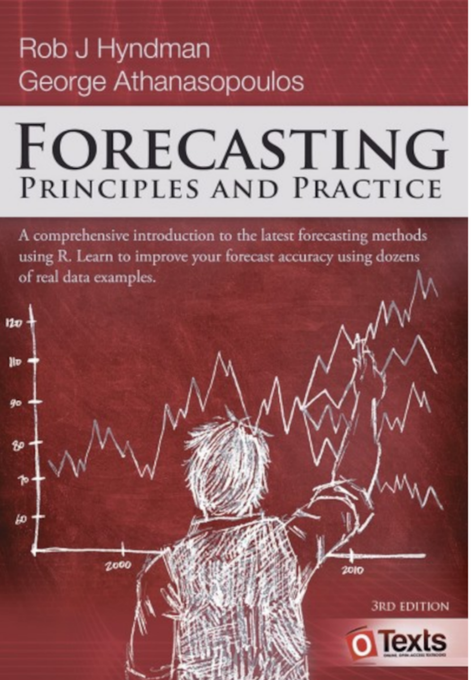

9. ARIMA models

9.1 Stationarity and differencing

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- roughly horizontal
- constant variance
- no patterns predictable in the long-term

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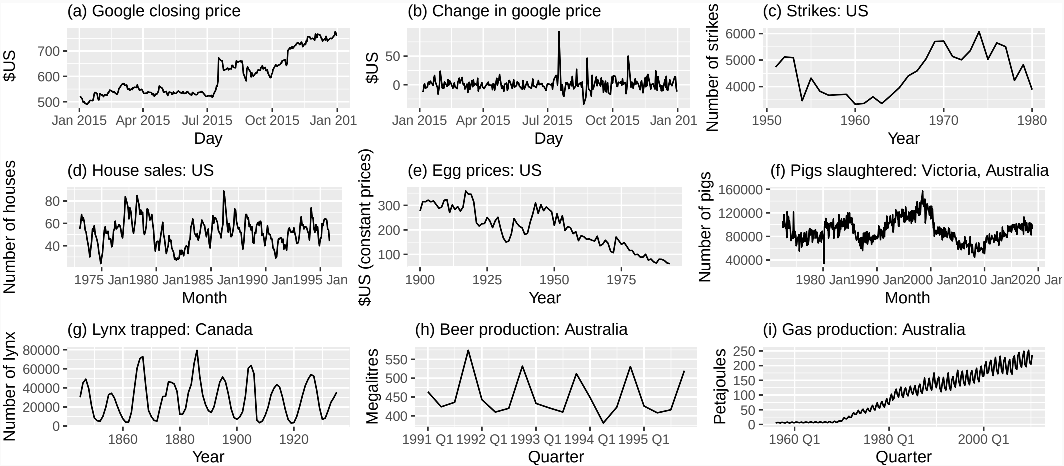

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- Transformations help to stabilize the variance.
- For ARIMA modelling, we also need to stabilize the mean.

Non-stationarity in the mean

Identifying non-stationary series

- time plot.
- The ACF of stationary data drops to zero relatively quickly
- The ACF of non-stationary data decreases slowly.
- For non-stationary data, the value of r_1 is often large and positive.

Example: Google stock price

```r
google_2018 <- gafa_stock |>
  filter(Symbol == "GOOG", year(Date) == 2018)
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google_2018 |>
  autoplot(Close) +
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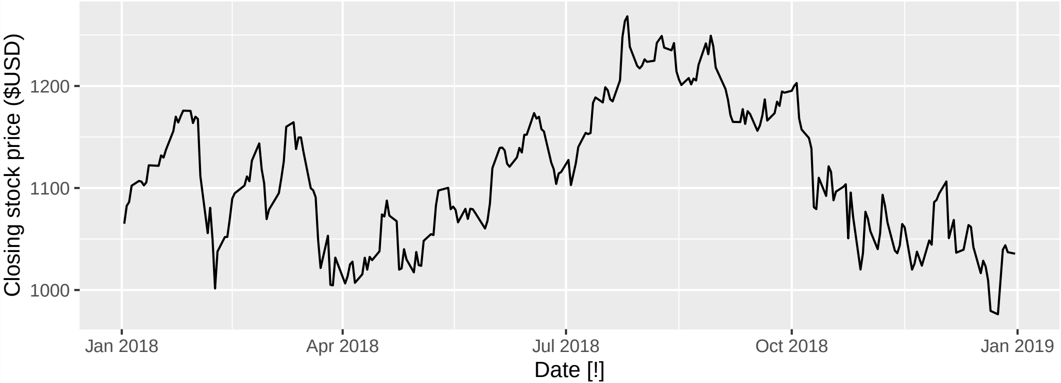

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  ACF(Close) |>
  autoplot()
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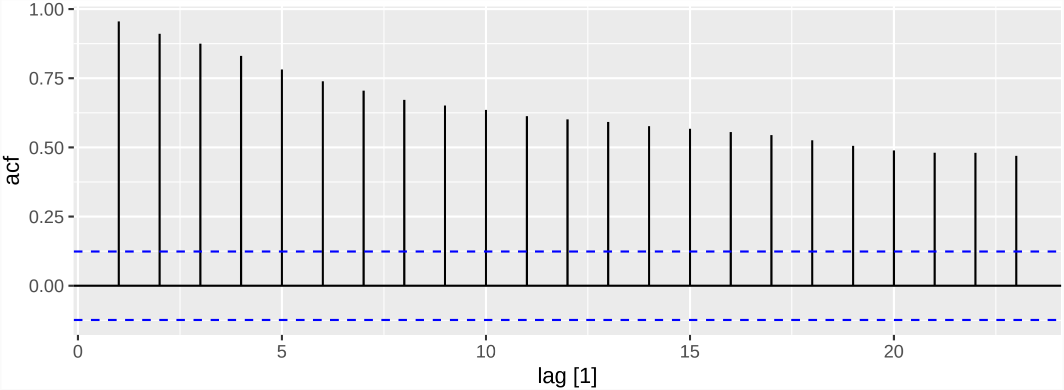

Example: Google stock price

```r
google_2018 |>
  autoplot(difference(Close)) +
  labs(y = "Change in Google closing stock price ($USD)")
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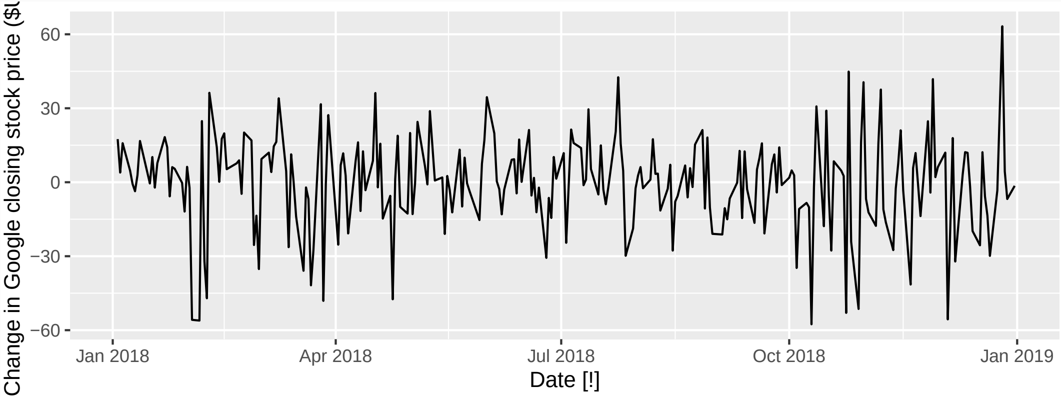

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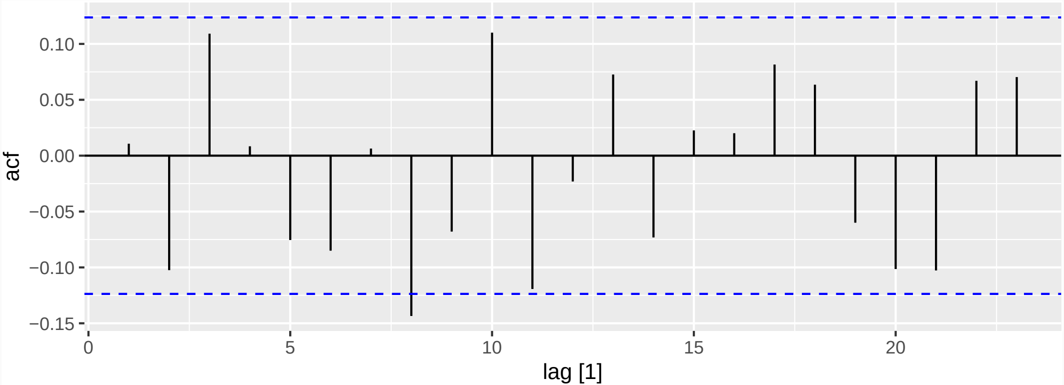

Differencing

- Differencing helps to stabilize the mean.
- The differenced series is the change between each observation in the original series: $y'_t = y_t - y_{t-1}$.
- The differenced series will have only $T - 1$ values since it is not possible to calculate a difference y'_1 for the first observation.

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- y''_t will have $T - 2$ values.
- In practice, it is almost never necessary to go beyond second-order differences.

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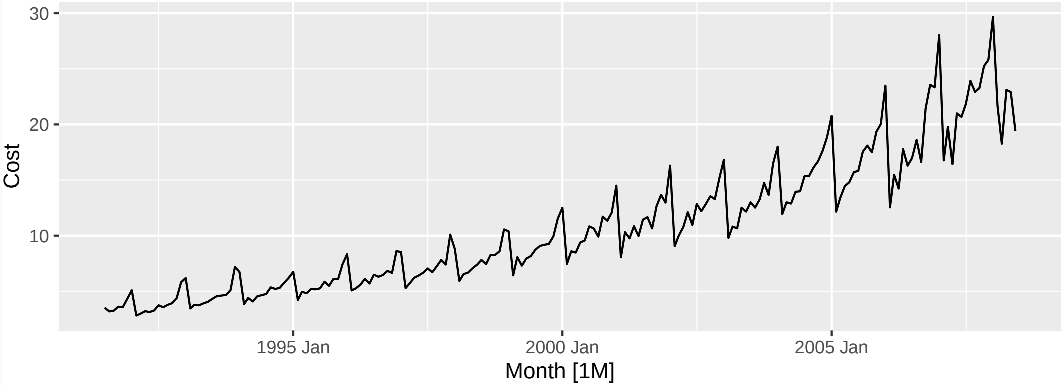

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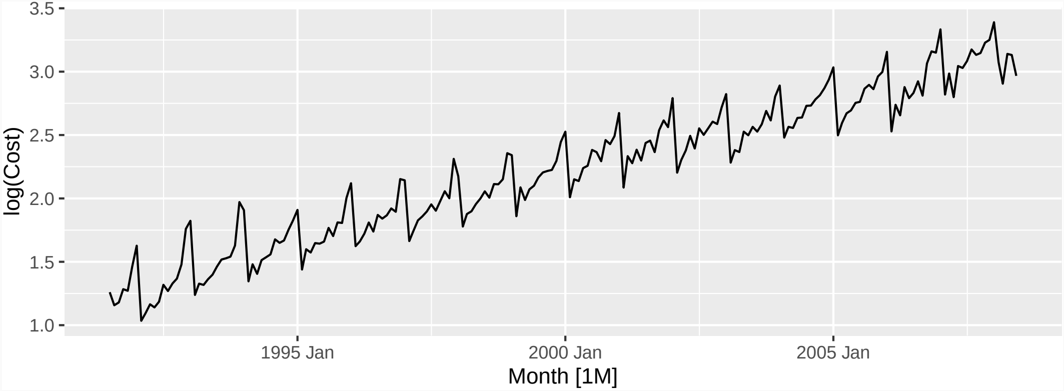

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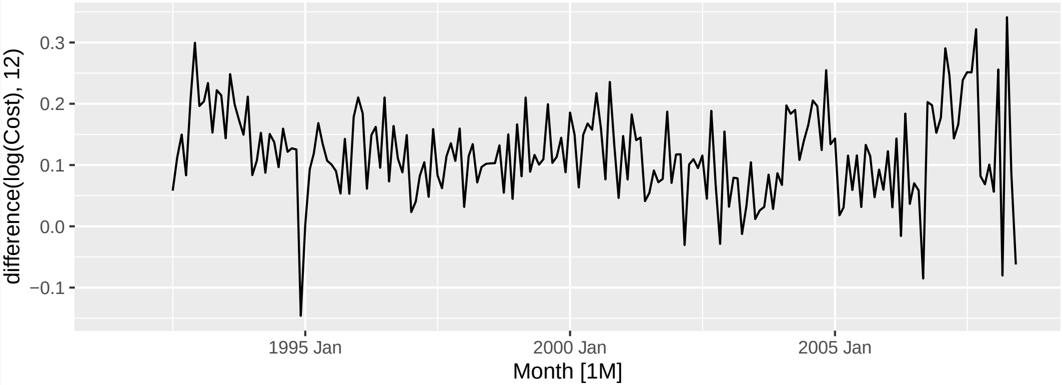

Corticosteroid drug sales

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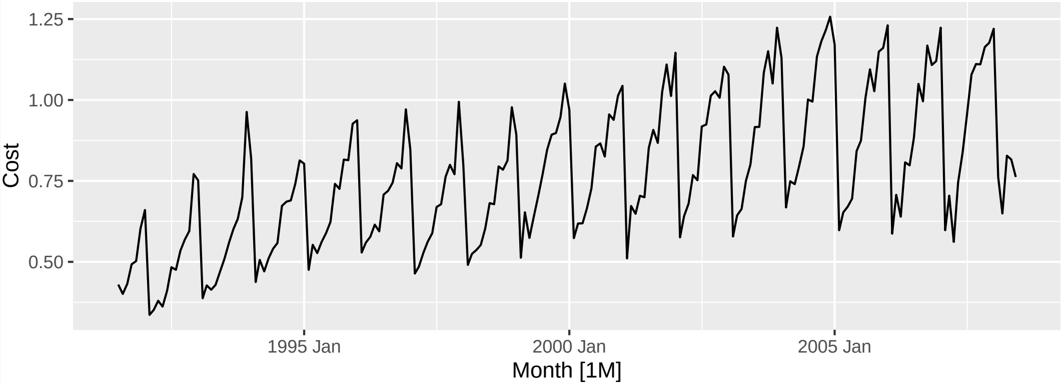

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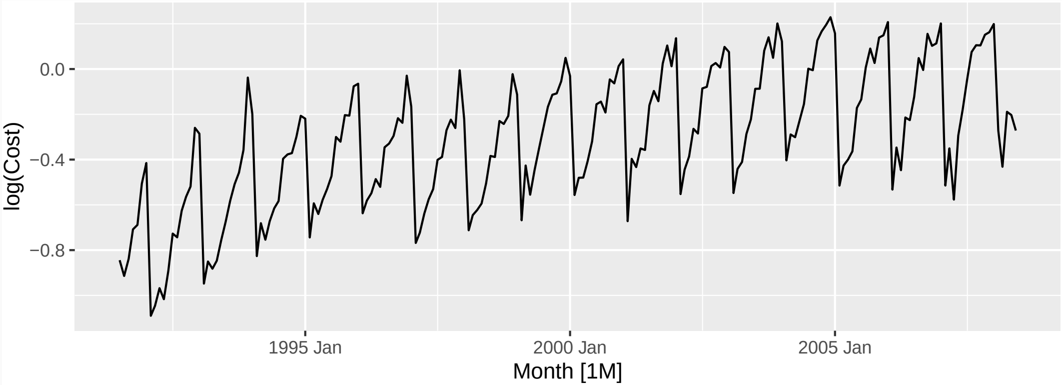

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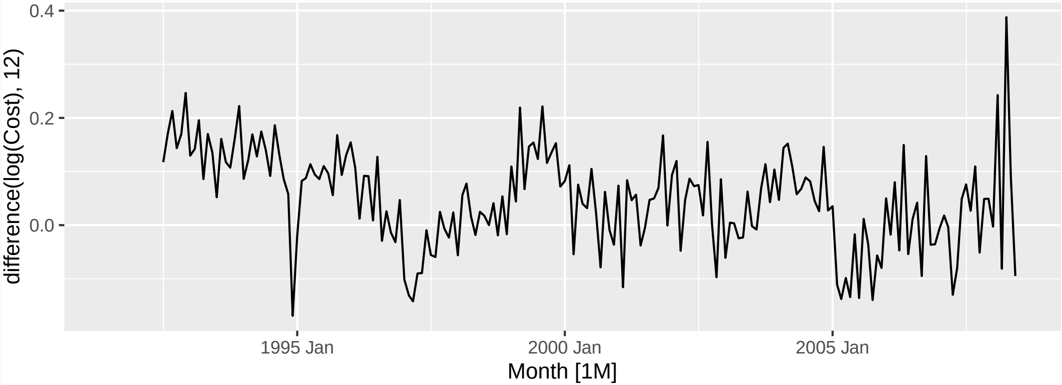

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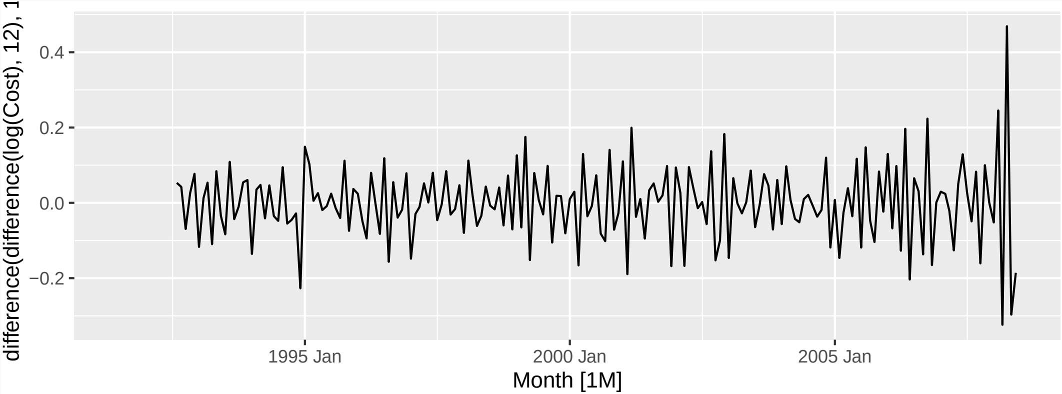

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- Seasonally differenced series is closer to being stationary.
- Remaining non-stationarity can be removed with further first difference.

If $y'_t = y_t - y_{t-12}$ denotes seasonally differenced series, then twice-differenced series is

$$\begin{aligned} y^*_t &= y'_t - y'_{t-1} \\ &= (y_t - y_{t-12}) - (y_{t-1} - y_{t-13}) \\ &= y_t - y_{t-1} - y_{t-12} + y_{t-13}\,. \end{aligned}$$

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It is important that if differencing is used, the differences are interpretable.

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But taking lag 3 differences for yearly data, for example, results in a model which cannot be sensibly interpreted.