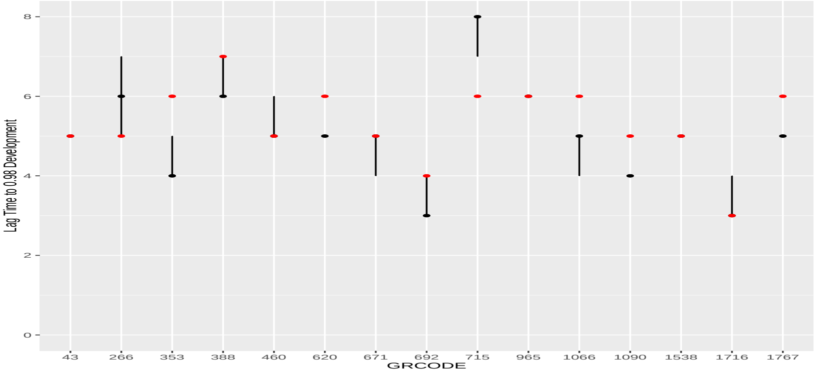
May be worth considering quantiles

Data a little too aggregated perhaps

Question: Does model capture time to final development well?

For each sample, observe time at which `gf` exceeds 0.98

Take 25%/75% intervals of time for each insurer, compare to data



Further Iterations

Need better PPCs

Further nesting for Insurer and Accident Year

Look across product lines

Try ADVI to help with iteration

Conclusions

Alternative to Chain Ladder

Allows interesting views into data

Data source used is crude

More work required!

Further Work

Try out ADVI on the models

Incorporate different ω and θ priors

Generate fake data to try new approaches (change-point for example)

Add hierarchy of product lines to model

Write-up and contribute as case study to Stan group

Get In Touch

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Slides and code available on BitBucket:
`https://www.github.com/kaybenleroll/dublin_r_workshops`