

Homework 1

Forecasting: Principles and Practice - Time Series Graphics

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```
library(fpp2)

## Registered S3 method overwritten by 'quantmod':
##   method              from
##   as.zoo.data.frame zoo

## -- Attaching packages ----- fpp2 2.4 --

## v ggplot2 3.3.3    v fma      2.4
## v forecast 8.13     v expsmooth 2.3

##
```

```
library(ggplot2)
```

Exercise 2.10 - 1

Use the help function to explore what the series `gold`, `woolryrnq`, and `gas` represent.

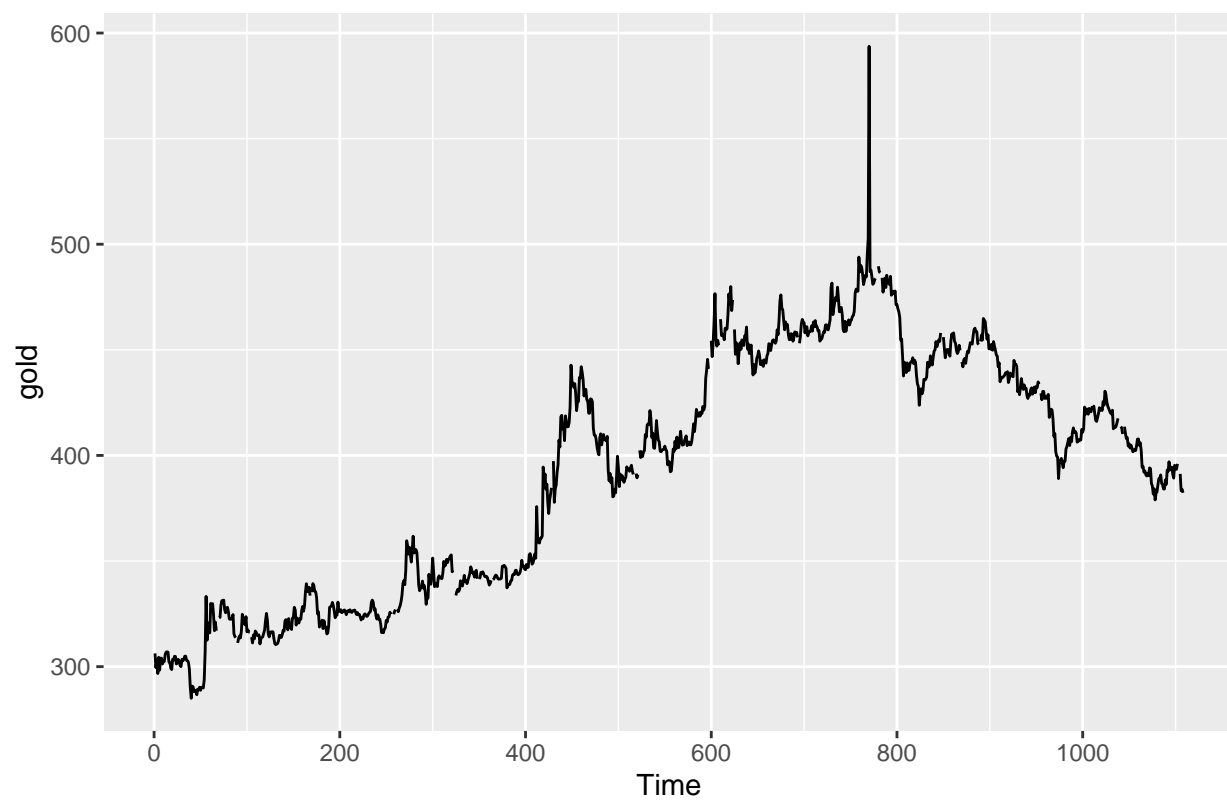
The data in `gold` represents daily morning gold prices in US dollars from January 1st, 1985 - March 31st, 1989.

The data in `woolryrnq` represents quarterly production of woolen yarn in Australia from March 1965 - September 1994.

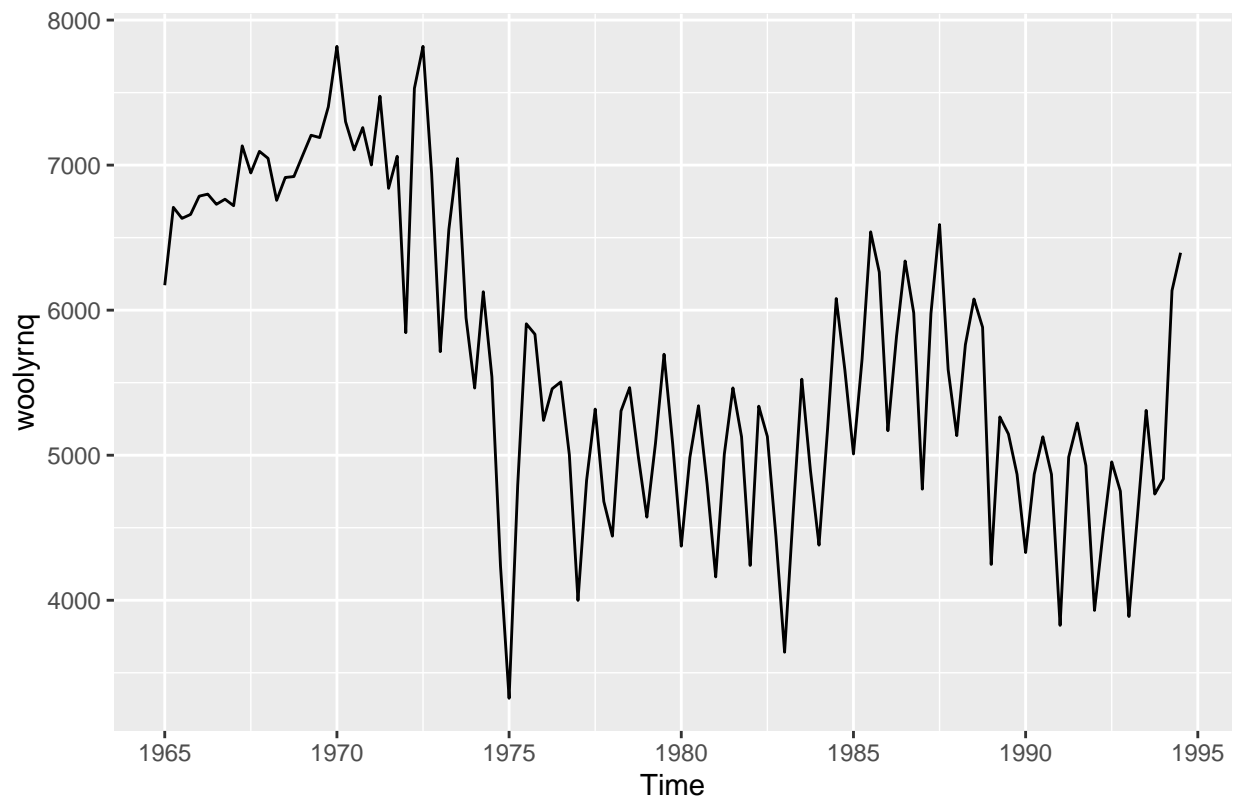
The data in `gas` represents monthly gas production in Australia from 1956 - 1995.

- Use `autoplot()` to plot each of these in separate plots.

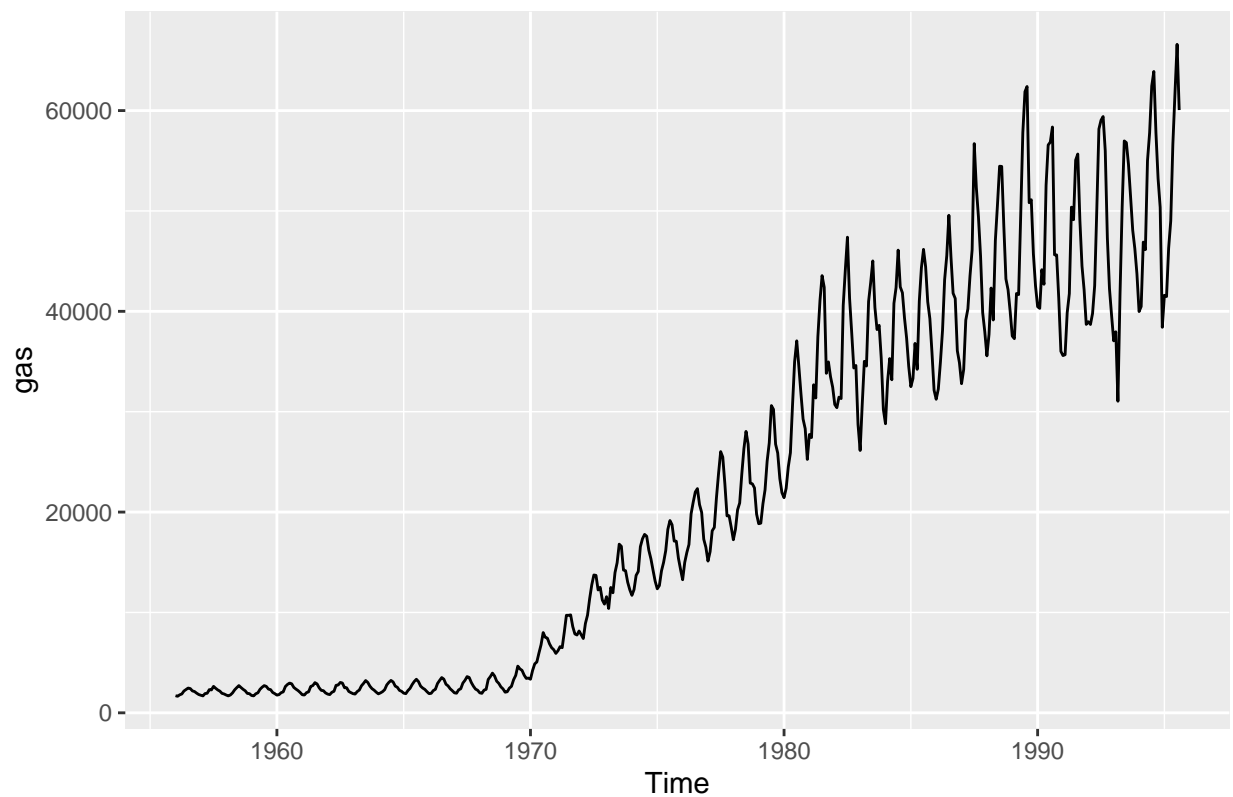
```
autoplot(gold)
```



```
autoplot(woolyrnq)
```



```
autoplot(gas)
```



b. What is the frequency of each series? Hint: apply the `frequency()` function.

The frequency for the `gold` series is 1 where the frequency for the `woolryrnq` series is 4, and the frequency for the `gas` series is 12.

```
frequency(gold)
```

```
## [1] 1
```

```
frequency(woolryrnq)
```

```
## [1] 4
```

```
frequency(gas)
```

```
## [1] 12
```

c. Use the `which.max()` to spot the outlier in the `gold` series. Which observation was it?

The outlier in the `gold` series is the 770th observation.

```
which.max(gold)
```

```
## [1] 770
```

Exercise 2.10 - 2

Download the file `tute1.csv` from the book website, open in Excel (or some other spreadsheet application), and review its contents. You should find four columns of information. Columns B through D each contain quarterly series, labelled Sales, AdBudget and GDP. Sales contains the quarterly sales for a small company over the period 1981-2005. AdBudget is the advertising budget and GDP is the gross domestic product. All series have been adjusted for inflation.

a.

You can read the data into R with the following script:

```
tute1 <- read.csv("tute1.csv", header=TRUE)
View(tute1)
```

b.

Convert the data to time series

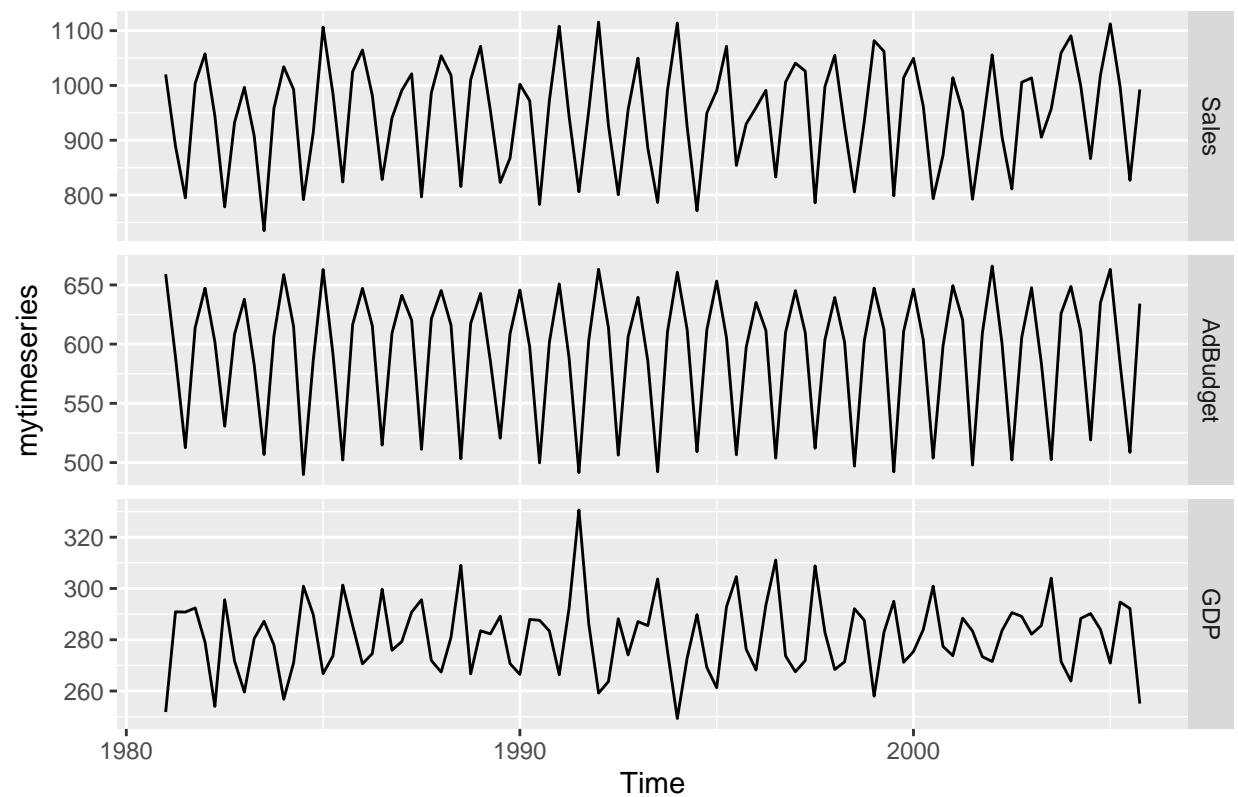
```
mytimeseries <- ts(tute1[, -1], start=1981, frequency=4)
```

(The `[-1]` removes the first column which contains the quarters as we don't need them now)

c.

Construct time series plots of each of the three series

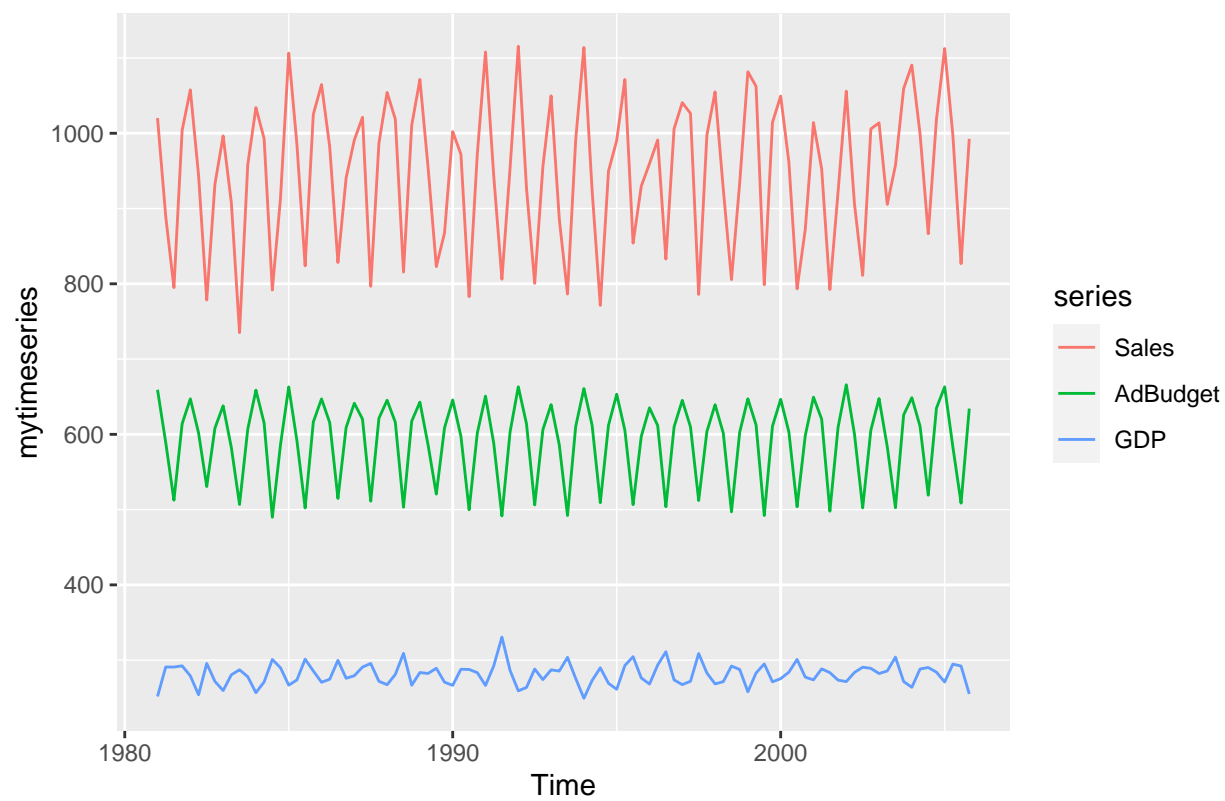
```
autoplot(mytimeseries, facets=TRUE)
```



Check what happens when you don't include `facets=TRUE`.

When you exclude `facets=TRUE`, we see each of the series are plotted on the same chart, which differs from the previous example where each series is shown to have its own chart.

```
autoplot(mytimeseries)
```



Exercise 2.10 - 3

Download some monthly Australian retail data from the book website. These represent retail sales in various categories for different Australian states, and are stored in a MS-Excel file.

a.

You can read the data into R with the following script:

```
retaildata <- readxl::read_excel("retail.xlsx", skip=1)
```

The second argument (skip=1) is required because Excel sheet has two header rows.

b.

Select one of the time series as follows (but replace the column name with your own chosen column):

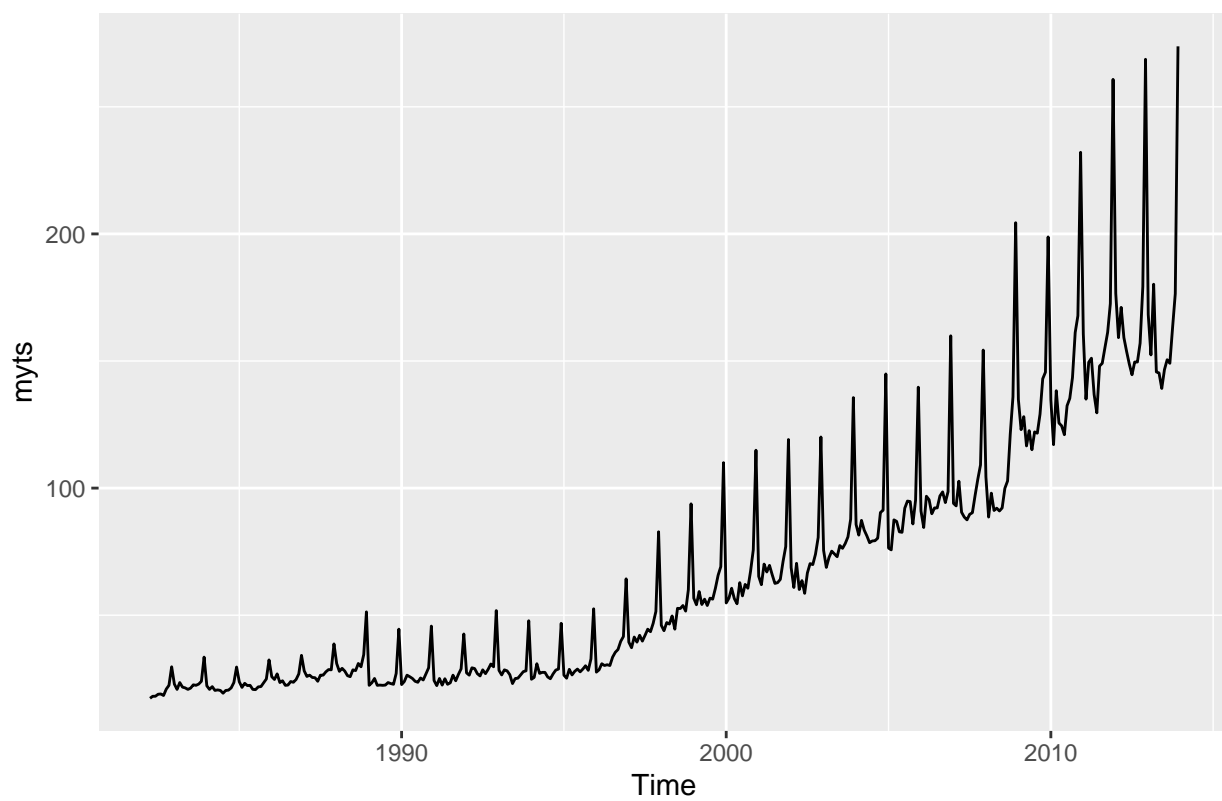
```
myts <- ts(retaildata[, "A3349414R"],  
           frequency=12, start=c(1982,4))
```

c.

Explore your chosen retail time series using the following functions: `autoplot()`, `ggseasonplot`, `ggsubseriesplot()`, `gglagplot()`, `ggAcf()`

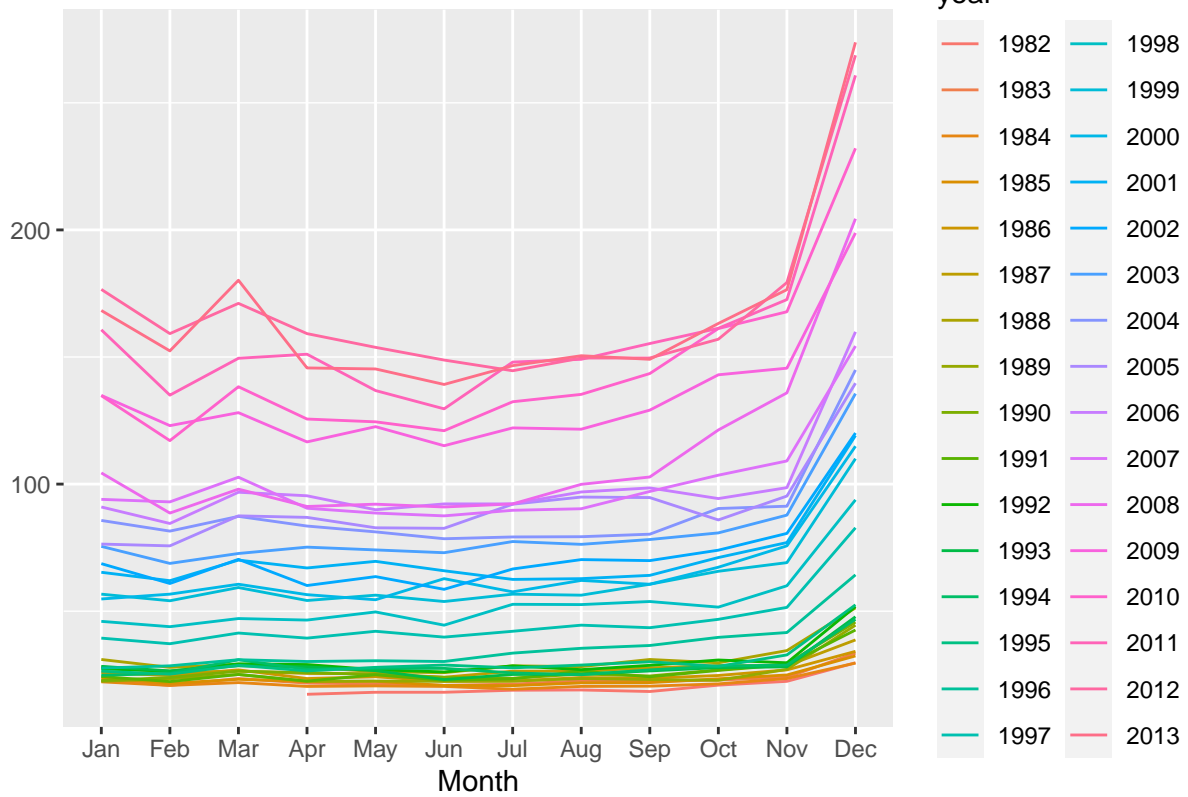
Can you spot any seasonality, cyclicity and trend? What do you learn about these series?

```
autoplot(myts)
```

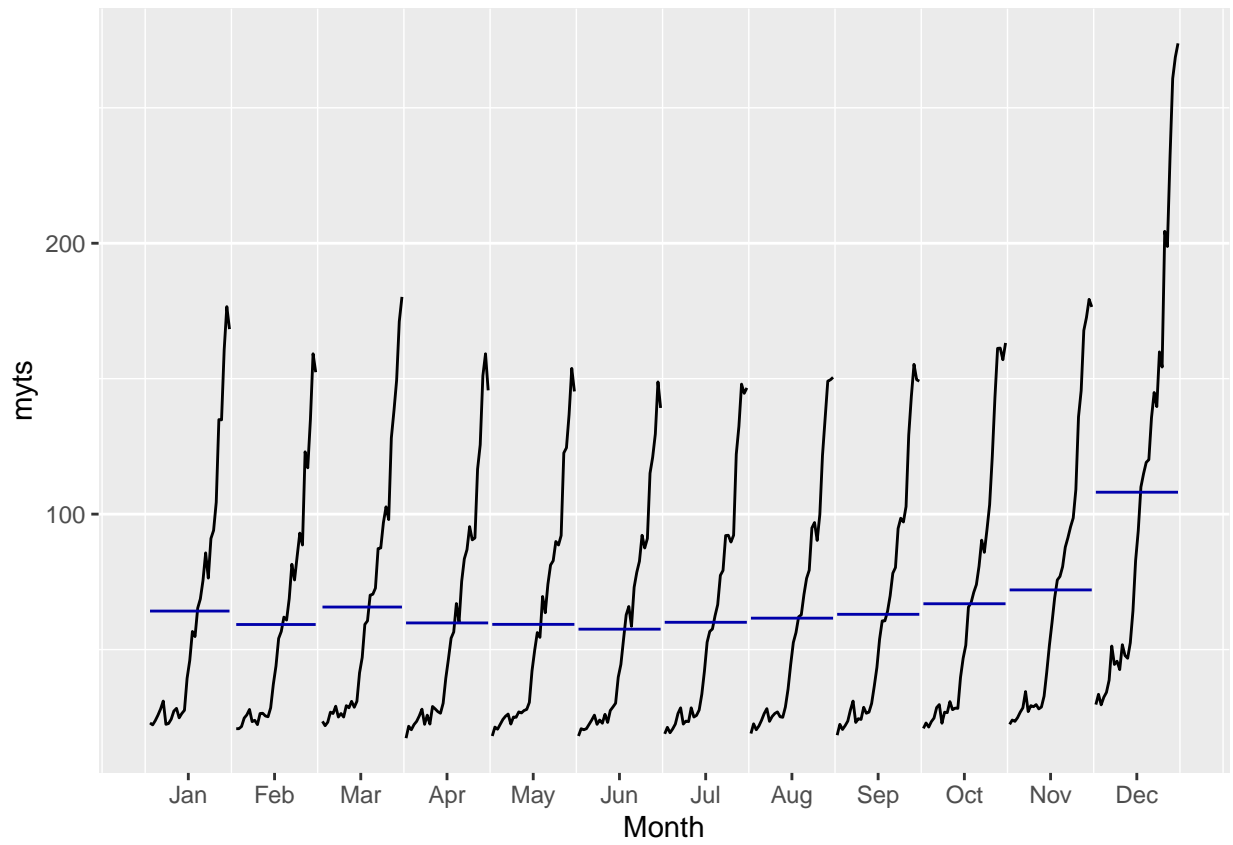


```
ggseasonplot(myts)
```

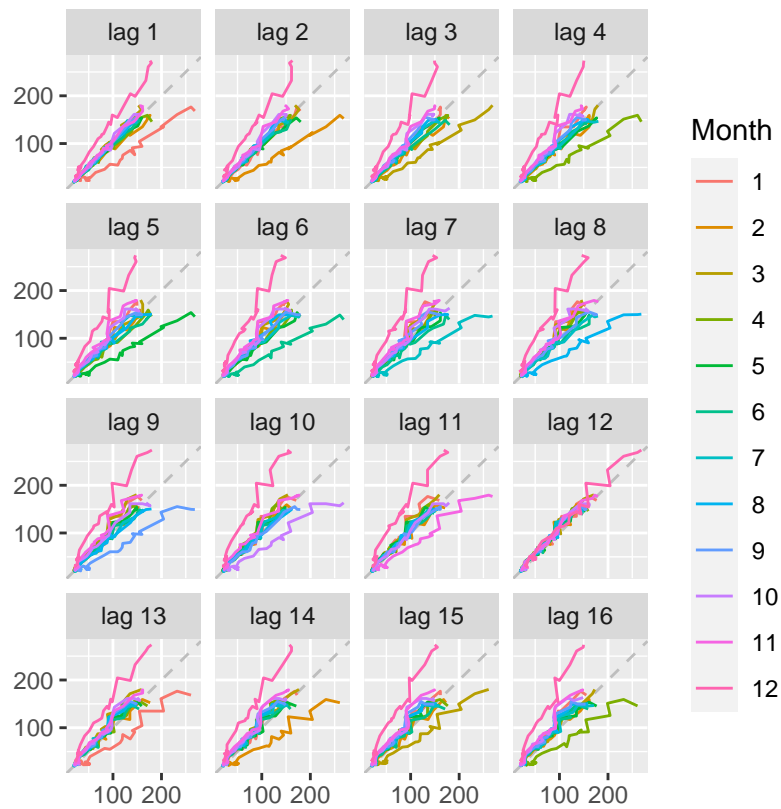
Seasonal plot: myts



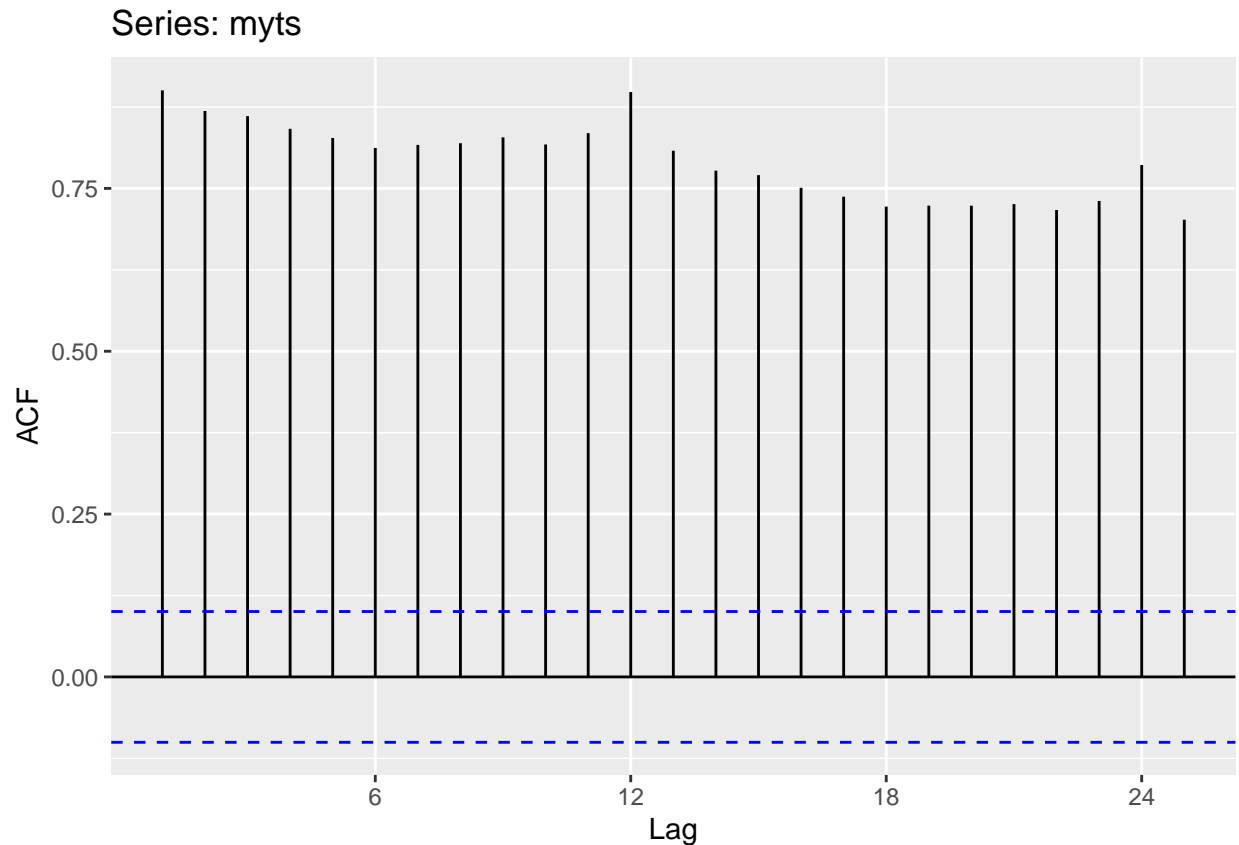
```
ggsubseriesplot(myts)
```



```
gglagplot(myts)
```



`ggAcf(myts)`



Can you spot any seasonality, cyclicity and trend? What do you learn about these series?

A3349414R represents the column for Liquor retailing in Victoria. Looking at the `autoplot()` function, we can easily identify an upward trend. As we check out the `ggseasonplot()` function, we can see seasonality toward the end of the year, specifically in November and December, which increase in sales are likely due to the holiday's. Using the `ggsubseriesplot()` we can see that the mean of sales for each month is greater in those later months, starting with a gradual increase at the end of the summer but having its greatest increase from November to December. Looking into the `gglagplot()` functions output, we can see that the greatest correlation of lag is displayed with lag 12 meaning that there is a stronger case for seasonality here. To follow, the results of the `ggAcf()` function show that there is a slow decrease in ACF as the lags increase due to a trend, and the peaks of this decrease are for the vales of 12 and 24 showing the correlation of the same period 1 and 2 years back.

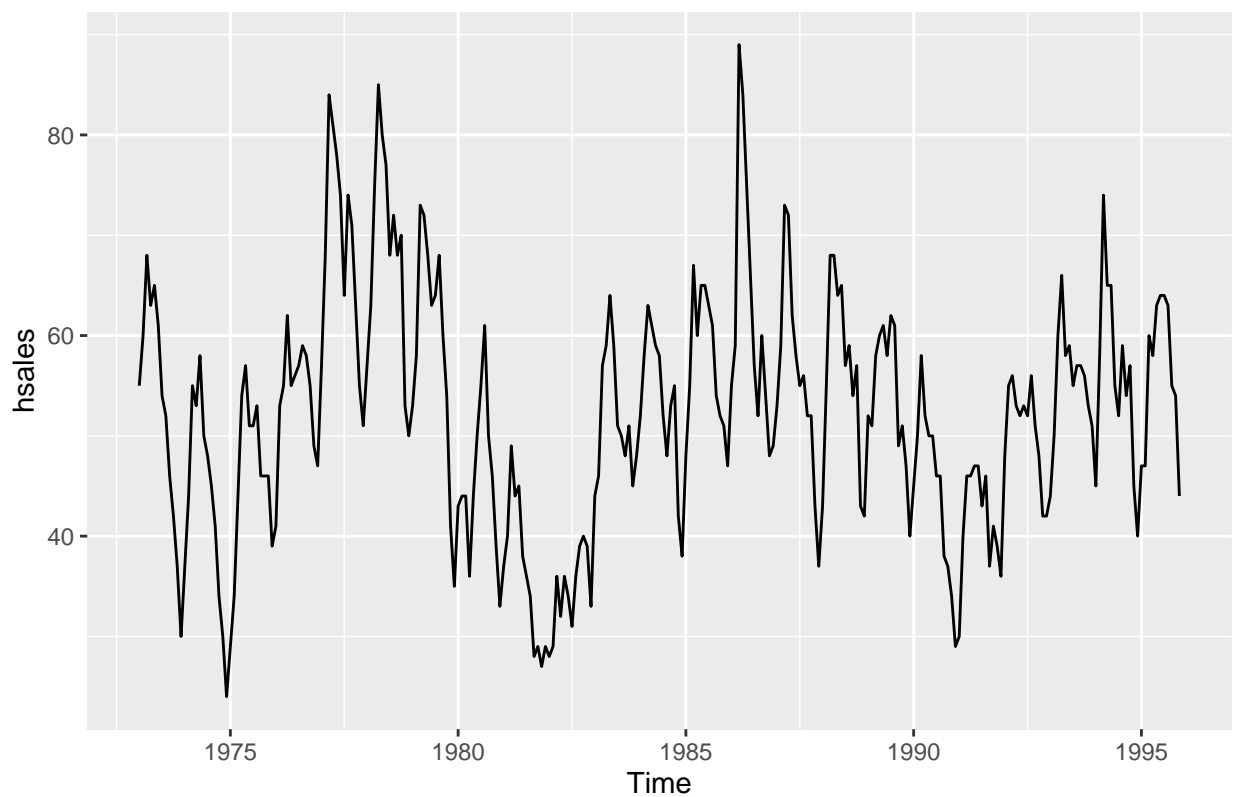
Exercise 2.10 - 6

Use the following graphics functions: `autoplot()`, `ggseasonplot()`, `ggsubseriesplot()`, `gglagplot()`, `ggAcf()` and explore features from the following time series: `hsales`, `usdeaths`, `bricksq`, `sunspotarea`, `gasoline`.

- Can you spot any seasonality, cyclicity and trend?
- What do you learn about the series?

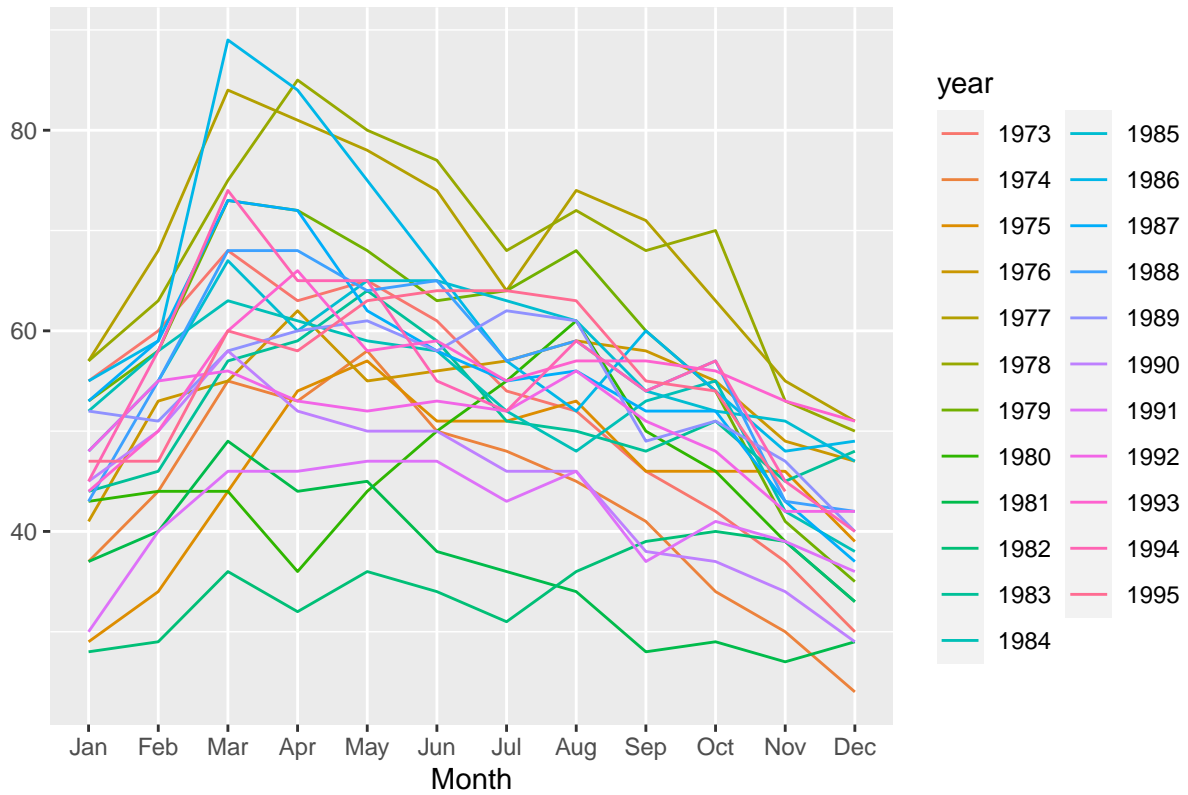
`hsales`

```
autoplot(hsales)
```

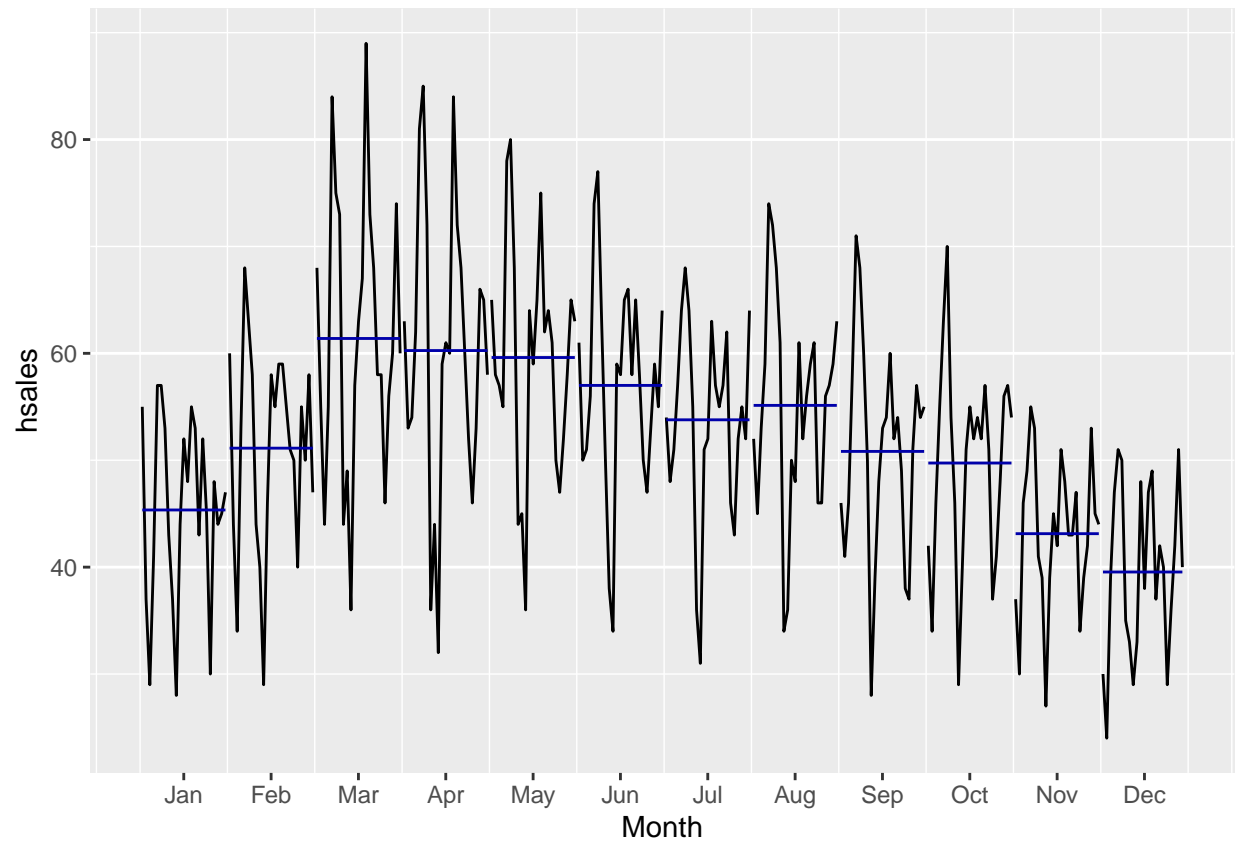


```
ggseasonplot(hsales)
```

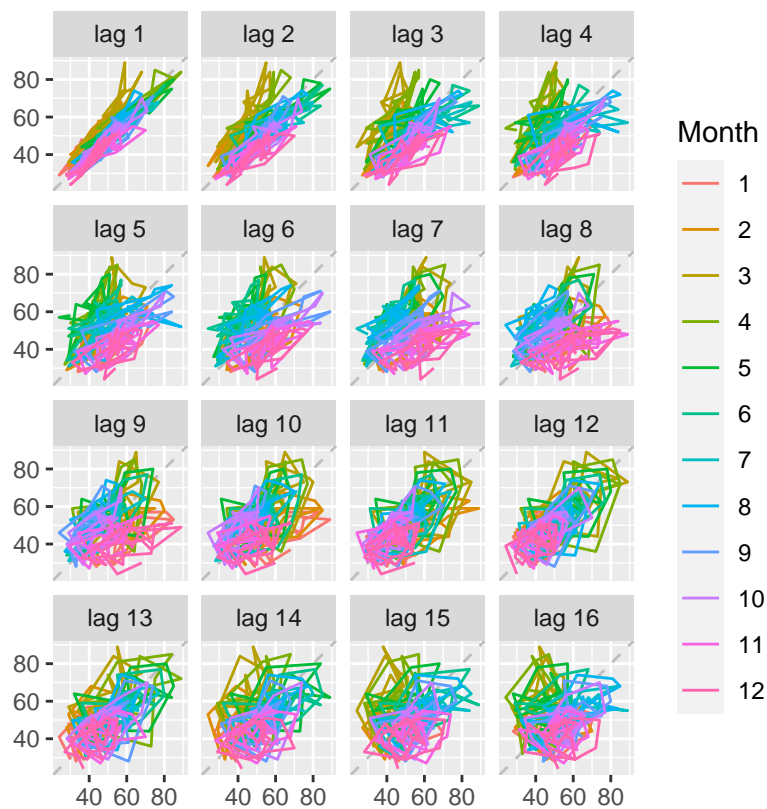
Seasonal plot: hsales



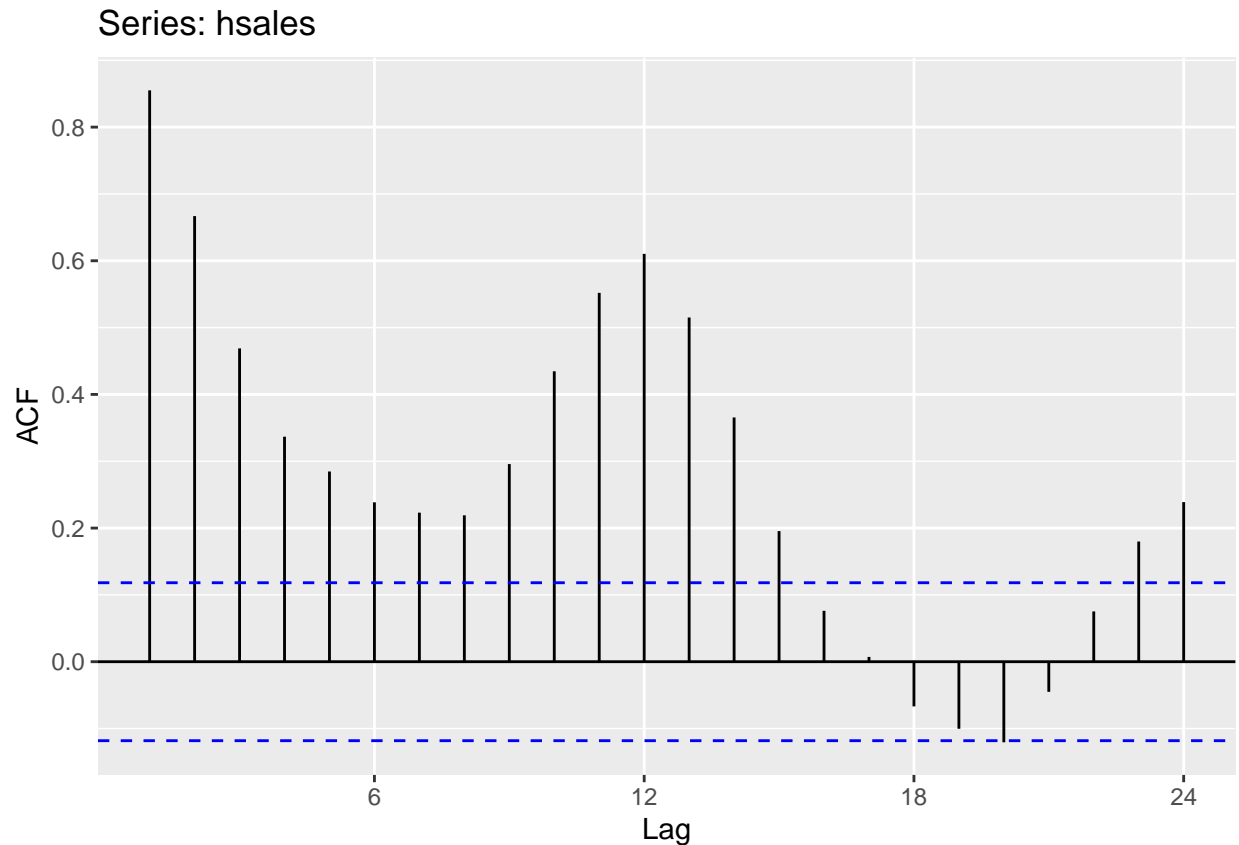
```
ggsubseriesplot(hsales)
```

```
gglagplot(hsales)
```



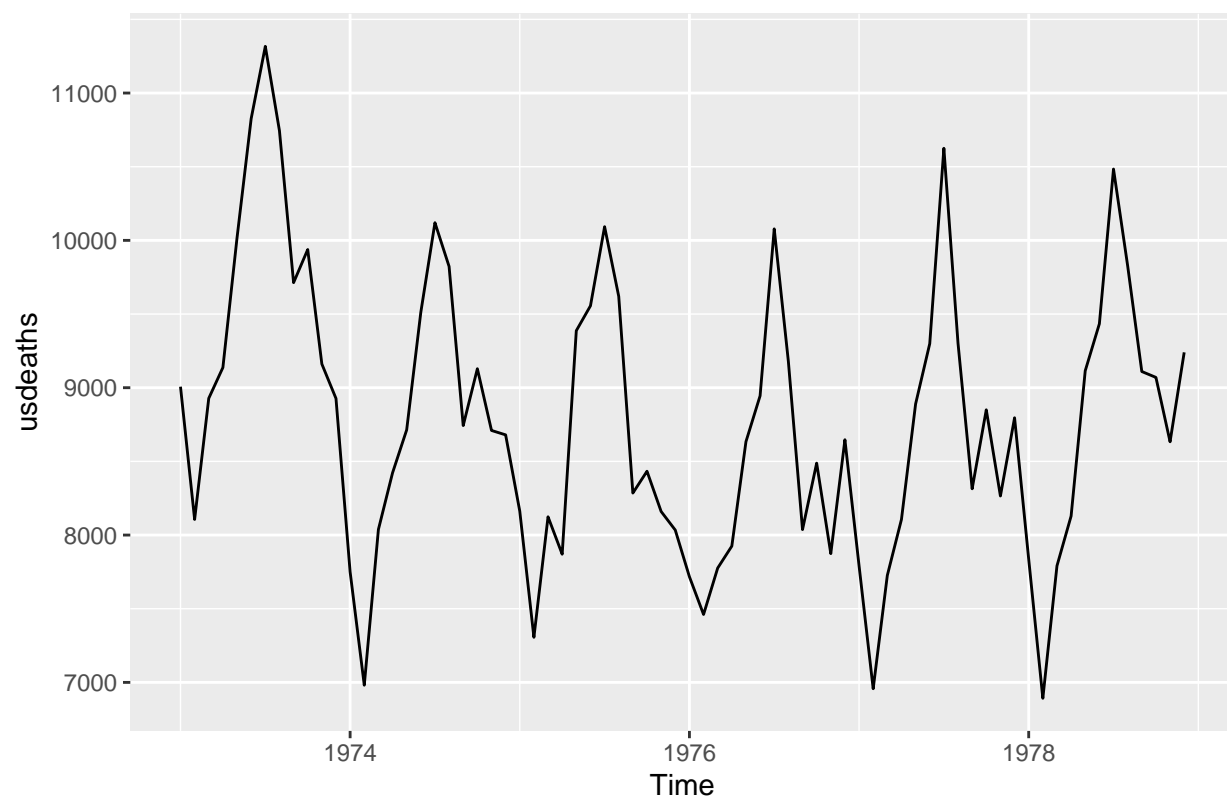
```
ggAcf(hsales)
```



Looking at the `autoplot()` function, we cannot really identify a trend going up or down being that the movement is sideways along the plot. As we check out the `ggseasonplot()` function, we can see seasonality toward the beginning of the year, specifically in Q1 of each year. Using the `ggsubseriesplot()` we can see that the mean of sales for each month is greater in those earlier months, starting with a gradual decrease into the summer months. Looking into the `gglagplot()` functions output, we can see that the greatest correlation of lag is displayed with lag 1 and 2 meaning that there is a stronger case for seasonality here. To follow, the results of the `ggAcf()` function show that there is a slow decrease in ACF as the lags increase due to a trend, and the peaks of this decrease are for the values of 12 and 24 showing the correlation of the same period 1 and 2 years back.

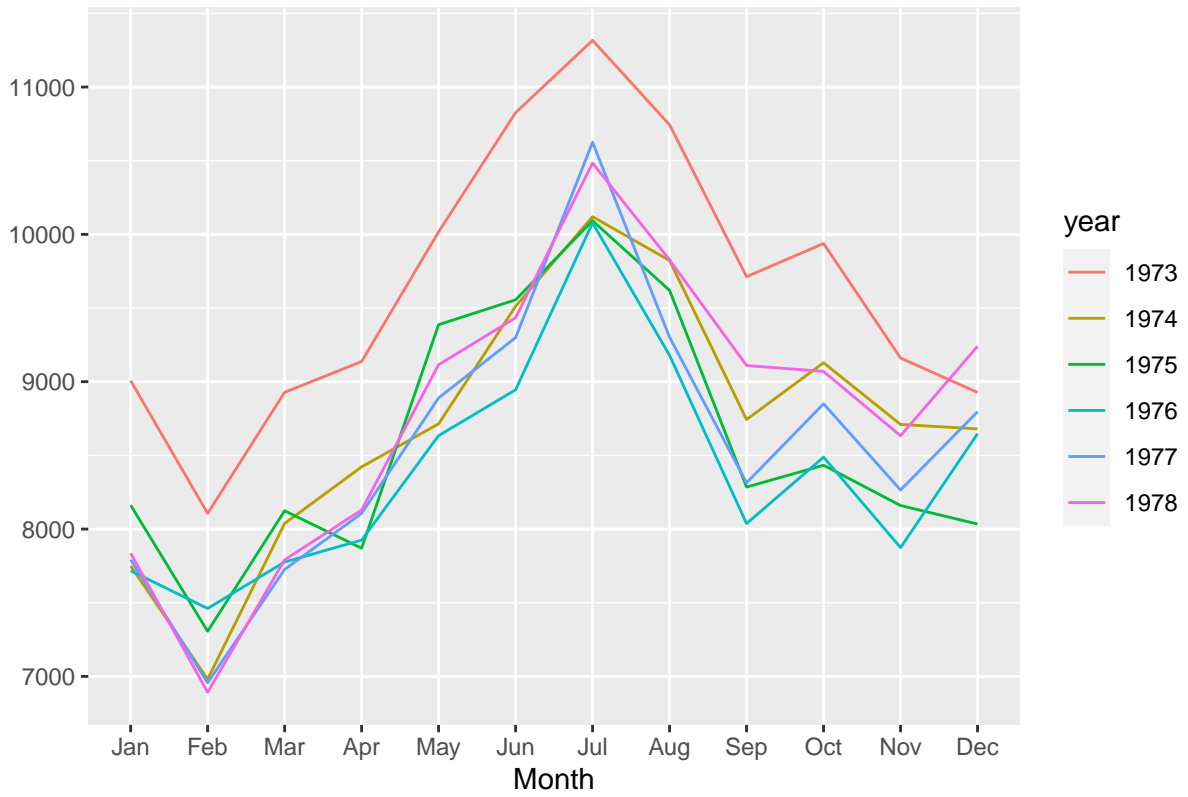
usdeaths

```
autoplot(usdeaths)
```

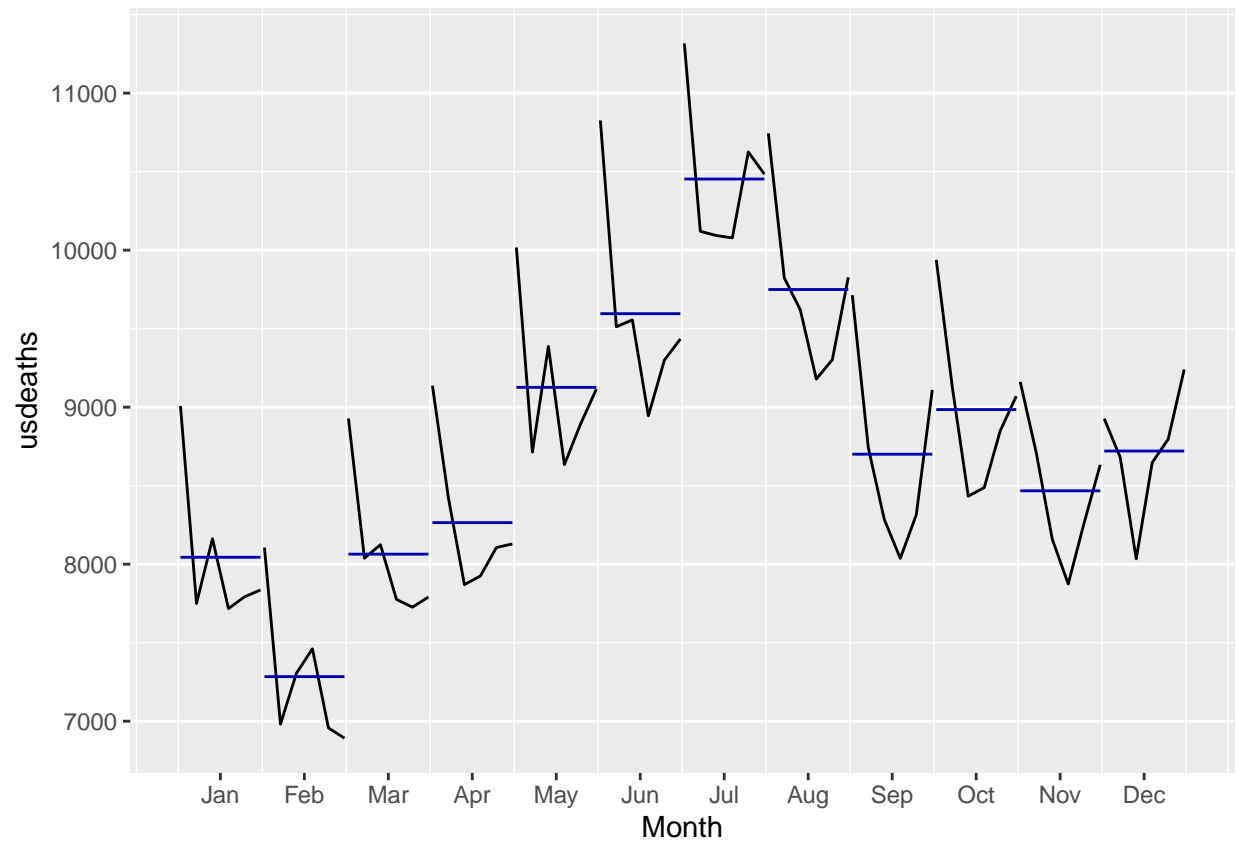


```
ggseasonplot(usdeaths)
```

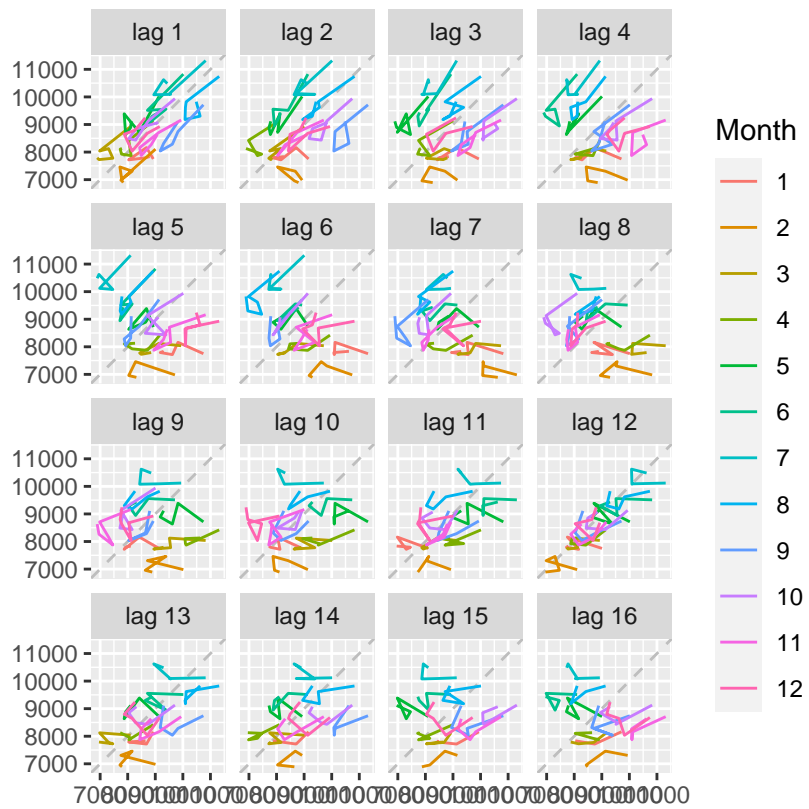
Seasonal plot: usdeaths



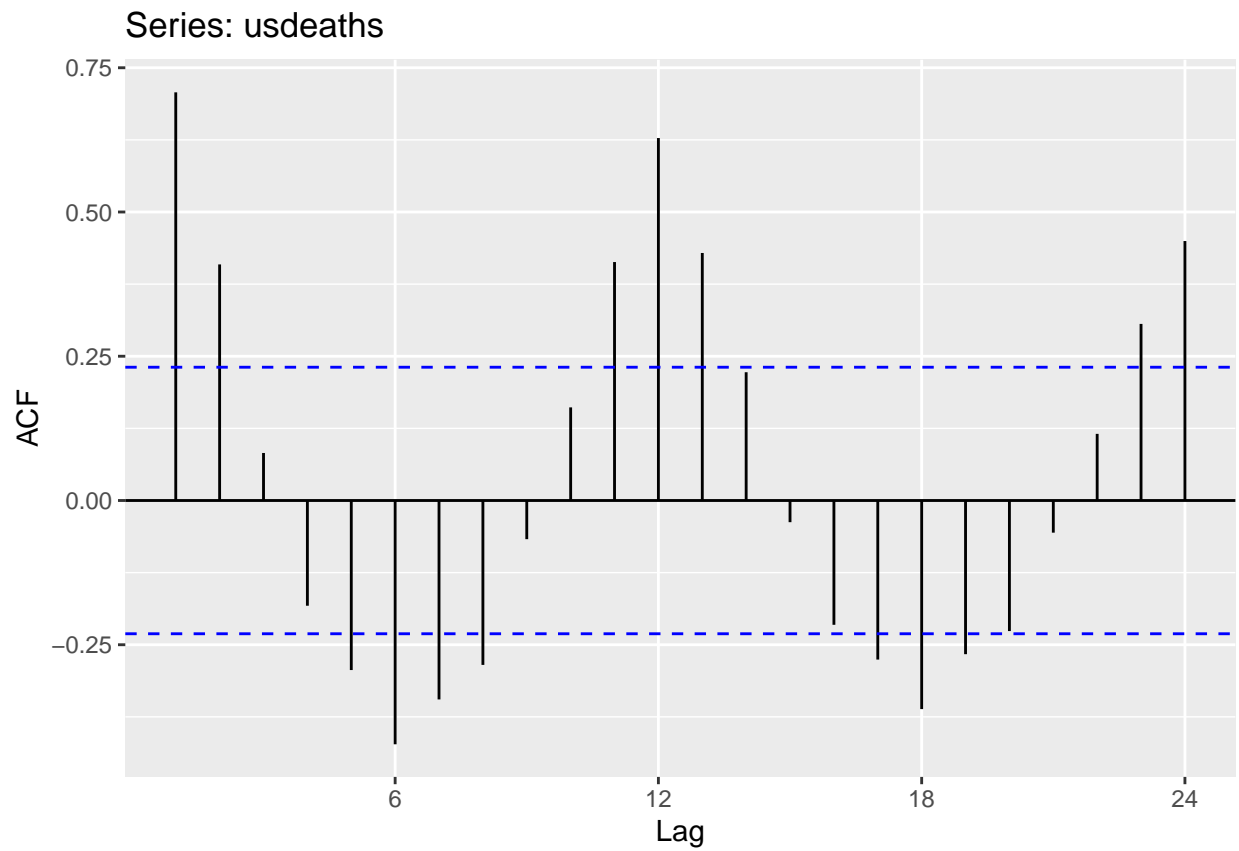
```
ggsubseriesplot(usdeaths)
```



```
gglagplot(usdeaths)
```

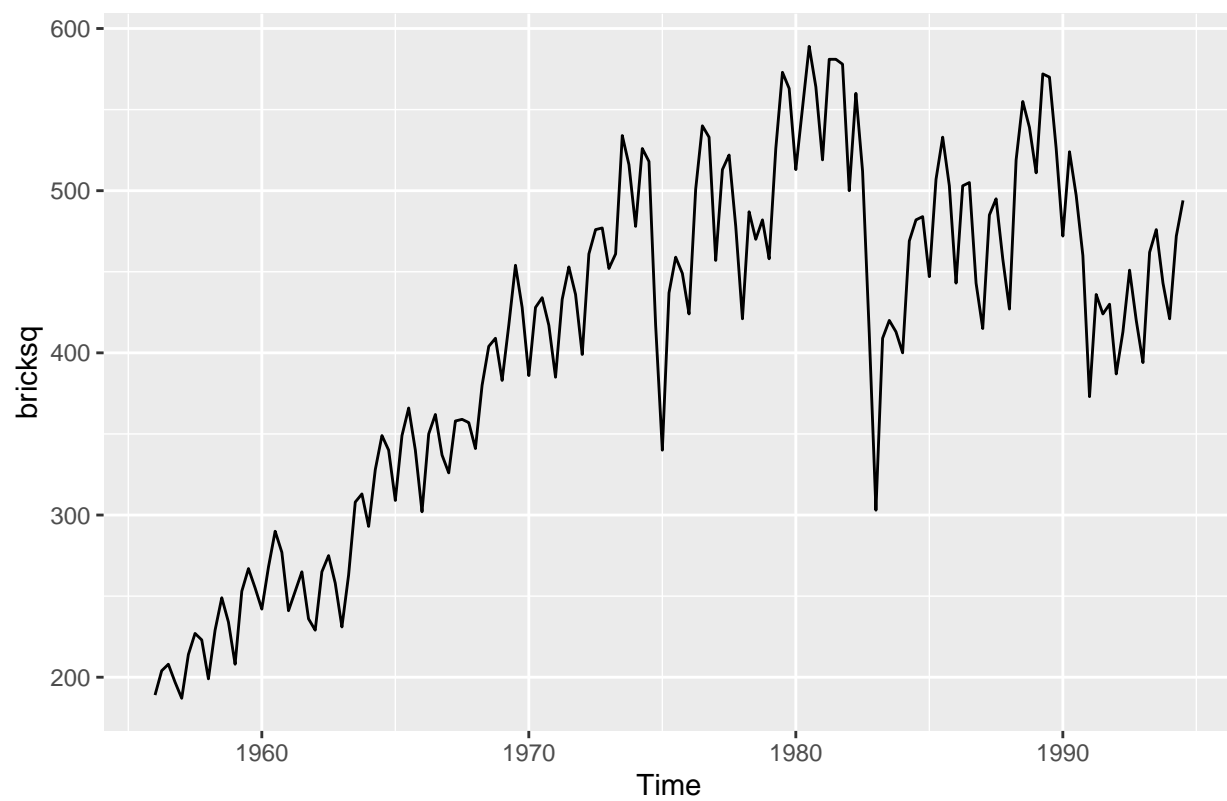


```
ggAcf(usdeaths)
```



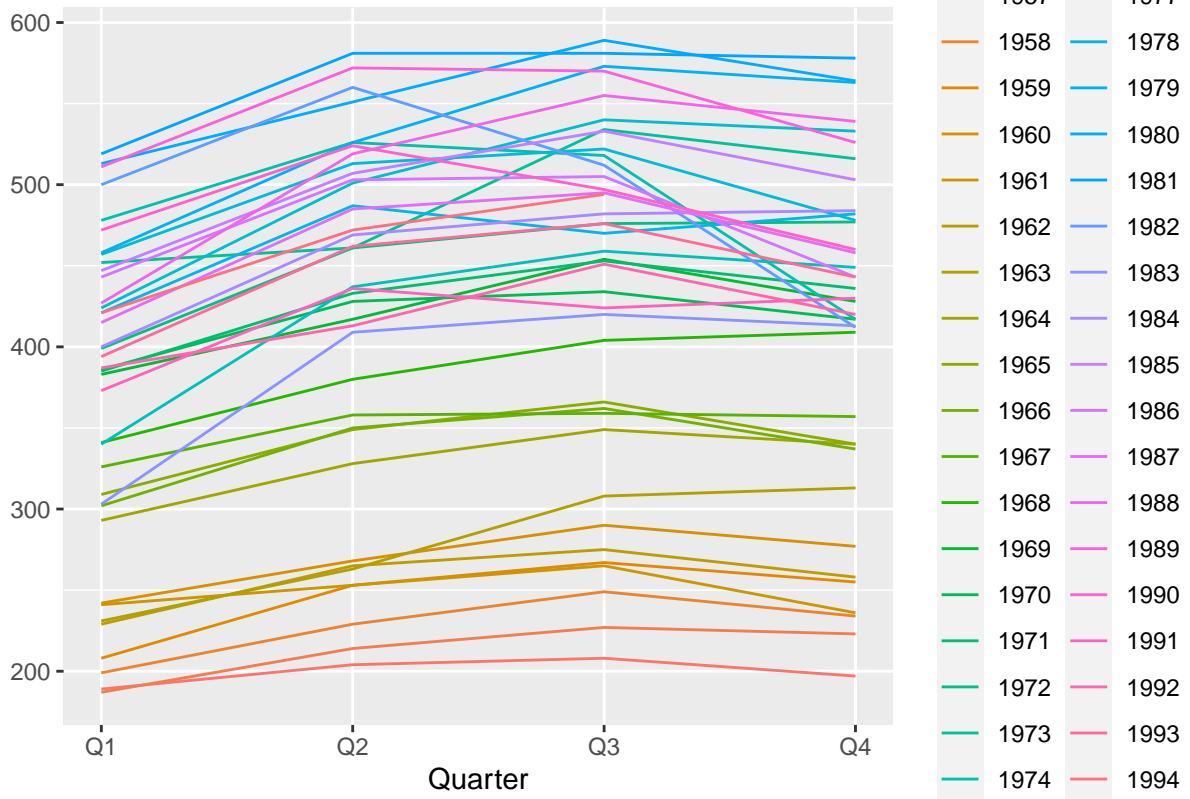
bricksq

```
autoplot(bricksq)
```

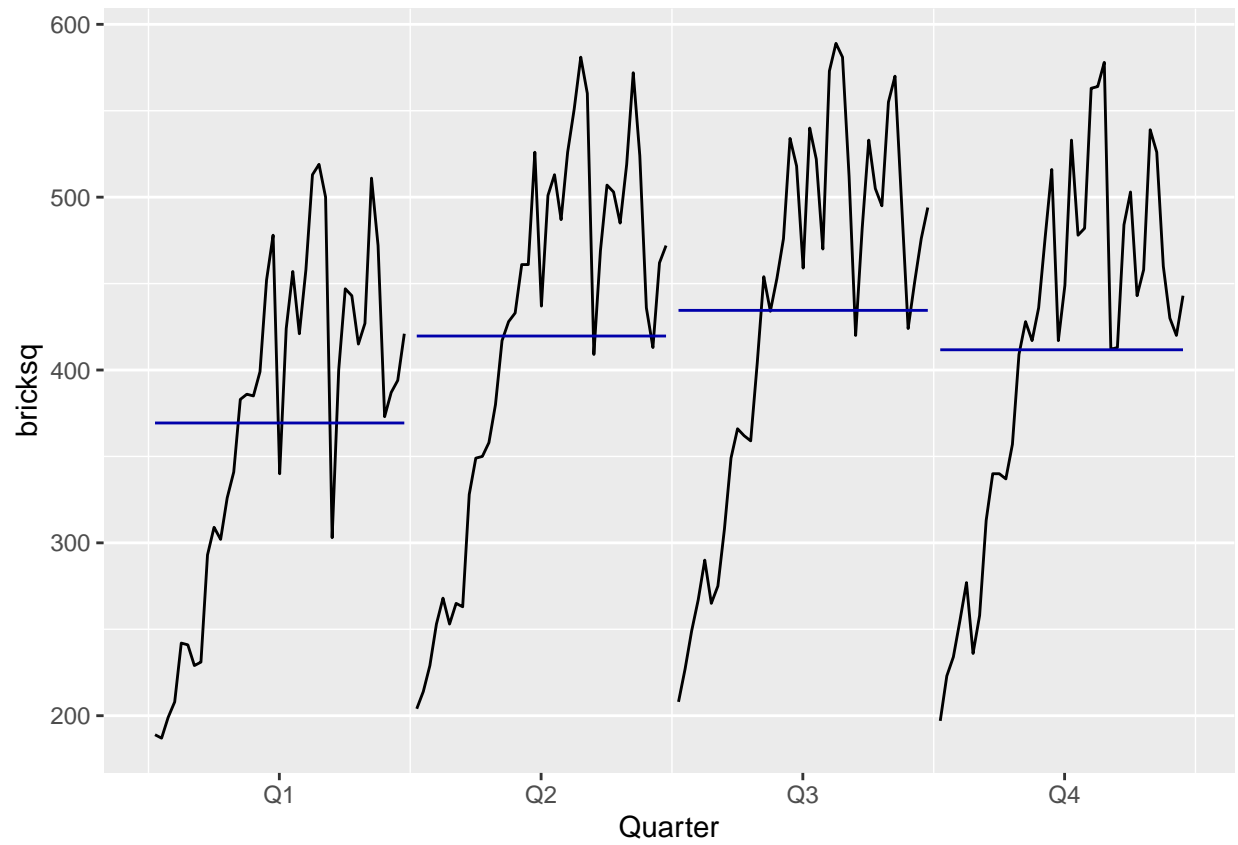



```
ggseasonplot(bricksq)
```

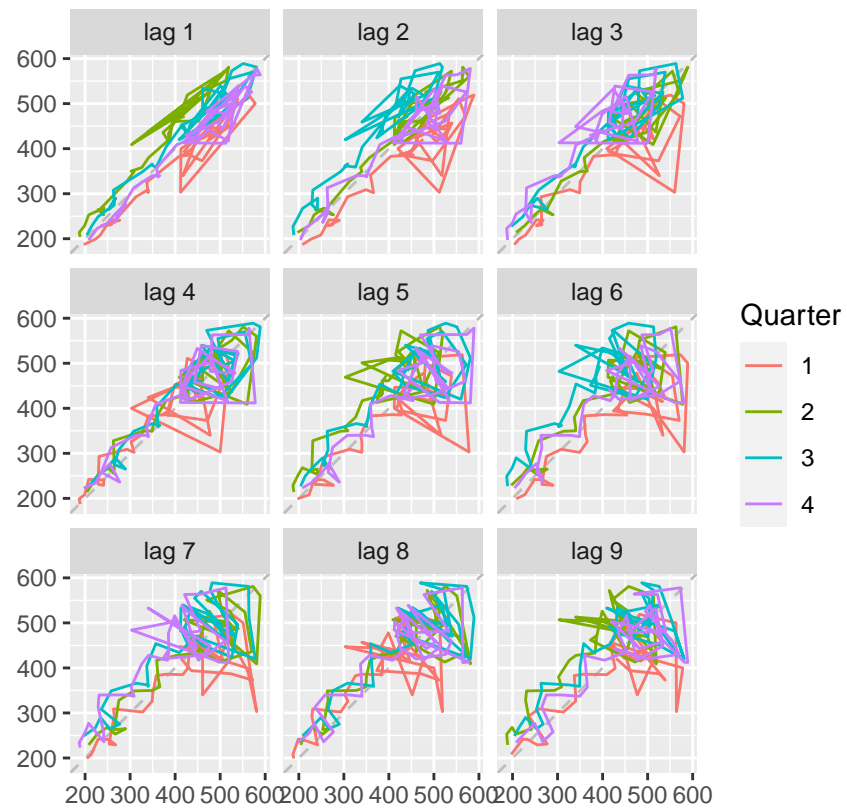
Seasonal plot: bricksq



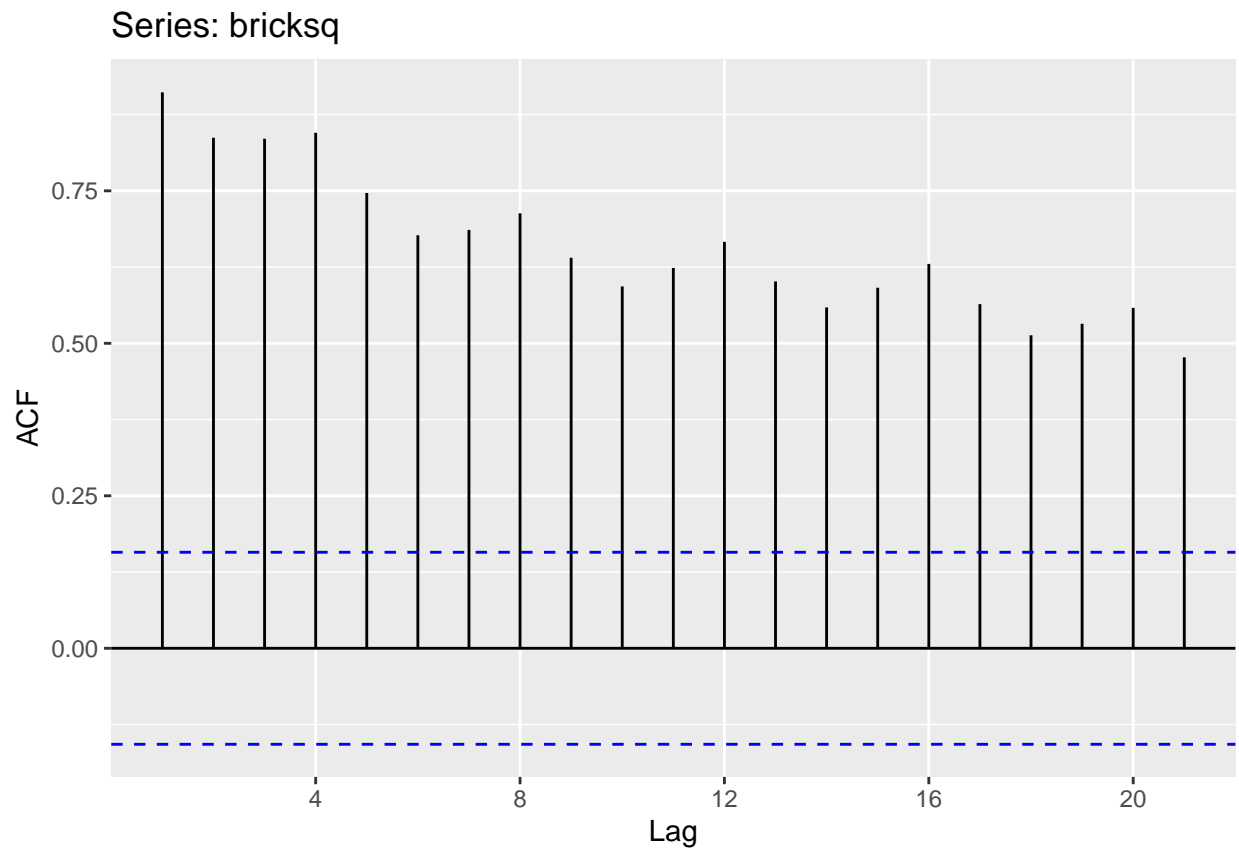
```
ggsubseriesplot(bricksq)
```



```
gglagplot(bricksq)
```

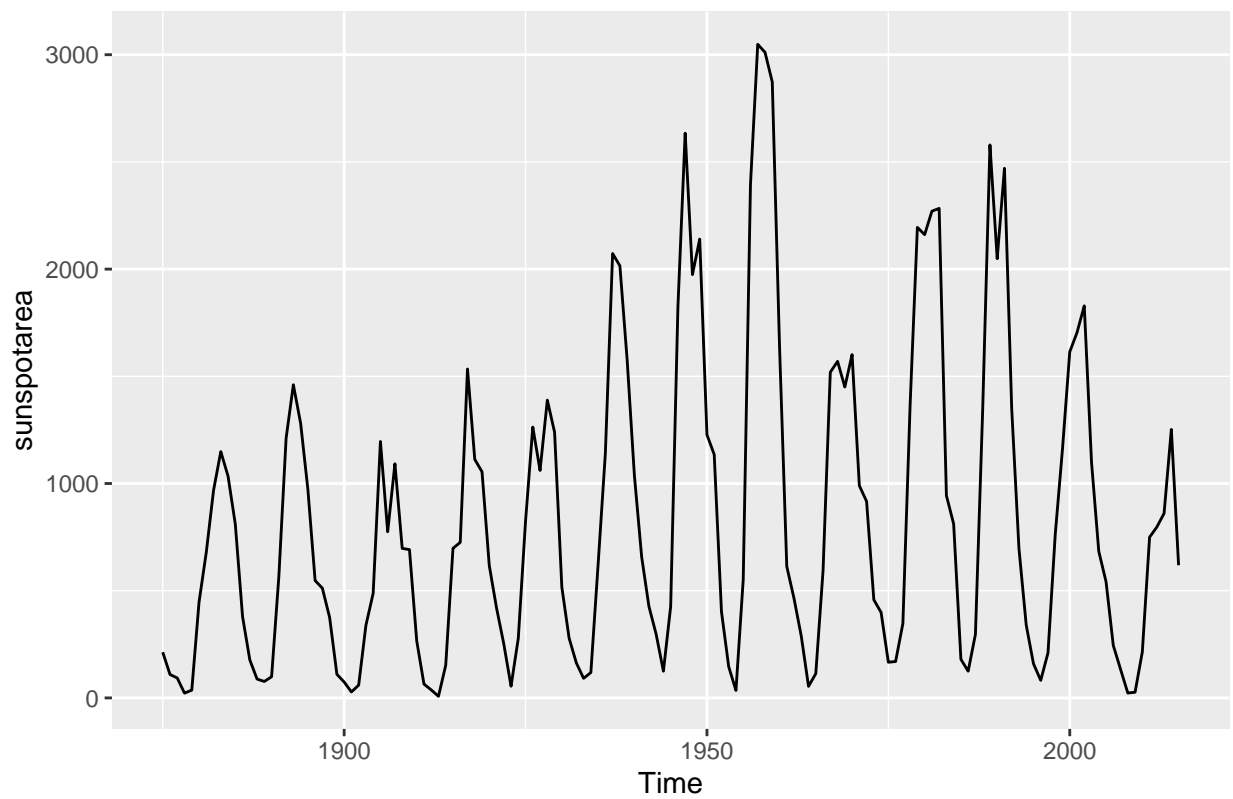


```
ggAcf(bricksq)
```



sunspotarea

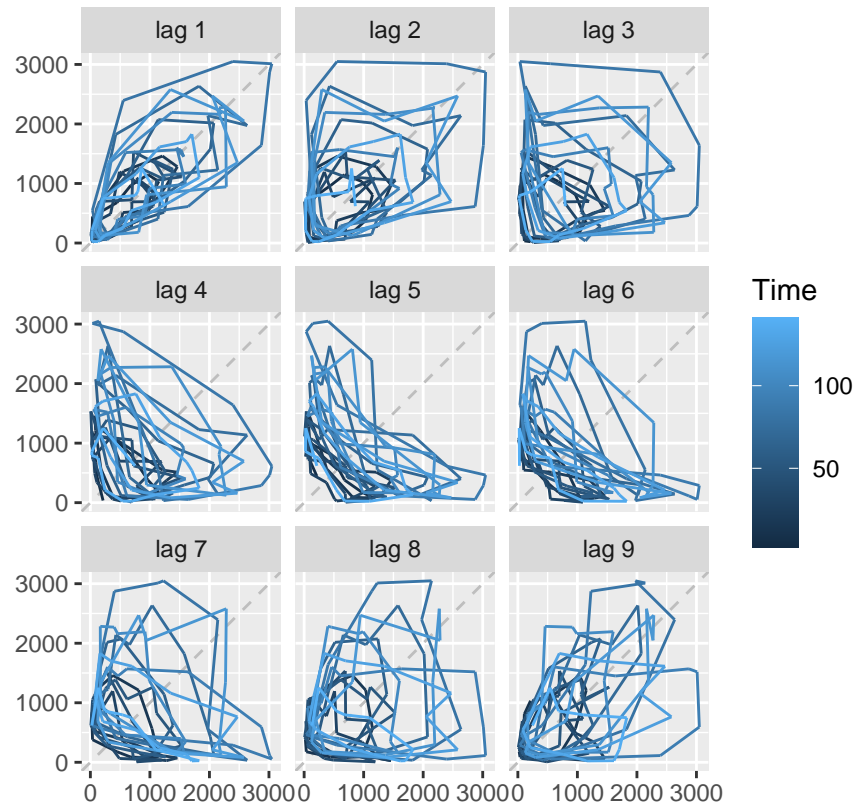
```
autoplot(sunspotarea)
```



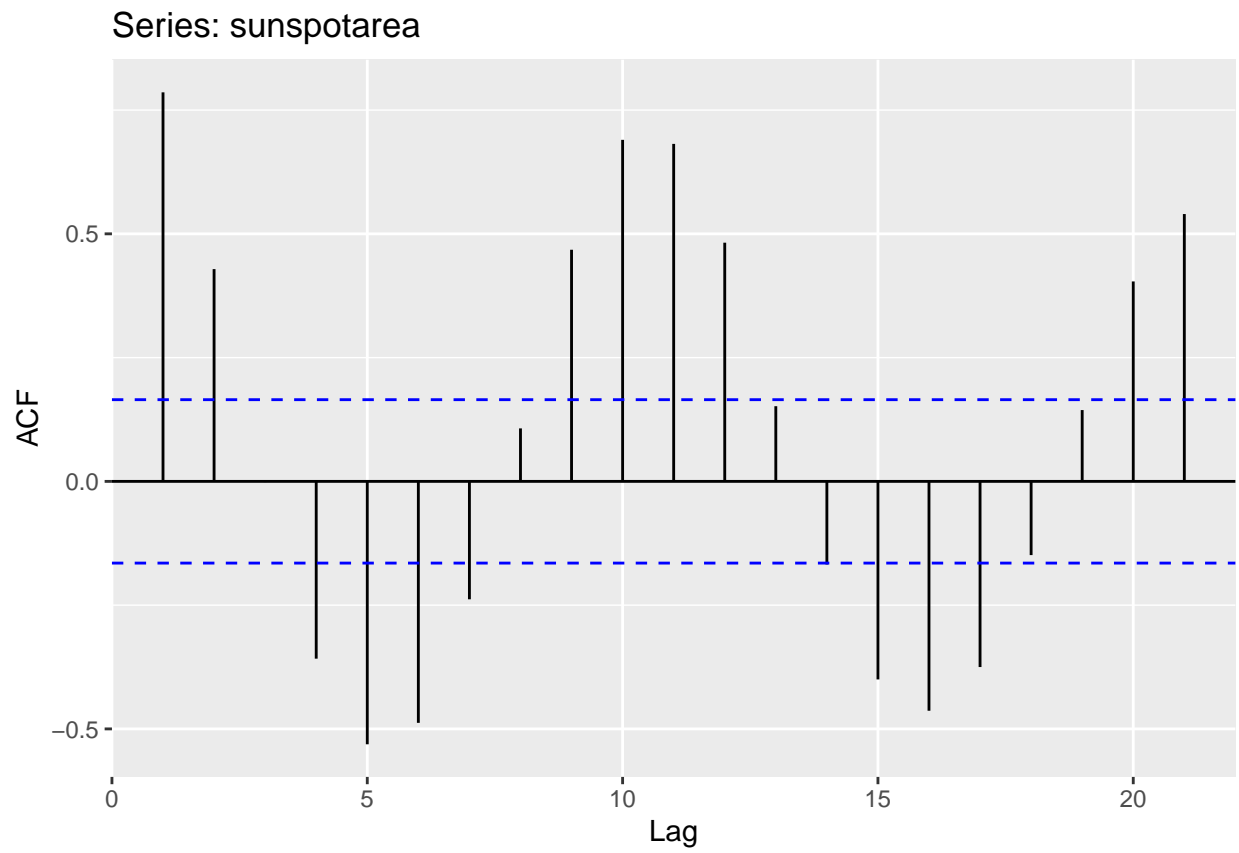
```
#ggseasonplot(sunspotarea)
```

```
#ggsubseriesplot(sunspotarea)
```

```
gglagplot(sunspotarea)
```

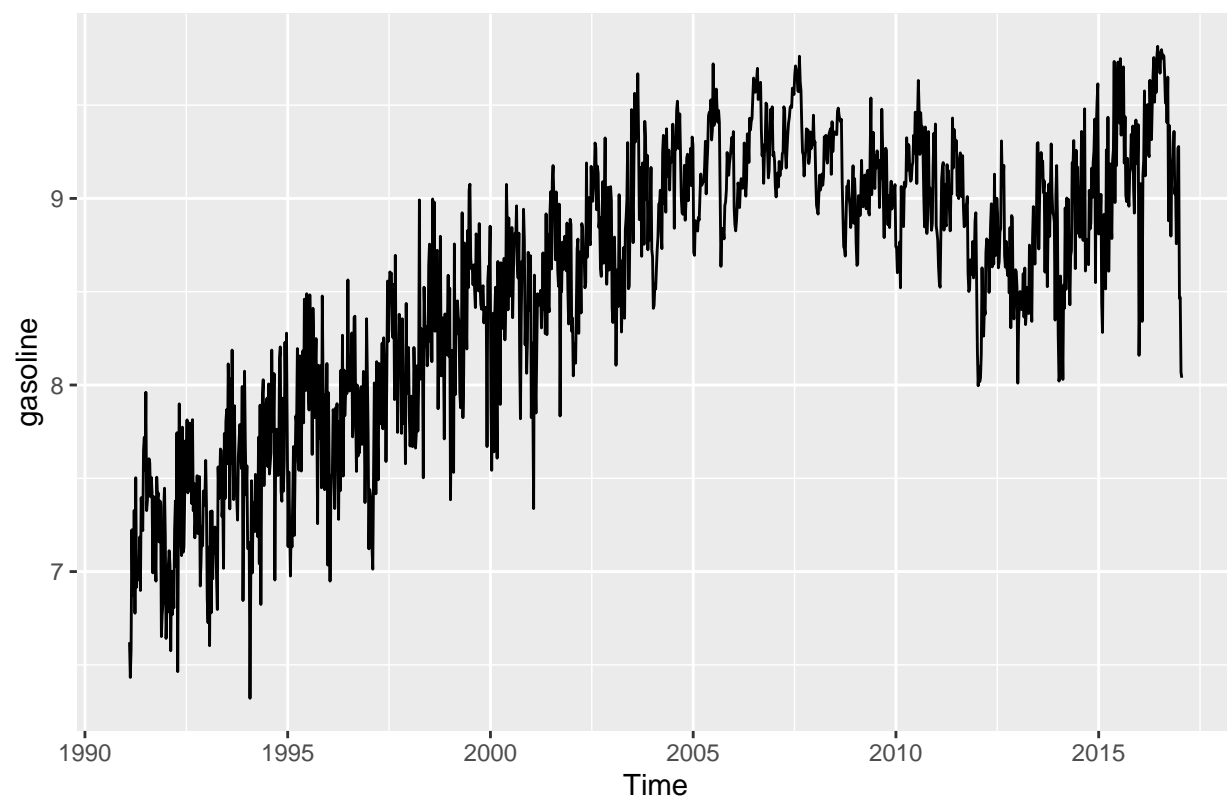


```
ggAcf(sunspotarea)
```



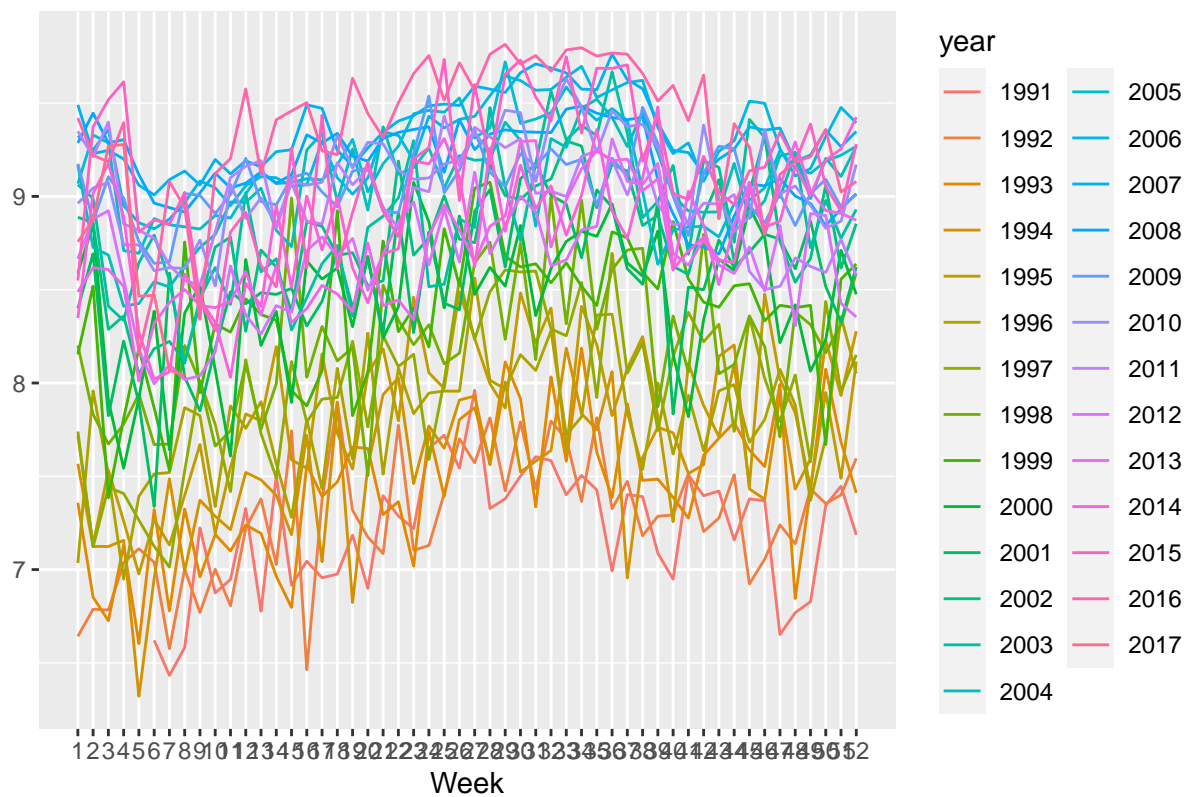
gasoline

```
autoplot(gasoline)
```

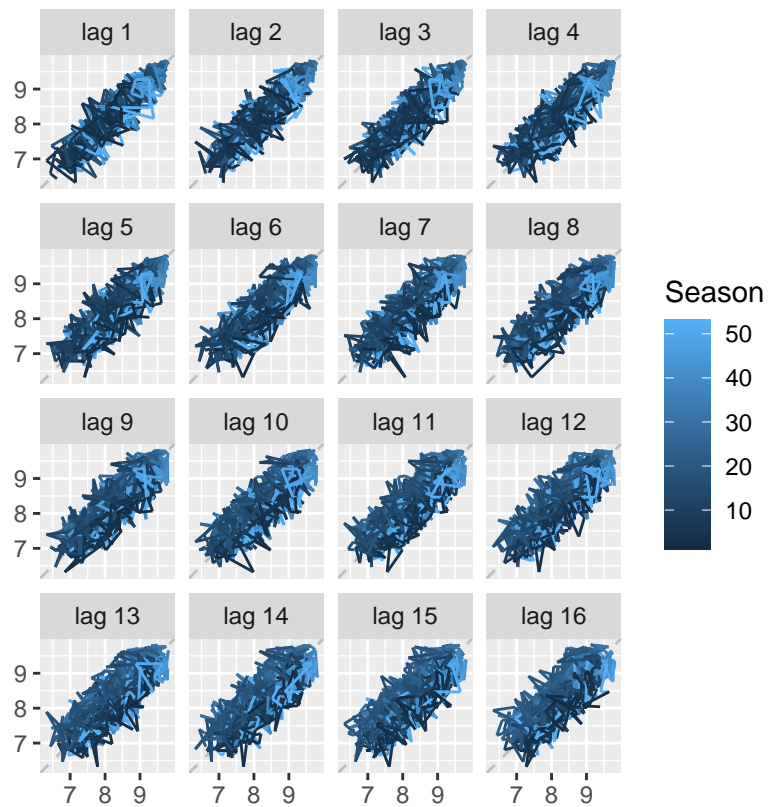
```
ggseasonplot(gasoline)
```

Seasonal plot: gasoline



```
#ggsubseriesplot(gasoline)
```

```
gglagplot(gasoline)
```



```
ggAcf(gasoline)
```

