

STAT512 Team4

COVID-19 Infection and Death Cases in Indiana

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Introduction

- COVID: Dec. 2019
 - economics
 - infections
 - deaths
- Masks: Jul. 2020-Apr. 2021
- Vaccine: Dec. 2020
- Booster: Aug. 2021



Introduction

2-Dose Vaccine

- Study has shown an efficacy of 95% against infection.



Booster

- Study has shown an efficacy of 96 % against severe illness and death.



Masks

- Study has shown that masks block 80%-90% of virus.



Introduction

- Efficacy: measured in lab
- Effectiveness: social study
- Effectiveness of Vaccine, Booster, Mask
- Confirmatory Study
- Weekly Data
- Indiana



Measurement

Source of Variables

- All data comes from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. 6 continuous variables and 1 categorical variables are in the dataset.
- Continuous variables are Total Vaccine, First Dose, Complete Series, Booster, Infection, and Death.
- Categorical variable is Mask.
- All 6 continuous variables record data in Indiana.

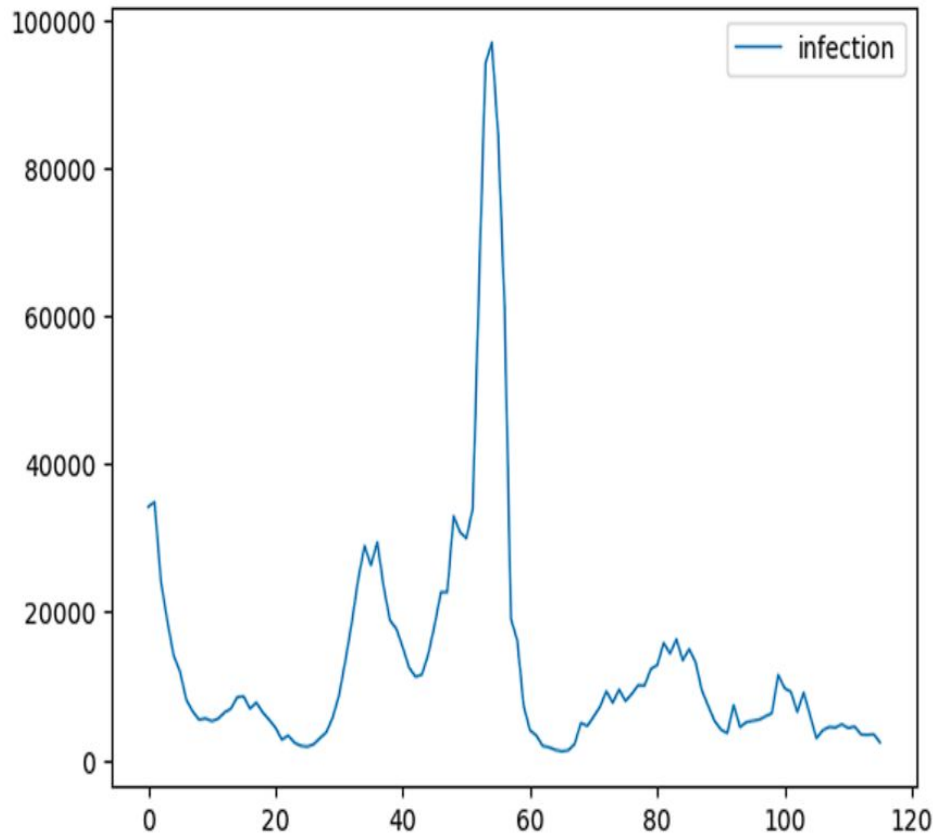
Data Cleaning

- The original vaccine data is the total number of administered vaccines per day.
- To match the unit of infection and death variables, we calculate the weekly total vaccine number by summing up every day's vaccine in one week.
- In order to eliminate outliers, we delete all the data containing 0.



Measurement

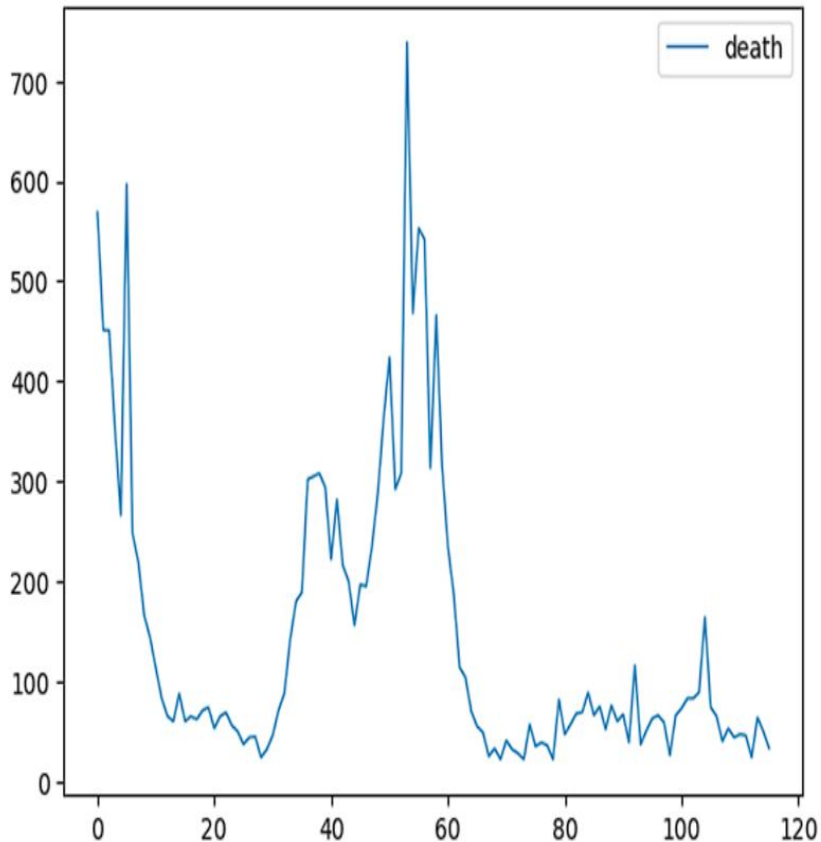
Variable Description



- Infection records the weekly infection cases in Indiana from December 31, 2020 to March 29, 2023.
- As vaccine takes 1-2 week to take effect, we postpone the infection cases two weeks to correspond to the effective vaccine.

Measurement

Variable Description

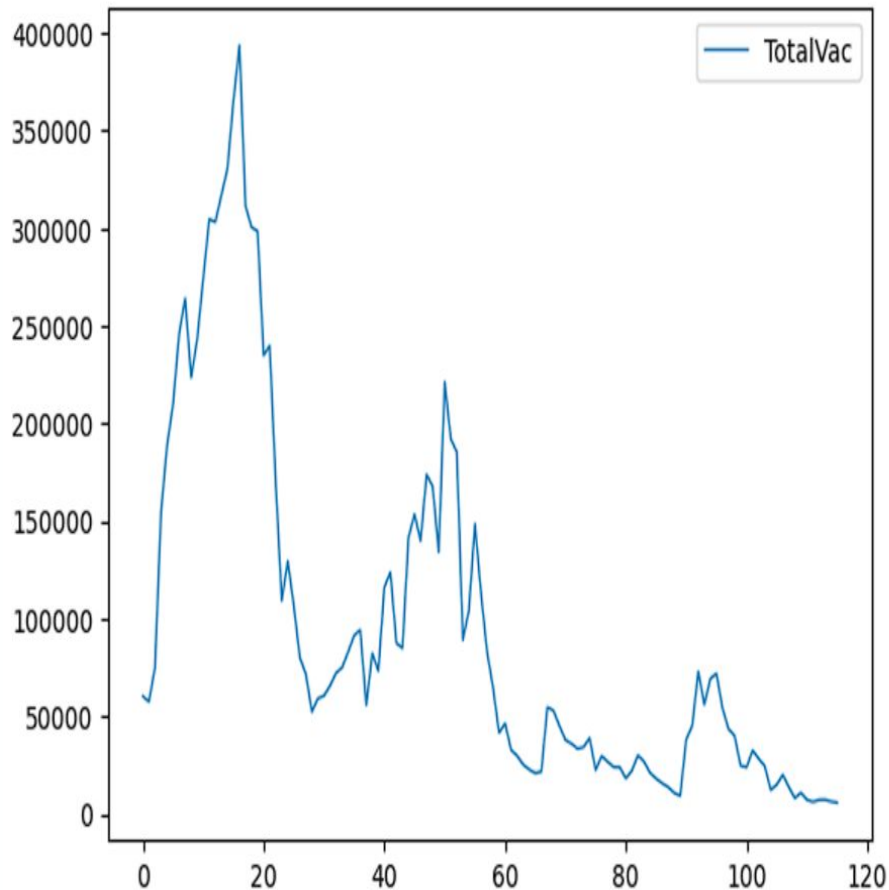


- Death records the weekly death cases in Indiana from December 31, 2020 to March 29, 2023.
- Similar to Infection variables, we postpone the death cases by two weeks to correspond to the effective vaccine.



Measurement

Variable Description

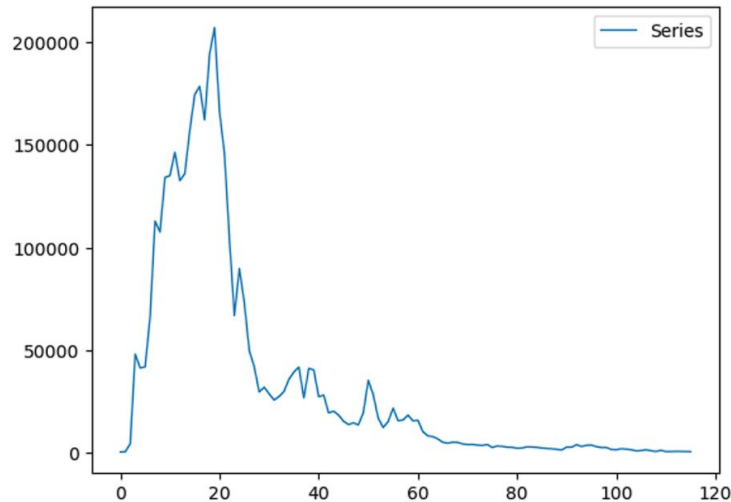
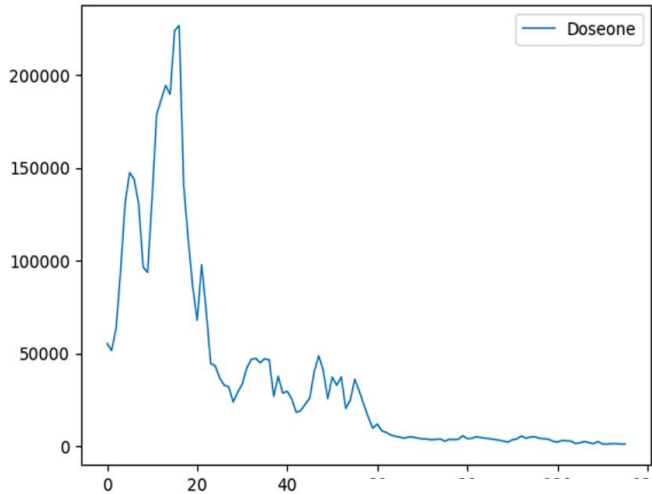


- Total Vaccine is the total number of administered vaccines per week in Indiana, which includes the first dose, second dose, and both first and second booster.
- Different providers like Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, Novavax, and Johnson & Johnson.
- CDC's data may overestimate the total number of vaccines.



Measurement

Variable Description

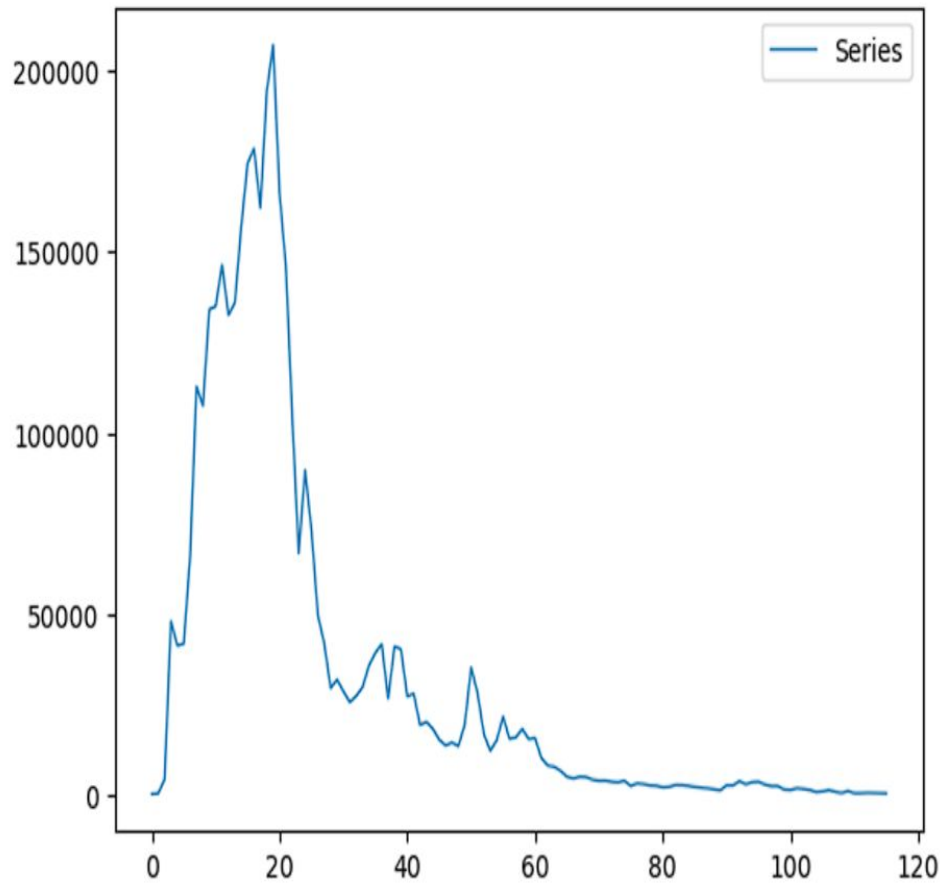


- The Doseone and Series are the total number of the first-dose vaccine and second dose in Indiana per week from different providers.
- CDC's data may overestimate the total number of first dose vaccine but underestimate the total number of second dose vaccine.



Measurement

Variable Description

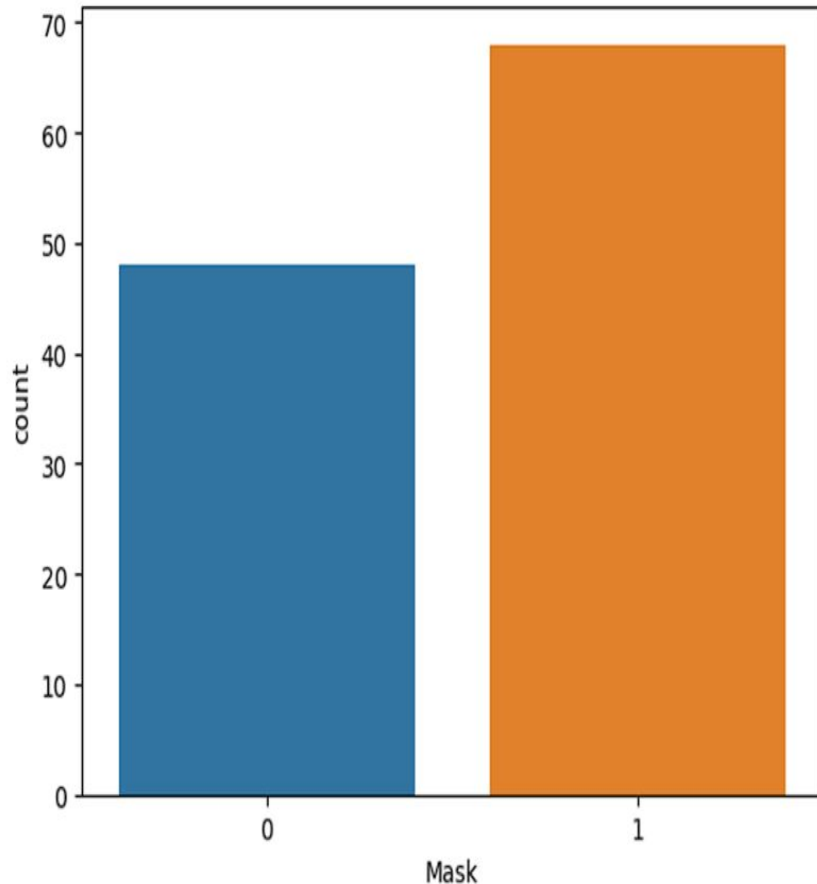


- Booster is the total number of first booster dose vaccines in Indiana per week from different providers.



Measurement

Variable Description



- The mask is the categorical variable which includes 0 and 1.
- If Mask is 0, it means the mask mandate policy ended in Indiana. If Mask is 1, it means the mask mandate policy was still activated.
- The mask mandate policy required everyone over the age of 8 to wear a mask both indoors and outside wherever social distancing is not possible since July 27, 2020. The mask mandate ended on April 6, 2021. (IN gov, July 27)



Research Question 1&2

1. Do complete series have significant impact on infected cases, given death cases and first dose ?

H0: $\beta_3 = 0$ given β_2 and β_5

H_a: β_3 is not 0 given β_2 and β_5

Reduced model: $Y = \beta_0 + \beta_5(X_5) + \beta_2(X_2)$

Full model: $Y = \beta_0 + \beta_5(X_5) + \beta_2(X_2) + \beta_3(X_3)$

2. Do complete series and first dose have the same impact on infected cases, given death cases?

H0: $\beta_2 = \beta_3 = \beta_{\text{new}}$

H_a: β_2 is not equal to β_3

Reduced model: $Y = \beta_0 + \beta_{\text{new}}(X_2 + X_3) + \beta_5(X_5)$

Full model: $Y = \beta_0 + \beta_2(X_2) + \beta_3(X_3) + \beta_5(X_5)$

X₂: first dose

X₃: complete series

X₅: death cases

Y: infection cases



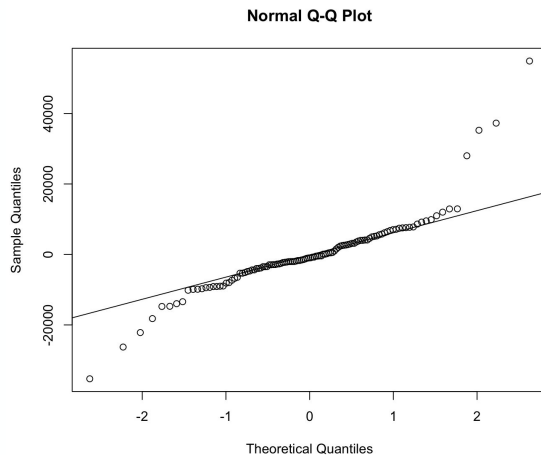
Research Question 1&2 Diagnostics

Shapiro-Wilk normality test

```
data: res  
W = 0.85227, p-value = 2.153e-09
```

studentized Breusch-Pagan test

```
data: model  
BP = 35.205, df = 3, p-value = 1.103e-07
```



Log
transformation on
X, Box-cox
transformation on
Y($\lambda = 0.0303$)

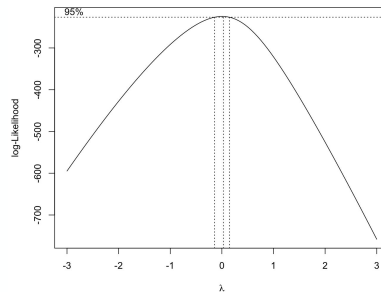
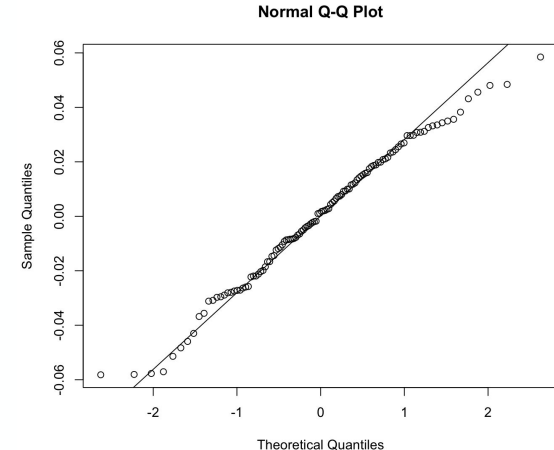


Shapiro-Wilk normality test

```
data: residuals(modelNew)  
W = 0.98693, p-value = 0.327
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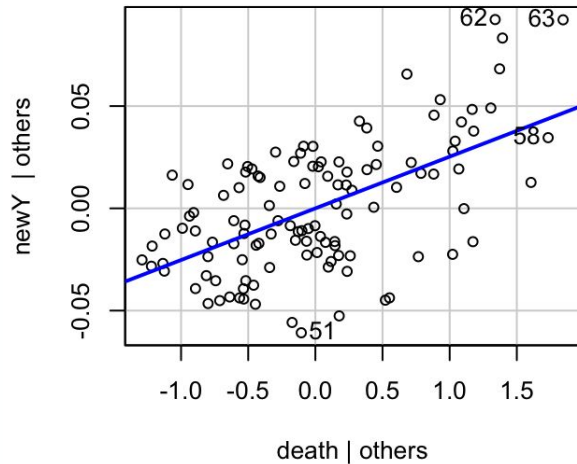
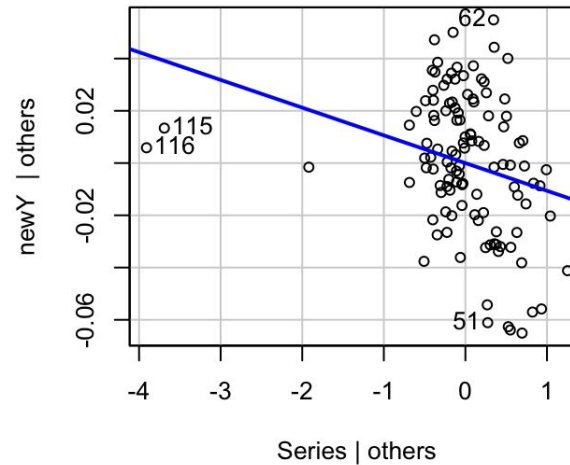
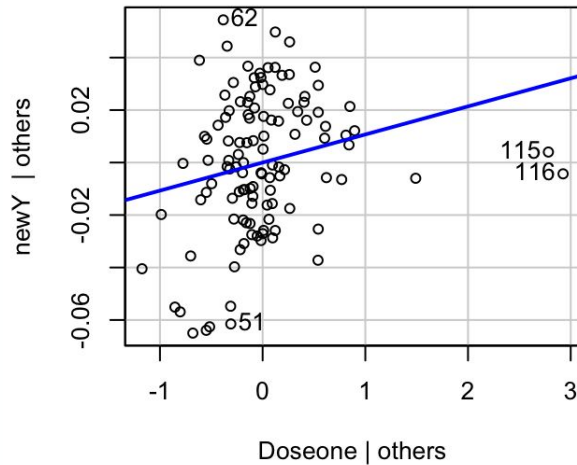
studentized Breusch-Pagan test

```
data: modelNew  
BP = 7.5565, df = 3, p-value = 0.05612
```



Research Question 1&2 Diagnostics

Added-Variable Plots



All marginal effects of the predictors are significant.

Research Question 1&2 Diagnostics

```
> sum(abs(rstudent(modelNew)) > 2)
```

```
[1] 0
```

```
> infl = lm.influence(modelNew)$hat
```

```
> length(which(infl[] > 2 * (4 / 116)))
```

```
[1] 3
```

```
> sum(d[which(abs(d[, 2]) > 1 & abs(d[, 3]) > 1 & abs(d[, 4]) > 1)])
```

```
[1] 0
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> length(dff[dff > 1])
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```
[1] 0
```

```
> sum(Cooksdistance > minor)
```

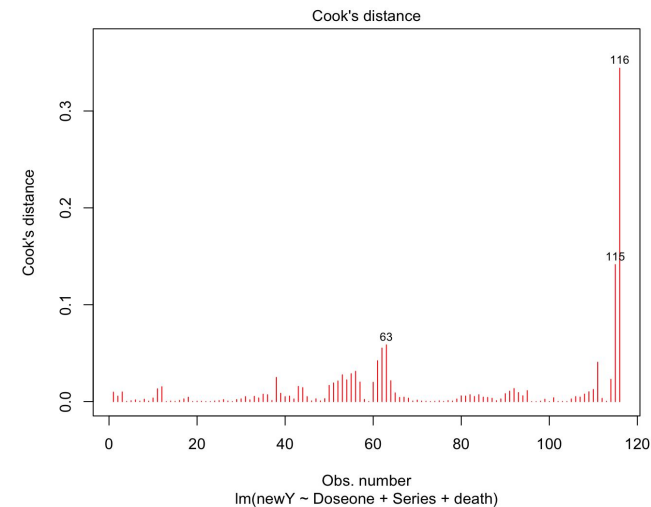
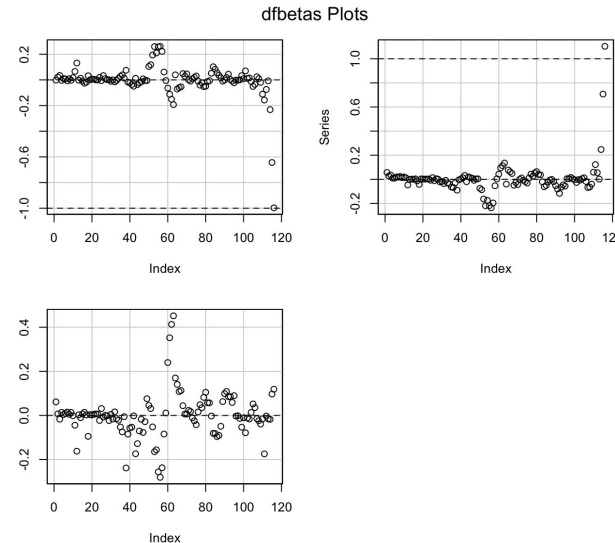
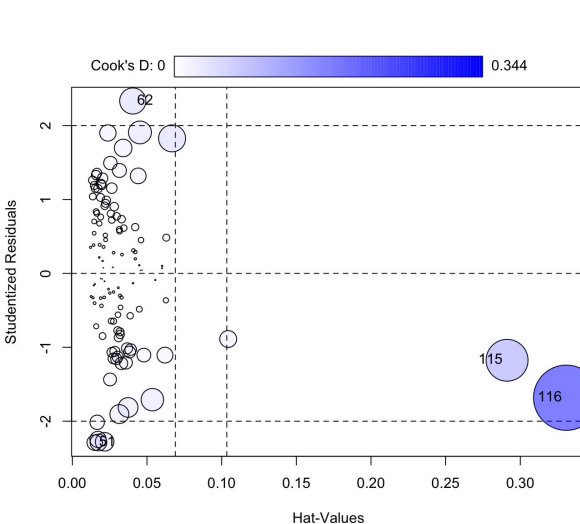
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[1] 0
```

```
> sum(Cooksdistance > major)
```

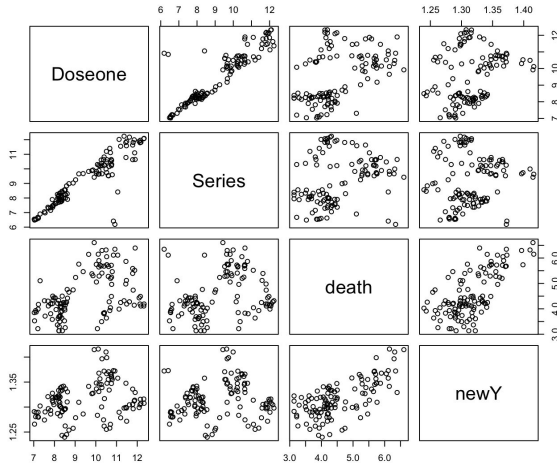
```
[1] 0
```

0 Y outliers, 3 x outliers

No influential points



Research Question 1&2 Diagnostics



```
> VIF(lm(Doseone~Series+death,
new))
```

```
[1] 7.283964
```

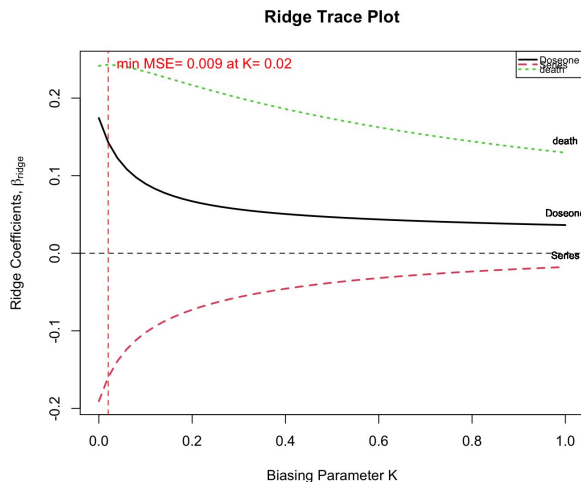
```
> VIF(lm(Series~Doseone+death,
new))
```

```
[1] 6.085945
```

```
> VIF(lm(death~Doseone+Series,
new))
```

```
[1] 1.531526
```

Multicollinearity



	Doseone	Series	death
k=0	7.28396	6.08595	1.53153
k=0.02	4.65084	3.95688	1.31869
k=0.04	3.25454	2.82358	1.18521
k=0.06	2.42528	2.14714	1.08976
k=0.08	1.89220	1.70962	1.01549
k=0.1	1.52885	1.40920	0.95437
k=0.12	1.26971	1.19316	0.90216
k=0.14	1.07811	1.03194	0.85640
k=0.16	0.93221	0.90792	0.81555
k=0.18	0.81835	0.81007	0.77862

Ridge Regression



Research Question 1&2

Call:
lm(formula = newY ~ Doseone + Series + death, data = new)

Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-0.058194	-0.018880	0.001447	0.019094	0.058479

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	1.196178	0.016614	71.998	< 2e-16 ***
Doseone	0.010701	0.004322	2.476	0.01478 *
Series	-0.010609	0.003580	-2.964	0.00371 **
death	0.025270	0.003377	7.483	1.77e-11 ***

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 0.02608 on 112 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.5122, Adjusted R-squared: 0.4991
F-statistic: 39.19 on 3 and 112 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

BOOTSTRAP CONFIDENCE INTERVAL CALCULATIONS

Based on 100 bootstrap replicates

CALL :

boot.ci(boot.out = modelrid, type = "perc", index = 2)

Intervals :

Level	Percentile
95%	(0.0022, 0.0077)

Calculations and Intervals on Original Scale
Some percentile intervals may be unstable

Call:
lmridge.default(formula = newY ~ Doseone + Series + death, data = new,
K = 0.14)

Coefficients: for Ridge parameter K= 0.14

	Estimate	Estimate (Sc)	StdErr (Sc)	t-value (Sc)	Pr(> t)
Intercept	1.2066	0.3447	0.3763	0.9162	0.3615
Doseone	0.0048	0.0779	0.0274	2.8452	0.0053 **
Series	-0.0049	-0.0879	0.0268	-3.2780	0.0014 **
death	0.0238	0.2272	0.0244	9.3040	<2e-16 ***

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Ridge Summary

R2	adj-R2	DF ridge	F	AIC	BIC
0.37720	0.36610	2.13765	38.30602	-841.63815	-284.33547

Ridge minimum MSE= 0.02213321 at K= 0.14
P-value for F-test (2.13765 , 113.4471) = 5.317365e-14

BOOTSTRAP CONFIDENCE INTERVAL CALCULATIONS

Based on 100 bootstrap replicates

CALL :

boot.ci(boot.out = modelrid, type = "perc", index = 3)

Intervals :

Level	Percentile
95%	(-0.0067, -0.0030)

Calculations and Intervals on Original Scale
Some percentile intervals may be unstable

beta2 > 0 ???

1. The amount of data is insufficient and limited to the state of Indiana.
2. It is uncertain whether a two-week delay is enough for the first dose to manifest.
3. Covid-19 virus is notorious for its fast mutation, so it may be the case that the virus has already mutated by the time that dose one is taken.

Research Question 1&2

```
> FS = MSR / MSE
```

```
> FS
```

```
[1] 7.627347
```

```
> qf(1 - 0.05, reduced$df.residual -  
full$df.residual, full$df.residual)
```

```
[1] 3.925834
```

```
> p = 1 - pf(FS, reduced$df.residual -  
full$df.residual, full$df.residual)
```

```
> p
```

```
[1] 0.006720598
```

```
> FS = MSR/MSE
```

```
> FS
```

```
[1] 8.78373
```

```
> qf(0.95,  
reduced$df.residual-full$df.residual,  
full$df.residual)
```

```
[1] 3.925834
```

```
> p =
```

```
1-pf(FS,reduced$df.residual-full$df.resi  
dual, full$df.residual)
```

```
> p
```

```
[1] 0.003713453
```

Question 1 conclusion:
Complete series has
significant impact on
infected cases, given
death cases and first
dose.



Question 2 conclusion:
Complete series do not
have the same impact
on infected cases as the
first dose, given death
cases.



A full series of
Covid-19 vaccines can
restrict the infection rate,
which may indirectly prove
that a full series
vaccination is able to
increase the immunity to
Covid-19.



Research Question 1&2

K-fold Cross Validation

	nvmax	RMSE	Rsquared	MAE	RMSESD	RsquaredSD	MAESD
1	4	0.02722844	0.487252	0.02208553	0.002404326	0.1818767	0.002062165

The model behaves stably across different data and has good predictive power



Research Question 4

Does complete series have the same impact as the booster shot with the first dose and death cases in the model?

X2: first dose
X3: complete series
X4: booster
X5: death cases
Y: infection cases

Ho: $\beta_3 = \beta_4$
Reduced Model: $Y = \beta_2 X_2 + \beta_{\text{new}}(X_3 + X_4) + \beta_5 X_5$
Ha: $\beta_3 \neq \beta_4$
Full Model: $Y = \beta_2 X_2 + \beta_3 X_3 + \beta_4 X_4 + \beta_5 X_5$

```
call:
lm(formula = y ~ x2 + x3 + x4 + x5)

Residuals:
    Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
-27566  -3442   -722    4634   43276

Coefficients:
              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) -107.21121  1538.69340  -0.070  0.944632
x2             0.85508    0.21243   4.025  0.000132 ***
x3            -1.09480    0.22240  -4.923  4.75e-06 ***
x4            -0.04840    0.04735  -1.022  0.309829
x5            111.78220   11.09195  10.078  1.03e-15 ***
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Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 9634 on 77 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared:  0.7536,    Adjusted R-squared:  0.7408
F-statistic: 58.87 on 4 and 77 DF,  p-value: < 2.2e-16
```



Research Question 4

Does complete series have the same impact as the booster shot with the first dose and death cases in the model?

- BP test
- Shapiro test
- qq plot
- outlier
- non constant error variance
- non normal error
- 6 outliers

```
> # Check variance constancy
> bptest(covidFull.mod)

studentized Breusch-Pagan test

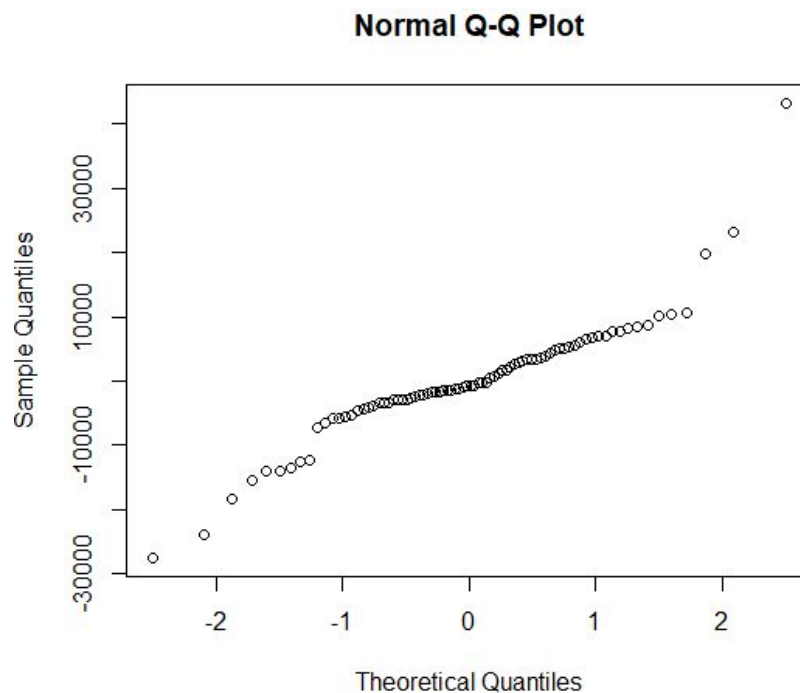
data: covidFull.mod
BP = 23.856, df = 4, p-value = 8.538e-05

> # Check variance Normality
> shapiro.test(residuals(covidFull.mod))

shapiro-wilk normality test

data: residuals(covidFull.mod)
W = 0.89307, p-value = 4.981e-06

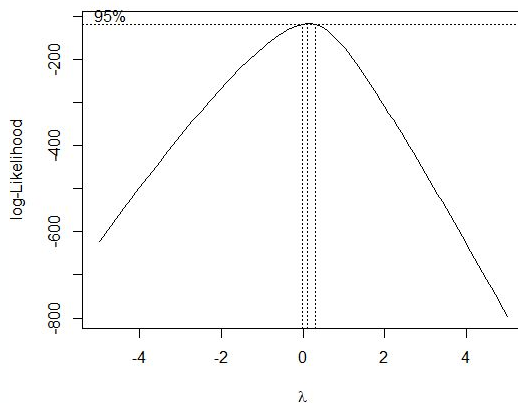
> # Check outlier
> data$outlier <- abs(rstudent(covidFull.mod)) > 2
> sum(data$outlier)
[1] 6
```



Research Question 4

Does complete series have the same impact as the booster shot with the first dose and death cases in the model?

- X Transformation
 - Box-Cox Y Transformation
 - BP test
 - Shapiro test
 - qq plot
- After transformation:
- constant error variance
 - normal error



```
> # Check Constant Variance
> bptest(covidTrans.mod)

studentized Breusch-Pagan test

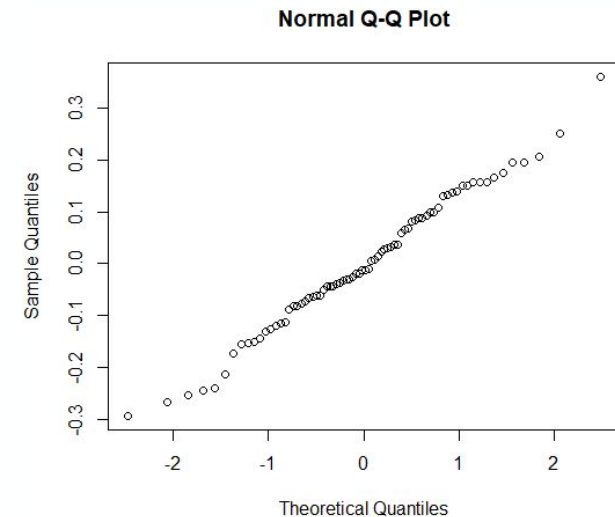
data: covidTrans.mod
BP = 9.2966, df = 4, p-value = 0.0541

> # Check Normality
> shapiro.test(residuals(covidTrans.mod))

Shapiro-wilk normality test

data: residuals(covidTrans.mod)
W = 0.98985, p-value = 0.811

> qqnorm(residuals(covidTrans.mod))
```

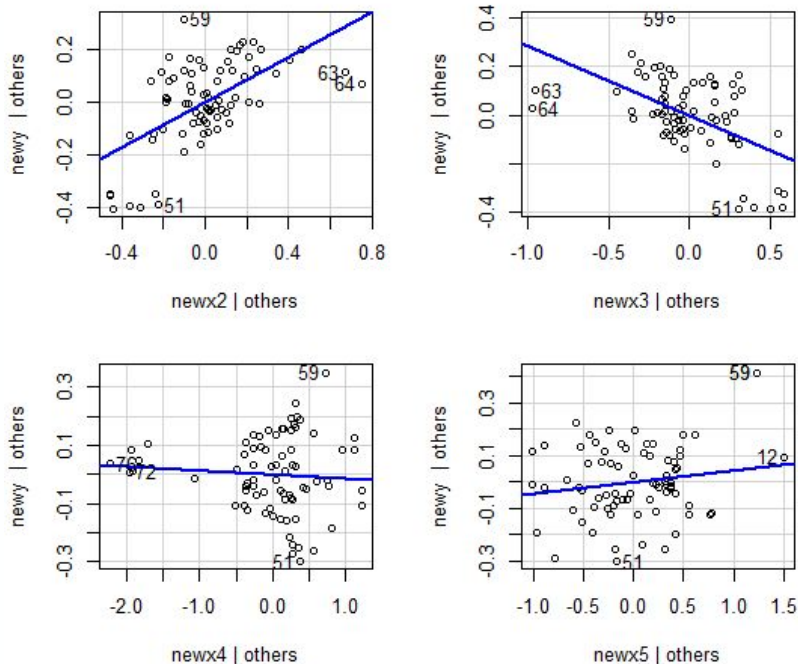


Research Question 4

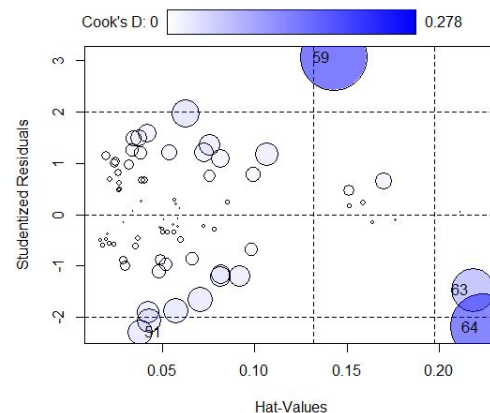
Does complete series have the same impact as the booster shot with the first dose and death cases in the model?

- Added Variable Plots
- DFBETAS, DFFITS, Cook's Distance
- no 0 marginal effect
- few influential points

Added-Variable Plots



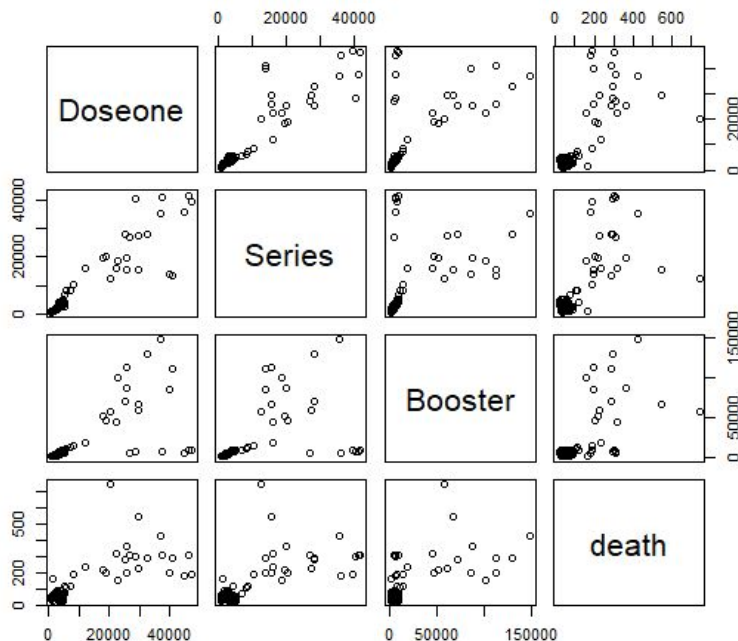
```
> sum(d[which(abs(d[, 2]) > 1 & abs(d[, 3]) > 1 & abs(d[, 4]) > 1 & abs(d[, 5]) > 1), ]
[1] 0
> dff = dffits(covidTrans.mod)
> length(dff[dff > 1])
[1] 1
> minor = qf(0.2, df1 = 4, df2 = 76 - 4)
> major = qf(0.5, df1 = 4, df2 = 76 - 4)
> Cooksdistance = cooks.distance(covidTrans.mod)
> sum(Cooksdistance > minor)
[1] 0
> sum(Cooksdistance > major)
[1] 0
```



Research Question 4

Does complete series have the same impact as the booster shot with the first dose and death cases in the model?

- pairs plot
- VIF
- no 0 marginal effect
- few influential points



```
> VIF(lm(Doseone~Series+Booster+death, data=data))  
[1] 9.202451  
> VIF(lm(Series~Doseone+Booster+death, data=data))  
[1] 7.146584  
> VIF(lm(Booster~Doseone+Series+death, data=data))  
[1] 2.143072  
> VIF(lm(death~Doseone+Series+Booster, data=data))  
[1] 2.385914
```

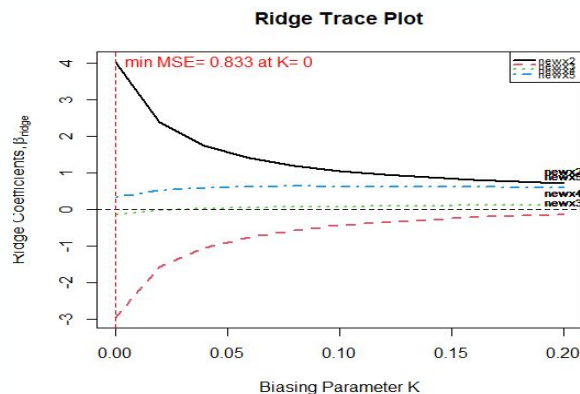


Research Question 4

Does complete series have the same impact as the booster shot with the first dose and death cases in the model?

- Ridge Regression
- multicollinearity removed

```
> vif(Ridge.mod)
      newx2      newx3      newx4      newx5
k=0      23.34991  16.96300  3.08289  2.96793
k=0.02    7.77698   6.19320  2.60475  2.33742
k=0.04    3.99406   3.49207  2.26019  2.02151
k=0.06    2.49969   2.37503  1.98702  1.79395
k=0.08    1.75025   1.78400  1.76388  1.61221
k=0.1     1.31640   1.42205  1.57839  1.46094
k=0.12    1.03997   1.17829  1.42217  1.33226
k=0.14    0.85136   1.00301  1.28921  1.22129
k=0.16    0.71594   0.87088  1.17498  1.12460
k=0.18    0.61479   0.76772  1.07606  1.03969
k=0.2     0.53683   0.68496  0.98978  0.96462
```



```
> summary(covidRidge.mod)
```

```
Call:
lmridge.default(formula = newy ~ newx2 + newx3 + newx4 + newx5,
  data = newdata, K = 0.12)
```

Coefficients: for Ridge parameter K= 0.12

	Estimate	Estimate (Sc)	StdErr (Sc)	t-value (Sc)	Pr(> t)
Intercept	1.4229	-6.4575	2.6821	-2.4076	0.0186
newx2	0.1015	0.9483	0.1570	6.0422	<2e-16
newx3	-0.0337	-0.3469	0.1671	-2.0763	0.0414
newx4	0.0085	0.0924	0.1835	0.5035	0.6161
newx5	0.0845	0.6244	0.1776	3.5148	0.0008

```
Intercept *
newx2      ***
newx3      *
newx4
newx5      ***
```

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Ridge Summary

R2	adj-R2	DF ridge	F	AIC	BIC
0.43320	0.40960	2.53802	24.81952	-282.57748	52.47370

Ridge minimum MSE= 16.43541 at K= 0.12
P-value for F-test (2.53802 , 72.86528) = 3.333628e-10

0.95-CI beta3 (-0.68, -0.01)

0.95-CI beta4 (-0.36, 0.37)

Research Question 4

Does complete series have the same impact as the booster shot with the first dose and death cases in the model?

- F test
- Do not have the same effect

```
> # F test
> anova(covidReduced.mod, covidTrans.mod)
Analysis of Variance Table

Model 1: newy ~ newx2 + combined + newx5
Model 2: newy ~ newx2 + newx3 + newx4 + newx5
  Res.Df    RSS Df Sum of Sq    F    Pr(>F)
1      72 1.7341
2      71 1.2940  1   0.44014 24.15 5.529e-06 ***
---
Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

Test Statistic: 24.1499

Critical Value: 3.9758



Research Question 4

Does complete series have the same impact as the booster shot with the first dose and death cases in the model?

- K-fold Cross Validation
- Small RMSE

```
> # k-fold cross validation
> set.seed(123)
> train.control <- trainControl(method = 'cv', number = 5)
> step.model1 = train(newy ~ newx2 + newx3 + newx4 + newx5, data = newdata,
method="leapBackward", tuneGrid = data.frame(nvmax = 4), trControl = train.
control)
> step.model1$results
```

	nvmax	RMSE	Rsquared	MAE	RMSESD	RsquaredSD
1	4	0.1352443	0.6514939	0.1084113	0.01994264	0.06654576

```
      MAESD
1 0.01792002
```



Research Question 5

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Y : The number of death cases

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Constant Variance

studentized Breusch-Pagan test

```
data: model  
BP = 19.313, df = 3, p-value = 0.0002355
```

Normality

Shapiro-Wilk normality test

```
data: residuals(model)  
W = 0.89634, p-value = 1.89e-07
```

Non-constant variance & violation of normality

Log Transformation On X



Box-cox Transformation on Y

Rechecking constant variance & normality

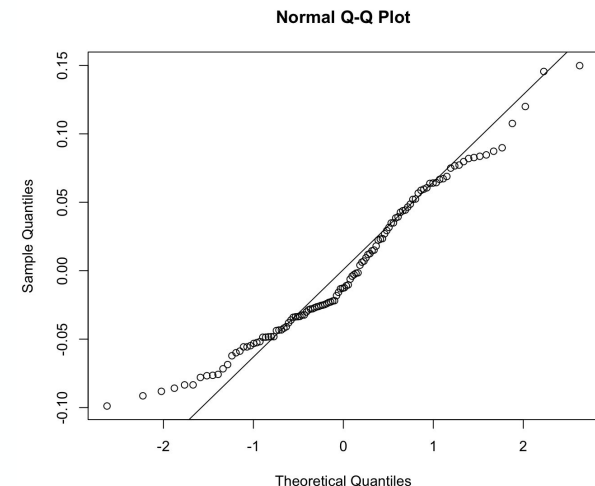
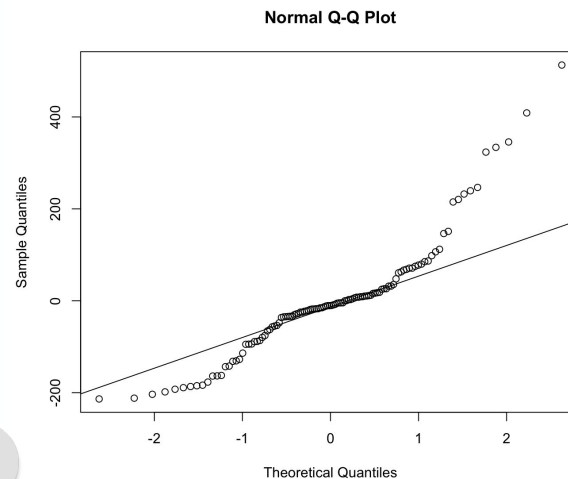
studentized Breusch-Pagan test

```
data: newModel  
BP = 16.304, df = 3, p-value = 0.0009825
```

Shapiro-Wilk normality test

```
data: residuals(newModel)  
W = 0.88327, p-value = 4.516e-08
```

There is an improvement on non-constant variance and normality



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```
> anova(newModel)
```

Analysis of Variance Table

Response: death

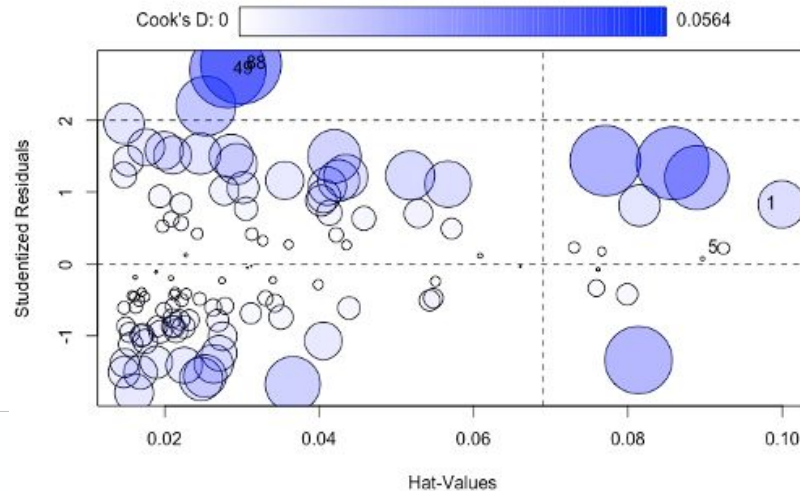
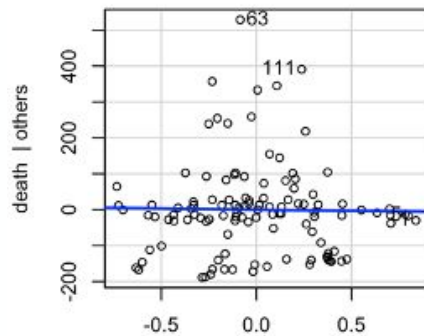
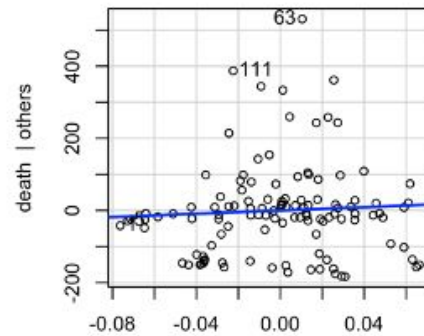
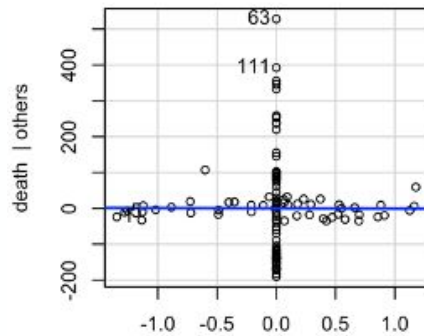
	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
TotalVac	1	0.09824	0.098235	31.1020	1.718e-07 ***
factor(Mask)	1	0.07482	0.074823	23.6896	3.737e-06 ***
TotalVac:factor(Mask)	1	0.00057	0.000566	0.1793	0.6728
Residuals	112	0.35375	0.003158		

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

According to OLS model,
the interaction factor between two
parameters is **insignificant**.



Added-Variable Plots



Marginal Effect

Total number of vaccines and interaction factor **don't provide much additional information.**

X and Y Outliers

Both X and Y have no obvious outliers.

Multicollinearity

TotalVac
5.803335

factor(Mask) TotalVac:factor(Mask)
224.744249 268.974980

Have multicollinearity issue, but it's expected

Improve multicollinearity by Ridge Regression

```
> vif(RModel) # 0.06
```

	TotalVac	factor(Mask)1	TotalVac:factor(Mask)1
k=0	5.80334	224.74425	268.97498
k=0.02	2.11490	2.56865	2.66031
k=0.04	1.87480	1.14226	0.99427
k=0.06	1.68544	0.80927	0.63227
k=0.08	1.52610	0.66171	0.48709
k=0.1	1.38974	0.57399	0.40919
k=0.12	1.27187	0.51299	0.35968

```
> summary(RModel)
```

Call:

```
lmridge.default(formula = death ~ TotalVac + TotalVac * factor(Mask),  
  data = data, K = 0.06)
```

Coefficients: for Ridge parameter K= 0.06

	Estimate	Estimate (Sc)	StdErr (Sc)	t-value (Sc)	Pr(> t)
Intercept	0.3492	1.8637	0.8494	2.1943	0.0303 *
TotalVac	-0.0009	-0.0104	0.0724	-0.1441	0.8857
factor(Mask)1	-0.0379	-0.2010	0.0502	-4.0081	0.0001 ***
TotalVac:factor(Mask)1	-0.0032	-0.1961	0.0443	-4.4234	<2e-16 ***

From Ridge Regression model, we find that the parameter: total number of vaccines doesn't play an significant role in the model.



Bootstrapping

The 95% CI of X1 is **[-0.0136, 0.0109]**

The 95% CI of X2 is [-0.0602, -0.0160]

The 95% CI of the interaction factor between X1 and X2 is [-0.0042, -0.0019].

K-Fold Validation

```
> step.model1$results
```

	nvmax	RMSE	Rsquared	MAE	RMSESD	RsquaredSD	MAESD
1	4	0.05637614	0.3503281	0.04750515	0.008679268	0.1750909	0.006109299

RMSE=0.056376 means **the model can make a good prediction.**

Conclusion:

1. The number of death cases were lower before the mask mandate was lifted.
2. Total number of vaccines isn't significant when it's in the same model with the categorical parameter mask mandate.



Conclusion

Nature of Study

In this project, we use linear regression models to determine how factors including the first dose of vaccine, the complete series of vaccines (second dose), the booster, the total number of vaccines people take, and the categorical factor like whether the mask mandate was lifted in Indiana affects the number of infections and the number of deaths.

Our study is a **confirmatory observational study**

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Conclusion

Expectations

1. A reduction in the number of infections after people take the first dose of COVID-19 vaccine, and continuous reduction when people take the second dose.
2. Booster can further reduce the number of infections in Indiana.
3. See the same effect of vaccines before and after the mask mandate was lifted which can further confirm that vaccines do have a strong effectiveness in preventing COVID-19 even when people didn't wear a mask.
4. Through wearing masks and getting vaccinated, we also expected to see a much lower number of death cases.

All our models have very strong predictive ability, but not all our expectations are reached.



Conclusion

Pros & Cons

Pros

1. The database of our project is **up-to-date** since the pandemic just happened in the last three years.
2. The project can be meaningful since the pandemic is not completely over.
3. We learn how to deal with real-world data which is much problematic than database we used in homeworks.

Cons

1. **The scale of research questions can't be handled by relatively small database.**
2. Not all violations of data such as non-constant variance and normality were solved in our model.
3. Project wasn't planned well. We didn't set aside more time for emergency.

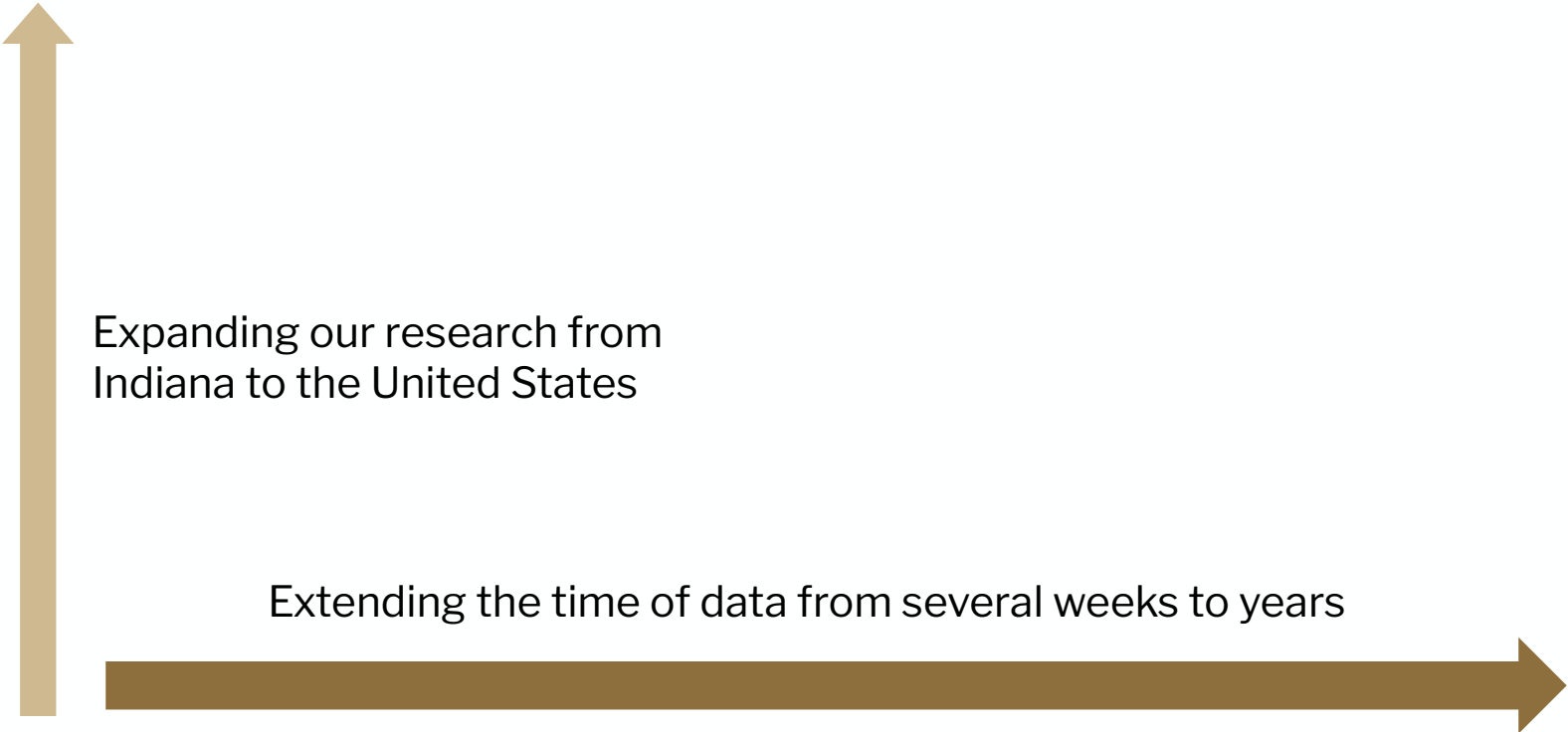


Conclusion

Next step

The scale of research questions can't be handled by relatively small database

Scale up current database



Expanding our research from
Indiana to the United States

Extending the time of data from several weeks to years



Thank You