

BIOS6643. L16 Introduction to Generalized Additive Models  
(GAMs)

## Modeling non-linearity in longitudinal data

## Colorado CF FEV data

The data set gives characteristics of children patients with a diagnosis of Cystic Fibrosis (CF) who are patients at the Colorado Children's Hospital.

VARIABLE DESCRIPTIONS:

id: patient ID

race: race

age: Age in years

gender : gender fev: % of predicted forced expiratory volume in 1 second

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```
dat <- read.csv("/Users/juarezce/Documents/OneDrive - The University of Colorado Denver/BIOS6643/BIOS6643_data/BIOS6643_data.csv",
               header=TRUE)
```

```
length(unique(dat$id)) ## number of individuals
```

```
## [1] 723
```

```
head(dat, 3)
```

##	id	Race	Genotypes1	Genotypes2	age	gender	fev
## 1	1	Caucasian	F508	R553X	10.32	m	55.45775
## 2	1	Caucasian	F508	R553X	10.47	m	53.48924
## 3	1	Caucasian	F508	R553X	10.72	m	49.62416

```
summary(dat$age) ## age in years
```

##	Min.	1st Qu.	Median	Mean	3rd Qu.	Max.
##	6.01	9.83	13.50	13.73	17.29	25.00

```
summary(dat$fev)
```

##	Min.	1st Qu.	Median	Mean	3rd Qu.	Max.
##	10.99	66.72	85.53	81.90	99.31	160.10

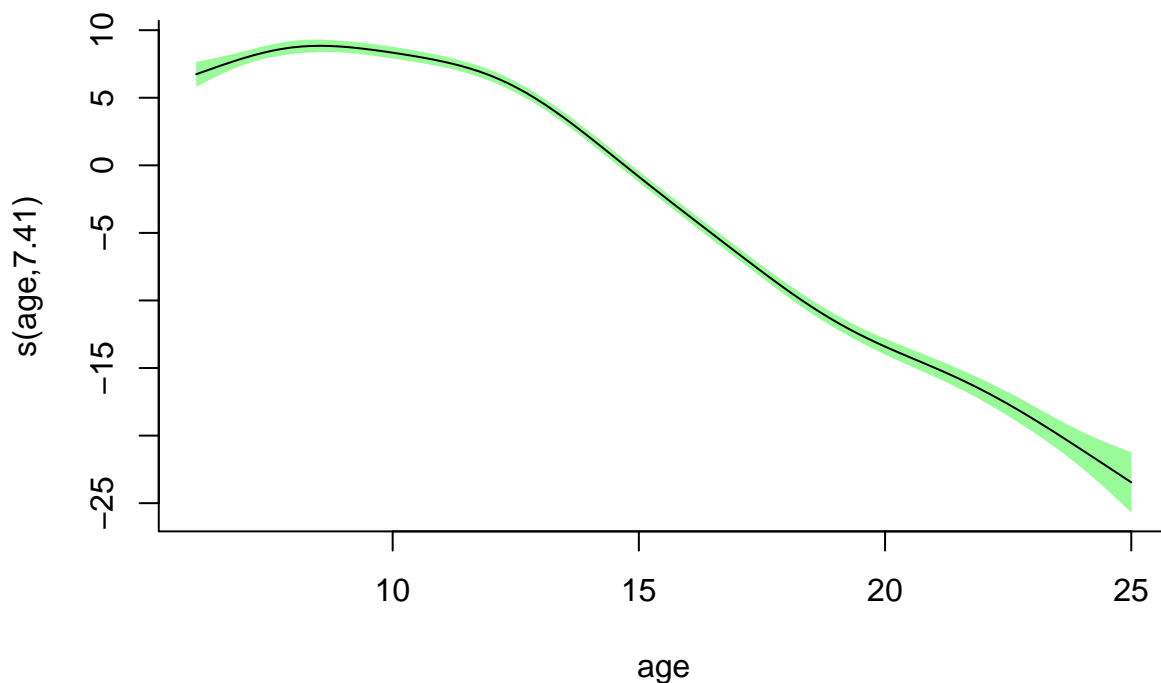
```
dat$sexf <- ifelse(dat$gender=='f', 1, 0)
table(dat$gender, dat$sexf)
```

```
##
##          0      1
##    f      0 9716
##    m 8778      0
```

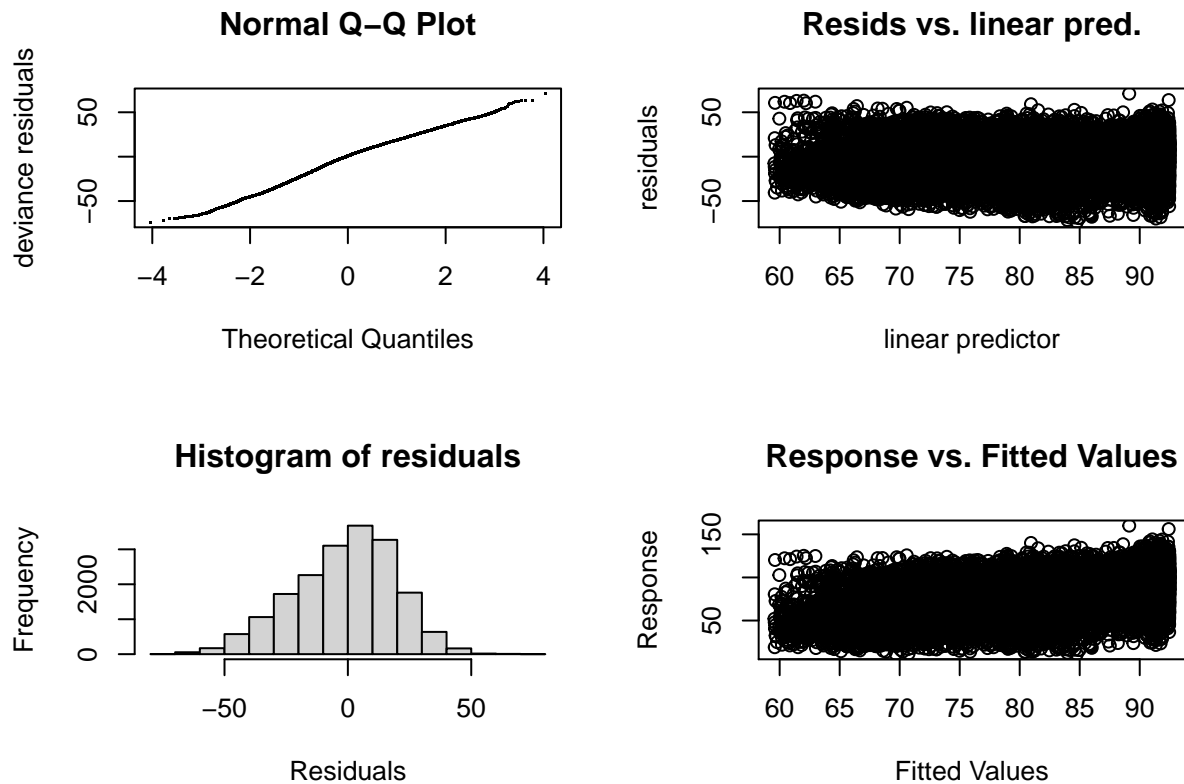
## Smooth effect of age

```
fit <- gamm(fev ~ sexf + s(age) ,
            random = list(id = ~1), method='REML',
            data = dat)
##attributes(fit)
summary(fit$gam)

##
## Family: gaussian
## Link function: identity
##
## Formula:
## fev ~ sexf + s(age)
##
## Parametric coefficients:
##             Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) 83.6174    0.9418  88.787  <2e-16 ***
## sexf        -0.5895    1.3619  -0.433   0.665
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Approximate significance of smooth terms:
##             edf Ref.df    F p-value
## s(age) 7.413  7.413 686.9  <2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## R-sq.(adj) =  0.233
##   Scale est. = 128.72    n = 18494
plot(fit$gam, shade=TRUE, shade.col='palegreen', bty='l')
```



```
gam.check(fit$gam)
```



```
##
## 'gamm' based fit - care required with interpretation.
## Checks based on working residuals may be misleading.
## Basis dimension (k) checking results. Low p-value (k-index<1) may
## indicate that k is too low, especially if edf is close to k'.
##
##      k'   edf k-index p-value
## s(age) 9.00 7.41    0.95 <2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

```
summary(fit$lme)
```

```
## Linear mixed-effects model fit by REML
## Data: strip.offset(mf)
##      AIC      BIC    logLik
## 144961 145007.9 -72474.5
##
## Random effects:
## Formula: ~Xr - 1 | g
## Structure: pdIdnot
##      Xr1      Xr2      Xr3      Xr4      Xr5      Xr6      Xr7      Xr8
## StdDev: 13.23686 13.23686 13.23686 13.23686 13.23686 13.23686 13.23686 13.23686
##
## Formula: ~1 | id %in% g
##      (Intercept) Residual
## StdDev:      17.79025 11.34559
```

```
##
## Fixed effects: y ~ X - 1
##               Value Std.Error   DF  t-value p-value
## X(Intercept) 83.61741 0.9417719 17770 88.78733 0.0000
## Xsexf        -0.58949 1.3618561   721 -0.43286 0.6652
## Xs(age)Fx1   -2.61644 1.7107117 17770 -1.52945 0.1262
## Correlation:
##           X(Int) Xsexf
## Xsexf        -0.691
## Xs(age)Fx1 -0.007  0.002
##
## Standardized Within-Group Residuals:
##           Min           Q1           Med           Q3           Max
## -7.49278498 -0.54586527  0.04401691  0.60276221  5.74343107
##
## Number of Observations: 18494
## Number of Groups:
##           g id %in% g
##           1      723
```

## Weight loss trial (PI: Bessesen)

- Randomized trial at the subject level to compare a toolbox intervention versus usual care in the primary care setting (Saxon, 2019 J Gen Intern Med)
- The toolbox consisted of: partial meal replacement program, Weight Watchers vouchers, recreation center membership, phentermine-topiramate ER, phentermine, or a group behavioral weight loss program (Colorado Weigh).
- 305 individuals were randomly selected to be offered intervention, and 2640 were eligible comparators in the usual care group
- 119 individuals had a baseline visit (305-119=186 did not consent or did not attend baseline visit)

Fit a GAMM with a smooth effect of time (timemo) for the weight loss trial. Adjust for treatment arm (studygrp)

```
dat.wt <- read.csv("/Users/juarezce/Documents/OneDrive - The University of Colorado Denver/BIOS6643/BIOS6643/BIO
head(dat.wt, 2)
```

```
## sex age ethnic language bmi studyid diabetes osteo_arthritis back_pain
## 1  2  35      1      2 34.5 10020502      1      0      0
## 2  2  35      1      2 34.5 10020502      1      0      0
## pre_diabetes hypertension hyperlipidemia metabolic_syndrome
## 1      0      0      1      0
## 2      0      0      1      0
## cerebrovascular_disease sleep_disorder peripheral_vascular_disease
## 1      0      0      0
## 2      0      0      0
## congestive_heart_failure racecat num_comorbs studygrp agecat racecat cadath
## 1      0      5      2      2      3      4      0
## 2      0      5      2      2      3      4      0
## diabhyp bmicat X_LABEL_ wtkg wtchgkg timemo site
```

## 1	1	4 Weight (kg)	77.28125	0.000000	0.00	6
## 2	1	4	75.90852	-1.372727	4.08	6